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Ya'akov (James)

Introduction

Author

The author of this letter is commonly known as 'Ya'akov' in English translations, but most people don't realise that his English name should be Ya'akov (or Yakōbos if you wanted to be closer to the Koine Greek spelling). This translation error can be traced all the way back to Yohan Wycliffe's English translation from the Latin in the 1300's as he didn't have access to Greek New Testament manuscripts (although he did use Yacob in some parts of his New Testament when it referred to the son of Isaac). The confusion was probably due to changes in the way Latin was spoken over the centuries, and then translating the name from the historically-altered Latin instead of from the original Greek—see https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-topics/bible-versions-and-translations/james-or-jacob-in-the-bible for more details.

Note from the first sentence in the letter that Ya'akov addressed the letter to the twelve tribes who originated from the twelve sons of his namesake.

This letter

This *Letter from Ya'akov* is Ya'akov's collection of advice to those who believe there is a god in heaven. He wrote this to all people scattered all around the world. Ya'akov used examples in order to explain his advice, so that their behaviour would improve and also their daily work. He also taught on various topics like: faith, testing, suffering, showing, respect, good behaviour, watching what you say, true wisdom from God, and prayer.

He said that our faith is deficient if we don't also demonstrate it by our actions.

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1:1 Yakōbos/(Ya′ₐqov), of_**god** and of_the_**master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_one/messiah**, twelve, a_slave to_the tribes which are in the dispersion: to_be_greeting.

2 All joy consider it, brothers of_me, whenever trials you_all_ _may_fall_among various, **3** knowing that the proving of_you_ _all the faith is_producing endurance. **4** And ~~the~~ endurance work its_perfect let_be_having, in_order_that you_all_may_be perfect and complete, in nothing lacking. **5** But if anyone of_ _you_all is_lacking of_wisdom, him _let_be_requesting from the one giving, **god**, to_all generously, and not deriding, and it_ _will_be_being_given to_him. **6** But him _let_be_requesting in faith, nothing doubting, because/for the one doubting is_like to_a_wave of_the_sea, being_blown and being_tossed. **7** For/Because not let_be_supposing ~~the~~ person that that he_ _will_be_receiving anything from the **master**, **8** a_man double-minded, disturbance in all the ways of_him.

9 And let_be_boasting the brother ~~the~~ humble, in the height of_ _him, **10** and the rich, in the humiliation of_him, because like a_ _flower of_the_grass he_will_be_passing_away. **11** For/Because rose the sun with its scorching_heat, and withered the grass, and the flower of_it fell_from, and the beauty of_the appearance of_it perished. Thus also the rich man among the pursuits of_him will_be_being_faded_away.

12 Blessed is the_man who is_enduring trial, because approved having_become, he_will_be_receiving the crown of_ ~~the~~ _life, that he_promised to_the ones loving him. **13** No_one being_ _tempted let_be_saying, ~~that~~ By **god** I_am_being_tempted. For/Because ~~the~~ **god** untemptable is by_evil, and is_tempting he no_one. **14** But each is_being_tempted by his own lust, being_ _drawn_away and being_enticed. **15** Thereafter the desire having_conceived is_bearing sin, and ~~the~~ sin having_been_ _finished_out, is_bringing_forth death. **16** Not be_being_misled, brothers of_me beloved. **17** Every giving good, and every gift perfect from_above is, coming_down from the father of_ ~~the~~ _ _lights, with whom not there_is variation or of_shifting shadow. **18** Having_been_wished it, he_brought_forth us by_ _the_message of_truth, in_order that to_be us first-fruit a_ _certain of_the of_him creatures.

19 Be_having›_known, brothers of_me beloved. But let_be every person quick in_order that to_hear, slow in_order that to_ _speak, slow to anger, **20** for/because the_severe_anger of_a_ _human, the_righteousness of_**god** not is_producing. **21** Therefore having_put_away all filthiness and abundance of_ _evil, in gentleness receive the implanted message, the one being_able to_save the souls of_you_all. **22** And be_becoming

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1:1 This letter is from Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos),[1] a slave for **God** and for the **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**. It's written to the tribes who have ended up dispersed into many nations: Greetings.

Gaining endurance and requesting wisdom

2 Be cheerful my fellow believers, when you face a range of difficult situations, **3** knowing that you will learn endurance as your faith is tested. **4** Let that endurance do its perfect work so that you all might become perfect and mature—not lacking anything.

