

¹وَكَانَ فِي أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ فِي الْكَنِيسَةِ هُنَاكَ أَنْبِيَاءُ وَمُعَلِّمُونَ، بَرْنَابَا وَسِيمْعَانُ، الَّذِي يُدْعَى نِيخَر، وَلُوكْيُوسُ الْقَبْرَوَانِيُّ وَمَنَّاينُ، الَّذِي تَرَبَّى مَعَ هِيرُودُسَ رَئِيسِ الرُّبْعِ، وَشَاوُلُ. ²وَبَيْنَمَا هُمْ يَخْدُمُونَ الرَّبَّ وَيَصُومُونَ قَالَ الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ: أَفْرِزُوا لِي بَرْنَابَا وَشَاوُلَ لِلْعَمَلِ الَّذِي دَعَوْتُهُمَا إِلَيْهِ. ³قَضَاوْهُمَا جَبِينِذٍ وَصَلَّوْهُمَا وَوَضَعُوا عَلَيْهِمَا الْيَدَيْنِ، ثُمَّ أَطْلَقُوهُمَا.

شاول وبرنابا في قبرس

⁴فَهَذَا إِذْ أُرْسِلَا مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ انْحَدَرَا إِلَى سَلُوكِيَّةَ وَمِنْ هُنَاكَ سَافَرَا فِي الْبَحْرِ إِلَى قُبْرُسَ. ⁵وَلَمَّا صَارَا فِي سَلَامِيسَ تَادَبَا بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ فِي مَجَامِعِ الْيَهُودِ، وَكَانَ مَعَهُمَا يُوحَنَّا خَادِمًا. ⁶وَلَمَّا اخْتَارَا الْخَزِيرَةَ إِلَى بَافُوسَ وَجَدَا رَجُلًا سَاجِرًا، نَبِيًّا كَذَّابًا يَهُودِيًّا، اسْمُهُ بَارِيشُوعُ، كَانَ مَعَ الْوَالِي، سَرْجِيُوسُ بُولُسَ، وَهُوَ رَجُلٌ قَهِيمٌ، فَهَذَا دَعَا بَرْنَابَا وَشَاوُلَ وَالتَّمَسَّ أَنْ يَسْمَعَ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ. ⁸فَقَامَهُمَا عَلِيمُ السَّاجِرِ، لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا يَتَرَجَّمُ اسْمُهُ، طَالِبًا أَنْ يُفْسِدَ الْوَالِيَّ عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ.

⁹وَأَمَّا شَاوُلُ، الَّذِي هُوَ بُولُسُ أَيْضًا، فَامْتَلَأَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَشَخَصَ إِلَيْهِ ¹⁰وَقَالَ: أَيُّهَا الْمُمْتَلِئُ كُلِّ غَشٍّ وَكُلِّ خُبْنٍ، يَا ابْنَ إِبْلِيسَ، يَا عَدُوَّ كُلِّ بَرٍّ، أَلَا تَرَاهُ تُفْسِدُ سُبُلَ اللَّهِ الْمُسْتَقِيمَةِ؟ ¹¹فَالَانَ هَذَا يَدُ الرَّبِّ عَلَيْكَ فَتَكُونُ أَعْمَى لَا تُبْصِرُ السَّمْسَ إِلَى حِينٍ. فَبَيْنَمَا هُوَ يَقُولُ ذَلِكَ عَلَيْهِ صَبَابٌ وَظُلْمَةٌ فَجَعَلَ يَدُورُ مُلْتَمِسًا مَنْ يَهْدِيهِ. ¹²فَالْوَالِي جَبِينِذٍ، لَمَّا رَأَى مَا جَرَى، آمَنَ مِنْهُدِشًا مِنْ تَعْلِيمِ الرَّبِّ.

