

# The Book of Hebrews Introduction/Overview

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## Author:

- Many suggestions and guesses have been posited - *Paul, Luke, Barnabas, Apollos, Priscilla and Aquila*, and others - ultimately u n k n o w n for sure.
- Origen: "Of w h o authored the book of Hebrews, only G o d knows for sure"

## Date:

- Ultimately somewhere between AD 6 2 - 6 9, probably AD 6 3 - 6 5

## Recipients:

- The most logical and best position when considering the c o n t e n t and a r g u m e n t of the book is that it was written to J e w i s h Christians.

## Destination:

- Possibly Rome or Palestine but ultimately, it is n o t s t a t e d.

## Theme/Purpose:

- The absolute s u p e r i o r i t y of Jesus Christ over a n y o n e and a n y t h i n g.
  - God's people are not turn back to e m p t y traditions, but p e r s e v e r e and press forward with a confident f a i t h in this life knowing what Christ has o b t a i n e d for us!
  - The f i v e w a r n i n g passages of Hebrews:
    - Hebrews 2:1-4 ..... warns of d r i f t i n g away from the truth
    - Hebrews 3:7-4:13... warns of the danger of u n b e l i e f
    - Hebrews 5:11-6:20 . warns of the danger of i m m a t u r i t y
    - Hebrews 10:19-39.. warns of the danger of w i l l f u l s i n
    - Hebrews 12:14-29.. warns of the danger of u n r e s p o n s i v e n e s s

## Overview:

- The Superiority of Christ's P e r s o n (1:1-4:13)
- The Superiority of Christ's W o r k (4:14-10:18)
- The Superiority of L i v i n g by F a i t h in Christ (10:19-13:25)

## The application of the message of Hebrews:

We will only realize our full, eternal r e w a r d as believers IF we appreciate the g r e a t n e s s of Jesus Christ AND continue to t r u s t God RATHER THAN turn a w a y from Him in this life.

# HEBREWS

Prologue (1:1-4)		Epilogue (13:20-25)	
<b>Jesus Christ: Superior in His Person</b> <b>Superior to:</b> Prophets Angels Moses The Sabbath Other priests  <b>CHAPTERS</b> 1:1-4:13		<b>Jesus Christ: Superior as Our Priest</b> <b>Better than:</b> Earthly priesthood Old covenant (Mosaic system) Animal sacrifices Daily offerings  <b>CHAPTERS</b> 4:14-10:18	
<b>Jesus Christ: Superior for Life</b> <b>Let us have:</b> Faith to believe God Hope to endure trials Love to encourage others		<b>CHAPTERS</b> 10:19-13:25  Exhortation	
<b>Emphasis</b>	Instruction		
<b>Key Words</b>	"Much better than" 1:4	"Better" 7:19	"Let us" 12:1
<b>Warnings</b>	2:1-4 3:7-4:13	5:11-6:20	10:19-39 12:25-29
<b>Theme</b>	The absolute superiority of Jesus Christ		
<b>Key Verse</b>	4:14		
<b>Christ in Hebrews</b>	Jesus is the absolutely superior revelation of God and our eternal High Priest (1:1-14; 3:1).		