5 If anyone of you is lacking wisdom, then it should be requested from **God** who gives it generously and without disparagement, and so it will be given to you, **6** but the person who's asking should demonstrate their faith and not be doubting. That's because a person who doubts is like a wave on the sea that's just blown and tossed around **7** and a person like that shouldn't expect to get anything from the **master** **8** because that person is double-minded, and everything they attempt ends up in difficulty.

Behaviour of the poor and the wealthy

9 Those of humbler means can boast about their greatness **10** whereas the wealthy can boast about their weakness because they'll pass away just like the daisies in the grass.[2] **11** When the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass, the flowers will drop and lose all their beauty. So too for rich people who'll fade away right in the middle of all their projects.

Testing and temptation

12 Any person who's enduring testing circumstances is fortunate, because once they've passed the test, they'll receive a crown of life that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) promised to those who love him. **13** No one should say 'It's **God** tempting me' when they're being tempted, because **God** can't be tempted to do evil and he doesn't tempt others, **14** but rather they're being tempted by their own lusts. They're being drawn away and enticed into what they know is wrong, **15** and after the desire is conceived it leads to sin, and once the sin is concluded it leads to death.

16 Don't be led astray, my dear brothers and sisters. **17** Every gift that's good and perfect comes from heaven. It comes down from the father of lights, none of which are changing or casting moving shadows. **18** Once he had decided it, he created us by his spoken commands so that we'd become a kind of special first 'harvest' out of all of his creatures.

Listening then doing

19 So my dear brothers and sisters, note this: Everyone should be quick to listen but slow to speak, and should be slow to get angry **20** because when people get very angry, it doesn't lead to the good behaviour that **God** expects. **21** So discard all moral filth and the evil that's plentiful, and humbly accept the message that's implanted in you all and which is ca-

1 RV 1:1 · Cross-ref. Mat 13:55; Mrk 6:3; Acts 15:13; Gal 1:19.

2 RV 1:10-11 · Cross-ref. Isa 40:6-7 (LXX).

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pable of saving your souls.
22 Don't delude yourselves by just listening to the message, but
put it into practice in your daily lives. 23 Anyone who is just a lis-
tener of the message and does nothing with it is like someone
who looks at their face in a mirror 24 but goes away after having
a look and then immediately forgets what they looked like.
25 However the person who investigates the perfect law that
gives freedom, and then sticks with it, not being just an observer
that forgets about it but rather a person who puts it into prac-
tice, this person will prosper in whatever they do.
26 If anyone supposes that they're religious but doesn't guard
what comes out of their mouth, then that person's religion is
only skin deep and hasn't affected their heart. 27 A person who
wants to truly serve our **God** and father with a pure heart would
be visiting orphans and widows in their difficulties and staying
unstained by worldly ideas.

Avoiding favouritism

2:1 My dear brothers and sisters, as you
live out your faith in our honoured **mas-
ter Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the messiah**, don't show
favouritism to others. 2 For example, if a man in nicely cut
clothes and wearing an expensive gold ring came into to your
meeting as well as a poor man in filthy clothes 3 and you told the
well-dressed one, 'You sit here in this good chair,' while telling
the poor man, 'You stand over here,' or 'You sit here on the mat,'
4 wouldn't that discrimination show that you have judged them
with evil motives. 5 Listen my dear brothers and sisters, didn't
God chose the poor in this world to be rich in faith and partici-
pants in the kingdom which he promises to those who love him?
6 But you dishonour the poor, even though it's the wealthier
people who oppress you and bring court cases against you. 7 And
aren't they the ones who slander the very God that you pray to?

Judgement and mercy

8 However if you are obeying the golden
law, then when you love your neighbour
as yourself,[3] you'll be doing well according to the scriptures.
9 But if you're showing favouritism, then you're all sinning by
breaking the law. 10 Because anyone who tries to keep the law
but slips up in one area, they're still guilty of breaking the law.
11 The same God who said, 'Don't commit adultery,'[4] also said,
'Don't murder,'[5] so if you're not committing adultery but you
murder someone, then you've broken the law. 12 So speak and
live your life knowing that you're going to be judged by the law
that gives freedom, 13 because judgement will be dispensed
without mercy to those who haven't been putting mercy into
practice. Yes, mercy wins out over judgement.

