

A painting depicting a man in a blue robe standing with his back to the viewer, looking towards a large, ornate structure that resembles a temple or a city. The structure is illuminated from above, creating a bright, ethereal light. The man's hands are slightly raised, and he appears to be in a state of contemplation or prayer. The overall scene is set against a dark, atmospheric background.

The Dilemma in The Book of Hebrews

The Dilemma in the Book of Hebrews is this:

Because of Persecution, Messianic Jews in Jerusalem can not give up Yeshua and go back into Judaism until the persecution subsides.

This is because of the impending judgment on Jerusalem which will be destroyed in 70 A.D. only a few years from the writing of the Book of Hebrews.

Key Verses:

"God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son..."
(Hebrews 1:1-2).

Key Verses:

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation..." (Hebrews 2:3).

Messianic Epistles written to Jewish Believers in Yeshua of the First Century:

- Hebrews
- James
- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter
- Jude

James 1

James, a bondservant of God and
of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes which are
scattered abroad:

1 Peter 1:1

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To the pilgrims of the Dispersion
in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia,
Asia, and Bithynia

1 Peter 2:9

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
His own special people, that you
may proclaim the praises (Judah)
of Him who called you out of
darkness into His marvelous light;

Messianic Jews of the First Century faced two problems:

1. Persecution

2. False Doctrine

Messianic Epistles written to Jewish Believers in Yeshua

Book	From a Jew in:	To the Jews in:	Dealing with
Hebrews	Diaspora	the Land	Persecution
James	The Land	Diaspora	Persecution
1&2 Peter	Diaspora	Diaspora	False Doctrine
Jude	Diaspora	The Land	False Doctrine

The Situation in Hebrews.

**It was written before 70 A.D.
when Jerusalem is about to be
destroyed.**

**Almost 40 years after the
Death of Yeshua.**

The Situation in Hebrews.

Messianic Jews in Jerusalem were considering giving up their salvation and going back into Judaism and accepting the Messiah all over again when the persecution subsided.



TISHA B'AV

911-The 9th Day of the 11th month

The Ninth of Av



A Chronology of Destruction

During the Wilderness Wanderings

After being delivered from Pharaoh's slavery in Egypt through the Red Sea, and arriving at Kadesh-Barnea but lacking the faith to enter the Promised Land, God decreed that that generation would never enter His Land.

A Chronology of Destruction

During the Wilderness Wanderings

On this date, the Ninth of Av, God told the Children of Israel that the oldest generation would not enter the Promised Land.

Numbers 14.

Connection to Kadesh Barnea

The Wilderness Wanderings
and the people of the Book of
Hebrews

Hebrews 3:7 - Be Faithful

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

"Today, if you will hear His voice,

⁸ *Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
In the day of trial in the wilderness,*

⁹ *Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,
And saw My works forty years.*

¹⁰ *Therefore I was angry with **that generation**,
And said, 'They always go astray in their
heart,*

And they have not known My ways.'

¹¹ *So I swore in My wrath,
'They shall not enter My rest.' "*

Hebrews 3:16 – Kadesh Barnea as an Example!

¹⁶ For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses? ¹⁷ Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

A Chronology of Destruction

Destruction of The First Temple

The First Temple built by King Solomon was destroyed by Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BCE.

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Destruction of the Second Temple
The Second Temple of Yeshua's day
was constructed by Herod
and destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.



Roman soldiers carry off the Temple Menorah, 70 AD.

Matthew 24:1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them,

“Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

Matthew 12:31

Pharisees Commit the Unpardonable Sin

Mark 3:28, 29

³¹ "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men. ³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.

Matthew 12:22

Empty Houses will be occupied.

12:43 But the unclean spirit, when he is gone out of the man, passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and doesn't find it.

12:44 Then he says, 'I will return into my house from which I came out,' and when he has come back, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order.

12:45 Then he goes, and takes with himself seven other spirits more evil than he is, and they enter in and dwell there. The last state of that man becomes worse than the first.

Even so will it be also to this evil generation."

The Unpardonable Sin

Matthew 12; Mark 3:22–27; Luke 11:17–23



Hebrews 2 - Do Not Neglect Salvation

2 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,

³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,

Some of the believers in Jerusalem thought they could give up on Yeshua and go back into Judaism until the persecution subsided.

The Book of Hebrews was written to tell them that they do not have that option.

They do not have the option of going back into Judaism or they will suffer the same judgment as those who fell in the wilderness.

They will suffer the Judgment of the Generation who Rejected Yeshua's Kingdom which will come in 70 A.D.

The issue is Physical Salvation not Spiritual Salvation.

Hebrews 2 - Do Not Neglect Salvation

2 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a **just reward (recompense),**

³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,

Back to the
Wilderness
Generation...

The Lord Pardoned their sin but they still would die not entering the land of promise.

Numbers 14:20

²⁰ Then the Lord said:

“I have pardoned, according to your word; ²¹ but²³ they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.

***Even Moses Dies
because of a
specific sin but no
one would say that
Moses is not saved!***

Hebrews 6:4

⁴ For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

Galatians 5:4

⁴ You have become estranged from Messiah, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

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The Messianic Jews of Jerusalem must have heeded the words of the letter to the Hebrews because they ALL left Jerusalem.

The Historian/"Church Father" Eusebius records the event this way:

The whole body, however, of the Assembly at Jerusalem, having been commanded by a divine revelation, given to men of approved piety there before the war, removed from the city, and dwelt at a certain town beyond the Jordan, called Pella. (Eusebius; Eccl. Hist. 3:5)

Conclusion:

Hebrews 6 is saying that IT IS IMPOSSIBLE

For anyone to think they can give up on Yeshua and go back into Judaism and be free from the PHYSICAL death of the 70AD judgment. It is NOT stating that believers who "fall away" are no longer saved.

If you are a believer IT IS IMPOSSIBLE for you to go back into Judaism. Anyone that does was never saved to begin with.

GOD WILL NOT ALLOW IT!

Just because someone looks like a believer, does the things of a believer, if Messiah does not know them then they are not saved and never were.

Matthew 7:21

²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Hebrews 2:3

³ How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him...*



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