LESSON XI

27. Pronominal Suffixes on Prepositions and Particles

Pronominal suffixes are shortened forms of personal pronouns (cf. IX.23, p. 52). They may be attached directly to the end of prepositions, particles, nouns, and verbs. When attached directly to prepositions, they serve as objects of the preposition. When attached to particles, they may express a variety of relationships, depending upon the function of the particles. When attached to nouns, they function as possessive pronouns. When affixed to verbs, they normally serve as direct objects of the verbs.

27.1 Pronominal Suffixes with Prepositions

(1) The pronominal suffixes for the inseparable prepositions and ?

These suffixes should be memorized, since with only minor variations they are the same for all other prepositions and particles.

(a)	in, by, with"			
1 cs	with me	1 cp	בַנוּ	with us
2 ms	name with you	2 mp	ڎؚؗڿڡ	with you
2 fs	with you	2 fp	בָּכֶן	with you
3 ms	ia with him	3 mp	בָהֶם	with them
3 fs	with her	3 fp	בָּהֶן	with them
(b)	? "to, for, at"			
1 cs	to me	1 cp	לנו	to us
2 ms	to you	2 mp	לֶבֶם	to you
2 fs	to you	2 fp	לָבֶּוֹ	to you
3 ms	to him	3 mp	לָהֶם	to them
3 fs	to her	3 fp	לָהֶו	to them

(2) The inseparable preposition \supseteq is irregular.

1 cs	בָּמְוֹנִי	like me	1 cp	בַמונו	like us
2 ms	وَمِرْ الْ	like you	2 mp		like you
2 fs			2 fp		
3 ms	בָמִוֹהוּ	like him	3 mp	בָּהֵם	like them
3 fs	چِمِانِ	like her	3 fp	בָהֵן	like them

- (3) Some prepositions take a dagesh forte in the final consonant before pronominal suffixes. (Some of these prepositions also have alternate forms without the dagesh forte.)
- (a) \prod "with" (not to be confused with the particle \prod , sign of the direct object)

1	CS	אָתִי	(אותי)	with me	1 cp	(אוֹתְנוּ) אַתְנוּ	with us
2	ms	אָתְּרָ	(אוֹתְּךְ)	with you	2 mp	אַתְכֶם ,אִתְּכֶם	with you
2	fs	אַתְּרָּ	(אוֹתָדְ)	with you	2 fp		
3	ms	אָתוֹ	(אוֹתוֹ)	with him	3 mp	(אוֹתֶם) אָתָּם	with them
3	fs	אַתָּה		with her	3 fs		

(The six forms in parentheses occur a total of 60 times in the Hebrew Bible, 38 of which are found in the books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel.)

(b) 72? "alone, by oneself, by itself" (made up of the preposition?, "to," plus the noun 72, "separation, aloneness," its literal meaning being "in separation, alone")

1 68	by myself	1 cp		
2 ms	by yourself	2 mp	by yo	ourselves
2 fs		2 fp		
3 ms	by himself	3 mp	by th	emselves
3 fs	by herself	3 fp	by th לְבַּדְהֶן	emselves
	(c) 박 "with"			
1 cs	עמְדִי ,עִמִּי with me	1 cp	עבונו	with us
2 ms	ענוד, ענוד, שנור with you	2 mp	עפובם	with you
2 fs		2 fp		
3 ms	with him	3 ms	עמַם, עמַהָם	with them
3 fs	with her	3 fp	•	

(4) The preposition בן, "from, away from, more than," is actually duplicated before some of the pronominal suffixes. For example, the first common singular form, אָלְוֹרָנִי, is made up of בון הואס, literally "from, from me." The two final nuns are assimilated into the following letters by means of the two dagesh fortes.

