

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NLT)

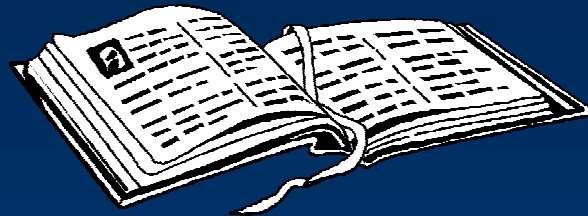
Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. [2] And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe.

Hebrews 1:3-4 (NLT)

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.

THE FINAL WORD

Hebrews 1:1-4



Date - before 70 AD when Jerusalem and temple were destroyed

Author - Paul, Barnabas, Luke, Apollos

Style - Difficult N.T. books to translate from Greek

Quotes - O. T. quotes primarily from Septuagint

Readers - Jewish Christians outside of Israel

Reason For Writing - challenge readers to
PERSEVERE in their Faith

Central Thought - total SUPREMACY of Christ

Tells us Who, What, When, How

Who - God

What - spoke to ancestors

When - many times

How - through prophets - other methods

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, who came from
the Father, full of grace and truth.

Contrast How God Spoke in...

...the past Periodically and Partially

...last days Finally and Fully

Romans 3:10-11 (ESV)

None is **RIGHTEOUS**,
no, **not one**;
no one UNDERSTANDS;
no one SEEKS for God.

John 1:14, 17-18 (NIV)

The **Word** became flesh and **made his dwelling among us**. We have seen **his glory**, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of **grace and truth**. ...[17] For the law was given through Moses; **grace and truth** came through **Jesus Christ**. [18] No one has ever seen God, but **God the One and Only**, who is at the Father's side, has **MADE HIM KNOWN**.

Jeremiah 29:10-13 (NIV)

This is what the Lord says: "**When seventy years are completed for Babylon**, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. [11] For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. [12] **THEN** you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. [13] **You will seek me and find me WHEN you seek me with all your heart.**

Colossians 1:16 (NIV)

...**ALL** things were created **BY him**
and **FOR him.**

John 1:3 (NIV)

THROUGH him ALL things were made;
without **him** nothing was made that has
been made.

Colossians 1:15 (NIV)

He is the **IMAGE** of
the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation

Colossians 1:17 (NIV)

He is before all things, and

IN HIM

ALL things hold together.

Describing the SON

Role in Creation vs. 2-3

>HEIR of ALL things

>CREATOR of the world

Relationship to the Father vs. 3

>RADIANCE of God's glory

>exact REPRESENTATION of His Being

Describing the SON

Power OVER Creation vs. 3

>SUSTAINS all things

Redemptive Work vs. 3

>provided PURIFICATION of sins

>SAT DOWN

Psalm 51:10 (NIV)

CREATE in me a pure heart,

O God, and **RENEW**

a steadfast spirit

within me.

Ephesians 4:30-32 (NIV)

...do **NOT grieve** the Holy Spirit of God,
with whom you were sealed for the day of
redemption. [31] Get rid of all bitterness,
rage and anger, brawling and slander,
along with every form of malice. [32] Be
kind and compassionate to one another,
FORGIVING each other,
just as in Christ
God **FORGAVE** you.

QUESTIONS

1. How should we Respond to God who has Revealed Himself to us?
2. Why is so hard for us to Trust God with ALL the details of our lives?
3. What is so wondrous about God's Forgiveness?
4. How can we Forgive those who have Harmed us? Do we have to?