

HEBREWS

1. TITLES:

- A. The Epistle to the Hebrews
- B. The Book of Christ's Priesthood

2. AUTHOR:

Uncertain. Suggested authors are Luke, Apollos, Barnabas, and Paul; but the weight of historical and internal evidence points to Pauline authorship

3. DATE:

Probably written between 63 and 68 A.D. just prior to the destruction of the Temple and its services in 70 A.D. (8:4, 9:6, 10:11, 13:10)

4. KEY WORDS:

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| A. Priest (s, hood) – 37 | F. Perfect (1 Greek root) – 14 |
| B. Faith – 32 | G. Eternal, Forever – 14 |
| C. Blood – 22 | H. Better – 13 |
| D. Let, Let us – 18 | I. Once (for all) – 11 |
| E. Heaven (s, ly) – 16 | J. Lest – 11 |

5. KEY VERSES: 4:14

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To wean Hebrew Christians from Judaism to Christianity and to warn them against apostasy
- B. To present the Lord Jesus Christ in His absolute pre-eminence as the final and complete revelation of God
- C. To set forth the Promises, Sacrifice, Priesthood, and Sanctuary of the New Covenant in Christ

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7. MESSAGE:

- A. The cure for spiritual relapse and apostasy is a right conception of the Glory and Work of Christ
- B. Faith in the blood of our eternal, perfect, and heavenly priest is better than that which is shadowed forth in the Old Covenant

8. OUTLINE:

- I. Doctrinal Exposition – Ch. 1-10
- II. Practical Exhortations – Ch. 11-13

9. SUMMARY:

This epistle was written to Hebrew believers who were under pressure to return to Judaism. Thus it is a book of comparison and contrast, showing the SON to be better than the prophets, the angels, Adam, Moses, Joshua, and Abraham. The New Covenant with its heavenly sanctuary, Melchisedec priesthood and once for all sacrifice is better than the Old Covenant with its earthly sanctuary, Aaronic Priesthood, and continual animal sacrifices. The summary is that all these things that were involved in the earthly Zion and earthly Jerusalem were only the shadow of the heavenly Zion and heavenly Jerusalem. This epistle gives the fullest exposition and interpretation of the great doctrinal epistles of the New Testament.

10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as the Word, the Angel of Jehovah, the Last Adam, The Prophet, the True Joshua (Saviour), the High Priest after the order of Melchisedec; Minister and Sacrifice of the New Covenant Sanctuary, and the Author and Finisher of all Faith.