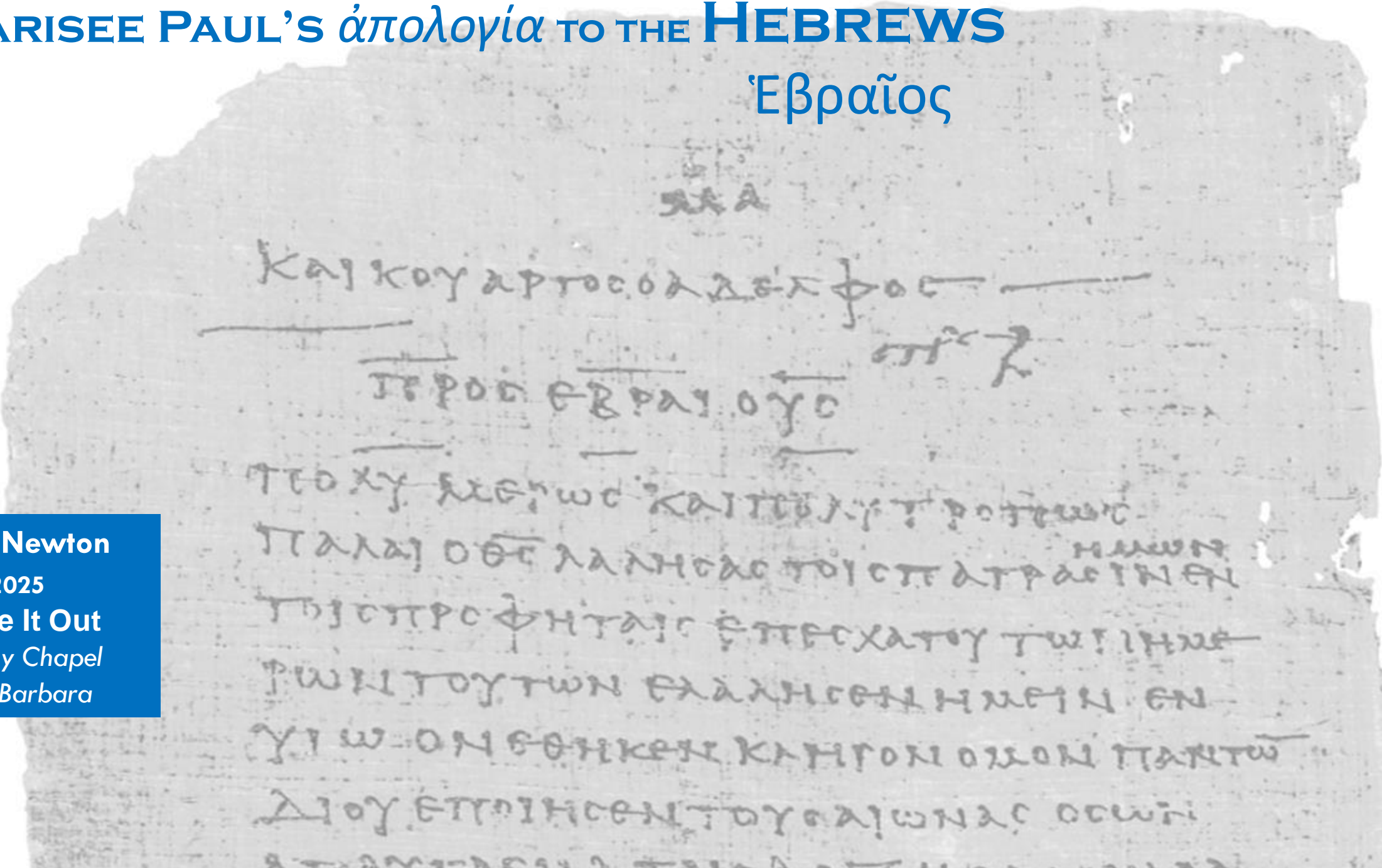


PHARISEE PAUL'S ἀπολογία TO THE HEBREWS

Ἑβραῖος



καὶ κοῦ ἄρτος ὀλίγου
πρὸς Ἑβραῖο ὄγος
πρόχως λέγει καὶ πρόχως ἰσοπέτως
πάλαι ὅτε ἠλάλησας τοῖς πατέρας ^{ἡμῶν} ἡμῶν
τοῖς προφήταις ἐπέσχετο ἰσχυρῶς
ῥῶνι τοῦτων ἠλάλησεν ἡμεῖς ἐν
ἡμῶν ὅτι ἠθέλησεν κληρονομοῦν πάντων
ἡμῶν ἐπισημῶν τοῦ αἰῶνος ὡς
ἀγαθὸν ἔλεγε τῆς ἰσχυρῆς ἡμῶν

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Ἑβραῖος “hay-brai-os”

Tonight's Study:

A. Background on Saul/Paul of Tarsus who was also known as Paul [Acts 13:9]

The résumé of a very learned highly-educated Pharisee

B. Overwhelming evidence that Paul is the author of Hebrews

12 Reasons that only Paul could write this epistle

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The Readers: Clearly written “Hebrews” Ἑβραῖος

