
Hebrews 8:1-13

Topic: This is one of the most neglected books of the bible. We don't know who the author is, but we do know it was written for the instruction of the temple before 70 A.D. It is to the Jews what the book of Romans is to the Gentiles. Hebrews tells of sacrifices and rituals and exalts the sovereignty of Christ. It tells of Christ's relation to Moses and Abraham and all those people. This is why the Book of Hebrews is so great. The message of Hebrews is this: go on to spiritual maturity. Don't sit back on your laurels; get up and do something for the Lord, spread the word, help someone who doesn't ask but you see the need. Chapters 7, 8, & 9 deal with the priesthood of Christ. He is our mediator to God.

Heb 8:1: this is a summary of what's going on here – we have a high priest on the right side of God, mediating for us. That's Christ. He's there for us.

Vs2: there was a tabernacle pitched in the wilderness by Moses, but this one is pitched by the Lord.

Vs3: this is what the high priest is for – to offer gifts and sacrifices now. The high priest needs to offer sacrifices himself, but this high priest is totally different.

Vs4: the writer is referring to the people of his time still offering gifts according to the old laws, and they don't need to anymore because Christ paid the whole price for us on the cross. If Christ were on earth, He wouldn't be a priest because he is not of the tribe of Levi, says the writer.

Vs5: a tabernacle is needed for the Lord to dwell with them; He told them about it and showed them how to build it. **Exodus 40:4 shows the details.**

Vs6: Christ as high priest is better than any priest of the Levi tribe, and is built on better promises. The tribe of Levi, the law set forth by God just puts you to death. With Christ, you live forever.

Vs7: if thing wrong with the first laws was that it killed you. That's why Christ had to come to save mankind.

Vs8-9: Christ had to come make a new promise with the House of Israel and the house of Judah because they couldn't obey the first laws. It is physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually impossible for human beings to follow the entire first set of laws put forth by God.

Vs10: Jesus Christ is making a 2nd covenant with the people. He will put His laws into their minds, write them in their hearts, He will be our God, we will be His people. But this time hasn't come yet.

Vs11: we won't need to be taught about Jesus Christ. When verse 10 happens, the whole world will know who He is, without question.

Vs12: two-thirds of Israel will be killed in the tribulation, and Jesus Christ will forgive all their sins.

Vs13: the Old Testament is old, finished, and is getting ready to be done away with. It is obsolete. Testament means law here, and the Old Testament is the old laws before Jesus Christ, and the New Testament is talking about Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 31:31: written in 600 BC: the Lord is going to make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the House of Judah.

Vs32: the Lord calls the people His bride.

Vs33: same as Hebrews 8: 10, but written 600 years earlier.

Vs34: there will be no question who the Lord is. This is the same as Hebrews 8:12.

Vs35: the universe is set up just right. The moon is in it's place, the stars are all ok. The Lord is in control of all that.

Vs36: if the moon ever stops shining, if the waves of the sea stop rolling, if the sun stops rising, then we can say there will be a nation of Israel standing before God.

Vs37: the vastness of the universe can never be measured, so long as there is the Lord and the nation of Israel. If we find everything in the ocean depths and measure everything in the universe, then Israel will be no more. But otherwise, Israel is God's chosen people on earth. If you're Christian, then you are God's spiritually chosen people. Israel has its place, and the church has its place. They are two different promises.