



THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Hebrews

Book Summary:

The book of Hebrews was written by an anonymous author. Some have attributed its authorship to Paul, while others have argued for Barnabas, Apollos, Luke, Clement of Rome, Silas, or perhaps Aquila and Priscilla. Likely written between AD 60 and 70 (before the destruction of the temple in AD 70), the audience addressed by Hebrews was Jewish Christians who had deep knowledge of the Old Testament and Jewish customs. The readers, likely discouraged in their faith due to persecution and the delay of Christ's return, may have considered returning to Jewish practices. The primary theological point in the book is the superiority of Jesus Christ as the perfect High Priest and sacrifice for sin, fulfilling the Old Covenant and mediating the New Covenant. Hebrews encourages endurance and faithfulness, emphasizes the importance of community, and calls for boldness in drawing near to God because of Christ's finished work. Christ gives us the power to endure and finish the journey - never looking back at where he brought us from.



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Memory Verse for July 2025:

Hebrews 4:12 (KJV)

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

What to Look For:

- Notice the purpose of Jesus becoming like man. What was the Father developing in Jesus?
- Who does the author compare Jesus to, and how does he use these comparisons to exalt him?
- What is the danger that the book warns about if one goes back to their former life after having followed Jesus?
- What limitations does Hebrews point out in the Levitical law and priesthood, and how does Christ surpass them?
- Note the previous covenant and temple compared to the new one and what this means for God's people today.

Selected Reading

- Week 1: Hebrews 1:1–2:18
- Week 2: Hebrews 3:1–4:13
- Week 3: Hebrews 4:14–6:12
- Week 4: Hebrews 6:13–20 & 7:1–19
- Week 5: Hebrews 7:20–28, 8:1–13 & 9:1–12

Questions to Consider:

- Do you have a high regard for who Jesus is in your life?
- What are you tempted to go back to when things become difficult?
- Do you have a support system that encourages you to stay strong in the faith?
- What keeps you from boldly coming into Jesus' presence?