

# Hebrews and James

## 66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

### Summary & Structure of Hebrews

# HEBREWS

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

19

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

13

TYPE

EPISTLE



### OVERVIEW

This epistle is the only one with an unknown author. Although traditionally attributed to Paul, the authorship has been questioned in recent times due to the different writing style. As such, the book's meaning is dependent completely on the text. The audience of the epistle was Jewish Christians in effort to persuade them that the Law of Moses had been fulfilled through Jesus Christ, and that certain ordinances were no longer necessary for Gentile Christians. The book paints an image of Jesus as divine, a priest who intercedes for us before the Father. Written at the time Nero was heavily persecuting Christians, it encouraged the Saints to persevere and hope for a brighter future.



WRITTEN  
67-69 AD



TIME PERIOD COVERED  
All Eras in the Age of  
Grace



AUTHOR  
Unknown

### Key Verse in Hebrews

*In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.*

Hebrews 1:1-2

### Background of Hebrews

Authorship: Unknown; however, some attribute this authorship of this book to Paul  
The writer seemed familiar with suffering and prison. (Hebrews 10:34)  
He wrote from Italy and spoke of Timothy. (Hebrews 13:23)  
Peter possibly identifies Paul as the writer (2 Peter 3:15-16)

Date: Sometime before AD 70

Original Audience: Hebrew Christians who may have been considering returning to Judaism.

Purpose: To encourage Jewish Christians undergoing fierce persecution not to abandon their faith.

Theme: Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Outline of Hebrews

(Doctrinal Section)

Christ is Greater than the Old Covenant (Chapters 1-10)

Christ is Greater than the Prophets (Hebrews 1:1-3)

Christ is Greater than Angels (Hebrews 1:4—2:18)

Deity of Christ (Hebrews 1:4-14)

Humanity of Christ (Hebrews 2)

Christ is Greater than Moses (Hebrews 3:1-4:2)

Christ is Greater than Joshua (Hebrews 4:3-13)

Christ is Greater than the Old Testament Priesthood (Hebrews 4:14-7:28)  
 Our Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16)  
 Description of an Earthly Priest (Hebrews 5:1-10)  
 A Call to Maturity (Hebrews 6)  
 Christ and Melchizedek (Hebrews 7)  
 Christ is the Perpetual Priest  
 Christ is the Perfect Priest

Christ as our High Priest Ministers in a Superior Sanctuary, by a Better Covenant, Built Upon Better Promises. (Hebrews 8-10)  
 True Tabernacle (Hebrews 8:1-5)  
 Better Covenant (Hebrews 8:6-13)  
 Better Sanctuary (Hebrews 9:1-10)  
 Superior Sacrifice (Hebrews 9:11-10:18)  
 Encouragement (Hebrews 10:19-25)

(Practical Section)  
 Christ Brings Better Benefits and Duties (Chapters 11-13)  
 Faith (Hebrews 11)

Hope (Hebrews 12)

Concluding Remarks (Hebrews 13)  
 Hospitality, Marriage, Leaders (Hebrews 13:1-7)  
 Let Your Actions Match Your Belief (Hebrews 13:15-19)  
 Closing Words (Hebrews 13:20-25)

## Summary & Structure of James

# JAMES

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT	NUMBER OF CHAPTERS	TYPE
20	5	EPISTLE, GENERAL

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### OVERVIEW

This book is attributed to James, the brother of Jesus, and is written to the twelve tribes of Israel, scattered abroad. James became a believer upon seeing Jesus alive and well after the crucifixion, and he was a leader of the church at Jerusalem. Known as the "Proverbs of the New Testament," this book overflows with wisdom and truth.

WRITTEN

67-69 AD

TIME PERIOD COVERED

All Eras in the Age of Grace

AUTHOR

James, half-brother of Jesus

## Key Verse in James

*In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.*

*Hebrews 1:1-2*

## Background of James

Author: James (brother of Jesus)

Date: AD 45-50

Audience: This book was written "to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations." Primary audience would be Christian Jews.

Theme: Spiritual Maturity

## Outline of James

Genuine Faith (Chapters 1-3)

Trials can help grow our faith. (James 1:1-12)

God does not test faith with evil. (James 1:13-21)

Faith is verified by putting God's Word into practice. (James 1:22-27)

Faith is verified by the way we view and treat people. (James 2:1-13)

Faith is verified by our actions. (James 2:14-26)

Faith is verified by the words we choose. (Chapter 3)

Have the Right Mindset (Chapter 4:1-5:20)

The right mindset towards unity (James 4:1)

The right mindset towards the world (James 4:4)

The right mindset towards time (James 4:14)

The right mindset towards greed (James 5:5)

The right mindset towards suffering (James 5:7)

The right mindset towards prayer (James 5:17-18)

## Lessons/Applications

Christians have things \_\_\_\_\_ than people of the Old Testament. (Hebrews)

True faith is a \_\_\_\_\_ faith. (James)