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Intro into the book of HEBREWS

A LITTLE BACKGROUND

Who wrote the book?

We don't know for certain who wrote the book of Hebrews.
It is possible that it was not written by the apostle Paul.

Who was it written to?

Probably to the church in Jerusalem.

When was it written?

Between 63 and 64 AD

Why was it written?

Four themes:

1. Ch. 1-2 Jesus is superior!
2. Ch. 3-4 Jesus is our hope!
3. Ch. 5-7 Jesus is the eternal priest and king!
4. Ch. 8-10 Jesus our perfect sacrifice!

Four warnings:

1. We must accept that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Torah.
2. We must accept that Jesus is the Master Builder.
3. We must accept that Jesus is the fulfillment of the priesthood.
4. We must accept that Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice.

Hebrews chapter 1

1 Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. 2 And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe.

3 The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. 4 This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names.

5 For God never said to any angel what he said to Jesus:
"You are my Son.

Today I have become your Father."

God also said,

"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son."

6 And when he brought his supreme[Son into the world, God said,
"Let all of God's angels worship him."

7 Regarding the angels, he says,

"He sends his angels like the winds,
his servants like flames of fire."

8 But to the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

You rule with a scepter of justice.

9 You love justice and hate evil.

Therefore, O God, your God has anointed you,
pouring out the oil of joy on you more than on anyone else."

10 He also says to the Son,

"In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundation of the earth
and made the heavens with your hands.

11 They will perish, but you remain forever.

They will wear out like old clothing.

12 You will fold them up like a cloak
and discard them like old clothing.

But you are always the same;

you will live forever."

13 And God never said to any of the angels,

"Sit in the place of honor at my right hand
until I humble your enemies,
making them a footstool under your feet."

14 Therefore, angels are only servants—spirits sent to care for people who
will inherit salvation.