

# Hebrews 1:4-2:4

Hebrews 1:4 – “having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”

5118 [e]	2909 [e]	1096 [e]	3588 [e]	32 [e]	3745 [e]
tosoutō	kreittōn	genomenos	tōn	angelōn	hosō
4 τοσούτῳ	κρείττων	γενόμενος	τῶν	ἀγγέλων	, ὅσῳ
By so much	superior	having become	to the	angels	as much as
DPro-DNS	Adj-NMS-C	V-APM-NMS	Art-GMP	N-GMP	RelPro-DNS

1313 [e]	3844 [e]	846 [e]	2816 [e]	3686 [e]
diaphorōteron	par'	autous	keklēronomēken	onoma
διαφορώτερον	παρ'	αὐτοὺς	, κεκληρονόμηκεν	ὄνομα .
more excellent	beyond	theirs	He has inherited	a name
Adj-ANS-C	Prep	PPro-AM3P	V-RIA-3S	N-ANS

1. “better” is used 13 times in Hebrews comparing Christ and the New Covenant with the previous dispensations.
2. Jesus’ superiority to angels is pointed out here for at least two reasons:
  - a. The final message from God came from his Son. The previous covenant of Moses was mediated by angels to Moses (see 2:2 and Jewish teaching)
  - b. The next age will be ruled by the Son, not angels. This age involves the rulership of angels:
    - i. Deuteronomy 32:8 – “When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God (angels).”
    - ii. Daniel 10:20-21 – “Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince.”
    - iii. Ephesians 3:10 – “so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.”
    - iv. Ephesians 6
3. The exaltation of the Son to the right hand of God in 1:3 makes it clear he is superior to the angels.
4. “his name” is “the Son” which separates him from the angels in several ways:
  - a. Creation
  - b. Inheritance

c. Rulership

5. "Inherited" in the phrase "as the name he has inherited" can be confusing if only reading this verse.
- a. A false concept would be that the position of "Son" has never been filled before or the title was recently created after the resurrection and ascension of Christ.
  - b. The Son has always been "the Son" since eternity.
    - i. We see the Son and his title "the Son" already existing in the Gospels before the death, resurrection and ascension.
      1. Hebrews 5:8 – "Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered."
      2. Hebrews 5:5 – "
      3. Hebrews 1:2 – "in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world."
      4. Matthew 3:17 – "and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Also Mark 1:11; Luke 3:2)
      5. Matthew 17:5 – "He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'"
      6. Luke 9:35 – "And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!'"
      7. 2 Peter 1:17, - "For when he received honor and glory from God, the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'"
      8. Matthew 16:13-17 – "
      9. Luke 1:31-35 – "
      10. John 5:23 – "
      11. Matthew 2:15 – " (from Hosea 11:1)
    - ii. We see the Son and his title "the Son" already existing in the Old Testament:
      1. Psalm 2:7, 12 – "I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you....Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."
      2. 2 Samuel 7:12, 14, 16 – "When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.  
13- He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.  
14- I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,  
15- but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.  
16- And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

3. Proverbs 30:4 – “Who has ascended to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name? Surely you know!
    - a. John 1:1-5 – “
    - b. Colossians 1:13-17 – “
    - c. Hebrews 1:3 – “
  4. Isaiah 7:14 – “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”
    - a. Matthew 1:23 – “
    - b. Matthew 1:18-25 – “
  5. Isaiah 9:6 – “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
  6. Micah 5:1-3 – “Now muster your troops, O daughter[b] of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.”
- iii. Importance of “the Son” in Christianity and forever:
1. John 20:30-31 – “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
  2. 1 John 2:22-23 – “
  3. 1 John 5:9-13 – “
  4. Acts 13:33-34 –“

1:5 – “**For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”?**

Or again,

**“I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?**

5101 [e]	1063 [e]	2036 [e]	4218 [e]	3588 [e]	32 [e]	5207 [e]	1473 [e]	1510 [e]	4771 [e]	1473 [e]	4594 [e]	1080 [e]
Tini	gar	eipen	pote	tōn	angelōn	Huios	mou	ei	sy	egō	sēmeron	gegennēka
5 Τίνι	γάρ	εἶπέν	ποτε	τῶν	ἀγγέλων	: Υἱός	μου	εἶ	σύ ;	ἐγὼ	σήμερον	γεγέννηκά
To which	for	did He say	ever	of the	angels	Son	of me	are	You	I	today	have begotten
IPro-DMS	Conj	V-AIA-3S	Prtcl	Art-GMP	N-GMP	N-NMS	PPro-G1S	V-PIA-2S	PPro-N2S	PPro-N1S	Adv	V-RIA-1S

