

Hebrews 4:12-5:14 Expanded Chiasm



1A) 4:12-13 For the **WORD OF GOD** is living, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a **DISCERNER OF THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART**. **13** Neither is there any creature that is not visible in His sight; but all things are naked and opened to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do;

1B) 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great **HIGH PRIEST**, who is passed into the heavens, **JESUS THE SON OF GOD**, let us hold fast our confession;

1C) 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be **TOUCHED WITH THE FEELING OF OUR WEAKNESSES**; but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin;

CENTRAL AXIS) 4:16 LET US THEREFORE COME BOLDLY TO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY, AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED;

2C) 5:1-3 High priests among men have **COMPASSION FOR WEAKNESSES**, and offer sacrifices for both his and the peoples' sins;

1a) 5:1 For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and **sacrifices for sins**;

central axis) 5:2 who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on those who are going astray; since he himself is also surrounded with weaknesses;

2a) 5:3 And because of this he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer **sacrifices for sins**;

2B) 5:4-11 HIGH PRIESTS are called by God, so also with **CHRIST THE SON**, according to the order of Melchizedek;

1a) 5:4-6 And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called of God, as was Aaron. **5** So also Christ did not glorify Himself to be made **a high priest**; but He who said to Him, "You are My Son, today have I begotten You." [*Psa 2:7*] **6** As He says also in another place, "You are a priest for ever **after the order of Melchizedek**;" [*Psa 110:4*]

1b) 5:7-8a He, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear; **8** though **He was a Son**; **central axis) 5:8b Yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered;**

2b) 5:9 And being made perfect, **He became the author of eternal salvation** to all those who obey Him;

2a) 5:10-11 Called of God **a high priest after the order of Melchizedek**. **11** Of him we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing that you are dull of hearing;

2A) 5:12-14 The **WORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** is solid food for the mature, experienced to **DISCERN GOOD AND EVIL**;

1a) 5:12a For when by this time **you ought to be teachers**, instead you have need that someone teach you again what are the first principles of the oracles of God;

1b) 5:12b And have become such as have need of milk, and not of **solid food**;

central axis) 5:13 **For every one who uses milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness; for he is a baby;**

2b) 5:14a But **solid food** belongs to those who are of full age;

2a) 5:14b Even **those who by reason of experience** have their senses honed to discern both good and evil.