

III. Analysis of the Content of the Book of Hebrews

(General Note: the outline of page 6 is the key to the analysis. The same chapter divisions are observed in our study although the first part of Chapter 1 is put in a separate heading.)

A. Chapters 1-2...The Superiority of Christ

1. Preliminary discussion: the Record of Revelation 1:1-4

Source of our information:	God, Who (1)	
Time of the action:	in sundry times (1)	in these last days (2)
Nature of action:	having spoken (1)	has spoken (2)
Address of action:	to the fathers (1)	unto us (2)
Means of action:	by the prophets (1)	by His Son (2)
End of action:	in diverse manners (1)	who sat down (3)

a. Christ, therefore, is God's ultimate spokesman. He has the last word, so to speak. There was nothing wrong or inferior with God's previous revealing..it was just not complete. At varied times and in varied ways it came forth in the older economy..but Christ has come to bring completion to it.

b. Particular notes:

- (1) Christ is thus the appointed heir of all things (2)
- (2) He is seen as co-creator of the universe (2)
- (3) He fully reflects the glory of the Father (3)
- (4) He sustains the world as we know it (3)
- (5) He has worked a saving work for us (3)
- (6) This saving work is the capstone of His ministry (3)

c. Observation:

We are given an introduction to the Person of the Lord Jesus with the emphasis that the ultimate truth of God is being given by and through Him. One cannot miss the point of this in the cultural setting. To the believers it says.."all of the past practices are now fulfilled in Him...why then should anyone wish to return to those things that are now completed?" The answer is that our life and destiny are with Christ and it is to Him that our loyalty and devotion belong...to Him in accord with the working of the Godhead.

This allows for an introduction into the major theme of chapters 1-2..namely that Christ is superior to the angels.. to the other heavenly beings respected and held in awe by men and the Hebrew community in particular.