

Hebrews

58th book (NT # 19)

13 ch 303 v 6,897 w

Intro -

who - Apostle Paul

when ~ 66 AD, while temple was still standing

why - to explain Christ' present ministry, in heaven

cf : Wilmington, p 515

what -

Bible review: The Bible is a 'Christ centered' book.

OT is preparation for his life

Gospels are a manifestation of his life

Acts is the propagation of his life

Paul's epistles are the explanation of his life

Hebrews is the glorification of his life

where - *Written to the Hebrews from Italy by Timothy*

- sent to Jerusalem (and synagogues)

- cf Heb 3:1

how - Thematically : to show the immeasurable superiority of Christ

Paul reasons that Christianity excels Judaism because of Christ

The superlative glory of the Son of God ('sevens')

Christ is superior over : 1. the prophets, 1:1-3

2. the angels, 1:4-2:18

3. Moses, ch 3

4. Joshua, ch 4

5. Aaron, ch 5-6

6. the saints, ch 11

7. OT Judaism, ch 7-10

two divisions : doctrinal 1:1 - 10:18

practical 10:19 - end

seven key words

1. better - promises, blessings, hope, testament, covenant,
resurrection, substance, country, things (in 12v)
2. perfect - salvation, Saviour, service, tabernacle, work (9x in 9v)
3. great - high priest, salv., reward, cloud of w., shepherd (7x in 7v)
4. high priest (17 x in 17v)
5. eternal - salvation, judgment, redemption, Spirit, inheritance (5x in 5v)
6. heaven - speak, written, appear (5x in 5v)
7. partakers - p. of flesh & blood
p. of Christ, of the H. Ghost, of his holiness (6x in 6v)

The center of Judaism was the temple and the Levitical priesthood. Paul shows them the pre-eminence of the priesthood of Christ.

The Jews are encouraged to give up their earthly temple, human priesthood, physical altar and animal sacrifices ...because in Christ '*we have*' ...*the great High Priest, the true altar, the one sacrifice, and true access into the very presence of the Most Holy.*

In closing --- **Hebrews 13:22**

Paul calls this book ... *the word of exhortation* i.e. 'warnings'
ie. - 'pay attention'...'take heed to what God says'...'listen up'

1. Heb 2:1 & 3 don't *neglect* simple
2. Heb 3:7-8 don't *harden your hearts* fools (both types)
3. Heb 5:11 don't be *dull of hearing* new believers
4. Heb 10:26-30 don't *despise* God's word scorners
5. Heb 12:22-29 final warning - don't *refuse* all