4771 [e]	2532 [e]	3825 [e]	1473 [e]	1510 [e]	846 [e]	1519 [e]	3962 [e]	2532 [e]	846 [e]	1510 [e]	1473 [e]	1519 [e]	5207 [e]
se	Kai	palin	Egō	esomai	autō	eis	Patera	kai	autos	estai	moi	eis	Huion
σε ?	Καὶ	πάλιν :	Ἐγὼ	ἔσομαι	αὐτῷ	εἰς	Πατέρα ,	καὶ	αὐτός	ἔσται	μοι	εἰς	Υἱόν ?
You	And	again	I	will be	to Him	for	a Father	and	He	will be	to Me	for	a Son
PPro-A2S	Conj	Adv	PPro-N1S	V-FIM-1S	PPro-DM3S	Prep	N-AMS	Conj	PPro-NM3S	V-FIM-3S	PPro-D1S	Prep	N-AMS

1:6 – “And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,  
“Let all God’s angels worship him.””

3752 [e]	1161 [e]	3825 [e]	1521 [e]	3588 [e]	4416 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	3625 [e]	
Hotan	de	palin	eisagagē	ton	prōtotokon	eis	tēn	oikoumenēn	
6	Όταν	δὲ	πάλιν	εἰσαγάγη	τὸν	πρωτότοκον	εἰς	τὴν	οἰκουμένην ,
	When	then	again	He brings	the	Firstborn	into	the	world
	Conj	Conj	Adv	V-ASA-3S	Art-AMS	Adj-AMS	Prep	Art-AFS	N-AFS

3004 [e]	2532 [e]	4352 [e]	846 [e]	3956 [e]	32 [e]	2316 [e]
legei	Kai	proskynēsatōsan	autō	pantes	angeloi	Theou
λέγει :	Καὶ	προσκυνησάτωσαν	αὐτῷ	πάντες	ἄγγελοι	Θεοῦ .
He says	And	let worship	Him	all	[the] angels	of God
V-PIA-3S	Conj	V-AMA-3P	PPro-DM3S	Adj-NMP	N-NMP	N-GMS

1:7 – “Of the angels he says,  
“He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.””

2532 [e]	4314 [e]	3303 [e]	3588 [e]	32 [e]	3004 [e]	3588 [e]	4160 [e]	3588 [e]	32 [e]	
Kai	pros	men	tous	angelous	legei	Ho	poiōn	tous	angelous	
7	Καὶ	πρὸς	μὲν	τοὺς	ἀγγέλους	λέγει :	Ὁ	ποιῶν	τοὺς	ἀγγέλους
	And	as to	indeed	the	angels	He says	The [One]	making	the	angels
	Conj	Prep	Conj	Art-AMP	N-AMP	V-PIA-3S	Art-NMS	V-PPA-NMS	Art-AMP	N-AMP

846 [e]	4151 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	3011 [e]	846 [e]	4442 [e]	5395 [e]
autou	pneumata	kai	tous	leitourgous	autou	pyros	phloga
αὐτοῦ	πνεύματα ,	καὶ	τοὺς	leitourgoús	αὐτοῦ ,	πυρὸς	φλόγα .
of Him	winds	and	the	ministers	of Him	of fire	a flame
PPro-GM3S	N-ANP	Conj	Art-AMP	N-AMP	PPro-GM3S	N-GNS	N-AFS

1:8 – “But of the Son he says,  
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.””

