

Hebrews 1:1 – 2:4

1:1-3 Introduction to Hebrews

The question is raised, “Does the first three verses in chapter one introduce the first section of Hebrews or is it meant to introduce the entire letter?” this an introduction to

Jesus superior to angels

Arthur Pink observes 7 reasons Jesus is superior to angels:¹

1. He has inherited a more excellent name than they (v.4, 5)
2. He is worshipped by angels as the firstborn (v.6)
3. Angels are his ministers (v.7)
4. Jesus alone sits on the throne (v.8)
5. God anointed Jesus above the angels (v.9)
6. Jesus created all things – he is eternal and unchanging (v.10-12)
7. Jesus has a higher place of honor than angels (v.13-14)

In addition, another observation is made that the specific assertions pertaining to Christ in 1:1-3 are supported by the author in 1:4-14:

Assertions		Support	
1:2	Jesus is God’s Son	v.5	You are my Son, today I have begotten You (Ps. 2:7)
	He is the heir of all things	v.6	He is the firstborn
	Through Christ, God has made all things	v.10-12	¹⁰ And, “YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS; ¹¹ THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT, ¹² AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP; LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END.” (Ps 102:25-27)
1:3	He is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His nature	v.8, 10	Your Throne, O God, is forever and ever... (Ps 45:6) You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundations of the earth... (Ps 102:25)
	He made purification of sins	v.14	Reference is made to those “who will inherit salvation”
1:4	He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high	v.13	Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet... (Ps 110:1)

¹ Arthur Pink, *An Exposition of Hebrews* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2003) p.81