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ABSTRACT

This study represents an investigation of a set of BH connectives (בְּעֵבוֹר, לְמַעַן, and פֶּן) as well as other grammatical constructions relevant to the lexical items. This investigation seeks to establish the datatypes which are relevant for distinguishing the meanings and/or senses that the BH connectives בְּעֵבוֹר, לְמַעַן, and פֶּן may display.

A literature overview of BH linguistics and existing BH lexica demonstrate that although current resources provide some useful information, there still lacks an adequate framework for describing the lexical items. On the one hand, linguistic descriptions of the connectives in BH linguistics fail to define the word class(es) and scope of the target lexemes, as well as the relations they indicate. None of the studies have structurally described the paradigmatic relation between the different types of purpose constructions. On the other hand, BH lexica show a variety of data types that are assumed to contribute towards both defining and distinguishing the meanings/senses of the lexical items we are concerned with; however, this information only partly helps in this endeavor.

To describe more adequately the meaning and polysemic relationships of the lexemes, we relied on cognitive semantics (e.g., conceptual view of meaning, prototype theory, and semantic potential). We were also concerned with purpose/result constructions across languages in order to establish criteria for describing purpose constructions. On the basis of these investigations, we established a model for a semantic description of the target lexemes in addition to some criteria for distinguishing between purpose, result, cause, and reason constructions so that the different relations the target lexemes indicate might be identified. We also established some typological parameters of purpose constructions – such as verbal forms in the matrix, participant encoding, and the positioning patterns of purpose clauses. The value and validity of these criteria were then tested in an empirical investigation.

The investigation established that לְמַעַן, בְּעֵבוֹר, and פֶּן have a semantic potential that prompts the conceptualization of multiple relationships (e.g., לְמַעַן: purpose, result, and reason) with varying scopes, among different levels. We were able to distinguish between the different relationships that the lexemes לְמַעַן, בְּעֵבוֹר, and פֶּן display by relying on the notions of purpose, result, cause, and reason, as defined in cognitive linguistic circles. We also identified the prototypical and less prototypical meanings of the lexemes. This study establishes the value of the model employed, but also reveals that our theoretical model has some limitations.

OPSOMMING

Hierdie studie verteenwoordig 'n ondersoek van 'n stel Bybels-Hebreeuse verbindingswoorde (בְּעִבּוּר, לְמַעַן en פֶּן) sowel as die grammatikale konstruksies wat relevant is vir die beter verstaan van hierdie leksikale items. Hierdie ondersoek poog in besonder om datatipes vas te stel wat ter sake is vir betekenisonderskeidings wat בְּעִבּוּר, לְמַעַן en פֶּן vertoon.

'n Literatuur-oorsig van bestaande Bybels-Hebreeuse bronne (bv. grammatikas en lexika) demonstreer dat, alhoewel hierdie bronne nuttige inligting verskaf, hulle nie 'n toereikende raamwerk bied vir 'n noukeurige beskrywing van die leksikale items nie. Die grammatikale studies, aan die een kant, versuim om die items se woordklas(se) te definieer. Weinig aandag word ook gewy aan die reikwydte en/of ter sake sintagmaties en paradigmatische verbande van die ter sake konstruksies. Die lexika, aan die ander kant, wys wel op 'n verskeidenheid van datatipes wat veronderstel is om by te dra tot beide die definisies en betekenisonderskeidings. Hierdie inligting is egter dikwels nie genoegsaam nie.

Om 'n meer toereikende beskrywing van hulle betekenis te maak, asook om die polisemiese struktuur van die lekseme te bepaal, het ons gebruik gemaak van insigte van die kognitiewe semantiek (bv. prototipe-teorie, en die konsep 'semantiese potensiaal'). Ons het ook doelkonstruksies in ander tale bestudeer. Kriteria is geïdentifiseer om te onderskei tussen konstruksies waarin doel, gevolg, oorsaak en rede gerealiseer word. Ons het 'n paar taaltipologiese parameters van doelkonstruksies vasgestel, bv. die werkswoordsvorm wat in die matriks gebruik word, die manier waarop deelnemers gekodeer word, en die posisie van die doelkonstruksie tov die matriks. Die waarde en geldigheid van hierdie kriteria is daarna in 'n empiriese ondersoek getoets.

In hierdie studie is vasgetel dat בְּעִבּוּר, לְמַעַן en פֶּן 'n semantiese potensiaal het wat die konseptualisering van veelvoudige verhoudings aktiveer (bv. לְמַעַן: doel, gevolg, en die rede), wat beide op verskillende vlakke mag wees asook met verskillende reikwydtes. Ons het ook die prototipiese en minder prototipiese betekenis van die lekseme geïdentifiseer. Hierdie studie illustreer die waarde van die werkswaarde wat gebruik, maar het ook aangetoon dat die model enkele leemtes het.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BDB	Brown, R, Driver, S & Briggs, C 1907. <i>A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> . Oxford: Clarendon.
BH	Biblical Hebrew
BHRG	Van der Merwe, C H J, Naudé, J & Kroeze, H 1999. <i>A Biblical Hebrew Reference Grammar</i> . Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press.
CBH	Classical Biblical Hebrew
DCH	Clines, D J A (ed.) 1993-2011 <i>The Dictionary of Classical Hebrew</i> . Vol 1-8. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press.
ESV	English Standard Version (2001)
GKC	Gesenius, W, Kautzsch, E & Cowley, E A 1910. <i>Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar: As edited and enlarged by the late E Kautzsch. Second English edition revised in accordance with the twenty-eighth German Edition (1909) by A E Cowley</i> . Oxford: Clarendon Press.
HALOT	Koehler, L, Baumgartner, W, Richardson, M, & Stamm, J J (1999, c1994-1996). <i>The Hebrew and Aramaic lexicon of the Old Testament</i> . Volumes 1-4 combined in one electronic edition. (electronic ed.). Leiden: E J Brill.
HB	Hebrew Bible
KJV	The King James Version (1611)
LBH	Late Biblical Hebrew
LXX	The Septuagint
NET	The Net Bible (2004)
NIV	New International Version (1978)
NJB	The New Jerusalem Bible (1985)
NKJV	The New King James Version (1982)

NRSV	New Revised Standard Version (1989)
RSV	The Revised Standard Version (1952)
Tanakh	JPS Tanakh (1985)
TBH	Transitional Biblical Hebrew

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

In recent years the lexicographical treatment of Biblical Hebrew (=BH), as well as the semantic models underlying most current BH lexica have been criticized from various angles. Barr (1992:143), De Blois (2000b:12ff) and Van der Merwe (2004:121-134; 2006a:92-94; 2006b:85) exposed some of the inadequacies of the semantic models, while O'Connor (2002:191ff) pointed out some shortcomings from a lexicographical point of view. Imbayarwo (2008) provides conclusive evidence that BH scholars, in general, seem to be unaware of developments in theoretical lexicography. He illustrates how much value insights from this field of study can have for a more adequate description of the BH lexicon. However, he also points out that the data needed for a more adequate lexicographic treatment of many BH lexemes are wanting due to uncertainties about the type of information needed to distinguish between the different senses they may have, particularly the so-called function words (which include some adverbs, connectives, focus particles, etc.).

The reason for this state of affairs becomes apparent when one considers the writings of De Blois (2000a; 2000b; 2002), the editor of the new *Semantic Dictionary of Biblical Hebrew* (=SDBH). De Blois uses insights from cognitive linguistics to inform his empirical analysis of each lexeme in his corpus (i.e. the Hebrew Bible=HB). After decades during which the formal syntactic features of languages received most of the attention in mainstream linguistics, cognitive scholars like Langacker (2008), Lakoff (1980), Cruse (2004), Taylor (2002b) and Geeraerts (2002) directed the quest for the “meaning of linguistic constructions” back into the focus of the linguistics enterprise. This resulted in a wealth of insights into the way humans tend to categorize the mental representations of the world they live in, for example, categorization seldom takes place in terms of fixed sets of distinctive criteria (Taylor 2003b:44; Ungerer and Schmid 1996:38). Categories tend, rather, to have fuzzy borders (Geeraerts 2006:146-147; Taylor 2003b: 45; Ungerer and Schmid 1996:15) and prototypical and less-prototypical examples (Taylor 2003b:45; Ungerer and Schmid 1996:9ff). Furthermore, the meaning extensions of linguistic constructions may often not be predicted in terms of logical relationships. However, the mapping of new meanings (i.e. senses) can, as a rule, be motivated in terms of a set of principles (e.g., from concrete to abstract, from space to time, in terms of metaphorical or metonymic mapping, etc.) (Croft and Cruse 2004:193ff; Fauconnier and Turner 2002:139-144). Particularly relevant for the purposes of this investigation is the fact that in a cognitive linguistic paradigm, grammatical and lexical meaning are not regarded as two separate entities, but represent two poles on a continuum of linguistic meaning (Langacker 2008:5). De Blois’s decision to use a cognitive linguistic model is therefore not without justification.

Unfortunately, despite new and ground-breaking insights into the semantics of nominals and verbs, and the other word classes (called relationals in cognitive circles), mainly prepositions have received serious attention from cognitive linguists (see Lee 2001:18-48; Taylor 2002b:205ff). As a result, De Blois was reluctant to treat the relationals in his project. He realized that his theoretical model simply did not yet provide him with the analytic tools needed to address these types of linguistic entities.

While a cognitive linguistic model does not yet represent a sophisticated instrument for the analysis of all types of BH lexemes, it does represent a broader framework in terms of which the findings of a range of studies on connectives may be incorporated, either from a functionalist, psycholinguist or relevance theoretical perspective.¹

In BH there are a number of lexical items with the semantic potential to invoke a purpose or result relationship between the propositional content of the phrase, clause(s) or sentence(s) it governs and that of the propositional content of a preceding entity. Assuming that absolute synonymy is rare, and having ruled out any possible diachronic, genre or author specific pattern of use, the crucial questions become: What are the differences between these sets of lexemes, and in particular, on account of which criteria can these differences be identified?

The goal of this investigation is to establish the datatypes that are relevant for distinguishing the meanings and/or senses a set of BH connectives may display.

1.1 ASSUMPTIONS

- Connectives across languages are used to regulate (“constrain the relevance of”) relationships between linguistic entities of a different scope (e.g., from the phrasal to the discourse level) and of a different type (e.g., from effective to discursive level).
- The cognitive processes of these procedures display some similarities across languages.
- Many of these relationships can often be associated with identifiable encoded constructions.
- Insights from research in the field of spoken languages could also shed light on the use of connectives in written languages, as well as the fact that, despite some level of overlap, the notions “purpose” and “result” tend to be encoded differently.

1.2 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The first phase of this investigation will entail extensive literature studies. Firstly, in the field of BH, existing descriptions of connectives that have the semantic potential to signal a purpose or result relationship will be scrutinized. Special attention will be paid to the major lexica (BDB, HALOT, and DCH) in order to identify the datatypes they assume contribute

¹ In his synthesis of the current state of the art of cognitive grammar, Langacker (2008) includes a chapter on discourse in a section called “frontiers.”

towards defining and/or distinguishing the meaning and/or different senses of connectives. Secondly, literature in the field of cognitive linguistics will be investigated in order to identify, among other things, the following: 1) principles that motivate the extension of the meaning of lexemes and grammatical constructions that may be relevant for this investigation and 2) the possible range of factors (in addition to the syntagmatic distribution) to be considered when categorizing the meaning of linguistic constructions like *בְּעֵבוֹר*, *לְמַעַן*, and *פֶּן*. Thirdly, a series of literature studies of connectives (in addition to those in cognitive linguistics), and linguistic typology will be embarked upon in order to identify the typical features of connective constructions across languages, both generally and specifically, in purpose and result relationships.

In light of the insights gained from the above-mentioned literature study, a working-hypothesis will be formulated as regards the range of factors (i.e. datatypes) to be analyzed when one would like to provide a more adequate description of *בְּעֵבוֹר*, *לְמַעַן*, and *פֶּן*. The validity of the working hypotheses will be empirically tested in light of a detailed description of the lexemes *בְּעֵבוֹר*, *לְמַעַן*, and *פֶּן* as they appear in the HB. Similarly, we shall examine a substantial sample of instances where a *וְ* + infinitive construct and “‘directive or question’ + ‘*waw* copulative + a jussive, imperative or cohortative’” could produce a purpose and/or result relationship.²

For the investigation of the patterns of use associated with the various constructions, the *Stuttgart Electronic Study Bible* will be used. An electronic template that has been developed for preparing the *Semantic Dictionary of Biblical Hebrew* (a major dictionary project of the United Bible Societies), *Source Language Tools*, will be used to store, compare and manipulate the insights concerning provisional patterns of use in order to identify prototypical patterns.

1.3 OUTLINE OF THE STUDY

The investigation is presented in six chapters.

In Chapter 2, we will provide a literature overview of the treatment of final constructions in BH linguistics and lexica, and state the problem. In §2.2.1, an overview of the lexical items *בְּעֵבוֹר*, *לְמַעַן*, and *פֶּן*, which signify positive purpose and avertive relations will be presented. For this purpose, literature in the field of BH linguistics and BH lexica will be scrutinized. In §2.2.2, we will embark on an overview of purpose or result constructions that occur without a conjunction. Then, §2.3 will clarify the problem on the description of the lexical items in the field of BH linguistics and BH lexica.

² BHRG (1999), and Payle (2000) identified various constructions which express purpose or result relationship, e.g., ‘main sentence followed by a syndetic *yiqtol*’ beside ‘main sentence + *לְמַעַן* clause.’ However, Payle (2000:17) did not include ‘*וְ* + infinitive’ which expresses final relations, for he separated purpose as a semantic (functional) notion from purpose as a syntactic category.

In Chapter 3, we will investigate the semantics of connective constructions to establish the theoretical frame of reference for the adequate description of connectives. In §3.2, we will explore cognitive categorization from the perspective of cognitive linguistics (§3.2.2). In §3.2.3, we will investigate the meaning of linguistic expressions focusing on the conceptual viewpoint. In §3.2.4, the function of connectives will be elaborated upon. This will reveal that connectives operate on multiple levels. In §3.3, we will explore the challenges and prospects that typological approaches hold for the investigation of purpose constructions. Furthermore, in this section, we will investigate the different notions of purpose, result, cause and reason. This will clarify how to distinguish between the different relations when a connective displays multiple relations.

In Chapter 4, working hypotheses will be formulated, based upon the insights drawn from chapters 2 and 3. Then, an empirical description of connective construction in BH will be made to test the hypotheses. We will examine connectives *בְּעֵבֹר*, *לְמַעַן*, and *כִּי*, (which display multiple relations), as well as a representative sample of *לְ* + infinitive purpose constructions and purpose constructions with *waw*. The description will reveal the semantic potential of items *בְּעֵבֹר*, *לְמַעַן*, and *כִּי*. It will clarify 1) multiple relationships that the connectives display, 2) scopes and levels that the connectives govern and operate, and 3) the semantic categories extended according to the cognitive principles identified in chapter 3. The description will also identify the typological features of purpose constructions that were identified in chapter 3. Furthermore, it will show the differences between connectives that indicate a similar range of relationships.

Chapter 5 will briefly summarize the main conclusions of this study.

CHAPTER 2

LINGUISTIC DESCRIPTIONS OF CONNECTIVES IN BH LINGUISTICS
AND PROBLEM STATEMENT

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter gives an overview of multiple investigations that aimed to evaluate the lexical items *בְּעֵבוֹר*, *לְמַעַן*, and *פֶּן* – as well as other grammatical constructions in BH – which invoke a purpose or result relationship between the propositional content of the phrase, clause(s), or sentence(s) it governs and that of the propositional content of a preceding entity. The purpose of the overview is to critically evaluate current insights relating to the field of BH in order to formulate and substantiate the problem statement of this larger investigation.

The ranges of linguistic constructions we want to review are described in journal articles, grammars, and lexica. Since the structures of lexica are typically formalized in terms of user-oriented data-types, the latter resource will be analyzed separately in the cases of each lexeme. We will therefore proceed as follows:

Firstly, in the field of BH linguistics, existing descriptions of the lexical items *בְּעֵבוֹר*, *לְמַעַן*, and *פֶּן* – all of which have the semantic potential to signal a purpose or result relationship – will be scrutinized focusing on the following questions:

- How are the lexical items categorized in terms of word classes?
- How are the meanings/senses of the lexical items defined and distinguished?
- Do the different senses show an internally structured set of links that could be regarded as systematic extensions of meaning (Lakoff 1987)?
- When the same linguistic means are employed to express purpose and result, do BH linguists provide criteria for distinguishing between purpose and result?
- What is the difference between the seemingly near synonyms, e.g., *בְּעֵבוֹר* and *לְמַעַן*?
- What is the difference between purpose/result constructions introduced by the lexical items and the ones without them, e.g., between a *לְמַעַן* final clause and ‘*waw* copulative + volitive form’?

Secondly, attention will be directed towards major lexica (BDB, HALOT, and DCH) in order to identify the data types that they assume contribute towards defining and/or distinguishing the meaning and/or different senses of the target lexical items. Specifically, then, attention will be paid to the following:

- Do the lexica make use of current insights of BH linguistics in order to define the meaning of the lexical items or to distinguish the different senses of them?

- When the lexica give only some examples (i.e., example verses) for a sense distinguished, do they provide some criteria for distinguishing it from other different senses, or can any such criteria be inferred from the sense distinctions made?
- Are the different senses arranged in a systematic way, viz., in terms of meaning extensions?
- Do the lexica recognize the difference between seemingly near synonyms, viz., do they provide a paradigmatic relationship between seemingly near synonyms?

Overall the chapter is organized in the following manner: The first section (§2.2) is comprised of two phases. First, an overview of the treatment of the lexical items **לְמַעַן**, **בְּעֵבוֹר**, and **פֶּן** in BH grammars and a critical assessment of the lexical items in BH lexica will be presented (§2.2.1-2.2.2). Second, an overview of the treatment of purpose or result constructions without the lexical items will be given in order to establish those constructions that could be in a paradigmatic relationship with the above-mentioned set of lexemes. In section §2.3, the main focus of this investigation will be formulated based upon the most pertinent problems identified in §2.2.

2.2 LITERATURE OVERVIEW OF THE STUDY OF CONNECTIVES IN BH

2.2.1 Lexical Items Signifying a Final Relation

2.2.1.1 **בְּעֵבוֹר**

Not all BH grammars deal with **בְּעֵבוֹר** in the same way. Ewald (1879:225-228),³ GKC,⁴ and Waltke and O'Connor⁵ treat it only briefly. Generally, **בְּעֵבוֹר** is dealt with under the final construction, viz., as a part of a final construction that introduces a final clause.

³Ewald just shortly mentions that **לְמַעַן** and **בְּעֵבוֹר** are employed to convey the idea [of purpose] more definitely. These are used either as [a] preposition, meaning because of, on account of or as conjunction in the sense of in order that, with the imperfect (Ewald (1879:226).

⁴GKC (1910:318, 504) mentions **בְּעֵבוֹר** twice: 1) under a discussion of the use of the (modal) imperfect; 2) under a discussion of the final clause. GKC (1910:504) categorizes **בְּעֵבוֹר** as a final conjunction. GKC mentions that **בְּעֵבוֹר** introduces a final clause that is subordinated to the main clause. They do not provide much information about **בְּעֵבוֹר**. According to them, **בְּעֵבוֹר** often occurs with **אֲשֶׁר**. As for the semantics of **בְּעֵבוֹר**, GKC only gives a translational gloss “for the purpose that” for **בְּעֵבוֹר אֲשֶׁר**. As for the word classes, when one considers the constituents following **בְּעֵבוֹר**, it is evident that it cannot always be regarded as a conjunction, for it may also occur with an infinitive.

⁵Waltke & O'Connor (1990:638) do not deal with **בְּעֵבוֹר** directly, but just mention **בְּעֵבוֹר** shortly under their discussion of the final clause. They differentiate instances of **בְּעֵבוֹר** with **אֲשֶׁר** from those without **אֲשֶׁר**. However, they do not further investigate the differences in terms of the syntax or semantics of the lexeme.

2.2.1.1.1 בְּעָבוֹר in BH linguistics

2.2.1.1.1.1 Mitchell (1915)

In his investigation of the final construction,⁶ Mitchell (1915:156) categorizes the word class of בְּעָבוֹר as a ‘compound final particle’ composed of the preposition בְּ and the noun עָבוֹר derived from the root עבר. Mitchell (1915:156) claims that עָבוֹר “has the force of *fruit, produce*” based on Josh 5:11.

וַיֹּאכְלוּ מִבְּעָבוֹר הָאָרֶץ מִמַּחֲרַת הַפֶּסַח מִצּוֹת וְקִלּוֹי בְּעֶצֶם הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה: And on the morrow after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. (Josh 5:11)(RSV)⁷

However, based on 2 Sam 12:21, Mitchell argues that the central meaning of the compound בְּעָבוֹר is “concomitance,” and that from the central meaning, בְּעָבוֹר is employed to express by-purpose or cause.⁸

וַיֹּאמְרוּ עֲבָדָיו אֵלָיו מַה־הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ בְּעָבוֹר הַיֶּלֶד חַי צִמְתָּ וַתִּבְדֹּךְ וְכַאֲשֶׁר מֵת הַיֶּלֶד קָמְתָּ וַתֹּאכַל לֶחֶם: Then his servants said to him, “What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while it was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food.” (2 Sam 12:21)

⁶ GKC (1910:503) and Mitchell (1915) regard a final construction as having two elements: main clause + final clause (i.e., a clause that indicates a final relation to the main clause). The final clause is subordinated to the main clause. When Mitchell (1915) uses the term “final clause,” it indicates only that the subordinate clause is dependent on the main clause. He observes that “the final construction without a connective is arranged with reference not only to the form of the verb in the clause denoting a purpose itself, but also to the character of the clause or sentence on which it depends” (Mitchell 1915:84).

⁷ We use the RSV as a translation of our Hebrew examples since it is a relatively “modern” literal translation. However, we will modify the translation of the RSV if it does not fully accord with our reading of the text.

⁸ In this regard, Mitchell states:

“There is no reason why a purpose may not have a concomitant as well as any other form of thought or expression; and there is nothing in בעבור to prevent it from introducing this by-purpose ... The main purpose is sometimes expressed and sometimes implied in the context. The idiom by which the particle [בעבור] should be rendered depends on the presence of the main purpose” (Mitchell 1915:156).

“But there is no reason why concomitance may not imply cause as well as purpose. Hence it is not strange that there should be some examples in which בעבור not only may, but must, be rendered in this way” (Mitchell 1915:161).

1. According to Mitchell, **בְּעִבּוֹר** is employed to denote a by-purpose in the following constructions.

(1) **בְּעִבּוֹר** + an infinitive (e.g., Exod 9:16; 20:20; 1 Sam 1:6; 2 Sam 10:3; 14:20; 17:14; 18:18; 1 Chron 19:3) (Mitchell 1915:157).

וְאוֹלָם בְּעִבּוֹר זֹאת הֵעֵמְדֹתִיךָ בְּעִבּוֹר הָרֵאֲתֶיךָ
 אֶת־כְּחִי וְלִמְעַן סִפֵּר שְׁמִי בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ:
 But for this purpose have I let you live, to
 show you my power, so that my name may
 be declared throughout all the earth.
 (Exod 9:16)

In this illustration, **בְּעִבּוֹר** and **לְמַעַן** appear together. Mitchell (1915:157) claims that the main purpose is expressed by the **לְמַעַן** clause, and that the **בְּעִבּוֹר** clause indicates the by-purpose of the main purpose stating that “thus it appears that God’s dealings with the king were only incidental to the pursuit of his eternal purpose to reveal himself in his glory to the world.”

(2) **בְּעִבּוֹר** + an imperfect (e.g., Gen 21:30; 27:4) (Mitchell 1915:158ff). Mitchell renders **בְּעִבּוֹר** + the imperfect as “that ... may”

וַיֹּאמֶר בִּי אֶת־שִׁבְעַת כְּבָשֹׂת תִּקַּח מִיָּדִי בְּעִבּוֹר
 תְּהִיָּה־לִּי לְעֵדָה כִּי חָפַרְתִּי אֶת־הַבְּאֵר הַזֹּאת:
 He said, “These seven ewe lambs you will
 take from my hand, that you may be a
 witness for me that I dug this well.”
 (Gen 21:30)

Mitchell claims that the second present (the seven ewe lambs) is for a by-purpose (“a witness for me that I dug this well”), while the first present (“sheep and oxen” in Gen 21:27) is for the main purpose, i.e., making a covenant (cf. v 27: “So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men *made a covenant*”).

(3) **בְּעִבּוֹר** + a noun or a pronoun/suffix (e.g., Gen 3:17; 8:21; Exod 9:16) (Mitchell 1915:159ff). Mitchell renders **בְּעִבּוֹר** + a noun or a pronoun as “for the sake of” or “for one’s sake.”

וּלְאָדָם אָמַר כִּי־שָׁמַעְתָּ לְקוֹל אִשְׁתְּךָ וְתֹאכַל מִן־
 הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִיךָ לֵאמֹר לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ אַרְוֶה
 הָאָדָמָה בְּעִבּוֹרֶיךָ בְּעִצְבוֹן תֹּאכְלֶנָּה כָּל יְמֵי חַיֶּיךָ:
 And to Adam he said, “Because you have
 listened to the voice of your wife, and have
 eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,
 ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground
 because of you;⁹ in toil you shall eat of it all
 the days of your life.
 (Gen 3:17)

According to Mitchell, **בְּעִבּוֹרֶיךָ** introduces a by-purpose (a negative purpose): cursing the ground for Adam’s sake is a means to an end.

2. According to Mitchell, **בְּעִבּוֹר** is also employed to denote a causal relation in the following constructions.

⁹ Mitchell (1915:160) renders **בְּעִבּוֹרֶיךָ** here as “for the sake of.”

בְּעִבּוֹר + a noun or pronoun/suffix (e.g., 2 Sam 6:12; 2 Chron 28:19) (Mitchell 1915:161).¹⁰ Mitchell renders בְּעִבּוֹר + a noun or pronoun into “on account of.”

כִּי־הִכְנִיעַ יְהוָה אֶת־יְהוּדָה בְּעִבּוֹר אֲחָז מֶלֶךְ־ יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי הִפְרִיעַ בְּיְהוּדָה וּמָעוֹל מַעַל בְּיְהוָה:	For the Lord brought Judah low on account of ¹¹ Ahaz king of Israel, for he had dealt wantonly in Judah and had been faithless to the Lord. (2 Chron 28:19)
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In line with traditional BH grammars,¹² Mitchell categorizes the word class of בְּעִבּוֹר as a compound final particle; however, it is not clear on what ground(s) he does this.

As for the semantics of בְּעִבּוֹר, Mitchell does not define the meaning of בְּעִבּוֹר. Although Mitchell claims the central meaning of בְּעִבּוֹר is concomitance, and that by-purposive and causal meanings are derived from the concomitance sense, he only provides different translation values in his illustrations – e.g., “that ...may,” “for the sake of,” or “for one’s sake” and “on account of” – without showing how the central meaning is extended to the by-purposive and causal meanings. These translation glosses simply show a rough classification of distinguishable senses or functions, but they are not themselves the meaning of the word (Barr 1961:159). In addition, Mitchell’s assumption that one word has one meaning and that its different senses are variations of the central meaning is typical of an etymologically orientated rationale (De Blois 2001:5; Scanlin 1992:134).

2.2.1.1.1.2 Joüon-Muraoka (1991)

Joüon-Muraoka (1991:471, 492, 635, 637, 640) categorize בְּעִבּוֹר as representative of two word classes: 1) final particle and 2) causal particle. Joüon-Muraoka (1991:329) define particles as “any part of speech which is not a noun, pronoun, or verb, namely the adverb, the preposition, the conjunction and the interjection.” They are aware of the difficulty of determining lines of demarcation between these diverse categories: “the same word can, for instance, be used as an adverb and as a preposition” (Joüon-Muraoka 1991:329).

¹⁰ Eg. Exod 13:8; 2 Sam 6:12; 13:2; 2 Chron 28:19; Job 20:2; Ps 106:32; Jer 14:4; Micah 2:10.

¹¹ בְּעִבּוֹר is rendered as “on account of” according to Mitchell (1915).

¹² For instance, GKC divide word classes into four groups: 1) the pronoun, 2) the verb, 3) the noun, and 4) the particles. They categorize word classes by means of morphological criteria (concerning the form of the word) based on etymology. Hence, they deal with word classes under the heading “etymology or the parts of speech.” For instance, they define the word class ‘particle’ as follows: “The particles, which in general express the secondary modifications of thought in speech, the closer relation of words to one another, and the mutual connexion of sentences, are for the most part either borrowed or derived from noun-forms, sometimes also from pronouns and verbs” (GKC 1910:293).

1. **בְּעָבוֹר** is employed to indicate a purpose¹³ relation.

Joüon-Muraoka (1991:637) claim that “**בְּעָבוֹר** is essentially a final particle,” while **לְמַעַן** is used to signify a purpose and result relation. Joüon-Muraoka (1991:635) give a literal translation equivalent for **בְּעָבוֹר** as “in relation to that which.” According to them, **בְּעָבוֹר** occurs either alone, or with **אֲשֶׁר** or with **לְ**: 1) **בְּעָבוֹר** (Gen 21:30), 2) **בְּעָבוֹר אֲשֶׁר** (Gen 27:10), 3) **בְּעָבוֹר** with infinitive (Exod 9:16), and 4) **לְבַעְבוֹר** with infinitive (Exod 20:20).

וַיֹּאמֶר בִּי אֶת־שִׁבְעַת כְּבָשֹׂת תִּקַּח מִיָּדִי בְּעָבוֹר He said, “These seven ewe lambs you will
תִּהְיֶה־לִּי לְעֵדוּהָ כִּי חָפַרְתִּי אֶת־הַבְּאֵר הַזֹּאת: take from my hand, that you may be a
witness for me that I dug this well.”
(Gen 21:30)

וְהֵבֵאתָ לְאָבִיךָ וְאָכַל בְּעֵבֶר אֲשֶׁר יְבָרְכֶךָ לִפְנֵי And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so
מֹתוֹ: that he may bless you before he dies.
(Gen 27:10)

וְאוֹלָם בְּעָבוֹר זֹאת הֵעֵמְדִיתִּיךָ בְּעָבוֹר הָרֵאִיתִיךָ But for this purpose have I let you live, to
אֶת־כְּתִי וְלְמַעַן סַפֵּר שְׁמִי בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ: show you my power, so that my name may
be declared throughout all the earth.
(Exod 9:16)

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־הָעָם אַל־תִּירְאוּ כִּי לְבַעְבוֹר And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear;
נִסּוֹת אֶתְכֶם בָּא הָאֱלֹהִים וּבְעָבוֹר תִּהְיֶה יִרְאָתוֹ for God has come to prove you, and that the
עַל־פְּנֵיכֶם לְבַלְתִּי תַחֲטְאוּ: fear of him may be before your eyes, that you
may not sin.”
(Exod 20:20)

2. **בְּעָבוֹר** is also employed in a causal clause to express causality. Its near synonym is **בְּגִלְל** (e.g., Gen 3:17).¹⁴ Joüon-Muraoka (1991:640) give the translation gloss “because of.”

וְלְאָדָם אָמַר כִּי־שָׁמַעְתָּ לְקוֹל אִשְׁתְּךָ וַתֹּאכַל מִן־ And to Adam he said, “Because you have
הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִיךָ לֵאמֹר לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ אָרוּרָה listened to the voice of your wife, and have
הָאָדָמָה בְּעָבוֹרִיךָ בְּעֵצָבוֹן תֹּאכַלְנָה כָּל יְמֵי חַיֶּיךָ: eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground
because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all
the days of your life.
(Gen 3:17)

¹³ Joüon-Muraoka do not distinguish between ‘final’ and ‘purpose,’ though they do in fact employ both individually. Joüon-Muraoka (1991:621) say “the final, i.e., purpose, clause.” Their separate use of these two terms is not very helpful when investigating lexical items that indicate a purpose relation. For this reason, we use the term ‘purpose’ and ‘final’ interchangeably.

¹⁴ Joüon-Muraoka (1991:637) define and categorize causality as follows: “Causality or logical antecedence is like the reverse of result, and is quite often expressed by the same means. Here it is possible to distinguish ordinary causality (Engl. *Because*, Lat. *cum*), explanatory causality (for), and supposedly known cause (since).”

In line with Mitchell (1915), Joüon-Muraoka argue that בְּעִבּוֹר is employed as both a final particle as well as a causal particle. However, Joüon-Muraoka neither explicate what the relationship between purpose and causality is, nor do they address how to distinguish between the two. It may also be asked whether causality refers to a relation of reason or a relation of cause.

As for the semantics of בְּעִבּוֹר, Joüon-Muraoka do not define the meaning of בְּעִבּוֹר, but simply proffer several translation values.

2.2.1.1.1.3 BHRG (1999)

BHRG deals with בְּעִבּוֹר under two different headings: “preposition” and “conjunction,” i.e., בְּעִבּוֹר belongs to two different word classes.

1. בְּעִבּוֹר indicates purpose.

As a preposition:¹⁵ BHRG (1999:283) gives a translation equivalent of “in order to” (e.g., 2 Sam 10:3).

<p>וַיֹּאמְרוּ שְׂרֵי בְנֵי־עַמּוֹן אֶל־חַנּוּן אֲדֹנֵיהֶם הַמְּכַבֵּד דָּוִד אֶת־אָבִיךָ בְּעִינֶיךָ כִּי־שָׁלַח לְךָ מְנַחֲמִים הֲלוֹא בְּעִבּוֹר חָקוֹר אֶת־הָעִיר וְלַרְגְּלָהּ וְלַהֲפֹכָהּ שָׁלַח דָּוִד אֶת־עַבְדָּיו אֵלֶיךָ:</p>	<p>But the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun their lord, “Do you think, because David has sent comforters to you, that he is honoring your father? Has not David sent his servants to you <i>in order to search</i>¹⁶ the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Sam 10:3)</p>
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As a (subordinating) conjunction: בְּעִבּוֹר introduces a purpose (BHRG 1999:297)¹⁷ (e.g., Exod 9:14).

<p>כִּיּוּ בַפְּעַם הַזֹּאת אֲנִי שֹׁלֵחַ אֶת־כָּל־מַגֵּפְתֵי אֲלֵי־ לְבָבְךָ וּבְעַבְדֶיךָ וּבְעַמְּךָ בְּעִבּוֹר תִּדְעֶה כִּי אֵין כָּמוֹנִי בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ:</p>	<p>For this time I will send all my plagues upon your heart, and upon your servants and your people, that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth. (Exod 9:14)</p>
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¹⁵ BHRG (1999:57) defines a preposition as follows: “A preposition is used to join a succeeding noun or a pronoun to another word or group of words. It does [this] in such a way that the preposition and the subsequent noun or pronoun become directly associated with the remaining words of the clause.”

¹⁶ בְּעִבּוֹר is rendered as ‘in order to’ following a translation gloss given by BHRG.

¹⁷ BHRG (1999:57) defines conjunctions as follows: “A conjunction joins words, phrases, clauses or sentences in such a way that they form a unit. There are two types of conjunctions.” They divide conjunctions into two sub-categories: 1) the co-ordinating conjunction, which joins grammatically equivalent items such as nouns or independent clauses, and 2) the subordinating conjunction, which joins a subordinate clause (i.e. a clause that cannot stand independently) to the main clause.

2. **בְּעִבּוֹר** indicates grounds (motive).

As a preposition: BHRG (1999:283) gives the translation equivalent “because of” (e.g., Gen 3:17).

<p>וּלְאָדָם אָמַר כִּי־שָׁמַעְתָּ לְקוֹל אִשְׁתְּךָ וּתְאָכַל מִן־ הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִיךָ לֵאמֹר לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ אַרְוֶרָה הָאָדָמָה בְּעִבּוֹרֶךָ בְּעֵצָבוֹן תֹּאכְלֶנָּה כָּל יְמֵי חַיֶּיךָ:</p>	<p>And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. (Gen 3:17)</p>
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According to BHRG, **בְּעִבּוֹר** is employed to indicate both purpose and grounds. As for the distinction between purpose and grounds, the subordinating conjunction **בְּעִבּוֹר** introduces a purpose clause, while the preposition **בְּעִבּוֹר** indicates purpose and grounds.¹⁸

As for the meaning of **בְּעִבּוֹר**, BHRG also only provides translation values, but do not define the meaning. In addition, they do not address the relationship between purpose and grounds. As a side note, it was observed that grounds is also vague whether it specifies a relation of reason or a relation of cause.

2.2.1.1.1.4 Payle (2000)

Payle (2000) investigates **בְּעִבּוֹר** purpose constructions in order to compare them with **לְמַעַן** purpose constructions (§2.2.1.2.1.6) and purpose constructions with a *waw* (i.e., conjunctionless final constructions) (§2.2.2.1.9). For these purposes, he explores verbal forms and participant encoding in both the matrix and final clause in order to identify features of **בְּעִבּוֹר** final constructions and to specify whether the final constructions are employed in a discourse or narrative.¹⁹ He also considers the syntactic scope of **בְּעִבּוֹר**.

According to Payle, **בְּעִבּוֹר** does not feature in the books where the use of **לְמַעַן** is prominent.²⁰ **בְּעִבּוֹר** is completely absent from the books traditionally considered to contain late Hebrew, i.e., 1 and 2 Chron, Ezra, Neh, Ester, Dan (Payle 2000:115).

¹⁸ In the illustrations, when **בְּעִבּוֹר** is followed by an infinitive, it signifies a purpose relation, while when **בְּעִבּוֹר** is employed with a suffix, it indicates grounds. However, it is not obvious whether BHRG claims this.

¹⁹ Payle (2000:59) makes a distinction between a final construction and a final clause. In line with GKC (1910) and Mitchell (1915), Payle (2000:59) regards a final construction as being composed of “the matrix or the main clause” and “the final clause subordinated to the matrix.” He uses the term “Vordersatz” for the matrix and “Nachsatz” for the final clause.

²⁰ **בְּעִבּוֹר** mainly occurs in Gen 1 and 2 Sam, with no occurrences in the Prophets, while the prepositional use of **לְמַעַן** and **לְמַעַן** + *yiqtol*, on the other hand, are spread throughout the Prophets.

As far as the word class of **בְּעָבוֹר** is concerned, Payle (2000:114-115) categorizes **בְּעָבוֹר** as belonging to two word classes: 1) a preposition and 2) a final conjunction. When **בְּעָבוֹר** is used as a preposition, it is followed by a noun/pronoun or it has a pronominal suffix. Payle does not seem to believe that when **בְּעָבוֹר** is used as a preposition it can be used to express a purpose relation; thus, he necessarily does not include the constructions in which **בְּעָבוֹר** is used as a preposition in his investigation of **בְּעָבוֹר** final constructions. Of the 48 occurrences of **בְּעָבוֹר**, he only investigates 16 cases where **בְּעָבוֹר** is followed by a *yiqtol* form or an infinitive. When **בְּעָבוֹר** is used as a conjunction, it is followed by either an infinitive or a *yiqtol* (a finite verb), and is likewise employed to signify a purpose relation. However, according to Payle, statistically speaking, **בְּעָבוֹר** functions mainly as a preposition.²¹

As Payle's main concern is not semantics, he does not define the meaning of **בְּעָבוֹר**. Instead, he only gives the translation gloss "in order to" for the cases in which **בְּעָבוֹר** is used with the infinitive.

Payle identified the following features of **בְּעָבוֹר** final constructions in terms of the verbal forms and the subject in the Nachsatz, and the matrix.²² These features reveal the domain (i.e., narrative or discourse) in which **בְּעָבוֹר** is employed.

(1) The matrix is occupied by a volitional form (e.g., Gen 21:30) (Payle 2000:118). When volition occurs in the matrix, a *yiqtol* appears in the Nachsatz. When the 2nd person is the subject of the *yiqtol* in the Nachsatz, there is typically no change of subject between the matrix and subordinated final clause (Nachsatz) (see Gen 21:30).

וַיֹּאמֶר כִּי אֶת־שִׁבְעַת כְּבָשֹׂת תִּקַּח מִיָּדִי בְּעָבוֹר He said, "These seven ewe lambs you will
תִּהְיֶה-לִּי לְעֵדָה כִּי חָפַרְתִּי אֶת־הַבְּאֵר הַזֹּאת take from my hand, that you may be a
witness for me that I dug this well."

(Gen 21:30)

(2) The matrix is not occupied by a volitional form (e.g., 2 Sam 18:18; Exod 19:9) (Payle 2000:119).

וְאַבְשָׁלִים לָקַח וַיִּצְבֶּלֶן בְּחַיָּיו אֶת־מַעֲבָת אֲשֶׁר Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and
בָּעֵמֶק־הַמֶּלֶךְ כִּי אָמַר אֵיזֶלִי בְּזֶן בְּעָבוֹר הַזֶּכֶר set up for himself the pillar which is in the

²¹ Payle (2000:115) argues that "with **בְּעָבוֹר** the function as final conjunction is secondary to that of preposition." Out of 49 occurrences, **בְּעָבוֹר** is used 32 times as a preposition and 9 times as a conjunction. This is significantly different from **לְמַעַן** which primarily functions as a conjunction (see §2.2.1.2.1.6).

²² To identify and describe the syntactic features of a final construction, Payle (2000:66-67) differentiates between 1) the verbal forms that occupy the matrix (Vordersatz) as well as 2) the person (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd) of the verb in the Nachsatz. In order to investigate the relationship of the final clause (Nachsatz) to the matrix (Vordersatz), Payle (2000:67) further distinguishes between 1) the relationship of the Vordersatz and the Nachsatz, in addition to 2) the verbal forms found in the matrix (Vordersatz).

שְׁמִי וַיִּקְרָא לְמַצֵּבֶת עַל־שְׁמוֹ וַיִּקְרָא לָהּ יַד אַבְשָׁלֹם עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה:
King’s Valley, for he said, “I have no son to keep my name in remembrance”; he called the pillar after his own name, and it is called Absalom’s monument to this day.

(2 Sam 18:18)

The *בַּעְבוֹר* clause is immediately subordinated to the preceding matrix. In this illustration, the matrix, however, does not have a volitional form but a nominal clause (*אֵיזֶלֶי בָּז*). There is a subject change between the matrix (1st person) and Nachsatz (3rd person).

וַיַּעֲסֶתָּהּ צָרָתָהּ גַּם־כִּפְעֵם בַּעְבוֹר הַרְעַמְתָּהּ כִּי־סָגְרָה יְהוָה בְּעַד רַחֲמָהּ:
And her rival used to provoke her sorely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb.

(1 Sam 1:6)

Here, the *בַּעְבוֹר* clause is also subordinated to the immediately preceding matrix.

(3) In the Nachsatz of *בַּעְבוֹר* final constructions, the 2nd and 3rd persons are predominant, while the 1st person is almost never used (Payle 2000:117).

(4) Subordinated *בַּעְבוֹר* clauses precede the matrix. In these cases, the final clause has an infinitive and the matrix a *qatal* form (Exod 20:20; 2 Sam 10:3; 14:20) (Payle 2000:120ff).

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־הָעָם אַל־תִּירְאוּ כִּי לִבַּעְבוֹר נִסּוֹת אֲתֻמָּם בָּא הָאֱלֹהִים וּבַעְבוֹר תִּהְיֶה יְרֻאָתוֹ עַל־פְּנֵיכֶם לְבַלְתִּי תַחֲטְאוּ:
And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to prove you, and that the fear of him may be before your eyes, that you may not sin.”

(Exod 20:20)

In the light of his study of the above mentioned of *בַּעְבוֹר*, Payle concluded that *בַּעְבוֹר* final constructions occur in both narrative (e.g., 1 Sam 1:6) and discourse texts (e.g., see above 2 Sam 18:18) (Payle 2000:17).

Payle also identified that the scope of *בַּעְבוֹר* may vary.

(1) The final clause is subordinated to an immediately preceding sentence (Payle 2000:118).

וַיֹּאמֶר בִּי אֶת־שִׁבְעַת כְּבָשֹׂת תִּקַּח מִיָּדִי בַּעְבוֹר תִּהְיֶה־לִּי לְעֵדָה כִּי חִפְרָתִי אֶת־הַבְּאֵר הַזֹּאת:
He said, “These seven ewe lambs you will take from my hand, that you may be a witness for me that I dug this well.”

(Gen 21:30)

(2) The final conjunction is not syntactically linked to an immediately preceding sentence in the matrix, but to a verbal chain (e.g., Gen 27:4, 19; 27:31; 46:34; Exod 9:14) (Payle 2000:117-118).

וַעֲשֵׂה־לִּי מִטְעָמִים כַּאֲשֶׁר אֶהְבֵּתִי וְהִבִּיאָה לִּי וְאַבְלָה בַּעְבוֹר תְּבָרַכְךָ נַפְשִׁי בְּטָרִם אָמוֹת:
And prepare for me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat; that I may bless you before I die.

(Gen 27:4)

(3) *בַּעֲבוּר* connects the preceding propositional content to the narrator's comment. Hence, the *בַּעֲבוּר* clause stands outside the story line. Concerning this case, Payle (2000:122) claims that the *בַּעֲבוּר* clause functions as a narrative comment (discourse level).

וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֲבִשָׁלוֹם וְכָל־אִישׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל טוֹבָה עֲצַת חוּשֵׁי הָאֲרָכִי מֵעֲצַת אַחִיתֹפֶל וַיְהִי עֲזָה לְהַפֵּר אֶת־עֲצַת אַחִיתֹפֶל הַטּוֹבָה לְבַעֲבוּר הַבֵּיא יְהוָה אֶל־אֲבִשָׁלוֹם אֶת־הָרָעָה: ס

And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For the LORD had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, so that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

(2 Sam 17:14)

In 2 Sam 17:14, not only the final clause but also the entire final construction functions as a narrative comment.

Based on the scope and domain usage (i.e., discourse or narrative) of *בַּעֲבוּר*, Payle provides the paradigmatic relations between a *בַּעֲבוּר* final clause with a *לְמַעַן* final clause and conjunctionless final clause²³ which has 'waw copulative + volitive forms' in the Nachsatz. Firstly, 'waw copulative + volitive forms' (conjunctionless final clause) are restricted to discourse or direct speech while the *בַּעֲבוּר* final clause occurs in both narrative and discourse texts. Secondly, in the Nachsatz of *בַּעֲבוּר* final constructions, the 2nd and 3rd persons predominate, while in the conjunctionless final constructions, the 1st and 3rd persons are the most common forms in the Nachsatz. Hence, *בַּעֲבוּר* final constructions and conjunctionless final constructions are distinct syntactical entities that cannot simply be used interchangeably. Lastly, *בַּעֲבוּר* (final clause) is older than *לְמַעַן* (final clause) which completely replaces *בַּעֲבוּר* (final clause) later,²⁴ and "*בַּעֲבוּר* seems to function in the same way as *לְמַעַן* so that the two are interchangeable" (Payle 2000:122). He further motivates the last claim as follows:

(1) Some of *בַּעֲבוּר* forms appear to be archaic, e.g., *לְבַעֲבוּר*, *הָלֹא בַּעֲבוּר*, *לְבַעֲבוּר* (Payle 2000:123).

(2) In Deut, the writer uses *אֲשֶׁר* for coordinated conjunctive final clauses and does not seem to know *בַּעֲבוּר* in this manner (e.g., Deut 4:40) (Payle 2000:123).

וְשָׁמַרְתָּ אֶת־חֻקָּיו וְאֶת־מִצְוֹתָיו אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוְךָ הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִיטֵב לָךְ וּלְבְנֶיךָ אַחֲרֶיךָ וּלְמַעַן

Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you this

²³ Payle (2000:64, 142) categorizes the final construction into two groups: 1) conjunctive final constructions which have a final conjunction (e.g., *בַּעֲבוּר* and *לְמַעַן*) in the Nachsatz; and 2) conjunctionless final constructions which do not have a final conjunction in the Nachsatz (conjunctive final clause). In conjunctionless final constructions, the Nachsatz is introduced by a waw copulative, viz., in general the Nachsatz (i.e. a conjunctionless final clause) is 'waw copulative + volitive form.' However, Payle does not regard the waw copulative as a final conjunction (see §2.2.1.1.9).

²⁴ Payle goes further than Hurvitz (1972) and Rooker (1990), who only claim that the construction *לְמַעַן* is a feature of Late Biblical Hebrew (henceforth, LBH) (see §2.2.1.2.1.6).

תִּאֲרִיךְ יָמִים עַל־הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
 נִתֵּן לְךָ כָּל־הַיָּמִים: פ day, that it may go well with you, and with
 your children after you, and that you may
 prolong your days in the land which the
 LORD your God gives you forever.

(Deut 4:40)

(3) The scope and constructions of בְּעָבוֹר in terms of the verbal forms and subject in the Nachsatz and the matrix are identical with that of לְמַעַן (see §2.2.1.2.1.6).

As for Payle's categorization of בְּעָבוֹר in terms of word classes, it is not clear what criterion it is based on. He categorizes בְּעָבוֹר as a conjunction when it governs an infinitive or finite verb, although בְּעָבוֹר is typically in fact categorized as a preposition when it governs an infinitive (Mitchell 1915; Joüon-Muraoka; BHRG). In addition, although he establishes that בְּעָבוֹר may function on a meta-level, he does not distinguish this use of בְּעָבוֹר as a separate word class.

Payle's claim that בְּעָבוֹר is an older archaic conjunctive expression than לְמַעַן, and that לְמַעַן subsequently replaced בְּעָבוֹר, can also be called into question.

Firstly, Payle does not include cases where בְּעָבוֹר occurs with a noun/pronoun/suffix. His distributional criterion is based on the occurrences where בְּעָבוֹר is followed by an infinitive or *yiqtol*. However, when we include בְּעָבוֹר + a noun into the final clause, we can claim that בְּעָבוֹר is still used to signify a purpose relation in the later books (e.g., 1 Chron 14:2 and 17:19). In addition, if לְמַעַן replaces בְּעָבוֹר, it is difficult to understand why the Chronicler still uses the obsolete בְּעָבוֹר instead of לְמַעַן in 1 Chron 19:3; compare, for example, 2 Sam 10.3 with 1 Chron 19.3.

<p>וַיֹּאמְרוּ שְׂרֵי בְנֵי־עַמּוֹן אֶל־חֲנָנִי אֲדִנְיָהִם הַמְּכַבֵּד דָּוִד אֶת־אֲבִיךָ בְּעִינְיֶיךָ כִּי־שָׁלַח לְךָ מִנְחָמִים הֲלוֹא בְּעָבוֹר חֲקֹר אֶת־הָעִיר וְלִרְגֵלָהּ וְלִהַפְכָּהּ שָׁלַח דָּוִד אֶת־עַבְדָּיו אֵלֶיךָ: (2 Sam 10:3)</p>	<p>וַיֹּאמְרוּ שְׂרֵי בְנֵי־עַמּוֹן לְחָנָנִי הַמְּכַבֵּד דָּוִד אֶת־ אֲבִיךָ בְּעִינְיֶיךָ כִּי־שָׁלַח לְךָ מִנְחָמִים הֲלוֹא בְּעָבוֹר לְחֲקֹר וְלִהַפְכָּהּ וְלִרְגֵלָהּ הָאָרֶץ בָּאוּ עַבְדָּיו אֵלֶיךָ: (1 Chron 19:3)</p>
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In addition, when one considers the distribution of all the instances of לְמַעַן, it is obvious that Payle investigates only the cases where לְמַעַן is followed by an infinitive or a *yiqtol*. He does not include instances of לְמַעַן + a noun/pronoun/suffix; however, when one does include these, one must conclude that לְמַעַן final clauses occur throughout the entire HB, including the earlier books.

Secondly, Payle does not provide any reason why constructions like לְבְעָבוֹר or הֲלוֹא בְּעָבוֹר are archaic.

Thirdly, Payle's claim that אֲשֶׁר in Deut introduces coordinated final clauses (e.g., Deut 4:40) is not convincing.

וּשְׁמַרְתָּ אֶת־חֻקָּיו וְאֶת־מִצְוֹתָיו אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוֶּה
 הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִיטָב לָךְ וּלְבִנְיֶיךָ אַחֲרֶיךָ וּלְמַעַן תִּאָּרֶיךָ
 יָמִים עַל־הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לָךְ כָּל־
 הַיָּמִים: פ

Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you this day, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD your God gives you forever.

(Deut 4:40)

In the illustration, Payle claims that אֲשֶׁר יִיטָב לָךְ וּלְבִנְיֶיךָ אַחֲרֶיךָ is a final clause that is coordinated to a לְמַעַן final clause (לְמַעַן תִּאָּרֶיךָ יָמִים עַל־הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לָךְ כָּל־הַיָּמִים). However, אֲשֶׁר still functions as a relative pronoun whose antecedent is אֶת־חֻקָּיו וְאֶת־מִצְוֹתָיו (Holmstedt 2001:6-11; Holmstedt 2002:295-300). In addition, although בְּעֵבֹר does not occur in Deut, this cannot serve as evidence that בְּעֵבֹר is archaic, for Deut is not a later book (Sáenz-Badillos 1993:52).

Lastly, as for the claim that בְּעֵבֹר and לְמַעַן are used in the same type of syntactic constructions, Payle does not take the usage with the negative particle לֹא into consideration. בְּעֵבֹר is never used with לֹא to express a negative purpose, while לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) is often employed to indicate such a thing with לֹא.

Hence, the reason why בְּעֵבֹר does not occur in some books should be based on more compelling evidence than that בְּעֵבֹר is an older archaic form and that לְמַעַן had replaced it.

Payle does not regard the relation between purpose and cause as identified by Mitchell (1915), Joüon-Muraoka (1991), and BHRG (1999) as a problem. Yet, this is probably because he did not include בְּעֵבֹר + a noun/pronoun/suffix in his investigation.

Although Payle's investigation has some shortcomings, mentioned above, Payle's investigation moved the debate a step forward and has established the following:

(i) The scope of בְּעֵבֹר may vary. It connects propositional content at different levels, viz., that of two subsequent utterances in a text or that of an utterance in the text and that of a proposition that is part of the conceptual world of the narrator. In addition, when it functions at a syntactic level, it can also connect units larger than a sentence, e.g., a final clause introduced by בְּעֵבֹר may be connected to a sequence of immediately preceding sentences.

(ii) A בְּעֵבֹר final clause and a conjunctionless final clause (*waw* copulative + volitive forms) have different domains of usage and are not interchangeable as far as participant encoding is concerned.

2.2.1.1.2 בְּעִבּוֹר in BH lexica

2.2.1.1.2.1 BDB (1907)

BDB (1907:721) does not lemmatize the actual form בְּעִבּוֹר²⁵ but a hypothetical form II עִבּוֹר which is in homonymic relation with I עִבּוֹר.

BDB (1907:721) also categorizes בְּעִבּוֹר as two word classes: **1.** A preposition; **2.** A conjunction. BDB does not describe the meaning of בְּעִבּוֹר, but provides the translation glosses “for the sake of, on account of, in order that” claiming that its original meaning is “for the produce or gain of.”²⁶ It appears as if BDB implies that these glosses represent the central meaning(s) of the lexeme. However, the relationship between the three translation values is not clear, viz., are they different meanings or synonyms of one another?²⁷

1. As a preposition, BDB (1907:721) distinguishes the following senses: **a.** “for one’s sake” (בְּעִבּוֹר + suffix/a noun); “on account of” (בְּעִבּוֹר + a noun/a demonstrative pronoun); “because of” (בְּעִבּוֹר + a noun) **b.** “in order to” (בְּעִבּוֹר/לְבַעֲבוֹר/לְבַעֲבוֹרָא + infinitive construct). **2.** As a conjunction, BDB distinguishes one more sense, viz., “in order that” (בְּעִבּוֹר with אֲשֶׁר; and without אֲשֶׁר).

The semantic model underlying BDB is one based in comparative-philology and etymology.²⁸ Although BDB assumes that different senses are derived from a central meaning, sense distinctions represented by translation values do not show an internally structured set of links. Due to a lack of meaning-description, the relationship between translation values is also vague.

²⁵ Orthographically, two different forms are attested, viz., בְּעִבּוֹר and בַּעֲבָר.

²⁶ BDB, HALOT, and DCH give only translation values. They do not describe the meaning of the lexical items to show the concepts behind the lexical items. Strictly speaking, translation values are not meanings or senses. It only shows a rough classification of distinguishable senses or relations that the lexical items indicate, but they themselves do not represent the meaning of a word. Being aware of this limitation, we will investigate how BH lexica distinguish different meanings/senses.

²⁷ It is not clear how BDB uses a comma (,) or semi-colon (;), viz., whether or not BDB uses a semi-colon as indicative of a different sense while perhaps a comma indicates synonyms.

²⁸ The preface of BDB (1907:v) clearly declares:

“The languages cognate with Hebrew have claimed the attention of specialists in nearly all civilized countries. ... Arabic, ancient and modern, Ethiopic, with its allied dialects, Aramaic, in its various literature and localities, have all yielded new treasures; while the discovery and decipherment of inscriptions from Babylonia and Assyria, Phoenicia, Northern Africa, Southern Arabia, and other old abodes of Semitic peoples, have contributed to a far more comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the Hebrew vocabulary in its sources and its usage than was possible forty or fifty years ago. ... The present Editors consider themselves fortunate in thus having the opportunity afforded by an evident demand.... In the matter of etymologies they [the Editors] have endeavoured to carry out the method of sound philology, making it their aim to exclude arbitrary and fanciful conjectures, and in cases of uncertainty to afford the student the means of judging of the materials on which a decision depends.”

2.2.1.1.2.2 HALOT (1993-2000)²⁹

HALOT (1999:777) also does not lemmatize the actual form, but a hypothetical form עָבוֹר or עֵבֶר. Comparative and etymological materials are provided and occupy a dominant position in the lexical entry. HALOT (1999:777) gives roots or words from cognate languages, e.g., *ēbor* עֵבֶר in the Samaritan Pentateuch. Although the final form is not certain, עָבוֹר is a derivation of Akkadian *ebūru* “harvest (produce), summer.” As for the relationship with Ugarit, it is not certain whether עָבוֹר is actually parallel with *brm* in Ugarit. In the Arad Hebrew inscription, עֵבֶר is parallel with חטם. In Middle Hebrew עָבוֹר and עֵיבוֹר, in Jewish Aramaic עֵבוֹרָא and עֵיבוֹרָא are attested. According to HALOT, in Egyptian Aramaic, Punic (uncertain), Syriac, and Mandaean, the construct form עָבוֹר “grain” occurs.

HALOT (1999:777-778) does not assign עָבוֹר to one particular word class. It categorizes עָבוֹר as two groups according to its functions: 1) עָבוֹר without the preposition בְּ and 2) עָבוֹר with the preposition בְּ.

1. עָבוֹר without the preposition בְּ has the English translation value “produce.” This use of עָבוֹר occurs in Egyptian Aramaic and in the Arad Inscription. For BDB this use of עָבוֹר is considered a homonym of 2.

2. עָבוֹר with the preposition בְּ: בְּעָבוֹר. According to HALOT, בְּעָבוֹר occurs in Middle Hebrew, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Phoenician, and Old South Arabian. HALOT is aware that BDB, KBL, and Zorell (1954) treat this case as a separate lemma. HALOT also categorizes בְּעָבוֹר as a preposition and a conjunction. As a preposition, HALOT distinguishes three different meanings/senses based on syntactic differences: a) “because of, for the sake of” (בְּעָבוֹר with suffix); b) “because of”³⁰ (בְּעָבוֹר with genitive or demonstrative pronoun); c) HALOT claims that two cases (Amos 2:6; 8:6) should be rendered “for the price of.” As a conjunction, HALOT defines the meaning by giving a translation value of “so that.” Then HALOT distinguishes four syntactic differences: a) בְּעָבוֹר with *yiqtol*; b) בְּעָבוֹר אֲשֶׁר; c) בְּעָבוֹר with infinitive; d) לְבְּעָבוֹר with infinitive. However, HALOT only gives a translation value of “so that” for בְּעָבוֹר אֲשֶׁר.

HALOT’s semantic model is etymological,³¹ though it also provides comparative and etymological evidence; however, HALOT does not explain how this evidence contributes to

²⁹ Koehler & Baumgartner’s *Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament* [HALOT] was first published in German in 1953. The third revised edition took 25 years to produce. It was comprised of five fascicles. It is the third edition that was translated into English, which began to appear in 1993 with the last volume appearing in 2000. In this section, the English translation of HALOT will be critically analysed.

³⁰ When we read the example verses, neither Gen 8:21; 18:29, 31 or 26:24 have genitives.

³¹ In the introduction of the first edition, HALOT (1993:xi) states that “The main task of any dictionary of the Old Testament is to render accurately in modern language the meaning of the

an understanding of the meaning of בְּעִבּוֹר. Although HALOT distinguishes different senses, the use of the same translation values for syntactically different constructions makes it difficult to establish whether these syntactic differences also imply semantic differences, viz., different senses. Furthermore, giving only translation glosses makes it difficult to know what kind of relationship בְּעִבּוֹר indicates.

2.2.1.1.2.3 DCH (1993-2011)³²

DCH (1995:234) lemmatizes the actual form and classifies בְּעִבּוֹר as a preposition. DCH provides a generic meaning by means of the translation value “on account of,” then distinguishes the following senses:

Hebrew words.” HALOT describes the underlying semantic model that would facilitate the fulfillment of this primary task:

“Two ways are open for the fulfillment of such a scientific study. One way leads to the context or exegesis of the whole. A word is correctly translated if the translation makes plain sense and fits into the context. The other way is that of linguistic reasoning. This way again has two lines. The most important part of linguistics is the comparison of languages. [...] Another part of linguistics which has served lexicography increasingly is semantics. Since the Old Testament in its prevalent parts contains theology, the theological meanings of Hebrew words have been carefully noted from the beginning. ... The safe principle of modern semantics is to look first for the original meaning of a word (in many cases more concrete and restricted than the secondaries) and from this to derive the word’s more abstract and even more spiritual meanings. As a rule today one endeavours to draw a genetical sequence of the meanings a word is apt to assume. That principle has, as far as possible, been followed in this dictionary.”

³²In the preface, DCH (1993:14-15) states that “the meaning of a word is its use in the language.” Its focus is on “the patterns and combination in which words are used.” Its “special concern has been to display the full evidence for the way Classical Hebrew words are used in our extant texts.” For this purpose, DCH exhibits the following features:

1. DCH excludes comparative and etymological information, for the meaning of cognate words is not strictly relevant to BH (17).
2. The senses of words are arranged in order of frequency (19).
3. DCH exhaustively gives syntagmatic information.
4. DCH also provides paradigmatic information (20).

However, surprisingly, DCH declares that “the primary function of this Dictionary is to organize and rationalize the available data about Hebrew words, enabling readers to make their own decisions about the meaning of words in the light of all the evidence, which has been arranged in such a way as to make that task feasible” (DCH 1993:26). Hence, although DCH provides syntagmatic and paradigmatic information, DCH does not define the meaning of words at all. The task of defining the meaning of the words is left to the reader.

1. As a preposition: “On account of, for the sake of, because of, for the price of (Am 2:6; 8:6).” After positing translation values, DCH provides exhaustive syntagmatic information about **בְּעִבּוֹר** according to: a. **בְּעִבּוֹר** followed by a noun/suffix and b. the verb in the matrix.

2. As a conjunction: The translation value “so that, in order that” is provided. DCH, then, gives an exhaustive list of the syntagmatic relationships in which **בְּעִבּוֹר** is used, distinguishing in general between: a. **בְּעִבּוֹר** with a *yiqtol*, and b. **בְּעִבּוֹר** with an infinitive.

DCH (1993:235) claims that **לְמַעַן** is a synonym of **בְּעִבּוֹר**.

When combined with an infinitive, DCH categorizes **בְּעִבּוֹר** as a conjunction; however, the theoretical grounds for this distinction are not clear. The same critique of BDB and HALOT regarding their weak semantic model can be applied to DCH, at this point. Furthermore, though DCH exhaustively provides all the syntagmatic information with English translations, they do not show how the information is relevant to understanding the different meanings/senses of **בְּעִבּוֹר**.

DCH’s claim that **לְמַעַן** is a synonym of **בְּעִבּוֹר** may also be called into question when we compare the syntagmatic relation of **לְמַעַן** and **בְּעִבּוֹר**. For instance, according to the data provided by DCH, **בְּעִבּוֹר** is used with the *yiqtol* of **היה**, **מוש**, **ישב**, **ברך**, **ידע** and **שמע**. However, **לְמַעַן** is used only with **היה** and **שמע**.

2.2.1.1.3 Summary

בְּעִבּוֹר is classified as different word classes: 1) particle (Mitchell 1915; Joüon-Muraoka 1991); 2) conjunction (GKC; Payle 2000; BDB); 3) preposition (Joüon-Muraoka 1991; Payle 2000; BDB; DCH). However, explicit criteria for these categorizations are not provided.

None of the studies investigated define the meaning of **בְּעִבּוֹר**. They only give translation glosses without providing the conditions for the selection of a particular translation equivalent. As for the semantic model(s) underlying these studies, Mitchell’s (1915) and Joüon-Muraoka’s are etymological. BDB and HALOT also heavily depend upon comparative material and etymology to define the meaning of **בְּעִבּוֹר**. However, BDB and HALOT do not indicate how the information can help to define the meaning of **בְּעִבּוֹר**. Although BH lexica distinguish different senses by giving translation values, it is difficult to know how many senses they distinguish, for the relationship between the translation values is not clear and the same translation glosses are applied to different constructions. In addition, translation values do not show how different meanings/senses are extended or should be distinguished.

It was identified that **בְּעִבּוֹר** indicates both purpose and causal relationships; however, the exact relationship between these two notions has not yet been described. In addition, and specifically concerning the causal relation, the distinction between cause and reason is confounded by BH scholars’ vague use of the term “causality.”

None of the BH lexica take account of current insight from BH linguistics, e.g., the scope of **בְּעִבּוֹר** is not necessarily limited to the connection between two immediately following

sentences; the distribution of בְּעִבּוּר is different from that of the seemingly near synonym לְמַעַן, and בְּעִבּוּר final constructions and conjunctionless final constructions are used in different domains and are not necessarily interchangeable.

2.2.1.2 לְמַעַן

2.2.1.2.1 לְמַעַן in BH linguistics

2.2.1.2.1.1 GKC (1910)

GKC (1910:298, 504) categorizes לְמַעַן as two different subclasses: 1) a preposition and 2) a (final) conjunction. According to GKC (1910:236), לְמַעַן is composed of the preposition לְ and מַעַן, which is further comprised of a performative מ and some form of a ל"ה verb (or perhaps ענה).

According to GKC, לְמַעַן displays two relations: purpose and causal relation.

1. לְמַעַן indicates a purpose relation.

(1) As a preposition: GKC (1910: 298) provides the translation value “for the purpose of,” yet, they do not provide an example.

(2) As a conjunction (e.g., Deut 4:1; Pss 51:6; 78:6): The imperfect form occurs in (אֲשֶׁר) לְמַעַן final clauses.³³ GKC gives the translation equivalent “to the end that” for the final conjunction לְמַעַן.

<p>וְעַתָּה יִשְׂרָאֵל שְׁמַע אֶל-הַחֻקִּים וְאֶל-הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְלַמֵּד אֶתְכֶם לַעֲשׂוֹת לְמַעַן תַּחֲיוּ וּבְאֵתְכֶם וִירִשְׁתֶּם אֶת-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבֹתֵיכֶם נָתַן לְכֶם:</p>	<p>“And now, O Israel, give heed to the statutes and the ordinances which I teach you, and do them; <i>to the end that</i>³⁴ you may live, and go in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, gives you.</p>
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(Deut 4:1)

2. לְמַעַן indicates a causal relation.

As a preposition: The translation value is “on account of,” but no example is offered (GKC 1910:298).

GKC (1910:332-333) deals with those cases where a *weqatal* follows a לְמַעַן final clause (e.g., Gen 12:13; Num 15:40; Isa 28:13). GKC claims that the *weqatal* expresses future actions “as temporal or logical consequence of tenses, or their equivalents, which announce or require

³³ GKC (1910:318) regards this imperfect as a modal imperfect. GKC (1910:316-319) discusses the use of a modal imperfect which “serves to express actions, events, or states, the occurrence of which is to be represented as willed (or not willed), or as in some way conditional, and consequently only contingent.”

³⁴ לְמַעַן is rendered “to the end,” in accordance with GKC (1910)

such future actions or events.” However, it is not certain whether they claim that the *weqatal* expresses purpose or result.

אָמַרְיִינָא אֶתְּחִי אֶתְּ לְמַעַן יִיטֹב־לִי בְּעָבוּרָךְ
 וְחַיְתָּה נַפְשִׁי בְּגִלְלָךְ: Say you are my sister, that it may go well
 with me because of you, and that my life may
 be spared on your account. (Gen 12:13)

GKC’s treatment of לְמַעַן does not differ from that of בְּעָבוּר. The same critique of GKC’s treatment of בְּעָבוּר regarding its semantics can be applied to GKC’s dealing with לְמַעַן. According to GKC, לְמַעַן indicates both purpose and causal relations; however, they fail to make clear whether a causal relation indicates reason or cause. Furthermore, they fail to provide criteria for distinguishing between purpose and causal relations. They argue that לְמַעַן signifies a purpose relation when it is used as a conjunction followed by *yiqtol*; however, it is partially true. לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* can indicate other relation, i.e., reason and cause, than purpose relation (see §4.2).

2.2.1.2.1.2 Mitchell (1915)

Mitchell (1915:142) claims that “the most complete development of the idea of purpose in the Hebrew language is denoted by the particle לְמַעַן.” Like GKC, Mitchell (1915:142-143) categorizes לְמַעַן as a particle comprised of the preposition לְ and a noun מַעַן, which is a derivative of עָנָה, “answer, respond.”

As for the semantics of לְמַעַן, Mitchell states the following:

Its original meaning, therefore, must have been response; from which the transition to purpose is simple and easy, as appears from Prov 16:4, where מַעַנָה, which elsewhere has the sense of *response*, may be rendered *end* or *purpose*. The compound לְמַעַן indicates a bearing. The difference between it and the simple preposition [לְ], when used in its intentional sense, is just that which corresponds to the distinction between bearing and direction. The former denotes a constant [purpose], the latter a transient purpose. [...] The purpose denoted by לְ exhausts itself in a single act, that denoted by לְמַעַן may give rise to an unlimited number of efforts. [...] לְמַעַן denotes a constant purpose, corresponding very nearly to the German *auf daß* and the English *for the sake of* in its strict sense (Mitchell 1915:142-144).

1. לְמַעַן is employed to express a final relation.

According to Mitchell (1915:144-145), in general, when a *qatal* or *wayyiqtol* occur in the main clause, לְמַעַן is followed by an infinitive. However, when a *yiqtol* or *weqatal* or the imperative is found in the main clause, *yiqtol* is found in the subordinate clause.³⁵

³⁵ Mitchell does not use the term “main clause” and “subordinating clause,” but uses the term “protasis” and “apodosis” or “dependent clause.”

Mitchell (1915:148-149) distinguishes three different purposes that לְמַעַן final clauses can express: 1) a universal purpose, 2) a characteristic purpose, and 3) a deliberate purpose. However, as far as the notion of three different purposes is concerned, he only provides a definition for the universal purpose: “By a universal purpose is meant a purpose that is grounded in human nature, one that appeals to any normal person. It is to such a purpose that an appeal is oftenest made when a person urges another to any course of action. It has the force of a sanction of the given command or request” (Mitchell 1915:148).

(1) לְמַעַן + infinitive (Mitchell 1915:145-148)

a. Universal purpose: No example is given.

b. Characteristic purpose (e.g., 1 Sam 17:28)

וַיִּשְׁמַע אֱלִיאָב אֶתְיוֹ הַגָּדוֹל בְּדַבְרוֹ אֶל־הָאֲנָשִׁים
וַיַּחֲרֹאֶף אֱלִיאָב בְּדָוִד וַיֹּאמְרוּ לְמַה־זֶּה יֵרֵדָה
וְעַל־מִי נִטְשֶׁתָּ מֵעַט הַצֹּאן הַהַנֵּה בַּמִּדְבָּר אֲנִי
יָדַעְתִּי אֶת־זְדוֹנָךְ וְאֵת רָע לְבַבְךָ כִּי לְמַעַן רְאוֹת
הַמְּלַחְמָה יֵרֵדָה:

Now Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, “Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption, and the evil of your heart; for you have come down to see the battle.” (1 Sam 17:28)

c. Deliberate purpose (e.g., Exod 1:11; Ezek 39:12)³⁶

וַיִּשְׁמְרוּ עָלָיו שָׂרֵי מַסִּים לְמַעַן עַנּוֹתוֹ בְּסַבְלָתָם
וַיִּבְנוּ עָרֵי מִסְכָּנוֹת לְפָרְעֹה אֶת־פִּתּוֹם וְאֶת־
רַעַמְסֵס:

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens; and they built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and Raamses. (Exod 1:11)

(2) לְמַעַן + an imperfect (Mitchell 1915:148-151)

a. Universal purpose (e.g., the desire of well-being, Deut 5:16)

כַּבֵּד אֶת־אָבִיךָ וְאֶת־אִמְךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְמַעַן יֵאָרִיכוּ יְמֵיךָ וְלְמַעַן יֵיטֵב לָךְ עַל
הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לָךְ: ס

Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you; that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you, in the land which the LORD your God gives you. (Deut 5:16)

b. Characteristic purpose (e.g., Gen 12:13)

אִמְרִי־נָא אַחֲתִי אַתְּ לְמַעַן יֵיטֵב־לִי בְּעַבְרוֹךְ
וַחֲיִתָּה נַפְשִׁי בְּגִלְלָךְ:

Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared on your account. (Gen 12:13)

c. Deliberate purpose (e.g., Exod 13:9; Num 27:20)³⁷

³⁶The purpose is manifested by a single act in Exod 1:11, while the purpose is manifested by a course of action in Ezek 39:12.

וְנָתַתָּהּ מִהוֹדֶיךָ עָלָיו לְמַעַן יִשְׁמְעוּ כָּל-עֵדֶת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: You shall invest him with some of your authority, that all the congregation of the people of Israel may obey. (Num 27:20)

(3) לְמַעַן + a noun/a pronoun/suffix (Mitchell 1915:153-155)

a. Universal purpose (e.g., Deut 30:6)

וּמָל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֶת-לִבְבְּךָ וְאֶת-לִבְבֵי זְרַעֲךָ וְאֶת-לִבְבֵי בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל לְמַעַן חֲיִיךָ: And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. (Deut 30:6)

b. Characteristic purpose (e.g., Gen 18:24)

אִולי יֵשׁ חֲמִשִּׁים צְדִיקִים בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר הָאֵתְּ תִסְפֹּה וְלֹא-תִשָּׂא לְמָקוֹם לְמַעַן חֲמִשִּׁים הַצְדִיקִים אֲשֶׁר בָּקִרְבָּהּ: Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt thou then destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? (Gen 18:24)

c. Deliberate purpose (e.g., Jer 7:19)

הֲאֵתִי הֵם מְכַעְסִים נְאֻם-יְהוָה הֲלוֹא אֲתָם לְמַעַן בְּשֵׁת פְּנֵיהֶם: Is it I whom they provoke? Says the LORD. Is it not themselves, to their own confusion? (Jer 7:19)

2. לְמַעַן is used to express a causal relation.

לְמַעַן + a noun/suffix (e.g., Deut 3:26; 1 Kgs 11:39; Pss 48:12; 97:8) (Mitchell 1915:155)

וַיִּתְעַבֵּר יְהוָה בִּי לְמַעַן נִכְחַם וְלֹא שָׁמַע אֵלַי וַיֵּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלַי רַב-לֵךְ אֶל-תּוֹסֵף דַּבֵּר אֵלַי עוֹד בְּדַבְרֵךָ הַזֶּה: But the LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not hearken to me; and the LORD said to me, ‘Let it suffice you; speak no more to me of this matter. (Deut 3:26)

Mitchell (1915:155) compares לְמַעַן in Deut 3:26 with Deut 1:37 (בגללכם), Deut 4:21 (על) and Ps 106:32 (בעבוכם), and gives a possible translation value “on account of. However, he suggests the possibility of interpolation. Mitchell (1915:155) also suggests the possibility that in the case of 1 Kgs 11:39, לְמַעַן takes the place of the אֲשֶׁר of verse 33. In addition, Mitchell (1915:155) regards לְמַעַן in Ps 48:12 and 97:8 as a gloss. He mentions “in any case, it is of late origin, and, therefore, like the other two examples of the use of לְמַעַן in a causal sense, may be treated as a mark of linguistic deterioration.”

³⁷ The purpose is manifested by a single act in Num 27:20, while the purpose is manifested by a course of action in Exod 13:9.

To conclude: Mitchell's categorization of לְמַעַן as "a particle" is vague when we consider the constructions that לְמַעַן governs (e.g., infinitive, verb, noun, suffix). As far as a semantic model is concerned, Mitchell's treatment of לְמַעַן does not differ from that of בְּעֵבוּר. Hence, the same critique of Mitchell's treatment of בְּעֵבוּר can be applied to Mitchell's model for לְמַעַן.

Mitchell distinguishes three different types of purpose that לְמַעַן expresses; however, it is difficult to know how they can contribute to distinguishing between the different meanings or senses of לְמַעַן due to his negligence of defining the notional value of each.

2.2.1.2.1.3 Brongers (1973)

On the basis of whether לְמַעַן is followed by a verb or noun/infinitive, Brongers (1973:86) similarly categorizes לְמַעַן as 1) a conjunction and 2) a preposition.

Brongers lists the distribution of the 268 occurrences of the lexeme and observes that 60% occur in 5 books, viz., Deut (48x); Ezek (37x); Ps (32x); Jer (23x), and Deut-Isa (23x); however, he does not posit a reason for why this is the case.

