

Typology, Tabernacle, and Tradition: A History of Interpretation of Hebrews 9:11-14

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Research Question

- How has the interpretation of Heb. 9:11-14 changed over time?
- What can these changes tell us about changes in biblical hermeneutics?

Method

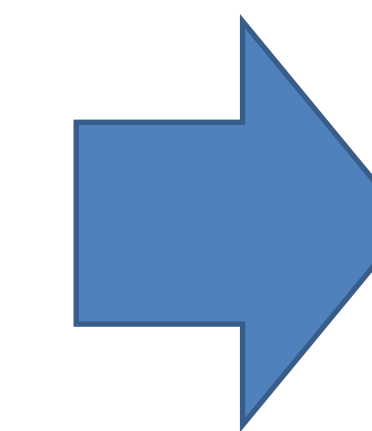
- Review texts from various periods that use Heb. 9:11-14
- Study the reading practices of these authors.

Conclusion

- Each period exhibits a great diversity of conclusions and interpretive methods.
- Authors adapt the passage and their interpretive tools to the needs of their particular time.

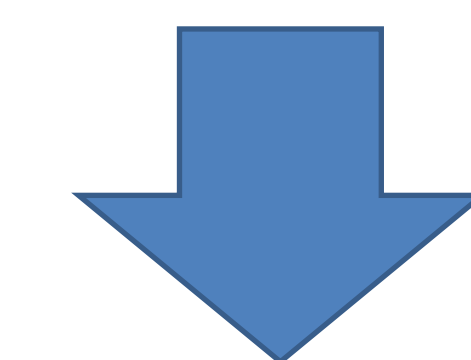
The Early Church

- Debates center around the use of philosophy and allegory.
- Passage is used to discuss salvation and right living.



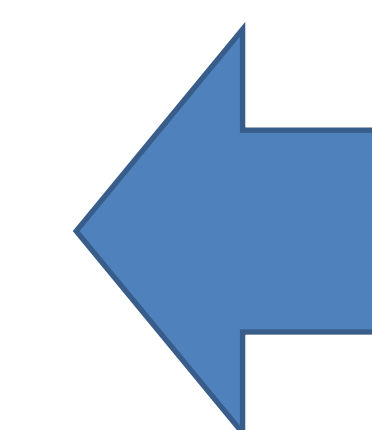
The Middle Ages

- Scholastic readings challenge *lectio divina*.
- Passage is again used to discuss salvation, Christian-Jewish relations.



The Reformation

- Reformers question the use of Tradition in biblical interpretation.
- Passage is used in discussions of the Mass, priesthood, and *sola fide*.



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The Modern Period

- Historical-critical method becomes the dominant type of interpretation.
- New ideas about the audience, genre, and purpose of the work are generated.