

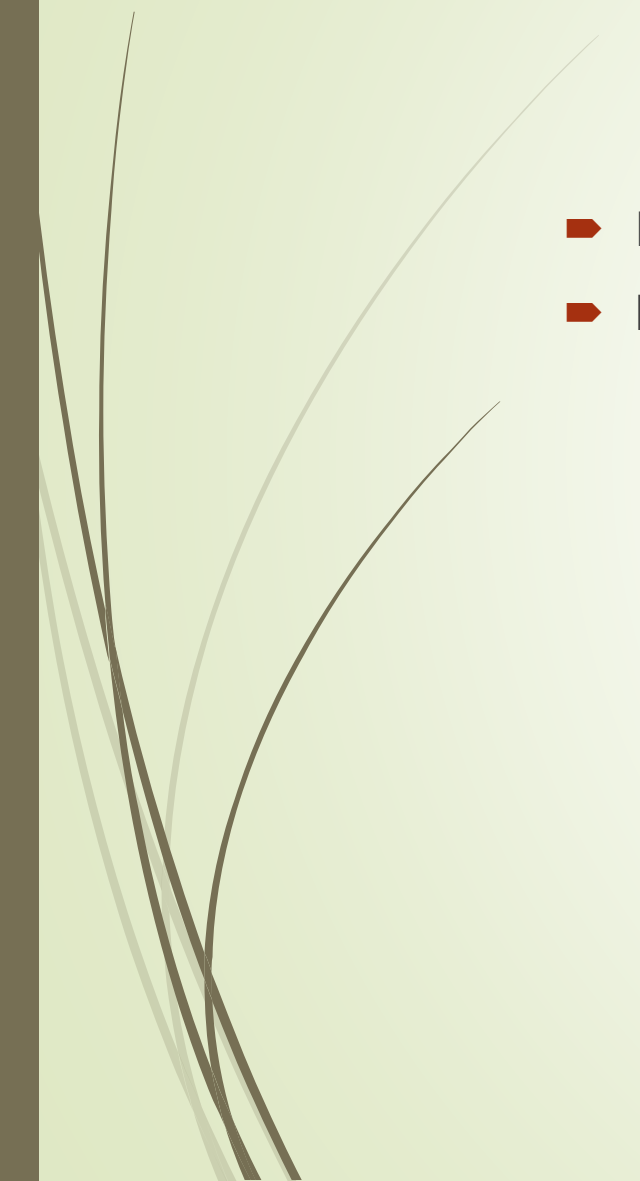


Hebrews – Light from the Old Testament

Part 1 – Introduction and Background



Introduction to Hebrews

- ▶ Bible Project's Read Scripture: Hebrews
 - ▶ <https://youtu.be/1fNWTZZwgbs>
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The Old Testament in Hebrews

| OT Text | Quote Location | Argument Passage | Application Passage (<i>Parenesis</i>) |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|---|
| Psalms 8 | Hebrews 2:6-8 | Hebrews 2:5-18 | N/A |
| Psalms 95 | Hebrews 3:7-11 | Hebrews 3:1-4:13 | Hebrews 3:1-2, 12-14; 4:1, 11 |
| Psalms 110 | Hebrews 5:6 | Hebrews 4:14-7:28 | Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:11-6:12 |
| Jeremiah 31 | Hebrews 8:8-12 | Hebrews 8:1-10:31 | Hebrews 10:19-29 |
| Habakkuk 2 | Hebrews 10:37-38 | Hebrews 10:32-12:2 | Hebrews 10:32-36; 12:1-2 |
| Proverbs 3 | Hebrews 12:5-6 | Hebrews 12:3-13:19 | Hebrews 12:3-29; 13:1-19 |

Map of Hebrews' Argument

"Today"

Jesus, higher than angels

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might offer himself without blemish in the service of God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered with us, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

For he has been made lower than the angels, so that he might die for us. For he has been made lower than the angels, so that he might die for us. For he has been made lower than the angels, so that he might die for us.

3 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the pioneer and high priest of our confession. He offered himself without blemish to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. For he has been made lower than the angels, so that he might die for us. For he has been made lower than the angels, so that he might die for us.

A Rest for the People of God
Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,
"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,"
"for today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,"

4 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful not to disobey. For if we disobey, we will not have the rest.

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And being perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

Warning Against Apostasy

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Jesus, High Priest of a Better Covenant

places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices. And it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain." But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. For if that covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

1 Therefore, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah.

2 I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. And each one will know his neighbor, and they will all know me, for they will all be mine, for I will forgive their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

3 These prophecies having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first tent, performing their ritual duties. He was the second only high priest going into the tent, which is made of gold and silver, and is called the Holy Spirit. He is called the Holy Spirit, because he is called the Holy Spirit, because he is called the Holy Spirit, because he is called the Holy Spirit.

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Do not lose heart

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A priest forever

The Certainty of God's Promise

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Jesus, higher than angels

OT passage

How Majestic Is Your Name

8 TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO THE GITTITH. A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

4 what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly
beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.


6 You have given him dominion over the works of your
hands;

you have put all things under his feet,

7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!



“Today” OT passage

Let Us Sing Songs of Praise

95 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

3 For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,

8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

9 when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

10 For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways.”

11 Therefore I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter my rest.”



A priest forever OT passage

Sit at My Right Hand

110 A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 The LORD sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

3 Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;

from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.

4 The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind,

“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”

5 The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

6 He will execute judgment among the nations,
filling them with corpses;

he will shatter chiefs
over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook by the way;
therefore he will lift up his head.

A new covenant OT passage

Jeremiah 31:23-40

23 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Once more they shall use these words in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I restore their fortunes:

" 'The LORD bless you, O habitation of righteousness,
O holy hill!'

24 And Judah and all its cities shall dwell there together, and the farmers and those who wander with their flocks. 25 For I will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish."

26 At this I awoke and looked, and my sleep was pleasant to me.

27 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. 28 And it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring harm, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, declares the LORD. 29 In those days they shall no longer say:

" 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

30 But everyone shall die for his own iniquity. Each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. 33 For this is the covenant that

I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

35 Thus says the LORD,
who gives the sun for light by day
and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—
the LORD of hosts is his name:

36 "If this fixed order departs
from before me, declares the LORD,
then shall the offspring of Israel cease
from being a nation before me forever."

37 Thus says the LORD:
"If the heavens above can be measured,
and the foundations of the earth below can be explored,
then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel
for all that they have done,
declares the LORD."

38 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when the city shall be rebuilt for the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. 39 And the measuring line shall go out farther, straight to the hill Gareb, and shall then turn to Goah. 40 The whole valley of the dead bodies and the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be sacred to the LORD. It shall not be plucked up or overthrown anymore forever."



By faith OT passage

Habakkuk 2:1-4

2 I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my
complaint.

2 And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

3 For still the vision awaits its appointed
time;

it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

4 “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not
upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.



Do not lose heart

OT passage

Proverbs 3:1-12

3 My son, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
2 for length of days and years of life
and peace they will add to you.

3 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

7 Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

8 It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

9 Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

10 then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

11 My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,

12 for the LORD reproves him whom he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.



Summary



- ▶ How many of these passages were you familiar with?
- ▶ What is the accumulated message of these passages for you?
- ▶ Do you have ideas of how you might use these passages today?



Next week

- ▶ Jesus greater than the angels—Psalm 8—Hebrews 2:5-18 (with introduction in Hebrews 1:1-2:4)
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