

Hebrews

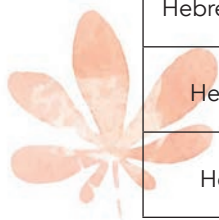
Study of Chapters 1-2

Day 1

Read Hebrews 1-2 at least twice before starting. You might like to listen to these chapters read aloud on your YouVersion Bible app.

1. The book of Hebrews opens with a timeline. The author points to two distinct time periods, "the past" and "these last days." What is the defining point in time that separated these two periods? _____
2. The author of Hebrews wants to help the reader focus on the truth concerning Christ. Fill in the chart below.

Verse Reference	The truth about Christ
Hebrews 1:2	
Hebrews 1:3	
Hebrews 1:4	
Hebrews 1:5	
Hebrews 1:6	
Hebrews 1:8-9,11-12	
Hebrews 1:2,10	
Hebrews 1:13	



Matthew 21:33-46

Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ³⁵ The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance." ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants? ⁴¹ "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes"? ⁴³ "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Luke 19:10 NKJ

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

John 12:27-28 NAS

For this purpose I came to this hour. ²⁸ "Father, glorify Your name."

John 17:4 NAS

I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.

John 18:37

For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.

3. After describing the truth of Christ in the previous question, how does this make you feel as a Christ-follower? _____

If you are not yet a Christ-follower, have these first two chapters given you new insight into the person of Jesus, and whether you might consider following Him?

4. In Hebrews 1:1 the author says, in the past God spoke through the prophets. Name one or two Old Testament prophets you are familiar with, and briefly state their message. If you are unfamiliar, take a few minutes and do a bit of research.

Day 2

5. God had given the prophets an important ministry. They were chosen by God to illuminate, inspire and instruct God's people and to announce future events. Their messages were not always received well. Then, at God's appointed time, He sent His Son. While teaching the crowd one day, Jesus told the Parable of Tenants, illustrating this very thing. Read Matthew 21:33-46, and fill in who you believe these characters represent in this parable.

a. landowner _____

b. vineyard _____

c. tenants _____

d. landowner's servants _____

e. son _____

f. other tenants _____

6. The prophets were sent with the message of repentance, to call the people back to God, as well as to encourage them to look ahead to the coming Messiah. Read Luke 19:10, John 12:27-28, John 17:4 and John 18:37 in the sidebar. In your own words, write a sentence or two describing Jesus' purpose for coming?

7. Hebrews 1:2 tells us that Jesus was appointed "heir of all things." What does it mean to be an heir?

What does this tell us about Jesus?

What important fact do you learn about Jesus from the second half of the verse? _____

How does knowing these truths about Jesus help us in our daily decisions, trials, and interactions with other people? _____

8. Read Romans 8:17. What does this verse tell us about our standing as children of God? _____

What benefit is this for a child of God? _____

Romans 8:17 NIV
Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

9. Hebrews 1:3 refers to Jesus as “the radiance of God’s glory,” “the exact representation of his being,” “sustaining all things by his powerful word.” What do you believe this means? _____

How would you explain this to someone else? Read John 1:14 to go along with this question. _____

10. The definition of scepter is a staff or rod, a symbol of authority. The use of the scepter originated with the idea that the ruler was as a shepherd to his people. Hebrews 1:8 reminds the reader of Psalm 45:6 saying, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.” What is God declaring in regard to Jesus in Hebrews 1:8 and Psalm 45:6? _____

John 1:14 NIV
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Day 3

11. Since God has declared Jesus to have complete authority over all things, list some ways a child of God might show submission to this authority.

Matthew 1:20
But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

12. According to Hebrews 1:14, what is the God-given assignment for the angels? _____

13. Look up the verses below, and summarize the job of the angels according to these Scriptures—some are provided for you.

Matthew 1:20 _____

Luke 1:11-13

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John."

Luke 22:43

An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

Acts 1:10-11

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Acts 5:19

But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.

Acts 8:26

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

Acts 27:23-24

Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴ and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.'

Luke 1:11-13 _____

Luke 22:43 _____

Acts 1:10-11 _____

Acts 5:19 _____

Acts 8:26 _____

Acts 27:23-24 _____

*Luke 1:26-38 _____

*Luke 2:8-15 _____

**You will need to look these up in your Bible or Bible app.*

Day 4

14. Hebrews 2:1-4 begins with a warning. False teachers are always a problem. Paying careful attention to the truth we have read in His word is imperative. This will require focus, discernment and work on our part, but what will it save us from?

15. A ship's captain carefully plans his course before ever setting out of port. What will happen if the captain turns off the engine and falls asleep for the night?

What will happen to a Christ follower who allows themselves to be distracted from the truth they already know? _____

How can we avoid the dangers of distractions? _____

16. One of the first Bible verses I recall hearing preached was Hebrews 2:3. It made a lasting impact on my heart. It posed the question: "how shall we escape," if we neglect the amazing gift of salvation that has been provided for us. In what way is ignoring God's gracious gift of salvation disobedience to God and foolish for us?

To what or whom can we turn if we reject God's gracious gift?

17. Hebrews 2:8 tells us Jesus has been given full authority over everything. The events going on in our world may leave us confused and anxious, but how does knowing that all authority has been given to Jesus help you make decisions and deal with the problems you face each day?

18. What facts concerning Jesus are pointed out in verses 2:9-11?

19. Because Jesus tasted death for us all, He who is fully God and fully man, is referred to as the pioneer of salvation—some translations say “the captain of our salvation.” Verse 2:11 goes on to mention believers, what does Jesus call us?

20. If you are a Christ-follower, how does this make you feel? _____

If you are not yet a follower of Christ, what are your thoughts when you hear that Jesus refers to his follower's this way? _____

Day 5

21. If we underestimate the deadly power of sin, we will surely fall prey to it. It is imperative that we have an accurate, Biblical view of sin. Read Romans 5:6, and describe the condition of every man, woman, and child prior to salvation.

Romans 5:6

...for a while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

John 1:1-4, 14, 29

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

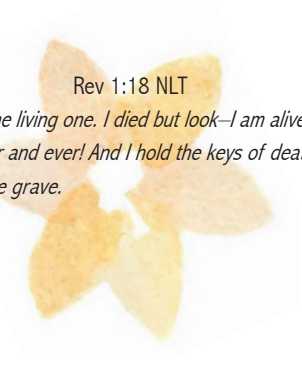
Describe our condition, and what Jesus has done for us according to Hebrews 2:14-15. _____

22. John’s gospel declares Jesus as the Word of God, who was present at creation, and took on flesh to take away the sins of the world. You might like to read, John 1:1-4, 14, 29. Hebrews 2:14-18 says something similar. What did Jesus accomplish by sharing in our humanity? _____

Who did he render powerless when he conquered death and hell?

Rev 1:18 NLT

I am the living one. I died but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.



Read Revelation 1:18, to go along with Hebrews 2:14-18. What amazing fact is stated in this verse, and how does knowing this fact empower us to live a victorious life? _____

23. Because Jesus suffered when he was tempted, what is he able to do for us when we are tempted? _____

24. What should be our response after studying these first two chapters of Hebrews?

25. Jesus Christ has been given a greater name than even that of the angels. He has a far greater message than the messages of the prophets. He provided the only way of atonement for sin. He is our great Savior. Why not stop for a few minutes, and talk to God about all you have seen in our study this week.

26. How has studying Hebrews 1 and 2 encouraged you in your walk of faith?
