

The background of the slide is a photograph of a rugged, light-colored rock cliff face on the right side. To the left of the cliff, a wide valley stretches out, featuring a winding road, green fields, and a body of water (likely a lake or reservoir) in the distance. The sky is a pale blue with some light clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear.

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General Epistles & Revelation

By Ray Mondragon

“Few books have been more maligned than the little book of James. Controversy has waged over its authorship, its date, its recipients, its canonicity, and its unity.”

Ronald Blue

“Its practical, non-doctrinal emphasis reveals the kind of message that God wanted to share with the Christian community in published form very soon after Jesus ascended to heaven.”

I. Jensen

5 JAMES

- **Son of Zebedee - Mt 4:21, Act 12:2**
- **Son of Alphaeus - Mk 3:18**
- **Father of Judas - Lk 6:16**
- **James the Less - Mt 27:56**
- **Half-brother of Jesus - Mt 13:55**

JAMES

➤ **Author - Jesus' Half-brother**

AUTHORSHIP

➤ Internal Evidence

INTERNAL

- 1. Jerusalem Council - Act 15**
- 2. Jesus' words/teaching**
- 3. Consistent with what we know**

AUTHORSHIP

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**

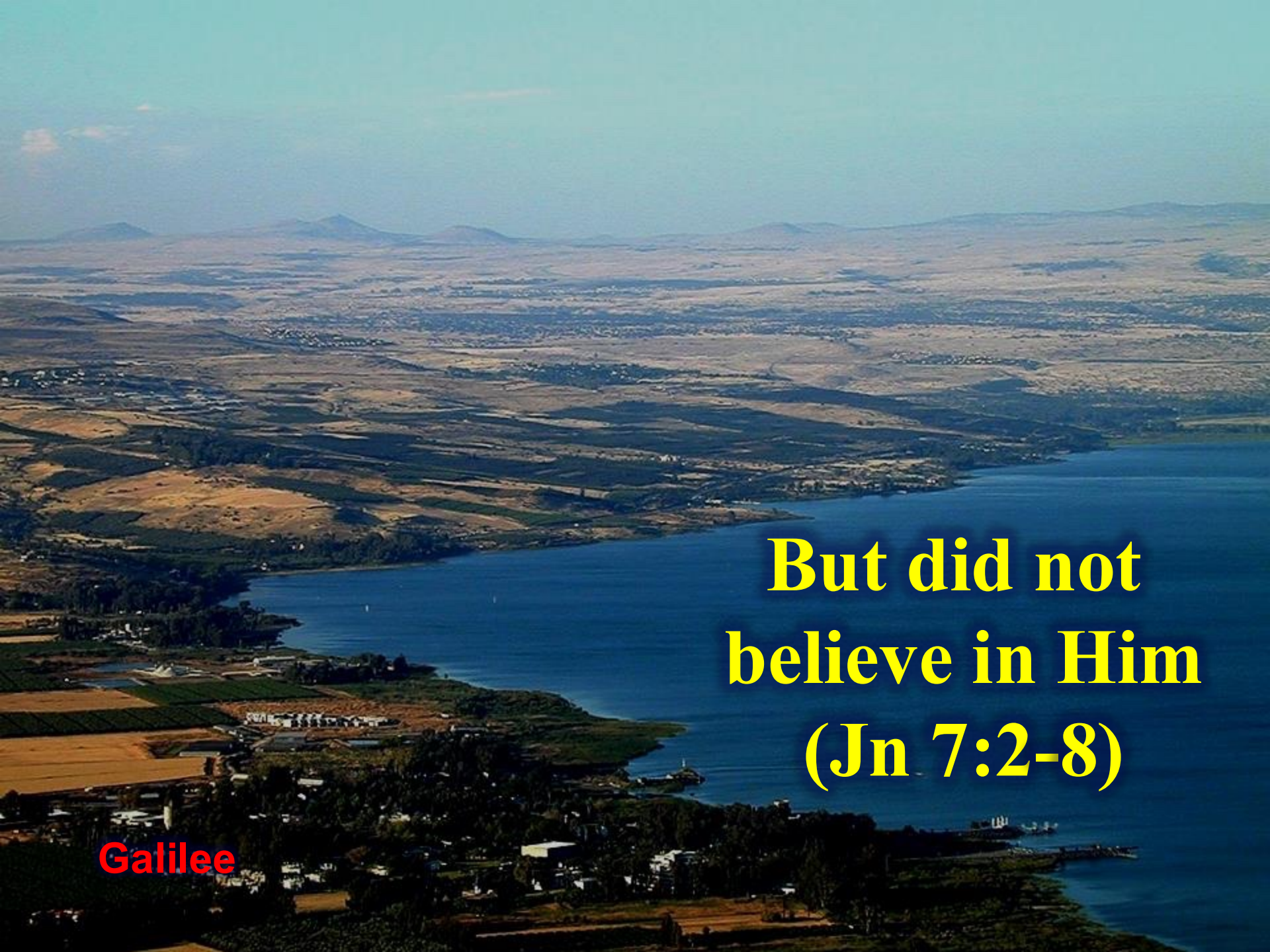
EXTERNAL

1. 3rd century - Origen, Eusebius
2. Later fathers - Cyril of Jerusalem,
Athanasius, Augustine
3. Against - Luther

A scenic landscape photograph featuring a prominent, light-colored, layered rock formation on the right side. In the background, a winding road leads through a green valley towards a body of water, likely the Sea of Galilee. The sky is a clear, pale blue with some light clouds. The text "Grew up with Christ - line of David yet humble" is overlaid in yellow on the left side of the image.

**Grew up with Christ -
line of David
yet humble**

Galilee

An aerial photograph of the Sea of Galilee, showing the blue water in the foreground and middle ground. The surrounding landscape is a mix of green fields, brownish hills, and small settlements. In the far distance, a range of mountains is visible under a clear blue sky. The text "But did not believe in Him (Jn 7:2-8)" is overlaid in yellow on the right side of the image.

**But did not
believe in Him
(Jn 7:2-8)**

Galilee

THE MAN JAMES

- 1. Name = Jacob**
- 2. Brother of Jesus = same parentage**
- 3. Jewish background = lineage**
- 4. Unbeliever before Resurrection**
- 5. Leader of Jerusalem church (Act 15)**
- 6. Tradition - stoned AD 62, Act 12:2**

