

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

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"/> |
| 2 | גלה | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| 3 | התגלה | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

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"/> |
| 5 | שמר | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| 6 | השתמר | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

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

| # | Hebrew | Stem | Weak Class | Weakness Effect | Translation |
|---|--------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 7 | צדק | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| 8 | צדק | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| 9 | הצטדק | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

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

| # | Hebrew | Stem | Weak Class | Weakness Effect | Translation |
|----|--------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 10 | הלל | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| 11 | הלל | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| 12 | התהלל | <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 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| ✓ | צדק | Qal | sibilant (R1=■) | No effect in Qal | he was righteous |
| 8 | צדק | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| ✓ | צדק | Piel | sibilant (R1=■) | No effect in Piel | he declared righteous / justified |
| 9 | הצטדק | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| ✓ | הצטדק | Hithpael | sibilant | ■■■■■ + ■ → ■→■ + swaps with ■ | he justified himself |

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

| # | Hebrew | Stem | Weak Class | Weakness Effect | Translation |
|----|--------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10 | הלל | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| ✓ | הלל | Qal | geminate | Both ■ radicals appear; no | he shone / praised |
| 11 | הלל | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| ✓ | הלל | Piel | geminate | Dagesh Forte in R2=R3 (■■); Tserere | he praised |
| 12 | התהלל | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| ✓ | 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 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| ✓ | ענה | Qal | III-■ | Perfect 3ms ends in ■-■ | he answered |
| 14 | ענה | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| ✓ | ענה | Piel | III-■ | Dagesh in R2 (■■) + ■■ ending | he afflicted |
| 15 | התענה | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| ✓ | התענה | Hithpael | III-■ | ■■■■■ prefix + dagesh in R2 + ■■ | he afflicted himself / fasted |