”to the Hebrews” **κατά Ἑβραῖος** in the earliest existing copies

The Pivot [first 2 verses]

1st Peter 1:10-12 Fall 2024 *“prophets who prophesied”* Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel
Paul reminds his Jewish readers [already believers] a very clear segue:

*God, AFTER He spoke long ago to the fathers in the Prophets
[who prophesied] in many portions and in many ways
has NOW in these **Last Days** spoken to us in His Son Jesus, whom He
appointed Heir of all things thru whom He also made the world*

No Longer Any Need for Prophets

God has come to mankind in the Person of Jesus to fulfill EVERYTHING
from the Hebrew Scriptures

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The Prophets KNEW This!

Peter clearly states that Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel Daniel Amos Joel Malachi ALL were fully aware that what they spoke and wrote down was NOT for them but for those AFTER Messiah had come!

Saul of Tarsus KNEW Hebrew Scriptures [memorized Torah, Psalms, Prophets] so he is going to use **40 separate citations** from these to craft his amazing *apologia* that Jesus is in fact Israel's Maschiach ["Anointed One"].

Paul's Bibliography

2 Samuel 7:14 Heb 1:5a

Psalms 2:7

Heb 1:5b

Gen 22:16-17

Heb 6:14

Psalms 104:4

Heb 1:7

Psalms 110:4

Heb 7:17

Psalms 45:6-7

Heb 1:8-9

Psalms 110:4

Heb 7:21

Psalms 102:25-27

Heb 1:10-12

Exodus 25:40

Heb 8:5

Psalms 110:1

Heb 1:13

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Heb 8:7-13, 10:15-18

Psalms 8:4-6

Heb 2:5-10

Exodus 24:8

Heb 9:20

Psalms 22:22

Heb 2:12

Psalms 40:6-8

Heb 10:5-10

Isaiah 8:17

Heb 2:13

Deut. 32:35

Heb 10:30

Isaiah 8:18

Heb 2:13

Deut. 32:36

Heb 10:30

Psalms 95:7-11 Heb 3:7-11

Habakkuk 2:3-4

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Psalms 95:11

Heb. 4:3

Gen 21:12

Heb 11:18

Genesis 2:2

Heb 4:4

Prov. 3:11-12

Heb 12:5-6

Psalms 2:7

Heb 5:6

Deut. 9:19

Heb 12:21

Psalms 110:4

Heb 5:6

Haggai 2:6

Heb 12:26

Deut. 32:43

Heb 6:1

Deut. 31:6

Heb 13:5

Psalms 118:6

Heb 13:6

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1. Paul's Résumé

Describes himself with contranym **“a Hebrew among Hebrews”** [Philippians 3:5-6]
as to the Law, a Pharisee - as to zeal, I persecuted the early church

Acts 26:5 *I lived as a Pharisee according to STRICTEST sect of our religion*

Acts 22:3 *I'm a Jew born in Tarsus brought up in Jerusalem under Gamaliel
taught according to the STRICTNESS of our fathers' Law*

Jewish parents. Father is a Rabbi. from tribe of Benjamin.

Circumcised on 8th day. Studied in Jerusalem under Gamaliel to become a Pharisee.

Member of the revered Sanhedrin [**present and in agreement at Stephen being stoned**]

HOW STRICT was Saul? Jesus described these “religious elite”

Galatians 6:12-14 Paul says the circumcised may not even keep the Law themselves but want to keep up a good appearance in the flesh by compelling others to be circumcised so they can boast about having persuaded them to do so keeping outward requirements that have nothing to do with the condition of the heart

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Insert “Paul” as **Jesus exposes these** STRICT religious Pharisees [Mark 7:1-8]

“Paul worshipped God in vain, teaching as doctrine what are nothing more than his own precepts and ideas”

Pharisees disturbed that Jesus’ disciples did not ceremonially wash their hands before eating
Pharisees *own ideas* HOW to wash a cup or pitcher or copper pot, that nothing impure enters the body

[Matthew 15:11] **“It’s not what enters a man’s mouth that defiles Paul, but what comes out”**

Jewish *Halakah* included not only the Law of Moses in the Torah, but oral traditions and other precepts rabbis had interpreted and passed along to each generation.

Jesus’ parable about a *Pharisee* [Luke 18:9-14] and publican tax-collector, Jewish sell-out collaborator with Rome

Both went into the Temple to pray. **Paul boastfully thanked God he was not like “other people”**
swindlers, unjust, adulterers, and like this publican praying next to him.

Self-assured Pharisee-Paul thought to himself he fasted twice a week and tithed from all he received.

Publican simply asked God to be merciful to him for he was a sinner.

Jesus said the publican went home justified that day - **but not Paul the Pharisee**

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted”

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Jesus exposed the fasting of Pharisees [Matthew 6:16] calling them hypocrites, because they intentionally neglected their outward hygiene so their disheveled appearance while fasting would get them attention from the people, who then admired how devout these Pharisees were. Jesus said they got noticed by men so **that alone** was their reward for fasting. It counted for nothing with God because the heart was not humble.