As for the etymology of לְמַעַן, Brongers is of a different opinion than Mitchell (1915), suggesting that מַעַן – like יַעַן – stems from the ענה III "to trouble". While no substantival masculine form of מַעַן is attested, the feminine form מַעֲנָה referring to a "plough furrow" is, in fact. According to Brongers, the concept of purpose or aim is already communicated in this word. Hence the translation of לְמַעַן "Rücksicht auf," "um ... willen," "wegen" (with the purpose of, in order to, because of). Relatively frequent is the combination לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר + a finite verb, which has the connotation of "so that" (e.g., Gen 18:19).

According to Brongers, לְמַעַן displays four distinct relations: purpose, result, cause, and reason.

1. לְמַעַן is employed in the following constructions to indicate a purpose relation.

לְמַעַן + an infinitive construct (Brongers 1973:86-88): With the purpose connotation it is best translated as "um ... zu" (in order to) (e.g., 1 Sam 15:15). This translation value is preferred when a transitive verb is involved; while when a transitive verb is at stake, "damit" (therewith) is more appropriate (e.g., Josh 4:24).

וַיֹּאמֶר שָׂאוּל מֵעַמְלֵקִי הַבְּיָאוֹם אֲשֶׁר חָמַל הָעָם
עַל-מִיטֵב הַצֹּאן וְהַבָּקָר לְמַעַן זָבַח לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ
וְאֵת-הַיֹּתֵר הִחָרַמְנוּ: ס

Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed." (1 Sam 15:15)

אֲשֶׁר-הוֹבִישׁ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֶת-מֵי הַיַּרְדֵּן
מִפְּנֵיכֶם עַד-עֲבָרְכֶם בְּאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם
לְיָם-סוּף אֲשֶׁר-הוֹבִישׁ מִפְּנֵינוּ עַד-עֲבָרְנוּ: ²⁴לְמַעַן
דָּעַת בְּלַעֲמֵי הָאָרֶץ אֶת-יְדֵי יְהוָה כִּי חִזְקָה הָיָא

²³For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed

לְמַעַן יֵרְאוּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם כָּל־הַיָּמִים: ס over,²⁴ *therewith*³⁸ all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty; that you may fear the LORD your God for ever. (Josh 4:24)

לְמַעַן + a finite verb (Brongers 1973:89): Most of these instances occur in Deut within contexts of admonitions or promises, in which case they typically express “purpose” (e.g., Deut. 11:8). “Damit” (so that) may be regarded as a translation equivalent.

וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם אֶת־כָּל־הַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוְךָ הַיּוֹם לְמַעַן תִּחְזְקוּ וּבְאֵתְם וַיִּרְשְׁתֶּם אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתֶּם עֹבְרִים שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ: “You shall therefore keep all the commandment which I command you this day, that you may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land which you are going over to possess.” (Deut 11:8)

2. לְמַעַן is also used to express a result relation.

לְמַעַן + an infinitive construct (e.g., Lev. 20:3; Amos 2:7). “Wodurch” (by which) is the offered translation value (Brongers 1973:89).

וְאֲנִי אֶתְּנֶנּוּ אֶת־פְּנֵי בְּאִישׁ הַהוּא וְהִכַּרְתִּי אֹתוֹ מִקֶּרֶב עַמּוֹ כִּי מִזֵּרְעוֹ נָתַן לְמֹלֶךְ לְמַעַן טַמְא אֶת־מִקְדָּשִׁי וְלַחֲלֹל אֶת־שֵׁם קֹדְשִׁי: I myself will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given one of his children to Molech, *by which he defiled my sanctuary and profaned my holy name.*³⁹ (Lev 20:3)

לְמַעַן + a finite verb (e.g., Jer 51:39). A translation gloss is “so dass” (so that) (Brongers 1973:90-91).

בְּחַמָּם אֲשִׁית אֶת־מִשְׁתֵּיהֶם וְהִשְׁבַּרְתִּים לְמַעַן יִגְלוּ וַיִּשְׁנוּ שְׁנַת־עוֹלָם וְלֹא יִקְיצוּ נָאִם יְהוָה: While they are inflamed I will prepare them a feast and make them drunk, *so that*⁴⁰ they swoon away and sleep a perpetual sleep and not wake, says the LORD. (Jer 51:39)

3. לְמַעַן is also employed to indicate a causal relation.

Brongers (1973:92ff) distinguishes two different categories: 1) לְמַעַן + a pronominal suffix, and 2) לְמַעַן + a noun.

³⁸ לְמַעַן is rendered according to the translation value of Brongers.

³⁹ לְמַעַן טַמְא אֶת־מִקְדָּשִׁי וְלַחֲלֹל אֶת־שֵׁם קֹדְשִׁי is rendered as such considering Brongers’ translation equivalent of לְמַעַן.

⁴⁰ “So that” is a rendering based on Brongers’ translation value.

(1) לְמַעַן + a pronominal suffix

לְמַעַן with 1st person suffixes are few in number and refer only to God (e.g., 2 Kgs 19:34). These constructions are always used in the context of a promise as a way to confirm the promise (i.e., “for my own sake” it will happen).

וַגִּנֹּתִי אֶל־הָעִיר הַזֹּאת לְהוֹשִׁיעָהּ לְמַעַנִּי וּלְמַעַן דָּוִד עַבְדִּי: For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David. (2Kgs 19:34)

לְמַעַן with 2nd person suffixes always refer to people (e.g., in Isa 43:14) – it is to the good of the addressee.⁴¹

כֹּה־אָמַר יְהוָה גֹּאֲלֵכֶם קְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל לְמַעַנְכֶם שְׁלַחְתִּי בְּבָלָה וְהוֹרַדְתִּי בְּרִיחִים כָּל־ם וְכַשְׂדִּים בְּאֲנִיּוֹת רִנָּתָם: Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentations. (Isa 43:14)

Near-synonyms are the suffixed forms of בְּגַלְל and בְּעֵבוּר (‘for x’s sake’ in a positive sense; ‘because of you’ in a negative sense) (e.g., Gen 3:17 and 12:13). Interestingly, these near synonyms never refer to God.⁴²

אִמְרִי־נָא אֲחֹתִי אַתְּ לְמַעַן יֵיטֵב־לִי בְּעֵבוּרְךָ וְיִחְיֶה נַפְשִׁי בְּגַלְלְךָ: Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared on your account. (Gen 12:13)

(2) לְמַעַן + a noun

לְמַעַן + שֵׁם fulfils the same function as לְמַעַן + a 1st person suffix (e.g., Ezek 20:9). לְמַעַן + a noun (pronoun) also has a similar function to לְמַעַן + שֵׁם (e.g., 2 Kgs 8:19). In most cases

⁴¹ This is, however, not the case in Deut 3:26.

⁴² Like לְמַעַן, both בְּגַלְל and בְּעֵבוּר may also govern a noun. The same two semantic nuances as in the case of לְמַעַן + a noun are possible, viz., “for the sake of x” in a positive sense (e.g., Gen 26:24; Deut. 18:12) or “because of you” in a negative sense (e.g., 1 Kgs 14:16).

כִּי־תוֹעֲבַת יְהוָה כָּל־עֲשֵׂה אֱלֹהִים וּבְגַלְלֵהוּ הַתּוֹעֲבַת הָאֵלֶּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ מוֹרִישׁ אוֹתָם מִפְּנֵיךָ: For whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD; and because of these abominable practices the LORD your God is driving them out before you. (Deut 18:12)

וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּגַלְל חַטֹּאתַי יִרְבְּעֵם אֲשֶׁר חָטָא וְאֲשֶׁר הִחַטִּיא אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל: And he will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he sinned and which he made Israel to sin. (1 Kgs 14:16)

these constructions involve an action that prompted God to take action in the interest of himself or someone else (Brongers 1973:94).

וַאֲנִי לְמַעַן שְׁמִי לְבַלְתִּי הַחֵל לְעֵינֵי הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר-
הִמָּה בְּתוֹכָם אֲשֶׁר נֹדְדַתִּי אֲלֵיהֶם לְעֵינֵיהֶם
לְהוֹצִיאָם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם:
But I acted for the sake of my name, that it
should not be profaned in the sight of the
nations among whom they dwelt, in whose
sight I made myself known to them in
bringing them out of the land of Egypt.
(Ezek 20:9)

In some Pss, לְמַעַן “because of” + my enemies must be interpreted as “despite my enemies” (e.g., Ps 5:9).

יְהוָה נְחֲנִי בְּצִדְקָתְךָ לְמַעַן שׁוֹרְרֵי הַיָּשָׁר לִפְנֵי
דְרָכֶיךָ: *despite*⁴³ my enemies; make your way
straight before me. (Ps 5:9) (YCK)

4. לְמַעַן is also employed to indicate reason.

לְמַעַן + a noun/pronoun (e.g., Isa. 49:7). The translation value is “durch” or “seitens” (because of).

כֹּה אָמַר-יְהוָה גֹּאֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל קְדוֹשׁ לְבֹזֵה-נַפְשׁ
לְמַתְעֵב גּוֹי לְעֹבֵד מַשְׁלִים מְלָכִים יִרְאוּ וְקָמוּ
שָׂרִים וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲווּ לְמַעַן יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר נֶאֱמַן קֹדֶשׁ
יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּבְחָרְךָ:
Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel
and his Holy One, to one deeply despised,
abhorred by the nations, the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they
shall prostrate themselves; because of the
LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel,
who has chosen you.” (Isa 49:7)

In summary: As for the semantic model of לְמַעַן, Brongers’ treatment of לְמַעַן does not differ from that of GKC and Mitchell (1915). Hence, the same critique of GKC and Mitchell can be applied.

As far as the distinction between purpose, result, cause, and reason is concerned, according to Brongers, לְמַעַן + an infinitive/finite is employed to indicate purpose or result, while לְמַעַן + a noun/pronoun/suffix is used to signify cause or reason. As far as the distinction between purpose and result is concerned, it is only dependent on the context (Brongers 1973:90-91). Brongers’ criteria for distinguishing between purpose, result, cause, and reason are not very useful.

As for the paradigmatic relation, Brongers claims that בְּעִבּוֹר and בְּגִלָּל are near synonyms of לְמַעַן when they are used with a pronominal suffix referring to humans (never God).

⁴³ לְמַעַן is rendered based on Brongers’ translation value.

Brongers states that purpose can also be expressed in BH by בְּעֵבוֹר (e.g., Gen 21:30) and a simple *waw* (e.g., Deut. 10:17), claiming that the interchange of these constructions may be attributed to stylistic considerations. However, Brongers' claims are not convincing (see §2.2.1.1.1.4, 2.2.1.2.1.6, and 2.2.2.1.9).

2.2.1.2.1.4 Waltke & O'Connor (1990)

Waltke & O'Connor categorize לְמַעַן as: 1) a preposition and 2) a final conjunction.⁴⁴ The preposition לְמַעַן governs an infinitive construct, while the conjunction לְמַעַן governs a finite verb.

According to Waltke & O'Connor (1990:638-640), purpose and result are expressed by the same means.⁴⁵ Hence they do not regard final (purpose) and result clauses as separate syntactic entities, viz., לְמַעַן is employed to signify either a final or result relation. They argue that distinction between final and result clauses cannot be made syntactically but only contextually.

1. The preposition לְמַעַן is employed to indicate a final or result relation (Waltke & O'Connor 1990:604). Waltke & O'Connor provide the translation equivalent "so as to" (e.g., Deut 2:30). However, it is not certain whether this translation gloss represents the final לְמַעַן or result לְמַעַן.

<p>וְלֹא אָבָה סִיחֹן מֶלֶךְ הַשְּׁבֹזִן הָעֵבְרָנִי בּוֹ כִּי- הַקָּשָׁה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֶת-רוּחוֹ וְאָמַל אֶת-לִבּוֹ לְמַעַן תִּתֵּן בְּיָדְךָ כִּיּוֹם הַזֶּה: ס</p>	<p>But Sihon the king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him; for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate <i>so as to</i>⁴⁶ give him into your hand, as at this day. (Deut 2:30)</p>
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2. The final conjunction לְמַעַן introduces the final clause with or without אֲשֶׁר (Waltke & O'Connor 1990:638-639) (e.g., Gen 18:19; Exod 4:5; 1 Sam 15:15).⁴⁷ They provide a translation value of "so that" for both לְמַעַן and אֲשֶׁר לְמַעַן.

<p>כִּי יִדְעַתִּיו לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵא אֶת-בָּנָיו וְאֶת-בֵּיתוֹ אֶחָרָיו וְשָׁמְרוּ דְרָךְ יְהוָה לַעֲשׂוֹת צְדָקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט</p>	<p>No, for I have chosen him, so that⁴⁸ he may charge his children and his household after</p>
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⁴⁴ Waltke & O'Connor (1990:187) define the word class preposition as follows: "Prepositions are relational terms that stand before nouns and noun equivalents (including certain verb forms), and thereby form phrases." However, they do not address what the conjunction is.

⁴⁵ In line with GKC and Mitchell (1915), Waltke & O'Connor regard final/result constructions as two-element syntactic constructions. "The main clause expresses a situation, and the subordinate clause either a purpose (final or telic clause) or a consequence (result clause)" (Waltke & O'Connor 1990:638).

⁴⁶ לְמַעַן תִּתֵּן is rendered into "so as to give" according to Waltke & O'Connor's translation value.

⁴⁷ Waltke & O'Connor regard אֲשֶׁר as a final or resultative conjunction. "In positive clauses אֲשֶׁר alone can introduce either a final (e.g., Deut 4:10) or a result clause (e.g., Gen 22:14)." However, Holmstedt (2001;2002) questions such an interpretation of אֲשֶׁר.

⁴⁸ לְמַעַן is rendered into "so that" according to Waltke & O'Connor's translation value.

לְמַעַן הַבִּיא יְהוָה עַל־אַבְרָהָם אֵת אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר
 עִלָּיו: him to keep the way of the LORD by doing
 righteousness and justice; so that the LORD
 may bring to Abraham what he has promised
 him. (Gen 18:19)

3. A negative purpose (e.g., Ezek 14:11; 25:10; 26:20) and result (e.g., Ezek 19:9) are indicated by לְמַעַן (Waltke & O'Connor 1990:639).

לְבָנֵי־קֶדֶם עַל־בְּנֵי עַמּוֹן וְנִתְתִּיהָ לְמִוְרָשָׁה לְמַעַן
 לֹא־תִזְכָּר בְּנֵי־עַמּוֹן בְּגוֹיִם: I will give it along with the Ammonites to the
 people of the East as a possession, that it may
 be remembered no more among the nations
 (Ezek 25:10)

וַיִּתְּנֵהוּ בְּסוּגָר בְּחַחִים וַיְבִאֵהוּ אֶל־מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל
 וַיְבִאֵהוּ בְּמַצְדּוֹת לְמַעַן לֹא־יִשְׁמַע קוֹלוֹ עוֹד אֶל־
 הַרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: פ With hooks they put him in a cage, and
 brought him to the king of Babylon; they
 brought him into custody, that his voice
 should no more be heard upon the mountains
 of Israel. (Ezek 19:9)

The categorization of word classes by Waltke & O'Connor is a formal one that is in line with most traditional grammars (GKC and Joüon- Muraoka). As far as the semantics of לְמַעַן is concerned, Waltke & O'Connor's does not differ from Brongers; hence, the same critique of Brongers can be applied.

2.2.1.2.1.5 Joüon-Muraoka (1991)

In line with GKC, Joüon- Muraoka categorize לְמַעַן as 1) a subordinating conjunction and 2) a preposition. In line with Mitchell (1915), they argue that לְמַעַן is composed of an apocope form of מַעַן derived from a ל"ה verb, ענה "answer," and לְ (Joüon-Muraoka 1991:75, 257).

According to Joüon-Muraoka, לְמַעַן is employed to indicate purpose or result. As for the distinction between purpose and result, Joüon-Muraoka mention that "the final clause and the consecutive clause are closely related to each other, [and that] Hebrew does not make any strict distinction between them, and quite often we may not be sure about the precise nuance." Although they deal with purpose and result under two different headings regarding them as distinct entities, they do not provide explicit criteria for distinguishing them syntactically.

1. לְמַעַן indicating a purpose relation.

(1) When לְמַעַן + an infinitive is used as a preposition, Joüon-Muraoka (1991:634) provide the translation value "in order to."

וַיֹּאמֶר אֶלְהֵם רְאוּבֵן אַל־תִּשְׁפְּכוּ־דָם הַשְּׁלִיכוּ
 אֹתוֹ אֶל־הַבּוֹר הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר בְּמִדְבָּר וַיֵּד אֶל־
 תִּשְׁלַחוּ־יָדְכֶם לְמַעַן הַצִּיל אֹתוֹ מִיָּדְכֶם לְהַשִּׁיבוֹ אֶל־ And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood;
 cast him into this pit here in the wilderness,
 but lay no hand upon him"—that he might

אָבִיו: rescue⁴⁹ him out of their hand, in order to restore him to his father. (Gen 37:22)

(2) Subordinating conjunction לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר). In this case, Joüon-Muraoka (1991:634) call לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) a final conjunction (e.g., Gen 12:13; Jer 42:6). They provide the translation glosses “in order that” and “so that.”

אָמַרְיִינָא אֶחָתִי אַתְּ לְמַעַן יִיטֹב־לִי בְעָבוּרֶיךָ וְחַיְתָה נַפְשִׁי בְגִלְלָךְ: Say you are my sister, so that it may go well with me because of you, and so that⁵⁰ my life may be spared on your account. (Gen 12:13)

(3) In line with Hurvitz (1972), Joüon-Muraoka (1991:634) claim that לֹא לְמַעַן (negated construction) occurs only in later BH (8x) and is thus a feature of LBH.⁵¹

וְנִשְׂאוּ עוֹנָם כְּעוֹן הַדֹּרֵשׁ כְּעוֹן הַנְּבִיא יְהוּה: ¹⁰ And they shall bear their punishment—the punishment of the prophet and the punishment of the inquirer shall be alike— יִטְמְאוּ עוֹד בְּכָל־פְּשָׁעֵיהֶם וְהָיוּ לִי לְעָם וְאֲנִי אֶהְיֶה לָהֶם לְאֱלֹהִים נְאֻם אֲדֹנָי יְהוּה: פ ¹¹ that the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, nor defile themselves any more with all their transgressions, but that they may be my people and I may be their God, says my LORD. (Ezek 14:10-11) (YCK)

2. לְמַעַן indicating result.⁵²

(1) When the context talks about a punishable act, or “the effect of which is an offence against God rather than its aim,” לְמַעַן indicates result (Joüon-Muraoka 1991:636-637) (e.g., Lev 20:3; 2 Kgs 22:17; Pss 30:13; 51:6; 130:4; Hos 8:4; Amos 2:7; 5:14). In this case, a translation value for לְמַעַן is “so as to.”

וְאֲנִי אֶתֵּן אֶת־פָּנַי בְּאִישׁ הַהוּא וְהִכַּרְתִּי אֹתוֹ מִקֶּרֶב עַמּוֹ כִּי מִזְרַעוֹ נָתַן לְמַלְאָךְ לְמַעַן טַמְא אֶת־מִקְדָּשִׁי וְלַחֲלֹל אֶת־שְׁמִי קִדְּשִׁי: I myself will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given one of his children to Molech, so as to defile my sanctuary and

⁴⁹ לְמַעַן הַצִּיל is rendered into “in order to rescue” according to Joüon-Muraoka’s translation value.

⁵⁰ לְמַעַן is rendered according to Joüon-Muraoka’s translation value.

⁵¹ In his investigation of BH in transition, Hurvitz (1972:147) claims that לֹא לְמַעַן can be used as a criterion for dating a psalm (לֹא לְמַעַן occurs in s 119:11, 80; 125:30). Hurvitz (1972:147) claims that לֹא לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר – which have the same semantic range as לְמַעַן לֹא – are utilized only in Classical Biblical Hebrew (CBH), while לְמַעַן is employed in LBH. However, Hurvitz’s claim is not true, for לֹא לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר, לֹא לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר and לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר also occur in later books (i.e., LBH).

⁵² Joüon-Muraoka use the term ‘consequence’ and ‘result’ interchangeably. In the case of the resultative function of לְמַעַן, Joüon-Muraoka do not differentiate between different constructions according to whether לְמַעַן is a preposition or a conjunction.

profane my holy name.⁵³ (Lev 20:3)

(2) When the context describes the effect of the intended action rather than its aim, לְמַעַן introduces result (Joüion-Muraoka 1991:636-637) (e.g., Pss 30:13; 51:6; 130:4; Jer 27:10, 15; 36:3; Hos 8:4; Amos 5:14; Obad 9; Micah 6:16).⁵⁴

כִּי שֶׁקֶר הֵם נִבְּאִים לָכֵם לְמַעַן הִרְחִיק אֶתְכֶם
מֵעַל אֲדַמְתְּכֶם וְהִדַּחְתִּי אֶתְכֶם וְאֶבְדְּתֶם: For it is a lie which they are prophesying to
you, with the result that you will be removed
far from your land, and I will drive you out,
and you will perish. (Jer 27:10)

As for the categorization of לְמַעַן in terms of word classes, Joüion-Muraoka are therefore in line with traditional BH grammars. As for the semantics of לְמַעַן, the same critique of Muraoka's treatment of בְּעִבּוּר regarding its semantics can be applied, for Muraoka's treatment of לְמַעַן does not differ from that of בְּעִבּוּר.

According to Joüion-Muraoka, the distinction between purpose and result cannot be made syntactically. Joüion-Muraoka only provide some contextual criteria for distinguishing between purpose and result: when talking about an intended result and a punishable act, לְמַעַן indicates a result relation.

2.2.1.2.1.5 Chinitz (1994; 1998)

Chinitz (1994; 1998) claims that לְמַעַן expresses teleological causality based on his investigation of the 613 commandments (מצוות) in the HB. In his investigation, Chinitz identified that half of the 613 מצוות are rationalised,⁵⁵ and that the reasonales are often

⁵³ The rendering is based on Joüion-Muraoka's translation value.

⁵⁴ Joüion-Muraoka treats the final function of לְמַעַן under the heading "consecutive clause."

⁵⁵ Chinitz (1994:14) states that "my overview has found that almost half of the *mitzvot* are stated in what can be called a reasoning or reasonable mode, while the other half are given as laws without reference to any underpinning other than biblical or non-biblical laws and values. My study supports the proposition that the Torah as a legal code offers more reason and rationalization in the very statement of the laws than does the U.S. Constitution."

Chinitz (1994:16) distinguishes four different kinds of reasons given in the Torah for its commandments.

1. Words that directly refer to the cause and effect relationship, or the attempt to answer the question "Why?"
2. References to a rationale already given for a previous מצוה, when subsequent מצוות are based on the same concepts.
3. Pragmatic, common-sense rationale based on general human values and understanding.
4. An expression of self-evident valuation through the use of value-laden words, such as טְמֵאָה (uncleanness), שֶׁקֶץ (disgust), תּוֹעֵבָה (abomination).

introduced either by the use of one of the three words: *כי*, *אֲשֶׁר*, *לְמַעַן*. According to him, “teleological element in causality is expressed more closely by *l²maan* in Hebrew than by *ki* or *asher*” (Chinitz 1998:190).

Chinitz (1998:189) distinguishes three different uses of *לְמַעַן*: 1) expressing a causal relation between two events without any moral implications (e.g., Gen 12:13; Exod 1:11; Deut 2:30), 2) for the specific relation between an action or an entity and its educational or inspirational effect on people (e.g., Gen 18:19; Exod 4:5; Deut 6:2), and 3) introducing the promise of reward for the commandments (e.g., Gen 27:25; Deut 4:1).

אֲמַרְיִנָּא אַחְתִּי אַתְּ לְמַעַן יִיטְבְּלִי בְּעַבְדְּךָ
וְחַיְתָה נַפְשִׁי בְּגִלְגָּלְךָ:

Please say that you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may remain alive thanks to you. [Chinitz’s rendering] (Gen 12:13)

וְנִזְאת הַמִּצְוָה הַחֲקִים וְהַמְשָׁפְטִים אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם לְלַמֵּד אֶתְכֶם לַעֲשׂוֹת בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר
אֲתֶם עֹבְרִים שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ: ²לְמַעַן תִּירָא אֶת־
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשֹׁמֵר אֶת־כָּל־חֻקֹּתָיו וּמִצְוֹתָיו אֲשֶׁר
אָנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ אֶתָּה וּבְנֶךָ וּבְנֵי־בְנֶךָ כָּל יְמֵי חַיֶּיךָ

¹“Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the ordinances which the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it; ²that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life. (Deut 6:1-2)

וְעַתָּה יִשְׂרָאֵל שְׁמַע אֶל־הַחֲקִים וְאֶל־הַמְשָׁפְטִים
אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְלַמֵּד אֶתְכֶם לַעֲשׂוֹת לְמַעַן תַּחֲיוּ
וּבְאֶתְם וִירִשְׁתֶּם אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי
אֲבֹתֵיכֶם נָתַן לָכֶם:

“And now, O Israel, give heed to the statutes and the ordinances which I teach you, and do them; that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, gives you. (Deut 4:1)

Chiniz (1994; 1998) claims that *לְמַעַן* expresses teleological causality. Although Chiniz (1994; 1998) does not define the notion “teleological causality,” the term implies that the cause in the relationship of cause-effect is a teleological cause, viz., an event as a cause is performed for the purpose of bringing about the other event (effect). However, the term “teleological causality” is confusing. When we consider all the examples above, *לְמַעַן* indicates a relation of purpose, viz., the event of the matrix is performed in order to bring about the other event in a *לְמַעַן* clause. In this case a *לְמַעַן* clause is a final clause (see §3.3.1). The term “teleological causality” just reveals that the relationship between the event in the matrix and the event of *לְמַעַן* purpose clause is a causal relation, in its broadest sense.

2.2.1.2.1.6 Payle (2000)

Also Payle categorizes *לְמַעַן* as 1) a preposition and 2) a final conjunction. When *לְמַעַן* is used as a final conjunction, it is followed by a *yiqtol* or infinitive; while when it is used as a

preposition, it is followed by a noun/pronoun/suffix (§2.2.1.1.1.4). According to Payle, the main function of *לְמַעַן* is that of a final conjunction. Among 272 occurrences, *לְמַעַן* is used 67 times as a preposition as opposed to 205 times as a final conjunction. Contrary to *לְמַעַן*, the function of *בְּעֵבוֹר* as a final conjunction is secondary to that of its use as a preposition (see §2.2.1.1.1.4).

Payle's main concern is not to investigate the semantics of *לְמַעַן*, but the final construction with *לְמַעַן* in order to compare it with other final constructions.⁵⁶ He does not investigate the construction *לְמַעַן* + a noun/a pronoun/suffix.⁵⁷ He seems to regard the preposition *לְמַעַן* as not being able to signify a final relation. However, he does not provide any reason for not dealing with the instances where *לְמַעַן* is used as a preposition.

Payle identified the following features of *לְמַעַן* final clauses, i.e., *לְמַעַן* + a *yiqtol* and *לְמַעַן* + an infinitive.

1. As for the distribution, *לְמַעַן* + a *yiqtol* is predominant in the Pentateuch, and is spread evenly through the Prophets except for the Minor Prophets. The *לְמַעַן* + *yiqtol* construction occurs 133 times. 50% occurs in Deut (47x), Ezek (28x), Jer (16x), Exod (16x), and Ps (14x). The construction *לְמַעַן* + an infinitive occurs 72 times. The most prevalent books are Jer (13x), Deut (12x), and Ezek (12). The rest are spread evenly throughout the HB (Payle 2000:70-72).

2. *לְמַעַן* + *yiqtol* final clauses are only employed to express final relations in discourse (e.g., Exod 16:32), while *לְמַעַן* + infinitive final clauses are utilized to express final relations in narrative (e.g., Exod 1:11) as well as discourse (e.g., Exod 11:9) (Payle 2000:112).

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה זֶה הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה מֵלֵא
הָעֹמֶר מִמֶּנּוּ לְמַשְׁמֶרֶת לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם לְמַעַן יֵרָאוּ
אֶת־הַלֶּחֶם אֲשֶׁר הָאֵלֶּכְתִּי אִתְּכֶם בַּמִּדְבָּר
בְּהוֹצִיאִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם:
And Moses said, “This is what the LORD has
commanded: ‘Let an omer of it be kept
throughout your generations, that they may
see the bread with which I fed you in the
wilderness, when I brought you out of the
land of Egypt.’” (Exod 16:32)

וַיִּשְׂמוּ עָלָיו שָׂרֵי מַסִּים לְמַעַן עֲנֹתוּ בַסְּבִלָּתָם
וַיִּבְנוּ עָרֵי מַסְכְּנוֹת לְפָרְעֹה אֶת־פִּתּוֹם וְאֶת־
רַעַמְסֵס:
Therefore they set taskmasters over them to
afflict them with heavy burdens; and they
built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and
Raamses. (Exod 1:11)

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֹא־יִשְׁמַע אֲלֵיכֶם פְּרֹעֹה
לְמַעַן רַבּוֹת מוֹפְתָי בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם:
Then the LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh will
not listen to you; that my wonders may be
multiplied in the land of Egypt.” (Exod 11:9)

⁵⁶ For this reason, he only gives a translation gloss “in order to” for *לְמַעַן* used in the final clause *לְמַעַן* + an infinitive.

⁵⁷ For the reason for this, see §2.2.1.1.1.4.

3. When the (אֲשֶׁר) לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* clause is negated, it is always negated by אַל and never אֵל (Payle 2000:135-137).

וְהוֹשִׁיעַ יְהוָה אֶת־אֹהֲלֵי יְהוּדָה בְּרֵאשִׁיטָה לְמַעַן
 לֹא־תִגְדַּל תְּפִאֲרַת בֵּית־דָּוִד וְתִפְאֲרַת יִשְׁב
 יְרוּשָׁלַם עַל־יְהוּדָה:
 And the LORD will give victory to the tents of
 Judah first, that the glory of the house of
 David and the glory of the inhabitants of
 Jerusalem may not be exalted over that of
 Judah. (Zech 12:7)

Payle recognizes that פֶּן and לְבִלְתִּי are also employed to negate a final clause; however, he does not investigate this matter any further.

4. When a volitional form occurs in the matrix, לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* is employed to signify a purpose relation in the Nachsatz⁵⁸ (e.g., Gen 12:13). However, when a *qatal/wayyiqtol* (non-volitional forms) occurs in the matrix, לְמַעַן + an infinitive is used in the Nachsatz (e.g., Gen 50:20) (Payle 2000:83, 102). This confirms Mitchell's (1915) rule (see §2.2.1.2.1.2).

אֲמַרְיִנָּא אֶחָתִי אַתְּ לְמַעַן יֵיטֵב־לִי בְּעַבְדוֹךָ
 וְחַיִּתָּה נַפְשִׁי בְּגִלְלָךָ:
 Say you are my sister, that it may go well
 with me because of you, and that my life
 may be spared on your account. (Gen 12:13)
 וְאַתָּם חָשַׁבְתֶּם עָלַי רָעָה אֱלֹהִים חָשְׁבָה לְטֹבָה
 לְמַעַן עֲשֶׂהָ כִּי־וּמַר הַזֶּה לְהַחְיִת עַם־רַב:
 As for you, you meant evil against me; but
 God meant it for good, *in order to*⁵⁹ bring it
 about that many people should be kept alive,
 as they are today. (Gen 50:20)

5. The scope of לְמַעַן may vary.

(1) A לְמַעַן final clause may depend on a single sentence (a one sentence) matrix (e.g., Gen 12:13; Deut 8:1) (Payle 2000:76).⁶⁰

אֲמַרְיִנָּא אֶחָתִי אַתְּ לְמַעַן יֵיטֵב־לִי בְּעַבְדוֹךָ
 וְחַיִּתָּה נַפְשִׁי בְּגִלְלָךָ:
 Say you are my sister, that it may go well
 with me because of you, and that my life may
 be spared on your account. (Gen 12:13)
 כָּל־הַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוְךָ הַיּוֹם תִּשְׁמְרוּן
 לְעֲשׂוֹת לְמַעַן תַּחְיִין וּרְבִיתֶם וּבְאֵתֶם וִירִשְׁתֶּם
 אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה לְאַבְתֵּיכֶם:
 All the commandment which I command you
 this day you shall be careful to do, that you
 may live and multiply, and go in and possess
 the land which the LORD swore to give to
 your fathers. (Deut 8:1)

(2) More common are cases where the לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* final clause is not syntactically subordinated to an immediately preceding matrix clause but to a chain of clauses (Num 27:18-20; Ezra 9:12) (Payle 2000:73-75).⁶¹

⁵⁸ Payle (2000:59) makes a distinction between the final construction and the final clause. He uses the term “Nachsatz” to indicate the final clause. See footnote 19.

⁵⁹ According to Payle's translation value, לְמַעַן is rendered into “in order to.”

⁶⁰ The subject of the Nachsatz in Gen 12:13 is 3rd person, while it is 2nd person in Deut 8:1.

18 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה קַח־לְךָ אֶת־יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן־נֹון אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־רוּחַ בּוֹ וְסָמַכְתָּ אֶת־יָדְךָ עָלָיו: 19 וְהִעַמְדַתָּ אֹתוֹ לִפְנֵי אֶלְעָזָר הַכֹּהֵן וְלִפְנֵי כָל־הָעֵדָה וְצִוִּיתָהוּ אֹתוֹ לְעִינֵיהֶם: 20 וְנָתַתָּה מִהוֹדְךָ עָלָיו לְמַעַן יִשְׁמְעוּ כָל־עַדְתַּת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

18 And the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand upon him; 19 cause him to stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and you shall commission him in their sight, 20 invest⁶² him with some of your authority, that all the congregation of the people of Israel may obey.

(Num 27:18-20)

In this example, the matrix of the *למען* clause in v. 20 is not only a *weqatal* clause *ונתתה* (v.20), but also, so are all the preceding clauses (from *קח-לך* in v.18 to *ונתתה* *למען* in v.20). The scope of *למען* is therefore clearly more than a single sentence.

וְעַתָּה בְּנוֹתֵיכֶם אַל־תַּתְּנֵנּוּ לְבָנֵיהֶם וּבָנֹתֵיהֶם אַל־תִּשְׂאוּ לְבָנֵיהֶם וְלֹא־תִדְרְשׁוּ שְׁלָמָם וְטוֹבָתָם עַד־עוֹלָם לְמַעַן תַּחְזְקוּ וְאַכְלֹתֶם אֶת־טוֹב הָאָרֶץ וְהוֹרַשְׁתֶּם לְבָנֵיכֶם עַד־עוֹלָם:

Therefore give not your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters for your sons, and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.

(Ezra 9:12)

In the above-mentioned example, a chain of prohibitions comprises the matrix. *למען* connects the final clause to this multi-sentence matrix.

(3) *למען* may also connect some preceding propositional content to a comment of the narrator. Hence, the *למען* clause stands outside the story line (and functions as a narrative comment), e.g., *למען* + *yiqtol* (Exod 11:7) and *למען* + infinitive (Gen 18:19). In such cases, the *למען* clause operates at a discourse level (Payle 2000:104-105).

4 וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה בְּחֻצַּת הַלַּיְלָה אֲנִי יוֹצֵא בְּתוֹךְ מִצְרַיִם: 5 וְיָמָת כָּל־בְּכוֹר בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבְּכוֹר פְּרֹעֹה הַיֹּשֵׁב עַל־כִּסְאוֹ עַד בְּכוֹר הַשְּׂפֹחָה אֲשֶׁר אַחַר הָרִחִים וְכָל בְּכוֹר בְּהֵמָה: 6 וְהִיְתָה צְעָקָה גְדֹלָה בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם אֲשֶׁר כָּמְהוּ לֹא נִהְיְתָה וְכָמְהוּ לֹא תִסָּף: 7 וְלִכְלָל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא יִחְרַץ־כְּלָב לִשְׁנוֹ לְמֵאִישׁ וְעַד־בְּהֵמָה לְמַעַן תִּדְעוּן: 8 וְיִרְדוּ כָל־עַבְדֵיךָ אֵלֶּה אֵלֵי וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ־לִי לֵאמֹר צֵא אִתָּה וְכָל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר־בְּרַגְלֵיךָ וְאַחֲרֵיכֶן אֲצַא וְיִצְא מֵעַם־פְּרֹעֹה בְּחָרִי־אָף: ס

4 And Moses said, “Thus says the LORD: About midnight I will go forth in the midst of Egypt; 5 and all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh who sits upon his throne, even to the first-born of the maidservant who is behind the mill; and all the first-born of the cattle. 6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever shall be again. 7 But against any of the people of Israel, either man or

⁶¹ The subject of the *Nachsatz* in Num 27: 20 is 3rd person, while it is 2nd person in Ezra 9:12.

⁶² *Weqatal* *ונתתה* is rendered as an imperative (“invest”), for the *weqatal* is a continuation of the imperative *קח* in verse 18.

beast, not a dog shall growl; *that you may know that the LORD makes a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel.* ⁸And all these your servants shall come down to me, and bow down to me, saying, ‘Get you out, and all the people who follow you.’ And after that I will go out.” And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.

(Exod 11:4-8)

In the *למען* clause, the subject is 3rd person singular (יהוה). Although Yahweh is the subject of the matrix, in this clause Yahweh himself does not speak in the 3rd person; it should rather be understood as a comment by the narrator.

<p>כי ידעתיו למען אשר יצוה את-בניו ואת-ביתו אחריו ושמו דרך יהוה לעשות צדקה ומשפט למען הביא יהוה על-אברהם את אשר-דבר עליו:</p>	<p>No, for I have chosen him, that he may charge his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice; so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.</p>
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(Gen 18:19)

6. In his investigation of the verbal forms and subject(s) in the Nachsatz with *למען*, and in the matrixes of this Nachsatz, Payle establishes that *למען* final constructions are used in contexts that differ from that of conjunctionless final constructions, and that these two constructions are not interchangeable. Verbal forms and the subjects in Nachsatz and matrixes of *למען* final constructions include the following:

(1) When a 3rd person (singular or plural) is the subject of a Nachsatz (*למען* + *yiqtol*), there is always a subject change between the matrix and the Nachsatz (e.g., see above Gen 12:13) (Payle 2000:83).

(2) When a 2nd person is the subject of Nachsatz (*למען* + *yiqtol*), in most cases no subject change occurs between the matrix and subordinated final clause (Nachsatz) (e.g., see above Ezra 9:12). “2nd person verbal forms in the Nachsatz are exclusive to the conjunctive final construction” (Payle 2000:95) (see §2.2.2.1.9).

(3) 1st person final sentences belong to the domain of the conjunctionless final construction (see §2.2.2.1.9). However, rarely does a story demand a construction that is syntactically unattainable with the conjunctionless final constructions. In such cases, conjunctive final constructions are employed.

When no volition occurs in the matrix, a 1st person verbal form occurs in the Nachsatz (e.g., Exod 16:4) (Payle 2000:98-99).

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה הַנְּגִי מִמִּטֵּי־לֶכֶם לֶחֶם
 מִן-הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיֵּצֵא הָעָם וַלְקִטּוֹ דְּבַר-יְוָם בְּיוֹמוֹ
 לִמְעַן אֲנִסְנוּ הַיְלִד בְּתוֹרַתִי אִם-לֹא:
 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I *am*
*about to*⁶³ rain bread from heaven for you;
 and the people shall go out and gather a day’s
 portion every day, that I may prove them,
 whether they will walk in my law or not.
 (Exod 16:4)

When final sentences occur consecutively, and when the first final construction (matrix and Nachsatz) serves as a matrix for the second final construction, the Nachsatz has a 1st person verbal form (e.g., Exod 33:13) (Payle 2000:98-99).

וְעַתָּה אִם-נָא מָצָאתִי חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ הוֹדַעְנִי נָא אֶת-
 דְּרָכֶיךָ וְאִדְעֶיךָ לִמְעַן אֶמְצָא-חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ וּרְאֵה כִּי
 עֲמָדָה הִנְיָה:
 Now therefore, I pray you, if I have found
 favor in your sight, show me now your ways,
 that I may know you and find favor in your
 sight. Consider too that this nation is your
 people.
 (Exod 33:13) (YCK)

(4) Contrary to a לִמְעַן + *yiqtol* construction, most לִמְעַן + infinitive verbal forms immediately follow the matrix. There is rarely a subject change between the matrix and final clause. The translation value of לִמְעַן in these cases is “in order to” (Payle 2000:100)

וְאַתֶּם חִשְׁבַתֶּם עָלַי רָעָה אֱלֹהִים חִשְׁבָה לְטֹבָה
 לִמְעַן עֲשֶׂה כַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה לְהַחֲיִית עַם-רַב:
 As for you, you meant evil against me; but
 God meant it for good, *in order to*⁶⁴ bring it
 about that many people should be kept alive,
 as they are today.
 (Gen 50:20)

7. Inversion (לִמְעַן + infinitive precedes the matrix) (Payle 2000:106).

וַיִּשְׁמַע אֱלִיאֵב אֶחָיו הַגְּדוֹל בְּדַבְרוֹ אֶל-הָאֲנָשִׁים
 וַיַּחַר-אַף אֱלִיאֵב בְּדָוִד וַיֹּאמְרוּ לְמַה-זֶּה יִרְדָּף
 וְעַל-מִי נָטַשְׁתָּ מֵעַט הַצֹּאן הַהַנֵּה בַּמִּדְבָּר אֲנִי
 יָדַעְתִּי אֶת-זִדְדֶיךָ וְאַתָּה רָע לְבַבְךָ כִּי לִמְעַן רְאוֹת
 הַמִּלְחָמָה יִרְדָּף:
 Now Eliab his eldest brother heard when he
 spoke to the men; and Eliab’s anger was
 kindled against David, and he said, “Why
 have you come down? And with whom have
 you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I
 know your presumption, and the evil of your
 heart; for you have come down to see the
 battle.”
 (1 Sam 17:28)

Although Payle mainly focuses on the investigation of the final construction, he recognizes that the same construction may also express result. In order to make a distinction between purpose and result, Payle makes three distinctions: 1) purpose, 2) intended result (aimed result), and 3) real result. Intended result is not real but hypothetical (not achieved), while

⁶³ The rendering of the RSV was modified to express imminent action referred to by means of the participle form מִמִּטֵּי־לֶכֶם.

⁶⁴ According to Payle’s translation value, לִמְעַן is rendered “in order to.”

real result is factual (achieved) (Payle 2000:11).⁶⁵ When indicating a real result relation, Payle (2000:108) provides the translation value “thus, whereby.”

1. When a *למען* + *yiqtol* clause is not subordinated to a preceding volition(s) but to an entire idea expressed by a hypothetical clause introduced by *כי* (e.g., Deut 22:6-7; 24:19), and it concludes the segment (the hypothetical sentences), the construction expresses intended result (not achieved, because of the hypothetical nature of the expression) (Payle 2000:108).

*כִּי יִקְרָא קוֹצְפוֹרָה לְפָנָיִךְ בְּדָרֶךְ בְּכַל־עֵץ אִו
עַל־הָאָרֶץ אִו בְּיָצִים וְהָאִם רִבְצָתָ עַל־
הָאִפְרוֹחִים אִו עַל־הַבֵּיצִים לֹא־תִקַּח הָאִם עַל־
הַבָּנִים: ⁷שְׁלַח תְּשַׁלַּח אֶת־הָאִם וְאֶת־הַבָּנִים
תִּקַּח־לָךְ לְמַעַן יֵיטֵב לָךְ וְהָאִרְבָּתָּ יָמִים: ס* ⁶If you chance to come upon a bird’s nest, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs and the mother sitting upon the young or upon the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the young; ⁷you shall let the mother go, but the young you may take to yourself; that it may go well with you, and that you may live long. (Deut 22:6-7)

2. When *למען* + a *yiqtol* occurs after Yahweh has declared his intention (“Yahweh Rede”), the *למען* clause expresses the intended result of Yahweh’s action (e.g., Isa 41:20; Ezek 4:16-17; 16:53-54) (Payle 2000:110).⁶⁶

*וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי בֶּן־אָדָם הִנְנִי שֹׁבֵר מִטֵּה־לֶחֶם
בִּירוּשָׁלַם וְאֶכְלוּ־לֶחֶם בְּמִשְׁקָל וּבִדְאָגָה וּמַיִם
בְּמִשׁוֹרָה וּבְשִׂמְמוֹן יִשְׁתּוּ: ¹⁷לְמַעַן יַחְסְרוּ לֶחֶם
וּמַיִם וְנִשְׁמוּ אִישׁ וְאָחִיו וְנִמְקוּ בְּעוֹנָם: פ* ¹⁶Moreover he said to me, “Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem; they shall eat bread by weight and with fearfulness; and they shall drink water by measure and in dismay. ¹⁷I will do this that they may lack bread and water, and look at one another in dismay, and waste away under their punishment.” (Ezek 4:16-17)

3. When the verb *קום* and/or *כעס* (Hiphil) is used (e.g., 2 Kgs 22:16-17), a *למען* + infinitive indicates a result relation. Payle claims that examples of this case express “some form of ‘Yahweh Rede’.” (Payle 2000:110)

⁶⁵ In line with Muraoka (1997), Payle (2000:11) distinguishes intended result from real result. Semantically, intended result is putative, desired, or aimed at a result; however, real result is actually achieved. Payle claims that intended result and real result are realized by different means: “Final constructions, as a single syntactic category, can express both purpose and result, without any difference in the syntax of the construction. It is my contention that one should distinguish between real result and intended result. Final clauses, because they are occupied by modal verbal forms, can only express intended result. Real result, however, is a separate syntactic category quite distinct from final clauses. The verbal forms used (indicative as opposed to modal) and the unique syntax (consecutive wayyiqtol) can express real result) distinguish real result as a different syntactic category” (Payle 2000:11).

⁶⁶ This type of construction occurs in Exod, Isa, and Ezek (Payle 2000:82).

16¹⁶ כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה הַנְּגִי מִבְּיַד רָעָה אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם
 הַזֶּה וְעַל־יֹשְׁבָיו אֶת כָּל־דְּבָרֵי הַסֵּפֶר אֲשֶׁר קָרָא
 מִלְּךָ יְהוּדָה: 17¹⁷ תַּחַת אֲשֶׁר עֲזָבוּנִי וַיִּקְטְרוּ
 לְאֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים לְמַעַן הַכְּעִיסֵנִי בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה
 יְדֵיהֶם וְנִצַּתָּה חֲמָתִי בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה וְלֹא תִכָּבֵּה
 16¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will bring
 evil upon this place and upon its inhabitants,
 all the words of the book which the king of
 Judah has read. 17¹⁷ Because they have forsaken
 me and have burned incense to other gods,
*whereby they provoked*⁶⁷ me to anger with all
 the work of their hands, therefore my wrath
 will be kindled against this place, and it will
 not be quenched. (2 Kgs 22:16-17)

4. When a conjunctive final sentence is coordinated with a *weqatal*, the former is modal and expresses intended result or purpose whereas the latter is indicative of and expresses a real result or consequence (e.g., Gen 12:13; Deut 4:1; 8:1) (Payle 2000:76-77, 90-95).⁶⁸

אָמַרְיִנָּא אָחִתִּי אַתְּ לְמַעַן יֵיטִב־לִי בְּעַבְדוֹךָ
 וְחַיְתָּה נַפְשִׁי בְּגִלְלָךָ: Say you are my sister, that it may go well
 with me because of you, and that my life may
 be spared on your account. (Gen 12:13)

As far as the word class of *למען* is concerned, Payle's categorization of the lexeme as a preposition and conjunction is vague and inadequate (see §2.2.1.1.4).

Payle's distinction between purpose and intended result does not make sense, for purpose is an intended/aimed result of the action performed in the matrix, i.e., the notion purpose and intended/aimed result are like "the other side of a coin". The notion intended/aimed result contrasts with (real) result, viz., what purpose differs from result (i.e., real result) is that purpose is an intended/aimed result which is not real but putative, while result is real.

In addition, Payle's contention that a *weqatal* indicates a real result is not convincing. His argument differs from most BH scholars and when we investigate *weqatals*, *weqatals* do not indicate a real result, but an intended result, i.e., purpose (e.g., see above example Gen 12:13).⁶⁹

However, Payle's investigation does indeed move the debate somewhat forward. According to Payle, then, *למען* with the finite (i.e., *למען* + *yiqtol*) and infinitive (i.e., *למען* + infinitive)

⁶⁷ *למען הכעיסני* is rendered "whereby they provoked" expressing result, based on Payle's translation value.

⁶⁸ Payle (2000:91) does not believe that the *weqatal* expresses modality, but simply that it expresses the indicative mood. Payle's claim is contrary to most traditional BH grammars. See also §2.2.2.1.9.

⁶⁹ Payle allows a section to deal with a *weqatal* following a *למען* final clause. He deals with *weqatals* in Gen 12:13; Num 15:40; Deut 4:1; 6:18; 8:1; 11:8; 16:20; Ezra 9:12; however, more *weqatals* following a *למען* final clause occur in Deut 5:33; 13:18; 22:7; 31:12; 2 Sam 13:5; 1 Chron 28:8; Isa 28:13; 66:11; Jer 27:15; 36:3; 50:34; Ezek 4:17; 16:54, 63; 24:11. When we investigate the *weqatals*, in all cases, *weqatals* indicate a purpose relation.

cases are employed in different domains and are not interchangeable. Final constructions with conjunctions and conjunctionless final constructions are also not interchangeable for they are employed in different domains (see §2.2.2.1.9). Payle also recognizes that the scope of לְמַעַן may vary, even though he does not distinguish all of the linguistic levels – i.e., phrase level, clause level, sentence level and discourse level.

2.2.1.2.2 לְמַעַן in BH lexica

2.2.1.2.2.1 BDB

BDB (1907:775) does not lemmatize the actual form, but rather includes לְמַעַן under a hypothetically basic form, מַעַן, which is an abbreviation of מַעֲנֶה.

BDB (1907:775) categorizes לְמַעַן as **1.** a preposition and **2.** a conjunction, providing the translation values “for the sake of, on account of, to the intent or in order that” in order to represent the meaning of לְמַעַן.

Within the preposition section, BDB (1907:775) distinguishes three different senses based on syntactic differences: **a.** “for the sake of x, for x’s sake” (לְמַעַן + suffix/ a noun/a pronoun); **b.** “in view of, on account of” (but not expressing causation distinctly) (לְמַעַן + a suffix/noun/demonstrative pronoun); **c.** “for the purpose of” = “to the intent that ...”, “in order to” (לְמַעַן + infinitive construct).

When used as a conjunction, BDB (1907:775) distinguishes one more sense for the lexeme: “to the end that.” In this case, the conjunction לְמַעַן – with or without אֲשֶׁר – is followed by a *yiqtol*. When it is negated, לֹא לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר לֹא or לֹא לְמַעַן is employed.

According to BDB (1907:775), there is a paradigmatic relation between לְמַעַן + an infinitive construct and לְמַעַן + an infinitive construct. However, לְמַעַן always indicates a designed purpose whether it is used as a preposition or conjunction. Accordingly, when לְמַעַן is employed, the action is viewed as if it were designed in spite of being undesigned (e.g., Deut 29:19; Isa 30:1; 44:9). Hence, BDB provides the following translation value for the different constructions “in order to” for לְמַעַן + an infinitive construct, “for the purpose of = to the intent that” for לְמַעַן + an infinitive construct.’

In short, BDB’s treatment of לְמַעַן does not differ from בְּעֵבֹר. Therefore, the same critique of BDB’s treatment on בְּעֵבֹר can be applied to לְמַעַן, as well. In addition, BDB’s claim that בְּעֵבֹר differs from לְמַעַן in that the latter always indicates a designed purpose is not convincing. The examples of their argument rather indicate a relation of result.

2.2.1.2.2.2 HALOT

HALOT (1999:614) does not regard מַעַן as a hypothetical form, nor do they lemmatize it, although this form never occurs in the HB. According to HALOT, לְמַעַן is composed of a preposition לְ and מַעַן which is derived from III ענה or מעל or II מַעֲנֶה. According to HALOT, מַעַן also occurs in Egyptian Aramaic and the Dead Sea Scrolls. However, the comparative

and etymological information does not contribute towards a better understanding of the meaning of *לְמַעַן*.

Like most of the other resources consulted, HALOT (1999:614) categorizes *לְמַעַן* as both 1) a preposition and 2) a conjunction.

1. Preposition: Like BDB, HALOT describes the meaning of the preposition *לְמַעַן* by means of translation glosses, viz., “with reference to, on account of, for the sake of.” HALOT distinguishes a number of collocations: *לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ* “for his name’s sake;” *לְמַעַן זֶאת* “on this account” – though they do not provide translation values for *לְמַעַן* in the following collocations: *לְמַעַן חֲסִדָּךְ*, *לְמַעַן צְדָקָךְ*, *לְמַעַן יְהוָה*, *לְמַעַנִי*, *לְמַעַנֶיךָ*.

2. Conjunction: HALOT does not describe the meaning of the conjunction *לְמַעַן*. Instead, HALOT distinguishes two different meanings/senses on account of syntactic differences: a) “in order to” (*לְמַעַן* with an infinitive—the same subject or subject change), and b) “so that” (*לְמַעַן* with a *yiqtol*).

According to HALOT (1999:614), “*לְמַעַן* + an infinitive” often expresses intended result or an “ironical style” (e.g., Deut 29:18; Jer 27:15). However, HALOT does not provide any translation values for these cases.

HALOT’s treatment of *לְמַעַן* does not differ from the way in which he describes *בְּעֵבוֹר*. Hence the same critique can be lodged against it (§2.2.1.1.2.2).

2.2.1.2.2.3 DCH

DCH’s treatment of *לְמַעַן* provides nothing different from BDB and HALOT except for the taxonomy of syntagmatic relationships.

2.2.1.2.3 Summary

Although most scholars tend to classify *לְמַעַן* as a conjunction and *בְּעֵבוֹר* as a preposition, *לְמַעַן* is also described as a particle, preposition, conjunction, final conjunction and subordinating conjunction. Criteria for these categories are clearly both formal and functional. However, to which of these categories do instances of *לְמַעַן* belong that function at a discourse level is not clear.

The semantic model underlying the description of the meaning of *לְמַעַן* in most of the studies investigated, thus far, is etymologically based. However, BH scholars disagree about the details of the lexeme’s origin. None of the studies define the meaning of *לְמַעַן*. Instead, translation glosses are used to point out the different senses they distinguish and the polysemic relationship between the different senses are seldom discussed or indicated.

As for the relations that *לְמַעַן* indicates, according to the studies investigated, the lexeme indicates purpose, result, cause, and reason, while *בְּעֵבוֹר* signifies purpose and causal relations (see §2.2.1.1.3). However, the studies investigated fail to provide some criteria for distinguishing between the different relations that *לְמַעַן* displays.

The scope of לְמַעַן may vary. It may be a phrase, clause, sentence or sentences. In addition, it may function at an intra-textual level or a meta-level.

The following syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations have been identified:

- At the clause level, the following constructions were identified: 1) $\text{לְמַעַן} + yiqtol$; 2) $\text{לְמַעַן} + \text{infinitive}$; 3) $\text{לְמַעַן} + \text{a noun or pronominal suffix}$. $\text{לְמַעַן} + yiqtol$ and $\text{לְמַעַן} + \text{infinitive}$ are mainly employed in the final and result clauses, while $\text{לְמַעַן} + \text{a noun or pronominal suffix}$ is mainly used to indicate cause and reason.
- When לְמַעַן signifies a causal relation in the construction ' $\text{לְמַעַן} + \text{pronominal suffix}$,' near-synonyms are בְּגִלְלֵי and בְּעֵבוּר , yet of note, the noun phrases which the latter particle governs never refer to God (Brongers 1970).
- $\text{לְמַעַן} + \text{an infinitive}$ and $\text{לְמַעַן} + \text{a } yiqtol$ are employed in different domains and are not interchangeable: 1) when a *qatal* or *wayyiqtol* form occur in the main clause, לְמַעַן is followed by an infinitive; 2) when a *yiqtol*, *weqatal*, or imperative are found in the main clause, a *yiqtol* is then found in the subordinating clause.
- לְמַעַן final constructions are used in other domains besides conjunctionless final constructions. They also are not interchangeable. 1st and 3rd person subjects are prevalent in conjunctionless final clauses, whereas 2nd and 3rd person subjects dominate in לְמַעַן final clauses.

Unfortunately, it appears that the BH lexica did not make use of these insights in their lexicographical treatment of the lexeme לְמַעַן . Furthermore, despite the value of these criteria, what we still lack is a clear profile of לְמַעַן in terms of the statistics of each of these constructions. Such a profile could provide a more adequate empirical basis for a comparison with its near-synonyms. The value of such a profile will be illustrated in chapter 4.

2.2.1.3 פֶּן

2.2.1.3.1 פֶּן in BH linguistics

פֶּן always occurs with a maqef, with the exception of Gen 44:34; Deut 7:25; 11:6; 1 Sam 4:9; 13:9; 17:16; Prov 25:8; 30:9; Isa 27:3. Ewald (1879) shortly deals with פֶּן giving some paradigmatic information between different negative final constructions. According to Ewald (1879:227), negative purpose is expressed by אַשְׁרֵי with the imperfect (e.g., Gen 11:7), לְבִלְתִּי with the infinitive, more briefly מִן with an infinitive construct and פֶּן . Among these, much more definite is פֶּן , which is construed with the imperfect as a brief expression for *that not, lest*, “in such a way that it almost describes merely the dread of a misfortune, rather than the wish to avoid it” (Ewald 1879:227) (e.g., Gen 3:22; Exod 13:17).

2.2.1.3.1.1 GKC

GKC (1910:305, 318, 478, 504) categorizes פֶּן as a negative final conjunction.⁷⁰ GKC does not give much information on the semantics of פֶּן, but gives only the translation equivalents “lest” and “that not.” However, from these two translation values, it is not clear whether GKC detects or seeks to suggest different meanings/senses.

According to GKC:

1. פֶּן indicates a negative purpose, and is normally followed by *yiqtol*.⁷¹
2. פֶּן implies a fear or precaution at the beginning of a clause after such as “fearing” (e.g., Gen 32:12), “taking heed” (e.g., Gen 24:6; 31:24),⁷² and “taking care” (e.g., 2 Kgs 10:23).

הַצִּילֵנִי נָא מִיַּד אָחִי מִיַּד עֵשָׂו כִּי־יִרָא אֶנְכִּי אֹתוֹ
פֶּן־יָבֹוא וְהִכָּנִי אִם עַל־בָּנָיִם:
Deliver me, I pray you, from the hand of my
brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear
him, lest he come and slay us all, the mothers
with the children. (Gen 32:12) (YCK)
3. Often the idea on which פֶּן depends is only virtually contained in the main clause (e.g., Gen 19:19).

הִנֵּה־נָא מָצָא עַבְדְּךָ חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ וַתִּגְדַּל חַסְדְּךָ
אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ עִמָּדִי לְהַחֲיוֹת אֶת־נַפְשִׁי וְאֶנְכִּי לֹא
אוּכַל לְהִמָּלֵט הִהָרָה פֶּן־תִּדְבַקְנִי הָרָעָה וּמָתִי:
Behold, your servant has found favor in your
sight, and you have shown me great kindness
in saving my life; but I cannot flee to the
hills, lest the disaster overtake me, and I die.
(Gen 19:19)
4. In some cases, *weqatal* follows a פֶּן final clause (e.g., Gen 3:22; 19:19; 32:12; Isa 6:10; Amos 5:6) (GKC 1910:333). However, GKC does not further address the relation between the final clause and the following *weqatal*, viz., whether the *weqatal* expresses purpose or result.

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים הֵן הָאָדָם הִיא כְּאָתָד מִמֶּנּוּ
לְדַעַת טוֹב וְרָע וְעָתָה פֶּן־יִשְׁלַח יָדוֹ וְלָקַח גָּם
מִעֵץ הַחַיִּים וְאָכַל וַחֲתִי לְעֹלָם:
Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man
has become like one of us, knowing good and
evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand and
take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live
forever.” (Gen 3:22)

⁷⁰ GKC mentions פֶּן under different headings “negative sentences,” “the use of imperfect,” “final clauses,” and “conjunctions.” However, the most space for פֶּן is allocated to the discussion of “negative sentences.”

⁷¹ 2 Sam 20:6 and 2 Kgs 2:16 are exceptions. In these verses, פֶּן is followed by *qatal*. GKC (1910:318) read *qatal* in 2 Sam 20:6 as a *yiqtol* in line with Driver (1892); however, concerning the *qatal* in 2 Kgs 2:16, they mention that “פֶּן occurs with the perf. in a vivid presentment of the time when the fear is realized and the remedy comes too late.”

⁷² Frequently after הַשְּׁמֵרוֹ and הַשְּׁמֵר.

5. GKC (1910:504) mentions, briefly, that negative purpose is expressed by means of לְבַלְתִּי with an imperfect (e.g., Exod 20:20), עַל־דְּבַרְתָּ שְׁלֹא (e.g., Eccl 7:14) “for the matter (purpose) that ... not,” and מִן with an imperfect (e.g., Deut 33:1). However, GKC does not investigate further into the relationship between them.

2.2.1.3.1.2 Mitchell (1915)

Mitchell categorizes פֶּן as a particle. According to Mitchell (1915:138-139), פֶּן is closely related to the noun פָּנִים “face” derived from the intransitive פָּנָה “turn one’s self,” “turn one’s self toward a person or object.” Mitchell (1915:138) argues that the meaning *Zuwendung* (“turn toward”), when expressed by פֶּן, is often equivalent to preparation and finally, readiness to approach this or that person or object – noting further that “this is the attitude in which an undesirable future event would naturally be presented; but its readiness would become *imminence*, and this is the term that best relates the various shades of meaning with which פֶּן appears in the Old Testament.”

פֶּן is employed to denote a negative purpose.

- It is always employed with a *yiqtol*, except once.⁷³
- It is employed after verbs of fearing in the matrix (e.g., יִרָא Gen 26:7; גֹּר Deut 32:27; דָּאָג Jer 38:19); a simple command to exercise precaution in the matrix (e.g., שָׁמֵר Gen 24:6; רָאָה 2 Kgs 10:23) and any verb, declarative or voluntative,⁷⁴ that embodies a precautionary measure in the matrix (e.g., Gen 19:15; Josh 24:27) (Mitchell 1915:139-140).

וַיִּשְׁאַלּוּ אַנְשֵׁי הַמָּקוֹם לְאִשְׁתּוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֶחָתִי הִוא כִּי יִרָא לְאִמְרָא אִשְׁתִּי פֶּן־יַהַרְגֵנִי אַנְשֵׁי הַמָּקוֹם עַל־רִבְקָה כִּי־טוֹבַת מְרָאָה הִיא: When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, “She is my sister”; for he feared to say, “My wife,” thinking, “lest the men of the place should kill me for the sake of Rebekah;” because she was fair to look upon. (Gen 26:7)

וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אַבְרָהָם הַשָּׁמֵר לְךָ פֶּן־תָּשִׁיב אֶת־בְּנִי שָׁמָּה: Abraham said to him, “See to it that you do not take my son back there. (Gen 24:6)

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶל־כָּל־הָעָם הִנֵּה הָאֶבֶן הַזֹּאת תְּהִיָּה־בָּנוּ לְעֵדָה כִּי־הִיא שְׁמָעָה אֵת כָּל־אִמְרֵי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר עִמָּנוּ וְהִיְתָה בְּכֶם לְעֵדָה פֶּן־תִּכְחָשׁוּן בְּאֵלֵהֶיכֶם: And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of the LORD which he spoke to us; therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your

⁷³ According to Mitchell (1915:141), only once is פֶּן used with a *qatal* (2 Kgs 2:16). Although פֶּן occurs with a *qatal* (מָצָא) in 2 Sam 20:6, in line with (GKC 1910:191), Mitchell reads מָצָא (*qatal*) as יִמְצָא (*yiqtol*).

⁷⁴ The term “voluntative” is used to embrace the cohortative and jussive (Mitchell 1915:87; Driver 1892:50).

וּבֹמֹז הַשָּׁחַר עָלָה וַיֹּאצִּיזוּ הַמַּלְאָכִים בְּלוֹט לְאַמְרָא
 קוּם קַח אֶת־אִשְׁתְּךָ וְאֶת־שְׁתֵּי בָנֹתֶיךָ הַנִּמְצָאֹת
 פֶּן־תִּסְפָּה בְּעֵזֶן הָעִיר: (Josh 24:27)
 When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot,
 saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two
 daughters who are here, lest you be
 consumed in the punishment of the city."
 (Gen 19:15)

Mitchell (1915:132ff) recognizes that לְבַלְתִּי is also employed to indicate a negative purpose relation.⁷⁵ Mitchell addresses the difference between פֶּן and לְבַלְתִּי: "The difference between פֶּן and לְבַלְתִּי is evident. The latter is used when there is a positive effort to prevent or avoid a

⁷⁵ לְבַלְתִּי is employed to indicate purpose, result, and a concomitance relation (Mitchell 1915:133). Among these, Mitchell investigates cases in which לְבַלְתִּי indicates a purpose relation. According to Mitchell (1915:133), "לְבַלְתִּי is a compound of the preposition לְ with בַּלְתִּי, the construct of בָּלָה, from בָּלָה, wear out, the noun having, with the lapse of time, become a mere particle, meaning not or except."

When לְבַלְתִּי is employed to signify a purpose relation, two constructions appear: 1) לְבַלְתִּי + infinitive and 2) לְבַלְתִּי + *yiqtol*. When לְבַלְתִּי signifies a purpose relation, it indicates that "the act performed, as described in the main clause, is performed with a view to the avoidance or the prevention of the event of the dependent clause." Significant is the fact that the preceding clause (the main clause) is always affirmative, i.e., expressing a positive effort.

a. לְבַלְתִּי + an infinitive (e.g., Gen 38:9; Gen 4:15)

וַיֵּדַע אֹנָן כִּי לֹא לוֹ יִהְיֶה הַזָּרַע וְהָיָה אִם־בָּא אֶל־אִשְׁתּוֹ
 אֲחִיו וְשָׁחַת אֶרְצָה לְבַלְתִּי נִתֵּן־זָרַע לְאָחִיו: (Gen 38:9)
 But Onan knew that the offspring would not be
 his; so when he went in to his brother's wife he
 spilled the semen on the ground, lest he should
 give offspring to his brother. (Gen 38:9)

וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ יְהוָה לִכְן כָּל־הַרְג קַיִן שִׁבְעַתַּיִם יִקָּם וַיִּשֶׂם יְהוָה
 לְקַיִן אֹת לְבַלְתִּי הַכּוֹת־אֹתוֹ כָּל־מֹצְאוֹ: (Gen 4:15)
 Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone
 slays Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him
 sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest
 any who came upon him should kill him.
 (Gen 4:15)

As far as the subject in the matrix and לְבַלְתִּי + infinitive is concerned, no subject change occurs in Gen 38:9, while the subject is changed in Gen 4:15. Statistically speaking, לְבַלְתִּי + an infinitive is most frequent in Ezek.

b. לְבַלְתִּי + a *yiqtol* (Exod 20:20; 2 Sam 14:14; Jer 23:14; 27:18).

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־הָעָם אַל־תִּירְאוּ כִּי לְבַעֲבוֹר נֹסוֹת
 אֲתֶכֶם בָּא הָאֱלֹהִים וּבְעֲבוֹר תִּהְיֶה יְרֵאתוֹ עַל־פְּנֵיכֶם
 לְבַלְתִּי תִחַטְּאוּ: (Exod 20:20)
 And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for
 God has come to prove you, and that the fear of
 him may be before your eyes, that you may not
 sin." (Exod 20:20)

Mitchell (1915:134) reads the *qatal* (שָׁבַד) in Jer 23:14 as a *yiqtol* (יָשׁוּב), and an imperative (בִּאוּ) in Jer 27:18 as a *yiqtol* (יָבֵאוּ).

single definite event, the former when the subject acts, or refrains from acting, to prevent or avoid one of an indefinite number of possible occurrences” (Mitchell 1915:139).

In addition, Mitchell (1915:136ff) also recognizes that מן is also employed to indicate a negative purpose relation.⁷⁶ The distinction between מן and מִן is: 1) the note of anxiety which

⁷⁶ When מן is employed to express negative purpose, the following constructions are used (Mitchell 1915:136-138):

1. מן + an infinitive: Cases in which 1) the subject remains the same in the matrix and מן + an infinitive, and 2) the subject change between the matrix and מן + an infinitive occur.

a. after verbs denoting precaution (e.g., Gen 31:29)

<p>יִשְׁלַח יָדַי לַעֲשׂוֹת עִמָּכֶם רָע וְאֱלֹהֵי אַבְיֹכֶם אֲמַשִּׁי אָמַר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר הֲשִׁמְרָ לְךָ מִדְּבַר עַם יִעֲקֹב מִטוֹב עַד- רָע:</p>	<p>It is in my power to do you harm; but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, ‘Take heed that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.’ (Gen 31:29)</p>
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b. after verbs denoting hindrance, separation (e.g., Num 32:7)

<p>וְלִמָּה תִנְוֹאוּ אֶת-לֵב בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵעֲבֹר אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר- נָתַן לָהֶם יְהוָה:</p>	<p>Why will you discourage the heart of the people of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD has given them? (Num 32:7)</p>
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c. after expressions describing the reverse of natural operations (e.g., Isa 33:15)

<p>הַלֵּךְ צְדָקוֹת וּדְבַר מִישְׁרִים מֵאִס בְּבַצַּע מַעֲשָׂקוֹת נֶעַר כַּפְּיוֹ מִתְמַד בְּשֹׁחַד אֵטֵם אָזְנוֹ מִשְׁמַע דְּמַיִם וְעֵצָם עֵינָיו מִרְאוֹת בָּרָע:</p>	<p>He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe, who sto his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking upon evil. (Isa 33:15)</p>
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2. מן + a *yiqtol* (e.g., only Deut 33:11)

<p>בָּרַךְ יְהוָה חֵילוֹ וּפְעָל יָדָיו תִּרְצָה מְחַץ מְתַנִּים קָמְיוֹ וּמְשַׁנְּאוֹ מִן-יְקוּמוֹן: ס</p>	<p>Bless, O LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands; crush the loins of his adversaries, of those that hate him, that they rise not again. (Deut 33:11)</p>
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3. מן + a noun/adjective (e.g., Jer 2:25; 48:2)

<p>אֵין עוֹד תְּהִלַּת מוֹאָב בְּחֶשְׁבוֹן חֶשְׁבוֹ עָלֶיהָ רָעָה לָכֵן וְנִכְרַתְנָהּ מִגּוֹי גַם-מִדְּמֵן תִּדְמֵי אַחֲרֶיהָ תִּלְךָ חֲרָב:</p>	<p>The renown of Moab is no more. In Heshbon they planned evil against her: ‘Come, let us cut her off from being a nation!’ You also, O Madmen, shall be brought to silence; the sword shall pursue you. (Jer 48:2)</p>
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is heard in a פֶּן construction is wanting in a מִן construction; 2) a מִן construction almost always occurs after the verbs of hindering and separating (Mitchell 1915:137).

The same critique of Mitchell's treatment of the other lexemes applies to his description of פֶּן .

Mitchell provides a description of the paradigmatic relation between פֶּן , לְבַלְתִּי , and מִן : לְבַלְתִּי is used when there is a positive effort to prevent or avoid a single definite event, while פֶּן is employed when the subject acts, or desists from acting, to prevent or avoid an indefinite number of possible occurrences. The מִן construction almost always occurs after verbs of hindering and separating without anxiety (see also footnotes 75 and 76).

2.2.1.3.1.3 Waltke & O'Connor (1990)

Waltke & O'Connor (1990:639) briefly mention פֶּן as a conjunction indicating a negative final relation. They do not define the meaning of פֶּן but provide the translation gloss "lest." They also mention that besides פֶּן , אֲשֶׁר with לֹא and לְבַלְתִּי are employed to indicate negative final clauses.⁷⁷ However, they do not further describe the paradigmatic relations between them.

2.2.1.3.1.4 Joüon-Muraoka (1991)

Joüon-Muraoka (1991:347) categorize פֶּן as a subordinating conjunction, arguing that פֶּן is a shortened form of פִּנִּי . Joüon-Muraoka (1991:635) also claim that the original meaning of פֶּן is "as regards, in relation to (a dreaded thing, a thing to ward off)," and that the negative nuance is derived from this original meaning. Hence, פֶּן is maintained to indicate the negative wish of a speaker(s), "I (or: we) do not wish the following to be, become or have become a reality."⁷⁸ Joüon-Muraoka (1991:58, 347) give a translation equivalent of "in case" or "lest" for פֶּן .

Joüon-Muraoka (1991:634) recognize that a negative purpose can be indicated by means of לֹא לְמַעַן (Num 17:5), לְבַלְתִּי , and פֶּן as well as negative conjunctionless clauses. According to Joüon-Muraoka, the difference between negative purpose clauses with the conjunctions and negative conjunctionless clauses is that לֹא לְמַעַן , לְבַלְתִּי and פֶּן are never followed by a form in the volitive mode (imperative, jussive, cohortative). Volitive forms occur only in conjunctionless final clauses. Furthermore, in line with Hurvitz (1972), Joüon-Muraoka claim that לֹא לְמַעַן is a feature of LBH, since the construction only occurs in

<p>מְנַעֲי רַגְלֶיךָ מִיָּחֹף וּגְוֹרָגֶיךָ מִצְמָאָה וּתְאִמְרֵי נֹאֶשׁ לֹא כִי־ אֶהְבֵּתִי זָרִים וְאַחֲרֵיהֶם אֵלֶיךָ:</p>	<p>Keep your feet from going unshod and your throat from thirst. But you said, 'It is hopeless, for I have loved strangers, and after them I will go.' (Jer 2:25)</p>
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⁷⁷ Waltke & O'Connor (1990:639) claims that אֲשֶׁר (2 Kgs 9:37) and לְמַעַן (Ezek 19:9) also introduce result clauses.

⁷⁸ E.g., Joüon-Muraoka (1991:635) give an example in this regard: Gen 3.3 $\text{פֶּן־תָּמֹתוּן בּוֹ}$ you shall not touch it lest you die (lit. in relation to the fact that you would die)."

later books (e.g., Ezra 14:11); however, this claim is similarly unconvincing (see §2.2.1.2.1.6).

Joüon-Muraoka do not define the meaning of פֶּן . On top of this, their claim that in a conjunctive final clause, volitive forms never occur is not always true. For example, לְמַעַן + a cohortative (e.g., Ps 9:15) and לְמַעַן + an imperative (e.g., Ezek 21:15) also occurs. Yet as far as פֶּן is concerned, the claim is true.

2.2.1.3.2 פֶּן in BH lexica

2.2.1.3.2.1 BDB

BDB (1907:814) categorizes the word class of פֶּן as a conjunction. Its meaning is described as averting or deprecating. BDB gives a translation value “lest” for פֶּן . Although BDB is aware that its origin is dubious, they provide etymological information claiming that it is derived from the substantive פְּנָה in a construct state and accusative case; and also that its original meaning is “for the aversion of.” Its cognate particle is פֹּן in the Targums,⁷⁹ which means “es möchte etwa, spoken in a tone of alarm, might readily acquire a deprecatory force” (BDB 1907:814).

BDB seems to distinguish several different senses for פֶּן according to syntactic variations and context; however, they do not provide translation values for each of the different senses. According to BDB, פֶּן is mainly employed with the *yiqtol* – with the exception of only two times with a *qatal* (2 Sam 20:6; 2 Kgs 2:16).

1. When פֶּן is employed with the *yiqtol*, it often occurs after הִשָּׁמַר-לִי , a verb of fearing (once a verb of swearing), and “deprecating pathetically.” BDB regards $\text{פֶּן בִּי אָמַר (אָמַרְתִּי)}$ as an idiom “implying always that some precaution has been taken to avert the dreaded contingency.” When פֶּן is employed at the beginning of a sentence, it implies a dissuasive force, “(beware) lest.”

2. When פֶּן is employed with the *qatal*, פֶּן signals “the result feared being conceived as having possibly already taken place.”

So, BDB’s semantic model for פֶּן is also etymological, as is the case with other lexemes. The comparative material related to BH does not help to understand the meaning of פֶּן . Furthermore, although it appears as if different senses are distinguished by BDB for פֶּן , it is not clear how these senses could be expressed in a translation. They suggested only one translation value, i.e., ‘lest.’

2.2.1.3.2.2 HALOT

HALOT (1999:936) categorizes פֶּן as a preventative conjunction and then proceeds to give comparative and etymological material related to the Hebrew form. פֶּן is *fan* in ostraka from

⁷⁹ פֹּן : “a particle indicating the subjunctive mood, *would, might*.” (Jastrow 1950:1143).

Samaria. In Middle Hebrew and the Dead Sea Scrolls, לֹא is “a fossilized particle from an archaic imperative *pini* “turn back, renounce.” לֹא also occurs in a Hebrew inscription. In Jewish Aramaic, לֹא “about, rather” occurs. In Ugartic *pn* or *pny* occurs.

HALOT (1999:936-937) distinguishes different meanings according to syntactic differences by providing translation values.

a. “So that not, lest” (לֹא with *yiqtol*). HALOT compares different translations (REB, NRSV). Different translations give different translation values “lest, what if, beware that ... not, beware of, take care not to.” However, it is not clear what the purpose of this comparison is.

b. HALOT distinguishes different senses among לֹא with a *yiqtol* taking the context of each case into consideration. In the context of “rejection of a consequence which might be possible,” לֹא has different senses “or else, in case, perhaps.”

HALOT differentiates ‘ $\text{לֹא} + qatal$ ’ from ‘ $\text{לֹא} + yiqtol$ ’. Although HALOT does not give different translation values, in the examples, HALOT renders לֹא with a *qatal* differently than לֹא with a *yiqtol*. The translation value provided by HALOT for לֹא with a *qatal* is “it may be that, otherwise.” Furthermore, HALOT distinguishes לֹא with שׁוּׁ from other cases; however, they do not give any translation values.

In short, HALOT’s treatment of לֹא does not differ from BDB’s in terms of its semantic evaluation; hence, the same critique can be applied.

