

The Status of Verbs

237. Are all verbs declinable?

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245. What is the sign of the jussive state in defective verbs?

237. Aorist verbs are declinable except if the *nḥn* of emphasis or the feminine *nḥn* is added to it. In that case the verb would be indeclinable.

238. There are three states for verbs: nominative, subjunctive, and jussive.

239. The signs of these states are:

- Nominative: *dummah*
- Subjunctive: *fathah*
- Jussive: *sakḥn*

240. Yes, there are exceptions to this rule in:

- The five verbs

- Defective verbs in the jussive case

241. The five verbs are aorist tense verbs that:

- have a dual *alif*, for example: **يَضْرِبَانِ** (they 'two' are hitting)
- have a plural *waw*, for example: **يَضْرِبُونَ** (they are hitting)
- have a you feminine pronoun, for example: **تَضْرِبِينَ** (you 'female' are hitting)

242. The nominative sign in the five verbs is the *nun* remaining at the end of the verb. For example: **يَضْرِبَانِ** (those 'two' are hitting) which is an aorist tense verb in the nominative state and its sign is the *nun* because it is one of the five verbs.

243. The subjunctive sign in the five verbs is the subtraction of the *nun*. For example: **لَنْ تَضْرِبِي** (you 'female' never hit) which is an aorist tense verb in the subjunctive state because of *lan* and its sign is the subtraction of the *nun* because it is one of the five verbs.

244. The jussive sign in the five verbs is the subtraction of the *nun*. For example: **لَمْ تَضْرِبُوا** (you 'plural' did not hit) which is an aorist tense verb in the jussive state because of *lam* and its sign is the subtraction of the *nun* because it is one of the five verbs.

245. The jussive sign in the defective verbs is the subtraction of the weak letter. This is if it is not one of the five verbs in which the *nun* would be subtracted. For example: **لَمْ يَرْمِ** (he did not throw) which is an aorist tense verb in the jussive state because of *lam* and its sign is the subtraction of the weak letter because it is a weak verb of the root letter.

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