

The Book of Hebrews, an outline

I. The Prologue and Theme (1:1-4) God has spoken His ultimate word through the exalted Son of God, who as High Priest has atoned for our sins and awaits His full inheritance as the future king.

II. Superior Person: The New Covenant (with Yeshua as God's Son/High Priest) is superior to the Mosaic Covenant (1:5-7:28)

A. The Son is superior to the angels who mediated the Mosaic Covenant revelation (1:5-2:18)

B. The Son is superior to Moses through whom the Mosaic Covenant (the Law) came, and has a superior task to Joshua as the leader to God's greater "rest" (3:1-5:10)

C. The Son (as High Priest) has a superior ministry to those of the Levitical priestly ministry (5:11-7:28)

III. Superior Ministry: The New Covenant is superior, because a *new covenant* based on a better sacrifice for sins was anticipated under the Mosaic Covenant (8:1-10:18)

A. God foretold the coming of a New Covenant that would include the forgiveness of sins (8:1-13)

B. The New Covenant brings a better sacrifice for sins, because it is based on the shedding of Messiah's own blood for presentation in the Heavenly Tabernacle (9:1-28)

C. The adequacy of Messiah's sacrifice for eternal forgiveness is contrasted to the inefficacy of the sacrifices under the Law (10:1-18)

IV. The Means And Responsibilities Of New Covenant Life: The appropriate way to respond to Messiah and the superior New Covenant is to live a life of faith, endure God's discipline, and render spiritual sacrifices that reflect our love and submission to God (10:19-13:17)

A. In light of the superior sacrifice for sins of the New Covenant, believers must faithfully endure in their allegiance and service to Messiah Yeshua (10:19-39)

B. Since believers are now participants of the superior New Covenant, they can persevere and please God through a life of faith (11:1-40)

C. Since believers are now participants of the superior New Covenant, they can persevere by submitting to God's discipline (12:1-13)

D. Believers are warned how important it is to be faithful as participants of the New Covenant (12:14-29).

E. Believers should be faithful to offer up spiritual "sacrifices" appropriate for the New Covenant—those which reflect our love and submission to God (13:1-17)

V. Epilogue (13:18-25) A prayer and benediction are provided, which are appropriate for a 'word of exhortation.'

VI. Postscript: From the Bible we can not determine whether the Jewish believers who received this letter accepted it, but from three other sources we do know that they did. Josephus, Heggisippus and Eusebius all mention the 1st Jewish revolt, and the destruction of Jerusalem and the 1,100,000 Jews who got killed, however not one of recipients died as they fled to Pella in Jordan in accordance with the words of Messiah in Luke 21.

	Chapters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Doctrinal	Messiah is more superior than:	The Angels 1:4-2:18		Moses 3:1-4:13		Aaron and the Levites 4:14-7:28			Any earthly High Priest 8:1-10:18			By faith, Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab....	Seeing such a cloud of witness, Endure in your faith, looking unto Yeshua.	Practical rules, love each other, show compassion, seek the city that is to come.
	Since He is:	Son of God Son of Man 1:4-2:18		Faithful Son 3:1-4:13		Appointed priest after the order of Melchizedek 4:14-7:28			Such a High Priest 8:1-10:18					
	Even though	He was lower than the angels 2:9		He suffered for us 3:5-6		He is the appointed Son who is perfect forever 7:11-14			He died to provide us better promises 9:14-15 & 10:10					
	This Means He Is . . .	Our merciful and faithful High Priest 2:17 & 3:6					Our great High Priest 3:14 & 8:1			Our mediator of a better Covenant 8:6				
Warning	The Five Dangers:	The danger of drifting away 2:1-4		The danger of disobedience 3:7-4:13		The danger of immaturity 5:1- 6:20			The danger of wilful sin 10:19-31			The danger of indifference 12:25-29		
Therefore	as a result	We ought to give the more earnest heed 2:1		Be diligent to enter into that rest 4:11		Draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace 4:16			Cast not away your boldness 10:36		Let us run with patience the race that is set before us 12:1		Let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually 13:15	