

- b. There is some evidence that the Old Testament quotations are taken from the Septuagint...an Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures made before the time of Christ. This is not an exact picture...our knowledge of the Septuagint text is a bit suspicious and there are enough variations in Hebrews so that we cannot say all the citations are from the Septuagint. (This term, incidentally, is abbreviated as LXX)
- c. And there are some troublesome citations of an uncertain background, but generally our text is good and we do not need to be hesitant in its use.
- D. A few unplanned and undisciplined remarks on the Jewish/Christian community...the trials that plagued both of them and the difficulty in relationships during the book of Acts and following.

## II. An outline of Hebrews and notes on the overall structure

- A. The actual outline is on page 6 and following are notes keyed to that outline. I use a form of Bible study known as inductive and the fruit of this will be seen on a number of charts and ideas shown in the body of these notes. The numbers on the outline page as marked by slashes / / correspond with the numbers and comments given here and on page 7. If you can't figure this out, it is probably not too late to ask for your money back for the course!
- B. Comments relating to the chart:
  - /1/ (1:1-4) The record of Revelation is that God has spoken by a Son and that this is the climactic utterance bringing to a conclusion all that has preceded.
  - 1-2 /2/ (1:5-14) The first stage of comparison is to show Jesus superior to the angelic parties by showing their subordination to Him on several lines.
  - /3/ (2:1-4) A warning is given to the extent that if we do not hear Him we cannot escape certain wrath.
  - /4/ (2:5-18) The meaning of this portion is that one has come to lead us to glory and He is followed by faith!
  - /5/ (3:1-6) The second comparison finds Christ superior to Moses, the architect of the Hebrew economy
  - 3-4 /6/ (3:7-4:13) The warning is to the end that, as disobedience resulted in catastrophe under the lesser leader, it cannot fail to destroy us under the greater.
  - /7/ (4:14-16) But we have a place from which mercy and grace may be obtained so that unbelief need not trouble nor consume us.