

Chapter 24a – Niphal Strong

Names of the Derived Stems – פִּעַל

Niphal	➤	נִפְעַל
Piel	➤	פִּעַל
Pual	➤	פֻּעַל
Hiphil	➤	הִפְעִיל
Hophal	➤	הִפְעִיל
Hithpael	➤	הִתְפַּעֵל



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Statistics for the Niphal Stem in the Hebrew Bible

Total Occurrences	4,142
In the Perfect	1,434
In the Imperfect	1,545
In the Imperative	118
In the Infinitive Construct	206
In the Infinitive Absolute	36
In the Participle	803



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Ten Most Frequent Verbs in the Niphal Stem

- לָחַם (Q, Ni) to fight, do battle with (167x in the Niphal)
- שָׁבַע (Ni) to swear, swear (take) an oath, adjure (154x in the Niphal)
- מָצָא (Q) to find (out), reach, obtain, achieve; (Ni) be found, be found sufficient (142x in the Niphal)
- רָאָה (Q) to see, perceive, understand; (Ni) appear, become visible (101x in the Niphal)
- עָשָׂה (Q) to do, make, create, acquire, prepare, carry out; (Ni) be done, be made (99x in the Niphal)
- שָׁאַר (Ni) to remain, be left over, survive (94x in the Niphal)
- נָבֵא (Ni) to prophesy, be in a state of prophetic ecstasy (87x in the Niphal)
- נָתַן (Q) to give, put, set; (Ni) be given (83x in the Niphal)
- אַסַּף (Q) to gather (in), take in, take away; (Ni) be gathered, be taken away (81x in the Niphal)
- יָתַר (Ni) to be left over, remain (81x in the Niphal)



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Meaning of the Niphal Stem

1. **Passive** נִשְׁמַע
Niphal Perfect 3ms
He was heard
2. **Reflexive** נִשְׁמַע
Niphal Perfect 3ms
He heard himself
3. **Reciprocal** נִשְׁמְעוּ
Niphal Perfect 3cp
They heard one another



Chapter 24e – Niphal Strong

Qal and Niphal Perfect: Form and Translation

קָטַלְתָּ

Qal Perfect 2ms

You killed

נִקְטַלְתָּ

Niphal Perfect 2ms

You were killed



Chapter 24f – Niphal Strong

Qal and Niphal Imperfect: Form and Translation

תִּקְטֹל

Qal Imperfect 2ms

You will kill

תִּקְטָל

Niphal Imperfect 2ms

You will be killed



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The Nun of the Niphal: Perfect, Participle
and Infinitive Absolute

In the Perfect, Participle and one
form of the Infinitive Absolute, the
Nun of the Niphal is **written**.

Perfect 3ms

נִקְטַלְ

Participle ms

נִקְטָלְ

Infinitive Absolute

נִקְטוּלְ



Chapter 24h – Niphal Strong

The Nun of the Niphal: Imperfect, Imperative
and Infinitive Absolute

In the Imperfect, Imperative and one
form of the Infinitive Absolute, the
Nun of the Niphal is **assimilated**.

Imperfect 3ms	יִקְטֹל
Imperative ms	הִקְטֹל
Infinitive Absolute	הִקְטֹל



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Perfect

*Niphal Perfect
Strong Verb*

נִקְטַל

	<i>Qal</i>	<i>Niphal</i>	<i>Translation</i>
<i>3ms</i>	קָטַל	נִקְטַל	he was killed
<i>3fs</i>	קָטְלָהּ	נִקְטְלָהּ	she was killed
<i>2ms</i>	קָטַלְתָּ	נִקְטַלְתָּ	you were killed
<i>2fs</i>	קָטַלְתְּ	נִקְטַלְתְּ	you were killed
<i>1cs</i>	קָטַלְתִּי	נִקְטַלְתִּי	I was killed
<i>3cp</i>	קָטְלוּ	נִקְטְלוּ	they were killed
<i>2mp</i>	קָטַלְתֶּם	נִקְטַלְתֶּם	you were killed
<i>2fp</i>	קָטַלְתֶּן	נִקְטַלְתֶּן	you were killed
<i>1cp</i>	קָטַלְנוּ	נִקְטַלְנוּ	we were killed



