

**The Purpose of**

# **The Epistle to the Hebrews**



**Hebrews are Israelites. Hebrews are the Jews.**

**Sadducees** – Temple, Torah, Priests, Upper class

**Pharisees** - Synagogue, Talmud, Rabbis, common people

**Jesus was a Hebrew, a Pharisee**

**Paul was Hebrew, a Pharisee,**

groomed for the Sanhedrin, educated in the law,

**Twelve Apostles were also Hebrews, Pharisees,**

common men, slightly educated

**Acts**

**Galatians**

**Hebrews**

**Acts 9:15**

**Acts 9:19-20**

**Gal 1:17-19**

**Acts 9:27-30**

**Acts 11::25-26**

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| <b>Saul was converted in</b>     |                       | <b>A.D. 37</b> |
| <b>First return to Jerusalem</b> |                       | <b>A.D. 40</b> |
| <b>Saul to Antioch, Syria</b>    |                       | <b>A.D. 42</b> |
| <b>Second Jerusalem visit</b>    | <b>met John/ Rev?</b> | <b>A.D. 43</b> |
| <b>First Missionary Journey</b>  |                       | <b>A.D. 44</b> |

**The Acts 13:2**

**The Acts 13:9**     **Paphos Saul -> Paul**

**The Acts 13:16** **Antioch, Pisidia**

**The Acts 13:38-39**

**The Acts 13:46**

**Acts 14 Iconium, Lystra,**

**Acts 14:19 Paul Stoned**

**Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, Antioch**

**Pamphilia, Perge, Attalia**

**Acts 14:26 Antioch, Syria 2 ½ years**

**(A.D. 44-51)**

**Paul had many problems with**

**The non-believing Jews**





**Pauls 1st Missionary Journey**

**Acts 15:1-**

**Gal 2:1 Fourteen years after....**

**The Apostles and the elders**

**The remainder of Galatians reads like a  
Preface to Hebrews.**

**Now Paul is having problems  
with the believing Jews**

## WHEN?

**Chronological position of Hebrews**

**Companion Bible**

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**Paragraph *d***

***Acts 18: 11***

**Paul is known as the apostle to the Gentiles,**

**In Acts 15 and Gal 2 Paul was to go to the uncircumcision.**

**Why would Paul write an epistle  
To the Hebrews?**

**HEBREWS**

**WRITTEN TO WHOM?**

## **Heb 1 :12**

Hath in these last days **spoken unto us by His Son**

## **Heb 2:1**

Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed the **things which we have heard**, least at any time we should let them slip.

## **Heb 3:1**

Wherefore, holy brethren, **partakers of the heavenly calling**, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

## **Heb 4:3**

For **we which have believed**

## **Heb 5:12**

*For when for the time **ye ought to be teachers**,  
ye have need that one teach you again which be  
the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become  
such as having need of milk and not of strong meat.*

## **Heb 6:10**

In that ye **have ministered to the saints and do minister**



**HEBREWS**

**WRITTEN BY WHOM?**

## Hebrews 13:23

*Know ye that our brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.*

## Acts 18:5

*And when Silas and Timotheous were come from Macedonia **Paul** was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.*

**With whom was Timothy associated with other than Paul?**

## Hebrews 13: 24

Salute all them that have rule over you, and all the saints.  
They of Italy salute you.

## Acts 18:1

After these things **Paul** departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;  
And found a certain Jew named Aquila. Born in Pontus, lately come  
from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had  
commanded all Jews to depart from Rome) and came unto them

## Paul (quoting Hab 2:4)

**Galatians 3:11** *“the just shall live by faith”*

**Hebrews 10:38** *“the just shall live by faith”*

**Romans 1:17** *“the just shall live by faith”.*

## Paul (quoting Ps 8:6)

**Hebrews 2:8** *put all things under His feet*

**1 Cor 15:25** *...put all thing under His*

**Eph 1:22** *And hath put all things under His feet*

# PAUL'S SIGNATURE

## **Hebrews 13:26**

Grace be with you all. Amen.

## **2 Thes 3:17-18**

The salutation of Paul with mine own hand.

