“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)

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