

Rocine Lesson 49

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Nehemiah 7:11

Goals

Identify and read

- dual numbers
- cardinal numbers above 10 (for cardinal numbers 1-10 see Rocine 38.8, p. 218)

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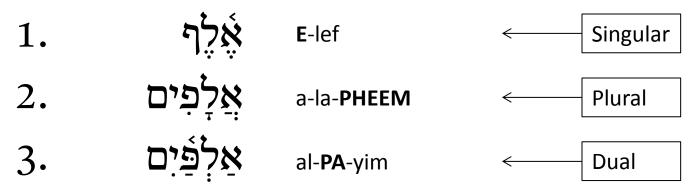
the sons of Jeshua and Joab

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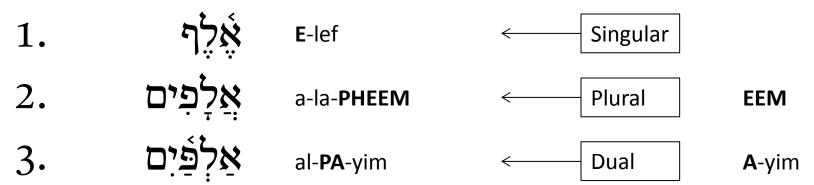
- אָלֶף 1.
- 2. אָלְפִים
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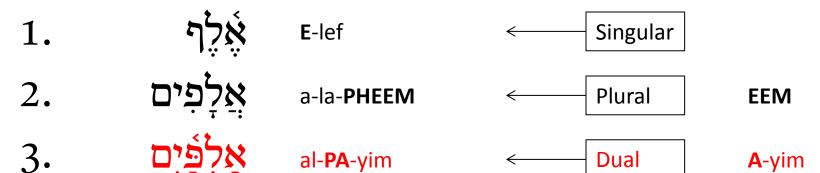


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Pronounce the following 3 words out loud and listen to the differences, especially #2 and #3.



RULE:

- The □¹️ ending on a noun rather than the customary □¹઼ plural ending is called the dual ending and denotes two of a thing which typically occurs in pairs.
- The dual ending can be found on
 - the masculine אֵלְפַׁיִם as in אֵלְפַׁיִם meaning 2000 or
 - on the feminine מֵאָה as in מֵאָה meaning 200
 - as well as many other nouns.

Examples of Duals

Dual		Singular		Plural	Ref
עֵינַיִם	Both eyes (757x) Gen 49:12	עַיִן	Eye (123x) Ex 21:24 'eye for eye'	עֵינֹת עֲיָנֹת	Springs, Fountains (6x) Ex 15:17, Deut 8:7
שְׂבְתַׁיִם	Both lips (101x) Ex 6:12	שָׂפָּה	Language, sea shore (68x) Gen 11:1, 22:17	שִׁבְּתוֹת	Lips (7x) Ecc 10:12
אָזְנַֿיִם	Both ears (108x) Deut 29:3	ÄŢſ	Ear (79x) 2 Sam 22:45	-	
אַפֿיִם	Nostrils (42x) Gen 2:7 nostrils Gen 19:1 face		Nose, anger (235x) Gen 24:47 nose Gen 27:45 anger	_	
שָׁנַּיִם	Teeth (29x) Gen 49:12 teeth 1 Sam 2:13 '3 pronged fork' ??	שָׁן	Tooth (26x) Ex 21:24 'tooth for tooth'	_	Odd that it doesn't occur in plural
יָ <u>ד</u> ֹרָם	Both hands (251x) Gen 27:22	לָד	Hand (1346x) Gen 3:22	יָדוֹת	Hands (20x) Gen 43:34
רַגְלַיִם	Both feet (163x) Lev 11:42	רָגֶל	Foot, leg (78x) Gen 8:9	רְגָלִים	Times (4x) Ex 23:14 '3 times a year'
מְתְנַיִם	Loins (47x) Ex 28:42	-		-	
בְּנְפַיִם	Both wings Ex 25:20	ځٔځ	Wing (37x) Gen 1:21	בַּנְפוֹת	Wings, corners (56x) Deut 22:12 '4 corners of garment'
קַרְנַֿיִם	Both horns (14x) Gen 22:13	בָּֿבֶרָז	Horn (29x) Josh 6:5	קְרָנוֹת	Horns (32x) Zech 2:1
יוֹמַיִם	Two days (5x) Ex 16:29	יוֹם	Day (1451x) Gen 1:5	יָמִים	Days, time (846x) Gen 4:3

Odds and Ends on Duals

Apparent Duals

• 'What we have in מֵיִם water, waters and שָׁמֵיִם sky, skies is not a dual, but an exceptional plural. In these two words the original plural ending -eem has been reduced to -im under the influence of the stress. This may be compared with the Biblical Aramaic plural participle of the type בָּנִין building of III-Yod verbs.

Time Duals

- 'The word בֵּיְבְּיִם in the phrase בֵּין הְעַרְבַּיִם ["the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight." Ex 12:6] can only be a dual: between the two evenings. Reference is probably made here to the end of one and the beginning of another עַּרֶבּ
- 'In צְּהֶבְּיִם noon [Gen 43:16] the dual could perhaps be explained as reflecting the convergence of two time lines at noon;'

Geographical Duals

• 'The ending of בְּהַבְּׁיִם Mesopotamia(?) [Gen 24:10] is variously explained, as is that of מָצְבְּיִם Egypt [Gen 10:6].'

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A couple of notes:

- Hundred מֵאָה is always feminine
- Tens and Thousands are always masculine
 - אַרבָּעִים, שָׁלֹשִים, עֵשָׂרִים ...
 - _ אַרְבַּעַת אֵלָפִים ,שִׁלֹשֵׁת אֵלָפִים ,אַלְפַֿים ...

See Tables and Examples in Rocine.

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Numbers with tens and units

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For numbers between 21 and 99 that include tens and units (21, 47, 99, etc.),

- the tens and units may be in either order,
- they will be joined by a vav,
- the gender of the units-word will match the gender of the thing numbered.

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Also see Animated Hebrew lecture 25.