



# Hebrews

**Chapter 1:1-4**

# What are we reading?

**A “word of exhortation”**

(Hebrews 13:22, Acts 13:15)

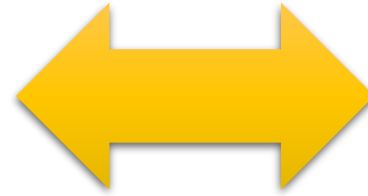
**to those who believe**

**But first...**

**God**, who in many parts and in many ways **spoke** in time past to the fathers...

## God spoke

- In many parts and many ways
- In times past
- To the fathers
- In the prophets



## But now

- (Fully and finally)
- In these last days
- To us
- In [His] Son

## The Son

*Whom He has appointed heir of all things...*



**Greater than the angels!**

God, who in many parts and in many ways  
spoke in time past to the fathers in the prophets,  
has in these last days spoken to us in [His] Son...

(Hebrews 1:1-2)

# Continuity...

*“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets.  
I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.”*

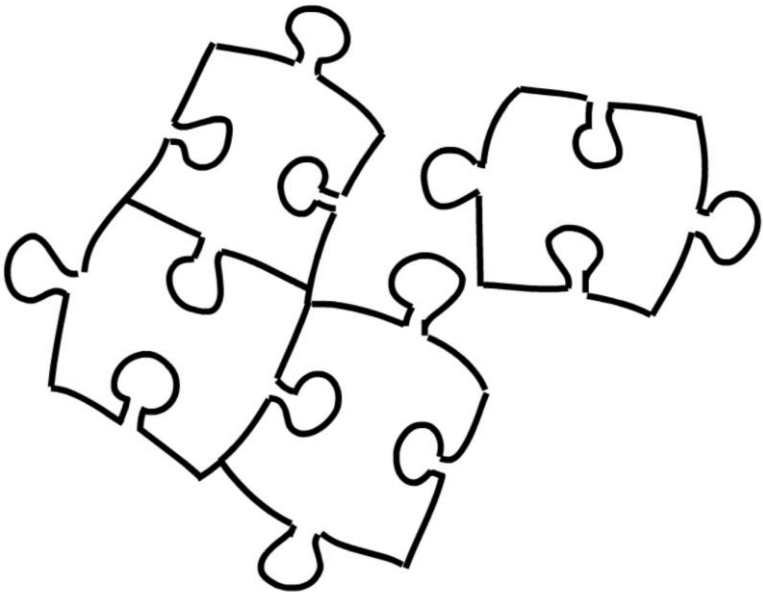
(Matthew 5:17)

*polymerōs* = many  
portions = piecemeal

*polytropōs* = many  
ways = various  
methods or forms

God, who in many parts and in many ways  
spoke in time past to the fathers in the prophets...

(Hebrews 1:1)



- Adam
- Noah
- Abraham
- Moses
- David
- Isaiah
- ...

- Words
- Rituals
- Buildings
- Visions
- Dreams
- Symbols
- ...