4314 [e]	1161 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	3588 [e]	2362 [e]	4771 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	165 [e]	3588 [e]	
Pros	de	ton	Huion	Ho	thronos	sou	ho	Theos	eis	ton	aiōna	tou	
8	Πρὸς	δὲ	τὸν	Υἱόν :	Ὁ	θρόνος	σου ,	ὁ	Θεὸς ,	εἰς	τὸν	αἰῶνα	τοῦ
	Unto	however	the	Son	The	throne	of You	O	God	[is] to	the	age	of the
	Prep	Conj	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Art-NMS	N-NMS	PPro-G2S	Art-VMS	N-NMS	Prep	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Art-GMS

165 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	4464 [e]	3588 [e]	2118 [e]	4464 [e]	3588 [e]	932 [e]	4771 [e]	
aiōnos	kai	hē	rhabdos	tēs	euthytētos	rhabdos	tēs	basileias	sou	
αἰῶνος ,	καὶ	ἡ	ῥάβδος	τῆς	εὐθύτητος	ῥάβδος	τῆς	βασιλείας	σου*	.
age	and	the	scepter	of	righteousness [is]	[the] scepter	of the	kingdom	of You	
N-GMS	Conj	Art-NFS	N-NFS	Art-GFS	N-GFS	N-NFS	Art-GFS	N-GFS	PPro-G2S	

**1:9 – “You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”**

25 [e]	1343 [e]	2532 [e]	3404 [e]	458 [e]	1223 [e]	3778 [e]	5548 [e]	4771 [e]	3588 [e]	
ēgapēsas	dikaiosynēn	kai	emisēsas	anomia	dia	touto	echrisen	se	ho	
9	ἠγάπησας	δικαιοσύνην	καὶ	ἐμίσησας	ἀνομίαν ;	διὰ	τοῦτο ,	ἔχρισέν	σε	ὁ
	You have loved	righteousness	and	have hated	wickedness	because of	this	has anointed	You	-
	V-AIA-2S	N-AFS	Conj	V-AIA-2S	N-AFS	Prep	DPro-ANS	V-AIA-3S	PPro-A2S	Art-NMS

2316 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	4771 [e]	1637 [e]	20 [e]	3844 [e]	3588 [e]	3353 [e]	4771 [e]
Theos	ho	Theos	sou	elaion	agalliasēōs	para	tous	metochous	sou
Θεός ,	ὁ	Θεός	σου ,	ἔλαιον	ἀγαλλιάσεως ,	παρὰ	τοὺς	μετόχους	σου .
God	the	God	of You	with [the] oil	of exultation	above	the	companions	of You
N-NMS	Art-NMS	N-NMS	PPro-G2S	N-ANS	N-GFS	Prep	Art-AMP	Adj-AMP	PPro-G2S

**1:10 – “And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;”**

2532 [e]	4771 [e]	2596 [e]	746 [e]	2962 [e]	3588 [e]	1093 [e]	2311 [e]	2532 [e]
Kai	Sy	kat'	archas	Kyrie	tēn	gēn	ethemeliōsas	kai
<b>10</b> Καί :	Σὺ	κατ'	ἀρχάς ,	Κύριε ,	τὴν	γῆν	ἐθεμελίωσας ,	καὶ
And	You	in	[the] beginning	Lord	of the	earth	laid the foundation	and
Conj	PPro-N2S	Prep	N-AFP	N-VMS	Art-AFS	N-AFS	V-AIA-2S	Conj

2041 [e]	3588 [e]	5495 [e]	4771 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	3772 [e]
erga	tōn	cheirōn	sou	eisin	hoi	ouranoi
ἔργα	τῶν	χειρῶν	σοῦ	εἰσιν	οἱ	οὐρανοί .
works	of the	hands	of You	are	the	heavens
N-NNP	Art-GFP	N-GFP	PPro-G2S	V-PIA-3P	Art-NMP	N-NMP

**1:11 – “they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.”**

846 [e]	622 [e]	4771 [e]	1161 [e]	1265 [e]	2532 [e]	3956 [e]	5613 [e]	2440 [e]	3822 [e]
autoi	apolountai	sy	de	diameneis	kai	pantes	hōs	himation	palaiōthēsontai
<b>11</b> αὐτοὶ	ἀπολοῦνται ;	σύ	δὲ	διαμένεις ;	καὶ	πάντες	ὡς	ἱμάτιον	παλαιωθήσονται ;
They	will perish	You	however	remain	and	all	like	a garment	will grow old
PPro-NM3P	V-FIM-3P	PPro-N2S	Conj	V-PIA-2S	Conj	Adj-NMP	Adv	N-NNS	V-FIP-3P

