

# The Book of Hebrews

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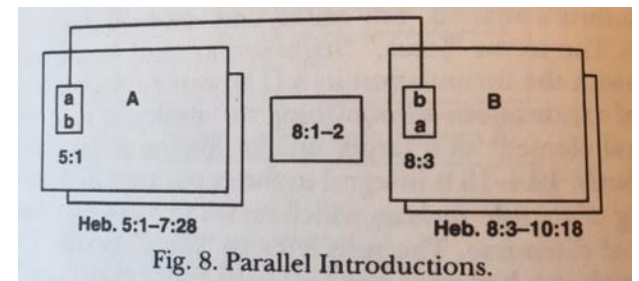
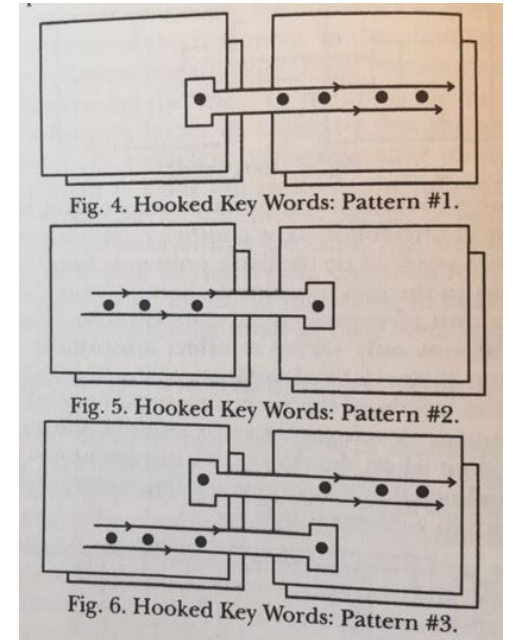
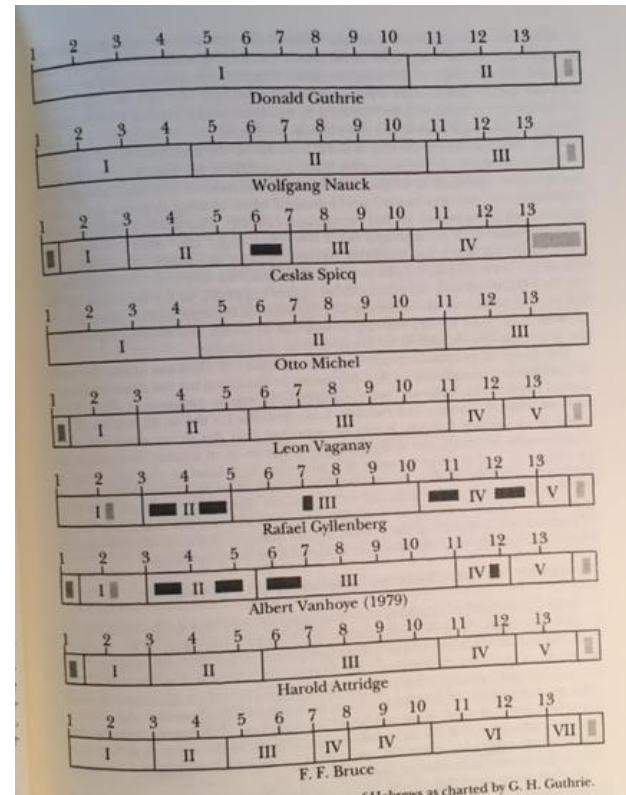
AN INTRODUCTION

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# A Unique Book of the New Testament

Easier to say what we don't know than what we do!

- Not a letter
- Not the real title
- Unknown author
- Unknown audience
- Unknown timeframe
- Difficult to chart thematically



# Why “Hebrews?” Deep Jewish Roots

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- Author very familiar with Judaism
- OT themes
  - Priesthood – 7:1 - 7
  - Tabernacle in the Wilderness 9:1 - 7
- Themes from Hellenistic Judaism (Intertestamental Period)
  - Angels giving the law to Moses – 2:2
  - Moses as the ultimate receptor of God’s revelation – 3:3
- Jewish interpretive method - *midrash*

# What is Hebrews About?

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- Listening to God

- 1:1 – 2
- 2:1 – 3
- 3:15 – 16

- Ultimate place of Christ

- 2:9
- 3:3 – 6
- 7:26 – 28

- A call to perseverance

- 10:23 - 25
- 10:32 - 36
- 12:7 - 12

- Living the Christian life

- 5:11 – 6:3
- 12:14 - 16
- 13:1 – 5
- 13:17

# What Does This Mean to Us?

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- What do we struggle with as a church today?
- Is it harder to be a Christian today than in the past?
- What are the keys to successfully persevering?
- What are the results of persevering?