

The Letter to the Hebrews

The letter to the Hebrews was written to encourage Christians in a time of trial. It does so by focusing on the absolute supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ. While God spoke in the past “many times and in many ways,” he has now spoken to us “by his Son,” Jesus Christ, who is the “exact imprint” of God’s nature and who “upholds the universe by the word of his power” (1:1-3). Jesus accomplished complete salvation for all who trust in him (1:1–10:18). We dare not “neglect such a great salvation” (2:3; 5:12–6:20; 10:19-39). Rather, in our faith and in our everyday living, we should imitate the example of Christ and of those on the honor roll of faith (chs. 11–13). This letter, whose author is unknown, was probably written between A.D. 60 and 70.

[This was written to the Jewish believers in Christ to encourage them to resist the pressure from the Jewish community to relinquish their faith in Jesus as the Messiah. In Acts 15:5 we see that the Jews were already demanding that the Gentiles who come to faith, have to follow the “Law of Moses.” Paul fought against this throughout his career and in the [7 Letters](#) to 7 Churches in Revelation we see that it is still going on. As 21st century Gentile-Christians, this letter is very useful for our understanding of the Old Testament foundation that the New Testament was built upon.]

[Paul argues that Jesus is a better deal than the Angels, Moses, and the Temple priests and sacrifices; all precepts, sacred to the Jewish established religion of the Sadducees, and Pharisees.]

Heb 1:1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
[Argument that Christ is better than the angels]

Heb 1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Col 1:16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Pro 8:22 "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

Pro 8:23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

Pro 8:24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

Pro 8:25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,

Pro 8:26 before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.

Pro 8:27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

Pro 8:28 when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

Pro 8:29 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

Pro 8:30 then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

Pro 8:31 rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

Pro 8:32 "And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways.

Joh 17:4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

Joh 17:5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

Heb 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Heb 1:4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Psa 2:7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Psa 2:8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Php 2:9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

Php 2:10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

[Making the argument from the Old Testament-there was no New Testament – yet.]

Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? [Psa 2:7] Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? [Psa 86:26>:27]

Heb 1:6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels

worship him.” [Deu 34:43]

Heb 1:7 Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.” [Psa 104:4]

Heb 1:8 But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. [Psa 45:6>:7]

Heb 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

Heb 1:10 And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

Heb 1:11 they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment,

Heb 1:12 like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.” [102:25>:27]

Heb 1:13 And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? [Psa 110:1]

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? [Psa 103:20>:21]

Heb 2:1 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

Heb 2:2 For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution,

Heb 2:3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, [The Apostles]

Heb 2:4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Act 15:11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

Act 15:12 And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

Heb 2:5 For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking.

Rev 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Heb 2:6 It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son

of man, that you care for him? [Psa 8:6>:6]

Heb 2:7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor,

Heb 2:8 putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.

Heb 2:9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Heb 2:10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Heb 2:11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,

Heb 2:12 saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." [Psa 22:22]

Heb 2:13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." [Psa 18:2, Isa 12:2] And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." [Isa 8:18]

Josh 24:15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children share [*Koinoneo_{grk}=share*] in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook [*metecho_{grk}=participated in*] of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

1Jn 3:8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Eze 18:32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

Rom 5:17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Heb 2:15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Heb 2:16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

Heb 2:17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Heb 2:18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Heb 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,

[Argument that Christ is better than Moses]

Heb 3:2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

Heb 3:3 For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.

Heb 3:4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

Heb 3:5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,

Heb 3:6 but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Heb 3:7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice,

Heb 3:8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness,

Heb 3:9 where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.

Heb 3:10 Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’

Heb 3:11 As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’” [Psa 95:7-11]

Heb 3:12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

Heb 3:13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Heb 3:14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

Heb 3:15 As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” [Psa 95:7]

Heb 3:16 For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?

Num 14:2 And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!