Jesus exposed their tithing [Luke 21:1-4] as the wealthy made a public show of bringing their tithe to the Temple, again, to be noticed by men – AND they were giving out of their surplus, not their first fruits.

Jesus uncovered their true intentions [Matthew 6:5] about prayer - how Pharisees are hypocrites who love to pray standing up in the synagogues for all to see, or out on the street corners in their robes to be seen by men.

Jesus exposed further hypocrisy that Pharisees will tithe their cooking spices of mint, dill, and cumin - literally separating out ten percent of these used for a meal - but they do not show justice, mercy, or faithfulness, the things they *should* be very willing to parse out [Matthew 23:23].

Pharisees even go so far as to strain a gnat that accidentally flies into their mouth on a windy day, just to be sure they did not violate the Law of Moses and eat meat on a day when it was not allowed [Matthew 23:24].

Pharisees also regarded their offering on the Temple altar as more important than the altar itself [Matthew 23:18-19]

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Jesus warned that Pharisees are concerned about getting dirty dishes ceremonially clean for the next meal, because the outward appearance is not what is important, when they themselves *inside* remain full of robbery and self-indulgence [Matthew 23:25-26].

Jesus made it clear [Matthew 23:27] that hypocritical zeal of Pharisees makes them just like **whitewashed tombs** which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness – even as they loved being out in public among “ordinary people” wearing elaborate long robes, to be greeted with reverence.

Pharisees got the **choice seats of honor** up in front when they arrived at the synagogue [Luke 20:46].

Pharisees were also known [verse 46] for devouring the homes of widows [also Matthew 23:14 and Mark 12:40] using their standing and supposed lofty reputation to take advantage of widows whom they “helped”, and then feigned that they expected any financial compensation for their efforts – but ended up using the widow's situation as an opportunity to manipulate her finances or home ownership to benefit themselves.

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Consider the widow who gave that mite as her offering to the Temple treasury [Matthew 12:42-44] - perhaps she was overly burdened with expectations from Pharisees that she HAD to give an offering, even though she literally had nothing to give, as she tried to exist on charity from others. If Pharisees truly had a humble heart and loved God, they were supposed to provide protection and care for the widows and orphans [Deuteronomy 26:12].

Jesus' brother James wrote that care for these at the lowest end of societal standing – widows and orphans - was *the true definition of pure and undefiled religion* [James 1:27].

It is interesting that the Pharisees did not have respect for direct warning from God [Isaiah 10:1-2] regarding those who would take advantage of, or rob from, widows.

Jesus noted [John 5:39] that although Pharisees knew the Hebrew Scriptures [memorized the entire Torah], they believed that in that alone they had life. However, they actually had no life, because those very same passages they committed to memory from the Torah, Psalms, and prophets were entirely about Jesus the Messiah, who would literally fulfill all Scripture - *“If you REALLY knew the Scriptures you would know they testify of Me”*.

THIS will frame Paul's apologia to the Hebrews – that the Scriptures clearly testify of Jesus!

PHARISEE PAUL DURING JESUS' MINISTRY

Paul's personal testimony is reliable - he was one born "as one out of due season" [1st Corinthians 15:8]
He was not a direct contemporary in time [and age] with the other Apostles chosen personally by Jesus.
He was probably born 10-12 years after Jesus. If Jesus was born on Yom Teruah - September 29, 2 BC - Saul would have been born in 9-11 AD. When Jesus started His ministry at age 30 [Luke 3:23, Numbers 4:3] in the Fall of 29 AD, Saul would have only been 18-20 years old and probably still a student of Gamaliel in Jerusalem.

Saul would have very likely heard about the new teacher, Jehoshua from Nazareth, doing many amazing things in and around Jerusalem. He may have even been present at one of the times Jesus taught in the Temple.
Very plausible that as a young up-and-coming Pharisee, Saul around during Passover week in 32 AD – when Jesus came into Jerusalem on a donkey's foal, and ended up before the Sanhedrin for an illegal overnight trial.

Saul had his sights set on one day becoming a member of that same religious ruling body.
But being only 20 +/- years of age at that time, he was probably not present when Jesus was questioned and ridiculed prior to being sent over to Pontius Pilate who sentenced Him to death by crucifixion.

