A PROMISED SEED

Right after Adam and Eve sinned, God promised them a “seed,” a Son who would deliver them from the enemy, recover the inheritance that had been lost, and fulfill the purpose for which they had been created (Gen. 3:15). This Son would both represent and redeem them by taking their place and, ultimately, by destroying the serpent.

“When Adam and Eve first heard the promise, they looked for its speedy fulfillment. They joyfully welcomed their first-born son, hoping that he might be the Deliverer. But the fulfillment of the promise tarried.”—Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 31. The promise was later confirmed to Abraham. God swore to him that he would have a “seed,” a Son through whom all the nations of the earth would be blessed (Gen. 22:16–18; Gal. 3:16). And God did the same with David. He promised David that his descendant would be installed by God as His own Son and would be established as a righteous ruler over all the kings of the earth (2 Sam. 7:12–14; Ps. 89:27–29). What neither Adam and Eve, Abraham, or David probably never imagined, however, was that their Redeemer Son would be God Himself.
Write out Hebrews 1 from the Bible translation of your choice. If you’re pressed for time, write out Hebrews 1:1–4. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw Arrows to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse in Hebrews 1. Write it out multiple times to help memorization.

How should all the promises God has fulfilled in the past help us to trust Him for the promises in the future?

Why does the truth of “God coming to earth” bring so much hope?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying this week’s passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

In your own words, how does Jesus reveal the mystery of the Father?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Isaiah 2:2, 3  
Exodus 24:16, 17  
Isaiah 44:24  
Luke 1:31, 32  
2 Samuel 7:12–14  
Psalm 2:7

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Hebrews 1?

Review your memorized verse from Hebrews 1.
Where do you see Jesus in Hebrews 1?

What is Jesus saying to you through the main text?

What connects you to the Begotten Son?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?

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Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the passage, what are you impressed with most personally?

What are some impressions that can be applied socially and practically?

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Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

- Why is it such great news that Jesus reveals the character and the glory of the Father to us?
- In what practical ways could a better understanding of Jesus enrich your relationship with God, the Father?
- What is the importance of the eternal deity of Christ?
- What is lost if we believe that Jesus were somehow, in some way, a created being, like us, but who went to the cross?
- Contrast that thought with the reality that Christ is eternal God, and He Himself went to the cross. What is the big difference between the two ideas?
- How is giving glory to God part of present truth and the three angels’ messages?
- How does this Christology impact our real-life experience?