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# Through The Bible

## Session 44

The Pastoral Epistles:

Titus & Philemon

The Hebrew Christian Epistles:

Hebrews

*From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny*

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John

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**7 Churches**

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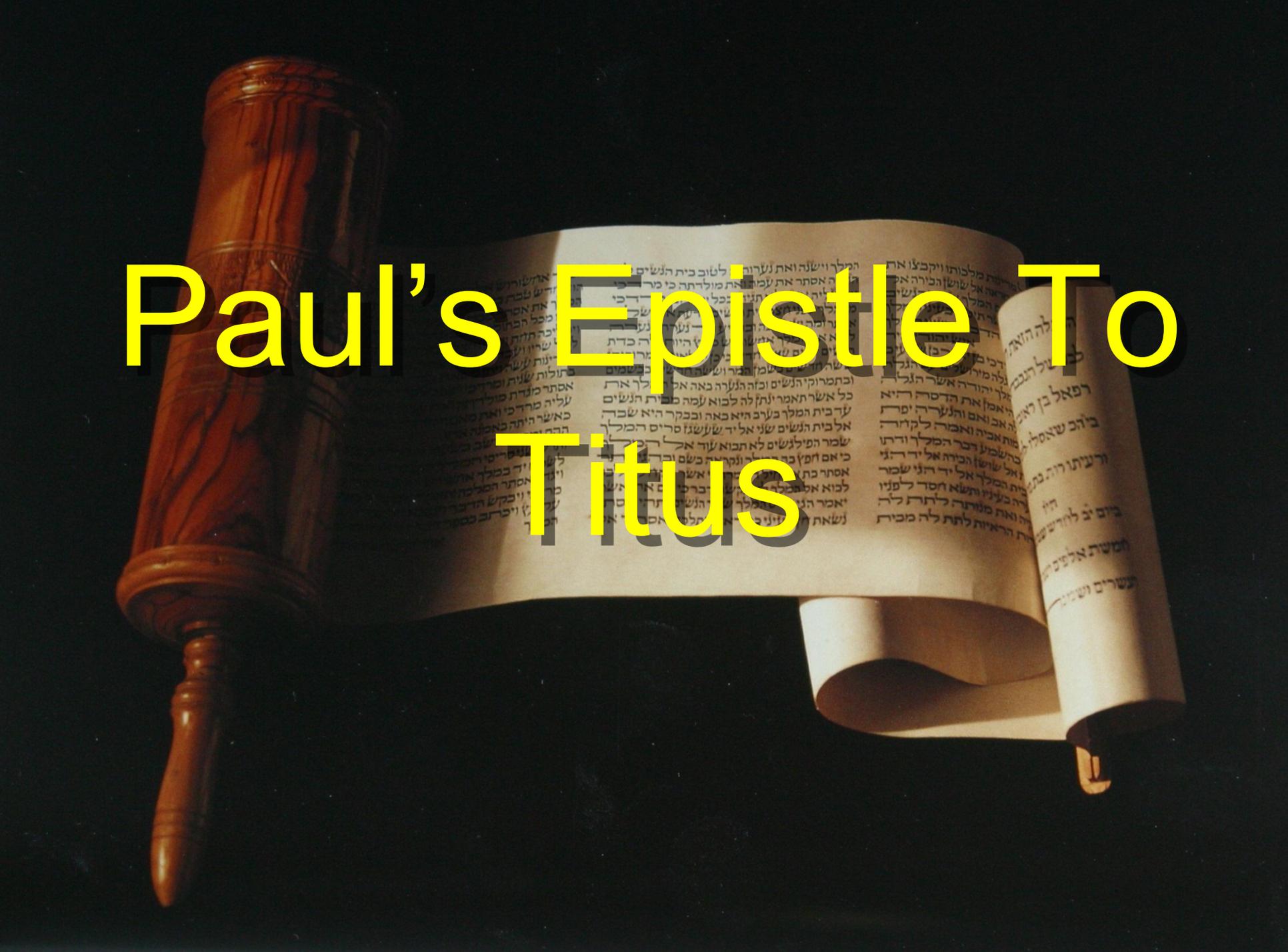
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# Pastoral Epistles

- Titus was converted through Paul.
  - We are not formally introduced, but he becomes one of Paul's most trusted companions
- Philemon was a member of the church at Colossae, and friend of Paul

# Time of Writing

- Philemon:
  - Written around 60 AD, sent from Rome with the letter to the Colossians
- 1 Timothy:
  - Written around 64 AD, from Greece
- Titus:
  - Written around 65 AD, from Greece
- 2 Timothy:
  - Written around 68 AD, from Macedonia



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# Titus: Outline

- Salutation (1:1–4)
- Elders in the congregation (1:5–9)
- Error in the congregation (1:10–16)
- Exercise in the congregation (2:1–15)
- Exhortation in the congregation (3:1–11)
- Conclusion (3:12–15)