**1:12 – “like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”**

2532 [e]	5616 [e]	4018 [e]	1667 [e]	846 [e]	5613 [e]	2440 [e]	2532 [e]	236 [e]	4771 [e]	1161 [e]
kai	hōsei	peribolaion	helixeis	autous	hōs	himation	kai	allagēsontai	sy	de
<b>12</b> καὶ	ὡσεὶ	περιβόλαιον	ἐλίξεις	αὐτούς ,	ὡς	ἱμάτιον	καὶ	ἀλλαγῆσονται ;	σύ	δὲ
and	like	a robe	You will roll up	them	like	a garment	also	they will be changed	You	however
Conj	Adv	N-ANS	V-FIA-2S	PPro-AM3P	Adv	N-ANS	Conj	V-FIP-3P	PPro-N2S	Conj

3588 [e]	846 [e]	1510 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	2094 [e]	4771 [e]	3756 [e]	1587 [e]
ho	autos	ei	kai	ta	etē	sou	ouk	ekleipsousin
ὁ	αὐτὸς	εἶ ,	καὶ	τὰ	ἔτη	σου	οὐκ	ἐκλείψουσιν .
the	same	are	and	the	years	of You	not	will never end
Art-NMS	PPro-NM3S	V-PIA-2S	Conj	Art-NNP	N-NNP	PPro-G2S	Adv	V-FIA-3P

**1:13 – “And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet?””**

4314 [e]	5101 [e]	1161 [e]	3588 [e]	32 [e]	2046 [e]	4218 [e]	2521 [e]	1537 [e]	1188 [e]	1473 [e]	2193 [e]	302 [e]
Pros	tina	de	tōn	angelōn	eirēken	pote	Kathou	ek	dexiōn	mou	heōs	an
<b>13</b> Πρὸς	τίνα	δὲ	τῶν	ἀγγέλων	εἶρηκέν	ποτε	: Κάθου	ἐκ	δεξιῶν	μου	, ἕως	ἂν
To	which	now	of the	angels	did He say	ever	Sit	at	[the] right hand	of Me	until	-
Prep	IPro-AMS	Conj	Art-GMP	N-GMP	V-RIA-3S	Prtcl	V-PMM/P-2S	Prep	Adj-GNP	PPro-G1S	Conj	Prtcl

5087 [e]	3588 [e]	2190 [e]	4771 [e]	5286 [e]	3588 [e]	4228 [e]	4771 [e]
thō	tous	echthrous	sou	hypopodion	tōn	podōn	sou
θῶ	τούς	ἐχθρούς	σου	ὑποπόδιον	τῶν	ποδῶν	σου
I may place	the	enemies	of You	[as] a footstool	for the	feet	of You
V-ASA-1S	Art-AMP	Adj-AMP	PPro-G2S	N-ANS	Art-GMP	N-GMP	PPro-G2S

**1:14 – “Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?”**

3780 [e]	3956 [e]	1510 [e]	3010 [e]	4151 [e]	1519 [e]	1248 [e]
Ouchi	pantes	eisin	leitourgika	pneumata	eis	diakonian
<b>14</b> Οὐχὶ	πάντες	εἰσὶν	λειτουργικὰ	πνεύματα	, εἰς	διακονίαν
Not	all	are they	ministering	spirits	for	service
IntPrtcl	Adj-NMP	V-PIA-3P	Adj-NNP	N-NNP	Prep	N-AFS

649 [e]	1223 [e]	3588 [e]	3195 [e]	2816 [e]	4991 [e]
apostellomena	dia	tous	mellontas	klēronomein	sōtērian
ἀποστελλόμενα	, διὰ	τούς	μέλλοντας	κληρονομεῖν	σωτηρίαν ?
being sent forth	for the sake of	those	being about	to inherit	salvation
V-PPM/P-NNP	Prep	Art-AMP	V-PPA-AMP	V-PNA	N-AFS

**2:1 – “Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.”**

1223 [e]	3778 [e]	1163 [e]	4057 [e]	4337 [e]	1473 [e]	3588 [e]
Dia	touto	dei	perissoterōs	prosechein	hēmas	tois
1 Διὰ	τοῦτο ,	δεῖ	περισσοτέρως	προσέχειν	ἡμᾶς	τοῖς
Because of	this	it behooves	more abundantly	to give heed	us	to the things
Prep	DPro-ANS	V-PIA-3S	Adv	V-PNA	PPro-A1P	Art-DNP

