

BIBLE STUDY

James INTRO

James 1:1

1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad:

Greetings.

AUTHOR- JAMES

- Half-bro of Jesus. (not one of the 12 Apostles)
- Leader of the Jerusalem church (after Peter left – acts 12:17)
- Came to faith in Jesus after His resurrection.
- The earliest NT book.

AUDIENCE - “The 12-Tribes”

- Jewish Christians (scattered to the East) (Peter wrote to Jewish Christians scattered to the west)
- It was not written to specific people/place, but more a general audience.

PURPOSE – The Christian Life *(it's the NTs “WISDOM” book)*

“This letters deals more with the practice of the Christian faith, than with it's precepts.” (Blue, BKC 818)

It is structured more like a sermon than a letter.

READ ALOUD: James 1-5 (one person stands & reads each chapter)

1. What is the TONE of this Epistle?

2. How does it make you FEEL?

3. What does it make you THINK?

4. What BIG PICTURE /THEMES do you hear from this Epistle?