– William MacDonald *Believer's Bible Commentary*

# Decently & In Order

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

**Titus 1:5**

# How to do Church!

<sup>1</sup> But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

<sup>2</sup> That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

**Titus 2:11-16**

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- 3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
- 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
- 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

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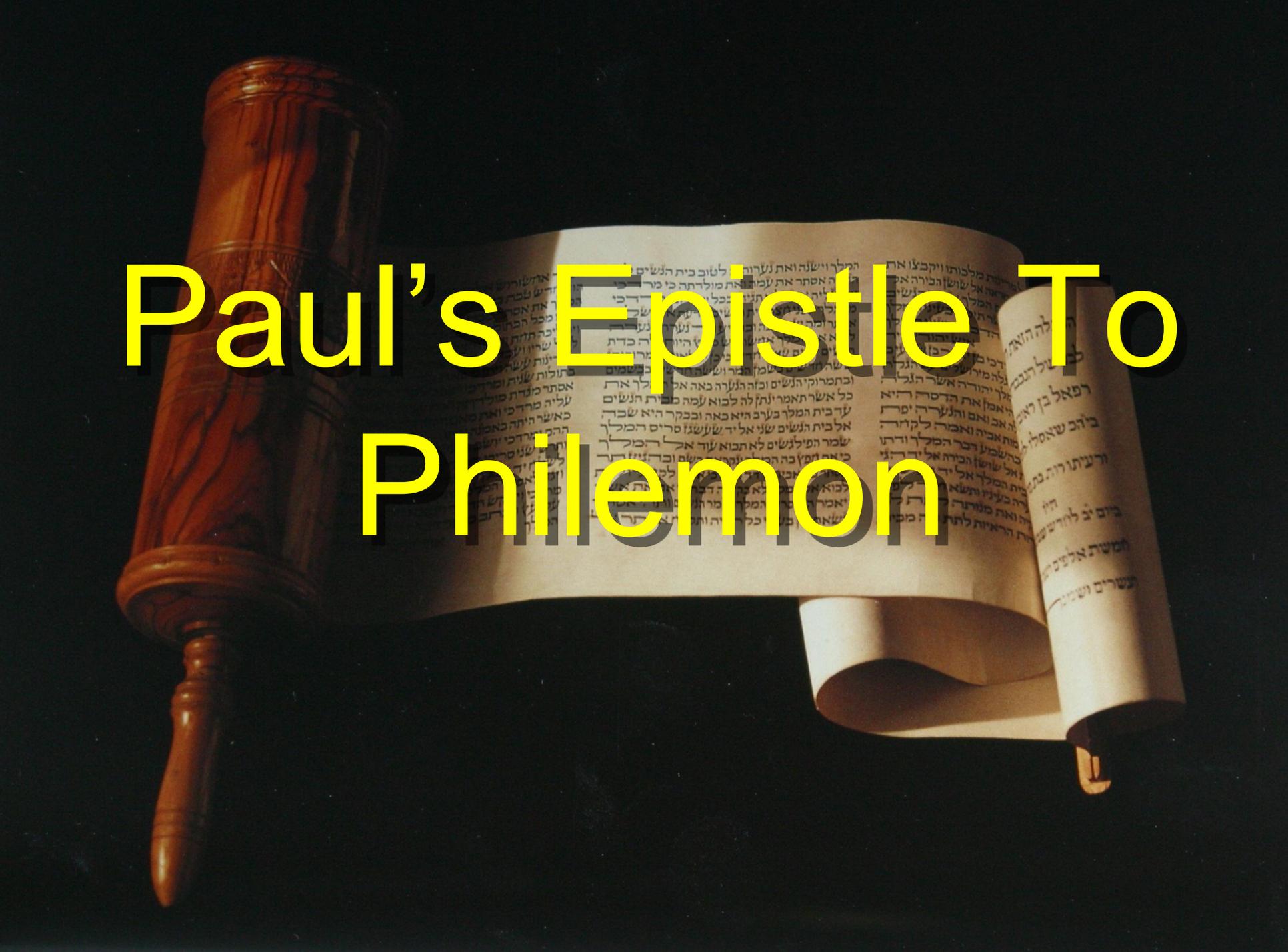
- <sup>6</sup> Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.
- <sup>7</sup> In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
- <sup>8</sup> Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

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# Our Blessed Hope

- 11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
- 12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
- 13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

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# Paul's Epistle To Philemon

# Introduction

- Paul intercedes for his runaway slave Onesimus, who has, apparently, robbed his master and headed for Rome.
- Instead of finding refuge in the crowded city, he came in contact with Paul and was converted.
- Once worthless, he began to live up to his name, “Profitable” v.11
- Although Paul would have liked to have kept him as his friend and helper, he insists he return to his wronged master in Colossae.

# Introduction

- But since he left as a pagan, and returned as a Christian, Philemon is asked to receive him as a “brother beloved” v.16
  - It can be assumed that Philemon did, indeed, respond to Paul’s appeal, since he would not have circulated a letter he refused to obey.
- This all occurred about the time that Paul received news from Epaphras of the threat to the faith in Colossae, which gave rise to the epistle to the Colossians.