Heb 3:17 And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

Num 14:28 Say to them, ‘As I live, declares the LORD, what you have said in my hearing

I will do to you:

Num 14:29 your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against me,

Num 14:30 not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

Num 14:31 But your little ones, who you said would become a prey, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have rejected.

Num 14:32 But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness.

Heb 3:18 And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, [promise: analogous to faith living and the final kingdom of heaven] but to those who were disobedient?

Jos 1:13 “Remember the word that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, ‘The LORD your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.’

Deu 1:34 “And the LORD heard your words and was angered, and he swore,

Deu 1:35 ‘Not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land that I swore to give to your fathers,

Heb 3:19 So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Heb 4:1 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. [rest = sanctification through justification]

Heb 4:2 For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

Heb 4:3 For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” [Psa 95:11] although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Heb 4:4 For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” [Gen 2:2] It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.” [Exo 31:17]

Heb 4:5 And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” [Psa 95:11]

Heb 4:6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,

Heb 4:7 again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” [Psa 95:7]

Heb 4:8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.

Heb 4:9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

[If you think of this verse in terms of Ages; The Age of the flood was 2000 years, The Age of the Law was 2000 years, The Age of Messiah has been 2000 years; we are just about to embark

upon the 7000th year- the Sabbath Rest, The Age of the Millennial Kingdom of Christ Jesus]

Heb 4:10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Isa 35:10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isa 65:17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

Isa 65:18 But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

Isa 65:19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

Isa 65:20 No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

Isa 65:21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

Isa 65:22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Isa 65:23 They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.

Isa 65:24 Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

Isa 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Heb 4:11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

Heb 4:12 For the word [Logos_{grk}] [can also mean the written word (the bible) so Paul is intentionally bringing to their mind the Torah (brought down by Moses) and turning it to the attributes of the Messiah who is Jesus] of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, [Logos_{grk}] and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Rev 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

Rev 19:13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is **The Word of God**.

Psa 138:2 I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

Heb 4:13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

[An argument that Jesus the Christ is better than the Temple priesthood]

Heb 4:14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. [Profession of loyal believing- faith]

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Isa 53:2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

Isa 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

2Co 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Heb 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

1Jn 2:28 And now, little children, remain in him, that when he may be manifested, we may have boldness, and may not be ashamed before him, in his presence;

Heb 5:1 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, [a mediator] to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

Heb 5:2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.

Heb 5:3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for

those of the people.

Heb 5:4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron [of the Tribe of Levi] was.

Heb 5:5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, [sons of Aaron] but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; [Psa 2:7]

Heb 5:6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." [Psa 110:4]

[Who is Melchizedek?]

Gen 14:14 When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

Gen 14:15 And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus.

Gen 14:16 Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

Gen 14:17 After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) [In the book of Jasher- this is Shem-son of Noah]

Gen 14:19 And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;

Gen 14:20 and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Heb 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Luk 22:41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed,

Luk 22:42 saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

Luk 22:43 And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.

Luk 22:44 And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Heb 5:8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

Heb 5:10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Heb 5:11 About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull

of hearing.

Heb 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,

Heb 5:13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

[The teacher has to suit his pace to his scholars. How much we miss because we are such inapt pupils! Milk is food which has passed through another's digestion. Many cannot get their spiritual nutrition direct from God's Word, but have to live on what others have obtained and have passed on in speech or book. Seek a first-hand acquaintance with the things of God. We grow by feeding and exercise. F.B. Meyer commentary]

Mat 13:18 "Hear then the parable of the sower:

Mat 13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

Mat 13:20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,

Mat 13:21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

Mat 13:22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

Mat 13:23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Heb 6:1 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Heb 6:2 and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

Heb 6:3 And this we will do if God permits.

Heb 6:4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit,

Heb 6:5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come,

Heb 6:6 and then have fallen away, [choose to reject their salvation through Christ] to restore

them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. [The same concept as taking the “mark of the Beast”]

Rev 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

Rev 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Heb 6:7 For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God.

