

Summary of Verbs (with X-yiqtol)

Genre: Historical Narrative
 Funct: In dep. Clause =
 Rel past background
 Trans: past, pluperfect

→ קָטַל

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→ וַיִּקְטַל

Genre: Forward-looking
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will be/wants them to be

→ וַיִּקְטַל!

Genre: Any
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→ יִקְטַל

קָטַל X וַיִּקְטַל

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Genre: Historical Narrative
 Funct: Topicalization
 Trans: (And) it was X that was a _____ (of)
 (i.e. the "X" is in focus, it is the "topic")

יִקְטַל X וַיִּקְטַל

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Genre: forward-looking
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 Trans: (And) it will be X who(that) will _____
 (And) it is X who(that) _____

The Four Component Hebrew Verb System

The wayyiqtol, yiqtol, weqatal, and qatal verb forms can be paired in 3 different ways to create a simple overview of the Hebrew Verbal system as we have learned it so far.

- Here are the 4 forms. (Note that the X-forms are combined with the non-X forms.)
- Let us look at each of the 3 pairings in turn.

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-Projection: Historical Narrative

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+Projection: Predictive, Instructional, Hortatory

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Imperfective (?) וְיִקְטֹל

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