LESSON XIII

34. Interrogative Sentences

- **34.1** A simple yes-or-no question is normally introduced by the interrogative Π , which is prefixed to the first word in the sentence. The rules for writing interrogative Π are these:
- (1) Before non-gutturals supported by a full vowel, interrogative ¬ is Examples:

(a) הְּיֶה אֲחִיכֶּם הַקְּטֹן Is this your youngest brother? (Gen. 43:29)

(b) הלארחשה יום יהוה Is not the day of the LORD

(b) הַלא־חָשֶׁךּ יום יְהוָה Is not the day of the LORD darkness? (Amos 5:20)

(c) הַכֶּלֶב אָנֹכִי Am I a dog? (1 Sam. 17:43)

(d) הֵישׁ לֶבֶם אָּח Is there to you a brother? (Do you have a brother?) (Gen. 43:7)

(2) Before gutturals supported by a full vowel (other than qames or qames-hatuf), interrogative \overline{a} is written \overline{a} .

Examples:

(a) העוד לֶכֶם אָח Is there yet to you a brother? (Do you have another brother?) (Gen. 43:6)

(b) האין פה נביא Is there no prophet here? (2 Kgs. 3:11)

(c) הַעֶּבֶּד יִשְׂרָאֵל Is Israel a slave? (Jer. 2:14)

(d) הַאָּלְהִים Are you the man of God? (1 Kgs. 13:14)

- (3) Before gutturals supported by either a qameş or a qameş-ḥaṭuf, interrogative $\overline{\Box}$ is pointed $\overline{\Box}$. Examples:
 - (a) בּי־אֶל־אֵל הָאָטֵר For has one said to God? (Job 34:31)

(b) הֶּלְנְיִי הָרְיתִי אֵת בָּלְּדֹ Did I conceive (from הָּרָה all this people? (Num. 11:12)

(c) הְּחָוֶק הוֹא Is he strong? (Num. 13:18)

(4) Before all consonants supported by a vocal sheva, whether simple or compound, interrogative $\overline{\mathbf{n}}$ is written $\overline{\mathbf{n}}$.

Examples:

- (a) Do you have one blessing, my father? (Gen. 27:38)
- (b) Am I God? (2 Kgs. 5:7)
- (c) Are the people few or many? (Num. 13:18)
- 34.2 Questions may also be introduced by the interrogative pronouns (who?) and מה (what?). The first refers to people and the second to things. Neither of these is inflected for gender or number.
- (1) usually stands alone, but is sometimes joined to the following word by a maggef. Its form remains the same in either case. Examples:
 - (a) Who are you, my son? (Gen. 27:18)
 - (b) Who are these men? (Num. 22:9)
 - (c) Who is a God like you? (Mic. 7:18)
 - (d) Whom have I (who is to me?) in heaven? (Ps. 73:25)
- (2) To occasionally stands alone, but is more likely to be joined to the following word by a maqqef. When joining occurs, it usually alters the pointing of The following rules will cover most of the changes.
- (a) Before non-gutturals, it is written 772, followed by a dagesh forte in the first consonant of the next word.

Examples:

What is your name? (Gen. 32:28)

What is this? (Exod. 13:14)

What is there to you in the house? (What do you have in the house?) (2 Kgs. 4:2)

And what is his son's name?

(Prov. 30:4)

(b) Before the gutturals **X**, $\overline{\Lambda}$, and $\overline{\Lambda}$, it is usually written either as \overrightarrow{a} or \overrightarrow{a} . (Note, however, that before \overrightarrow{a} it is sometimes written as \overrightarrow{a} .) Examples:

What is this thing? (Exod. 18:14)

What is your land (country)? (Jon. 1:8)

What are these cities? (1 Kgs. 9:13) What is it? (Zech. 5:6) What are human beings? (Ps. 144:3)

(c) Before the gutturals Π and U, the interrogative Π is usually written as מה or כמה.

