

## JAMES: 18 TOPICS IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER

Possibly the Cliff's Notes from James' Jerusalem Church sermons

James 1.1 trouble has purpose  
James 1.5 wisdom is available  
James 1. 9 poor & rich are equal  
James 1.12 temptation  
James 1.19 doers of the word  
James 1.26 bridle your tongue  
James 2.1 don't show favoritism  
James 2.10 keep the whole Law  
James 2.14 faith must work  
James 3.1 the tongue is a fire  
James 3.13 wisdom from above  
James 4.1 grace to the humble  
James 4.11 watch your mouth  
James 4.13 if the Lord wills  
James 5.1 the danger of being rich  
James 5.7 patience is a virtue  
James 5.13 confession & healing  
James 5.16b fervent prayer

- The letter is addressed to the Diaspora [*dispersed*] members of pastor James' congregation formerly living in Jerusalem.
- It seems to be a collection of mini-messages which would remind James' readers about full sermons James had preached when they were all back in Jerusalem.
- I think those in the Diaspora must have smiled and could picture James in his pulpit as they read his epistle.
- The dispersion of the Jerusalem believers occurred in the 1st century.  
AD 66-70, Jewish-Roman War, ending in AD 70 with Titus destroying the Temple.  
James became pastor sometime soon after Pentecost. See Acts 12.17 15.13-21 21.18
- There seems to be no order of importance.
- One paragraph doesn't seem to proceed from the former one.
- Each paragraph can stand on it's own.
- No themes are developed fully.  
Most paragraphs are 5-10 verses long.
- There is no new doctrine.