

Treasure Hunt

- Compare the three things to which we are to “hold fast” (3:6, 14; 10:23)
- (Ben:) What was the ultimate reason that Israel could not enter the land?
- (Michael:) What is the difference between “the rest” and “God’s rest”?
- (Caitlin:) What place was Israel’s sanctuary designed to resemble?
- (Nate:) What event will be reversed when we finally enter God’s rest?
- How can the curse of Psa 95:11 be considered a “promise” (4:1)?
- How does this promise contrast with Gen 2:2?
- (Faith:) Did Joshua give Israel rest, or didn’t he?
- What is the difference between “rest” in v. 9 and in the rest of this section?
- Whom does v. 10 describe?

Structure of 3:1-4:13

Epistle to the Hebrews

1:1-10:25, The Person and Work of the Son
1:1-4, Introduction

1:5-2:18, His Person: the Son & the Angels
1:1-14, **Higher** than the Angels
2:1-4, **Warning**: Neglect
2:5-18, **Lower** than the Angels

3:1-10:25, His Work: the Son & the Priests
3:1-6 A **Faithful** High Priest
3:7-4:13 **Warning**: Unbelief
4:14-10:25, A **Merciful** High Priest

10:26-13:19, The Life of the Sons
10:26-31, **Warning**: Willful Sin
10:32-12:24, The Believer's Attitude
12:25-29, **Warning**: Refusing God
13:1-19, Exhortation: Life in Community

13:20-25, Epistolary Close

3:1-4:13, Exhortation to Faithfulness

3:1-6, Positive Exhortation
"Brethren, ... consider"
1-6a, The Son greater than Moses
6b, **Warning** of our relation to him

3:7-11, **Warning** from the **Word** (Ps 95b)

3:12-4:11, **Exposition** of Ps 95b
"Take heed, brethren"
3:12-19, Diagnosis: Unbelief
4:1-11, Promise: Rest

4:12-13, Power of the **Word** (Ps 95b)

What must we Hold Fast κατέχω G2722?

3:6, the confidence (boldness, παρρησία G3954) and the rejoicing (boasting, καύχημα G2745) of the hope ἐλπίς G1680

1Pe 3:15 be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you

3:14 the **beginning** (ἀρχή G746) of the [not your] **confidence** (ὑπόστασις G5287)

Heb 1:3 [The Son] being the brightness of his glory, and the express **image** of his person

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which **at the first** (ἀρχή G746) began to be spoken by the Lord,

10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith [hope ἐλπίς G1680] without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Quotations in the Questions and Answers of 3:16-18

Heb 3:16-18	Heb 3:7-11 ← Psalm 95	Numbers 14
16 Who, when they heard , did provoke ? Was it not all that came out of Egypt by Moses ?	7 To day if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation	2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt !
17 But with whom was he grieved forty years ? <i>was it</i> not with them that had sinned , whose carcasses fell in the wilderness ?	9 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation,	33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years , and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness 40 for we have sinned .
18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest , but to them that believed not?	11 So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest .	11 How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, ...

1Co 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ... 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

The Rest vs. God's Rest

Deu 12:9 For ye are not as yet come to **the rest** and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you. 10 But when **ye** go over Jordan, and **dwell** in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; 11 Then **there shall be a place** which the LORD your God shall choose to cause **his name to dwell [tabernacle]** there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD: 12 **And ye shall rejoice** before the LORD your God ...

2Ch 6:41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into **thy resting place**, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

Psa 132:13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. 14 This is **my rest** for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