2.2.1.3.2.3 DCH

DCH categorizes the word class of לֹא as a conjunction and then gives the translation glosses “lest, in case, so that not” in addition to the taxonomy of syntagmatic relationships according to verbs in the matrix and the לֹא clause. However, when we look into the translations for the taxonomy, DCH only use one translation value “lest” for all the translations. So it is not clear why it gives three translation values in the beginning. Furthermore the taxonomy does not help anyone to understand לֹא due to using only one translation value “lest.”

2.2.1.3.3 Summary

לֹא is variously categorized in terms of word classes: a negative final conjunction, a particle, a subordinating conjunction and a preventative conjunction. BH grammarians and lexica (e.g., BDB and HALOT) are dependent on comparative and etymological information to define the meaning of לֹא . However, neither the studies nor the BH lexica define the meaning of לֹא . Comparative and etymological information does not help to define/distinguish the meaning/senses of לֹא .

A difference between לֹא and conjunctionless negative purpose constructions was identified. לֹא is followed by the *yiqtol* with the exception of two cases. לֹא never requires the volitive forms (imperative, jussive, cohortative), while volitive forms occur typically in conjunctionless

final clauses. When the verb of the matrix expresses a fear or precaution, **פֶּן** is employed to express a negative purpose.

It was also identified that **לֹא**, **לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר לֹא**, **לְמַעַן לֹא**, **לְבִלְתִּי** and **מִן** are employed to indicate a negative final relation. Among them, **לְבִלְתִּי** is used when there is a positive effort to prevent a single definite event, while **פֶּן** is employed when the subject acts to prevent an indefinite number of possible events. As for the difference(s) between **פֶּן** and **מִן**, the latter is employed to signal a negative purpose in a context where there is no reference to anxiety in the matrix clause – mainly after verbs of hindering and separation, while the former is utilized to indicate a negative purpose after verbs expressing fear or precaution in the matrix.

2.2.1.4 General concluding remarks to this section

Studies and BH lexica that have investigated the lexical items **בְּעֵבוּר**, **לְמַעַן**, and **פֶּן** reveal the following:

- **בְּעֵבוּר** and **לְמַעַן** are regarded as both a conjunction and a preposition, while **פֶּן** is typically regarded as only a conjunction.
- None of the studies or BH lexica investigated defines the meaning of the lexical items: they simply provide translation values. Nevertheless, they distinguish different meanings/senses by offering translation glosses. Although the sense distinctions vary, no explicit criterion for distinguishing different meanings/senses has yet been provided. In addition, due to the application of the same translation glosses, it is difficult to identify the real sense distinctions.
- As for the relations that the lexical items **בְּעֵבוּר** and **לְמַעַן** indicate, they vary. However, the relationship between the different relations has not yet been investigated. As for distinguishing different relations, studies and BH lexica fail to provide criteria for it due to a lack of explicit definitions for the relations (i.e., purpose, result, reason and cause) that the lexemes are claimed to display. It has been identified that the scope of **בְּעֵבוּר** and **לְמַעַן** vary and operate on multiple levels.
- As for the paradigmatic relations, opinions differ as far as the exact relationship between **בְּעֵבוּר** and **לְמַעַן** is concerned. As for **פֶּן**, the paradigmatic relations between **לֹא**, **לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר לֹא**, **לְמַעַן לֹא**, **לְבִלְתִּי**, and **מִן** have been identified.

2.2.2 Purpose or Result Constructions without a Conjunction

The preceding section provided an overview of the lexical items that invoke final or result relations. However, to fully understand the lexical items they should be understood in light of the paradigmatic relations holding between them (Barr 1992:144; Cruse 1986:84-85). Hence, this section gives an overview of two grammatical constructions that have been identified to express a purpose or result relation: they are the **לֵ + infinitive** construction and a construction introduced by *waw* (i.e., conjunctionless final clause). Attention will be paid to whether the current insights provide information as to what the differences are between the conjunctive final construction and the conjunctionless final construction, viz., what are the features of a

conjunctionless final construction, and why is the conjunctionless final construction employed?

2.2.2.1 Final constructions introduced by a *waw*

2.2.2.1.1 Ewald (1879)

Ewald (1879:233-257) discusses the final construction with a *waw* under the heading “copulative words and sentences,” in which he (1879:233ff) makes a distinction between a *waw* of sequence (or *waw* consecutive) and a *waw* copulative. According to Ewald, a *waw* copulative is feeble, and employed to attach a new sentence to the preceding sentence, while a “*waw* of sequence,” (or “*waw* consecutive or *waw* relative”) is stronger, possesses “retrospective force,” and also “expresses a sequence of the second from the first, a necessary progression from the first to the second, and consequently, an internal reference on the part of the second to the first” (Ewald 1879:244).

According to Ewald (1879:244ff), a “*waw* of sequence” forms three different constructions with different verbal forms: 1) a *waw* of sequence with the imperfect and perfect; 2) a *waw* of sequence with the voluntative and imperative; and 3) a *waw* of sequence with any word. These three different constructions specify various relations as follows:

1. The *waw* of sequence (consecutive) + imperfect/perfect construction is mainly employed to express the consecution of time (Ewald 1879:244).
2. The *waw* of sequence + voluntative/imperative construction indicates the design of the previous action (1 Sam 15:16; Prov 20:22) or consequence (Gen 20:7) (Ewald 1879:255).⁸⁰

וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂמוּאֵל אֶל־שָׂאוּל הֲרָף וְאַגִּידָה לְךָ אֵת
אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה אֵלַי הַלַּיְלָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ דַּבֵּר: ס
Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop that I may
tell you what the LORD said to me this
night.”⁸¹ And he said to him, “Say on.”
(1 Sam 15 16)

וְעַתָּה הֲשִׁב אֶשְׁת־הָאִישׁ כִּי־נָבִיא הוּא וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל
בְּעַדְךָ וַחַיָּה וְאַס־אֵינְךָ מְשִׁיב דָּע כִּי־מֹת תָּמוּת
אֶתָּה וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לְךָ: א
Now then restore the man’s wife; for he is a
prophet, and he will pray for you, and you
shall live.⁸² But if you do not restore her,
know that you shall surely die, you, and all
that are yours.” (Gen 20:7)

Ewald (1879:24) calls the voluntative with a *waw* of sequence “the relatively-progressive voluntative,” for “it presents the desire and the design of attaining something as the consequence or aim of something presupposed. [...] It is usually preceded by an imperative.”

⁸⁰ Ewald (1879:16) uses the term “voluntative” to embrace the cohortative and the jussive.

⁸¹ וְאַגִּידָה is rendered to express purpose, according to Ewald.

⁸² Ewald (1879:255) renders וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל בְּעַדְךָ וַחַיָּה into “let him pray for thee and live (i.e., that thou mayest then live, as I wish).”

The *waw* of sequence + imperative construction can also indicate the apodosis of a conditional sentence, when the proposition preceding this construction is the condition of an imperative following the *waw* of sequence (Ewald 1879:256).

כִּי כֹה אָמַר יְהוָה לְבַיִת יִשְׂרָאֵל דְּרִשׁוּנִי וְחִיּוּ: For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel:
“Seek me and live. (Amos 5:4)

3. A *waw* of sequence with any word expresses the mere consecution of a thought (Ewald 1879:256ff).

וְדַעַן כִּי־הִפְלִיחַ יְהוָה חֶסֶד לְוֹ יְהוָה שְׂמַע בְּקִרְאִי אֱלֹהֵי: Know then⁸³ that the LORD has set apart the
godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call
to him. (Ps 4:2)

In short, Ewald distinguishes between the design (intention) of a previous action, the consequence of a previous action, and the consecution of time/thought, syntactically. As for the distinction between design and consequence, Ewald claims that the construction “*waw* of sequence with voluntative” following an imperative indicates design, while the *waw* of sequence with an imperative indicates consequence, when it is not used to indicate the apodosis of a conditional sentence.

Ewald does not use the term “purpose” or “intention” for the construction “*waw* of sequence with voluntative,” even though he does use the term “purpose” and “intention” for the conjunctive final clause, e.g., לְ with an infinitive, לְמַעַן final clause. However, it is not apparent whether Ewald distinguishes between three different notions (i.e., design, purpose, and intention) or employs them interchangeably.

2.2.2.1.2 Driver (1892)

Driver discusses the conjunctionless final construction under the heading “the voluntative with *waw*.” Driver treats the construction slightly differently from Ewald (1879). Driver (1892:64, 149) uses different terminology – “simple *waw*” or “weak *waw*” – for the *waw* used with the voluntative form. Moreover Driver distinguishes between the “weak *waw*” and “*waw* consecutive,” while Ewald (1879) uses the terminology “*waw* of sequence” for both the *waw* employed with a voluntative and the one employed in the *waw* consecutive + an imperfect (*wayyiqtol*) construction. In addition, Driver does not regard the weak *waw* as having the force of the consecution of time or thought, though he (1892:64, 149) does claim it has a “demonstrative force.”

Driver describes the construction “the voluntative with weak *waw*” as follows:

Inasmuch as the particular signification it then assumes depends upon its being, not a *mere* imperfect, but a *voluntative*, it is important to recollect ... that the voluntative force may be really present even though the corresponding modal form does not meet the eye. This weak וְ is used with the imperfect – as a jussive

⁸³ וְדַעַן is rendered into “know then” according to Ewald’s rendering.

or cohortative by preference, if these exist as distinct forms, though not exclusively even then⁸⁴] – in order to express the design or purpose of a preceding act, which it does in a less formal and circumstantial manner than למען, לבעבור etc., but with greater conciseness and elegance (Driver 1892:64).

According to Driver, generally the “weak *waw* + voluntative” construction is employed to indicate design or a purpose relation (e.g., Lev 9:6). However, the “weak *waw* + simple *yiqtol*” construction (not the voluntative form) is also employed (e.g., Exod 14:2). In addition, “sometimes the imperative is found instead of the jussive, to express with rather greater energy the intention signified by the preceding verb” (Driver 1982:69) (e.g., Gen 12:2).⁸⁵ When the construction is negated (i.e., negative purpose) לא and not אל is almost invariably employed with the simple *yiqtol* form (e.g., Exod 28:43) (Driver 1892:67).

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה זֶה הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר־צִוָּה יְהוָה תַּעֲשׂוּ
וַיֵּרָא אֲלֵיכֶם כְּבוֹד יְהוָה:

And Moses said, “This is the thing which the LORD commanded you to do; that the glory of the LORD may appear to you.”⁸⁶ (Lev 9:6)

דַּבֵּר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיָּשׁוּבוּ וַיַּחֲנוּ לִפְנֵי פִי הַחִירֹת
בֵּין מִגְדֹּל וּבֵין הַיָּם לִפְנֵי בַּעַל צְפֹן נֶכְחוּ תַחְנוּ עַל־
הַיָּם:

Tell the people of Israel that they may turn back and encamp in front of Pi-ha-hiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baalzephon; you shall encamp over against it, by the sea.⁸⁷ (Exod 14:2)

וְאֶעֱשֶׂךָ לְגוֹי גָדוֹל וְאֶבְרַכְךָ וְאֶגְדַּלְהָ שְׁמִי וְהָיָה
בְּרַכָּה:

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you may be a blessing.⁸⁸ (Gen 12:2)

וְהָיוּ עַל־אַהֲרֹן וְעַל־בָּנָיו בְּבֹאֵם | אֶל־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד אֵן
בְּגִשְׁתֶּם אֶל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ לְשַׁרְתָּ בְּקֹדֶשׁ וְלֹא־יִשְׂאוּ עוֹן
וְמִתּוֹ חֻקַּת עוֹלָם לוֹ וּלְזֵרְעוֹ אַחֲרָיו: ס

And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister in the holy place; lest they bring guilt upon

⁸⁴ E.g., in Num 25:4 the jussive form (short form) וַיָּשׁוּב is employed, whereas in Exod 14:2, וַיָּשׁוּבוּ is used. The jussive 3rd person masculine plural is not distinguishable in וַיָּשׁוּבוּ. The jussive is seldom distinguishable, except in, generally speaking, Qal and Hifil עָיָה, לָיָה verbs; while before suffixes, both forms are equally incapable of recognition. “From this it follows that they are not indispensable elements in Hebrew; and the truth of the remark made at the beginning of the chapter, the unmodified imperfect is sufficient for the expression of any kind of volition, becomes self-evident. So, too, it may be noticed that they are not always used, even in cases where their presence might naturally be expected” (Driver 1892:52-53) (e.g., Gen 19:17).

⁸⁵ Driver (1892:69) gives Gen 12:2 as an example, and renders the imperative as follows: “and I will make thee into a great nation ... וְהָיָה and be (that thou mayest be) a blessing.”

⁸⁶ According to Driver’s (1892:66) rendering, the translation of RSV in the final clause was modified.

⁸⁷ The rendering of the RSV was modified to express finality in a purpose clause.

⁸⁸ The RSV was modified according to Driver’s rendering.

themselves and die. This shall be a perpetual statute for him and for his descendants after him. (Exod 28:43)

Driver (1892:64) uses the term “design” and “purpose” interchangeably to describe the relation that the “weak *waw* with voluntative” clause indicates. As for the distinction between purpose/design and consequence, contrary to Ewald (1879), Driver (1892:69) does not claim that the weak *waw* + imperative construction expresses consequence (see above example Gen 12:2), but claims that the weak *waw* + imperative also indicates purpose/design. According to Driver (1892:64, 123-124), purpose or design is indicated by means of a ‘weak *waw* + voluntative,’ while consequence is signified by means of a ‘*waw* consecutive + *qatal*’ (*weqatal*).⁸⁹ For this reason, in a discussion of the differences between וְהָיָה (weak *waw* + voluntative) and וְהָיָה (weqatal) (when they refer to future time), Driver (1892:65-66) maintains that in BH, “and it will” is expressed by means of *weqatal* וְהָיָה, while “that it may...” is indicated by means of ‘weak *waw* + voluntative’ וְהָיָה. He suggests that we should render the “weak *waw* + voluntative” construction into “that ... subjunctive” (e.g., Exod. 7:19).

<p>וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה אֲמַר אֶל־אַהֲרֹן קַח מִטֵּבֶלֶת וְנִטְהַרְיָדָךְ עַל־מִימֵי מִצְרַיִם עַל־נְהַרְתָּם עַל־ יְאֻרֵיהֶם וְעַל־אֲגַמֵיהֶם וְעַל כָּל־מְקוֹה מִימֵיהֶם וְהָיָה דָם בְּכָל־אֲרָץ מִצְרַיִם וּבְעֵצִים וּבְאֲבָנִים:</p>	<p>And the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and there will be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.’”⁹⁰ (Exod 7:19)</p>
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⁸⁹ Driver (1892:118) claims the function of *weqatal* as a continuation form is as follows: “To all intents and purposes the perfect, when attached to a preceding verb, by means of this *waw* consecutive, loses its individuality: no longer maintaining an independent position, it passes under the sway of the verb to which it is connected.”

Driver (1892:123-124) mentions that the subordinated *weqatal* following main verbs expressing modality (e.g., will, would, or let ...) “must be understood in the same tense or mood; in other words, as governed by the same auxiliary.” When there is a change of person between the main verbs and the following verbs, he argues that “either the auxiliary will have to be repeated each time the person changes, or, since the perfect in the original really indicates a result or consequence (but not the *design*,...) of the action denoted by the principal verb, we may even employ *that* with the subjunctive.” In his illustration, Driver (1892:124) renders the *weqatal* in Gen. 24:7 as follows: “May HE send his angel before thee וְלָקַחְתָּ and *mayest* thou take (or, *that* thou *mayest* take) a wife for my son from there.” Although the rendering is confusing – for it is as if the *weqatal* indicated purpose because of the modal auxiliary “*mayest*” – it should be understood as denoting consequence.

⁹⁰ According to Driver’s rendering, the rendition of the RSV was modified.

In the above illustration (Exod 7:19), where וַיְהִי־דָם (simple *waw* + volunative) and דָּם וַיְהִי (*weqatal*) occur, Driver (1892:66) renders וַיְהִי as “that they *may* become,” saying that “for וַיְהִי the sense would *permit* the rendering *and there shall be*, the writer, however, ... brings the result into more intimate connexion with the previous act נָטָה, *that there may be*, ... but וַיְהִי and there *will* be.”

However, Driver (1892:65) does not seem to regard all of the cases of a “simple *waw* + volunative” as indicating a purpose relation. He claims that “in translating, we may sometimes preserve the force of the jussive or cohortative; sometimes it is better to employ *that*.” Driver renders the “weak *waw* + volunative” construction in several different ways: 1) ‘let ...’ (e.g., Ps 9:10);⁹¹ 2) ‘and will ...’ (e.g., Prov 20:22);⁹² 3) ‘that ... may’ (e.g., Lev 9:6);⁹³ 4) ‘so that ...’ or ‘that so ...may...’ (e.g., 1 Sam 28:22; Ps 49:10).⁹⁴ However, he does not indicate explicitly how to distinguish between these different nuances.

2.2.2.1.3 GKC

GKC (1910:306) also discusses the *waw*-final construction, calling the *waw* employed with the final clause a ‘*waw* copulative’ – distinguishing it from the consecutive *waw*. GKC (1910:484-485) regards the *waw* copulative as serving to connect two or more sentences, or single words, maintaining that its use is not restricted to coordination, but is also employed to subordinate one clause to another, e.g., it subordinates a final clause to the main clause.

According to GKC, whether a clause introduced by a *waw* copulative in the two juxtaposed clauses is a final clause or not depends on two factors: 1) the relationship between the two juxtaposed clauses, viz., whether the second clause is *subordinated* to the first or *coordinated* to the first; and 2) the verbal forms occurring in the two clauses. As for the relationship between the juxtaposed clauses, the second clause should be subordinated to form a final clause. As a consequence of this, GKC (1910:504-505) regards the final construction as a two-element syntactic construction consisting of a main clause (the matrix) and a final clause. As for the verbal forms in the matrix and the final clause, GKC (1910:503-504) claims the following verbal successions to form the final construction (As for the relations that the final clause with a *waw* copulative specifies, GKC (1910:320) maintains it indicates intention or intended consequence):

⁹¹ The rendition of Driver (1892:66) is “וַיְהִי and let Yahweh be.”

⁹² “Wait for Yahwe וַיִּשַׁע and he will save thee” (Driver 1892:66). However, he claims that this is not an absolute future, but it depends on the preceding verb “being carried into effect,” viz., it expresses modality.

⁹³ “this shall ye do וַיֵּאָרָא that the glory of Yahweh may appear” (Driver 1892:66).

⁹⁴ Driver (1892:67) renders וַיְהִי in 49:10 into “so that he should live.” Driver (1892:66) renders וַיְהִי בָּךְ in 1 Sam 28:22 as “that so thou mayest have strength.”

a. Perfect/optative (precative) + a *waw* copulative + a final imperfect⁹⁵ (e.g., Ps 51:9; Lam 1:19).

קָרָאתִי לְמֹאֲהֵבֵי הַמָּה רְמוּנֵי כַהֲנֵי וְזִקְנֵי בְעִיר גְּוָעוּ
כִּי־בִקְשׁוּ אֲכָל לֶמֶז וַיִּשְׁיבוּ אֶת־נַפְשָׁם: ס

I called to my lovers but they deceived me; my priests and elders perished in the city, while they sought food to revive their strength. (Lam 1:19)

b. Simple *yiqtol* + a *waw* copulative + a jussive (1 Kgs 13:33) (p.322).

אַחַר הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה לֹא־שָׁב יִרְבֵּעַם מִדְּרָכּוֹ הָרָעָה
וַיִּשָׁב וַיַּעַשׂ מִקְצֹזֹת הָעָם כַּהֲנֵי בְמֹות הַחֲפֵץ יִמְלֵא
אֶת־יָדוֹ וַיְהִי כַהֲנֵי בְמֹות:

After this thing Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but made priests for the high places again from among all the people; *whosoever would, he consecrated him that he might be a priest of the high places.*⁹⁶ (1 Kgs 13:33)

c. Volitive (jussive, cohortative, imperative) + a *waw* copulative + volitive/a final imperfect (e.g., Gen 12:2; 29:20, 21; 42:18; Exod 9:1; 1 Kgs 11:21; 2 Chron 29:10; Neh 2:5; Job 21:19).⁹⁷

וַהֲדַד שָׁמַע בְּמִצְרַיִם כִּי־שָׁכַב דָּוִד עִם־אֲבֹתָיו וְכִי־
מָת יוֹאָב שַׂר־הָעֶבֶא וַיֹּאמֶר הַדַּד אֶל־פַּרְעֹה
שְׁלַחְנִי וְאֵלֶיךָ אֶל־אֶרֶץ:

But when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, “Let me depart, that I may go to my own country.” (1 Kgs 11:21)

וַאֲמַר לְמֶלֶךְ אִם־עַל־הַמֶּלֶךְ טוֹב וְאִם־יֵיטֵב עֲבַדְךָ
לְפָנֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר תִּשְׁלַחְנִי אֶל־יְהוּדָה אֶל־עִיר קְבָרוֹת
אֲבֹתַי וְאֶבְנֶנָּה:

And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ sepulchres, that I may rebuild it.” (Neh 2:5)

d. Interrogative sentence + a *waw* copulative + a *volitive* (an imperative/cohortative/jussive)/a final imperfect (e.g., 2 Sam 9:1; 21:3; 1 Kgs 22:7; Ester 7:2).

וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל־הַגִּבְעֹנִים מָה אֲעֲשֶׂה לָכֶם וּבְמָה
אֲכַפֵּר וּבָרְכוּ אֶת־נַחֲלַת יְהוָה:

And David said to the Gibeonites, “What shall I do for you? And how shall I make

⁹⁵ GKC (1910:503) uses the term “final imperfect” only here without defining the term. The term seems to indicate imperfect forms that cannot be distinguished between long imperfect forms and short imperfect forms.

⁹⁶ According to GKC’s rendering, the RSV was modified.

⁹⁷ Gen 12:2 (cohortative + *waw* copulative + imperative); Gen 19:20 (cohortative + *waw* copulative + jussive); Gen 29:21 (imperative + *waw* copulative + cohortative); Gen 42:18 (imperative + *waw* copulative + imperative); Exod 9:1 (imperative + *waw* copulative + jussive); 2 Chron 29:10 (jussive + *waw* copulative + imperative); Job 21:19 (jussive + *waw* copulative + jussive).

expiation that you may bless the heritage of the LORD?" (2 Sam 21:3)

e. Imperfect/jussive/imperative + a *weqatal* (e.g., Gen 1:14; 2:24; 2 Sam 7:5).

עַל-כֵּן יַעֲזֹב-אִישׁ אֶת-אָבִיו וְאֶת-אִמּוֹ וְדָבַק בְּאִשְׁתּוֹ וְהָיוּ לְבֶשֶׁר אֶחָד: Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother in order to cleave to his wife, and they become one flesh.⁹⁸ (Gen 2:24)

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי מְאֹרֶת בְּרַקיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהַבְדִּיל בֵּין הַיּוֹם וּבֵין הַלַּיְלָה וְהָיוּ לְאֹתוֹת וּלְמוֹעֲדִים וּלְיָמִים וּשָׁנִים: And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; that they may be⁹⁹ for signs and for seasons and for days and years.

(Gen 1:14)

לֵךְ וְאָמַרְתָּ אֶל-עַבְדִּי דָוִד כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה הֲאֵתָה תִבְנֶה-לִּי בַיִת לְשִׁבְתִּי: Go and tell (that you may tell) my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' (2 Sam 7:5)

In line with Driver (1892), GKC (1910:503-504) observed that mainly the 'waw copulative + voluntative (jussive, cohortative)/imperative' construction is employed in the final clause. GKC also claims that *yiqtol* forms occupy the final clause. In addition, contrary to Driver (1892), GKC (1910:503) maintains that *weqatal* forms are also employed in the final clause. As for the verbal forms in the main clause, GKC (1910:503) avers that perfect, interrogative, voluntative, imperative, and *weqatal* forms typically occur in the main clause.

GKC also maintains that the same constructions – e.g., voluntative + a *waw* copulative + voluntative – are employed to indicate other relations besides intention. In such cases, the *waw* copulative + voluntative is not subordinated but coordinated to the preceding voluntative (GKC 1910:319,324). In this regard, GKC recognizes two cases: 1) cohortative + *waw* copulative + cohortative, and 2) imperative + *waw* copulative + imperative. Broadly speaking, these two cases indicate the juxtaposition of volitions.

The 'cohortative + *waw* copulative + cohortative' construction expresses 1) "self-encouragement" (e.g., Exod 3:3), 2) a "more or less emphatic statement of a fixed determination" (e.g., Ps 31:8), and 3) "a summon to others to help in doing something" (e.g., Ps 2:3) as well as 4) "a wish or a request for permission" (e.g., 2 Sam 16:9) (GKC 1910:319-320).

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶסְרֶה-נָּא וְאָרְאָה אֶת-הַמְּרֹאָה הַגָּדֹל הַזֶּה מִדּוֹעַ לֹא-יִבְעַר הַסֵּנֶה: And Moses said, "I will turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." (Exod 3:3)

אֶגִּילָה וְאֶשְׂמְחָה בְּחִסְדְּךָ אֲשֶׁר רָאִיתָ אֶת-עֲנָנִי יְדַעַתָּ בְּצָרוֹת נַפְשִׁי: I will rejoice and be glad for your steadfast love, because you has seen my affliction,

⁹⁸ *וְדָבַק* is rendered as "in order to cleave" according to GKC's (1910:332) rendering.

⁹⁹ The rendering of the RSV is modified to express purpose.

thou has taken heed of my adversities,
(Ps 31:8) (YCK)

נִגְתָּקָה אֶת־מִסְרֹתֵינוּ וְנִשְׁלִיכָהּ מִמֶּנּוּ עַבְתֵּימוּ: “Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us.” (Ps 2:3)

וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבִישַׁי בֶּן־זְרוּיָהּ אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ לָמָּה יִקְלָל הַכֶּלֶב הַמֵּת הַזֶּה אֶת־אָדֹנָי הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶעֱבְרֶה־נָּא וְאָסִירָה אֶת־רֹאשׁוֹ: ס Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and take off his head.” (2 Sam 16:9)

The ‘imperative + *waw* copulative + imperative’ constructions expresses 1) a real command (“ironical challenge”) (Jdgs 10:14) or 2) a “distinct assurance or promise” (Isa 65:18) (GKC 1910:324).

לָכוּ וְזַעֲקוּ אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר בָּחַרְתֶּם בָּם הַמָּה יוֹשִׁיעוּ לָכֶם בְּעֵת צָרְתְּכֶם: Go and cry to the gods whom you have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your distress. (Jdgs 10:14)

כִּי־אִם־שִׂישׁוּ וְגִילוּ עַד־עַד אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי בּוֹרֵא כִּי הִנְנִי בּוֹרֵא אֶת־יְרוּשָׁלַם גִּילָה וְעַמָּהּ מְשׂוֹשׁ: But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. (Isa 65:18)

GKC (1910:504) does not use the term “result clause,” but employs the term “consecutive clause.” GKC regards the consecutive clause as a distinct syntactic entity from the final clause by discussing it under the heading “consecutive clause.” A consecutive clause is also subordinated to the preceding clause (the matrix) (GKC 1910:485). According to GKC, consecutive clauses are introduced by means of a *waw* copulative with the jussive, especially after negative and interrogative sentences (e.g., Num 23:19;¹⁰⁰ Hos 14:10).

לֹא אִישׁ אֵל וְיִכָּזֵב וּבֶן־אָדָם וַיִּתְנַחֵם הֲהוּא אָמַר וְלֹא יַעֲשֶׂה וְדַבֵּר וְלֹא יִקְיָמָה: God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should repent. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? (Num 23:19)

GKC distinguishes a logical/temporal consequence from purpose and a consecutive: a logical/temporal consequence is expressed by the *wayyiqtol/weqatal*. The *wayyiqtol/weqatal* is regarded as a temporal or logical consequence of the actions, events or states mentioned immediately before (GKC 1910:326, 330).

וְהָאָדָם יָדַע אֶת־תְּוֹהָ אִשְׁתּוֹ וַתְּהַר וַתֵּלֶד אֶת־קַיִן וַתֹּאמֶר קָנִיתִי אִישׁ אֶת־יְהוָה: Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” (Gen 4:1)

¹⁰⁰ GKC (1910:504) regards וְיִכָּזֵב as a *waw* copulative + a jussive.

In short, GKC regards final clauses (those indicating the juxtaposition of volitions), consecutive clauses (i.e., result clause), and logical/temporal consequence clauses as distinct entities. Consecutive clauses and logical/temporal consequence clauses are distinguishable syntactically from other clauses; however, final clauses and those indicating the juxtaposition of volitions are expressed by the same construction. According to GKC, coordination and subordination is a criterion for distinguishing between intention and the juxtaposition of two volitions. The most significant problem of GKC's articulation is that GKC does not provide any criterion for distinguishing between a coordinated and subordinated construction, even though they maintain that subordination and coordination is a core criterion for distinguishing between a purpose clause (subordination), result clause (subordination), and two juxtapositions of volitions (coordination). Syntactically speaking, the construction with a *waw* that signifies purpose, result and juxtapositions of volitions is a coordinated clause in regards to the matrix. Hence, a question arises whether subordination and coordination can be a criterion for distinguishing these different clauses (see §3.3.1.3).

2.2.2.1.4 Mitchell (1915)

Mitchell divides final constructions into two categories: 1) the final construction without a conjunction and 2) the final construction with a conjunction. Although Mitchell does not regard a *waw* used in the final clause as a final conjunction, he includes the final construction introduced by a *waw* into the conjunctive final clause distinguishing it from an asyndetic final clause.¹⁰¹

1. The final construction without a conjunction

Mitchell places final constructions without a connective on par with the juxtaposition of two consecutive clauses that express a final relation.

Mitchell (1915:84) maintains that the context, more or less, clearly indicates whether the juxtaposed second verb can indicate a purpose relation. Mitchell also considers the syntactic environment in order to determine whether the second juxtaposed clause expresses a final relation. In this regard, he argues that, “the final construction without a connective is arranged with reference not only to the form of the verb in the clause denoting a purpose itself, but also to the character of the clause or sentence on which it depends” (Mitchell 1915:84). Based on this claim, Mitchell (1915:84-86) maintains that the following verbal successions indicate a final construction (the main clause + the final clause):

a. *Qatal/participle ...yiqtol* (e.g., Neh 13:19; Isa 5:11)

וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר צָלְלוּ שַׁעְרֵי יְרוּשָׁלַם לְפָנֵי הַשֶּׁבֶת When shadows filled the gateways of When

¹⁰¹ Mitchell (1915:87) categorizes the final clause with a conjunction *waw* as a conjunctive final clause. In line with Driver (1892:64,149), he does not regard the conjunction *waw* in this construction as a mere copulative claiming that this *waw* retains demonstrative significance, and is employed in the final construction. Hence, Mitchell does not use the term ‘*waw* copulative (simple *waw*, or weak *waw*)’ for the *waw* employed with a final clause, but uses the term “*waw* conjunctive.”

וְאָמְרָה וַיִּסְגְּרוּ הַדְּלָתוֹת וְאָמְרָה אֲשֶׁר לֹא
יִפְתְּחוּם עַד אַחַר הַשַּׁבָּת וּמִנְעָרֵי הַעֲמֻדָּתַי עַל-
הַשְּׁעָרִים לֹא-יָבֹוא מִשָּׂא בְיֹום הַשַּׁבָּת:

it began to be dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and gave orders that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. And I set some of my servants over the gates that no burden might be brought in on the Sabbath day. (Neh 13:19)

b. *Wayyiqtol ... yiqtol*/cohortative (e.g., Lev. 16:30; Ps 55:7)¹⁰²

כִּי-בְיֹום הַיּוֹם יִכַּפֵּר עֲלֵיכֶם לְטַהֵר אֶתְכֶם מִכָּל
חַטָּאתֵיכֶם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה תִּטְהָרוּ:

For on this day atonement is to be made for you to cleanse you from all your sins that you may be clean before the LORD.¹⁰³

(Lev 16:30)

c. *Yiqtol ... imperative* (e.g., Ps 110:2)

מִטֵּה-עֲזָוָה יִשְׁלַח יְהוָה מִצִּיּוֹן רֹדֶה בְּקִרְבֵּי אֲבִיךָ:

The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter that you may rule in the midst of your foes!¹⁰⁴

(Ps 110:2)

d. *Weqatal ... yiqtol* (e.g., Num 35:11)

וַהֲקִרִיתֶם לָכֶם עָרִים עָרֵי מְקֻלָּט תִּהְיֶינָה לָכֶם
וְגַם שְׂמֵהָ רֹצֵחַ מִכַּהֲנֹפֶשׂ בְּשִׁגְגָה:

Then you shall select cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer who kills any person without intent may flee there.

(Num 35:11)

e. Imperative ... *yiqtol*/volitive (e.g., Exod 18:19; Deut1:21)

עֲתָה שְׁמַע בְּקוֹלִי אֲיַעֲצֶךָ וַיְהִי אֱלֹהִים עִמָּךְ הַיּוֹם
אַתָּה לְעַם מוֹל הָאֱלֹהִים וְהִבֵּאתָ אֶתְּךָ אֶת-
הַדְּבָרִים אֶל-הָאֱלֹהִים:

Listen now to my voice; that I may give you counsel,¹⁰⁵ and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God, and bring their cases to God. (Exod 18:19)

According to Mitchell, it is mainly the voluntative (jussive/cohortative/imperative) or *yiqtol* that is employed in a final clause, while various verbal forms are employed in the main clause. Although Mitchell states that whether or not the juxtaposed second clause is a final clause depends on the context and syntactic environment, he does not specify in what context the two juxtaposed clauses should be understood as realizing a final construction. In addition, Mitchell does not indicate why the second clause should be understood as being subordinated

¹⁰² In Pss 65:4; 88:11; 102:14, the second *yiqtol* is a cohortative.

¹⁰³ The rendering of the RSV was modified to express purpose according to Mitchell.

¹⁰⁴ The rendering of the RSV was modified according to Mitchell's own rendering.

¹⁰⁵ The rendering of the RSV was modified to express purpose.

to the first clause and indicating a final relation. The question on GKC's articulation in this regard can also be posited on Mitchell's assertion.

2. The final construction with a conjunction *waw*

According to Mitchell, the final clause introduced by a conjunctive *waw* basically indicates intended result.

The final constructions in Hebrew differ in the degree of confidence they permit concerning the fulfillment of a given purpose. The one with ו, as has been suggested, strictly speaking, denotes an intended result; that is, it presents the end of the act or attitude described or recommended as something whose attainment is not merely desired but more or less confidently expected. In translating this construction it is usually best to use the English conjunction *that* between the clauses (Mitchell 1915:87-88).

Mitchell (1915:86-98) provides some features of the final construction with a conjunctive *waw*.

(1) The final construction is composed of “a main clause” and “a subordinate clause.”

(2) When the verb of the dependent clause is volitive (jussive/cohortative/imperative), it suggests purpose – especially if the verb of the main clause is also volitive.

a. Imperative + conjunctive *waw* + *yiqtol*/volitive (e.g., Gen 24:14; 38:8)¹⁰⁶

<p>וְהָיָה הַנְּעֹרָ אֲשֶׁר אָמַר אֵלַיָּהּ הַטִּיגָא כַּדָּוָ וְאֶשְׁתָּהּ וְאָמַרְהָ שְׂתָהּ וְגַם-גְּמִלִיד אֶשְׁקָה אֹתָהּ הַכְחֹתָ לְעַבְדְּךָ לִיצְחָק וְבָה אֲדַע כִּי-עָשִׂיתָ חֶסֶד עִם-אָדָנִי:</p>	<p>Let the maiden to whom I shall say, ‘Pray let down your jar that I may drink,’ and who shall say, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels’—let her be the one whom you has appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you has shown steadfast love to my master. (Gen 24:14) (YCK)</p>
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¹⁰⁶ As for the combination “imperative ... conjunctive *waw* + *yiqtol*,” Mitchell (1915:93) identifies that different voluntative forms are employed according to different subjects in the subordinated final clauses.

When the verb of the dependent clause is in the first person: the cohortative ending can be added (Gen 23:4), or the cohortative ending can be found wanting (Gen 24:14; 48:9; Jdgs 16:26; Jer 17:14).

When the verb of the dependent clause is in the second person: an affirmative purpose can be expressed by a jussive (Num 17:25), while a negative purpose might be expressed by a jussive with אַל (Jdgs 13:4).

When the verb of the dependent clause is in the third person: it can have the jussive form (Gen 24:51), an ambiguous form (Gen 30:3) or an unmodified form (Ezek 18:30).

b. *Yiqtol*/cohortative + conjunctive *waw* + *yiqtol*/volitive (e.g., Gen 19:20; 45:18¹⁰⁷)

הַנְּהַיֵּן הָעִיר הַזֹּאת קְרִיבָה לְנוֹס שָׁמָּה וְהִיא מִצְעָר אִמְלֻטָּה נָא שָׁמָּה הֲלֹא מִצְעָר הוּא וַתְּחִי נַפְשִׁי:	Behold, yonder city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there—is it not a little one? —that my life may be saved! ¹⁰⁸ (Gen 19:20)
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Describing the semantics of the verb in the main clause for this particular combination, Mitchell posits that the main clause primarily expresses a command or request, a question implying desire, an expression of deprecation or intention, or even a simple declaration. After such expressions, the ‘conjunctive *waw* + jussive/cohortative/imperative/ (simple or ambiguous) *yiqtol*’ combination expresses purpose.

(1) When the dependent verb has the form of a simple imperfect, it is sometimes difficult to determine the exact relation. However, if the leading verb is voluntative, it denotes purpose; if not a pure purpose, an intentional result (intended result).

אֶעְבְּרָה־נָּא וְאֶרְאֶה אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַטּוֹבָה אֲשֶׁר בְּעֵבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן הַהִר הַטּוֹב הַזֶּה וְהַלְבָּנוֹן:	Let me go over, I pray, that I may see ¹⁰⁹ the good land beyond the Jordan, that goodly hill country, and Lebanon.’ (Deut 3:25)
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(2) The imperfect, in and of itself, without the influence of a preceding voluntative may denote purpose. “It is required only that the verb be essentially subordinate to that of the main clause, and that the agent presumably perceives this relation” (Mitchell 1915:87).

However, besides the constructions mentioned above, Mitchell (1915:88ff) suggests various combinations of verbal forms in the main clause and a subordinate final clause.

- *Qatal/yiqtol* + *weqatal*¹¹⁰ (e.g., Gen 43:14; Exod 31:6)
- *Wayyiqtol/qatal* + conjunctive *waw* + *yiqtol* (e.g., 2 Chron 23:19; Isa 41:26)

¹⁰⁷ “The voluntative, in two of its forms, in dependent clauses denoting purpose, or, more exactly, intended result, is so familiar a usage, that it ought not to surprise anyone to find the imperative sometimes taking the place of the jussive in such a construction. It should, however, be noted, that, in these cases, the imperfect of the main clause is as frequently as not connected with a preceding imperative, so that the combination is virtually that of the double imperative” (Mitchell 1915:91).

וּקְחוּ אֶת־אֲבֹתֵיכֶם וְאֶת־בְּתֻלֹתֵיכֶם וּבָאוּ אֵלַי וְאֶתְּנָה לָכֶם אֶת־טוֹב אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם וְאֶכְלוּ אֶת־חֶלֶב הָאָרֶץ:	and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt so that you shall eat the fat of the land.’ (Gen 45:18)
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In the illustration, the rendering of וְאֶכְלוּ in the RSV was modified to express a final relation.

¹⁰⁸ וַתְּחִי נַפְשִׁי is rendered into “that my life may be saved” to express purpose relation.

¹⁰⁹ The rendering of the RSV was modified to express purpose.

¹¹⁰ Mitchell (1915:88) regards the *weqatal* following the *qatal*, here, as an equivalent of a *yiqtol*.

- *Weqatal* + conjunctive *waw* + imperative/*yiqtol*/*weqatal* (e.g., Gen 41:35;¹¹¹ Exod 30:12; 2 Kgs 18:32)¹¹²
- Infinitive absolute/imperative/*weqatal* + *weqatal*¹¹³ (e.g., Gen 8:17; Isa 5:5)
- Infinitive construct + conjunctive *waw* + *yiqtol*/jussive (e.g., Lev 18:30; 2 Chron 29:10)
- Verbal particle (וְ, שֵׁ, וְיִ) + conjunctive *waw* + *yiqtol*/cohortative (e.g., 2 Sam 9:1; 1 Kgs 22:7)¹¹⁴
- Nominal sentence + conjunctive *waw* + *yiqtol*/jussive (e.g., Jer 9:11aa; 9:11ab)

In short, Mitchell uses the term “intended result” and “purpose” for the relation that the final clause with a *waw* indicates. He fails, however, to define or provide explicit criteria for distinguishing the notions “purpose” and “result.”

Mitchell provides various verbal successions that realize a final construction whether the final clause has a *waw* or not. When we consider the final clause, volitive, *yiqtol* or *weqatal* forms occur while it appears that more various verbal forms occupy in the main clause.

Contrary to GKC, Mitchell claims that ‘imperative + conjunctive *waw* + imperative’ and ‘cohortative + *waw* conjunctive + cohortative’ are also final constructions. However, in line with GKC, Mitchell claims that *weqatal* may be used in a final clause.

2.2.2.1.5 Meek (1945; 1955)

Meek (1945:3) also regards the purpose clause with a simple *waw* (or copulative-*waw*) as being subordinated to the main clause. However, he is aware that its surface manifestation is coordination.

The fact that Hebrew should deviate from its regular usage in the case of purpose clauses and use [a] simple *waw* with the verb instead of the usual *waw* consecutive indicates that by this unusual construction the Hebrews were suggesting something unusual and were trying to indicate that grammatical coordination here was to be interpreted as having the force of logical subordination; that is, the clause, although grammatically coordinate with the main clause, was to convey an idea subordinate to it, [...] Logical subordination here is expressed by grammatical coordination as so very often in Hebrew (Meek 1945:3).

¹¹¹ Mitchell mentions that, generally, ‘*weqatal*... *weqatal*’ occur after a *yiqtol* or imperative.

¹¹² Mitchell mentions that the ‘*weqatal* ... conjunctive *waw* + *yiqtol*’ also occurs after a *yiqtol* or imperative.

¹¹³ GKC (1910:334) also argue that a ‘*waw* + perfect’ consecutive can be used “after an infinitive absolute, whether the infinitive absolute serves to strengthen the finite verb e.g., Isa 31:5, or is used as an emphatic substitute” for a cohortative or imperfect, e.g., Lev 2:6; Deut 1:16.”

¹¹⁴ More cases are 2 Sam 9:3 (after וְיִ); Ps 59:14 (after וְיִ); Isa 19:12 (after וְיִ). Interrogative sentences are involved in all cases, except Ps 59:14.

Meek (1945; 1955) also argues that the purpose clause in BH can be distinguished from the result clause syntactically, claiming that “Hebrew never uses [a] *waw* conversive with the perfect to express purpose, and very rarely [a] simple *waw* with the imperfect and its related forms (the cohortative, jussive, and imperative) to express result, but just the opposite – the strong *waw* to express result and the simple *waw* to express purpose” (Meek 1955:40). Meek (1945:3) even claims, regarding the function of the *weqatal* that “no grammar that I know says that the perfect with *waw* consecutive can express purpose.”

- Simple *waw* + the imperfect or volitive expresses purpose (Meek 1945:3; 1955:40).
- The perfect with a *waw* consecutive (*weqatal*) expresses result (Meek 1945:3).

Meek’s (1945:3) claim that “no grammar that I know says that the perfect with *waw* consecutive can express purpose” does not accord with what we read in GKC (1910:332, 334). Hence, Meek’s assertion that *weqatal* indicates result can be called into question.

In addition, Meek claims that the purpose clause with a simple *waw* is indicative of logical subordination in spite of its grammatical coordination. However, he does not provide any criteria for determining whether the clause introduced by a simple *waw* is logically subordinated to the preceding clause. Our query with GKC and Mitchell’s (1915) debate in this regard can also be applied to Meek’s problem.

2.2.2.1.6 Waltke & O’Connor (1990)

Waltke & O’Connor (1990) regard the final clause as a subordinate clause dependent on the main clause (see §2.2.1.2.1.4). As far as the construction with a *waw* is concerned, purpose (or result) is realized by the second clause in the construction of a volitive (cohortative, jussive, imperative) or a question + a *waw* + a prefix conjugation (imperfect, cohortative, jussive) (Waltke & O’Connor 1990:575, 577). However, according to Waltke & O’Connor (1990:638) it is the context that determines whether the second clause indicates a purpose or result relation. When the construction indicates a purpose or result relation, the *waw* is regarded as a “conjunctive-sequential *waw*,” which coordinates two clauses syntactically but logically subordinates the second clause to the first (Waltke and O’Connor 1990:650). It is translated “so that” (Waltke and O’Connor 1990:650) (e.g., 2 Sam 19:38; Jer 40:15).

<p>וַיִּחַן יוֹחָנָן בֶּן־קָרֵחַ אֶמְרָאֵל־גְּדַלְיָהוּ בְּסֵתֶר בְּמִצְפָּה לְאֹמֶר אֶלְכֶּה נָא וְאָבֵה אֶת־יִשְׁמַעֵאל בֶּן־נְתַנְיָה וְאִישׁ לֹא יֵדַע לְמָה יִבְנֶה נֶפֶשׁ וְנִפְצוּ כָּל־יְהוּדָה הַנִּקְבָּצִים אֵלָיָךְ וְאַבְדָּה שְׂאֵרֵית יְהוּדָה:</p>	<p>Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke secretly to Gedaliah at Mizpah, “Let me go so that I may slay¹¹⁵ Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no one will know it. Why should he take your life, so that all the Jews who are gathered about you would be scattered, and the remnant of Judah would perish?” (Jer 40:15)</p>
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¹¹⁵ The rendering of the RSV was modified to express a final relation.

However, Waltke & O'Connor are aware that not every second clause in the construction “volitional form (cohortative, imperative, or jussive) + *waw* copulative + prefix conjugation” indicates either a final or result relation.

- When a *waw* does not logically subordinate the second clause to the first, the construction does not indicate a purpose or result relation. In this case, the *waw* is called “conjunctive *waw*” (Waltke & O'Connor 1990:653-654) and is rendered “and” (e.g., Gen 1:26; 1 Kgs 18:41).

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם בְּצַלְמֵנוּ כִּדְמוּתֵנוּ
וַיְרִדוּ בְדִגְתַּת הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל־
הָאָרֶץ וּבְכָל־הַרֹמֵשׂ הָרֶמֶשׂ עַל־הָאָרֶץ:

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

(Gen 1:26)

- When imperatives are coordinated – viz., it is simply listed by a *waw* – the construction does not express a final or result relation (e.g., Gen 42:2) (Waltke & O'Connor 1990:577).

וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה שָׁמַעְתִּי כִּי יֵשׁ־שֶׁבֶר בְּמִצְרַיִם רָדוּ־
שָׁמָּה וּשְׁבֵרוּ־לָנוּ מִשֶּׂם וְנַחֲיָה וְלֹא נָמוּת:

And he said, “Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live, and not die.”

(Gen 42:2)

According to Waltke & O'Connor, a purpose and result relation can only be distinguished from context. They only provide some criteria for distinguishing between purpose/result and the juxtaposition of volitions based on coordination and subordination. However, they do not provide criteria for how to determine whether the second clause is logically subordinated to the first in the construction ‘volitional forms + *waw* + prefix conjugation.’ For instance, in Gen 1:26 (see above example), why shouldn’t וַיְרִדוּ נַעֲשֶׂה in ... be understood as being logically subordinated to the first verb? Hence, the question on GKC’s articulation in this regard can also be posited on Waltke & O'Connor (§3.3.1.3).

2.2.3.1.7 Joüon-Muraoka (1991)

Joüon-Muraoka (1991:373, 381) also discuss the final construction with a *waw*; however, they are also aware that the same construction is employed to indicate purpose, consecution, as well as the juxtaposition of two volitions.

Joüon-Muraoka (1991) make a distinction between the direct volitive and the indirect volitive in order to distinguish between the construction signifying the juxtaposition of volitions and the one denoting ‘purpose or consecution.’¹¹⁶ When the volitive mood is used without a *waw*

¹¹⁶The volitive moods are the imperative and the voluntative (the cohortative and the jussive).

– or with a *waw* which has the purely juxtaposing value of *and* (i.e. a coordinating conjunctive *waw*) – they call it a direct volitive.¹¹⁷ However, when the volitive mood is employed with a *waw* that logically has a subordinating value (i.e. a subordinating conjunctive *waw*), it is called an indirect volitive and indicates either purpose or consecution.

- Direct volitive mood: the juxtaposition of volitions (e.g., Gen 1:28)

וַיְבָרֵךְ אֱלֹהִים וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם אֱלֹהִים פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ
וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ וּבְכַשְׁתָּהּ וּרְדוּ בְדִגְתַּי הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף
הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבְכָל־חַיַּיָּה הַרְמִשָּׁת עַל־הָאָרֶץ:
And God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” (Gen 1:28)

- Indirect volitive mood after a volitive/interrogative/optative clause: purpose (Mal 3:7) or consecution (Gen 23:4).

גֵּר־וְתוֹשֵׁב אֲנִכִּי עִמָּכֶם תָּנוּ לִי אַחֲזַת־קִבְרָה עִמָּכֶם
וְאֶקְבְּרָה מִתִּי מִלְּפָנַי:
I am a stranger and a sojourner among you; give me property among you for a burying place, that I may bury my dead out of my sight. (Gen 23:4)

לְמִימֵי אֲבֹתֵיכֶם סָרְתֶם מִחֻקֵּי וְלֹא שָׁמַרְתֶּם שְׁבוּ
אֵלַי וְאֶשׁוּבָה אֵלֵיכֶם אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת וְאָמַרְתֶּם
בְּמָה נָשׁוּב
From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, then I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ (Mal 3:7)

Joüon-Muraoka (1991:382) mention that in the case of a cohortative + a *waw* + a cohortative, it is not always clear whether the second cohortative indicates coordination or subordination (e.g., Exod 3:3). Joüon-Muraoka therefore claim that ‘a *waw* + a volitive’ can indicate: 1) the juxtaposition of volitions, 2) purpose, and 3) consecution. In addition, they are of the opinion

¹¹⁷ Joüon-Muraoka (1991:379-381) distinguish various kinds of semantic values for a *waw* preceding a finite verbal form (*qatal*, *yiqtol*, jussive, cohortative, imperative): 1) ‘and’ (juxtaposition); 2) ‘and thereafter’ (consecution); 3) ‘so that’ (final). Joüon-Muraoka (1991:379) argue that “Hebrew distinguishes a modal nuance of the *Waw* (consecutive or final).” They call the first one a simple *et* (‘and’), and the second and third one an energetic *et*. “A simple *et* is always expressed by a weak *waw*; however, an energetic *et* is not always indicated by a strong *waw*” (i.e., doubling). A strong *waw* is found in *wayyiqtol* and *weqatal* forms. However, “in the cohortative, jussive, and imperative, the difference between an *et* of juxtaposition and an *et* of purpose-consecution does not appear in the form. The only way to see whether the *waw* in that case is of a juxtaposing or final-consecutive manner is to consider both context” (viz., when a *waw* has a nuance of purpose, it is an energetic *waw*) and syntax (viz., when a *waw* is used before a noun or particle, it is an energetic *waw*, e.g., before the interrogative particle וְלָמָּה in Judg 6:13). However, they do not investigate how to determine whether a *waw* is a coordinator or subordinator.

that a distinction between the juxtaposition of volitions and ‘purpose or consecution’ can be made by means of a syntactic criterion, i.e., coordination and subordination. However, they do not provide explicit criteria for determining whether ‘a *waw* + a volitive’ is coordinated or subordinated to the preceding clause. In addition, although they claim that whether a *waw* + volitive mood is employed to indicate purpose or consecution is dependent on context, they do not provide an explicit contextual criterion for distinguishing between the two.

2.2.2.1.8 Muraoka (1997)

Muraoka rejects the view that the second verb in the construction “a volitive + a simple *waw* + a volitive” indicates the purpose of the action denoted by the first.¹¹⁸ He claims that the construction represents the juxtaposition of volitions, which is based on the following:

1. When ambiguity arises in conjunction with the interpretation of a construction, the decision as to whether the construction “indicates a purpose would depend solely on general contextual consideration[s],” which is intractable (Muraoka 1997:231).

2. Syntactic (grammatical) parallelism is by itself no absolute proof that two parallel syntagms possess an identical syntactic function (Muraoka 1997:233).

וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל-אֲרָנָן תְּנֵה-לִּי מְקוֹם הַגֶּרֶן
וְאֶבְנֶה-בּוֹ מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה בְּכֶסֶף מְלֵא תְּנֵהוּ לִּי
וְתִטְעַר הַמַּגֶּפֶה מֵעַל הָעָם:
And David said to Ornan, “Give me the site
of the threshing floor that I may build on it an
altar to the LORD—give it to me at its full
price—that the plague may be averted from
the people.” (1 Chron 21:22)

וַיֹּאמֶר אֲרָוְנָה מַדּוּעַ בָּא אֲדֹנָי־הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶל-עַבְדּוֹ
וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד לְקִנּוֹת מַעֲמֶיךָ אֶת-הַגֶּרֶן לְבָנוֹת מִזְבֵּחַ
לַיהוָה וְתִטְעַר הַמַּגֶּפֶה מֵעַל הָעָם
And Araunah said, “Why has my lord the
king come to his servant?” David said, “To
buy the threshing floor of you, in order to
build an altar to the LORD, that the plague
may be averted from the people.”
(2 Sam 24:21)

Based on the syntactic parallelism in the analogous passages, Joüon-Muraoka (1991) argue that *וְאֶבְנֶה* in 1 Chron 21:22 should be understood as indicating purpose, for its syntactic parallel in 2 Sam 24:21 (*לְבָנוֹת*) indicates purpose. However, Muraoka (1997:232) concludes that “it is not impossible that we have here to do with a series of actions viewed from different perspectives expressed by different syntactic means.”

3. As far as the subject of the verb is concerned, the subject of the leading verb is not identical with that of the second verb in the final construction (volitive + simple *waw* +

¹¹⁸ Muraoka (1997) makes a distinction between real result and intended result. Muraoka includes intended result within the category of purpose. Hence, he does not make a distinction between intended result and purpose in his investigation. As for the real result, he “believes that the term ‘resultative’ or ‘consecutive’ is to be restricted to cases where something has actually resulted” (Muraoka 1997:229).

volitive), while the logical subject in “לְ + infinitive construct” is almost always identical with that of the main verb, and the subject of a לְמַעַן final clause with a prefix conjugation is identical with that of main verbs in 35 cases against 84 of different subjects. “From these statistics one may conclude that our syntagm is at least less final than that with לְמַעַן” (Muraoka 1997:234).

4. Syntactically, a לְמַעַן clause and “לְ + infinitive construct” construction can precede the main clause (inversion). However, the second clause in the final construction (volitive + simple *waw* + volitive) does not occupy the initial slot (Muraoka 1997:234).

וַיִּשְׁמַע אֱלִיאָב אָחִיו הַגָּדוֹל בְּדַבְרוֹ אֶל־הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיַּחֲרֹאֲרָה אֱלִיאָב בְּדָוִד וַיִּנְאָמֶר לְמַה־זֶּה יָרַדְתָּ וְעַל־מִי נָטַשְׁתָּ מֵעֵט הַצֹּאן הַהַנֵּה בַּמִּדְבָּר אֲנִי יָדַעְתִּי אֶת־יָדְנֶךָ וְאֵת רַע לְבָבְךָ כִּי לְמַעַן רְאוֹת הַמִּלְחָמָה יָרַדְתָּ: Now Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab’s anger was kindled against David, and he said, “Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption, and the evil of your heart; for you have come down to see the battle.” (1 Sam 17 28)

וַיִּזְכֹּר יוֹסֵף אֵת הַחֲלֹמוֹת אֲשֶׁר חָלַם לָהֶם וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם מִרְגָּלִים אַתֶּם לְרְאוֹת אֶת־עֲרֹנוֹת הָאָרֶץ בְּאַתְנָם: And Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed of them; and he said to them, “You are spies, you have come to see the weakness of the land.” (Gen 42:9)

5. The asyndetic construction in which the verb of allegedly final force lacks the conjunction *waw* occurs in poetic texts with the one exception of Exod 7:9 (Muraoka 1997:234).

פִּתְחוּ־לִי שַׁעֲרֵי־צְדָק אַבְא־בָּם אוֹדֶה יְהוָה: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. (Ps 118:19)

6. There is clearly a semantic mismatch between the final construction and the לְמַעַן constructions. The most common verbs occurring in the first volitive in the construction “a volitive + simple *waw* + a volitive” are those of giving, whether physically or verbally (such as דָּבַר, קָרָא, לָקַח, נָתַן) or those of physical movement (עָלָה, קוּם, בּוּ, שָׁלַח). However, none of these occurs in the matrix of [a] לְמַעַן clause. The most frequent lexemes preceding לְמַעַן [are] such verbs as הָיָה (10x), עָשָׂה (9x), יָדַע (6x), נָתַן (5x)” (Muraoka 1997:235).

7. When the syntagm in question consists of more than two verbs, ambiguity arises in determining which of the second and subsequent verbs indicate a purpose of the action denoted by the first verb (Muraoka 1997:237).

וְנִקְחָה דָגָן וְנִאֲכַלְהָ וְנִחְיֶה וְנִקְחָה Let us obtain that we may have something to eat and keep alive. (Neh 5:2)

שְׁלַחָה הַנֶּעַר אִתִּי וְנִקְוָמָה וְנִלְכָּה וְנִחְיֶה וְלֹא נָמוּת Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die. (Gen 43:8)

Muraoka claims that in Neh 5:2, both second and third verbs indicate purpose. However, in Gen 43:8, when the construction can be understood as indicating purpose, a purpose clause begins with only the fourth verb. Based on this ambiguity, Muraoka argues that the function of the construction is to express the juxtaposition of volitions.

Muraoka concludes, summarizing:

We would say that the syntagm in question does not have a *function* of formally indicating a purpose. A sequence of volitive verb forms is a series of so many expressions of the speaker's or writer's wish and will. The fact that in some cases the second verb can be more elegantly translated as indicating a purpose of the first is essentially a question of pragmatics and translation techniques, and not of descriptive grammar and syntax. Where one and the same syntagm or linguistic form appears to possess multiple translation values, but the choice boils down in the last analysis to the question of aesthetics, one becomes disinclined to assign those distinct patterns of translation as so many grammatical, syntactic functions, unless one is able to demonstrate that the choice between those different patterns of translation is conditioned by another grammatical, syntactic, or semantic factor (Muraoka 1997:240).

Several things can be mentioned concerning Muraoka's claims:

- It is not a new notion that most linguistic constructions are polysemous in nature, and that people use the polysemous linguistic constructions in communication, and that they understand them differently in different contexts. In other words, the construction is representative of a semantic potential. Which sense from that semantic potential is invoked can only be inferred from a specific context.
- Muraoka correctly identified that “a volitive form of a verb + a simple *waw* + a volitive form of a verb” is different from a $\text{׃} + \text{infinitive}$ and $\text{׃} + \text{infinitive}$ construction. However, the difference itself does not indicate that “a volitive form of a verb + a simple *waw* + a volitive form of a verb” does not signify a purpose relation. It may be understood that different constructions are utilized to express purpose relations among *different domains* (see §2.2.1.1.4 and §2.2.2.1.9).
- Significant is the fact that Muraoka raises the question whether the second clause (i.e. “a simple *waw* + a volitive form of a verb”) in “a volitive form of a verb + a simple *waw* + a volitive form of a verb” construction is a subordinate clause from the observation that it never precedes the matrix; after all, the inversion of the subordinate clause is often claimed to be a criterion of subordination (Quirk, Greenbaum, Leech & Svartvik 2004:425). Hence, Muraoka's assertion that the second clause in “a volitive form of a verb + a simple *waw* + a volitive form of a verb” is not a subordinate clause but a coordinated clause is valid. If so, either we have to accept that the alleged final clause is not a final clause or we may have to be open to the possibility that subordination and coordination cannot be a criterion for distinguishing purpose in “a volitive form of a verb + a simple *waw* + a volitive form of a verb” construction.

2.2.2.1.9 Payle (2000)

Payle (2000) investigates the conjunctionless final clause (i.e., purpose clause with a *waw*) in order to compare it with *עבור* and *למען* purpose clauses. In particular, he explores verbal forms and participant encoding in the matrix and the final clause in order to identify features of conjunctionless final constructions and to specify whether the conjunctionless final clauses are employed in a discourse or narrative. In connection with the conjunctionless final clause, he also examines two problem areas: 1) the problem of coordination – subordination in purpose constructions and 2) the problem of a *weqatal* after the final clause.

Payle (2000:148ff) investigates verbal forms and subjects that occur in the matrix and the final clause. Payle (2000:148ff) categorizes the conjunctionless final clause into five groups according to verbal forms and subjects that occur in the matrix and the final clause.

Category A: Matrix: “Aufforderung” + Nachsatz 1st person

a. imperative + cohortative

וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂמוּאֵל אֶל-שָׂאוּל הֲרָף וְאָגִידָה לְךָ אֵת
אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה אֵלַי הַלַּיְלָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ דְּבַר: ס
Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop that I may
tell¹¹⁹ you what the LORD said to me this
night.” And he said to him, “Say on.”
(1 Sam 15:16)

Category B: Matrix: “Aufforderung” + 3rd person *yiqtol* in Nachsatz

a. imperative + 3rd person *yiqtol* in “Nachsatz”

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה הִשָּׂם בְּבֹקֶר וְהִתְיַצֵּב
לִפְנֵי פַרְעֹה הַנֶּה יֹצֵא הַמַּיִמָּה וְאָמַרְתָּ אֵלָיו כֹּה
אָמַר יְהוָה שְׁלַח עָמִי וַיַּעֲבֹדֵנִי:
Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early
in the morning and wait for Pharaoh, as he
goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus
says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they
may serve me.”
(Exod 8:16)

In this example, *וַיַּעֲבֹדֵנִי* is ambiguous as to whether it is of a short form or long form due to the suffix.

b. imperative + 3rd person *yiqtol* long form in the Nachsatz

בְּרִית בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶיךָ בֵּין אָבִי וּבֵין אָבִיךָ הִנֵּה שְׁלַחְתִּי
לְךָ שְׁחָל בְּכֶסֶף וְזָהָב לְךָ הַפָּרָה אֶת-בְּרִיתְךָ אֶת-
בְּעֹשֶׂא מֶלֶךְ-יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיַּעֲלֶה מֵעָלַי:
“Let there be a league between me and you,
as between my father and your father:
behold, I am sending to you a present of
silver and gold; go, break your league with
Baasha king of Israel, that he may withdraw
from me.
(1 Kgs 15:19)

In 1 Kgs 15.19, the long form *וַיַּעֲלֶה* is employed in the Nachsatz instead of the short form *וַיַּעַל*. Although Payle (2000:159-160) regards this case as a final construction, he is not able to offer an explanation as to why the long form is employed instead of the short form.¹²⁰

¹¹⁹ The rendering of the RSV was modified to express purpose.

Category C: interrogative (מִי, מָה, אֵיכָה, and interrogative ה) in the matrix

וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל־הַגִּבְעוֹנִים מָה אַעֲשֶׂה לָּכֶם וּבְמָה אֶכַּפֵּר וּבְרָכּוּ אֶת־נַחֲלַת יְהוָה: And David said to the Gibeonites, “What shall I do for you? And how shall I make expiation, that you may bless the heritage of the LORD?” (2 Sam 21:3)

In 2 Sam 21:3, a final clause is occupied by an imperative.

After investigating the conjunctionless final construction categorized according to the groups above in Gen-2 Kgs, Payle (2000:185-186) concludes that:

(1) The matrix clause of a conjunctionless final construction is always occupied by an “Aufforderung” or interrogative sentence, and the Nachsatz by a *weyiqtol* (short form) in the 3rd person and cohortative in the 1st person. When a cohortative form occupies the matrix, the 1st person form in the Nachsatz is not non-cohortative.

(2) Conjunctionless final constructions are restricted to discourse or direct speech.

(3) Conjunctional and conjunctionless constructions cover different domains. 1st and 3rd person subjects are prevalent in conjunctionless final clauses, whereas 2nd and 3rd person subjects are predominate in conjunctional final clauses.

As far as the status of the conjunctionless final clause is concerned in terms of subordination-coordination, Payle maintains that the conjunctionless final clause is a subordinated clause to the matrix, even though the surface structure is coordination marked by a *waw*. According to him, in the conjunctionless final construction, subordination is dependent upon the syndetic juxtaposition of two verbal forms, viz., the final relation is realized between two successive verbal forms (i.e., in the matrix and the final clause respectively). Payle (2000:60) contends that two conditions must prevail between two successive verbal forms to realize a final relation.

- There must be a change in the verbal forms or subject;
- The first verbal form (i.e., the verbal form in the main clause) must be a form expressing “Aufforderung” and the second verbal form must be syndetic.

Based on the conditions mentioned above, Payle (2000:181-184) argues that the same verbal forms juxtaposed – e.g., two cohortatives (cohortative + *waw* copulative + cohortative) – cannot express a final relation, for he believes that subordination cannot be realized due to the same syntactic statuses of two juxtaposed clauses (e.g., 1 Sam 20:29 – two succeeding cohortatives; Gen 1:6 – two succeeding jussives).

וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁלַחְנִי נָא כִּי זָבַח מִשְׁפָּחָה לְנוּ בְעִיר וְהוּא צִוְּה־לִּי אָחִי וְעָתָה אִם־מִצָּאתִי חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ אֶמְלֹטָה נָא וְאָרְאַה אֶת־אָחִי עַל־כֵּן לֹא־בָא אֶל־שְׁלַחֵן He said, ‘Let me go; for our family holds a sacrifice in the city, and my brother has commanded me to be there. So now, if I have

¹²⁰ Baden (2008:154) regards this *weyiqtol* (*waw* copulative + long form imperfect) as a genuine purpose clause (see. § 2.2.2.1.10).

הַמֶּלֶךְ: ס found favor in your eyes, let me get away, and see my brothers.’ For this reason he has not come to the king’s table.

(1 Sam 20:29)

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי רָקִיעַ בְּתוֹךְ הַמַּיִם וַיְהִי מַבְדִּיל בֵּין מַיִם לַמַּיִם: And God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” (Gen 1:6)

As far as the *weqatal* following a conjunctionless final clause is concerned, Payle argues that the *weqatal* is not employed to indicate a purpose relation. His contention is based on two hypotheses: 1) *weqatal* does not express modality, but rather expresses the indicative mood, and 2) *weqatal* occupies a sentence initial slot and, hence, cannot be subordinated. However, Payle’s claim that *weqatal* cannot express modality contradicts most BH grammars. It is difficult to understand why Payle argues that *weqatal* cannot express modality, even though he is aware that a *weqatal* following an imperative will carry the volitional force forward. Furthermore, Payle argues that *weqatal* expresses real result, yet, in fact, after a final clause it does not. At most, it seems to express intended (desired) result (however, intended result is still hypothetical, not real). Hence, I am of the opinion that in line with traditional grammars, *weqatal* should be regarded as indicating modality. Furthermore, *weqatal* indicates a purpose relation when a *weqatal*, as a continuous form, follows a final clause.

Payle maintains that in a conjunctionless final clause, subordination and coordination is determined by the use of verbs that differ in ranking between the matrix and subordinate clause. Based on this claim, he contends that the ‘imperfect + *waw* copulative + imperfect’ combination, as well as the ‘cohortative + *waw* copulative + cohortative’ are not final constructions. However, he does not explain why we should regard, for instance, the jussive in a “cohortative + *waw* copulative + jussive” construction as occupying a lower syntactic status than the cohortative, that it might be subordinated to the preceding cohortative. If different verbal forms can be used as a criterion for determining coordination and subordination, he should have addressed how different verbal forms create a syntactic hierarchy or how verbal forms in lower statuses are dependent on the ones in a higher status. Although Payle attempted to prove that the conjunctionless clause (i.e., final clause with a *waw*) is a subordinate clause, he failed to do so. Hence, we argue that the conjunctionless final clause is a coordinated clause to the matrix and that subordination is not a determining factor with regards to whether or not the conjunctionless final clause expresses a final relation (see § 3.3.1.2.1.3 and 3.3.1.3).

Although Payle did not provide convincing evidence regarding the *weqatal* and the subordination-coordination problem, he did move the debate on the conjunctionless final clause a step forward. His investigation on participant encoding in the matrix and purpose clause established that conjunctive and conjunctionless purpose constructions are employed

in different domains. Furthermore, many of his result fits well with the typological result on purpose clauses (see §3.3.1.2.3).

2.2.2.1.10 Baden (2008)

In his investigation of the function of the *weyiqtol* (*waw* copulative + imperfect form) and the sequence of the volitive (the cohortative, the jussive, and the imperative), Baden criticizes current treatments of the final clause with a *waw* in that they fail to make a distinction between the imperfect and the cohortative or jussive in the final clause. He claims that in order to identify the purpose or result clause, a clear distinction between the volitive and the imperfect should be made.

Morphologically, the distinction between the cohortative and the *yiqtol* in the *weyiqtol* form is obvious. However, the form of *yiqtol* in *weyiqtol* is sometimes ambiguous as to whether it really is the imperfect or the jussive. However, a morphological distinction is observed within II-weak verbs (e.g., וַיִּקְוּ and וַיִּקְוֶה), Hiphil verbs (e.g., וַיִּשְׁמַד and וַיִּשְׁמַדוּ) and III-weak verbs (e.g., וַיַּעַל and וַיַּעֲלֶה). Hence, Baden investigates the obvious cases of imperfect forms occurring with a *waw* copulative in order to identify the function of the *weyiqtol*. Baden examines eleven unambiguous cases of the *weyiqtol* occurring from Gen to 2 Kgs (Gen 1:9; Exod 2:7; Deut 13:12; Jdgs 19:11; 1 Sam 12:3; 2 Sam 19:38; 1 Kgs 12:9 (//2 Chron 10:9); 1 Kgs 15:19; 2 Kgs 4:10; 6:17).¹²¹ Subsequent to the examination of the eleven examples, Baden (1008:155) concludes:

“In none of these examples is one required to understand the form as something other than purpose or result.”

“This [purpose or result] is the only meaning that can apply equally well to all examples.”

Based on the above result, Baden claims that even ambiguous *yiqtol*s in *weyiqtol*s can indicate purpose or result.

As for the volitive sequence, Baden argues for three possible functions: 1) consecution (*do X ... and then Y*), 2) purpose (*do X ... so that Y*), and 3) the continuation of volition (*do X ... and do Y*). As for the distinction between them, Baden states:

The issue is clear: when a volitive is followed by another volitive, it is impossible, based purely on the morpho-syntax, to determine whether the second form, the indirect volitive, is to be understood as simply continuing the volitivity of the first, expressing some sort of consecution, or expressing purpose or result (Baden 2008:156).

¹²¹ E.g., the ESV, KJV, NKJV, RSV, NRSV, NIV, and NJB regard תִּרְאֶה in Gen 1:9 as a jussive (וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִקְוּ הַמַּיִם מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם אֶל-מְקוֹם אֶחָד וַתִּרְאֶה הַיַּבְשָׁה וַיְהִי-כֵן;). However, Baden claims that it is an apparent imperfect morphologically (the final feminine ending ה indicates) and that it is in a volitive sequence with יִקְוּ, although יִקְוּ is not marked as a jussive morphologically because of the plural ending.

Furthermore, based on markedness, Baden (2008:157-158) claims that “the volitive sequence is a three-tiered system, constructed in order of frequency.”

- The first tier: volitive + volitive. This sequence is the most commonly occurring one. It is the simple, unmarked sequence. The basic meaning of the sequence is simple continued volitivity. However, it can take on a variety of meanings based on the logic of the context. “Among those meanings are the notions of consecution and purpose or result” (Baden 2008:158).
- The second tier: volitive + *weqatal*. It is marked for consecution, and has a connotation of consecution in the great majority of examples.
- The third tier: volitive + *weyiqtol*. It rarely occurs and represents a marked form. It explicitly denotes purpose or result.

In line with Driver (1892), Meek (1945, 1955) and Payle (2000), Baden is of the opinion that *weqatal* indicates consecution. However, Baden maintains that *weyiqtol* is marked and indicates purpose or result explicitly and that a *waw* + a volitive is the least marked, expressing various relations dependent upon the context – which contradicts most BH grammars’ position that a *waw* + a volitive expresses purpose or result, while a *waw* + the imperfect (*weyiqtol*) is marginal. Furthermore, Baden’s assertion that a *weqatal* indicates consecution can be called into a question, for it is in contradiction with most BH grammarians.

2.2.2.1.11 General concluding remarks to this section

Although BH grammarians identified that a final relation is realized by the construction ‘voluntative/*yiqtol* with a *waw*,’ they disagree with one another regarding the different relations that the construction specifies: purpose or result, design (intention), intended consequence, intended result, consecution. However, none of the BH grammarians define the notions for the concepts they employ. Hence, it is not apparent whether the different terms they use represent different opinions concerning the relations the construction with a *waw* designates. For this reason, BH grammarians fail to provide criteria for distinguishing the different relations the construction with a *waw* displays. Waltke & O’Connor (1990), Joüon-Muraoka (1991), and Baden (2008) claim that distinction between purpose and result can only be made contextually;¹²² yet, the contextual criteria they provide are unfortunately minimal. On the contrary, Driver (1892), GKC, and Meek (1945, 1955) regard the result/consequence/consecutive clause as a separate entity from the purpose clause.

Although BH grammarians tried to provide criteria for determining whether or not the construction with a *waw* indicates a purpose relation in terms of the verbal forms of the matrix and the broader construction, they disagreed with one another regarding the verbal

¹²² Although Baden claims that *weqatal* indicates result, he also maintains that the final clause expresses purpose and result.

forms of the matrix and final clause. GKC, Mitchell (1915), Waltke and O'Connor (1990), Joüon-Muraoka (1991), and Baden (2008) take into consideration the verbal forms occurring in the matrix; however, they do not describe how these different verbal forms are relevant to understanding the features of the final clause (construction). Only Payle (2000) explicitly states that the verbal forms in the matrix must express *Aufforderung* or an interrogative so that the juxtaposed clauses are able to express a final construction (this is one condition).

The verbal forms occupying final clauses with a *waw* are mainly volitives and *yiqtol*s; yet, here too, there is disagreement among BH grammarians, e.g., Ewald (1879) only includes the volitive (the jussive and cohortative), while GKC include the *yiqtol*, imperative, and *weqatal*. Contrary to most BH grammarians, Baden (2008) claims that *weyiqtol* is an explicitly marked form of a purpose/result clause, whereas a volitive is unmarked and has multiple functions.

Almost all of the BH grammarians are aware that the final clause introduced by a copulative *waw* is, syntactically speaking, coordinating while its semantic structure is of subordination. Hence, some grammarians use subordination and coordination as a criterion for determining whether or not a construction introduced by a *waw* is a final clause. Payle (2000) treats the coordination and subordination problem in the final clause with a *waw*, claiming that subordination in this type of clause is realized by two juxtaposed verbs; however, it is not convincing. Contrary to most BH grammarians, Muraoka (1997) claims that the alleged final clause does not realize a purpose or result relation, but indicates the juxtaposition of volitions. He argues that a purpose/result function is not descriptive but a matter of translation. According to him, the alleged final clause with a *waw* is not a final clause for it is not a subordinate but a coordinate clause, viz., the juxtaposition of volition. Syntactically speaking, Muraoka's assertion that the alleged final clause with a *waw* is a coordinate clause to the matrix is valid, even though we do not agree that the construction indicates only the juxtaposition of volition. Hence, the criterion of using subordination to determine whether a construction introduced by a *waw* is a final clause or not should be investigated further (see §3.3.1.2.1.3 and 3.3.1.3).

As for the paradigmatic relations between the final clause with a *waw* and the ones introduced by a final conjunction, only Payle (2000) provides the difference between the two, namely, that conjunctive and conjunctionless constructions cover different domains (§2.2.2.1.9).

2.2.2.2 הַ + infinitive construction

2.2.2.2.1 GKC

GKC (1910:349) distinguishes three different functions of the construction “הַ + infinitive construct:”

a. to express purpose or aim (e.g., Gen 11:5)

When the preposition has a final sense it directs attention to the end at which the subject aims in performing the act described. This act is supposed to be the proper means of attaining the end in view; hence there is implied a probability of its attainment. The probability implied borders so closely on assurance that the construction is often found where the historical sequence would be more exact, but, so long as ל retains its place, the realization of the purpose may be denied.

However, Mitchell does not show how to determine whether the preposition ל has a final sense or not.

Firstly, Mitchell makes a distinction between ‘ל + infinitive construct’ and ‘ל + noun.’ Mitchell investigates the relationship between the subject of ‘ל + infinitive construct/noun’ and that of the finite verb. In addition, he also takes into consideration the general character of the finite verbs as well as other constructions that are followed by ל in a final signification.

1. Mitchell (1915:107-127) distinguishes five different categories in regards to the subject of the ל + an infinitive final construction.

(1) The subject of the infinitive is at the same time the subject of the finite verb (Gen 23:2).

וּתְמַת שָׂרָה בְּקִרְיַת אַרְבַּע הוּא חֶבְרוֹן בְּאֶרֶץ
 כְּנָעַן וַיְבֹא אֲבְרָהָם לְסַפֵּד לְשָׂרָה וּלְבַכְתָּהּ:
 And Sarah died at Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan; and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her. (Gen 23:2)

(2) The subject of the infinitive is the same as the object of the finite verb (Gen 39:14).

