

Acts 18:23-28 **Beginning Third Missionary Journey – Apollos at Ephesus**

Paul begins Third missionary journey

²³ After he had spent some time there, he departed and went over the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

Apollos at Ephesus

²⁴ Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. ²⁵ This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷ And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; ²⁸ for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Paul had ended his second missionary journey by returning to his home base at the Church in Antioch of Syria. [Acts 18:22]
- ✚ After spending some time in Antioch of Syria, Paul departed and went over the region of Galatia and Phrygia where he had planted Churches on both his first and second missionary journeys. [Acts 18:23]
 - ✧ Paul's return to the Churches he had planted was to strengthen them with encouragement and instruction.

Apollos at Ephesus [Acts 18:24-28]

- ✚ Apollos was a very learned and persuasive speaker with great understanding of Jewish Scriptures.
 - ✧ Apollos was born a Jew and educated at Alexandria Egypt which was a great center of learning, boasting great library, museum, and university.
 - ✧ The Jews possessed many synagogues, and it was in Alexandria that the Septuagint version of the Hebrew Scriptures was translated during the third to the second century BC.
 - ✧ Apollos was enthusiastic in spirit and taught accurately the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of repentance taught by John the Baptist.
 - ✧ Apollos spoke boldly in the Synagogue of Ephesus.
- ✚ Aquila and Priscilla had come to Ephesus with Paul and had remained while Paul went on to Jerusalem and then to Antioch of Syria. [Acts 18:18-19]
 - ✧ When Aquila and Priscilla heard Apollos speaking, they took him aside and taught him about Jesus. [Acts 18:26]
- ✚ When Apollos wanted to go over to Achaia (Greece), the disciples at Ephesus wrote a letter of recommendation exhorting the disciples of Achaia to receive him. [Acts 18:27]
 - ✧ When Apollos arrived in Achaia, he greatly helped the disciples there by vigorously refuting the Jews publicly, showing from the Jewish Scriptures that Jesus is the Messiah (Christ). [Acts 18:27-28]