

HEBREWS 11 vs 1

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FAITH, the power given us to please God... is mentioned in all the books of the New Testament a total of 244 times (with its curious absence in the Gospel of John, and his 2nd and 3rd letters); 31 times faith is mentioned in this book to the Hebrews; and in this chapter it is mentioned 24 times; the most of any chapter in the Bible; so we need to pay attention.



¹ Now faith is the guarantee of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen / in the ancient culture, they were talking about: the title deed, like a legal document that was proof of ownership.

² For in this the ancient ones testified / they were commended, they were verified as the valid owner.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so what is seen was made from things that are not visible / they knew there was more to the creation than what we see; learn what we have not been told: Fibonacci in Nature; The Code of Life.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a much better sacrifice than Cain, by which he gave evidence he was right; God testified of his gifts: though he is dead, yet through his faith he still speaks / this verse reminds us that faith cost Abel his life.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken and did not see death; and was not found, because God transported him: for before his transfer he had this testimony, that he pleased God / we do not know where Enoch was transferred to, most assume to heaven, probably his final destination; but some ancients say Enoch was taken to Egypt. The historian Flavius Josephus said the great pyramid was built by the descendants of Seth, which is why the pyramid of Giza, the last of the seven wonders of the world... was referred to as: the Pillar of Enoch. Many say Adam's world was created (or recreated) 6000 to 7000 years ago; Whenever it was, God did a beautiful job. It is Man who messed up.

⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please Him / we are powerless to please Him: **for he who comes to God must believe He is,**

and He rewards those who diligently seek Him.

⁷ By faith Noah, after being instructed by God concerning the things not yet seen, being anxious, prepared an ark to save his household; by doing that he sentenced the world,

and doing right according to faith, he became its inheritor.

⁸ By faith being called, Abraham obeyed to go to a place that he was going to receive for an inheritance; and went out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he sojourned in the land of the promise, as in a foreign country, in tents dwelling with Isaac and Jacob, the joint-heirs with him of the same promise:

¹⁰ For he expected to see a city which has foundations, whose builder and architect is God.

¹¹ By faith also Sara, herself barren, received power to conceive seed, even beyond the suitable age, since she considered the One who had promised was faithful.

¹² Therefore, born from one man who was as good as dead, came offspring as numerous as the stars in heaven, and countless as the sand along the seashore.

¹³ In faith, these all died, not having received the promises, but from afar, having seen and having embraced them, they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth,

¹⁴ for those who say such things make it clear, they are searching for their own country.

¹⁵ And if they were just thinking about where they left, they had opportunity to return.

¹⁶ But now a better place, a heavenly one they stretched to find: therefore God is not ashamed of them to be called their God: indeed He has prepared for them a city.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, offered up Isaac; being tested: even his only begotten son he was offering up, the one who had received the promises, / [what a uniquely challenging test this must have been for the 100-year-old Abraham](#), our father of faith.

¹⁸ of whom it was said, in Isaac your offspring will be called

/ where are his descendants -- numerous as the stars of heaven and the sand along the seashore: called by Isaac's name? our Jewish cousins are soundly called by Judah's name; not Isaac; by the way, Isaac = laughter, [the answer prophet Hosea gives us will make some laugh in disbelief](#):

¹⁹ reasoning that even from the dead, God was able to raise him up; from where also he, in a figure, received him / this incident offering Isaac prefigured what God would do with His Son.

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²⁰ **By faith,** also concerning things to come, **Isaac** blessed Jacob and Esau.

²¹ **By faith Jacob,** when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph;

and he worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff / the writer is racing to the next salient moments of faith that show our great God active within His creation. Joseph's two sons would be prominent when the time of the Gentiles comes to a close; prophesied by all the prophets; **Ephraim would carry all the birthright blessings** first given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and he would become the great commonwealth of nations; and Manasseh would become the great nation.

²² **By faith Joseph,** when he died, made mention concerning the exodus of the children of Israel; and concerning his bones gave instructions.

²³ **By faith Moses,** when he was born, was hid three months by his parents, because they saw he was a handsome infant; **and did not fear the edict of the king.**

²⁴ **By faith Moses,** having matured, refused to be called the son of the daughter of Pharaoh;

²⁵ **and chose to suffer with the people of God, than to short-term enjoy sin;**

²⁶ **estimating the reproach of Christ/ the Messiah greater riches than all the treasures in Egypt:** since he was looking forward to the reward.

²⁷ **By faith** he abandoned Egypt, **not fearing the anger of the king:**

because **having seen Him who is invisible, he endured.**

²⁸ **By faith** **he kept the Passover,**

and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch Israel / the first great day belonging to the Lord, the Passover... Paul says: a shadow of things to come... it was fulfilled by the Messiah 1500 years later.

²⁹ **By faith** **they passed through the Red Sea on dry land:** which the Egyptians attempted to do, and were drowned.

/ in recent years, evidence of this Red Sea crossing has been found; south of where Solomon kept his fleet of ships; near the real Mount Sinai in Arabia.

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³⁰ **By faith** the walls of Jericho fell down, after they marched around the city for seven days.

³¹ **By faith** Rahab the prostitute did **not** perish with those who were disobedient, **when she received the spies with peace.**

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We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses.

How long was Israel in Egypt?

Exodus Decoded; Mount Sinai in Arabia -- a very compelling documentary; something happened 3500 years ago, and the many pieces of evidence can't be dismissed like a fairy tale.

O Come Let Us Adore Him