



Hebrews

PART 1 – SETTING THE STAGE

Hebrew Seminar: An Overview



9/11/22 The contexts of the text

9/18/22 The role of a genealogy in Hebrews

9/25/22 Jesus in Hebrews

10/3/22 Themes in Hebrews: faith, endurance, rest

Objectives

- ▶ Place the text within its historical and social context
- ▶ Provide the background that can shape the questions we have for the text

What do we know about Hebrews?

- ▶ Author – Who wrote it?
- ▶ Audience – Who was it written to?
- ▶ Date – When was it written?
- ▶ Location – Where is the audience located?
- ▶ Genre – What kind of text is it?
- ▶ Purpose – Why was it written?

Texts and Contexts



- ▶ Canon – Status and Location
- ▶ Social Context
- ▶ Roman Imperial Context

Mapping Hebrews

- ▶ Introduction 1:1-4
- ▶ Jesus, the Son of God
- ▶ Jesus, the faithful and sympathetic high priest
- ▶ The Danger of Spiritual Immaturity
- ▶ Jesus, the high priest (like Melchizedek)
- ▶ Jesus, the perfect sacrifice
- ▶ The Need for Faith, Love, and Endurance
- ▶ Living as Christians in a Hostile World
- ▶ Prayers and Greetings

Beginnings



**A LONG
TIME AGO
IN A GALAXY
FAR, FAR AWAY...**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days, God spoke to us by a Son, whom God appointed heir of all things, through whom God also made the worlds.

(Hebrews 1:1-2)