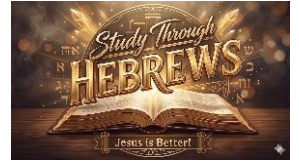




Old Testament Quotations in the Book of Hebrews



A Little Bit About the Work

This effort is born directly out of our verse-by-verse study through the book of Hebrews. Throughout our study, the frequency and precision with which the author of Hebrews quotes the Old Testament are striking. Most scholars believe these quotations derive from the Septuagint—a text we will discuss in a moment.

To assist our study of quotations in the book of Hebrews, I have compiled a single source identifying what I believe to be all the Old Testament quotations in the book of Hebrews, along with their corresponding Old Testament origins. This information is presented in two main sections:

1. **The Quotation Table:** Titled *Book of Hebrews Direct Quotations*, this section provides a quick-reference guide to every clear Old Testament quotation in the book.
2. **The Textual Listing:** Titled *The Statement and the Verses Quoted*, this section presents the Hebrews text in the English Standard Version (ESV), highlighting where the author quotes the Old Testament and then to help you evaluate the quotation, I provide comparisons using two different textual traditions:
 - **The Masoretic Text:** Represented by the Jewish Publication Society's (JPS) *Tanakh* (1917). Though an older English translation of the Hebrew text, it remains widely accepted.
 - **The Septuagint:** Represented by the *Lexham English Septuagint* (LES), a standard English version of the Greek Old Testament.

Comparing the ESV statement with both the JPS (Masoretic) and LES (Septuagint) texts allows us to examine the textual data and decide for ourselves where the author's quotations likely originated (the Masoretic Text or the Septuagint).

A Little Bit About the Quotation Table

The *Book of Hebrews Direct Quotations* table allows you to quickly see all the places where the author clearly quotes the Old Testament. While it is possible that a few entries function more as allusions than direct quotations, I have worked to ensure completeness, and I believe this table captures all the possible direct quotations.

In this table:

- **Column 1:** The location of the quote within the book of Hebrews, presented in the order in which they occur within the epistle.
- **Column 2:** The corresponding Old Testament source. (If a quotation diverges from the Masoretic text and aligns with the Greek tradition, the abbreviation (LES) is included).

QUICK NOTE: LES is an abbreviation for the *Lexham English Septuagint*. The Septuagint (no specific version) is abbreviated (LXX).

- **Column 3:** A brief sample of the quote.

Sample of the *Book of Hebrews Direct Quotations Table*

Hebrews	Old Testament	Notes
1:5	Ps 2:7	“You are my Son...”
1:5	2 Sam 7:14	“I will be to him a father...”
1:6	Deut 32:43 (LXX)	“Let the angels of God worship him.”

A Little Bit About the Quotation Listing

The section titled *The Statements and the Verses Quoted* provides a running list of the passages in Hebrews where the author quotes the Old Testament (using the ESV). Following each statement, you will find the corresponding quote first from the Masoretic Text (JPS) and second from the Septuagint (LES).

- **Color Coding:** Blue text identifies the author’s quotation within the ESV, as well as the corresponding text in the JPS and LES.
- **Highlights:** Yellow highlights are used to draw your attention to specific points of comparison.

A Little Bit About the Septuagint

The Septuagint, designated by the Roman numeral LXX, stands as one of the most influential cultural and theological achievements in history. As the earliest authoritative Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible, it bridged ancient worlds, secured the preservation of sacred literature for a new linguistic era, and ultimately laid a primary textual foundation for early Christianity.

What is the Septuagint?

At its core, the Septuagint is the translation of the Hebrew scriptures into Koine Greek, the universal language of the Mediterranean world following the conquests of Alexander the Great. Beginning primarily with the translation of the Torah (the first five books of Moses) around 275 BC, the project eventually expanded to encompass the entire Old Testament, including historical narratives, the prophets, and the poetic wisdom books.

Far more than a word-for-word substitution, the Septuagint is a masterwork of cross-cultural communication. It captured the theological depth of Hebrew thought and expressed it in Greek. For millions of Hellenized Jews living outside Judea—particularly in intellectual hubs like Alexandria, Egypt—the Septuagint served as a lifeline, enabling them to study and worship using the sacred words of their ancestors in their everyday language.

