



13:1 – Prophets and Teachers:

1. **Barnabas** – a Jew from the tribe of Levi from Cyprus
2. **Simeon** called Niger – “Niger” is Latin term for “black” likely refers to Simeon’s complexion being darker than the Syrians of Antioch. Probably from North Africa since 11:20 says people from Cyrene in north Africa started the Gentile movement in Antioch.
3. **Lucius** – from Cyrene. Lucius is likely a Hellenistic Jew from Cyrene since they started the church in Antioch. Paul mentions a relative named Lucius in Romans 16:21, but there may be no connection.
4. **Manalen** – a man of high social status. He was raised as a *syntrophos*, or “foster-brother,” of Herod Antipas (who was Herod the Great’s son through a wife named Malthace. Herod Antipas ruled Galilee and Perea, 4 BC-34 AD, during Jesus entire life. Antipas married brother Philip’s wife Herodias and decapitated John the Baptist)
5. **Saul** – a Jew from the tribe of Benjamin from Cilicia

Notice the racial, cultural and social diversity in these five leaders – 2 from north Africa, 1 from Cyprus, 1 from Cilicia, 1 from Jerusalem. 1 from upper elite class, 4 from Hellenistic land

13:2 – fasting involved sincere seeking of God and waiting for his will to be revealed. Words from the Holy Spirit probably came in the form of a uttered prophecy.

13:3 – placing of hands indicated the church recognizing the calling, the office and a sort of official recognition

13:4 - Seleucia Pierian is near the mouth of the Orontes River, the sea port for Antioch which is 15 miles up river.

- 25 mile trip from coast of Syria to coast of Cyprus. Barnabas is from Cyprus.

13:5 – Salamis is Cyprus’ largest city. Archaeology: a gymnasium, a theater, an aqueduct, large temple complex for Zeus.

- Jewish synagogue is where Paul and Barnabas and John Mark begin.
- Paul always starts with the synagogue because:
  1. Romans 1:16 the gospel always begins with the Jews and from there goes to the Gentiles
  2. Practical – The synagogue is an already established center to present the Gospel in context and for the Gentiles, who are **God-fearers**, to hear the Gospel.
  3. Evangelism – the God-fearing Gentiles who except Christ can go to their pagan culture

13:5 – John Mark – hyperetes means literally “underrower” and is a term for “helper” or “assistant.” He is a subordinate and is there to help Paul and Barnabus with daily needs.

13:6 – Paphos, the capital city of Cyprus, is on the other side of the island of Cyprus 106 miles away. Paul and Barnabus could have stopped in Tremithus, Citium, Amathus, Curium and Palaipaphos along their way.

The Roman provincial procurator was in Nea Paphos (which is not Palaipaphos, or “Old Paphos” 10 miles south.

Jewish sorcerer, false prophet Bar-Jesus – “Bar” means “son of” and “Jesus” Greek for the Hebrew Joshua, a popular name. A popular local magician like Simon with knowledge of the spiritual forces which he manipulates with incantations, rituals. “False prophet” title may mean he also gave instruction and predictions. Jewish magicians were well known in the ancient world. Josephus records Felix, the Roman Procurator using a Jewish magician to cast spells to attract the love of Drusilla. Court magicians as advisors were in the palaces of all the emperors and the governors.

**Sergius Paulus –**

1- A Latin inscription in Rome mentions Lucius Sergius Paullus as one of the men responsible for managing the flow of the Tiber River to prevent flooding. The inscription from 41-47 AD says Sergius Paulus served during the reign of Claudius.

2-Another Latin inscription found in 1912 from 60-100 AD reads: “To Lucius Sergius Paullus the younger, son of Lucius, one of the four commissioners in charge of the Roman streets, tribune of the soldiers of the sixth legion styled Ferrata, quaestor.” So, Sergius Paulus had family and roots in Pisidian Antioch where Paul and Barnabus go next.



13:8 Elymas the sorcerer – “Elymas” means “one who dreams” from the Aramaic; or, “wise man” from the Arabic ‘alim.

<b>Praenomen</b> - An individual’s name, similar to our first name	<b>Nomen Gentile</b> - family name, similar to our last name	<b>Cognomen</b> - additional family name; used as ordinary personal name	<b>Supernomen</b> - Signa - pick up name or nickname - Hebrew name
-	Benjamin	Paullus	Saul
Lucius	Sergius	Paullus	
Nero	Claudius	Caesar	
Tiberius	Claudius	Nero Germanicus	
		Mark	John
		Simon	Peter