

## 1 Lesson 10: Letters to Suffering Believers

### Hebrews, James, & 1 Peter

#### Unit 3: Eight Letters for All & the Apocalypse

New Testament Survey

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## 2 Hebrews - Author & Audience

1. Who is a \_\_\_\_\_?

● Hebrew = \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ than the other letters of the New Testament

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ does \_\_\_\_\_ himself - instead he jumps right into what he wants to say.

1) Your \_\_\_\_\_ states that the \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian.

➤ Heb. 2:3-4 - *“how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.”*

2) Your book also states that many \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_ believe \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews because the author appears to be a 2nd generation Christian

3) However:

a. Hebrews 2:3-4 only shows that the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_

b. The author may have been a 2nd generation Christian, but he \_\_\_\_\_ one of the very \_\_\_\_\_ s of Acts and so technically a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian (cf. Acts 1-7).

c. There are other & better reasons for why many scholars do not think Paul wrote Hebrews.

B. The author does \_\_\_\_\_ his

\_\_\_\_\_ - this must be gleaned from the kind of things the author writes about.

### 3 Hebrews - Focus & Implication

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of Hebrews
  - A. Heavy focus on the \_\_\_\_\_/Tabernacle.
  - B. Heavy focus on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Heavy focus on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Heavy focus on \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ & hardening of heart.
  - E. Heavy citation of \_\_\_\_\_ author/\_\_\_\_\_.
  - F. Heavy focus on \_\_\_\_\_ as examples of faithfulness.
  - G. Heavy focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ to OT people and institutions.
2. The heavy \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ history and religious \_\_\_\_\_ strongly \_\_\_\_\_:
  - A. That the main \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrew).
  - B. That the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ and its sacrificial practices - more so than the average Jew.

### 4 First Century Israel

- 🌀 There were about 40 years between Jesus' death/resurrection and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
- During this time:
1. Jews were deeply involved in Temple ritual, sacrifices, and worship.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ continued to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_
    - A. Following the \_\_\_\_\_
    - B. Following \_\_\_\_\_
    - C. Fellowship with Jews in the \_\_\_\_\_
    - D. They may or may not have continued to offer some animal sacrifices
  3. It was a \_\_\_\_\_:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ against Rome and \_\_\_\_\_ local Jewish leaders..
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ were often \_\_\_\_\_ in their treatment of Jews.
- C. Jewish leaders were \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

5  Purpose

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was probably written \_\_\_\_\_ living \_\_\_\_\_ the turbulent world of Jerusalem and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Your \_\_\_\_\_ states that Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ were being \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ because of their loyalty to Moses and Jewish custom, and because of persecution.
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ because of \_\_\_\_\_ probably was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ and Judaism was probably \_\_\_\_\_ considered a \_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the \_\_\_\_\_ and engage in \_\_\_\_\_ and holidays
    - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem continued to go to the Temple and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ cultic \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:1-13; 3:1-8; 5:20-24; 18:23-24).
    - c. \_\_\_\_\_ continued to go to the Temple and engage in \_\_\_\_\_ religious \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts. 16:33; 18:18; 21:23-24).
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ seem to have continued to \_\_\_\_\_ in all the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of their culture that did \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

6  Purpose

1. Hebrews was probably written to Jewish believers living in the turbulent world of Jerusalem and Palestine.
  - C. However, they were in \_\_\_\_\_, like others, of simply not

paying enough attention to serving Jesus and so \_\_\_\_\_ from active or real faith (Heb. 2:1).

D. This is essentially the concern of \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere, becoming \_\_\_\_\_ because of the \_\_\_\_\_ and concerns of \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 13:22).

2. There are \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ to the OT priesthood and first covenant.
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ one's \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ or falling \_\_\_\_\_ from actively living for Jesus.

## 7 Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

1. To the \_\_\_\_\_
  - ❖ Heb. 1:1-3 - He is God speaking directly to us.
2. To the \_\_\_\_\_
  - ❖ Heb. 1:4-14; 2:5-18 - He is God's Son.
3. To \_\_\_\_\_
  - ❖ Heb. 3:1-6 - He is the owner of God's house, not a servant in it.
4. To \_\_\_\_\_
  - ❖ Heb. 4:1, 11-13 - He provides God's true rest
5. To the \_\_\_\_\_ (Aaron)
  - ❖ Heb. 4:14 - 5:10 - He was tempted in every way like us, learned obedience through suffering, and was \_\_\_\_\_.
6. To the \_\_\_\_\_
  - ❖ Heb. 7:1-28 - As the Son of God He is a priest forever

## 8 The Encouragement of Hebrews

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 11:1 - 12:3)
  - A. Heb. 11:1 - "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen" (KJV)
  - B. Many \_\_\_\_\_ are mentioned in \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 1) Many \_\_\_\_\_, though some did not
    - 2) They all \_\_\_\_\_ something \_\_\_\_\_ - their homeland with God
    - 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the passage

- is “\_\_\_\_\_ ...”
- C. The OT cloud of witnesses are \_\_\_\_\_ that we must \_\_\_\_\_ and fix our eyes on Jesus, “the author and perfecter of faith” to endure the trials of this world (Heb. 12:1-3).
2. The book of \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Is \_\_\_\_\_ in nature:
- 1) It \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ to show how the New fulfills the Old.
- 2) It \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ to show how \_\_\_\_\_ to them and fulfills their roles.
- B. Is very concerned to \_\_\_\_\_ believers to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ rather than growing discouraged or complacent.

