**Biblical Hebrew Class #2 – Teacher Notes**

**The Second Half of the Alephbet**

**The Lord’s use of symbols has several purposes.**

First, it is never proper to teach any person more than his spiritual capacity qualifies him or her to assimilate.

Second, the meaning is derived only from pondering, searching, and praying; an attitude of questing.

A third reason is that once the figure, parable, or allegory is understood, its impact is much more profound.

~ Book of Mormon Student Manual, Religion 121-122, p. 136.

יְשַׁר כֹּחַ

You should have strength = “good for you,” “way to go”

(you persisted with vigor/strength)

The next 6 consonants and 3 vowels

אֵ ֵי ֶ לַ מָ םֵ סֵי עֶ פִּ פִי ף

Vowels ֵ צֵרֵי tsere, ֵי עֵרֵי יוֹד tsere yodֶ , סֶגוֹל sehgol

Practice p. 51, read lines 5-6.

ְ אְ בְ לְ בֶדְלֶם

The last 6 consonants and 4 vowels אֹ וֹ ֻ וּ צ ץ ק ר שׁ שׂ ת

Vowels ֹ בֹוֹ וֹ חוֹלֶמ (וָו) kholem, ֻ קִבּוּצ qibbuts, וּ ׃ שׁוּרֶק

Practice p. 51, read lines 7-9. Find the word (p. 52) then write it under the Hebrew

Identify the letters and vowels in Genesis 1:1

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֵת הָאָֽרֶץ

Note: We have not covered the ֱ Khateph Segol (p.3 point out 2) or the vertical cantillation mark.

Open Your Manual

Read p. 4 Simple vowels; Consonantal vowels

Read p. 5 Full (mixed vowels); 5 Gutturals

Scripture: Gen 1:2 וְ p. 11 both conjunction and consecutive vav.

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| Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. | |
| 2 1וְהָאָרֶץ 2הָיְתָה 3תֹהוּ 4וָבֹהוּ 5וְחֹשֶׁךְ 6עַל־פְּנֵי 7תְהוֹם 8וְרוּחַ 9אֱלֹהִים 10מְרַחֶפֶת 11עַל־פְּנֵי 12הַמָּ ֽיִם׃ | |
| וְהָאָרֶץ1  and the earth | וְ And (vav consecutive) ~ הָ the (aleph can’t take a dagesh, hence the vowel change) ~ אָרֶץ (1ms) earth, land, ground, land, continent, element of the earth |
| הָיְתָה2  was | 3fs (3rd person, feminine, singular) of irregular verb הָיָה to be, to exist |
| תֹהוּ3  without form | 1) wasteness, that which is wasted, laid waste, [unused], 2) emptiness, vanity, something vain [producing no results, useless], 3) in vain; {translated: without form} |
| וָבֹהוּ4  and void | וָ and (vav conjunction) ~ emptiness, voidness, something void (ineffective, useless, worthless, empty, bare, empty space) and empty |
| וְחֹשֶׁךְ5  and darkness | וְ and (vav conjunction) ~ darkness (1ms) |
| עַל־פְּנֵי6  was upon the face | עַל־ upon ~ face |
| תְהוֹם7  of the deep | (plural) water making a noise, hence 1) wave, 2) a great quantity of waters, ocean, sea, 3) gulf, abyss, even used of the deep hollows of the earth {seas} |
| וְרוּחַ8  and the Spirit | וְ ~ 1) spirit, breath – a) breath of the mouth, b) breath of the nostrils, snuffing, snorting hence anger, c) breath of air, air in motion, i.e. breeze, wind, storm 2) breath, life, the vital principle 3) the rational mind or spirit (seat of senses, affections, and emotions; mode of thinking and acting; will; intellect; the Spirit of God |
| אֱלֹהִים9  of God | Elohim |
| מְרַחֶפֶת10  moved | מְ Piel Participle marker (**used as a noun or adjective**, **hence this should be “was brooding/cherishing” not a past tense verb ‘moved’**) ~ רַחֶפֶ to be soft, to be moved (affected) (a) with the feeling of tender love, hence *to cherish*, (b) with fear, tremor, hence *to tremble* (spoken of the bones of a person terrified; Piel: *to brood over* young ones, *to cherish* young (as an eagle), figuratively used of the Spirit of God, who brooded over the shapeless mass of the earth, cherishing and vivifying; birds brooding over their young; ת feminine ending (see note below) |
| 11עַל־פְּנֵי  upon the face | עַל־ upon, beside, in addition to, together with, beyond, above, over, by on to, towards, to, against ~  פְּנֵי face; presence; surface;  adverb (of location, temporal): before and behind, toward, in front of, forward, formerly, from beforetime, before.  with a preposition: in front of, before, to the front of, in the presence of, in the face of, at the face or front of, from the presence, of, from before, from before the face of. |
| הַמָּֽיִם12  of the waters | הַ the ~ waters ~ ִם masculine plural ending |
| And the earth was unused and empty, and darkness was upon the face of the waters. And the spirit of Elohim was brooding (cherishing) over the surface of the waters. | |

Word #10 “moved” could be better translated “was brooding” or “was cherishing.”

Compare to Abraham 4:2.

And the earth, after it was formed, was empty and desolate, because they had not formed anything but the earth; and darkness reigned upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of the Gods **was brooding** upon the face of the waters.

If there is extra time, practice any lines up to 20 on pages 52 and 52.