# THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

# <u>Introduction – Chapter 7</u>

### **Author**

Is the authorship of the letter to the Hebrews easily ascertained?

#### **Date**

Was the Jewish temple still standing when the letter was written? What three factors would substantiate this point?

### **Destination and Purpose**

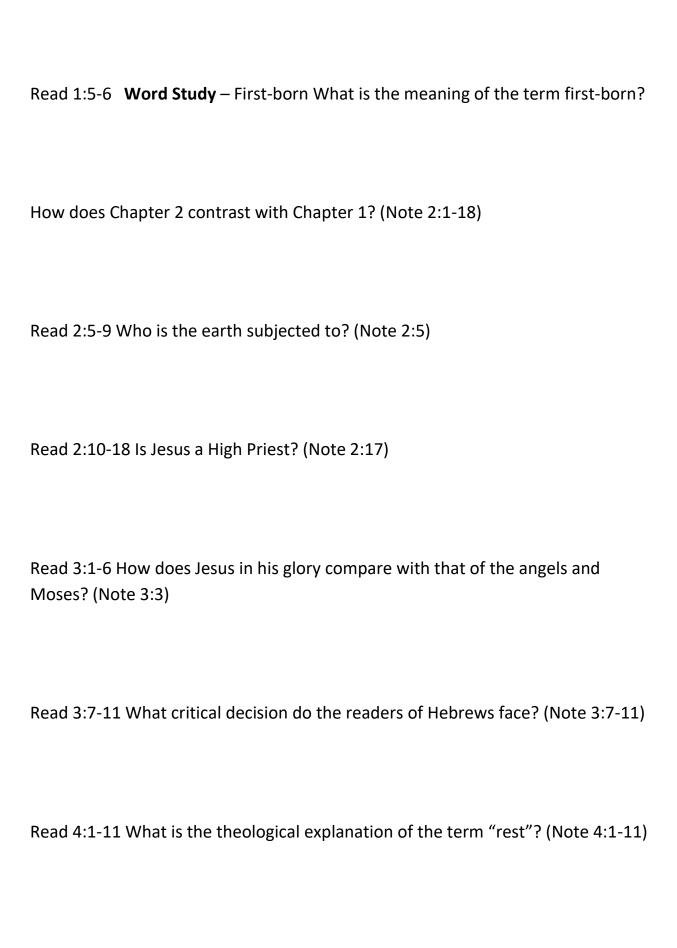
What can we know about the readers of the letter?

## **Themes and Characteristics**

How are the themes of the priesthood of Christ and covenant theology developed in the letter?

Read 1:1-4 What is the difference between God's revelation to the prophets of old and the revelation proclaimed by Jesus the Son of God? (Note 1:1–4)

What is the meaning of the phrase "heir of all things"? (Note 1:2)



Read 4:14-5:4 What is the function of a priest? What is the difference between Jesus priesthood and that of the Aaronic priesthood? (Note 5:1–4)

What happens on the Day of Atonement? (Note 5:3)

What is the meaning of the following verses?

So also, Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"

as he says also in another place,

"Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

(Note 5:5-6)

Read 5:7-8 What is meant by the phrase "although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered"? (Note 5:8)

Read 6:13-20 What is the significance of God swearing by himself? (Note 6:13)

What is the significance of the promise made to Abraham being upgraded to a covenant oath? (Note 6:14)

Read 7:1-3 How does the priesthood of Melchizedek contrast with that of the priesthood and Aaron as it relates to requirements for priestly ministry? (Note 7:3)

Read 7:4-10 Why does Melchizedek outrank Abraham? (Note 7:4-10)

Read 7:11-19 Why was the priesthood of Aaron deficient? (Note 7: 11–19)

What is meant by the passage "for when there is a change in the priesthood, there is a necessarily a change in the law as well." (Note 7:12)

What is the oath of perpetual priesthood? (Note 7:17)

Read 7:20-22 Is the Aaronic priesthood perpetual? (Note 7:21) (Note 7:22)

Read 7:23-25 Does Jesus make intercession for us? (Note 7:25)

Read 7:26-28 What is the difference between the High priest offering on the Day of Atonement and the offering made by Jesus? (Note 7:27)