Heb 6:8 But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Jas 2:18 Yea, a man [a Jew] may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Jas 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Jas 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Heb 6:9 Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation.

Heb 6:10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

Heb 6:11 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end,

Heb 6:12 so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Heb 6:13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself,

Heb 6:14 saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.”[Gen22:17]

Gen 15:12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

Gen 15:17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

Gen 15:18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

[A blood covenant was made by both parties passing between the offerings to signify mutual agreement. The Lord had Abraham go to sleep and passed by alone, signifying the covenant

was unconditional on Abraham's part]

Heb 6:15 And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.

Heb 6:16 For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation.

Heb 6:17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath,

Job 23:13 But he is unchangeable, and who can turn him back? What he desires, that he does.

Job 23:14 For he will complete what he appoints for me, and many such things are in his mind.

Isa 46:10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,

Deu 7:8 but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deu 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Heb 6:18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

Heb 6:19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,

Heb 6:20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

[Like Melchizedek, Jesus is both a King and a Priest to His followers (forbidden in Jewish law – priests were from the Tribe of Levi, kings were from the Tribe of Judah) and through identification with Jesus, Christians are to be kings and priests. (Responsibility to God for the lives within their circle of influence.)]

Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

Rev 1:6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

[Heb 5:10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Heb 5:11 About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.]

Heb 7:1 For this Melchizedek, **king** of Salem, [pre-Jerusalem] [and] **priest** of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,[Gen14:18>:20]

Heb 7:2 and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace.

Heb 7:3 He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, [in the writings] but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. [Psa 110:4]

[Melchizedek is not distinguished by his lineage or lifetime, but by his service to God]

Heb 7:4 See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils!

Heb 7:5 And those descendants of Levi [The current Temple priests] who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham.

Heb 7:6 But this man who does not have his descent from them [NOT a Levite] received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

[Melchizedek was priest of the Most High God before the Torah was introduced by Moses.]

Heb 7:7 It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior.

Heb 7:8 In the one case [Levitical priests] tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case,[Melchizedekian priesthood (Jesus)] by one of whom it is testified that he lives.

Heb 7:9 One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham,

Heb 7:10 for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

[The priesthood of Melchizedek predates and is greater than the priesthood of Levi]

Heb 7:11 Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron?

[The High priesthood-above the priesthood of Levites]

Heb 7:12 For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well.

Jos 20:5 And if the avenger of blood pursues him, they shall not give up the manslayer into his hand, because he struck his neighbor unknowingly, and did not hate him in the past.

Jos 20:6 And he shall remain in that city until he has stood before the congregation for judgment, until the death of him who is high priest at the time.

[Our High Priest (Jesus) has, and offers, eternal life; so His judgements are also eternal]

Then the manslayer may return to his own town and his own home, to the town from which he fled.”

Heb 7:13 For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. [Jesus if of the Tribe of the kings – Judah]

Heb 7:14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

Heb 7:15 This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek,

Heb 7:16 who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life.

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

Heb 7:17 For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." [Psa 110:4]

Heb 7:18 For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness

Heb 7:19 (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

Gal 3:17 This is what I mean: the [Mosaic] law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant [Abrahamic covenant] previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void.

Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Gal 3:19 Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary.

Gal 3:20 Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

Gal 3:21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law.

Gal 3:22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Gal 3:23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.

Gal 3:24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

Gal 3:25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian,

Gal 3:26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Heb 7:20 And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath,

Heb 7:21 but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord

has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’” [Psa 110:4]

Heb 7:22 This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

Heb 7:23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office,

Heb 7:24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

Heb 7:25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Heb 7:26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

Heb 7:27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

Heb 7:28 For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Rom 8:33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Rom 8:34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Rom 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Rom 8:38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

Rom 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Heb 8:1 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,

Heb 8:2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

Heb 8:3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer.

