

Chapter 31 — Qal–Piel Contrast Drill (Weak Roots)

BBH Chapter 31 · Piel Weak Verbs

Below are 15 weak-root Piel forms in three parts by weak class. For each: (1) translate the Piel form; (2) name the semantic function: I (Intensive), F (Factitive), D (Declarative), SA (Simple Action), or DN (Denominative); (3) compare with the Qal gloss to see what the Piel adds. Answer key at the bottom.

I-Guttural: gutturals reject dagesh; Piel shows compensatory lengthening. III-**■**: perfect 3ms ends in **■** (qamets + dagesh-he) in Piel. I-**■** / Hollow: the first root consonant may assimilate or contract.

Part A — I-Guttural Roots

| # | Hebrew | Root | Qal Gloss | Conjugation | Ref | Translation | Function |
|---|---------|------|-----------|-------------|-----|-------------|----------|
| 1 | בִּרַךְ | ברך | | | | | |
| 2 | אַהֲב | אהב | | | | | |
| 3 | חִזַּק | חזק | | | | | |
| 4 | עָזַב | עזב | | | | | |
| 5 | עָנָה | ענה | | | | | |

Part B — III-**■** Roots

| # | Hebrew | Root | Qal Gloss | Conjugation | Ref | Translation | Function |
|----|--------|------|-----------|-------------|-----|-------------|----------|
| 6 | גָּלָה | גלה | | | | | |
| 7 | בָּנָה | בנה | | | | | |
| 8 | צָוָה | צוה | | | | | |
| 9 | קָנָה | קנה | | | | | |
| 10 | כָּלָה | כלה | | | | | |

Part C — I-**■** / Hollow Roots

| # | Hebrew | Root | Qal Gloss | Conjugation | Ref | Translation | Function |
|----|--------|------|-----------|-------------|-----|-------------|----------|
| 11 | יָדַע | ידע | | | | | |
| 12 | חָיָה | חיה | | | | | |
| 13 | שָׁנָה | שנה | | | | | |
| 14 | שָׁלַם | שלם | | | | | |
| 15 | כָּנָה | כנה | | | | | |

Answer Key — Part A

| # | Hebrew | Root | Qal Gloss | Conjugation | Ref | Translation | Function |
|---|---------|------|----------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1 | בִּרַךְ | ברך | | | | | |
| ✓ | בִּרַךְ | ברך | to kneel/bless | Perfect 3ms | Gen 1:28 | he blessed | I |
| 2 | אָהַב | אהב | | | | | |
| ✓ | אָהַב | אהב | to love | Perfect 3ms | — | he loved intensively | I |
| 3 | חִזַּק | חזק | | | | | |
| ✓ | חִזַּק | חזק | to be strong | Perfect 3ms | Exo 4:21 | he hardened / made strong | F |
| 4 | עָזַב | עזב | | | | | |
| ✓ | עָזַב | עזב | to forsake | Perfect 3ms | — | he utterly forsook | I |
| 5 | עָנָה | ענה | | | | | |
| ✓ | עָנָה | ענה | to | Perfect 3ms | — | he afflicted / humbled | F |

Answer Key — Part B

| # | Hebrew | Root | Qal Gloss | Conjugation | Ref | Translation | Function |
|----|--------|------|------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 6 | גָּלָה | גלה | | | | | |
| ✓ | גָּלָה | גלה | to uncover/exile | Perfect 3ms | Gen 35:7 | he revealed | I |
| 7 | בָּנָה | בנה | | | | | |
| ✓ | בָּנָה | בנה | to build | Perfect 3ms | 1 Kgs 6:2 | he built thoroughly | I |
| 8 | צָוָה | צוה | | | | | |
| ✓ | צָוָה | צוה | (no common Qal) | Perfect 3ms | Gen 2:16 | he commanded | SA |
| 9 | קָנָה | קנה | | | | | |
| ✓ | קָנָה | קנה | to acquire/buy | Perfect 3ms | — | he acquired thoroughly | I |
| 10 | כָּלָה | כלה | | | | | |
| ✓ | כָּלָה | כלה | to be finished | Perfect 3ms | Gen 2:2 | he finished / completed | I or F |

Answer Key — Part C

| # | Hebrew | Root | Qal Gloss | Conjugation | Ref | Translation | Function |
|----|--------|--------|------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------|
| 11 | יָדַעַ | יָדַע | | | | | |
| ✓ | יָדַעַ | יָדַע | to know | Perfect 3ms | — | he made known / declared | D or I |
| 12 | חָיָה | חָיָה | | | | | |
| ✓ | חָיָה | חָיָה | to live/be alive | Perfect 3ms | Gen 47:25 | he kept alive / preserved | F |
| 13 | שָׁנָה | שָׁנָה | | | | | |
| ✓ | שָׁנָה | שָׁנָה | to change/repeat | Perfect 3ms | — | he changed / altered | I |
| 14 | שָׁלַם | שָׁלַם | | | | | |
| ✓ | שָׁלַם | שָׁלַם | to be complete | Perfect 3ms | Exo 22:2 | he made restitution / paid | I or F |
| 15 | כָּנָה | כָּנָה | | | | | |
| ✓ | כָּנָה | כָּנָה | (noun: title) | Perfect 3ms | Isa 45:4 | he gave a title / assigned a | DN |