

HELP WITH HEBREWS

PUTTING HEBREWS IN ITS PLACE

“God having provided some better thing for us,
that they without us should not be made perfect.”

~ Hebrews 11:40

1. Hebrews Confusion

- a. Reading Hebrews requires right division of Israel, testaments, Christ, gospels, etc.
- b. People think Paul wrote Hebrews, but that only makes the problem worse.
- c. We must move beyond “concordance theology” and continue to right division
- d. Be careful not to read into the text nor spiritualize what is in Hebrews.
- e. Content: An explanation of Israel’s salvation through the new testament
- f. A better messenger, house, hope, promise, priest, sacrifice, testament, blood, city

2. Setting the Stage

- a. Hebrew epistles were written by apostles of Jesus earthly ministry – Luke 18:34
- b. They taught the gospel of the kingdom, the gospel of his name – Luke 9:2
- c. They learned more after his death – Luke 24:44-47, John 14:26, Acts 1:3, 6
- d. The days of prophetic fulfillment were upon them – Acts 2:16
- e. They were rejected of the high priests and scattered – Acts 4:2-6, 4:18; Acts 8:1-2

3. A Change in Israel

- a. Believing in the name of the Son of God higher than angels – John 20:31 / Heb 1:4
- b. The kingdom given to the nation of faith (remnant) - Matt 21:33-45 / Heb 4:2
- c. An operation by the Spirit – John 15:26, 16:13 / Heb 6:4, 10:29
- d. The remnant of Israel spoke of a change of the law – Acts 6:13-14 / Heb 7:12,18
- e. Stephen spoke of a temple made without hands – Acts 7:47-50 / Heb 8:5, 9:11
- f. Jesus and Moses, builders and mediators of covenants - John 1:17 / Heb 3:1-6, 8:6
- g. A better city than what was in Jerusalem – Mat 23:37 / Heb 11:10-16,12:22, 13:14
- h. The revealing of the things to come that the law shadowed – Heb 9:24, 10:1

4. Salvation Comes to Israel

- a. Salvation is coming to faithful Israel – Rom 11:26-27; Heb 2:5, 6:5, 9:11, 11:20
- b. Without the NT, Israel would not receive salvation – 1Pet 1:12, Heb 11:40
- c. To get it they must endure to the end – Matt 24:13, Heb 6:15, 10:36-39
- d. Israel needed to learn the better things of the New Testament
 - i. They needed faith in Christ
 - ii. They needed the Spirit to perform
 - iii. They needed a better covenant than the old which failed
 - iv. They needed a better hope than the city that had rejected the Messiah