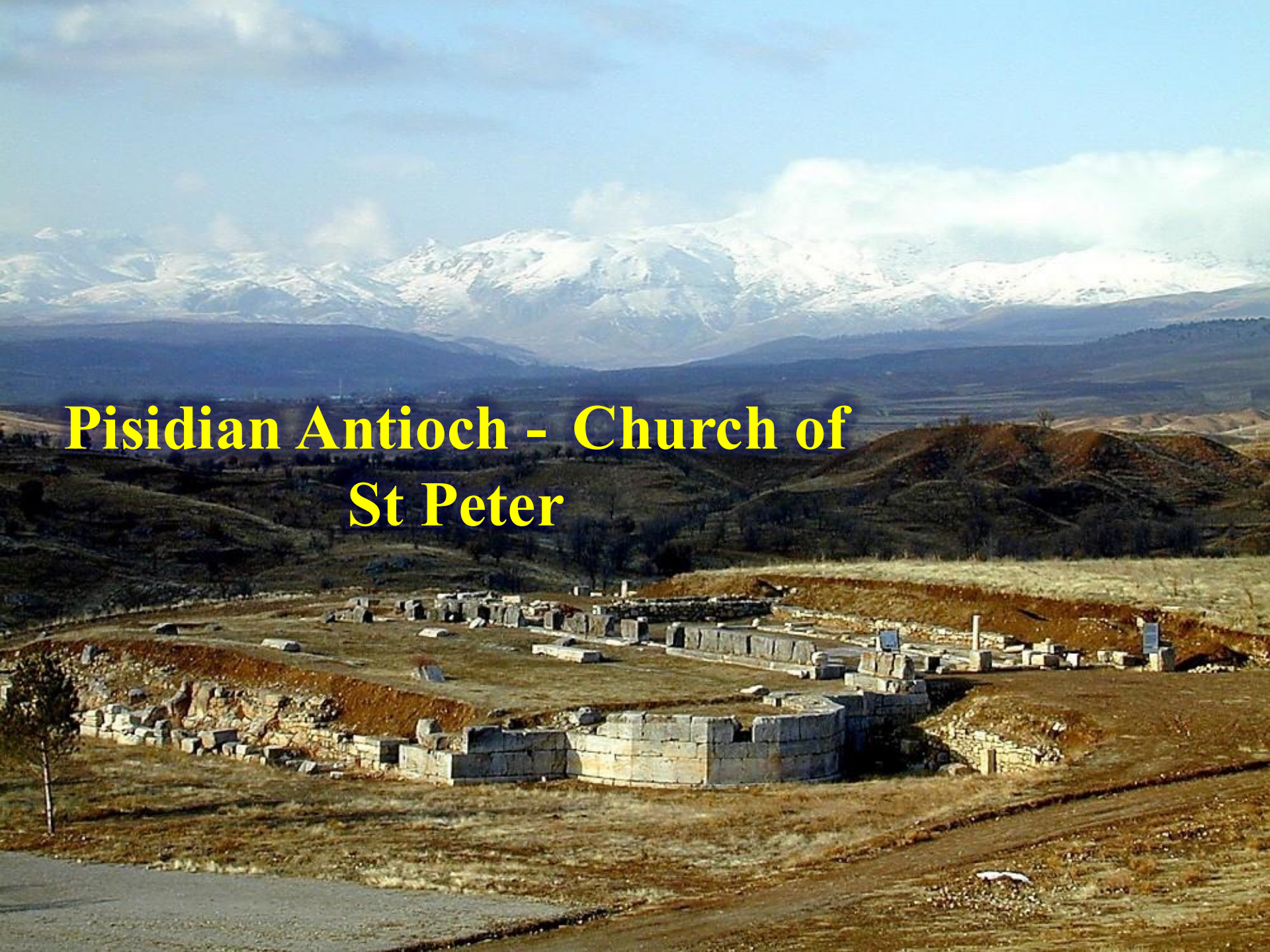
JAMES

- **Author** - **Jesus' Half-brother**
- **Audience** - **Dispersed Jewish Christians**

A photograph of the ruins of the Trajan Temple in Pergamum, Turkey. The image shows several tall, fluted Corinthian columns standing amidst the ruins of the temple's entablature and other structures. The sky is a clear, deep blue. The foreground features a large, partially broken column on the left and another tall column on the right. In the background, a row of columns supports a section of the temple's roof. The ground is covered with stone debris and shadows from the columns.

Pergamum - Trajan Temple

Pisidian Antioch - Church of St Peter




A photograph of the ruins of the Philippi Forum in Greece. The scene shows several tall, weathered stone columns standing amidst a vast field of rubble and broken stone blocks. In the background, a steep, rocky hill rises under a clear blue sky. The foreground is covered with low-lying green vegetation and scattered debris.

