January Hebrew!
What's Best For You?

You Can Succeed in Your Hebrew Studies at RTS!

My delight is to facilitate your success in studying Hebrew this year. I love Hebrew and I love teaching Hebrew. Learning Hebrew can be enjoyable and profitable for you.

- How will you benefit from studying Hebrew?
  - You will be better equipped to interpret the Old Testament than you would be without any knowledge of Hebrew.
  - You will be able to use Hebrew-based study tools such as Bible software, dictionaries, and theological wordbooks that would otherwise be unusable by you without any knowledge of Hebrew.
  - You will be able to benefit more from resources like commentaries as a result of your knowledge of Hebrew.

- Which option will you choose for succeeding in your Hebrew studies?

Electronic or Traditional?

We offer two tracks of Hebrew here in Orlando: Electronic Hebrew and Traditional Hebrew. Answering several questions will help you to decide which track is right for you and to begin a successful course of studies in Hebrew.

- What are the goals of the Electronic and Traditional Tracks?
  - Students who complete the Electronic Track will be equipped to interpret the English text of the Old Testament with the aid of Hebrew tools.
  - Students who complete the Traditional Track will be equipped to interpret the Hebrew text of the Old Testament with the aid of the English text.
How are the two tracks different?

- The **Electronic** Track is designed for the majority of RTS M.Div. and M.A. Biblical Studies students, who are headed for pastoral ministry or want a basic knowledge of Hebrew to aid them in the study of the Old Testament.
  - In Hebrew 1 you will study 10 grammar lessons and 10 computer software lessons, using *Basic Hebrew for Bible Study* and *Logos Bible Software*.
  - In Hebrew 2 you will study 10 more grammar lessons and 10 more computer software lessons, using *Basic Hebrew for Bible Study* and *Logos Bible Software*.
  - You will need a copy of *Logos Bible Software* before class begins. *Basic Hebrew for Bible Study* is will be available on CD through my office.
- The **Traditional** Track is designed for a smaller group of RTS students, who are headed for graduate studies or are highly motivated to learn Hebrew in depth.
  - In Hebrew 1 you will study the first 20 grammar lessons in *Beginning Biblical Hebrew*.
  - In Hebrew 2 you will study the remaining 20 lessons in *Beginning Biblical Hebrew*.

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- The **Electronic** Track will take about 2 hours outside of class for each hour in class. The **Traditional** Track ratio is about 3 to 1.
- The **Electronic** Track is offered in a fully online format. You may do your work at any time day or night. Assignments are due daily at 4pm in the January term and weekly at 4pm on Thursdays during the Spring term.
Can you switch tracks?
- Switching tracks is not permitted in either direction.

When will the classes meet?
- Both tracks will run from January 7 to January 18.
- **Electronic** Track: You decide.
- **Traditional** Track: 9:00-12:00.

When do you need to decide?

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**You need to decide and register by December 1.**

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How can you prepare?
- For those of you taking the **Electronic** Track there is an orientation module that must be completed by December 21 at 4:00pm. You will receive more information on this at a later date.
- Learn the consonants and vowels before the start date.
- Get a head start on the vocabulary.
- Learn the alphabet (see footer in this letter and Lesson 1 in *Basic Hebrew for Bible Study* or *Beginning Biblical Hebrew*).
- Your success begins here!

I know that you will grow and benefit from your time spent in studying biblical Hebrew. The more you invest, the more you will enjoy benefits. The more you enjoy benefits, the more others will enjoy benefits through you. I am looking forward to a great course of study with you. Let's work together for your success.

Shalom

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