Rocine Lesson 1

וַיֹּ֫אמֶר יהוה

Genesis 2:18

Genre

GENRE = TASK + A SET OF GRAMMATICAL CONSTRUCTIONS

Genre	Task
Historical Narrative	Tell a story about the past.
Predictive Narrative	Tell a story set in the future.
Instructional Discourse	Tell how to do something.
Hortatory Discourse	Influence the behavior of someone.
Procedural Discourse	Tell how a procedure was done in the past.

Pronunciation

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- Right to left
- Stress at tend by default (unless marked otherwise)
- Tetragrammaton

The wayyiqtol

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- Initial waw
  - Conjunction or wayyiqtol?
- 3 parts to wayyiqtol waw
  1. Waw
  2. Patach
  3. Dagesh forte in following letter
     - (we will study dagesh forte more later)

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  - The waw/patach/dagesh triad
  - A Prefix
  - A Root

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  - A Prefix
    - Indicates the subject. Yod = "he" (3rd masc sing)
  - A Root
    - Hebrew built on a tri-consonantal root system.
    - Carries the basic meaning of the word.

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"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3)

Verb analysis

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Root

- 3 letters (but some may be missing)

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Stem

- All called binyan (plural binyanim). It means 'building'.
- Stems are conjugations that vary the stem by adding a consonant.
- Qal means 'light' 'easy' or 'basic'. No consonants added. 70% of verbs in the HB are in the Qal stem.

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Form

- Comes from וַיִּקְטֹל
- קטל Is the Hebrew root meaning 'to kill'
- Choses as a paradigm work because it conjugates nicely.

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אמר	Qal	Wayyiqtol	3 m s		

Person, Gender, Number (PGN)

- Person: 1st (I, we); 2nd (you, ya'll); 3rd (he, she, it, they)
- Gender: masculine; feminine
- Number: singular; plural

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אמר	Qal	Wayyiqtol	3 m s	Historical narrative mainline	

Function

- Wayyiqtol is your story telling tense.
- "It carries the main plot line, or simply mainline of the Historical Narrative genre in the Hebrew Bible in over 14,000 cases."

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Root

- This root אמר means "to say"

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Word order

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- Usually verb-subject
  - English is subject-verb
- "Yod" is the subject embedded in the verb
  - "he" or 3ms
- יהוה is a noun following the verb to further specify the subject

Assignment 1.5b

וַנֹּ֙אמֶר֙ אֶל־אֲדֹנִ֔י לֹא־יוּכַ֥ל הַנַּ֖עַר לַעֲזֹ֣ב אֶת־אָבִ֑יו

וְעָזַ֥ב אֶת־אָבִ֖יו וָמֵֽת׃ וַתֹּ֙אמֶר֙ אֶל־עֲבָדֶ֔יךָ אִם־לֹ֥א יֵרֵ֛ד

אֲחִיכֶ֥ם הַקָּטֹ֖ן אִתְּכֶ֑ם לֹ֥א תֹסִפ֖וּן לִרְא֥וֹת פָּנָֽי׃

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וַיֹּ֖אמֶר אָבִ֑ינוּ שֻׁ֖בוּ שִׁבְרוּ־לָ֥נוּ מְעַט־אֹֽכֶל׃

וַנֹּ֕אמֶר לֹ֥א נוּכַ֖ל לָרֶ֑דֶת

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