

Fresh Brewed Faith

Week 1

Introduction

I. Who wrote The Letter to the Hebrews?

A general profile:

- Hellenistic Jew
- Passionate Scholar

Hebrews 10:33-34

Hebrews 12:1-2

II. When was it written?

- Written after Timothy is released from prison.

Hebrews 13:23

- Written before 95 A.D.

Clement of Rome quoted Hebrews in a letter he wrote around 95 A.D.

- Written during a time when the church at Rome was under persecution.

Hebrews 12:4

- Written before the temple of Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D.

III. Who were the original recipients?

- Jewish

Hebrews 1:1

- Hellenistic
- Spiritually Immature

Hebrews 5:12

- Persecuted
 - In the past (Hebrews 10:32)
 - In the present (Hebrews 13:3)
 - In the future (Hebrews 12:3-4)

- Near Apostasy

Hebrews 10:26-27

IV. What is the central theme of the book of Hebrews?