Philippi Forum



Thessalonica forum



**Brethren - 1:2, 19, 2:5, 14, 3:1,
4:11, 5:7, 9-10, 12, 19**

Ephesus

**475' x 98'
25,000**

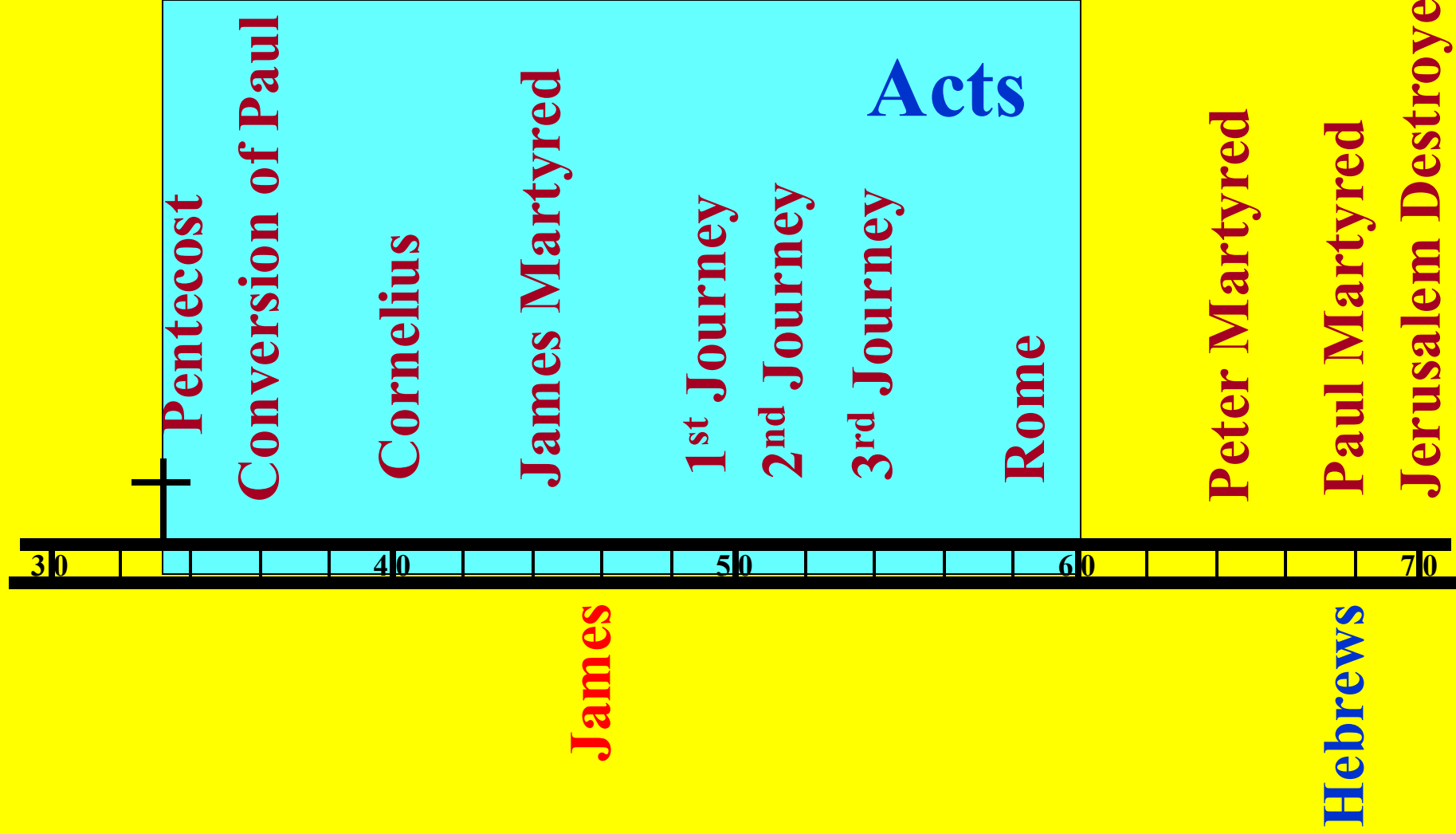
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- **Occasion** - **44-47**

OCCASION

- **Christianity spreading**
- **Persecution of Christians**
- **James discovered condition of Church**

ACTS HISTORY



JAMES

- **Author** - Jesus' Half-brother
- **Audience** - Dispersed Jewish Christians
- **Occasion** - 44-47
- **Location** - Jerusalem
- **Purpose** - Practical

PURPOSE

**To promote proper living
under persecution**

(1:2-4)

CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. Response to Trials**
- 2. OT Emphasis**

OT EMPHASIS

- **12 tribes - 1:1**
- **Terms - 2:2, 8-12, 4:11, 5:4**
- **Characters - Abraham, Rahab,
Job, Elijah**
- **Allusions - 53 OT books**
- **Jewish Setting**

CHARACTERISTICS

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- 3. Related to Jesus' Ministry**

JESUS MINISTRY

JAMES

1:2

1:4

1:5, 4:3, 5:15

1:9, 2:5

1:22

2:14-26

3:12

4:11-12

JESUS

5:10-12

5:48

7:7-11

5:3

7:24, 26

7:21-23

7:16

7:13

Divine Wisdom



Athens Parthenon

CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. Response to Trials**
- 2. OT Emphasis**
- 3. Related to Jesus' Ministry**
- 4. Very Practical**

PRACTICAL

- ✓ **Dealing with trials** 1:2-4
- ✓ **Need for wisdom** 1:5
- ✓ **Double-mindedness Corrected** 1:6-8
- ✓ **Meeting practical needs** 1:26-27
- ✓ **Proper attitude to clothes** 2:1-9
- ✓ **Faith that works** 2:14-26
- ✓ **Proper speech** 3:1-12
- ✓ **Dealing with greed & pride** 4:1-12
- ✓ **Correcting of abuses of poor** 5:1-6
- ✓ **Need for patience** 5:7-11