No direct indication Saul was present on Golgotha as Jesus hung on the cross. But it is very likely he heard about the empty tomb and various claims that Jesus had been seen by hundreds of people during those six weeks after the Feast of First Fruits. That is the precursor to how he began his persecution of believers in Jesus

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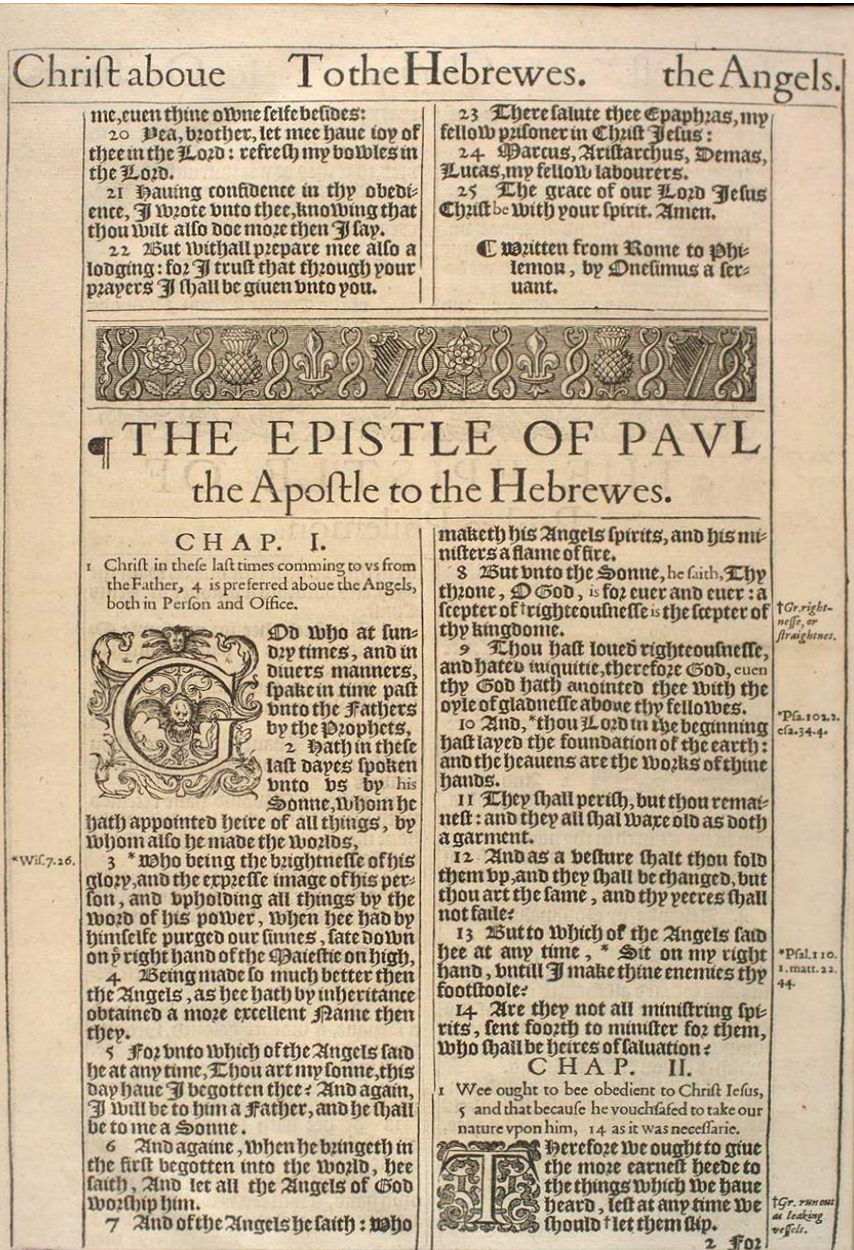
Saul was clearly on track toward a prominent position among the Jews, studying in Jerusalem under the renowned Rabbi Gamaliel probably between 23 to 36 AD – and overlapped with Jesus' nearly three years of public ministry in and around Jerusalem - from September 29 AD up through May of 32 AD].

It is intriguing to see Saul alive and living-studying in Jerusalem during the same years that Jesus ministered in that city. He no doubt heard about this teacher from Nazareth, as he was active in the circles of the Jewish religious leaders. While none of the four Gospels or Luke's *Acts* record Saul being present when Jesus spoke, did miracles, hung on the cross, or was seen by hundreds after the resurrection, **he was specifically named** as he stood and watched Stephen stoned to death by those religious elite Pharisees he aspired to be part of.

Saul was, in his own words, **a very STRICT Pharisee with zeal for the Law of Moses** - the same as the Pharisees Jesus exposed as hypocrites. That zeal drove him to openly attack the followers of Jesus exactly as Luke records [Acts 22:3-4] he was “zealous for God and persecuted The Way to the death, putting both men and women into prison”.

