

~PAULUS (78)

(Pau'lus) [from Latin meaning, Little, Small]

- The proconsul of Cyprus when Paul visited there on his first missionary journey, about **47 C.E.** Luke is correct in calling him proconsul, since the administration of Cyprus was at that time under the Roman Senate rather than the emperor.
- 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**)
- 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**)
- Cyprus was formerly an imperial province, but in **22 B.C.E.** was placed under control of the Senate by Augustus.

See Also PROCONSUL

- At Soli, on the North coast of the island of Cyprus, an inscription was found which includes the words in the proconsulship of **Paulus**. The name Lucius Sergius **Paullus** was found in the Roman world as that of a curator of the Tiber under Claudius Caesar.
- However, any identification of these persons with the Sergius **Paulus** mentioned in the Bible is uncertain. [**The Annual of the British School at Athens, London, 1947, pp. 201-206**]
- Sergius **Paulus** resided in Paphos, on the western coast of the island. He was an intelligent man, and earnestly seeking to hear the word of God, he summoned Barnabas and Paul.
- As they spoke to the man, Elymas, or Bar-Jesus, a Jewish sorcerer, began opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. But Paul, filled with Holy Spirit, told this sorcerer who opposed the Good News that he would be struck with temporary blindness.

- He was. On observing this powerful work of God's spirit, the proconsul became a believer, as he was astounded at the teaching of Yehowah.
- 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](#))
- 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](#))
- 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 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](#))