

but ~~is~~ it is mostly used as a passive in place of the very rarely preserved forms of the original passive of ~~qal~~ qal. Now, anybody that has had much Hebrew knows that B. \_\_\_\_\_ ~~-knows-that-~~ is right in this that ~~is~~ that these ~~is~~ statements that we find in this addition of Gesenius' Grammar ~~represent-~~ represents prejudice rather than fact. There are a ~~few-~~ very few occurrences of ~~the old-~~ an old passive of qal, very few forms have been ~~is~~ preserved in very few verbs. All the passives in the Old Testament. I think that we can safely say that of these words that are passive of ~~is~~ qal, or, for that matter, even ~~is~~ many of the many ~~is~~ of the piels or hiphils, are represented as passive by the niph'al. It has by the time of Classical Hebrew, it has taken the place of the passive of ~~is~~ qal. ~~is~~ Just as in English, people will tell you in grammar that the the present of English is I go, you go, he goes. We go, you go, they go. ~~is~~ That is not the present at all. Historically, that's the present, ~~is~~ Peter said I go a-fishing, but today you would never say I go fishing, if you did you would say I am going fishing. The present today is I am going, we are going, he is going. The form go today has become a frequentitive. Similarly in Hebrew, by the time of the writing of the Old Testament the niph'al has become the passive of Qal, Gesenius' puts this passive of ~~is~~ qal simply as the fourth form, and gives as the first two ~~is~~ reflexive, reciprocal, and doing something for ~~is~~ oneself, Well, it is quite different from after all, when he says I am ready to be inquired, that is not saying I am ready to inquire. It is actually a passive. It is ~~is~~ taking a passive and adding something else to it. It's not a reflexive of an active at all. This ~~is~~ idea that Isa. 65:1 means to allow oneself to be inquired of is not ~~is~~ really logical. If time permitted we could ~~is~~ look at ~~is~~ these passages in Ezekiel, and ~~is~~ most of them are, Shall I be inquired of such people. Why does this have to ~~is~~ be a tolerative form. Why ~~is~~ couldn't ~~is~~ a simple passive simply have that idea connected with it. Look at the so called tolerative form, and they all fall right in line with the use of the ~~is~~ middle passive in Greek which ~~is~~

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