But God had another plan for this learned Pharisee

STRONG EVIDENCE PAUL WROTE THIS HEBREWS EPISTLE



B. Paul's Authorship

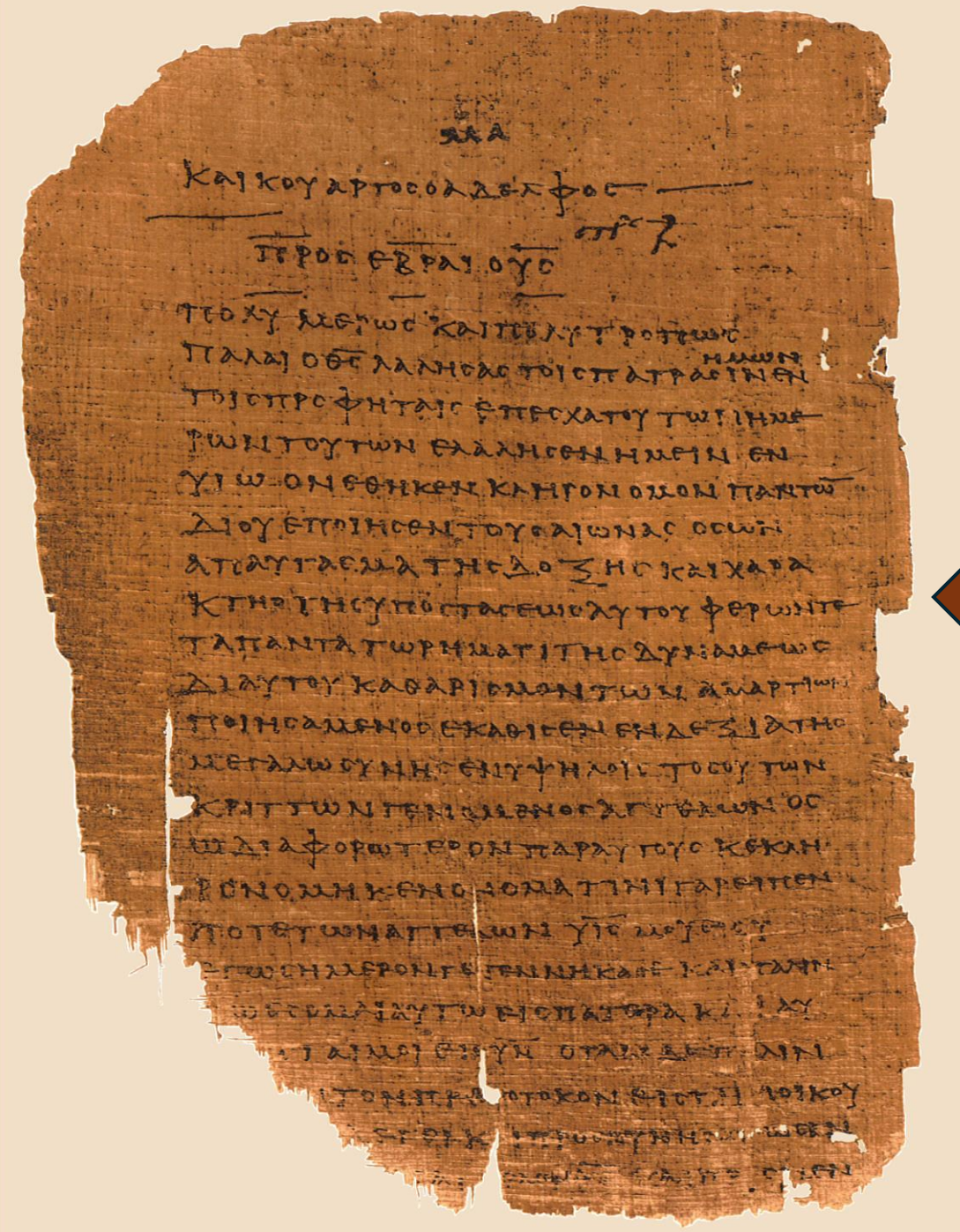
12 Evidences

#1 For almost 2 millennia virtually everyone agreed that Paul wrote Hebrews.

The 1611 King James Bible:

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL the Apostle to the Hebrews

Saul/Paul is THE most logical experienced/learned scholar with background-education to write this!



Papyrus 46 [175-205 AD]

Romans, 1st and 2nd Corinthians
Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians
Philippians, 1st Thessalonians
and HEBREWS!!



Hebrews 1:1-7 in koine Greek
κατὰ Ἑβραῖος
“to the Hebrews”

on display in Chester Beatty Library, Dublin
and Univ. of Michigan Papyrus Collection

LATER EDITION
KING JAMES BIBLE

Written to the Hebrews
from Italy

by *Timothie* [what?]

This was added in by
translators but it's
not in manuscripts

Hebrews 13:23 says,

“take notice that our brother
Timothy has been released
with whom, if he comes soon
I will then see you also”

Cannot arrive with Yourself!

Of mariage. To the Hebrewes. Fruit of lips.

23 To the generall assembly, and Church of the first borne which are written in heauen, and to God the Iudge of all, and to the spirits of iust men made perfect:
24 And to Iesus the mediatur of the new Couenant, and to the blood of sprinckling, that speaketh better things then that of Abel.
25 See that yee refuse not him that speaketh: for if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape if wee turne away from him that speaketh from heauen.
26 Whose voice then shooke the earth, but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth onely, but also heauen.
27 And this word Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remaine.
28 Wherefore wee receiuing a kingdom which cannot be moued, let vs haue grace, whereby we may serue God acceptably, with reuerence and godly feare.
29 For our God is a consuming fire.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Diuers admonitions, as to Charitie, 4 To honest life, 5 To auoide couetousnes, 7 To regarde Gods preachers, 9 To take heed of strange doctrines, 10 To confesse Christ, 16 To giue almes, 17 To obey gouernors, 18 To pray for the Apostle. 20 The Conclusion.