Where Does It Come From?

The origin of this ancient Greek translation is wrapped in tradition. According to the account preserved in the *Letter of Aristeas*, the translation was initiated in the third century BC by King Ptolemy II Philadelphus for the Library of Alexandria. Eager to acquire the "laws of the Jews," the king petitioned the High Priest in Jerusalem to send expert scholars.

In response, the High Priest dispatched six elders from each of the twelve tribes of Israel—totaling seventy-two scholars. Welcomed with royal honors in Egypt, these sages were sequestered in peaceful surroundings to complete the translation. According to the account, they finished the work in seventy-two days with remarkable harmony. When read aloud to the Jewish community of Alexandria, it was hailed as a masterpiece of fidelity. While modern historians view aspects of the *Aristeas* narrative through the lens of Hellenistic apologetics, the traditional account highlights the immense early prestige of the text.

A Legacy of Inspiration

While modern historians continue to debate the finer historical details of the *Aristeas* narrative, the true brilliance of the Septuagint shines in its legacy. It became the definitive Bible of Greek-speaking Jews and the primary Bible of the early Christian church. The writers of the New Testament overwhelmingly quoted from the Septuagint, weaving its Greek phrasing into the fabric of Christian preaching and the Gospel message.

By translating timeless truths into a universal tongue, the Septuagint democratized divine revelation, ensuring that the light of ancient wisdom could transcend cultural boundaries and illuminate generations to come.

A Little Bit About the Masoretic Text

The Masoretic Text stands as a monument of textual fidelity, dedication, and sacred stewardship. As the authoritative traditional Hebrew text of the Jewish Bible, this tradition represents the meticulous preservation of the biblical text across centuries of dispersion, persecution, and historical upheaval by scribes who treated every stroke of the pen as an act of profound devotion.

What is the Masoretic Text?

At its heart, the Masoretic Text is the traditional Hebrew text of the Tanakh (Hebrew Old Testament), compiled, edited, and preserved by generations of Jewish scholars known as the Masoretes—derived from the Hebrew word *masorah*, meaning "tradition."

For centuries, the Hebrew Bible was transmitted primarily through a consonantal text, which left vowels to the reader's memory and pronunciation tradition. As Aramaic and Greek displaced Hebrew as everyday spoken languages, the risk of losing the precise traditional reading grew. To safeguard the integrity of Scripture, the Masoretes devised a comprehensive system of vowel points (*nikkudot*), accent marks, and marginal notes.

The scope of their precision was breathtaking. The Masoretes counted letters, syllables, words, and paragraphs, cataloging unusual spellings and rare grammatical forms to ensure that future generations could copy manuscripts without error. Their exhaustive apparatus functioned as a protective hedge around the consonantal record, guaranteeing that the traditional text remained stable.

Where Does It Come From?

The primary cradle of the Masoretic tradition was the region of Galilee, specifically the intellectual centers of Tiberias and Jerusalem, flourishing roughly between the sixth and tenth centuries AD. While several rabbinic families contributed to this task, the preeminent dynasty was the Ben Asher family, whose work set the standard for Hebrew manuscript transmission.

The crowning achievement of this lineage is the Aleppo Codex (dating to around 925 AD), and the even more complete Leningrad Codex (dating to 1008 AD). These master codexes captured the authoritative text-type passed down through generations of scribes and sages. What is not as clear, is the flow of the Hebrew text from the time of Jesus to the pens of the Masoretes.

A Legacy of Unshakable Authority

The historical and theological importance of the Masoretic Text cannot be overstated. It serves as the bedrock for virtually all traditional printed editions of the Hebrew Bible and forms the foundational basis for modern Old Testament translations used by scholars, theologians, and believers worldwide. It remains the accepted Hebrew text for Jewish communities around the globe.

With this background in place, we now turn to the **Book of Hebrews Direct Quotations** table and **The Statements and the Verses Quoted** listing.

