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Jesus Christ

Encouragement From The Book of Hebrews

What do we know about

They serve and worship God

"Bless the LORD, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word!" **Psalm 103:20**

"Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!" **Psalm 148:2**

"Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?" **Matthew 26:53**

"And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God," **Revelation 7:11**

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They are God's messengers

When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the punishment of the city." **Genesis 19:15**

The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. **Luke 1:35**

Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." **Matthew 2:13**

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John. , **Revelation 1:1**

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They are God's protectors

"Behold, I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared." . **Exodus 23:20**

" For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways." **Psalm 91:11**

"Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him…" **Daniel 3:28**

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven." **Matthew 18:10**

What do we know about

They bring God's destruction/

"When the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the calamity and said to the angel who destroyed the people, "It is enough! Now relax your hand!" And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." **2 Samuel 24:16**

"Then it happened that night that the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men rose early in the morning, behold, all of them were dead. ways." **2 Kings 19:35**

"And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died. Him." **Acts 12:23**

"And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind." **Revelation 9:15**

Hebrews: Fact Sheet

- Theme: Jesus is the better choice
- Purpose: To *encourage* immature believers who were facing pressure to go back to Judaism to hold fast to their faith in Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:22: "But I urge you, brethren, bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly."

Hebrews: Fact Sheet

- Author: Unknown
- Date: 64-68 AD
- Audience: 2nd generation Hebrews believers (primarily; 2:3 After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,)
- Key words: “better (13x), perfect (14x)”
- Old Testament flavor
  - 29 direct OT quotes
  - 53 clear allusions to various other

Jesus Christ: The Better Choice

- A better messenger
- Better than the angels
- Better than Moses
- A better rest
- A better high priest
- A better priesthood
- A better covenant
- A better tabernacle
- A better sacrifice
- A better way of living
- A better faith
- A better kingdom



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Hebrews 1:1-3: A Better Messenger

- God's Son (Jesus Christ)
  - Heir of all things
  - Creator of the world
  - The radiance of God's Glory
  - The exact representation of His nature
  - Upholds all things
  - Has made purification for sins
  - Sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

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Hebrews 1:4-13: Better than the angels

* He has inherited a more excellent name than they (v4-5)
* He is worshipped BY the angels (v6)
* The angels exist to serve Him (v7)
* He has an eternal, righteous throne (v8-9)
* He created the earth (v10)
* He is unchanging (v11-12)
* He is seated at God's right hand (v13)

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* He has inherited a more excellent name than they (v4-5)

"I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. **Psalm 2:7**

"I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men," **2 Samuel 7:14**

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* He is worshipped BY the angels (v6)

"Rejoice, ye heavens, with him, and let all the angels of God worship him; rejoice ye Gentiles, with his people, and let all the sons of God strengthen themselves in him; for he will avenge the blood of his sons, and he will render vengeance, and recompense justice to his enemies, and will reward them that hate him; and the Lord shall purge the land of his people." **Deuteronomy 32:43**

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* The angels exist to serve Him (v7)

"He makes the winds His messengers, Flaming fire His ministers." **Psalm 104:4**

"Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him." **Matthew 4:11**

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* He has an eternal, righteous throne (v8-9)

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your fellows." **Psalm 45:6-7**

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Hebrews 1:4-13: Better than the angels

* He created the earth (v10)

"Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands." **Psalm 102:25**

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Hebrews 1:4-13: Better than the angels

* He is unchanging (v11-12)

"Even they will perish, but You endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end." **Psalm 102:26-27**

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." **Hebrews 13:8**

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Hebrews 1:4-13: Better than the angels

* He is seated at God's right hand (v13)

A Psalm of David. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." **Psalm 110:1**

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