Examples:

וּמֶה־חַמָּאתִי What is my iniquity, and what is my sin? (1 Sam. 20:1)

And what is stronger than a lion? (Judg. 14:18)

What is your servant? (2 Sam. 9:8)

34.3 Questions may also be introduced by interrogative adverbs. Some of the more common are these:

- (1) Where? (6)How? (2) איה Where? (7)Whither? To what place? (3) איפה Where? Why? To what purpose? (4)
- Whence? From where? מאין (מה plus ל) אי־מוּה (5) Whence? From where? (9)

Why? (וֶה plus מִן plus אֵי)

Examples:

- (a) Where is Abel your brother? (Gen. 4:9)
- (b) Where is Sarah your wife? (Gen. 18:9)
- (c) איפה שמואל ודוד Where are Samuel and David? (1 Sam. 19:22)
- (d) My brothers, where are you from? (Gen. 29:4)
- (e) מַדוּעַ אַתָּה לְבַּדֵּךְ Why are you alone? (1 Sam. 21:2)

35. The Numerals

35.1 The following tables include the cardinal numerals from 1 to 10 and the ordinal numerals from 1st to 10th. A cardinal numeral is used in counting, as one, two, three, etc. An ordinal numeral expresses consecution or position in a series,, as first, second, third, etc.

		Car	Ordinals					
	Masculine		Feminine		Masculine		Feminine	
	Absolute	Construct	Absolute	Construct				
1	אָחָד	אַחַד	אַחַת	אַחַת	1st	ראשון	ראשונה	
2	שבים	שָׁנֵי	שתים	שתי	2nd	שני	שנית	
3	של שָה	שְׁלְ שֶׁת	שָׁלוֹש	שׁלש	3rd	שלישי	שָׁלִישִׁית	
4	אַרְבָּעָה	אַרְבַּעַת	אַרְבַע	אַרְבַּע	4th	רָבִיעִי	רביעית	
5	חַמִּשָׁה	חֲבֵוֹשֶׁת	חָבִושׁ	חַמִשׁ	5th	חבוישי	חַמִישִׁית	
6	नष्रंष्	ששת	שש	שש	6th	ששר	ששית	
7	שִׁבְעָה	שִׁבְעַת	שֶׁבַע	שֶׁבַע	7th	שָׁבִיעִי	שביעית	
8	שָׁמֹנָה	שׁמֹנֵת	שׁמֹנֶה	שמנה	8th	שׁמִינִי	שמינית	
9	הִשְׁעָה	הִשְׁעַת	הַשַּׁע	תשע	9th	תשיעי	השיעית	
10	יְעַשָּׂרָה	עשֶׂרֶת	עָשֶׂר	עשר	10th	עשירי	עשירית	

Examples: יוֹם אָחָר one day, חוֹרָה אַחַת one law.

(2) The numerals 2 - 10 also function as adjectives, although they are classified as nouns. In their absolute forms, they may stand either before or after the nouns they modify. In their construct forms, however, they must stand before the nouns they modify.

Examples:

(a) שְׁנֵי אֲנָשִׁים two men שְׁנֵי אֲנָשִׁים two women (wives) שָׁהֵי נְשִׁים two women (wives)

(3) The numeral two agrees in gender with the noun it modifies (see the examples given above). The numerals 3 - 10, however, follow a different pattern. When they modify masculine nouns they take the feminine form; when they modify feminine nouns, they take the masculine form. There is no satisfactory explanation for this phenomenon. Note that this rule does not apply to ordinals, since they regularly agree in gender with the nouns they modify.

Examples:

(a) שְׁהֵי בְּנִית two sons יְשְׁהֵי בְּנִית two daughters (nouns and numerals agree in gender)
(b) שָׁלוֹשׁ בְּנוֹת three sons שְׁלוֹשׁ בָּנוֹת three daughters

(nouns and numerals disagree in gender)

- (4) The absolute and construct forms of numerals can be used interchangeably, with no apparent difference in meaning.