Faith in action

14 My fellow believers, what would I gain
if I said that someone had faith but it didn't alter how they live
their life? Faith like that wouldn't be able to save them. 15 If a

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doers of_the_message, and not only listeners deluding
yourselves. 23 Because if anyone a_listener of_the_message is,
and not a_doer, this one is_like to_man observing his face of_
~~the~~ _existence of_him in a_mirror. 24 For/Because he_observed
himself and has_gone_away, and immediately he_forgot what_
_kind he_was. 25 But the one having_investigated into the_law
perfect, the law of_ ~~the~~ _freedom, and having_continued_with
it, not a_listener of_forgetful having_become, but a_doer of_
_the_work, this one blessed in the doing of_him will_be. 26 If
anyone is_supposing religious to_be, not bridling the_tongue
of_himself, but seducing the_heart of_him, of_this one useless
is his religion. 27 Religion pure and undefiled before our **god**
and father this is: to_be_visiting orphans and widows in the
tribulation of_them, spotless himself to_be_keeping from the
world.

2:1 Brothers of_me, not with favouritism be_holding the faith
of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_
one/messiah**, of ~~the~~ _glory. 2 For/Because if may_come_in
into the_synagogue of_you_all, a_man gold_ring, in clothing
splendid, and may_come_in also a_poor man, in filthy clothing,
3 and you_all_may_look_at on the one wearing the clothing ~~the~~
splendid, and you_all_may_say: You be_sitting here good, and
to_the poor you_all_may_say: You stand there, or: Be_sitting
under the footstool of_me, 4 not you_all_were_distinguished
among yourselves, and became judges with_speculations evil?
5 Hear, brothers of_me beloved: not ~~the~~ **god** chose the poor in_
_the world, rich in faith to_be, and heirs of_the kingdom which
he_promised to_the ones loving him? 6 But you_all
dishonoured the poor. Not the rich are_oppressing over_you_
_all, and they are_dragging you_all into courts? 7 Not they are_
_slandering the good name ~~which~~ having_been_called on you_
_all?

8 If however the_law you_all_are_accomplishing royal,
according_to the scripture: You_will_be_loving the neighbour
of_you as yourself, well you_all_are_doing. 9 But if you_all_are_
_showing_favouritism, sin you_all_are_doing, being_rebuked by
the law as transgressors. 10 For/Because whoever all the law
may_keep, but may_stumble in one thing, has_become of_all
liable. 11 For/Because the one having_said: Not you_may_
_commit_adultery, said also: Not you_may_murder. And if not
you_are_committing_adultery, but you_are_murdering you_
_have_become a_transgressor of_the_law. 12 Thus be_speaking,
and thus be_doing, as by the_law of_freedom going to_be_
_being_judged. 13 For/Because the judgement merciless will_be
to_the one not having_doing mercy. Is_triumphing mercy over_
_judgement.

14 What is profit, brothers of_me, if faith may_be_saying
anyone, to_be_having but, works not may_be_having? Not is_
_able the faith to_save him? 15 If a_brother or a_sister naked
may_be_being, and lacking of_ ~~the~~ _daily food, 16 and may_say

3 **RV 2:8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:18.

4 **RV 2:11 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:14; Deu 5:18.

5 **RV 2:11 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:13; Deu 5:17.

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anyone to_them from you_all: Be_going in peace, be_warming and be_satisfying, not but you_all_may_give to_them the necessary things for_their body, what is profit? **17** Thus also ~~the~~ faith, if not it_may_be_having works, dead it_is by itself. **18** But will_be_saying someone: You faith are_having, and_I works am_ _having. Show to_me the faith of_you without the works, and_I to_you will_be_showing by the works of_me ~~the~~ faith. **19** You are_believing that one is ~~the~~ **god**. Well you_are_doing, even the demons are_believing and are_shuddering. **20** But you_are_ _wanting to_know, Oh person vain, that ~~the~~ faith apart_from ~~the~~ works idle is? **21** Abra'am/('Avrāhām) the father of_us not by works was_justified, having_offered_up Isa'ak/(Yitsḥāq) the son of_him on the altar? **22** You_are_seeing that his faith was_ _working_together with_the works of_him, and by his works his faith was_perfected. **23** And was_fulfilled the scripture ~~which~~ saying: And believed Abra'am in_- **god**, and it_was_counted to_ _him for righteousness, and a_friend of_**god** he_was_called. **24** You_all_are_seeing that by works is_being_justified a_ _person, and not by faith only. **25** And likewise also Ṛaḳab/(Rāḥāv) the prostitute not by works was_justified, having_welcomed the messengers and by_another way having_ _sent_forth? **26** For/Because as the body apart_from spirit dead is, thus also ~~the~~ faith apart_from works dead is.

