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theories of the Hebrew verbal system. The qatal conveyed unity and instantaneity of action, as well as past time reference, and the yiqtol plurality and durativity of action, as well as future time. In the s Silverman and Andersen brought word order into consideration, still concluding that yiqtol was primarily aspectual but also carried some tense value. Recent advocates of aspect tend to include the future and past habitual with the imperfect Garr Most recently, Cook and Andrason examined grammaticalization of the verbal system, and although Cook retained an aspectual view, Andersen rejected the assumption that qatal and yiqtol are a binary opposition, and has shown the plausibility that the yiqtol began as an aspectual form, then also acquired iterative such as past habitual and modal functions over time Past habituais and the future perfect can be expressed by either yiqtol or qatal. Recent proponents of tense prominence for biblical Hebrew have nuanced their views in the direction of relative tense theories Rogland Longacre formalized a classification scheme for genre based on four parameters: Galia Hatav argued that past habituais and future indicatives are not significantly different from the other modals: By including the participle in his analysis, Joosten demonstrated that imperfectivity the real present and attendant 6 circumstances is not regularly expressed by yiqtol, and that the main uses of yiqtol are all modal, if past habitual and future statements are considered modal. The yiqtol, weqatal, imperative, jussive, and cohortative forms are then modal, and the qatal, qotel, and wayyiqtol are indicative. Penner summarized the study of the verbal system in the Dead Sea Scrolls, and examined the statistical correlations between form and function to determine if Qumran Hebrew was a tense, aspect, or modal system, concluding that tense and mood models but not aspect are plausible. What distinguishes the two is word 7 order, not tense, mood, or aspect: Non-initial yiqtol is used to introduce new subject matter. The yiqtol corresponds best to a mood rather than a tense. The sentence in biblical Hebrew. Journal of Hebrew Scriptures Biblical Hebrew and Mishnaic Hebrew. Text-linguistics and biblical Hebrew. A treatise on the use of the tenses in Hebrew: Introduction to semitic comparative linguistics. Hebrew Annual Review The semantics of aspect and modality: John Benjamins Publishing Co. In Narrative syntax and the Hebrew Bible, ed.

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The Verbal System in the Hebrew Text of Ben Sira by Wido Th. van Peursen, , available at Book Depository with free delivery worldwide.

Grammars and dictionaries are built on the pointed version of the Hebrew text. Students struggle with the vocalization of the article before the various gutturals. Students struggle with the vocalization of the article before the various gutturals. Only very occasionally does a text-critical decision lead to the abandonment of the Masoretic pointing. The traditional vowels are taken for granted, much as the air we breathe or sunlight in the daytime. Paradoxically the omnipresence of the Tiberian diacritics has not, for the most part, brought them much esteem. On the contrary, they are regularly qualified as being late, inaccurate and possibly tendentious. The vowels and, even more, the accents are unloved. Yet much recent research—some of it spurred on by the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls with their different vocalization, some of it invited by technological advances—underscores the extraordinary wealth of information that can be gained from the Masoretic pointing. Late it may be, and occasionally inaccurate or tendentious. But it reflects a stream of tradition that goes back a long way before its earliest material attestation. Woven into the vowels and accents are grammatical niceties, lexical and phraseological distinctions, and early interpretations of difficult expressions. Astonishingly, the vocalized and accentuated text at times embodies a certain pluralism, echoing various distinct readings and interpretations. Many of the new insights are of relevance beyond the circle of the initiated. Philology, textual criticism, and biblical exegesis can all be enriched if account is taken of the input of Masoretic studies. What is needed is an encounter between biblical scholars and specialists of the Masoretic pointing. The Oxford conference on The exegetical value of the Masora will seek to enhance this encounter. The historical validity of vowels and accents, the debates they elicited in the early modern period and beyond, and their exegetical import will be critically evaluated and illustrated by case studies. The conference will aim to provide at once a presentation of the current state of the art and an indication of avenues for further research. Joanna Weinberg, Jan Joosten.

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Chapter 4 : The Verbal System in Late Enlightenment Hebrew : Lily Kahn :

The verbal system in the Hebrew text of Ben Sira (Studies in Semitic Languages and Linguistics 41). Leiden: Brill.

