

A scenic autumn forest path with vibrant yellow and orange foliage. The path is paved and covered with fallen leaves, leading into a dense forest of trees with colorful leaves. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, elegant script font.

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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“THE GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST”

Heb. 1:1-3

September 9, 2012

Background of Hebrews

Author: ???????

Possibilities:

Paul

Though for some 1,200 years (from c. a.d. 400 to 1600) the book was commonly called “The Epistle of Paul to the Hebrews,” there was no agreement in the earliest centuries regarding its authorship.

Rom 1:1

1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

1 Cor 1:1-2

1 Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

2 To the church of God which is at Corinth,

Gal 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead),

2 and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:

Eph 1:1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are at Ephesus

Phil 1:1

1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,

Col 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and
Timothy our brother,
2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at
Colossae:

1 Thess 1:1

1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians

Background of Hebrews

Author: ??????

Possibilities:

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Apollos

Barnabus

Luke

“The Book of Hebrews was written by a Hebrew to other Hebrews telling the Hebrews to stop acting like Hebrews.”

Dr. Walter Martin

Founder of the Christian Research Institute

“The author was a Jew who was born and educated in the Greek-speaking world. He had a broad vocabulary and powerful training in logic and rhetoric. It is likely that he attended the finest schools available in the first century. He had an architectural mind that was capable of ordering numerous details to produce a well-structured argument. He was a deeply spiritual person whose commitment to Christ called forth all his "being's ransomed powers" in service to the church. He has also been described as a pastoral theologian. This author shaped the common Christian teaching by the genius of his own training to meet the needs of a group of people who desperately needed a message from God.”

Roger Hahn

Introduction, The Book of Hebrews

Background of Hebrews

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Readers: Jews living in Jerusalem under persecution.

1. Tension was developing between the synagogue and the church.
2. The hope of the coming of Christ had faded for many, the Apostles had passed on, the miraculous sign gifts had nearly ceased, and an isolated chill had settled over these Jewish believers.

The result was 2 distinct groups of Jews:

1. Believers who had crossed over the line and therefore were saved but were immature and in danger of going back into Judaism.
2. Unbelievers who have come very close to salvation but have not yet crossed over the line and were moving back from it.

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Date of Writing: 65-67 AD

Theme: “The High Priesthood of Jesus Christ”

*****The Lord Jesus Christ, outside of the Trinity, is superior to everything and everyone.***

The 6 Warnings of Hebrews

1. Warning against drifting from “the things we have heard” (2:1–4)
2. Warning against disbelieving the “voice” of God (3:7–14)
3. Warning against degenerating from “the elementary principles of Christ” (5:11–6:20)
4. Warning against despising “the knowledge of the truth” (10:26–39)
5. Warning against devaluing “the grace of God” (12:15–17)
6. Warning against departing from Him “who speaks” (12:25–29)

Expositions of the O.T.

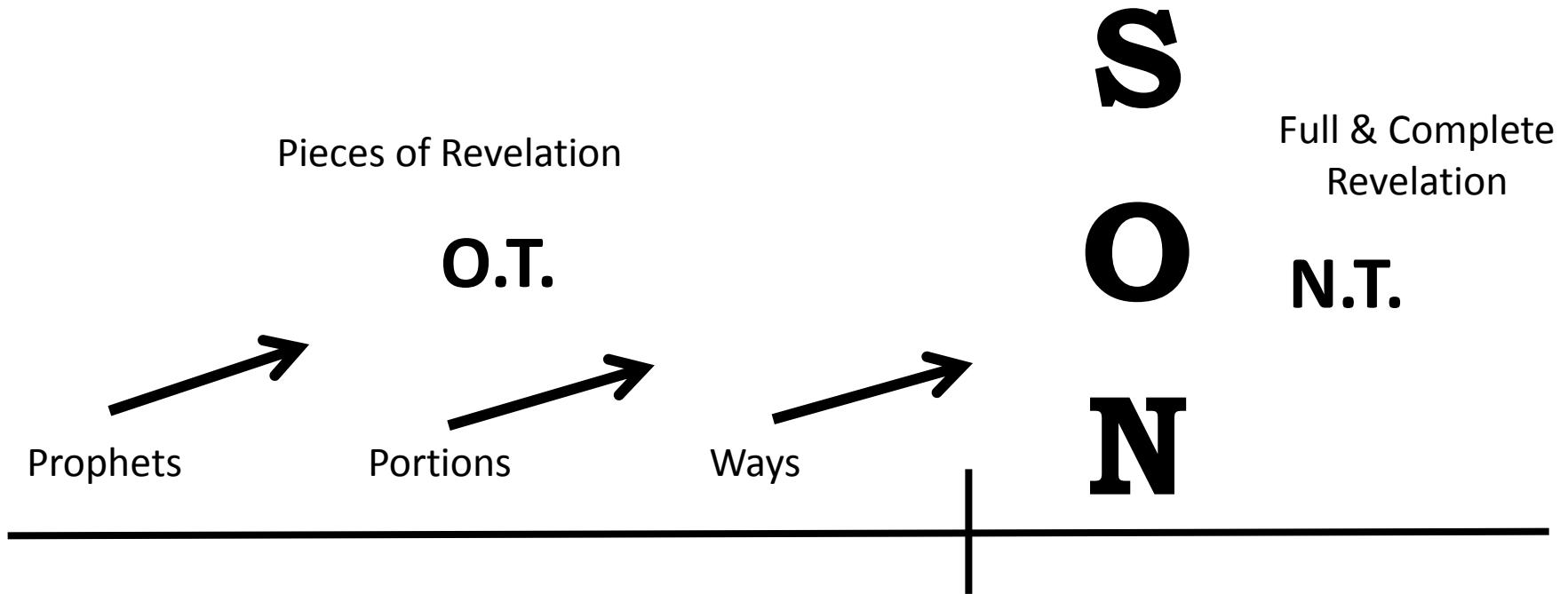
- 2:5–9: Exposition of Ps 8:4–6
- 3:7—4:13: Exposition of Ps 95:7–11
- 4:14—7:28: Exposition of Ps 110:4
- 8:1—10:18: Exposition of Jer 31:31–34
- 10:1–10: Exposition of Ps 40:6–8
- 10:32—12:3: Exposition of Hab 2:3–4
- 12:4–13: Exposition of Pr 3:11–12
- 12:18–24: Exposition of Ex 19:10–23

