

HEBREWS—HANDOUT 1

Introduction

Paeans and Panegyrics for the Prose

Encomiums and Effusions for the Epistle

Janus-Pattern

Shadows <> Reality

Visible <> Invisible

Earthly <> Heavenly

Temporal <> Eternal

Protological <> Eschatological

Title/Superscription

P⁴⁶ = Papyrus 46, Chester Beatty Papyri (discovered 1931)

ΠΡΟΣ ΕΒΡΑΙΟΥΣ (PROS EBRAIOUS) = “To the Hebrews”

Autographa (lit. “self-written”, i.e., by the author himself)

Date: _____

Melito, *On the Passover* (<http://www.kerux.com/documents/KeruxV4N1A1.asp>)

J. T. Dennison, “Irenaeus and Redemptive History”

(http://www/opc.org/os.html?article_id=124)

Canonical order of P⁴⁶: Romans, Hebrews, 1 Corinthians, etc.

Thesis

Hebrews as Narrative

Pilgrim or Sojourn Motif: Eschatological Hebrew for Semi-eschatological

Hebrews

Confession of Pilgrims of the Former Age: Ps. 119:19; 39:12; 1 Chron. 29:15

Protological Pilgrims and Eschatological Pilgrims

Narrative Plot Paradigm

Redemptive-Historical Parabola
(Narrative of Eschatological Hebrew for semi-eschatological Hebrews)

ETERNITY

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TIME/SPACE

Eternity (Heb. 1) → Adamic motifs: Man's creation and Sin-dilemma/Death (2) → Abraham/a Hebrew and his seed (2:16) → Moses/Exodus/Israel in the Wilderness (3, 4, 6) → Cult/Priesthood in the Wilderness (5, 7) → Covenant (8) → Tabernacle (9) → Atonement (10) → Faithful pilgrims from Abel to the prophets (and beyond) (11) → Non-earthly/Heavenly City (12) → *imitatio peregrinorum* (13)

Author

According to the KJV title page of this epistle, who wrote it?
Consider:

Gender/Sex of the author

Heb. 11:32: lit, "time will fail me telling (or recounting) of Gideon..."

Antecedent of "telling"?

Who is the "me"?

Greek participle ("telling"): lit, "time will fail me, myself telling"

Middle voice Greek participle, i.e., me myself

Greek participles have gender. This participle is _____.

Our author is a _____

Reinforcement of author's gender

Heb. 13:23

Who is _____?

Force of Heb. 2:3

Is he _____?

Consider:

Heb. 2:3

Gal. 1:11-12, 15-19

Origen († 255 AD):

Summary

- 1.
- 2.

- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Date

Terminus ad quem (lit, “end to which” or “end beyond which”)

How to come up with such a date?

Terminus a quo (lit, “end from which” or “end after which”)

Intra-Biblical vs. Extra-Biblical

1.

2.

?70 A.D.

3. 10:32-34

?12:4

?13:24

First major persecution of Christians: _____ (date); _____ (emperor)

Ergo:

?Acts 18:2

?Claudius

?Date _____

Why?

1.

2. *Pomerium* (lit., _____)

3. Priscilla and Aquila expelled. Why?

Cassius Dio, *Roman History*

LX. 6 (Claudius). ...As for the Jews, who had again increased so greatly that by reason of their multitude it would have been hard without raising a tumult to bar them from the city, he did not drive them out, but ordered them, while continuing their traditional mode of life, not to hold meetings.

Suetonius: *De Vita Caesarum—Divus Claudius*

XXV. ...Since the Jews constantly made disturbances at the instigation of Chrestus, he expelled them from Rome.

Summary and Suggested Conclusion:

12:4

10:32-34

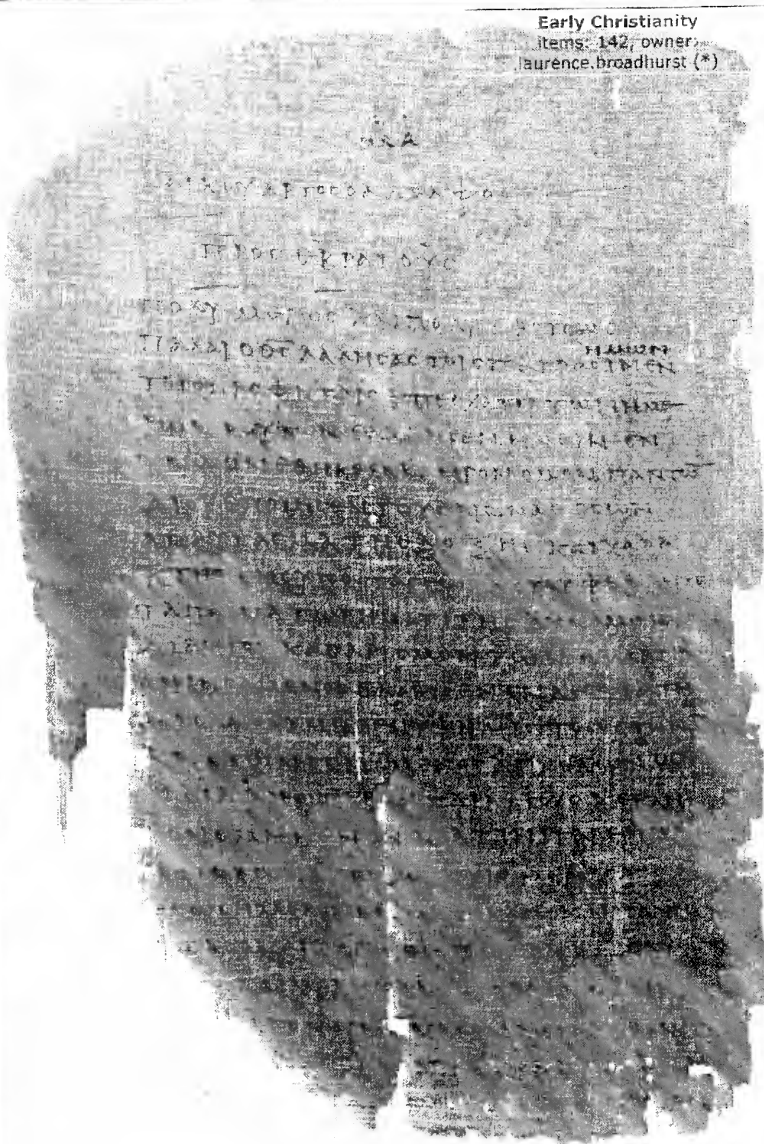
Epistle written between _____ and _____

Before _____ (_____)

Before _____ (_____)

Probably _____ (_____)

Early Christianity
 items: 142; owner:
 laurence.broadhurst (*)



Early Christianity
 items: 142, owner:
 laurence.broadhurst (2)

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