Which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen

Gal: Brethren the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

1 Thes: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

1 Cor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

2 Cor: the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the  
Communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

Ro: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

## Balance of the number of Epistles

**Paul**  
**Acts**

**Galatians**  
**1 Thessalonians**  
**2 Thessalonians**  
**Hebrews**  
**1 Corinthians**  
**2 Corinthians**  
**Romans**

**Paul**  
**Post-Acts**

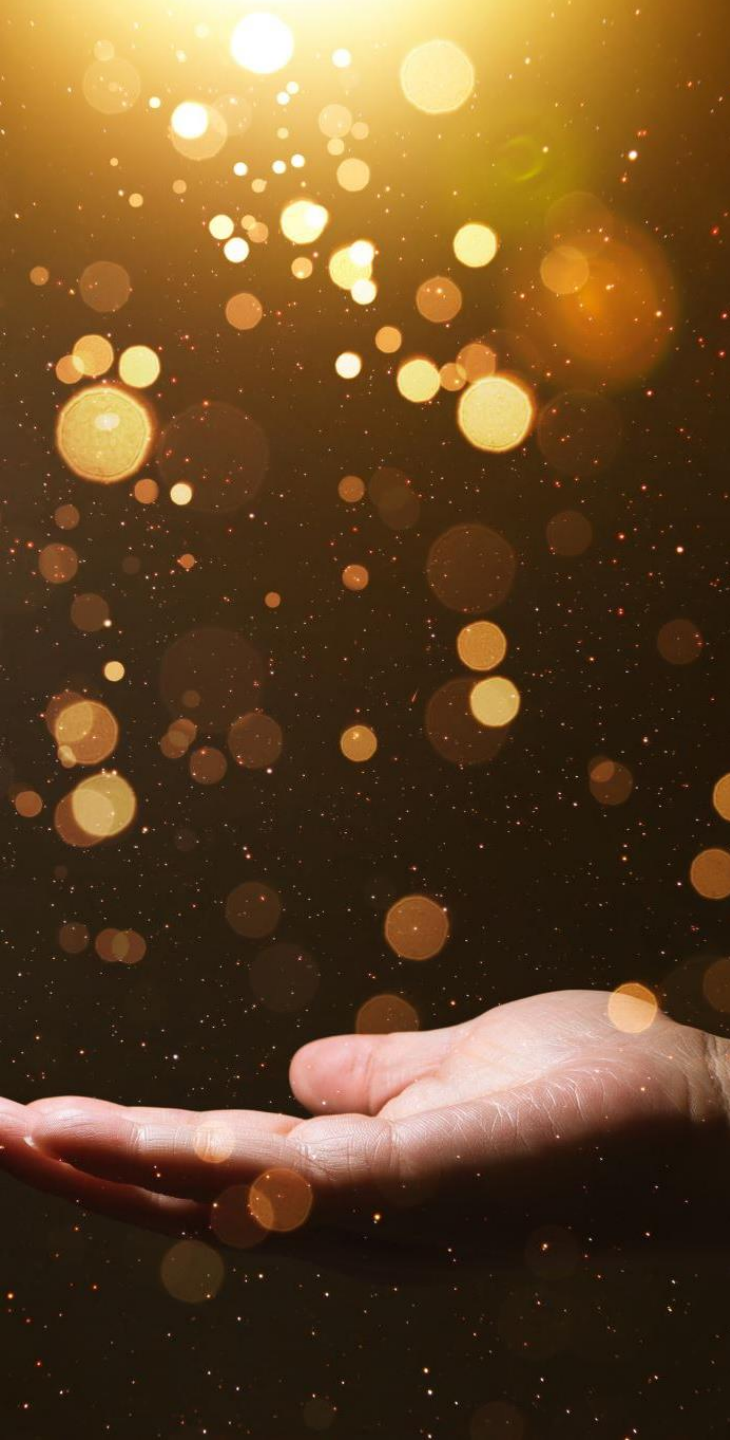
**1 Timothy**  
**Titus**  
**Philippians**  
**Ephesians**  
**Colossians**  
**Philemon**  
**2 Timothy**

