

***"God hid the author's name so the Son's name would shine brighter."***

***"Christianity isn't God's Plan B after Judaism—it's Judaism completed in Jesus."***

*God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, (Hebrews 1:1 NKJV)*

God is not silent.

*Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace [that would come] to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. (1 Peter 1:10-11 NKJV)*

The Prophets spoke truly, but they didn't see totally.

*"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." (Daniel 12:4 NKJV)*

God spoke. God revealed. But the revelation was progressive.

***"In the prophets, God spoke truly—but in fragments; in Jesus, God speaks fully."***  
*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; (Hebrews 1:2 NKJV)*

Time past vs. These last days...Prophets vs. Son.

***"The prophets brought words from God; Jesus is the Word of God."***

Does this mean prophecy stopped?—No.

*And He Himself gave some [to be] apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, (Ephesians 4:11 NKJV)*

Paul urges believers to desire gifts that build up the church—especially prophecy.

*Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual [gifts], [let it be] for the edification of the church [that] you seek to excel. (1 Corinthians 14:12 NKJV)*

Prophecy doesn't add a new Savior. It doesn't rewrite the gospel.

It points to, applies, and exalts the finished Word: Christ.

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1 NKJV)*

So how can Hebrews say God made the world through the Son?

*All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. (John 1:3 NKJV)*

***"If Jesus made the world, then your life isn't an accident in it."***

*who being the brightness of [His] glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (Hebrews 1:3 NKJV)*

This verse is a Christological symphony.

*For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do [it]; For how should [My name] be profaned? And I will not give My glory to another. (Isaiah 48:11 NKJV)*

So how can Jesus be the radiance of God's glory without God giving His glory to "another"?

***"If you only believe what you can fully explain, you won't be worshiping God—  
you'll be worshiping your brain."***

*A Psalm of David. The LORD [is] my shepherd; I shall not want. ... Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You [are] with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:1, 4 NKJV)*

***"Faith isn't pretending the valley isn't real; it's remembering the Shepherd is."***

*Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV)*

***"Jesus didn't just die to forgive you—He rose to rule you."***

*having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. (Hebrews 1:4 NKJV)*

Jesus doesn't give us the option of keeping Him as a side character.

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6 NKJV)*

***"You don't decide whether Jesus is relevant—you decide whether you will bow."***

The question isn't, "Do you believe in God?"

The question is: What will you do with Jesus?

If you're tempted to go back to what's comfortable, Hebrews says...

Familiar religion without Jesus is empty.

***"The safest place in the universe is not a life without trouble—it's a life held by the Son."***