

STUDIES IN HEBREWS

Lesson 1

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INTRODUCTION

I. Authorship of the book

A. For Pauline authorship

- 1. Timothy (Heb. 13:23)**
- 2. Israel as a negative example (Heb. 4:11; 1 Cor. 10)**
- 3. The emphasis on the New Covenant (Heb. 8; 2 Cor. 3)**
- 4. The argument for the end of the Mosaic system**

B. Against Pauline authorship

- 1. Different construction in mention of Timothy**
- 2. The uses of Israel as illustration are different**
- 3. No mention of writer's name (cf. 2 Thess. 3:17)**
- 4. Hebrews 2:3-4**
- 5. O. T. quotations are always from LXX**

II. The destiny of the book

A. Jerusalem or the land of Israel

- 1. For**
- 2. Against**
 - a. The generosity of the church (Heb. 6:10; 10:32-34)**
 - b. Hebrews 12:4**
 - c. The use of the LXX**
 - d. Hebrews 2:3**

B. Italy

- 1. Hebrews 13:24**
- 2. Clement of Rome (AD95)**
- 3. Hebrews 10:32-34**

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III. Time of writing

- A. Before AD95**
- B. Before AD70**
- C. Probably about AD62**

IV. The readers

- A. Jews**
- B. The spiritual condition of the readers**
 - 1. Addressed to believers 3:1; 4:16; 5:12, etc.**
 - 2. What about individuals mentioned in the warning sections?**

V. The purpose of Hebrews

- A. To encourage believers to mature**
- B. To warn about the dangers of apostasy**
- C. To challenge believers to encourage those who were in danger of lapsing**

VI. The plan

EXPOSITION

I. The doctrine of the superiority of the Son 1:1--10:18

- A. The thesis 1:1-3**

Conclusion and application

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