

The Old Testament in the New

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- ▶ “The New Testament book that surpasses all the others in its direct and indirect use of the Old Testament is the anonymous epistle to the Hebrews.”
- ▶ “The argument of the letter is, in fact, built on four great prophetic utterances from the Old Testament.”
 - Psalm 2
 - Psalm 110
 - Jeremiah 31:31-34
 - Psalm 40:7-9
- ▶ “The author’s primary theme” is the high priesthood of Jesus Christ.
 - A mediator (Job 9:33)
 - Only two options:
 - Argue your case before God
 - Trust Christ to argue your case before God
- ▶ The core presentation is in Hebrews 5:1-10:18
 - Introduction: Hebrews 1:1-4
 - Thesis: Hebrews 2:17
 - Conclusion: Hebrews 13:20-21

An Outline of Hebrews

1. God sent His Son (1:1-2:4)
 - The magnificence of Jesus Christ (1:1-14)
 - Neglect Him at great peril (2:1-4)

2. God's Son is our merciful and faithful High Priest (2:5-4:16)
 - The plan of God – glory and honor (2:5-18)
 - Consider Jesus (3:1-4:16)

3. Jesus is our Great High Priest (5:1-10:18)
 - The high priestly ministry (5:1-10)
 - A digression (5:11-6:20)
 - The Order of Melchizedek (7)
 - The New Covenant (8)
 - The Place of Service (9)
 - The Perfect Sacrifice (10:1-18)

4. “How shall we then live?” (10:19-13:25)

The Perfect Sacrifice

Hebrews 10:1-18

1. A shadow of good things to come (10:1-4)
2. The reality of good things to come (10:5-18)
 - The offering of the body of Jesus Christ (10:5-10)
 - Perfection by one sacrifice (10:11-14)
 - Forgiveness by the New Covenant (10:15-18).

A shadow of good things to come

Hebrews 10:1-4

- Good things to come.
 - The world to come (2:5)
 - The High Priest of good things to come (9:11)
 - The powers of the age to come” (6:5).
 - A city that is to come (13:14)
 - The Blessing of Abraham
- A shadow of the good things to come.
 - A shadow
 - ▶ Accurate but limited
 - ▶ Imperfect but true
 - Multiple sacrifices
 - Temporal cleansing
 - Cannot perfect!
 - ▶ Continual sacrifices
 - ▶ A reminder of sin

Good things to come

Hebrews 10:5-18

1. Psalm 40

- ▶ A Psalm of David.
 - thanksgiving for deliverance
 - no thanks to animal sacrifices
 - submission to the will of God
 - personal sacrifice to God

- ▶ A word of Christ
 - Christ's word at His coming into the world.
 - Translation: “a body you have prepared for me.”
 - No error or conflict
 - The will of God is the salvation of His people
 - A perfect Sacrifice

2. The application of Psalm 40 (Hebrews 10:8-10)

- The will of God to be accomplished
- The Old Covenant terminated forever
- The offering of the body of Jesus Christ

3. The conclusion of the matter (Hebrews 10:11-18)

- Christ seated at the right hand of God
- Christ awaiting the good things to come
- Perfection of the saints
- The New Covenant fulfilled – forgiveness forever