Scholars argue over where Hebrews fits in the first-century world. Kenneth L. Schenck works towards resolving this question by approaching Hebrews’ cosmology and eschatology from a text-orientated perspective. After observing that the key passages in the background debate mostly relate to the ‘settings’ of the story of salvation history evoked by Hebrews, Schenck attempts to delineate those settings by asking how the ‘rhetorical world’ of Hebrews engages that underlying narrative. Hebrews largely argues from an eschatology of two ages, which correspond to two covenants. The new age has come despite the continuance of some old-age elements. The most characteristic elements of Hebrews’ settings, however, are its spatial settings, where we find an underlying metaphysical dualism between the highest heaven, which is the domain of spirit, and the created realm, including the created heavens. This creation will be removed at the eschaton, leaving only the unshakeable heaven.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ALGHJ  Arbeiten zur Literatur und Geschichte des hellenistischen Judentums
AUSS  Andrews University Seminary Studies
BFCT  Beiträge zur Förderung christlicher Theologie
BGBE  Beiträge zur Geschichte der biblischen Exegese
Bib  Biblica
BZ  Biblische Zeitschrift
BZNW  Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft
CBQMS  Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Monograph Series
CJT  Canadian Journal of Theology
ConBNT  Coniectanea biblica: New Testament Series
CRICT  Compendia rerum iudaicarum ad Novum Testamentum
CTM  Concordia Theological Monthly
E Bib  Etudes bibliques
ExpTim  Expository Times
HNT  Handbuch zum Neuen Testament
HSNT  Die Heilige Schrift des Neuen Testaments
HTR  Harvard Theological Review
Int  Interpretation
JBL  Journal of Biblical Literature
JJS  Journal of Jewish Studies
JNES  Journal of Near Eastern Studies
JSNT  Journal for the Study of the New Testament
JTS  Journal of Theological Studies
LQ  Lutheran Quarterly
NovT  Novum Testamentum
NovTSup  Novum Testamentum Supplements
NTS  New Testament Studies

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<td>PTR</td>
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