

**~JANNES (62)**  
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- **A resister of Moses with whom Paul compares apostates who resist the truth.**
- **Now in the way that **Jannes** and Jambres resisted Moses, so these also go on resisting the truth, men completely corrupted in mind, disapproved as regards the faith. (2 Timothy 3:8)**
- **Nevertheless, they will make no further progress, for their madness will be very plain to all, even as the madness of those two men became. (2 Timothy 3:9)**
- ****Jannes** and Jambres, whose madness became plain to all, are not identified in the Hebrew Scriptures, but it is generally agreed that they were two of the leading men in Pharaoh's court, perhaps the magic-practicing priests who resisted Moses and Aaron on their numerous appearances there.**
- **However, Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers, and the magic-practicing priests of Egypt themselves also proceeded to do the same thing with their magic arts. (Exodus 7:11)**
- **So they threw down each one his rod, and they became big snakes, but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. (Exodus 7:12)**
- **Nevertheless, the magic-practicing priests of Egypt proceeded to do the same thing with their secret arts, so that Pharaoh's heart continued to be obstinate, and he did not listen to them, just as Yehowah had spoken. (Exodus 7:22)**
- **And they proceeded to do this. So Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and the gnats came to be on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. (Exodus 8:17)**
- **And the magic-practicing priests tried to do the same by their secret arts, in order to bring forth gnats, but they were unable. And the gnats came to be on man and beast. (Exodus 8:18)**

- Hence the magic-practicing priests said to Pharaoh; It is the finger of God! But Pharaoh's heart continued to be obstinate, and he did not listen to them, just as Yehowah had spoken. (**Exodus 8:19**)
- And the magic-practicing priests were unable to stand before Moses as a result of the boils, because the boils had developed on the magic-practicing priests and on all the Egyptians. (**Exodus 9:11**)
- The amount of tradition that agrees with this greatly outweighs what little there is to the contrary. Non-Christian sources, such as **Numenius, Pliny the Elder, Lucius Apuleius, a Qumran writing, the Targum of Jonathan,** and several apocryphal writings all mention one or both of these men.