# Introduction

- Paul entrusted Tychicus with
  - I. the responsibility to protect Onesimus from arrest by slave catchers on the return journey,
  - II. The task of delivering letters to the Laodiceans (Ephesians?), Colossians,
  - III. and in addition to give this letter to Philemon.
- The letter appears to stop short of asking Philemon to give Onesimus his freedom,
  - but Paul clearly implies that this is his wish!

# Slavery

- It is suggested that there were 60 million slaves in the Roman Empire;
  - men and women traded for reward
- The average slave sold for 500 denarii.
  - One denarii was a day's wage for a common laborer.
    - Educated and skilled slaves were sold for as much as 50,000 denarii.
- A master could free a slave, or a slave could buy his freedom if he could raise the money

Acts 22:28

# Slavery

- If a slave ran away, the master would register the name and description with the officials and the slave would be on the “wanted” list.
  - The law permitted a master to execute a rebellious slave.
  - While some masters were cruel, many of them were reasonable and humane.
- A slave was an expensive and useful piece of property and it would cost the owner to lose him.

# Slavery

- Philemon would be facing a dilemma.
  - If he forgave Onesimus, what would the other masters (and slaves) think?
  - If he punished him, how would it affect his testimony?
- The challenge of being *in* the world but not *of* it!

# A Slave Set Free!

- <sup>8</sup> Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to command you what is fitting,
- <sup>9</sup> yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you--being such a one as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ—
- <sup>10</sup> I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains,
- <sup>11</sup> who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me.

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**12** I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart,

**13** whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel.

**14** But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary.

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**15** For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever,

**16** no longer as a slave but more than a slave--a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

**17** If then you count me as a partner, receive him as you would me.

**18** But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account.

**Philemon 8-19**

# Conclusions

- “We are *all* Onesimuses!”  
– Martin Luther
- This is a beautiful picture of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ!
- It was Christ who says, on our behalf,  
“Charge that to My account!  
Receive them  
as you would receive Me!”

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  - It was the Jewish religious world that crucified Jesus and was repudiating Him

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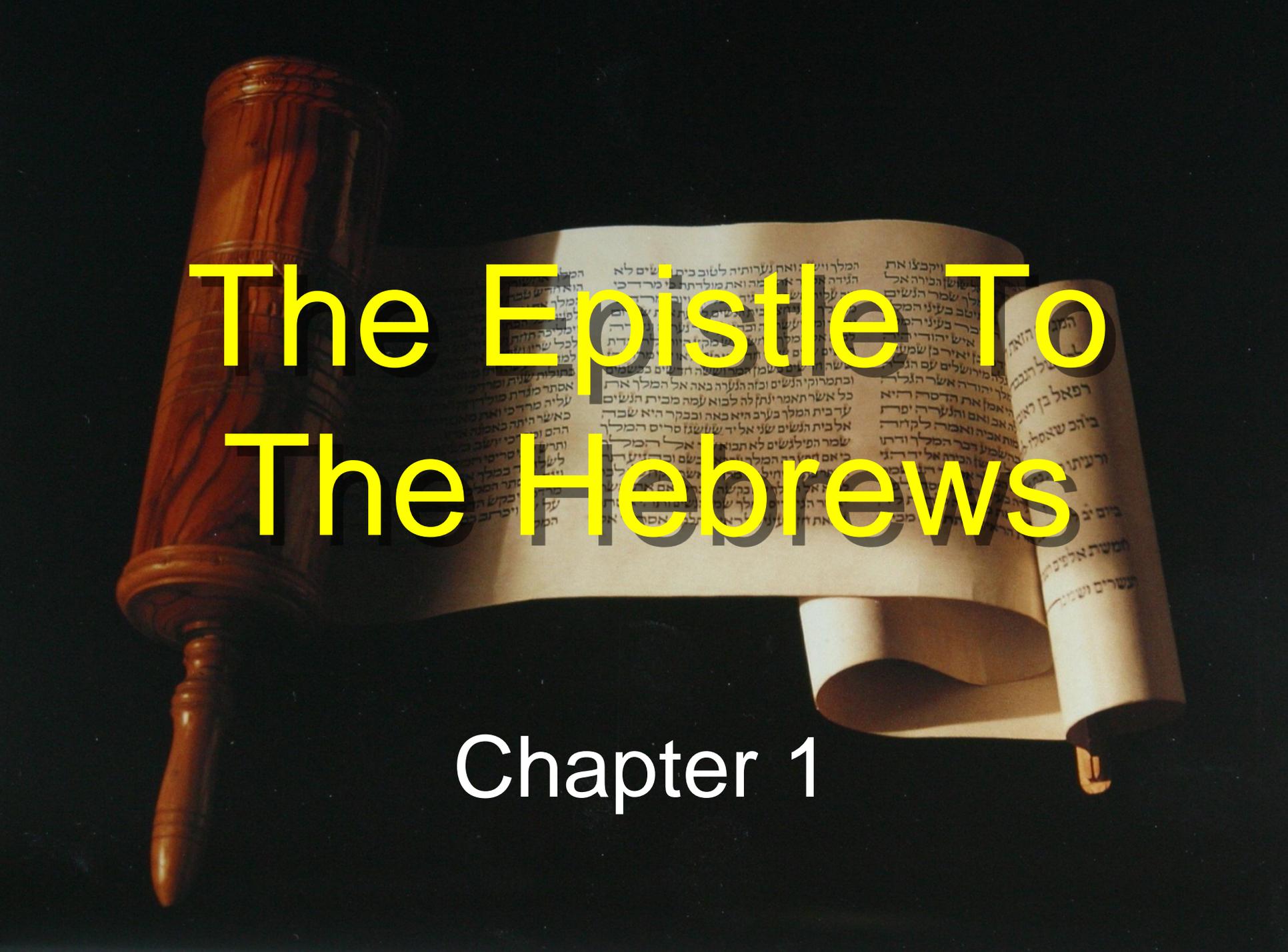
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- **Jesus: The New and Better Deliverer** **1-7**
  - The God-man: better than the Angels - 1, 2
  - **Warning #1** (of 5) - 2:1-4
  - An Apostle better than Moses - 3
  - **Warning #2** (of 5) - 3:17-4:13
  - A Leader better than Joshua - 4:1-13
  - A Priest better than Aaron - 4:14 – 5:10
  - **Warning #3** (of 5) - 5:11-6:20
  - A Priest after the order of Melchizedek - 7
- **Calvary: A New and Better Covenant** **8 – 10:17**
  - A Better Sanctuary - 9
  - A Better Sacrifice - 10:17
- **Practical Applications** **10:18 -13**
  - **Warning #4** (of 5) - 10:18-31
  - Hall of Faith - 11
  - Exhortation to Endurance - 12 - 13
  - **Warning #5** (of 5) - 12:25-29