**General**  
**Acts**

**James**  
**1 Peter**  
**2 Peter**  
**1 John**  
**2 John**  
**3 John**  
**Jude**

**What was the purpose  
of writing an epistle  
to the Hebrews?**





**Hebrews 1:1-3**

**Better hope 7:19**

**Better testament 7:22**

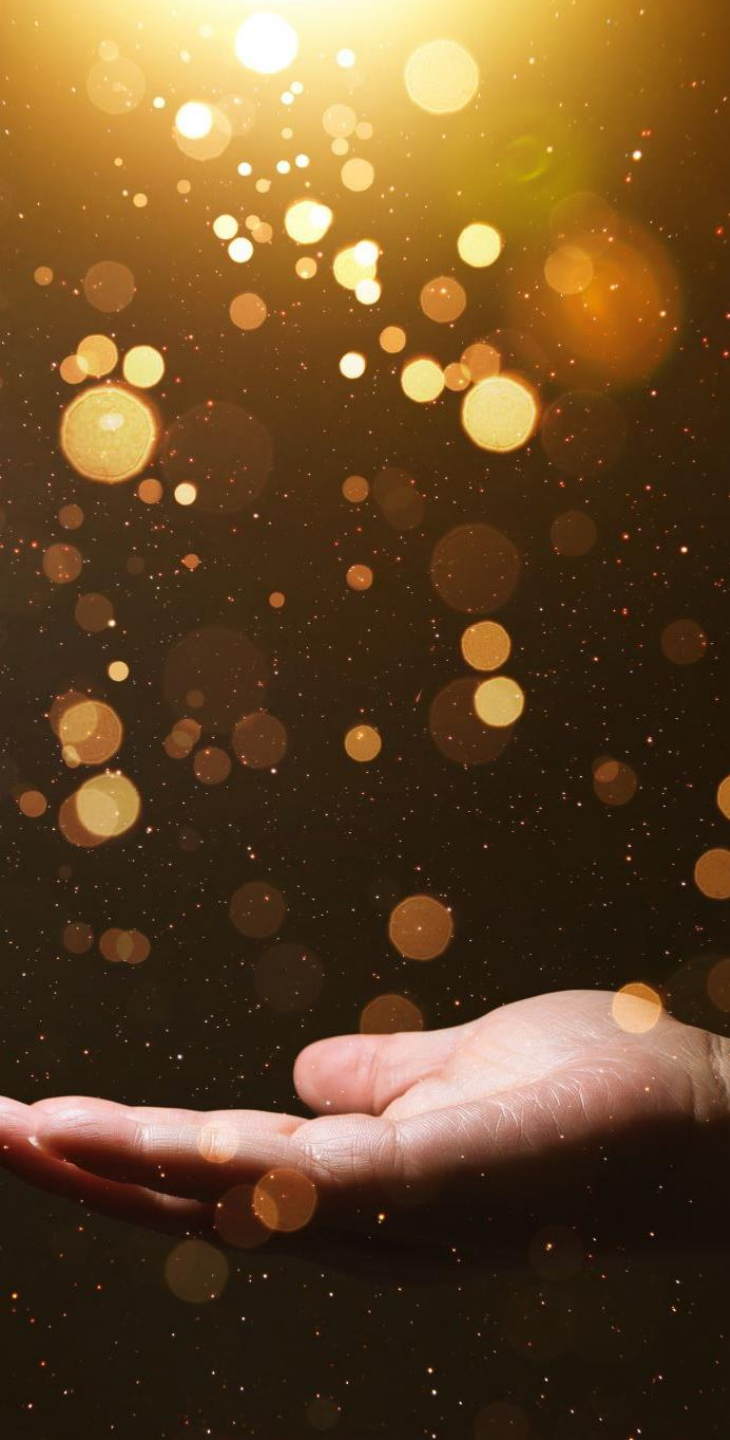
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**More excellent ministry 8:6**

**Better covenant 8:6**

**Better promises 8:6**

**A NEW COVENANT 8:13, 9:15**



**No more sacrifice for sins 10:26**

**The just shall live by faith 10:38**

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**Abraham looked for a city 11:10**

**Better country, heavenly 11:16**

**Run the race 12:1**

**Heavenly Jerusalem 12:22-23**

## WHO ELSE BESIDES PAUL?

Would have this depth of knowledge and understanding?

Would have this level of compassion for the Hebrew people?

Romans 9:2-3

Would mention Timothy?

Would mention “They of Italy”?

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| <b>First Missionary Journey</b>                              | <b>Galatia</b>                     | <b>A.D. 44</b> |
| <b>Acts 15 Council with Apostles and elders</b>              |                                    | <b>A.D. 51</b> |
| <b>Third return to Jerusalem 14 yrs after his conversion</b> | <b>Gal 2:1</b>                     |                |
| <b>Second Missionary Journey</b>                             | <b>Gal, 1 &amp; 2 The, Hebrews</b> | <b>A.D. 51</b> |
| <b>Fourth return to Jerusalem</b>                            | <b>Acts 18:22</b>                  | <b>A.D. 54</b> |
| <b>Third Missionary Journey</b>                              | <b>1 &amp; 2 Cor, Rom</b>          | <b>A.D. 54</b> |
| <b>Fifth return to Jerusalem</b>                             | <b>Acts 21:17</b>                  | <b>A.D. 58</b> |
| <b>Paul's last meeting with the Elders</b>                   |                                    |                |
| <b>Arrived in Rome</b>                                       |                                    | <b>A.D. 61</b> |

# **Acts 21:17-27**

**(Acts 15:20)**

**They still didn't get it !**

**Zealous of the law**

**What if Paul had not  
written Hebrews?**

**Perhaps this supports the thought  
that when Israel was set aside at the  
end of The Acts, so also was everything  
pertaining to Israel set aside; even the  
teachings of the Twelve Apostles to Israel**