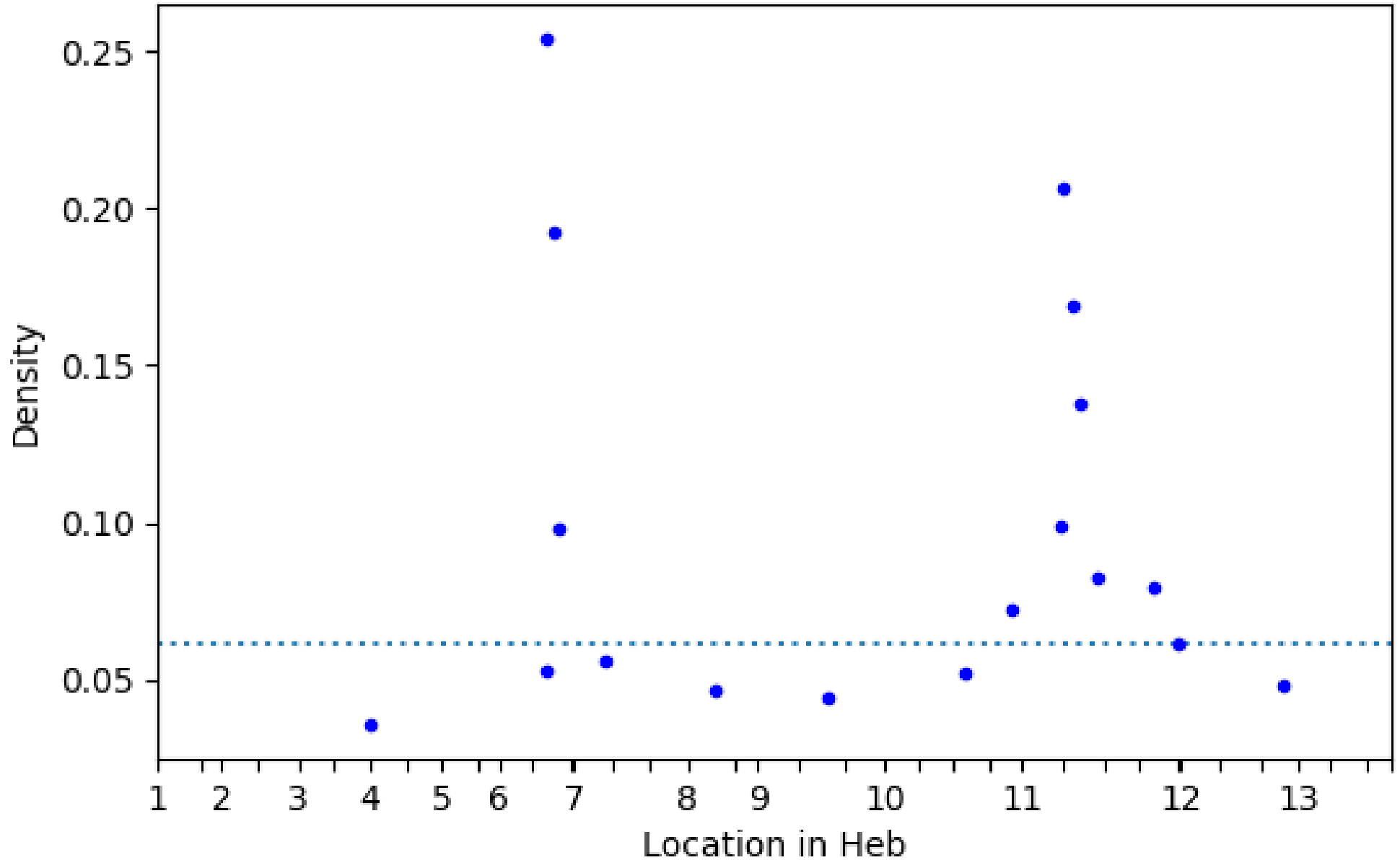
Isa 66:1 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of **my rest?**

The Sanctuary as Eden



- Cherubim on the veil Ex 26:1, 31
- Adam “worked and guarded” the garden Num 3:7-8; 8:26; 18:7
- Menorah (almond tree) Ex 25:31,33
- Pomegranates on High Priest’s robe Ex 28:33
- Solomon decorated interior of temple with carved palm trees 1 Ki 6:29

“Promise” in Hebrews



References on Heb 4:1-11

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them:

Num. 14:8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

3 although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Gen. 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

8 For if Jesus had given them rest,

Josh. 21:44 And the LORD **gave them rest round about**, according to all that he sware unto their fathers:

Josh. 22:4 And now the LORD your God **hath given rest** unto your brethren, as he promised them:

Josh. 23:1 And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD **had given rest unto Israel** from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.

9 There remaineth therefore a rest [sabbath-keeping] to the people of God.

Is. 58:13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable;

Ps 42:4 for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

Heb 12:22 But ye are come ... 23 to an innumerable company: angels in festal assembly and ... and the church of the firstborn