Book of Hebrew Direct Quotations

Hebrews	Old Testament	Notes
1:5a	Ps 2:7	"You are my Son..."
1:5b	2 Sam 7:14	"I will be to him a father..."
1:6	Deut 32:43 (LXX)	"Let the angels of God worship him."
1:7	Ps 104:4 (LXX)	"He makes his angels winds..."
1:8-9	Ps 45:6-7	"Your throne O God..."
1:10-12	Ps 102:25-27	"You Lord laid the foundation..."
1:13	Ps 110:1	"Sit at my right hand..."
2:6-8	Ps 8:4-6	"What is man..."
2:12	Ps 22:22	"I will tell your name..."
2:13a	Is 8:17 (LXX)	"I will put my trust in him..."
2:13b	Is 8:18	"Behold I and the..."
3:7-11	Ps 95:7b-11 (LXX)	"Today if you will hear his voice..."
3:15	Ps 95:7b-8 (LXX)	"Today if you will hear..."
4:3	Ps 95:11	"Therefore I swore in my wrath..."
4:4	Gen 2:2	"God rested on the seventh day..."
4:5	Ps 95:11	"They shall not enter into my rest."
4:7	Ps 95:7-8a	"Today if you will hear his voice..."
5:5	Ps 2:7	"You are my Son, today I have..."
5:6	Ps 110:4	"You are a priest forever after..."
6:14	Gen 22:17	"Surely I will bless you and multiply..."
7:17	Ps 110:4	"You are a Priest forever according..."
7:21	Ps 110:4	"The Lord has sworn and will not..."
8:5	Ex 25:40	"See that you make everything..."
8:8-12	Jer 31:31-34	"Behold the days are coming..."
9:20	Ex 24:8	"This is the blood of the covenant..."
10:5-7	Ps 40:7-8 (LXX)	"Sacrifice and offering you..."
10:8	Ps 40:7	"Sacrifice and offering you..."
10:9	Ps 40:8	"Behold I have come to do your will..."
10:13	Ps 110:1	"Until His enemies should be made..."
10:16	Jer 31:33	"This is the covenant that I will..."
10:17	Jer 31:34	"I will remember their sins..."
10:30a	Deut 32:35	"Vengeance is mine, I will repay."
10:30b	Deut 32:36	"For the Lord will judge his people."
10:37-38	Hab 2:3-4 (LXX)	"Yet a little while and the coming..."
11:5	Gen 5:24	"And he was not found because God..."
11:12	Gen 22:17	"As the stars of heaven..."
11:18	Gen 21:12	"In Isaac your seed shall be called."
11:21	Gen 47:31 (LXX)	"Worshipped, leaning on the top of..."
12:5-6	Pro 3:11-12 (LXX)	"My son, do not regard..."

Hebrews	Old Testament	Notes
12:12	Is 35:3	“Strengthen the hands that are...”
12:20	Ex 19:12-13	“If even a beast touches...”
12:21	Deut 9:19	“I am full of fear.”
12:26	Hag 2:6	“Yet once more I will shake...”
12:29	Deut 4:24	“For our God is a consuming fire.”
13:5	Deut 31:6	“I will never leave you nor forsake...”
13:6	Ps 118:6 (LXX)	“The Lord is my helper; I will not...”

The Statements and the Verses Quoted

Hebrews 1:5a quoting a portion of Psalm 2:7

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “**You are my Son, today I have begotten you**”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? **Hebrews 1:5a (ESV)**

7 I will tell of the decree: the LORD said unto me: ‘**Thou art My son, this day have I begotten thee**. **Psalm 2:7 (JPS 1917)**

7 announcing the ordinance of the Lord. The Lord said to me, ‘**You are my son; today I have begotten you**. **Psalm 2:7 (LES)**

Hebrews 1:5b quoting a portion of II Samuel 7:14

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “**I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son**”? **Hebrews 1:5b (ESV)**

14 **I will be to him for a father, and he shall be to Me for a son**; if he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men; **2 Samuel 7:14 (JPS 1917)**

14 **I will be like a father to him and he will be like a son to me**. And if he should demonstrate injustice, then I will disgrace him with the rod of man and with the wounds from the sons of mortals. **2 Kingdoms 7:14 (LES)**

Hebrews 1:6 quoting a portion of Deuteronomy 32:43

6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “**Let all God’s angels worship him**.” **Hebrews 1:6 (ESV)**

43 Sing aloud, O ye nations, of His people; for He doth avenge the blood of His servants, and doth render vengeance to His adversaries, and doth make expiation for the land of His people. **Deuteronomy 32:43 (JPS 1917)**

NOTE: It is noteworthy that the Masoretic text mentions nothing about sons of God or angels.

