

	ESV	KJV	Comments
1	<p><b>Heb 1:1-3 ESV</b></p> <p>(1) Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,</p> <p>(2) but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.</p> <p>(3) He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,</p>	<p><b>Heb 1:1-3 KJV</b></p> <p>(1) God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,</p> <p>(2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;</p> <p>(3) Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;</p>	<p>In the Old Testament period God spoke through prophets like Abraham, Moses, David and Isaiah. But in Christ, God came to earth to speak directly to humanity. These verses tell us who Jesus is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Heir of all things</li> <li>• The creator of the universe</li> <li>• The image of the God</li> <li>• Purger of our sins</li> <li>• He sits on the right hand of God the Father</li> </ul> <p><b>We now have direct access to the throne of God,</b> because our sins have been paid for by the blood of Christ.</p>
2	<p><b>Heb 2:17-18 ESV</b></p> <p>(17) Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.</p> <p>(18) For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.</p>	<p><b>Heb 2:17-18 KJV</b></p> <p>(17) Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.</p> <p>(18) For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.</p>	<p>God became man, to become of our <b>Kinsman Redeemer</b>, to pay our sins. (Lev 25:47-52), since we cannot redeem ourselves. Since God became man in the person of Jesus, <b>Jesus is our brother</b> and understands our feelings and temptations. According to the <b>Law of Redemption</b>, only a near relative could redeem.</p> <p>We can approach His throne knowing He understands. God became man to pay for the sins of Adam's descendants.</p>
3	<p><b>Heb 4:14-16 ESV</b></p> <p>(14) Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.</p> <p>(15) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.</p> <p>(16) Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.</p>	<p><b>Heb 4:14-16 KJV</b></p> <p>(14) Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.</p> <p>(15) For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.</p> <p>(16) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.</p>	<p>Jesus is our High Priest, He is in Heaven on our behalf, we have no reason to waiver, but we can approach God with all our issues. We have direct access to the very Throne of God. The curtain in the Temple was ripped from top to bottom at the crucifixion, showing the separation between humanity and God has been eliminated.</p> <p>Jesus understands our issues, our pain, anger, addictions, lusts, hatred, greed, suffering, persecution and our needs.</p> <p><b>We can approach the throne of God with Boldness</b> and confidence, whenever we want, do not hesitate.</p>
4	<p><b>Heb 5:12-14 ESV</b></p> <p>(12) For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,</p> <p>(13) for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.</p> <p>(14) But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.</p>	<p><b>Heb 5:12-14 KJV</b></p> <p>(12) For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.</p> <p>(13) For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.</p> <p>(14) But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.</p>	<p>As believers, God wants us to grow and advance the Kingdom of God in this fallen world (Matthew 28:16-20). We can't grow if we are not active in the Word of God. This was the problem with the "Hebrew Church", they became complacent in their walk and had failed to progress. They were still children and not mature.</p> <p>To become a "Teacher" and "Meat Eater" is a goal of ever believer, to be used to advance the Kingdom of God. How do you become strong? Become consistent, through constant practice, Distinguishing good from evil by using your sense of God's Word.</p>
5	<p><b>Psa 110:4 ESV</b></p> <p>(4) The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."</p>	<p><b>Psa 110:4 KJV</b></p> <p>(4) The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.</p>	<p>Melchizedek is mentioned in 2 places in the Old Testament, Genesis 14 and Psalm 110. He is a major focus of Hebrews, because <b>his priesthood is the model of the Jesus' priesthood</b>.</p> <p>Jesus is the Priest of the New Covenant, Melchizedek received offering from Abraham showing he was superior; therefore his priesthood is superior to the Aaronic Priesthood. He is mentioned 8x in the book of Hebrews.</p>