1 cs	כזבוגי	from me	1 cp	כזכזנו	from us
2 ms	ממך	from you	2 mp	מָכֶּם	from you
2 fs	לומה	from you	2 fp	כזכן	from you
3 ms	כזכונו	from him	3 mp	מהם	from them
3 fs	כזכֶזנָה	from her	3 fp	چین	from them

Not all of the forms have a duplicated [7]. In some it is only partially duplicated (2 ms, 2 fs), and in others not at all (2 mp, 2 fp, 3 mp, 3 fp). The final nuns are assimilated in all instances except before \vec{n} (3 mp, 3 fp). Since \vec{n} is a guttural and therefore cannot receive a dagesh forte, the vowel before it must be lengthened (hireq to scre).

Two of the forms (3 ms and 1 cp) are identical. Only the context makes it possible to distinguish between them.

- (5) A few prepositions take pronominal suffixes that are the same as those that appear on plural nouns. Two of the most common of these prepositions are לפני, "before, in front of, in the presence of," and אל, "to, unto."
- (a) לפני, the plural construct form of אָני, which though plural in form is translated simply as "face," plus the preposition 7, "to." "To the face of" means "before." Compare also על־פני, "upon the face of."

1 cs	לְפָנֵי	before me	1 cp	לפגינו	before us
2 ms	לְפָגֵיף	before you	2 mp	לפניכם	before you
2 fs	קפָנֵיד	before you	2 fp	y; .	,
3 ms	לְפָנֶיו	before him	3 mp	לפגיהם	before them
3 fs	לְפָגֶיהָ	before her	3 fp		
(b)	"to, ני אֶל	unto"			
1 cs	אַלֵי	unto me	1 cp	אלינו	unto us
2 ms	אַלֶידָ	unto you	2 mp	אליכם	unto you
2 fs	אַלַיִדְ	unto you	2 fp	אליכן	unto you
3 ms	אַלָיו	unto him	3 mp	אליהם	unto them
3 fs	אָלֵיהָ	unto her	3 fp	אליהן	unto them

27.2 Pronominal Suffixes with Particles

(1)	את	the	sign	of	the	direct	object.
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1 cs	אותי	me	1 cp	אותנו	us
2 ms	אותך	you	2 mp	אֶתְכֶם	you
2 fs	אוֹתַרְ	you	2 fp	אֶתְכֶן	you
3 ms	אותו	him	3 mp	אוֹתָם	them
3 fs	אוֹתָה	her	3 fp	אותן	them

(2) הנה "Behold!"

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1 cs	הָבֶּנִי , הִנְנִי	behold, I	1 cp	הַבָּנוּ ,הַנְנוּ	behold, we
2 ms	הַנְּךָּ	behold, you	2 mp	הָנֶּכֶם	behold, you
2 fs	הַנָּך	behold, you	2 fp		
3 ms	הָנּוֹ	behold, he	3 mp	הָנָּם	behold, they
3 fs			3 fp		

28. Pronominal Suffixes on Nouns

A construct noun with a pronominal suffix will always be treated as definite, even though it never takes the definite article. For this reason any attributive adjective placed after such a form must be written with the definite article.

28.1 Pronominal Suffixes for Singular Nouns (Masculine or Feminine)

1 cs	٦.	my	1 cp	בר	our
2 ms	₹.	your	2 mp	ِ چھ	your
2 fs	٦	your	2 fp	בו	your
3 ms	İ	his	3 mp	٦	their
3 fs	a,	her	3 fp	1	their

Examples:

(a)	קול	masculine	singular	absolute,	"voice"	
	קול	masculine	singular	construct,	"voice of"	,

1 cs	כוולי	my voice	1 cp	קוֹלֵ נוּ	our voice
2 ms		your voice	2 mp		
2 fs	כוולה	your voice	2 fp	קולבו	your voice
3 ms	קולו	his voice	3 mp	קולם	their voice
3 fs	קוֹלָה	her voice	3 fp	קוֹלָז	their voice

(b) תּוֹרָה feminine singular absolute, "law" feminine singular construct, "law of"

