

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

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