

## ~BAR-JESUS (59)

(Bar-Je'sus) [Son of Jesus]

- A certain Jew of Paphos on the island of Cyprus in the **First Century C.E**, who was **a sorcerer, a false prophet**.
- When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they met up with a certain man, **a sorcerer, a false prophet**, a Jew whose name was **Bar-Jesus**. (**Acts of Apostles 13:6**)
- He assumed the professional name or title **Elymas**, meaning **Sorcerer**.

## See Also ELYMAS

- It appears that **Bar-Jesus** held the influential position of court **magician and adviser** to Sergius Paulus, the Roman proconsul at Paphos. As a priest of the divination cult, **Bar-Jesus** was naturally **against Christianity**, and wanting to protect his own lucrative position, he was adamant in his opposition to the preaching of Paul and Barnabas.
- And he was with the proconsul Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. Calling Barnabas and Saul to him, this man **earnestly sought to hear the word of God**. (**Acts of Apostles 13:7**)
- But Elymas the sorcerer that, in fact, is the way his name is translated began **opposing** them, **seeking to turn the proconsul** away from the faith. (**Acts of Apostles 13:8**)
- Thereupon, Paul looked this Satanic sorcerer in the eye and, filled with Holy Spirit, responded;
- Saul, who is also Paul, becoming filled with Holy Spirit, looked at him intently (**Acts of Apostles 13:9**)
- And said; O man full of every sort of fraud and every sort of villainy, you son of the Devil, you enemy of everything righteous, will you not quit distorting the right ways of Yehowah? (**Acts of Apostles 13:10**)

- Well, then, look! Yehowah's hand is upon you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sunlight for a period of time. Instantly a thick mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went around
- Instantly **Bar-Jesus** was struck with blindness. The proconsul, upon witnessing this first recorded miracle of Paul, was astounded at the teaching of Yehowah, and he immediately accepted the message and became a believer.
- Well, then, look! Yehowah's hand is upon you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sunlight for a period of time. Instantly a thick mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went around seeking men to lead him by the hand. (**Acts of Apostles 13:11**)
- Then the proconsul, upon seeing what had happened, became a believer, as he was astounded at the teaching of Yehowah. (**Acts of Apostles 13:12**)