1 cs	הוְוֹרָתִי	my law	1 cp	תוֹרָתֵנוּ	our law
2 ms	سرنزنك	your law	2 mp	תורתכם	your law
2 fs	لاأرثتك	your law	2 fp	תורתבן	your law
3 ms	הוְוֹרָתוֹ	his law	3 mp	תורתם	their law
3 fs	لأبثث	her law	3 fp	لأبرثها	their law

28.2 Pronominal Suffixes for Plural Nouns (Masculine or Feminine)

1 cs	`-	my	1 cp	ינו .	our
2 ms	77,,,	your	2 mp	ַיבֶם	your
2 fs	٦١,_	your	2 fp	יכֶּן.	your
3 ms	יו	his	3 mp	יהם	their
3 fs	ּיָהָ	her	3 fp	יהן	their

Examples:

(a)	אַלהִים	masculine	plural	absolute,	"God,	gods"
	אַלהֵי	masculine	plural	construct,	"God	of, gods of"

1 cs	אֱלֹהַי	my God	1 cp	אַלהֵינוּ	our God
2 ms	אֱלֹהֶיף	your God	2 mp	אַלהֵיכֶם	your God
2 fs	אֱלֹתַיִּרְ	your God	2 fp	אֵל הֵיכֶן	your God
3 ms	אֱלֹדָיו	his God	3 mp	אַל הֵיהֶם	their God
3 fs	אֱלֹהֶיהָ	her God	3 fp	אָלהֵיהֶן	their God

(P)	תורות	feminine plural absolute, "laws"	
	תורות	feminine plural construct, "laws	of"

1 cs	תְּוֹרוֹתֵי	my laws	1 cp	תְּוֹרוֹתֵינוּ	our laws
2 ms	תְּוֹרוֹתֶיךְ	your laws	2 mp	תורותיכם	your laws
2 fs	תורותיה	your laws	2 fp	תורותיכן	your laws
3 ms	תְּוֹרוֹתָיו	his laws	3 mp	תוֹרְוֹתֵיהֶם	their laws
3 fs	תְּוֹרוֹתֶיהָ	her laws	3 fp	תורותיקן	their laws

28.3 Further Examples of Pronominal Suffixes on Nouns, both Regular and Irregular

(1)] m.	s. abs., "so	n''	בָנִים	m.p.	abs., "sons"	
	m. چار	s. const., "s	son of"	בְנֵי	m.p.	const., "sons	of"
	1 cs	בְנִי	my son	1	cs	בֿנּי	my sons
	2 ms	בּנְךָּ	your son	2	ms	בָּגֶיךּ	your sons
	2 fs	בְּנֵךְ	your son	2	fs	בָּנַיִדְ	your sons
	3 ms	בְנוֹ	his son	3	ms	בָנָיו	his sons
	3 fs	בְּנָה	her son	3	fs	בָּגֶיהָ	her sons
	1 cp	בננו	our son	1	ср	בָּגִינוּ	our sons
	2 mp	197		2	mp	בְגֵיכֶם	your sons
	2 fs			2	fp		
	3 mp			3	mp	בְּנֵיהֶם	their sons
	3 fp			3	fp	בְּנֵיהֶן	their sons

	(2)	אָבי אָב		, "father" st., "father of"	אָבוֹת אָבוֹת	m.p.abs., "father m.p.const., "father m.p.const.,"	ers," "ancestors" thers of"	,
1	cs		אָבִי	my father	1 cs	אָבוֹתֵי	my fathers	
2	ms		אָבִיך	your father	2 ms	אַבוֹתֵיך	your fathers	
2	fs		אָבִיך	your father	2 fs			
3	ms	אָבִיו,	אָבִ יהוּ	his father	3 ms	אֲבוֹתָיו	his fathers	
3	fs		אָבִיהָ	her father	3 fs			

