

Hebrews

- **Author and Date**

- Authorship lost very early on. Some suggest Apollos, Barnabbas, or Luke, etc.
- Probably around the time of the destruction of the Temple in AD 70.
- Unclear whether it was written from Rome/Italy to a specific church, or from a specific church to Rome/Italy (cf. 13:24).

- **Destination and Purpose**

- Written to exhort (13:22) and strengthen the faith of Jewish converts under persecution.

- **Themes**

- Superiority of New Covenant over the Old.
- The source of the priesthood of Jesus is his Divine Sonship.
- Encouragement of the 'Cloud of Witnesses' (12:1).