A Biographical Study of Priscilla

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CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

I. The tentmaker—“After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers” (Acts 18:1-3).

II. The traveler—Both Aquila and Priscilla accompanied Paul on one occasion from Corinth to Ephesus (Acts 18:18-19).

III. The teacher—“And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. 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. 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 18:24-26).

IV. The trustee (Rom. 16:3-5; 1 Cor. 16:19)—“Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles” (Rom. 16:3-4).

STATISTICS

First mention: Acts 18:2  
Final mention: 2 Timothy 4:19  
Meaning of her name: “Ancient”  
Frequency of her name: Referred to six times  
Biblical books mentioning her: Four books (Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Timothy)  
Occupation: Tentmaker  
Important fact about her life: She and her husband greatly assisted and encouraged the Apostle Paul