Ruth Esther 1 Chron. Gideon Goldenberg and Prof. Rainey, whose vast knowledge and good will have been an ongoing source of inspiration to my work. I would also like to thank Prof. Gideon Goldenberg for his sound advice on issues related to the current monograph. My sincere thanks go to Prof. Fassberg for reading my manuscript and commenting on it, for assisting me with bibliographical references, and for his constant good will and advice. I would also like to thank the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture for granting me a generous fellowship, which enabled me to accomplish my task to my satisfaction. It begins with a theoretical discussion of parenthesis in general and continues with its recognition and realization in Biblical Hebrew. Terms like parenthesis, parenthetical expression or remark, parenthetical unit or entity, and the like, are widely used in various related studies. In this book they primarily refer to any peripheral information external to a sentence, a piece of information which can be expressed by a single word, a phrase, or a clause. Theoretical discussions of parenthesis can be traced in linguistic, discourse, and literary studies. Linguistic means to express peripheral parenthetical content are part of any language system. Parenthetical words and phrases in Biblical Hebrew are perhaps as exceptional as morphological adverbs. In fact, a comparison of Biblical Hebrew and Modern Hebrew reveals that most adverbs, sentence adverbials, and parenthetical words and phrases in use in Modern Hebrew were created in Medieval Hebrew, in the Hebrew of the enlightenment and revival, or in still later stages, and do not originate in Biblical Hebrew. Parenthetical words and phrases seem scarce in Biblical Hebrew. Most of them do not represent clear and perfect parenthetical units, and several might also be regarded as sentence adverbials. As for their syntax, it is generally accepted that parenthetical units do not depend syntactically on, and are not complements of, any sentence part or the sentence as a whole; the sentence to which they are attached is grammatically complete without them. A short review follows of several contributions to the delimitation, recognition, and explanation of parenthetical units. For discussions of this complexity by many discourse scholars see, e. On the possibility to locate parenthetical units in more than one position, also see, e. Another prominent problem which arises in various languages is the complexity in determining the exact border between parenthetical units and certain types of sentence adverbials. On the relation of non-restrictive relative clauses to parenthetical units in English see also McCawley They do not refer to certain parts of the sentence but to the sentence as a whole Crystal The borderline between parenthetical units and sentence adverbials is not clear, nor is that between sentence adverbials and other adverbials e. On a partially similar use of modal parenthetical verbs and sentence adverbials and their dissimilarities, see Urmsom Espinal in a paper published at the same time¹⁴ recognizes that there might be nothing syntactically peculiar in parenthetical units, as well as other disjuncts, in comparison with their host clauses. This paper introduces pragmatic considerations into the analysis of these constructions, mostly in English. Contextual pragmatic discourse considerations are introduced into the analysis of English parenthetical units in earlier works also. The lack of syntactic relation between parenthetical units and their host clause is further treated by Burton-Roberts, who draws the discussion into the realm of utterance instead of the clause Burton-Roberts Another pragmatic approach analyzes German parenthetical units alongside a few English ones as syntactically separate units embedded in their host clauses for pragmatic reasons which do not contribute to the primary pragmatic function of the host clause. This view is expressed by Hoffmann. An attitude expressing such indifference to the distinction between these two constructions is fairly common, e. Reinhart claims that they can be distinguished by the number of points of view involved in each: Parenthetical clauses PCs for short are interesting especially because of their borderline status, crossing, as it were, the boundaries of syntax. On the one hand, PCs are part of syntax in terms of linear precedence: On the other hand, they fall outside the scope of syntax since this linear order is not controlled by