וַתִּקְרָא לְאֲנָשֵׁי בֵיתָהּ וַתֹּאמֶר לָהֶם לֹאמַר רְאוּ
 הֵבִיא לְנוֹ אִישׁ עִבְרִי לְצַחֵק בְּנוֹ בָּא אֵלַי לְשַׁבֵּב
 עִמִּי וְאֶקְרָא בְּקוֹל גָּדוֹל:
 She called to the men of her household and said to them, “See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.” (Gen 39:14)

(3) The subject of the infinitive is loosely connected with the finite verb (Gen 6 20).

מִהָעוֹף לְמִינֵהוּ וּמִן־הַבְּהֵמָה לְמִינָהּ מִכָּל רֶמֶשׂ
 הָאֲדָמָה לְמִינֵהוּ שְׁנַיִם מִכָּל יְבֹאוֹ אֲלֶיךָ לְהַחְיֹת:
 Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you, to keep alive.¹²⁴ (Gen 6 20)

(4) The subject of the infinitive is a word not found in the principal clause (Num 35:6).

וְאֵת הָעָרִים אֲשֶׁר תִּתְּנוּ לְלוֹוִים אֵת שְׁש־עָרֵי
 הַמִּקְלָט אֲשֶׁר תִּתְּנוּ לְגַם שָׁמָּה הָרֹצֵחַ וְעַלֵּיהֶם
 תִּתְּנוּ אַרְבָּעִים וּשְׁתַּיִם עָרֵי:
 The cities which you give to the Levites shall be the six cities of refuge, where you shall permit the manslayer to flee, and in addition to them you shall give forty-two cities.

¹²⁴ לְהַחְיֹת is rendered “to keep alive.”

(Num 35:6)

(5) The subject of the infinitive is indefinite and the verb may often be rendered by the English passive (Exod 25:14).

וְהִבֵּאתָ אֶת-הַבַּדִּים בְּטַבְעֹתָ עַל צְלָעֵת הָאָרֶן
 לְשָׂאת אֶת-הָאָרֶן בָּהֶם: And put the poles into the rings at the sides
 of the ark in order to carry the ark by them.

(Exod 25:14)

As for the general character of the finite verb, the signification of the finite verbs differentiated by Mitchell may be subsumed under ‘movement’ (e.g., come, go, haste, flee, approach, depart, bring, send, snatch, drive, cause to approach, depart, give, take, stand, sit, turn, bend, seize, smite, raise, set, turn, bend, etc.).

2. When לְ with a noun signifies a final relation, an abstract noun is often employed (Mitchell 1915:127-132).¹²⁵

(1) after a verb denoting movement (e.g., Deut 10:11)

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלַי קוּם לֵךְ לְמַסַּע לְפָנַי הָעַם וַיְבֵאוּ
 וַיֵּרְשׁוּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לְאֲבֹתָם לָתֵת
 לָהֶם: פ And the LORD said to me, ‘Arise, go on your
 journey at the head of the people, that they
 may go in and possess the land, which I
 swore to their fathers to give them.’

(Deut 10:11)

(2) after nouns (e.g., Jer 18:23)

וְאַתָּה יְהוָה יָדַעְתָּ אֶת-כָּל-עֲצָתָם עָלַי לְמִוֹת אֵל-
 תִּכְפֹּר עַל-עֲוֹנָם וְחָטְאָתָם מִלִּפְנֵיךָ אֶל-תִּמְחֵי וְהָיוּ
 מִכְשָׁלִים לְפָנֶיךָ בְּעֵת אַפְּךָ עֲשֵׂה בָהֶם: ס Yet, you, O LORD, know all their plotting to
 slay me. Forgive not their iniquity, nor blot
 out their sin from your sight. Let them be
 overthrown before you; deal with them in the
 time of your anger. (Jer 18:23) (YCK)

Secondly, Mitchell (1915:115ff) recognizes that the construction לְ + infinitive construct points to “a probable outcome of the act described,” i.e., result or consequence (e.g., Exod 39:3, Lev 22:8).

נִבְלָה וְטִרְפָּה לֹא יֵאָכַל לְטִמְאָה-בָּהּ אֲנִי יְהוָה: That which dies of itself or is torn by beasts
 he shall not eat, and so defile himself by it:¹²⁶
 I am the LORD.’ (Lev 22:8)

In short, Mitchell distinguishes different categories according to the subject of לְ + infinitive constructions. Furthermore, Mitchell established that לְ + infinitive constructions may indicate

¹²⁵ In this regard, Mitchell (1915:127) states that “many abstract nouns are, in fact, merely infinitives with a feminine ending. It is therefore not strange that, even in this form, they should, like infinitives, be found in final constructions.”

¹²⁶ The rendering of the RSV was modified to make the result relation clear.

both purpose and result. When it signifies a purpose relation, the main verbs generally indicate movement.

2.2.2.2.3 Waltke & O'Connor (1990)

Among the variety of uses of a לְ + an infinitive construct, Waltke & O'Connor (1990:606) also recognize that the construction signifies both a purpose (1 Kgs 5:14) and a result relation (a consequence of the main verb) (e.g., Deut 9:18).

Waltke & O'Connor (1990:606) mention that the “infinitive purpose or final clauses are similar to purpose clauses with finite verbs” comparing Num 27:20 with 1 Kgs 5:14. However they do not further explicate what this claim means.

<p>וְנָתַתָּה מֵהוֹדֶךָ עָלָיו לְמַעַן יִשְׁמְעוּ כָּל-עֵדֶת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:</p> <p>וַיָּבֹאוּ מִכָּל-הָעַמִּים לְשָׁמֹעַ אֶת חֻכְמַת שְׁלֹמֹה מֵאֵת כָּל-מְלָכֵי הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר שָׁמְעוּ אֶת-חֻכְמָתוֹ:</p>	<p>You shall invest him with some of your authority, that all the congregation of the people of Israel may obey. (Num 27:20)</p> <p>And men came from all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom. (1 Kgs 5:14)</p>
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2.2.2.2.4 Joüion-Muraoka (1991)

Joüion-Muraoka (1991:432ff) distinguish between the nominal and verbal uses of the infinitive construct. Among the latter, they claim that the infinitive construct with a לְ is employed to indicate a purpose or result relation. According to Joüion-Muraoka, a purpose or result relation is dependent upon the semantics of לְ, which has various nuances: strong, weak, or even almost *nil*.¹²⁷ When לְ is used with a strong value for the direction, aim, or purpose of an action, the לְ + infinitive construct construction signifies a purpose or result (Joüion-Muraoka 1991:436). However, they do not provide any explicit criteria for determining the value of לְ.

As Joüion-Muraoka (1991:637) believe that “the notions of purpose and result are often expressed by the same means,” they (1991:436) also argue that לְ + infinitive construct expresses purpose or consecution.

a. purpose of an action (e.g., Gen 31:19)

<p>וַלָּבָן הָלַךְ לִגְזֹז אֶת-צֹאֲנוֹ וַתִּגְנַב רָחֵל אֶת-הַתְּרָפִים אֲשֶׁר לְאָבִיהָ:</p>	<p>Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel stole her father’s household gods. (Gen 31:19)</p>
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b. consecution (result) (e.g., 1 Kgs 2:27)

<p>וַיִּגְרֹשׁ שְׁלֹמֹה אֶת-אַבְיָתָר מֵהִיְוֹת כֹּהֵן לַיהוָה לְמַלְא אֶת-דְּבַר יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר עַל-לִבִּית עָלָי:</p>	<p>So Solomon expelled Abiathar from being priest to the LORD, thus fulfilling the word of</p>
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¹²⁷ English “to” and German “zu.”

בְּשִׁלֹה: פ the LORD which he had spoken concerning
the house of Eli in Shiloh. (1 Kgs 2:27)

In other words, Joüon-Muraoka fail to provide a criterion for distinguishing between purpose and result. In addition, Joüon-Muraoka (1991:634) only briefly mention other constructions that are in a paradigmatic relationship with לְ + infinitive constructions.

2.2.2.2.5 Summary

- לְ + infinitive construct constructions can indicate purpose or result. However, BH grammarians provide minimal criteria for differentiating between these relations.
- When a לְ + infinitive construct construction denotes a final relation, the finite verbs on which the construction depends, generally signify movement in terms of semantics (Mitchell 1915; GKC 1910). However, the available description of the לְ + infinitive construct does not describe other final constructions that are or could be in a paradigmatic relationship with this construction.

2.2.2.3 General concluding remarks to this section

The construction with a *waw* specifies various relations such as purpose, result, and the juxtaposition of volitions. A לְ + infinitive construct can also indicate purpose or result. However, adequate and structural criteria for distinguishing between the different relations have not yet been provided.

As for the paradigmatic relations between the final clause with a *waw* and the ones introduced by the final conjunctions בְּעִבּוּר and לְמַעַן, only Payle (2000) provides convincing evidence that they are used in different domains (see §2.2.1.1.1.4, 2.2.1.2.1.6, and 2.2.2.1.9). However, Payle (2000:17) fails to include the construction ‘לְ + infinitive construct’ into his investigation, despite being aware that this construction is also employed to indicate a purpose relation.

Muraoka (1997) raised a question of whether the conjunctionless final clause with a *waw* is really a final clause. Another question was born out from this question: can subordination be a criterion for determining whether the construction with a *waw* is a purpose clause or not?

2.3 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Studies on the lexical items that are assumed to indicate a purpose or result relation, and the treatment of the lexical items in BH lexica have shown:

- There is a difference of opinion about the word class(es) of the lexical items under consideration. None of the studies investigated provide explicit criteria for defining a specific word class of the lexical items.
- BH linguists fail to define the meaning of the lexical items with which we are concerned. An etymological description underlies the semantic model of most of the target lexemes; however, the etymological descriptions of these lexemes seldom provide insight into

how they are used and/or the specific nuances each may express. I want to hypothesize that a more exhaustive description of the uses of these lexemes holds the key towards a better understanding of them and the constructions in which they occur.

- BH linguists differ in their opinions as to the relations that the lexical items specify, even though BH linguists recognized that the lexical items indicate various relations. However, none of studies investigated has examined the relationships between the different relations, or to be more specific, why a particular lexeme or construction is chosen over another.
- Furthermore, when a lexical item or construction can display various relations, most of the studies we investigated rarely provide an explicit set of criteria for identifying these different relations.
- BH linguists seldom fully acknowledged the fact that the scope of the lexemes and constructions could reach beyond that of a sentence. Apart from the study of Payle (2000), little systematic study has yet been done to determine the nature of this scope and/or whether the difference in the extent and type of scope correlates with the use of particular lexemes and or constructions.
- None of the studies have structurally described the paradigmatic relation between the different types of purpose constructions. Payle (2000) only provides a paradigmatic relation between *בְּעֵבֹר לְמַעַן* final clauses and the conjunctionless final clause with a *waw*.

BH lexica show a variety of data types that are assumed to contribute towards defining the meaning or distinguishing the meanings/senses of the lexical items we are concerned with:

- Comparative and etymological material: As the semantic model of BDB and HALOT is largely comparative and etymological, the comparative and etymological considerations occupy a prominent place. For instance, they often lemmatize not by the actual form but by a hypothetical reconstruction. Furthermore, the comparative and etymological material comes from cognate languages comparable to BH; however, BDB and HALOT fail to show how this information contributes towards defining the meaning of a word. In fact, comparative and etymological material may be a description of hypothetical historical origins or prehistoric processes of change, but they should not be regarded as constituting some sort of semantic relationship between BH words and cognate forms (Barr 1983:45). Hence, comparative and etymological information does not necessarily aid in defining the meaning of the target lexemes. As we stated in the beginning of our overview of BH lexica, grammarians fail to provide a definition of the lexical items with which we are concerned, and instead merely provide translation values. Translation values are not the meaning of a word but are rather simply target language lexical items that may be used to substitute the source language item in a specific situation (Gouws & Prinsloo 2005:153). Translation values only show a rough classification of distinguishable senses or relations that the target lexemes may indicate.

- Syntagmatic information: BDB, HALOT, and DCH provide syntagmatic information to determine the different meanings/senses. In particular, DCH provides an exhaustive list of syntagmatic information; however, syntagmatic information only partly helps in distinguishing the different senses.
- Contextual information: BDB, HALOT, and DCH only provide some contextual information in distinguishing the different senses. Hence, they too only partly help to differentiate among the senses.
- Paradigmatic information: BDB, HALOT, and DCH also provide some paradigmatic information; however, they disagree with one another in regard to their understanding of this information.

This study is an investigation into the lexical items *בְּעֵבוֹר*, *לְמַעַן*, and *פֶּן* in addition to other grammatical constructions relevant to the lexical items. A literature overview of BH linguistics and existing BH lexica in section 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 demonstrated that although the current insights provide some useful information, there still lacks an adequate frame of reference for describing the lexical items.

This study will seek the answers to the following questions in order to establish an adequate theoretical frame of reference for the description of the lexical items in order to provide proper data types for compiling a dictionary:

- What is the meaning of the lexical items? How should we describe the meaning of the lexical items? How many meanings/senses should be distinguished? What is the relationship between the different meanings/senses?
- What relations do the lexical items display? When they specify various relations, what relations do they designate? How should they be distinguished? What is the connection between the different relations?
- The conjunctionless final clauses that form paradigmatic relations with the lexical items will also be investigated. In connection with a conjunctionless final clause, a fundamental question was raised by Muraoka (1997) as to whether or not the construction is a final construction despite of syntactic coordination.

CHAPTER 3

THE SEMANTICS OF CONNECTIVE CONSTRUCTIONS

3.1 INTRODUCTION

In the preceding chapter, it was shown that current descriptions of the lexical items *בְּעֵבוֹר*, *לְמַעַן*, and *פֶּן* display some shortcomings. Scholars do not agree with one another in terms of the meanings/senses of the lexical items, nor in regards to the different relationships that they specify. Indeed, they are unable to define the meanings/senses of the lexical items due to the wanting of adequate theoretical frames of reference. Therefore, the aim of this chapter is to further investigate the problem areas identified in the preceding chapter.

Lexical items are categories of senses. Hence, defining the meaning of a linguistic item is an issue of categorization in nature. Empirical studies on categorization have established that people categorize things not by means of the necessary and sufficient conditions assumed by the classical approach, but with reference to a prototype (Ungerer & Schmid 1996 1-20).

What is the meaning of a word, and how is this meaning defined? Traditional approaches to the meaning of a linguistic expression typically regard the meaning of a word as an object to be found objectively, and distinguish between semantics (linguistic knowledge) and pragmatics (encyclopedic knowledge) (Geeraerts 2010:110-111). Then it focuses on linguistic knowledge to define the meaning of a word. It studies meaning in terms of relations between expressions within a language, viz., this approach deals with the paradigmatic relations (e.g., synonymy, hyponymy, antonymy, etc.) and syntagmatic relations (e.g., a word's collocations) between linguistic expressions (Taylor 2002b:192), and "meaning is equated with sets of relations between linguistic expressions." However, the syntagmatic and paradigmatic information of a word cannot be equated to the meaning of a word (Taylor 2002b:190, 192). More problematic is the fact that this approach operates upon the assumption that there is a categorical distinction between grammatical and content words. Recent developments in cognitive linguistics have shown that the meaning of content and grammatical words should rather be treated as two poles on a continuum of linguistic meaning. They do not belong to two modules of the mind – the grammar and the lexicon (Langacker 2008:5).

Linguistic constructions, typically, can have more than one meaning. Hence, defining meaning inevitably involves the theory of distinguishing different meanings/senses and the relationship between these meanings/senses.

This chapter has the following goals:

Firstly, the ultimate goal is to describe purpose/result connectives in BH. Hence, the first goal of the chapter is to investigate general semantic principles of linguistic expressions that can

apply to purpose/result connectives of BH. For this purpose, we particularly rely on cognitive semantics to answer the following questions.

- What is the meaning of a linguistic expression?
- What is the meaning made of?
- How are the meanings of a word defined?
- How are different meanings/senses of a word distinguished?
- What is the relationship between different meanings/senses?
- What is the function of connectives in terms of cognitive principles?

Secondly, we are specifically concerned with purpose/result constructions across languages in order to establish criteria for describing these constructions in BH. For this purpose, the following questions will be investigated.

- What is the purpose, result, cause and reason constructions?
- What are the criteria for distinguishing between purpose, result, cause and reason constructions?

The chapter proceeds as follows:

We commence with investigating the categorization and definition of the meaning of linguistic items. The theories of categorization will be overviewed in §3.2.1 and §3.2.2. Then, we investigate the meanings of linguistic expressions focusing on the conceptual view of linguistic meaning (§3.2.3). Then in conjunction with this study, the function of connectives will be investigated in terms of cognitive principles (§3.2.4). Some brief summary remarks will then be offered (§3.2.5).

§3.3 investigates purpose, result, cause, and reason constructions. §3.3.1 investigates the purpose construction from a typological perspective. It presents the typological features of purpose constructions across languages in terms of purposive markers, verb forms, participant encoding, and the position of purpose clauses. This is followed by a discussion of the avertive construction (negative purpose construction). Based on the typology of purpose constructions, the problem of subordination and coordination will be considered in order to answer the questions raised by Payle (2000) and Muraoka (1997) of the preceding chapter, viz., 1) can subordination and coordination be determined by verbal forms in BH? 2) cannot the alleged purpose construction with *waw* in BH be a purpose construction? §3.3.2-3.3.4 investigates the result construction, cause construction and reason constructions. Some criteria will be suggested for distinguishing between result, cause, and purpose constructions. In §3.4, the findings of these sections are summarized.

3.2 COGNITIVE CATEGORIZATION AND DEFINING THE MEANING OF LINGUISTIC EXPRESSION

The goal of this section is to investigate the complexities of the way people actually categorize, and the relationship between categorization (the mental process of classification) and the definition of linguistic expressions.

3.2.1 The Classical Theory of Categorization

The classical approach to categorization goes back to Aristotle. He distinguishes between the essence of a thing which makes a thing what it is and accidents that play no part in the determination of what a thing is.

In semantics, Katz & Fodor (1963:185-186) and Katz & Postal (1964:13ff) employ the classical approach to categorization. They claim that the meaning of a word can be decomposed into its atomic concepts (features): 1) semantic markers which are a set of universal primitives, and 2) distinguishers which reflect what is idiosyncratic about its meaning.¹²⁸ These atomic concepts define the essence of a linguistic meaning. If any one feature is missing, the entity does not qualify for belonging to a specific category.

The classical theory of categorization is based on the following assumptions: 1) Categories are defined in terms of a set of necessary and sufficient features; 2) Features are binary, i.e., features are a matter of all or nothing; 3) Categories have clear boundaries, i.e., the set of entities that belong to a category are clearly defined; 4) All members of a category have equal status, i.e., all members exhibit all of the defining features.

However, the classical approach to categories has several problems: 1) Semantic markers, proposed to be conceptually primitive (atomic concept), are not conceptually simple. As Wittgenstein (1953:32-33) pointed out with the example of *game*, many concepts cannot be categorized in terms of necessary and sufficient features. In a classical category, all members are equal. However, empirical research has revealed that some members of a category are judged 'better' or 'more representative' of the category than others; 4) The classical approach fails to provide an account of why category boundaries are fuzzy (Croft & Cruse 2004:77);¹²⁹

¹²⁸ For instance, a second meaning of bachelor is decomposed into the semantic marker HUMAN, and the distinguisher HAVING THE FIRST or LOWEST ACADEMIC DEGREE.

¹²⁹ Ungerer & Schmid (1996:15) distinguish two different types of boundaries and transition zones. One type of transition zone arises from the observation that some concrete entities do not have clear-cut boundaries in reality, e.g., knee and other body parts, or valley, or mountain. The other type of transition arises from the cognitive classification, e.g., transition zone between chairs and non-chairs in the collection of chairs in a chair museum. In the chair museum, it is not entities that merge into each other, but categories of entities and these categories are the product of cognitive classification. The entities are not vague, but the boundaries of cognitive categories. To distinguish between the two types of vagueness, Ungerer & Schmid use the term 'vague entity,' and 'vagueness' for the first type, and 'fuzzy category boundaries' or 'fuzziness' for the second. However, there are many cases in

5) Classical categories have a special status. “The[y] are what we might call ‘expert categories’” (Taylor 2003b:39).

Although the classical view that categories, based on shared features, is not entirely wrong, and people often do categorize on that basis, categorization is far more complex than this.¹³⁰ Humans do not categorize by using the necessary and sufficient conditions assumed by the classical approach, but rather do so with reference to a prototype.

3.2.2 The Prototype Theory of Categorization

Categorization is more complex than what the classical approach suggests. An alternative to the classical approach to categorization is a prototype approach which derives from the work of Wittgenstein (1953), and the empirical results of a wide range of disciplines.

Entities are categorized on the basis of their attributes (Taylor 2003b:44).¹³¹ The attributes themselves do not have binary features. Attributes are properties of real-world entities which are readily accessible to competent users of a language in virtue of their acquaintance with the world around them. Hence, attributes cannot be limited to tangible properties, but might sometimes be functional, or interactional.

Labov (1973:352-370) performed a series of experiments to see how people categorize entities using line drawings of cup-like objects of which ratios of width and depth are different. For instance, there were five cups with increasing ratios of width with a constant depth, and five cups with increasing ratios of depth with a constant width.

When the subjects were simply asked to name them (neutral context), the subjects increasingly referred to the objects as bowls as the ratios of width increased. However, there was no clear dividing line between cup and bowl. The category merged gradually into the other. In categorizing a cup, it is not categorized according to whether the cup has the attributes or not, but according to how the dimensions of the cup approximate to the optimum value, viz., the ratio of width to depth (i.e., attributes) is regarded as a continuous variable. In

which vagueness and fuzziness coincide, e.g., a mountain range in the real world is not clearly delimited (vague) and its cognitive category has not clear boundaries (fuzzy).

¹³⁰ Geeraerts (2002:290) argues that a componential analysis retains its value as a heuristic tool for the description and comparison of lexical meanings, for there can be no semantic description without some sort of decompositional analysis. The prototypist’s reaction against this approach based on features does not necessarily mean that prototypical theories reject every kind of componential analysis.

¹³¹ In cognitive linguistics, a distinction between ‘feature’ and ‘attribute’ is made. The term ‘feature’ is employed for the abstract features of the classical approach, while the term ‘attribute’ is utilized for alternative, non-classical theories of categorization. Attributes are characteristics or typical aspects of a category. However, attributes are not aspects as a limited set of necessary and sufficient conditions that is used to define a category in the classical theory of categorization.

addition, it was identified that different functional settings affected categorization, viz., categorization was different according to different situations with the entities. When the same subjects were shown the same drawing in three different contexts (for example, when they were asked to name in a coffee context),¹³² cup-responses increased, while a bowl judgment increased when they imagined a food situation. This implies that attributes cannot be limited to tangible properties only. This further implies that a clean separation between a speaker's world knowledge and his purely linguistic knowledge is impossible, i.e., a strict dichotomy between semantics and pragmatics cannot be tenable in defining the meaning of a linguistic expression.

Categories are not uniform, but some members are better examples of the category than others (Berlin & Kay 1969:10). Berlin & Kay (1969:10) identified the existence of focal colors in a series of experiments. In the first experiment, when subjects from 20 different languages were asked to indicate for each basic color term *x* in their languages, the subjects chose the same areas of the color space from an array of Munsell color chips.¹³³ Berlin & Kay called these clusters of best examples focal colors. The foci of color categories are similar among totally unrelated languages. In the second experiment, Berlin & Kay (1969:15) asked the subjects to point out the boundaries of each color category, i.e., to point out all the chips in the array of which color may be denoted by a given color term. The subjects designated foci easily, while they hesitated for long periods before indicating the boundaries of color, viz., indicating the boundaries of colors was more difficult than assigning foci.

Category membership is not determined according to distinctive features, but members of a category form a family resemblance relationship. Wittgenstein (1953: 32-33) pointed out that the classical category which has clear boundaries and which is defined by common features does not fit a category such as "game," for there are no common features shared by all games. Wittgenstein also observed that the category "game" could be extended by introducing new kinds of games, provided they resembled previous games in appropriate ways.

Some categories, e.g., color, are graded and have inherent degrees of membership (central members, peripheral members) and fuzzy boundaries (Ungerer & Schmid 1996:18; Taylor 2003b:45). Other categories, e.g., bird, have clear boundaries; but within those boundaries there are graded prototype effects – some category members are better examples of the category than others.

¹³² For example, in a coffee context, subjects were asked to imagine that they saw someone with the object in his hand, stirring in sugar with a spoon, and drinking coffee from it.

¹³³ Using a set of 29 color chips Berlin & Kay began their experiment with the elicitation of basic color terms in the elicitation interview with informants from 20 languages. The eleven basic color categories were extracted: white, black, red, green, yellow, blue, brown, purple, pink, orange and grey.

Good examples are regarded as prototypes of a particular category, and prototypes play important roles in the formation and learning of categories (Rosch 1973:121-122; Rosch, Simpson & Miller 1976:497). The most typical member of a category is perceptually more salient than a non-prototypical member. In addition, it is salient in memory – both short-term memory and long-term memory (Heider 1971: 448-449; 1972:19).

Semantic categories have an internal structure: a high agreement of goodness-of-example rankings was identified between subjects. This implies that the degree of membership of a category is psychologically real (Rosch 1975b:198).

Rosch (1975b) identified that the concept of internal structure is applicable to the semantic classifications of common objects in everyday use. In a series of experiments, subjects make meaningful judgments about the internal structure of semantic categories, i.e., the degree to which instances are good or poor members of categories, e.g., when 200 American college students were asked to judge the goodness of the category members of ten categories using a seven-point-scale (one point for very good examples, four for moderately good examples, and seven points for very poor examples).¹³⁴ The result shows: 1) when subjects rated members of categories, they did not perform the task according to the classical view of categorization (Rosch 1975b:198); 2) a high agreement of goodness-of-example rankings between subjects was identified (Rosch 1975b:198).

Categories tend to become organized in such a way that they are maximally discriminable from other categories at the same level of contrast; hence, the most prototypical members of a category are those with the least resemblance to, or membership in, other categories. On the other hand, the most prototypical members of common superordinate and basic level categories are those that bear the greatest family resemblance to other members of their own category and have the least overlap with other categories. In addition, family resemblances are undoubtedly a principle of prototype formation (Rosch & Mervis 1975:599).

3.2.3 Meanings of a Linguistic Expression

In linguistics, two different approaches to linguistic meaning are identified: 1) the dictionary view based on the traditional view of categorization, and 2) the conceptual view based on prototype theory.

3.2.3.1 The dictionary view

The dictionary view of meaning makes a strict distinction between linguistic knowledge, which relates to the mental dictionary (mental lexicon) and world or non-linguistic knowledge (i.e., cultural knowledge, social knowledge which concerns our experience of and interaction with others, and physical knowledge which concerns our experience of interaction with the world). The dictionary view regards only linguistic knowledge as the domain of

¹³⁴ Items between fifty and sixty were listed under ten category names. The ten categories were fruit, bird, vehicle, vegetable, sport, tool, toy, furniture, weapon, and clothing (Rosch 1975b:197-198).

lexical semantics. For this reason, a strict distinction between semantics and pragmatics is maintained (Evans & Green 2006:207; Langacker 2008:38).

The dictionary view of meaning assumes that word meanings have a semantic core that can be distinguished from other non-essential aspects of a word's meaning. However, the distinction between core meaning (semantic knowledge) and other kinds of knowledge (pragmatic knowledge) is arbitrary. Recall the experiment of Labov (1973): the same cup-like vessels were judged (defined) differently according to different contexts and functions. Words are never represented independent of context,¹³⁵ but are always understood in relation to frames or domains of experience (see §3.2.3.2.2). Semantic knowledge cannot be separated from pragmatic knowledge, nor can linguistic knowledge be separated from world knowledge. The distinctions are not hard and fast, but matters of degree.

3.2.3.2 Conceptual view

The meanings of linguistic expressions do not exist independently of the minds of speakers as an object to be found. Rather, the meanings of linguistic expressions are found in the minds of speakers who produce and understand the expressions.

3.2.3.2.1 Meaning is conceptualization

Semantic structure – which refers to the meaning of an expression – is conceptual structure.¹³⁶ Language refers to concepts in the mind of the speaker rather than to objects in the external world. In other words, the meaning of an expression (e.g., tree) is the 'idea' of a tree, a 'concept,' a mental entity located in the mind of a language user. The meaning of a word resides in conceptualization, which is dynamic in nature.¹³⁷

¹³⁵ For instance, deictic expressions such as *today* and *tomorrow*, cannot be understood fully in isolation from context.

¹³⁶ Semantic structure is a pole of the symbolic structure of language. Language is symbolic in nature, i.e., linguistic expressions symbolize conceptualizations. To serve this function, a language needs three kinds of structures: semantic, phonological and symbolic, the latter of which indicates the relations between a phonological and semantic structure. Phonological structure refers to the overt manifestation of a language, which includes sounds as well as gestures and orthographic representations. Semantic structure refers to the meaning of an expression which is broadly encyclopedic in scope. "A symbolic structure (Σ) resides in a link between a semantic structure (S) and a phonological structure (P), such that either is able to evoke the other" (Langacker 2008:15). (As symbolic structures incorporates phonological structures and semantic structures, Taylor (2002b:21) prefers to using the term 'symbolic relations' in place of symbolic structures). Hence, a symbolic structure can be described as being bipolar, representing both a semantic and phonological pole. The semantic structure directly associates with the phonological structure.

¹³⁷ However, conceptualization does not necessarily mean that semantic structure is identical with conceptual structure. Rather, the meanings of words form only a subset of possible concepts, viz., we have more ideas, feelings, and thoughts than we can conventionally encode in language.

Concepts are the mental representations of classes of objects and entities in the world, which are used in thinking about those entities (Murphy 2002:270), i.e., “a concept is a principle of categorization” (Taylor 2002b:43).

Semantic structure relates all linguistic units. Grammatical categories, constructions, open-class elements, and closed-class elements are essentially conceptual in nature. The meanings of all kinds of words, not only the names of concrete physical objects, but also the names of abstract entities as well as words which belong to other lexical categories, such as prepositions, and even the function words of a language can be understood in terms of conceptualization (Langacker 2008:93ff).¹³⁸

3.2.3.2.2 What are meanings made of?

Word meaning is broadly encyclopedic in scope. Words do not represent neatly packaged bundles of meaning, but serve as points of access to vast repositories of knowledge relating to a particular concept or conceptual domain (Langacker 2008:43ff). Everything we know about the concept is part of its meaning (Langacker 1987:155-159; Langacker 2008:43ff). The encyclopedic nature of word meaning has been identified in two areas which focus on the way semantic structure is organized relative to conceptual knowledge structures.

3.2.3.2.2.1 Frames (Fillmore 2006)

Frame semantics is an approach to describing the meanings of independent linguistic entities by appealing to the kinds of conceptual structures that underlie their meanings and that motivate their use. Fillmore (2006:373) defines the notion of a ‘frame’ as follows: “By the term ‘frame’ I have in mind any system of concepts related in such a way that to understand any one of them you have to understand the whole structure in which it fits.” Fillmore (2006:373) uses the term ‘frame’ as a general cover term for ‘schema,’ ‘script,’ ‘scenario,’ ‘ideational scaffolding,’ ‘cognitive model,’ or ‘folk theory.’ According to frame semantics, knowledge of word meanings involves complex networks of knowledge.

For example, we need to access a commercial event frame in order to understand the English verbs ‘buy,’ ‘sell,’ and ‘pay.’ The commercial event frame includes ‘a person interested in exchanging money for goods (the buyer),’ ‘a person interested’ in exchanging goods for

¹³⁸ Talmy (2000:22) and Evans & Green (2006:165ff) make a distinction between open-class and closed-class semantic systems in terms of functions. On the one hand, the closed-class semantic system is the system of meaning associated with grammatical constructions, bound morphemes and grammatical words. It is highly schematic in their semantic content, e.g., ‘the’ profiles a definite entity (that is, an entity identifiable to both speaker and hearer). It provides scene-structuring representation, viz., it provides a kind of frame or scaffolding. On the other hand, the open-class semantic system is the system of meaning associated with content words and morphemes. It provides the substantive content relating to a particular scene, viz., it imposes rich meaningful content upon the frame provided by closed-class semantic systems. However, the distinction is not absolute but a matter of degrees.

money (the seller), the goods which the buyer did or could acquire (the goods), and the money acquired (or sought) by the seller (the money). The commercial event frame provides “the background and motivation for the categories which these words [buy, sell, and pay] represent” (Fillmore 2006:378). The verb ‘buy’ focuses on the actions of the buyer in respect to the goods, backgrounding the seller and the money; the verb sell focuses on the actions of the seller in relation to the goods, backgrounding the buyer and the money; the verb pay focuses on the actions of the buyer with respect to both the seller and the money, backgrounding the goods. The description shows that to know the meaning of these verbs, we have to know the details of the kinds of scenes that provided the background and motivation for the categories which these words represent.

3.2.3.2.2 Domains (Langacker 1987; 2008)

A related approach to frame semantics is the theory of domains developed by Langacker (1987:147ff). Lexical concepts cannot be understood separately from larger knowledge structures. These knowledge structures are called domains (Langacker 2008:44).

Domains are cognitive entities, i.e., mental experiences, concepts, or conceptual complexes. Domains can be reduced to more fundamental conceptual structures. A domain that is cognitively irreducible, and not derived from other conceptions, is a basic domain, e.g., space, time, color space, temperature, taste, and smell. Basic domains “are better thought of as realms of experiential potential, within which conceptualization can occur and specific concepts can emerge” (Langacker 2008:45). Most domains, e.g., LOVE and MARRIAGE, are non-basic which presupposes another domain (Langacker 1987:150; 2008:45). They are more complex in nature and incorporate lower-level concepts and higher-level notions; hence, domains are organized in a hierarchical fashion. For example, the concept KNUCKLE is understood against the domain finger, while the concept FINGER is understood with respect to the domain hand, and the concept HAND is understood in respect to the domain arm, and so forth.

3.2.3.2.3 Defining the meaning of a word

3.2.3.2.3.1 Meaning construction

Although meaning is, in nature, encyclopedic, and in theory all knowledge about an entity is accessible, some knowledge is more central than others to the meaning of a word; and not all encyclopedic knowledge is actualized in the meaning of a single word. In a meaning construction, the centrality of encyclopedic knowledge and as well as the potential of meaning is of great importance.

Encyclopedic knowledge forms a gradation in terms of their centrality (Langacker 2008:39). Langacker (1987:158ff) distinguishes four types of knowledge that contribute to centrality within the encyclopedic network of knowledge.

1. Conventional knowledge: information widely known and shared by a community of speakers.

2. Generic knowledge, which concerns the degree of generality. For instance, the knowledge that yellow bananas taste better than green bananas is highly generic.

3. Intrinsic knowledge, which relates to the internal properties of an entity that makes no essential reference to external entities. For example, shape is a highly intrinsic property of physical objects.

4. Characteristic knowledge, which relates to the unique knowledge of a particular class of entities. For example, shape is generally more characteristic than color. In other words, a cat can be recognized as such by its shape alone, but the observation that something is black would not suffice to identify it as a cat since many non-cats are also black.

[Four continua]

Conventional	↔	Non-conventional
Generic	↔	Specific
Intrinsic	↔	Extrinsic
Characteristic	↔	Non-characteristic

The four types of knowledge relate to four continua. The closer knowledge is to the left-hand side of the continua, the more salient and central it is to the meaning of a lexical concept. For instance, the knowledge that bananas have a distinctive curved shape is conventional, generic, intrinsic and characteristic. Hence, it is central to the knowledge about bananas and to the meaning of the lexical concept of bananas.

The meaning of a word not only includes encyclopedic knowledge, but is also fundamentally guided by context (Allwood 2003:43; Cruse 2004:262). The meaning of a word is constructed online as a result of contextual information. In this regard, Allwood (1999:1-2) claim that fully specified, pre-assembled word meanings do not exist but are selected and formed from encyclopedic knowledge. The basic unit of word meaning is the ‘meaning potential’ of a word. The meaning potential is “all the information that the word has been used to convey either by a single individual or, on the social level, by the language community” (Allwood 2003:43).¹³⁹

Meaning potentials are activated through various cognitive operations. Some of these are triggered through language use; others can be activated independently of language. There are two contextual requirements that contribute to meaning activation (Allwood & Gardenfors 1999:52-55):

- 1) linguistic: i) syncategorematic expressions: conjunctions, prepositions, pronouns, quantifiers, some adverbs, some interjections, derivational and inflectional suffixes,

¹³⁹ Cruse (2004) uses the term ‘purport’ for the same notion. “Each lexical item (word form) is associated with a body of conceptual content which is here given the name purport. Purport is part of the raw material contributed by the word to process the construal of meaning. ... it does not correspond to any specific meaning. Purport is some function of memories of previous experiences of the contextualized use of the word” (Cruse 2004:262)

and construction types; ii) categorematic roots and stems: roots and stems which are used as nouns, verbs, and adjectives;

- 2) extra-linguistic requirements: i) “perceptually available information in the speech situation;” ii) “requirements imposed by whatever activity the speaker and listener are pursuing; iii) other activated information” (Allwood & Gardenfors 1999:54).

Consider the following examples against the context of a child playing on the beach.

- a. The child is safe.
- b. The beach is safe.
- c. The shovel is safe (Evans & Green 2006:162).

In the context, (a) means that the child will not come to any harm; (b) does not mean that the beach will not come to harm but the beach is an environment in which the risk of the child coming to harm is minimized; while (c) does not mean that the shovel will not come to harm, but that it will not cause harm to the child. In order to understand what the speaker means with the word ‘safe,’ we have to draw our encyclopedic knowledge relating to children, beaches, shovels, and our knowledge relating to what it means to be safe. We then ‘construct’ a meaning by ‘selecting’ a meaning that is appropriate for the context of the utterance.

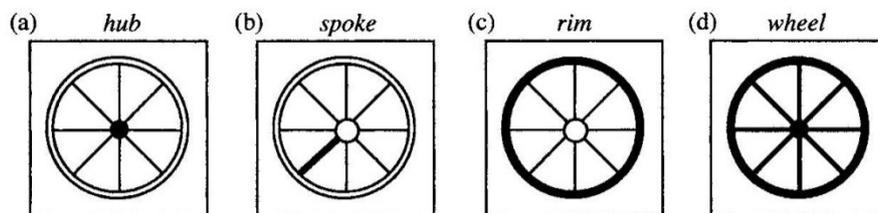
3.2.3.2.3.2 Profiling

As noted in the discussion of the conceptualization of meaning and its encyclopedic nature, a linguistic expression selects a certain body of conceptual content as the base for its meaning. As a result of this, a word provides a point of access to the entire knowledge inventory associated with a particular lexical concept. However, only part of this knowledge network is essential for an understanding of the meaning of the lexical concept (cf. the centrality of encyclopedic knowledge and meaning potential in §3.2.3.2.3.1). The essential part of the knowledge network is called the scope of a lexical concept (Langacker 1987:118-119; Langacker 2008:62-63). Two aspects about the scope of a lexical concept – which are indispensable for understanding what the word means – are its profile and its base. The profile is the part of its semantic structure upon which that word places attention: this part is explicitly mentioned. The base is that aspect of semantic structure that is not in focus, but is necessary in order to understand the profile.¹⁴⁰ Now we can define the meaning of a word with the notions profile and base.

¹⁴⁰ The profile-base relation is not the same as the central-peripheral relation discussed above with respect to the encyclopedic definition of word meaning. The base is that aspect of knowledge which is necessarily presupposed in conceptualizing the profile. Peripheral knowledge is knowledge associated with a concept that is not as generic, characteristic, conventional, and intrinsic as more central knowledge. Peripheral knowledge is not presupposed knowledge but additional, less central asserted knowledge. Of course, peripheral knowledge as well as central knowledge is organized in a profile-base fashion (Croft 2002:165-166).

For instance, the meaning of hypotenuse can be defined in the relationship between a profile and a base. The word ‘hypotenuse’ profiles a straight line. However, the straight line cannot be identified as the concept HYPOTENUSE. To define the meaning of ‘hypotenuse,’ the knowledge structure (base), which is presupposed by the straight line, should be considered. In other words, it should be considered that the straight line designated by the word ‘hypotenuse’ presupposes the right-angled triangle (base).¹⁴¹ Hence, the concept HYPOTENUSE consists of knowledge of the profile (a straight line) against an understanding of the appropriate base (the right-angled triangle).¹⁴²

One consequence of the profile/base relation is that two or more expressions often evoke the same conceptual content which differs in meaning because of the profiling of different substructures within this common base, viz., the same base can provide different profiles. For example, although a wheel functions as a common conceptual base, a hub, spoke or rim contrast semantically because of a different profiling. A wheel profiles the whole (Langacker 2008:67).



An expression can profile either a thing or a relationship.¹⁴³ When a relationship is profiled, its participants are involved in varying degrees of prominence. The most prominent participant within the conceptualization of a relation is called the trajector (tr), which is the primary focus of attention. The other participant, which has secondary focus, is called the landmark (lm). “[An] expression can have the same content, and profile the same relationship, but differ in meaning because they make different choices of trajector and landmark” (Langacker 2008:70).¹⁴⁴ For example, the prepositions above and below differ in this manner

¹⁴¹ The notion of a right-angled triangle is intrinsic to the concept HYPOTENUSE, in the sense that a hypotenuse cannot be conceptualized without reference to a right-angled triangle.

¹⁴² Hypotenuse provides a point of access to a potentially infinite knowledge inventory, relating to RIGHT-ANGLED TRIANGLES, TRIANGLES in general, GEOMETRIC FIGURES, GEOMETRIC CALCULATION, SPACE and so on, however, only part of this knowledge network is essential for understanding the meaning of a hypotenuse.

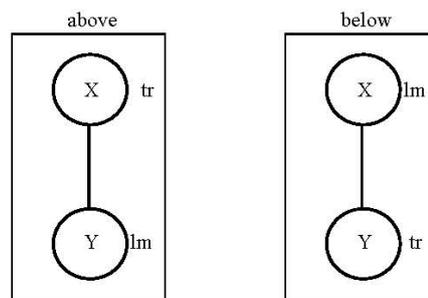
¹⁴³ When the semantic structure profiles a relationship, it can be further distinguished between stative relations corresponding to adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, and similar categories and processes corresponding to verbs.

¹⁴⁴ “Trajector and landmark are defined in terms of primary and second focal prominence, not in terms of any specific semantic role or conceptual content ... Like other aspects of construal, prominence is a conceptual phenomenon, inhering in our apprehension of the world, not in the world *per se*” (Langacker 2008:72-73). See also Langacker (1987:214ff).

(see the following two expressions). However, they both have the same content: they profile a relation between the things in the domain of vertical space. Referentially, X above Y is the same relationship as Y below X. The expressions differ in that they construe the situation differently. The difference lies in the relevant prominence of the two entities, i.e., the difference of alignment with the trajector/landmark.¹⁴⁵

The picture (X) above the desk (Y)

The desk (Y) below the picture (X)



Significant is the fact that the relational profile includes not only the relation, but also the entities related. For instance, the preposition *above* designates the vertical relation as such as well as the entities that participate in the relation. In this regard, Taylor (2002b:206) claims that “the tr and lm entities are present schematically within the preposition’s profile.”

Both the primary and secondary entities of focal-prominence can be identified in subordinate constructions. A subordinate construction is composed of the main clause (=the matrix) and a subordinate clause. The profile of the subordinate construction is the matrix. A subordinate clause is describable as one whose profile is overridden by that of a main clause (Langacker 1991:436). For instance, a typical complement construction (i.e., a subordination construction) like ‘I know she left’ designates the process of *knowing*, not of *leaving*. Hence, the main clause is of primary-prominence, while the dependent clause is secondarily prominent.

3.2.3.2.4 Distinguishing different senses

3.2.3.2.4.1 Cognitive principles of the meaning extension of linguistic expressions

The extension of the meanings of linguistic constructions is motivated in terms of a set of cognitive principles. Identifying these principles will help to distinguish different meanings.

3.2.3.2.4.1.1 Metaphor

“The essence of metaphor is understanding and experiencing one kind of thing in terms of another” (Lakoff & Johnson 2003:5).¹⁴⁶ Metaphor is not inherently a linguistic phenomenon

¹⁴⁵ I employ Langacker’s pictographic conventions: 1) a circle represents a thing; 2) a line represents a relation by joining the related entities; 3) profiled entities are represented in bold; 4) the surrounding rectangle represents the conceptual domain of the relational profile.

¹⁴⁶ The traditional view makes a distinction between metaphor and ordinary literal language. However, on closer inspection, much of our ordinary everyday language turns out to be figurative in nature. (Gibbs Jr 1994:123-124).

(stylistic feature of language) but a pattern of thought (Dirven & Paprotté 1985:viii-ix). The notion of a domain is central to the understanding of metaphor. A metaphor is a conceptualization of one domain in terms of the structure of another autonomous domain, i.e., a mapping across domains (Grady 2007:191). The domain that is mapped is called the source or donor domain, and the domain onto which the source is mapped is called the target or recipient domain. These two domains, the source domain and the target domain, have to belong to different superordinate domains, viz., they do not form a domain matrix for the concepts involved (Lakoff & Johnson 2003:35-37). Consider the following examples:

- Look how far we've come.
- It's been a long, bumpy road.
- We're at a crossroads.
- We may have to go our separate ways.
- Our marriage is on the rocks.
- We're spinning our wheels.

All of these (and other) conventional expressions cluster together under one basic metaphorical system of understanding: LOVE IS A JOURNEY (Lakoff & Johnson 2003:44). Here one domain of experience, e.g., love is understood in terms of a very different and more concrete domain of experience, e.g., journeys. Love is related to the conceptual metaphor LOVE IS A JOURNEY.

Cognitive semantics suggests that the meanings of many polysemous words can be explained in terms of basic metaphors. It has been identified that the meaning extension of existing lexemes is motivated by metaphor (Dirven 1985:87ff). Many areas of experience are metaphorically structured by means of a rather small number of image schemas such as containment, a journey and its component parts, proximity and distance, up-down orientation, etc.¹⁴⁷ These image schemas might be deeply grounded in the common human experience that they constitute, as it were, universal pre-linguistic cognitive structures. Many of the schemas derive from our experience of the human body (Lakoff 1987:271ff; Lakoff & Johnson 2003:14ff).

3.2.3.2.4.1.2 Metonymy

Metonymy, like metaphor, is conceptual in nature. One defining feature of metonymy is that it is referential, viz., one entity (e.g., the item the customer ordered) stands for the other (the customer) in 'the ham sandwich has wandering hands' (Taylor 2002a:324).

At first glance, metaphor and metonymy appear to be similar, for each describes a connection between two things where one term is substituted for another. While metonymy is the

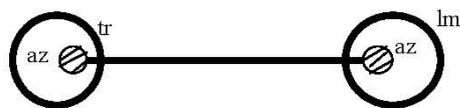
¹⁴⁷ For example, linguistic forms are conceptualized as containers (e.g., put the contents of an essay) – as are emotional states (e.g., be in love, fall out of love). Life is also frequently conceptualized as a journey (e.g., He's come a long way).

conceptual relation ‘X stands for Y,’ metaphor is the conceptual relation ‘X understood in terms of Y.’ Lakoff (1987:288), Lakoff & Turner (1989:103), and Langacker (1993:29ff) added a further component to the cognitive semantic view of metonymy. They pointed out that metonymy, unlike metaphor, is not a cross-domain mapping, but instead allows one entity to stand for another because both concepts coexist within the same domain. This explains why a metonymic relationship is based on contiguity or conceptual ‘proximity.’ The reason ‘ham sandwich’ in ‘the ham sandwich has wandering hands’ represents an instance of metonymy is because both the target (the customer) and the vehicle (the ham sandwich) belong to the same domain of CAFÉ.

Metonymy is one of the most fundamental processes of meaning extension, more basic even than metaphor. There are countless instances in the lexicon of the metonymic extension of meanings/senses. For example, the French meaning extension of ‘la prison’ (‘the prison’ in English) is metonymic. ‘La prison’ has four different meanings (Koch 1999:152-153): 1) act of seizing, 2) captivity, 3) prison and 4) penalty of imprisonment. These meanings belong to the domain matrix DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY. According to Croft (1993: 348), we can interpret metonymy as a conceptual effect of domain highlighting within one domain matrix (opposing it to metaphor as a conceptual effect of domain mapping across different domain matrices).¹⁴⁸ In the case of the meaning extension of ‘prison’ from ‘captivity,’ a shift occurs from the domain (HUMAN) CONDITION to the domain LOCATION within the domain matrix (see the following figure).¹⁴⁹

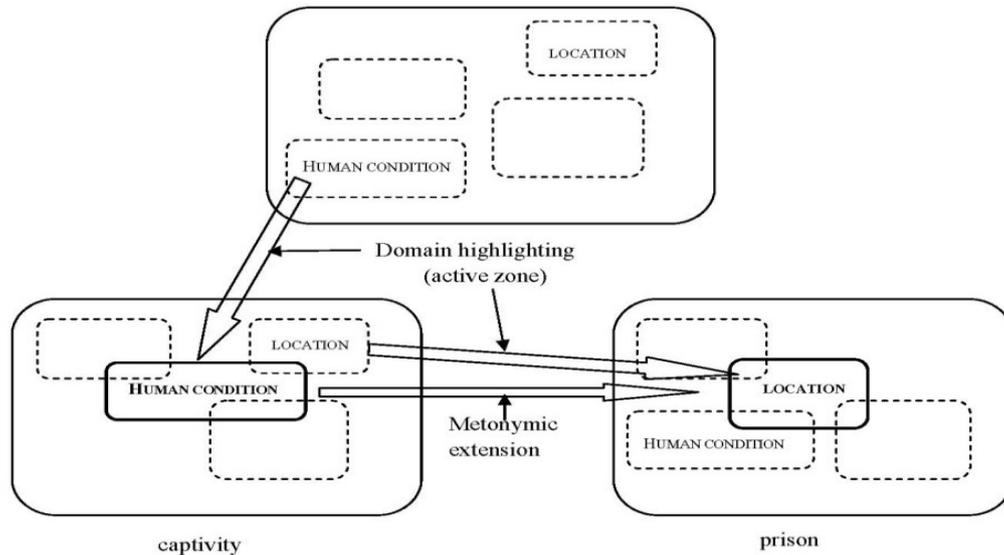
¹⁴⁸ Langacker (1984:177; 1993:29ff) calls the ‘domain highlighting’ phenomenon the “active zone phenomenon.” Typically only part of an entity’s profile is relevant or active within a particular utterance. This part of the profile is called the active zone (az).

The dog (tr) bit the cat (lm).



The cat’s active zone with respect to the process of biting remains unspecified but presumably represents just a small portion of the overall feline. By profiling the salient entity we are interested in, focus attention is placed on it; and by using that entity as a reference point, the proper active zone is evoked. The resulting expressions are communicatively efficient and natural by virtue of brevity and what they explicitly mention. Were it not for an active zone, a sentence like ‘the dog bit the cat’ would have to be avoided in favor of a not fully accurate cumbersome alternative like the following sentence (Langacker 1993:32): *The dog’s teeth, jaws, jaw muscles, and volition bit that portion of the cat’s tail extending from 6 to 12 centimeters from the tip.*

¹⁴⁹ Koch (1999:145ff) describes metonymy from the perspective of a frame. He claims that every concept designated by a given lexical item appears as a figure in relation to (at least) another contiguous concept that - for the time being - remains the ground within the same frame. But at some moment, while using the same lexical item, certain pragmatic, conceptual or emotional factors may



Lakoff (1987), Brugman (1988), Kreitzer (1997), Tyler & Evans (2001) and Brugman & Lakoff (2006) also identified the metonymic extensions of the preposition ‘over.’ For example, there is a natural metonymic relationship between the path followed by a moving entity and any one of the infinite number of points located on the path. The relationship is, in essence, an instance of the whole-part relationship (Taylor 2002a:329).

- a. The helicopter flew *over* the city. (path)
- b. The helicopter hovered *over* the city. (place)

A particularly salient point on a path is the end-point.

- a. He walked *over* the hill. (path)
- b. He lives *over* the hill. (place, construed as end-point of a path)

Somewhat similar is the polysemy of goal and place.

- a. We hung the picture *over* the sofa. (goal)
- b. The picture hangs *over* the sofa. (place)

Less frequent is the polysemy of place and source.

- a. He came *out of* prison. (source)
- b. He is now *out of* prison. (place)

highlight the ground concept so that figure and ground become inverted. That is what we call metonymy. For instance, in one of the senses of ‘la prison’ (‘captivity’), the concept captivity was the figure and the concept prison one possible ground. By highlighting prison into the figure and backgrounding captivity, prison was acquiring the new metonymic sense ‘prison.’

3.2.3.2.4.1.3 Specialization

“Semantic specialization and generalization are types of lexical semantic change by means of which a lexical item develops a new meaning that stands in a relationship of, respectively, subordination or superordination to the older meaning” (Geeraerts 1997:95). Specialization implies that the range of application of the new meaning is a subset of the range of the old meaning. Specialization is equal to ‘restriction’ and ‘narrowing.’ Thus, in a process of specialization the word’s original meaning is always narrowed down to a smaller set of special referents (Dirven & Verspoor 2004:34). For example, the English word *corn* was originally a cover-term for ‘all kinds of grain.’ However, it has been specialized to the most typical referent in various English-speaking countries such as ‘wheat’ in England, ‘oats’ in Scotland, and ‘maize’ in the USA.

3.2.3.2.4.1.4 Generalization

Generalization is the opposite process of specialization. In generalization, the new range of application of the new meaning includes the old meaning. Generalization equals the ‘expansion,’ ‘extension,’ ‘schematization,’ and ‘broadening’ of meaning (Geeraerts 1997:95; Dirven & Verspoor 2004:34). For example, the word ‘moon’, which originally referred to the earth’s satellite, now refers to any planet’s satellite.

3.2.3.2.4.1.5 Image schema transformation

Image schemas are relatively abstract conceptual representations that arise directly from our everyday interaction with and observation of the world around us, viz., they are concepts arising from embodied experience (Johnson 1987:19ff).¹⁵⁰ They derive from sensory and perceptual experience as we interact with and move about in the world. For example, the asymmetry of the body’s vertical axis is meaningful for the interaction between gravity and the asymmetry of the human vertical axis, e.g., we have to stoop to pick up fallen objects and look in one direction (downwards) for fallen objects and in another (upwards) for rising objects. This gives rise to an image schema: the UP-DOWN schema. Image schemas are emergent, for in the early stages of development infants learn to orient themselves in the physical world.

“Image-schema transformation is one of the many kinds of cognitive relationships that can form a basis for the extension of a category,” viz., image schema transformations motivate meaning extensions (or polysemy) (Lakoff 1987:106). Image schemas can undergo transformations from one image schema into another, for they derive from embodied experience. For example, the path image schema is transformed to the location corresponding

¹⁵⁰ Image schemas are not the same as mental images. Mental images are detailed and result from an effortful and partly conscious cognitive process that involves recalling visual memory. However, image schemas are schematic and more abstract in nature, emerging from ongoing embodied experience.

to the end of the path. This image schema transformation (path focus ↔ end-point focus) can be seen in ‘over’ in the following example.

Sam walked <i>over</i> the hill.	(path)
Sam lives <i>over</i> the hill.	(end of path)

3.2.3.2.4.2 Relationships between senses

Linguistic categories are no different, in principle, from other kinds of conceptual categories.¹⁵¹ Less prototypical senses are derived from more prototypical senses by means of meaning extensions facilitated by cognitive principles (see §3.2.3.2.4.1). These mechanisms culminate in the systematic extension of lexical categories resulting in meaning chains. This provokes polysemy, which is the semantic network for a single lexical item consisting of multiple related senses (Taylor 2003b:102-103; Cuyckens & Zawada 2001:x).¹⁵² It follows that the radial category (or family resemblance) represents a semantic network. In a semantic network, one of the senses of a word may be regarded as more salient than the others, but the senses are not seen as being derived from each other in a generative fashion; rather, these categories are viewed as being extended by means of cognitive principles (Cuyckens, Dirven & Taylor 2003:xiv).¹⁵³

What is the set of criteria for determining the representative senses or prototypical sense in radial categories?

- According to Lakoff (1982:69-70; 1987:416-417) and Lakoff & Johnson (2003:14ff), spatial senses are more prototypical than temporal senses, for temporal senses are extended from spatial senses via metaphor. In addition, many conceptual categories are metaphorical in nature, and are extensions from basic experience, especially, spatial experience. In the same line of thought, Lakoff (1982:70; 1987:417) claims that the sense of the word in the source domain is more basic considering the cognitive principles of meaning extension such as metaphorical mapping.

¹⁵¹ The evidences against traditional views of categorization and for a prototype approach come from ample investigations of linguistic items such as nouns, verbs, and prepositions. These investigations show that lexical items are natural categories of senses.

¹⁵² Polysemy, i.e., the realization that a word can have more than one meaning becomes a part of the ordinary language user's awareness through everyday experiences with dictionaries. “Out of approximately 60,000 entries in Webster's Seventh Dictionary, 21,488, or almost 40 per cent, have two or more senses, according to Byrd et al. (1987). Moreover, the most commonly used words tend to be the most polysemous. The verb ‘run,’ for example, has 29 senses in Webster’s, further divided into nearly 125 sub-senses” (Ravin & Leacock 2000:1).

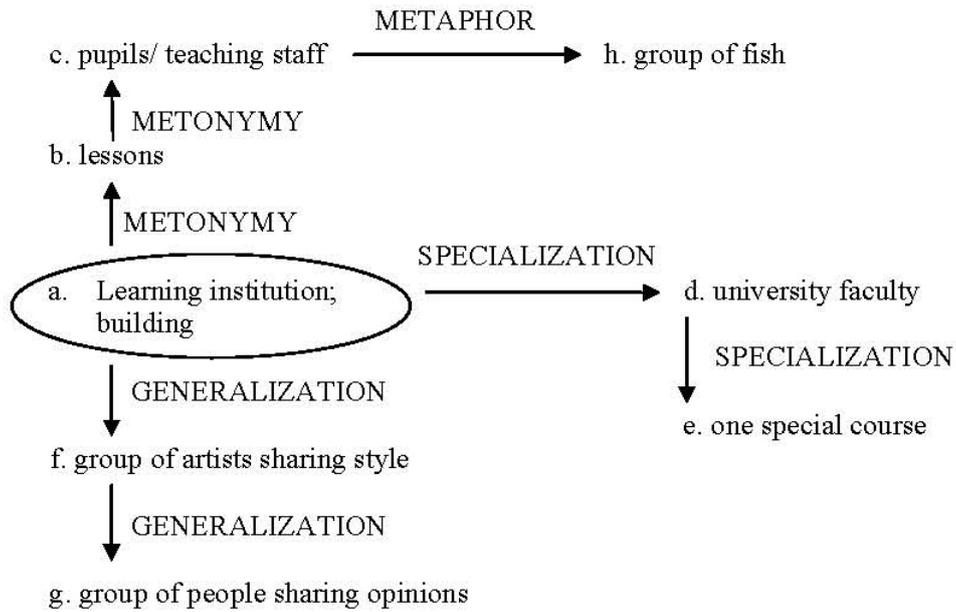
¹⁵³ This is the difference between traditional approaches and the cognitive semantics approach to polysemy.

- Tyler & Evans (2001:734; 2003:45ff) and Evans & Green (2006:344-346) suggest even more criteria for determining the prototypical sense. In their reasoning, there is one prototypical sense in the radial semantic network.
 - 1) Earliest attested meaning: the primary sense is the historically earliest sense. An investigation of twenty English prepositions revealed that a spatial configuration holding between the tr and the lm is the earliest sense. In addition, the earliest attested sense is still an active component of the synchronic semantic network of each preposition, e.g., ‘over’ is related to the Sanskrit ‘upan’ (higher).
 - 2) Predominance in the semantic network: the sense most likely to be primary is most frequent in other distinct senses.
 - 3) Relations to other prepositions: “To a large extent, the label assigned to denote a particular tr-lm configuration is determined in relation to other labels in the contrast set. So, for instance, what we label as ‘up’ is partially determined by what we label as ‘down’. In this sense, the meaning of a particle that participates in a contrast set is partially determined by how it contrasts with other members of the compositional set” (Tyler & Evans 2003:49).

Meaning extension according to the cognitive principles and the forming of radial categories has been identified in the investigations of many lexical items. For example, Dirven & Verspoor (2004:30-31) distinguish eight different senses of ‘school’ which form a cluster that is structured in the shape of a radial network, i.e., a center with radii going in various directions.

Different senses	Examples
a. learning institution or building	Is there a school nearby?
b. lessons	School begins at 9 a.m.
c. pupils and/or staff of teachers	The school is going to the British Museum tomorrow. We must hand in the geography project to the school in May.
d. university faculty	At 18 she went to law school.
e. Holiday course	Where is the summer school on linguistics to be held?
f. group of artists with similar style	Van Gogh belongs to the impressionist school
g. views shared by a group of people	There are two schools of thought on drinking red wine with fish.
h. a group of big fish swimming together	A school of whales followed the boat.

[Radial network and mechanism of sense extension]



Radial networks and mechanisms of sense extensions are also identified in the investigations of prepositions. An example is the preposition ‘over.’¹⁵⁴ Lakoff (1987), Brugman (1988) and Brugman & Lakoff (2006) identified that the preposition ‘over’ indicates three kinds of prototypical spatial relations between a lm and a tr.

- 1) Above-across schema: the tr is an object on a path above, and extending beyond, the boundaries of the lm, e.g., the plane flies over the bridge. The tr can be a stationary, one-dimensional object, and the tr can have contact with the lm.
- 2) Above schema: the tr is vertically above the lm. However, the tr does not touch the lm. E.g., the helicopter hovers over the city.
- 3) Cover schema: the tr (object) covers the lm. E.g., the tablecloth is over the table.

Lakoff (1987) first shows the precise relations among the spatial senses and then describes the metaphorical extensions of the spatial senses.

[Spatial senses structured in terms of ABOVE-ACROSS schema as follows (Lakoff 1987:426-435)]

Schema type	Basic meaning	Example
The above-across schema (schema 1)	The tr is located above the lm and moving along the path which is above the lm.	The plane flew over.
The above schema (schema 2)	The tr is located above the lm.	The helicopter is hovering over the hill.

¹⁵⁴ The preposition ‘over’ is still a controversial target of analysis (Lakoff 1987; Brugman 1988; Taylor 1992; Kreitzer 1997; Tyler & Evans 2001; Coventry & Mather 2002; Taylor 2003a; Deane 2005; Brugman & Lakoff 2006; Evans & Green 2006:328ff.); so I will not discuss about the preposition ‘over’ in detail, nor will I investigate ‘over’ here.

The covering schema (schema 3)	The tr is covering the lm.	The board is over the hole.
The reflexive schema (schema 4)	The tr is reflexive: The tr = the lm.	Roll the log over.
The excess schema (schema 5)	When over is used as a prefix, it can indicate excess.	Don't overextend yourself.
The repetition schema (schema 6)	Over is utilized as an adverb that indicates repetition.	Do it over.

3.2.4 The Function of Connectives

Connectives are linguistic items whose function is primarily to link linguistic units at any level. Conjunctions are the most obvious types (e.g., and, or, while, because), but several types of adverbs can be seen as connectives ('conjuncts' such as *therefore*, however, nevertheless), as can some verbs (the copulas be, seem, etc.) (Crystal 2008:102).

As we saw in the preceding sections, our cognition is fundamentally metaphorical. Linguistic usages frequently reflect our inherently metaphorical understanding of many basic areas of our lives. Meaning is rooted in human cognitive experience, e.g., experience of the cultural, social, mental, and physical worlds. We also identified that meaning extension is motivated by cognitive principles.

Language is understood metaphorically as transferring human thoughts and feelings, viz., speech-acts are metaphorically treated as the exchange or transfer of objects from one interlocutor to the other. The objects are linguistic forms, which are containers for meaning. This object-exchange metaphor for speech exchange has been analyzed under the name of the 'conduit metaphor' (Reddy 1993:167; Lakoff & Johnson 2003:29-30). Consider the following examples:

Try to get your thoughts across better.

You still haven't given me any idea of what you mean.

Both speech-acts and mental states are extended from physical domains through metaphor and treated as travel through space. For example, *about/over* is used in the physical domain as well as in the mental-state and speech-act domains. 'Go over the house' indicates more thorough physical coverage than 'go about the house.' This semantic difference is also identified in the mental-state and speech-act domains.

Go about/over the house (physical domain)

Think about/over (mental-state domain)

Talk about/over (speech-act domain)

Studies in the field of linguistic modality have identified the same phenomena: 1) historically, English modals developed from non-modal meanings (such as physical strength or force, e.g., OE *magan* 'be strong, be able') to 'deontic' modal meanings, and later still broadened to

include the epistemic readings as well (Sweetser 1990:50);¹⁵⁵ 2) modality is metaphorically extended from the real-world domain to the domains of reasoning and speech acts, viz., epistemic modality and deontic (root) modality are related to each other through metaphor. Root-modal meanings are extended to the epistemic domain precisely because we use the language of the external world to apply to the internal mental world, which is, in other words, metaphorically structured as parallel to that external world.

- (a) You must be there – it’s essential. (Effective level)
 (b) You must be very tired, having walked so far. (Epistemic)

We view logical necessity, for example, as being the mental analogue of socio-physical force (a), while logical possibility is the mental (or epistemic) analogue of permission or ability in the real world (b). In the following examples, the two readings of the verb ‘insist’ manifest the contrast between root and epistemic senses.

- (c) I insist that you go to London.
 (d) I insist that you did go to London (though you may deny it).

In the (c) sentence, the speech act involves the speaker’s interaction in the force-dynamics of a real-world situation – the insistence or suggestion is on some actual real-world result to be produced. In the (d) sentence, on the other hand, the same sorts of speech-act interactions are directed at the epistemic structure: insistence or suggestion that a proposition be believed or accepted as true, or expectation that it will prove to be true.

It seems evident that a modal verb may be interpreted as applying the relevant modality to:

1. the content of the sentence: the real-world event must or may take place;
2. the epistemic nuance/value represented by the sentence: the speaker is forced to, or (not) banned from, concluding the truth of the sentence;
3. the speech act represented by the sentence: the speaker (or people in general) is forced to, or (not) banned from, saying what the sentence says.

It is not only modal verbs that show this tendency towards multi-domain usage: causal conjunctions, speech-act verbs, and other lexical fields show widespread semantic developments of the same type (see Sweetser 1987:447ff). The extension from the physical to

¹⁵⁵ Root (deontic) modality denotes real-world obligation, permission, or ability. And epistemic modality denotes necessity, probability, or possibility in reasoning.

- (1) John must be home by ten; Mother won’t let him stay out any later.
 (2) John must be home already; I see his coat.

‘Must’ in (1) denotes obligation in real-world (deontic), while ‘must’ in (2) denotes probability in reasoning (epistemic).

the epistemic domain is a ubiquitous phenomenon in language. For example, in English, the source of perception-verbs is physical nature. The common semantic sources for vision verbs are physical nature. For example, ‘to eye’ comes from ‘the eyes (physical body parts),’ and ‘behold’ from physical touching or manipulation. In the same manner, vision verbs commonly develop abstract senses of mental activity, metaphorically.

- Physical sight → knowledge, intellection: e.g., ‘I saw it with my own eyes’ indicates certainty.
- Physical vision → mental vision: e.g., look down on, look up to, look forward to, look back on, overlook, etc.

It has also been observed that predicates taking finite clauses as complements (suspect, know, regret, true, astonishing, etc.) profile relationships at the epistemic level, while those taking nonfinite complements (see, force, enjoy, start, try, etc.) pertain to the effective level (Langacker 2008:441-442).

Sam learned that the earth is round.	(Epistemic)
In space, Sam saw the earth to be round.	(Effective)

Numerous adverbs are also conventionally used at different levels (Langacker 2008:485).

He finished his beer, then asked for a scotch.	(Effective)
If his alibi stands up, then he’s clearly innocent.	(Epistemic)
As I was saying, then, you need to get more rest.	(Discursive)

Sweetser (1990:77), Lang (2000:253), and Langacker (2008:484) identified that connectives operate on the same three levels as other linguistic phenomena.¹⁵⁶ Connectives apply to our conceptions of the socio-physical, epistemic, and speech-act domains. This is only true given certain metaphorical understandings of the epistemic and speech-act domains; for example,

¹⁵⁶ Sweetser (1990), Lang (2000), and Langacker (2008), use different terms. However, they all identified the same three levels. These distinctions are not completely novel; they have been observed elsewhere (Verhagen 2005:174ff), even in the field of BH. More recently Follingstad (2001:140-160) also distinguished three different functions of 1) :ṽ as a complementizer, which points to, and grants a previously stated (or implied) proposition; 2) as a focus particle which specifies and qualifies semantic content relative to the processing of the speaker and hearer, rather than linking semantic contents together within the text world; 3) as a modal/evidential particle which expresses epistemic attitudes of a speaker towards a state of affairs or knowledge. Claassen (1983:37); BHRG (1999:302), and Meyer (2001:56ff) have identified that ṽ operates on two levels: 1) between a given situation (A) and the reason or cause for this situation (B); 2) between a statement made by a speaker or author (A) and the reason or cause for this statement (C). In the field of discourse marker studies and psycholinguistics, scholars have also pointed out that *because* may operate at multiple levels (Schiffrin 1987:191-201; Braunwald 1997:133; Noordman & Vonk 1997:77ff; Segal & Duchan 1997:101ff).

the understanding of reasoning processes as following a spatially linear trajectory sequentially moving from one point to another.

- (1) Content-level or effective level interpretation is reserved for conjunctions of declarative clauses that render statements (i.e., entities to be related to the world via truth-conditions):
 - (a)
- (2) Epistemic-level interpretation is confined to conjunctions of declarative clauses, of which at least one is marked as rendering an ASSUMPTION: (b)
- (3) Discursive level-interpretation is available for conjunctions of non-declaratives as well as for conjunctions of clauses differing as to type but with one clause being marked as rendering a SPEECH ACT: (c)

- (a) John came back because he loved her. (content or effective level)¹⁵⁷
- (b) John loved her, because he came back. (epistemic level)
- (c) What are you doing tonight, because there's a good movie on? (discursive level)

In the example (a), 'because' connects two content units between which a factual causal reason is asserted to obtain. The linking pattern for a causal relation on the content level thus amounts to STATEMENT, because STATEMENT. In the second example (b), the first clause is not asserted as a statement but only as an assumption, which is inferred from what is stated as fact in the second clause. 'Because' marks the second clause as sufficient evidence justifying the assumption rendered by the first clause. The linking pattern on the epistemic level is ASSUMPTION, because STATEMENT (evidence): the speaker's knowledge of John's return (as a premise) causes the conclusion that John loved her. In the third example (c), the causal relation obtains at the discourse level. The first clause serves the purpose of describing a speech act of which the performance is being justified by the statement rendered by the second clause. The linking pattern is SPEECH ACT, because STATEMENT (justification). The 'because' clause does not form part of the question but is linked instead to an understood assertion which may be read like 'what are you doing tonight? I am asking that because there's a good movie on,' or 'I ask what you are doing tonight because I want to suggest that we go see this good movie.'

Chafe (1984:438) makes a distinction between the bound adverbial clause and the free adverbial clause. When a dependent adverbial clause is not separated from the main clause by a punctuation mark (usually a comma), the adverbial clause is bound. However, when adverbial clauses are not bound, they are called free adverbial clauses. There are four types of adverbial clauses based on the position of the adverbial clause and bounding: 1) preposed and bound (the adverbial clause comes first, and the main clause second); 2) postposed and bound; 3) preposed and free; 4) postposed and free. When a punctuation unit (i.e., without a comma)

¹⁵⁷ As the effective level pertains to the profiled occurrence itself, the causal interaction is not confined in the physical area, but includes social and emotive areas, e.g., he was mad at me because I flirted with his wife.

contains more than a single clause, the flow is from familiar information in the first clause to unfamiliar in the second. Normally, as adverbial clauses typically convey unfamiliar information, ‘postposed and bound’ adverbial clauses are more frequent than ‘preposed and bound.’ Hence, bound (comma-less) postposed *because*-clauses have a readily accessible reading that presupposes the truth of the main clause, and asserts only the causal relation between the two clauses.

In content-conjunction cases both comma, and commaless patterns are possible, i.e., a speaker could equally well have a reason for saying (a) and presupposing that John came back, or for saying (a’) and asserting it.¹⁵⁸ In the following example (a), ‘John came back’ is presupposed, and that he came back is caused by his love towards her. However, in the following example (a’) (free adverbial clause), both ‘John came back’ and ‘the cause’ are asserted.

- (a) John came back because he loved her. (effective level)
 (a’) John came back, because he loved her. (effective level)

For epistemic-domain and speech-act-domain causal conjunctions, however, a comma-less pattern is impossible. For comma-less adverbial clauses tend to present an initial main clause as presupposed. However, in epistemic causal conjunction cases, the main clause represents the speaker’s logical conclusion; and in speech-act causal-conjunction cases, the main clause represents the speech act being performed by the current utterance. As the speaker’s logical conclusion (the act concluding) is speaker-internal, it cannot be assumed as common knowledge between the speaker and the hearer. Nor can the speech act being performed be taken as already being shared.

- (b) John loved her, because he came back. (epistemic level)
 *(b’) John loved her because he came back.
 (c) What are you doing tonight, because there’s a good movie on? (discursive level)
 *(c’) What are you doing tonight because there’s a good movie on?

Sweetser (1990:78ff) shows that other conjunctions also have multiple usages: The (1) examples below are cases of an effective conjunction; example (2) includes epistemic conjunctions; and the examples under (3) are discursive conjunction:

Since:

- (1) Since John wasn’t there, we decided to leave a note for him.
 (His absence caused our decision in the real world.)
 (2) Since John isn’t here, he has (evidently) gone home.
 (The knowledge of his absence causes my conclusion that he has gone home.)

¹⁵⁸ Both options do not exist for all connectives. For example, ‘since’ and ‘although’ cannot be used in commaless clauses.

(3) Since we're on the subject, when was George Washington born?

(I ask you because we're on the subject, – the fact that we're on the subject, for example, enables my act of asking the question.)

Therefore:

(1) The rules cannot be broken; therefore you will have to spend two hours collecting trash.

(The unbreakability of the rules causes your fate in the real world.)

(2) The rules cannot be broken, therefore the Dean knew some way around them that allowed him to hire John.

(My knowledge of the unbreakability of the rules causes my conclusion that the Dean knew a way around them.)

(3) The rules cannot be broken, therefore "No."

(The unbreakability of the rules causes my act of saying "No.")

So:

(1) He heard me calling, so he came.

(The hearing caused the coming, in the real world.)

(2) You say he's deaf, but he came; so he heard me calling.

(The knowledge of his arrival causes the conclusion that he heard me calling.)

(3) Here we are in Paris, so what would you like to do on our first evening here?

(Our presence in Paris enables my act of asking what you would like to do.)

Although:

(1) Although he didn't hear me calling, he came and saved my life.

(His coming occurred in spite of not hearing, which might naturally have led to his not coming.)

(2) Although he came and saved me, he hadn't heard me calling for help.

(The fact that he didn't hear me is true in spite of the fact that he came, which might reasonably have led me to conclude that he had heard.)

(3) Although I sympathize with your problems, get the paper tomorrow!

(I command you, despite my sympathy.)

Despite:

(1) Despite their threats, she kept right on doing her job.

(The real-world doing occurred despite the threats.)

(2) Despite the fact that she never wavered, we now know that she was being threatened the whole time.

(The knowledge of the threats occurs despite the likelihood of the contrary conclusion.)

(3) Despite all the regulations about TA-student relationships, how about dinner at Chez Panisse tonight?

(The speech act of inviting occurs despite the apparent obstacles.)

And:

- (1) John eats apples and pears.¹⁵⁹
- (2) Why don't you want me to take basket-weaving again this quarter? Answer: Well, Mary got an MA in basket-weaving, *and* she joined a religious cult. (... so you might go the same way if you take basket-weaving).
- (3) Darling, you're wonderful, and how about dinner at Chez Panisse tonight?

Or:

- (1) Every Sunday, John eats pancakes *or* fried eggs.
(On a given Sunday, either "John is eating pancakes" or "John is eating fried eggs" describes the situation truthfully.)
- (2) John is home, *or* somebody is picking up his newspapers.
(The only possible *conclusions* I can reach from the evidence are (a) that John is home to pick up his newspapers, or (b) that somebody is picking them up for him.)
- (3) Have an apple turnover, *or* would you like a strawberry tart?

3.2.5 Summing up

Empirical research established that linguistic constructions are categories of senses. Defining meaning and distinguishing different senses are fundamentally categorization processes. Hence, the general cognitive apparatus that enters into categorization is a common structuring principle of languages.

Meaning is conceptualization. Language refers to concepts in the mind of the speaker rather than to objects in the external world. Research on knowledge structures involving meaning constructions such as frames and domains established that meaning is encyclopedic. A strict distinction between semantics and pragmatics can therefore not be retained.

Two factors are involved in meaning construction – centrality and meaning potential. Not all knowledge is involved in meaning construction. Only part of a knowledge network is essential for an understanding of the meaning of a lexical concept. Two aspects of the scope of a lexical concept are the profile and its base. The meaning of all linguistic constructions can be defined in terms of a profile and base.

The meaning extension of a linguistic construction is motivated in terms of cognitive principles, i.e., metaphor, metonymy, specialization, generalization, and image schema transformation. The meaning extension of a linguistic construction through cognitive principles culminates in polysemy. Different meanings/senses of a linguistic construction form radial categories.

¹⁵⁹ In the content domain, our conventions of narrative word-order decree that setting things side-by-side with *and* may further allow their order in the narrative to be an icon for real-world temporal order.

Cognitive principles are not only related to the meaning extension of content words but also to other linguistic phenomena, e.g., modals and connectives. The levels on which connectives operate are extended metaphorically – e.g., from physical domains to mental domains – through metaphor. This results in the fact that connectives typically operate at any one of three levels: an effective, an epistemic or a discursive level.

In this section, we have examined the meaning description of cognitive linguistics in order to better describe connective constructions. We have explored what is the meaning of an expression, how to define the meaning, how to distinguish different meanings/senses, and what the cognitive principles of meaning extension are. We also identified that connectives operative on three levels through cognitive principles, such as metaphor. The next section investigates purpose, reason, cause, and result constructions in order to define their notational values and to distinguish them from one another.

