



Hebrews – Light from the Old Testament

Part 2 – Jesus greater than angels – Psalm 8



Read the passage: Hebrews 1:1-2:18






Structure of passage

- 1:1-4 Introduction to message of Hebrews (the primacy of Christ)
- 1:5-14 Evidence that Jesus is greater than angels
- 2:1-4 Encouragement to take Jesus seriously, because of his great work
- 2:5-13 Jesus' great work of salvation
- 2:14-18 Transition to next point (Jesus greater than Moses)



Why this structure?

- ▶ Author yearns to impress on readers how important their faith is, so
 - ▶ In the past the angels brought the word of God to Abraham and Israel
 - ▶ Israel has endured so much and still clings faithfully to that word
 - ▶ Now Jesus, God himself, has brought a new word
 - ▶ How much more should we fervently listen to and obey that word!



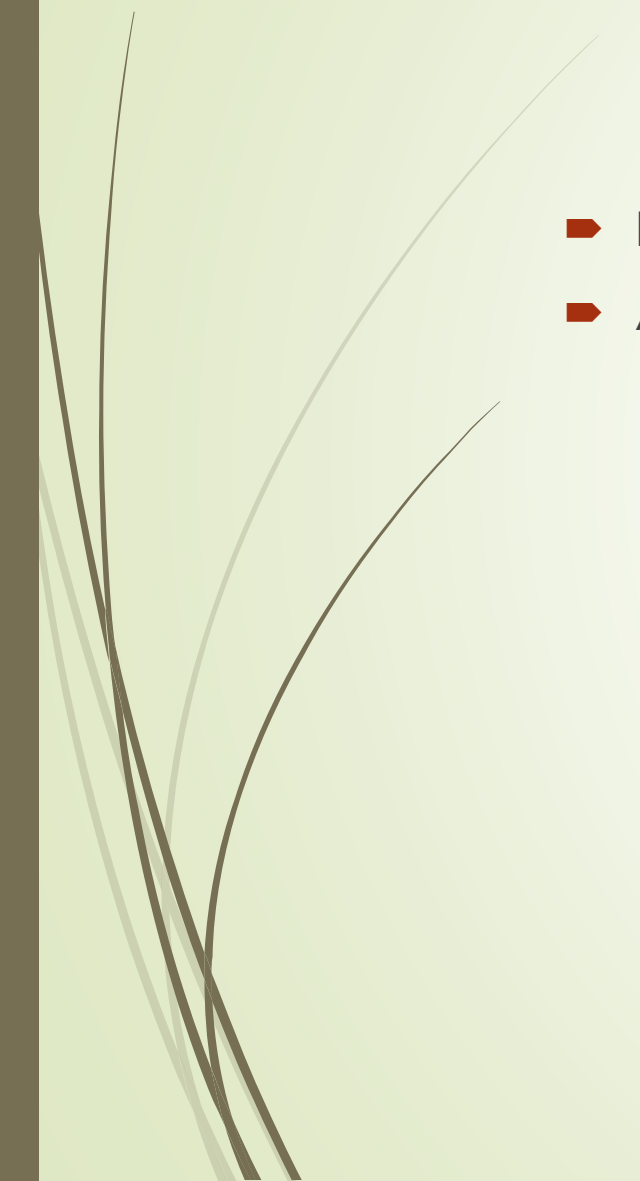
Heb 1:5-14 - Evidence for Jesus greater than angels

What *did* these passages mean? What do they mean in Hebrews?

- ▶ Psalm 2:7
- ▶ 2 Samuel 7:14
- ▶ Psalm 89:26, 27
- ▶ Deuteronomy 32:43
- ▶ Psalm 97:7
- ▶ Psalm 104:4
- ▶ Psalm 45:6, 7
- ▶ Psalm 102:25–27
- ▶ Psalm 110:1



Why the obsession with angels?

- ▶ First century Jews & Christians believed angels brought the Law to Moses
 - ▶ Angels were intermediaries, but our intermediary, Jesus, is God himself
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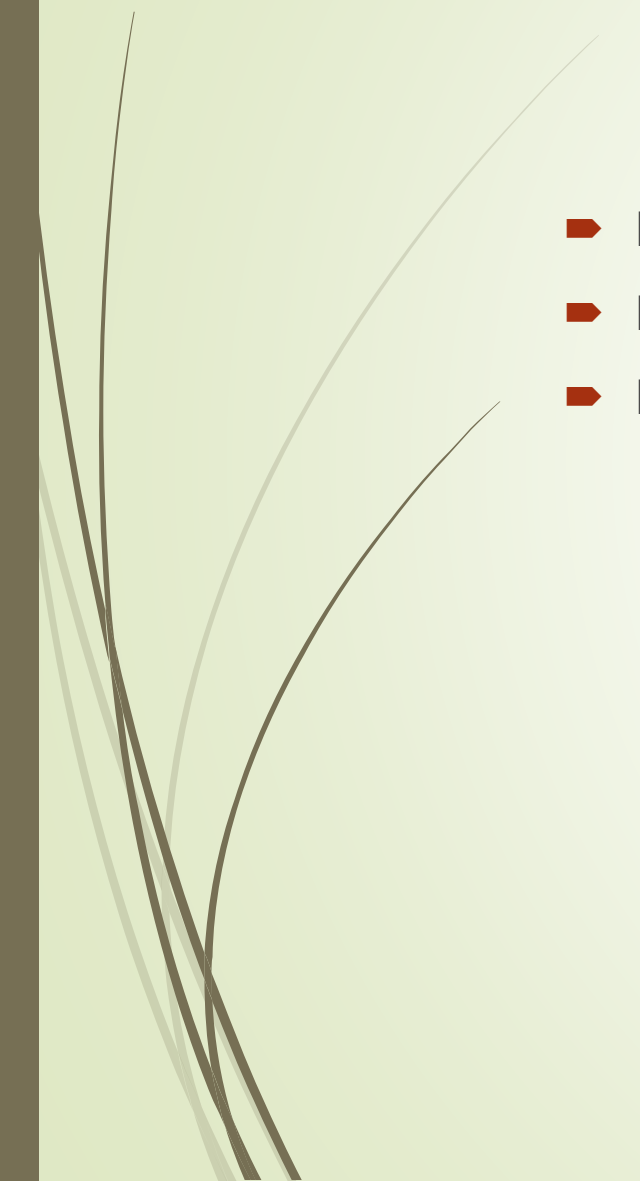
Heb 2:5-18 - True significance of Jesus' great work revealed in OT


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- Psalm 8:4–6
- Psalm 22:22
- Psalm 18:2
- Isaiah 8:17
- Isaiah 12:2
- Isaiah 8:18



Why so many Psalms?

- ▶ Psalms were the songbook of Israel & the church
 - ▶ Psalms were therefore known to all Christians
 - ▶ Persuasion technique: known -> unknown or certain -> uncertain
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Make it your own

Summarise the message of Hebrews 1-2 in a few words or in a story





What can we learn from this?

