

# HEBREWS 4:1-5

## The First Conclusion

# A Summary of

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**This chapter provides an application to Heb. 3:7-19.**

**Contains three distinctive rhetorical features.**

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1. Repeated references to entry into God's Rest;
2. "...let us..." statements;
3. Four clear summaries.

# Outline of

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### **I. The First Conclusion**

**A. Fear of missing God's Rest**

**B. The reasons for this exhortation**

**1. Missing His Rest (Israel)**

**2. Present Rest (The Congregation)**

**3. God's Oath on Rest**

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# HEBREWS 4:2

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- + **“Good News” the Gospel of His promise.**
- + **“to us just as to them” Gospel is for all!**
- + **“did not benefit them, because...”**
  - ++ The Israelites received no profit or help from the Gospel message due to their lack of faith and unity with the believing!**

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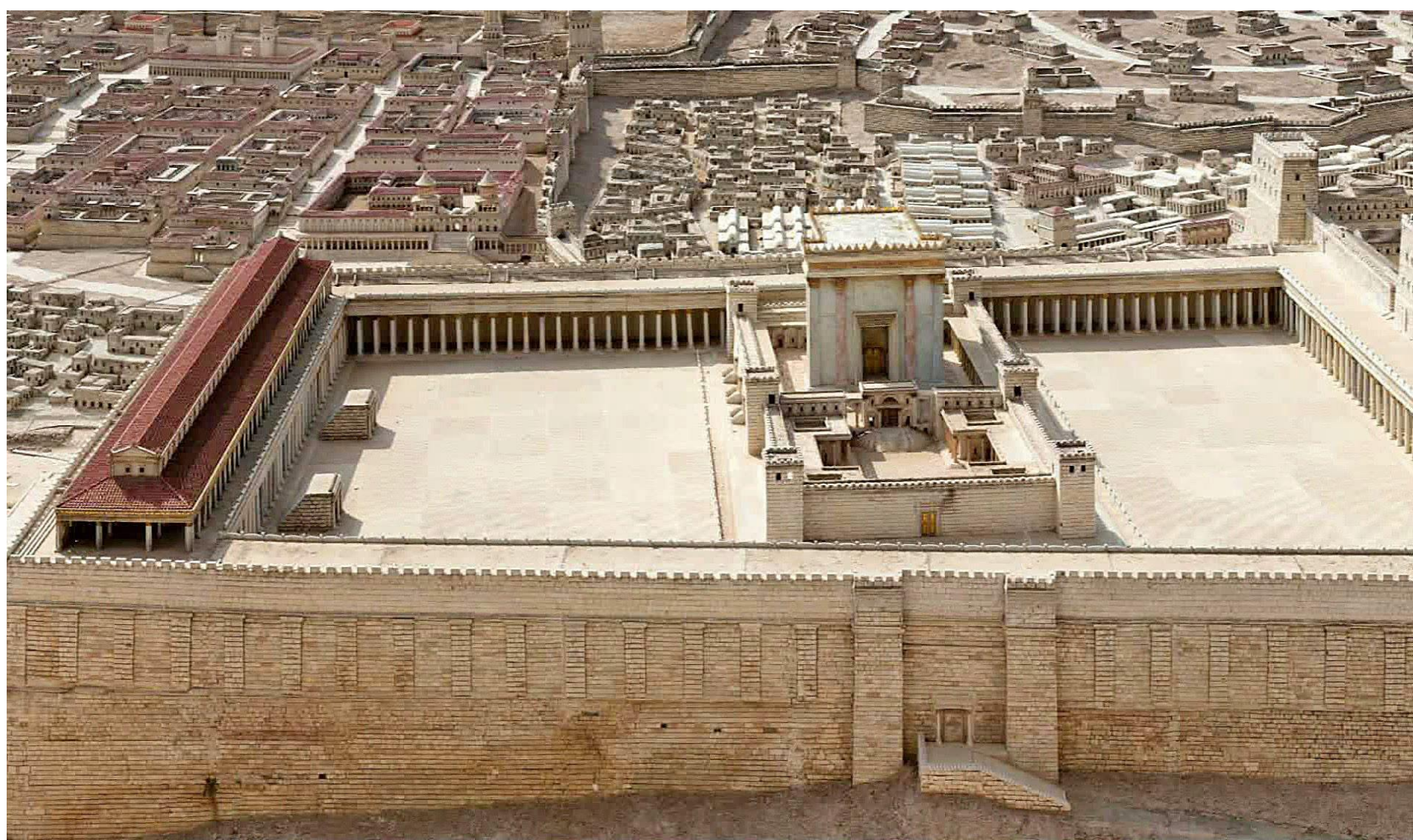
**So, you, also as members of His  
Congregation, have almost reached, and  
actually, have reached His rest!**

**His rest is not...**



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FOR, BEHOLD,  
I CREATE NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH:  
*and the former shall not be remembered,  
nor come into mind.*

*Isaiah 65:17*



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**Here the preacher brings to mind the Jewish practice of reciting Gen 2:1-3 within the synagogue after speaking Ps 95!**

- **So God rested after His work to provide for His people a time/place to rest in Him.**
- **For you, this means His time/place is His Son in His Kingdom!**



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**So we can conclude with the words of the preacher, “*They shall not enter my rest.*”**

- **Those who will not enter His rest are those who refuse to believe in Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior.**
- **As did the Israelites, they disqualify themselves, due to their lack of or no faith in Jesus, the Good News!**