

# Chapter 35 — Hithpael Weak-Form Identification Drill

BBH Chapter 35 · Hithpael Weak Verbs

Part A: identify conjugation, PGN, and root (forms grouped by weak class). Part B: mixed forms — identify weak class first, then conjugation, PGN, and root. Answer key is on the last page.

Sibilant Metathesis: when R1 = **שׁ/שׂ/ש׃/שׁ**, the Hithpael **שׁ** swaps with R1 (and **שׁ** → **שׂ** before **שׁ**). E.g., **שׁשׁשׁשׁשׁ** → **שׁשׁשׁשׁשׁ**; **שׁשׁשׁשׁשׁ** → **שׁשׁשׁשׁשׁ**. I-guttural: composite shewa under R1 (e.g., **שׁשׁשׁשׁשׁ**). III-he: apocopation in wayyiqtol (**שׁ** drops: **שׁשׁשׁשׁשׁ** from **שׁשׁשׁשׁשׁ**).

## Group 1: III-he

#	Form	Reference	Conjugation	PGN	Root
1	יִתְגַּל				
2	יִשְׁתַּחֲוּ				
3	הִשְׁתַּחֲוּהוּ				
4	תִּתְכַּסֶּה				
5	יִשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ				

## Group 2: I-guttural

#	Form	Reference	Conjugation	PGN	Root
6	מִתְהַלֵּךְ				
7	יִתְהַלֵּךְ				
8	יִתְחַבֵּא				
9	הִתְעַנִּי				
10	יִתְחַזֵּק				

## Group 3: Sibilant Metathesis (R1 = **שׁ/שׂ/ש׃/שׁ**)

#	Form	Reference	Conjugation	PGN	Root
11	יִשְׁתַּחֲוּ				
12	הִשְׁתַּחֲוּהוּ				
13	יִשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ				
14	הִשְׁתַּמֵּר				
15	יִשְׁתַּמֵּמוּ				

#	Form	Reference	Conjugation	PGN	Root
16	מִתְנַחֵם				
17	יִתְנַחֲמוּ				
18	יִתְנַכְּלוּ				
19	אֶתְנַהֵל				
20	מִתְנַדְּבִים				

#	Form	Reference	Weak Class	Conjugation	PGN	Root
21	וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה					
22	וַיִּתְאַבֵּל					
23	הִתְקַדְּשׁוּ					
24	וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל					
25	הִתְהַלֵּל					
26	הִשְׁתַּמֵּר					
27	מִתְחַזְּקִים					
28	יִתְגַּלְּגַל					
29	הִתְרוֹמֵם					
30	הִשְׁתוֹלֵל					

- Sibilant metathesis (items 11–15, Part B items 21, 26, 30): write the expected (pre-metathesis) form of ■■■■■■■■■■■■. Then identify which letters swapped.
- I-guttural Hithpael (items 6–10): how would you distinguish a Hithpael I-guttural form (e.g., ■■■■■■■■■■) from a Piel I-guttural form (e.g., ■■■■■■■■)?
- III-he apocopation: items 1, 2, 5 (wayyiqtol) drop the final ■. Item 3 (qatal 3ms) retains it. Why does the qatal retain the ■ but the wayyiqtol does not?

**Group 1: Ill-he**

#	Form	Reference	Conjugation	PGN	Root
1	יִתְגַּל	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	יִתְגַּל	Gen 9:21	Wayyiqtol	3ms	■■■■■■■ · III-he apocopated; ■
2	יִשְׁתַּחֲוּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	יִשְׁתַּחֲוּ	Gen 18:2	Wayyiqtol	3ms	■■■■■■■ · metathesis (■■■ + ■ swap)
3	הִשְׁתַּחֲוּהוּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הִשְׁתַּחֲוּהוּ	Gen 22:5	Qatal	3ms	■■■■■■■ · metathesis + III-he; qamets
4	תִּתְכַּסֶּה	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	תִּתְכַּסֶּה	Gen 24:65	Wayyiqtol	3fs	■■■■■■■ · strong R1; III-he seghol +
5	יִשְׁתַּחֲוּהוּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	יִשְׁתַּחֲוּהוּ	Gen 33:7	Wayyiqtol	3mp	■■■■■■■ · metathesis + III-he; 3mp