independently motivated principles governing the linearisation of underlying structures e. PCs, in other words, have no syntagmatic i. They are related to their host by linear adjacency but are not part of any larger syntactic unit, i. On the one hand, it has led to proposals to extend the grammar to include such fringe phenomena by 21 Trumer On the other hand, it has led to analyses which exclude PCs from the domain of grammar altogether, treating them simply as utterance phenomena. They derive their existence, as it were, from their interaction with a host clause. See also Espinal A prosodic test for spotting parenthetical units by recognizing them as separate tone units might also be called for, but it cannot become a standard overall criterion given that many parenthetical units are not indicated by prosodic marking,³⁰ and more important for this book, prosody cannot be examined in ancient languages preserved only in written forms, such as Biblical Hebrew. The prosodic approach to speech utterances is paralleled regarding written texts in the search for similar evidence in typographic signs, like punctuation marks, brackets, dashes, etc. Such signs frequently mark parenthetical units in English, Modern Hebrew, and other languages. As to Biblical Hebrew, although the Masoretic system of accents, which was added to the Hebrew Bible around the 7th–9th centuries C. Therefore, it cannot make up for the gap in prosodic or typographic data. The complexity in establishing formal criteria for parenthetical units leaves only two formal criteria as fundamental for identifying parenthesis in this book: Especially important for the current research are time and place particles traced in biblical texts which refer to time and place different from those of the main story line. Such time and place particles should probably be accredited to editorial work done by a certain scribe or narrator. On this term see also Dawson On the terms narrative syntax, text grammar, text linguistics, and discourse grammar, and their equivalents, see van der Merwe b: First, let us tackle a tangential topic, namely parenthetical words and sentence adverbials in Biblical Hebrew. Numerous scholars, some of whom are mentioned here, generally conclude that most adverbials and parenthetical words and phrases in use in Modern Hebrew do not originate in Biblical Hebrew. This statement is true and valid. Sentence adverbials separated from the rest of the sentence by these particles and conjunctions include time particles, e. Several of these sentence adverbials might also be regarded by certain scholars as parenthetical to some measure. Also see Livnat in which she states that epistemic modality can be realized in Modern Hebrew by various syntactic measures, e. Sarfatti presents his thesis as a proposal for further research on this topic more than as a conclusive account; ultimately he concludes that the essence of these parenthetical units should not be sought in Biblical Hebrew or Rabbinic Hebrew. Consequently, these parenthetical words and phrases exceed the scope of the current work. The foregoing statement leads the discussion of Biblical Hebrew parenthesis in other directions. This pos- 44 Sarfatti Sharvit , Beentjes Both also suggest an Arabic origin for this expression Sharvit Other scholarly works enlarge the number of means used for this purpose, and indicate, in addition to clauses containing qatal verbal forms, all clauses not introduced by wayyiqtol, namely verbless, participial, and elliptic clauses. Several such contributions are discussed below. This implies that he recognized as potentially parenthetical not only syntactically disconnected clauses but certain subordinate clauses in certain contexts as well. See many more references in van der Merwe , a , ; a brief reference to these measures in van Wolde b: On West-Semitic origins and parallels to these forms see, e. The best-known circumstantial clauses are those which come alongside the main thread of discourse. We pay more attention to surface features, and distinguish circumstantial clauses carefully from conjunctionless apposition. It is a token of this standing alongside the main time stream that predicators in such circumstantial clauses are predominantly tenseless, neither past nor future, even when the rest of the discourse is either past or future. Verbless clauses, and clauses with participles or quasiverbals as predicators, when used circumstantially, take their tense from the lead clause or from a paragraph as a whole. The examination of the linguistic evidence is accompanied by a discussion of the discourse roles played by extraposition in each language. According to Polotsky and according to his examples, the sequential tense in Biblical Hebrew is wayyiqtol and the non-sequential as well as speech tense is qatal. Rainey too, in a paper on yaqtul preterite in Northwest Semitic,⁵⁶ discusses yaqtul as a narrative tense capable of being replaced by qatal, when fronting or contrast is involved. Zevit, in his monograph on the anterior construction in Classical