 Examples:
 - (a) שְׁלְשֶׁה יָמִים three days שְׁלְשֶׁה יָמִים three days
 - (b) שׁלשֶׁת אָנָשִׁים three men שׁלשֶׁה אָנָשִׁים three men
 - (c) אַרְבָּעָה בָּנִים four sons
 - (d) וְאַרְבַעַת בָּנִיו עמוֹ and his four sons with him
- (5) Because numerals are nouns, the numerals from 2 10 may receive pronominal suffixes. Suffixes can only be added to the construct forms of the numerals. Most of these occur with the numeral 2.

 Examples:
 - (a) שנינו the two of us (Gen. 31:37)
 - (b) שׁנִיכֶּם the two of you (Gen. 27:45)
 - (c) שניהֶם the two of them (Gen. 2:25)

35.2 Cardinal Numerals From 11 to 19

Wit	th Masculine Nouns	With Feminine Nouns
11	אַחַד עָשָׂר	אַחַת עֶשְׂרֵה
	עשָׁתֵר עָשֶׂר	עשתי עשהה
12	שְׁנֵים עָשָׂר	שתים עשרה
	שְׁנֵי עָשָׂר	שׁתֵר עשׁרֵה
13	שָׁל שָׁה עָשָׂר	שלש עשהה
14	אַרְבָּעָה עָשָׂר	אַרָבַע עָשְׂרֵה
15	باخرفاد بدفر	חבוש עשכה
16	שְׁשָׁה עָשָׂר	שש עשרה
17	שְׁבְעָה עָשָׂר	שבע עשרה
18	שָׁמֹנָה עָשָׂר	שמנה עשהה
19	הִשְּׁעָה עָשָּׂר	הְשַׁע עָשְׁרָה

- (1) The units (1,2,3 etc.) are placed before the word for ten, which in the masculine is עשרה and in the feminine עשרה.
- (2) The numerals from 11 to 19 agree in gender with the nouns to which they refer. They also normally occur with plural forms of nouns, although a few nouns (e.g., אַלָּאָ, "man," לְּבָּשׁ, "day," "year," "year," "soul, self, being") may remain in their singular forms when they stand after these numerals.

Examples:

- (a) אַחַד עַשֵּׂר יוֹם "11 days"
- (b) אַחַד עשר איש "11 men"
- (c) אַחַת עשׂרֶה שׁנָה "11 years"

35.3 Cardinal Numerals From 20 to 99

23-29 (like the above)

של שים ואחד (m) 31

32 - 39 (like the above)

41-49 (like the above)

חַכִּוֹשִׁים 50

51 - 59 (like the above)

ששים 60

61 - 69 (like the above)

שבעים 70

71-79 (like the above)

שמגים 80

81-89 (like the above)

תשעים 90

91 - 99 (like the above)

35.4 Cardinal Numerals Above 99

100 מֵאֶה (always feminine; construct form is מְאָרָה; plural form is הַאָּרָה, "hundreds")

35.5 The Numeral Values of the Letters of the Alphabet, as reflected in the Masorah of the Leningrad Manuscript (cf. Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia)

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}} = 1$$
 $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 2$ $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 3$ $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 4$ $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 5$
 $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 6$ $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 7$ $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 8$ $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 9$ $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 10$
 $\dot{\mathbf{R}} = 11$ $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 12$ $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 13$ $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 14$ $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = 15$

Note: The letters for 15 were reversed in order to avoid writing 7, sometimes used as an abbreviation for the Tetragrammaton (7).

Note: was not used as the representation for 30, since it had already become the symbol for all hapax legomena. However, 31 is \$27, 82 is \$27, etc.

EXERCISES

1.

