

Facets of Hebrew and Semitic linguistics

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Theme: Historical morphology: Hebrew suffix conjugation in the Semitic context.

Homework by Thursday, October 10: Reconstructing morphology

Based on Bennett, page 52, exercise 15: Take the Biblical Hebrew paradigm on p. 81. Focus on the Perfect “tense” (a.k.a. past tense or suffix conjugation).

1. Compare the personal suffixes (subject markers) in the “no object” column to the personal suffixes in other Semitic languages (other pages in “Paradigms B”).
2. Try to come up with hypothetical proto-Semitic forms.
3. Then do the same with the object suffixes.