# 5 Major Warnings

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|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Drifting          | 2:1-4     |
| 2. Disobedience      | 3:7-4:13  |
| 3. Failing to Mature | 5:11-6:20 |
| 4. Willful Sin       | 10:26-39  |
| 5. Indifference      | 12:25-29  |
- Great loss awaits those who fail to persevere: loss of reward and honor in Christ's coming Millennial Kingdom



# The Epistle To The Hebrews

## Chapter 1

# The Voice of God

- <sup>1</sup> God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
- <sup>2</sup> Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
- <sup>3</sup> Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

**Hebrews 1:1-3**

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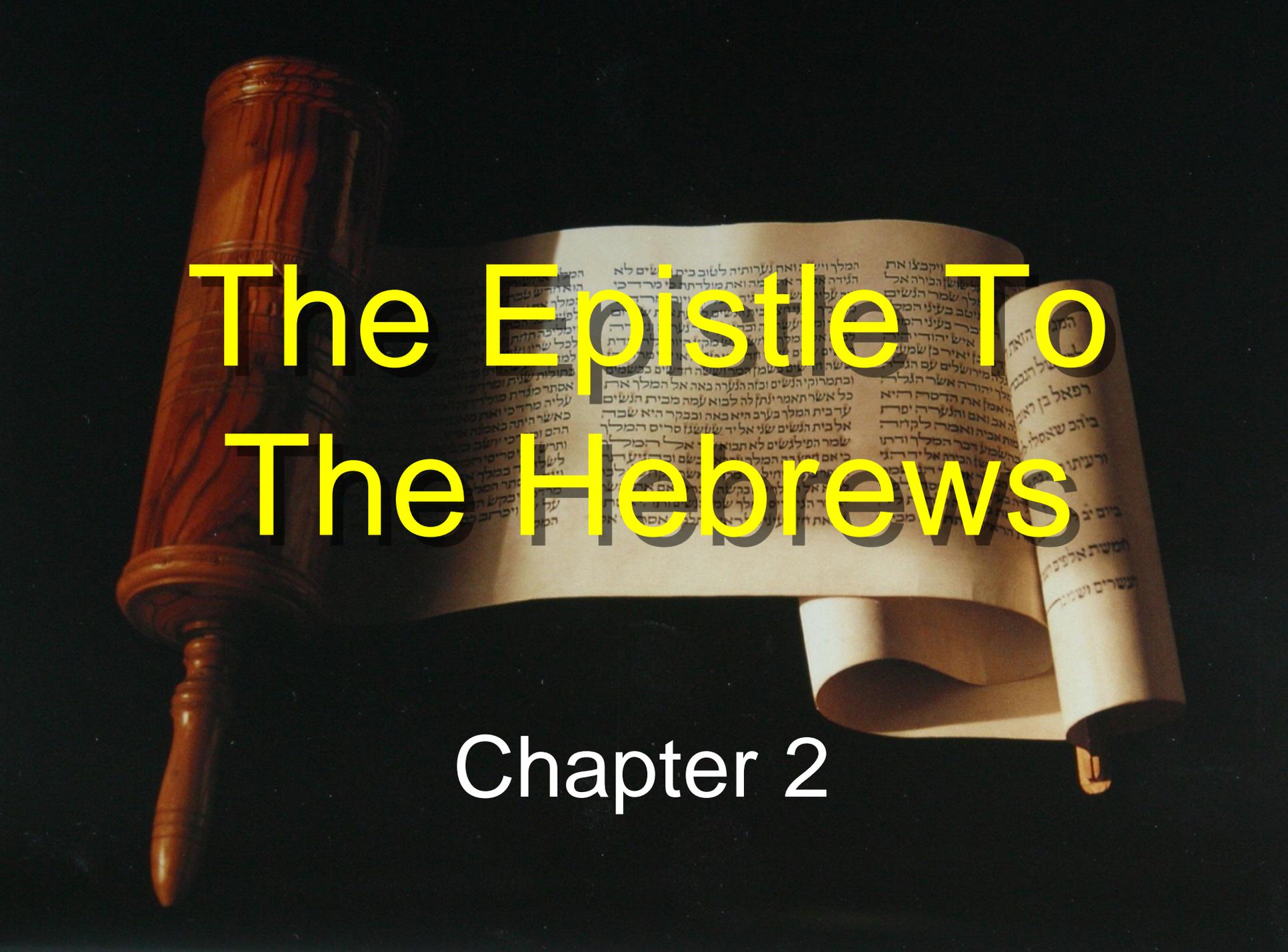
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- Son enthroned at the right hand of God Psalm 110:1



