

**HEBREWS: JESUS IS BETTER
WEEK 2 NOTES**

Hebrew 1:1-14

I. Prologue: The Final and Definitive Revelation of God in His Son 1:1-3

A. Illustration: Mormon Theology

B. 1:1-3 introduces us to Jesus as The Prophet (Deut 18), The Priest (Ps.110: 4; Isa 53), and The King (Ps. 110). The Pastor also takes a swipe at the three pillars of Judaism: OC, David, and Levi.

Long Ago ¹	In these last days
God spoke to the fathers	He has spoken to us
By the prophets	By His Son
At different times and in different ways	

II. Angels are Great; Jesus is Greater 1:4-14 and 2:5-18

A) Appointment as royal heir (v. 2b) ²	A) ¹ Appointment as God's Son and heir (vv.5-9)
B) Mediator of Creation (v. 2c)	B) ¹ Mediator of Creation (v. 10)
C) Eternal nature and preexistent glory (v. 3ab)	C) ¹ Unchanging, eternal nature (vv. 11-12)
D) Exaltation to God's Right Hand (v. 3c)	D) ¹ Exaltation to God's Right Hand (v. 13)

A. Jesus **Has Become** Greater than the angels because of His inherited name (v.4)

1. Inclusio: 1:5-14 is bracketed with the phrase "to which of the angels"

2. V. 4: How can Jesus inherit something as the second person of the Trinity?

a. The humiliation: Isa 52:13-53:16

b. The exhalation

Isaiah's use of exaltation language

1. Isa 6:1—two descriptions of exaltation

2. Isa 57:15

3. Isa 52:13—three descriptions of exaltation

B. "To which of the Angels did God ever say" (v.5)

1. Psalm 2:7

¹ Thomas R. Schreiner, *Commentary on Hebrews*. Nashville: B&H Publishing, 2015, 52

² William M. Lane, *Hebrews 1-8*, WBC. Dallas: Word, 1991, 22.

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a. NT use: Acts 13:13; Hebrews 1:5; 5:5

b. Context: YHVH

Interpretation: YHVH has installed His Messiah on David's throne in Zion.
"Although Jesus was the preexistent Son of God . . . he entered into a new experience of son-ship by virtue of his incarnation, his sacrificial death, and his subsequent exaltation"³

2. Ref:2 Sam 7 & 1 Chron 17

a. Context: YHVH's covenant with David

b. Interpretation: David and his son's typify "The Son"

c. Typology: People, events, and institutions foreshadow the person and Work of Christ: type and anti-type.

C. The worship of the enthroned messiah by angels (v.6)

a. Don't angels always worship God? Ref: Deut 32:43 or Ps. 97:7

b. The "world"

D. The messiah rules as the Davidic king forever, the angels are temporal servants. vv.7-8 Ref: Ps. 104: 4 and Ps 45:6-7

E. Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever. vv. 10-12

F. "Sit at my right hand" vv.13-14. Ref Ps.110: 1

a. The most quoted OT text in all the NT

b. The pinnacle of all messianic hope

c. Context: David's prophecy of Messiah and YHVH

d. Interpretation: YHVH mediates all authority through the Son, nothing else.

Application vv. 2:1-4

Pay Attention! How many times have you come to church, heard the word of God, and ignored it or were indifferent to it? If we rightly understood who is talking (i.e. the King) and that we live in a kingdom, we would pay careful attention and not drift away.

³ Lane, *Hebrews 1-8*, 26.