

JAMES 20

Woe to the Rich

1. 5:1 – Woe to the Rich

- a. How we do business is a dispensational issue - Prov 6:6 vs Luke 12:22-24, 33
- b. Paul says to work with your own hands 1 Th 4:11-12, 2 Th 3:10, 1 Tim 5:8, 1 Tim 6:17
- c. Is being rich sinful? – Deut 29:9, Josh 1:8, Psa 1:1-3, 112:3, Prov 15:6, 22:4,7
- d. The rich shall give no more, the poor no less for atonement – Exo 30:15
- e. They are not punished for their “richness”, it is their sin – Rev 18:3, Prov 11:3-4
- f. There are two ways to become rich: with or without integrity → 1 Tim 6:10
- g. The only way to be rich in James was to join the Antichrist’s system – Rev 13:17
- h. The rich in the prophetic last days were to “sell all” – Acts 2:17, 44-45
- i. It was a time of the coming Day of the Lord and judgment

2. 5:2-3 – Corrupted Riches

- a. “Weep and howl” prophetically describes the Lord’s wrath – Jer 4:8, Joel 1:5, 15,
- b. It is wrong to be the rich guy when its time for destruction - Zeph 1:8, 11, 17-18
- c. “Corrupted and motheaten” identifies their worldly focus – Matt 6:19-21, 24-25
- d. They are amassing their own destruction - Mat 23:13-17, 33-34
- e. Jesus told them to sell all that they had - Mat 19:23-24

3. 5:4-6 – Their Opposition to the Just

- a. Rich men that were oppressing and blaspheming - James 2:6
- b. Oppression is found in Luke 16:19-21
- c. Masters that do not unto others are treated the same by the Lord - Mat 18:23-35
- d. He will judge the oppressors *swiftly* - Mal 3:3-5
- e. “sabaoth” means armies. Not Sabbath = it is the Greek form of “Lord of hosts”
- f. “killed the just” – The Just One, Acts 3:14; and just ones – Luke 21:12, Acts 9:1
- g. 5:6 – Resist not the evil, Jesus taught this in Mat 5:39-42

4. 5:7-8 – The Lord’s Soon Coming

- a. Remember the patience in which they possess their souls? – Luke 21:19, Jam 1:3
- b. 5:7 - He changes audience to the brethren
- c. 5:8 - They are to be patient and endure to the end that is quickly coming