شاول الذي أصبح اسمه بولس عند اليهود في أنطاكية بيسيدية

¹³ثُمَّ أَفْلَحَ مِنْ بَافُوسَ، بُولُسُ وَمَنْ مَعَهُ، وَأَتَوْا إِلَى بَرْجَةِ بَمْفِيلِيَّةَ. وَأَمَّا يُوحَنَّا فَحَارَقَهُمْ وَرَجَعَ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. ¹⁴وَأَمَّا هُمْ فَجَاؤُوا مِنْ بَرْجَةِ وَأَتَوْا إِلَى أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ بَيْسِيدِيَّةَ وَدَخَلُوا الْمَجْمَعَ يَوْمَ السَّبْتِ وَجَلَسُوا. ¹⁵وَبَعْدَ قِرَاءَةِ التَّامُوسِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ أُرْسِلَ إِلَيْهِمْ رُؤَسَاءُ الْمَجْمَعِ قَائِلِينَ: أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ الْإِخْوَةُ، إِنْ كَانَتْ عِنْدَكُمْ كَلِمَةٌ وَعَطِ لِلشَّعْبِ فَقُولُوا. ¹⁶فَقَامَ بُولُسُ وَأَشَارَ يَدِهِ وَقَالَ: أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ الْإِسْرَائِيلِيُّونَ وَالَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَ اللَّهَ، اسْمَعُوا. ¹⁷إِنَّهُ شَعِبُ إِسْرَائِيلَ هَذَا اخْتَارَ آبَاءَنَا وَرَفَعَ الشَّعْبَ فِي الْعُرَةِ فِي أَرْضٍ مُضَرٍّ، وَبِذِرَاعٍ مُزْتَفِقَةٍ أَخْرَجَهُمْ مِنْهَا. ¹⁸وَنَحْنُ مَدَّةَ

¹Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ²As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. ³And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. ⁴So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister. ⁶And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus: ⁷Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. ⁸But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. ⁹Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, ¹⁰And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. ¹²Then the deputy,

أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً اخْتَمَلَ عَوَائِدُهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ. ¹⁹ ثُمَّ أَهْلَكَ سَعْدَ أَمَمٍ فِي أَرْضِ كَنْعَانَ وَقَسَمَ لَهُمْ أَرْضَهُمْ بِالْفُرْعَةِ. ²⁰ وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فِي تَحْوِ أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً وَخَمْسِينَ سَنَةً أَعْطَاهُمْ قُضَاةً حَتَّى صُمُوئِيلَ النَّبِيِّ. ²¹ وَمِنْ تَمَّ طَلَبُوا مَلِكًا، فَأَعْطَاهُمُ اللَّهُ شَاوُلَ بَنَ قَيْسٍ، رَجُلًا مِنْ سَيْطِ يَنْبَامِينَ، أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً. ²² ثُمَّ عَزَلَهُ وَأَقَامَ لَهُمْ دَاوُدَ مَلِكًا الَّذِي شَهِدَ لَهُ أَيْضًا إِذْ قَالَ: "وَجَدْتُ دَاوُدَ بَنَ يَسَّى رَجُلًا حَسَبَ حَسَبِ الْقَوَعِ، سَيَصْنَعُ كُلَّ مَشِيئَتِي". ²³ مِنْ تَسَلَّ هَذَا، حَسَبَ الْوَعْدِ، أَقَامَ اللَّهُ لِإِسْرَائِيلَ مُخَلَّصًا يَسُوعَ، ²⁴ إِذْ سَبَقَ يُوَحَنَّا فَكَّرَرَ قَبْلَ مَجِيئِهِ بِمَعْمُودِيَّةِ التَّوْبَةِ لِجَمِيعِ شَعْبِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. ²⁵ وَلَمَّا صَارَ يُوَحَنَّا يُكَمِّلُ سَعْيَهُ جَعَلَ يَقُولُ: مَنْ تَطْلُبُونَ أَنِّي أَنَا؟ لَسْتُ أَنَا إِيَّاهُ، لَكِنْ هُوَذَا يَأْتِي بَعْدِي الَّذِي لَسْتُ مُسْتَحَقًّا أَنْ أَهْلَ جِذَاءَ قَدَمَيْهِ. ²⁶ أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ الْإِخْوَةُ، بَنِي جِنْسِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَالَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُكُمْ يَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، إِلَيْكُمْ أُرْسِلْتُ كَلِمَةً هَذَا الْخَلَّاصِ. ²⁷ لِأَنَّ السَّاكِنِينَ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ وَرُؤَسَاءَهُمْ لَمْ يَعْرِفُوا هَذَا، وَأَقْوَالُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ الَّتِي تُقْرَأُ كُلُّ سَبْتٍ تَمِّمُوهَا إِذْ حَكَمُوا عَلَيْهِ. ²⁸ وَمَعَ أَنَّهُمْ لَمْ يَجِدُوا عِلَّةً وَاجِدَةً لِلْمَوْتِ طَلَبُوا مِنْ يِلَاطُسَ أَنْ يُقَتِّلَ. ²⁹ وَلَمَّا تَمَّمُوا كُلَّ مَا كَتَبَ عَنْهُ أَنْزَلُوهُ عَنْ الْحَسْبَةِ وَوَضَعُوهُ فِي قَبْرِ. ³⁰ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ، ³¹ وَظَهَرَ أَبَامًا كَثِيرَةً لِلَّذِينَ صَعِدُوا مَعَهُ مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، الَّذِينَ هُمْ شُهوْدُهُ عِنْدَ الشَّعْبِ. ³² وَتَحْنُ تُبَشِّرُكُمْ بِالْمَوْعِدِ الَّذِي صَارَ لِأَبَائِنَا. ³³ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَكْمَلَ هَذَا لَنَا تَحْنُ، أَوْلَادَهُمْ، إِذْ أَقَامَ يَسُوعَ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ أَيْضًا فِي الْمَزْمُورِ الثَّانِي: "أَنْتَ ابْنِي، أَنَا الْيَوْمَ وَلَدْتُكَ". ³⁴ إِنَّهُ أَقَامَهُ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ غَيْرَ غَيْرِ أَنْ يَعُودَ أَيْضًا إِلَى فَسَادٍ فَهَكَذَا قَالَ: "إِنِّي سَأَعْطِيكُمْ مَرَاجِمَ دَاوُدَ الصَّادِقَةَ". ³⁵ وَلِذَلِكَ قَالَ أَيْضًا فِي مَزْمُورٍ آخَرَ: "لَنْ تَدَعَ قُدُّوسَكَ يَرَى فَسَادًا". ³⁶ لِأَنَّ دَاوُدَ، بَعْدَ مَا حَدَمَ جِلْدَهُ بِمَشُورَةِ اللَّهِ، رَقَدَ وَانْصَمَّ إِلَى آتَائِهِ وَرَأَى فَسَادًا. ³⁷ وَأَمَّا الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ اللَّهُ فَلَمْ يَرِ فَسَادًا. ³⁸ فَلْيَكُنْ مَعْلُومًا عِنْدَكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنَّهُ بِهَذَا يُبَادَى لَكُمْ بِغُفْرَانِ الْخَطَايَا، ³⁹ وَبِهَذَا يَتَبَرَّرُ كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ مِنْ كُلِّ مَا لَمْ يَهْدِرُوا أَنْ تَتَبَرَّرُوا مِنْهُ بِتَامُوسِ مُوسَى. ⁴⁰ فَانْظُرُوا لِنَا يَأْتِي عَلَيْكُمْ مَا قِيلَ فِي الْأَنْبِيَاءِ: ⁴¹ "انْظُرُوا، أَيُّهَا الْمُتَهَابُونَ، وَتَعَجَّبُوا وَاهْلِكُوا لِأَنْبِي عَمَلًا أَعْمَلَ فِي آيَاتِكُمْ، عَمَلًا لَا يُصَدَّقُونَ إِنْ أَحْبَبْتُمْ أَحَدَ بِهِ". ⁴² وَبَعْدَمَا حَرَجَ الْيَهُودُ مِنَ الْمَجْمَعِ جَعَلَ الْأَمَمُ يَطْلُبُونَ

when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord. ¹³ Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. ¹⁵ And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. ¹⁶ Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. ¹⁷ The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it. ¹⁸ And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness. ¹⁹ And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot. ²⁰ And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years. ²² And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. ²³ Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus: ²⁴ When John had first

