

Chapter 35 — Qal / Piel / Hithpael Contrast Drill (Weak Roots)

BBH Chapter 35 · Hithpael Weak Verbs

Five groups of three forms — each group shows a weak root in Qal, Piel, and Hithpael Perfect 3ms. For each: (1) identify the stem, (2) identify the weak class, (3) state how the weakness affects the form, (4) translate. Answer key at the bottom.

III-**א**: perfect 3ms ends in **א**-**א**; wayyiqtol apocopates (**א** dropped). Sibilant (**א**/**א**/**א**): **א****א****א** + **א** → **א****א****א****א** (**א** and **א** swap). Sibilant (**א**): **א****א****א** + **א** → **א** assimilates to **א** and swaps → **א****א****א****א**. Geminate (R2=R3): Dagesh Forte in R2/R3; compensatory lengthening.

Group 1 — Root: **א****א****א** (III-**א**)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Weak Class	Weakness Effect	Translation
1	גָּלָה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	גָּלָה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	הִתְגַּלָּה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Group 2 — Root: **א****א****א** (sibilant metathesis)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Weak Class	Weakness Effect	Translation
4	שָׁמַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5	שָׁמַר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
6	הִשְׁתַּמֵּר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Group 3 — Root: **א****א****א** (sibilant **א** with assimilation)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Weak Class	Weakness Effect	Translation
7	צָדַק	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
8	צָדַק	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
9	הִצְטַדֵּק	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Group 4 — Root: **א****א****א** (geminate: R2=R3=**א**)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Weak Class	Weakness Effect	Translation
10	הָלַל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
11	הָלַל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
12	הִתְהַלֵּל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Group 5 — Root: ■■■ (III-■: to answer/afflict)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Weak Class	Weakness Effect	Translation
13	ענה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
14	ענה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
15	התענה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Answer Key**Group 1 — Root: ■■■ (III-■)**

#	Hebrew	Stem	Weak Class	Weakness Effect	Translation
1	גלה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	גלה	Qal	III-■	Perfect 3ms ends in ■-■; ■ = weak	he went into exile / uncovered
2	גלה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	גלה	Piel	III-■	Dagesh in R2 (■■); R3-■ contracts	he revealed
3	התגלה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	התגלה	Hithpael	III-■	■■■■ prefix + dagesh in R2 + ■■	he revealed himself

Group 2 — Root: ■■■■ (sibilant metathesis)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Weak Class	Weakness Effect	Translation
4	שמר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	שמר	Qal	sibilant (R1=■■)	No effect in Qal; sibilant only affects	he kept / guarded
5	שמר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	שמר	Piel	sibilant (R1=■■)	No effect in Piel	he kept carefully / watched over
6	השתמר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	השתמר	Hithpael	sibilant	■■■■ + ■■ → ■■■■■■■■ (■ and	he kept himself / was on guard

Group 3 — Root: ■■■ (sibilant ■ with assimilation)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Weak Class	Weakness Effect	Translation
7	צדק				
✓	צדק	Qal	sibilant (R1=■)	No effect in Qal	he was righteous
8	צדק				
✓	צדק	Piel	sibilant (R1=■)	No effect in Piel	he declared righteous / justified
9	הצטדק				
✓	הצטדק	Hithpael	sibilant	■■■■ + ■ → ■→■ + swaps with ■	he justified himself

Group 4 — Root: ■■■ (geminate: R2=R3=■)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Weak Class	Weakness Effect	Translation
10	הלל				
✓	הלל	Qal	geminate	Both ■ radicals appear; no	he shone / praised
11	הלל				
✓	הלל	Piel	geminate	Dagesh Forte in R2=R3 (■■); Tserere	he praised
12	התהלל				
✓	התהלל	Hithpael	geminate	■■■■ prefix + Dagesh Forte in	he boasted / praised himself

Group 5 — Root: ■■■ (III-■: to answer/afflict)

#	Hebrew	Stem	Weak Class	Weakness Effect	Translation
13	ענה				
✓	ענה	Qal	III-■	Perfect 3ms ends in ■-■	he answered
14	ענה				
✓	ענה	Piel	III-■	Dagesh in R2 (■■) + ■■ ending	he afflicted
15	התענה				
✓	התענה	Hithpael	III-■	■■■■ prefix + dagesh in R2 + ■■	he afflicted himself / fasted