3:1 Not many teachers be_becoming, brothers of_me, having_ _known that greater judgement we_will_be_receiving. **2** For/Because in_many ways we_are_stumbling all. If anyone in his_message not is_stumbling, this a_perfect man is, powerful to_bridle also all his body. **3** And, if of_the horses ~~the~~ bridles into the mouths we_are_putting, in_order that to_be_being_ _persuaded them to_us, also all the body of_them we_are_ _directing. **4** Behold, also the ships, so_great being, and by winds hard being_driven, is_being_directed by the_least rudder, wherever the impulse of_the one straightening is_ _wishing. **5** Thus also the tongue a_small member is, and great things is_boasting. Behold, how_much fire, how_much a_forest is_kindling. **6** And the tongue is a_fire, the world of_ ~~the~~ _ _unrighteousness, the tongue is_being_set_down among the members of_us, ~~which~~ staining all the body, and setting_on_fire the course of_ ~~the~~ _existence, and being_set_on_fire by ~~the~~ geenna. **7** For/Because every nature of_wild_beasts both and of_birds, of_reptiles both and of_sea creatures, is_being_tamed and has_been_tamed by_the nature ~~the~~ human, **8** but the tongue no_one to_tame is_able of_the_people, an_unstable evil, full of_poison deadly. **9** In it we_are_blessing our **master** and father, and in it we_are_cursing ~~the~~ people, the ones according_ _to the_likeness of_**god** having_become. **10** Out_of the same mouth is_coming_out blessing and curse. Not is_ought brothers of_me these things thus to_be_becoming. **11** Surely_not the spring out_of of_the same hole is_outflowing ~~the~~ sweet and ~~the~~ bitter? **12** Not is_able, brothers of_me, a_fig_tree olives to_

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fellow believer is lacking clothes or food, **16** and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace and be warm and satisfied,' but don't help with their physical needs, what use would that be? **17** In other words, faith without the corresponding lifestyle is just dead.

18 No doubt someone will say, 'Well you have the faith and I do the good deeds.' So show me your faith without good deeds and I'll demonstrate my faith *by* my good deeds. **19** You believe that there's one **God** and you're right, but even the demons believe that and shudder. **20** But the vain person still wants to know if faith without good deeds is wasted? **21** Wasn't our ancestor Avraham considered right with God due to his *actions* when he offered up his son Yitshak (Isaac) on the altar?[6] **22** So his faith was working together with his actions, and it was by his actions that his faith was perfected. **23** This fulfilled the scripture that says, 'Avraham believed in **God** and so he was consider to be right with God,[7] and was called a friend **of God**.'[8] **24** So you can see that a person is considered right with God due to his actions, and not just by their 'faith'. **25** Similarly the prostitute Rahav was made right by her actions when she welcomed the Hebrew messengers and then helped them get away by a different route.[9] **26** Just like a body is dead once the spirit has departed, so too faith is dead if it's not demonstrated by good deeds.

3:1 My brothers and sisters, not everyone **The tongue**
should desire to be a teacher because we know that us teachers will be judged more strictly. **2** We all stumble in many ways. If there was someone who never said anything wrong, this person would be perfect and also able to have self-control over their entire body. **3** With a horse, we can put a bridle into its mouth so we can make them do what we want, and so we can direct the whole animal. **4** Similarly, even huge ships that are being driven on by strong winds are controlled by a small rudder and can be steered wherever the captain desires. **5** So too the tongue is only small but can make extensive claims.

Yes, a tiny flame can ignite an entire forest **6** and the tongue is a fire producing a torrent of depravity. It's a part of our physical body but capable of staining us all over and setting our worlds on fire, because the tongue itself is set on fire from hell. **7** Every kind of wild animal and birds and reptiles and sea creature can be tamed and has been tamed by humankind **8** but no one is able to tame the tongue—it's an erratically evil body part that's full of deadly poison. **9** We use it to bless our **master** and father, yet we use it to curse our fellow humans who are made in **God's** image.[10] **10** Both blessings and curses come out of the same mouth! My brothers and sisters, it shouldn't be like that. **11** Surely a spring flowing out of a single cavity can't produce both good-tasting and bitter water. **12** A fig tree can't produce olives

6 **RV 2:21 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:1-14.

7 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:6.

8 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 20:7; Isa 41:8.

9 **RV 2:25 · Cross-ref.** Josh 2:1-21.

10 **RV 3:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:26.

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and a grape vine can't produce figs, my brothers and sisters, just like a salty supply can't give fresh water.

Heavenly wisdom

13 Any of you that are wise and understanding should demonstrate their good deeds and wisdom by their godly living. **14** But if you are full of bitter jealousy or selfish ambition, don't be boasting or denying the truth **15** because none of that came down to you from heaven, but on the contrary it's earthly and soulish and demonic. **16** Wherever you find jealousy and selfish ambition, you'll also find disharmony and all kinds of evil. **17** In contrast, the wisdom that comes from God is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good behaviour, unceasing, and not hypocritical. **18** Those who desire peace sow the seeds that will produce godly behaviour.

Don't befriend the world

4:1 Where do you imagine that the fights and quarrels among you all originate? Isn't it because of the ambitions that surface inside you? **2** You all have wants that are not fulfilled so it leads to murder. You're jealous and not able to get everything you want, so you quarrel and fight. You don't have, because you haven't asked God, **3** and when you all do ask, it doesn't get answered because you ask with wrong motives—trying get what you want to spend on your own wants. **4** You're just like prostitutes. Don't you realise that if you befriend the world then you're opposing **God**, so anyone who befriends the world makes themself an enemy **of God**. **5** Do you think that the scripture means nothing when it says, 'God's **spirit** jealously longs to live in us'? **6** However, he's good at giving grace so that's why it says, '**God** opposes proud people but gives grace to humble ones.'[11] **7** So strive then **to** do what **God** wants of you. Resist the devil and he will flee away from you. **8** When you all approach **God**, he will move closer to you. So keep your hands clean you sinners, and keep your hearts pure you who can't make up your minds about God. **9** Be miserable, and mourn and weep. Change your laughing into crying and your happiness into sadness **10** because when you humble yourselves towards **Yahweh**, he will be the one to lift you up.

Avoid judging others

11 My fellow believers, don't make false accusations against each other because anyone who falsely accuses or judges a fellow believer, is slandering against the law and judging it. But if you're the ones judging the law, then you're not a follower of the law but a judge of it. **12** There's only one lawgiver and judge and that's the one who is able to save and to destroy. So who do you think you are to judge your neighbour!

Avoid boasting and presumption

13 Now you all might say, 'Today or tomorrow we'll go into the city to work there for a year and do some trading to make some money.'[12] **14** But you don't know what tomorrow will bring, because what are your lives? You're like a vapour that appears for a brief period and then it's gone. **15** So instead of saying that, you should

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_produce or a_vine figs? Nor salt sweet to_produce water.

13 Who is wise and understanding among you_all? Him_let_ _show out_of his good conduct the works of_him in the_ _gentleness of_wisdom. **14** But if jealousy bitter you_all_are_ _having, and selfish_ambition in the heart of_you_all, not be_ _boasting and be_lying against the truth. **15** Not is this the wisdom from_above coming_down, but earthly, soulish, demonic. **16** For/Because where jealousy and selfish_ambition is, there is disturbance and every evil matter. **17** But the from_ _above wisdom, first indeed pure is, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of_mercy and of_fruits good, unceasing, unhypocritical. **18** And the_fruit of_righteousness in peace is_ _being_sown, by_the ones making peace.

4:1 From_where wars and from_where quarrels among you_all are? Not is_it from_here from the gratifications of_you_all, ~~which~~ warring in the members of_you_all? **2** You_all_are_ _desiring and not you_all_are_having, you_all_are_murdering and are_being_jealous, and not you_all_are_being_able to_ _obtain, you_all_are_quarrelling and you_all_are_warring. Not you_all_are_having, because_of that not to_be_requesting you_ _all, **3** you_are_requesting and not you_all_are_receiving, because wrongly you_all_are_requesting, in_order_that in the gratifications of_you_all you_all_may_spend it. **4** Adultresses. Not you_all_have_known that ~~the~~ friendship with_the world, enmity ~~the~~ of_**god** is? Whoever therefore ~~if~~ may_be_wished a_ _friend to_be of_the world, an_enemy of_ ~~the~~ _**god** is_being_ _appointed. **5** Or you_all_are_supposing that emptily the scripture is_saying: With envy is_longing_for the **spirit** which is made_to_dwell in us? **6** But greater he_is_giving grace. Therefore he_is_saying: - **god** against_the_proud is_opposing, but to_the_humble he_is_giving grace. **7** Therefore be_ _subjected to_ ~~the~~ _**god**. But resist against_the devil, and he_ _will_be_fleeing from you_all. **8** Near to_ ~~the~~ _**god**, and he_will_ _be_nearing to_you_all. Cleanse your_hands, sinners, and purify your_hearts, double-minded. **9** Be_miserable, and mourn, and weep. The laughter of_you_all to mourning let_be_ _turned, and your joy to gloominess. **10** Be_humbled before the_**master**, and he_will_be_exalting you_all.

