

Part II: Beginning of Paul's First Missionary Journey

**“As Peter Confronted Simon Magnus,
So, Paul Confronted Barjesus Elymas,
In The Name of The Lord Jesus Christ!”**

Acts 13:6-12

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RECALL

Q: “Who Is The Proconsul, Sergius Paulus?”

A: He Is The Roman Magistrate & Governing Authority Over Cyprus

Assigned By Caesar & The Roman Senate From Early 44 A.D. – Early 48 A.D.

A: Attested To By At Least 4 Archeological Findings & Inscriptions Since 1887

A: According To Scripture He Is Well Schooled, Intelligent,
& Curious To Hear The Full Gospel Told To Him

“Proconsul, (Lucius) Sergius Paulus, an Intelligent Man. This Man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to Hear the Word of God (Rhema).” **Acts 13:7**

A: First Convert To The Faith In Cyprus

“Then the Proconsul Believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the Teaching of the Lord (Gospel Message).” **Acts 13:12**

Q: “Who Is This Jewish Sorcerer and False Prophet, named, Bar – Jesus?”

A: “**Bar suma Jesus**” which means: “**a son who comes in the name of Jesus**” who was like Jesus of Nazareth in his supposed ability to perform ‘**Signs & Wonders**’.

But **Elymas / Hetoimas / Halomah** the **Sorcerer** (for so his name is also translated) ***[But also whose names mean: 'to be grieved and tormented till you waste away into eternity' or 'a skilled and crafty charlatan who interprets dreams / visions for evil gain']*** withstood **Them** (**Barnabas** & **Saul**), seeking to turn the **Proconsul** away from the **Faith** (**Christian**). **Acts 13:8**

Other Names / Aliases

“Elymas” which means: “to be grieved and tormented till you waste away into eternity”

“Hetoimas” or “Halomah” a variant of the name “Elymas” which means:
“a skilled and crafty charlatan who interprets dreams / visions for evil gain”

Further His Full Name “Barjesus Elymas Hetoimas Halomah” Means:

“A son who comes in the name of Jesus, but is in fact grieved and tormented, while he wastes away into eternity, being a skilled and crafty charlatan, who interprets dreams & visions for his own personal gain, and for evil purposes.”

Conclusion

Thus, one can conclude that “Barjesus Elymas / Hetoimas / Halomah” is indeed a sorcerer / false prophet serving the Evil One in Direct Opposition to the Holy One!

“Seeking to turn the Proconsul away from the Faith (Christian).” Acts 13:8b

RECALL

Three Key Concepts Surround Such Evil People:

False Prophets, Interpreters of Dreams & Visions, Divination, & Sorcery

1) Deceitfulness, 2) Craftiness, & 3) Perversion & Curse

Q: “So What Does God Instruct Paul To Do Against This Evil Sorcerer?”

A: Confront The Sorcerer With The Truth Of His Sins & Curse Him With An Affliction!

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NOTICE

1st Paul Tells Him His Sins: 1) Deceit – Deception, 2) Craftiness – Evil, & 3) Perversion – Untruth

2nd Paul Calls For A Divine Curse & Affliction To Fall Upon Him To Open His Eyes To The Truth

IMMEDIATELY

God Acts To Remove His Opposition & Force The Sorcerer To Rethink His Life & Existence!

“And immediately a dark mist fell on him,
and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.”

Acts 13:11b

NOTICE

Similarity To Paul’s Former Life When He Openly Opposed God!

“Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened, he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days (for a time) without sight, and neither ate nor drank.” Acts 9:8-9

Q: “What Is The Immediate Effect Of The Sorcerer No Longer Standing In Opposition Against The Preaching & Teaching Of The Gospel By Paul & Barnabas?”

A: The Proconsul of Rome – Lucius Sergius Paulus

Believes By Hearing The Truth Of The Gospel Message Of Jesus Christ

& Is Simultaneously Convinced By The Great Power Coming From God’s Holy Spirit

That Accompanies The Preaching & Teaching Of God’s Word

Soon After His Conversion By Barnabas & Paul,

Just A Few Short Months Later In Early 48 A.D. The Proconsul Will Be Recalled To Rome.

There He Will Be Promoted To 1 Of The Top 10 Jobs In Rome,

Sanitation Management & Aqueduct Delivery Of All Fresh Water To The City.

In Rome, In His New Position As A New High-Ranking Official, He Will Have A Great Influence

Among The Elite Of The Empire, Where He Can Share The Gospel Of The Good News!

Q: "What Is The Long-Term Effect On The Sorcerer Being Made Blind For A Time?"

A: We Do Not Know – No Later Evidence Appears In Any Record About This Man!

**A: When God Allows Affliction & A Curse To Fall Upon Some One
It Is For The Eternal Purpose Of Awakening Them To Faith, Repentance, & Truth!**

***"Let Us As God's Called, Redeemed, & Sanctified People,
Be Ever On The Spiritual Alert, Using All Of Our Senses & Reasoning,
And The Divine Infilling, Counseling, & Teaching of God's Holy Spirit,
To Detect, Decipher, & Call Out, The Enemies of God & His People,
Calling On The Name of the Lord To Change Them,
Stop Them, Or Remove Them From Our Midst!
Let All Of Us Filled By The Holy Spirit, Ask For Courage & Understanding
To Speak The Full Gospel Of Good News To All We Meet,
In Season & Out Of Season, Not Counting The Cost!
And Let Us Ask The Holy Spirit To Give Us Broken, Hurting, & Lost Souls,
That We May Help Them Find Healing, Forgiveness, Salvation, & Hope,
By Placing Their Faith & Trust In Jesus Christ, Our Lord!"***