6	<p><b>Jer 31:31-33 ESV</b>  (31) “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,  (32) not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.  (33) For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.</p>	<p><b>Jer 31:31-33 KJV</b>  (31) Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:  (32) Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:  (33) But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.</p>	<p>The terms <b>Old Testament</b> and <b>New Testament</b> should be called Old Covenant and New Covenant. The prophet Jeremiah who lived 600-years before the birth of Jesus, foretold the coming of a greater Covenant, better than the Mosaic Covenant, because it was eternal and everlasting.  This is the prime focus in the book of Hebrews, which quotes from Jeremiah 31:31 in Hebrews 8:8-12, 9, 10:16-17. <b>Jesus is the mediator, and High Priest of the New Covenant</b>, replacing the First Covenant, the Mosaic Covenant. Jesus was the sacrifice of the New Covenant.  <b>The New Covenant is with the house of Israel, the Church is grafted into Israel (Romans 11:11-24)</b>. This is an internal covenant written on the heart, indicating the future work of the Holy Spirit.</p>
7	<p><b>Heb 9:22-24 ESV</b>  (22) Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.  (23) Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.  (24) For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.</p>	<p><b>Heb 9:22-24 KJV</b>  (22) And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.  (23) It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.  (24) For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:</p>	<p>The Old Covenant’s <b>Aaronic priesthood</b>, Temple and Temple items were only copies and shadows of heavenly reality. God gave Moses the patterns to prepare the people for the coming reality of the New Covenant. The blood of bulls and goats purified the First Covenant. It was only in anticipation of the Second Covenant, which will be purified by the Blood of Christ.  Christ is in Heaven in the Presence of God, appearing on our behalf. He is our High Priest, the Mediator, the order of Melchizadek, of the Second Covenant.</p>
8	<p><b>Heb 10:1-2 ESV</b>  (1) For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.  (2) Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins?</p>	<p><b>Heb 10:1-2 KJV</b>  (1) For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers there unto perfect.  (2) For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.</p>	<p>The Mosaic Law and sacrifices were only temporary, they were pointing the way to the greater Covenant. Hebrews calls them “Shadows” of the “Reality”.  Since they had to be continually offered, this proves its imperfection. If it was perfect, it would not have to be done again. Contrast this to the Sacrifice of Jesus, who died once for all sins, He is the High Priest of the New Covenant of Heaven’s reality. (Heb 10:12)</p>
9	<p><b>Heb 10:12 ESV</b>  (12) But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,</p>	<p><b>Heb 10:12 KJV</b>  (12) But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;</p>	<p>Jesus was the reality of all the sacrifices in the Old Testament, they only demonstrated the need of blood to pay for sins. The sacrifices of bulls and goats was only giving credit till it would be fulfilled by the blood of Christ. Jesus now is at the right hand of the Father on our behalf.</p>
10	<p><b>Heb 11:1-3 ESV</b>  (1) Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.  (2) For by it the people of old received their commendation.  (3) By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.</p>	<p><b>Heb 11:1-3 KJV</b>  (1) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.  (2) For by it the elders obtained a good report.  (3) Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.</p>	<p>Trusting in the unseen, faith might seem ethereal, but it is evidence by the trust of the individual. What do you trust? Do you trust the promises of God or promises of man. Everyone has faith; for example, when you buy a cup of coffee you have faith it is not poisoned. You have faith the airplane can fly, before you experience reality.  We Trust God’s WORD as the reality of our existence, though we don’t see God with physical eyes. The Creation of the Universe was caused by the unseen God.</p>