Heb 8:4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law.[Levites, and Jesus is not a Levite]

Heb 8:5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” [Exo 25:40]

Heb 8:6 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

Heb 8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. [This is true of all God's **covenants**]

Heb 8:8 For he finds fault with them when he says: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

Heb 8:9 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Heb 8:11 And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."
[Jer 31:31-34]

Heb 8:13 In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Heb 9:1 Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. [Exo 25:8]

Heb 9:2 For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place.

[The Tabernacle had a fence around it, called since Solomon's time the Outer Court of the Temple where everyone (only Jews) came. The first section or Holy Place was where the Levitical priests officiated. The second section or Holy of Holies was accessible by only the High Priest (Sons of Aaron) and then only 1 day a year on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)]

[Paul presumes the readers knowledge of Jewish doctrine as he is addressing a Jewish readership]

Heb 9:3 Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place,

Heb 9:4 having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna,[evidence of God's provision] and Aaron's staff that budded,[evidence of God's representational leadership] and the tablets of the covenant.[evidence of God's justice]

Heb 9:5 Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. [[disappearance of the Ark of the Covenant](#)]

Heb 9:6 These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties,

Heb 9:7 but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without

taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.

Heb 9:8 By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing

Heb 9:9 (which is symbolic for the present age).[Age of the Law] According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper,

Heb 9:10 but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

Heb 9:11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent [Temple](not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)

Heb 9:12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

[Paul argues that Christ is the better sacrifice]

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,

Heb 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Heb 9:15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

Heb 9:16 For where a will [last will and testament] is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established.

Heb 9:17 For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.

Heb 9:18 Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.

Gen 15:8 But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?”

Gen 15:9 He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

Gen 15:10 And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half.

Gen 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Gen 17:10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

Gen 17:11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.

Heb 9:19 For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

Heb 9:20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you."

Exo 24:7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient."

Exo 24:8 And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Heb 9:21 And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship.

Heb 9:22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Gen 3:21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Gen 4:3 In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,

Gen 4:4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,

Heb 9:23 Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Heb 9:24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Heb 9:25 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own,

Heb 9:26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Heb 9:27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

Heb 9:28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. [the Rapture]

Heb 10:1 For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.

Heb 10:2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins?

Heb 10:3 But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.

Heb 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Heb 10:5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;

Heb 10:6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.[Psa 40:6>8]

Heb 10:7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book."

Joh 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Joh 5:30 "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Heb 10:8 When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law),

Heb 10:9 then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

Heb 10:10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Isa 53:2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

Isa 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Isa 53:8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

Isa 53:9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,

although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Isa 53:10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Heb 10:11 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

Heb 10:12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins,...

Joh 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

...he sat down at the right hand of God,

Heb 10:13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

Psa 8:6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

Heb 10:14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Heb 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

Heb 10:16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," [Jer 31:33]

Heb 10:17 then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

[Jer 31:34]

Heb 10:18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

[In conclusion:]

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,

Heb 10:20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

Heb 10:21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

Heb 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Heb 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

Heb 10:25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. [Seeing the signs of the season]

Heb 10:26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there

no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Heb 10:27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Heb 10:29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

Heb 10:30 For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” [Deu 32:35] And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” [Deu 32:36]

Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Psa 119:120 My flesh trembles for fear of you, and I am afraid of your judgments.

Mat 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Heb 10:32 But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings,

Heb 10:33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.

Heb 10:34 For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

Heb 10:35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

Heb 10:36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Heb 10:37 For, “Yet a little while,

Hab 2:3 For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

and the coming one will come and will not delay;

Jas 5:7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

Heb 10:38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”

Hab 2:4 “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

Luk 18:7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

Luk 18:8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Heb 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Heb 11:2 For by it the people of old received their commendation.

Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. [Gen 1:1]

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commanding him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. [Gen 4:4]

Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

Gen 5:22 Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters.

Gen 5:23 Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years.

Gen 5:24 Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

Sirach 44:16 Enoch pleased the Lord, and was translated, being an example of repentance to all generations.