3.3 CAUSE, REASON, PURPOSE, AND RESULT (CONSEQUENCE)

In the previous chapter, we identified that the same purpose/result connectives of BH often specify various relations. They often express cause and reason as well as result. This phenomenon is not limited to BH. Typological investigations of purpose constructions have also established that in many languages purpose constructions display these types of features. Hence, in this section, we first investigate purpose constructions from a typological perspective to capture their prototypical features. Thereafter we try to establish some criteria of how to distinguish between purpose, result, cause, and reason – given the fact that a “purpose” connective may indicate various relations.

3.3.1 Purpose Construction

3.3.1.1 Notion of purpose

Purposes are situations that refer to a goal that is intended or hoped to be attained by means of an actor’s action (of the matrix). Purposes are projected into posterior time and only exist in the mind of the speaker (Radden & Dirven 2007:330-331).

Lakoff (1993:219) categorizes the notion of purpose as an aspect of event structure. Various aspects of event structures, including notions like states, change processes, actions, causes, purposes and means, are characterized cognitively via metaphor in terms of space, motion and force.

The event structure system comprises two systems: one conceptualized spatially in terms of location (location system), the other conceptualized as a desired object (object system). In both systems, CHANGE IS MOTION and CAUSES ARE FORCES. Their differences being (Lakoff 1993:226):

In the location system, change is the motion of the thing changing to a new location or from an old one.

In the object system, the thing changing doesn't necessarily move. Change is instead the motion of an object to, or away from, the thing changing.

In the location system, abstract concepts such as causes and purposes are conceptualized spatially in terms of locations. All these concepts are understood as part of the movement from one location to another. This version of conceptualization is thus called 'the location-dual' of the duality in the event structure system. The other dual of the duality is called 'the object-dual.'

For example, 'trouble' is metaphorically conceptualized in different ways according to the two different systems.¹⁶⁰

I'm in trouble. (Trouble is a location)
I have trouble. (Trouble is an object that is possessed)

In the same manner, the concept of purpose is metaphorically conceptualized according to the two different systems.

1. In the location-dual, purposes are conceptualized metaphorically as destinations: purposes are destinations (desired locations).

Whenever you have a purpose to achieve, you go toward that purpose which is the destination.¹⁶¹ But if you do not have a particular purpose in mind, you move around without a destination:

LACK OF PURPOSE IS LACK OF DIRECTION
He is drifting aimlessly.
He needs some direction.

When one tries to achieve one's purpose, one tries to reach the destination. Therefore,

SUCCESS IS REACHING THE END OF THE PATH
We are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.
The end is in sight.
The end is a long way off.

The activity of conceptualizing purposes as destinations gives rise to purpose markers. For example, the conflation of allative¹⁶² and purpose markers is grounded in the fact that

¹⁶⁰ The Event Structure Metaphor "is a rich and complex metaphor whose parts interact in complex ways," and its mapping "generalizes over an extremely wide range of expressions for one or more aspects of event structure" (Lakoff 1993: 219).

¹⁶¹ Destinations and purposes are linked in our experience (Lakoff & Johnson 1999:54; 2003:46), for we often have to go to a certain place in order to attain a purpose, as in 'We'll have to take a taxi (in order) to get to the concert in time.' Here, the subordinate conjunction (in order to) expresses the idea of a goal.

purposive events are construed as destinations (i.e. goals of movement). An already existing goal marker is brought into use for expressing more abstract goals (Schmidtke-Bode 2009:98).

I'm going *to* the river.

The contiguity of location (river) and purpose (e.g., bathe, fish, wash, etc.) in the specific event frame allows the hearer to infer the purposive action. Such shifts of attention within a frame ultimately result in metonymic changes in language use: a verb of directed motion stands for the accomplishment of an action. As a result, the grammatical marker previously referring to the destination comes to express a purposive action.¹⁶³

2. In object-dual, purposes are conceptualized metaphorically as objects: purposes are a desired object. Achieving a purpose is acquiring a desired object (or ridding oneself of an undesirable one).

ACHIEVING A PURPOSE IS GETTING A DESIRED OBJECT

It's within my grasp.

It slipped through my hands.

Seize the opportunity.

A special case of getting an object is getting an object to eat.¹⁶⁴

ACHIEVING A PURPOSE IS GETTING SOMETHING TO EAT

¹⁶² 'Allative' is "a term used in grammatical description to refer to a type of inflection which expresses the meaning of motion 'to' or 'towards' a place" (Crystal 2008:19).

¹⁶³ Another example is the relationship between allative and recipient. Recipient is conceptualized as the human endpoints of a physical transaction (destination). Since recipients often benefit from this transfer, it is plausible that (i) recipients and benefactives are often clustered for syntactic purposes, e.g., by a 'dative' morpheme, and that (ii) allatives can develop recipient and benefactive senses.

¹⁶⁴ Traditional methods of getting things to eat (hunting, fishing, and agriculture) can be used metaphorically to conceptualize achieving or attempting to achieve a purpose (Lakoff 1993:225-226; Yu 1998:145-146).

TRYING TO ACHIEVE A PURPOSE IS HUNTING

I'm hunting for a job.

I bagged a promotion.

TRYING TO ACHIEVE A PURPOSE IS FISHING

He's fishing for compliments.

She netted a good job.

TRYING TO ACHIEVE A PURPOSE IS AGRICULTURE

It's time I reaped some rewards.

That job is a plum.

He savored the victory.

All the good jobs have been gobbled up.

He's hungry for success.

This is a mouth-watering opportunity.

Lakoff's dual system of event structures shed light on the more nuanced categorization of purposes. In addition, it provides some insights on the grammaticalization process of purpose markers. The dual system may help to understand why the purpose that לְמַעַן and בְּעֵבוֹר display is conceptualized as a goal or location. לְמַעַן and בְּעֵבוֹר are generally regarded as being composed of two lexemes: לְמַעַן is composed of a preposition לְ and מַעַן, בְּעֵבוֹר is a compound of the preposition בְּ and עֵבוֹר. The prepositions לְ and בְּ may be related to the conceptualization of purpose as a goal or location.

3.3.1.2 Identifying purpose constructions

Identifying purpose constructions across languages involves linguistic typology.¹⁶⁵ “The fundamental prerequisite for cross linguistic comparison is cross linguistic comparability, that is, the ability to identify the same grammatical phenomena across languages” (Croft 2003:13). However, the essential problem that languages vary in their structure to such a great extent makes it impossible to use structural criteria to identify grammatical categories across languages. Hence, this study uses semantic criteria to identify purpose constructions. For this reason, the notion of ‘purpose construction’ will be defined semantically.

A purpose construction is the linguistic realization of the concept ‘purpose.’ This realization essentially includes two things: (1) meaning: intentionality, target-directedness, future orientation, and a hypothetical result state are the central conceptual ingredients of purpose (see §3.3.1.1). These characteristic ingredients are coded into purpose clauses; (2) form: ‘clause,’ which can be conceived of as the linguistic instantiation of a proposition, is a chunk of conceptual knowledge formed whenever we construe a particular situation in the world and the participants engaged in this state of affairs. The linguistic realization of purpose involves complex sentences that comprise two clauses in terms of form. The matrix clause encodes the proposition of the action(s), while the purpose clause encodes the proposition pertaining to the desired resultative state.

Under the form-meaning pair, in line with Cristofaro (2003:157) and Schmidtke-Bode (2009:20), the notion of a purpose construction is defined as follows:

¹⁶⁵ This study makes a distinction between a ‘purpose construction’ and a ‘purpose clause.’ A purpose construction is composed of the matrix and the purpose clause (dependent clause).

Purpose constructions are part of complex sentences¹⁶⁶ which encode two states of affairs, one of which (the matrix) is performed with the intention of bringing about the other (the dependent one, purpose clause).

Under this notion of a purpose construction, this study will now proceed and identify purpose constructions across languages.¹⁶⁷ In order to identify purpose constructions, attention will be paid to both the coding and behavioral properties of purpose constructions.

3.3.1.2.1 Purposive markers

The identification of constructions is essentially a categorization problem. Constructions often fall into discrete types, viz., constructions have distinctive properties. For example, there are significant discontinuities between the structure of the English passive clause and the transitive active clause. In addition, there are other cues for the categorization of constructions; namely, many constructions involve several unique markers (Croft 2001:52).

In purpose constructions, purposive markers guide the categorization processes of an audience. The purpose markers are divided into primary and secondary markers. Primary markers function as clause-linking devices, or cues for the on-line construction of a complex sentence node. When the clause boundary is marked by primary markers (e.g., conjunctions or postpositions) that construct the complex sentence node and establish the purposive relationship between the two propositional contents – the matrix and the subordinate purpose clause – other markers, such as infinitives, are secondary markers (Schmidtke-Bode 2009:71-72).

3.3.1.2.1.1 Primary markers

Schmidtke-Bode (2009) established that 218 purpose constructions identified in 80 languages employ 225 primary marking strategies. Three major marking strategies, they found, are conjunctions, affixes, and adpositions. However, purpose clauses are most often marked by adverbial conjunctions (e.g., purposive conjunction in Persian Lango).

Persian (Indo-European: Iran; Mahootian 1997:39) (1SG=1st person singular; OBJ=object; PURP=purpose, purposive; SUBJ=subjunctive)

Eynæk-æm-o zæd-æm **Ta** *be-tun-æmbehtær* *be-bin-æm.*

glasses-1SG-OBJ hit-1SG **PURP** SUBJ-be.able-1SG better SUBJ-see-1SG

I put my glasses on so I could see better.

¹⁶⁶ Purpose constructions are part of a complex sentence which expresses a specific contingent relation between two states of affairs in (at least) two clauses. In our case, the specific relationship between the two states of affairs is purposive. (Langacker 1991:417ff., Longacre 1985:235).

¹⁶⁷ The typology of purpose constructions is based on the investigations of Cristofaro (2005) (107 languages) and Schmidtke-Bode (2009) (80 languages). Schmidtke-Bode (2009) identified 218 purpose constructions and typical properties of purpose constructions in his investigation of 80 languages.

Schmidtke-Bode (2009:78) also identified the correlation between word order and a type of purposive markers. First, purposive conjunctions are twice as frequent in VO languages compared to OV languages (34:17). Second, purposive affixes are overwhelmingly more frequent in OV languages than in VO languages (63:8). Third, adpositions are somewhat more common in OV languages.¹⁶⁸

3.3.1.2.1.2 Secondary markers

Secondary purpose markers are secondary cues for categorization. The secondary markers appear with the primary markers. For example, in Kannada, the case marker often appears on the verb as a feature of purpose clauses.

Kannada (Dravidian: India; Sridhar 1990:73) (DAT=dative; MSD=masdar (*gerund*); N=neuter; PST=past; PRF=perfective; M=masculine)

Praka:ʃ jarmanige enjiniyaring o:duvudakka:gi ho:gidda:ne.

Prakash Germany.DAT engineering study.MSD.DAT. for go.N:PST.PRF.3SG:M

Prakash has gone to Germany to study engineering.

In Kannada, the purpose clause is governed by a postposition and its subordinate status is signaled by a nominalized verb form (MSD). Since the masdar essentially turns the verbal expression into a nominal one (primary marker), the case marking appropriate for the postposition ‘for’ is added to the nominalized verb form. It is in this way that the dative suffix appears as a secondary marker on the purposive verb in Kannada.

3.3.1.2.1.3 No markers

Purposive interpretation is not necessarily directly encoded by explicit linguistic markers, but should sometimes be inferred from the discourse-pragmatic context of the construction.

1. Serial verb construction:¹⁶⁹ in Mandarin Chinese, a serial verb construction can be interpreted as a purpose construction or a coordinate construction depending on the context.

¹⁶⁸ Schmidtke-Bode (2009:79) identified that all adpositions found in OV languages are postpositions, while all adpositions found in VO languages are prepositions.

¹⁶⁹ A serial verb construction is a “type of construction for a sequence of verbs or verb phrases within a clause (or a sequence of clauses) in which the syntactic relationship between the items is left unmarked” (Crystal 2008:434). According to Aikhenvald (2006:4-21), serial verb constructions [=SVC] have the following formal and semantic properties.

1. A SVC functions on par with monoverbal clauses in discourse, and occupies one core functional slot in a clause. Verbs which form a SVC act together as a syntactic whole. For this reason, SVCs are often translatable as single predicates into non-serializing languages.

2. SVCs are monoclausal and do not allow markers of syntactic dependency on their components.

3. No intonation break or pause markers can occur between the components of an SVC.

4. The verbs in SVCs all refer to sub-parts or aspects of a single overall event. The action or state denoted by the second verb phrase is an outgrowth of the action denoted by the action of the first verb

Mandarin (Chinese: China; (Li & Thompson 1973:98))

Nǐ	guì-xi	alai	Qiú	Zhāng-sān. ¹⁷⁰
You	kneel	down	Beg	Zhang-san
You knelt down in order to beg Zhang-san.				(Purpose)
You knelt down and then begged Zhang-san.				(Consecutive action)
You knelt down begging Zhang-san.				(Simultaneous action)
You knelt down and begged Zhang-san.				(Alternating action)

2. Overt marking of purposive semantics is dispensed with if it can be inferred from other morphemes in the complex sentences. For example, in Noon, purposive conjunctions can be omitted when the matrix verb denotes motion and, if the subjects of both clauses are co-referential.

Noon (Niger-Congo/Atlantic: Senegal; Soukka 2000: 284) (EX=exclusive; PRF=perfective; REL=relative clause marker; INF=infinitive; DUR=durative)

Dí	koor-in	kaan-fu	∅	ki-kěñd-oh	Bó
we-EX	pass-PRF	house-REL.2SG	(PURP)	INF-greet-DUR	people

We passed by your house to greet people.

3. Purposive inferences arise when a particular construction is multifunctional and its purpose constitutes one of a restricted number of competing functions. In Turkish, the coordinating enclitic ‘=da’ (‘and’) does not only have the meaning ‘and,’ but also a variety of meaning shades determined by the context (Schmidtke-Bode 2009:107).

Turkish (Turkic: Turkey; Kornfilt 1997: 110)

Once	iş-im-i	bitir-eyim =de	sinema-ya	gid-eyim.
first	work-1SG-ACC	finish-1SG.OPT = and	cinema-DAT	go-1SG.OPT

Let me finish my work first and (then) go to the movies.

(... so that I can go to the movies.)

3.3.1.2.2 Verb form

Events (and states of affairs) are usually conceptualized as processes and are prototypically coded by verbs. Verbs coding dependent events may differ in structure to varying degrees in comparison to the corresponding forms used in independent clauses. Hence, verb forms may manifest the syntactic structures of purpose constructions.

phrase. The second verb phrase represents a further development, a consequence, result, goal, or culmination of the action named by the first verb.

5. Prototypical SVCs share at least one argument.
6. SVCs typically share the marking of a command.
7. In many languages, components of SVCs cannot be questioned separately.

¹⁷⁰ The Mandarin Chinese was transliterated.

According to the traditional distinction, verb forms may be either finite or nonfinite. Finite verbs are limited by parameters such as tense, aspect, mood, number and person, while nonfinite forms are not marked for these parameters. Furthermore, nonfinite verbal forms typically cannot occur in independent clauses. However, the distinction based on morphosyntactic criteria has a limited cross-linguistic applicability. For instance, the opposition between finiteness and nonfiniteness makes no sense in isolating languages such as Mandarin Chinese, where verbs are not marked for any parameter at all.

The distinction between finiteness and nonfiniteness involves the same problems as the one between coordination and subordination. As it is based on morphological criteria, it is quite restricted in its applicability to cross-linguistic comparison.

There is, however, a cross-linguistically applicable parameter that can be used to classify verb forms. Verb forms may be distinguished on the basis of the clause types in which they can occur. That is, a verb form may be used in only two ways: either it can occur in independent declarative clauses, or it cannot. This distinction is cross-linguistically applicable, because all languages have independent declarative clauses (as well as dependent clauses, i.e., clauses expressing a dependent state of affairs) (Stassen 1985:77; Croft 2003:216-217; Cristofaro 2003; 2005).

As a cognitive notion, temporal chaining can be defined as the process by which the mind establishes “the relation between two events, A and B, as overlapping, preceding or following each other” (Traugott 1975:208). The mapping of this process onto a language system is a syntactic chaining. The syntactic chaining of a series of event-expressing sentences or predicates can be employed to express two different states of affairs based on whether they are ordered with respect to temporal succession: simultaneous action or consecutive action (Stassen 1985:58-59,66ff). When the events or states in question occur at the same point in time, these temporal chains will be referred to as simultaneous (temporal) chains (=S-chains). However, when the events or states referred to in the chain must be taken to occur or obtain one after the other, they will be called consecutive (temporal) chains (=C-chains).¹⁷¹

¹⁷¹ We can define a simultaneous chain (or S-chain) cross linguistically as that construction type which expresses a situation in which two events happen at the same point in time, or a situation in which two states are obtained at the same point in time. Included in this definition are also situations in which two events or states overlap in time. A somewhat special case of simultaneous chains is formed by those chains in which the two events or states are set off against each other in a relation of adversativity. At the centre of the notion ‘consecutive chain (=C-chain)’ lies the concept of a temporal succession of events. That is, a minimal requirement for a construction to count as a C-chain is that it describes a situation in which events occur one after the other, in a fixed temporal order. In addition, they should be conceived of as particularly closely related (Welmers, 1973: 367), i.e., it must also be the case that the ordered events in the chain should be conceived of as successive stages in the progress of one complex ‘total event.’

In a language, two basic strategies may be employed in order to encode two linked states of affairs occurring in a fixed temporal order (or consecutive chain) (Stassen 1985:76ff).

1. **Balancing:** a language may choose to express those two events by means of two independent clauses (and typically, though not necessarily, it will connect these clauses by means of a connective particle). In this case, the important thing is that the two predicates that express the two relevant actions remain structurally of the same rank (Dik 1968:30). Chaining constructions in which predicates remain of the same rank are called balanced constructions, and languages which choose this encoding option are called balancing languages.¹⁷²

2. **Deranking:**¹⁷³ a language may also choose to represent the two predicates in a consecutive chain (=C-chain) by reducing one of these predicates in rank. In such a case, only one of the predicates in the chain retains its finite verbal form, whereas the other predicate is represented as a subordinate, usually non-finite, verbal construct.¹⁷⁴ Languages of this type are called deranking languages, and its syntactic chains are called deranked constructions. From a strictly syntactic point of view, one may say that deranking languages do not have any consecutive coordination at all.

Deranked predicates are formally manifested in a surface structure in a variety of ways, even though the actual morphological outcome of the deranking procedure may diverge from one language to another.

- A reduction of the verbal morphology: the loss of personal flexion, restriction in the choice of mood and aspect marking.

¹⁷² E.g., English:

John jumped out of his chair and grabbed a gun.

¹⁷³ The notion of deranking will be defined here as applying exclusively to the predicates of sentences, and not to whole sentences or clauses. The essential point is that in order for a construction to be called deranked, it must be the predicate of one of the sentences itself which is marked as a form of non-equal rank to the main predicate in the chain.

¹⁷⁴ E.g., in Tamil, consecutive chains are obligatorily deranked.

Tamil (NOM = nominative case, ACC = accusative case, PAST = past tense, IND = indicative mood, 3SG = 3rd person singular)

Avaru	kavide	Erudiittu	Naval	moriptyarttaaru
he-NOM	poetry-ACC	write-PERF.	novel-ACC	translate-PAST. IND. 3SG
		GER		

He wrote poetry and then translated a novel.

One of the predicates (viz., moriptyarttaaru 'he translated') is represented as a finite main verb in the Indicative Past, while the other predicate (viz., erudiittu 'having written') has the non-finite subordinate form of the Perfect Gerund. Tamil sentences cannot be regarded as structural coordinations.

The deranking can further be divided into two categories on the basis of whether it is the anterior predicate or the posterior predicate, which is affected by the deranking procedure (the directionality of the deranking).¹⁷⁷

- Anterior deranking: the predicate which describes the earlier event (anterior predicate) is deranked in C-chains.
- Posterior deranking: the predicate referring to the later event in a temporal succession is deranked in C-chains.

Basic word order also plays a determining role in the choice between anterior and posterior deranking.

- Deranking languages with SOV word order derank all anterior predicates in a consecutive chain.
- In SVO-languages, the unmarked case only occurs when the first predicate in a consecutive chain retains its finite status, while all following predicates are deranked.
- In VSO-languages, the process of consecutive deranking is a bit more elusive. Part of the difficulty is that quite often, some VSO-languages lack many or all categories of verbal flexion so that the distinction between finite and deranked verbal forms tends to be blurred from the outset. Nevertheless, in those VSO-languages, a clear preference for deranking occurs with posterior predicates.

Maasai:(PAST =past tense, DEP = dependent mood)

a. E -iput-a emoti n -e -pik en -kima
 she-fill -PAST pot DEP -she -put on-fire

She filled the pot and put it on the fire.

Based on investigations across languages, Stassen (1985:91-93) identified that conditionality and directionality are interrelated. The interrelationship between them shows the following features:

- Languages with absolute anterior consecutive deranking typically have SOV word order.
- Languages with absolute posterior consecutive deranking typically have VSO word order.
- Languages that permit only the conditional deranking of C-chains have posterior deranking and typically prefer SVO word order.

I-NOM	money-ACC	give-GER. PERF	he-NOM	movie-to	go-PAST. 3SG	IND.
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I gave (him) money and he went to a movie.

¹⁷⁷ The anterior predicate describes the earlier event in a temporal succession, while the posterior predicate refers to the later event in a temporal succession.

Stassen (1985:71-74) categorizes purpose constructions as a subcategory of the C-chain. From a semantic point of view, constructions of this type are meant to express that, of two successive events, the first event is performed with the purpose of bringing about the second event. There is, however, also a clear semantic difference that can be stated in terms of the truth values of consecutive and final assertions. A final chain, like (a), is true even if the second event did not take place in reality; all that is needed for this assertion to be true is that the first event took place, and that there was some intention on John's part to perform the second action. In contrast, (b) can only be said to be true if the closing of the window by John actually happened.

(English)

- a. John stood up to close the window
- b. John stood up and closed the window

Balancing and deranking rules can also be applied to the purpose construction, viz., verb forms in purpose clauses can be classified as either balanced or deranked, and the corresponding clauses can be called balanced and deranked purpose clauses.

In line with Stassen, Schmidtke-Bode (2009) analyzed verbal forms from a perspective of deranking and balancing, and were able to identify some of the recurrent typological patterns. It is therefore nowadays widely accepted that although many languages have more than one purposive construction, we can classify languages according to whether they generally prefer balanced or deranked purpose clauses. Deranked purpose constructions considerably outweigh balanced purpose constructions. In addition, languages with 'only deranked' purpose constructions are again much more frequent than those that have 'only balanced' purpose constructions.

Although the majority of purpose constructions come as deranked constructions, and are hence often deprived of tense-aspect marking, not every purpose construction dispenses with temporal marking. If tense aspect specifications are overt, they tend to emphasize the temporal posteriority of the purposive situation with respect to the main clause situation.

[Frequent tense-aspect markers in purpose construction (N=218)] (Schmidtke-Bode 2009:43)

Tense-aspect marker	Absolute frequency
Future tense	24
Non-past or present tense	8
Imperfective aspect	8
Prospective, immediate or directed aspect	3

The predominant tense-aspect (=TA) markers in purpose constructions are from the future (or at least non-past) temporal domain because of the inherent future-orientation of purpose constructions.

Overt mood marking in purpose constructions are also common, for purposive situations are inherently modal. On the one hand, they are *necessarily hypothetical* and *non-realized* at the moment of speech. On the other hand, purpose constructions refer to someone's intention to realize a certain goal, i.e., they are desiderative. Hypothetical markers recurrently turn out to be 'minimal features' in distinguishing purpose from result clauses.

I put on a jacket so that I wouldn't be freezing in the Great Hall. (purpose clause)

I put on a jacket so that I wasn't freezing in the Great Hall. (result clause)

The investigation of purpose constructions across languages sheds light on the understanding of BH purpose constructions. In particular, it is useful to further scrutinize the views of Payle (2000). We can conclude that Payle fails to explain the features of the final construction with a *waw* as far as its syntactic features are concerned. Payle's claim that in order to form a final construction, the rank of the verb in the matrix and the purpose clause must be different, fails to understand the features of final constructions with a *waw*. The verbal forms employed in the matrix and purpose clause of BH are balanced verbal forms, since they can be used in both the matrix and purpose clause. Morphologically, it is not possible to argue that the jussive form used in the matrix is ranked higher than the cohortative employed in the dependent clause. As far as the syntactic features of the final construction with a *waw* are concerned, the construction is a balanced purpose construction.¹⁷⁸

3.3.1.2.3 Participant encoding

The most significant feature of (positive) purpose constructions is participant-sharing between the matrix and dependent clause.¹⁷⁹ From 218 purpose constructions, Schmidtke-Bode's (2009) identified three different kinds of participant encoding in dependent clauses: 1) explicit subjects,¹⁸⁰ 2) implicit subjects¹⁸¹ and 3) both types.

¹⁷⁸ From a perspective of balancing and deranking, BH purpose constructions will further be investigated in chapter 5.

¹⁷⁹ This is the most significant difference between the (positive) purpose construction and the avertive (negative purpose) construction (cf. §3.3.1.2.3).

¹⁸⁰ The notion of subject is defined functionally: it is the single participant of an intransitive verb and the agentive participant of a canonical transitive clause, viz., it is the subject of a transitive clause (non-passivized), as well as an agent of the clause. Put differently, the term 'subject' captures the typically instigating participant of a situation, no matter whether the subject and the agent behave the same way syntactically (e.g., by nominative-accusative coding) or are categorized into different sets (e.g., by ergative-absolutive coding) in individual languages.

¹⁸¹ It includes the absence of full noun phrases or their pronominal counterparts, and a lack of indexical markers, such as agreement morphemes where we would usually expect them.

[Subject expression in dependent clauses (N=218)] (Schmidtke-Bode 2009:52)

Subject is left ...	Absolute frequency	Aggregate relative frequencies (in %)
Explicit (attested pattern)	47	42.7
Explicit (obligatory rule)	46	
Implicit (attested pattern)	27	
Implicit (default)	4	45.9
Implicit (obligatory rule)	69	
Both possible	21	9.6
N/A	2	0.9
No illustration	2	0.9
Total	218	100.0

An important tendency identified in the statistics referred to above is not to express the subject in the dependent clauses of purpose constructions. This shows that participant-sharing between the dependent clause and the matrix is a significant feature of purpose constructions.¹⁸²

In the purpose construction, the following participant sharing patterns were identified (Schmidtke-Bode 2009:53ff):

[co-reference relations of subjects of a dependent clause (N=218)]

(A=transitive agent; G=ditransitive recipient; P=transitive patient; S= intransitive subject)

Overtness of dependent clause subject (=purposive subject)	The dependent clause subject co-referential with matrix ...								Total
	SA	SAP	SAPG	P	PG	Oblique	Mixed	Different	
Explicit (attested)	14	3	3	2	0	1	14	10	47
Explicit (obligatory)	9	3	1	1	0	0	22	7	43
Implicit (attested)	23	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	27
Implicit (default)	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Implicit (obligatory)	53	9	6	1	0	0	0	0	69
Both possible	3	1	1	0	0	0	13	1	10
TOTAL	105	17	11	4	1	1	52	18	209

The terms SA, SAP, SAPG, P and PG define the co-reference relation between the matrix and purpose clause. The key issue involves identifying which participants of the matrix clause are co-referential with the notional subject of the purpose clause.

¹⁸² The preference is harmonious with Cristofaro's (2003:171) finding that "there is a tendency for languages not to express arguments in purpose relations only." According to Cristofaro (2003:77), the inclination is due to one of the following factors: 1) the situations coded by the main and dependent clause share, respectively, a certain number of common participants; 2) the information pertaining to the missing argument is easily recoverable or irrelevant in the discourse context; 3) arguments that logically belong to the dependent clause are associated with the main clause, as in raising constructions, although they do not encode a participant common to both situations.

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ɲaykum	m-ɲa-wampak-c-um	∅kumpwi.
woman.II.PL	NR:DIST-1SG.P-throw-PRFV-3PL	child.I.PL
<i>taɲkway-cakal-k</i>		
VIS-grasp-IRR		
It was the women who sent me to look after the children.		

When subjects of dependent clauses are obligatorily explicit (N=43), they tend towards non-coreferentiality (7+22).

Hixkaryana (Carib: Brazil; Derbyshire 1979:30) (NOML=nominalizer; DENOML=denominalizer)

Kosohtxemehe,	<i>Rahohsira</i>	<i>Atunano</i>	<i>yehtxoho</i>	<i>me.</i>
1SG.treat.myself	not.catch:NOML.me	Ever	its.be:NOML	DENOML

I treat myself with medicine so that the fever won't get me.

The reason for the overwhelming participant-sharing preference of purpose constructions is found in one crucial semantic component of purposive relations, i.e., a participant of the matrix is interested in the realization of the purposive situation. For this reason, there exists a mental-state relation between the agent of the matrix clause and the content of the dependent clause. In addition, one would expect that a participant has greater control over what he/she will do than over what someone else will do, with the result that having the same subject in the two clauses implies a greater degree of control (in general) than if the two clauses have different subjects (Schmidtke-Bode 2009:60).

Agent control is an important factor in retrieving the implicit subject of a dependent clause in a purpose construction. The implicit subject of purpose clauses are generally assumed to be that participant who is associated with a volitional, agentive and hence controlling semantic role (i.e. A and most S arguments of the matrix), or the one who is most likely to be available for such a role in the discourse-pragmatic context (Schmidtke-Bode 2009:61). Consider the following example:

I bought you War and Peace ∅ to read to the children.

Of two the readings, the latter is certainly the more natural, due to the fact that *War and Peace* is available to the recipient and is more able to control the realization of the reading process than the main clause agent – who simply bought the book and then handed it over to the recipient. The recipient is in a position to exert control and bring about the intended situation.

3.3.1.2.4 Differences between infinitive purpose constructions and finite purpose constructions

Green (1992) and Jones (1991:95ff) describe the features of infinitive purpose constructions which distinguish them from finite purpose constructions:¹⁸³

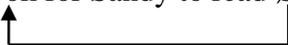
1. Purpose infinitives always exhibit at least one unexpressed argument. It may be in the non-subject position, as in (a), or in the subject position, as in (b), or in both, as in (c).

- a. Kim bought a book for Sandy to read \emptyset to the kids.
- b. Kim hired a student \emptyset to file the off-prints.
- c. Kim bought it \emptyset to read \emptyset to the children.

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- When there is a non-subject gap, it is interpreted as co-referential with ('bound by') a preceding NP.

Kim bought a book for Sandy to read \emptyset to the kids.



Kim bought it \emptyset to read \emptyset to the children.



¹⁸³ Green (1992:96) defines the notion of an infinitive purpose construction as “adjuncts, with a specific contribution of representing a purpose for the action named by the VP they modify, which must be stipulated.” Green (1992:96) also makes a distinction between ‘purpose infinitives,’ ‘rationale infinitives (=in order + infinitive),’ and ‘relative infinitives.’

A purpose infinitive refers to expressions of the form ‘(for NP) to VP.’ In this case, the infinitive modifies the main predicate of the clause it is attached to in order to indicate a purpose which the main predicate’s being true of its arguments enables the accomplishment of (e.g., *I bought it to give to the children*).

A rationale infinitive (in order + infinitive) has different syntactic properties. They may occur with no ga at all (e.g., *Kim bought the book in order (for Jo) to distract the kids with it*), and never allow non-subject ga (e.g., **Kim bought the book in order (for Sandy) to distract the kids with \emptyset*). In addition, the subject gap in a rationale infinitive is always controlled by the (agentive) matrix subject (e.g., *Sandy_i hired a student in order \emptyset _i to go over the accounts*).

A relative infinitive is a relative-like nominal modifier (e.g., *I saw a book to buy \emptyset for the children*). First, like purpose infinitives, their interpretation necessarily involves a purposive agent possessing an object in the future as well as intention to use that object as an instrument in accomplishing some goal. Ordinary finite relative clauses are not limited in such ways. Second, relative purpose infinitives with relative pronouns only support PP ‘topics’ (e.g., **Kim knows a man (for) who to amuse Sandy*). Thirdly, they do not permit overt subjects. Fourthly, relative infinitives do not co-occur with definite pronoun heads (e.g., **I saw it to read \emptyset to the children*), while purpose infinitives occur comfortably with definite pronouns (e.g., *I got it to read to the children*). In addition, the matrix verbs are not restricted in terms of semantics.

- When the subject is unexpressed, the infinitive is necessarily understood as having the preceding (patient) NP as its subject (being controlled by).

Kim hired a student \emptyset to file the off-prints.



- When both the subject and a non-subject are unexpressed, the interpretation of the missing subject is uncontrolled (i.e., pragmatically controlled or free): it may be Kim who is intended to read to the children, or it may be their mother, baby-sitter, or any other contextually salient or inferable agent.

Kim bought it \emptyset to read \emptyset to the children.

3. Matrix verb restrictions: The verb of the matrix must be one which affirms (d) or entails (e) availability, possession or control of the entity corresponding to the gap in the purpose infinitive by the inferred controller of the infinitive verb. Purpose infinitives do not occur with verbs like 'fire,' which would deny this possibility (Green 1992:99).

d. Jan has it on hand to distract young visitors with \emptyset .

*Kim fired them_i to talk to \emptyset _i.

e. Kim used/keeps/bought/made/chose/needs it to distract young visitors with \emptyset .

Verbs that fail to even implicate physical possession or control do not support purpose infinitives.

*I lost it to drive the teacher crazy with \emptyset .

This feature (i.e., matrix verb restrictions) cannot appear in finite clauses (Green 1992:104).

Dana bought some wool to show her aunt that she could knit a sweater with \emptyset .

Dana bought some wool to show me how to knit a sweater with \emptyset .

3.3.1.2.5 Positioning patterns of matrix and dependent clauses

As for the positioning pattern of purpose clauses, Greenberg (1963:84, 104) claims – through an investigation of purpose constructions in 30 languages – that iconicity determines the position of purpose clauses:

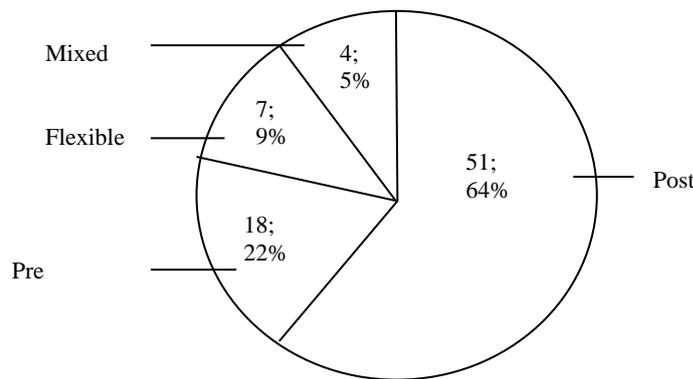
In expressions of volition and purpose, a subordinate verbal form always follows the main verb as the normal order except in those languages in which the nominal object always precedes the verb. ...The order of elements in language parallels that in physical experience or the order of knowledge.

Schmidtke-Bode (2009) also identified that the rigidly postposed position is the overwhelming type of positioning for purpose clauses. This result confirms Greenberg's claim.

[Preferred positioning patterns of purpose clauses (N=218 purpose constructions)]
(Schmidtke-Bode 2009:112)

Position type	Absolute frequency	Relative frequency (%)
Flexible	31	14.2
Postposed preferred	136	62.4
Preposed preferred	49	22.5
Other	2	0.9
Total	218	100.0

[Preferred positioning patterns of purpose constructions in 80 languages] (Schmidtke-Bode 2009:112)



A more important factor of the positioning of purpose clauses is the significant correlation between the position of the subordinating element in adverbial clauses and the position of the entire adverbial clause vis-à-vis the main clause. Diessel (2001:447-448) identified that if a language employs clause-final adverbial subordinators, the adverbial clause precedes the main clause. If, by contrast, a language employs clause-initial subordinators, the position of adverbial clauses tends to be mixed: they occur before and after the main clause.¹⁸⁴ Schmidtke-Bode's (2009:122) finding is harmonious with Diessel (2001).

[Position of the purpose marker and the purpose clause] (Schmidtke-Bode 2009:122)
(SUB=subordinate, subordinator; S=intransitive subject)

Position of the subordinator	Position of Purpose clauses				Total
	Flexible	Mixed	Post preferred	Pre preferred	
No marker	1	13	2	1	17
SUB-S	7	65	0	0	71
S-SUB	17	48	47	0	112
Circum	0	2	0	0	2
Medial	4	2	0	0	6
Flexible or other	2	6	0	1	9
Total	31	136	49	2	218

¹⁸⁴ Diessel (2001) investigated 40 languages in this regard.

- If a language has no overt primary marker of subordination, it tends to place the purpose clause after the corresponding matrix clause.
- If a language has a clause-initial purpose marker (SUB-S), the purpose clause follows the associated matrix clause.
- If a language generally prefers preposed purpose clauses, the purpose marker almost always occurs in the clause-final position.

In terms of information structure, purpose clauses provide new information. Their discourse-pragmatic function, then, should favor purpose clauses in a rhematic (focus) position rather than thematic (topic), being frequently postposed.¹⁸⁵ Their rhematic function is reflected cross-linguistically by a strong association with the focal position in a sentence.

Schmidtke-Bode also identified the relationship between the positioning pattern of purpose clauses and word order. All VO languages in the sample postpose their purpose clauses, in keeping with the expected word-order correlations, but OV languages do not uniformly prepose their purpose clauses.

[Basic constituent order and the preferred position of purpose clauses (N=80)] (Schmidtke-Bode 2009:113)

Constituent-order type	Position of Purpose clauses				
	Flexible	Mixed	Post preferred	Pre preferred	Total
OV	2	4	15	18	39
VO	0	0	25	0	25
Other	5	0	11	0	16
Total	7	4	51	18	80

3.3.1.2.6 Negative purpose construction

Negative purpose constructions are also called ‘avertive (or ‘lest’) constructions,’ since the purpose of an action aims at preventing an undesirable event from happening. Typically, the matrix clause encodes the precautionary situation to avert the apprehension-causing situation in subordinate clauses (Lichtenberk 1995:298; López-Couso 2007:20; Schmidtke-Bode

¹⁸⁵ In her study of the infinitival purpose clause in written English discourse, Thomon (1985) provides clear evidence for the rhematic function of purpose clauses. Canonical final purpose clauses are limited to the (narrow) function of modifying the proposition in the preceding matrix clause. They provide the very motive for the main clause action and as such, typically introduce new focal information into the ongoing discourse. When the purpose clause is moved to the beginning of the complex sentence however, it loses these rhematic characteristics and adopts the discourse-organizing function of other initial adverbial clauses: “The initial purpose clause help to *guide the attention* of the reader, by signaling, within the portion of text in which it occurs, how the reader is expected to associate the material following the purpose clause with the material preceding it. The final purpose clause does *not* play this role” (Thomon 1985: 61).

(1) Avertive constructions more explicitly express subjects than positive purpose constructions. In addition, negative purpose constructions prefer entirely different subjects between the matrix and subordinate clauses.¹⁸⁷

[Co-reference relations of the subject in positive and negative purpose clauses (in percent)]
(Schmidtke-Bode 2009:133)

Construction Type	Purposive subject co-referential with matrix						Total (%)
	Different	Mixed	Subjects	Subjects and Objects	Objects	Obliques	
Positive PC	5.8	24.2	54.2	13.7	2.1	0	100.0
Negative PC	36.9	31.5	10.5	10.5	5.3	5.3	100.0

Negative purpose constructions encode the desired prevention of an unpleasant occurrence. The state of affairs associated with avertive constructions is that an agent performs an action (on some entity) in order to avert some undesired situation from happening to him/her or to a certain entity. Hence, two scenarios are possible: (i) the agent in the main clause is acting in order to prevent him/herself from getting into an unpleasant situation; this scenario can require the same subjects (e.g., Take off your clothes lest you get sick) or different subjects (e.g., Circle around so the moose won't smell you); (ii) the agent of the matrix performs an action on some entity in order to prevent that entity from being involved in an unwanted situation; this would demand a different subject preference (e.g., Put it down so that it won't fall). Schmidtke-Bode (2009:135) propose two complementary implicational universals with regard to participant encoding in avertive constructions:¹⁸⁸

If a language has a semantic agent as the subject in an avertive clause, then it is not a shared participant of both the main and avertive clause.

If a language has a co-referential subject argument in an avertive clause, then it is a semantic patient in the avertive clause.

¹⁸⁷ In the British National Corpus (=BNC) sample, Schmidtke-Bode (2009:137) identified that a simple two-way contrast between same-subject and different-subject patterns yielded a ratio of 37:63.

¹⁸⁸ In אָ avertive constructions, in 60 instances the semantic agent is the subject of the avertive clause. In 43 of these cases, the subject is not shared in the matrix or the avertive clause. Only in 17 cases is the subject shared in the matrix as well as the avertive clause. In our corpus, the semantic patient does not occur in the אָ avertive clause. Hence in אָ avertive constructions, two complementary implicational universals are identified in only a limited way (see §4.6.2.2.2).

However, in 'לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) לֹא' avertive constructions, in only one instance is the semantic agent the subject of the avertive clause. In the rest of the cases the semantic experiencer is the subject of the avertive clause (12x). This finding does not accord with two complementary implicational universals proposed by Schmidtke-Bode (see §4.2.2.1.5).

- (2) With regard to the matrix verb, many positive purpose clauses are typically associated with a matrix verb of motion because of an experiential correlation between purposes and destinations. However, in avertive constructions no similar restriction on the matrix verb is found. In the corpus sample analysis of BNC, Schmidtke-Bode (2009:139) identified that of the 259 avertive instances, 247 (95.4%) did not involve a motion context. Instead, verbs that most strongly attracted to the matrix of avertive constructions were ‘beware,’ ‘guard,’ ‘chain,’ ‘add’ and ‘temper.’

3.3.1.3 Coordination and subordination

Coordination and subordination concerns whether two states of affairs are construed as conceptually symmetrical or asymmetrical. In purpose constructions, it is about whether the matrix and dependent clauses (purpose clauses) are symmetrical or asymmetrical.

Most grammars regard purpose constructions as belonging to a paradigm of ‘subordinate clauses.’ And in order to identify purpose constructions, several different formal criteria for subordination are applied. There are, perhaps, five main types of criteria for subordination (Palmer 1987:95).¹⁸⁹

- The main clause is not grammatically complete (without the subordinate clause).
- The subordinate clause is, grammatically speaking, not a “full” independent sentence.
- There are specific forms (conjunctions, etc.) that link main and subordinate clauses.
- There are features internal to the clauses that link them.
- The whole complex is marked as a single sentence.

However, this set of criteria is not universal.¹⁹⁰ Consider the following example from Lango. In example (a) there is a conjunction and verb form described as a subjunctive, while in example (b) there is no conjunction and the verb is in the indicative. Clearly, although there is considerable semantic and grammatical similarity between the two, one is obviously subordinate while there is no apparent evidence of subordination for the other.

¹⁸⁹ The first two criteria are the grammatical counterparts of the two prototypical semantic features: completeness of the main clause and semantic independence of the subordinate clause. The remainder are devices used in languages to indicate subordination when the other two criteria are absent, or merely to provide extra signals of the subordination.

¹⁹⁰ Haiman & Thomon (1984:511ff) also revealed the limitation of applicability and language specific features of formal criteria. They tested seven formal criteria across languages and identified counter examples. Although there are semantic differences between subordination and coordination, Quirk, Greenbaum, Leech & Svartvik (1985:919-920) revealed that subordination and coordination are not dichotomous, but gradient, through investigating the functions of coordinators and subordinators.

(Lango)(Noonan 1985:106) (COMP=complementizer; SUBJ=subjunctive)

(a) Dákó òdrò có Nì 'kwál gwènò
 woman pressed (3SG) man COMP steal (3SG SUBJ) chicken
 The woman pressed the man to steal the chicken.

(b) Dákó òdiò ìcò Òkwàlò gwènò
 woman pressed (3 SG) man stole (3SG) chicken
 The woman forced the man to steal the chicken.
 (The woman pressed the man. He stole the chicken.)

The second clause of (b) can be treated either as an independent sentence or a subordinate clause. This kind of example is understood as an example of parataxis, viz., although one clause contains logical subordination, the two simple clauses are grammatically coordinated. There is a semantic link between the two clauses that would be appropriate to subordination, but the formal markers are absent (Noonan 1985:55; Palmer 1987:106-107).

The notion of subordination based on a set of morphosyntactic criteria is of limited applicability in identifying purpose constructions as demonstrated by cross-linguistic comparisons. Not all languages use the same morphosyntactic means to encode purpose relations between the matrix and dependent clause. In addition, not all purpose constructions encode purpose relations asymmetrically, viz., purpose relations are also encoded by syntactic coordination. For this reason, the notion of subordination should be defined in language-independent, i.e., cognitive, terms (Langacker 1991:464ff; Cristofaro 2003:29ff; Langacker 2008:406ff). In cognitive terms, subordination can be defined as a particular way to construe the cognitive relation between two events in such a way that one of them lacks an autonomous profile and is, consequently, construed through the perspective of the other main event. Significant is the notion that subordination is not defined by any particular type, but by cognitive relations between events. In addition, the definition of subordination – based on the cognitive relation between events – assumes an asymmetry of the cognitive relation (i.e., not a syntactic asymmetry) between two states of affairs, viz., only one of the two events has an autonomous profile.

Unlike subordination, coordination (or non-subordination) entails two or more conjoined clauses of coequal status (i.e. conjuncts). Similarly, in coordination, neither of the linked states of affairs imposes its profile over the other; the result being that the whole sentence designates two processes (Cristofaro 2003:30; Langacker 2008:407). Consider the following example, in that both clauses are reasons why the speaker is so tired in the evening. The cognitive relations of the two events are symmetrical, viz., the two states of affairs have their own autonomous profile.

[I had three classes today] and [the faculty meeting was acrimonious].

The conceptual symmetry (i.e., coordination or non-subordination) and asymmetry correspond to the pragmatic or information-structural notion of assertion and non-assertion, respectively – as the following example illustrates.

I finally met the woman who moved in downstairs (Lambrecht 1994:51).

The speaker assumes that the addressee already knows that someone moved in downstairs and wishes to inform the addressee that he/she finally met this person. Hence, the speaker's meeting the woman is the assertional part of the sentence, while the woman's moving in downstairs is the non-assertional part. The distinction between assertion and non-assertion assumes an asymmetrical communicative organization of the sentence, such that part of the sentence corresponds to what the speaker means to communicate, while the rest is introduced in the sentence for the other purposes (e.g., in order to help the addressee activate asserted information by relating it to something that is already known).

It seems reasonable to assume that the state of affairs imposing its profile over the whole sentence corresponds to what the sentence is meant to communicate, viz., the assertional part of the sentence. On the other hand, the state of affairs lacking an autonomous profile corresponds to the non-assertional part of the sentence, which is construed through the perspective of the assertional part (as should be clear from the discussion of Lambrecht's example above). Hence, a state of affairs having an autonomous profile is an asserted state of affairs, while a state of affairs lacking an autonomous profile is a non-asserted state of affairs. If all such states referred to in a sentence are asserted or profiled, that sentence is an instance of non-subordination. If just one of them is asserted or profiled, the sentence is an instance of subordination. Equating the lack of an autonomous profile and non-assertiveness provides us with some consistent criteria to identify subordination cross-linguistically (Cristofaro 2003:33; 2008:153).

When we assume that the syntactic status provides an indication of the cognitive status, purposive relations are preferably construed as conceptually asymmetrical. According to Schmidtke-Bode (2009), 197 of 218 purpose constructions (90.3%) were classified as syntactically 'subordinate' by the authors of the reference materials, viz., most purpose constructions encode purpose relations asymmetrically. As purpose constructions express a mental-state of relations between the matrix event and the dependent clause (purpose clause) – and the agent of the matrix makes them conceptually and tightly integrated (agent-binding) –, syntactic subordination (e.g., by deranking) is a linguistic response to this type of conceptualization (asymmetry). Nevertheless, Schmidtke-Bode identified purpose constructions in some languages to be classified as belonging to a set of coordinate clauses, viz., they encode purpose relations symmetrically.

Coordinating conjunction *ngaba* in Wambaya (West Barkly: Northern Australia; Nordlinger 1998:224) (TH=thematic vowel; FUT=future; DU=dual; IMP=imperative; DAT=dative; CO=coordination; S=intransitive subject)

Angbardi-j-ba gurl baba-wuli-janka **ngaba** wurlu gulug-ba.
 build-TH-FUT DU.IMP IMP elder.sibling-DU-DAT **CO** 3DU.S sleep-FUT

Build (a windbreak) for (your) brothers so they can sleep.

Schmidtke-Bode also identified other types of purpose constructions that cannot be categorized as subordination. That is, a serial verb construction that cannot readily be handled with a binary distinction (coordination and subordination).

The findings of several typological investigations of purpose constructions and the cognitive notion of subordination reveal the shortcoming of Muraoka's (1997) claim that BH *waw*-purpose constructions are not purpose constructions since they are not subordinated. However, as identified in the investigation of Schmidtke-Bode, purpose relations are not always encoded with syntactic subordination (asymmetry), but are also expressed by means of syntactic coordination. As Muraoka rightly pointed out, the purpose construction with a *waw* in BH is not a case of syntactic subordination but of coordination (or parataxis). As already mentioned in the discussion of the verb forms occurring in purpose constructions, the purpose construction with a *waw* in BH employs a balancing strategy in terms of the verbal forms found in the matrix and dependent clause. This is also evidence that the purpose construction with a *waw* in BH is close to syntactic coordination. However, syntactic coordination does not necessarily mean that it does not encode a purpose relation. As already shown in the cross-linguistic examples, purpose relations are also encoded through syntactic coordination. In this regard, Muraoka's claim fails to correctly identify a feature of purpose constructions in BH.

3.3.2 Result Construction

Result constructions often overlap with purpose constructions in both meaning and connectives. However, in terms of semantics, result constructions are factual while purpose constructions are presumed. "Both express result, but in the result clause the result is achieved, whereas in the purpose clause it is yet to be achieved – it is a desired or aimed-at result" (Quirk, Greenbaum, Leech & Svartvik 1985:1108).

We paid him immediately, *so (that) he left contented.* (result)

We paid him immediately *so (that) he would leave contented.* (purpose)

The semantic difference between purpose and result clauses can be distinguished in terms of what they denote. In this regard, Quirk, Greenbaum, Leech & Svartvik (1985:1070-1071) make a distinction between 'adjunct' and 'disjunct.' Adjuncts and disjuncts differ semantically in that adjuncts denote the circumstances of the situation in the matrix clause, whereas disjuncts comment on what is said in the matrix (content or attitudinal disjuncts). In

The first example is taken to mean that he worked hard, with the actual result of becoming rich; the second example, that he worked hard with the potential or intended result of becoming rich.¹⁹¹

3.3.3 Cause Construction¹⁹²

A cause is a situation that triggers another physical or psychological situation as its effect (Radden & Dirven 2007:327-328).

Event structure ‘cause’ also comprises two systems in the same way as event structure ‘purpose:’ location dual and object dual. Yu (1998:178-183, 219-221) identified that ‘cause’ is conceptualized based on two systems in Chinese.

- 1) The location-version: Causes are forces (controlling movement to or from locations)

Zhexie	zhizhu	chanye	de	xingcheng	dai-dong	le
there	prop	industries	MOD	formation	bring-move	PRT

Zhengti	jingji	de	fazhan.
overall	economy	MOD	develop.

(MOD=modality, PRT=participle)

The formation of these prop industries brought into motion (i.e., gave impetus to) the development of the overall economy.

The formation of ‘prop industries’ (the industries which support the economy like props) is attributed with a causal role in the development of the overall economy. The causal role is understood as the source of power that brings the economy into motion. Development is conceptualized in terms of motion in space, while causal factors are understood as forces that bring a patient into motion through space.

- 2) The object-version. Causes are forces (controlling the movement of possessions, namely giving or taking away)

Tamen	Xiang	zai	Qu	renmin	juan	kuan
they	To	disastrous	Area	people	donate	money

Juan	wu,	song	wennuan,	xian	an-xin.
donate	materials	deliver	Warmth	present	love-heart

They donated money and materials to the people in the disaster area, delivering warmth and presenting love to them.

¹⁹¹ Rijkhoek (1998:96-97) identified that result clauses usually occur at the end of a clause. However, purpose constructions are also identified as being postpreferred in the typological investigation (see §3.3.1.2.5).

¹⁹² See §3.3.4 about the difference between cause and reason.

The cause – the force controlling the movement of possessions – is from a human subject. The act of giving changes the receiver’s material and spiritual senses.

The difference between cause and reason is that cause triggers an effect, but reason expresses a speaker’s justification (Lowe 1987:37-38).

John got a bad shock because he touched the high tension wire.

I take my daughter by car to music lessons because there are bad characters in that area who would harm her if she went alone.

The first is a clear case of a cause-effect relationship. The second is really quite different in that the because-clause gives the speaker’s justification for his action in terms of his beliefs and values, and herein deliberation and decision are involved.

Lowe (1987:37-39) distinguishes different types of causality and proposes a scale of causality.¹⁹³

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| (1) If John touches the high tension wire, he will get a bad shock. | (law-like) |
| (2) If John waters his plants, they will grow. | (quasi-law) |
| (3) If John gets his visa, he will go to Brazil. | (enabling) |
| (4) If the weather is fine, John will go for a walk. | (facilitating) |

Differences in causality can be distinguished linguistically, for this scale of causality is corroborated by the different surface connectives that are permitted between the clauses for the different points along the scale (Lowe 1987).

- (1) The strict law-like relationship as exemplified by sentence (1) permits ‘so’ and ‘because’ between the constituent clauses and also allows the content of the law-like condition to be expressed in the form of a “by-phrase.”¹⁹⁴

¹⁹³ The sentences in the examples have the surface form of the conditional (if) clause followed by a main clause. However, there is a causal relationship between the constituents of each sentence.

¹⁹⁴ In general, a law-like condition must describe a direct cause-and-effect relation. It overlaps with a sufficient condition. A sufficient condition S is a condition that is of itself sufficient to realize its corresponding effect E.

- (1) John got a bad shock because he touched the high tension wire.
(2) John is in hospital because he touched the high tension wire.
(3) The bridge collapsed because it had a faulty tension member.

The first sentence (1) illustrates a SUFFICIENT condition (or sufficient cause); touching the high tension wire was sufficient to give John a bad shock. In this case, a sufficient condition is the same as a law-like condition.

In the situation described in the second sentence (2), touching the high tension wire was enough to put John in the hospital, so it is a sufficient condition. However, here a sufficient condition is not the same

- (1a) John touched the high tension wire so he got a bad shock.
- (1b) John got a bad shock because he touched the high tension wire.
- (1c) John got a bad shock by touching the high tension wire.

(2) The quasi-law relationship is causally weaker than the strict law-like relationship; it is a law with a loophole, as it were. Such a sentence will still permit ‘so,’ ‘because’ and the ‘by-phrase’ in just the same way as the strict law-like causal will. The weaker causality allows us to insert hedges like ‘probably’ or ‘very likely’ immediately after the verb of the main clause. Such hedges cannot be used in sentences with law-like conditions, thus the following sounds strange. As everyone realizes that the bad shock is inevitable once he has touched the wire, one would only use the sentence sarcastically.

If John waters his plants, they will *probably/very likely* grow.

*If John touches the high tension wire, he’ll *probably* get a bad shock

(3) The enabling condition gives sentences which permit ‘so’ between constituent clauses as in (3a) below, and the if-then construction in this case also allows a ‘be able to’ before the verb of the main clause as in (3aa). However, in contrast to sentences expressing the law-like conditions, we cannot use ‘because’ as a connective or the ‘by-phrase’ (so 3b and 3c are both unacceptable):¹⁹⁵

(3a) John got his visa *so* he went to Brazil.

(3aa) If John gets his visa he will *be able to* go to Brazil.

*(3b) John went to Brazil *because* he got his visa.

*(3c) John went to Brazil *by* getting his visa.

as a law-like condition, for not everyone who touches a high tension wire goes to the hospital. A sufficient condition can be direct as in the first example but it can also be indirect, as in the second. A sufficient condition is situation-bound, whereas a law-like condition is expected to be generally true in a large variety of different situations.

With respect to the third sentence (3), an engineer would understand that the faulty tension member is a sufficient and relevant cause for the collapse of the bridge, rather than the storm. Thus relevance and observer viewpoint also become factors to be considered as part of the parameter of sufficiency.

¹⁹⁵ The enabling condition overlaps with the necessary condition. A necessary condition N, if true, makes its corresponding effect E possible, and if N is not true then E is not possible. Thus, many enabling conditions are necessary conditions. Some enabling conditions, however, are not strong enough to be necessary conditions; they merely facilitate the effects.

- (1) If I get my visa, I will go to Brazil. (necessary)
- (2) If John comes this afternoon, I’ll get him to fix the car. (necessary)
- (3) If it is fine this afternoon, I’ll go for a walk. (facilitative)
- (4) If I get that bonus on Friday, I’ll take my girl out. (facilitative)

3.3.4 Reason Construction

Reasons are situations that are adduced as an explanation or justification for the occurrence of a situation. The causal link between these situations only exists in the mind of the speaker and reflects his/her judgment, i.e. it does not need to be factual (Radden & Dirven 2007:327-328).

Cristofaro (2003:161) defines reason constructions in functional terms rather than morphosyntactic. A reason construction is regarded as one encoding a causal relation between two events, such that one of the two (the event coded by the reason clause, or the dependent event) represents the reason for the other event (the main event) to take place. The proposed functional definition of reason clauses encompasses both traditional cases of reason clauses (reason clauses introduced by conjunctions, or non-finite clauses) and clauses that might not count as such under traditional morphosyntactic criteria.

Canela-Krahô (Popjes and Popjes 1986:139)

wa	Ha	ma	ajcahu,	<i>i-mã</i>	<i>hũpati</i>
I	FUT	away	Run	I-TEMPRY	3.fear

I will run away because I am afraid of it.

In the example above, two clauses are juxtaposed without a grammatical marker signaling their linkage. The reason relation between the two events must be inferred on contextual grounds. However, the speaker's fear is regarded as a reason clause, for it expresses the same kind of conceptual situation associated with clauses that are explicitly marked as expressing a reason relation between events in other languages.

In terms of the semantics of reason relations, the dependent state of affairs is factual. Reason relations imply that the dependent state of affairs provide a motivation for the main one to occur. In fact, reason and purpose relations are often coded by means of the same morphology (Thompson & Longacre 1985:185). For example, the subordinating morpheme *gáadà* is employed for both purpose and reason clauses in Ngizim, a Chadic language.

Ata	abən	gáadà	aci	Ngaa	
Eat(PERF)	Food		he	well	(PERF=perfect)
He ate food because he was well.					(Reason)

Vəru	gáadà	dà	ši	səma	
go out (PERF)		SUBJ	drink	beer	(SUBJ=subjunctive)
He went out to drink beer.					(Purpose)

However, purpose and reason clauses differ in that purpose clauses express a motivating event that must be unrealized at the time of the main event,¹⁹⁶ while reason clauses express a

¹⁹⁶ In the Ngizim sentences above, for this reason, the purpose clause shows the subjunctive morpheme *dà*, which signals that the proposition is unrealized.

motivating event that may be realized at the time of the main clause event (Thompson & Longacre 1985:185).

Reasons differ from causes in that they are concerned with real or conceived states of affairs adduced as an explanation for a given situation. Reasons may be based either on inferences drawn from perceptual information or on norms provided by culture (Radden & Dirven 2007:330). In the former case, reasons tend to be expressed by ‘because,’ as in *She must be at home, because her car is parked in front of the house*; in the latter case, reasons may be expressed by ‘for.’

The driver was arrested for he was drunk.

Causal relations involve the agent of the matrix. In the reason construction, the event in the dependent clause is not just a cause of the event in the matrix, but it represents the personal motivation of the agent of the matrix: it is the discovery of adultery that made the agent in the matrix decide to kill her husband. However, in the causal construction there is no such involvement of the matrix’s agent (Lowe 1987:44; Verstraete 2008:761).

Julia killed her husband because he cheated on her. (reason)

Julia arrived late because she was stuck in a traffic jam. (cause)

Lowe (1987:43-45), Sweetser (1990:76-86) and Langacker (2008:484) distinguish three different types of reasons based on the levels that they operate (see §3.2.4).¹⁹⁷

(1) The power went out because Eskom cut the supply.

(2) The power must be on again, because the lights are working.

(3) Is the power on again, because I have washing to do.

¹⁹⁷ Quirk, Greenbaum, Leech & Svartvik (1985:1103-1104) regard ‘reason’ as a superordinate term which subsumes other types of reasons, and distinguish four different types/grades/levels of reasons:

1. Cause and effect: the construction expresses the perception of an inherent objective connection in the real world (e.g., The flowers are growing so well *because I sprayed them*).

2. Reason and consequence: The construction expresses the speaker’s inference of a connection (e.g., She watered the flowers *because they were dry*).

3. Motivation and result: the construction expresses the intention of an animate being that has a subsequent result. (Agency and intention are always involved in motivation, e.g., I watered the flowers *because my parents told me to do so*).

4. Circumstances and consequence: the circumstantial clause combines reason with a condition that is assumed to be fulfilled or about to be fulfilled, the construction expressing a relationship between a premise in the subordinate clause and the conclusion in the matrix (e.g., *Since the weather has improved*, the game will be held as planned).

However, the four different reasons can be categorized as three different reasons which effect on different levels [1):effective level; 2) and 4):epistemic level; 3):speech act level]. This distinction will play a pivotal role in our theoretical model.

3.4 SUMMARY

Categorization reflects our ability to identify perceived similarities (and differences) between entities and thus group them together. Categorization both relies upon and gives rise to concepts. Thus categorization is central to the conceptual system. It accounts in part for the organization of concepts within the network of encyclopedic knowledge.

Meaning is equated with conceptualization. Frame semantics and domain theory established that the content of meaning is encyclopedic, and that the dichotomy between semantic knowledge and pragmatic knowledge is not feasible.

The meaning of a linguistic expression is defined in terms of its profile and base. The profile/base relation is applicable to all linguistic items. For example, a noun profiles things while a preposition profiles a relation.

Metaphor, metonymy, generalization, specialization and image schema transformation are cognitive principles by which categories are extended. The principles also apply to the meaning extension of linguistic expressions.

Different meanings/senses with a family relationship form a radial network of polysemous related meanings/senses. In radial networks, there are more prototypical senses and less-prototypical senses.

The linguistic realization of the concepts purpose, result, cause and reason are purpose, result, cause and reason constructions. They are related to one another semantically and form polysemy patterns. Often, one lexical item specifies all four relations; however, they are distinguishable from one another.

A prototypical purpose construction encodes two states of affairs, one of which (the matrix) is performed with the intention of bringing about the other (purpose clause). A subcategory of purpose constructions is the intended result construction. The common feature of both is that they are putative or hypothetical, not achieved.

As for the distinction between result cause, reason and purpose constructions, the following were established

- result constructions express factual and achieved results. Result clauses are disjuncts, whereas purpose clauses are adjuncts.
- Cause constructions encode two events, one of which triggers another physical or psychological situation as its effect. The difference between cause and reason is that a cause triggers an effect, while reason expresses a speaker's judgment.
- Reason constructions encode two states of affairs, one of which represents the reason of the other state of affairs. The causal link between the two states of affairs only exists in the mind of the speaker. It does not need to be factual.

- Purpose clauses express a motivating event that must be unrealized at the time of the main event, while reason clauses express a motivating event that may be realized at the time of the main clause event.

Purpose constructions across languages show a variety of morphosyntactic features.

- Primary and secondary purposive markers are employed to guide the audience's categorization processes. Among various primary purposive markers, adverbial conjunctions are the most common primary markers. However, purpose constructions with no markers are also possible, e.g., serial verb constructions.
- Deranked purpose constructions outweigh balanced purpose constructions in terms of the verbal forms in both the matrix and dependent clauses (purpose clauses). However, some purpose constructions to which the notion deranking and balancing cannot be applied were identified.
- Various participant encoding strategies have been identified. Positive purpose constructions favor participant-sharing between the matrix and purpose clause, while avertive constructions favor different participants between the matrix and purpose clause. In addition, purpose constructions often employ verbs of motion in the matrix clause, while avertive constructions do not.
- Postpreferred purpose clauses are identified as the preferred position of purpose constructions. The positions of purpose clauses are related to the basic word order of a language. All VO languages in the sample of Schmidtke-Bode (2009) postpose, while OV languages do not uniformly prepose purpose clauses.

Lastly, but of crucial for this study, is the fact connectives are identified to operate at three different levels: effective, epistemic, and speech act level.

CHAPTER 4

AN EMPIRICAL DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE CONSTRUCTIONS IN BH

4.1 INTRODUCTION

The primary aim of this study is to offer a more adequate description of the constructions that are typically associated with expressions of purpose and result in BH. Three lexical items and two grammatical constructions have been identified that signal these relations. For this purpose, an empirical investigation of לְמַעַן, בְּעֵבוּר, and פֶּן has been conducted. In addition, we have also examined a substantial amount of purpose constructions with a *waw* and לְ + infinitive purpose constructions in order to compare them with לְמַעַן and בְּעֵבוּר purpose constructions.

Having determined in chapter 2 that the inadequacies of existing descriptions are mainly due to the lack of a well-grounded theoretical framework, chapter 3 focused on establishing such a framework. We commence this chapter now with a brief formulation of the theoretical considerations (i.e. the working-hypothesis) that underpins our investigation. In order to explain the structure of the rest of the chapter, the way in which the working-hypothesis has systematically been applied (our method), is then described next. Attention will also be given to the implications of the corpus we investigated.

4.1.1 Working-Hypothesis

We have learned in chapter 2 that a mere taxonomy of translation values is an inadequate method to fully explicate purpose and result constructions in BH. Our in-depth discussion in chapter 3 helped us to better understand how linguistic meaning works, e.g., grammatical and lexical meaning are two poles on a continuum of meaning, so the sense distinctions between grammatical constructions should be explicable in terms of the same principles as those of lexical items. In other words, it could be hypothesized as follows:

1. Grammatical constructions and function words (e.g., connectives)¹⁹⁸ have a semantic potential;¹⁹⁹

¹⁹⁸ We define connectives as words or morphemes whose function is primarily to link linguistic units at any level. Conjunctions are, then, a type of connectives.

¹⁹⁹ Words and grammatical constructions do not have various meanings permanently assigned to them; rather, meanings emerge in actual use as a result of various construal processes. What every word *does* have as a permanent property is a mapping onto a body of conceptual content, which is an essential part of the raw material for the construal processes. This body of conceptual content is called the meaning potential of a word or construction (see also §3.2.3.2.3.1).

When a particular linguistic expression is employed, its meaning potential is activated. The context-free meaning of a linguistic expression is seen as an activation potential, i.e., as a potential to activate (parts of) the meaning potential associated with a particular expression. In other words, actual

2. The meaning of grammatical constructions (i.e. their senses) can be analyzed in terms of the concepts “landmark” and “trajector” (see, §3.2.3.2.3.2);
3. Meaning extensions can be explained in terms of moving from concrete to more abstract meanings, as well as through metaphor, metonymy, generalization, specialization and schema transformations (see, §3.2.3.2.4.1);
4. The different senses of a grammatical construction form a radial network (see, §3.2.3.2.4.2);
5. A distinction must be made between the prototypical and less prototypical uses of categories (see, §3.2.2 and 3.2.3.2.4.2).

However, it has to be acknowledged that the meaning of grammatical constructions are more schematic than those of lexical items, e.g., the purpose sense of constructions across languages do not have a range of finer nuances. In English its translation equivalent is more or less restricted to “so that, in order to.”

Another way in which the senses of grammatical constructions and function words (like connectives) differ from those of full content verbs and nouns is that they may operate at different levels, viz., an effective (real world), an epistemic, and a discursive (speech act) level (see §3.2.4). Similar to the sense extensions of content words, it could be argued that the usage at different levels range from concrete (real world) to abstract (epistemic and discursive).

In chapter 3 (see §3.3.1. and 3.3.2), we also considered how purpose and result constructions work across languages. This investigation from a perspective of linguistic typology established the following:

1. A linguistic realization of the concepts purpose, result, cause, and reason are purpose, result, cause, and reason constructions (See §3.3). These constructions are related to one another semantically, and form polysemy patterns, e.g., one connective could be used in purpose, result, cause and/or reason constructions (See §3.3).
2. These constructions show a variety of morphosyntactic features in terms of lexical markers, verbal forms, participant encoding, and position of the purpose, result and causal clause (See §3.3).
3. It is crucial to distinguish what speakers do with these constructions – in other words, at which level they operate (see §3.2.4 and the reference in the previous paragraph) and what a particular construction’s scope is.

determinate meanings of linguistic expressions result from partial activations of the meaning potentials of the expressions. The systematic description of lexical items and grammatical constructions implies the identification and description of their meaning potential in terms of a set of semantic categories.

4.1.2 Method and Outline of Chapter

In the light of the working-hypothesis above we will proceed in this chapter as follows:

- In §4.2-§4.6 we systematically treat each of the five constructions that are typically associated with purpose constructions;
- Since the linguistic data in the Hebrew data is distributed along a diachronic cline, the distribution of member categories according to the books of the Bible is recorded. One has to leave room that the sense of a construction in Classical Hebrew (=Early Hebrew) is different from its sense in Late Biblical Hebrew.
- With each of the lexical items, first the frequency and distribution of a construction, e.g., לְמַעַן (§4.2.1) and then the semantic potential of the construction (e.g., in §4.2.2) are described. The sense of each construction, e.g., the positive purpose construction (§4.2.2.1) and result construction (§4.2.2.2), is described in terms of the following parameters: scope, linguistic typological features and sense categories.
- A distinction is made between the phrase, clause and the text level scope of a construction. This is a significant parameter since it is hypothesized that constructions that have the same translation value may differ only as far as their scope is concerned.
- A similar consideration is behind the fairly exhaustive analyses of the linguistic typological feature of each construction. In each case, for example, the purpose, result or causal clause and matrix clause is described in terms of their relative linear position to one another, their participant coding, the verb forms used in each, as well as the semantics of the verbs of the matrix clauses.
- It has been indicated that the semantic classes of connectors are typically schematic, and that the main senses of the lexical items (e.g., purpose, result, etc.) were a point of departure for our analysis. However, lastly, each sense category is investigated for finer distinctions in terms of, firstly, the notions “trajector” and “landmark,” and secondly, the levels at which a sense is typically employed. The question whether the senses extend according to cognitive principles is also addressed.
- At the end of each section, the most significant features of each category is summarized so that in the conclusion the question could be answered, “What are the most significant differences between those connectives and grammatical constructions that display a similar range of relationships?”

Before proceeding with our data-analysis, we will briefly describe our corpus and the tools employed in this investigation.

4.1.3 Corpus

The semantic potential – i.e., the connective relationship displayed by לְמַעַן, בְּעֵבֹר, and פֶּן – of the entire corpus will be analyzed. In addition, in order to compare לְמַעַן and בְּעֵבֹר purpose constructions, a substantial sample of instances of purpose constructions with a *waw* and לְ + infinitive will be examined as they are found in the Pentateuch. The latter is by far the most

frequent purpose construction in BH. In the Pentateuch alone, there are substantially more occurrences than that of any of the three lexical items in the entire corpus. We are fully aware of the fact that the construction's use in the Pentateuch is not fully reflective of its use in the entire corpus. We restrict ourselves to the Pentateuch for practical purposes. We hypothesized that a detailed analysis of a limited corpus may limit the claims that could be made on the basis of our analysis, but it at least provides a solid platform for a more exhaustive analysis of the construction in the selected corpus. Furthermore, it could be argued that a purpose interpretation of many of the cases of the constructions with a *waw* could be contested. The results of our analysis of this category are therefore also tentative. For the purposes of this study we focus on an exhaustive analysis of the lexical items. Our tentative corpora of grammatical constructions will nevertheless be useful for illustrating the different range of uses of the various constructions.

For the investigation of the patterns used in association with the various constructions, the *Stuttgart Electronic Study Bible* was used. This hierarchically structured linguistic database makes the search of sophisticated syntactic patterns at the word, phrase, constituent, and clause level possible. An electronic template that has been developed for preparing the *Semantic Dictionary of Biblical Hebrew* (a major dictionary project of the United Bible Societies), *Source Language Tools*, will be used to store, compare and manipulate the insights concerning provisional patterns of use so that prototypical patterns might be identified.

4.2 לְמַעַן

4.2.1 Frequency

לְמַעַן occurs 272x. This includes 8 instances of the form לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר, 5 instances of the form לְמַעַן לֵאשֶׁר, and 8 instances of the form לְמַעַן לֵא.

לְמַעַן occurs 66x as a preposition and 189x as a conjunction.²⁰⁰ Two cases are uncertain due to text critical considerations.²⁰¹

²⁰⁰ In chapter 2, we have identified that BH scholars differ as to how they label the lexemes we are investigating. The word class that they distinguished are not consistently based on explicitly formulated morphological or syntactic criteria. We would like to use the following morpho-syntactic definition of Crystal (2008:101, 383) to classify the lexemes we are investigating:

“A preposition is a set of items which typically precede a NP(s) to form a single constituent of the clause. A conjunction is a non-inflecting word that joins words, phrases, clauses or sentences in such a way that they form a unit. Conjunctions operate on the syntactic level. They are distinguished from a discourse marker by the restricted local, propositional role they play in the discourse.”

²⁰¹ BHS suggests that we should read לְמַעַן in Ezek 21:33; 23:21 as לְמַעַד (to press, squeeze) or לְמַעַד, viz., to press/squeeze your young breasts.

As for its semantic potential, it has been established that *לְמַעַן* displays a positive purpose (209x), negative purpose (13x),²⁰² result (27x), and reason relationship (21x).

In chapter 3, we identified that purpose and cause comprise two systems, i.e., location dual and object dual (§3.3.1.1 and 3.3.3). Many scholars and BH lexica studies in chapter 2 roughly agree that *לְמַעַן* is composed of a preposition *לְ* and *לְמַעַן*, even though they disagree about the detail of the lexeme *לְמַעַן*'s origin and meaning (§2.2.1.2.1 and 2.2.1.2.2). The preposition *לְ* may be related to the conceptualization of purpose as a goal or location. However, no investigation has been done in these regards, thus future studies are needed to resolve these uncertainties.

4.2.2. Semantic Potential

As far as the semantic potential is concerned, *לְמַעַן* shows three different relationships, i.e., purpose, reason and result. *לְמַעַן* also governs a variety of scopes and operates on different levels.

In order to systematically describe the lexical items, the notion of a landmark and a trajector will be employed (§3.2.3.2.3.2).

A purpose construction, result construction and reason construction are subordinate constructions. Hence, the matrix is characterized as being of primary prominence, while the dependent clause is secondarily prominent. Furthermore, among the two constructions, there can be some element that specifies the nature of the relationship between the main clause and the dependent clause – connectives. Connectives are similar to prepositions by virtue of profiling non-processual relationships with both a tr and a lm. It is through this relationship that the connection between the two clauses is established (§3.3.1.2.1).²⁰³

As a connective, *לְמַעַן* profiles the relationship between two events. One event is the tr, and the other is the lm. In *לְמַעַן* constructions, the matrix (the recipient of primary prominence) is the tr, and the *לְמַעַן* clause (the recipient of secondary prominence) is the lm. Whether a *לְמַעַן* construction signals purpose, result, reason or cause, this is determined based on the relationship between the tr and the lm.

4.2.2.1 Positive purpose construction (209x)

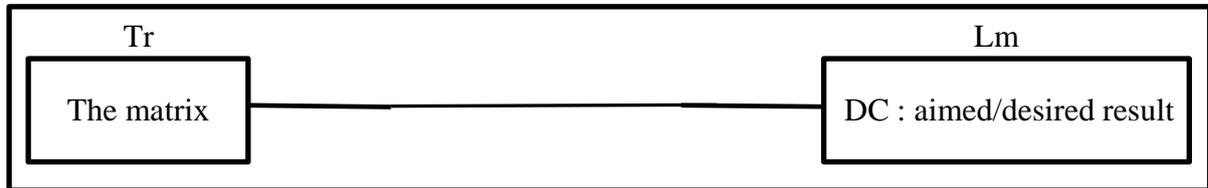
The prototypical use of *לְמַעַן* is for it to function as a purposive connective in a purpose construction. Positive purpose constructions with *לְמַעַן* occur 206x according to the

²⁰² 'לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) לֹא' avertive constructions (or negative constructions) occur 13x. As avertive constructions are different from *לְמַעַן* (positive) purpose constructions, they cannot be included in the analysis of *לְמַעַן* (positive) purpose constructions. However, we treated 'לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) לֹא' avertive constructions, in 4.2.2.1.5, separately.

²⁰³ The typological investigation in chapter 3 identified that various connectives are employed to profile purpose relations: e.g., conjunctions, affixes, adpositions, or masdar (gerunds).

functional/semantic definition (see §3.3.1.2): 48x with ‘לְמַעַן + NP,’ 47x with ‘לְמַעַן + infinite,’ 111x with ‘לְמַעַן + finite verb (*yiqtol*).’²⁰⁴

The schematic meaning of a purposive לְמַעַן based on the relationship between the tr and the lm can be drawn as follows (DC = dependent clause):



One event (the matrix = tr) is performed with an intention to bring about another event (dependent clause = lm). Crucial is that the matrix event is performed with an intention. As the matrix event (tr) is performed with an intention to bring about a dependent event (lm), the dependent clause, which consists of the aimed/desired result, is called purpose clause. Furthermore, the construction is called a purpose construction.

In purpose constructions, when לְמַעַן operates on an effective as well as epistemic level, the purpose clause is intended by the agent of the main clause. However, when לְמַעַן operates on a discursive level, the purpose clause is intended by the speaker.

