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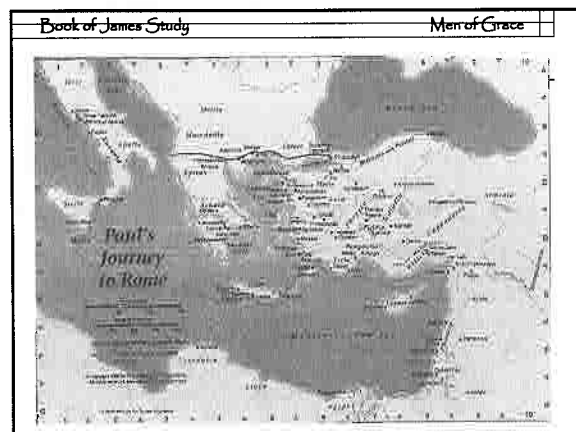
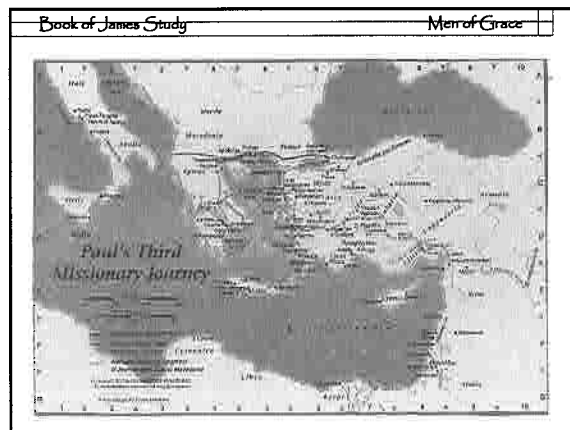
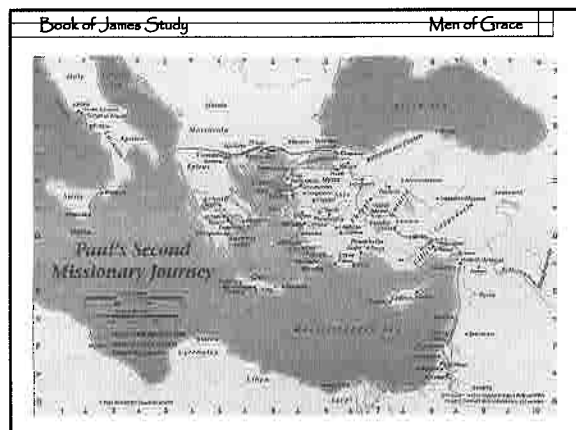
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Major Themes Three major themes – repeated • <i>Trials and testing of faith</i> • <i>Wisdom – especially in the areas of speech and obedience</i> • <i>Riches and Poverty</i>	

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Outline of James The Three Themes Expanded (2:1-5:18) I. Trials and Temptations (4:13-5:18) A. <i>Planning apart from God's Will (4:13-17)</i> B. <i>Responding to Oppression (5:1-12)</i> C. <i>Anointing Prayer for Serious Illness (5:13-18)</i>	

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James 4:13-17 <u>Main Idea</u> <i>Christians should not plan for the future as if they are in complete control of their own lives but should consistently make a healthy allowance for God's sovereignty. Awareness of this principle makes failure to implement it all the more culpable</i>	

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Outline of James 4:13-17 – con't b. <i>Such presumption about the future is in fact boasting in one's own arrogance (vv. 16-17).</i> i. <i>For Christians, all such boasting is particularly evil (v. 16).</i> ii. <i>This is because Christians know better (v. 17).</i>	



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Proverbs 27:1

"Don't brag about tomorrow, since you don't know what the day will bring."

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Luke 12:16 - 21

16 Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. 17 He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' 18 Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. 19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"' 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' 21 "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

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James 1:5 - 8

5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. 6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. 7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

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JAMES 4:13-17

4:13 LOOK HERE,
YOU WHO SAY,

"TODAY OR TOMORROW
WE ARE GOING TO A CERTAIN TOWN
AND WILL STAY THERE A YEAR.
WE WILL DO BUSINESS THERE
AND MAKE A PROFIT"

4:14 How DO YOU KNOW

WHAT YOUR LIFE WILL BE LIKE TOMORROW?

YOUR LIFE IS LIKE THE MORNING FOG
— IT'S HERE A LITTLE WHILE,
THEN IT IS GONE.

4:15 WHAT YOU OUGHT TO SAY IS,

"IF THE LORD WANTS US TO

WE WILL LIVE

AND DO THIS OR THAT"

4:16 OTHERWISE

YOU ARE BOASTING ABOUT YOUR OWN PLANS

AND

ALL SUCH BOASTING IS EVIL.

4:17 REMEMBER,

IT IS SIN TO KNOW WHAT YOU OUGHT TO DO
AND THEN NOT DO IT.