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## Chapter 2

# #1 The Danger of Drifting

Hebrews 2:1-4

- We must give ‘earnest heed’ to the things which we have heard, “lest at any time we should let them slip”.
  - We must not get casual with our faith!
- If there was a judgement on those who failed to follow the Law (given by angels)...
- “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation”
  - Do you think you can get away with living a ‘nominal’ Christian life?

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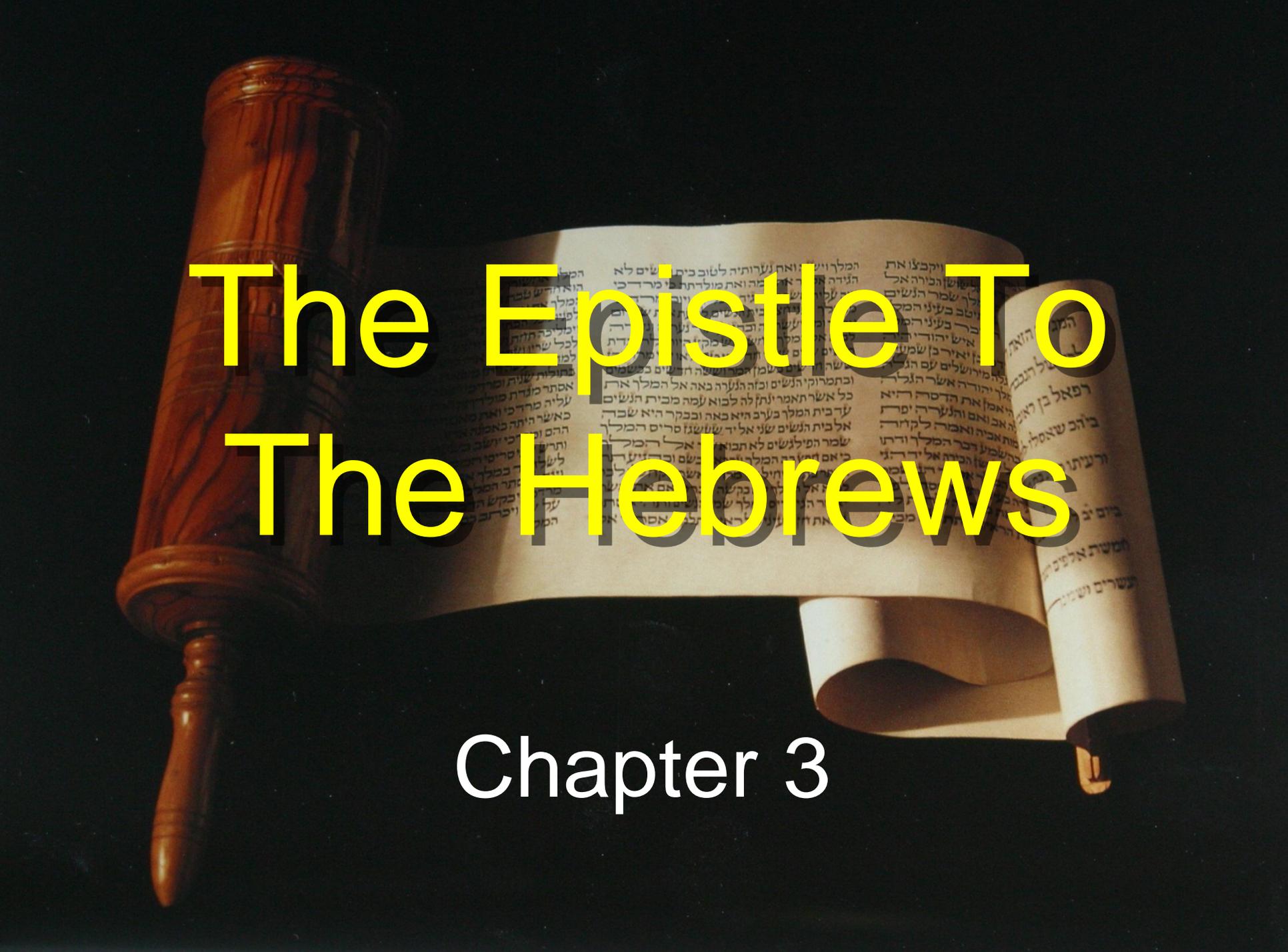
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## Chapter 3

