A Simplistic Model for Interpreting Tense and Mood of the Prefix Form (Lesson 27)

Form	Form Representation	1 Past Yes/No	On Which Section of the Time Line?	Possible Interpretations
Prefix Form + 1 Past	וַיִּלְטֹ ל	Yes	'Before Now'	Past!!!
Prefix Form		No	'Now' & 'Beyond Now'	Present (continuous action)Future
Prefix Form + \ Conjunctive	וְיִקְט ֹל			 Irreal Moods: Command Subjunctive: condition, possibility, wish, warning, blessing, curse, consequence etc.
Prefix Form	יָקְטֹ ל	No	'Before Now'	Past (repeated, habitual action)

A Simplistic Time Line Illustration

'Before Now'	'Now'	'Beyond Now'
	[Time of Utterance]	
Past	Present	
		• Future
		 Irreal Moods