

THE BARNABAS EFFECT IV

⁸ *Who has ever heard of such things? Who has ever seen things like this? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children .*

Isaiah 66:8

⁶ *They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, ⁷ who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith .*

Acts 13:6-8

- I. The Barnabas band must be willing to change on a dime.
 - A. In one day there was a name change. Saul became Paul. God loves to change names.
 - B. In one day there was a change in office. The prophet and teacher, Saul, became the apostle, Paul.
- II. The Barnabas band must be willing to face spiritual greatness and attack at the same time.
 - A. In one day Paul had his first encounter with an influential Roman leader. (Acts 9:15)

¹⁵ *But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.”*
 - B. In one day Paul has his first encounter with radical mixture. Elymas, the subtle, false prophet.
 - C. In one day Paul eclipsed his mentor, Barnabas.
 - D. In one day a breach would begin between Paul and Barnabas over his nephew, John Mark, who left offended after this encounter.
 - E. In one day Paul had his first encounter with apostolic power.