

Questions for the Book of James, introduction, and chapter 1:1-4

Questions

1. There are many James in the NT.

a) James son of Zebedee and Salome

b) James son of Alphaeus, one of the Twelve

c) James the Lord's brother

d) James "the less". His mother was Mary, and he had a brother Josés

e) James father (or, very improbably, brother) of Judas, the latter being one of the Twelve

f) James, by whom the Epistle of James claims to have been written

g) James brother of the Judas by whom the Epistle of Jude claims to have been written.

Make a case for which James. (Hint: what do Early Christian writers say?)

2. Make a case for chewing gum - What Torah principle should be used?

3. When learning about an author, consider the following as aspects of how that man was made.

Birth

Siblings

Father & Mother

Other close relatives

Culture

Heritage

Contemporaries

Quotes by others

Jobs held

Religious affiliation

4. James letter is about practical living - How does one go about learning obedience?

5. 1:1 In Greek "doulos" is the title he takes. What does this mean? What does it not mean? What famous men of Israel of the past had this title associated with them (give name and passage from the LXX)? What might this mean to the readers of this letter?

6. 1:1 What do Milak Obama and James have in common?

7. 1:1 This letter comes to us in Greek. Taking the position that this letter was originally written in Hebrew, re-engineer the first 7 words of verse 1 back into its Hebrew volage (This is important for when we get to chapter 2). What is the problem with the Greek kurios?

8. 1:2 For test, (KJV 'temptations'), search the Greek (all forms) in the NT (21 hits). Give a summary of meanings.

9. 1:3-4 Breakdown the following words from their underlying Greek: "all", "joy", "fall", "test", and "patience". What is James trying to communicate to the readers of his letter about his position concerning the active role of God in the world and in the believer's lives?