

Chapter 34 — Qal / Piel / Hithpael Contrast Drill (Strong Roots)

BBH Chapter 34 · Hithpael Strong Verbs

Five groups of three forms — each group shares a root in Qal, Piel, and Hithpael Perfect 3ms. For each: (1) identify the stem, (2) state the semantic function added, (3) translate. Note Group 3: root **קדש** has sibilant metathesis in the Hithpael (**קדש** + **ה** → **הִתְקַדַּשׁ**). Answer key at the bottom.

Hithpael: **הִתְ** prefix + Dagesh Forte in R2. Piel: Dagesh Forte in R2, no prefix. Qal: neither prefix nor dagesh in R2. Sibilant metathesis: when R1 = **קדש**/**קדש**/**קדש**, the **ש** of **קדש** swaps with R1.

Group 1 — Root: **קדש** (to be holy)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Function	Translation
1	קָדַשׁ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	קִדְּשׁ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	הִתְקַדַּשׁ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Group 2 — Root: **כבד** (to be heavy/honored)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Function	Translation
4	כָּבַד	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5	כִּבְּד	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
6	הִתְכַּבֵּד	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Group 3 — Root: **שמר** (sibilant metathesis)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Function	Translation
7	שָׁמַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
8	שִׁמַּר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
9	הִשְׁתַּמֵּר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Group 4 — Root: **פלל** (to judge/intervene)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Function	Translation
10	פָּלַל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
11	פִּלְּל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
12	הִתְפַּלֵּל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Group 5 — Root: כָּרַךְ (to kneel/bleed)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Function	Translation
13	כָּרַךְ			
14	כָּרַךְ			
15	הִתְכַּרְךְ			

Answer Key**Group 1 — Root: קָדַשׁ (to be holy)**

#	Hebrew	Stem	Function	Translation
1	קָדַשׁ			
✓	קָדַשׁ	Qal	Basic / stative	he was holy / became holy
2	קָדַשׁ			
✓	קָדַשׁ	Piel	Factitive	he consecrated / made holy
3	הִתְקַדַּשׁ			
✓	הִתְקַדַּשׁ	Hithpael	Reflexive	he consecrated himself / made himself holy

Group 2 — Root: כָּבַד (to be heavy/honored)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Function	Translation
4	כָּבַד			
✓	כָּבַד	Qal	Basic / stative	he was heavy / honored
5	כָּבַד			
✓	כָּבַד	Piel	Factitive	he honored
6	הִתְכַּבֵּד			
✓	הִתְכַּבֵּד	Hithpael	Reflexive	he honored himself / gloried

Group 3 — Root: סָבַח (sibilant metathesis)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Function	Translation
7	שָׁמַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	שָׁמַר	Qal	Basic	he kept / guarded
8	שָׁמַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	שָׁמַר	Piel	Intensive	he kept carefully / watched over
9	הִשְׁתַּמֵּר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הִשְׁתַּמֵּר	Hithpael	Reflexive	he kept himself / was on guard (שָׁמַר + שָׁמַר →

Group 4 — Root: שָׁפַט (to judge/intervene)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Function	Translation
10	שָׁפַט	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	שָׁפַט	Qal	Basic	he judged / intervened
11	שָׁפַט	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	שָׁפַט	Piel	Intensive	he actively interceded
12	הִתְפַּלֵּל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הִתְפַּלֵּל	Hithpael	Reflexive/Denom.	he prayed (pleaded his own case before God)

Group 5 — Root: בָּרַךְ (to kneel/bless)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Function	Translation
13	בָּרַךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	בָּרַךְ	Qal	Basic	he knelt
14	בָּרַךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	בָּרַךְ	Piel	Factitive	he blessed
15	הִתְבָּרַךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הִתְבָּרַךְ	Hithpael	Reflexive	he blessed himself / was blessed