## James - Introduction

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Who - Lord's 'brother' - Mt 13:55 married -1 Cor 9:5 & 15:7 (post-res. visit) leader - Acts 12:17 & 15:12-21 & 21:18-19 Gal 2:9-10 (pillar) James death - Foxe's Book of Martyrs, p 10-11

What - It's the first written Book of the New testament ( $\sim$  45 AD). It deals with practical matters, not doctrinal. It shows how faith behaves, not what faith believes.

Rightly divide James from Paul, both speak of faith and works, from different points.

Paul focuses on the doctrinal truth that faith is the root of salvation.

Ephesians 2:8-9 Titus 3:5

(nb - Paul did write about works)

James emphasizes that works are the fruit of salvation.

"Faith is the cause of salvation, works are the result of salvation." (J. Vernon McGee) Paul is speaking of the works of the law; James - works of the spirit.

spir: All believers in the Church age

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doct: Believing Jews and Gentiles in the tribulation

Why - The scattered brethren were struggling in their growth. They were experiencing pressure from without and problems within. So James writes an epistle to help them grow, 1 Peter 2:2.

## James Theme - Christian Maturity

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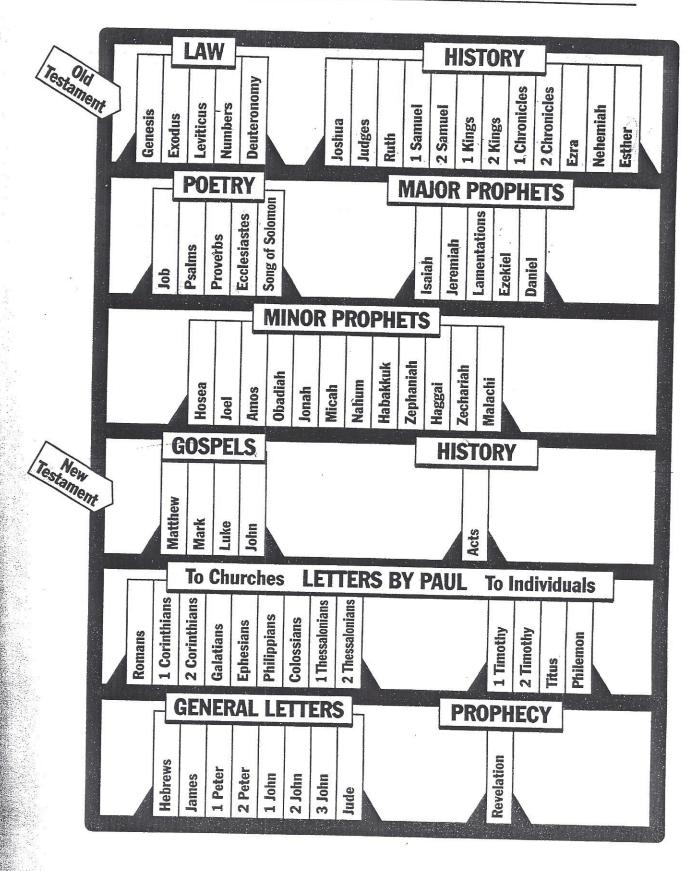
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James is a wisdom book in the New Testament, like Proverbs. It deals with the practical aspects of the faith, like Sermon on the Mount.

James writes that a man who has been justified by faith will evidence works. God may see the heart, but our neighbors only see our works.

reference: Thru The Bible, vol 5; J. Vernon McGee, 1983, Thomas Nelson Publ.

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