# Son greater than Moses

Hebrews 3:1-6

- Person and Work 3:1-4
- Position 3:5-6

# #2 The Danger of Disobedience

Hebrews 3:7-4:13

- Israel failed to enter His rest at Kadesh Barnea through fear and unbelief
  - These were God's people, whom He had rescued from Egypt!
- They ended up striving rather than resting
- Are you striving today?

# Antidote to Disobedience

For we are made partakers of Christ,  
if we hold the beginning of our confidence  
steadfast unto the end;

Hebrews 3:14

**me,tocoi** *metochoi*

one who shares in, companion, comrade;  
partner (in a work, office, or dignity)

# What is a “Partaker”?

- The word “partake” means to be a participant in something. (2 Pet.1:3-4)  
Partaking of Christ’s Life means not only receiving His Life in our spirits, but also living that Life out in our souls
  - Partaking of *His* Life is what leads us to overcoming
  - It’s Christ’s overcoming Life
    - His Love, His wisdom and His power
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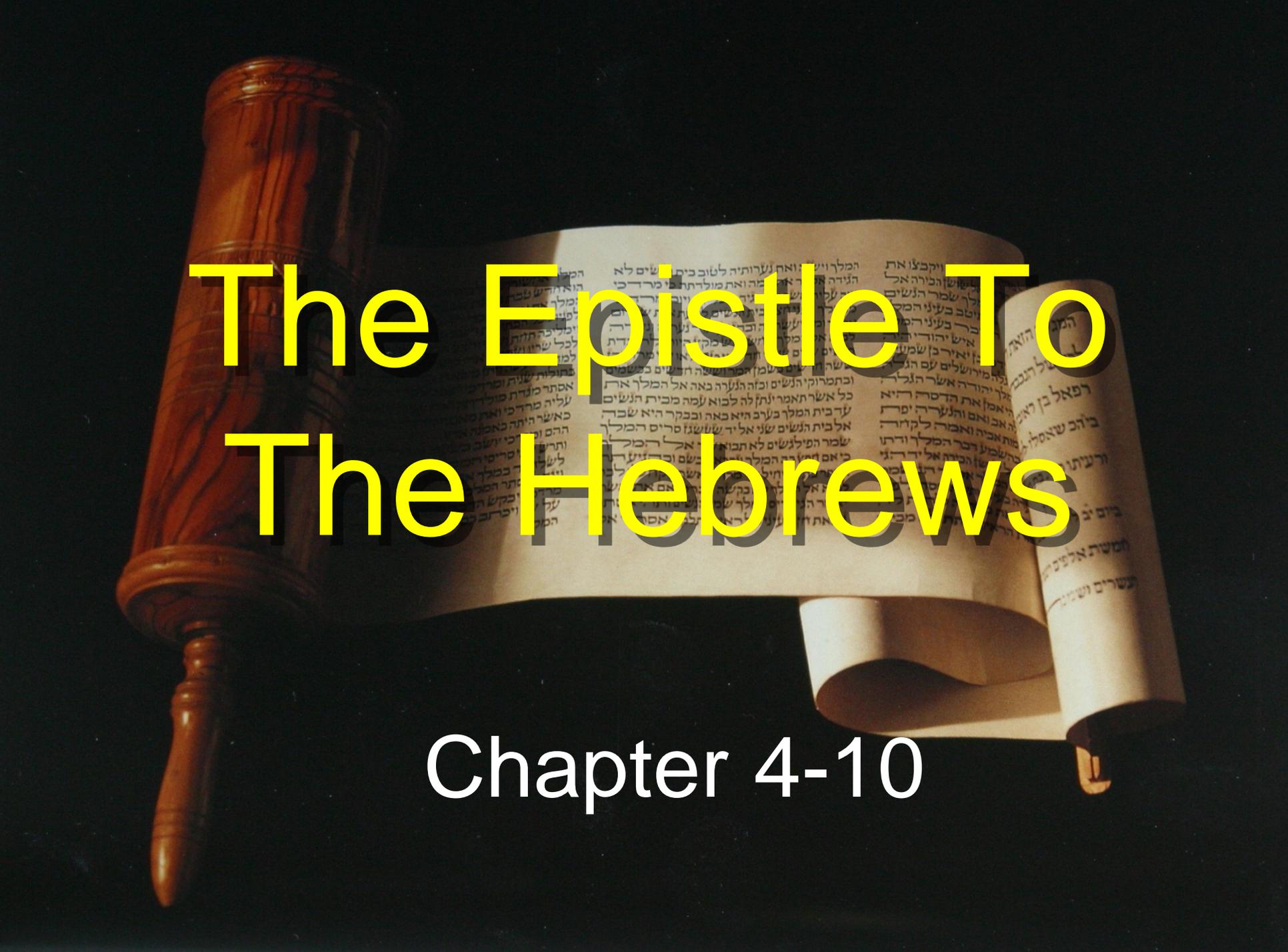
- Being a partaker in Christ (justification) is not the same thing as being a partaker of Christ (sanctification) (1 Cor.10:17)
- These are believers who have not only “received” Christ’s Life (Col.1:27) at their new birth, but are now “living” His Life

