Introduction
- General opinion is that Paul wrote Hebrews.
- The word '*Hebrews*' is derived from the name '*Eber*' in [Genesis 10:21].
- It is the racial name for Israelites.
- The recipients of this letter had given up OT religion/sacrifice for Christianity.
- But due to Jewish persecution they were planning to give up Christ and Christianity and return to Judaism.
- This letter was written urging them not to '*go back*.'
- Note phrases, '*hold fast... go on... lest we drift.*'
- Paul wants to show the superiority of Christ.
- Book is composed of 13 chapters and 303 verses.
- The word '*better*' is used 13 times.

1 Better Things To Come
- Due to sin God introduced a sacrificial system.
- Guilt transferred to innocent animal who died in sinners place.
- This had to be continually repeated.
- A perfect priest/sacrifice was needed.
- Christ has become both that priest and sacrifice.

2 A Better Person [Ch. 1:1-4:13]
- Christ is better than angels, prophets, Moses and Joshua.

3 A Better Priesthood [Ch 4:14-7:28]
- Better than Aaron and those who succeeded him.
- Better than the sacrificial system.
- The OT priests were never finished. Jesus said, *'it is finished'.*
- Christ's sacrifice was '*once for all'.* [See 7:28, 9:28, 10:10].
- Earthly priests only entered the '*holy of holies'* once a year.
- Christ has entered heaven to be our high priest forever.

4 A Better Covenant [Ch 8:1-10:18]
- The OT covenant was based on what '*we'* would do.
- The New and better covenant was based on what God alone would do.
- It was sealed by Christ's blood.

5 A Better Principle [Ch 11-13]
- Walking by faith.
- Term '*by faith'* is used 18 times in [Ch 11].
- The definition of faith.
- The necessity of faith.
- Examples of faith.
- Results of faith.
- The cost of faith.
- (Consider Luke 18:8).

6 Other Themes In Hebrews
- Note the warnings against going back and the exhortations to go on.
- Note the '*lettuce patch'* in Hebrews.
- The phrase *'let us'* is used 11 times in Hebrews.
- '*Let us'* do what?

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