1. Fill in the	he blanks with the correct pronouns.
(1)	is evil thing? (Neh. 13:17)
(2)	שְּהֵה כְבוֹדִי Where is glory (honor)? (Mal. 1:6)
(3)	וֹמִי כְמוֹךְ בְּיִשְׁרָאֵל And is like in Israel? (1 Sam. 26:15)
(4)	עַמְכֶּם עַמְכֶּם נַמְלָּא יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם עַמְכֶּם Is not the LORD God with? (1 Chr. 22:18)
(5)	קלא כָל־הָאָרֶץ לְפָּנֶיךְ Is not all the land before? (Gen. 13:9)
(6)	קר בְּנִי (Gen. 27:18) are,son?
(7)	מי־אָתָה are? (Gen. 27:32)
(8)	מר־אָּקָה are? (Gen. 32:18; Eng. 32:17)
(9)	is name? (Gen. 32:28)
(10)	מי הָאָנָשִׁים הָאָלֶּה עָכָּזְּךְ are men with? (Num. 22:9)
(11)	is in hand? (Exod. 4:2)
(12)	יבֶּם הַקְּמֹן Is youngest brother? (Gen. 43:29)
(13)	שׁהֵי אַהֵּי אַהָּי אַהָּי שׁהֵי שׁהָּי brothers, where are from? (Gen. 29:4)
(14)	ביאיבֶם And where are prophets? (Jer. 37:19)
(15)	is sister. (Gen. 26:9)
2. Match th	he following:
F20 10 12	(A) Where is Sarah your wife? (Gen. 18:9)
(2) () הַלֹא הוּא אָבִיךְ (B) Where is your God? (Ps. 42:4; Eng. 42:3)
(3) () מי גָה מֶּלֶךְ הַכְּבוֹד (C) the LORD God of your ancestors (Deut. 1:21)

(4)	(,	عَيْدِ مُحْدِد بِاللَّهِ عِنْدُاء	(D)	What is his son's name? (Prov. 30:4)
(5)	()	אַיֵה אֱלהֵיהֶם	(E)	Do they not belong to us? (Gen. 34:23)
(6)	()	אַיֵה אֱלֹהֶיךּ	(F)	in the days of your ancestors (Joel 1:2)
(7)	()	יְהנָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבֹתֶיךְ	(G)	Is he not your father? (Deut. 32:6)
(8)	()	יְהנָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתָיו	(H)	Was not this my word? (Jon. 4:2)
(9)	()	בִּימֵי אֲבֹתֵיכֶם	(I)	you and your ancestors (Jer. 44:3)
(10)	()	הָלוֹא־זֶה דְבָרִי	(J)	Who is this king of glory? (Ps. 24:8)
(11)	()	אַתֶּם וַאָבֹתֵיכֶם	(K)	Where is their God? (Joel 2:17)
(12)	()	הֲלוֹא לֶנוּ הֶם	(L)	the LORD God of his ancestors (2 Chr. 30:19)
3. Mate	ch	the	following:		
(1)	()	שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו	(A)	in one day (Isa. 10:17)
(2)	()	בֵּין שְׁנֵיהֶם	(B)	on the fifth day (Num. 7:36)
(3)	()	שְׁנֵיהֶם לְבַדָּם	(C)	on the sixth day (Exod. 16:5)
(4)	()	בין שנינו	(D)	on the tenth day (Num. 7:66)
(5)	()	בַּיוֹם הַשְּׁמִיגִי	(E)	on the second day (Num. 7:18)
(6)	()	בְּיוֹם אֶחַד	(F)	the two of them alone (1 Kgs. 11:29)
(7)	()	בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁשִׁי	(G)	on the ninth day (Num. 7:60)
(8)	()	ביום השני	(H)	on the third day (Gen. 22:4)
(9)	()	בַּיוֹם הַחֲמִישִׁי	(1)	between the two of us (Gen. 31:37)
(10)	()	בַּיּוֹם הָעֲשִׂירִי	(J)	on the seventh day (Exod. 16:27)
(11)	()	בַּיּוֹם הָרָאשׁוֹן	(K)	between the two of them (Exod. 22:10; Eng. 22:11)
(12)	()	בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי	(L)	on the fourth day (Num. 7:30)
(13)	()	בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי	(M)	on the first day (Exod. 12:15)
(14)	()	בַּיּוֹם הָרְבִיעִי	(N)	on the eighth day (Exod. 22:29;
(15)	()	בַּיּוֹם הַתְּשִׁיעִי	(O)	Eng. 22:30) the two of them together (Gen. 22:6)

