

f. As an inseparable form

This is a rather interesting occurrence. וְשֵׁנִי is shortened to ו and this is joined to the governed phrase or term just as an inseparable preposition would be. Although this occurs throughout the Old Testament, it is extremely common in the wisdom literature and especially in Ecclesiastes. BDB 979 makes better explanation of it and it needs a spot in your memory. A ו at the beginning of a word that seems out of place is likely וְשֵׁנִי "doing its thing."

3. Other Common conjunctives will be dealt with in the chapter dealing with waw usages (chapter VIII)

B. Particles, proper

Most particles have an adverbial cast although some have not...but in this case we will take a long view at a number of particles and mention meaning and translation possibility. I offer a general concept of what they are...fuller material naturally must come in greater research.

1. The conditioners: those showing the concept "if"

- a. אִם probably or more probable condition (context important)
- b. אִלֵּן improbable or impossible condition (context)

2. The Negatives

- a. אֵין just a sharp, flat "NO".-prohibition a favorite use.
- b. אֵלֵּן a reasoned negation. Appeals to something obviously true and so worthy of compliance
- c. אֵינִי suggests the unreality of the matter discussed
- d. אֵינִי poetic equivalent of .
- e. אֵינִי qualified negation with a suggestion of conditionalism and usually translated /lest/. /unless/, etc.

3. The interjections

- a. אֵינִי, אֵינִי just a sound of disgust or lament! "Ah..."
- b. אֵינִי "woe"
- c. אֵינִי "how" or "how is it"...a muttering of dismay..