

JESUS IS GOD'S FINAL REVELATION TO MAN

(Hebrews 1:1-2)

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets," (Hb.1:1)

Different Times...Different Ways [Verb: "spoke"]

THROUGH:	TO:	EXAMPLE:
 Angel of the Lord	to Abraham	(Ge.22:15) "And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time" (Ge.22:15)
 Burning Bush	to Moses	(Ex.3:2-4) "And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed" (Ex.3:2)
 Voice of a Trumpet	to Israel	(Ex.19:16) "And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled." (Ex.19:16)
 Lightening and Thunder to Israel		(Ex.20:18) "And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off" (Ex.20:18)
 Still Small Voice	to Elijah	(1Ki.19:12) "And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice." (1Ki.19:12)
 Dreams	to Daniel	(Da.7:1) "In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters." (Da.7:1)
 The Prophets	to Israel/Judah	(Is.1:1; Ob.1:1; Mi.1:1; Na.1:1) "The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah." (Is.1:1)

"TIME PAST"

Progression of truth over much time (Moses, c1442BC — Nehemiah, c400BC)

"has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;" (Hb.1:2)

God's Final Revelation [Verb: "spoken"]

To prevent the Hebrews from concluding that Christ was nothing more than another instrument through which God had "spoken," the Holy Spirit presents Christ as the "superior" and "final" source of God's revelation.

Jesus is the final word of all revelation...



Prophets vs the Son:

- The prophets were sinful men (Is.6:5; 10:8). They were conscious of their sin. Jesus Christ was free from sin.
- The prophets did not possess the Holy Spirit continually. He came upon them for a message, but did not abide. The idea that the Holy Spirit could be a permanent gift was a miracle that was hard to grasp.
- The prophets did not understand the depths of their message (1Pe.1:10), nor did they comprehend the whole of the revelation.
- God's **progressive revelation**, Old Testament and New, is what He wants His people to know:
 - God's program of redemption (1Pe.1:10-12)
 - God's will for His people (Ro.15:4; 2Tm.3:16-17)

"LAST DAYS"

Final truth over a relatively short time (c29-32AD)

TO THE FATHERS BY VARIOUS MEANS

TO NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVERS BY THE SON