A Biographical Study of Apollos

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**Apollos**

**CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY**

I. His ministry in Ephesus
   A. The instruction rendered by Apollos
      1. The messenger—“And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus” (Acts 18:24).
      2. The message—“This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John” (Acts 18:25).
   B. The instruction received by Apollos—“And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly” (Acts 18:26).

II. His ministry in Greece—“And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ” (Acts 18:27-28).

III. His ministry in Corinth
   A. He had ministered in Corinth (1 Cor. 1:12; 3:6).
   B. He was on one occasion urged by Paul to revisit Corinth, but felt it was not God’s will at the time (1 Cor. 16:12).

**STATISTICS**

*First mention:* Acts 18:24  
*Final mention:* Titus 3:13  
*Meaning of his name:* “Destroyer”  
*Frequency of his name:* Referred to 10 times  
*Biblical books mentioning him:* Three books (Acts, 1 Corinthians, Titus)  
*Occupation:* Evangelist and preacher  
*Place of birth:* Alexandria, Egypt (Acts 18:24)  
*Important fact about his life:* He was probably the most gifted preacher in the New Testament.