



# Hebrews

## New Testament

β 58th book of the Bible (out of 66)

β 0.97% of the verses in the Bible

β It's not known who wrote this Letter.

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A lot of people memorise Scripture and there are some cracking verses to commit to memory in this Book, which focuses a great deal on how Jesus fulfilled what was written about in the Old Testament. (Both the author and the readers would have used the Septuagint in their devotions.) Jesus is the Son of God and the perfect High Priest. (He both dealt with sin finally and fully and is also a merciful and empathetic intercessor.) Jesus is God's Last Word and our Messiah. The author encourages to remember these things and to put our trust fully in God - as sufferings will continue.

Chapter 11, which briefly describes many adventurers in faith, is a turning point in the book. Now the readers are challenged to re-

**Facts:** Jesus is the Messiah. The author interprets Jewish history and religious symbolism to prove this. It was written to Jewish Christians in Rome before 70AD when the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed.

member the myriads of people that have followed God wholeheartedly in previous generations. Both the original readers and ourselves in 2019, are called to run our own race with dedication, enthusiasm and perseverance. We do this as we fix our focus on Jesus and not the spectators or other runners.

There are several possibilities as to the author. Barnabas, Apollos and Luke have all been suggested by different scholars.

**Aim to read the whole book over the next two weeks.**