

Diatribes Genre

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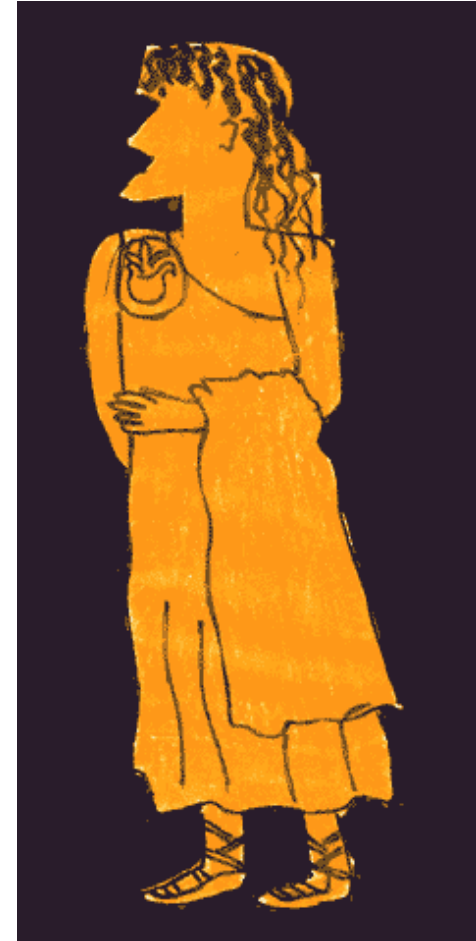


The Word "Diatribes"

- Common Modern Usage
 - A bitter, abusive criticism or denunciation
- Historical or Literary Definition
 - A method or mode of teaching and exhortation used in the ancient schools of philosophy
- This second meaning is what we will be using here.

History of Diatribe

- Originated among Sophists before 200 BC
- Adopted by Cynics and Stoics
- Used by traveling philosophers who taught on popular level
- Not a literary genre, but an oral teaching method
- Typically a lecture or writing on moral or philosophical topics of popular interest



History of Diatribe

- Common topics of ancient diatribes:
 - Divine providence
 - Self-control
 - Self-sufficiency
- Epictetus (AD 55-135) especially noted for use of this method
- In New Testament, especially used by:
 - Paul
 - James



Characteristics of Diatribe

- Not strictly a genre, having no set structure like a letter or parable
- Uses features of dialogue
- Uses features of rhetoric



Features of Dialogue

- Imaginary opponents or speakers
- Question and answer format
- Hypothetical objections considered
- False conclusions refuted or rejected



Features of Rhetoric

Diatribes also use standard features of Greco-Roman rhetoric (art of public speaking):

- Amplification
 - Adding additional matter, details
- Personification
 - Figure of speech in which a thing, quality or idea is represented as a person.



Features of Rhetoric



- Maxim/Proverb
 - Concise statement of general truth or rule of conduct
- Censure/Praise
 - Negative or positive evaluation
- Saying/Action of Famous Person
- Comparison

Features of Rhetoric



- Historical Example
 - Looking to some famous event or person in history
- List of Virtues or Vices
- Parallelism
 - Successive lines have similar features
- Antithesis
 - A parallelism contrasting opposites

Features of Rhetoric



- Irony
 - Intended meaning is opposite of usual sense
- Sarcasm
 - Taunting, sneering, cutting remark
- Paradox
 - Statement which seems contradictory, unbelievable or absurd, but is actually true

Diatribes in James



Highlighting in Text

- Dialogue type features in **yellow**
- Personification and lists of virtues or vices in **red/pink**
- Maxims or proverbs in **green**
- Historical examples or sayings of famous people in **blue**
- Irony in **orange**

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²⁶If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue,²⁶ he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after²⁷ orphans and widows²⁷ in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.²⁷

Favoritism Forbidden

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² My brothers, as believers in our glorious¹ Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism.² ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges³ with evil thoughts?