# The Purpose of Being a “Partaker”

- God’s purpose for the “exchanged life” (or being a “partaker”) is so that we might produce “fruit” (karpos)
  - “Fruit” is that which is produced by the Spirit of God through us
  - It’s the “Fruit of righteousness” (Eph.5:9; Phil.1:11)
- However, without a continual co-death with Christ, there will be no “fruit”

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- John 15:4-5 tells us that only if we “abide in Him,” will fruit result
- “Fruit” is the result of partaking of Christ’s Life
- *“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy” James 3:17*



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Chapter 4-10

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- [Warning: Progress to Maturity] 5:11-6:20
  - Need to take in more mature material
  - Return to Judaism is not an option

# #3 The Danger of not Maturing

Hebrews 5:11-6:20

- We should be going onto perfection
- We should not be 'tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine'
- We should be progressing to solid food
- The real danger if we do not is that we might 'fall away'
- We can lose the precious gift of repentance
- Our conscience can become seared and past feeling
- Sin no longer makes us grieve

For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.

Hebrews 6:4-6

# What is at stake?

- What are these believers going to lose, forfeit, or suffer?
  - Not “salvation” John 10:28,29; et al
  - Rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ
- We cannot escape this by applying it to others
- The burden of Hebrews is *not* the rescuing sinners from hell:  
It is the bringing of sons to glory

# Eternal Security

- Can a man lose his salvation?
  - Yes! If it depends on him. (But it doesn't!)
- The Arminian denies that the true child of God is eternally secure.
- The Calvinist insists that, if he does not persevere in holiness, he was never regenerate in the first place.
- “After 400 years of doctrinal disputes, with outstanding scholars on both sides of this issue, it appears to be the result of a failure to adequately distinguish between *justification* and the possibility of *several different inheritances*”.

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- Another (non-Levitical) order through David predicted Psalm 110:4
- Levitical priesthood temporary
  - Weak: could not impart strength to fulfill its demands
  - Could not bring perfection.

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- Only the Messiah can impart perfection
  - Mosaic sacrifices never intended to be permanent.

# Contrasts

## Levitical Priests

Many priests

Standing

Daily

Repeated

Many sacrifices

Temporary

Covered sins

## Messiah

One

Sitting (finished)