1 cp	אָבִינוּ	our father	1 cp	אַבוֹתֵינוּ	our fathers
2 mp	אַבִיכֶם	your father	2 mp	אַבוֹתֵיכֵם	
2 fp	אַבִיכָן	your father	2 fp	V 11 1 =:	,
3 mp	אֲבִיהֶם	their father	3 mp	אָבְוֹתֵיהֶם	their fathers
3 fp	אָבִיהֶן	their father	3 fp	אָבוֹתָם	
ת (3) ת		., "daughter" ast., "daughter o	בָּנוֹת בּנוֹת ״ז	f.p.abs., "da	aughters" daughters of"
				, , ,	daughters of
1 cs	בּתִי	my daughter	1 cs	בִּנוֹתֵי	my daughters
2 ms	خائك	your daughter	2 ms	בַנוֹתֵיך	your daughters
2 fs			2 fs	בְנוֹתֻיִךְ	your daughters
3 ms	خسر	his daughter	3 ms	בְּנוֹתֻיו	his daughters
3 fs	خشد	her daughter	3 fs	בְּנוֹתֶיהָ	her daughters
1 cp	בּתֵנוּ	our daughter	1 cp	בנותינו	our daughters
2 mp	בּתְּכֶם	your daughter	2 mp	בנותיכם	your daughters
2 fp			2 fp	בְנוֹתֵיכֶן	your daughters
3 mp			3 mp	בְּגְוֹתֵיהֶם	their daughters
3 fp			3 fp	בְּנְוֹתֵיהֶן	their daughters
		abs., "house" .const., "house o	בָּתֵּים בָּתֵּי "to	m.p.abs., "I	houses" "houses of"
1 cs	בֵּיתִי	my house	1 cs	בַּתַּי	my houses
2 ms	قرلاك	your house	2 ms	בָּתֶיךְּ	your houses
2 fs	قرتك	your house	2 fs	څَٽن <u>ا</u> ڪشا	your houses
3 ms	בֵּיתוֹ	his house	3 ms	בָּתָּיו בָּתָּיו	his houses
3 fs	בֵּיתָה	her house	3 fs	בֿעֿינ בֿעֿינ	her houses

