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The book of Hebrews: Chapter 1

(All text in blue is from Hebrews chapter 1)

1 Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets.

- **Prophets of the Assyrian Period:** Jonah, Joel, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Zephaniah, and Nahum
- **Prophets of the Babylonian Period:** Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Ezekiel, Obadiah, and Daniel
- **Prophets of the Persian Period:** Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi
- **One prophet that often gets overlooked is Moses.**

Numbers 24:15-17

"This is the message of Balaam son of Beor,
the message of the man whose eyes see clearly,
¹⁶ the message of one who hears the words of God,
who has knowledge from the Most High,
who sees a vision from the Almighty,
who bows down with eyes wide open:

¹⁷ I see him, but not here and now.

I perceive him, but far in the distant future.

A star will rise from Jacob;

a scepter will emerge from Israel.

It will crush the heads of Moab's people,

cracking the skulls of the people of Sheth.

2 And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

- The Old Testament is a foreshadow of what is to come.
- Upon the arrival of the Messiah God the Father now is communicating through the Son.

God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe.

Psalm 2:7-8 "The LORD said to me, 'You are my son. Today I have become your Father. Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession.'"

John 1:1-4 "In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He existed in the beginning with God.³ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. ⁴The Word gave life to everything that was created."

Colossians 1:15-16 "Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world."

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.

John 21:26-28 "Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my

hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

²⁸ "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed."

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. .

Acts 7:55 "But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand."

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.

(Here the author of Hebrews is referencing from Psalm 2:7)

God also said,

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

(Referencing from 2 Samuel 7:14)

**⁶ And when he brought his supreme Son into the world, God said,
"Let all of God's angels worship him." (Referencing from Deuteronomy
22:43)**

⁷ Regarding the angels, he says,

"He sends his angels like the winds,

his servants like flames of fire." (Referencing from Psalm 104:4)

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.”** *(Referencing from Psalm 45:6,7)*

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.” *(Referencing from Psalm 102:25-27)*

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.” *(Referencing from Psalm
110:1)*

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

**2 So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we
may drift away from it. ² For the message God delivered through
angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and
every act of disobedience was punished. ³ So what makes us think
we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first
announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by
those who heard him speak? ⁴ And God confirmed the message by**

giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.

- So we must listen lest we drift.
- The message stands firm and disobedience is always punished.
- If we ignore salvation then we are condemned.
- Confirmation through signs and wonders.

⁵ And furthermore, it is not angels who will control the future world we are talking about. ⁶ For in one place the Scriptures say, "What are mere mortals that you should think about them, or a son of man that you should care for him?" ⁷ Yet for a little while you made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁸ You gave them authority over all things."

⁹ What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position "a little lower than the angels"; and because he suffered death for us, he is now "crowned with glory and honor." Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone. ¹⁰ God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.

- Jesus for a little while was made lower than.....

Philippians 2:5-8 "You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

⁶ Though he was God,
he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.

⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;
he took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross."

¹¹ So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.¹² For he said to God, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people."

¹³ He also said, "I will put my trust in him," that is, "I and the children God has given me."

¹⁴ Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵ Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Points to consider:

- Jesus is not making us divine.
- Jesus is including us in the family.
- He had to become human to be the ultimate sacrifice.
- Now He can call us brothers and sisters.

¹⁶ We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested

Hebrews 4:14-15 "So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin."