

James 5

King James Version (KJV)

(Written in 45 AD)

(James was half brother to Jesus, Son of Joseph and Mary)

(James = Jacob, in the Hebrew)

5 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. (These are rich crooks and their ill gotten gains. They spend their lives looking over their shoulder; waiting for the law to catch up with them. They amass more money than they will ever need to live on)

²Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. (These are ill gotten gains; not riches from doing honest business with God's blessings)

NOTE: (We all need money to survive in the world. But we need to focus our true wealth in the spiritual sense with our good works and our faith in Jesus Christ. That is where our blessings will come from)

³Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. (They rip people off, and then they hoard their riches in safes)

(They never help anyone else. They think their riches will save them. We cannot take our worldly riches with us into heaven. Only our faith and our good works come with us)

⁴Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabbath. (Kept back by fraud – You did not pay them fairly for their labors. You short changed the people who work for you)

(The LORD of Sabbath = the Lord of Hosts = Jesus Christ)

⁵Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. (You lived a life of luxury, at the expense of those who work for you)

(You fattened up and pampered yourself, as a calf readied for the slaughter. You did all of that at the expense of others, through fraud and usury. You might be going to hell if you don't change their ways)

⁶Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you. (The just One – Jesus Christ; They framed Him for crucifixion with false witnesses and lies. They incited the crowd to demand His death on the cross when Pilate wanted to release Him. These people are the Kenites. The offspring of Satan and Eve) Hebrews-2:14

(They were the Pharisees and the Sadducees then. Today, the Kenites are the money changers <crooked bankers>, the ultra rich, the war profiteers and the crooked politicians and crooked judges. All those who take advantage of people for their own monetary gain)

⁷Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. (God will ensure that His plan comes to pass, just as He gives crops the early rain to germinate the seeds; and latter rain to mature the crops. That ensures that they produce food)

(The prophets received the early rain <spiritually>. They planted the seeds. The Elect will receive the latter rain in the end times. They will help to bring in the harvest of souls for God)

⁸Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. (God's plan will unfold in His time, not yours. Be patient and stay in His Word)

(Impatience can be a problem for many of us. Resist it)

⁹Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door. (Be peaceful with other people – let God do the judging)

¹⁰Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. (The prophets paid a high price for serving God. Most were persecuted or murdered)

¹¹Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. (pitiful = compassionate - bad translation) (God is compassionate)

(Job did nothing wrong. Satan took away his family and all that he had. He got 38 chapters of bad advice from people. But through all of

that, he never abandoned God. God rewarded him greatly afterwards, because Job never lost his faith in Him)

¹² But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. (God's Law details right from wrong – the Ten Commandments. Man's law is based on precedent, which is easily corrupted)

(Stay true and honest. Legal is not always right. Morally correct is not politically correct. Make no oaths, and always speak the truth)

¹³ Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. (If you're troubled, seek God. HE will help you. If you're happy, help to cheer others up. Be a blessing to others if you can)

¹⁴ Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: (sick = physically ill) (Christ <Christos in the Greek> means to anoint with oil <olive oil>) (Jesus Christ is the Anointed One – the Savior)

(The olive oil doesn't do the healing. It is our faith and obedience to God that does the healing. The oil serves as a witness to our faith)

¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (sick = mentally depressed or worn out; mentally ill) (Pray for them. God will help them)

¹⁶ Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (God hears all of our prayers. He who lives righteously and prays sincerely is loved and appreciated by God)

¹⁷ Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. (Elias – Elijah in the Hebrew. He was a man; just like us. It was God who made his prayers come true)

¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. (Again, he prayed. And again, it was God who accomplished the act) (Elijah was a type for the Elect. They will serve God in the end days, when antichrist is here)

¹⁹ Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;

²⁰ Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. (He will be redeemed of his own sins because he helped save another person)