Interesting Facts About Hebrews

AUTHOR: Not absolutely certain. Many attribute it to Paul.
TIME WRITTEN: Somewhere between A.D. 64 and 68
POSITION IN THE BIBLE:
- 58th Book in the Bible
- 19th Book in the New Testament
- 14th of 21 Epistle Books (Romans - Jude)
- 8 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 13
VERSES: 303
WORDS: 6,913

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT HEBREWS:
- Many regard the Book of Hebrews as the 14th epistle of Paul.
- The 3rd century theologian, Origen wrote: “Who it was that really wrote the epistle (Hebrews), God only knows.”
- The Book of Hebrews shows the superiority of Christianity over the Judaic system under the Law of Moses.
- A majority view seems to be that the recipients of Hebrews probably lived in Rome. Hebrews 13:24 - “Those from Italy greet you.”
- The recipients of the Book of Hebrews:
  - had become Christians by hearing the preaching of those who had been eyewitnesses of Christ. 2:3
  - Were not recent converts (novices). 5:12
  - Had become “Dull of hearing” (5:11) and were in danger of drifting away from Christ.
- There are nearly 100 Old testament references in the Book of Hebrews, all of which are from the Septuagint version.
- Exodus and Leaviticus are especially helpful in understanding Hebrews.
- Prominent words in the Book of Hebrews include:
  - “Better”
  - “Heavenly”
  - “Perfect”
  - “By faith”

The basic theme of Hebrews is found in the word “better,” in describing the superiority of Christ in both His person and His work. Christ provides:
- Better revelation. 1:1-2
- Better expectation. 6:9
- Better priesthood. 7:7-11, 20-28
- Better hope. 7:19
- Better testament, covenant. 7:22, 8:6
- Better promises. 8:6
- Better sacrifices. 8:6
- Better possessions. 10:34
- Better country. 11:16
- Better resurrection. 11:35
- Better things. 11:40; 12:24

In his Person, Christ is better than:
- The angels
- Moses
- Joshua

In His Performance, Christ provides:
- A better priesthood
- A better covenant
- A better sanctuary
- A better sacrifice

OLD COVENANT
- Shadow
- Temporary
- Mediator: Moses
- High Priest: Aaron
- Priests: Only Levites
- Imperfect
- Abolished
- Entered by natural birth
- For Jews only

NEW COVENANT
- The substance
- Permanent
- Mediator: Christ
- High Priest: Christ
- Priests: Every Christian
- Perfect
- Last until end of age
- Entered by spiritual birth
- For all nations

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