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Imperfect

*Niphal Imperfect
Strong Verb*

יִקְטַל

	<i>Qal</i>	<i>Niphal</i>	<i>Translation</i>
<i>3ms</i>	יִקְטַל	יִקְטַל	he will be killed
<i>3fs</i>	תִּקְטַל	תִּקְטַל	she will be killed
<i>2ms</i>	תִּקְטַל	תִּקְטַל	you will be killed
<i>2fs</i>	תִּקְטְלִי	תִּקְטְלִי	you will be killed
<i>1cs</i>	אֶקְטַל	אֶקְטַל	I will be killed
<i>3mp</i>	יִקְטְלוּ	יִקְטְלוּ	they will be killed
<i>3fp</i>	תִּקְטְלֶנָּה	תִּקְטְלֶנָּה	they will be killed
<i>2mp</i>	תִּקְטְלוּ	תִּקְטְלוּ	you will be killed
<i>2fp</i>	תִּקְטְלֶנָּה	תִּקְטְלֶנָּה	you will be killed
<i>1cp</i>	נִקְטַל	נִקְטַל	we will be killed



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Imperative

*Niphal Imperative
Strong Verb*

הִקְטִיל

	<i>Qal</i>	<i>Niphal</i>	<i>Translation</i>
<i>2ms</i>	קְטֹל	הִקְטִיל	be killed!
<i>2fs</i>	קְטִילִי	הִקְטִילִי	be killed!
<i>2mp</i>	קְטֹלוּ	הִקְטִילוּ	be killed!
<i>2fp</i>	קְטִילְנָה	הִקְטִילְנָה	be killed!



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Infinitive Construct and Infinitive Absolute

*Niphal Infinitive
Construct*

הִקְטִיל

*Niphal Infinitive
Absolute*

הִקְטִיל

הִקְטִיל



Chapter 24m – Niphal Strong

Participle

*Niphal Participle
Strong Verb*

נִּקְטָל

	<i>Qal</i>	<i>Niphal</i>	<i>Translation</i>
<i>ms</i>	קָטַל	נִּקְטָל	being killed
<i>fs</i>	קָטְלָת	נִּקְטָלָת	being killed
<i>mp</i>	קָטְלִים	נִּקְטָלִים	being killed
<i>fp</i>	קָטְלוֹת	נִּקְטָלוֹת	being killed



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Participle Prefixes in the Derived Stems

<i>Stem</i>	<i>Prefix</i>	<i>Example</i>
Niphal	נִ	נִקְטָל
Piel	מִ	מִקְטֵל
Pual	מִ	מִקְטָל
Hiphil	מִ	מִקְטִיל
Hophal (u-class)	מִ	מִקְטָל
(o-class)	מִ	מִקְטָל
Hithpael	מִתְ	מִתְקַטֵּל



Chapter 24o – Niphal Strong

Summary of Niphal Strong Verb Diagnostics

<i>Perfect</i>	<i>Imperfect</i>	<i>Imperative</i>	<i>Infinitive Construct</i>	<i>Infinitive Absolute</i>	<i>Participle</i>
נִקְטַל	יִקְטֹל	הִקְטֵל	הִקְטִיל	נִקְטֹל הִקְטֹל	נִקְטָל
נִקְטַל	יִקְטֹל	הִקְטֵל	הִקְטִיל	נִקְטֹל	נִקְטָל
נִקְטְלָהּ	תִּקְטֹל	הִקְטֵלִי		הִקְטֹל	נִקְטָלֶת
נִקְטְלֶתָּ	תִּקְטֹל	הִקְטֵלוּ			נִקְטָלִים
נִקְטְלֶתֶן	תִּקְטֹלְוּ	הִקְטֵלְנָה			נִקְטָלוֹת
נִקְטְלֶתִי	אִקְטֹל				
נִקְטְלוּ	יִקְטֹלוּ				
נִקְטְלֶתֶם	תִּקְטֵלְנָה				
נִקְטְלֶתֶן	תִּקְטֵלוּ				
נִקְטְלֶנּוּ	תִּקְטֵלְנָה				
	נִקְטֵל				



Chapter 24p – Niphal Strong

Distinguishing Between Niphal Imperfects and Imperatives

1. תִּקְטָלִי **Niphal Imperfect 2fs**

You will be killed

הִקְטָלִי **Niphal Imperative fs**

Be killed

2. תִּקְטָלוּ **Niphal Imperfect 2mp**

You will be killed

הִקְטָלוּ **Niphal Imperative mp**

Be killed

3. תִּקְטָלְנָה **Niphal Imperfect 2fp**

You will be killed

הִקְטָלְנָה **Niphal Imperative fp**

Be killed



Chapter 24q – Niphal Strong

Forms with Identical Spelling in the Niphal Stem

1. נִקְטַלְהָ Niphal Perfect 3fs
or
Niphal Participle fs
2. הִקְטַלְהָ Niphal Imperative ms
or
Niphal Infinitive Construct



Chapter 24r – Niphal Strong

Easily Confused Forms

נִקְטַל

Niphal Perfect 3ms
He was killed

נִקְטֹל

Qal Imperfect 1cp
We will kill

נִקְטָל

Niphal Participle ms
being killed