191 [e]	3361 [e]	4219 [e]	3901 [e]
akoustheisin	mē	pote	pararyōmen
ἀκουσθεῖσιν ,	μή	ποτε	παραρυῶμεν .
we have heard	lest	ever	we should drift away
V-APP-DNP	Adv	Conj	V-ASA-1P

2:2 – “For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution,”

1487 [e]	1063 [e]	3588 [e]	1223 [e]	32 [e]	2980 [e]	3056 [e]	1096 [e]	949 [e]	2532 [e]
ei	gar	ho	di'	angelōn	lalētheis	logos	egeneto	bebaios	kai
2 εἰ	γὰρ	ὁ	δι'	ἀγγέλων	λαληθεῖς	λόγος	ἐγένετο	βέβαιος ,	καὶ
If	for	the	by	angels	having been spoken	word	was	unalterable	and
Conj	Conj	Art-NMS	Prep	N-GMP	V-APP-NMS	N-NMS	V-AIM-3S	Adj-NMS	Conj

3956 [e]	3847 [e]	2532 [e]	3876 [e]	2983 [e]	1738 [e]	3405 [e]
pasa	parabasis	kai	parakoē	elaben	endikon	misthapodosian
πᾶσα	παράβασις	καὶ	παρακοή	ἔλαβεν	ἔνδικον	μισθαποδοσίαν ,
every	transgression	and	disobedience	received	a just	recompense
Adj-NFS	N-NFS	Conj	N-NFS	V-AIA-3S	Adj-AFS	N-AFS

2:3 – “how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,”

4459 [e]	1473 [e]	1628 [e]	5082 [e]	272 [e]	4991 [e]	3748 [e]	746 [e]	2983 [e]
pōs	hēmeis	ekrheuxometha	tēlikautēs	amelēsantes	sōtērias	hētis	archēn	labousa
3 πῶς	ἡμεῖς	ἐκφευξόμεθα	τηλικαύτης	ἀμελήσαντες	σωτηρίας	, ἣτις	ἀρχὴν	λαβοῦσα ,
how	we	will escape	such a great	having neglected	a salvation	which	a commencement	having received
Adv	PPro-N1P	V-FIM-1P	DPro-GFS	V-APA-NMP	N-GFS	RelPro-NFS	N-AFS	V-APA-NFS

2980 [e]	1223 [e]	3588 [e]	2962 [e]	5259 [e]	3588 [e]	191 [e]	1519 [e]	1473 [e]	950 [e]
laleisthai	dia	tou	Kyriou	hypo	tōn	akousantōn	eis	hēmas	ebebaiōthē
λαλεῖσθαι	διὰ	τοῦ	Κυρίου	, ὑπὸ	τῶν	ἀκουσάντων	, εἰς	ἡμᾶς	ἐβεβαιώθη ,
declared	by	the	Lord	by	those	having heard	to	us	it was confirmed
V-PNM/P	Prep	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Prep	Art-GMP	V-APA-GMP	Prep	PPro-A1P	V-AIP-3S

**2:4 – “while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.”**

4901 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	4592 [e]	5037 [e]	2532 [e]	5059 [e]	2532 [e]	4164 [e]
synepimartyrountos	tou	Theou	sēmeiois	te	kai	teras	kai	poikilais
4 συνεπιμαρτυροῦντος	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	σημείοις	τε	καὶ	τέρασιν	, καὶ	ποικίλαις
bearing witness	-	God	by signs	together with [them]	and	wonders	and	by various
V-PPA-GMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	N-DNP	Conj	Conj	N-DNP	Conj	Adj-DFP

1411 [e]	2532 [e]	4151 [e]	40 [e]	3311 [e]	2596 [e]	3588 [e]	846 [e]	2308 [e]
dynamēs	kai	Pneumatōs	Hagiou	merismois	kata	tēn	autou	thelēs
δυνάμεσιν	, καὶ	Πνεύματος	Ἁγίου	μερισμοῖς	, κατὰ	τὴν	αὐτοῦ	θέλησιν .
miracles	and	of [the] Spirit	Holy	distributions	according to	the	of Him	will
N-DFP	Conj	N-GNS	Adj-GNS	N-DMP	Prep	Art-AFS	PPro-GM3S	N-AFS