

# NT Reading Plan 2020

Living Hope Fellowship  
Hebrews

## Persecution

The Hebrew Christians are facing a great temptation to abandon Christ and go back to the old ways in order to be done with all the hardships they are enduring for the message of Christianity (see 10:32-39).

## Better

The author of Hebrews knows his audience is very familiar with the Old Testament (they are Hebrews after all), so he juxtaposes Jesus with familiar stories and characters of the OT. The whole book of Hebrews can be seen as a contrast between Christ and anything else you could compare him with. It doesn't matter what you put alongside Jesus, he is **BETTER!**

1:1	As God's Son, Jesus is a	better revelation of God than the prophets who came before him
Chapter 1	As God's Son, Jesus is himself God, therefore he is	better than angels
1:4	Jesus has a	much superior name than angels
Chapter 2	Jesus is a	better Adam/better human
Chapter 3	As God's Son and the builder of God's house (a metaphor for the saints), Jesus is	greater than God's servant, Moses
Chapter 4	Many Israelites died in the wilderness instead of entering into the the promised land's rest. Even those who entered the land under Joshua did not, at that point, receive the promised rest that was still to come under Jesus. Therefore, only through Jesus can we enter that	better rest
6:9	Despite the warnings to his readers, the author is convinced of	better things, things that belong to salvation in their case
Chapter 7	Jesus, being after the order of Melchizedek and having eternal life is a	better high priest/has a better priesthood than those from Levi
7:7	The inferior (Abraham) was blessed	by the superior (Melchizedek)
7:19	In Jesus, we draw near to God through a	better hope than the law

7:22	Jesus is the guarantor of a	better covenant
8:6	Christ has obtained	more excellent ministry than the old (testament)
8:6	The New Covenant, which Christ is the mediator, is a	better covenant
8:6	The New Covenant is enacted on	better promises
9:23	Since Jesus died once and for all, the New Covenant is secured by	better sacrifices
10:34	The persecuted saints could look on the destruction and looting of their properties with joy because, in Christ they had a	better possession
11:16	The patriarchs didn't seek to return to their old homeland because they were seeking	a better country, a heavenly one
11:35	Many saints endured torture, refusing release from prison so that they may rise to a	better life
11:40	In perfecting us together with all of the saints of the past, God has provided something	better for us

### Warning!

Since Jesus is superior to anything else, the **WARNINGS** for rejecting him are severe! These warnings sound very serious because they are. The consequences of running from Christ instead of running to him are eternal.

Warning 1	2:1-4
Warning 2	3:7-4:13
Warning 3	5:11-6:12
Warning 4	10:19-39
Warning 5	12:14-29

### Old Testament Quotes

This week, instead of giving you questions to answer under each individual heading, I want you to stop anytime you find an OT reference, write the Scripture reference in your Bible, and look up that passage in its context (there are a ton!). For starters, you'd do well to get past the first chapter because it is filled with OT quotations. If you do this, you will find many wonderful connections you may have missed.