

Presence Theater Church
Bible Survey
The Letter to the Hebrews

This profound work builds a case for the superiority of Christ through a cumulative argument in which Christ is presented as “better” in every respect.

Who wrote it? Authorship of Hebrews is _____. Paul, Luke, Barnabas, and Apollos have all been suggested as possible authors, but there has never been enough evidence to attribute with certainty the authorship of this book.

Date of writing: _____ **Surrounding Circumstances:**

- Written to _____ Christians (hence the name “Hebrews”), this long letter emphasizes the superiority of _____ to Old Testament Judaism. It is not known where Hebrews was written, or where it was sent.

Key Term: _____: This book repeatedly makes the case that Christ and Christianity are better or superior to the old way of the old covenant. The word “better” (Greek, kreitton or kreisson) appears _____ times.

Book Outline: I. **The Superiority of Christ’s _____ (1-4:13)**

- Superiority over the _____ (1:1-3)
- Superiority over the Angels (1:4-2:18)
- Superiority over Moses (3:1-4:13)

II. **The Superiority of Christ’s _____ (4:14-10:18)**

- Christ’s _____ (4:14-7:28)
- Christ’s Covenant (8:1-13)
- Christ’s Sanctuary and Sacrifice (9:1-10:18)

III. **The Superiority of the Christian’s Walk of _____ (10:19-13:25)**

- Exhortation to Full Assurance of Faith (10:19-11:40)
- Endurance of Faith (12:1-29)
- Exhortation to _____ (13:1-17)
- Conclusion (13:18-25)

Summary in one sentence: Jesus Christ, who is better than the _____, Moses, Joshua, and the Hebrew _____, made a better sacrifice and established a better _____, ensuring that the old way is obsolete and that faith is the better way to live.

Summary in ten words or less: _____

Cast of Characters: *Jesus* – the High Priest after the order of _____; *The Unnamed Author* – sends this letter of love and instruction to the Jewish Christians; *Angels* – servants of God; _____ than Jesus; *Timothy* – newly released and may be visiting the Hebrews soon

Verse to Remember: “Now faith is the _____ of things hoped for, the _____ of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1)

- Interesting Facts:**
1. Hebrews is one of only two New Testament letters (the other being 1 John) that includes no greeting or hint of its author.
 2. There are nearly _____ Old Testament references in the Book of Hebrews, all of which are from the _____ version. The Septuagint is a Greek translation of the Hebrew bible.
 3. Prominent words in the Book of Hebrews include: “Better”, “Heavenly”, “Perfect”, “By faith”.
 4. The basic theme of Hebrews is found in the word “better” in describing the superiority of Christ in both His person and His work. Christ provides:
 - Better _____. 1:1-2
 - Better expectation. 6:9
 - Better priesthood. 7:7-11, 20-28
 - Better _____. 7:19
 - Better testament, covenant. 7:22, 8:6
 - Better promises. 8:6
 - Better sacrifices. 8:6
 - Better possessions. 10:34
 - Better _____. 11:16
 - Better resurrection. 11:35
 - Better _____. 11:40; 12:24

What is my take away? Jesus came to give us a new and abundant life, but we have to be willing to release our old lives in order to fully embrace the new.