

## James Chapter 1

Verse 1: The twelve tribes dispersed abroad – See Acts 2:5-11. These people in Acts 2 were Jews who had been dispersed abroad who believed the gospel and went back to where they were living in the countries that are listed in the passage.

Notice that people speak of the ten lost tribes. However, James is writing this letter to them, so we know that they are not lost.

Trials, endurance and maturity

Verse 2: **Consider it a great joy...** Compare that with 1 Peter 1:6, where it says:

**You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials ...**

**Consider it great joy** is not pretending that you are not grieved by the trial, but recognizing by faith the value of the trial you are going through.

Scripture we hope to refer to next week:

James 1:2-3

1 Peter 1:6-7

Romans 5:3-5

2 Corinthians 4:7-10 and 16-18

Hebrews 11:8-10, 13, 24-26, 12:7-11

Matthew 5:11-12