In purpose לְמַעַן constructions, the intention of the matrix’s agent and speaker are often encoded with mood in the purpose clause.²⁰⁵ In many cases, a *yiqtol* – which expresses the intentions of either the matrix’s agent or speakers – is employed in purpose clauses (see §4.2.2.1.1.1).

The purposive לְמַעַן is distributed as follows: Gen (7x); Exod (15x); Lev (2x); Num (2x); Deut (45x); Josh (8x); Jdgs (2x); 1 Sam (2x); 2 Sam (1x); 1 Kgs (15x); 2 Kgs (7x); 1 Chron (1x); 2 Chron (7x); Ezra (1x); Neh (2x); Job (3x); Ps (19x); Prov (2x); Isa (20x); Jer (14x); Ezek (24x); Dan (2x); Amos (3x); Hab (2x); Zech (1x).²⁰⁶ לְמַעַן is most prevalent in the books

²⁰⁴ In our corpus, ‘לְמַעַן + *qatal* (Josh 4:24), ‘לְמַעַן + a participial clause (Neh 6:13),’ ‘לְמַעַן + an imperative (Ezek 21:15)’ appear, however, those cases are textually uncertain.

As for the *qatal* (יִרְאָתָם) in Josh 4:24, BHS suggests that we should read it as יִרְאָתָם (inf. construct with suffix). The Lxx reads לְמַעַן שָׂכַרְתִּי הוּא (in Neh 6:13) ἐπ’ ἐμὲ ὄχλον ([Tobias and Sanballat had hired] against me multitude). BHS suggests that we should read הָיְהוּהֶלֶךְ (an imperative + an preposition) in Ezek 21:15 as לְיִהְיֶה (an infinitive construct + an preposition). Therefore, these three cases were excluded from our analysis.

²⁰⁵ Mood markers can be defined as any type of linguistic element that marks an evaluation of the plausibility of a particular proposition (epistemic), or the desirability of a particular course of action (deontic).

²⁰⁶ Gen 12:13; 18:19 (2x), 24; 27:25; 37:22; 50:20; Exod 1:11; 4:5; 8:6, 18; 9:16, 29; 10:1, 2; 11:7; 13:9; 16:4, 32; 20:12; 23:12; 33:13; Lev 17:5; 23:43; Num 27:20; 36:8; Deut 2:30; 4:1, 40; 5:14, 16

of Deut, 1 Kgs, Ps, Isa and Ezek. For the remaining cases, it is spread out fairly evenly throughout the entire HB.

4.2.2.1.1 Scope and levels

Positive purpose לְמַעַן governs various scopes and operates on multiple levels.

4.2.2.1.1.1 Scope

1. Phrase level (לְמַעַן + NP) (48x)

אוֹלֵי יֵשׁ חַמְשִׁים צְדִיקִים בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר הָאֵף תִּסְפֶּה
וְלֹא־תִשָּׂא לְמָקוֹם לְמַעַן חַמְשִׁים הַצְּדִיקִים אֲשֶׁר
בְּקִרְבָּהּ: spare it for the sake of fifty righteous who are
in it? (Gen 18:24) (YCK)²⁰⁷

When the NP is in the form of a pronominal suffix, all pronominal suffixes are 2nd person singular/plural and refer to people, with the exception of Dan 9:19.²⁰⁸ When the pronominal suffix is a first person, the suffix is the same person as the agent of the verb in the matrix clause.²⁰⁹ The referent of the suffix is also a beneficiary of the action performed by the agent of the matrix (e.g., Job 18:4).

טָרַף נַפְשׁוֹ בְּאַפּוֹ הַלְמַעַנָּה תִּעֲזַב אֶרֶץ וְיִעֲתַק־צוּר
מִמָּקְמוֹ: You who tear yourself in your anger! Shall
the earth be forsaken for the sake of you, or
the rock be removed out of its place?

(2x), 29, 33; 6:2 (2x), 18, 23; 8:1, 2, 3, 16 (2x), 18; 9:5; 11:8, 9, 21; 12:25, 28; 13:18; 14:23, 29; 16:3, 20; 17:16, 19, 20; 22:7; 23:21; 24:19; 25:15; 27:3; 29:5, 8, 12; 30:6, 19; 31:12 (2x), 19; Josh 1:7, 8; 3:4; 4:6, 24; 11:20 (2x); Jdgs 2:22; 3:2; 1 Sam 15:15; 17:28; 2 Sam 13:5; 1 Kgs 2:3, 4; 8:40, 41, 43, 60; 11:12, 13 (2x), 32 (2x), 34, 36; 12:15; 15:4; 2 Kgs 8:19; 10:19; 19:34 (2x); 20:6 (2x); 23:24; 1 Chron 28:8; 2 Chron 6:31, 32, 33; 10:15; 25:20; 31:4, 32:18; Ezra 9:12; Neh 6:13 (2x); Job 18:4; 19:29; 40:8; Pss 9:15; 23:3; 25:11; 30:13; 31:4; 48:14; 60:7; 68:24; 78:6; 79:9; 106:8; 108:7; 109:21; 119:71, 101; 122:8, 9; 130:4; 143:11; Prov 15:24; 19:20; Isa 5:19; 23:16; 28:13; 37:35 (2x); 41:20; 43:10, 14, 25, 26; 45:3, 4; 6; 48:9, 11 (2x); 62:1 (2x); 63:17; 65:8; Jer 4:14; 7:10, 23; 10:18; 11:5; 14:7, 21; 32:14; 35:7; 36:3; 42:6; 44:29; 50:34; 51:39; Ezek 6:6; 11:20; 12:16; 14:5; 16:54, 63; 20:9, 14, 22, 26 (2x), 44; 21:15; 22:6, 9, 12, 27; 24:11; 36:5, 22, 32; 38:16; 39:12; 40:4; Dan 9:17, 19; Amos 1:13, 5:14; 9:12; Hab 2:2, 15; Zech 13:4.

²⁰⁷ See also, Deut 30:6; 1 Kgs 8:41; 11:12, 13 (2x), 32 (2x), 34, 39; 15:4; 2 Kgs 8:19; 19:34 (2x); 20:6 (2x); 2 Chron 6:32; Job 18:4; Pss 23:3; 25:11; 31:4; 79:9; 106:8; 109:21; 122:8, 9; 143:11; Isa 37:35 (2x); 43:14, 25; 45:4; 48:9, 11 (2x); 62:1 (2x); 63:17; 65:8; Jer 14:7, 21; Ezek 20:9, 14, 22, 44; 36:22, 32; Dan 9:17, 19. Among these instances, in Job 18:4; Pss 25:11; 31:4; 122:8, 9; Isa 43:14; 45:4; 48:11 (2x); Ezek 36:22, 32, a 'לְמַעַן + NP' is proposed before the matrix.

²⁰⁸ The 2nd person suffix in Dan 9:19 refers to the Lord.

²⁰⁹ 2 Kgs 19:34; 20:6; Isa 37:35; 43:25; 48:12 (2x).

(Job

18:4)²¹⁰

When **שָׁמַע** occurs in the construction **לְמַעַן** + NP, it always refers to the LORD (see 1 Kgs 8:41).

וְגַם אֶל-הַנִּכְרִי אֲשֶׁר לֹא-מֵעֵמֶךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל הוּא וּבֹא
מֵאַרְצַי רְחוֹקָה לְמַעַן שְׁמִי:²¹¹ [Listen] also to a foreigner who does not
belong to your people Israel, when he shall
come out of a far country for the sake of your
name. (1 Kgs 8:41) (YCK)²¹¹

2. Clause level

1) **לְמַעַן** + infinitive clause (47x)

וְאַתֶּם חֲשַׁבְתֶּם עָלַי רָעָה אֱלֹהִים חֲשַׁבָה לְטוֹבָה
לְמַעַן עֲשֶׂה כִּיּוֹם הַזֶּה לְהַחֲלִית עִם-רַב:²¹² You meant evil against me, but God meant it
for good to do (it) as today, to preserve many
people. (Gen 50:20) (YCK)²¹²

2) **לְמַעַן** + *yiqtol* clause (111x)

אִמְרִי-נָא אֶחָתִי אַתְּ לְמַעַן יִיטַב-לִי בְעַבְדוֹךָ
וְחַיְתָה נַפְשִׁי בְגִלְדְּךָ:²¹³ Say you are my sister, that it may go well
with me because of you, and that my life may
be spared on your account.” (Gen 12:13)²¹³

The syntactic distribution of the purposive **לְמַעַן** does not demonstrate any patterns according to diachronic clines. The **לְמַעַן** + NP, **לְמַעַן** + infinitive and **לְמַעַן** + *yiqtol* purpose constructions appear in the books from Classical Biblical Hebrew (=CBH) to late Biblical Hebrew (=LBH), and through the so-called transitional Biblical Hebrew (=TBH) books.²¹⁴

²¹⁰ See also, 2 Kgs 19:34; 20:6; Job 18: 43:14, 25; 48:11 (2x); Ezek 36:22, 32.

²¹¹ See also, 2 Chron 6:32; Pss 23:3; 25:11; 31:4; 79:9; 106:8; 109:21; 143:11; Isa 48:9; Jer 14: 7, 21; Ezek 20:9, 14, 22, 44.

²¹² See also, Gen 18:19; 37:22; Exod 1:11; 9:16; 10:1; Deut 2:30; 6:23; 8:2, 3, 16 (2x), 18; 9:5; 17:16; 29:12; Josh 4:24; 11:20 (2x); Jdgs 2:22; 3:2; 1 Sam 15:15; 17:28; 1 Kgs 8:60; 11:36; 12:15; 2 Kgs 10:19; 23:24; 2 Chron 10:15; 25:20; Prov 15:24; Jer 7:10; 11:5; 50:34; Ezek 14:5; 21:15, 22:6, 9, 12, 27; 36:5; 38:16; 39:12; 40:4; Amos 1:13; Hab 2:15; Zech 13:4.

²¹³ See also, Gen 18:19; 27:25; Exod 4:5; 8:6, 18; 9:29; 10:2; 11:7; 13:9; 16:4, 32; 20:12; 23:12; 33:13; Lev 17:5; 23:43; Num 27:20; 36:8; Deut 4:1, 40; 5:14, 16 (2x), 29, 33; 6:2 (2x), 18; 8:1; 11:8, 9, 21; 12:25, 28; 13:18; 14:23, 29; 16:3, 20; 17:19, 20; 22:7; 23:21; 24:19; 25:15; 27:3; 29:5, 8; 30:19; 31:12 (2x), 19; Josh 1:7, 8; 3:4; 4:6; 2 Sam 13:5; 1 Kgs 2:3, 4; 8:40, 43; 1 Chron 28:8; 2 Chron 6:31, 33; 31:4, 32:18; Ezra 9:12; Neh 6:13 (2x); Job 19:29; 40:8; Pss 9:15 (cohortative); 30:13; 48:14; 60:7; 68:24; 78:6; 108:7; 119:71, 101; 130:4; Prov 19:20; Isa 5:19; 23:16; 28:13; 41:20; 43:10, 26; 45:3, 6; Jer 4:14; 7:23; 10:18; 32:14; 35:7; 36:3; 42:6; 44:29; 51:39; Ezek 6:6; 11:20; 12:16; 16:54, 63; 20:26 (2x); 24:11; Amos 5:14; 9:12; Hab 2:2. Among these cases, in Gen 18:19; Lev 17:5; Deut 27:3; 2 Sam 13:5; Ezek 20:26, **לְמַעַן** + *yiqtol* appears. In 9:15, a **לְמַעַן** + a cohortative occurs.

²¹⁴ As for the books that are mostly undisputed with respect to their date of origin, we use the following demarcation (Kutscher 1982; Saenz Badillos 1993; Young and Rezetko 2008):

- לְמַעַן + NP: Gen (1x), Deut (1x); 1 Kgs (8x); 2 Kgs (5x); *Jer* (2x); *Ezek* (6x); *Dan* (2x); 2 Chron (1x).
- לְמַעַן + infinitive: Gen (3x); Exod (3x); Deut (10x); Josh (3x); Jdgs (2x); 1 Sam (2x); 1 Kgs (3x); 2 Kgs (2x); Amos (1x); Micah (1x); Hab (1x); *Jer* (3x); *Ezek* (10x); 2 Chron (2x).
- לְמַעַן + *yiqtol*: Gen (3x); Exod (12x); Lev (2x); Num (2x); Deut (34x); Josh (5x); 2 Sam (1x); 1 Kgs (4x); Amos (2x); Hab (1x); *Jer* (9x); *Ezek* (8x); 1 Chron (1x); 2 Chron (3x); Ezra (1x); Neh (2x).

4.2.2.1.1.2 Levels

When לְמַעַן functions as a positive purpose connective, it operates on three levels.

1. Effective level (100x)²¹⁵

וְהִפַּכְתָּ מִסִּפְדִּי לְמַחֹל לִי פִתְחַת שָׁקִי וְתִאֲזַנְנִי
 שְׂמִיחָה: ¹³לְמַעַן יִזְמְרֶךָ כְּבוֹד וְלֹא יִדָּם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי
 לְעוֹלָם אֻדְדֶּךָ: ¹²You have turned for me my mourning into
 dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and
 girded me with gladness, ¹³that my soul may
 praise you and not be silent. O LORD my
 God, I will give thanks to you forever.
 (Ps 30:12-13)²¹⁶ (YCK)

The matrix clause refers to a real world event. The relation between the event of the matrix clause and the event of the purpose clause is a real world relation.

2. Epistemic level (28x)

וְהִפְלִיתִי בַיּוֹם הַהוּא אֶת־אֶרֶץ גֹּשֶׁן אֲשֶׁר עָמְדָה
 עָלֶיהָ לְבִלְתִּי הַיּוֹת־שָׁם עֲרָב לְמַעַן תִּדְעַ בִּי
 אֲנִי יְהוָה בְּקִרְבֵּי הָאָרֶץ: But on that day I will set apart the land of
 Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no
 swarms of flies shall be there; that you may

CBH: Gen-Num, Deut, 2 Kgs 23, Hosea, Amos, Obad, Micah-Zeph

TBH: 2 Kgs 24-25; Jer, Ezek, Lam

LBH: Hag, Zech, Mal, Ester, Dan, Ezra, Neh, Chron

As our aim is not an investigation to determine the chronology of the books in the HB, we excluded controversial books in our analysis. We italicized the transitional books, and underlined LBH books.

²¹⁵ An effective level of interpretation is reserved for conjunctions that refer to a real world relation between two constructs.

²¹⁶ See also, Gen 50:20; Exod 1:11; 9:16; 10:1, 2; 13:9; 16:4, Num 36:8; Deut 2:30; 6:2, 23; 8:2, 16 (2x), 18; 9:5; 17:20; 30:6, 19; Josh 11:20 (2x); Jdgs 2:22; 1 Sam 15:15; 17:28; 1 Kgs 8:41; 11:12, 13 (2x), 32 (2x), 34, 36; 12:15; 15:4; 2 Kgs 8:19; 10:19; 19:34 (2x); 20:6 (2x); 23:24; 2 Chron 6:32; 25:20; 31:4; 32:18; Neh 6:13 (2x); Job 18:4; Pss 23:3; 68:24; 106:8; 119:101; 122:8, 9; Prov 15:24; Isa 28:13; 37:35 (2x); 41:20; 43:14, 25; 45:4; 48:9, 11 (2x); 62:1 (2x); 65:8; Jer 7:10; 10:18; 11:5; 36:3; 42:6; 50:34; 51:39; Ezek 6:6; 11:20; 12:16; 14:5; 16:54, 63; 20:9, 14, 22, 26, 44; 21:15; 22:6, 9, 12, 27; 36:5, 22, 32; 39:12; 40:4; Dan 9:19; Amos 1:13; 9:12.

know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. (Exod 8:18)²¹⁷

The action referred to in the matrix clause is performed in order to establish an epistemic goal.

3. Discursive level (83x)

A speech act is performed by a character in order to achieve his goal. When לְמַעַן operates at a discursive level, it refers in most cases to the purpose of the speech act performed by a character (79x).

אמריינא אחתי את לְמַעַן ייטב־לי בעבורך וְחַיְתָּה נַפְשִׁי בְּגִלְלָךְ: Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared on your account. (Gen 12:13)²¹⁸

לְמַעַן introduces the narrator's comment. The comment stands outside the story line and is directed to the reader. The LORD is referred to in the 3rd person whereas the subject of the matrix is in the 1st person, viz., there is a change from direct speech in the matrix to narrative in the purpose clause. When לְמַעַן introduces the narrator's comment, the purpose of the speech act is provided by the narrator (4x).

כי ידעתיֹו לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר יצוה את־בְּנָיו וְאֶת־בֵּיתוֹ אַחֲרָיו וְשָׁמְרוּ דְרָךְ יְהוָה לַעֲשׂוֹת צְדָקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט לְמַעַן הֵבִיא יְהוָה עַל־אַבְרָהָם אֵת אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר עָלָיו: No, for I have chosen him, that he may charge his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice." It was so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him. (Gen 18:19) (YCK)²¹⁹

4.2.2.1.2. Typological features of לְמַעַן purpose constructions

4.2.2.1.2.1 Position of the purpose clause

In a לְמַעַן positive purpose clause, the purpose marker לְמַעַן occupies a clause initial position. Hence, the purpose clause follows the associated matrix clause in most cases. In only 13 of

²¹⁷ Exod 4:5; 8:6, 9:29; 11:7; Lev 23:43; Deut 6:2; 8:3; 16:3; Josh 3:4; 4:24 (2x); Jdgs 3:2; 1Kgs 8:43, 60; 2 Chron 6:31, Job 19:29; Pss 78:6; 119:71; 130:4; Prov 19:20; Isa 43:10; 45:3, 6; Jer 44:29; Ezek 20:26, 38:16; Zech 13:4. Among these cases, in Josh 3:4 and Ezek 20:26, the construction לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר + yiqtol appears.

²¹⁸ See also, Gen 18: 24; 27:25; Exod 16:32; 20:12; 23:12; 33:13; Lev 17:5; Num 27:20; Deut 4:1, 40; 5:14, 16 (2x), 29, 33; 6:18; 8:1; 11:8, 9, 21; 12:25, 28; 13:18; 14:23, 29; 16:3, 20; 17:16, 19; 22:7; 23:21; 24:19; 25:15; 27:3; 29:5, 8, 12; 31:12 (2x), 19; Josh 1:7, 8; 3:4; 4:6; 2 Sam 13:5; 1Kgs 2:3, 4; 8:40; 1 Chron 28:8; 2 Chron 6:33; Ezra 9:12; Job 40:8; Pss 9:15; 25:11; 31:4; 48:14; 60:7; 79:9; 108:7; 109:21; 143:11; Isa 5:19; 23:16; 43:26; 63:17; Jer 4:14; 7:23; 14:7, 21; 32:14; 35:7; Ezek 24:11; Dan 9:17; Amos 5:14; Hab 2:2, 15. In Deut 16:3, 29:5, Josh 3:4, and Isa 23:16, לְמַעַן operates at a discursive level as well as an epistemic level, i.e., the epistemic level is provided from a discursive perspective.

²¹⁹ See also, Gen 37:22 (לְמַעַן + infinitive); Exod 11:7 (לְמַעַן + yiqtol) 2 Chron 10:15 (לְמַעַן + infinitive).

the 208 instances is a לְמַעַן purpose clause preposed before the matrix. The following examples are instances of such preposed purpose clauses.

1. לְמַעַן + NP (including לְמַעַן with suffix) (8x)

לְמַעַן-שְׁמִי יְהוָה וְסָלַחְתָּ לְעוֹנֵי כִּי רַב-הוּא: For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. (Ps 25:11)²²⁰

When לְמַעַן + NP is preposed before the matrix, this particular constituent is the focus of the utterance.

2. לְמַעַן + Infinitive (3x)

וַיִּדְבֹר אֵלַי הָאִישׁ בְּנֹ-אָדָם רָאָה בְּעֵינָי וּבְאָזְנָי וְשָׁמַע וְשִׁים לְבָבִי לְכֹל אֲשֶׁר-אָנִי מְרַאָה אוֹתָךְ כִּי לְמַעַן הִרְאֹתְךָ הַבְּאִתָּה הִנֵּה הִגַּדְתִּי אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר-אָתָּה רָאָה לְבַיִת יִשְׂרָאֵל: And the man said to me, “Son of man, look with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your mind upon all that I shall show you, for in order that I might show it to you, you were brought here; declare all that you see to the house of Israel.” (Ezek 40:4) (YCK)²²¹

All preposed לְמַעַן + infinitive constructions are the foci of the utterances.

3. לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* (2x)

לְמַעַן יִחַלְצוֹן יְדִידִי הַזֹּשִׁיעָה יְמִינָךְ וַעֲנֵנוּ: That your beloved may be delivered, save with your right hand and answer us! (Ps 60:7) (YCK)²²²

Two preposed לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* clauses introduce new paragraphs.

Our corpus shows that לְמַעַן positive purpose clauses prefer the postposed position (194/208 cases). This accords with Schmidtke-Bode's (2009) findings (§3.3.1.2.2).

4.2.2.1.2.2 Participant encoding

Purpose constructions with 'לְמַעַן + infinite' purpose clauses and 'לְמַעַן + finite verb' purpose clauses are different in terms of participant encoding. The following differences were identified.

1. לְמַעַן + infinitive

'לְמַעַן + infinitive' purpose constructions occur 47 times.²²³ As far as the subjects of the purpose clauses are concerned, in 7 cases the purpose clauses have unexpressed subjects that are not coreferential with the subject of the matrix.²²⁴ In 31 instances, the purpose clauses

²²⁰ See also, Job 18:4; Pss 31:4; 122:8, 9; Isa 43:14; Ezek 36:22, 32.

²²¹ See also, 1 Sam 17:28; Ezek 21:15.

²²² See also, Ps 108:7.

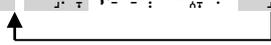
²²³ Out of a total of 47 'לְמַעַן + infinitive' constructions, 3 cases are excluded in our analysis in terms of participant encoding, for they refer to the narrator's comment (Gen 18:19; 37:22; 2 Chron 10:15).

²²⁴ Exod 9:16; Josh 11:20 (2x); 1Kgs 12:15; 2 Chron 25:20; Prov 15:24; Ezek 40:4.

have unexpressed subjects that are coreferential with the subject of the matrix.²²⁵ In 6 cases, there is no unexpressed argument in the subject position of the purpose clauses.²²⁶

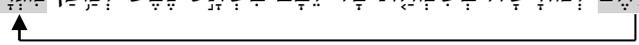
In our corpus, two kinds of participant sharing patterns are identified: SA and SAP (§3.3.1.2.3). When the subjects of ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose clauses are coreferential with subjects of the matrix, all of the subjects of the purpose clauses are implicit (i.e., unexpressed). Exod 10:1 is an exception. In addition, every case of coreferential subjects of purpose clauses are SA (the subject of the matrix controls the missing subject of the purpose clauses; see Deut 6:23 below) – with one exception in Ezek 36:5 (SAP). This demonstrates that ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions tend to show participant-sharing between the matrix and the purpose clause. This finding resonates with Schmidtke-Bode’s (2009) conclusions (§3.3.1.2.3).

וְאוֹתָנוּ הוֹצִיא מִשָּׁם לְמַעַן הַבִּיא \emptyset אֶתָּנוּ לְתֵת לָנוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְתָּיִנוּ:



And *he_i* brought us out from there, that ($\emptyset=he_i$) might bring us in and give us the land which he swore to give to our fathers. (Deut 6:23)

לְכֵן כֹּה־אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה אֱלֹהֵי בְּאֵשׁ קִנְיָתִי דִּבַּרְתִּי עַל־שְׂאֵרֵי הַגּוֹיִם וְעַל־אֲדוֹם כִּלְאֵי אֲשֶׁר נָתַנּוּ־אֶת־אֶרְצוֹ לָהֶם לְמִוְרָשָׁה בְּשִׂמְחַת כָּל־לֵבָב בְּשִׂאֵט נַפְשׁ לְמַעַן מִגְרָשָׁה לָבוֹז:



Therefore thus says the LORD GOD: I speak in my hot jealousy against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, who gave my land to *themselves_i* as a possession with wholehearted joy and utter contempt, that *they_i* might possess it and plunder it (Ezek 36:5).

Among 31 cases in which the unexpressed subjects of purpose clauses are coreferential with the subject of the matrix, 1st person subjects occur 3x²²⁷ while 2nd person subjects occur twice²²⁸ and 3rd person subjects occur 26x²²⁹ in terms of the matrix-subject.

Among 7 cases in which the matrix and purpose clause do not show participant-sharing, 1st person subjects occur once,²³⁰ 2nd person subjects occur once²³¹ and 3rd person subjects occur 5x²³² in terms of the matrix-subject.

²²⁵ Gen 50:20; Exod 1:11; Deut 2:30; 6:23; 8:2, 3, 16 (2x), 18; 9:5; 17:16; 29:12; Jdgs 2:22; 1 Sam 15:15; 17:28; 2 Kgs 10:19; 23:24; Jer 7:10; 11:5; 50:34; Ezek 14:5; 21:15; 22:6, 9, 12, 27; 36:5; 39:12; Amos 1:13; Hab 2:15; Zech 13:4.

²²⁶ Exod 10:1; Josh 4:24; Jdgs 3:2; 1 Kgs 8:60; 11:36; Ezek 38:16.

²²⁷ Jdgs 2:22; Jer 11:5; Ezek 14:5.

²²⁸ 1 Sam 17:28; Jer 7:10.

²²⁹ Gen 50:20; Exod 1:11; Deut 2:30; 6:23; 8:2, 3, 16 (2x), 18; 9:5; 17:16; 29:12; 1 Sam 15:15; 2 Kgs 10:19; 23:24; Jer 50:34; Ezek 21:15; 22:6, 9, 12, 27; 36:5; 39:12; Amos 1:13; Hab 2:15; Zech 13:4.

[The Unexpressed Subject of the Matrix of “לְמַעַן + infinitive” purpose constructions]

The unexpressed subject of the matrix (Total= 38x)			
When the subjects of purpose clauses are coreferential with the subject of the matrix		When the subjects of purpose clauses are not coreferential with the subject of the matrix	
1 st person subject	3	1 st person subject	1
2 nd person subject	2	2 nd person subject	1
3 rd person subject	26	3 rd person subject	5
Total	31	Total	7

As shown in the table above, participant sharing between the matrix and purpose clause are a significant feature in ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions. In addition, 3rd person subjects are preferred in the matrix of ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions (1st person subjects occur 4x,²³³ 2nd person subjects occur 3x²³⁴ and 3rd person subjects occur 31x²³⁵). This accords with Payle’s (2000) finding that ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions realize a final relation in narrative (§2.2.1.2.1.6).

When the subjects of purpose clauses are not coreferential with the subjects of the matrix, two strategies are employed: 1) when the subjects of purpose clauses are recoverable in the context, the subject is implicit (9x) (see Prov 15:24); and 2) when the subjects of purpose clauses are not recoverable in the context, it is explicit (5x) (see 1 Kgs 8:59-60).

אֶרְחַח חַיִּים לְמַעַלָּה לְמַשְׁבִּיל לְמַעַן סוֹר ∅ מִשְׂאוֹל מְטָה:

The path of life is upward for the *wise person*_i, that (*he*_i) may avoid Sheol beneath.

(Prov 15:24) (YCK)

וַיְהִי דְבַר־יְהוָה אֵלַי אֲשֶׁר הִתְחַנַּנְתִּי לִפְנֵי יְהוָה קְרָבִים אֶל־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה לַעֲשׂוֹת מִשְׁפָּט עֲבָדָיו וּמִשְׁפָּט עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל דְּבַר־יוֹם בְּיוֹמוֹ: ⁶⁰לְמַעַן דַּעַת כָּל־עַמֵּי הָאָרֶץ כִּי יְהוָה הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים אֵין עוֹד:

⁵⁹Let these words of mine, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night to maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires; ⁶⁰that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other. (1 Kgs 8:59-60) (YCK)

²³⁰ Exod 9:16.

²³¹ Ezek 40:4.

²³² Josh 11:20 (2x); 1 Kgs 12:15; 2 Chron 25:20; Prov 15:24.

²³³ Exod 9:16; Jdgs 2:22; Jer 11:5; Ezek 14:5.

²³⁴ 1 Sam 17:28; Jer 7:10; Ezek 40:4.

²³⁵ Gen 50:20; Exod 1:11; Deut 2:30; 6:23; 8:2, 3, 16 (2x), 18; 9:5; 17:16; 29:12; Josh 11:20 (2x); 1 Sam 15:15; 1 Kgs 12:15; 2 Kgs 10:19; 23:24; 2 Chron 25:20; Prov 15:24; Jer 50:34; Ezek 21:15; 22:6, 9, 12, 27; 36:5; 39:12; Amos 1:13; Hab 2:15; Zech 13:4.

2. לְמַעַן + finite verb (=yiqtol)²³⁶

The ‘לְמַעַן + yiqtol’ purpose construction occurs 112x.²³⁷ This construction is different from a ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose construction in terms of participant encoding. In ‘לְמַעַן + yiqtol’ purpose constructions, explicit subjects are employed in both the matrix and purpose clause, whether those subjects of the purpose clause are coreferential with those of the matrix, or not. A significant feature of ‘לְמַעַן + yiqtol’ purpose constructions in relation to participant encoding is that the matrix and purpose clause do not share a participant in the majority of cases (78/105).

[The Subject of the Matrix of ‘לְמַעַן + yiqtol’ purpose constructions]

The subject of the matrix (Total = 105x) ²³⁸			
When the subjects of purpose clauses are coreferential with the subject of the matrix		When the subjects of purpose clauses are not coreferential with the subject of the matrix	
1 st person subject	3 ²³⁹	1 st person subject	18 ²⁴⁰
2 nd person subject	22 ²⁴¹	2 nd person subject	38 ²⁴²
3 rd person subject	2 ²⁴³	3 rd person subject	22 ²⁴⁴
Total	27	Total	78

²³⁶ In ‘לְמַעַן + finite verb’ purpose clauses, all verbs are *yiqtol*s.

²³⁷ Gen 12:13; 18:19; 27:25; Exod 4:5; 8:6, 18; 9:29; 10:2; 11:7; 13:9; 16:4, 32; 20:12; 23:12; 33:13; Lev 17:5; 23:43; Num 27:20; 36:8; Deut 4:1, 40; 5:14, 16 (2x), 29, 33; 6:2 (2x), 18; 8:1; 11:8, 9, 21; 12:25, 28; 13:18; 14:23, 29; 16:3, 20; 17:19, 20; 22:7; 23:21; 24:19; 25:15; 27:3; 29:5, 8; 30:19; 31:12 (2x), 19; Josh 1:7, 8; 3:4; 4:6, 24; 2 Sam 13:5; 1 Kgs 2:3, 4; 8:40, 43; 1 Chron 28:8; 2 Chron 6:31, 33; 31:4, 32:18; Ezra 9:12; Neh 6:13 (2x); Job 19:29; 40:8; Pss 9:15 (cohortative); 30:13; 48:14; 60:7; 68:24; 78:6; 108:7; 119:71, 101; 130:4; Prov 19:20; Isa 5:19; 23:16; 28:13; 41:20; 43:10, 26; 45:3, 6; Jer 4:14; 7:23; 10:18; 32:14; 35:7; 36:3; 42:6; 44:29; 51:39; Ezek 6:6; 11:20; 12:16; 16:54, 63; 20:26 (2x); 24:11; Amos 5:14; 9:12; Hab 2:2.

²³⁸ 7 inapplicable לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* clauses were excluded (Exod 11:7; 16:32; Lev 17:5; Deut 29:5; Josh 1:8; 3:4; Isa 43:26). These cases include לְמַעַן + *yiqtol*(s) of which the function is a narrator’s comment and in which the matrix is composed of verbal chains governed by different subjects. Exod 16:32 is different: here, the matrix is a verbless clause.

²³⁹ Ps 119:101; Ezek 20:26 (2x).

²⁴⁰ Gen 18:19; Exod 8:18; 10:2; Pss 68:24; 119:71; Isa 41:20; 43:10; 45:3, 6; Jer 10:18; 42:6; 44:29; 51:39; Ezek 11:20; 12:16; 16:54, 63; Amos 9:12.

²⁴¹ Deut 4:1, 40; 5:33; 8:1; 11:8, 9; 14:23; 16:3, 20; 27:3; 29:8; Josh 1:7; 1 Kgs 2:3; 1 Chron 28:8; Ezra 9:12; Job 40:8; Ps 48:14; Prov 19:20; Isa 23:16; Jer 4:14; 35:7; Amos 5:14.

²⁴² Gen 12:13; 27:25; Exod 4:5; 20:12; 23:12; 33:13; Lev 23:43; Num 27:20; 36:8; Deut 5:14, 16 (2x); 6:18; 11:21; 12:25; 12:28; 14:29; 17:20; 22:7; 23:21; 24:19; 30:19; 31:12 (2x), 19; 1 Kgs 2:4; 8:40, 43; 2 Chron 6:31, 33; Pss 9:15; 30:13; 60:7; 108:7; Jer 7:23; 32:14; Ezek 24:11; Hab 2:2.

²⁴³ 2 Chron 32:18; Jer 36:3.

²⁴⁴ Exod 8:6; 9:29; 13:9; 16:4; Deut 5:29; 6:2 (2x); 13:18; 17:19; 25:15; Josh 4:6, 24; 2 Sam 13:5; 2 Chron 31:4; Neh 6:13 (2x); Job 19:29; Pss 78:6; 130:4; Isa 5:19; 28:13; Ezek 6:6.

As shown in the table above, the matrix and purpose clause do not tend to share subjects. In addition, 2nd person subjects are preferred in the matrix in ‘למען + *yiqtol*’ purpose constructions. This is in agreement with Payle’s (2000) finding that ‘למען + *yiqtol*’ purpose constructions realize final relations in discourse (§2.2.1.2.1.6). These two features of participant encoding are different from those of ‘למען + infinitive’ purpose constructions.

4.2.2.1.2.3 Verb forms

1. ‘למען + infinitive’ purpose construction

In ‘למען + infinitive’ purpose constructions, two linked states of affairs are expressed by means of deranking, viz., only one of the predicates in the temporal chain retains its finite verbal form. The predicate of the matrix retains the finite verbal form, while the predicate of the ‘למען + infinitive’ purpose clause (i.e., the dependent clause) maintains a non-finite verbal construct, whether it has an explicit subject, or not (see 1 Kgs 8:59-60, below). Hence, there is no tense-aspect-mood marking in the ‘למען + infinitive’ purpose clause.

וַיְהִי־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲשֶׁר הִתְחַנְּנֵתִי לִפְנֵי יְהוָה⁵⁹ קַרְבִּים אֶל־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה לַעֲשׂוֹת |
מִשְׁפָּט עֲבָדָיו וּמִשְׁפָּט עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל דְּבַר־יָוִם בְּיוֹמוֹ:
לְמַעַן דַּעַת כָּל־עַמֵּי הָאָרֶץ כִּי יְהוָה הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים⁶⁰
אֵין עוֹד:

⁵⁹Let these words of mine, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD (*S_i*), be near to the LORD our God day and night to maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires; ⁶⁰that all the peoples of the earth (*S_j*) may know that the LORD is God; there is no other (*O*).

(1 Kgs 8:59-60) (YCK)²⁴⁵

The ‘למען + infinitive’ purpose construction employs an absolute deranking strategy, since the predicate of a purpose clause employs a non-finite verbal construct whether the predicates in the temporal chain have identical or different subjects.

The deranking in ‘למען + infinitive’ purpose construction is posterior. The event of the purpose clause is a desired event and its realization lies in the future (viz., a later event than the event of the matrix). This accords with the findings of Schmidtke-Bode’s (2009) that VSO-languages have a clear preference for posterior deranking (§3.3.1.2.2).

The deranking is absolute. The predicate of the purpose clause is deranked regardless of whether or not the subject of the purpose clause is identical or non-identical with that of the matrix (see Deut 2:30 and Prov 15:24).

וְלֹא אָבָה סִיחֹן מֶלֶךְ חֶשְׁבּוֹן הָעֵבְרָנוּ בּוֹ כִּי־
הִקְשָׁה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ אֶת־רוּחוֹ וְאִמְצָן אֶת־לִבּוֹ
לְמַעַן תִּתֵּן בְּיָדְךָ בְּיוֹם הַזֶּה: But Sihon the king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him; for the LORD your *God_i* hardened his spirit and made his heart

²⁴⁵ See also, Exod 10:1; Josh 4:24; 2 Chron 10:15; Ezek 21:20; 38:16.

obstinate, that \emptyset_i (=he) might give him into your hand, as at this day.. (Deut 2:30)

אָרַח חַיִּים לְמַעַלָּה לְמַשְׁבִּיל לְמַעַן סוֹר מִשְׂאוֹל מָטָה: *The path_i of life is upward for the wise person_j, \emptyset_j to avoid Sheol below.*

(Prov 15:24)

2. 'לְמַעַן + *yiqtol*' purpose construction

In 'לְמַעַן + *yiqtol*' purpose constructions, two independent clauses are employed to relate two temporal events, i.e., an event in the matrix and an event in the purpose clause. The two predicates remain structurally of the same rank by a balancing strategy. In all instances of the construction, finite verbal constructs are employed both in the matrix and purpose clauses (with one exception: Jer 32:14).²⁴⁶

וְכָל-בֵּית יִרְשָׁת נְחֻלָּה מִמִּטּוֹת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְאָחָד מִמִּשְׁפַּחַת מִטָּה אֲבִיהָ תִּהְיֶה לְאִשָּׁה לְמַעַן יִרְשׁוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אִישׁ נְחֻלַּת אֲבֹתָיו: *And every daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the people of Israel shall be a wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, so that every one of the people of Israel may possess the inheritance of his father.* (Num 36:8)

When we consider the semantics of the verbs in the matrix clauses of 'לְמַעַן + infinitive' purpose constructions and 'לְמַעַן + finite' purpose constructions, verbs of motion are not often employed. In 'לְמַעַן + infinitive' purpose constructions, verbs of motion occur 11 out of a total of 47 purpose constructions.²⁴⁷ In 'לְמַעַן + finite' purpose constructions, verbs of motion occur 12 out of 112 purpose construction occurrences.²⁴⁸

When we investigate the telicity of the matrix's verb, 'לְמַעַן + infinitive' purpose constructions and 'לְמַעַן + finite' purpose constructions prefer atelic verbs in the matrix.²⁴⁹

²⁴⁶ Two verbs occur in the matrix in Jer 32:14, (while the predicate of the purpose clause retains a finite verb [*yiqtol*]). One of the verbs in the matrix maintains an infinitive absolute.

²⁴⁷ Exod 1:11; Deut 6:23; 9:5; 17:16; 29:18; Jdgs 2:22; 1 Sam 17:28; Ezek 22:12; 38:16; 40:4; Zech 13:4; (verb of state [10x]); Josh 11:20 (2x); 1 Kgs 8:60; 12:15; 2 Chron 10:15; Jer 11:5; Ezek 22:6, 9; 21:15; a verb of perception (1x): Gen 50:2.

²⁴⁸ Deut 16:20; 22:7; 31:12 (2x); 31:19; Josh 3:4; 4:6; s 30:13; 68:24; Isa 45:3; Jer 7:23; 32:14 (a verb of state [17x]): Exod 13:9; 20:12; Num 36:8; Deut 5:16 (2x); 16:3; 17:9; 25:15; Josh 3:4; 1 Kgs 2:4 (3x); 9:15; Isa 28:13; Jer 35:7; Ezek 6:6 (2x); a verb of causation [8x]: Exod 8:18; 10:2; 33:13; Num 27:20; Jer 10:18; 51:39; Ezek 24:11; 16:63; a verb of perception [15x]: Gen 18:19; Deut 4:1; 12:18; 1 Kgs 8:40, 43; 1 Chron 28:8; 2 Chron 6:31, 33; Ezra 9:12; Neh 6:13; 9:15; Prov 19:20; Jer 36:3; 42:6; Amos 5:14).

²⁴⁹ The term telicity is used in the grammatical analysis of aspect to refer to whether an event is viewed as complete. When a verb has the property of 'telicity,' it is said to be telic, while a verb that does not have the property is said to be atelic (Crystal 2008; Dahl 1981). Three methods for testing telicity are commonly used, and can be described as follows:

Atelic verbs were employed in 31 out of a total 47 infinitive purpose constructions (see Exod 11:9). Ninety out of a total 112 לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* purpose constructions have atelic verbs in the matrix (see Gen 18:19).

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֹא-יִשְׁמַע אֲלֵיכֶם פְּרָעָה לְמַעַן רַבּוֹת מִזִּפְתֵּי בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם: The LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh will not listen to you so that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.” (Exod 11:9)²⁵⁰ (YCK)

כָּל-הַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה הַיּוֹם תִּשְׁמְרוּן לַעֲשׂוֹת לְמַעַן תִּחְיֶוּ וּרְבִיתֶם וּבִאתֶם וּרְשַׁתֶּם אֶת-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה לְאַבְתֵּיכֶם: Every commandment which I command you this day you shall keep by doing (them) so that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers. (Deut 8:1)²⁵¹ (YCK)

When an event that a verb refers to has a terminal point/endpoint, the verb is telic. However, the verb is atelic, when the event that the verb refers to does not have a terminal point.

When a verb is used with an ‘in’ adverbial phrase (e.g., *in an hour* with the sense of ‘within an hour’), the verb is telic. However, when a verb is used with a ‘for’ adverbial phrase (e.g., *for an hour*), the verb is atelic.

John sang for two hours/*in two hours.

John wrote a letter *for two hours/in two hours.

A telic verb can be understood as one that is quantized. Atelic verbs can be defined in terms of a cumulative reference. In linguistics, a quantized expression is such that, whenever it is true of some entity, it is not true of any proper subparts of that entity. Example: If something is an ‘apple,’ then no proper subpart of that thing is an ‘apple.’ If something is ‘water,’ then many of its subparts will also be ‘water.’ Hence, ‘apple’ is quantized, while ‘water’ is not. In the same manner, ‘walk around aimlessly’ is atelic, since many proper parts of it can be regarded as ‘walk around aimlessly,’ even though John walked around aimlessly for two hours. It is similar to mass nouns. However, ‘built’ in ‘John built a house’ is telic, for the subparts of building a house, e.g., making a door is not described as building a house (rather the sum of all its subparts is regarded as building a house). It is similar to count nouns.

²⁵⁰ See also, Gen 50:50; Deut 8:2, 3, 16 (2x); 29:12; Josh 11:20 (2x); 1 Sam 15:15; 1 Kgs 8:50; 12:15; 2 Kgs 10:19; 23:24; 2 Chron 25:20; Prov 15:24; Jer 7:10; 11:5; 43:3; 50:34; Ezek 14:5; 21:15; 22:6, 9, 12, 27; Micah 6:5.

²⁵¹ See also, Gen 12:13; 27:25; Exod 4:5; 8, 18; 9:29; 11:7; 13:9; 20:12; 23:12; 33:13; Lev 17:5; 23:43; Num 15:40; 27:20; 36:8; Deut 4:1, 40; 5:14, 16 (2x), 29; 6:2 (2x), 18; 8:1; 11:8, 9, 21; 12:25, 28; 13:18; 14:23, 29; 16:3; 17:19, 20; 22:7; 23:21; 24:19; 25:15; 27:3; 29:5, 8; Josh 1:8; 2 Sam 13:5; 1 Kgs 2:3, 4; 8:40, 43; 1 Chron 28:8; 2 Chon 6:31, 33; 31:4; 32:18; Ezra 9:12; Neh 6:13 (2x); Job 19:29; 40:8; Pss 9:15; 48:14; 60:7; 78:6; 108:7; 119:71, 101; 130:4; Prov 19:20; Isa 5:19; 23:16; 28:13; 43:26; Jer 4:14; 7:23; 10:18; 35:7; 36:3; 42:6; 44:29; Ezek 6:6; 12:16; 16:54, 63; 20:26 (2x); 24:11; Amos 5:14; Ezek 9:12; Hab 2:2.

4.2.2.1.2.4 Differences between ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions and ‘לְמַעַן + yiqtol’ purpose constructions

In §4.2.2.1.2.2, we identified two features of ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions which distinguish the construction from ‘לְמַעַן + finite (*yiqtol*)’ purpose constructions. In this section, we further investigate three distinguishing features of ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions: an unexpressed argument, binding and control, and matrix verb restrictions. These three features are generally accepted as distinguishing features of infinitive purpose constructions from finite purpose constructions.

1. Unexpressed argument

‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions tend to exhibit at least one unexpressed argument, even though the construction does not show in an absolute manner the distinguishing feature that Green (1992) and Jones (1991) identified (§3.3.1.2.4).

In 39 of 47 ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ clauses, there is one unexpressed argument in the subject position (see Exod 1:11).²⁵² In 3 out of 39 cases in which the subject was not expressed, the object also remained unexpressed (see Gen 50:20).²⁵³

וַיִּשְׂמוּ עָלָיו שָׂרֵי מִסִּים לְמַעַן עֲנֹתוֹ \emptyset בְּסִבְלָתָם Therefore *they_i* set taskmasters over him \emptyset_i to afflict him with heavy burdens.

(Exod 1:11)(YCK)

וַאֲתָם חֲשַׁבְתֶּם עָלַי רָעָה אֱלֹהִים חֲשַׁבָהּ לְטוֹבָה וְלִמְעַן עֲשֶׂה \emptyset_s \emptyset_o בְּיוֹם הַזֶּה לְהַחֲיִית עַם־רַב: 254 You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, \emptyset_s to bring (*it*) about as today, to preserve many people. (Gen 50:20)(YCK)

However, in 6 of 47 ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ clauses, no missing arguments are identified (see 1 Kgs 8:60).²⁵⁵

וַיְהִי־וַיְדַבְּרִי אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר הִתְחַנַּנְתִּי לְפָנֶיךָ יְהוָה קַרְבִּים אֶל־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יוֹמָם וּלְיָלֵה לַעֲשׂוֹת | מִשְׁפָּט עֲבָדוֹ וּמִשְׁפָּט עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל דְּבַר־יוֹם בְּיוֹמוֹ: 60 לְמַעַן דַּעַת כָּל־עַמֵּי הָאָרֶץ כִּי יְהוָה הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים אֲיֵן עוֹד: 59 Let *these words of mine, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD (S_i)*, be near to the LORD our God day and night to maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires; ⁶⁰that *all the peoples of the earth (S_j)* may know that *the LORD is God; there is*

²⁵² Gen 50:20; Exod 1:11; 9:16; Deut 2:30; 6:23; 8:2, 3; 16 (2x), 18; 9:5; 17:16; Josh 11:20 (2x); 2:22; Jdgs 2:22; 1 Sam 15:15; 17:28; 1 Kgs 12:15; 10:19; 2 Kgs 10:29; 23:24; 2 Chron 25:20; Prov 15:24; Jer 7:10; 11:5; 43:3; 53:34; Ezek 14:5; 21:15; 22:6, 9; 12, 27; 36:5; 39:12; 4:40; Amos 1:13; Hab 2:15; Zech 13:4.

²⁵³ Gen 50:20; 1 Sam 15:15; Zech 13:4.

²⁵⁴ \emptyset_s and \emptyset_o refer to the ‘unexpressed subject’ and ‘unexpressed object,’ respectively.

²⁵⁵ Exod 10:1; Josh 4:24; Jdgs 3:2; 1 Kgs 8:60; 11:36; Ezek 38:16.

no other (O).

(1 Kgs 8:59-60) (YCK)²⁵⁶

2. Binding and control

In most cases (30/39), when an unexpressed argument occupies the subject position, the subject of the matrix clause controls the unexpressed subject of the purpose clause.²⁵⁷

וְלֹא־יָשִׁיב אֶת־הָעָם מִצְרֵימָה לְמַעַן הַרְבּוֹת \emptyset *He_i must not cause the people to return to Egypt \emptyset_i in order to multiply horses.*
(Deut 17:16)

In 2 out of 30 instances, the agent of the matrix controls the unexpressed subject of the purpose clause (2 Chron 25:20).²⁵⁸ In one case, the goal of the matrix clause controls the missing subject of the purpose clause (Prov 15:24). In three instances, the unexpressed subject of the purpose clause does not show participant-sharing with any argument of the matrix. The unexpressed subjects are controlled pragmatically (Exod 9:16).²⁵⁹

וְלֹא־שָׁמַע אֲמַצְיָהוּ בִּי מִהָאֱלֹהִים הִיא לְמַעַן תִּתְּנָם \emptyset *But Amaziah would not listen; for it was of God_i , in order that He_i might give them into the hand [of their enemies], because they had sought the gods of Edom.* (2 Chron 25:20)

אֲרַח חַיִּים לְמַעַלָּה לְמַשְׁבֵּיל לְמַעַן טוֹר \emptyset מִשְׁאֹל מְטָה: *The path of life is upward for the wise person_i \emptyset_i to avoid Sheol beneath.*
(Prov 15:24)(YCK)

וְאוֹלָם בְּעֵבֹר זֹאת הֶעֱמַדְתִּיךָ בְּעֵבֹר הָרֵאֲתֶךָ \emptyset *But for this purpose I have caused you to stand, to show you my power, so that people recount my name throughout all the earth.*
(Exod 9:16)(YCK)

Three instances in which the objects are not expressed are identified in our corpus. In two cases, the unexpressed objects of purpose clauses are controlled by the preceding NP.²⁶⁰ However, in one instance, the unexpressed object is controlled pragmatically, viz., it does not show participant-sharing with any arguments from the matrix.²⁶¹

²⁵⁶ See also, Exod 10:1; Josh 4:24; 2 Chron 10:15; Ezek 21:20; 38:16.

²⁵⁷ Gen 50:20; Exod 1:11; Deut 2:30; 6:23; 8:2; 8:16 (2x), 18; 9:5; 17:16; Jdgs 2:22; 1 Sam 15:15; 2 Kgs 10:19; 23:24; Jer 7:10; 11:5; 43:3; 53:34; Ezek 14:5; 21:15; 22:6, 9, 12, 27; 36:5; 39:12; 40:4; Amos 1:13; Hab 2:15; Zech 13:4.

²⁵⁸ 2 Kgs 12:15; 2 Chron 25:20.

²⁵⁹ Exod 9:16; Josh 11:20 (2x).

²⁶⁰ Gen 50:20; 1 Sam 15:15.

²⁶¹ Zech 13:4.

3. Matrix verb restriction

In order to identify matrix verb restriction, two unexpressed arguments should occur in the purpose clause, viz., an unexpressed subject (the inferred controller of the infinitive verb) and an unexpressed object that corresponds to the object of the matrix's verb. We identify only two instances that satisfy this condition (Gen 50:20 and 1 Sam 15:15). This implies that matrix verb restriction is not a distinguishing feature of 'למען + infinitive' purpose constructions.

<p>וַאֲתֶם חֲשַׁבְתֶּם עָלַי רָעָה אֱלֹהִים חֲשַׁבָהּ לְטֹבָה לְמַעַן עֲשֶׂה \emptyset כִּי־זֶם הַזֶּה לְהַחִית עַם-רַב:</p>	<p>You meant evil against me; but God_i meant <i>it</i>_j for good, to \emptyset_i bring \emptyset_j about as today, to preserve many people. (Gen 50:20)(YCK)</p>
<p>וַיֹּאמֶר שָׂאוּל מֵעַמְלִקַי הַבְּיֹאִים אֲשֶׁר חָמַל הָעָם עַל-מִיטֵב הַצֹּאן וְהַבְּקָר לְמַעַן זָבַח \emptyset לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְאֶת-הַיֹּתֵר הִחָרַמְנוּ: ס</p>	<p>Saul said, "From the Amalekites they_i have brought <i>them</i> which the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen_j, to \emptyset_i sacrifice \emptyset_j to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. (1 Sam 15:15)</p>

The verbs חֲשַׁב (Gen 50:20) and הִבְיֹא (1 Sam 15:15) entail a control of the entity (*it_j, them* which the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen_j) corresponding to the gap (\emptyset _j, \emptyset _i) in the 'למען + infinitive' purpose clause by the intended controller of the infinitive (\emptyset _i = God_i, \emptyset _i = they_i).

The aforementioned three features of purpose infinitives (viz., the occurrence of at least one unexpressed argument, binding and control and matrix verb restrictions) do not seem to give insights for distinguishing 'למען + infinitive' purpose constructions from 'למען + finite' purpose constructions.

4.2.2.1.3 Sense distinctions

Two different senses of the purposive למען are distinguished according to the cognitive principles identified in chapter 3 (§3.2.3.2.4.1).

1. The agent of event A (tr) performs an action with the intention of bringing about event B (Im). Event B is a goal and the desired result of the action performed by the agent of the event A. In such cases, the goal neither has a beneficial or maleficent effect. The translation value could be '(so) that' (160x).²⁶²

²⁶² Gen 12:13; 18:19 (2x), 27:25; 37:22; 50:20; Exod 1:11; 4:5; 8:6; 9:16, 29; 10:1, 2; 11:7; 13:9; 16:4, 32; 20:12; 23:12; 33:13; Lev 23:43; Lev 17:5; Num 27:20; 36:8; Deut 2:30; 4:1, 40; 5:14, 16 (2x), 29, 33; 6:2 (2x), 18; 8:1, 2, 3, 16 (2x), 18; 9:5; 11:8, 9, 21; 12:25, 28; 13:18; 14:23, 29; 16:3, 20; 17:16, 19, 20; 22:7; 23:21; 24:19; 25:15; 27:3; 29:5, 8, 12; 30:6, 19; 31:12 (2x), 19; Josh 1:7, 8; 3:4; 4:6, 24 (2x); 11:20 (2x); Jdgs 2:22; 3:2; 1 Sam 15:15; 17:28; 2 Sam 13:5; 1 Kgs 2:3, 4; 8:40, 43, 60; 11:36; 12:15; 2 Kgs 10:19; 23:24; 1 Chron 28:8; 2 Chron 6:31, 33; 10:15; 25:20; 31:4; 32:18; Ezra 9:12; Neh 6:13 (2x); Job 19:29; 40:8; Pss 9:15; 30:13; 48:14; 60:7; 68:24; 78:6; 108:7; 119:71, 101; 130:4; Prov 15:24; 19:20; Isa 5:19; 23:16; 28:13; 41:20; 43:10, 26; 45:3, 6; Jer 4:14; 7:10, 23; 10:18; 11:5; 32:14;

The notion of ‘purpose’ is conceptualized by means of the underlying conceptual metaphor PURPOSES ARE DESTINATION. From here, the goal of the agent’s implied behavior within the matrix clause is also conceptualized through the conceptual metaphor THE GOAL IS A DESTINATION.

וְהִפְלִיתִי בַיּוֹם הַהוּא אֶת־אֶרֶץ גֹּשֶׁן אֲשֶׁר עָמְדָה עָלֶיהָ לְבִלְתִּי הִיֹּת־שָׁם עֲרָב לְמַעַן תִּדְעַ כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה בְּקִרְבֵּי הָאָרֶץ:
 But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there; that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. (Exod 8:18)

וְאוֹתָנוּ הוֹצִיא מִשָּׁם לְמַעַן הָבִיא אֶתָנוּ לְתֵת לָנוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ:
 Us he brought from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land which he swore to give to our fathers. (Deut 6:23)

2. The event of the matrix (tr) is performed in order to bring about a benefit for the lm, which is the goal of the action of the agent of the matrix. In this case, the lm is benefactive, i.e., a beneficiary of the result of the action performed by the matrix’s agent. In this case, לְמַעַן functions as a benefactive marker. לְמַעַן may be translated ‘for the sake of x’ or ‘for x’s sake’ (47x).

Animate things are prototypical lms, since normally, animate participants are capable of making use of the benefit bestowed upon them.

אוּלַּי יֵשׁ חֲמִשִּׁים צְדִיקִים בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר הָאֵלֶּה תִּסְפָּה וְלֹא־תִשָּׂא לְמָקוֹם לְמַעַן חֲמִשִּׁים הַצְּדִיקִים אֲשֶׁר בְּקִרְבָּהּ:
 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt thou then destroy the place and not spare it for the sake of fifty righteous who are in it? (Gen 18:24) (YCK)²⁶³

When the lm is a thing, the lm is a destination where a beneficial effect is directed. Hence, the conceptual metaphor THE GOAL IS A DESTINATION is involved.

35:7; 36:3; 42:6; 44:29; 50:34; 51:39; Ezek 6:6; 11:20; 12:16; 14:5; 16:54, 63; 20:26 (2x), 44; 21:15; 22:6, 9, 12, 27; 24:11; 36:5; 38:16; 39:12; 40:4; Amos 1:13; 5:14; 9:12; Hab 2:2, 15; Zech 13:4.

²⁶³ See also, 1 Kgs 8:41; 11:12, 13 (2x), 32 (2x), 34; 15:4; 2 Kgs 8:19; 19:34 (2x); 20:6 (2x); 2 Chron 6:32; Job 18:4; Pss 23:3; 25:11; 31:4; 79:9; 106:8; 109:21; 122:8, 9; 143:11; Isa 37:35 (2x); 43:14, 25; 45:4; 48:9, 11 (2x); 62:1 (2x); 63:17; 65:8; Jer 14:7, 21; Ezek 20:9, 14, 22, 44; 36:22, 32; Dan 9:17, 19.

In 1 Kgs 11:13, 32; Isa 62:1 (2x), the lm is a place (an inanimate thing); however, a place implies the people who live there, i.e., a place is used metonymically. An absolute noun (an inanimate thing) also occurs as the lm in Deut 30:6; 1Kgs 8:41; 2 Chron 6:32; Pss 23:3; 25:11; 31:4; 79:9; 106:8; 109:21; 143:11; Isa 48:9; Jer 14: 7, 21; Ezek 20:9, 14, 22, 44. In these cases, the abstract noun is שָׂם, with the exception of Deut 30:6 (life). However, in the ancient world, a personal name stands for people, i.e., a personal name is used metonymically.

When the *lm* is a thing, metonymy is also involved. A benefactive act is an economical shortcut for the expression of purposive relations. Hence, benefactives are metonymic devices for the expression of a purpose, since a goal-directed activity is expressed by simply mentioning the goal participant, i.e., without spelling out the verbal part of the underlying purpose clause. Given that an argument represents the whole semantic structure of which it is a part of, one may best to characterize this morphosyntactic construction in terms of metonymy.

Metonymic mapping is economical to the extent that the entity or category explicitly mentioned in a discourse can activate another category in the same overall cognitive domain or model. Thus, by simply adding a goal NP to a verb denoting directed action, a whole purpose situation – or more precisely, the cognitive model or frame of that situation – can be evoked.

When we investigate the distribution of the purposive *לְמַעַן* in the HB, no difference in the semantics of the construction could be identified along the diachronic cline. The purpose *לְמַעַן* occurs in all the books of the HB.

- Sense 1: Gen (7x); Exod (14x); Lev (1x); Num (3x); Deut (47x); 2 Kgs 23 (1x); Amos (3x); Hab (3x); *Jer* (13x); *Ezek* (18x); Zech (1x); Dan (1x); Ezra (1x); Neh (3x); 1 Chron (1x); 2 Chron (5x).
- Sense 2: Deut (1x); 1 Kgs (6x); 2 Kgs (3x); *Jer* (2x); *Ezek* (6x); 2 Chron (1x); Dan (2x).

4.2.2.1.5. ‘לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) לֹא’ avertive constructions (13x)

In avertive constructions, an action is performed in order to prevent an undesirable event from happening. In ‘לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) לֹא’ avertive constructions, the matrix’s verb or the whole matrix clause never encodes a precautionary situation, but a positive effort. In these cases, the agent of the matrix or speaker tries to prevent something undesirable from happening by making a positive effort. This is a feature that distinguishes ‘לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) לֹא’ from ‘פֶּן’ avertive constructions. ‘לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) לֹא’ avertive constructions are in this regard similar to the ‘לְבַלְתִּי’ avertive construction identified by Mitchell (1915) (see footnote 75).

‘לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) לֹא’ avertive constructions (or negative constructions) occur 13 times. In every case, ‘לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) לֹא’ is followed by a finite verb (*yiqtol*). The following constructions are identified.

1. לְמַעַן לֹא + *yiqtol* (8x)

בְּלִבִּי צָפַנְתִּי אִמְרֹתֶיךָ לְמַעַן לֹא אֶחַטָּא לְךָ: In my heart I have laid up your word, so that I might not sin against you.
(Ps 119:11)²⁶⁴ (YCK)

²⁶⁴ See also, Pss 119:80; 125:3; Ezek 14:11; 19:9; 25:10; 26:20; Zech 12:7.

2. לֹא לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר + *yiqtol* (5x)

וְהִרְבִּיתִי אֶת־פְּרֵי הָעֵץ וְתִגְבַּת הַשָּׂדֶה לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר לֹא תִקְחוּ עוֹד חֲרַפַּת רָעֵב בְּגוֹיִם: I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. (Ezek 36:30)²⁶⁵

As far as the verbal ranking strategy is concerned, the ‘לֹא לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר)’ avertive construction is not different from the ‘לְמַעַן + finite verb (*yiqtol*)’ purpose construction, i.e., ‘balancing.’ In all instances (10x), two events in the matrix and purpose clause are encoded by means of two independent clauses, viz., the two predicates remain of the same rank structurally.

As far as participant encoding is concerned, ‘לֹא לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר)’ avertive constructions explicitly express subjects. In addition, the construction prefers different subjects between the matrix and purpose clause. All instances show different subjects between the matrix and purpose clause (see Deut 20:17-18 below). This is in agreement with the findings of Schmidtke-Bode (2009) (§3.3.1.2.6).

כִּי־הִחַרְםָ תַחֲרִימָם הַחֲתִי וְהָאֲמֹרִי הַכְּנַעֲנִי וְהַפְּרִזִי הַחִוִּי וְהִיבּוֹסִי בְּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ: לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִלְמְדוּ אֶתְכֶם לַעֲשׂוֹת כְּכָל־תּוֹעֲבֹתָם אֲשֶׁר עָשׂוּ לְאֱלֹהֵיהֶם וְחִטְּאתֶם לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: ס ¹⁷ But you shall utterly destroy them, the Hittites and the Amorites, the Canaanites and the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, as the LORD your God has commanded; ¹⁸ that they may not teach you to do according to all their abominable things which they have done for their gods, and so to sin against the LORD your God. (Deut 20:17-18)

As for the person of the subject of the matrix, ‘לֹא לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר)’ avertive constructions prefer the 3rd person subject. In our corpus, the 1st person subject occurs 4x while 2nd person subjects occur once and the 3rd person subjects occur 8x.²⁶⁶ The preference of the 3rd person subject implies that ‘לֹא לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר)’ avertive constructions are more utilized within the narrative genre.

As far as thematic roles are concerned, in ‘לֹא לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר)’ avertive constructions, all the subjects of avertive clauses are ‘experiencer’ with the exception of Deut 20:18, in which the subject is an ‘agent.’ This result does not accord with the two complementary implicational universals proposed by Schmidtke-Bode (2009) (§3.3.1.2.6). Nevertheless, the matrix and avertive clause do not share the subject (see the earlier paragraph about participant encoding).

²⁶⁵ Num 17:5; Deut 20:18; Ezek 31:14; 46:18.

²⁶⁶ The subjects of the matrix are as follows: 1st person subject (Ps 119:11; Ezek 25:10; 26:10; 36:30); 2nd person subject (Deut 20:18); 3rd person subject (Num 17:5; Pss 119:80; 125:3; Ezek 14:11; 19:9; 31:14; 46:3).

‘לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) לֵא’ occurs in the books of CBH, TBH and LBH. It does not show any diachronic changes: Num (1x), Deut (1x); *Ezek* (7x); Zech (1x).

4.2.2.2 Result (27x)

The schematic meaning of the resultative לְמַעַן based on the relationship between the tr and the lm can be described as follows.



One event (the matrix = tr) is performed. As a consequence/result, another event (dependent clause = lm) occurs. It is crucial that the action performed by the matrix’s agent or speaker does not have any intention to bring about the event of the dependent clause. Since the dependent clause (lm) is a consequence/result of the matrix’s event (tr), the former is called a result clause. Similarly, the construction is called a result construction.

In most cases, infinitive occurs in the result clause, viz., verbs in the result clause do not express mood. Although *yiqtol*s are employed in result clauses in some cases, they do not express mood, i.e., intentions of matrix’s agent and speakers.

לְמַעַן is utilized to indicate a result relation between two events in 27 instances. The lm is an event which points out the result of the preceding event. לְמַעַן can be translated “so” or “thus.”

כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה הִנְנִי מְבִיא רָעָה אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם
הַזֶּה וְעַל־יֹשְׁבָיו אֵת כָּל־דְּבָרֵי הַסֵּפֶר אֲשֶׁר קָרָא
מִלְּפִי יְהוּדָה: ¹⁷תַּחַת אֲשֶׁר עֲזָבוּנִי וַיִּקְטְרוּ
לְאֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים לְמַעַן הִכְעִיסֵנִי בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה
יְדֵיהֶם וְנִצַּתָּה חֲמָתִי בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה וְלֹא תִכָּבֵּה:
¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read. ¹⁷Because they have forsaken me and have burned incense to other gods, so they provoked me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched. (2 Kgs 22:17)²⁶⁷ (YCK)

The resultative meaning does not show any diachronic change as this particular meaning is attested to in CBH, TBH and LBH: Exod (1x), Lev (1x); Num (1x); Deut (1x); 2 Kgs (1x); Hosea (1x); Amos (1x); Obad (1x); Micah (1x); *Jer* (11x); *Ezek* (1x); 2 Chron (1x).

²⁶⁷ See also, Exod 11:9; Lev 20:3; Num 15:40; Deut 29:18; 2 Chron 34:25; Ps 51:6; Prov 2:20; Isa 30:1; 44:9; Jer 7:18, 19; 25:7; 27:10, 15; 32:29, 35; 43:3; 44:8 (2x); Ezek 21:20 (לְמַעַן + לְ infinitive); Hosea 8:4; Joel 4:6; Amos 2:7; Obad 1:9; Micah 6:5, 16.

4.2.2.2.1 Distinguishing result from purpose

In the preceding chapter we established several criteria for distinguishing a result clause from a purpose clause.

- The result in a result clause is an achieved result while the result in a purpose clause is yet to be achieved (i.e., an aimed result).
- Intentionality is another criterion. In purpose constructions, the agent of the main clause intends to bring about the event in the dependent clause, while there is no such relation of intention in the result construction.
- In addition, the content of the result clause comments on what is said in the matrix, while the content of the purpose clause denotes the circumstances of the matrix's situation (§3.3.2).

These criteria are aids in distinguishing a result clause from a purpose clause. Consider the following examples:

<p>תַּחַת אֲשֶׁר עֲזָבוּנִי וַיִּקְטְרוּ לְאֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים לְמַעַן הַכְּעִיסֵנִי בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה יָדֵיהֶם וְנִצַּתָּה חַמְתִּי בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה וְלֹא תִכָּבֵּה:</p>	<p>Because they have forsaken me and have burned incense to other gods, <i>so it has provoked me to anger</i> with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched. (2 Kgs 22:17)(YCK)²⁶⁸</p>
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It is unreasonable to think that the agent of the matrix (Israelites) performs an action (forsaking the LORD and burning incense to other gods) intentionally in order to instigate the LORD's anger. Rather, provoking the LORD's anger is a result of the preceding action. The content of the result clause comments on the content of the matrix. When we consider all the examples, the comment is negative in the overwhelming majority of cases (22x out of a total 27x).²⁶⁹

4.2.2.2.2 Scope and level

The לְמַעַן result clause occurs 27x, and in 20 out of 27 result clauses, לְמַעַן connects a number of clauses to its result, viz. the matrix is often larger than a clause. Hence, it may be argued that the resultative לְמַעַן functions as a connective which links linguistic units at any level (see Jer 7:18).

<p>הַבָּנִים מִלְקָטִים עֵצִים וְהָאֲבוֹת מִבְּעָרִים אֶת־הָאֵשׁ וְהַנָּשִׁים לְשֹׂת בָּצֶק לַעֲשׂוֹת כֹּנִיָּם לְמַלְכַת הַשָּׁמַיִם</p>	<p>The children gather wood, the fathers kindle fire, and the women knead dough, to make</p>
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²⁶⁸ Gehman and Montgomery (1951:320) understand לְמַעַן הַכְּעִיסֵנִי as indicating a result. Hobbs (1985:327) also regards it as indicating an impending judgment, viz., he regards it as indicating a result.

²⁶⁹ Lev 20:3; Deut 29:18; 2 Kgs 22:17; 2 Chron 34:25; Prov 2:20; Isa 30:1; Jer 7:18, 19; 25:7; 27:10, 15; 32:29, 35; 43:3; 44:8 (2x), 9; Ezek 21:20; Hosea 8:4; Joel 4:6; Amos 2:7; Obad 1:9; Micah 6:16.

וְהִטְּוּ נֶסֶכִּים לְאֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים לְמַעַן הַכְּעִסְנִי: cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger. (Jer 7:18)²⁷⁰

4.2.2.2.1 Scope

When לְמַעַן is employed to express a result relation, it governs a NP (once), an infinitive clause (20x) and a finite (*yiqtol*) clause (6x).

1. Clause level

1) לְמַעַן + NP (1x)

הֲאֵתִי הֵם מְכַעְסִים נְאֻם־יְהוָה הֲלוֹא אַתֶּם לְמַעַן בְּשֵׁת פְּנֵיהֶם: ס LORD. “Is it not themselves, to their own shame?” (Jer 7:19)

2) לְמַעַן + infinitive clause (20x)

וְאֲנִי אֶתֶן אֶת־פָּנַי בְּאִישׁ הַהוּא וְהִכַּרְתִּי אֹתוֹ מִקֶּרֶב עַמּוֹ כִּי מִזְרַעוֹ נָתַן לְמֹלֵךְ לְמַעַן טַמְא אֶת־מִקְדָּשִׁי וְלַחֲלֹל אֶת־שֵׁם קֹדְשִׁי: I myself will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people, because one of his children he has given to Molech, so has he defiled my sanctuary and profaned my holy name. (Lev 20:3)²⁷¹

3) לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* clause (6x)

לָךְ לְבַדְּךָ | חָטָאתִי וְהִרַע בְּעֵינֶיךָ עָשִׂיתִי לְמַעַן תִּצְדַּק בְּדִבְרֶךָ תִּזְכֶּה בְּשֹׁפְטֶךָ: Against you, you only, I have sinned, and what is evil in your sight I have done. So you are just in your sentence. You are blameless in your judgment. (Ps 51:6)²⁷² (YCK)

Here, לְמַעַן introduces a result. If לְמַעַן was to be regarded as an indicating purpose, it would yield a preposterous idea – “the psalmist purposely sinned so that God’s justice might be vindicated!” (NET).

Resultative לְמַעַן + infinitive clauses occur in the books of CBH, TBH and LBH. However, resultative לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* clauses only occur in the books of CBH – though, statistically speaking, it is difficult to conclude that this is symbolic of a diachronic change of syntax, viz., resultative לְמַעַן + infinitive appears to phase out resultative לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* clauses in LBH, as the resultative לְמַעַן + infinitive only appears once in LBH.

²⁷⁰ See also, Num 15:40; 2 Kgs 22:17; 2 Chron 34:25; Ps 51:6; Prov 2:20; Isa 30:1; Jer 25:7; 27:15; 32:29, 35, 44:8 (2x), 9; Ezek 21:20; Hosea 8:4; Amos 2:7; Micah 6:5, 16.

²⁷¹ See also, Exod 11:9; Deut 29:18; 2 Kgs 22:17; 2 Chron 34:25; Isa 30:1; Jer 7:18; 25:7; 27:10, 15; 32:29, 35; 43:3, 44:8 (2x); Ezek 21:20; Joel 4:6; Amos 2:7; Micah 6:5, 16. In Ezek 21:20, לְמַעַן + לְ infinitive occurs.

²⁷² See also, Num 15:40; Prov 2:20; Isa 44:9; Hosea 8:4; Obad 1:9.

- לְמַעַן + infinitive clause: Exod (1); Lev (1x); Deut (1x); 2 Kgs (1x); Amos (1x); Micah (2x); *Jer* (9x); 2 Chron (1x).
- לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* clause: Num (1x); Hosea (1x); Obad (1x); Ø; Ø.

4.2.2.2.2 Level

לְמַעַן operates on three different levels.

1. Effective level (22x)

תַּחַת אֲשֶׁר עָזְבוּנִי וַיִּקְטְרוּ לֵאלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים לְמַעַן
הַכְּעִיסֵנִי בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵיהֶם וְנִצַּתָּה חַמְתִּי בַמָּקוֹם
הַזֶּה וְלֹא תִכָּבֵּה: Because they have forsaken me and have
burned incense to other gods. So they
provoked me to anger with all the work of
their hands and my wrath will be kindled
against this place and it will not be quenched.
(2 Kgs 22:17)²⁷³

The sin of the Israelites caused the LORD's anger and wrath. The causal relation lies in a real-world relation.

2. Epistemic level (2x)

לְמַעַן תֵּלֶךְ בְּדַרְךְ טוֹבִים וְאַרְחוֹת צַדִּיקִים²⁰ ²⁰So you will walk in the way of good men
תִּשְׁמֵר: and keep to the paths of the righteous.
(Prov 2:19-20)²⁷⁴

The causal relation lies in the epistemic world, viz., “לְמַעַן introduces the concluding result after admonishing to attain wisdom (2:1-11) and to avoid evil men and women and their destructive ways (2:12-19)” (NET).

3. Discursive level (3x)

וְהָיָה לָכֵם לְצִיצַת וּרְאִיתֶם אֹתוֹ וַיִּזְכַּרְתֶּם אֶת-כָּל-
מִצְוֹת יְהוָה וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֹתָם וְלֹא-תִתְּרוּ אַחֲרַי
לְבַבְכֶם וְאַחֲרַי עֵינֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר-אַתֶּם זֹנִים אַחֲרֵיהֶם:
לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹתַי וְהֵייתֶם
קְדוּשִׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם: ³⁹And it shall be to you a tassel so that you
may look upon it and remember all the
commandments of the LORD and do them and
so that you do not follow after your own
heart and your own eyes, which you are
inclined to go after wantonly. ⁴⁰Then you will
remember and do all my commandments, and
be holy to your God.
(Num 15:39-40)²⁷⁵ (YCK)

A speech act (directive, i.e., “make a tassel”) must prompt the remembrance that an Israelite should be faithful to God's instructions. When the resultative לְמַעַן in Num 15:40 and Micah

²⁷³ See also, Exod 11:9; Lev 20:3; Deut 29:18; 2 Chron 34:25; Isa 30:1; 44:9; Jer 7:18, 19; 25:7; 27:10, 15; 32:29, 35; 43:3; 44:8 (2x); Ezek 21:20; Hosea 8:4; Joel 4:6; Amos 2:7; Obad 1:9; Micah 6:16.

²⁷⁴ See also, Ps 51:6.

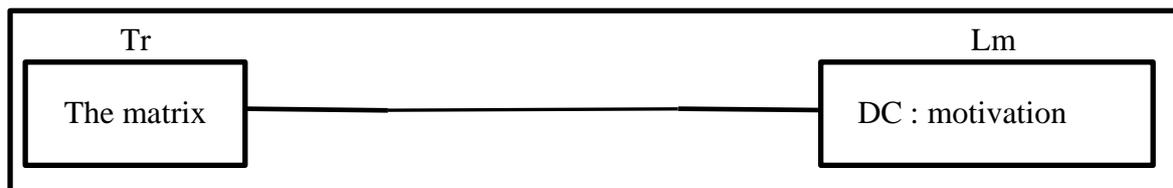
²⁷⁵ See also, Jer 7:19; Micah 6:5.

6:5 operates at the discursive level, it operates at an epistemic level from a discursive perspective.

4.2.2.3 Reason (21x)

This category of meaning is generally categorized as cause (e.g., §2.2.1.2). Both reason and cause display a causal relationship between events. In both reason and cause constructions, the dependent clause is the ground/motivation for the matrix's event. However, in linguistic circles, reason is distinguished from cause. When the ground/motivation represents the personal motivation of the matrix's agent or speaker's justification, it is categorized as reason. When the ground/motivation triggers an effect and there is no involvement of the matrix's agent, it is regarded as cause (§ 3.3.3 and 3.3.4). Hence, we argue that לְמַעַן prompts the conceptualization of a reason relationship between the matrix and the dependent clause. Hence distinguishing reason from cause in a causal meaning/relationship is a more nuanced categorization of לְמַעַן.

The schematic meaning of the לְמַעַן of reason – based upon the relationship between the tr and the lm – can be described as follows.



One event (the matrix = tr) is performed taking another event (dependent clause = lm) as a motivation.

In לְמַעַן reason constructions, the matrix is the tr while the reason clause is the lm. The lm adduces a ground/motivation for the event of the matrix. The motivations can be 1) a personal motivation of the matrix's agent (10x), or 2) the motivation of a speaker's entreaty (11x).

וַיְחַן יְהוָה אֹתָם וַיְרַחֲמֵם וַיִּפְּן אֲלֵיהֶם לְמַעַן בְּרִיתוֹ
 אֶת־אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב

But the LORD was gracious to them and had compassion on them, and he turned toward them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (2 Kgs 13:23)²⁷⁶

יְהוָה! נְחֲנֵי בְּצַדִּיקוֹתֶיךָ לְמַעַן שׁוֹרְרֵי הַיָּשָׁר לִפְנֵי
 דְרָבְךָ:

LORD! Lead me in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me. (Ps 5:9)²⁷⁷

²⁷⁶ See also, Deut 3:26; 1 Kgs 11:39; 2 Chron 21:7; Isa 42:21; 49:7; 55:5; 66:5; Ezek 4:17; 12:19.

²⁷⁷ Pss 6:5; 8:3; 25:7; 27:11; 44:27; 48:12; 69:19; 97:8; Isa 66:11 (2x).