9  **Review #1**

1. Which of the following wrote the book of Hebrews?
2. According to your book, most scholars do not think Paul wrote Hebrews because:
3. Hebrews focuses heavily on the Temple & Tabernacle.
4. Hebrews focuses heavily on the Messianic prophecies from Isaiah
5. The main theme of Hebrews is that Jesus is which of the following?

10  **Review #1**

6. In New Testament times Jewish Christians continued to follow the Law of Moses and engage in Jewish religious rituals.
7. Jesus is a better high priest because He:

8. According to Hebrews, if believers continue to ignore God's warnings they may:
  
9. Some of the warnings against falling away from Jesus in Hebrews might have been because Christians were being severely persecuted.
  
10. Which chapter in Hebrews discusses the OT heroes and cloud of witnesses?

11  **The General Epistles (Letters)**

1. The letters known as "the \_\_\_\_\_" include:
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. They are called "General Epistles" because:
  - A. They are \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, or to \_\_\_\_\_, rather than specific churches in specific locations.
  - B. They are also called "\_\_\_\_\_ Epistles" - catholic means \_\_\_\_\_

12  **The General Epistles (Letters)**

3. About the authors
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1) He was a \_\_\_\_\_ (Cf. Mark 6:3).
    - 2) He became the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal. 2:9).
    - 3) He \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 15).
  
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1) Called as an \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus
    - 2) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ from Simon (or

- Cephas) \_\_\_\_\_ (the \_\_\_\_\_!)
- 3) His \_\_\_\_\_ was also an Apostle (Mt.10:1).
- 4) He was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church \_\_\_\_\_.

13  **The General Epistles (Letters)**

3. About the authors

- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) Called as an \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus.
- 2) He also \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of *John* and \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) Another \_\_\_\_\_ (Cf. Mark 6:3).
- 2) Scripture tells \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Church \_\_\_\_\_ us he became a major \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.

14  \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is written to the \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1)
- A. This is \_\_\_\_\_ a reference to \_\_\_\_\_ living outside of Israel.
- B. This likely includes those who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christians in Acts (Acts 8:2).
2. James was probably \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_; early in the life of the NT church.
3. James is \_\_\_\_\_ written in the \_\_\_\_\_ style of Paul and the Greco-Roman culture.
4. James is written in a \_\_\_\_\_ that is \_\_\_\_\_
- A. He \_\_\_\_\_ by contrasting things
- B. He picked up a theme, transitions to another, then returns to an earlier theme.
- C. James \_\_\_\_\_ are "strands" that \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and tie it together.
5. James main \_\_\_\_\_ is to \_\_\_\_\_ those who are \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ to save their souls from death (Jas. 5:19-20).

15  **Major Themes in James**

1. James has \_\_\_\_\_ for writing:
  - A. To \_\_\_\_\_ who are \_\_\_\_\_ for their faith.
  - B. To \_\_\_\_\_ about real faith.
  - C. To \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrates itself in \_\_\_\_\_, especially in our treatment of others.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in James include:
  - A. Dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (Jas. 1:2-18).
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ - the persecutions of others.
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ - the sinful desires of the flesh.
  - B. The need to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Jas. 1:19-27).
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ shows \_\_\_\_\_ (Jas. 2:1-13).
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ must be evidenced \_\_\_\_\_ (works; Jas. 2:14-26).
  - E. The \_\_\_\_\_ & the wealthy (Jas. 1:9-11; 2:1-7; 5:1-6)
  - F. \_\_\_\_\_ vs. human/\_\_\_\_\_ (Jas. 3:13-18).
  - G. The \_\_\_\_\_ - blessing & cursing (3:1-12), slander (4:11-12), boasting (4:13-17).
  - H. \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1-13; 4:1-10; 5:1-6)

16  **1 Peter - Author, Audience, Dating**

1. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_ a focus on the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Apostle \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Peter \_\_\_\_\_, Paul's disciple & traveling companion (1 Pt. 5:12).
  - B. Peter wrote \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Peter wrote \_\_\_\_\_



- A. \_\_\_\_\_ (= Babylon; 1 Pt. 5:13)
- B. Probably around \_\_\_\_\_ (around the close of Acts)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is written \_\_\_\_\_ “those who reside as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia” (1 Pt. 1:1).
- A. Your \_\_\_\_\_ these are \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 166).
- B. However, these were \_\_\_\_\_ churches and the reference to “aliens” is a reminder to all that heaven is our home.

17  **1 Peter - \_\_\_\_\_**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ (purify) our \_\_\_\_\_ like gold and bring honor to God (1 Pt. 1:6-7).
- B. We are \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pt. 2:21-25).
- C. We should \_\_\_\_\_ by trials, other also go through them (1 Pt. 4:12-19).
- D. Recognize they are a \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pt. 5:6-10).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ to lust, greed, etc. (1 Pt. 1:14; 2:11).
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pt. 1:22).
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ malice, deceit, hypocrisy, slander, etc. (1 Pt. 2:1).
- D. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in order to grow in salvation (1 Pt. 2:2).
3. \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Submission to \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pt. 1:13-14).
- B. Submission to \_\_\_\_\_ - government, employment, church (1 Pt. 2:13-22; 5:1-5).
- C. Love & obedience in \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pt. 3:1-7)

18  **Review #2**

1. The General Epistles were written:

2. Which of the following is a General Epistle?

3. The author of James was:

4. Peter means which of the following?

5. Peter's brother was:

19  **Review #2**

6. A common theme in Hebrews, James, and 1 Peter is:

7. According to James:

8. 1 Peter teaches that trials:

9. Which epistle claims that temptations come from the flesh?

10. According to the General Epistles believers should be known for their:

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