11	<p><b>Heb 11:8-10 ESV</b>  (8) By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.  (9) By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.  (10) For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.</p>	<p><b>Heb 11:8-10 KJV</b>  (8) By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.  (9) By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:  (10) For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.</p>	<p>Hebrews 11 builds on the point of faith, by showing the example of the Patriarchs, Abraham is a poster of what faith is about: called at old age to move to a foreign land to receive promises. (Genesis 11-12).  Abraham is like us, we are called to look to the destiny of Heaven, the city of God, built by God for us. This life and circumstances are only temporary. By faith, we must believe the promises of God and not focus on the things of this world. Abraham is an example for all believers to follow.  Abraham knew his end-game was not this world, he looked forward to the city of God.</p>
12	<p><b>Heb 12:1-2 ESV</b>  (1) Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,  (2) looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.</p>	<p><b>Heb 12:1-2 KJV</b>  (1) Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,  (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.</p>	<p>Using the model of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Joseph and others in Chapter 11, we are all running the race into the stadium of Heaven. Witnessed by those who went before, we each have our own race with our circumstances. <b>How to run? 1.</b> Lay aside every weight, (the things which hold you down) <b>2.</b> Lay aside sin <b>3.</b> Run with patience.  Use Jesus as your example, think of Him at the finish line, He went through the same sufferings and problems we face in life. We can finish strong if we focus on Jesus and imitate His example.</p>
13	<p><b>Heb 12:22-24 ESV</b>  (22) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,  (23) and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,  (24) and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.</p>	<p><b>Heb 12:22-24 KJV</b>  (22) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,  (23) To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,  (24) And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.</p>	<p>What is your destiny? Its Heaven, <b>the city of the Living God</b>. The is the end game of the believer, focus on the finish. We are destined for Heaven, and we will celebrate with all those who are saved, who died before us.  This world is only temporary, our destiny is with the saved and the angels, celebrating salvation. Therefore, we should not get caught up on the things of this world that will rob us of Heavenly treasure and blessing.  Jesus is our mediator and High Priest whose blood paid for our sins.</p>
14	<p><b>Heb 13:12-14 ESV</b>  (12) So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.  (13) Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.  (14) For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.</p>	<p><b>Heb 13:12-14 KJV</b>  (12) Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.  (13) Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.  (14) For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.</p>	<p>As believers we must remember Jesus was crucified and rejected outside the gate. He did this to pay for our sins, to sanctify us.  Using Jesus as our example, let us not regret rejection and reproach. Jesus suffered the same, he understands our suffering.  Our destiny is not this world, but the world to come, the Heavenly Jerusalem, because of the blood of Jesus.</p>
15	<p><b>Heb 4:12-13 ESV</b>  (12) For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  (13) And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.</p>	<p><b>Heb 4:12-13 KJV</b>  (12) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.  (13) Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.</p>	<p>God's WORD is reality, the physical sword can only affect the physical world, but God's WORD transcends the world into eternity. We need to take his word seriously.  His word reveals our real thoughts and intents, its not subject to Human whim and vanities.  We can trust it as the source of understanding our heart, thoughts and intents. We need to take it seriously in every way. It is for our blessing and benefit.</p>

Psalm 110	Hebrews
The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool" (v. 1)	<p>Jesus "Sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high" (1:3)</p> <p>God says to Jesus: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet" (1:13)</p> <p>Jesus is "seated at the right hand of the throne of Majesty in heaven" (8:1)</p> <p>Jesus "sat down at the right hand of God, waiting ...until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet" (10:12-13)</p> <p>Jesus is seated the right hand of the throne of God" (12:2)</p>
The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek" (v. 4)	<p>Jesus is "a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek" (5:6)</p> <p>Jesus is "designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek" (5:10)</p> <p>Jesus has "become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek" (6:20)</p> <p>Jesus is a "priest...after the order of Melchizedek" (7:11)</p> <p>Jesus is a "priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek" (7:17)</p> <p>Jesus was made a priest by this oath: "The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever' (7:21)</p>

Jeremiah 31	Hebrews
<p>Jer 31:31-34 ESV</p> <p>(31) "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a <b>new covenant</b> with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, (32) not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.</p> <p>(33) For this is <b>the covenant</b> that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.</p> <p>(34) And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."</p>	<p>Heb 8:8-13 ESV</p> <p>(8) For he finds fault with them when he says: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a <b>new covenant</b> with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,</p> <p>(10) For this is <b>the covenant</b> that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.</p> <p>(13) In speaking of a <b>new covenant</b>, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.</p> <p>Heb 9:15 ESV</p> <p>(15) Therefore he is the mediator of a <b>new covenant</b>, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.</p> <p>Heb 10:16 ESV</p> <p>(16) "This is <b>the covenant</b> that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"</p> <p>Heb 10:29 ESV</p> <p>(29) How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of <b>the covenant</b> by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?</p> <p>Heb 12:24 ESV</p> <p>(24) and to Jesus, the mediator of a <b>new covenant</b>, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.</p> <p>Heb 13:20 ESV</p> <p>(20) Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of <b>the eternal covenant</b>,</p>

