I. Introduction and Thesis: the old and new (1:1-2)

II. Introduction to the superiority of Jesus (1:3-5:10)
   A. Superior to angels (1:3-2:18)
   B. Superior to Moses (and Joshua) (3:1-4:13)
   C. Superior to the old high priesthood (4:15-5:10)

   [Mention of Melchizedek here foreshadows section V below]

III. Digression: Invitation to a Higher Doctrine (5:11-6:12)

   [Mention of examples of faith here (6:12) foreshadows section VII.C below]

IV. Introduction to Second Half of Sermon: our assurances (6:13-20)

V. Jesus compared to Melchizedek (7:1-28)
   A. Melchizedek as superior to Abraham and Levitical priesthood (7:1-14)
   B. Jesus as new Melchizedek (7:15-28)

VI. "Reality" compared to "Shadow" (8:1-10:18)
   A comparison of the earthly to the heavenly "liturgy"
VII. Parenesis ("Therefore...") 10:19-13:21

A. Introduction 10:19-25 (since all these things are true, let us "hold fast" to the new covenant)...

B. In spite of sufferings (10:26-39)

C. Examples of faith (11:1-40)

D. Encouragement (12:1-29)

E. Practical, detailed parenesis (13:1-7)

F. Call to "leave the camp" (13:8-16)

VIII. Closing admonitions and benediction (13:17-25)