Et brotherly loue continue.
2 Bee not forgetfull to entertaine strangers, for thereby some haue entertained Angels vnawares.
3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them, and them which suffer aduersitie, as being your selues also in the body.
4 Mariage is honorable in all, and the bed vndefiled: but whoremongers, and adulterers God will iudge.
5 Let your conuersation bee without couetousnesse: and be content with such things as yee haue. For hee hath said, * I will neuer leaue thee, nor forsake thee.
6 So that wee may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not

Make in faith. Chap. j. God tempteth not.

fer the word of exhortation, for I haue written a letter vnto you in few words.
23 Know yee, that our brother Timothie is act at libertie, with whom if he come shortly, I will see you.
24 Salute all them that haue the rule ouer you, and al the Saints. They of Italy salute you.
25 Grace be with you all. Amen.
¶ Written to the Hebrewes, from Italy, by Timothie.

THE GENERALL
Epistle of Iames.

CHAP. I.

Wee are to reioyce vnder the Crosse, 3 To aske patience of God, 13 And in our trials not to impute our weaknesse, or sinnes vnto him, 19 but rather to hearken to the word, to meditate in it, and to doe thereafter. 26 Otherwise men may seeme, but neuer be truly religious.

Ames a seruant of God, and of the Lord Iesus Christ, to the twelue Tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.
2 My brethren, count it all ioy when ye fall into diuers temptations,
3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience,
4 But let patience haue her perfect worke, that ye may be perfect, and entier, wanting nothing.
5 If any of you lacke wisdom, let him aske of God, that giueth to all men liberally, and vpbraideth not: and it shalbe giuen him.
6 But let him aske in faith, nothing wauering: for he that wauereth is like a wauie of the sea, driuen with the wind, and tossed.
7 For let not that man thinke that he shall receiue any thing of the Lord.
8 A double minded man is vnstable in all his wayes.
9 Let the brother of low degree, reioyce in that he is exalted:
10 But the rich, in that hee is made low: because as the floure of the grasse he shall passe away.
11 For the Sunne is no sooner risen with a burning heate, but it withereth the grasse: and the floure thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his wayes.
12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when hee is tried, hee shall receiue the crowne of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that loue him.
13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with euill, neither tempteth he any man.
14 But every man is tempted, when hee is drawn away of his owne lust, and entised.
15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sinne: and sinne, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
16 Doe not erre, my beloued brethren.
17 Euery good gift, and euery perfect gift is from aboue, & commeth downe from the Father of lights, with whom is no variablenesse, neither shadow of turning.
18 Of his owne will begate hee vs, with the word of Trueth, that wee should bee a kinde of first fruites of his creatures.
19 Wherefore my beloued brethren, let euery man bee swift to heare, slow to speake, slow to wrath.
20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousnesse of God.
21 Wherefore lay apart all filthinesse, and superfluitie of naughtinesse, & receiue with meeknesse the engrafted word, which is able to saue your soules.
22 But be ye doers of the word, and

STRONG EVIDENCE PAUL WROTE THIS HEBREWS EPISTLE

Only in the last 3 centuries that supposedly “learned” “enlightened” seminarians, theologians, pastors, authors, professors, have needed new topics to research, write-about, debate, and bring into question

*They suggest: Bar-Nabas? Aquila and Priscilla? Apollos? Timotheus?
but have ZERO substantive evidence to support ANY of these
They are ALL essentially speculation only!*

*?? Hebrews 2:3 after it was at the first spoken thru the Lord, it was confirmed
to us by those who heard*

Liberal Interpret: “it was taught to me by Jesus’ Apostles”

Logical-Literal: ”after Lord spoke it to me, Peter and James confirmed it to me”

Galatians 2:9 Peter and John extend hand to Paul

STRONG EVIDENCE PAUL WROTE THIS HEBREWS EPISTLE

2. Paul's Authorship

#2 Hebrews is circulated with Paul's other epistles in ancient manuscripts

Papyrus 46 [175-205 AD] *Chester Beatty II*

86 leaves found in Egypt

Numerous early church writers-theologians recognize Saul/Paul

Clement Polycarp Pantaeus Ambrose Rufinus Eusebius

#3 Tertullian first to claim Bar-Nabas

But Councils of Hippo and at Carthage rejected his position and declared,

"the Epistle to the Hebrews is from Paul and it is canon"

#4 Hebrews 13:23 *our brother Timothues has been released, with whom, if he comes soon, I will see you*

Paul & Timothy longstanding history together

Timothy would not be writing about accompanying himself!!

