

Contextual Hebrews, pt. 2: Jesus Superior to the Angels

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Introduction

- Outline and introduction
- LXX=Septuagint
- MT=Masoretic Text

Building the Context

- Read Psalm 2 and II Samuel 7:8-17
 - Are these passages Messianic?
 - How might the audience of these passages have understood their message?
 - How might a second temple period Jew have understood their message?
- Read Deut. 32:39-43 and Ps 104:1-4
 - How do these passages differ from the quotation of them in Hebrews?
 - What point do these passages make about angels?
- Read Psalm 45:6-9 and Psalm 102:25-27
 - What is the context of each psalm?
 - How might the audience of these passages have understood their message?
 - How might a second temple period Jew have understood their message?
- Read Psalm 110
 - How might the audience of these passages have understood their message?
 - How might a second temple period Jew have understood their message?
 - How does this quotation differ from the rest?

- Read Psalm 8
 - Who seems to be the subject of verse 5?
- Ps 22:22-26 and Isaiah 8:11-18
 - What is the context of these passages? How are they Messianic?

Jesus the Supreme (v.1-4)

- What statements does the Hebrew author make about Jesus in his opening paragraph?
- What name did Jesus inherit?

Exalted above the Angels (1:5-2:18)

- How is the author's use of the LXX important for his interpretation of the scriptures?
 - How do the author's quotes differ from the MT (see 1:6-7, 2:7)
- In what way are the quotations that the author cites appealed to as prophecy?
- How are the verses in each couplet in the "string of pearls" (v.5-13) related to one another?
- How has Jesus become "as much superior to angels", sitting "at the right hand of the Majesty on High"?
 - What role does Psalm 110 play in this opening?
 - How has Jesus become the founder of our salvation?
 - What role did suffering play in Jesus' exultation?
- Contrast Jesus and the angels as per the author's argument.
- What is the point of the author's argument that Jesus is superior to the angels?
 - See 2:1-4, Acts 7:37-38, 51-53 and Deut. 33:1-5