

Outline of Hebrews

- A. Hebrews.** Tradition says that Paul wrote this letter to the converted Jewish congregation in Jerusalem. It makes a profound argument to converts from Judaism, to convince them of the truth and finality of Christianity as compared with Judaism.
- B. Authorship.** This letter does not name its author, but its dissimilarity to Paul's letter in style, language and method of arguing rules out the idea that Paul composed it. It may have been written by one of Paul's pupils or a Christian leader in Alexandria.
- C. Contents.** This letter displays Jesús as God, man, and high priestly mediator, the fulfillment of all Jewish hopes. Beyond that, it shows how Jesús by His once-for-all self offering opened the door for all people to approach God and find forgiveness of their sins.

I. Prologue: The Superiority of God's New Revelation (1:-4)	
II. The Superiority of Christ to Leading Figures under the Old Covenant (1:5-7:28)	A. Christ Is Superior to the Angels (1:5-2:18) 1. Scriptural proof of his superiority (1:5-14) 2. Exhortation not to ignore the revelation of God in his Son (2:1-4) 3. Jesús was made a little lower than the angels (2:5-9) 4. HAVING been made like us, Jesús was enabled to saves us (2:10-18) B. Christ's SUPERIOR to Moses (3:1-4:13) 1. Demonstration of Christ's superiority (3:1-6) 2. Exhortation to enter salvation-rest (3:7-4:13) C. Christ Is Superior to the Aaronic Priests (4:14-7:28) 1. Jesus is the great high priest (4:14-16) 2. Qualification of a priests (5:1-10) 3. Exhortation to press on toward maturity (5:11-6:12) 4. The certainty of God's promise (6:13-20) 5. Christ's superior priestly order (ch.7)
III. The Superior Sacrificial Work of Our Priest (8:1-10:18)	A. New Sanctuary and a New Covenant (ch.8) B. The Old Sanctuary (9:1-10) C. The Better Sacrifice (9:11-10:18)
IV. A Call to Follow Jesus Faithfully and with Perseverance (10:19-12:29)	A. Having Confidence to Enter the Sanctuary (10:19-25) B. A Warning against Persistence in Sin (10:26-31) C. Persevering in Faith under Pressure (10:32-12:3) 1. As in the past, so in the future (10:32-39) 2. Faith and its many outstanding examples (ch.11) 3. Jesús, the supreme example (12:1-3) D. Encouragement to Persevere in the Face of Hardship (12:4-13)

	E. Exhortation to Holy Living (12:14-17) F. Crowing Motivation and Warning (12:18-29)
V. Conclusion (ch.13)	A. Rules for Christian Living (13:1-17) B. Request for Prayer (13:18-19) C. Benediction (13:20-21) D. Personal Remarks (13:22-23) E. Greetings and Final Benediction (13:24-25)