

The Epistle of James

Letters to
**Jewish
Christians**

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

3 John

Jude

Revelation

From whom?

James, a prominent Jewish Christian leader, whose ministry was to Israelites – Galatians 2:9

To whom?

Israelites – the “12 tribes” scattered abroad (1:1)

About whom?

Israelites in the Acts Period, who were:

... believers in Jesus Christ (2:1)

... living away from Jerusalem (1:1)

... not Gentiles (1:1)

... being persecuted, mainly by non-believing Jews (1:2-4)

... experiencing miraculous gifts in their midst (5:13,14)

... expecting the return of Christ in their lifetime (5:7,8)

Letters to Jewish Christians Similar to Acts 1 to 8 themes ...

- Israel primary nation at this stage
- Gentiles barely mentioned
- Belief in Jesus as Messiah, Saviour
- impending kingdom and Messiah
- message spread to other lands
- a foretaste of the coming kingdom.
- Miraculous displays of the Holy Spirit
- Miracles of blessing ... and of judgement
- Belief and unbelief amongst Jews
- Jewish Christians persecuted - “Endure!”

Who?