

Lesson 4...More identifications in the Hebrew Text

It is pretty hard to do much exegesis if one does not have some freedom in the use of the text. In the two previous lessons I printed a Hebrew text copy (if you could read it) but for this lesson I am asking you to consult your Stuttgart Bible and note the items I am mentioning in Joshua 1-2..I am not asking you to translate the chapters although they are fairly easy and some have already done them in connection with other course work. But it is important you note the text and follow my observations. Some of them may seem rather small...that is the way it often goes in this business.

So if it seems like we are majoring in tiny items..just be assured that running your eye over the Hebrew text will do you good!.

Observations in Joshua 1...some forms that look alike and may confuse one.

- Vs. 1 מוֹת construct of מוֹת 'death' Notice how easily the first clause reads...
- Vs. 1 חֲשֵׁרָה: Participle, Piel, construct singular. It should be understood as used in a substantive form in this place due to the accent on the preceeding word..a strong disjunctive. Without it the form might also be construed as a predicative adjective.
- Vs. 2 מִתְּ The form may be either 3 ms. Qal or Qal Act. Participle from the hollow מִיתְּ. Context is needed to tell you which is best and you will probably think the perfect verb does the best job.
- Vs. 2 נִתְּן Qal Act. Part used predicatively...note the kind of action it signifies in this context.
- Vs. 4 מִבֵּיָא You would quickly call it a participle...and probably a Piel even though the stem is hollow (Ayin Waw) but the verb does not occur in that stem and in such case you will see it a derivative noun...concrete from the verbal root mentioned. Only the lexicon or the grammar can give the final word on such matters.
- Vs. 8 לַעֲשׂוֹת Undoubtedly an infinitive of purpose..Can you see why?
- Vs. 11 לְרִשְׁתָּהּ Looks like an infinitive but better eyesight will show it to be a good old noun from the verbal base which you have just recognized.

Just to be able to see these things quickly is a matter not to be despised.