إِلَيْهِمَا أَنْ يُكَلِّمَاهُمْ بِهَذَا الْكَلَامِ فِي السَّبْتِ الْقَادِمِ.⁴³ وَلَمَّا
 انْقَضَتِ الْجَمَاعَةُ تَبِعَ كَثِيرُونَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالذُّخَلَاءِ
 الْمُتَعَبِّدِينَ بُولُسَ وَبَرْتَابَا الَّذِينَ كَانَا يُكَلِّمَانِهِمْ وَيُقِنَّعَانِهِمْ
 أَنْ يَتَّبِعُوا فِي نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ.⁴⁴ وَفِي السَّبْتِ التَّالِيِ اجْتَمَعَتْ
 كُلُّ الْمَدِينَةِ بَقَرِيْبًا لِتَسْمَعَ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ.⁴⁵ فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْيَهُودُ
 الْجُمُوعَ امْتَلَأُوا غَيْرَةً وَجَعَلُوا يَقَاوِمُونَ مَا قَالَهُ بُولُسُ
 مُنَاقِضِينَ وَمُجَدِّفِينَ.⁴⁶ فَجَاهَرَ بُولُسُ وَبَرْتَابَا وَقَالَا: كَانَ
 يَجِبُ أَنْ نُكَلِّمُوا أَنْتُمْ أَوَّلًا بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنْ إِذْ دَفَعْتُمُوهَا
 عَنْكُمْ وَحَكَمْتُمْ أَنْتُمْ غَيْرَ مُسْتَجِيبِينَ لِلْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ هَذَا
 تَتَوَجَّهَ إِلَى الْأَمَمِ.⁴⁷ لَأَنْ هَكَذَا أَوْصَانَا الرَّبُّ: "قَدْ أَقَمْتُكَ
 نُورًا لِلْأَمَمِ لَتَكُونَ أَنْتَ خَلَاصًا إِلَى أَقْصَى الْأَرْضِ".⁴⁸ فَلَمَّا
 سَمِعَ الْأَمَمُ ذَلِكَ كَانُوا يَفْرَحُونَ وَيُجَدِّدُونَ كَلِمَةَ الرَّبِّ،
 وَآمَنَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا مُعَيَّنِينَ لِلْحَيَاةِ
 الْأَبَدِيَّةِ.⁴⁹ وَانْتَشَرَتْ كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ فِي كُلِّ الْكُورَةِ.⁵⁰ وَلَكِنَّ
 الْيَهُودَ حَزَنُوا النِّسَاءَ الْمُتَعَبِّدَاتِ الشَّرِيفَاتِ وَوُجُوهَ
 الْمَدِينَةِ وَأَنَارُوا أَصْطِهَادًا عَلَى بُولُسَ وَبَرْتَابَا وَأَخْرَجُوهُمَا
 مِنْ نُحُومِهِمْ.⁵¹ أَمَّا هُمَا فَتَقَفَا غُبَارَ أَرْجُلِهِمَا عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَتَيَا
 إِلَى إِيقُونِيَّةِ.⁵² وَأَمَّا التَّلَامِيذُ فَكَانُوا يَمْتَلِنُونَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ
 وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ.

preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.²⁵ And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.²⁶ Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.²⁷ For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.²⁸ And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.²⁹ And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre.³⁰ But God raised him from the dead:³¹ And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.³² And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,³³ God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.³⁴ And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.³⁵ Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.³⁶ For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid

unto his fathers, and saw corruption:³⁷ But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.³⁸ Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:³⁹ And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.⁴⁰ Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;⁴¹ Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.⁴² And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.⁴³ Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.⁴⁴ And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.⁴⁷ For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard

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this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.⁵⁰ But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.⁵¹ But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.