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⁵Listen, my dear brothers:⁴ Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world⁴ to be rich in faith⁴ and to inherit the kingdom⁴ he promised those who love him?⁴ ⁶But you have insulted the poor.⁵ Is it not the rich who are exploiting you?⁵ Are they not the ones who

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are dragging you into court?^c ⁷Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself,"^d you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism,^e you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.^f ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles⁸ at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.^h ¹¹For he who said, "Do not commit adultery,"^b ¹¹also said, "Do not murder."^c ¹¹If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹²Speak and act as those who are going to be judged^k by the law that gives freedom,ⁱ ¹³because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.^j ¹³Mercy triumphs over judgment!

Faith and Deeds

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?ⁿ Can such faith save him? ¹⁵Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.^o ¹⁶If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?^p ¹⁷In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.^q

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example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. ⁶Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁷The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁸With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.

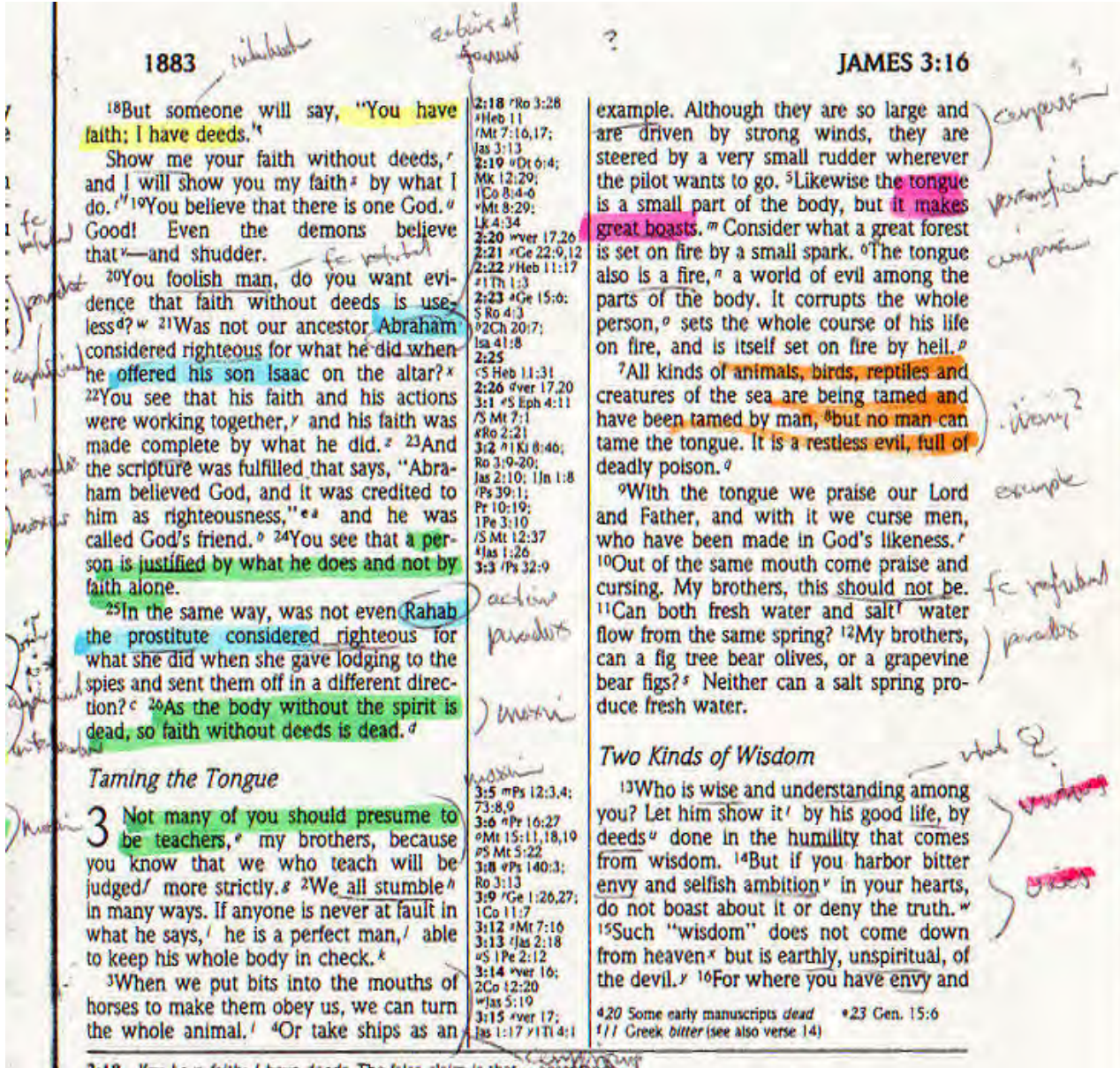
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¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Two Kinds of Wisdom

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. ¹⁶For where you have envy and

^{4,20} Some early manuscripts dead ²³ Gen. 15:6
¹¹ Greek bitter (see also verse 14)



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selfish ambition,^z there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven^a is first of all pure; then peace-loving,^b considerate, submissive, full of mercy^c and good fruit, impartial and sincere.^d ¹⁸Peacemakers^e who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.^f

Submit Yourselves to God

4 What causes fights and quarrels^g among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle^h within you? ²You want something but don't get it. You killⁱ and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive,^j because you ask with wrong motives,^k that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁴You adulterous^l people, don't you know that friendship with the world^m is hatred toward God?ⁿ Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.^o ⁵Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us^p envies intensely?^q ⁶But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."^r ⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil,^s and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you.^t Wash your hands,^u you sinners, and purify your hearts,^v you double-minded.^w ⁹Grieve, mourn and wail. Change

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your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.^w ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.^x

¹¹Brothers, do not slander one another.^y Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him^z speaks against the law^a and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it,^b but sitting in judgment on it. ¹²There is only one Law-giver and Judge,^c the one who is able to save and destroy.^d But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?^e

Boasting About Tomorrow

¹³Now listen,^f you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."^g ¹⁴Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.^h ¹⁵Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will,ⁱ we will live and do this or that."^j ¹⁶As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil.^k ¹⁷Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.^l

Warning to Rich Oppressors

5 Now listen,^m you rich people,ⁿ weep and wail^o because of the misery that is coming upon you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes.^p ³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their

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¹¹Brothers, do not slander one another.^y Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him^z speaks against the law^a and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it,^b but sitting in judgment on it. ¹²There is only one Law-giver and Judge,^c the one who is able to save and destroy.^d But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?^e

Boasting About Tomorrow

¹³Now listen,^f you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."^g ¹⁴Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.^h ¹⁵Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will,ⁱ we will live and do this or that."^j ¹⁶As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil.^k ¹⁷Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.^l

Warning to Rich Oppressors

5 Now listen,^m you rich people,ⁿ weep and wail^o because of the misery that is coming upon you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes.^p ³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their

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 Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. ⁸See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is^v for the autumn and spring rains. ⁹You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming^a is near. ¹⁰Don't grumble against each other, brothers,^c or you will be judged. The Judge^d is standing at the door!^e

10 Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets^f who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹As you know, we consider blessed^g those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance^h and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. ¹²The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.ⁱ

12 Above all, my brothers, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by

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 Job 1:21,22;
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 Job 42:10,12-17
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 Ps 103:8
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anything else. Let your "Yes" be yes, and your "No," no, or you will be condemned.^k

The Prayer of Faith

13 Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. ¹⁴Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. ¹⁵Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders^o of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil^o in the name of the Lord. ¹⁶And the prayer offered in faith^p will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. ¹⁷Therefore confess your sins^q to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. ¹⁸The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.^r

17 Elijah was a man just like us. ¹⁸He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁹Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.^v

19 My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth^w and someone should bring him back,^x ²⁰remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save^y him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.^z

15 Or yourselves as in a day of feasting

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1 James, a servant of God^b and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes^c scattered^d among the nations:

Greetings.^e

Trials and Temptations

2Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith^f develops perseverance.^h 4Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be matureⁱ and complete, not lacking anything. 5If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God,^j who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.^k 6But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt,^l because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8he is a double-minded man,^m unstableⁿ in all he does.

9The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position.^o 10But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower.^p 11For the sun rises with scorching heat^q and withers^r the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed.^s In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business.

12Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial,^t because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life^u that

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God has promised to those who love him.^v

13When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14but each one is tempted when, by his own^w evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. 15Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin;^x and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.^y

16Don't be deceived,^z my dear brothers. 17Every good and perfect gift is from above,^{aa} coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,^{ab} who does not change^{ac} like shifting shadows. 18He chose to give us birth^{ad} through the word of truth,^{ae} that we might be a kind of first-fruits^{af} of all he created.

Listening and Doing

19My dear brothers,^{ag} take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak^{ah} and slow to become angry,^{ai} 20for man's anger^{aj} does not bring about the righteous life^{ak} that God desires. 21Therefore, get rid of^{al} all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you,^{am} which can save you.

22Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.^{an} 23Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror^{ao} and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately for-

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²⁶If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue,^p he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after^q orphans and widows^r in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.^s

Favoritism Forbidden

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² My brothers, as believers in our glorious^t Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism.^u ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges^v with evil thoughts?

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⁵Listen, my dear brothers:^w Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world^x to be rich in faith^y and to inherit the kingdom^z he promised those who love him?^a ⁶But you have insulted the poor.^b Is it not the rich who are exploiting you?^c Are they not the ones who

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are dragging you into court?^c ⁷Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself,"^d you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism,^e you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.^f ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles^g at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.^h ¹¹For he who said, "Do not commit adultery,"^b ¹also said, "Do not murder."^c ⁱIf you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

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¹²Speak and act as those who are going to be judged^k by the law that gives freedom,^l ¹³because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.^m ⁿMercy triumphs over judgment!

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Faith and Deeds

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?ⁿ Can such faith save him? ¹⁵Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.^o ¹⁶If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?^p ¹⁷In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.^q

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Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. 19You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

20You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? 21Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

22You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 23And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. 24You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.

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Boasting About Tomorrow

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

Warning to Rich Oppressors

5 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their

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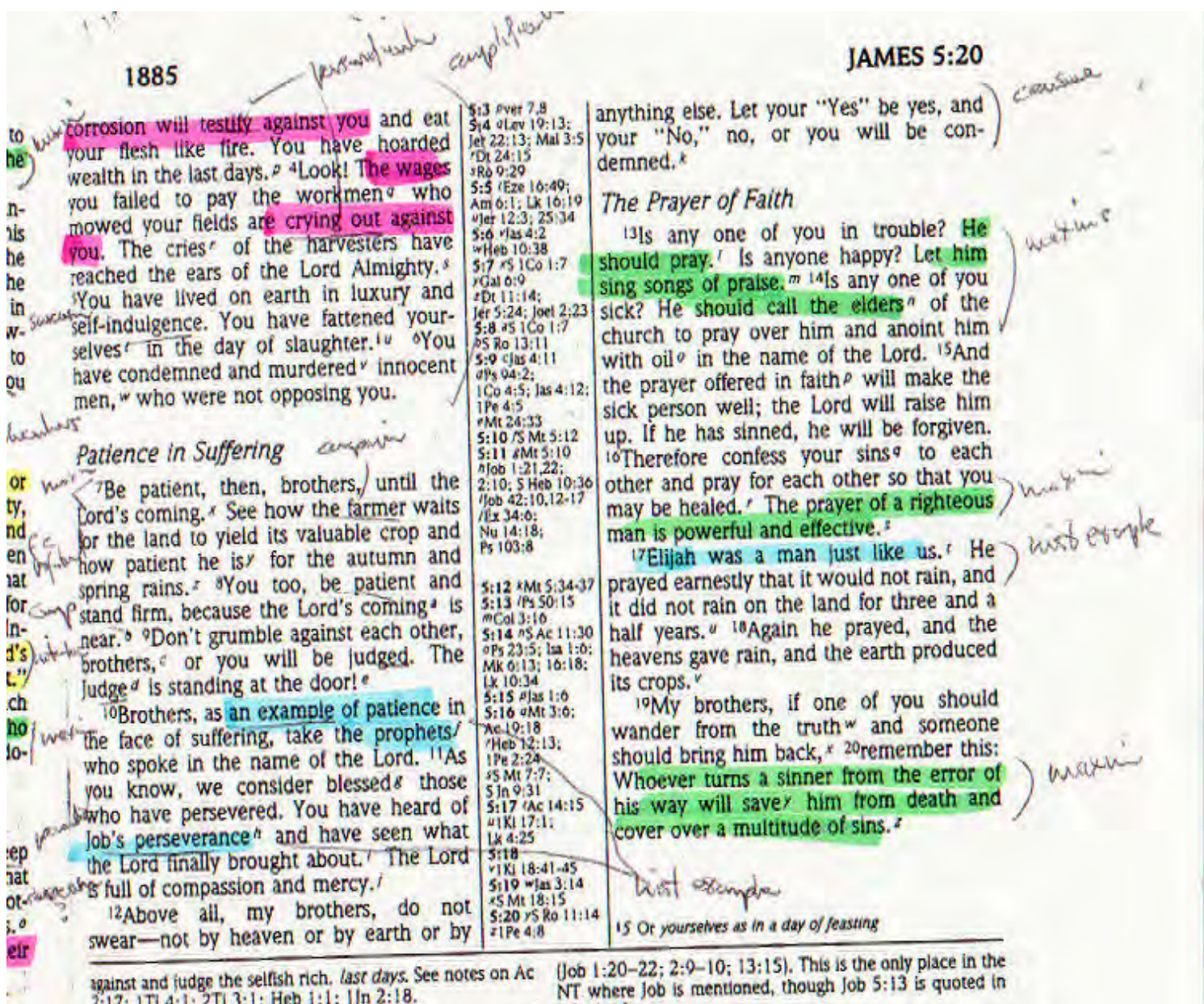
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8All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.

10Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.

11Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Two Kinds of Wisdom

13Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. 16For where you have envy and

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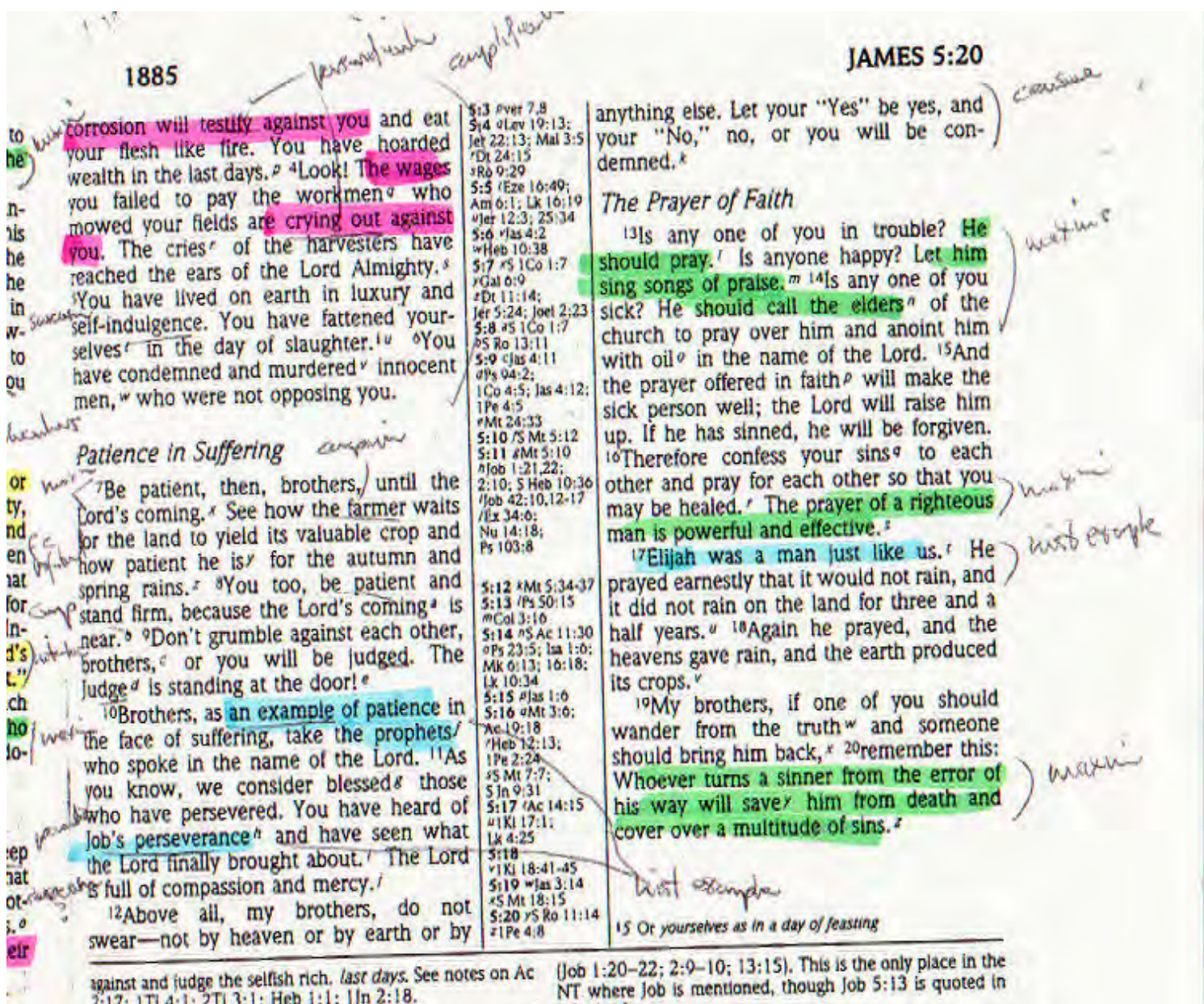
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To the twelve tribes^c scattered^d among the nations:

Greetings.^e

Trials and Temptations

2Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith^f develops perseverance.^h 4Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be matureⁱ and complete, not lacking anything. 5If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God,^j who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.^k 6But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt,^l because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8he is a double-minded man,^m unstableⁿ in all he does.

9The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position.^o 10But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower.^p 11For the sun rises with scorching heat^q and withers^r the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed.^s In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business.

12Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial,^t because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life^u that

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13When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14but each one is tempted when, by his own^w evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. 15Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin;^x and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.^y

16Don't be deceived,^z my dear brothers. 17Every good and perfect gift is from above,^b coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,^c who does not change^d like shifting shadows. 18He chose to give us birth^e through the word of truth,^f that we might be a kind of first-fruits^g of all he created.

Listening and Doing

19My dear brothers,^h take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speakⁱ and slow to become angry,^j 20for man's anger^k does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. 21Therefore, get rid of^l all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you,^m which can save you.

22Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.ⁿ 23Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror^o and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately for-

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² My brothers, as believers in our glorious^t Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism.^u ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges^v with evil thoughts?

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⁵Listen, my dear brothers:^w Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world^x to be rich in faith^y and to inherit the kingdom^z he promised those who love him?^a ⁶But you have insulted the poor.^b Is it not the rich who are exploiting you?^c Are they not the ones who

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Faith and Deeds

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?ⁿ Can such faith save him? ¹⁵Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.^o ¹⁶If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?^p ¹⁷In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.^q

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2:18 Ro 3:28; Heb 11; Mt 7:16,17; Jas 3:13; 2:19 Dt 6:4; Mk 12:29; 1Co 8:4-6; Mt 8:29; Lk 4:34; 2:20 ver 17,20; 2:21 Ge 22:9,12; 2:22 Heb 11:17; 1Th 1:3; 2:23 Ge 15:6; S Ro 4:3; 2Ch 20:7; Isa 41:8; 2:25; Heb 11:31; 2:26 ver 17,20; 3:1 Eph 4:11; Mt 7:1; Ro 2:21; 3:2 1Ki 8:46; Ro 3:9-20; Jas 2:10; 1Jn 1:8; Ps 39:11; Pr 10:19; 1Pe 3:10; S Mt 12:37; Jas 1:26; 3:3 Ps 32:9

example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. 6 Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 7 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

8 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.

10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.

11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Two Kinds of Wisdom

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. 16 For where you have envy and

420 Some early manuscripts dead *23 Gen. 15:6 111 Greek bitter (see also verse 14)

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