



Piel Imperfect Singular

זָמַן עָתִיד - יַחִיד

□ □ □ א

אֲנִי - 1cs

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אַתָּה - 2ms

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אַתְּ - 2fs

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הוּא - 3ms

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הִיא - 3fs



Piel Imperfect Plural

זמן עתיד - רבים

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אֲנַחְנוּ - 1cpl

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אַתֶּם - 2mpl

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אַתֶּן - 2fpl

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הֵם - 3mpl

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הֵן - 3fpl



Piel Imperfect Verb Table

Piel Imperfect Verbs (strong)

Intensive (usually future) action in the active voice...

Form

Model Word: שָׁמַר

□□□א	- 1cs (אני)	אֲשַׁמֵּר - I will guard
→ □□□ת	- 2ms (אתה)	תִּשְׁמָר - you will guard
□□□תְּ	- 2fs (את)	תִּשְׁמְרִי - you will guard
□□□י	- 3ms (הוא)	יִשְׁמַר - he will guard
→ □□□תְּ	- 3fs (היא)	תִּשְׁמָר - she will guard
□□□נָ	- 1cpl (אנחנו)	נִשְׁמָר - we will guard
□□□תְּ	- 2mpl (אתם)	תִּשְׁמְרוּ - you will guard
→ □□□תְּנָה	- 2fpl (אתן)	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה - you will guard
□□□י	- 3mpl (הם)	יִשְׁמְרוּ - they will guard
→ □□□תְּנָה	- 3fpl (הן)	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה - they will guard

Piel Imperfect Verb Pfx, Sfx

f		m		
	-א		-א	1
אֶ-	-תְּ		-תְּ	2
	-תְּ		-י	3
	-נָ		-נָ	1
נָה-	-תְּ	נָה-	-תְּ	2
נָה-	-תְּ	נָה-	-י	3

intensive imperfect active (usually future or present); pfxes; standard verb sfxes

Piel Imperfect Prefixes and Suffixes

-א	I	-נָ	we
-תְּ	you, he, she	-תְּ	you (pl)
-י	he, they	נָה-	you, they (fpl)
יְ-	you (fs)	נָה-	they (mpl)



Definition and Examples

The piel imperfect active verb is similar to the Qal imperfect active form though the meaning is *intensified* or (sometimes) repeated. For example, in the Qal שָׁבַר means “he broke” but the Piel שָׁבַר means “he shattered” or “he smashed.” The piel form also makes a “stative” verb, for example, קָדַשׁ, “he was holy” into a transitive, קִדְּשׁ, “he sanctified [him].” Many verbs derived from nouns are inflected in the Piel (e.g., דְּבַר, “word” -> דִּבֶּר, he spoke”).

Examples:

1. וְשָׁבַר תִּשְׁבֵּר מִצְבְּתֵיהֶם

"And you will utterly smash their pillars" (Exod. 23:24)

2. הֲלֹא גַם־בָּנוּ דִּבֶּר

"Has he not also spoken to us?" (Num. 12:2)