## Group 2: I-guttural

#	Form	Reference	Conjugation	PGN	Root
6	מִתְהַלֵּךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	מִתְהַלֵּךְ	Gen 3:8	Participle	ms	■■■■■■■ · I-gutt (■); hateph-patach
7	יִתְהַלֵּךְ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	יִתְהַלֵּךְ	Gen 5:22	Wayyiqtol	3ms	■■■■■■■ · same root; hateph-patach
8	יִתְחַבֵּא	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	יִתְחַבֵּא	Gen 3:8	Wayyiqtol	3ms	■■■■■■■ · I-gutt (■) + III-aleph; hateph
9	הִתְעַנִּי	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הִתְעַנִּי	Gen 16:9	Imperative	2fs	■■■■■■■ · I-gutt (■) + III-he; hateph
10	יִתְחַזֵּק	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	יִתְחַזֵּק	Exo 7:13	Wayyiqtol	3ms	■■■■■■■ · I-gutt (■); hateph-patach;

## Group 3: Sibilant Metathesis (R1 = ■■/■■/■/■)

#	Form	Reference	Conjugation	PGN	Root
11	יִשְׁתַּחֲוּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	יִשְׁתַּחֲוּ	Gen 19:1	Wayyiqtol	3ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ · metathesis: ■ + ■ ■ → ■ ■
12	הִשְׁתַּחֲוּהָ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הִשְׁתַּחֲוּהָ	Gen 23:7	Qatal	3ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ · metathesis + III-he qatal;
13	יִשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	יִשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ	Gen 33:7	Wayyiqtol	3mp	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ · same as #11; 3mp ■ ■
14	הִשְׁתַּמֵּר	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	הִשְׁתַּמֵּר	Deu 4:9	Imperative	2ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ · metathesis: ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
15	יִשְׁתַּמֵּם	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	יִשְׁתַּמֵּם	Dan 4:16	Wayyiqtol	3ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ · metathesis; Geminate root

## Group 4: I-nun

#	Form	Reference	Conjugation	PGN	Root
16	מִתְנַחֵם	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	מִתְנַחֵם	Gen 27:42	Participle	ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ · I-nun RETAINED (not
17	יִתְנַחֲמוּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	יִתְנַחֲמוּ	Gen 37:35	Wayyiqtol	3mp	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ · same root; 3mp ending; nun
18	יִתְנַחֲלוּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	יִתְנַחֲלוּ	Gen 37:18	Wayyiqtol	3mp	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ · I-nun retained; dagesh in ■ ■
19	אֶתְנַחֵלָהּ	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	אֶתְנַחֵלָהּ	Gen 33:14	Cohortative	1cs	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ · I-nun retained;
20	מִתְנַחֲבִים	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
✓	מִתְנַחֲבִים	Ezr 1:6	Participle	mp	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ · I-nun retained; plural

## Answer Key — Part B

#	Form	Reference	Weak Class	Conjugation	PGN	Root
21	וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ					
✓	וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ	Gen 24:26	Sibilant metathesis +	Wayyiqtol	3ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
22	וַיִּתְאַבֵּל					
✓	וַיִּתְאַבֵּל	Gen 37:34	Strong	Wayyiqtol	3ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
23	הִתְקַדְּשׁוּ					
✓	הִתְקַדְּשׁוּ	Exo 19:22	Strong	Imperative	2mp	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
24	וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל					
✓	וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל	Gen 20:17	Strong	Wayyiqtol	3ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
25	הִתְהַלֵּל					
✓	הִתְהַלֵּל	Jer 9:22	I-gutt (■) + Geminate	Imperative	2ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
26	הִשְׁתַּמֵּר					
✓	הִשְׁתַּמֵּר	Gen 31:24	Sibilant metathesis	Imperative	2ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
27	מִתְחַזְּקִים					
✓	מִתְחַזְּקִים	Neh 3:20	I-gutt (■)	Participle	mp	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
28	יִתְגַּלְּגַל					
✓	יִתְגַּלְּגַל	Ruth 3:8	Geminate	Wayyiqtol	3ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
29	הִתְרוֹמֵם					
✓	הִתְרוֹמֵם	Ps 46:11	Biconsonantal/Geminate	Imperative	2ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
30	הִשְׁתַּלֵּל					
✓	הִשְׁתַּלֵּל	Isa 51:7	Sibilant metathesis	Qatal	3ms	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■