

Treasure Hunt

- (Caitlin:) How does the author mark the unity of 4:14-10:25?
- (Ben, Nate:) What verses in ch. 1 and ch. 2 does 4:14-16 recall?
- What unusual characteristic is suggested by the title, “great high priest”?
- (Michael:) What is unusual about describing God’s throne as a “throne of grace”?
- What three features characterize all priests?
- How did the Levitical priests show their identity with the people?
- How did the Messiah show his identity with us?
- (Extra Credit:) Did the Father answer the Lord Jesus’ prayer in the garden?
- (Faith:) What verse in ch. 2 does 5:9-10 recall?
- What was the theme of ch. 2, and why does the author link his discussion to it?

Epistle to the Hebrews

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

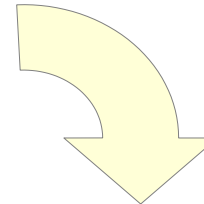
1:5-2:18, His Person: the Son & the Angels
1:1-14, **Higher** than the Angels
2:1-4, **Warning**: Neglect
2:5-18, **Lower** than the Angels

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**

13:20-25, Epistolary Close

Structure of 3:1-4:13



4:14-10:25, A **Merciful** High Priest
4:14-16, Opening: Hold Fast & Draw Near
5:1-10, *Similarities* to other Priests
5:11-6:12, **Warning**: Stagnation
6:13-10:18, *Differences* from other Priests
6:13-7:28, **Order** of Priesthood
8:1-10:18, **Covenant** of Priesthood
10:19-25, Closing: Draw Near & Hold Fast

Inclusio around ch. 4-10

ch. 4	ch. 10
<p>14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,</p>	<p>19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And having an high priest over the house of God;</p>
<p>let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.</p>	<p>22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.</p>

4:14 “Great High Priest

Hebrew: “Great priest”

LXX:

- “Great priest” ἱερεὺς μέγας
- (rarely) “High priest” ἀρχ-ιερεὺς
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Only three times: “great high priest”

- Heb 4:14
- 1 Macc 13:42
- 1 Macc 14:27

1 Maccabees: history of revolt of faithful Jews against Antiochus Epiphanes

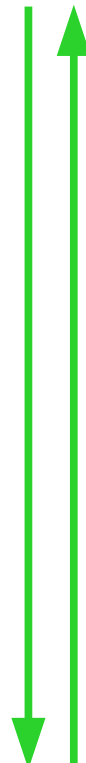
- Mattathias, 167-166 BC
- Judas, 166-160 BC
- Jonathan, 160-142 BC
- Simon, 142-134 BC

4:14 great high priest

1Mac. 13:42 Then the people of Israel began to write in their instruments and contracts, In the first year of Simon **the great high priest**, the **governor and leader** of the Jews.

1Mac. 14:27 So then they wrote it in tables of brass, which they set upon pillars in mount Zion: and this is the copy of the writing; The eighteenth day of the month Elul, in the hundred threescore and twelfth year, being the third year of Simon **the great high priest**, ... 35 The people therefore, seeing the acts of Simon, and unto what glory he thought to bring his nation, made him their **governor and chief priest**, because he had done all these things, and for the justice and faith which he kept to his nation, and for that he sought by all means to exalt his people.

Similarity of the Messiah and Levitical Priests

	Levitical Priests (1-4)		Messiah (5-9)
Mission	1 For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things <i>pertaining to God</i> , that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins :		9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;
Identity	2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity . 3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.		7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;
Authority	4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself , but he that is called of God, as <i>was Aaron</i> .		5 So also [the] Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. 6 As he saith also in another <i>place</i> , Thou <i>art</i> a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

References for 5:1-10



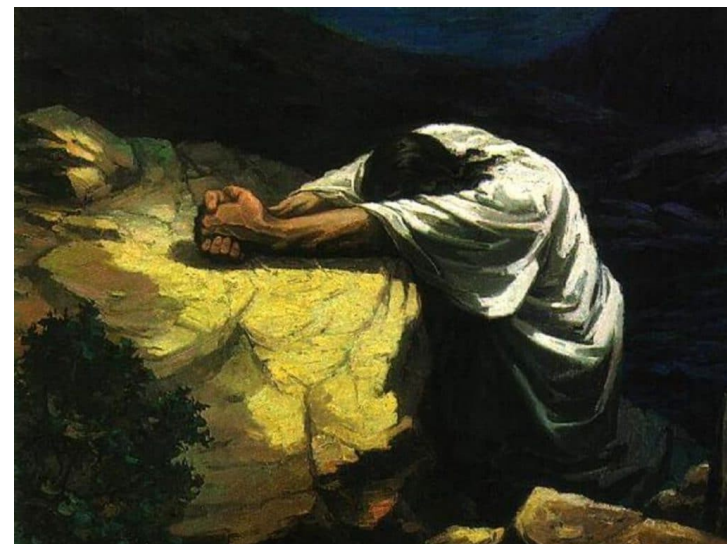
3 ... as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.

Lev 16:6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.

4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, ...

Exo 28:1 And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

https://media.freebibleimages.org/stories/FB_Moses_Tabernacle/overview-images/023-moses-tabernacle.jpg?1538658058



7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death

Matt 26:39 O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

<https://avemariaradio.net/gethsemane-agony-garden-prayer-jesus/>

How 5:8-10 recalls 2:20

2:10	5:8-10
<p>For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.</p>	<p>8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; 10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.</p>