1 cn			1		
1 cp			1 cp	בָּתִינוּ	our houses
2 mp	בּיְתְכֶם	your house	2 mp	בָּתֵיכֶם	your houses
2 fp			2 fp		
3 mp	בֵיתָם	their house	3 mp	בָּתֵיהֶם	their houses
3 fp			3 fp	בָּתֵיהֶן	their houses
(5)	f.s.abs	s., "hand"	ידים	f.dual abs., "	hands"
		nst., "hand of"	, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	f.dual const.,	
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1 cs	ָרָד <u>ָי</u> ר	my hand	1 cs	יַדַי	my hands
2 ms	777	your hand	2 ms	יָדֶיף	your hands
2 fs	לָנֵךְ	your hand	2 fs	ָּנְבַיִּנְךְּ נַבַּיִּנְךְּ	your hands
3 ms	יָדוֹ	his hand	3 ms	יָדָיו	his hands
3 fs	יָדָה	her hand	3 fs	ָיָדֶ <u>, י</u> הָ	her hands
1 cp	יָדְנוּ	our hand	1 cp	ידינו	our hands
2 mp	נֶדְכֶם	your hand	2 mp	יְדֵיכֶם	your hands
2 fp			2 fp		
3 mp	יָדָם	their hand	3 mp	יִדֵיהֶם	their hands
3 fp			3 fp	יָביהֶוֹ	their hands
(6)	m.s דָּבָּר	.abs., "word"	דְבָרִים	m.p.abs., "	words"
		moon, word	''	m.p.abs.,	words
	m.s	.const., "word of			"words of"
3	m.s דְבַּוּ	.const., "word o			"words of"
1 cs	m.s דְבַּר דְבָרִי	my word		m.p.const.,	"words of"
			הָּבְרֵי "fo	m.p.const., דְּבָרֵי	
1 cs	דְּבָרִי	my word	of" דְּבְרֵי 1 cs	m.p.const., דְּבָרֵי דְּבָרֵיך	my words
1 cs 2 ms	דְּבָרִי דְּבָרִדְּ	my word your word	of" דְּבְּרֵי 1 cs 2 ms	m.p.const., דְּבָרֵי דְּבָרֵיִר	my words your words
1 cs 2 ms 2 fs	דְּבָרִי דְּבָרִדְּ דְבָרִדְּ	my word your word your word	1 cs 2 ms 2 fs	m.p.const., דְּבָרֵי דְּבָרֵיך	my words your words your words
1 cs 2 ms 2 fs 3 ms	דְּבָרִי דְּבָרִדְּ דְבָרִדְּ	my word your word your word	1 cs 2 ms 2 fs 3 ms	m.p.const., דְּבָרֵי דְּבָרֵיִר	my words your words your words his words
1 cs 2 ms 2 fs 3 ms 3 fs	דְּבָרִי דְּבָרִדְּ דְבָרִדְּ	my word your word your word his word	1 cs 2 ms 2 fs 3 ms 3 fs	m.p.const., דְּבָרֵי דְּבָרֵיו דְּבָרֵיו דְּבָרֵיו דְּבָרֵיו	my words your words your words his words her words
1 cs 2 ms 2 fs 3 ms 3 fs 1 cp	דְּבָרִי דְּבָרִדְּ דְבָרִדְּ	my word your word your word his word	1 cs 2 ms 2 fs 3 ms 3 fs 1 cp	m.p.const., דְּבָרֵי דְּבָרֵיִר	my words your words your words his words
1 cs 2 ms 2 fs 3 ms 3 fs 1 cp 2 mp	דְּבָרִי דְּבָרִדְּ דְבָרִדְּ	my word your word your word his word	1 cs 2 ms 2 fs 3 ms 3 fs 1 cp 2 mp	m.p.const., דְּבָרֵי דְּבָרֵיו דְּבָרֵיו דְּבָרֵיו דְּבָרֵיו	my words your words your words his words her words

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EXERCISES

1.	Match the following:*						
	(1)	()	ڔٙڔڽؚۘ	מִדַּרְכּוֹ	(A) I am your son. (Gen. 27:32	2)
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תַּכִים אַתַּה

ישרלנו אב זַקן

אישה וקו

אחי הוא

כי עמנו

- (2) ((B) Our father is old. (Gen. 19:31)
- (3) () (C) You are my God. (Ps. 31:15; Eng. 31:14)
- (4) ((D) You are my father. (Ps. 89:27; בְשָׁמִי הַגַּדוֹל Eng. 89:26)
- (5) (וְתורַת־יִהוָה אָתָנוּ
 - (E) His name is great. (Ps. 76:2; Eng. 76:1)) תָּמִים דַּרְבּוֹ
 - (F) For the ways of the LORD are right. (Hos. 14:10; Eng. 14:9)
 - (G) He is my brother. (Gen. 20:5)
 - (H) from his evil way (Jer. 26:3)
 - (I) For God is with us. (Isa. 8:10)
 - (J) And the law of the LORD is with
 - us. (Jer. 8:8)
 - (K) For our God is great. (2 Chr. 2:4)
 - (L) For I will be with you. (Gen. 26:24)
 - (M) His way is perfect. (Ps. 18:31; Eng. 18:30)
 - (N) Perfect are you in your ways. (Ezek. 28:15)
 - (O) We have an old father. (Gen. 44:20)
 - (P) by my great name (Jer. 44:26)
 - (Q) For the word of the LORD is upright. (Ps. 33:4)
 - (R) Her husband was old. (2 Kgs. 4:14)

^{*}Note: The verb "to be" is so consistently assumed in verbless clauses that its various forms will no longer be set off in parentheses.