11 Not be_slandering against_one_another, brothers. The one slandering against_his_brother or judging the brother of_him, is_slandering against_the_law and is_judging the_law. But if the_law you_are_judging, not you_are a_doer of_the_law, but a_ _judge. **12** one there_is lawgiver and judge, the one being_able to_save and to_destroy. But you who are, the one judging your neighbour?

13 Be_come now, you_all saying: Today or tomorrow, we_will_ _be_going into this ~~the~~ city, and we_will_be_working there a_ _year, and we_will_be_merchandising, and we_will_be_ _profiting. **14** Who not are_knowing on_the day next will_be, because/for what is life of_you_all? For/Because a_vapour you_ _all_are, ~~which~~ for a_little time appearing, then also being_ _perishing. **15** Instead_of that to_be_saying you_all ought: If the

11 **RV 4:6 · Cross-ref.** Prv 3:34 (LXX).

12 **RV 4:13-14 · Cross-ref.** Prv 27:1.

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master may_will, both we_will_be_living and we_will_be_
_doing, this or that. **16** But now you_all_are_boasting in the
arrogance of_you_all. All boasting such evil is. **17** Therefore to_
_having_known one good to_be_doing, and not doing it, sin to_
_him it_is.

5:1 Be_come now, you_all rich ones, weep, wailing over the
miseries of_you_all which are coming_over. **2** The riches of_
_you_all has_rotted, and the clothes of_you_all moth-eaten has_
_become. **3** The gold of_you_all and the silver has_been_
_corroded, and the rust of_them for a_testimony to_you_all
will_be, and will_be_consuming the fleshes of_you_all like fire.
You_all_stored_up in the_last days. **4** Behold, the wage of_the
workers, ~~which~~ having_harvested the fields of_you_all, ~~which~~
having_been_withheld by you_all, is_crying_out, and the
outcries of_the ones having_reaped, into the ears of_the_
_**master** of_armies have_come_in. **5** You_all_indulged on the
earth. And you_all_lived_luxuriously, you_all_nourished the
hearts of_you_all in the_day of_slaughter. **6** You_all_convicted,
you_all_murdered the righteous, yet_not he_is_opposing
against_you_all.

7 Therefore be_patient, brothers, until the coming of_the
master. Behold, the farmer is_awaiting for_the precious fruit
of_the earth, being_patient for it until he_may_receive the_
_early and late rains. **8** Be_patient also you_all, strengthen the
hearts of_you_all, because the coming of_the **master** has_
_neared. **9** Not be_groaning, brothers, against one_another, in_
_order_that not you_all_may_be_judged. Behold, the judge
before the doors has_stood. **10** An_example take, brothers, of_
~~the~~ _misfortune, and of_ ~~the~~ _patience, the prophets, who spoke
in name of_the_**master**. **11** Behold, we_are_counting_blessed
the ones having_endured. The endurance of_Iōb/(ʾIyyōv) you_
_all_heard, and the outcome of_the_**master** you_all_saw, that
much_compassionate is the **master** and compassionate.
12 Before but, all things, brothers of_me, not be_swearing,
neither ~~the~~ by_heaven, nor the earth, nor other any oath, but
let_be of_you_all your Yes be, yes, and your No be, no, in_order_
_that not under judgement you_all_may_fall.

