

Who Wrote the Book of Hebrews?

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The book of Hebrews looks like someone who was taught as a Hebrew scholar to become a Pharisee; this would not describe Luke who was a physician. No, there is really only one person who would know so much about the Old Testament and who was a New Testament writer and that would be Paul. As you know he was a Pharisee, and as all his letters show he is well versed in the Old Testament as it also shows in the book of Hebrews. Another note is that the postscript says this: "Written to the Hebrews from Italy, by Timothy" And we also know that Timothy was Paul's son in the faith (1 Timothy 1:2), and also scribed many things Paul dictated to him to write for him. And within the book of Hebrews itself this is vindicated: Hebrews 13:23, "Know ye that our brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you." If Timothy wrote it, who is the "I" in the verse?

Timothy was scribe to Paul. Notice also that Philemon starts out with Timothy being WITH Paul: Philemon 1:1, "Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer," The same thing in 2 Corinthians 1:1, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:" Timothy being the first Bishop of the church of the Ephesians: 2 Timothy 4:22, "The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen. The second epistle unto Timotheus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Ephesians, was written from Rome, when Paul was brought before Nero the second time." Timothy was one of the scribes for Paul in 1 Corinthians 16:24, "My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen. The first epistle to the Corinthians was written from Philippi by Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus and Timotheus"

Notice certain phrases used: Hebrews 2:8, "Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him."

1 Corinthians 15:25, "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet."

1 Corinthians 15:27, "For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him."

Ephesians 1:22, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,"

Again notice the phrases used: Hebrews 2:10, "For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

1 Corinthians 8:6, "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."

These are clearly Pauline phrases used.

The use of words like Reconciliation is Pauline: Hebrews 2:17, "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

2 Corinthians 5:18-21, "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Paul seems to win hands down as the author of Hebrews; besides he would have had to write to seven churches (2 of them twice) Then he wrote to 3 individuals 1 of twice. And wrote to his brethren the Jews (Hebrews) Paul had a heart for them to see them understand the New Testament: Romans 10:1-4, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."