The לְמַעַן of reason does not show any difference in the semantics of the construction along the diachronic cline. The same meaning can be identified in the books of CBH, TBH and LBH: Deut (1x); 2 Kgs (1x); Ezek (2x); 2 Chron (1x).

4.2.2.3.1 Scope and level

A reason relationship is different from a causative relationship, even though both constructions express a causal relation. In a causative relationship, when one situation triggers another, the causal link between the two situations is factual, i.e., physical or psychological. However, in a reason relationship, the causal link does not need to be factual, viz., the causal link exists in the mind of the speaker/agent and reflects his/her judgment. Causal relations involve the agent of the matrix. In a reason construction, the event in the dependent clause is not just a cause of the event in the matrix, but it represents the personal motivation of the matrix-agent (§3.3.4):

When לְמַעַן is employed in reason constructions, its scope varies and it operates on multiple levels.

4.2.2.3.1.1 Scope

1. Phrase level (לְמַעַן + NP) (17x)

לְמַעַן שְׁמָעָה וַתִּשְׂמַח | צִיּוֹן וַתִּגְלַח בְּנֹת יְהוּדָה לְמַעַן מִשְׁפָּטֵי יְהוָה: Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Yahweh.
(Ps 97:8)²⁷⁸ (YCK)

2. Clause level (לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* clause) (4x)

לְמַעַן תִּשְׂמַח אֶרְצָהּ מִמְּלֶאכֶה מִחַמַּס בְּלִי-הַיִּשְׁבִּים: They shall eat their bread with fearfulness, and drink their water in dismay, because their land will be stripped of all it contains, on account of the violence of all those who dwell in it.
(Ezek 12:19)²⁷⁹ (YCK)

A reason construction, consisting of לְמַעַן + NP, does not occur in the books of TBH. Similarly, a ' לְמַעַן + *yiqtol*' clause of reason does not occur in the books of CBH or LBH.

- לְמַעַן + NP: Deut (1x); 1 Kgs (1x), 2 Kgs (1x); \emptyset ; 2 Chron (1x).
- לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* clause: \emptyset ; Ezek (2x); \emptyset .

²⁷⁸ See also, Deut 3:26; 1 Kgs 11:39; 2 Kgs 13:23; 2 Chron 21:7; Pss 5:9; 6:5; 8:3; 25:7; 27:11; 44:27; 48:12; 69:19; Isa 42:21; 49:7; 55:5; 66:5. In Isa 42:21, the verbal idea of יִגְדִּיל is subordinated to הִפָּק . It is usually rendered by 'to,' 'in order to,' or 'that' (GKC § 120c). ' לְמַעַן צְדָקוֹ ' comes between הִפָּק and יִגְדִּיל .

²⁷⁹ See also, Isa 66:11 (2x); Ezek 4:17.

This result, however, does not imply any diachronic changes of syntax, for ten cases of a לְמַעַן of reason + NP occur in Ps and two cases of a לְמַעַן of reason + *yiqtol* clause occur in Isa. Further investigation is needed in order to conclude whether or not this is constitutive of a diachronic change.

4.2.2.3.1.2 Levels²⁸⁰

1. Effective level (13x)

וַיִּתְעַבֵּר יְהוָה בִּי לְמַעַןְכֶּם וְלֹא שָׁמַע אֵלַי וַיֹּאמֶר
 יְהוָה אֵלַי רַב־לֵךְ אֶל־תּוֹסֵף דַּבֵּר אֵלַי עוֹד בְּדַבְּרֵי
 הַזֶּה: But the LORD was angry with me on your
 account, and would not hearken to me; and
 the LORD said to me, ‘Let it suffice you;
 speak no more to me of this matter.
 (Deut 3:26)²⁸¹

The example shows that the causal relation between two events lies in real world relations.

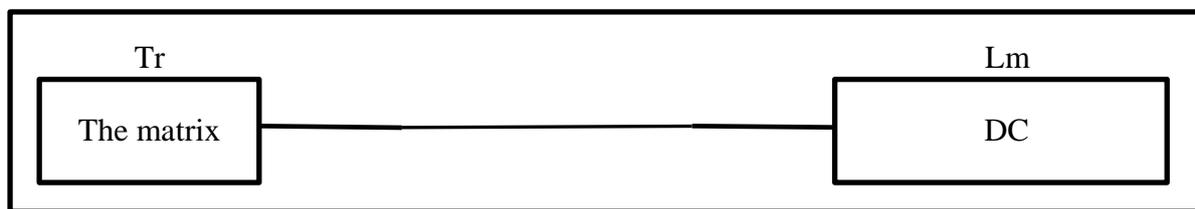
2. Discursive level (8x)

קִרְבָּה אֶל־נַפְשִׁי גְאֹלָה לְמַעַן אֵיבֵי פְדֹנִי: Draw near to me, redeem me, set me free
 because of my enemies! (Ps 69:19)²⁸² (YCK)

Here, לְמַעַן introduces the motivation of a speech act.

4.2.3 Summary

We analyzed the meaning of לְמַעַן in terms of the concept landmark and trajector.



The meaning of לְמַעַן is distinguished by means of Lm specifications. When the Lm is an aimed/desired result, the prototypical meaning of לְמַעַן is purpose. When the Lm is a consequence/result, לְמַעַן communicates a result relation. When the Lm is a motivation for the matrix’s agent, לְמַעַן prompts the conceptualization of a reason relation.

The most significant finding of this study is that לְמַעַן prompts the conceptualization of three different relationships, i.e., purpose, result and reason relationships between the matrix and dependent clauses. Among them, the purpose relationship is the most prototypical relationship that לְמַעַן displays. לְמַעַן predominantly profiles a goal relation between the event referred to in the matrix and that of the purpose clause. In this case, the goal is either the

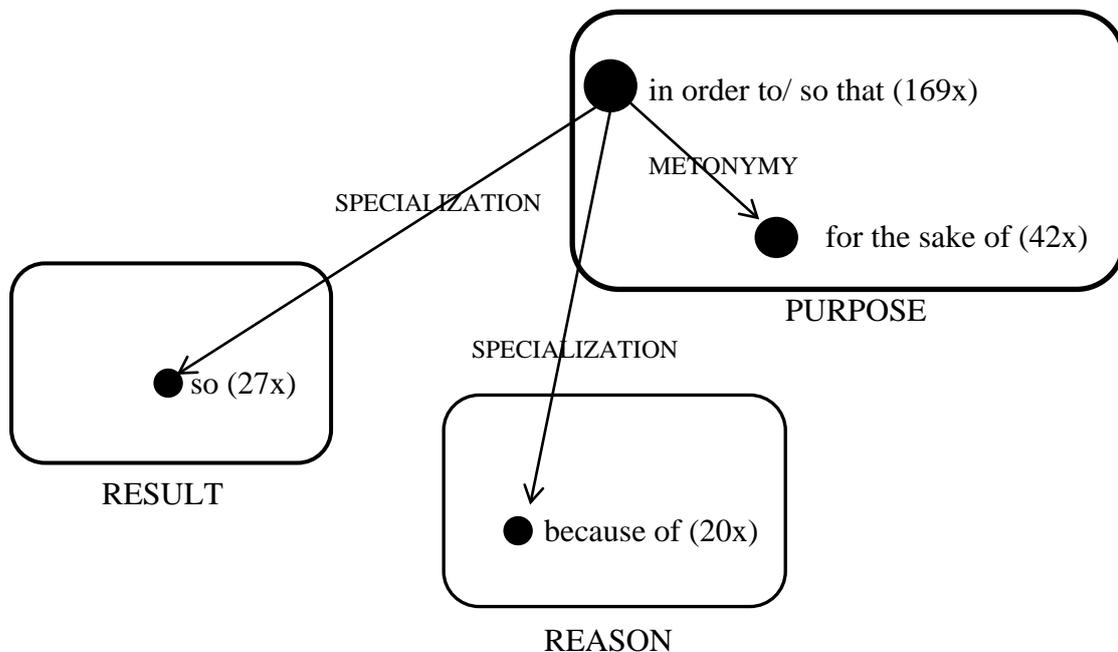
²⁸⁰ When לְמַעַן is employed in reason constructions, no instances are identified on the epistemic level.

²⁸¹ See also, 1 Kgs 13:23; 2 Kgs 13:23; 2 Chron 21:7; Ps 8:3; Isa 42:21; 49:7; 55:5; 66:5, 11 (2x); Ezek 4:17; 12:19.

²⁸² See also, Pss 5:9; 6:5; 25:7; 27:11; 44:27; 48:12; 97:8.

matrix-agent's or the speaker's. All the while, result and reason are less prototypical relationships that *לְמַעַן* can indicate.

The polysemy relationship of purpose, result and reason is related to one another based on the cognitive principles. All three meanings conceptualize a causal relationship between the events of the matrix and the events of the dependent clauses. In the reason sense, a causal relationship between the events exists in the speaker's mind, viz., the causal link exists abstractly or metaphorically. The meaning 'reason' is a specialization of the more prototypical meaning of 'purpose.' When intentionality lacks in the behavior/deed of the agent of the matrix, the outcome of the dependent clause is result. However, when intentionality is involved in the deed of the agent of the matrix, the outcome of the dependent clause is purpose (i.e., aimed result) (see §.3.3). Under these three different meanings (purpose, result, reason), different senses are distinguished among the purposive meaning. The different purposive senses are extended by a cognitive principle – metonymy. The three meanings and two purposive senses form a radial network as follows.



We used typological parameters in order to describe purpose constructions, i.e., position of the purpose clause, participant encoding and the matrix's verb forms (including the semantics of the matrix's verbs). It was identified that both '*לְמַעַן* + finite verb' purpose constructions and '*לְמַעַן* + infinitive' purpose constructions prefer the postposed position in terms of the position of the purpose clause. Both constructions rarely employ motion verbs in the matrix. Furthermore, they prefer atelic verbs in the matrix. When telic verbs occupy the matrix, they tend to be motion verbs. However, regardless of these similarities, the two constructions differ in some respects.

- ‘לְמַעַן + finite verb’ purpose constructions employ a balancing strategy in order to express two linked states of affairs, i.e., the matrix and purpose clause. On the contrary, ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions use a deranking strategy.
- ‘לְמַעַן + finite verb’ purpose constructions always employ explicit subjects in both the matrix and purpose clause, while ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions have unexpressed subjects in the purpose clause in most cases. Furthermore, ‘לְמַעַן + finite verb’ purpose constructions prefer different subjects between the matrix and purpose clause, while ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions show participant-sharing between the matrix and purpose clause.
- ‘לְמַעַן + finite verb’ purpose constructions are mainly used in discourse, while ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions realize a final relation in narrative material.

Although these typological parameters confirmed the results established by BH scholars as well as the typological features of לְמַעַן purpose constructions, our theoretical frame of reference failed to help us to identify any semantic distinction between ‘לְמַעַן + infinitive’ purpose constructions and ‘לְמַעַן + finite verb’ purpose constructions. In this regard, further investigation needs to be done.

The syntactic scope that לְמַעַן governs varies: NP, infinitive and a clause. לְמַעַן also operates on different levels.

We could not identify any syntactic or semantic patterns that correlate with a diachronic cline of BH.

4.3 בְּעֵבוֹר

4.3.1 Frequency

בְּעֵבוֹר occurs 49x: this includes one instance of the form אֲשֶׁר בְּעֵבֶר (Gen 27:10), one instance of the form זֶה בְּעֵבוֹר (Exod 13:8) and 3 instances of the form לְבְעֵבוֹר (Exod 20:20; 2 Sam 14:20; 17:14). בְּעֵבוֹר is employed 29x as a preposition and 19x as a conjunction (two cases are uncertain).²⁸³ בְּעֵבוֹר can display both purpose (33x) and reason relationships (14x).

בְּעֵבוֹר is a compound of the preposition בְּ and עֵבוֹר (§2.2.1.1). The preposition בְּ may play a role in the conceptualization that purpose is depicted as a goal or location. In this regard, further investigation is needed.

²⁸³ The text is not certain in 2 Sam 12:21. BHS suggests that we should read בְּעֵבוֹר as בְּעוֹד in 2 Sam 12:21. In Micah 2:10, בְּעֵבוֹר + qatal appear once; however, the text is corrupt. BHS also suggests that we should read מְעַט מְאוּמָה, as מְאוּמָה.

4.3.2 Semantic Potential

4.3.2.1 Positive purpose (32x)²⁸⁴

The prototypical use of בְּעָבוֹר is a purposive connective in a purpose construction.²⁸⁵ The schematic meaning of a purposive בְּעָבוֹר is similar to that of a purposive לְמַעַן: the matrix is the tr and dependent clause is the lm. The lm is an aimed/desired result. However, בְּעָבוֹר differs from לְמַעַן in some respects (see §4.3.2.1.2).

Purpose constructions with בְּעָבוֹר occur 33x (15x with בְּעָבוֹר + NP; 10x with בְּעָבוֹר + finite verb [yiqtol],²⁸⁶ 8x with בְּעָבוֹר + infinitive).

As for the distribution of purpose constructions, the following picture emerged: Gen (11x); Exod (6x); 1 Sam (2x); 2 Sam (7x); 1 Chron (3x); Ps (2x); Amos (2x).²⁸⁷

As far as distribution is concerned, בְּעָבוֹר is distributed less evenly than לְמַעַן. בְּעָבוֹר occurs in only seven books of the HB, while לְמַעַן occurs in twenty-three. בְּעָבוֹר does not feature at all in the books where לְמַעַן is extremely common, i.e., Deut (23x), 1 Kgs (13x), Isa (18x), and Ezek (24x). This account accords with Payle's (2000) findings (§2.2.1.1.1.4).²⁸⁸

4.3.2.1.1 Scope and levels

4.3.2.1.1.1 Scope

1. Phrase level

בְּעָבוֹר + NP (15x)

וַיִּסֹּף עוֹד לְדַבֵּר אֵלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אוֹלֵי יִמְצְאוּן שָׁם אַרְבָּעִים וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֶעֱשֶׂה בְּעָבוֹר הָאֲרָבָעִים: Again he spoke to him, and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

(Gen 18:29)²⁸⁹

2. Clause level

'בְּעָבוֹר + infinitive' clause (8x)

²⁸⁴ בְּעָבוֹר aversive constructions do not occur while לְמַעַן aversive constructions occur 13x.

²⁸⁵ In Gen 27:4, 19; 27:31; 46:34; Exod 9:14 (5x) out of 32 בְּעָבוֹר purpose constructions, the matrix is bigger than a clause, viz., בְּעָבוֹר links a number of clauses to a purpose clause.

²⁸⁶ בְּעָבוֹר אֶשֶׁר + yiqtol occurs once in Gen 27:10.

²⁸⁷ Gen 18:26, 29, 31, 32, 21:30; 26:24; 27:4, 10, 19, 31, 46:34; Exod 9:14, 16; 19:9; 20:20 (2x); 1 Sam 1:6; 12:22; 2 Sam 5:12; 9:1, 7; 10:3; 14:20; 17:14; 18:18; 1 Chron 14:2; 17:19; 19:3; Pss 105:45; 132:10; Amos 2:6; 8:6.

²⁸⁸ Payle (2000) does not include the constructions לְמַעַן + NP and בְּעָבוֹר + NP in his investigation.

²⁸⁹ See also, Gen 18:26, 31, 32; 26:24; Exod 9:16; 1 Sam 12:22; 2 Sam 5:12; 9:1, 7; 1 Chron 14:2; 17:19; Ps 132:10; Amos 2:6; 8:6. In Exod 9:16; 1 Chron 17:19; Ps 132:10, 'בְּעָבוֹר + NP' is preposed before the matrix (constituent focus).

כִּי אָמַר אֵיזֶלִי בֶן בְּעָבוֹר הַזְכִּיר שְׁמִי For he said, “I have no son to keep my name
in remembrance. (2 Sam 18:18)²⁹⁰

‘בְּעָבוֹר + *yiqtol*’ clause (10x)

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה הִנֵּה אָנֹכִי בָּא אֵלֶיךָ בְּעָבָב
הָעָנָן בְּעָבוֹר יִשְׁמַע הָעָם בְּדַבְּרֵי עִמָּךְ And the LORD said to Moses, “Look! I am
about to come to you in a thick cloud so that
the people may hear when I speak with you.”
(Exod 19:9)²⁹¹

בְּעָבוֹר + NP and בְּעָבוֹר + infinitive occur in the books of CBH and LBH. They do not occur in the books of TBH. בְּעָבוֹר + *yiqtol* clauses do not appear in the books of TBH and LBH.²⁹² This may be due to the diachronic change of syntax. The purposive בְּעָבוֹר + infinitive construction may have replaced the purposive בְּעָבוֹר + *yiqtol* construction in TBH and LBH.

- בְּעָבוֹר + NP: Gen (5x); Exod (1x); 1 Sam (1x); 2 Sam (3x); \emptyset ; 1 Chron (2x).
- ‘בְּעָבוֹר + infinitive’ clause: Exod (2x); 1 Sam (1x); 2 Sam (4x); \emptyset ; 1 Chron (1x).
- ‘בְּעָבוֹר + *yiqtol*’ clause: Gen (6x); Exod (3x); \emptyset ; \emptyset .

4.3.2.1.1.2 Levels

1. Effective level (21x)

וַיֵּדַע דָּוִד כִּי־הִכִּינוּ יְהוָה לְמֶלֶךְ עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכִי
נִשְׂאָ מַמְלַכְתּוֹ בְּעָבוֹר עִמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל: ס And David perceived that the LORD had
established him king over Israel, and that he
had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his
people Israel. (2 Sam 5:12)²⁹³

2. Epistemic level (2x)

כִּי בַפֶּעַם הַזֹּאת אֲנִי שֹׁלֵחַ אֶת־כָּל־מַגְפְּתֵי אֱלֹ־
לְבָבְךָ וּבְעַבְדֶיךָ וּבְעַמְּךָ בְּעָבוֹר תִּדְעֶה כִּי אֵין כָּמוֹנִי
בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ: For this time I will send all my plagues upon
your heart, and upon your servants, and your
people, that you may know that there is none
like me in all the earth. (Exod 9:14)²⁹⁴

The event of the matrix is performed in order to bring about an epistemic result. The goal of the action of the agent in the matrix is epistemic result.

²⁹⁰ See also, Exod 9:16; 20:20 (בְּעָבוֹר + infinitive is fronted); 1 Sam 1:6; 2 Sam 10:3 (בְּעָבוֹר + infinitive is fronted); 14:20 (לְבַעְבוֹר + infinitive is fronted); 17:14; 1 Chron 19:3 (בְּעָבוֹר לְ infinitive is fronted).

²⁹¹ See also, Gen 21:30; 27:4, 10 (בְּעָבוֹר אֲשֶׁר + *yiqtol*), 19, 31; 46:34; Exod 9:14; 20:20; Ps 105:45.

²⁹² The only other example we did not include in our analysis is Ps 105:45.

²⁹³ See also, Gen 18:26, 29, 31, 32; 26:24; Exod 9:16; 19:9; 20:20 (2x); 1 Sam 1:6; 12:22; 2 Sam 9:1, 7; 14:20; 1 Chron 14:2; 17:19; Ps 105:45; Amos 2:6; 8:6.

²⁹⁴ See also, 2 Sam 18:18.

3. Discursive level (10x)

When **בַּעֲבוּר** operates at a discursive level, a character (i.e., speaker) performs in most cases a speech act (9x).

וַאֲמַרְתֶּם אֲנֹשֵׁי מִקְנֵה הַיּוֹ עֲבָדֶיךָ מִנְעוּרֵינוּ וְעַד־
עַתָּה גַם־אֲנַחְנוּ גַם־אֲבֹתֵינוּ בַּעֲבוּר תִּשָּׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ
גֹּשֶׁן כִּי־תֹעֲבַת מִצְרַיִם כָּל־רֹעֵה צֹאן:
you shall say, ‘Your servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,’ in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians. (Gen 46:34)²⁹⁵

In one example, the purpose of a speech act is provided by a narrator. The LORD is mentioned in the matrix as well as in the purpose clause. The second “LORD” is redundant, for it occupies the narrator’s comment. In this case, **בַּעֲבוּר** connects the text world to the outside world as a *part* of a narrator’s comment. This feature differs from **לְמַעַן** in that purposive **בַּעֲבוּר** never introduces a narrator’s comment. In 2 Sam 17:14, the purposive **בַּעֲבוּר** is employed as a *part* of a narrator’s comment.

וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְשָׁלוֹם וְכָל־אִישׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל טוֹבָה עֲצַת
חוּשַׁי הָאֲרָכִי מֵעֲצַת אַחִיתֹפֶל וַיְהוּהָ צָוָה לְהַפִּיר
אֶת־עֲצַת אַחִיתֹפֶל הַטּוֹבָה לְבַעֲבוּר הַבֵּיִא יְהוָה
אֶל־אַבְשָׁלוֹם אֶת־הָרָעָה:
And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithopel” For the LORD had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithopel, so that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom. (2 Sam 17:14)

4.3.2.1.2. Features of **בַּעֲבוּר** purpose construction

4.3.2.1.2.1 Position of purpose clause

A **בַּעֲבוּר** purpose clause tends to follow its matrix clause. In other words, it has a preference for the postposed position (see Exod 19:9). This accords with a typological feature of purpose clauses in VSO languages (§3.3.1.2.2).

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה הִנֵּה אָנֹכִי בָּא אֵלֶיךָ בְּעָבַ
הָעָנָן בַּעֲבוּר יִשְׁמַע הָעָם בְּדַבְרֵי עֲמֹד
And the LORD said to Moses, “Look! I am about to come to you in a thick cloud so that the people may hear when I speak with you. (Exod 19:9)²⁹⁶

Among 32 purpose constructions, preposed purpose clauses occur in only six instances. When a **בַּעֲבוּר** (ל) + (ל) infinitive construction is preposed, in every case it is the foci of the

²⁹⁵ See also, Gen 21:30; 27:4, 10 (בַּעֲבוּר אֲשֶׁר), 19, 31; 2 Sam 10:3; 1 Chron 19:3; Ps 132:10.

²⁹⁶ See also, Gen 21:30; 27:4, 10 (בַּעֲבוּר אֲשֶׁר + yiqtol); 19, 31; 46:34; Exod 9:14; 20:20; Ps 105:45.

utterances (Exod 20:20; 2 Sam 10:3; 14:20; 1 Chron 19:3). However, when ‘בַּעֲבוֹר + NP’ is preposed, its pragmatic functions vary.²⁹⁷

וַיֹּאמְרוּ שָׂרֵי בְנֵי־עַמּוֹן אֶל־חֲנּוּן אֲדֹנֵיהֶם הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד
 דָּוִד אֶת־אָבִיךָ בְּעֵינֶיךָ כִּי־שָׁלַח לְךָ מְנַחֲמִים הֲלוֹא
 בַּעֲבוֹר חֲקוֹר אֶת־הָעִיר וּלְרַגְלָהּ וּלְהַפְכָּהּ [שָׁלַח]
 דָּוִד אֶת־עַבְדָּיו אֵלֶיךָ: But the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun their lord, “Is David honoring your father in your eyes because David has sent comforters to you? Has not David sent his servants to you to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?”
 (2 Sam 10:3)

4.3.2.1.2.2 Participant encoding

1. ‘בַּעֲבוֹר + infinitive’

The ‘בַּעֲבוֹר + infinitive’ purpose construction occurs 8 times. In 7 instances, the subjects of the purpose clauses are unexpressed, viz., the ‘בַּעֲבוֹר + infinitive’ purpose clause prefers an implicit subject. The unexpressed (implicit) subject of the ‘בַּעֲבוֹר + infinitive’ purpose clause is coreferential with that of the matrix in all its occurrences (see 2 Sam 10:3). In every instance, SA (§3.3.1.2.3) participant-sharing patterns are identified, viz., the subject of the matrix controls the implicit subject of the purpose clause. This subject sharing between the matrix and purpose clause is in accordance with Schmidtke-Bode’s (2009) findings (§3.3.1.2.3).

הֲלוֹא בַּעֲבוֹר חֲקוֹר \emptyset אֶת־הָעִיר וּלְרַגְלָהּ וּלְהַפְכָּהּ שָׁלַח דָּוִד אֶת־עַבְדָּיו אֵלֶיךָ:


Has not *David_i* sent his servants to you \emptyset_i to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?
 (2 Sam 10:3)

Furthermore, the matrix of a ‘בַּעֲבוֹר + infinitive’ purpose construction typically has a 3rd person subject (see the table below).

[The subject of the matrix of ‘בַּעֲבוֹר + infinitive’ purpose construction]

The subject of the matrix (total = 8)			
When the subject of the purpose clause is coreferential with the subject of the matrix		When the subject of the purpose clause is not coreferential with the subject of the matrix	
1 st person subject	1 ²⁹⁸	1 st person subject	1 ²⁹⁹
2 nd person subject	0	2 nd person subject	0
3 rd person subject	6 ³⁰⁰	3 rd person subject	0

²⁹⁷ There are several pragmatic functions of preposed ‘בַּעֲבוֹר + NP’ constructions: to indicate contrast as a sub-category of constituent focus (Exod 9:16); to mark the focus of an utterance (1 Chron 17:19); to signal the onset of a new paragraph (i.e., a topic shift) (Ps 132:10).

²⁹⁸ Exod 9:16.

²⁹⁹ 2 Sam 18:18.

Total	7	Total	1
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2. 'בְּעִבּוֹר + finite'

'בְּעִבּוֹר + finite' purpose constructions occur 10 times. All of these purpose constructions have explicit subjects in the matrix and purpose clauses whether subjects are included in the finite verbal forms or lexicalized.³⁰¹ 9 of the 10 purpose clauses do not have coreferential subjects with the matrix.³⁰²

Also, in the 'בְּעִבּוֹר + finite' purpose construction, the subject of the matrix prefers the 2nd person subject in terms of person.

[The subject of the matrix of 'בְּעִבּוֹר + finite (*yiqtol*) verb' purpose construction]

The subject of the matrix			
When the subject of the purpose clause is coreferential with the subject of the matrix		When the subject of the purpose clause is not coreferential with the subject of the matrix	
1 st person subject	0	1 st person subject	2 ³⁰³
2 nd person subject	1 ³⁰⁴	2 nd person subject	4 ³⁰⁵
3 rd person subject	0	3 rd person subject	3 ³⁰⁶
Total	1	Total	9

As far as participant encoding is concerned, בְּעִבּוֹר/לְמַעַן + infinitive and בְּעִבּוֹר/לְמַעַן + finite purpose constructions show the same preferences, respectively, for the 3rd and 2nd person subject in the matrix. However, positive purpose constructions with בְּעִבּוֹר differ from

³⁰⁰ Exod 20:20; 1 Sam 1:6; 2 Sam 10:3; 14:20; 17:14; 1 Chron 19:3.

³⁰¹ The infinitive in BH does not express person, number, and gender. When it is employed in purpose constructions, it typically does not have an explicit subject. However, our investigation of לְ + infinitive purpose constructions in the Pentateuch identified that in Gen 28:4; Num 35:6; Deut 4:42, לְ + infinitive purpose clauses have an expressed subject, either suffixed (Gen 28:4) or lexicalized (Num 35:6; 4:42) (§4.5.2). In 2 Sam 17:14, the explicit subject of the purpose clause is also employed to signal that the בְּעִבּוֹר purpose clause introduces the narrator's comment. However, a finite verb in BH expresses person, number, and gender. When it is used in purpose constructions, it always has the subject, regardless of whether the subject is lexicalized or not. Hence using the term 'explicit subject' for the finite purpose constructions may sound strange. However, we use the term 'explicit' to refer to subjects in finite purpose constructions in order to compare it with infinitive purpose construction in terms of participant encoding.

³⁰² Gen 21:30; 27:4, 10, 19, 31; 46:34; Exod 9:14, 19:9; 20:20; Ps 105:45. In the case of Gen 46:34, the subject of the purpose clause is coreferential with the subject of the matrix.

³⁰³ Exod 9:14, 19.

³⁰⁴ Gen 46:34.

³⁰⁵ Gen 21:30; 27:4, 10, 19; 46:34.

³⁰⁶ Gen 27:31; Exod 20:20; Ps 105:45.

purpose constructions with *לְמַעַן* *בְּעֵבוֹר* purpose constructions do not share participants between the matrix and purpose clauses (with one exception).

4.3.2.1.2.3 Verb form

1. ‘*בְּעֵבוֹר* + infinitive’ purpose construction

In ‘*בְּעֵבוֹר* + infinitive’ purpose constructions, two linked states of affairs are encoded by a deranking strategy in terms of the presently employed verbal forms, viz., the verb of a purpose clause is deranked. The deranking is absolute deranking in that the verb of a purpose clause is deranked regardless of whether the subject of the purpose clause is identical with that of the matrix or not (see 2 Sam 10:3 and 28:18). Even when the matrix has a nominal predicate, the predicate of the purpose clause employs a deranked verb that cannot occur in the finite clause.³⁰⁷ The deranking is posterior deranking, viz., the predicate referring to the later event is deranked. This is in agreement with Schmidtke-Bode’s (2009) finding that VSO languages prefer posterior deranking (§3.3.1.2.2).

הֲלוֹא בְּעֵבוֹר חֲקֹר אֶת־הָעִיר וְלַרְגְּלָהּ וְלְהַפְכָּהּ
שְׁלַח דָּוִד אֶת־עֲבָדָיו אֵלֶיהָ:
Has not *he_i* sent his servants to you \emptyset_i to
explore the city and spy it out and overthrow
it? (2 Sam 10:3)

וְאַבְשָׁלֹם לָקַח וַיַּצַּב־לוֹ בְּחַיָּיו אֶת־מַצֵּבֶת אֲשֶׁר
בְּעַמְקֵי־הַמְּלָךְ כִּי אָמַר אִין־לִי \square_i בְּעֵבוֹר הַזְּכִיר
 \square_i שְׁמִי וַיִּקְרָא לַמַּצֵּבֶת עַל־שְׁמוֹ וַיִּקְרָא לָהּ יָד
אַבְשָׁלֹם עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה: ס
Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and
set up for himself the pillar which is in the
King’s Valley, for he said, “*I_i* have no \square_i
 \square_i to keep my name in remembrance”; he
called the pillar after his own name, and it is
called Absalom’s monument to this day.
(2 Sam 18:18)

As far as the semantics of the matrix’s verbs are concerned, verbs of motion are often employed (4/8): *בָּא* (to come),³⁰⁸ *הִצִּיב* (to set up)³⁰⁹ and *שְׁלַח* (to send).³¹⁰

In terms of telicity, *בְּעֵבוֹר* + infinitive purpose constructions prefer atelic verbs in the matrix. Out of a total of 8 *בְּעֵבוֹר* + infinitive purpose constructions, atelic verbs occur 7x in the matrix (see 1 Chron 19:3). In one instance, a telic (motion) verb is found in the matrix (see 2 Sam 10:3) (see §4.2.2.1.2.3).³¹¹

³⁰⁷ 2 Sam 18:18.

³⁰⁸ Exod 20:20; 1 Chron 19:3.

³⁰⁹ 2 Sam 18:18.

³¹⁰ 2 Sam 10:3.

³¹¹ This does not imply that every motion verb in the matrix is telic. For instance, in Exod 20:20, 2 Sam 14:20 and 1 Chron 19:3, though the verbs in the matrix are motion verbs, they are not telic but atelic.

וַיֹּאמְרוּ שָׂרֵי בְנֵי־עַמּוֹן לְחָנוּן הַמְּכַבֵּד דָּוִד אֶת־
 אָבִיךָ בְּעֵינֶיךָ כִּי־שָׁלַח לְךָ מִנְחָמִים הֲלֹא בְּעֵבוֹר
 לְחַקֵּר וְלַהֲפֹךְ וְלַרְגֹּל הָאָרֶץ בָּאוּ עֲבָדָיו אֵלֶיךָ: פ

But the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun, “Do you think, because David has sent comforters to you, that he is honoring your father? Have not his servants come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?” (1 Chron 19:3)

וַיֹּאמְרוּ שָׂרֵי בְנֵי־עַמּוֹן אֶל־חָנוּן אֲדֹנָיָהֶם הַמְּכַבֵּד
 דָּוִד אֶת־אָבִיךָ בְּעֵינֶיךָ כִּי־שָׁלַח לְךָ מִנְחָמִים הֲלוֹא
 בְּעֵבוֹר חֲקוֹר אֶת־הָעִיר וְלַרְגֹּלָהּ וְלַהֲפֹכָהּ שָׁלַח
 דָּוִד אֶת־עֲבָדָיו אֵלֶיךָ:

But the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun their lord, “Do you think, because David has sent comforters to you, that he is honoring your father? Has not David sent his servants to you to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?” (2 Sam 10:3)

2. ‘בַּעֲבוֹר + finite (*yiqtol*) verb’ purpose construction

In a ‘בַּעֲבוֹר + finite (*yiqtol*) verb’ purpose construction, a balancing strategy is enacted in which the two predicates expressing the two relevant actions remain structurally of the same rank.

וְאָמַרְתֶּם אַנְשֵׁי מִקְנֵה הַיּוֹ עֲבָדֶיךָ מִנְעוּרֵינוּ וְעַד־
 עַתָּה גַם־אֲנַחְנוּ גַם־אֲבֹתֵינוּ בְּעֵבוֹר תִּשְׁבוּ בְּאָרֶץ
 גֹּשֶׁן כִּי־תוֹעֵבַת מִצְרַיִם כָּל־רֹעָה צֹאן:

You shall say, “Your servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,” in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians. (Gen 46:34)

As far as the verb-encoding strategy is concerned, בַּעֲבוֹר positive purpose constructions do not differ from לְמַעַן positive purpose constructions. Both constructions employ the balancing strategy between the matrix and the purpose clause when the purpose clauses are finite. However, when the purpose clauses are infinitive clauses, both constructions employ the absolute deranking strategy.

As for the semantics of the verbs in the matrix, verbs of motion are always employed, with the exception of Gen 46:34 (9/10). The motion verbs include: קָם (to arise),³¹² בָּא (to come),³¹³ יָשַׁב (to sit),³¹⁴ הֵבִיא (to bring),³¹⁵ שָׁלַח (to send),³¹⁶ לָקַח (to take)³¹⁷ and יָרַשׁ (to take possession of).³¹⁸

³¹² Gen 27:31.

³¹³ Exod 19:9; 20:20.

³¹⁴ Gen 27:19.

³¹⁵ Gen 27:4, 10.

³¹⁶ Exod 9:14.

יִּשְׁמְרוּ + *yiqtol* purpose constructions prefer atelic verbs in the matrix. Atelic verbs occur 9 out of a total ten יִּשְׁמְרוּ + *yiqtol* purpose constructions (see Gen 46:34). In one instance, a telic verb occurs in the matrix, in which case it happens to be a motion verb (see Exod 9:14).³¹⁹

וְאָמַרְתֶּם אֲנָשֵׁי מִקְנֵה הָיִו עֲבָדֶיךָ מִנְעוּרֵינוּ וְעַד-
 עֵתָה גַם-אֲנַחְנוּ גַם-אֲבֹתֵינוּ בְּעִבּוֹר תִּשְׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ
 גֹּשֶׁן כִּי-תִעַבְּתָם מִצְרַיִם כָּל-רְעָה צֹאן:
 You shall say, “Your servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,” in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians. (Gen 46:34)³²⁰

כִּי בַפֶּעַם הַזֹּאת אֲנִי שֹׁלֵחַ אֶת-כָּל-מִגַּפְתֵּי אֱלֹ-
 לֹהֶיךָ וּבְעַבְדֶיךָ וּבְעַמְּךָ בְּעִבּוֹר תִּדְעֶה כִּי אֵין כָּמוֹנִי
 בְּכָל-הָאָרֶץ:
 For this time I will send all my plagues upon your heart, and upon your servants and your people so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth.

(Exod 9:14) (YCK)

4.3.2.1.2.4 Differences between the ‘יִּשְׁמְרוּ + infinitive’ and ‘יִּשְׁמְרוּ + finite (*yiqtol*) verb’ construction

‘יִּשְׁמְרוּ + infinitive’ constructions differ in only two regards from יִּשְׁמְרוּ + finite (*yiqtol*) verb’ constructions.³²¹

1. Unexpressed argument

Among eight ‘יִּשְׁמְרוּ + infinitive’ purpose constructions, seven purpose clauses exhibit an unexpressed subject.

לְבַעֲבוֹר סִבֵּב ∅ אֶת-פְּנֵי הַדָּבָר עָשָׂה עֲבָדְךָ יוֹאָב אֶת-הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה

In order to change the course of affairs your servant Joab did this. (2 Sam 14:20a)

In ‘יִּשְׁמְרוּ + finite (*yiqtol*) verb’ construction, purpose clauses always have the subject. The subject is never omitted in ‘יִּשְׁמְרוּ + finite (*yiqtol*) verb’ constructions.

2. Binding and Control

When the subject is unexpressed, the infinitive is, in general, understood as having as its subject (controlled by) the subject of the matrix.³²²

³¹⁷ Gen 21:30.

³¹⁸ Ps 105:44.

³¹⁹ This does not mean that all motion verbs in the matrix are telic; for example, consider the atelic matrix-verbs of motion in Gen 21:30, Exod 19:9 and 20:20.

³²⁰ See also, Gen 21:30; 27:4; 27:10, 19, 31; Exod 19:9; 20:20; Ps 105:45.

³²¹ Our corpus does not include any instance that can be regarded as matrix verb restriction.

וְאוּלַם בַּעֲבוּר זֹאת הֵעֲמַדְתָּ דְּבַעֲבוּר הִרְאִיתָּ אֶת־כֹּחִי וְלִמְעַן סַפֵּר שְׁמִי בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ:

For this reason, I_i have made you stand to show Ø_i you my strength.

(Exod 9:16) (YCK)

When the subject is not expressed in the בַּעֲבוּר infinitive purpose clause, the infinitive is understood as having the subject of the matrix as its subject.

Because the purpose clause of a ‘בַּעֲבוּר + finite (*yiqtol*) verb’ construction does not elide the subject, binding and control is not a feature of the ‘בַּעֲבוּר + finite (*yiqtol*) verb’ construction.

4.3.2.1.2. Sense distinctions

1. The agent of the matrix (tr) performs an action with the intention of bringing about a dependent clause event (Im). The dependent clause event is a goal and the desired result of the action performed by the agent of the matrix. In such cases, the goal has neither a beneficial or maleficent effect. The translation value for בַּעֲבוּר could be ‘so that’ or ‘in order to’ (18x).

כִּי בַפֵּעַם הַזֹּאת אֲנִי שֹׁלַח אֶת־כָּל־מַגֵּפְתֵי אֶל־
 לְבָבְךָ וּבְעַבְדֶיךָ וּבְעַמְּךָ בַּעֲבוּר תִּדְעַ כִּי אֵין כָּמוֹנִי
 בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ: For this time I will send all my plagues upon
 your heart, and upon your servants and your
 people so that you may know there is none
 like me in all the earth.

(Exod 9:14)³²³ (YCK)

2. The agent of the matrix (tr) performs an action with the intention of bringing about a dependent clause event (Im). The Im is a benefactive of the outcome of the action of the matrix’s agent (12x). In this case, בַּעֲבוּר is a benefactive marker. The translation value of בַּעֲבוּר could be ‘for the sake of x’ or ‘for x’s sake.’ This sense is extended from the previous sense by means of metonymy. The benefactive בַּעֲבוּר is a metonymic device within the expression of a purpose (see § 4.2.2.1.3).

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶם־אֶמְצָא בְּסֹדֹם חֲמִשִּׁים צְדִיקִים
 בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר וְנִשְׂאָתִי לְכָל־הַמָּקוֹם בַּעֲבוּרָם: And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty
 righteous in the city, I will spare the whole
 place for their sake. (Gen 18:26)³²⁴

3. The agent of the matrix (tr) performs an action with the intention of bringing about a dependent clause event (Im). The Im is a thing to obtain in exchange (2x). The translation value of בַּעֲבוּר could be ‘for the price of.’

³²² One exception is 2 Sam 18:18. Here the unexpressed subject of the purpose clause is not controlled by the preceding subject; neither are the two subjects coreferential to each other.

³²³ See also, Gen 21:30; 27:4, 10, 19, 31; 46:34; Exod 9:16; 19:9; 20:20 (2x); 1 Sam 1:6; 2 Sam 10:3; 14:20; 18:18; 1 Chron 19:3; Pss 105:45; 132:10.

³²⁴ See also, Gen 18:29, 31, 32; 26:24; 1 Sam 12:22; 2 Sam 5:12; 9:1, 7; 17:14; 1 Chron 14:2; 17:19.

כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה עַל-שְׁלֹשָׁה פְּשָׁעֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל-
 אַרְבָּעָה לֹא אֲשִׁיבֶנּוּ עַל-מִכְרָם בְּכֶסֶף צְדִיק וְאֶבְיוֹן
 בְּעִבּוֹר נַעֲלִים: Thus said the LORD; for three sins of Israel,
 and for four, I will not turn away from him,
 for they sold the righteous for silver, and the
 needy for the price of shoes. (Amos 2:6)³²⁵

This sense is extended by means of a conceptual metaphor from sense 1: that metaphor being THE GOAL IS A THING TO OBTAIN IN EXCHANGE.³²⁶

We could not identify any sense changes that correlate with a diachronic cline of BH. Sense 1 and 2 are attested to in the books of both CBH and LBH, while sense 3 is identified in the books of CBH.

- Sense 1: Gen (6x), Exod (5); 1 Sam (1x); 2 Sam (3x); Ø; 1 Chron (1x).
- Sense 2: Gen (5x); 1 Sam (1x); 2 Sam (4x); Ø; 1 Chron (2x).
- Sense 3: Amos (2x): Ø: Ø.

4.3.2.2 Reason (15x)

בְּעִבּוֹר also prompts the conceptualization of a reason relation. The schematic meaning of a בְּעִבּוֹר of reason is similar to that of the reason לְמַעַן. The matrix is the tr of בְּעִבּוֹר and the dependent clause is the lm of בְּעִבּוֹר. The lm is a motivation/ground of the event expressed by the tr (14x). In this case, the ground/motivation is a personal motivation of the matrix's agent. A distinguishing feature of a בְּעִבּוֹר of reason construction from a לְמַעַן of reason construction is that the motivation/ground of a speaker's entreaty does not occur in the former, unlike a לְמַעַן of reason constructions (see §4.2.2.3), viz., בְּעִבּוֹר of reason constructions do not operate at a discursive level (see §4.3.2.2.1.2). The translation value of בְּעִבּוֹר could be 'because of.'

כִּי-הִכְנִיעַ יְהוָה אֶת-יְהוּדָה בְּעִבּוֹר אַחָז מֶלֶךְ-
 יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי הִפְרִיעַ בְּיְהוּדָה וּמָעוֹל מַעַל בְּיְהוָה: For the LORD humiliated Judah because of
 King Ahaz of Israel, for he showed a lack of
 restraint in Judah and acted treacherously
 against the LORD. (2 Chron 28:19)³²⁷ (YCK)

The בְּעִבּוֹר of reason does not feature at all in the books where the לְמַעַן of reason occurs, with the exception of Ps 106:32. It occurs in Gen (4x), Exod (2x), 1 Sam (1x), 2 Sam (4x), 2 Chron (1x), Job (1x), Ps (1x), and Jer (1x), while the לְמַעַן of reason appears in Deut, 2 Kgs, 2 Chron, Isa, Ezek, and Ps (9x).

The meaning of a בְּעִבּוֹר of reason does not show any difference in the semantics of the construction along the diachronic cline. The same meaning is attested to in the books of CBH, TBH and LBH: Gen (4x); Exod (1x); 1 Sam (1x); 2 Sam (4x); *Jer (1x)*; 2 Chron (1x).

³²⁵ See also, Amos 8:6.

³²⁶ בְּכֶסֶף in בְּעִבּוֹר here is used as a synonym for בְּ.

³²⁷ See also, Gen 3:17; 8:21; 12:13, 16; Exod 9:16; 13:8; 1 Sam 23:10; 2 Sam 6:12; 7:21; 12:25; 13:2; Job 20:2; Ps 106:32; Jer 14:4.

4.3.2.2.1 Scope and level

4.3.2.2.1.1 Scope

1. Phrase level

בַּעֲבוּר + NP (14x)

וַיִּרַח יְהוָה אֶת־רִיחַ הַנִּיחַיִּחַ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־לִבּוֹ
 לֹא־אֶסְפָּף לְקַלֵּל עוֹד אֶת־הָאָדָמָה בַּעֲבוּר הָאָדָם
 כִּי יֵצֵר לִבְ הָאָדָם רַע מִנְעֻרָיו וְלֹא־אֶסְפָּף עוֹד
 לְהַכּוֹת אֶת־כָּל־חַיִּי בְּאֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי:
 And when the LORD smelled the pleasing odor, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; neither will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

(Gen 8:21)³²⁸

2. Clause level

‘בַּעֲבוּר + infinitive’ clause (1x)

לָכֵן שְׁעָפִי יִשְׁיבוּנִי וּבַעֲבוּר חוּשֵׁי בִי:
 Therefore my thoughts answer me, because of my haste within me. (Job 20:2)

A בַּעֲבוּר + NP of reason occurs in the books of CBH and LBH. This implies that the בַּעֲבוּר of reason does not show any diachronic syntactic change.

- בַּעֲבוּר + NP: Gen (4x); Exod (2x); 1 Sam (1x); 2 Sam (4x); Ø; 2 Chron (1x).
- בַּעֲבוּר + infinitive clause: Job (1x).

4.3.2.2.1.2 Levels³²⁹

Effective level (13x)

וְלָאָדָם אָמַר כִּי־שָׁמַעְתָּ לְקוֹל אִשְׁתְּךָ וְתֹאכַל מִן־
 הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִיךָ לֵאמֹר לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ אַרְוֶרְהָ
 הָאָדָמָה בַּעֲבוּרְךָ בְּעֵצָבוֹן תֹּאכַלְנָהּ כָּל יְמֵי חַיֶּיךָ:
 And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, ‘you shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. (Gen 3:17)³³⁰

The causal link between the event of the matrix and the one of the purpose clause lie in the real world.

³²⁸ See also, Gen 3:17; 12:13, 16; Exod 9:16; 13:8; 1 Sam 23:10; 2 Sam 6:12; 7:21; 12:25; 13:2; 2 Chron 28:19; Ps 106:32; Jer 14:4 (an asyndetic relative clause’ is involved).

³²⁹ No instance in which בַּעֲבוּר operates on discursive level is identified.

³³⁰ See also, Gen 8:21; 12:13; Exod 9:16 (בַּעֲבוּר + NP is fronted in order to indicate contrast as a sub-category of a constituent focus); 13:8; 1 Sam 23:10; 2 Sam 6:12; 7:21; 13:2; 2 Chron 28:19; Job 20:2; Ps 106:32; Jer 14:4.

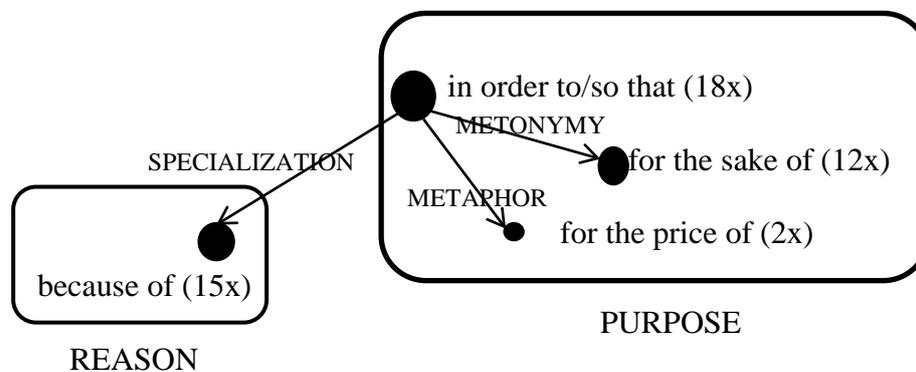
Epistemic level (1x)

וַיִּשְׁלַח בְּיַד נָתָן הַנָּבִיא וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ יְדִידְיָהּ And sent a message by Nathan the prophet;
 בְּעֵבוֹר יְהוָה: פּ so he called his name Jedidiah, because of the
 LORD. (2 Sam 12:25)

The causal link between the two events lie in the epistemic world, viz., calling a baby's name Jedidiah is based on the knowledge that the LORD loves him.

4.3.3 Summary

We described the meaning of בְּעֵבוֹר in terms of the concept “landmark” and “trajector.” Two meanings are distinguished by means of Im specifications: purpose and reason. It was determined that the prototypical meaning of בְּעֵבוֹר is purpose. Furthermore, בְּעֵבוֹר does not display a relationship ‘result’ like לְמַעַן. Three purposive senses are distinguished using cognitive principles. The two meanings and three senses, mentioned above, form a radial network that can be represented as follows.



Typological parameters were employed to describe בְּעֵבוֹר purpose constructions, which yielded the following insights. It was identified that both בְּעֵבוֹר + finite (*yiqtol*) purpose constructions and בְּעֵבוֹר + infinitive purpose constructions have common features. In both constructions, purpose clauses tend to follow their corresponding matrix. In addition, both constructions often employ motion verbs in the matrix. Furthermore, both constructions prefer atelic verbs in the matrix, though when telic verbs are employed in the matrix of both constructions, they are motion verbs. However, the two constructions differ in some respects.

- בְּעֵבוֹר + finite (*yiqtol*) purpose constructions utilize a balancing strategy to encode two linked states of affairs, while בְּעֵבוֹר + infinitive purpose constructions employ a deranking strategy.
- בְּעֵבוֹר + finite (*yiqtol*) purpose constructions always have explicit subjects in the matrix and purpose clauses, while בְּעֵבוֹר + infinitive purpose constructions have implicit subjects in the purpose clause with one exception. Furthermore, ‘בְּעֵבוֹר + finite verb’ purpose constructions prefer different subjects between the matrix and purpose clause, while ‘בְּעֵבוֹר + infinitive’ purpose constructions show subject-sharing between the matrix and purpose clause.

- ‘בְּעָבוֹר + finite verb’ purpose constructions are mainly used in discourse, while ‘בְּעָבוֹר + infinitive’ purpose constructions realize a final relation in narrative.

The typological parameters, thus, confirmed the results established by BH scholars, and did not reveal any significant new insights.

Several differences, however, were identified between בְּעָבוֹר constructions and לְמַעַן constructions.

- The purposive בְּעָבוֹר differs from purpose constructions with לְמַעַן in that the former do not tend to share participants between the matrix or purpose clauses. In addition, the purposive בְּעָבוֹר is never used with לֹא. When we consider the semantics of the verbs in the matrix clauses of purpose constructions, ‘לְמַעַן purpose constructions’ rarely employ verbs of motion in the matrix, while ‘בְּעָבוֹר purpose constructions’ often do.
- The בְּעָבוֹר of reason never operates on discursive level unlike לְמַעַן of reason.

Our theoretical frame of reference fails to describe any semantic distinction between בְּעָבוֹר infinitive purpose constructions and בְּעָבוֹר finite purpose constructions; nor does it describe any semantic differences between בְּעָבוֹר purpose constructions and לְמַעַן purpose constructions. In these regards, further investigation needs to be done.

We identified that diachronic changes of meanings/senses did not occur in the use of בְּעָבוֹר purpose and reason constructions. Purposive and reason meanings/senses of בְּעָבוֹר were identified in the books in CBH, TBH and LBH. However, a diachronic syntactic change was identified. When בְּעָבוֹר displays a purpose relationship, a purposive בְּעָבוֹר + an infinitive occurs only in the books of CBH and LBH. However, the purposive בְּעָבוֹר + a *yiqtol* clause does not appear in the books of TBH or LBH. This may be due to a diachronic change of syntax. A purposive בְּעָבוֹר + an infinitive may be replaced by a purposive בְּעָבוֹר + a *yiqtol* in TBH and LBH. This is a very tentative speculation, for example, we have not investigated whether other related Semitic languages also show this tendency.

Although the purposive בְּעָבוֹר and purposive לְמַעַן differ in distributional density, they both occur in the books of CBH and LBH. This implies that we cannot argue that לְמַעַן replaced בְּעָבוֹר in the books of LBH, as Payle (2000) argues. Although the purposive בְּעָבוֹר does not feature at all in the books where a purposive לְמַעַן is extremely common, this need not necessarily be regarded as a diachronic change. In fact, all the books where a purposive לְמַעַן is extremely common are not LBH books. Furthermore, the purposive בְּעָבוֹר also occurs in a LBH book that the purposive לְמַעַן, similarly, occurs in. Hence, the reason behind the different distributional density of the purposive בְּעָבוֹר and purposive לְמַעַן may be due to stylistic or other preferences of the different writers. Although we can say that the purposive (not reason) בְּעָבוֹר and purposive (not reason) לְמַעַן are interchangeable, it is not necessarily because one replaced the other, as Payle (2000) argues.

4.4 PURPOSE CONSTRUCTION WITH A WAW

Purpose constructions with a *waw* were investigated in the Pentateuch in order to compare them with other types of purpose constructions. This particular type of purpose construction occurs 82 times in the Pentateuch. These constructions are selected from examples illustrated in BH literature and BH grammars that were studied in chapter 2.³³¹

4.4.1 Verb Forms

Purpose constructions with a *waw* express two events by means of two independent clauses. The two predicates that express the relevant actions remain, structurally, of the same rank. In other words, the purpose construction maintains the finite verbal constructs both in the matrix and purpose clause (see Gen 23:4 below).³³²

גִּרְוֹתוֹשָׁב אֲנֹכִי עִמָּכֶם תָּנוּ לִי אֶחָזֶת-קֶבֶר עִמָּכֶם
וְאֶקְבְּרָה מֵתִי מִלְּפָנָי: I am a stranger and a sojourner among you;
give me property among you for a burying
place, that I may bury my dead out of my
sight. (Gen 23:4)

4.4.2 Position of the Purpose Clause

Purpose clauses with a *waw* prefer a postposed position in the purpose construction. In our corpus, no instances in which a purpose clause with a *waw* preposes before the matrix was identified (see Gen 23:4 above). This is different from לְמַעַן and בְּעֵבוֹר purpose constructions. In addition, this feature accords with Schmidtke-Bode's (2009) finding that the purpose clause tends to be placed after the matrix if a language has no overt marker of subordination (§3.3.1.2.5).

³³¹ The literature and BH grammars consulted are as follows: Driver (1892), GKC, Mitchell (1915), Meek (1945; 1955), Waltke & O'Connor (1990), Joüon-Muraoka, BHRG, Payle (2000) and Barden (2008). We compared the collected examples with five translations (RSV, NET, Tanakh, ESV, NIV) and selected examples that at least one of the five translations interprets the construction with a *waw* as a purpose construction.

³³² The following verbal forms are identified in the matrix and the purpose clause: juss (matrix) *waw*-juss (purpose clause) (Gen 1:6); juss *waw*-impf (Gen 1:9); Juss *waw*-coh (Gen 18:30, 32); coh *waw*-coh (Gen 17:1-2; 19:32; Exod 3:3, 18; 4:18; 5:3); coh *waw*-impf (Gen 1:26; 34:23; Exod 8:4); coh *waw*-impv (Deut 1:22); coh *waw*-juss (Gen 19:20; coh *waw*-impv (Gen 12:2); impv *waw*-coh (Gen 19:5, 34; 23:3, 4, 14, 49; 26:28; 27:4, 9, 25; 29:21; 30:25, 26; 42:2, 34; 44:21; 47:19; 48:9; 49:1; Exod 33:5, 13; Num 9:8; 11:13; 21:16; 22:19; Deut 4:10; 5:31; 31:28); impv *waw*-impf (Gen 20:7; 30:3; 42:16; Exod 2:20; 4:23; 5:1; 6:11; 7:16, 19, 26; 8:16; 9:1, 13, 22; 10:3, 7; 14:2, 26; 23:12; 25:2; 27:20; Lev 9:2; 22:2; Num 18:2; Deut 10:1; 30:12, 13; in Exod 23:12, 27:20 and Lev 9:2, impfs in the matrix are a directive); impv *waw*-juss (Gen 24:51, 56; Exod 10:12, 21; 32:10; Num 21:7; 25:4); impf *waw*-impf (Exod 2:7; 5:9); impf *waw*-juss (Lev 26:43); (coh = cohortative; impf = imperfective; impv = imperative; juss = jussive)

4.4.3 Semantics of the Matrix's Verbs

The predicates of the matrix of purpose constructions with a *waw* are often verbs of motion. In the purpose constructions, verbs of motion occur 48 times out of 82 purpose constructions (see Exod 4:23, below). The most frequently occurring verbs of motion in the matrix are as follows: **הִקְהִיל** (to assemble)³³³; **הֵבִיא** (to bring)³³⁴; **נָתַן** (to give)³³⁵; **הֵלֵךְ** (to go)³³⁶; **שָׁלַח** (to send away)³³⁷; **נָטָה** (to stretch out)³³⁸; **לָקַח** (to take).³³⁹

וַאֲמַר אֵלַיִךְ שְׁלַח אֶת־בְּנִי וַיַּעֲבֹדֵנִי וְתִמָּאֵן לְשַׁלְּחוֹ I said to you, “Let my son go that he may
הִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי הֵרֵג אֶת־בְּנִי בְּכַרְךָ: serve me”; but you have refused to let him
go. Look, I am about to slay your first-born
son.” (Exod 4:23) (YCK)

As far as telicity is concerned, purpose constructions with a *waw* do not show whether they prefer telic or atelic verbs in the matrix. 41 purpose constructions with a *waw* have atelic verbs in the matrix (see Gen 1:26). Telic verbs also occur in the matrix of 41 purpose constructions with a *waw*. All the telic verbs of the matrix are motion verbs, with an exception of Gen 17:2 (see Gen 29:21).

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם בְּצַלְמֵנוּ כְּדֹמוֹתֵינוּ Then God said, “Let us make man in our
וַיְרַדּוּ בְדִגְתַּת הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל־ image, after our likeness so that they may
הָאָרֶץ וּבְכָל־הַרֹמֵשׂ עַל־הָאָרֶץ: have dominion over the fish of the sea, and
over the birds of the air, and over the cattle,
and over all the earth, and over every
creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”
(Gen 1:26)³⁴⁰ (YCK)

וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־לָבָן הֲבֵה אֶת־אִשְׁתִּי כִּי מָלְאוּ Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my
יָמֵי וְאָבֹאָה אֵלַיָּהּ: wife, for my time is fulfilled, that I may
cohabit with her.” (Gen 29:21)³⁴¹ (YCK)

³³³ Num 21:16; Det 4:10; 31:28.

³³⁴ Gen 27:4; 44:21.

³³⁵ Gen 29:21; 30:26; 47:19; Num 11:13.

³³⁶ Gen 30:3; Exod 2:7; 3:18; 4:18; 5:3; Deut 10:11.

³³⁷ Exod 4:23; 5:1; 7:16, 26; 8:4, 16; 9:1, 13; 10:3, 7.

³³⁸ Exod 7:19; 9:22; 10:12, 21; 14:26.

³³⁹ Gen 24:51; 27:9; 48:9.

³⁴⁰ See also, Gen 1:6; 12:2; 18:30, 32; 19:32, 34; 24:49, 51; 26:28; 27:7, 9; 30:3; 34:23; 42:2, 16; 48:9; Exod 2:7, 20; 3:18; 4:18; 5:3, 9; 6:11; 14:2; 23:12; 25:2; 27:20; 32:10; 33:13; Lev 9:6; 22:2; 26:43; Num 9:8; 21:7; 22:19; 25:4; Deut 5:31; 10:11; 30:12, 13. Among these, in Gen 1:26, 24:51, 27:7, 9, 30:3, 48:9, Exod 2:7, 3:18; 4:18, 5:3 and Lev 9:6, verbs of motion occur in the matrix.

4.4.4 Participant Encoding

A significant feature of purpose constructions with a *waw* in relation to participant encoding is that the purpose construction prefers different subjects between the matrix and the purpose clause (see table below). This is aberrant from a distinguishing feature of (positive) purpose constructions, i.e., participant-sharing between the matrix and dependent clause (§3.3.1.2.3).

[The subject of the matrix of purpose constructions with a *waw*]

The subject of the matrix (Total= 82)			
When the subjects of purpose clauses are the same as the ones of the matrix		When the subjects of purpose clauses are not the same as the ones of the matrix	
1 st person subject	6 ³⁴²	1 st person subject	7 ³⁴³
2 nd person subject	0	2 nd person subject	61 ³⁴⁴
3 rd person subject	4 ³⁴⁵	3 rd person subject	4 ³⁴⁶
Total	10	Total	72

Another feature of purpose constructions with a *waw* in relation to participant encoding is that the constructions prefer either the 1st person subject or the 3rd person subject in the matrix when the subject of the purpose clause and matrix is the same. This is different from *בְּעֵבוֹר* and *לְמַעַן* purpose constructions. *בְּעֵבוֹר* and *לְמַעַן* infinitive purpose constructions prefer the 3rd person subject in the matrix when the subject of the matrix is coreferential with the subject of the purpose clause. *בְּעֵבוֹר* and *לְמַעַן* finite positive purpose constructions prefer the 2nd person subject in the matrix when the subject of the matrix is coreferential with the subject of the purpose clause (see §4.2.1.2.2 and §4.3.2.1.2.2).

However, purpose constructions with a *waw* prefer the 2nd person subject in the matrix when the subjects of the purpose clause and the matrix are different (see the table above).

³⁴¹ See also, Gen 1:9; 17:1-2; 19:5, 20; 20:7; 24:2-3, 14, 56; 27:4, 25; 30:25, 26; 44:21; 47:19-20; 49:1; Exod 3:3; 4:23; 5:1; 7:16, 19, 26; 8:4, 16; 9:1, 14, 22; 10:3, 7, 12, 21; 14:26; 33:5; 11:13; 18:2; 21:16; Deut 1:22; 4:10; 31:28.

³⁴² Gen 17:2; 19:32; Exod 3:3, 18; 4:18; 5:3.

³⁴³ Gen 1:26; 12:2; 19:20; 34:23; Exod 2:7; 8:4; Deut 1:22.

³⁴⁴ Gen 19:5, 34; 20:7; 23:4; 24:3, 14, 49, 51, 56; 26:28; 27:4, 7, 9, 25; 29:21; 30:3, 25, 26; 42:2, 16, 34; 44:21; 47:20; 48:9; 49:1; Exod 2:20; 4:23; 5:1,9; 6:11; 7:16, 19, 26; 8:16; 9:1, 13, 22; 10:3, 7, 12, 21; 14:2, 26; 23:12; 25:2; 27:20; 32:10; 33:5, 13; Lev 9:6; 22:2; Num 9:8; 11:13; 18:2; 21:7, 16, 19; 25:4; Deut 4:10; 5:31; 10:1; 31:28.

³⁴⁵ Gen 1:6, 9; Lev 26:43; Deut 30:12.

³⁴⁶ Gen 18:30, 32; 26:28; Deut 30:13.

The preference of the 1st and 2nd person subject in the matrix of purpose constructions with a *waw* is in agreement with Payle's (2000) finding that purpose constructions with a *waw* realize final relations mainly in discourse (§2.2.2.1.9).

4.5 לְ + INFINITIVE PURPOSE/ RESULT CONSTRUCTION

4.5.1 לְ + Infinitive Purpose Construction

The 'לְ + infinitive purpose construction' occurs 411 times in the Pentateuch. It is never employed for the purpose of expressing a narrator's comment. This is a distinguishing feature of the 'לְ + infinitive purpose construction' from בְּעִבּוּר and לְמַעַן infinitive purpose constructions.

4.5.1.1 Position of the purpose clause

In our corpus, לְ + infinitive purpose clauses show a strong preference for the postposed position (409 cases out of a total of 411) (see Num 4:20). In only three instances is the purpose clause preposed before the matrix (see Gen 42:9).³⁴⁷

וְלֹא־יָבֹאוּ לְרִאֲוֹת כְּבֹלַע אֶת־הַקֹּדֶשׁ וּמָתוּ: פַּ But they shall not go in to look upon the holy things even for a moment, lest they die.

(Num 4:20)

וַיִּזְכֹּר יוֹסֵף אֶת הַחֲלֻמוֹת אֲשֶׁר חָלַם לָהֶם וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם מִרְגָּלִים אַתֶּם לְרִאֲוֹת אֶת־עֲרֹנֹת הָאָרֶץ בְּאַתָּם: And Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed of them; and he said to them, "You are spies, to see the weakness of the land you have come." (Gen 42:9) (YCK)

4.5.1.2 Participant encoding

4.5.1.2.1 Unexpressed argument

In our corpus, it was identified that לְ + infinitive purpose constructions tend to exhibit at least one unexpressed argument in the לְ + infinitive purpose clause: it may be in the subject position (see Gen 8:8), or in both the subject and non-subject position³⁴⁸ (see Gen 6:19).³⁴⁹ 407 out of 411 cases exhibit at least one unexpressed argument in the purpose clause.³⁵⁰

וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶת־הַיּוֹנָה מֵאֵתּוֹ לְרִאֲוֹת הַקָּלוֹת הַמַּיִם מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה: Then *Noah_i* sent out a dove from him \emptyset_i to see if the waters had receded from the surface

³⁴⁷ See also, Gen 47:4 and Num 23:11. In all instances, the preposed לְ + infinitive purpose clauses are instances of constituent focus.

³⁴⁸ This case is extremely rare (only four instances).

³⁴⁹ No instance of an unexpressed argument in a non-subject position was identified. When an unexpressed argument occupies a non-subject position, it always occurs with an unexpressed argument in the subject position.

³⁵⁰ In three instances, no unexpressed argument was identified (Gen 28:4; Num 35:6; Deut 4:42).

of the ground.

(Gen 8:8) (YCK)

ומִכָּל־הַחַי מִכָּל־בֶּשֶׂר שְׁנַיִם מִכָּל תְּבִיא אֶל־
הַתֵּבָה לְהַחִיֵּת אִתְּךָ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה יְהִיוּ:
From all the living from all flesh, *you_i* must
bring *two_j* of every kind into the ark \emptyset_i to
preserve \emptyset_j (*them*) alive with you. Male and
female they should be. (Gen 6:19) (YCK)

4.5.1.2.2 Participant sharing pattern

A significant feature of the לְ + infinitive purpose construction in relation to participant encoding is that, in the majority of cases (270/411), both the matrix and purpose clause tend to share a participant.

In our corpus, the most frequently occurring participant sharing pattern is SA (§3.3.1.2.3). In 264 cases out of 411 purpose clauses, the subject of the לְ + infinitive purpose clause is coreferential with the SA of the matrix.³⁵¹

וַיֵּרֶד יְהוָה לִרְאוֹת אֶת־הָעִיר וְאֶת־הַמִּגְדָּל אֲשֶׁר
בָּנוּ בְנֵי הָאָדָם:
And the *LORD_i* (*S*) came down ($\emptyset_i=S$) to see
the city and the tower, which the sons of men
had built. (Gen 11:5)

וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶת־הַיּוֹנָה מֵאֵתּוֹ לִרְאוֹת אֶת־הַמַּיִם
מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה:
Then *he_i* (*A*) sent forth a dove from him,
($\emptyset_i=A$) to see if the waters had subsided from
the face of the ground. (Gen 8:8)

The second pattern occurring with the most frequency is PG (§3.3.1.2.3) (see Gen 1:17; Exod 22:9).³⁵²

³⁵¹ The subject of the לְ + infinitive purpose clause is coreferential with that of the matrix S (171x): Gen 1:14, 15; 2:10; 9:11, 15; 11:5, 31; 12:5, 10, 11; 14:17; 18:2, 7, 16; 19:9; 23:2 (2x); 24:13, 17, 20, 43, 63, 65; 25:22; 27:5, 42; 29:13; 30:16, 38 (2x); 31:19; 32:6 (2x), 7; 33:4; 34:1, 6, 22; 37:10, 12, 25 (2x), 35; 38:13; 41:32, 57; 42:3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 27; 43:20; 46:29; 47:4; 50:7, 20; Exod 2:5; 3:4, 8; 4:14, 27; 5:12, 20, 23; 7:15, 18; 8:14; 12:23; 13:21 (2x); 16:27; 18:7, 13; 19:24; 21:14; 23:2; 26:13; 28:43; 29:1, 30, 33; 32:6 (2x); 34:24, 34, 35; Lev 1:4; 14:36 (2x); 16:17; 18:19, 23 (2x); 20:6, 16; 21:17, 21 (2x); Num 4:3, 15, 20, 23, 30, 47; 5:22; 7:89; 8:7; 8:11, 15, 21, 24; 14:38; 17:5; 20:18, 20; 21:4, 31, 23; 22:34, 36; 23:3; 31:3 (2x); Deut 1:33 (3x), 44; 2:32; 3:1; 4:5; 5:5; 9:1 (2x), 5, 9, 19; 11:8, 10, 11, 29, 31 (2x); 12:28; 19:15, 16; 20:4 (2x), 10, 19 (2x); 23:15 (2x); 24:10; 25:11; 27:12; 28:21, 63; 29:6, 17 (2x); 30:16; 31:, 11, 12; 32:47.

The לְ + infinitive purpose clause shares the subject with A of the matrix (93x): Gen 2:19; 4:11; 6:19; 7:3; 8:8; 9:16; 15:7; 17:7; 22:10; 24:21; 27:5; 31:18; 33:8; 37:18, 22; 38:20; 41:15; 42:27; 43:22; 45:7 (2x); 48:17; 49:15; Exod 2:16; 6:4; 7:24; 8:25; 10:26; 16:3; 17:3; 29:33, 36; 32:12 (2x); 36:3; 39:3; Lev 8:11, 12, 15; 9:4; 10:15; 11:45; 14:29; 17:4, 9, 11; 18:17, 21; 20:22; 21:10; 22:33; 24:2; 25:38 (2x); 26:1, 45; Num 6:2; 13:32; 14:7; 15:3 (2x), 8, 13, 28, 41; 16:13; 20:12; 22:18; 24:13; 30:3; 31:50; Deut 1:27 (2x); 4:38 (2x); 6:23, 24; 30:18 (2x); 12:5, 11 (2x), 21 (2x); 13:4; 14:23, 24; 16:2, 6, 11; 19:5; 26:2; 27:25; 28:1, 12 (2x), 15; 30:18 (2x).

- וַיִּתֵּן אֱלֹהִים בְּרָקִיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהָאִיר עַל-
הָאָרֶץ: And God set *them_i (P)* in the firmament of
the heavens ($\emptyset_i=P$) to give light upon the
earth. (Gen 1:17)
- כִּי־יִתֵּן אִישׁ אֶל־רֵעֵהוּ חֲמֹר אוֹ־שׂוֹר אוֹ־שֶׂה וְכָל־
בְּהֵמָה לְשֹׂמֵר \emptyset וּמָת אוֹ־נִשְׁבֵּר אוֹ־נִשְׁבָּה אֵין
רְאָה: If a man delivers *to his neighbor (G)* an ass
or an ox or a sheep or any beast ($\emptyset=G$) to
keep, and it dies or is hurt or is driven away,
without any one seeing it. (Exod 22:9)

When subjects of the purpose clause are not coreferential with those of the matrix, two strategies are employed:

- 1) The subject of the purpose clause is explicitly expressed (4x).³⁵³

- וַיִּבְדֵּל מֹשֶׁה שְׁלֹשׁ עָרִים בְּעֵבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן
מִזְרָחָה שְׁמֹשׁ: לְנֶס⁴² שָׁמָּה רֹצֵחַ אֲשֶׁר יִרְצַח
אֶת־רֵעֵהוּ בְּבַל־יָדַעַת וְהוּא לֹא־שָׂנֵא לוֹ מִתְּמוֹל
שְׁלֹשׁוֹם וְנָס אֶל־אַחַת מִן־הָעָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וְחָי:
⁴¹Then Moses set apart three cities in the east
beyond the Jordan, ⁴²that the manslayer
might flee there, who kills his neighbor
unintentionally, without being at enmity with
him in time past, and that by fleeing to one of
these cities he might save his life.
(Deut 4:40)

- 2) The subject of the purpose clause is not explicitly expressed; however, it is recoverable from context. The recoverable subject occurs 36x in our corpus (see Exod 27:20).³⁵⁴

- מִהָעוֹף לְמִינֵהוּ וּמִן־הַבְּהֵמָה לְמִינֵהּ מִכָּל רֶמֶשׂ
הָאֲדָמָה לְמִינֵהוּ שְׁנַיִם מִכָּל יָבֹאוּ אֵלֶיךָ לְהַחֲיֹת
: \emptyset Of the birds according to their kinds, and of
the animals according to their kinds, of every
creeping thing of the ground according to its
kind, two of every sort shall come in to you,
(*you_i*) to keep them alive. (Gen 6:20) (YCK)

³⁵² The subject of the ל + infinitive purpose clause is coreferential with that of the matrix P (88x): Gen 1:18 (2x); 2:15 (2x); 3:24; 6:17; 15:7, 10; 19:13, 19; 24:33, 48; 28:6; 45:27; 46:5, 28; Exod 14:11; 19:17; 21:14; 23:20 (2x); 25:14; 28:1, 28; 29:1, 44; 31:4 (2x); 35:19, 32 (2x), 34; 36:2 (2x), 18, 33; 39:21; Lev 7:35; 8:34; 19:25; 20:24; 20:26; Num 3:3; 8:19 (2x), 26; 13:16, 17; 14:36; 16:9 (3x), 12, 28; 18:6; 20:4; 21:32; 22:5, 37; 23:11; 32:8; 34:18; Deut 4:14 (2x), 20, 26, 38; 6:1 (2x); 7:6; 8:2; 10:8 (4x); 13:10; 14:2; 17:7; 18:5; 21:5 (2x); 23:5; 24:4; 26:2; 30:6.

The subject of the ל + infinitive purpose clause is coreferential with that of the matrix G (22x): Exod 32:29; 36:1; Lev 10:17; 16:32; 25:46; 31:13; Num 33:53; Deut 3:18; 5:29, 31; 8:18; 9:6; 12:1; 15:4; 19:2, 14; 21:1; 25:19; 29:28; 30:14.

³⁵³ See also, Gen 28:4; Exod 28:3; Num 35:6.

³⁵⁴ Gen 43:18 (3x); Exod 25:27; 27:20; 28:3; 35:19; 37:5, 14, 15, 27; 38:7; 39:1, 41 (2x); Lev 7:30; 10:10, 11; 11:47; 14:21, 49, 57; 16:27, 30, 34; 23:28; 24:12; Num 8:12; 10:33; 28:22, 30; 29:5; 35:32; Deut 6:24; 8:16.

4.5.1.2.3 The subject of the matrix

The preference of 3rd person subjects in the matrix is another significant feature of h + infinitive purpose constructions (284/407).³⁵⁵ This feature distinguishes it from purpose constructions with a *waw* (see §4.4.4).

[The subject of the matrix of h + infinitive purpose constructions]

The subject of the matrix (Total=407)			
When the subjects of purpose clauses are coreferential with the subject of the matrix		When the subjects of purpose clauses are not coreferential with the subject of the matrix	
1 st person subject	28 ³⁵⁶	1 st person subject	26 ³⁵⁷
2 nd person subject	53 ³⁵⁸	2 nd person subject	16 ³⁵⁹
3 rd person subject	184 ³⁶⁰	3 rd person subject	100 ³⁶¹
Total	265	Total	142

³⁵⁵ Four instances, in which no unexpressed argument was identified, are excluded in our analysis (Gen 28:4; Exod 28:3; Num 35:6; Deut 4:42).

³⁵⁶ Gen 9:16; 17:7; 32:6 (2x); 33:8; 37:10; 42:7; 43:20, 22; Exod 3:8 (2x); 5:23; 6:4; 10:26; 26:13; Lev 17:11; 21:21; 22:33; 25:38 (2x); 26:45; Num 15:41; 20:18; 22:18; 24:13; 31:50; Deut 5:5; 9:9.

³⁵⁷ Gen 6:17; 15:7; 43:18 (3x); Exod 23:20 (2x); 29:44; 31:4 (2x); Lev 16:27; 20:22, 24, 26; Num 8:19 (2x); 10:33; 14:7; 22:37; 23:11; 32:8; 33:53; Deut 4:14; 5:31; 6:1 (2x).

³⁵⁸ Gen 6:19; 7:3; 41:15; 42:9, 12; Exod 2:16; 4:27; 7:15; 16:3; 17:3; 23:2; 25:14; 29:36; 34:24; Lev 6:23; 9:4; 18:17, 19, 21; 26:1; Num 8:7; 15:3 (2x), 8; 16:13; 20:12; 22:34; Deut 4:5; 7:1; 9:1 (2x), 5; 11:8, 10, 11, 29, 31 (2x); 12:29; 19:5; 20:10, 19 (2x); 24:10; 28:1, 15, 21, 63; 30:16, 18 (2x); 31:13; 32:47.

³⁵⁹ Exod 14:11; 21:14; 28:1, 42; 29:1; 37:27; Lev 19:25; 25:46; Num 8:12; 28:22, 30; 29:5; 34:18; 35:32; Deut 4:14, 26.

³⁶⁰ Gen 1:14, 15; 2:10, 19; 8:8; 9:11, 15; 11:5, 31; 12:5, 10, 11; 14:17; 15:7; 18:2, 16; 19:9; 22:10; 23:2 (2x); 24:13, 17, 20, 21, 43, 63, 65; 25:22; 27:5 (2x), 42; 29:13; 30:16, 38 (2x); 31:18, 19; 32:7; 33:4; 34:1, 6, 22; 37:12, 18, 22, 25 (2x), 35; 38:13, 20; 41:32, 57; 42:3, 5, 10, 27; 45:7 (2x); 46:29; 47:4; 48:17; 49:15; 50:7, 20; Exod 2:5; 3:4; 4:14; 5:12, 20; 7:18, 24; 8:14, 25; 12:23 (2x); 13:21 (2x); 16:27; 18:7, 13; 19:24; 21:14; 25:27; 28:43; 29:1, 30, 33 (2x); 32:6 (2x), 12 (2x); 34:34, 35; 36:3; 39:3, 31; Lev 1:4; 8:11, 12, 15; 10:15, 17; 11:45; 14:29, 36 (2x); 16:10, 17; 17:4, 9; 18:23 (2x); 20:6, 16; 21:10, 17, 21; 24:2, 12; Num 4:3, 15, 20, 23, 30, 47; 5:22 (2x); 6:2; 7:89; 8:11, 15, 21, 24; 14:38; 15:13, 28; 17:5; 18:6; 20:20; 21:4, 23; 22:36; 23:3; 30:3; 31:3, 13; Deut 1:27 (2x), 33(3x), 44; 2:32; 3:1; 4:38 (2x); 6:23; 8:16; 9:19; 12:5, 11, 21; 13:4; 14:23, 24; 16:2, 6, 11; 19:5 (2x), 16; 20:4 (2x); 23:15 (2x); 25:11; 27:12, 25; 28:12 (2x); 29:6, 17; 31:11.

