

The Historical & Doctrinal Context for the Epistle to the Hebrews

Historical

The Seed of the woman – Genesis 3:15

The Promise to Abraham – Genesis 12:1-3

- Blessing

- A great nation

- Blessing to the nations

- The Seed of Abraham

The Old Covenant era

The New Covenant era

Doctrinal

Justification by faith – Genesis 15:6

- A Just Justifier – Romans 3:26

The Law of Moses

- Accursed, not blessed

- A pattern for blessing

The New Covenant Blessing

Review of Hebrews 1-4

1. God has spoken (1:1-4)
 - Prophets and Jesus Christ
 - Jesus Christ is God
 - Jesus Christ is Savior
2. Jesus Christ is greater than angels (1:5-2:18)
 - Sovereign God
 - Flesh and blood
3. Jesus Christ is greater than Moses (3:1-6)
 - Similar – faithfulness
 - Founder v. member
 - Son v. servant
4. Two warnings
 - Pay close attention (2:1-4)
 - History v. Today (3:1-4:1:13)

Hebrew 5 (outline)

1. Aaron the high priest (5:1-4)
2. Jesus the Great High Priest (5:5-10)
 - Divinely appointed
 - Source of eternal salvation
3. Exhortation (5:11-14 – and Hebrews 6)

Our Great High Priest

1. Introduction to the Great High Priest

Hebrews 1:3

Hebrews 2:9-10

Hebrews 2:17

Hebrews 3:1

Hebrews 4:14-16

2. Aaron the high priest (5:1-4)

– Mediator

For men – before God

Offer gifts and sacrifices for sins

– A man among mankind

Compassionate

Sinner

– Appointed by God.

Our Great High Priest

3. Jesus the Great High Priest (5:5-10)
 - Divine Appointment
 - Order of Melchizedek
 - Human flesh
 - Victim
 - Author of eternal salvation

4. A digression (5:11-14)
 - dull of hearing
 - milk not meat