

Acts 18:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

Paul 'found a certain Jew named Aquila' and 'Priscilla his wife.' Their recent expulsion from Rome under Claudius shows the precariousness of Jewish life under Roman rule. These tentmakers became Paul's hosts and ministry partners.

Historical Context

Claudius's edict (AD 49) expelled Jews from Rome, possibly due to disturbances over 'Chrestus' (likely disputes about Christ). Aquila and Priscilla became foundational church leaders.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does God use persecution to position workers for strategic ministry?
2. What does the Priscilla-Aquila partnership model for married ministry teams?

Interlinear Text

καὶ εύρων τινα Ἰουδαίους ὀνόματι Ἄκυλαν Ποντικὸν
And found a certain Jew named Aquila in Pontus
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τῷ γένει προσφάτως ἐληλυθότα ἀπὸ τῆς Ἰταλίας καὶ
G3588 born lately come from G3588 Italy And
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Πρίσκιλλαν γυναῖκα αὐτοῖς διὰ τὸ διατεταχέναι
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Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 16:19 (Parallel theme): The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

2 Timothy 4:19 (Parallel theme): Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

Acts 11:28 (Parallel theme): And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

Acts 18:26 (Parallel theme): 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 2:9 (Parallel theme): Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

Acts 18:18 (Parallel theme): And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

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