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## The Outline of the Book of Hebrews

**The basis for this commentary and outline  
is taken from the MacArthur New Testament Commentary on Hebrews**

**Introduction to Hebrews from a Jewish Perspective (Ac)**

Background of the Torah and the Outdated Sacrifices (**Ad**)

Difficulties for Jewish Believers (**Ae**)

Background of the B'rit Chadashah and the New Sacrifice (**Af**)

The Audience of the book of Hebrews (**Ag**)

**I. The Superiority of the Son in His Person and Work - 1:1 to 10:18 (Ah)**

**A. The Superiority of Messiah to the Prophets - 1:1-3 (Ai)**

**B. The Superiority of Messiah to Angels - 1:4 to 2:18 (Aj)**

1. The Proof of Messiah's Superiority to Angels from the Scriptures - 1:4-14 (Ak)

**2. The Danger of Neglect: Intellectually Convinced Jews - 2:1-4 (Al)**

3. The Proof of Messiah's Sovereignty - 2:5-9 (Am)

4. The Proof of Messiah's Salvation - 2:10-18 (An)

**C. The Superiority of Messiah to Moses - 3:1-6 (Ao)**

1. The Superiority of Messiah to Moshe in His Person and Work - 3:1-4 (Ap)

2. The Superiority of Messiah to Moshe in His Position - 3:5-6 (Aq)

**D. The Superiority of Messiah in the Rest He Gives - 3:7 to 4:13 (Ar)**

**1. The Danger of a Hardened Heart: Unconvinced Jews - 3:7-19 (As)**

2. A Sabbath-Rest for the People of God - 4:1-13 (At)

**E. The Superiority of the Messiah to the Levitical Priesthood - 4:14 to 10:18 (Au)**

1. Messiah is in a Better Position Than Aaron - 4:14-16 (Av)

2. Messiah is a Better Priest Than Aaron - 5:1 - 7:28 (Aw)

a. Qualifications for the Great High Priest - 5:1-4 (Ax)

b. Messiah's Qualifications as our Great High Priest - 5:5-10 (Ay)

c. Unbelievers and Believers in Messiah - 5:11 - 6:20 (Az)

**(1) The Danger of Dullness of Hearing: Unbelieving Jews - 5:11-14 (Ba)**

**(2) The Danger of Falling Away: Hesitating Jews - 6:1-8 (Bb)**

(3) We Have This Hope as an Anchor for the Soul - 6:9-20 (Bc)

d. The Priesthood of Melchizedek - 7:1-28 (Bd)

(1) Melchizedek Was a Type of Christ - 7:1-3 (Be)

(2) The Order of Melchizedek and the Order of Aaron - 7:4-10 (Bf)

(3) The Levitical Priesthood and the Priesthood of Jesus - 7:11-25 (Bg)

(a) The Former Priesthood Has Changed - 7:11-14 (Bh)

(b) The Former Priesthood Was Temporary - 7:15-19 (Bi)

(c) The New Priesthood Is Unchangeable - 7:20-22 (Bj)

(d) The New Priesthood Lasts Forever - 7:23-25 (Bk)

(4) Yeshua the Melchizedek Priest - 7:26-28 (Bl)

3. A Better Covenant - 8:1-13 (Bm)

- a. The Superiority of the New Covenant - 8:1-6 (Bn)
- b. Proof of the Superiority of the New Covenant - 8:7-13 (Bo)
- c. The Dispensation of Grace (Bp)

4. A Better Sanctuary - 9:1-10 (Bq)

- a. The Insufficiency of the Former Sanctuary - 9:1-5 (Br)
- b. The Insufficiency of the Former Priestly Service - 9:6-7 (Bs)
- c. The Insufficiency of the Former Sacrifices - 9:8-10 (Bt)

5. A Better Sacrifice - 9:11 to 10:18 (Bu)

- a. The Superiority of Messiah's Sacrifice - 9:11-12 (Bv)
- b. The Results of Messiah's Sacrifice - 9:13-28 (Bw)
  - (1) The Insufficiency of the Blood of Bulls and Goats - 9:13-14 (Bx)
  - (2) Forgiveness Demands Blood - 9:15-22 (By)
  - (3) The Better Tabernacle Purified with Better Blood - 9:23-28 (Bz)
- c. Messiah, the Perfect Sacrifice - 10:1-18 (Ca)
  - (1) The Insufficiency of the Levitical Sacrifices - 10:1- 4 (Cb)
  - (2) The Sufficiency of Messiah's Sacrifice - 10:5-10 (Cc)
  - (3) Messiah's Sacrifice Was Once For All Time - 10:11-14 (Cd)
  - (4) I Will Put My Torah in Their Hearts - 10:15-18 (Ce)

## **II. The Practical Application of the Supremacy of the Son - 10:19 to 13:25 (Cf)**

### **A. Messiah's Sacrifice Opens the Way to God - 10:19-39 (Cg)**

1. Let Us Draw Near to God - 10:19-25 (Ch)

**2. The Danger of Apostasy: Apostate Jews - 10:26-39 (Ci)**

**B. Faith in Action - 11:1-40 (Cj)**

1. Now Faith is the Assurance of Things Hoped For - 11:1-3 (Ck)

2. The Hall of Faith - 11:4-40 (Cl)

- a. The Faith of Abel - 11:4 (Cm)
- b. The Faith of Enoch - 11:5-6 (Cn)
- c. The Faith of Noah - 11:7 (Co)
- d. The Faith of Abraham - 11:8-19 (Cp)
- e. The Faith of Isaac - 11:20 (Cq)
- f. The Faith of Jacob - 11:21 (Cr)
- g. The Faith of Joseph - 11:22 (Cs)
- h. The Faith of Moshe - 11:23-29 (Ct)
- i. The Faith of Rahab at Jericho - 11:30-31 (Cu)
- j. Faith Through Trials - 11:32-40 (Cv)

**C. Faith to Run the Believer's Marathon - 12:1 to 13:25 (Cw)**

1. Faith and Discipline - 12:1-11 (Cx)

- a. We Are Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses - 12:1-3 (Cy)
- b. God Disciplines His Children - 12:4-11 (Cz)

2. Warning and Encouragement to Believers - 12:12-29 (Da)

- a. Falling Short of God's Grace - 12:12-17 (Db)

- b. The Earthy Mount Sinai and the Heavenly Mount Tziyon - 12:18-29 (Dc)
- 3. Believer's Behavior in Relation to Others - 13:1-3 (Dd)
- 4. Believer's Behavior in Relation to Ourselves - 13:4-9 (De)
- 5. Messiah's Sacrifice Has Cleansed Us - 13:10-19 (Df)
- 6. Benediction and Final Greetings - 13:20-25 (Dg)

### **Glossary (Dh)**

### **Endnotes (Di)**

### **Bibliography (Dj)**