

47. 介詞與複數名詞的詞尾加詞 48. 祈願句的表達 * 生字及作業 十五 (另頁)

48. COHORTATIVE AND JUSSIVE

There is an extension of the Imperfect to express emphasis or effort.

(a) In the 1st pers. it is called *Cohortative*, which is denoted by appending the syllable הָ to the 1st pers. Imperfect, thus:

Ordinary Imperfect— אֶשְׁמֹר 'I shall keep' נֶשְׁמֹר 'we shall keep'

Cohortative „ — אֶשְׁמֹרְהָ 'I will keep' נֶשְׁמֹרְהָ 'we will keep'
'let me keep' 'let us keep'

(b) Corresponding to the Cohortative is the *Emphatic Imperative* which also has an הָ appended to the Imperative sg. masc.

Ordinary Imperative: שְׁמֹר 'keep thou (m.)'

Emphatic „ : שְׁמֹרְהָ 'keep thou (m.) indeed'

(c) The Imperfect is often used with a *jussive* force—'let him ...' but wherever the final vowel can possibly be shortened this is done.^a יִשְׁפֹּט הַמֶּלֶךְ means 'the king will judge', but in certain contexts may mean 'let the king judge'.

● Cf. J. Weingreen, A Practical Grammar for Classical Hebrew.