STRONG EVIDENCE PAUL WROTE THIS HEBREWS EPISTLE

2. Paul's Authorship

#5 *UNIQUE signature/sign-off to his Epistles*

Romans 16:24 Grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all, Amen

1st Corinth. 16:23 Grace of the Lord Jesus be with you

2nd Corinth. 13:14 Grace of Lord Jesus be with you all

Galatians 6:18 Grace of Lord Jesus with with your spirit

Ephesians 6:24 Grace be with you all

Philippians 4:23 Grace of Lord Jesus be with your spirit

1st Thess. 5:28 Grace of Lord Jesus be with you

2nd Thess. 3:18 Grace of our Lord be with you all

1st Timothy 6:21 Grace be with you

2nd Timothy 4:22 Grace be with you

Titus 3:15 Grace be with you all

Philemon 1:25 Grace of Lord Jesus be with your spirit

Hebrews 13:25 Grace be with you all

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2. Paul's Authorship

#6 *UNIQUE request also only in 2 other Paul epistles*

1st Thess. 5:25 *PRAY FOR US*

2nd Thess. 3:1 *PRAY FOR US*

Hebrews 13:18 *PRAY FOR US*

#7 **Romans-Galatians-Hebrews**

Similar "lists" of 17

Romans 8:35-39 17 things cannot separate from Christ's love [7 then 10 more]

Galatians 5:19-21 17 things that do keep us from being in Christ's Spirit

Hebrews 12:18-24 17 things that Zion is better than Sinai [7 then 10 more]

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2. Paul's Authorship

SAME Romans-Galatians-Hebrews O.T. Quote

Habakkuk 2:4 *For the Just [the righteous] will live by Faith*

Paul is the **ONLY** writer in the entire New Testament who cites **Habakkuk 2:4**

#8 *Romans 1:17* Paul cites Habakkuk 2:4 *as righteousness of God s revealed in Faith*

#9 *Galatians 3:11* Paul cites Habakkuk 2:4 *because no one is justified by the Law*

Hebrews 10:38 Paul cites Habakkuk 2:4 *because Jesus is coming for those who live by Faith*

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2. Paul's Authorship

#10 *Timotheus*

Hebrews 13:23 *take notice that **our brother Timotheus** has been released with whom, if he comes soon, I will then see you also*

2nd Corin. 1:1 *from Paul an Apostle and **Timotheus our brother***

Colossians 1:1 *from Paul an Apostle of Jesus and **our brother Timotheus***

1st Thess. 1:1 *from Paul and Sylvanus **and Timotheus***

Acts 16:1 17:14-15 18:5 19:22 20:4 *Timotheus with Paul*

Romans 16:21 *Timotheus is my fellow worker*

1st Corin. 4:17, 16:10 2nd Corin. 1:19 Philemon 1:1 etc.....

NO such relationship noted with Bar-Nabas or Apollos or Aquila & Priscilla

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2. Paul's Authorship #11 *Peter also mentions Paul writing to **Hebrews***

2nd Peter 3:14-15 *my beloved Jews be diligent to be found in Him and regard the patience of the Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother **Paul** according to the wisdom given to Him **also wrote to you***

2nd Peter 3:16 *just like in **all his other letters** he spoke of these same things, in which are some topics that are hard to understand which the untaught and unstable distort as they do also the rest of our [Hebrew] Scriptures*

“other letters Paul spoke of these” is Peter referring to Paul’s epistles to GENTILES
but Peter contrasts those with **“he also wrote to you”** [Peter’s readers are all Jews]

Dave Hunt & Chuck Missler both note: *if Paul didn’t write Hebrews, there’s another letter out there just to Jewish believers that’s missing!*

Peter [Galilean fisherman] notes **“some topics hard to understand”**
[from this highly-educated Pharisee Paul]

STRONG EVIDENCE PAUL WROTE THIS HEBREWS EPISTLE

2. Paul's Authorship

#12 *VERY similar OT-citations by Paul*

Acts 13:32-39

*And we declare to you glad tidings, Promise made to the fathers
God has fulfilled this for us their children, He has raised up Jesus.
As written in **second Psalm [v-7]**, "You are My Son, today I have begotten You."
He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken this:
"I will give you the sure mercies of David" [**Isaiah 55:3, 35**] Therefore He also says
in another **Psalm [16:10]**: "You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption" for
David, after he served his own generation by the will of God, died and was buried
with his fathers, and saw corruption - but He whom God raised saw no corruption.
Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to
you the forgiveness of sins - and by Him everyone who believes is justified from
all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.*

STRONG EVIDENCE PAUL WROTE THIS HEBREWS EPISTLE

2. Paul's Authorship *WHY would Paul intentionally keep this epistle anonymous?*

Acts 9:15 God told Ananias of Damascus *"Saul is my chosen instrument to the GENTILES"*

Acts 13:46 because Jews reject Gospel, *"we are turning our attention to the GENTILES"*

Acts 18:6 because the Jews blasphemed Paul he replied, *"I will go to the GENTILES"*

Galatians 2:2 Paul states *"I preach the Gospel to the GENTILES"*

Ephesians 3:1 Paul states *"I Paul, am captive by Jesus for the sake of the GENTILES"*

Acts 22:21 as Paul watched Stephen stoned *"I will send you far away to the GENTILES"*

But notice that every time Paul preached-taught-spoke to Jewish audience it resulted in chaos-riot-anger-backlash – he is always accused of blaspheming!!

