

Hebrews

Who, When, Where

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Summary

Key Verses

Hebrews 1:1

Having spoken to our fathers long ago, in many parts and in many ways, through the prophets, God spoke to us in the last of days through a son

Yahweh has spoken to us (mankind) before. Many times. Now he has sent his son. This could be our last chance to listen.

Yeshua told parables like this a few times. About a land owner, who, as a last resort, sent his son to sort out the bad tenants of his property. Only to have the tenants kill the son.

Hebrews 1:4

Becoming so much better than the messengers, he's inherited a much more excellent name than them.

Yeshua is better than, (above), the messengers (angels).

Hebrews 2:2-3

For if the message which was spoken by messengers became steadfast, and all transgression and disobedience received a fair recompense — how will we escape, having neglected so great a salvation, which in the beginning was received by being spoken through the lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard.

The people of the Old Testament took messages delivered by Yahweh's messengers seriously. (As they should).

But now the message has come through the son himself. So how much more important is this message! And how much more upset will Yahweh be if we ignore it?

Hebrews 2:9

And we observe the one who has been made a little lower than messengers, Yeshua, through the suffering of death, having been crowned with glory and honour. So that by the grace of God he should taste death on behalf of everyone.

Yeshua died on your behalf as a gift. Something you didn't deserve, but he wanted to do for you anyway.

This verse also highlights God's way... he often makes us go through something humbling, (to see how we handle it), before bringing us through glory and honour. Which one are you going through at the moment? How are you doing with it? However you're doing, you're proving your character. (Good or bad).

Hebrews 2:14-15

So since the children have shared in flesh and blood, and he himself, in like manner, partook of the same, so that through death he should nullify the one who has the power of death, (this is Diabolos), so he might set free those who were subject to slavery for their entire lives, because of fear of death.

Yeshua became one of us so he would be able to defeat death on our behalf, and nullify the power of Diabolos, and so could set us free. Us, who live our whole lives in slavery because of our fear of death.

We don't need to fear death any more.
We have been set free to enjoy life.

Hebrews 2:17

so that he may become a compassionate and trustworthy chief priest in the things of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

More in chapter 7 about what it means for Yeshua to be our chief priest.

A propitiation is a gift given to someone who is angry, expressly for the purpose of calming them down.

Yeshua became our propitiation. He became a gift to God to calm him down because he was so angry with our sin.

But now he's calm. Now we don't need to fear God. Now we can even be friends with God instead of living as his enemies.

This is such an amazing thing!

Hebrews 2:18

For since he himself suffered, being tested, he's able to help those who are tested.

Yeshua suffered. Yeshua has been tested.

Just like you. Whatever you are going through he went through something exactly the same.

So he can help you.

He understands what you're going through.

Talk to him about it. Listen to what he has to say.

Take comfort in the knowledge that he really does understand what you're going through.

Hebrews 3:5-6

Moshe was trustworthy in his whole household, like a man-servant, for a testimony of the things which will be spoken afterwards. But the Anointed, like a son over his household

Moshe was the hero of the Jews. Incredibly respected in religious matters, by every Jew after him. But Moshe was only a servant. Yeshua is the son.

Who is your hero? Are they a servant? Or the son?

Hebrews 3:7-8

Therefore just as the holy spirit says, "Today, if you should hear his voice, you shouldn't harden your hearts, as in the rebellion in the day of the trial in the wilderness,

And still today. If you hear the voice of the holy spirit... do it. No matter how extreme, or scary, or "out there" it seems. Do it.

Hebrews 4:12

For the message of God is living, and active, and sharper than all kinds of double edged sword, and penetrating to the division between soul and spirit, between joints and marrow, and a judge of inner thoughts and the notions of a heart.

This includes the Bible, but it is not speaking specifically about the Bible. The Bible didn't exist when this was written.

Any message from God, any message from the holy spirit. That message can divide you.

It can reach parts of your life you thought impenetrable.

Listen to it. It is for your benefit.

Hebrews 4:15

For we don't have a chief priest who isn't able to sympathise with our weakness, but who, when he'd been tested in all things in a like manner, was without sin.

Have you ever been through something difficult?

Perhaps all sorts of people offered you advice. Usually just platitudes.

In those times, the person you're most likely to listen to, is the one who went through the same thing, and came out successful. Right? You want to know how they did that. How did they get through this excruciating trial that you're in right now.

Yeshua has been through what you're going through. Whatever it is. Your trial is tempting you to sin. To look for the easy way out, (which is actually a way deeper in). Tempting you to just give up. To walk away from God.

Yeshua went through all that. But did not fail.

Talk with him about what you're going through. Ask him to show you the true way to get through it.

Hebrews 5:6

Just as also in a different place he says, "You're a priest into the age, according to the order of Melchizedek."

This is one of the most important verses in all of Hebrews. It literally changes everything. Chapter 7 expands a lot on this teaching. But it is SO important.

Yeshua was a high priest. Most Christians get that.

But he wasn't a priest like Aaron, he was like Melchizedek.

Aaron had responsibility to administer the Law. To do sacrifices. All that old testament stuff.

Melchizedek came before the Law. There was no Law. And now, Yeshua is a high priest in that system. And for Christians... there is no Law.

So many Christians, so many churches, in fact so many theologians don't get this. For Christians there is no Law. That was for the Jews. We interact with Yahweh through a whole different system. With no Law.

Hebrews 5:12

...by this time you ought to be teachers, you have a need of one to teach you again the fundamentals of the beginning of the announcements of God, and you've come to have a need of milk and not of solid food.

How much of the message of God do you understand? Have you tried? Or are you

happy just having milk? Being spoon fed?

By this time you ought to be teachers.

Remember, it's not intellect that gives you understanding of the message of God. It's the holy spirit who gives you that. And ONLY the holy spirit. Intellect actually gets in the way.

Many of the early teachers of the church were uneducated people. Fishermen. With no computers, no internet, no access to teaching 24x7 like you do.

By this time you ought to be a teacher.