43 Delight, O heavens, with him and [worship him, you sons of God](#). Delight, O nations, with his people and prevail with him, all you angels of God. For he will avenge the blood of his sons, and he will avenge and he will repay the enemies with vengeance, and he will repay those who hate, and the Lord will cleanse out the land of his people.’ ” **Deuteronomy 32:43 (LES)**

43 [Rejoice, ye heavens, with him, and let all the angels of God worship him](#); rejoice ye Gentiles, with his people, and let all the sons of God strengthen themselves in him; for he will avenge the blood of his sons, and he will render vengeance, and recompense justice to his enemies, and will reward them that hate him; and the Lord shall purge the land of his people. **Deuteronomy 32:43 (Brenton LXX)**

NOTE: The Breton is an older LXX translation where the author translated the “sons of God” as “angles.”

Hebrews 1:7 quoting Psalm 104:4

7 Of the angels he says, “[He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire](#).” **Hebrews 1:7 (ESV)**

4 [Who makest winds Thy messengers](#), the flaming fire Thy ministers. **Psalm 104:4 (JPS 1917)**

4 [the one who makes his angels spirits, and his public servants burning fire](#). **Psalm 103:4 (LES)**

NOTE: In the Septuagint Psalm 9 and 10 are combined which causes the numbering system to fall behind by one.

Hebrews 1:8-9 quoting Psalm 45:7-8

8 But of the Son he says, “[Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions](#).” **Hebrews 1:8-9 (ESV)**

7 Thy throne given of God is for ever and ever; a sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom. 8 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness; therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. **Psalm 45:7-8 (JPS 1917)**

7 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The rod of your kingdom is a rod of uprightness. 8 You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. On account of this, God, your God, anointed you with olive oil of great joy beyond your companions. **Psalm 44:7-8 (LES)**

Hebrews 1:10-12 quoting Psalm 102:26-27

10 And, “[You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; 11 they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, 12](#)

like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.” **Hebrews 1:10–12 (ESV)**

26 Of old Thou didst lay the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. 27 They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall pass away; **Psalm 102:26–27 (JPS 1917)**

26 In the beginning you, O Lord, laid down the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of your hands. 27 They will perish. But you remain, and all like a garment will be worn out, and like a covering you roll them up, and they will be changed. **Psalm 101:26–27 (LES)**

Hebrews 1:13 quoting a portion of Psalm 110:1

13 And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? **Hebrews 1:13 (ESV)**

1 A Psalm of David. The Lord saith unto my lord: ‘Sit thou at My right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.’ **Psalm 110:1 (JPS 1917)**

1 The Lord spoke to my Lord, “Be seated at my right side until I set your enemies as a footstool for your feet.” **Psalm 109:1 (LES)**

Hebrews 2:5-8 quoting Psalm 8:5-7

5 For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. 6 It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? 7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, 8 putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. **Hebrews 2:5–8 (ESV)**

5 What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou thinkest of him? 6 Yet Thou hast made him but little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 7 Thou hast made him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under His feet: **Psalm 8:5–7 (JPS 1917)**

5 What is a person that you remember him? Or a son of a person that you observe him? 6 You made him something a little less than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor. 7 And you appointed him over the works of your hands. You arranged all things under his feet, **Psalm 8:5–7 (LES)**

Hebrews 2:12 quoting Psalm 22:23

11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, 12 saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” **Hebrews 2:11–12 (ESV)**

23 I will declare Thy name unto my brethren; in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee. **Psalm 22:23 (JPS 1917)**

23 I will set out in detail your name to my brothers. In the middle of the assembly I will sing of you. **Psalm 21:23 (LES)**

Hebrews 2:13a quoting a portion of Is 8:17

13 And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.” **Hebrews 2:13 (ESV)**

17 And I will wait for the Lord, that hideth His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him. **Isaiah 8:17 (JPS 1917)**

17 And he will say, “I will wait for God, who turned his face from the house Jacob, and I will trust him. **Isaiah 8:17 (LES)**

