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Hebrews

What is the book of Hebrews?

- The book of Hebrews is a letter. It isn't known who wrote it. It's thought that the writer worked together with Paul.
- It's thought that Hebrews was written around the year AD 65. It was written before Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed in AD 70.

Who was Hebrews written to?

- It isn't known exactly who Hebrews was written to. It's thought that it was to the community of Jewish believers in Rome. The people who received the letter knew the writer well.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that Hebrews shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

Why was Hebrews written?

- To show how the promises of God's covenants with Israel were fulfilled. They were fulfilled in Jesus' life and work.
- To show how Jesus established the new covenant.
- To show why the readers shouldn't choose Jewish beliefs and practices over following Jesus.
- To encourage believers who were being treated badly for following Jesus.

Main ideas

- Who Jesus is and what he accomplished.
- Old Testament prophecies and promises fulfilled in the new covenant.
- Jesus as greater than the angels, Moses, Aaron and the priests after Aaron. Jesus as greater than the prophets from long ago.
- Jesus as high priest.
- Enjoying God's rest.
- Examples of faith.

Outline

God fully shows who he is through his Son (1:1-4).

The Son is greater than the angels (1:5 - 2:18).

The Son is the high priest who is faithful and full of mercy (3:1 - 5:10).

The Son is a priest like Melchizedek (5:11 - 10:39).

The need to have faith and not to give up (11:1 - 12:13).

Instructions about living together as a community (12:14 - 13:21).

Final greetings (13:22-25).