

**The Book of Hebrews
Session Two
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Acts 21:20 – “... How many thousands [ten thousands, myriads] of Jews there are that believe and they are all zealous for the law.”

The Old Testament was received through the prophets and angels-Acts 7: 37,38; 7:53; Galatians 3:19.The New Testament was received through God’s son, Jesus Christ – Heb.1:2; I Corinthians 11:23-25. In Hebrew 1, we learned Jesus Christ is superior to the prophets and the angels, therefore

The New Testament is superior to and takes the place of the Old Testament

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Verse 1 – give earnest heed to the things you have heard so as not to let them slip: a major theme of Hebrews: 2:3 – “neglect so great a salvation” 3:7,8 – “harden the heart against the Holy Spirit” 3:12 – “evil heart of unbelief .. departing from the living God” 4:11 – “fall after the same example of unbelief” 5:11 – “dull of hearing” 6:4-6 – “falling away” and “crucifying the son of God afresh” 10:26 – “willful sin” 10:29 – “trodden the son of God underfoot ... counted his blood unholy ... done despite unto the Holy Spirit” 10:39 – “draw back unto perdition”

Verse 2 – referring to the Old Testament Law

Verse 3 – the New Testament spoken by Jesus Christ and confirmed by the apostles

Verse 4 – God bearing witness to the truth of the New Testament

Verse 5 – the world to come will be in subjection to Jesus Christ, not the angels. Philippians 2:9-11; I Corinthians 15:24-28.

Verse 6 – “a certain place” is Psalm 8. Man is seemingly insignificant, but ...

Verse 7 – refers to the first man, Adam. “the angels”- Hebrew *Elohim*, i.e. God, the Creator. Man was originally given dominion over the earth and everything in it. Genesis 1:26-28. The dominion came from having the spirit of God.

Verse 8 – “But now” after the fall of man and resulting loss of spirit “not all things are put under man.” Dominion was transferred to God’s archenemy – Luke 4:6; I Corinthians 4:4.

Verse 9 – Jesus made a little lower than God (*Elohim*) “crowned with glory and honor”as Adam was (v.7). I Corinthians 15:21,22,45,47 – Jesus Christ the 2nd Adam. He “tasted death” as a substitute for every man. The Hebrew had a hard time understanding that the exalted, victorious Messiah and King would need to suffer.

**Verse 10 – “Him” refers to God. It was God’s will for the Messiah to suffer.
“captain” – leader, one who stands at the head or beginning in the terms of rank**

Verse 11 – Jesus Christ sanctified us and we all are of God. Jesus Christ is our big brother! He is not ashamed of us! We are set apart for God’s purposes – heaven’s holiest.

Verse 12 – cited from Psalm 22:22.

Verse 13 – cited from II Samuel 22:3 and Isaiah 8:18.

**Verse 14 – “partakers” *koinoneo* – to share fully. “took part” *metecho* to take a part only. All the descendants of Adam share fully in his flesh and blood. Jesus Christ took a part only. Unlike other men, Jesus Christ was born sinless:
I Peter 1:19; Matthew 27:4. “destroy” - paralyze, render inactive, useless, powerless.**

Verse 15 – the fear of death enslaves mankind. Jesus Christ delivered us from fear and from death.

Verse 16 – Jesus Christ is a man, not an angel, of the lineage of Abraham, and like him, a believer.

Verse 17 – Jesus Christ is fully man and is THE HIGH PRIEST to make reconciliation for our sins.

Verse 18 – Jesus Christ went through everything any human could experience – temptations, sufferings – and beat it. As a result, he is able to strengthen us.

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