Acts 21 Roman soldiers intervene to avoid Paul being killed by angry Jews

Acts 23 40 Jews took a vow to kill Paul

Acts 18 in Corinth Acts 13 Pisidian Antioch etc.....

STRONG EVIDENCE PAUL WROTE THIS HEBREWS EPISTLE

2. Paul's Authorship *Anonymous?*

- Jews hated the former Pharisee now preaching Gospel of Jesus
- Jews hated Paul's teaching that "the Law could not save a person"
- Jews refuted his teachings about circumcision
- Jews challenged Paul being an Apostle like Peter and John

An "open letter" to **ALL of Hebrew lineage** would not be refuted outright because it's from Pharisee Paul, with whom they had intense bias/prejudice. They would give it a read-thru or listen to it and judge based on its merits, not be hostile outright because it's from Paul

Probably written after Rome house arrest, but prior to 2nd arrest and prison in Mamertine [circa 65-66] before execution in 67 and DEFINITELY before Romans destroy Jerusalem and Temple in 70 AD.

STRONG EVIDENCE PAUL WROTE THIS HEBREWS EPISTLE

2. Paul's Authorship *Transcribed Oral Sermon?*

Could it be that Paul preached a detailed sermon to a Jewish audience and Luke took notes to later transcribe that address into written epistle form?

This could explain what appears to be unique/different style of Greek writing by Luke that is not similar to when Paul pens his own epistles.

HOWEVER: Clement of Alexandria [150–215 AD] writes

Paul wrote Hebrews in Hebrew, Luke then translated his words into Greek

STRONG EVIDENCE PAUL WROTE THIS HEBREWS EPISTLE

Paul's Authorship

dozens of Greek grammatical similarities

"sons" in Hebrews 2:10 7:5

11:21-22 12:5, 7, 8

ALL have υἱός [hu-ee-os] for "sons"

But other N.T. writers tend to use

τέκνον [tek-non] "child/children"

[4 Gospels and Acts]

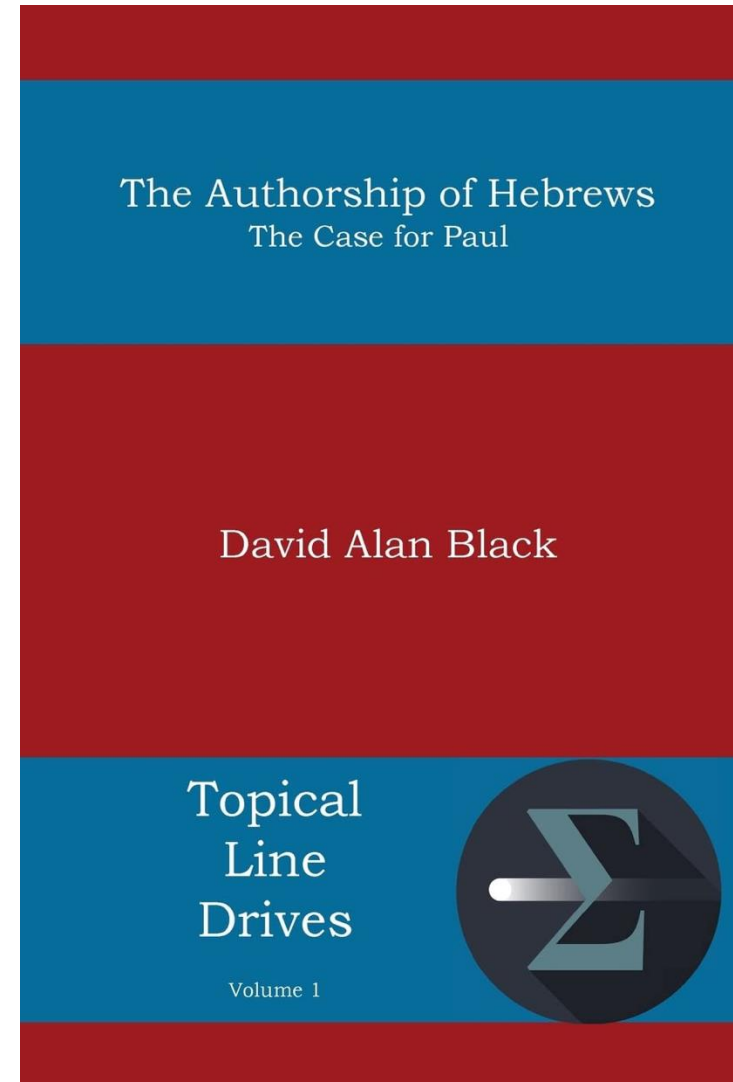
Paul's Romans 8:16

Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit

Paul's Hebrews 10:15

Spirit testifies within us

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