

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

OT/NT: New Testament

SECTION: Letters of Paul (& Hebrews)

TRADITIONAL AUTHOR: Unknown/Anonymous

KEY PEOPLE: Hebrew Followers of The Way

SUMMARY: Canonically, the Book of Hebrews is the fifty-eighth book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the fourteenth of fourteen [Letters of Paul](#) (2) and the nineteenth book of the [New Testament](#) (3). Its purpose was to present the Lord [Jesus Christ](#) (4) as perfect and superior in comparison to anything Judaism and the old covenant had to offer. The author was writing to a group of Christians who were under intense [persecution](#) (5) and some were contemplating a return to Judaism. He admonished them not to turn away from their only hope of salvation (a).

The Book of Hebrews compares and contrasts Jesus to key historical people and events from the [Old Testament](#) (6). Through these comparisons, we see His superiority. He is greater than angels, [the Torah](#) (7), Moses, the Promised Land, priests, Melchizedek, sacrifices, and the [covenant](#) (8). He is God's Word, the [hope](#) (9) for a new creation, our eternal priest, and the [perfect sacrifice](#) (10).

Throughout the book, we are also challenged to remain faithful to Jesus and follow great models of faith from the Old Testament despite hardships and persecution. These challenges will make us uncomfortable but, instead of fearing them, remember that rejecting Jesus is foolish.

Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God's [love](#) (11) and mercy and is worthy of all our trust and devotion (b).

COMING UP: Next up is the General Letters section (12). Click [HERE](#) to explore!

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- (4) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/jesus-christ>
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- (9) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/advent-hope>
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- (11) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/advent-love>
- (12) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/general-letters>

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- (b) <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/hebrews/>

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- (c) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/ambassador-in-chains>

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