Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Extended Stay in Corinth (late 49–Summer 51)

Acts 18:1-11

Aquila and Priscilla—Refugees from Rome

- 1 After these things he left Athens and went to Corinth.
- 2 And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them,
- 3 and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were tent-makers.

Paul Once Again Rejected by the Jews

- 4 And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.
- 5 But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul *began* devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.
- 6 But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." [cf. Ezek 33:1–9; Neh 5:13]

God Encourages Paul

- 7 Then he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was next to the synagogue.
- 8 Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized.
- 9 And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid *any longer*, but go on speaking and do not be silent;
- 10 for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city." [cf. 1 Cor 2:1–4]
- 11 And he settled *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. [cf. <u>1 Cor 3:10–11</u>]

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