“Let us . . .”

- Let us fear (4:1)
- Let us therefore give diligence to enter (4:11)
- Let us hold fast our confession (4:14)
- Let us draw near...to the throne of grace (4:16)
- Let us press on to perfection (6:1)
- Let us hold fast the confession of our faith (10:22)
- Let us consider one another (10:24)
- Let us lay aside every weight (12:1)
- Let us run the race (12:1)
- Let us have grace (12:28)
- Let us therefore go forth unto him (13:13)
- Let us offer up sacrifice of praise (13:15)

Heb 1:1-3

- 1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,
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Micah - the town where He would be born.

Daniel - the time of His birth.

Malachi - the forerunner who would come before Him.

Jonah - His resurrection was typified.

Isaiah - the death He would suffer.

Flame of fire. (Ex. 3:2)

Pillar of a cloud. (Ex. 13:21)

Dreams. (Gen 28:11-19)

Visions. (Is. 6; Dan. 7)

Burning Bush. (Ex. 3:2-4).

Theophanies. (Genesis 16:7; Exodus 32:34; 33:14; Joshua 5:13-15).

Donkey. (Numbers 22:22-35)



1 Peter 1:10-12

10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries,

11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things into which angels long to look.

A close-up photograph of a blue spiral-bound notebook. The word "SON" is written in large, bold, black capital letters across the center of the page. The background shows the blue cover of the notebook and the silver spiral binding on the left side.

SON



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- Adam, Second – 1Co 15:45
- Almighty – Re 1:18
- Amen – Re 3:14
- Alpha and Omega – Re 1:8; 22:13
- Advocate – 1Jo 2:1
- Angel – Ge 48:16; Ex 23:20,21
- Angel of the Lord – Ex 3:2; Jg 13:15,18
- Angel of God's presence – Isa 63:9
- Apostle – Heb 3:1
- Arm of the Lord – Isa 51:9; 53:1
- Author and Finisher of our faith – Heb 12:2
- Blessed and only Potentate – 1Ti 6:15
- Beginning of the creation of God – Re 3:14
- Branch – Jer 23:5; Zec 3:8; 6:12
- Bread of Life – Joh 6:35,48

- Captain of the Lord's hosts – Jos 5:14,15
- Captain of salvation – Heb 2:10
- Chief Shepherd – 1Pe 5:4
- Christ of God – Lu 9:20
- Consolation of Israel – Lu 2:25
- Chief Cornerstone – Eph 2:20; 1Pe 2:6
- Commander – Isa 55:4
- Counsellor – Isa 9:6
- David – Jer 30:9; Eze 34:23
- Dayspring – Lu 1:78
- Deliverer – Ro 11:26

- Desire of all nations – Hag 2:7
- Door – Joh 10:7
- Elect of God – Isa 42:1
- Emmanuel – Isa 7:14; Mt 1:23
- Eternal life – 1Jo 1:2; 5:20
- Everlasting Father – Isa 9:6
- Faithful witness – Re 1:5; 3:14
- First and Last – Re 1:17; 2:8
- Firstbegotten of the dead – Re 1:5
- Firstborn of every creature – Col 1:15
- Forerunner – Heb 6:20

- God – Isa 40:9; Joh 20:28
- God blessed for ever – Ro 9:5
- God's fellow – Zec 13:7
- Glory of the Lord – Isa 40:5
- Good Shepherd – Joh 10:14
- Great High Priest – Heb 4:14
- Governor – Mt 2:6
- Head of the Church – Eph 5:23; Col 1:18
- Heir of all things – Heb 1:2
- Holy One – Ps 16:10; Ac 2:27,31
- Holy One of God – Mr 1:24
- Holy One of Israel – Isa 41:14