James SURVEY

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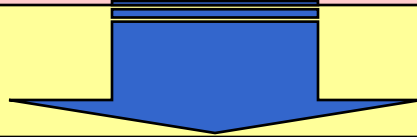
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| I. | Response to Trials | 1:1-18 |
| II. | Responsibility in Trials | 1:19-4:17 |
| III. | Relief & Requests in Trials | 5 |

MAIN IDEA

The response, responsibility, and relief of the believer in trials

**RESPONSE
TO TRIALS**

1:1-18

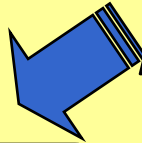


**RESPONSIBILITY
IN TRIALS**

1:19-4:17

Essence

1:19-20



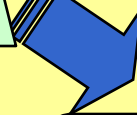
**Swift
to Hear**

1:21-2:26



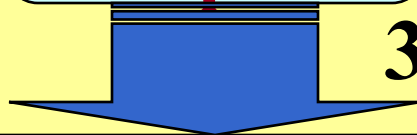
**Slow
to Speak**

3



**Slow
to Anger**

4



**RELEIF &
REQUESTS**

5

OUTLINE

I. Response to Trials	1:1-18
A. Introduction	1:1

**1:1 James, a bond-servant of God
and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To
the twelve tribes who are
dispersed abroad: Greetings.**

OUTLINE

I. Response to Trials	1:1-18
A. Introduction	1:1
B. Value of Trials	1:2-4

1:2-4 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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| I. Response to Trials | 1:1-18 |
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| B. Value of Trials | 1:2-4 |
| C. Praying for Wisdom | 1:5-8 |

1:5-6 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

1:7-8 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

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| D. Attitude of Contentment | 1:9-11 |

**1:9-10 But the brother of humble
circumstances is to glory in his
high position; 10 and the rich
man is to glory in his
humiliation, because like
flowering grass he will pass
away**

1:11 For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

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E. Trusting Character of God	1:12-18

1:12-13 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

1:14-16 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

1:17-18 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

18 In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

GOD'S NATURE

➤ Faithful - 1:12

➤ Holy - 1:13


➤ Pure - 1:13

➤ Good - 1:17

➤ Creator - 1:17

➤ Immutable - 1:17

➤ Savior - 1:18

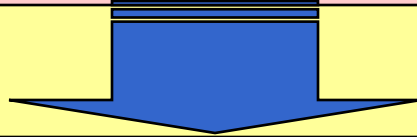


**No matter the trial,
God can carry us thru it!!**

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**RESPONSE
TO TRIALS**

1:1-18



**RESPONSIBILITY
IN TRIALS**

1:19-4:17

Essence

1:19-20

OUTLINE

- I. Response to Trials 1:1-18
- II. Responsibility in Trials 1:19-4:17
 - A. Essence of Responsibility 1:19-20

1:19-20 This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

**RESPONSE
TO TRIALS**



1:1-18

**RESPONSIBILITY
IN TRIALS**



1:19-4:17

Essence

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**Swift
to Hear**

1:21-2:26

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 - a. Performance of Word** **1:21-25**

1:21-22 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the **word implanted**, which is able to **save your souls**.

22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

1:23-24 For if anyone is a **hearer** of the word and **not a doer**, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; 24 for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

1:25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

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 - b. Practice of True Righteousness** **1:26-27**

1:26-27 If anyone **thinks himself to be religious**, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless. **27** Pure and **undefiled religion** in the sight of our God and Father is this: to **visit** orphans and widows in their distress, and to **keep** oneself **unstained** by the world.

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 - 2. Hearing Includes Attitudes** **2:1-13**
 - a. Rebuke on Partiality** **2:1-4**

2:1 My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism.

**2:4 have you not made distinctions
among yourselves, and become
judges with evil motives?**

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 - b. Reasons for Condemnation** 2:5-13

2:9-10 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

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3. Hearing Includes Faith	2:14-26
a. Proposition	2:14-17