2.	Transla	ate the following:	
	(1)	אַתָּה אָבִינוּ	(Isa. 63:16)
	(2)	כִיַּד הָאִשֶׁה	(Num. 5:25)
	(3)	בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	(Josh. 9:26)
	(4)	בָיַד עַמִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל	(Ezek. 25:14)
	(5)	בְיַד־נְבִיאֵיךָ	(Neh. 9:30)
	(6)	בְיַר עֲבָרֶיך	
	(7)	כִּי לִי כָּל־הָאָרֶץ	
	(8)	וְכָל־אַנְשֵׁי בֵיתוֹ	(Gen. 17:27)
	(9)	וּדְבַר אֱלֹהֵינוּ	(Isa. 40:8)
	(10)		(Gen. 32:10; Eng. 32:9)
3.	Supply	the correct pronouns in or	der to translate the following entries:
	(1)	יָהוָה צְּבָאוֹת עָמְנוּ Th (Ps. 46:12; Eng. 46:11)	e LORD of hosts is with
	(2)	רַבְּרִיוֹ הַנְּבִיאִים הַנְּבִיאִים prophets (2 Kgs. 24:2)	by the hand of servants the
	(3)	from the מימי אבתינו	days of ancestors (Ezra 9:7)
	(4)		and to ancestors
	(5)	הָבֶּוֹתְם הַבְּּמָה וַאֲבוֹתְם Eng. 9:16)	and ancestors (Jer. 9:15;
	(6)	the Go	od of ancestors (1 Chr. 5:25)
	(7)		ll sons and all
	(8)	from the fr	uit of hands (Prov. 31:31)
	(9)		hand is with
	(10)	הַנָּה כָל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ בְּיָדֶךְּ hand (Job 1:	Behold, all that has is in

(11)hands and _____ feet (Ps. 22:17; Eng. 22:16) (12)אתם ובניכם __ and _ ___ sons (Deut. 12:12) 4. Practice reading aloud the Hebrew examples. Cover the English translation and practice translating the Hebrew from sight. (1) My son, Absalom, my son, my son! (2 Sam. 19:5) (2) For I am the LORD your God. (Exod. 6:7) (3) For she had no father or mother. (Est. 2:7) (4) So are you in my hand, O house of Israel. (Jer. 18:6) (5) He was the father of Jesse, the father הוא אבי of David. (Ruth 4:17) (6)And now, O LORD, you are our father. (Isa. 64:7; Eng. 64:8) (7)Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. (Ruth 1:16) (8) You are God alone. (Ps. 86:10) (9)She has no son, and her husband is old. (2 Kgs. 4:14) (10)ובביתי And there is no bread in my house. (Isa. 3:7) (11)Mine is the silver, and mine is the gold. (Hag. 2:8) (12)For the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him. (2 Sam. 5:10) (13)For I am God, and there is no other. (Isa. 45:22)

פִּירלִי בְנֵיריִשְׂרָאֵל עֲבָדִים (14) עֲבָדֵי הֵם מֵאֶבֶץ מִצְּרָיִם אַנִי יָהוָה אֵלֹהֵיכֶם

For to me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants from the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God. (Lev. 25:55)

יְהנָה אֲדֹנְינוּ כֶּזְהראַדִּיר (15) שמד בכל־הַאָרֵץ

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:2; Eng. 8:1)

VOCABULARY

(1)	אָהַב	he loved	(11)	עוד	again, yet, still
(2)	אָכֵור	he said	(12)	על־פָּנֵי	over, above
(3)	בָּרָא	he created	(13)	עַתָּה	now
(4)	הָיָה	he was, became	(14)	פה	here
(5)	הַלַּךְּ	he walked, went	(15)	צָבָאוֹת	hosts, armies
(6)	יָדַע	he knew	וֹת)	יְהוָה צְבָא	LORD of hosts)
(7)	וַחְרָּו	together	(16)	شِدِر	(m. and f.) sabbath
(8)	גֶלֶד	child	(17)	ښِ	there
(9)	כָבוֹד	glory, honor	(18)	שְׁגֵיהֶם	the two of them
(10)	תַּבָה	(f) ark			