

Chapter 34a – Hithpael Strong

Statistics for the Hithpael Stem in the Hebrew Bible

Total Occurrences	984
In the Perfect	161
In the Imperfect	491
In the Imperative	78
In the Infinitive Construct	104
In the Infinitive Absolute	3
In the Participle	147



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Ten Most Frequent Verbs in the Hithpael Stem

- פָּלַל (Hith) to pray, make intercession (80x in the Hithpael)
- הִלָּךְ (Q) to go, walk; (Hith) walk about, move to and fro (64x in the Hithpael)
- יָצַב (Hith) to take one's stand, stand firm, station oneself, resist (48x in the Hithpael)
- נִבֵּא (Hith) speak or behave as a prophet, be in a state of prophetic ecstasy (28x in the Hithpael)
- חָזַק (Q) to be strong, have courage; (Hith) strengthen oneself (27x in the Hithpael)
- קִדַּשׁ (Q) to be holy, set apart or consecrated; (Hith) show or keep oneself holy (24x in the Hithpael)
- הִלָּל (Pi) to praise, sing hallelujah; (Hith) boast (23x in the Hithpael)
- טָהַר (Q) to be clean, be pure; (Hith) purify or cleanse oneself (20x in the Hithpael)
- יָחַשׁ (Hith) to be enrolled in a genealogical list; (Hith Inf as noun) genealogy (20x in the Hithpael)
- אָבַל (Q) to mourn, lament; (Hith) observe mourning rites (19x in the Hithpael)



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Meaning of the Hithpael Stem

1. **Intensive-Reflexive** - used to express an *intensive* type of action with a *reflexive* voice.

הִתְקַדֵּשׁ Hithpael Perfect 3ms
he sanctified *himself*

2. **Reciprocal** - expresses the notion of *reciprocity*

הִתְרְאוּ Hithpael Perfect 3cp
they looked *at each other*

הִתְקַשְּׂרוּ Hithpael Perfect 3cp
they conspired *with each other*

3. **Iterative** - expresses the nuance of *repeated action*

הִתְהַלֵּךְ Hithpael Perfect 3ms
he walked *back and forth*

הִתְהַפֵּךְ Hithpael Perfect 3ms
he turned *this way and that*



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Perfect

*Hithpael Perfect
Strong Verb*

הִתְקַטַּל

	<i>Qal</i>	<i>Hithpael</i>	<i>Translation</i>
3ms	קִטַּל	הִתְקַטַּל	he killed himself
3fs	קִטְּלָהּ	הִתְקַטְּלָהּ	she killed herself
2ms	קִטַּלְתָּ	הִתְקַטַּלְתָּ	you killed yourself
2fs	קִטַּלְתְּ	הִתְקַטַּלְתְּ	you killed yourself
1cs	קִטַּלְתִּי	הִתְקַטַּלְתִּי	I killed myself
3cp	קִטְּלוּ	הִתְקַטְּלוּ	they killed themselves
2mp	קִטַּלְתֶּם	הִתְקַטַּלְתֶּם	you killed yourselves
2fp	קִטַּלְתֶּן	הִתְקַטַּלְתֶּן	you killed yourselves
1cp	קִטַּלְנוּ	הִתְקַטַּלְנוּ	we killed ourselves



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Imperfect

*Hithpael Imperfect
Strong Verb*

יִתְקַטֵּל

	<i>Qal</i>	<i>Hithpael</i>	<i>Translation</i>
3ms	יִקְטֹל	יִתְקַטֵּל	he will kill himself
3fs	תִּקְטֹל	תִּתְקַטֵּל	she will kill herself
2ms	תִּקְטֹל	תִּתְקַטֵּל	you will kill yourself
2fs	תִּקְטֹלִי	תִּתְקַטֵּלִי	you will kill yourself
1cs	אֶקְטֹל	אֶתְקַטֵּל	I will kill myself
3mp	יִקְטֹלוּ	יִתְקַטְּלוּ	they will kill themselves
3fp	תִּקְטֹלְנָה	תִּתְקַטְּלְנָה	they will kill themselves
2mp	תִּקְטֹלוּ	תִּתְקַטְּלוּ	you will kill yourselves
2fp	תִּקְטֹלְנָה	תִּתְקַטְּלְנָה	you will kill yourselves
1cp	נִקְטֹל	נִתְקַטֵּל	we will kill ourselves



