

To the Hebrews

Name

To the Hebrews – The title “to the Hebrews” appears on the _____ manuscript of the Letter and no other title is suggested in the early church. The book was most likely written to a collection of Jewish believers in Jesus as Messiah.

Author

_____ – The grammar and style of Hebrews does not reflect any other NT writing (the closest is _____). There is not enough evidence to hold any NT leader as the author of the letter.

Dates

The author of Hebrews mentions _____ and assumes the temple sacrifices are still being offered in Jerusalem. Therefore, the letter was most likely written _____.

Theme

The theme of Hebrews is a call to _____ to a _____ Savior with a _____ ministry.

Genre

The Letter to the Hebrews is an _____. The letter was intended for wide distribution in the church.

Structure

- I. The Superiority of Jesus Christ (1:1-3:6)
- II. The Promised Rest of Jesus Christ (3:7-4:13)
- III. The Great High Priest of Jesus Christ (4:14-5:11)
- IV. The Danger of Abandoning Christ (5:12-6:20)
- V. The Priesthood of Jesus Christ (7:1-28)
- VI. The New and Superior Covenant (8:1-10:39)
- VII. The Hall of Faith (11:1-40)
- VIII. Faithful Christian Living (12:1-13:25)

Main Characters

_____ – the one who is superior to angels, Moses and all others

Audience

This letter was written to first century _____ Christian who were tempted to _____ from the Faith for the familiar comforts of Judaism. The author of the letter encourages faithful through warnings and the exaltation of Jesus Christ.

James

Name

James – The letter is named after the author, James. James claims to be the author of the letter in _____.

Author

_____ – The church has accepted, from the earliest history, that James is the Lord's brother and leader of the first church in Jerusalem in _____.

Dates

Church history holds that James was martyred in _____. James and the use of _____ for a church meeting (2:2) suggests an early date when Judaic terms were still used for the church around _____.

Theme

The theme of James is how we can _____ the righteousness of God in this world (James 1:19). James is filled with practical advice on _____.

Genre

The Letter of James is a _____ epistle. The letter was a written sermon intended for wide distribution in the church.

Structure

- I. Trials and Maturity (1:1-18)
- II. Hearing and Doing the Word of God (1:19-27)
- III. The Sin of Favoritism (2:1-13)
- IV. Faith and Works (2:14-26)
- V. Controlling the Tongue (3:1-12)
- VI. True Wisdom (3:13-18)
- VII. The Importance of Humility and Danger of Pride (4:1-17)
- VIII. Warning to the Rich (5:1-6)
- IX. Be Patient (5:7-12)
- X. Effective Prayer (5:13-20)

Main Characters

No people are named in James as to be counted as main characters.

Audience

This letter of James was written to a first century Church that was struggling on multiple fronts to _____ in Jesus Christ. James shows us how to live according to the righteousness of God in this life.

The First Letter of Peter

Name

I Peter – This letter is the first of two letters named after the author, Peter. Peter claims to be the author of the letter in _____.

Author

Peter – Until the mid-20th century, the church has _____ that the author of I Peter is the Apostle Peter, the most outspoken of the Twelve.

Dates

The letter was written before July of 64 when _____ began with the murder of Peter and Paul. It has been widely believed that it was written in _____.

Theme

The theme of Peter is _____ based upon our faith in the salvation of Jesus Christ and not our current circumstances.

Genre

The Letter of I Peter is an _____. The letter was written to be distributed across the cities which occupy what is now _____.

Structure

- I. Introduction (1:1-2)
- II. The Hope in the New Birth (1:3-12)
- III. Holy Living Based Upon the New Birth (1:13-2:10)
- IV. Holy Living in a Fallen World (2:11-4:19)
- V. Holy Living in the Church (5:1-7)
- VI. Concluding Wisdom (5:8-14)

Main Characters

_____ – the living Cornerstone of the household of faith

Audience

This letter of Peter was written to Christians in northern Turkey who were facing _____ and _____ for their faith in Christ.