

Acts 13

“The First Missionary Journey - Part I”

Summary

- Paul begins his First Missionary Journey with stops on Cyprus and in Asia Minor

Outline

- I. Paul and company set apart for the mission
 - A. Paul's status - 12:24-25
 - B. Antioch's church leadership - 13:1
 - C. Paul and Barnabas set apart - vs. 2-3
- II. The Journey Begins
 - A. From Antioch to Cyprus - vs. 4-5
 - B. They preach the gospel throughout the island with John Mark - vs. 5
 - C. Across the island to Paphos - vs. 6
- III. Elymas the Sorcerer
 - A. A false prophet enters - vs. 6
 - B. Enter Roman proconsul Lucius Sergius Paulus - vs. 7
 - C. Paul rebukes Elymas, who is blinded - vs. 8-11
 - * Saul takes the name Paul in vs. 9
 - D. Paulus is converted - vs. 12
- IV. Journey Continues
 - A. Into Asia Minor - vs. 13
 - B. John Mark departs - vs. 13
 - C. On to Antioch - vs. 14
- V. Paul's Sermon at Antioch
 - A. At synagogue on Sabbath - vs. 14-15
 - B. Paul Preaches
 1. Summary of Israel's history - vs. 16-22
 2. Preaches Christ - vs. 23-37
 3. Conclusion - vs. 38-41
 - C. The reaction and results - vs. 42-43
 - D. The crowd of Gentiles on the next Sabbath - vs. 44
 - E. The Jews hinder and resist - vs. 45
 - F. Paul turns to the Gentiles - vs. 46-47
 - G. The glorious results - vs. 48-49
 - H. The Jews run them out of town - vs. 50-51
 - I. The mission continues - vs. 52

Notes

The Jesuses of the KJV Bible

- Note - the name *Jesus* is the same as “Joshua”, Hebrew “Yeshua”
- **Jesus Christ**
 - The Son of God, Savior of Men
- **Joshua**
 - Joshua’s name appears as “Jesus” in Acts 7:45 and Hebrews 4:8
- **Elymas**
 - Called *Bar-Jesus*, meaning “son of Jesus [Joshua]” - Acts 13:6
 - *Elymas* means “wise”
- **Jesus, called Justus**
 - A Christian companion of Paul - Colossians 4:11

Notes on Places

- Seleucia - Seleucia Pieria - vs. 4
 - 20 miles west of Antioch
 - Port city established for Antioch
- Cyprus - vs. 4
 - Third largest Mediterranean island
 - Barnabas is from there – Acts 4:36-37
 - Large Jewish population
- Salamis - vs. 5
 - Port city on eastern coast of Cyprus
 - 120 miles from Seleucia
- Paphos - vs. 6
 - Roman capital on western coast of Cyprus
 - 90 miles from Salamis
- Perga - vs. 13
 - Capital of Pamphylia in Asia Minor
 - 170 miles northwest of Paphos
- Antioch – Pisidian Antioch - vs. 14
 - One of 17 cities named Antioch by Seleucus I Nicator after his father
 - Roman colony
 - 100 miles from Perga and uphill
- Iconium - vs. 51
 - 60 miles east of Antioch in Pisidia

Notes on People

- Paulus – vs. 7
 - Lucius Sergius Paulus, Roman proconsul of Cyprus
 - Inscriptions bearing his name found in Cyprus, Rome, and Pisidian Antioch
- Elymas
 - Sorcerer, magician, or magi
 - Roman historian Pliny the Elder wrote in his Natural History, Book XXX, Chapter 2, Paragraph 5 (77-79 AD): “There is another sect, also, of adepts in the magic art, who derive their origin from Moses, Jannes, and Lotapea, Jews by birth,... and as much more recent, again, is the branch of magic cultivated in Cyprus.”