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