

# HEBREW HINTS

## The Hebrew Pictographs chart is a helpful resource.

There are 22 Hebrew letters. Each column of the chart gives you information about those letters:

- **Order** tells you where this letter goes when placed in alphabetical order.
- **Value** tells you the number associated with this letter, used when adding up the numerical value of a word, phrase, or scripture.
- The **Letter** column is broken up into three parts:
  - **Norm** shows how the letter is usually written in Hebrew.
  - **Final** shows how five are the letters are written differently at the end of a word.
  - **Pictograph** shows the original picture this letter was drawn as. Hebrew was originally pictures so this illustrates how this letter looked in the oldest Biblical writings.
- **Name** tells you what to call the letter.
- **English Transliteration** gives the English letter(s) or sound(s) associated with the Hebrew letter.
- **Meaning** tells us what the pictograph originally was a depiction of and in scripture what it described, related to, or spoke of.

## Hebrew is written RIGHT to LEFT.

This is something different for us because it is the opposite of English and Spanish. Always remember when you are studying a word or verse to start at the right and progress to the left.

## 5 Hebrew letters have “Sofits”, a special end form.

Five letters have a normal way they are written if at the beginning of a word or the middle of a word but they are written a different way when they are at the end of a word as the final letter. This is called a sofit. Just as in English one letter can be written different ways (ex. I vs. i), the normal letter and the final (sofit) letter are the same Hebrew letter, just written differently based on the placement in the word.

<u>Hebrew Letter</u>	<u>Normal Letter</u> (beginning or middle of a word)	<u>Normal Example</u>	<u>Sofit - Final Letter</u> (at the end of a word)	<u>Sofit-Final Example</u>
Kaph	כ	Kol כּל All H3605	ך	Darak כּרַךְ Way H1869

Mem	מ	Amar אמר H559 Said H559	ם	'Em אמם H517 Mother H517
Nun	נ	Naba' נבא' H5012 Prophecy H5012	ן	Chen חן H2580 Grace H2580
Pey	פ	Palal פלל H6419 Pray H6419	ף	'Aph אף H639 Anger H639
Tzaddi	צ	Tsad צד H6654 Side H6654	ץ	Ya'ats יעץ H3289 Counsel H3289

## Many words have a smaller root word within them.

Root words are shorter words within a longer word that help us understand the word's meaning. As we study, root words will often be important and you'll begin to notice them in new words.

Hebrew Root Word	English Translation	Example Using Root Word
'Ab אב H1	Father	Abraham - 'Abraham אברהם H85
'Em אמם H517	Mother	Faith - 'aman אמן H539
'El אל H410	God	Ask - sha'al שאל H7592
Shem שם H8034	Name	Heaven - shamayim שמים H8064
Kol כל H3605	All	Understand - sakal שכל H7919
Bar בר H1248	Son	Word - dabar דבר H1697
Ben בן H1121	Son	Benjamin - Binyamiyn בנימין H1144
Chen חן H2580	Grace	Hannah - Channah חנה H2584
Leb לב H3820	Heart	Caleb - Kaleb קלב H3612
Ra'ah ראה H7200	See	Call - qara' קרא H7121
'Esh אש H784	Fire	Blessed - 'esher אשר H835
Sar שר H8269	Prince	Body - basar בשר H1320