



## INTRODUCTION

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### Who Wrote this Book and When?

The Author - Can We Know?

The Time - When was it written, and why is that important?

- It was a time when the TEMPLE is still standing in Jerusalem.
- It was a time when there was little PERSECUTION for being a Christian.

### LESSON - Introduction of the Letter to the Hebrews

#### I. THE PEOPLE - Those Who Received This Letter

Two Categories of People (Generally)

Three Groups of People (Specifically in the book of Hebrews)

1. Hebrews who are CONVERTED (SAVED)
2. Hebrews who are intellectually CONVINCED (NOT SAVED)
3. Hebrews who are socially CONNECTED (NOT SAVED)

#### The Warnings

- Drifting from the Word (2:1-4)
- Doubting the Word (3:7-4:13)
- Dull toward the Word (5:11-6:20)
- Despising the Word (10:26-39)
- Disobeying the Word (12:14-19)

## II. THE PURPOSE - Why The Letter Was Written to Them

To show that Jesus is **BETTER** than:

1:4 <b><u>ANGELS</u></b>	10:34 <b><u>POSSESSIONS</u></b>
6:9 <b><u>SALVATION</u></b>	11:16 <b><u>HOME</u></b>
7:19 <b><u>HOPE</u></b>	11:35 <b><u>RESURRECTION/LIFE</u></b>
7:22 <b><u>COVENANT</u></b>	11:40 <b><u>FULFILLMENT</u></b>
8:6 <b><u>PROMISES</u></b>	12:24 <b><u>PAYMENT</u></b>
9:23 <b><u>SACRIFICES</u></b>	

### *Pastor Kevin's Suggested Outline of Hebrews*

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#### **I. A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)**

- A. Jesus compared to the prophets (1:1-3)
- B. Jesus compared to the angels (1:4-2:18)
- C. Exhortation: Let us not drift from the Word (2:1-4)
- D. Jesus compared to Moses (3:1-4:13)
- E. Exhortation: Let us not doubt the Word (3:7-4:13)
- F. Jesus compared to Aaron (4:14-6:20)
- G. Exhortation: Let us not grow dull toward the Word (5:11-6:20)

#### **II. A Better Priesthood: Christ and Melchizedek (7-10)**

- A. A better order: Melchizedek, not Aaron (7)
- B. A better covenant: new, not old (8)
- C. A better sanctuary: heavenly, not earthly (9)
- D. A better sacrifice: God's Son, not animals (10)
- E. Exhortation: Let us not despise the Word (10:26-39)

#### **III. A Better Principle: Faith (11-13)**

- A. The examples of faith (11)
- B. The endurance of faith (12:1-13)
- C. Exhortation: A warning against disobeying the Word (12:14-19)
- D. The evidences of faith (13)