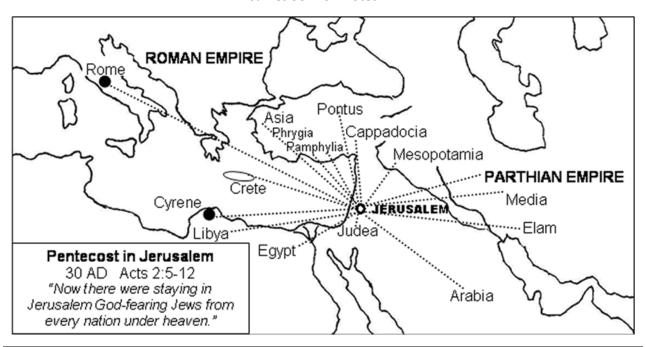
James Sermon Notes #4



Contextual Thoughts: (Take some time with these)

- 1. What would have happened if they had not received this letter?
- 'Struggled through the struggle'? Isn't that what people do with closed bibles?
- 2. Does this letter 'remove' hardships? No, it instructs us thru them.
- 3. Where would they have ended up...choosing not to READ the letter?
- Churches: weak frail running struggling confused -bickering...

Context: If James is being written to a Jewish Church audience circ. A.D. 44:

Why are they 'scattered'? What were they going through?

- 1. This is only 14 yrs after Pentecost: Acts 2:5-12 (how long do 'fads' last?)
- 2. Saul's Persecutions further 'dispersed' them Acts 8
- 3. There had been a war between Herod (Israel) & Nabatea King AD 36
- 4. James himself is writing out of His OWN testing Acts 12:1-4

In Hardship: Come TOGETHER as THE Church

1. 'My Brethern' – Is this 'Plural or Singular'? - Independence is defeating in trials

In Hardship: Lead with 'Calm Delight'

[Future Messianic Kingdom in view]

- 2. <u>'count it all joy' 'Lead with 'calm delight'</u>
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- 'count' ἡγέομαι hēgĕŏmai, hayg-eh'-om-ahee; to lead, i.e. command (with official authority)
- 'joy' χαρά chara, khar-ah'; cheerfulness, i.e. calm delight [like a hungry man]
- **3.** *'when you fall into various 'putting to proofs'-* Testing of Faith Trust Conv.
- 'trials' πειρασμός pĕirasmŏs, pi-ras-mos'; a putting to proof

In Hardship: Live 'This Life'...for 'The Next'

- **4.** [Abs.] knowing that the testing of your faith 'works out' hopeful endurance'
- 'faith' πίστις pistis, pis'-tis; persuasion, i.e. credence; mor. conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God)
- "produces' κατεργάζομαι katergazomai, kat-er-gad'-zom-ahee; to work fully, i.e. accomplish; by impl. to finish, fashion
- 'patience' ὑπομονή hupŏmŏnē, hoop-om-on-ay´; cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy

James reminds them what Jesus Preached (Inheritance): Mt. 10:16-23...32-34

So what does God COMMAND during 'My' Present Day – testing of faith?