4. Answer the following questions by translating the Hebrew phrases.

Example:

On which day did God rest? יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי (Gen. 2:2) Answer: "on the seventh day"

- (1) What was the total length of David's reign? אַרְבָּעִים שְׁנָה (2 Sam. 5:4)
 Answer:
- (2) How long did David reign in Hebron? שֶׁבַע שָׁנִים וְשִׁשְׁה חְדְשִׁים (2 Sam. 5:5)
 Answer:
- (3) How long did David reign in Jerusalem? קלישים וְשָׁלֹישׁ שְׁנָה (2 Sam. 5:5) Answer:
- (4) How long did it rain? אַרְבָּעִים לְּיִלָּה (Gen. 7:12) Answer:
- (5) How long did Adam live? קשׁע מַאוֹת שָׁנָה וּשְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה (Gen. 5:5) Answer:
- (6) How long did Methuselah live? הַשֵּׁע וְשִׁשִּׁים שָׁנָה וּתְשֵׁע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה (Gen. 5:27) Answer:
- (7) How long did Abraham live? מְאַת שָׁנָה וְשְׁבְעִים שְׁנָה וְחְבֵּוֹשׁ שְׁנִה (Gen. 25:7)
 Answer:
- (8) How long did Sarah live? מָאָה שָׁנָה וְעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וְעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה (Gen. 23:1)
 Answer:

- (9) How long did the Israelites remain in Egypt? קל"שִׁים שָׁנָה וְאַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה (Exod. 12:40) Answer:
- (10) How many faithful Israelites had not bowed the knee to Baal? שְׁבְּעֵת אֲבָּלְפִים (1 Kgs. 19:18)

 Answer:
- (11) How many men participated in the exodus from Egypt? אָלֶר (Exod. 12:37)
 Answer:
- (12) How many sons and daughters were born to Job? קנות (Job 1:2) Answer:
- (13) How many sheep did Job own? אָרֶבָּעָה עָשָׂר אֶלֶּך (Job 42:12) Answer:
- How many camels did Job own? שֵׁשֶׁת אֲלָפִים (Job 42:12)
 Answer:
- (15) When was Passover celebrated? בְּאַרְבָּעָה עָשֶׂר לַחֹרֶשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן (2 Chr. 35:1)
 Answer:
- (16) How old was Abram when he left Haran? חָבֵּישׁ שָׁנִים וְשְׁבְּעִים שְׁנָּים (Gen. 12:4)
 Answer:
- (17) How many trained warriors did Abram have in his household? אַכוֹנָה עָשָׂר וּשְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת (Gen. 14:14) Answer:
- How many sons were born to Jacob? קׁנֵים נְשָׁר (Gen. 35:22)
 Answer:

5. Each of the following entries contains a Qal perfect form of a Hebrew verb. Complete the translation of the verb forms by filling in the blanks. In the space marked (a) give the person, gender, and number of the form, and in (b) give its root (Qal perfect 3 ms).

Example:

	And you shallcall	(a)	2 mp
	on the name of your gods. (1 Kgs. 18:24)	(b)	קָרָא
(1)	And from Egypt I	(a) _	
	my son. (Hos. 11:1)	(b) _	
(2)	על־בֵּן קְרָאָה שְׁמוֹ יְהוּדָה Therefore she	(a) _	
	his name Judah. (Gen. 29:35)	(b) _	
(3)	איך כָּתַבְהָ אֶת־כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֱלֶּה How did you	(a) _	
	all these words? (Jer. 36:17)	(b) _	
(4)	עָמִי עִמִּי Why did you not	(a) _	
	with me? (2 Sam. 19:26)	(b) _	
(5)	Why did you, "She	(a) _	
	is my sister"? (Gen. 12:19)	(b) _	
(6)	How you have from	(a)	
	heaven! (Isa. 14:12)	(b) _	
(7)	ו לא יָדַעָתִי אֵי מִנֶּה הֲכָּזה I do not where	(a)	
	they are from. (1 Sam. 25:11)	(b) _	
(8)	What do you? (Job 15:9)	(a) _	
		(b) _	
(9)	לא בור	(a) _	
	me, "What is his name?" (Exod. 3:13)	(b) _	
(10)	Do you not what	(a) _	
	these are? (Ezek. 17:12)	(b) _	
(11)	לא יְדַעְנוּ מֶה־הָיָה לוֹ We do not what	(a) _	
	has become of him. (Exod. 32:1)	(b) _	
(12)	And the two of them	(a)	
	beside the Jordan. (2 Kgs. 2:7)	(b)	

6. Prac from s	ctice reading the Hebrew aloud.	Cover the English and practice translating
(1)	יְהנָה אֱלֹהַינוּ יְהנָה אֶּחָד	The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
		(Deut. 6:4)
(2)	הַשָּׁלוֹם לָדְ הֲשָׁלוֹם לְאִישֵׁךְ הַשָּׁלוֹם לַיָּלֶד	Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child? (2 Kgs. 4:26)
(3)	יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶינוּ עִמָּנוּ	The LORD our God is with us. (1 Kgs. 8:57)
(4)	וְכָל־מִצְוֹתֶיף אֲמֶת	And all your commandments are true. (Ps. 119:151)
(5)	כִּי הָאֲנָשִׁים הָאֶלֶה עִכָּּוּך	Who are these men with you? (Num. 22:9)
(6)	הַלוֹא־אָח עַשָּׁוּ לְיַעֲלְב	Was not Esau brother to Jacob? (Mal. 1:2)
(7)	הַלוֹא אָב אֶחָד לְכַלֵּנוּ	Is there not one father to all of us? (Mal. 2:10)
(8)	לָפָּה גָנָבְהָּ אֶת־אֱלֹהָי	Why have you stolen my gods? (Gen. 31:30)
(9)	וְלֶפֶה לֹא־שָׁמַשְהָ בְּקוֹל יְהנָה	And why have you not listened to the voice of the LORD? (1 Sam. 15:19)
(10)	מַהרוֹאת עַשָּׂה אֱלֹהִים לָנוּ	What is this that God has done to us? (Gen. 42:28)
(11)	פִי לֹא יָדְעוּ מַה־הוּא	For they did not know what it was. (Exod. 16:15)
(12)	פִּי מִי עָמַד בְּסוֹד יְהוָה	For who has stood in the council of the LORD? (Jer. 23:18)
(13)	טוֹבִים הַשְּׁנַיִם מִן־הָאֶחָד	Two are better than one. (Eccl. 4:9)
(14)	וּמָלַךְ יְהנָה עֲלֵיהֶם בְּהַר צִיּוֹן	And the LORD will reign over them on Mount Zion. (Mic. 4:7)
(15)	עַל־בֵּן כָּרְאוּ־לוֹ עִיר דָּוִיד	Therefore they called it the city of David. (1 Chr. 11:7)

VOCABULARY

(1)	אָכַל	he ate	(10)	לָבֵן	therefore
(2)	נֿנֿכ	he stole	(11)	מַלְכוּת	(f) kingdom
(3)	דמות	(f) likeness, image	(12)	נֶגֶב	Negev, dry country, south
(4)	רַעת	(f) knowledge	(13)	נָתַן	he gave
(5)	הַיּוֹם	today	(14)	עָכֵיד	he stood
(6)	הֵיכָל	temple	(15)	क्ंक्रं	he did, made
(7)	רְוֹדֶשׁ	new moon, month	(16)	צאן	flock, sheep
(8)	חוֹכָּיה	(f) wall	(17)	צַדִּיק	righteous one
(9)	בָתַב	he wrote	(18)	צֶלֶם	image, likeness