13 Is_suffering_hardship anyone among you_all? Him _let_be_
_praying. Is_cheering_up anyone? Him _let_be_singing_praises.
14 Is_ailing anyone among you_all? Him_let_call_to the elders
of_the assembly, and them_let_pray over him, having_anointed
him with_olive_oil in the name of_the **master**. **15** And the vow
of_ ~~the~~ _faith will_be_saving the one faltering, and will_be_
_raising him the **master**, and_if sins he_may_be having_done,
it_will_be_being_forgiven to_him. **16** Therefore be_confessing

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say, 'If the **master** wants it, we will live and we'll do this or that.'
16 But as it is, you've all been boasting in your arrogance and
that's an evil attitude. **17** Any person who knows that there's
some good thing that they should be doing, but doesn't do it, is
sinning.

The bad ending of wealthy prigs

5:1 So you wealthy people, come and cry
about the miseries that are about to hit
you all. **2** Your riches have rotted and your clothes have become
moth-eaten.[13] **3** Your gold and silver has corroded, and that cor-
rosion will speak out against you and will eat away your bodies
like fire because you stored up wealth in this final age. **4** The un-
paid wages of the workers who harvested your fields are crying
out[14] and the desperate requests of those harvesters have been
heard by army commander **Yahweh**. **5** You have indulged your-
selves and lived luxuriously but you've been fattening your-
selves up as the time for your slaughter approaches. **6** You all
convicted innocent people and had them executed, even when
they weren't doing anything against you.

Wait patiently

7 So my fellow believers, be patient until
the return of Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) our **master**. You see how
farmers look forward to the fruit to be ready—waiting patiently
even while they monitor the early and the late rains. **8** All of you
should be patient too, and encourage each other in your faith
because the **master's** return is closer now.
9 And don't moan about each other, my fellow believers, so
that you all won't be judged for it, because truly, the judge is just
outside about to come in the doors. **10** Look at the prophets who
spoke out **the** messages from **Yahweh**—they're good examples
of suffering and patience for you to follow **11** and now we con-
sider them as heroes for their endurance. You all heard about
Iyov's (Job's) endurance[15] and then you yourselves witnessed
what happened to Yeshua our **master**, and you saw his compas-
sion and mercy.[16]
12 But most importantly, brothers and sisters, don't swear by
heaven or earth or by any other kind of oath but simply be hon-
est so that 'yes' means yes and 'no' means no,[17] then you won't
end up getting judged.

The power of prayer and restoration

13 Is anyone among you going through
hard times? If so, they should be praying.
Is anyone feeling cheerful? If so, they should be singing praises.
14 Is anyone among you sick? If so, that person should call the
leaders of the assembly and get them to anoint them with oil[18]
and to pray for them in the name and authority of Yeshua (Jesus;
Grk. Yesus) our **master**. **15** Then that declaration of faith will

13 **RV 5:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Mat 6:19.

14 **RV 5:4 · Cross-ref.** Deu 24:14-15.

15 **RV 5:11 · Cross-ref.** Yob 1:21-22; 2:10.

16 **RV 5:11 · Cross-ref.** Psa 103:8.

17 **RV 5:12 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:34-37.

18 **RV 5:14 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 6:13.

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save the weak person and the **master** will lift him/her up, and if they've sinned, then their sins will also be forgiven. **16** So confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that all of you can be healed, because when an obedient believer prays, it has a real effect. **17** Eliyah (Elijah) was a person just similar to us, and when he prayed for the rain to stop, it stopped, and it didn't rain again for three and a half years.[19] **18** Then he prayed again, and the rain came down from the sky and the land sprouted and started to bear fruit again.[20]

19 My fellow believers, if any of you have wandered from the truth and someone helps them back, **20** then you should know that someone who helps a sinner to come back from their deceitful ways will be saving their soul from death, and their many sins can be forgiven.[21]

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to_one_another your sins, and be_praying for one_another, so_ _that you_all_may_be_healed. Much is_prevailing the_petition of_a_righteous one working. **17** A^{y}lias/(’Ēliy^{yāh}) a_man was like_ _natured to_us, and with_prayer he_prayed ~~which~~ not for_it to_ _rain, and not it_rained on the earth, three years and six months. **18** And again he_prayed, and the sky rain gave, and the earth sprouted the fruit of_it. **19** Brothers of_me, if anyone among you_all may_be_strayed from the truth, and may_turn_ _back someone him, **20** be_knowing that the one having_ _turned_back a_sinner from the_deception of_the_way of_him, will_be_saving the_soul of_him from death, and will_be_ _covering a_multitude of_sins.

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19 RV 5:17 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 17:1; 18:1.

20 RV 5:18 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 18:42-45.

21 RV 5:20 · Cross-ref. Prv 10:12; 1Pe 4:8.