

HEBREWS

Chapter 1 – JESUS, the SON of GOD, revealed from the Old Testament

I. Verses 1-4 – Who is Jesus?

A. Verse 1 – God spoke in the past to “the fathers” through “the prophets”

1. The “prophets” Moses – John the Baptist
2. The “fathers” begin with those Moses led out of Egypt
3. The prophets relayed continuous warnings to repent and obey

B. Verse 2 – God now has spoken directly through His Son, Jesus

1. The Son is the “heir” who inherits the whole world (Psalm 2:7-9).
2. The Son was God’s Agent through whom He fashioned the ages.
3. Most translations wrongly translate the Greek “*fashioned the ages*” as:
 - a. KJV, NKJV – “*made the worlds*”
 - b. NASB – “*made the world*”
 - c. NIV, CSB – “*made the universe*”
 - d. RSV, NET, ESV – “*created the world*”
 - e. NRSV – “*created the worlds*”

4. The clause “*fashioned the ages*” does not refer to the Son’s role in creation (as does John 1:1-3 & Col. 1:15-17). It refers to planning out the sequence of “ages” of mankind until Jesus receives His Inheritance (the whole world). This sequence of “ages” is explained in chapter 4.

C. Verse 3 – The Son’s unique status

1. the radiance of God’s glory, (John 1:14; John 17:5)
2. the exact image of His Being, (Col. 1:15) the Son as the “*Face*” of God to man (Exod. 33:12-16; Isa. 63:9)
3. carrying everything with the declaration of His (God’s) power, (Exod. 19:4; Deut. 1:30-31; Judges 2:1)
4. having purged our sins, took His seat at God’s right hand (Psalm 110:1)

D. Verse 4 – The Son is superior to the angels

1. After His faithfulness in submitting to becoming human, submitting to death on the cross, after His resurrection God exalted Him and His name above all names (Phil. 2:5-10; Eph. 1:20-23).

II. Verses 5-14 Paul proves these things from Old Testament quotations:

A. Verse 5

1. To which of the messengers did God once speak in Psalm 2:7?
2. To which of the messengers did God once speak in 1 Chron. 17:10-14?

B. Verse 6

1. Hebrews links Jesus to “Rock” in the “*Song of Moses*” (Deut. 32:43 LXX)
“Be glad O skies together with Him! And give worship to Him all the messengers of God! Be glad, O gentiles with His people, and grow in strength in Him all you sons of God.”

C. Verse 7

1. God’s other “messengers” are “spirits” and “servants” (Psalm 104:4)

D. Verses 8-9

1. Quotes Psalm 45:6-7: The Son has a Throne and a Kingdom, and is called "God." Yet He has a "God" above Him who appointed Him by "anointing."
 - a. While Jesus is called "God," the Father is Jesus' own "God" (John 1:1; John 20:17; Rom. 15:6; 2 Cor. 1:3; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 1:3; Col. 1:3; 1 Pet. 1:3; Rev. 1:6; Rev. 3:12)
 - b. The Son's public "anointing" with the Spirit was at His baptism (Acts 10:38), and His public "anointing" as King will be at His second coming (Psalm 2:6-8).

E. Verses 10-12

1. Quotes Psalm 102:25-27: The creation is the work of the Son's hands (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-18)
 - a. In the Psalm, David was contemplating his own mortality compared to the immortality of his promised descendant who would sit on David's throne and rule Israel forever.
 - b. He will "spin" the planets and moon again like a cape thrown around the body.
 - c. The creation is winding down, but the Son continues always.

F. Verse 13-14

- a. Quotes Psalm 110:1: The most referenced verse in the NT.
 - a. Jesus seated at the Father's side awaiting His Kingdom (Psalm 110)
 - b. The other heavenly messengers are our servants, especially in the end times.