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A Biographical Study of Ananias

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Ananías

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- I. Ananias and God
 - A. The revelation to Ananias—“And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord. And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight” (Acts 9:10-12).
 - B. The reluctance of Ananias—“Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name” (Acts 9:13-14).
 - C. The reassurance to Ananias—“But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake” (Acts 9:15-16).
- II. Ananias and Saul
 - A. His message for Saul—“And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost” (Acts 9:17).
 - B. His ministry to Saul—“And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized” (Acts 9:18).
 1. Pastoring (Acts 9:19)
 2. Predicting—“And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard” (Acts 22:14-15)

STATISTICS

First mention: Acts 9:10

Final mention: Acts 22:12

Meaning of his name: “God has been gracious.”

Frequency of his name: Referred to six times

Biblical books mentioning him: One book (Acts)

Important fact about his life: He ministered to Saul of Tarsus following his Damascus Road conversion.