



NT SURVEY

General Epistles

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GENERAL EPISTLES

- **Name**
- **Importance**
- **Authors**

AUTHORS

- **Paul - Apostle**
- **Hebrews - Unknown**
- **James - Half brother of Jesus**
- **Peter - Of 12 apostles**
- **John - Of 12 apostles**
- **Jude - Half brother of Jesus**

AUTHORS

- **Paul - insists upon faith**
- **Heb. - insists upon faithfulness**
- **James - insists upon works**
- **Peter - insists upon hope**
- **John - insists upon love**
- **Jude - insists upon watchfulness**

GENERAL EPISTLES

- **Name**
- **Importance**
- **Authors**
- **Themes**
- **Occasion**

OCCASION

- 1. Rapid spread of Christianity**
- 2. Persecution of church**
- 3. False teachers**

CANONICITY

- 1. Authorship**
- 2. Universality**
- 3. Contents**
- 4. Inspiration**



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Hebrews

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“The impressive grandeur of the Epistle to the Hebrews has left an indelible mark on the literature and theology of the Christian church.”

DE Hiebert

“In a unique fashion it exalts the person & work of the Lord Jesus Christ. In doing so, it makes immensely valuable contributions to the doctrines of His Incarnation, His substitutionary death, & His priesthood.”

Z Hodges

**“I consider Hebrews -- not
Romans -- the pinnacle of
theological treasures in the
Bible.”**

G Riddle

HEBREWS

➤ **Author - Unknown**

PROBLEMS

- 1. No intro with author & recipients**
- 2. No mention in early writers**
- 3. Earliest reference -
Clement of Alexandria**
- 4. Internal evidence not helpful**

AUTHORSHIP

➤ Internal Evidence

INTERNAL

- 1. Few 1st person ref. - 13:18-19, 22-23**
- 2. Audience knew him - 13:18-24**
- 3. 2nd generation Christians - 2:3**
- 4. Knew audience - 5:11-6:12, 10:32-39,
12:4-5, 13:1-9, 19, 23**
- 5. OT scholar**
- 6. Greek rhetorical style**
- 7. Suggestions**

AUTHORSHIP

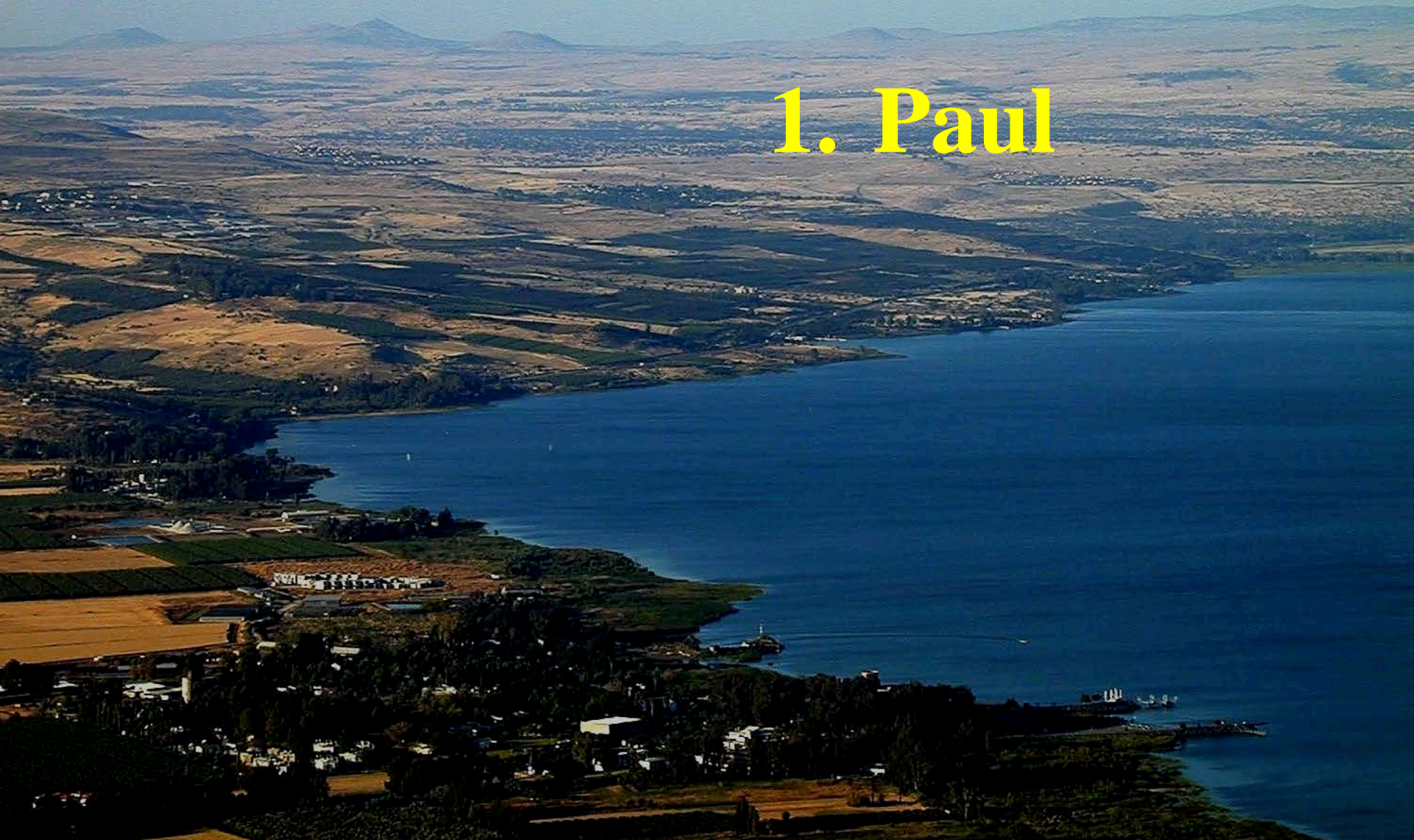
- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**

EXTERNAL

- 1. Alexandria, Egypt - Paul**
- 2. N. Africa - Barnabas**
- 3. Italy & W. Europe - against Paul**
- 4. Later history - mixed**

SUGGESTIONS

1. Paul



PAUL AUTHORSHIP

➤ **Support**

1. Author in prison? - 10:34

2. Doctrinal similarities

3. Reference to Tim - 13:23

4. Closing benediction

➤ **Evidence Against**

1. No Naming

2. Literary style

3. Apostle to Gentiles

SUGGESTIONS

1. Paul
2. Barnabas
3. Luke
4. Apollos
5. Anonymous

**“A library has been written on:
who wrote it, where it was written,
& where was its destination, & no
answer can be given to any of these
inquires What God has been
pleased to hide from us, we should
be content not to know.”**

Scroggie

HEBREWS

➤ **Author** - **Unknown**

➤ **Audience** - **Jewish Believers**

COMMUNITY



➤ Past History - 10:32

➤ Suffering Persecution - 12:4

➤ Relationship with Author - 13:23

➤ Believers - 3:1, 12, 6:9, 13:1

➤ Jewish

JEWISH

- **No Gentile References**
- **OT Authority**
- **Jewish Topics**
- **Jewish Personalities**
- **Title**

HEBREWS

- **Author** - **Unknown**
- **Audience** - **Jewish Believers**
- **Location** - **Unknown**