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Review of James 1–2
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INTRODUCTION

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James, the half-brother of Jesus

RECIPIENTS

Jewish believers dispersed after Acts 8:1

Dispersed Jews

Believers

Which dispersion?

THE OUTLINE OF THE BODY OF THE BOOK

1:19–20 Let every man be:

**Swift to hear
1:21–2:26**

**Slow to speak
3:1–18**

**Slow to wrath
4:1–5:6**

THE PROLOGUE: THE OVERARCHING CONCERN OF THE BOOK

UNIFIED ARGUMENT UNDER THE THEMATIC STATEMENT (1:19–20)

SWIFT TO HEAR (1:21–2:26)

BE DOERS (1:21FF.)

DO NOT SHOW PARTIALITY (2:1–13)

APPLYING BELIEVED TRUTH (2:14–26)

Meaning of *faith without works*

Illustration of the type of salvation discussed in James (2:15–16)

The objector (2:18–20)

James hands the microphone to the objector (2:18a)

The objector speaks (2:18b–19)

The textual variant

James takes back the microphone (2:20)

James speaks of two kinds of justification

Abraham was justified (before man) after he was justified before God

Rahab was justified (before man) after she was justified before God

The importance of being justified before man (after justification before God)

CONCLUSION