Hebrews 2:13b quoting a portion of Is 8:18

13 And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.” **Hebrews 2:13 (ESV)**

18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me shall be for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwelleth in mount Zion. **Isaiah 8:18 (JPS 1917)**

18 Look, here am I, along with the children whom God has given me, and in the house of Israel they will become signs and wonders from the Lord Sabaoth, who dwells on Mount Zion.” **Isaiah 8:18 (LES)**

Hebrews 3:7-11 quoting a portion of Psalm 95:1-11

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, 9 where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. 10 Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’ 11 As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’ ” **Hebrews 3:7–11 (ESV)**

7 For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the flock of His hand. To-day, if ye would but hearken to His voice! 8 ‘Harden not your heart, as at Meribah, as in the day of

Massah in the wilderness; 9 When your fathers tried Me, proved Me, even though they saw My work. 10 For forty years was I wearied with that generation, and said: It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known My ways; 11 Wherefore I swore in My wrath, that they should not enter into My rest.’ **Psalm 95:7–11 (JPS 1917)**

7 because he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8 Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, according to the day of testing in the desert, 9 when your fathers tested; they scrutinized and saw my works. 10 For forty years I was irritated with that generation, and I said, “They are always led astray in their heart, and they did not understand my ways.” 11 As I swore in my wrath, “They will surely not enter into my rest.” **Psalm 94:7–11 (LES)**

Hebrews 3:15 quoting a portion of Psalm 95:7-8

15 As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” **Hebrews 3:15 (ESV)**

7 For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the flock of His hand. To-day, if ye would but hearken to His voice! 8 ‘Harden not your heart, as at **Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the wilderness;** **Psalm 95:7–8 (JPS 1917)**

7 because he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8 Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, according to the day of testing in the desert, **Psalm 94:7–8 (LES)**

Hebrews 4:3 quoting Psalm 95:11

3 For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’ ” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. **Hebrews 4:3 (ESV)**

11 Wherefore I swore in My wrath, that they should not enter into My rest.’ **Psalm 95:11 (JPS 1917)**

11 As I swore in my wrath, “They will surely not enter into my rest.” **Psalm 94:11 (LES)**

Hebrews 4:4 quoting a portion of Genesis 2:2

4 For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” **Hebrews 4:4 (ESV)**

2 And on the seventh day God finished His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. **Genesis 2:2 (JPS 1917)**

2 God completed in the sixth day his works that he did, and he ceased on the seventh day from all his works that he did. **Genesis 2:2 (LES)**

Hebrews 4:5 quoting a portion of Psalm 95:11

5 And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” **Hebrews 4:5 (ESV)**

11 Wherefore I swore in My wrath, that they should not enter into My rest.’ **Psalm 95:11 (JPS 1917)**

11 As I swore in my wrath, “They will surely not enter into my rest.” **Psalm 94:11 (LES)**

Hebrews 4:7 quoting a portion of Psalm 95:7-8

7 again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” **Hebrews 4:7 (ESV)**

7 For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the flock of His hand. To-day, if ye would but hearken to His voice! 8 ‘Harden not your heart, as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the wilderness; **Psalm 95:7–8 (JPS 1917)**

8 Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, according to the day of testing in the desert, **Psalm 94:8 (LES)**

Hebrews 5:5 quoting a portion of Psalm 2:7

5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; **Hebrews 5:5 (ESV)**

7 I will tell of the decree: the Lord said unto me: ‘Thou art My son, this day have I begotten thee. **Psalm 2:7 (JPS 1917)**

7 announcing the ordinance of the Lord. The Lord said to me, ‘You are my son; today I have begotten you. **Psalm 2:7 (LES)**

Hebrews 5:6 quoting a portion of Psalm 110:4

6 as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” **Hebrews 5:6 (ESV)**

4 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent: ‘Thou art a priest for ever after the manner of Melchizedek.’ **Psalm 110:4 (JPS 1917)**

4 The Lord swore and will not regret, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” Psalm 109:4 (LES)

Hebrews 6:14 quoting a portion of Genesis 22:17

14 saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” Hebrews 6:14 (ESV)

17 that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; Genesis 22:17 (JPS 1917)