- Lamb – Re 5:6,12; 13:8; 21:22; 22:3
- Lamb of God – Joh 1:29,36
- Leader – Isa 55:4
- Life – Joh 14:6; Col 3:4; 1Jo 1:2
- Light of the world – Joh 8:12
- Lion of the tribe of Judah – Re 5:5
- Lord of glory – 1Co 2:8
- Lord of all – Ac 10:36
- LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS – Jer 23:6

- Horn of salvation – Lu 1:69
- I AM – Ex 3:14; Joh 8:58
- JEHOVAH – Isa 26:4
- Jesus – Mt 1:21; 1Th 1:10
- Judge of Israel – Mic 5:1
- Just One – Ac 7:52
- King – Zec 9:9; Mt 21:5
- King of Israel – Joh 1:49
- King of the Jews – Mt 2:2
- King of Saints – Re 15:3
- King of Kings – 1Ti 6:15; Re 17:14

- Law giver – Isa 33:22
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- Lord God of the holy prophets – Re 22:6
- Lord God Almighty – Re 15:3
- Mediator – 1Ti 2:5
- Messenger of the covenant – Mal 3:1
- Messiah – Da 9:25; Joh 1:41
- Mighty God – Isa 9:6
- Mighty One of Jacob – Isa 60:16
- Morningstar – Re 22:16
- Nazarene – Mt 2:23
- Offspring of David – Re 22:16
- Only begotten – Joh 1:14
- Our Passover – 1Co 5:7

- Plant of renown – Eze 34:29
- Prince of life – Ac 3:15
- Prince of peace – Isa 9:6
- Prince of the kings of the earth – Re 1:5
- Prophet – Lu 24:19; Joh 7:40
- Ransom – 1Ti 2:6
- Redeemer – Job 19:25; Isa 59:20; 60:16
- Resurrection and life – Joh 11:25
- Rock – 1Co 10:4

- Root of David – Re 22:16
- Root of Jesse – Isa 11:10
- Ruler of Israel – Mic 5:2
- Saviour – 2Pe 2:20; 3:18
- Servant – Isa 42:1; 52:13
- Shepherd and Bishop of souls – 1Pe 2:25
- Shiloh – Ge 49:10
- Son of the blessed – Mr 14:61
- Son of God – Lu 1:35; Joh 1:49

- Son of the Highest – Lu 1:32
- Son of David – Mt 9:27
- Son of man – Joh 5:27; 6:37
- Star – Nu 24:17
- Sun of righteousness – Mal 4:2
- Surety – Heb 7:22
- True God – 1Jo 5:20
- True Light – Joh 1:9
- True Vine – Joh 15:1
- Truth – Joh 14:6

- Way – Joh 14:6
- Wisdom – Pr 8:12
- Witness – Isa 55:4
- Wonderful – Isa 9:6
- Word – Joh 1:1; 5:7
- Word of God – Re 19:13
- Word of Life – 1Jo 1:1

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John 1:1-5

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.
- 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 1:14

- 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Col 1:15-20

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him.

17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,

20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

John 10:30

30 "I and the Father are one."

John 14:8-9

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father;

Eph 1:19-23

19 These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

The Glory of Christ

1. *“appointed heir of all things”*
2. *“through whom the world was made”*
3. *“exact representation of His nature”*
4. *“upholds all things by the word of His power”*

The Accomplishments of Christ

1. *“made purification for sin”*
2. *“sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high”*

Application:

1. Revelation stopped with the SON.
2. At it's very core biblical Christianity is not a creed, not a religion, not a set of moral distinctives, not a prescribed set of doctrinal beliefs, but a PERSON.
3. Everything that we believe stands or falls on the person of Jesus Christ –
 - if He sins – we lose.
 - if He is not God – we lose.
 - if He stays in the grave – we lose.
 - if He lies – we lose.
 - if He breaks promises – we lose.
 - if He does not fulfill O.T. prophecy – we lose.
 - if He is a fraud – we lose.

4. Because of His unparalleled glory and the surpassing greatness of His person, Christ's plan of redemption was never in doubt.
5. The Church, when it gets its eyes on itself instead of Christ, becomes a body without a head, a kingdom without a king, a bride without a bridegroom, a branch without a vine, and sheep without a shepherd. . . . just ask the church at Ephesus.

Rev 2:2-6

- 2 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false;
- 3 and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary.
- 4 'But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

6. The Church, when it ignores Christ, loses its identity and becomes nothing more than a self-exalting, self-sufficient social club that wanders through life on a worldly path in pursuit of fleshly endeavors . . . just ask the church at Laodicea.

Rev 3:14-21

14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.

16 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

17 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

19 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

20 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

*The result is apathy, indifference to others, compromise with evil, and ultimately death of the church.

7. Where is Christ in relationship to your life?

- Is He Lord of your life?
- Do you submit to Him in His Word?
- Do you talk to Him?
- Are you concerned that you are pleasing Him?
- Does your life praise and exalt Him for all that He is in His great glory?
- Are you looking forward to His appearing?