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Hebrew, states the following regarding certain uses of qatal as anterior past: Their main function is to provide information for the main narrative line by advancing heretofore unknown 54 Andersen For a classic study of the function of Biblical Hebrew circumstantial clauses, see Driver In some cases, the information can be trivial, as in death notices Judg 4: He mentions wayyiqtol as the main narrative form and yiqtol as dominant in discourse, and he indicates that both are the basic forms of Hebrew prose. It is used in narrative and discourse but not 59 Zevit Weinrich is mentioned among others who refer to the distinction between narration and discourse by Polotsky Polotsky Also see van Wolde b: See also Niccacci Dawson, for example, also takes into account various types of texts, narrative and non-narrative,74 and the parameters of main-line versus off-line, and foreground versus background. For w qatal forms in this use see also Longacre See also Niccacci , which discusses types and functions of the nominal sentence, and Niccacci , which applies his theory to Exodus 19â€” See also van der Merwe b: A similar view of the need to combine the two approaches was nicely expressed still earlier by Joosten: See also Zewi See also Revell on the narrative techniques in Judg. Revell indicates several times that the main narrative sequence is carried by wayyiqtol verbs Revell More references are, e. For functional-pragmatic considerations in analyzing Biblical Hebrew verbal clauses also see Gross For other such approaches see, e. See Driver for the treatment of Hebrew verbs as expressing aspects, Mcfall for his historical survey, Hatav Yet de Regt makes some important observations for a discussion of parenthesis in Biblical Hebrew.

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Now Hebraists have long known that Biblical Hebrew changed over time, from the earliest to the latest biblical books. For a claim this size, one imagines that they have gathered compelling evidence and can marshal strong arguments. Their arguments have as many holes as Swiss cheese, and their evidence falls apart as soon as one looks closely. I think this is a shame, because it shows that Hebrew linguistics has come to a sad pass. This is a bad situation, because these are the tools we need in order to construct any kind of sophisticated literary, historical, or cultural reading of biblical texts. These are the building blocks, and without them the whole structure falls down. As my grandmother would say, Oy vey. Let me dip into some of the problems here. The authors use the example of the lexical contrast of mamlakah and malkut. This lexical contrast, along with a whole chain of other lexical, morphological, and syntactic contrasts, helps to map the changes from CBH to LBH. The authors contest this model by noting that malkut occurs a few times in books that are not usually considered to be late: Rather, it must be an option at any time. But the evidence belies this argument. The instances where malkut occurs in putatively early texts are problematic in one way or another, and as such cannot bear the argument the authors advance. For instance, they say that it occurs in Samuel. Right, it occurs in MT of 1 Sam But the MT is notoriously corrupt in Samuel. So this evidence for the LBH word in Samuel flies away like the wind. In the MT of Jeremiah, malkut occurs three times. But two of those instances This means that malkut was used in these verses only in the later edition, which is precisely what one would expect. The third instance Jer The Kings passage reads malko, not malkut. Since the Jeremiah passage is probably a late revision of the Kings passage, this evidence too flies away like the wind. The one instance of malkut in Kings malkuto in 1 Kgs 2: It is in a formula that is repeated, with variation, in the last verse of the chapter 2: The latter verse uses mamlakah. In this context, malkuto in 1 Kgs 2: My point here is that linguistic arguments depend on reliable assessments of the evidence. The authors are playing fast and loose with the evidence. Why are they doing this? Maybe making a large argumentâ€”however dubiousâ€”is its own reward. In this era of publish-or-perish, maybe publishing a spurious argument is enough. Their reasoning is as follows: But it does not support their argument. These readings are clearly textual problems. There are other ways in which their argument falls flat. But changes there were. Another point â€” the authors claim that the textual history of the Hebrew Bible makes it impossible to study the history of Biblical Hebrew. My examples above demonstrate that textual criticism is entirely compatible with historical linguistics, and, indeed, that the two pursuits are necessary adjuncts. I think that the opposite of their claim is correct. The textual history of the Hebrew Bible corroborates its linguistic history, as indicated above with the two editions of Jeremiah. Gesenius and his successors Driver, Kutscher, Hurvitz, Joosten, et al. We can date our texts linguistically, with varying degrees of confidence. But the knowledge and skills necessary to do this are ephemeral. If one generation loses them, they may be forever lost. This is my worry. Biblical philology is a delicate thing, which we need to tend with loving care, or else it is lost. Brill, , ; idem, "Biblical Hebrew as Mirrored in the Septuagint:

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