17 surely blessing, I will bless you, and, increasing, I will increase your offspring like the stars of heaven and like the sand from the shore of the sea, and your offspring will inherit the cities of their enemies. Genesis 22:17 (LES)

Hebrews 7:17 quoting a portion of Psalm 110:4

17 For it is witnessed of him, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” Hebrews 7:17 (ESV)

4 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent: ‘Thou art a priest for ever after the manner of Melchizedek.’ Psalm 110:4 (JPS 1917)

4 The Lord swore and will not regret, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” Psalm 109:4 (LES)

Hebrews 7:21 quoting a portion of Psalm 110:4

21 but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’ ” Hebrews 7:21 (ESV)

4 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent: ‘Thou art a priest for ever after the manner of Melchizedek.’ Psalm 110:4 (JPS 1917)

4 The Lord swore and will not regret, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” Psalm 109:4 (LES)

Hebrews 8:5 quoting Exodus 25:40

5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” Hebrews 8:5 (ESV)

40 And see that thou make them after their pattern, which is being shown thee in the mount.
Exodus 25:40 (JPS 1917)

40 See that you will make everything according to the pattern shown to you on the mountain.”
Exodus 25:40 (LES)

Hebrews 8:8-12 quoting Jeremiah 31:31-34

8 For he finds fault with them when he says: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 9 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 11 And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.” **Hebrews 8:8–12 (ESV)**

31 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah; 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; forasmuch as they broke My covenant, although I was a lord over them, saith the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people; 34 and they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying: ‘Know the Lord’; for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more. **Jeremiah 31:31–34 (JPS 1917)**

31 “Look! The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “and I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not according to the covenant that I established with their fathers on the day I took their hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; for they did not remain in my covenant, and I neglected them,” declares the Lord. 33 “For this is my covenant that I will establish with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord. “I will surely put my laws into their mind, and I will write them upon their hearts. And I will become a God for them, and they will become a people for me. 34 And each one will not teach his fellow citizen, or each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord!’ because everyone will know me, from the smallest of them to the greatest of them, because I will be gracious to their injustices. And I will by no means remember their sins any longer. **Jeremiah 38:31–34 (LES)**

NOTE: This is the longest quotation of an Old Testament statement in the entire New Testament.

Hebrews 9:19-20 quoting a portion of Exodus 24:8

19 For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, “[This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.](#)” **Hebrews 9:19–20 (ESV)**

8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said: ‘[Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you in agreement with all these words.](#)’ **Exodus 24:8 (JPS 1917)**

8 And Moses, taking the blood, sprinkled it over the people and said, “[Look! the blood of the covenant, which the Lord established with you concerning all these words.](#)” **Exodus 24:8 (LES)**

Hebrews 10:5-7 quoting Psalm 40:7-8

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “[Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;](#) 6 [in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.](#) 7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’ ” **Hebrews 10:5–7 (ESV)**

Sacrifice and meal-offering Thou hast no delight in; [mine ears hast Thou opened;](#) burnt-offering and sin-offering hast Thou not required. 8 Then said I: ‘Lo, I am come with the roll of a book which is prescribed for me;’ **Psalm 40:7–8 (JPS 1917)**

NOTE: In the Masoretic text there is no mention of the Father preparing a body for the Son.

7 You did not want sacrifice and offering, but a body you restored to me. You did not ask for whole burnt offering, and an offering concerning sin. 8 Then I said, “Behold, I have arrived. In the scroll of the book it has been written concerning me.” **Psalm 39:7–8 (LES)**

Hebrews 10:8 quoting a portion of Psalm 40:7

8 When he said above, “[You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings](#)” (these are offered according to the law), **Hebrews 10:8 (ESV)**

7 Sacrifice and meal-offering Thou hast no delight in; mine ears hast Thou opened; burnt-offering and sin-offering hast Thou not required. **Psalm 40:7 (JPS 1917)**

7 You did not want sacrifice and offering, but a body you restored to me. You did not ask for whole burnt offering, and an offering concerning sin. **Psalm 39:7 (LES)**

Hebrews 10:9 quoting Psalm 40:8

9 then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. **Hebrews 10:9 (ESV)**

