

INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

Author, date, and readers

James (*Iakōbos*)

Date

Readers

Outline of James

Salutation	1:1	
Prologue	1:2–18	
Thematic Statement	1:19–20	Swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath
Body	1:21–5:6	
Swift to hear	1:21–2:26	
Slow to speak	3:1–18	
Slow to wrath	4:1–5:6	
Epilogue	5:7–20	

(1:1) James greets Jewish Christians dispersed (by the Acts 8:1 persecution)

(1:2–8) Faith proven by trials produces patience, and (ultimately) endurance and completeness of character, so we should pray single-mindedly for wisdom in handling trials.

(1:9–11) Perspective on Poverty & Wealth in testing: Trials show God’s interest in us:

(1:9) Poor believers should glory in this exaltation

(1:10–11) Rich believers should glory in our humiliation (reminding us of our frailty)

(1:12–18) God and Trials

(1:12) God blesses approved believers who endure trial with the crown of life (in life) and with reward at the Bema Seat

(1:13–14) Believers should not say God tempts them, because He Himself is untemptable & does not Himself tempt anyone, but our own desires tempt us

**(1:15) Lust is sin's mother; matured sin is death's mother
(So God is father to life; not lust, sin, or death)**

Illustration from James 5:19–20

Brethren, if anyone, among you,

and someone,

let him, know that he, who

will deliver a life, from death and cover a multitude of sins.

wanders from the truth,

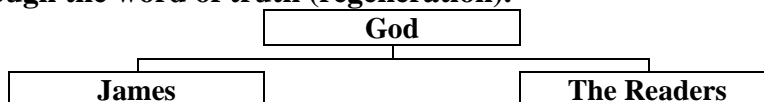
turns him, back,

turns a sinner, from the error of his, way

(1:16) Believers should not be deceived into blaming God for temptation

(1:17) [The reason believers should not blame God for temptation] is because our unchangeable God only gives good gifts.

(1:18) The greatest illustration of the good gifts that our unchangeable God gives is LIFE through the word of truth (regeneration).



CONCLUSION