

A Word of Exhortation to the Hebrews

Not a **typical epistle** (no intro; has ending)

Paul probably author (**Acts 13:15,16-41**)

Hebrews are **Jews** living in **Judea and Galilee** (a few exceptions like **Paul** that **speak Hebrew**)

Jews' slander of Paul would be a reason to be **anonymous**

Christians **believed in its inspiration**, most **thought it was from Paul**

Only problem is **2:3-4** vs. **Galatians 1-2**

Time is before **destruction of Jerusalem 8:13**

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“Let us” statements prominent

Hortatory Subjunctive

Not a superior ordering compliance by a subordinate

A partner in a team encouraging everyone to work together for the good of all

Sounds like Barnabas, but Paul said this often (5x in Rom. 13:12-14:19; 4x in 12 verses Gal.5:25-6:10; 3x each in Phil. 3:15-16 & 1 Th 5:6-8; Jesus used it often, esp. in Mark

Let Us Statements in Hebrews

4:1 since a promise remains of entering His rest,
let us fear lest any of you seem to have come
short of it

4:11,14,16 *

6:1 leaving the discussion of the elementary
principles of Christ, **let us go on to perfection**

10:22,23,24 *

12:1 (2x) **let us lay aside every weight, and the
sin** which so easily ensnares us, and **let us run
with endurance** the race that is set before us

12:28 **let us have grace**, by which we **may serve**
God acceptably with reverence and godly fear

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13:13,15 ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. ¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered **outside the gate**. ¹³ Therefore **let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His** reproach. ¹⁴ For **here we have no continuing city**, but we seek the one to come. ¹⁵ Therefore **by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God**, that is, the fruit of our lips, **giving thanks to His name**. ¹⁶ But do not forget to **do good** and to **share**, for with such **sacrifices God is well pleased**.

Hebrews 8:1-2

1 Now **this is the main point** of the things we are saying: **We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,** **2** **a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.**

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- Key verses in the middle of the book. This is usually an indication of a “sandwich”
- First read the term “sandwich” in an article about the “Genesis Death Sandwich.” **2013**
- It was a faulty way of finding true chiastic X structure
- **Examples: Tree of Life Gen. 2, Tree of Death 1 Peter 2:24, Tree of Life Rev. 22**
- **Journey of Israel Ex. 12:31-Joshua 5:12**

First and Last Years of Sojourn

Passover in Egypt

Crossed Red Sea

Manna started

Attack by Amelekites

Water from a rock

Law given by Moses

Counted the people

On border of Canaan

Rebellion of Korah

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SIMPLE HEBREWS OUTLINE

- I. *He Is Mediator of a Better Covenant* **1:1-4:10**
- II. *He Has Obtained a More Excellent Ministry*
4:11-10:25
- III. *Established on Better Promises* **10:26-13:25**

Let Us Statements in Hebrews

4:1

4:11,14,16 *

6:1

10:22,23,24 *

12:1 (2x)

12:28

13:13,15

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Bookends of the main middle section are sandwiches

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Let us hold fast our confession

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HEBREWS

II. Christ Gave the Perfect Covenant 4:11-10:25

“Let Us” Exhortations 4:11-16

A. A Better High Priest than Aaron’s Priesthood

5:1-7:27

B. A Better Covenant than the Old Covenant Law of Moses 8:1-13

C. A Better Sacrifice than All Sacrifices of the Old Covenant 9:1-10:18

“Let Us” Exhortations 10:19-25

I. Christ Is the Perfect Messenger 1:1-4:10

A. Christ is a Better Mediator than the Angels

1:5-2:18

1. Greater than the angels in His relation to God

1:5-14

Warning 2:1-4

2. Greater than the angels in His relation to man

2:5-18

B. Christ is a Better Leader than Moses 3:1-4:10

1. Greater than Moses in relation to God 3:1-6

Warning 3:7-15

2. Greater than Moses in relation to God's

People 3:16-4:10

III. Christ Is the Only Way to Heaven 10:26-13:25

A. Faith in Christ is the Only Way of Salvation

10:26-11:40

Warning 10:26-31

- 1. Remember sacrifices made by faith 10:32-39**
- 2. Remember O.T. examples of grace by obedient faith 11:1-40**

B. Christ is a Better Hope than Judaism Offers

12:1-13:25

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1. **God's love for us as His sons demonstrated by His discipline 12:1-11**

2. **Our love for God as His sons demonstrated by our discipline for each other 12:12-17**

3. **On the threshold of hope fulfilled 12:18-24**

Warning 12:25-29

4. **Continue the brotherly love 13:1-20**

IV. Closing 13:23-25

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Shadow then **object** then **glorious eternal light**
First the natural, then the spiritual 1 Cor. 15:46
Colossians 2:16-17 so let no one judge you in
food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new
moon or sabbaths, **17** which are a shadow of
things to come, but **the substance is of Christ.**
Old law was physical, natural shadow of true
spiritual reality in Christ

Do not turn away from Christ! 5:7-9; Mark
16:16; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:36-41

First and Last Israel Hebrews 8:5

Bondage in Egypt

Bondage in Sin **Rom. 6:16**

Crossed Red Sea

Baptized **Acts 2:38; 22:16**

Saved that day

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Manna started

Spiritual food **Acts 2:42**

Attack by Amelekites

Attack by Satan **Ac. 5:1-11**

Water from a rock

Spiritual drink **Jon 7:37-39**

Sojourned in wilderness

Sojourn in wilderness **1**

40 years

Peter 2:11-12

On the border

On the border **Heb. 12:22**

No faith to enter

Up to YOU