# God spoke...

## In the prophets...

- Fragmented
- Incomplete
- Preparatory

## In [His] Son...

- Whole
- Complete
- Final

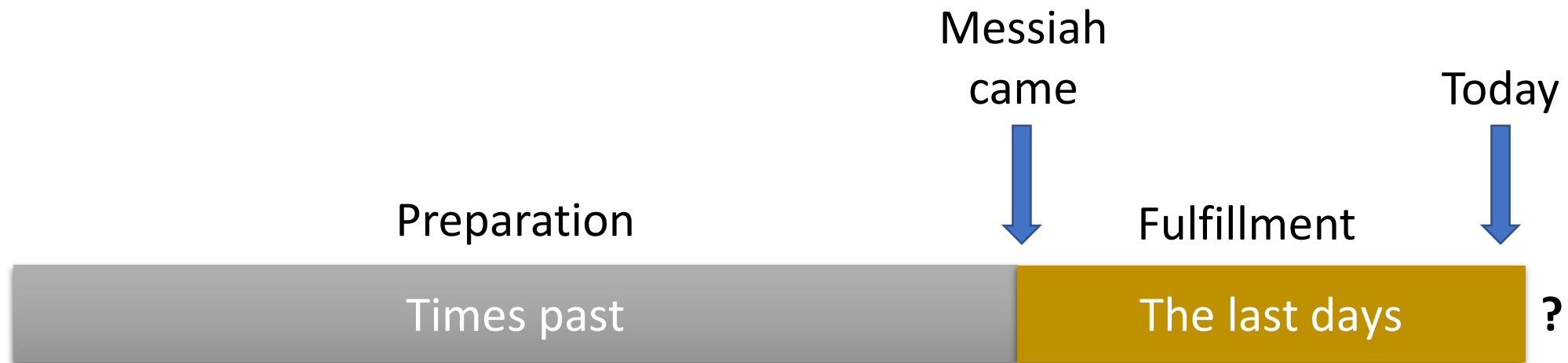
**The Son is the full and final word**

All others are forerunners of Him or witnesses to Him



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(Hebrews 1:1-2)



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has in these last days **spoken to us in [His] Son...**  
(Hebrews 1:1-2)

Literally “in Son”. The focus is  
character or nature rather than person.  
(also Hebrews 5:8 “...though [a] Son...”)

# God ... has ... spoken to us in [His] Son...

## It is God Himself who speaks

- Not another - neither prophet nor angel
- Not by the Holy Spirit through a (sinful) man
- Not as the Father

## but as Himself the divine person, the incarnate Son

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

(John 1:14)

## God ... has ... spoken to us in [His] Son...

- Whom He has appointed heir of all things,
- Through whom also He made the worlds;
- Who being the brightness of His glory, and
- The exact imprint of His nature, and
- Upholding all things by the word of His power,
- When He had purged sins,
- Sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

(Hebrews 1:2-3)

## Whom He has appointed heir of all things...

Ask of Me, and I will give You  
The nations for Your inheritance,  
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

(Psalms 2:8)

The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

(John 3:35)

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

(Matthew 28:18)

## Through whom He made the worlds...

Literally: “the ages”  
= the universe

All things were made through Him,  
and without Him nothing was made that was made.  
(John 1:3)

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth,  
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.  
**All things were created through Him and for Him.**

(Colossians 1:16)

**Being the brightness of His glory...**

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## The exact imprint of His nature...



No one has seen God at any time.  
The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom  
of the Father, **He has declared Him.**

(John 1:18)

***He who has seen Me has seen the Father.***

(John 14:9)



## Upholding all things by the word of His power...

Or continue, endure, exist

He Himself is before all things  
and all things are held together in Him.

(Colossians 1:17)

## He purged sins...

Or “accomplished a purification of sins”

For what the law could not do  
in that it was weak through the flesh,  
**God did by sending His own Son**  
in the likeness of sinful flesh,  
on account of sin:  
He condemned sin in the flesh...

(Romans 8:3)

## He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

He raised Him from the dead and  
**seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,**  
far above all principality and power and might and dominion,  
and every name that is named,  
not only in this age but also in that which is to come.  
**And He put all things under His feet...**

(Ephesians 1:20-22)

...having become **so much better than the angels**

(Hebrews 1:4)

[You] who have received the law **by the direction of angels** ...

(Acts 7:53)

[The law] was appointed **through angels** by the hand of a mediator.

(Galatians 3:19)

If the word spoken **through angels** proved steadfast ...

(Hebrews 2:2)

...as He has **by inheritance** obtained  
a more excellent name than they.

(Hebrews 1:4)

**Therefore** God also has highly exalted Him  
and given Him the name which is above every name,  
that at the name of **Jesus** every knee should bow...

(Philippians 2:9-10)

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