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Rom 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Rom 10:11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. [Gen 6:13>]

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. [Gen 12:1>:4]

Heb 11:9 By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

Heb 11:10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and

builder is God.

Heb 11:11 By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. [Gen 21:1>:2]

Heb 11:12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Heb 11:14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

Heb 11:15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.

Heb 11:16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, [Gen 22:1>:10]

Heb 11:18 of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." [Gen 21:12]

Heb 11:19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. [A prefigure of Christ]

Heb 11:20 By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. Gen 27:28>:29, 39:>:40]

Heb 11:21 By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. Gen 48:>]

Heb 11:22 By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. [Gen 50:24>:25]

Heb 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, [Exo 2:2>:11]

Heb 11:25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

Heb 11:26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

Heb 11:27 By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. [Exo 12:37]

Heb 11:28 By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. [Exo 12:21:30]

Heb 11:29 By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. [Exo 14:21>:30]

Heb 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

[Josh 6:15>:16]

Heb 11:31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.[Josh 6:25]

Heb 11:32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon,[Jdg 6:11] Barak, [Jdg 4:6] Samson,[Jdg 13:24] Jephthah,[Jdg 11:1]of David [1Sam 16:1] and Samuel [1Sam 1:20] and the prophets—

Heb 11:33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, [Dan 6:22]

Heb 11:34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Heb 11:35 Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.

Heb 11:36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

Heb 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—

Heb 11:38 of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

Mat 23:33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?

Mat 23:34 Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town,

Mat 23:35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

Mat 23:36 Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Mat 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Mat 23:38 See, your house is left to you desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Heb 11:39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,

Heb 11:40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Heb 12:2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Heb 12:3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Heb 12:4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Heb 12:5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. [Pro 3:11>:12]

Heb 12:6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."
[Psa 94:12]

Heb 12:7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

Heb 12:8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Heb 12:9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

Heb 12:10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

Heb 12:11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Heb 12:12 Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees,

Heb 12:13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Heb 12:14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Heb 12:15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

Heb 12:16 that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. [Gen 25:33]

Heb 12:17 For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

Heb 12:18 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest

Heb 12:19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. [Exo 19:16]

Heb 12:20 For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” [Exo 19:12>:13]

Heb 12:21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”[Exo 19:16]

Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

Heb 12:23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

Heb 12:24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.[Rev 21:>]

Heb 12:25 See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

Heb 12:26 At that time his voice shook the earth,[Exo 19:18] but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” [Hag 2:6]

Heb 12:27 This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

Heb 12:28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

Heb 12:29 for our God is a consuming fire. [Deu 4:24]

Heb 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.

Heb 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. [Jud 13:15>:21]

Heb 13:3 Remember those [Christians] who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

Heb 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Heb 13:5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” [Josh 1:5]

Heb 13:6 So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; {Psa 118:6}I will not fear; what can man do to me?”[Psa 56:4]

Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Rev 1:8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Heb 13:9 Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be

strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.

Heb 13:10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat.

[We=Christians; serve the tent=Jews]

Heb 13:11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp.

Heb 13:12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. [Golgotha (the hill of crucifixion) was outside of the city]

Heb 13:13 Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

[My interpretation of the statement: Therefore let us as faithful Jewish-Christians purposefully come to Jesus outside of the confines of Jewish tradition knowing full well that we will be ostracized and persecuted (as was Jesus) by those who demand we obey the Law of Moses, as practiced by the Sadducees, Pharisees, and Scribes.]

Heb 13:14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Heb 13:15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

[In contrast to offering animal sacrifices once a year, Christians sacrifice self, continually]

Heb 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Heb 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with [your] joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Heb 13:18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.

Heb 13:19 I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

Heb 13:20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

Heb 13:21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Heb 13:22 I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.

Heb 13:23 You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon.

Heb 13:24 Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings.

Heb 13:25 Grace be with all of you.