8 Then said I: ‘Lo, I am come with the roll of a book which is prescribed for me; **Psalm 40:8 (JPS 1917)**

8 Then I said, “Behold, I have arrived. In the scroll of the book it has been written concerning me. **Psalm 39:8 (LES)**

Hebrews 10:13 quoting a portion of Psalm 110:1

13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. **Hebrews 10:13 (ESV)**

1 A Psalm of David. The Lord saith unto my lord: ‘Sit thou at My right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.’ **Psalm 110:1 (JPS 1917)**

A psalm by David. 1 The Lord spoke to my Lord, “Be seated at my right side until I set your enemies as a footstool for your feet.” **Psalm 109:1 (LES)**

Hebrews 10:15-16 quoting a portion of Jeremiah 31:33

15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” **Hebrews 10:15–16 (ESV)**

33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people; **Jeremiah 31:33 (JPS 1917)**

33 “For this is my covenant that I will establish with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord. “I will surely put my laws into their mind, and I will write them upon their hearts. And I will become a God for them, and they will become a people for me. **Jeremiah 38:33 (LES)**

Hebrews 10:17 quoting a portion of Jeremiah 31:34

17 then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” **Hebrews 10:17 (ESV)**

34 and they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying: ‘Know the Lord’; for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them,

saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more. **Jeremiah 31:34 (JPS 1917)**

34 And each one will not teach his fellow citizen, or each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord!’ because everyone will know me, from the smallest of them to the greatest of them, because I will be gracious to their injustices. And I will by no means remember their sins any longer. **Jeremiah 38:34 (LES)**

Hebrews 10:30a quoting a portion of Deuteronomy 32:35

30 For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” **Hebrews 10:30a (ESV)**

35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense, against the time when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that are to come upon them shall make haste.

Deuteronomy 32:35 (JPS 1917)

35 In a day of vengeance I will repay, when their foot slips, for the day of destruction to them is near, and their lot is presently prepared for you.’ **Deuteronomy 32:35 (LES)**

Hebrews 10:30b quoting a portion of Deuteronomy 32:36

30 For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” **Hebrews 10:30b (ESV)**

36 For the Lord will judge His people, and repent Himself for His servants; when He seeth that their stay is gone, and there is none remaining, shut up or left at large. **Deuteronomy 32:36 (JPS 1917)**

36 For the Lord will judge his people, and he will relent on his slaves. For he saw them exhausted and failing in misery and weakened. **Deuteronomy 32:36 (LES)**

Hebrews 10:37-38 quoting a portion of Habakkuk 2:3-4

37 For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; 38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” **Hebrews 10:37–38 (ESV)**

3 For the vision is yet for the appointed time, and it declareth of the end, and doth not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not delay.’ 4 Behold, his soul is puffed up, it is not upright in him; but the righteous shall live by his faith. **Habakkuk 2:3–4 (JPS 1917)**

NOTE: In the Masoretic text the call is to wait for “it” while the call in the Septuagint is to “wait for him.”

3 Because there is still a vision for the time, and he will appear at an end, and not in vain; if he is late, wait for him, because one coming will be present, and he will not tarry. 4 If he draws back, my life does not find pleasure in it, but the righteous one will live by my faith. **Habakkuk 2:3–4 (LES)**

Hebrews 11:5 quoting a portion of Genesis 5:24

5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

Hebrews 11:5 (ESV)

24 And Enoch walked with God, and he was not; for God took him. **Genesis 5:24 (JPS 1917)**

24 And Enoch was very pleasing to God and was not found because God transposed him. **Genesis 5:24 (LES)**

Hebrews 11:12 quoting a portion of Genesis 22:17

12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. **Hebrews 11:12 (ESV)**

17 that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; **Genesis 22:17 (JPS 1917)**

17 surely blessing, I will bless you, and, increasing, I will increase your offspring like the stars of heaven and like the sand from the shore of the sea, and your offspring will inherit the cities of their enemies. **Genesis 22:17 (LES)**

Hebrews 11:17 quoting a portion of Genesis 21:12

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” **Hebrews 11:17–18 (ESV)**

12 And God said unto Abraham: ‘Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah saith unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall seed be called to thee. **Genesis 21:12 (JPS 1917)**

