

Outline of Hebrews
(A Sermon of Synkrisis: Comparison)

RLST 152 Introduction to New Testament History and Literature
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I. Introduction and Thesis: the old and new (1:1-2)

II. Introduction to the superiority of Jesus (1:3-5:10)

A. Superior to angels (1:3-2:18)

B. Superior to Moses (and Joshua) (3:1-4:13)

C. Superior to the old high priesthood (4:15-5:10)

[Mention of Melchizedek here foreshadows section V below]

III. Digression: Invitation to a Higher Doctrine (5:11-6:12)

[Mention of examples of faith here (6:12) foreshadows section VII.C below]

IV. Introduction to Second Half of Sermon: our assurances (6:13-20)

V. Jesus compared to Melchizedek (7:1-28)

A. Melchizedek as superior to Abraham and Levitical priesthood (7:1-14)

B. Jesus as new Melchizedek (7:15-28)

VI. "Reality" compared to "Shadow" (8:1-10:18)

A comparison of the earthly to the heavenly "liturgy"

VII. Parenthesis ("Therefore...") 10:19-13:21

- A. Introduction 10:19-25 (since all these things are true, let us "hold fast" to the new covenant)...
- B. In spite of sufferings (10:26-39)
- C. Examples of faith (11:1-40)
- D. Encouragement (12:1-29)
- E. Practical, detailed parenthesis (13:1-7)
- F. Call to "leave the camp" (13:8-16)

VIII. Closing admonitions and benediction (13:17-25)