Chapter 34f – Hithpael Strong

Imperative

*Hithpael Imperative
Strong Verb*

הִתְקַטֵּל

	<i>Qal</i>	<i>Hithpael</i>	<i>Translation</i>
<i>2ms</i>	קַטֵּל	הִתְקַטֵּל	kill yourself!
<i>2fs</i>	קַטְּלִי	הִתְקַטְּלִי	kill yourself!
<i>2mp</i>	קַטְּלוּ	הִתְקַטְּלוּ	kill yourselves!
<i>2fp</i>	קַטְּלֵנָה	הִתְקַטְּלֵנָה	kill yourselves!



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Infinitives

The Hithpael Infinitive Construct and Infinitive Absolute are spelled the same.

*Hithpael Infinitive
Construct*

הִתְקַטֵּל

*Hithpael Infinitive
Absolute*

הִתְקַטֵּל



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Participle

Hithpael Participle
Strong Verb

מִתְקַטֵּל

	<i>Qal</i>	<i>Hithpael</i>
<i>ms</i>	קִטֵּל	מִתְקַטֵּל
<i>fs</i>	קֹטֶלֶת	מִתְקַטֶּלֶת
<i>mp</i>	קֹטְלִים	מִתְקַטְלִים
<i>fp</i>	קֹטְלוֹת	מִתְקַטְלוֹת



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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



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Summary of Hithpael Strong Verb Diagnostics

<i>Perfect</i>	<i>Imperfect</i>	<i>Imperative</i>	<i>Infinitive Construct</i>	<i>Infinitive Absolute</i>	<i>Participle</i>
הִתְקַטֵּל	יִתְקַטֵּל	הִתְקַטֵּל	הִתְקַטֵּל	הִתְקַטֵּל	מִתְקַטֵּל
הִתְקַטְּל	יִתְקַטְּל	הִתְקַטְּל	הִתְקַטְּל	הִתְקַטְּל	מִתְקַטְּלָת
הִתְקַטְּלָה	תִּתְקַטְּל	הִתְקַטְּלִי			מִתְקַטְּלִים
הִתְקַטְּלָתְּ	תִּתְקַטְּל	הִתְקַטְּלוּ			מִתְקַטְּלוֹת
הִתְקַטְּלִיתְּ	תִּתְקַטְּלִי	הִתְקַטְּלֵנָּה			
הִתְקַטְּלִיתִי	אֶתְקַטְּל				
הִתְקַטְּלוּ	יִתְקַטְּלוּ				
הִתְקַטְּלֵתֶם	תִּתְקַטְּלֵנָּה				
הִתְקַטְּלֵתֶן	תִּתְקַטְּלוּ				
הִתְקַטְּלֵנוּ	תִּתְקַטְּלֵנָּה				
	נִתְקַטְּל				



Chapter 34k – Hithpael Strong

Daghesh Forte as a Diagnostic

All conjugations of the Piel, Pual and Hithpael have a *Daghesh Forte* in the second root consonant of the strong verb.

	<i>Perfect</i>	<i>Imperfect</i>	<i>Imperative</i>	<i>Infinitive Construct</i>	<i>Participle</i>
<i>Piel</i>	קָטַל	יִקְטֹל	קָטַל	קָטֹל	מְקַטֵּל
<i>Pual</i>	קָטַל	יִקְטֹל			מְקַטֵּל
<i>Hithpael</i>	הִתְקַטֵּל	יִתְקַטֹּל	הִתְקַטֵּל	הִתְקַטֹּל	מִתְקַטֵּל



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Forms with Identical Spelling in the Hithpael

הִתְקַטַּל

Hithpael Perfect 3ms
Hithpael Imperative ms
Hithpael Infinitive Construct
Hithpael Infinitive Absolute

הִתְקַטְּלוּ

Hithpael Perfect 3cp
Hithpael Imperative mp