³⁶¹ Gen 1:17, 18 (2x); 2:15 (2x); 3:24; 4:11; 6:20; 15:10; 19:13; 24:33, 48; 28:6; 45:27; 46:5, 28; Exod 19:17; 22:6, 9; 27:20; 28:3, 28; 31:13; 32:29; 35:19 (2x), 32 (2x), 34; 36:1, 2 (2x), 18 (2x); 37:5, 14, 15; 38:7; 39:21, 41; Lev 7:30, 35; 8:34; 10:10, 11, 17; 11:47; 14:21, 49, 57; 16:30, 32, 34; 23:28; Num 3:3; 8:26; 13:16, 17; 14:36; 16:9 (4x), 12, 28; 21:32; 22:5; Deut 3:18; 4:20, 38; 5:29 (2x); 6:24 (2x); 7:6; 8:2; 9:4, 6; 10:8 (4x); 12:1; 13:10; 14:2; 15:4; 19:2, 14; 18:5 (2x); 19:2, 14; 21:1, 5 (3x); 23:5; 24:4; 25:19; 26:2; 29:28; 30:6, 14.

As shown in the above table, the matrix prefers the 3rd person subject whether the subject is coreferential with that of the purpose clause, or not. This implies that הַ + infinitive purpose constructions occur more frequently in narrative material.

4.5.1.3 Verbal forms

4.5.1.3.1 Balancing or deranking

The הַ + infinitive purpose construction prefers to represent two predicates in a consecutive chain by reducing one of the predicates in rank (i.e., the deranking strategy).³⁶² In 324 out of 404 cases of this construction, one of the predicates in the chain retains its finite verbal form, while the other predicate is represented as a non-finite verbal construct.³⁶³

The predicate of the הַ + infinitive purpose clause is deranked regardless of whether the predicate in the chain has an identical or non-identical subject with the matrix. In this sense, the deranking is absolute. In addition, the deranking is posterior deranking, viz., the predicate referring to the later event of the temporal sequence is deranked.

וַיִּשְׁלַח אַבְרָהָם אֶת־יָדוֹ וַיִּקַּח אֶת־הַמַּאֲכָלָה
:וַיִּשְׁחַט אֶת־בְּנוֹ (he_i=Abraham_i) took the knife Ø_i to slay his

³⁶² The balancing or deranking criteria are not applicable in some cases (7x). Verbless clauses occupy the matrix in these cases (Exod 31:13; Lev 11:47; 14:57; 23:28; Num 18:6; Deut 29:28; 30:14).

³⁶³ Gen 1:15, 17, 18 (2x); 2:15 (2x), 19; 3:24; 4:11; 6:19, 20; 7:3; 8:8; 9:11, 15, 16; 11:5, 31; 12:5, 10, 11; 14:17; 15:7 (2x), 10; 17:7; 18:2; 19:9, 13, 19; 22:10; 23:2 (2x); 24:17, 20, 33, 48, 63; 25:22; 27:5 (2x); 28:4, 6; 29:13; 30:16, 38; 31:18, 19; 32:6 (2x); 33:4, 8; 34:1, 6, 22 (2x); 37:10, 12, 18, 22, 25, 35; 38:20; 41:15, 57; 42:3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 27; 43:20, 22; 45:7 (2x), 27; 46:5, 28, 29; 48:17; 49:15; 50:7, 20; Exod 2:5, 16; 3:4, 8 (2x); 5:12, 20, 23; 6:4; 7:15, 18, 24; 8:4, 25; 10:26; 12:23 (2x); 13:21 (2x); 14:11; 16:3, 27; 17:3; 18:7; 18:13; 19:17, 24; 21:14 (2x); 22:6, 9; 23:2; 25:14, 27; 26:13; 27:20; 28:1, 3 (2x), 28, 42; 29:1 (2x), 30, 33, 36, 44; 31:4 (2x), 32:6 (2x), 12 (2x), 29; 34:35; 35:19 (2x), 32 (2x), 34; 36:1, 2 (2x), 3, 18; 37:5, 14, 15, 27; 38:7; 39:3, 21, 26, 31, 41; Lev 1:4, 6:23; 7:30, 35; 8:11, 12, 15, 34; 10:10, 11, 15, 17; 14:21, 29, 36 (2x), 49; 16:10, 27, 30, 32, 34; 17:4, 9, 11; 18:17, 19, 21, 23; 19:25; 20:6, 16, 24, 26; 21:10, 17, 21 (2x); 22:33 (2x); 24:2, 12; 25:38 (2x), 46; 26:1, 45; Num 3:3; 4:15, 20; 5:22 (2x); 6:2; 8:7, 11, 12, 15, 19 (2x), 21, 24, 26; 13:16, 17; 14:7, 36; 15:3 (2x), 8, 13, 28, 41; 16:9 (4x), 12, 13, 28; 17:5; 20:12, 18, 20; 21:4, 23, 32; 22:5, 18, 34, 36, 37; 23:3, 11; 24:13; 28:22, 30; 29:5; 31:3, 13, 50; 33:53; 34:18; 35:6, 32; Deut 1:27 (2x), 44; 2:32; 3:1, 18; 4: 20, 38 (3x), 42; 5:29 (2x); 6: 23, 24 (2x); 7: 6; 8:2; 9: 4, 9, 19; 10:8 (4x); 12:1, 5, 11, 21; 13:10; 14:2, 23, 24; 16:2, 6, 11; 18:5 (2x); 19:5 (2x), 16; 20: 10, 19 (2x); 21:5 (2x); 23:5, 15 (2x); 24:4, 10; 25:11; 26:2; 27:12; 28:1, 12 (2x), 15, 21, 63, 29:6, 17; 30:6.

Eighty-seven הַ + infinitive purpose constructions employ a balancing strategy (Gen 1:14; 2:10; 6:17; 18:16; 24:13, 21, 43, 65; 27:42; 30:38; 32:7; 37:25; 38:13; 43:18 (3x); Exod 4:14, 27; 23 20 (2x); 28:43; 29:33; 34:24, 34; 36:18; Lev 9:4; 10:17; 11:45; 16:17; 20:22; 22:23 (2x); Num 4:3, 23, 30, 47; 7:89; 10:33; 14:38; 30:3; 32:8; Deut 1:33 (3x); 4:5, 14 (2x), 26; 5:5, 31; 6:1 (2x); 7:1; 8:16; 9:1 (2x), 5, 6; 11:8, 10, 11, 29, 31 (2x); 12:29; 13:4; 15:4; 19:2, 14; 20:4 (2x); 21:1; 25:19; 27:25; 28:21 (2x); 30:16, 18 (2x), 11, 13, 47).

וַיִּרְא עֵשָׂו כִּי־בֵרַךְ יִצְחָק אֶת־יַעֲקֹב וַיִּשְׁלַח אֹתוֹ
פַּדְנָה אֲרָם לְקַחַת אִשָּׁה מִשָּׁם אֵשָׁה בְּבָרְכוֹ
אֲתָו וַיִּצְו עָלָיו לֵאמֹר לֹא־תִקַּח אִשָּׁה מִבְּנוֹת
כְּנָעַן:

son. (Gen 22:10)
Now Esau saw that *Isaac_i* had blessed *Jacob_j*
and (*he_i=Issac_i*) sent *him_j* away to Paddan-
aram \emptyset_j to take a wife from there, and that as
he blessed him he charged him, “You shall
not marry one of the Canaanite women.”

(Gen 28:6)

In the examples above, the predicate of the $\dot{\lambda}$ + infinitive purpose clause – which is a later event than that of the matrix – is deranked whether the subject is identical or non-identical to that of the matrix.

4.5.1.3.2 Semantics of the matrix’s verbs

As far as the semantics of the matrix’s verbs are concerned, verbs of motion were employed in the matrix in 228 cases out of a total of 411 $\dot{\lambda}$ + infinitive purpose constructions. Verbs referring to a state of affairs occur 47x,³⁶⁴ and verbless clauses occur 7x³⁶⁵ in the matrix.

Among the verbs of motion employed in the matrix, the most frequent are הָבִיא (to bring),³⁶⁶ הוֹצִיא (to bring out),³⁶⁷ בָּא (to come),³⁶⁸ יֵצֵא (to come out),³⁶⁹ קָרַב (to draw near),³⁷⁰ הֵלֵךְ (to go),³⁷¹ יָרַד (to go down),³⁷² עָלָה (to go up),³⁷³ עָבַר (to pass over),³⁷⁴ רָץ (to run),³⁷⁵ שָׁלַח (to send),³⁷⁶ and לָקַח (to take).³⁷⁷

³⁶⁴ Gen 1:14, 15; 9:11, 15, 16; 24:21, 33; 27:42; 34:22 (2x); 37:18; 41:15; 43:18 (3x); 50:20; Exod 7:18; 25:27; 26:13; 37:14; Lev 1:4; 16:34; 25:46; Num 8:11; 20:12; 30:3; 31:3; Deut 5:29 (2x); 7:6; 9:19; 12:5; 12:11 (2x); 13:10; 14:2, 23, 24; 16:2, 6, 11; 18:5; 21:5 (2x); 26:2; 28:1, 15.

³⁶⁵ Exod 31:13; Lev 11:47; 14:57; 23:28; Num 18:6; Deut 29:28; 30:14.

³⁶⁶ Gen 2:19; 6:16, 19; Exod 25:14; 39:41; Lev 7:30; 10:15; 17:4; 20:20; Deut 9:4.

³⁶⁷ Gen 15:7; Exod 16:3; 32:12 (2x); Lev 22:33; 25:38 (2x); 26:45; Num 15:41; Deut 1:27 (2x); 4:20, 38 (2x);

³⁶⁸ Gen 6:20; 7:3; 23:2 (2x); 30:38 (2x); 37:10; 41:57; 42:5, 7, 9, 10, 12; 47:4; Exod 5:23; 29:30; 34:34, 35; 37:5; 38:7; Lev 14:36 (2x); 16:17; Num 4:3, 15, 20, 23, 30, 47; 5:22 (2x); 7:89; 8:15, 24; Deut 4:5; 7:1; 11:10, 29; 12:29; 19:5; 24:10; 28:21, 63; 30:16; 31:11.

³⁶⁹ Gen 2:10; 11:31; 12:5; 14:17; 24:13, 43, 63; 30:16; 34:1, 6; Exod 4:14; 16:27; 18:7; Num 20:18, 20; 21:4, 23, 33; 22:36; 31:13; Deut 1:44; 2:32; 3:1; 29:6.

³⁷⁰ Lev 18:19; 20:6; 21:17, 21 (2x); Num 17:5; 18:22 (2x); 31:50; Deut 20:10.

³⁷¹ Gen 18:16; 24:65; 25:22; 27:5; 31:19; 32:7; 37:12; Exod 4:27; 12:23; 13:21, 31; Num 14:38; 21:1; Deut 1:33 (3x); 20:4 (2x).

³⁷² Gen 12:10; 42:3; 43:20; Exod 2:5; 3:8 (2x).

³⁷³ Gen 38:13; 46:29; 50:7; Exod 34:24; Deut 9:9.

³⁷⁴ Exod 12:23; Num 13:32; 14:7; 22:18; 24:13; Deut 4:14, 26; 6:1; 9:1 (2x), 15; 11:31 (2x); 30:18 (2x).

As far as the telicity of the matrix's verb is concerned, לְ + infinitive purpose constructions prefer telic verbs in the matrix. In 250 of a total 411 לְ + infinitive purpose constructions, the matrix has telic verbs (see Gen 1:17). In 161 instances, the matrix has atelic verbs. When this is the case, most of the atelic verbs are motion verbs (85/161) (see Gen 31:19). The preference of telic verbs in the matrix is a distinguishing feature of לְ + infinitive purpose constructions from 'לְמַעַן + *yiqtol*/infinitive' purpose constructions and בְּעֵבֹר + *yiqtol*/infinitive' purpose constructions (see §4.2.2.1.2.3 and 4.3.2.1.2.3). Furthermore, the use of atelic verbs in the matrix and its category (i.e., motion verbs) are also a distinguishing feature of לְ + infinitive purpose constructions from other purpose constructions.

וַיִּתֵּן אֱלֹהִים בְּרָקִיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהָאֵר עַל־
הָאָרֶץ: And God set them in the firmament of the
heavens to give light upon the earth
(Gen 1:17)³⁷⁸

וּלְבֵן הַלֶּדֶד לְגֹזֵז אֶת־צֹאֲנֹו וַתִּגְנֹב רָחֵל אֶת־
הַתְּרָפִים אֲשֶׁר לְאָבִיהָ: Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and
Rachel stole her father's household gods.
(Gen 31:19)³⁷⁹

³⁷⁵ Gen 18:2; 24:17, 20; 29:13; 33:4.

³⁷⁶ Exod 5:20; 7:15; Lev 18:23; Num 22:34; Deut 5:5; 11:8, 11; 27:12; 31:13; 32:47.

³⁷⁷ Gen 22:10; 22:10; Exod 10:26; 14:11; 21:14; 27:20; 36:3; Lev 9:4; 14:21, 49; 18:17; Lev 24:2; Num 18:6; 23:11; 34:18; 35:32; Deut 24:4; 27:25.

³⁷⁸ See also, Gen 1:18 (2x); 2:15 (2x), 19; 3:24; 4:11; 6:17, 19, 20; 8:8; 11:5, 31; 12:5, 10, 11; 14:17; 15:7; 15:10; 19:13; 24:13, 33, 43, 63; 28:4, 6; 30:16; 32:6 (2x); 33:8; 34:1, 6; 37:18, 35; 38:13, 20; 42:3, 27; 43:18 (3x); 43:20, 22; 45:7 (2x); 45:27; 46:5, 28, 29; 49:15; 50:7; Exod 2:5, 16; 3:4, 8 (2x); 4:14, 27; 5:12; 7:24; 8:25; 12:23; 16:3, 27; 17:3; 18:7, 13; 19:17; 21:14; 22:6, 9; 23:20 (2x); 25:14; 27:20; 28:1, 28, 43; 29:33, 36, 44; 31:4 (2x); 32:6 (2x), 12 (2x), 29; 34:24, 34; 35:32 (2x), 34; 36:1, 2 (2x), 3, 18; 37:5; 38:7; 39:3, 21, 31, 41; Lev 6:23; 7:30, 35; 8:11, 12, 15; 10:15, 17; 11:45; 14:29; 16:32; 17:4, 9, 11; 18:19, 21, 23; 20:6, 16, 22, 24, 26; 21:10, 17, 21 (2x); 22:23 (2x); 24:2, 12; 25:38; 26:1, 45; Num 3:3; 4:3; 6:2; 8:19 (2x), 21; 13:16, 17; 14:7, 36; 15:3 (2x), 8, 28, 41; 16:9 (4x), 12, 13, 28; 17:5; 20:18, 20; 21:23, 32; 22:5, 18, 36, 37; 23:3; 24:13; 28:22, 30; 29:5; 30:3; 31:13, 50; 32:8; 33:53; 35:6; Deut 1:27 (2x), 44; 2:32; 3:1, 18; 4:14, 20, 26, 38 (3x); 4:42; 5:5, 31; 6:1, 23; 7:1, 6; 8:16; 9:1 (2x), 4, 9; 10:8 (4x); 11:8, 11, 31 (2x); 12:1, 5, 11, 21; 14:2, 23, 24; 15:4; 16:2, 6, 11; 18:5 (2x); 19:2, 14; 20:10, 19 (2x); 21:1, 5 (3x); 25:11, 19; 26:2; 27:12; 28:12 (2x); 29:6, 17; 30:6, 18 (2x); 32:47.

³⁷⁹ Atelic verbs occur in the matrix of the following instances: Gen 1:14, 15; 7:3; 9:11, 15, 16; 17:7; 18:2, 16; 19:9, 19; 20:20; 23:2 (2x); 24:17, 20, 21, 48, 65; 25:22; 27:5 (2x), 42; 30:38; 29:18; 31:18; 32:7; 33:4; 34:22 (2x); 37:10, 12, 22, 25 (2x); 41:15, 57; 42:5, 7, 9, 10, 12; 47:4; 48:17; 50:20; Exod 5:20, 23; 6:4; 7:15, 18,; 8:14; 10:26; 13:21 (2x); 14:11; 19:24; 21:14; 23: 2; 25:27; 26:13; 28:3 (2x), 42; 29:1 (2x), 30, 33; 31:13; 34:34, 35; 35:19 (2x); 36:18; 37:14, 15, 27; Lev 1:4; 8:34; 9:4; 10:10, 11, 17; 11:47; 14:21, 36 (2x), 49; 16:10, 17, 27, 30, 34; 18:17, 23; 19:25; 23:28; 25:46; Num 4:15, 20, 23, 30, 47; 5:22 (2x); 7:89; 8:7, 11, 12, 15, 24, 26; 10:33; 14:38; 15:13; 18:6; 20:12; 21:4; 22:34; 23:11; 31:3; 34:18; 35:32; Deut 1:33 (3c); 4:5; 5:29 (2x); 6:1, 24 (2x); 7:1; 8:2; 9:5, 19; 11:10, 29; 12:29; 13:4, 10; 19:5 (2x); 20:4 (2x); 23:15 (2x); 24:4, 10; 27:25; 28:1, 15, 21, 63; 29:28; 30:16; 31:11, 13.

4.5.1.3.3 Matrix verb restriction

Our corpus identifies only three instances of matrix verb restriction, in which two unexpressed arguments “occupying” the purpose clause are identified. In these instances, the verb of the matrix entails availability, possession or control of the entity corresponding to the gap found in the purpose clause by the intended controller of the infinitive (see Gen 6:19).

וּמִכָּל־הַחַי מִכָּל־בֶּשֶׂר שְׁנַיִם מִכָּל תְּבִיאָה אֶל־הַתֵּבָה לְהַחֲיִתָּהּ אִתְּךָ וּבְךָ וּבְנֵיכָהּ יְהִיוּ:

From all the living, from all flesh, *you_i* must **bring** *two_j* of every kind into the ark \emptyset_i to preserve \emptyset_j alive with you. Male and female they should be. (Gen 6:19)³⁸⁰ (YCK)

In Gen 6:19, the verb תְּבִיאָה implicates the control of the entity *two_j* corresponding to \emptyset_j in the purpose infinitive by the inferred controller ($\emptyset_i = you_i$) of the infinitive verb.

Three instances are not enough to be a distinguishing feature of לְ + infinitive purpose constructions from other purpose constructions.

4.5.2. לְ + Infinitive Result Construction

The ‘לְ + infinitive’ construction is also employed to express a result relation between two events. According to our definition of result (§3.3.2 and 4.2.2.2.1), the ‘לְ + infinitive result construction’ occurs 14 times in the Pentateuch.

וְאֶתְנַפַּל לְפָנַי יְהוָה כְּרַאשֹׁנָה אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם
וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה לֶחֶם לֹא אָכַלְתִּי וּמַיִם לֹא שָׁתִיתִי
עַל כָּל־חַטֹּאתֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר חָטֵאתֶם לַעֲשׂוֹת הָרַע
בְּעֵינַי יְהוָה לְהַכְעִיסוֹ: Then I lay prostrate before the Lord as
before, forty days and forty nights; I neither
ate bread nor drank water, because of all the
sin which you had committed, in doing what
was evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke
him to anger. (Deut 9:18)³⁸¹

It is not reasonable to think that the Israelites intentionally committed sin in order to instigate the LORD’s anger. Rather, provoking the LORD’s anger is a result of the preceding action.

In many cases, verbs employed in ‘לְ + infinitive’ result clauses denote a negative connotation: טָמֵא (to become unclean; Lev 15:32; 18:20, 23; 19:31; 20:3; 22:8), הִכְעִים (to provoke anger;

Among these atelic verbs, 85 instances are motion verbs: Gen 7:3; 18:2, 16; 19:9; 22:10; 23:2 (2x); 24:17, 20; 24:65; 25:22; 27:5 (2x); 29:13; 30:38 (2x); 31:19; 32:7; 33:4; 37:10; 37:12; 41:57; 42:5, 7, 9, 10, 12; 47:4; Exod 5:23; 10:26; 13:21 (2x); 14:11; 19:24; 29: 30; 34:34, 35; Lev 9:4; 10:17; 14:21, 36, 49; 16: 17, 27, 30; Num 4:15, 20, 23, 30, 47; 5:22 (2x); 7:89; 8:12, 15; 10:33; 14:38; 21:4; 35:32; Deut 1:33 (3x); 4:5; 7:1; 9:5; 11:10, 29; 12:29; 19:5 (2x); 20:4 (2x); 24:4, 10; 27:25; 28:21, 63; 30:16; 31:11, 13.

³⁸⁰ See also, Exod 22:6, 9; Lev 17:4 (הִבִּיא); 8:21 (לֹא־תִתֵּן).

³⁸¹ See also, Gen 3:6, 22; Exod 5:21; Lev 15:32; 18:20, 23; 19:31; 20:3; 22:8; Num 32:14; Deut 4:25; 19:3; 31:29.

Deut 4:25; 9:18; 31:29), *רָסַף* (to increase [obj. anger]; Num 32:14). This feature of ‘*לִּי* + infinitive’ is similar to that of the resultative *לִּמְעַן* (see §4.2.2.2).

When ‘*לִּי* + infinitive’ displays a result relationship it operates at three levels: the effective level (Exod 5:21; Lev 15:32; 20:3; 22:8; Num 32:14; Deut 4:25; 9:18; 19:3; 31:29); the epistemic level (Gen 3:6, 22); the discursive level (speech act) (Lev 18:20, 23; 19:31).

As we only investigated the ‘*לִּי* + infinitive result construction’ in the Pentateuch, it is not possible to compare it with the resultative *לִּמְעַן* + infinitive/yiqtol constructions in order to identify any developments along the diachronic cline of BH.

4.6 פֶּן

4.6.1 Frequency

פֶּן occurs 133 times, and in every case, is found with a maqef (except for Gen 44:34; Deut 7:25; 11:6; 1 Sam 4:9; 13:9; 17:16; Isa 27:3; Prov 25:8; 30:9). *פֶּן* typically functions as an avertive conjunction.

BH scholars and BH lexica provide some etymological information of *פֶּן*; however, they do not agree with one another regarding the original form and meaning of *פֶּן*. As we have discussed in chapter 2, Mitchell (1915:138-139) claims that *פֶּן* is closely related to the noun *פָּנִים* “face” derived from the intransitive *פָּנָה* “turn one’s self,” “turn one’s self toward a person or object.” However, Joüon-Muraoka (1991:347) maintain that *פֶּן* is a shortened form of *פָּנִי*, and that its meaning is ‘as regards, in relation to.’ BDB argue that that *פֶּן* is derived from *פָּנָה* and that its original meaning is “for the aversion of.” However, none of the studies provide how such etymological information can make a contribution to distinguishing between the different senses. In this regard further investigation needs to be done.

4.6.2 Semantic Potential

4.6.2.1 Scope and level

4.6.2.1.1 Scope

פֶּן does not govern a NP; instead, *פֶּן* always governs a clause as a conjunction.

1. *פֶּן* + *yiqtol* (130x)

וּמִפְרֵי הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר בְּתוֹךְ הַגֶּן אָמַר אֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר
תֹּאכְלוּ מִכֹּל מִמֶּנּוּ וְלֹא תִגְעוּ בּוֹ פֶּן-תָּמוּתוּן:
Of the fruit of the tree, which is in the midst
of the garden God said you must not eat it,
and you must not touch it, lest you die.

(Gen 3:3)³⁸²

³⁸² See also, Gen 3:22; 11:4; 19:15; 19:17, 19; 24:6; 26:7; 26:9; 31:24, 31; 32:12; 38:11; 38:23; 42:4; 44:34; 45:11; Exod 1:10; 5:3; 13:17; 19:21, 22, 24; 20:19; 23:29, 33; 33:3; 34:12 (2x); 34:15; Lev 10:7; Num 16:26; 16:34; 20:18; Deut 4:9 (2x), 16, 19, 23; 6:12, 15; 7:22, 25; 8:11, 12; 9:28; 11:16; 12:13, 19, 30 (2x); 15:9; 19:6; 20:5, 6, 7, 22:9; 25:3; 29:17 (2x); 32:27 (2x); Josh 2:16; 6:18; 24:27; Jdgs 7:2; 9:54; 14:15; 15:12; 18:25; Ruth 4:6; 1 Sam 4:9; 9:5; 13:19; 15:6; 20:3; 27:11; 31:4; 2 Sam

2. פָּן + *qatal* (2x)

וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו הֲנֵה-נָא יִשְׁׁאֲת־עַבְדֶּיךָ חַמְשִׁים
אֲנָשִׁים בְּנֵי-חַיִל יֵלְכוּ נָא וַיִּבְקְשׂוּ אֶת-אֲדֹנָיְךָ פָּן
נִשְׂאוּ רֹוחַ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁלַכְהוּ בְּאֶתֶד הַהָרִים אֹ
בְּאֶתֶת הַגִּיאֹת וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא תִשְׁלַחוּ:

And they said to him, “Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men; pray, let them go, and seek your master; it may be that the Spirit of the LORD has caught him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley.” And he said, “You shall not send.” (2 Kgs 2:16)³⁸³

3. פָּן + Interrogative clause (1x)

אַל-תֵּצֵא לָרֵב מִהֵר פָּן מֵהִתְעַשֶׂה בְּאֶחְרִיתָהּ
בְּהַכְלִים אֶתְּךָ רַעֲךָ:

Do not hastily bring into court; otherwise what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? (Prov 25:8)

פָּן + *yiqtol* occurs in the books of CBH, TBH and LBH. It does not show any diachronic changes. However, פָּן + *qatal* occur only in the books of CBH. The data is not sufficient (only two instances of פָּן + *qatal*) to infer any shifts of use along the diachronic cline.

- פָּן + *yiqtol*: Gen (17x); Exod (13x); Lev (1x); Num (3x); Deut (28x); Josh (3x); Jdgs (5x); 1 Sam (7x); 2 Sam (5x); 2 Kgs (1x); Hosea (1x); Amos (1x); *Jer* (8x); 1 Chron (1x); Mal (1x).
- פָּן + *qatal*: 2 Sam (1x); 2 Kgs (1x); Ø; Ø.
- פָּן + interrogative: Prov (1x).

4.6.2.1.2 Level

1. Effective level (22x)

הֲנֵה-נָא מָצָא עַבְדְּךָ חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ וַתִּגְדַּל חַסְדְּךָ
אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ עִמָּדִי לְהַחְיֹת אֶת-נַפְשִׁי וְאָנֹכִי לֹא
אוּכַל לְהַמְלִט הַהֵרָה פֶּן-תִּדְבַקְנִי הָרָעָה וּמָתִי:

Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life; but I cannot flee to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me, and I die.

(Gen 19:19)³⁸⁴

Fleeing from disaster prevents the disaster from overtaking Lot. The relationship between the avertive action and preventing the undesired result from happening lies in the real world.

1:20 (2x); 12:28; 15:14; 17:16; 2 Kgs 10:23; 1 Chron 10:4; Job 32:13; 36:18; Pss 2:12; 7:3; 13:4, 5; 28:1; 38:17; 50:22; 59:12; 91:12; Prov 5:6, 9, 10; 9:8; 20:13; 22:25; 24:18; 25:10, 16, 17; 26:4, 5; 30:6, 9 (2x), 10; 31:5; Isa 6:10; 27:3; 28:22; 36:18; 48:5, 7; Jer 1:17; 4:4; 6:8 (2x); 10:24; 21:12; 38:19; 51:46; Hosea 2:5; Amos 5:6; Mal 3:24.

³⁸³ פָּן + *qatal* (פָּן-מָצָא) also occurs in 2 Kgs 2:16, however, this case is textually uncertain. Mss reads אֲמָצָא as impf. יִמָּצָא.

³⁸⁴ See also, Gen 31:12; 45:11; Exod 23:29; 33:3; 34:12; Deut 7:22; 19:6; 20:5, 6, 7; 25:3; 32:27; Jdgs 7:2; Ruth 4:6; Ps 91:12; Isa 27:3; 48:5, 7; Jer 38:19; Hosea. 2:5; Mal 3:24.

2. Epistemic level (16x)

וַיִּקְרָא אַבִּימֶלֶךְ לְיִצְחָק וַיֹּאמֶר אֵךְ הֲגַה אֲשַׁתְּךָ
 הֲוֹא וְאֵיךְ אָמַרְתָּ אֶחְתִּי הֲוֹא וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו יִצְחָק
 כִּי אָמַרְתִּי פֶן־אָמוֹת עָלַיָּהּ:

So Abimelech called Isaac and said, “Behold, she is your wife; how then could you say, ‘She is my sister’?” Isaac said to him, “Because I thought (I have to say) lest I should die because of her.”

(Gen 26:9) (YCK)³⁸⁵

An avertive action based on epistemic reasoning is performed in order to prevent an undesired event (i.e., dying) from happening.

3. Discursive level (95x)

A speaker performs a speech act.³⁸⁶

וַיֹּאמְרוּ הִבֵּה | נִבְנֶה־לָּנוּ עִיר וּמְגִדָּל וְרֹאשׁוֹ
 בַּשָּׁמַיִם וְנַעֲשֶׂה־לָּנוּ שֵׁם פֶּן־נִפְּוֶץ עַל־פְּנֵי כָל־
 הָאָרֶץ:

Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

(Gen 11:4)³⁸⁷

A speech act (a suggestion) is performed by a speaker in order to prevent undesired events from happening.

4.6.2.2 Typological features

4.6.2.2.1 Position of avertive clause

As for the positioning pattern, the פֶּן avertive clause prefers the postposed position. In all instances, the avertive clause postposes the matrix.

In many cases, the matrix is elided.

וַיִּקְרָא אַבִּימֶלֶךְ לְיִצְחָק וַיֹּאמֶר אֵךְ הֲגַה אֲשַׁתְּךָ
 הֲוֹא וְאֵיךְ אָמַרְתָּ אֶחְתִּי הֲוֹא וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו יִצְחָק כִּי
 אָמַרְתִּי פֶן־אָמוֹת עָלַיָּהּ:

So Abimelech called Isaac, and said, “Behold, she is your wife; how then could you say, ‘She is my sister’?” Isaac said to him, “Because I thought (I have to say so)

³⁸⁵ See also, Gen 26:7; 31:31; 38:11; 42:4; Exod 13:17; Num 16:34; Deut 4:16, 19; 32:27; Josh 24:27; 1 Sam 13:19; 27:11; Pss 28:1; 38:17; Prov 5:6;

³⁸⁶ In פֶּן avertive constructions, פֶּן is not employed to express a narrator’s comment.

³⁸⁷ Gen 3:3, 22, 19:15, 17; 24:6; 31:24, 38:23; 44:34; Exod 1:10; 5:3; 19:21, 22, 24; 20:19; 23:33; 34:12, 15; Lev 10:7; Num 16:26; 20:18; Deut 4:9 (2x), 23; 6:12, 15; 7:25; 8:11, 12; 9:28; 11:16; 12:13, 19, 30 (2x); 15:9; 22:9; 29:17 (2x); Josh 2:16; 6:18; Jdgs 9:54; 14:15; 15:12; 18:25; 1 Sam 4:9; 9:5; 15:6; 20:3; 31:4; 2 Sam 1:20 (2x); 12:28; 15:14; 17:16; 20:6; 2 Kgs 2:16; 10:23; 1 Chron 10:4; Job 32:13; 36:18; Pss 2:12; 7:3; 13:4, 5; 50:22; 59:12; Prov 5:9, 10; 9:8; 20:13; 22:25; 24:18; 25:8, 10, 16, 17; 26:4, 5; 30:6, 9 (2x), 10; 31:5; Isa 6:10; 28:22; 36:18; Jer 1:17; 4:4; 6:8 (2x); 10:24; 21:12; Amos 5:6.

lest I should die because of her.”

(Gen 26:9)³⁸⁸ (YCK)

In some cases, a *כי* clause occurs between the matrix and the *פן* averting clause by introducing the reason for the matrix event.

וּכְלֹכְלֹתִי אֶתֶּךָ שָׁם בְּיַעֲוֹד חֲמֵשׁ שָׁנִים רָעָב פָּנֶיךָ
 תִּוְרָשׁ אֶתְּךָ וּבֵיתְךָ וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לְךָ: And there I will provide for you, for there are
 yet five years of famine to come; lest you and
 your household, and all that you have, come
 to poverty. (Gen 45:11)³⁸⁹

4.6.2.2.2 Participant encoding

פן averting constructions express the subjects of the matrix and purpose clause (dependent clause) explicitly. In addition, the constructions prefer different subjects in the matrix and negative purpose clauses (subordinate clauses).³⁹⁰ Different subjects in the matrix and negative purpose clauses occur 82x (see Exod 19:22).³⁹¹ The same subjects in the matrix and subordinate clauses occur 47x (see Gen 24:6).³⁹² This is in agreement with the findings of Schmidtke-Bode (2009), which state that averting constructions more explicitly express subjects than positive purpose constructions, and prefer entirely different subjects between the matrix and subordinate clause (§3.3.1.2.6).

וְגַם הַכֹּהֲנִים הַנִּגְשִׁים אֶל־יְהוָה יִתְקַדְּשׁוּ פָּנֵי־יִפְרִיץ
 בְּהֵם יְהוָה: And also let *the priests* who come near to the
 LORD consecrate themselves, lest *the LORD*
 break out upon them. (Exod 19:22)

³⁸⁸ See also Gen 3:22, 26:7; 31:31; 32:12; 38:11; 42:4; Exod 13:17; Num 16:34; Deut 29:17 (2x); 32:27 (2x); Jdgs 7:2; 1 Sam 13:19; 27:11.

³⁸⁹ See also, Gen 32:12; Exod 33:3; 34:15; Deut 4:16; 6:15; Isa 36:18.

³⁹⁰ Four instances out of a total of 133 are excluded in our analysis, for *פן* does not function as an averting conjunction in these places (Ps 28:1; Prov 5:6; 25:8; Jer 51:46).

³⁹¹ Gen 19:19; 26:7 (matrix is elliptical); 31:31 (matrix is elliptical); 32:12; 38:11 (matrix is elliptical), 23; 42:4 (matrix is elliptical); 45:11; Exod 1:10; 5:3; 13:17 (matrix is elliptical); 19:21, 24; 20:19; 23:29; 34:12; Num 16:34 (matrix is elliptical); 20:18; Deut 6:15; 7:22; 9:28; 11:16; 19:6; 29:17 (2x) (matrix is elliptical); 32:27 (2x) (matrix is elliptical); Josh 2:16; 24:27; Jdgs 7:2 (matrix is implied); 9:54; 14:15; 18:25; 1 Sam 9:5; 13:19 (matrix is elliptical); 15:6; 27:11 (matrix is elliptical); 31:4; 2 Sam 1:20 (2x); 12:28; 15:14; 17:16; 20:6; 1 Kgs 2:16; 10:23; Job 32:13; 36:18; 1 Chron 10:4; Job 32:13; 36:18; Pss 2:12; 7:3; 13:4, 5; 38:17; 50:22; 59:12; 91:12; Prov 5:10; 9:8; 24:18; 25:10; 25:10, 17; 26:5; 30:6, 9 (2x), 10; Isa 6:10; 27:3; 28:22; 36:18; 48:5, 7; Jer 1:17; 4:4; 6:8 (2x); 21:12; 51:46; Hosea 2:5; Amos 5:6; Mal 3:24.

³⁹² Gen 3:3, 22 (matrix is elliptical); 11:4; 19:15, 17; 26:9 (matrix is elliptical); 31:24; 44:34; Exod 23:33; 33:3; 34:12, 15; Lev 10:7; Num 16:26; Deut 4:9 (2x), 16, 19, 23; 6:12; 7:25; 8:11, 12; 12:13, 19, 30 (2x); 15:9; 20:5, 6, 7; 22:9; 25:3; Josh 6:18; Jdgs 15:12; Ruth 4:6; 1 Sam 4:9; 20:3; Prov 5:9; 20:13; 22:25; 25:16; 26:4; 31:5; Jer 10:24; 38:19.

וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אַבְרָהָם הֲשִׁמֹּר לְךָ פֶּן־תָּשִׁיב אֶת־בְּנִי שָׁמָּה: *Abraham said to him, “Be careful lest you should take my son back there.”*
(Gen 24:6) (YCK)

As far as the matrix subjects of פֶּן avertive constructions are concerned, the constructions show a preference for 2nd person subjects, regardless of whether the matrix shares that subject with the purpose clause or not (see the box below). This implies that פֶּן avertive constructions are mainly employed in the discourse.

[The subject of the matrix of פֶּן avertive constructions]

The subject of the matrix (Total=130x)			
When the subjects of purpose clauses are coreferential with the subject of the matrix		When the subjects of purpose clauses are not coreferential with the subject of the matrix	
1 st person subject	5 ³⁹⁵	1 st person subject	19 ³⁹⁴
2 nd person subject	33 ³⁹⁵	2 nd person subject	51 ³⁹⁶
3 rd person subject	8 ³⁹⁷	3 rd person subject	13 ³⁹⁸
Total	46	Total	83

The preference of the 2nd person subject in the matrix is a distinguishing feature of פֶּן avertive constructions from ‘לִמְעַן (אֲשֶׁר) לֹא’ avertive constructions, which happen to prefer the 3rd person subject (see §4.2.2.1.4).

As far as thematic roles are concerned, when they share the subject with that of the matrix, a semantic agent and experiencer occur 17x³⁹⁹ and 29x⁴⁰⁰ respectively in an

³⁹³ Gen 11:4; 26:9 (matrix is elliptical); 44:34; Exod 33:3; Ruth 4:6.

³⁹⁴ Gen 19:19; 26:7 (matrix is elliptical); 31:31 (matrix is elliptical); 32:12; 38:11 (matrix is elliptical); 42:4 (matrix is elliptical); 45:11; Exod 1:10; 5:3; 13:17 (matrix is elliptical); 23:29; Num 16:34 (matrix is elliptical); Deut 32:27 (2x); Jdgs 7:2 (matrix is implied); 1 Sam 9:5; 13:19 (matrix is elliptical); Ps 38:17; Isa 27:3; 48:5.

³⁹⁵ Gen 3:3; 19:15, 17, 19; 24:6; 31:24; Exod 34:12, 15; Lev 10:7; Num 16:26; Deut 4:9 (2x), 16, 19, 23; 6:12; 8:11, 12; 12:13, 19, 30 (2x); 15:9; 22:9; Josh 6:18; Jdgs 15:12; 1 Sam 4:9; Prov 5:9; 20:13; 22:25; 25:16; 26:4; Jer 10:24.

³⁹⁶ Exod 19:21; 34:12; Num 20:18; Deut 6:15; 7:22, 25; 9:28; 11:16; 29:17 (2x); Josh 2:16; Jdgs 9:54; 14:15; 1 Sam 15:6; 2 Sam 1:20 (2x); 12:28; 15:14; 17:16; 20:6; 2 Kgs 10:23; 1 Chron 10:4; Job 36:18; Pss 2:12; 7:3; 13:4, 5; 50:22; 59:12; Prov 5:10; 9:8; 24:18; 25:10, 17; 26:5; 30:6, 9 (2x), 10; Isa 6:10; 28:22; 36:18; 48:7; Jer 1:17; 4:4; 6:8 (2x); 21:12; Hosea 2:5; Amos 5:6.

³⁹⁷ Exod 23:33; Deut 20:5, 6, 7; 25:3; 1 Sam 20:3; Prov 31:5; Jer 38:19.

³⁹⁸ Gen 38:23; Exod 19:22, 24; 20:19; Deut 19:6; Josh 24:27; Jdgs 18:25; 1 Sam 27:11; 31:4; 2 Kgs 2:16; Job 32:13; Ps 91:12; Mal 3:24.

³⁹⁹ Gen 19:19; 24:6; 31:24; Exod 33:3; 34:12, 15; Deut 4:16; 12:13, 19; 25:3; Josh 6:18; Jdgs 15:12; Ruth 4:6; 1 Sam 4:9; Prov 5:9; Jer 10:24; 38:19.

avertive clause. However, a semantic patient does not occur in an avertive clause. This result does not accord with Schmidtke-Bode's (2009) findings (see §3.3.1.2.6). When the matrix and an avertive clause do not share the subject, various thematic roles are possible: agent (43x),⁴⁰¹ experiencer (30x),⁴⁰² theme (1x),⁴⁰³ instrument (2x),⁴⁰⁴ and force (7x).⁴⁰⁵ The 43x occurrences of a semantic 'agent' in an avertive clause is partially in agreement with Schmidtke-Bode's (2009) two complementary implicational universals (§3.3.1.2.6).

4.6.2.2.3 Verb forms

פּוֹ avertive constructions express two consecutive events by means of a balancing strategy. Structurally, the two relevant actions (i.e., verbs) in the matrix and avertive clause remain of the same rank (§3.3.1.2.2).

<p>וּכְמוֹ הַשָּׁחַר עָלָה וַיֹּאצִּיזוּ הַמַּלְאָכִים בְּלוֹט לְאַמָּר קוֹם קַח אֶת־אִשְׁתְּךָ וְאֶת־שְׁתֵּי בָנֹתֶיךָ הַנִּמְצָאֹת פֶּן־תִּסְפָּה בְּעֶזְן הָעִיר:</p>	<p>When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city." (Gen 19:15)</p>
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As far as the semantics of the matrix's verb is concerned, verbs that are often identified are those which encode a precautionary situation (הַשְׁמָר, ⁴⁰⁶נִשְׁמַרְתֶּם, ⁴⁰⁷שָׁמְרוּ) (see Gen 24:6). In such cases, the agent of the matrix attempts to prevent something undesirable from

⁴⁰⁰ Gen 3:3; 11:4; 19:15, 17; 26:9; 44:34; Exod 23:33; Lev 10:7; Num 16:26; Deut 4:9 (2x), 19, 23; 6:12; 8:11, 12, 30 (2x); 15:9; 20:5, 6, 7; 22:9; 1 Sam 20:3; Prov 20:13; 22:25; 25:16; 26:4; 31:5.

⁴⁰¹ Gen 26:7; 1:31; 32:12; Exod 5:3; 19:21, 22, 24; Num 20:18; Deut 9:28; 19:6; 32:27; Josh 2:16; 24:27; Jdgs 9:54; 14:15; 18:25; 1 Sam 9:5; 13:19; 15:6; 27:11; 31:4; 2 Sam 12:28; 15:14; 20:6; 2 Kgs 10:23; 1 Chron 10:4; Job 32:13; Pss 7:3; 13:5; 50:22; Prov 25:10; 30:6, 10; Isa 27:3; 36:18; 48:5, 7; Jer 1:17; 4:4; 6:8; Hosea 2:5; Amos 5:6; Mal 3:24.

⁴⁰² Gen 38:11, 23; 45:11; Exod 1:10; 13:17; 20:19; Deut 7:22, 25; 11:16; 29:17 (2x); 32:27; Jdgs 7:2; 2 Sam 1:20 (2x); 17:16; Pss 2:12; 13:4; 38:17; 59:12; 91:12; Prov 5:10; 9:8; 24:18; 25:17; 26:5; 30:9 (2x); Isa 6:10; Jer 6:8.

⁴⁰³ Exod 23:29. Theme is an entity which is moved by an action, or whose location is described. E.g., the ball and the book in 'Roberto passed *the ball* wide.' 'The *book* is in the library.'

⁴⁰⁴ Exod 34:12; Isa 28:22.

⁴⁰⁵ Gen 19:19; 42:4; Num 16:34; Deut 6:15; 2 Kgs 2:16; Job 36:18; 21:12. Force is an inanimate doer, such as the wind in '*the wind* blew the door shut.'

⁴⁰⁶ Gen 24:6; 31:24; Exod 34:12 (2x); Deut 4:9 (2x), 19 (matrix is elliptical), 23; 6:12; 8:11; 11:16; 12:13, 19, 30 (2x); 15:9; 29:17 (2x) (matrix is elliptical).

⁴⁰⁷ Deut 4:16, 19 (matrix is elliptical).

⁴⁰⁸ Josh 6:18.

happening by issuing a cautionary statement. This accords with a typological feature of avertive clauses identified by Schmidtke-Bode (2009) (§3.3.1.2.6).

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם הִשָּׁמֵר לְךָ פֶּן-תָּשִׁיב אֶת-בְּנִי שָׁמָּה: He (Abraham) said to him, “Be careful lest you should take my son back there.”
(Gen 24:6) (YCK)

However, when the main verb of the matrix does not encode a precautionary situation, the whole matrix clauses encode the precautionary situation. In these cases, the agent of the matrix tries to prevent something undesirable from happening by refraining from doing something.

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה לְדָוִד וְעַלִּיתָ אֶתְּהָ וְאַהֲרֹן עִמָּךְ וְהַכְּהֹנִים וְהָעָם אֶל-יְהוָה לְעֹלֹת אֶל-יְהוָה פֶּן-יִפְרָצוּ-בָּם: And the LORD said to him, “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you; but do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them.”
(Exod 19:24)⁴⁰⁹

The matrix-verbal phrase of פֶּן avertive constructions also expresses a positive effort to prevent or avoid something unwanted from happening.

וַיֹּאמְרוּ הֵבָה | נִבְנֶה-לָּנוּ עִיר וּמִגְדָּל וְרֵאשׁוּ בְּשֵׁמִים וְנַעֲשֶׂה-לָּנוּ שֵׁם פֶּן-נִפְּוֶץ עַל-פְּנֵי כָל-הָאָרֶץ: Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”
(Gen 11:4)⁴¹⁰

Mitchell’s (1915:139) argument that פֶּן is used “when the subject acts, or refrains from acting, to prevent or avoid one of an indefinite number of possible occurrences” is partly correct. פֶּן is also employed, however, when there is a positive effort to prevent or avoid a single definite event.

⁴⁰⁹ See also, Gen 3:3, 22 (elliptical); 19:17; 42:4; Exod 13:17; 20:19; 23:29; 23:33; 33:3; 34:15; Lev 10:7; Num 16:26; 20:18; Deut 6:15; 7:22, 25; 22:9; 25:3; Jdgs 7:2 (implied); Jdgs 18:25; 1 Sam 20:3; 27:11; 2 Sam 1:20 (2x); Job 36:18 (פִּי-יִחַמָּה verbless clause; פִּי-יִחַמָּה is an idiomatic expression implying “beware.”); Ps 59:12; Prov 9:8; 20:13; 22:25; 24:18; 25:10; 26:4; 30:6, 10; 31:5; Isa 36:18; 48:7; Jer 1:17.

⁴¹⁰ See also, Gen 19:15, 19; 26:7, 9 (elliptical); 31:31 (elliptical); 38:11, 23; 44:34; 45:11; Exod 1:10; 5:3; 19:21, 22; Num 16:34; Deut 9:28; 19:6; 20:5, 6, 7; 32:27 (2x) (elliptical); Josh 2:16; 24:27; Jdgs 9:54; 14:15; 15:12; Ruth 4:6; 1 Sam 4:9; 9:5; 13:19; 15:6; 31:4; 2 Sam 12:28; 15:14; 17:16; 20:6; 2 Kgs 2:16; 10:23; 1 Chron 10:4; Pss 2:12; 7:3; 13:4, 5; 38:17; 50:22; 91:12; Prov 5:9, 10; 25:16, 17; 26:5; 30:9 (2x); Isa 6:10; 27:3; 28:22; 48:5; Jer 4:4; 6:8 (2x); 10:24; 21:12; 38:19; 51:46; Hosea 2:5; Amos 5:6; Mal 3:24.

4.6.2.3 Sense distinctions

1. The matrix clause is considered to be the tr while the clause introduced by פִּן is the lm. The tr is an event, performed positively or negatively, in order that something undesirable might be prevented from happening. In such cases, the lm is an unwanted event. Here, פִּן serves as an avertive conjunction (128x), with a translation value of ‘lest.’⁴¹¹

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם הִשָּׁמֶר לְךָ פִּן־תָּשִׁיב אֶת־בְּנֵי שְׂמֵרָה׃
Abraham said to him, “Beware, lest you should take my son back there.”
(Gen 24:6) (YCK)

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה לְךָ־רֹד וְעָלִית אִתָּהּ וְאַהֲרֹן עִמָּךְ וְהַכֹּהֲנִים וְהָעָם אֲלֵי־הַרְסוּ לְעֹלֹת אֶל־יְהוָה פִּן־יִפְרֹצוּ־בָם׃
And the LORD said to him, “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you; but do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them.”
(Exod 19:24)

וּכְמוֹ הַשָּׁחַר עָלָה וַיֹּאצִּצוּ הַמַּלְאָכִים בְּלוֹט לֵאמֹר קוּם לֶח אֶת־אִשְׁתְּךָ וְאֶת־שְׁתֵּי בָנֹתֶיךָ הַנִּמְצָאֹת פִּן־תִּסָּפֵה בְּעֶזְרֵן הָעִיר׃
When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying “Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.”
(Gen 19:15)

פִּן avertive constructions often elide the matrix (15x).⁴¹² In these cases, כִּי clauses often introduce the reason for the ellipsed event of the matrix like in Gen 26:9 (9x).

וַיִּקְרָא אַבִּימֶלֶךְ לְיִצְחָק וַיֹּאמֶר אֵךְ הִנֵּה אִשְׁתְּךָ הִוא וְאֵיךְ אָמַרְתָּ אֶתְחִי הִוא וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו יִצְחָק כִּי אָמַרְתִּי פִּן־אָמוֹת עָלֶיךָ׃
So Abimelech called Isaac, and said, “Behold, she is your wife; how then could you say, ‘She is my sister?’” Isaac said to him, “Because I thought (I have to say) lest I should die because of her.”
(Gen 26:9)⁴¹³ (YCK)

⁴¹¹ Gen 3:3, 22 (the matrix is elliptical); 11:4; 19:5, 17, 19; 24:6; 26:7 (the matrix is elliptical), 9 (the matrix is elliptical); 31:24, 31 (the matrix is elliptical); 32:12 (the matrix is elliptical); 38:11 (the matrix is elliptical), 23, 24; 42:4 (the matrix is elliptical); 44:34; 45:11; Exod 1:10; 5:3; 13:17 (the matrix is elliptical); 19:21, 22, 24 (2x); 20:19; 23:29, 33; 33:3; 34:12 (2x), 15; Lev 10:7; 16:26, 34 (the matrix is elliptical); 20:18; Deut 4:9 (2x); 4:16, 19, 23; 6:12, 15; 7:22, 25; 8:11, 12; 9:28; 11:16; 12:13, 19, 30 (2x); 15:9; 19:6; 20:5, 6, 7; 22:9; 25:3; 29:17 (2x) (the matrix is elliptical); 32:27 (2x) (the matrix is elliptical); Josh 2:16; 6:18; 24:27; Jdgs 7:2 (the matrix is implied); 9:54; 14:15; 15:12; 18:25; Ruth 4:6; 1 Sam 4:9; 9:5; 13:19 (the matrix is elliptical); 15:6; 20:3; 27:11 (the matrix is elliptical); 31:4; 1:20 (2x); 2 Sam 12:28; 15:14; 17:16; 20:6; 2 Kgs 10:23; 1 Chron 10:4; Job 32:13; 36:18; Pss 2:12; 7:3; 13:4, 5; 38:17; 50:22; 59:12; 91:12; Prov 5:9, 10; 9:8; 20:13; 22:25; 24:18; 25:10, 16, 17; 26:4, 5; 30:6, 9 (2x), 10; 31:5; Isa 6:0; 27:3; 28:22; 36:18; 48:5, 7; Jer 1:17; 4:4; 6:8 (2x); 10:24; 21:12; 38:19; Hosea 2:5; Amos 5:6; Mal 3:24.

⁴¹² Gen 3:22; 26:7, 9; 31:31; 38:11; 42:4; Exod 13:17; Num 16:34; Deut 29:17 (2x); 32:27 (2x); Jdgs 7:2; 1 Sam 13:19; 27:11.

2. Negative particle (2x). The translation value could be ‘not.’

אֲרַח חַיִּים פֶּן תִּפְלֹס נְעוּ מִעֲגֻלְתֶּיהָ לֹא תִדְעַ: פ She *does not* take heed to the path of life; her ways wander, and she does not know it. (Prov 5:6)⁴¹⁴

3. The lm is a contrasting event with the tr (1x). The translation value could be ‘otherwise.’

אֲל־תָּצֵא לְרֵב מְהֵרָה פֶּן מֵה־תַּעֲשֶׂה בְּאַחֲרֵיתָהּ בְּהִכְלִים אֶתְךָ רַעַךְ: Do not hastily bring into court otherwise what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? (Prov 25:8)

4. The lm is the protasis of a conditional clause (1x). The translation value could be ‘if.’⁴¹⁵

אֲלֵיךָ יְהוָה | אֶקְרָא צוּרִי אֲל־תִּחַרְשׁ מִמְּנִי פֶּן תִּחַשֶׁה מִמְּנִי וְנִמְשַׁלְתִּי עִם־יֹרְדֵי בּוֹר: To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me; *if* you are silent to me, I will be like those who go down to the pit. (Ps 28:1) (YCK)

5. Difficult case

וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו הִנֵּה־נָא יֵשׁ־אֶת־עַבְדֶּיךָ חֲמִשִּׁים אֲנָשִׁים בְּגִי־חַיִל יִלְכוּ נָא וַיִּבְקְשׁוּ אֶת־אֲדֹנָיךָ פֶּן־נִשְׂאוּ רֹחַ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁלַכְהוּ בְּאַחַד הַהָרִים אוֹ בְּאַחַת הַגִּיאֹת וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא תִשְׁלַחוּ: And they said to him, “Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men; pray, let them go, and seek your master; it may be that the Spirit of the LORD has caught him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley.” And he said, “You shall not send.” (2 Kgs 2:16)

In this example, פֶּן cannot be glossed in terms of “lest,” but there is no reason to say that פֶּן has a different sense than sense 1-4. פֶּן here may be regarded as a complementizer. And its translation value could be “zero” or “that.”⁴¹⁶

⁴¹³ See also Gen 31:31; 38:11; 42:4; Exod 13:17; Num 16:34; Deut 29:17 (2x); 1 Sam 13:19.

⁴¹⁴ See also, Jer 51:46.

⁴¹⁵ This is a problematic case. פֶּן־תִּחַרְשׁ מִמְּנִי is omitted in a few manuscripts and a Latin translation (vetus versio Latina).

⁴¹⁶ Huddleston & Pullum (2002: 730) and López-Couso (2007:14) also identified that “lest” in English is used as a complementizer.

He trembled *lest* they should see through his disguise (Huddleston & Pullum 2002: 730).

Perhaps, too, there was in her mind some latent dread *lest* an easy temper like Mark’s might not hold firmly fixed a severe resolution not immediately put into execution (López-Couso 2007:14).

Although we distinguished different senses, senses 2, 3, 4 and 5 are rare. Furthermore, it is not clear what cognitive principles are involved between the different senses. In this regard, further investigation needs to be done.

The prototypical sense of לֹא (i.e. sense 1) does not show any changes in its patterns of use that correspond with stages along the diachronic cline. It is attested to in the books of CBH, TBH and LBH. However, as for senses 2, 3, 4 and 5, it is difficult to say if there is any diachronic change between these senses because of a lack of sufficient data.

- Sense 1: Gen (17x); Exod (13x); Lev (3x); Num (1x); Deut (28x); Josh (3x); Jdgs (5x); 1 Sam (4x); 2 Kgs (1x); Hosea (1x); Amos (1x); *Jer* (6x); Mal (1x).
- Sense 2: \emptyset ; *Jer* (1x); \emptyset .
- Sense 3: Prov (1x).
- Sense 4: Ps (1x).
- Sense 5: 2 Kgs (1x)

4.6.3 Summary

The prototypical meaning of לֹא is to indicate a negative purpose (avertive meaning). Hence, לֹא typically functions as an averting conjunction. As for the different sense distinctions of לֹא , we were not able to distinguish between them by Im specifications. Furthermore, although we distinguished different senses of לֹא , we failed to demonstrate how these senses are related to one another.

לֹא governs a clause (*yiqtol*, *qatal*, or interrogative clause) and operates on three levels. As far as operational level is concerned, it predominantly operates on discursive level. This is a distinguishing feature from positive purpose connectives.

The following features of לֹא averting constructions were identified:

- לֹא averting clauses prefer the postposed position in terms of position patterning.
- לֹא averting constructions prefer different subjects between the matrix and dependent clause.
- לֹא averting constructions show a preference for 2nd person subjects in the matrix.
- Two consecutive events are encoded by balancing.
- Verbs/phrases encoding precautionary situations or phrases expressing a positive effort to prevent something unwanted from happening are employed in the matrix.

Diachronic changes of meaning do not occur. $\text{לֹא} + \text{yiqtol}$ occurs in the books of CBH, TBH and LBH. On the contrary, $\text{לֹא} + \text{qatal}$ was identified only in the books of CBH (two cases).

4.7 FINDINGS

We have described the semantic potential of the following connectives: *לְמַעַן*, *בְּעֵבוּר* and *פֶּן*. We also described *לְ* + infinitive purpose constructions and purpose constructions with a *waw* in order to compare them with the *לְמַעַן* and *בְּעֵבוּר* purpose constructions. We identified the following as far as these constructions are concerned:

1. *לְמַעַן*

לְמַעַן has the semantic potential to prompt the conceptualization of purpose, result and reason relationships with various scopes and at different levels. Among these, purpose is the prototypical relationship. The polysemy relationship of purpose, result and reason is related to one another in terms of cognitive principles.

The scope and level which *לְמַעַן* operates on varies according to the relations that it displays.

- (1) The scope of the purposive *לְמַעַן* is both a NP as well as a clause (infinitive and *yiqtol* clause). It also operates on three different levels: effective, epistemic, and discursive. However, *לְמַעַן* predominantly operates at the effective level.
- (2) The scope of the resultative *לְמַעַן* is an infinitive clause as well as a finite clause (*yiqtol* clause). A NP is never the scope of the resultative *לְמַעַן*. The resultative *לְמַעַן* also operates at three levels (predominantly at the effective level).
- (3) The scope of the reason *לְמַעַן* is a NP as well as a clause. When the lexeme displays this sense, it operates at only two levels: the effective and discursive level.

The typological description of *לְמַעַן* purpose constructions revealed the following:

- (1) The *לְמַעַן* positive purpose clause follows in most cases the associated matrix clause.
- (2) As far as the participant sharing pattern is concerned, in a majority of cases, *לְמַעַן* + infinitive purpose constructions prefer subject sharing between the matrix and purpose clause, while *לְמַעַן* + *yiqtol* purpose constructions do not share a subject between the matrix and purpose clause.
- (3) *לְמַעַן* + infinitive purpose constructions prefer a 3rd person subject for its matrix, while the matrix of *לְמַעַן* + *yiqtol* purpose constructions prefer 2nd person subjects.
- (4) As for the verb forms, the *לְמַעַן* + infinitive purpose construction employs a deranking strategy in order to express two linked states of affairs. However, *לְמַעַן* + *yiqtol* purpose constructions utilize a balancing strategy to relate two temporal events.
- (5) As far as the semantics of the matrix verb is concerned, *לְמַעַן* + infinitive purpose constructions and *לְמַעַן* + *yiqtol* purpose constructions prefer atelic verbs in the matrix. When telic verbs occupy the matrix, they are usually motion verbs.

We attempted to distinguish between the different senses of *לְמַעַן* according to cognitive principles. Two different senses of the purposive *לְמַעַן* were distinguished: (1) *so that* or *in*

order to, and (2) *for the sake of*. However, different senses of the resultative and reason *לְמַעַן* were not identified. The three different meanings of *לְמַעַן* and different senses were shown to form a radial category.

Any diachronic changes of syntax and meaning of *לְמַעַן* were not identified.

2. בְּעֵבוֹר

בְּעֵבוֹר has a semantic potential that is similar to, but somewhat more restricted than that of *לְמַעַן*. *בְּעֵבוֹר* prompts the conceptualization of both a purpose and a reason relationship. Of the two, the purpose relationship is the most typical. However, unlike *לְמַעַן*, *בְּעֵבוֹר* does not prompt the conceptualization of a result relation. Furthermore, *בְּעֵבוֹר* is never employed in an averting construction, i.e., *לֹא בְּעֵבוֹר* never occurs.

As far as typological features are concerned, the following of *בְּעֵבוֹר* purpose constructions are significant:

- (1) A *בְּעֵבוֹר* purpose clause tends to follow its corresponding matrix clause(s), viz., it prefers the postposed position.
- (2) As far as verbal forms are concerned, between the matrix and purpose clause, the *בְּעֵבוֹר* + infinitive purpose construction employs a deranking strategy, whereas in a *בְּעֵבוֹר* + finite purpose construction, the two predicates expressing the two relevant actions remain structurally of the same rank, i.e., balancing.
- (3) Concerning participant encoding, *בְּעֵבוֹר* + infinitive purpose clauses display a preference for an unexpressed subject, i.e., an implicit subject. In addition, *בְּעֵבוֹר* + infinitive purpose clauses tend to share the unexpressed subject with that of the matrix, viz., the subject of the matrix controls the implicit subject of the purpose clause. However, *בְּעֵבוֹר* + finite purpose clauses have explicit subjects and do not share subjects with those of the matrix.
- (4) The matrix of *בְּעֵבוֹר* + infinitive purpose constructions typically has a 3rd person subject. This positively supports the claim that *בְּעֵבוֹר* + infinitive purpose constructions are typically employed in narrative material. However, in *בְּעֵבוֹר* + finite purpose constructions, the subject of the matrix displays a preference for the 2nd person subject. This confirms Payle's (2000) finding that *בְּעֵבוֹר* + finite purpose constructions are mainly utilized in the discourse.

These typological descriptions point out a number of differences between *בְּעֵבוֹר* and *לְמַעַן* constructions. Unlike *לְמַעַן*, 1) the purposive *בְּעֵבוֹר* is never used with *לֹא*; 2) *בְּעֵבוֹר* purpose constructions often use motion verbs in the matrix; 3) the *בְּעֵבוֹר* of reason never operates on a discursive level; and 4) the *בְּעֵבוֹר* of reason is sometimes followed by a *qatal*.

The scope and level *בְּעֵבוֹר* operates on varies according to the relations that it displays.

- (1) The scope of the purposive **בְּעִבּוּר** is both a NP as well as that of a clause (infinitive and *yiqtol* clause). It also operates on three different levels: effective (predominantly), epistemic and discursive.
- (2) The scope of the **בְּעִבּוּר** of reason is both a NP and a clause (infinitive and *qatal*). It is significant to note that a **בְּעִבּוּר** + *qatal* clause can occur in **בְּעִבּוּר** reason constructions. This is a distinguishing feature of a **בְּעִבּוּר** of reason from a **לְמַעַן** of reason. For this reason, **בְּעִבּוּר** predominantly operates on an effective level. The **בְּעִבּוּר** of reason does not operate at a discursive level unlike **לְמַעַן** of reason.

The senses of **בְּעִבּוּר** also vary according to the relations that **בְּעִבּוּר** displays.

- (1) Three different senses of the purposive **בְּעִבּוּר** were distinguished according to cognitive principles: (1) in order to/so that (most typical member); (2) for the sake of; (3) for the price of. These senses were understood as being extended by means of metaphor and metonymy.
- (2) One category of a reason **בְּעִבּוּר** was identified.

The senses of **בְּעִבּוּר** form a radial category.

Any diachronic changes of senses were not identified. However, a possible diachronic development is identified as far as the syntax is concerned.

We also investigated purpose constructions with a *waw* along with **לְ** + infinitive purpose constructions occurring in the Pentateuch in order to compare them with both **לְמַעַן** and **בְּעִבּוּר** purpose constructions.

3. Purpose constructions with a *waw*

- (1) Purpose clauses with a *waw* strongly prefer a postposed position amidst the purpose construction. Purpose clauses never prepose the matrix; this is a distinguishing feature from **לְמַעַן** and **בְּעִבּוּר** purpose constructions.
- (2) Purpose constructions headed by a *waw* employ a balancing strategy in order to express the two relevant actions, viz., the purpose constructions maintain the finite verbal constructs both in the matrix and the purpose clause.
- (3) As for the semantics of the verb in the matrix, purpose constructions with a *waw* do not show whether they prefer telic or atelic verbs in the matrix. However, when telic verbs are used in the matrix, they are motion verbs.
- (4) Purpose constructions with a *waw* show aberrance from a distinguishing feature of purpose constructions by preferring different subjects between the matrix and purpose clause. Furthermore, purpose constructions are different from **לְמַעַן** and **בְּעִבּוּר** purpose constructions in terms of participant encoding. Purpose constructions with a *waw* prefer the 1st person subject in the matrix when the subject of the purpose clause and the matrix is the same. However, when the subjects of the purpose and matrix clause are different,

purpose constructions with a *waw* tend to prefer the 2nd person subject of the matrix. The preference of 1st and 2nd person subjects confirms that purpose constructions with a *waw* are mainly employed within a discourse.

4. לְ + infinitive purpose/result constructions

לְ + infinitive purpose constructions show the following features:

- (1) They strongly prefer the postposed position.
- (2) They prefer a deranking strategy in order to represent the two predicates in a consecutive chain, viz., the predicate of a לְ + infinitive purpose clause is deranked.
- (3) As for the semantics of the verbs in the matrix, לְ + infinitive purpose constructions prefer telic verbs in the matrix. When atelic verbs appear in the matrix, most of the atelic verbs are motion verbs.
- (4) They tend to exhibit at least one unexpressed argument in the לְ + infinitive purpose clause. However, in a number of cases the matrix and purpose clause do share a participant.
- (5) They prefer 3rd person subjects in the matrix regardless of whether the matrix shares the subject with the purpose clause, or not. This implies that לְ + infinitive purpose constructions are mainly employed within a narrative.

לְ + infinitive result constructions occurring in the Pentateuch exhibits the following features:

- (1) Verbs employed in the matrix often denote a negative connotation (e.g., הִרְבֵּעַ to provoke anger). This feature is similar to a לְ + infinitive of result.
- (2) Resultative לְ + infinitives operate on three levels.

[A comparison of purpose constructions]

Features Constructions	Scope	Levels	Position of PC	Verbs forms between PC and MC	Semantics of the matrix's verbs (telicity)	Participant encoding				Narrative or discourse
						The subject of the matrix		The subject of PC	Subject sharing between the MC and PC	
						The MC and PC are coreferential	the MC and PC are not coreferential			
למען purpose constructions	NP, infinitive, <i>yiqtol</i>	Effective Epistemic Discursive								
למען	infinitive purpose construction		Postposed	Deranking	Atelic Telic=motion verbs	3 rd person	3 rd person	Unexpressed	Sharing	Narrative
	finite. purpose construction		Postposed	Balancing	Atelic Telic=motion verbs	2 nd person	2 nd person	Explicit	No sharing	Discourse
בעבור purpose constructions	NP, infinitive, <i>yiqtol</i>	Effective Epistemic Discursive								
בעבור	infinitive purpose construction		Postposed	Deranking	Atelic Telic=motion verbs	3 rd person	1 st person	Unexpressed	Sharing	Narrative Discourse
	finite. purpose construction		Postposed	Balancing	Atelic Telic=motion verbs	2 nd person	2 nd person	Explicit	Sharing (only once)	Discourse
לְ + infinitive purpose constructions			Postposed	Deranking	Telic Atelic=motion verbs	3 rd person	3 rd person	Unexpressed	Sharing	Narrative
Purpose constructions with a <i>waw</i>			Postposed strictly	Balancing	Not clear preference	1 st person	2 nd person	Explicit	No sharing	Discourse

MC=the matrix clause/ PC=purpose clause

5. פֶּן

פֶּן prompts the conceptualization of a negative purpose relation, i.e., an avertive relation. The scope of פֶּן is a clause (*yiqtol*, *qatal*, and interrogative clause). Contrary to other lexemes, a NP is never the scope of פֶּן . פֶּן predominantly operates on a discursive level.

פֶּן avertive clauses prefer the postposed position in terms of position patterning. פֶּן avertive constructions explicitly express the subjects of the matrix and purpose clause. In addition, the construction prefers different subjects in the matrix and negative purpose clauses. Furthermore, the matrix of the construction prefers 2nd person subjects. This is a distinguishing feature from לֹא (אַשְׁרֵי) לְמַעַן avertive constructions, which prefer 3rd person subjects. פֶּן avertive constructions express two consecutive events by means of a balancing strategy. As far as the semantics of the matrix verb are concerned, verbs encoding a precautionary situation are often used.

Four different senses of פֶּן were distinguished according to a cognitive principle: (1) lest; (2) not; (3) otherwise; 4) if; 5) that. It is not clear how these senses are extended in terms of cognitive principles. However, sense (2), (3), (4), and (5) are extremely rare.

פֶּן avertive constructions do not show any diachronic changes in either meaning or syntax.

6. לֹא (אַשְׁרֵי) לְמַעַן

The scope of לֹא (אַשְׁרֵי) לְמַעַן is a clause (*yiqtol*). לֹא (אַשְׁרֵי) לְמַעַן constructions utilize a balancing strategy, viz., the two predicates remain structurally of the same rank. As far as participant encoding is concerned, לֹא (אַשְׁרֵי) לְמַעַן avertive constructions explicitly express subjects and prefer different subjects between the matrix and avertive purpose clause. Furthermore, the construction prefers 3rd person subjects in the matrix.

לֹא (אַשְׁרֵי) לְמַעַן avertive constructions differ from פֶּן avertive constructions in that the verbs of the matrix or the situations referred to in the matrix do not encode precautionary situations. Rather, they convey positive efforts to prevent something unwanted from happening in the avertive clauses.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

The aim of this project was to establish certain data types that are relevant for determining the various meanings and/or senses that *בְּעִבּוּר*, *לְמַעַן*, and *פֶּן* may be used to indicate. In step with these goals, we provided multiple criteria for distinguishing the meanings and/or senses of these connectives, as well as a description of them in light of the proposed criteria.

In chapter 2, we identified the shortcomings of the current linguistic description of the lexical items *בְּעִבּוּר*, *לְמַעַן*, and *פֶּן*, as well as other grammatical constructions in the field of BH linguistics and BH lexica. Firstly, it was noted that the semantic models underlying such resources are etymologically or comparative-philologically oriented. Although they provide comparative-philological information, they do not explain how this information can help one to understand the meaning of the lexical items surveyed, and they do not define the meanings and senses of the lexical items themselves. Due to the heavily oriented etymological semantic models, they come short in describing the paradigmatic relation between the different types of purpose constructions. For the same reason, they also fail to describe the scope and levels on which the lexemes operate and govern. Secondly, the word classes of the lexemes were not based on any sort of explicit criteria. Thirdly, due to a negligence of defining the notions of purpose, result, reason, and cause, scholars were of different opinions when it came to distinguishing the different types of relationships the lexical items could display. Because of this, they also fail to describe the relations between the different relationships as well as making a distinction between them.

In order to overcome the shortcomings identified in chapter 2 and to better describe the lexical items, in chapter 3 we hypothesized that a more adequate theoretical and methodological framework would help to address the problem. In chapter 4 we launched an empirical investigation in order to test our model.

We employed perspectives of cognitive linguistics towards the meaning of an expression to describe more adequately the meaning and polysemic relationships of the lexemes and constructions investigated.

- Meaning is conceptualization, viz., word meanings are represented by concepts that are mental representations of categories.
- People categorize not by means of necessary and sufficient conditions but with reference to a prototype.
- Word meaning is encyclopedic in scope.
- Semantic potential is a useful concept for capturing the meaning and senses of an expression.

- The meaning of a word can be defined by what it profiles. When an expression profiles a relationship, the relational profile is defined by the relation between the prominent participant (tr) and the secondary participant (lm).
- The meaning extension of linguistic expressions is motivated in terms of cognitive principles.

Our empirical research established that *לְמַעַן*, *בְּעֵבוּר*, and *פֶּן* have a semantic potential that prompts the conceptualization of multiple relationships (e.g., *לְמַעַן*: purpose, result, and reason relationship) with varying scopes, among different levels.

We identified the prototypical and less prototypical uses of the lexemes according to prototype theory. For instance, a purpose relation is the prototypical meaning of *לְמַעַן*, while result and reason relations are less prototypical meaning of it. The prototypical meaning of *בְּעֵבוּר* is also a purpose relation, with the reason relation being a less prototypical meaning. Uniquely, *פֶּן* typically indicates an avertive relation.

We were able to distinguish between the different relationships that the lexemes *לְמַעַן*, *בְּעֵבוּר*, and *פֶּן* display by relying on the notions of purpose, result, cause, and reason, as defined in cognitive linguistic circles. These criteria also made it possible to better distinguish the relation of cause and reason from causal relations or ground (motivation). We distinguished three different constructions to be part of the semantic potential of *לְמַעַן*: purpose, result, and reason. We also established that *בְּעֵבוּר* has the semantic potential to prompt the conceptualization of both purpose and reason relationships. This might be one of the most significant findings of this study.

A typological investigation of purpose constructions revealed that coordination and subordination cannot be a criterion for determining whether or not a construction should be considered a purpose construction. Hence, in order to provide more criteria for distinguishing between purpose and result, we used the cognitive functional notion of a purpose construction.

In order to analyze the meaning of purpose constructions, we used the concepts tr and lm. Utilizing these concepts, we were able to identify the schematic meaning of purpose, result, and reason as signified by *לְמַעַן* and *בְּעֵבוּר* (only purpose and reason). We also tried to distinguish different senses using these concepts, however, failed to do so in some cases (e.g., the resultative *לְמַעַן* and *בְּעֵבוּר* of reason). This shortcoming may be due to the application of the concepts of tr and lm for distinguishing different senses. These theoretical notions appear to be not appropriate for these purposes.

We also considered cognitive principles of meaning extensions of linguistic expressions in order to distinguish different senses of the lexemes and to investigate how meanings are extended. We identified that different senses of grammatical constructions form a radial categories according to cognitive principles. As far as *לְמַעַן* and *בְּעֵבוּר* are concerned, we identified that the different relationships they display (e.g., purpose, result, reason in case of

לְמַעַן) are extended on the basis of several cognitive principles (specialization, metaphor, metonymy). Also different senses are extended on the basis of these cognitive principles. However, we were unable to explain how the different senses of פֶּן are extended on the basis of such cognitive principles.

Our investigation established that, in general, the connectives operate on three different levels. We also noticed that the scope of לְמַעַן, בְּעֵבֹר, and פֶּן varied.

We employed typological parameters in order to describe and provide the paradigmatic relationships between the lexemes. For these purposes, we also investigated purpose constructions with and without explicit lexemes that prompt the purpose relationship. We applied typological parameters to all of these purpose constructions. The parameters employed included: position of the purpose clause, participant encoding, the deranking and balancing of verbs between the matrix and purpose clauses, and the semantics of the matrix's verb. It was identified that purpose constructions exhibited typological features in general. For instance, פֶּן avertive constructions revealed the typological features in terms of the semantics of the verbs or situations of the matrix, viz., it encodes a precautionary situation. Participant encoding also partially accorded with implication universals in terms of thematic roles. However, 'לְמַעַן (אֲשֶׁר) לֹא' avertive constructions were identified to be different from פֶּן avertive constructions in that the matrix encodes positive efforts.

Apart from possible inappropriateness of the notions *Im* and *tr* for the distinguishing sense referred to above, our investigation revealed that our theoretical model has some other limitations too.

In order to describe different purpose constructions, we employed several typological parameters. However, while the typological parameters did not render significant insights, they did confirm results established by other BH scholars (e.g., participant encoding). On the other hand, an investigation of the differences between 'לְמַעַן + infinitive' purpose constructions and 'לְמַעַן + *yiqtol*' purpose constructions on the basis of an unexpressed argument (binding and control), and matrix verb restriction, did not yield any significant insight. In addition, our model was unable to describe any semantic difference between the different types of purpose clauses, e.g., the semantic difference between לְמַעַן + *yiqtol* purpose constructions and לְמַעַן + infinitive purpose constructions remains obscure. In this regard, further investigation is required.

We tried to distinguish between the different senses of בְּעֵבֹר, לְמַעַן and פֶּן based on cognitive principles. However, we were unable to identify any of the cognitive principles underlying the different senses of פֶּן. In this regard, further investigation is necessary.

We also investigated לְ + infinitive purpose constructions as well as purpose constructions with a *waw* in order to compare them with לְמַעַן and בְּעֵבֹר purpose constructions. However, because the data came from only the Pentateuch, the features identified are tentative. More

extensive investigation is required to determine whether the entire corpus confirms the results obtained.

It was noted that the concept of purpose is metaphorically conceptualized according to both a location and an object. Furthermore, we pointed out that לְמַעַן and בְּעֵבוּר are each comprised, respectively, of two separate lexemes. Though scholars do not agree as to what the latter half of the two lexemes are, there is a consensus regarding the first: namely, the prepositions לְ and בְּ are identified as being part of the composite forms. Both of these prepositions may be relevant to the conceptualization of the concept of purpose in a dual system, i.e., location and object. Yet, still, in this regard, further investigation is required.

As far as negative purpose constructions are concerned, we have only investigated לֹא and פֶּן (אֲשֶׁר) לְמַעַן' avertive constructions. We did not investigate negative purpose constructions with מִן or בְּלִתִּי. In order to fully describe an avertive connective, further investigation including מִן and בְּלִתִּי should be undertaken.

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