

READING THE BIBLE: With Tom Brewer

Fall Session, September 10 – December 10, 2018 (Mondays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) Room S-150

2 Testaments = ONE BIBLE: The Letter to the Hebrews

The New is in the Old Concealed as the Old is in the New Revealed

Reader's Guide: The dates, themes and scripture references for each class session are provided to encourage you to do a careful pre-reading of the texts before the class presentation. Using the letter to the Hebrews as a basis to recall First Testament texts, we will recognize the unity of the Bible and the divinity and centrality of Jesus Christ, the One and only, eternally begotten Son of God.

September 10 THEME: "MEETING JESUS CHRIST"

- God Has Spoken: Past & Last
- 7-Fold Description
- Uncreated Creator

Hebrews 1:1-3 & 1st Testament Texts

Heb. 1:1-2; Isa. 55:8-11; Ps 119
Heb. 1:2-3
Heb. 11:3; Jn. 1:3; Gen. 1&2

September 17 THEME: "JESUS' SUPERIORITY TO ANGELS"

- Jesus' Superior Name
- Compare & Contrast
- Jesus' Eternity

Hebrews 1:4-12 & 1st Testament Texts

Heb. 1:4-5; Ps 2:7; 2 Sam. 7:14; Jn. 1:14
Heb. 1:6-9; Dt. 32:43; Ps. 97:7; 104:4; 45:6-7
Heb. 1:10-12; Ps. 102:25-27

September 24 THEME: "MINISTERING SPIRITS"

- Jesus Reigns / Angels Serve
- Angels' Ministry
- Warning #1: Don't Drift!

Hebrews 1:13-2:4 & 1st Testament Texts

Heb. 1:13; Ps 110:1
Heb. 1:14; Ps. 91:11-12; Gen. 19:15-17
Heb. 2:1-4; Ps. 68:17; Acts 7:38&53; Gal. 3:19

October 1 THEME: "FULLY HUMAN YET DIVINE"

- Mankind's Purpose
- Jesus Crowned in Glory & Honor
- Brothers & Children

Hebrews 2:5-18 & 1st Testament Texts

Heb. 2:5-8; Ps. 8:4-6; Gen. 1:26-27
Heb. 2:9-10
Heb. 2:10-18; Ps. 22:22; Isa. 8:17-18; Gal. 3:6-7,29

October 8 THEME: "JESUS, APOSTLE, PRIEST, BUILDER"

- Eyes Fixed on Jesus
- Jesus & Moses Backstory
- Warning #2: Against Unbelief

Hebrews 3:1-19 & 1st Testament Texts

Heb. 3:1
Heb. 3:2-6; Nu. 12:7-8
Heb. 3:7-19; Ps. 95:7-11; Nu. 14

October 15 THEME: "PROMISE OF SABBATH-REST"

- Standing Promise
- Some Enter & Some Don't
- Total Exposure

Hebrews 4:1-13 & 1st Testament Texts

Heb. 4:1,3,6; Gen. 2:2;
Heb. 4:6-11; Ps. 95:7-11
Heb. 4:12-13; Isa. 55:11; Ps. 19:11-12

October 22 **THEME: "JESUS, OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST"** **Hebrews 4:14-16 & 1st Testament Texts**

- High Priest Only Heb. 4:14; Lev. 16:2,15,17;
- Our Sympathetic High Priest Heb. 4:15-16; Matt. 4:1-11; Lk. 4:1-13
- *Anointing Prayer Ministry for Our Class* (*BelPres Prayer Ministers*)

October 29 – November 5 & 12 Class in Recess for Holy Land Bible Tour

November 19 **THEME: "PRIESTHOOD & MINISTRY"** **Hebrews 5:1-10 & 1st Testament Texts**

- Role & Work of a Priest Heb. 5:1-3; Ex. 28&29; Lev. 9
- Appointed Priesthood Heb. 5:4-6; Ps 2:7; 110:4
- Perfect Priesthood Heb. 5:7-10; Lk. 11:1-13; Matt. 26:36-46

November 26 **THEME: "SLIP-SLIDING AWAY" (Warning #3)** **Hebrews 5:11-6:12 & Selected Texts**

- Infant Formula vs Solid Food Heb. 5:11-14; 1 Pt. 2:2; 1Cor. 3:1-2
- Mastery of "A, B, C's" & ? Heb. 6:1-6; Acts 8:9-25
- Personal Challenge Heb. 6:7-11; Jn. 15:5-6; 2 Pt. 2:20-22

December 3 **THEME: "PROMISE MADE CERTAIN"** **Hebrews 6:13-7:10 & 1st Testament Texts**

- Swear an Oath Heb. 6:13-15; Genesis 22:15-18
- Abraham's Children Heb. 6:15-7:20; Gal. 3:6-7; Jn. 8:31-59
- Abraham's Tithe Heb. 7:1-10; Gen. 14:17-20

December 10 **THEME: "INDESTRUCTIBLE PRIESTHOOD"** **Hebrews 7:11-28 & 1st Testament Texts**

- Levi & Law vs Judah & LIFE Heb. 7:11-19; Ps. 110:4
- God's Oath Heb. 7:20-25
- Once for All Heb. 7:26-28

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16