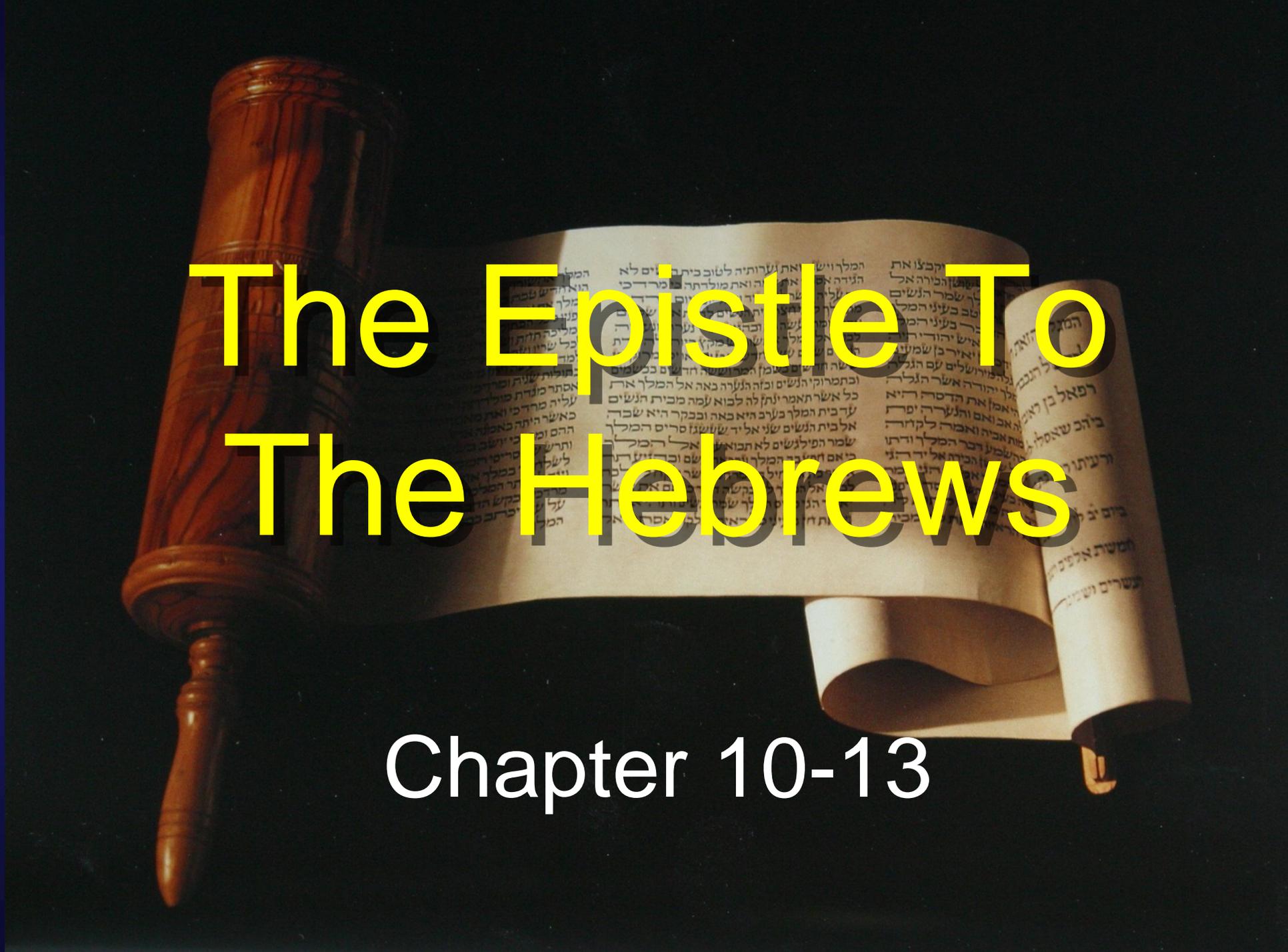
One specific day

Once for all

Only one

Permanent

Took sins away



# The Epistle To The Hebrews

Chapter 10-13

# #4

## Danger of Willful Sin

Hebrews 10:26-31

- If they now apostasize from the faith and once and for all return to Judaism, there remains no more sacrifice for their sin.

Cf. Heb 10:23-25 vs. 10:26-29

- It is a rejection of the work of the Trinity.
- God will judge His people. Deut 32:35-36
- It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

# Hall of Faith

Hebrews 11

- Abel
- Enoch
- Noah
- Abraham
- Sarah
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Joseph
- Moses
- Joshua
- Rahab
- Gideon
- Barak
- Samson
- Jephthah
- David
- Samuel
- ...and the Prophets

# Exhortation to Endurance

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Hebrews 12:1, 2

# #5 The Danger of Indifference

Hebrews 12:25-29

- Consider who it is that speaks to you
  - Israel suffered for not listening to Moses!
- At that time the earth shook
- There will be another shaking:
  - *“that those things which cannot be shaken may remain”*
  - *“let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:”*
- For our God is a consuming fire. (ref 1 Cor 3)

# The Unity of the 5 Warnings

- All five warnings are a unit
  - They go together and complement each other
  - Each builds upon the other
  - Each intensifies until the 5<sup>th</sup> capstone
- The writer relies heavily on Israel's Exodus as an example (type) of individual Christians
  - The Exodus generation, a redeemed people, failed to heed God's instructions
  - They *were saved* from Egypt
  - But were judged (disinherited) for their disobedience.

# The 5 Warnings – Summary

1. Drifting 2:1-4
  - The stragglers got picked off. How can you escape
2. Disobedience 3:7-4:13
  - You will not enter His rest. You will be continually striving
3. Failing to Mature 5:11-6:20
  - You will lose the gift of repentance
  - You will become numb to sin & forfeit rewards
4. Willful Sin 10:26-39
  - God is not mocked. You will reap what you sow!
5. Indifference 12:25-29
  - You will forfeit your inheritance

# 5 Warnings of Hebrews:

- All were written to believers
  - Do not represent any chance of loss to the past aspect of salvation: justification
  - Hence, the eternal security of the Believer
- The warnings admonish believers to press on and obtain all God has promised to the faithful Overcomer
- The warnings represent the very real possibility of the loss of privileges or rewards offered to the believer, which will be revealed at the Judgment Seat of Christ



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