

***Hebrews: The Crossing Point*** is a six part Adult Bible Study suitable for Small Groups or Private Study; Especially helpful to new believers in understanding God's overall plan for redemption through Jesus Christ.

***Hebrews: I call it the "BETTER BOOK" because Jesus is better than....***



*Ron Singleterry Hebrews: The Crossing Point-Introduction  
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## **Hebrews: The Crossing Point**

### -Introduction

Hebrews is a unique book in the New Testament. It stands alone as a book addressed specifically to born-again/saved Jews.

The Jews of the first century were coming out of a life/culture of teaching of Judaism with their legalism. They are the focus of the author.

#### **21st Century relevance**

In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century the relevance is significant. In order to understand the Bible as a complete and cohesive set of writings penned over many centuries by many different people and compiled together, Hebrews is an excellent book of comparisons between the Law of Moses and the New Testament.

Hebrews establishes the foundations upon which Christianity is understood; that is, God's plan is explained from the origins of the sacrifices to the New Covenant with the ONE final, everlasting sacrifice.

Hebrews could easily have been placed right after the Gospels of Jesus Christ [first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John]. It describes in great detail *The Crossing Point*.

In the cattle drives, the cowboys knew the crossing points of the major rivers as they drove the cattle north. This is why so many trails became well-known. The Chisholm Trail crossed the Red River at Red River Station at the Texas/Indian Territory line. This location was a safe crossing point for man and animal as well as a small settlement, store, barge all run by people familiar with the crossing point. The crossing led from a State to a Territory where different elements awaited the drovers and cattle. They stopped for preparation at Red River Station.

Hebrews details *The Crossing Point* from the Old Testament with its laws and rules to the New Testament where Jesus shows that His grace did once and for all satisfy the requirements of the Law.

## **Understanding the Author**

Hebrews does not have a signature from the author. Of course it is the inspired Word of God, but the person that penned it is not known. It is obvious that this author had a very detailed knowledge of Jewish law and traditions. It is likely written by the Apostle Paul. He was a rising star in the Pharisees and probably in line to be the youngest member of the Sanhedrin. His knowledge of the Law mingled with his personal encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus would make him uniquely qualified to write this book.

## **Understanding the Audience**

Before Messiah Jesus was born in Bethlehem believers [mostly Jews] were looking forward in time for the appearing of a Messiah to redeem them. The Old Testament law, written mainly by Moses at God's direction, demanded full obedience or else the sin or breaking of that Law required sacrifices [also spelled out in detail in Moses' Law]. These sacrifices pointed forward to when Jesus would fully atone once and for all sins, Himself being the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world.

## **Suggested Study**

The Study of Hebrews: The Crossing Point offers:

- Clear understanding of how the Old and New Testaments tie together perfectly.
- Clarity in how salvation through Christ works
- Cloudy man-made doctrines and traditions fade with understanding Hebrews.

Overview:

- Trail Notes included in studies Parts 1-5
- Introduction
- Part 1 includes Chapters 1 and 2
- Part 2 includes Chapters 3 and 4
- Part 3 includes Chapters 5, 6, and 7
- Part 4 includes Chapters 8, 9, and 10
- Part 5 includes Chapters 11, 12, 13 plus a summation.