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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.