

~PRISCA (107)

(Pris'ca) [Old Woman, Priscilla, Pris-cil'la, Little Old Woman]

- The shorter form of the name is found in Paul's writings, the longer form in Luke's. Such a variation was common in Roman names.
- **Priscilla** was the wife of Aquila, with whom she is always mentioned. The two showed fine Christian works and hospitality not only to individuals but also to the congregation by having congregation meetings in their home in both Rome and Ephesus.
- Because of Emperor Claudius decree, Aquila and his wife left Rome and went to Corinth in about 50 C.E. Not long after their arrival Paul joined them in tentmaking.
- And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus who had recently come from Italy, and **Priscilla** his wife, because of the fact that Claudius had ordered all the Jews to depart from Rome. So he went to them. (**Acts of Apostles 18:2**)
- And on account of being of the same trade he stayed at their home, and they worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. (**Acts of Apostles 18:3**)
- They traveled on with Paul to Ephesus, remained there for a time, and were instrumental in expounding the way of God more correctly to the eloquent Apollos.
- However, after staying quite some days longer, Paul said goodbye to the brothers and proceeded to sail away for Syria, and with him **Priscilla** and Aquila, as he had the hair of his head clipped short in Cenchreae, for he had a vow. (**Acts of Apostles 18:18**)
- So they arrived at Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself entered into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. (**Acts of Apostles 18:19**)
- Now a certain Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, an eloquent man, arrived in Ephesus, and he was well versed in the Scriptures. (**Acts of Apostles 18:24**)

- This man had been orally instructed in the way of Yehowah and, as he was aglow with the spirit, he went speaking and teaching with correctness the things about Jesus, but being acquainted with only the baptism of John. ([Acts of Apostles 18:25](#))
- And this man started to speak boldly in the synagogue. When **Priscilla** and Aquila heard him, they took him into their company and expounded the way of God more correctly to him. ([Acts of Apostles 18:26](#))
- Further, because he was desiring to go across into Achaia, the brothers wrote the disciples, exhorting them to receive him kindly. So when he got there, he greatly helped those who had believed on account of God's undeserved kindness. ([Acts of Apostles 18:27](#))
- For with intensity he thoroughly proved the Jews to be wrong publicly, while he demonstrated by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. ([Acts of Apostles 18:28](#))
- The congregations of Asia send you their greetings. Aquila and **Prisca** together with the congregation that is in their house greet you heartily in the Lord. ([1 Corinthians 16:19](#))
- Returning to Rome for a time.
- Give my greetings to **Prisca** and Aquila my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. ([Romans 16:3](#))
- Who have risked their own necks for my soul, to whom not only I but also all the congregations of the nations render thanks. ([Romans 16:4](#))
- And greet the congregation that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who is a firstfruit of Asia for Christ. ([Romans 16:5](#))
- They later traveled back to Ephesus.
- Give my greetings to **Prisca** and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. ([2 Timothy 4:19](#))
- Just as I encouraged you to stay in Ephesus when I was about to go my way into Macedonia, so I do now, that you might

command certain ones not to teach different doctrine. (**1 Timothy 1:3**)

- Their personal contact with Paul extended from about **50 C.E.** to Paul's death, some 15 years later, during which association they risked their own necks for the apostles soul.
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