

Living Words – Biblical Hebrew Level 2

Syllabus

Scope and Objectives

This course builds upon Level 1 and equips students to read, translate, and understand Biblical Hebrew directly from the Tanakh. Using interlinear texts, grammar instruction, and structured practice, students will learn the basics of Hebrew affixes, conjunctions, prepositions, gender and number agreement, pronouns, suffixes, and vocabulary within the context of Genesis 1–2, Numbers 6, the Disciples Prayer and other related passages.

Scope

- *Build on Level 1 skills to read, sound out, and translate directly from the Tanakh.*
- *Cover core grammatical building blocks: Hebrew affixes (prefixes/ suffixes/ infixes), conjunctions and prepositions (simple & compounded).*
- *Practice gender and number agreement across nouns, adjectives, and verbs.*
- *Work with pronouns and pronominal suffixes on nouns, verbs, prepositions, and תנ"ך-forms.*
- *Develop fluency through daily reading, copying, and translation exercises anchored in Scripture.*

Objectives:

- *Strengthen Hebrew reading fluency using interlinear Torah passages.*
- *Expand vocabulary through root word (shoresh) study and lexical practice.*
- *Comprehension of basic grammatical concepts: affixes, conjunctions, prepositions, gender agreement, pronouns, suffixes, and plural forms.*
- *Apply translation skills through structured exercises, quizzes, and a final exam.*
- *Develop consistent study habits for daily Hebrew reading and writing.*

Living Words - Level 2

- Handwriting Practice Pages (*to be used along with Level 1*)
- Begin Lesson 11 after completing Lesson 10 of Level 1 Primer

Lesson 11: Genesis 1:1 – Hebrew Affixes

Lesson 12: Genesis 1:2 – The Vav Conjunction

Lesson 13: Genesis 1:1–3 – Compound Prepositions

Lesson 14: Genesis 1:1–5 – Gender in Nouns & Plural Endings

Open Book Quiz

Lesson 15: Numbers 6:24–26 – The Majestic Plural

Lesson 16: Genesis 1:6–8 – Gender Agreement, Nouns, Definite Articles

Lesson 17: Closed Book Study Guide & Closed Book Quiz

Lesson 18: Genesis 1:9–13 – Personal Pronouns & More Affixes

Lesson 19: Genesis 1:14–19 – Pronominal Suffixes & The Disciples' Prayer

Lesson 20: Genesis 1:20–23 – Demonstratives, Pronouns, Adjectives

Lesson 21: Genesis 1:24–31 – Numbers

Lesson 22: Genesis 2:1–7 – Pronominal Suffixes with Prepositions

End of Course Review

Final Exam

Lesson Outline

Lesson 11 – Genesis 1:1 – Hebrew Affixes

- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 1:1
- **Grammar:** Definite article ה (the), conjunction ו (and), common prepositional prefixes ל, מ, כ, ש.
- **Skills:** Identifying and translating affixes; reading pointed text with affixed forms.
- **Shoresh Study:** ראש (head), ברא (create), ארץ (earth).
- **Practice:** Copy verse with nikudot; build Lexicon entries for each word.

Lesson 12 – Genesis 1:2 – The Vav Conjunction

- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 1:2
- **Grammar:** Vav (ו) as “nail” conjunction; forms ו, וּ, וַ, וְ and vowel changes it causes.
- **Skills:** Identifying ו in context with nouns and verbs; reading sequences joined by ו.

- **Shoresh Study:** תהו (formless), בהו (void), חשך (darkness), רוח (spirit).
 - **Practice:** Circle vav prefixes in verse; write translation with focus on conjunctions.
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Lesson 13 – Genesis 1:1–3 – Compound Prepositions

- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 1:1–3
 - **Grammar:** Compound prepositions (e.g., עַל־פָּנָי – upon the face, מֵעַל – from upon); use of maqqef (ְ).
 - **Skills:** Spotting compound prepositions and separating affixes from root.
 - **Shoresh Study:** חשך (dark), תהום (deep), רוח (spirit).
 - **Practice:** Underline compound prepositions in passage; copy and translate.
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Lesson 14 – Genesis 1:1–5 – Gender in Nouns & Plural Endings

- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 1:1–5
 - **Grammar:** Gender markers in nouns (feminine endings ת, ה; plural endings ות, ים; dual endings ים).
 - **Special Topic:** Majestic Plural (e.g., אֱלֹהִים used with singular verbs).
 - **Skills:** Classifying nouns by gender and number; understanding agreement with verbs/adjectives.
 - **Practice:** Identify and categorize nouns in passage.
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Open Book Quiz

- Covers Lessons 11–14
 - Fill-in translation blanks from Genesis 1:1–5 with text and meaning.
 - Vocabulary recall and grammar identification.
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Lesson 15 – Numbers 6:24–26 – The Majestic Plural

- **Scripture Focus:** Aaronic/Priestly Blessing (Numbers 6:24–26)

- **Grammar:** Review of majestic plural; singular verb agreement with plural noun; noun/adjective agreement.
 - **Shoresh Study:** בָּרַךְ (bless), אֹר (shine), נָשָׂא (lift), שָׁלוֹם (peace).
 - **Practice:** Match Hebrew words to English meaning; copy blessing with nikudot.
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Lesson 16 – Genesis 1:6–8 – Gender Agreement, Nouns, Definite Articles

- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 1:6–8
 - **Grammar:** Adjective/noun agreement in gender, number, and definiteness; definite article rules.
 - **Skills:** Matching adjectives to nouns; translating with correct agreement.
 - **Practice:** Copy passage daily; underline definite articles.
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Lesson 17 – Closed Book Study Guide & Closed Book Quiz

- **Focus:** Genesis 1:1–5, Numbers 6:24–26, Genesis 1:6–8
 - **Skills:** Recall Hebrew words without looking; reproduce text from memory; self-check accuracy.
 - **Practice:** Write missed words multiple times.
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Lesson 18 – Genesis 1:9–13 – Personal Pronouns & More Affixes

- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 1:9–13
 - **Grammar:** Personal pronouns (singular/plural; masculine/feminine); additional ׁ affix uses.
 - **Skills:** Recognizing pronouns in context; reading with multiple affixes in same word.
 - **Practice:** Identify pronouns in passage; copy and translate.
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Lesson 19 – Genesis 1:14–19 – Pronominal Suffixes & The Disciples' Prayer

- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 1:14–19 + Matthew 6:9–13 (in Hebrew)

- **Grammar:** Pronominal suffixes on nouns and verbs (ownership, direct objects).
 - **Skills:** Attaching suffixes correctly; translating with possession/relationship in mind.
 - **Practice:** Mark all pronominal suffixes in passage.
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Lesson 20 – Genesis 1:20–23 – Demonstratives, Pronouns & Adjectives

- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 1:20–23
 - **Grammar:** Demonstrative pronouns (this, that, these, those) in Hebrew; adjective placement.
 - **Skills:** Using demonstratives in translation; agreement with noun/adjective.
 - **Practice:** Identify demonstratives and adjectives in passage.
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Lesson 21 – Genesis 1:24–31 – Numbers

- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 1:24–31
 - **Grammar:** Cardinal and ordinal numbers in Hebrew; gender agreement with counted nouns.
 - **Skills:** Counting and identifying number forms in biblical context.
 - **Practice:** Write out all numbers from passage; classify by gender.
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Lesson 22 – Genesis 2:1–7 – Pronominal Suffixes with Prepositions

- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 2:1–7
 - **Grammar:** Pronominal suffixes attached to prepositions (e.g., בּוֹ – in him, עָלֶיךָ – upon you).
 - **Skills:** Parsing preposition + suffix combinations; translating smoothly.
 - **Practice:** Mark all preposition + suffix forms; translate passage word-for-word.
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End of Course Review

- Review all vocabulary, grammar concepts, and passages from Level 2.

- Practice translating selected verses without vowel points.
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Final Exam

- Written translation of passages covered.
- Identification of grammar forms.
- Reading aloud selected Hebrew passages.