12 God said to Abraham, “Let the matter not be harsh before you concerning the child and concerning the young woman. All, whatsoever Sarah might say to you, listen to her voice, because in Isaac offspring will be named for you. **Genesis 21:12 (LES)**

Hebrews 11:21 quoting a portion of Genesis 47:31

21 By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, **bowing in worship over the head of his staff.** Hebrews 11:21 (ESV)

31 And he said: ‘Swear unto me.’ And he swore unto him. And Israel **bowed down upon the bed’s head.** Genesis 47:31 (JPS 1917)

31 He said, “Swear to me.” And he swore to him. And Israel **did obeisance upon the top of his staff.** Genesis 47:31 (LES)

31 He said, “Swear to me.” And he swore to him. And Israel **bowed upon the top of his staff.** Genesis 47:31 (Lexham English Septuagint 2) (LES2)

NOTE: The LES2 is a newer revision of the *Lexham English Septuagint*.

Hebrews 12:5-6 quoting a portion of Proverbs 3:11-12

5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “**My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.**” Hebrews 12:5-6 (ESV)

11 My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, neither spurn thou His correction; 12 For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Proverbs 3:11–12 (JPS 1917)

Note: It appears the Masoretic text is missing the statement about the Lord chastening.

11 Son, do not despise the discipline of the Lord or grow weak when reproved by him, 12 for the Lord reproves whomever he loves and punishes any son whom he receives. Proverbs 3:11–12 (LES)

Hebrews 12:12 quoting Isaiah 35:3

12 **Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees,** Hebrews 12:12 (ESV)

3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and make firm the tottering knees. Isaiah 35:3 (JPS 1917)

3 **Be strong, hands at ease and feeble knees!** Isaiah 35:3 (LES)

Hebrews 12:20 loosely quoting a portion of Exodus 19:13

20 For they could not endure the order that was given, “**If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.**” Hebrews 12:20 (ESV)

13 no hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live; when the ram's horn soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.' **Exodus 19:13 (JPS 1917)**

13 Not a hand will touch him, but he will be stoned by stones, or he will be shot through with an arrow; whether a beast or whether a person, he will not live.' Whenever the thunders and the trumpets and the cloud depart from the mountain, those persons will proceed up the mountain." **Exodus 19:13 (LES)**

Hebrews 12:21 quoting a portion of Deuteronomy 9:19

21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." **Hebrews 12:21 (ESV)**

19 For I was in dread of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the Lord was wroth against you to destroy you. But the Lord hearkened unto me that time also. **Deuteronomy 9:19 (JPS 1917)**

19 And I was afraid because of the anger and the wrath, because the Lord was provoked against you to destroy you; but the Lord listened to me also at that time. **Deuteronomy 9:19 (LES)**

Hebrews 12:26 quoting a portion of Haggai 2:6

26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." **Hebrews 12:26 (ESV)**

6 For thus saith the Lord of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; **Haggai 2:6 (JPS 1917)**

6 Because the Lord Almighty says, 'Once again I shall shake heaven and earth and sea and dry land. **Haggai 2:6 (LES)**

Hebrews 12:29 quoting a portion of Deuteronomy 4:24

29 for our God is a consuming fire. **Hebrews 12:29 (ESV)**

24 For the Lord thy God is a devouring fire, a jealous God. **Deuteronomy 4:24 (JPS 1917)**

24 For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. **Deuteronomy 4:24 (LES)**

Hebrews 13:5 quoting a portion of Deuteronomy 31:6

5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." **Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)**

6 Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be affrighted at them; for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; **He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.**’ **Deuteronomy 31:6 (JPS 1917)**

6 Act like a man and be strong; do not fear or be afraid or be terrified before them, for the Lord your God, the one going with you even among you, **neither will he leave you or forsake you.**”
Deuteronomy 31:6 (LES)

Hebrews 13:6 quoting Psalm 118:6

6 So we can confidently say, “**The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?**”
Hebrews 13:6 (ESV)

6 **The Lord is for me;** I will not fear; what can man do unto me? **Psalm 118:6 (JPS 1917)**

6 **The Lord is a helper to me. I will not fear. What will a person do to me?** **Psalm 117:6 (LES)**