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 wife Priscilla ; because that Claudius had commanded all   
 Jews to depart from Rome: and came unto them. 3 And   
   
 because he was of the same craft, he abode with them,   
 vand wrought: for by their occupation they were tent-   
 4¢ And he reasoned in the synagogue every   
 makers. and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.   
 5 tf   
 amavis when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia,   
 e Jobx \* Paul was °8 pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews   
   
   
 f render, But.   
 8 read and render, earnestly occupied in discoursing, testifying . . .   
   
 a Pontian by race. It is remarkable, that towards his son ?’ asks a Talmudie writer,   
 Pontius Aquila is a name found in the «To cireumcise him, to teach him the law,   
 Poutian gers at Rome more than once in to teach him a trade.” Rabbi Judah saith,   
 the days the Republic, whence some have ‘He that teacheth not his son a trade,   
 supposed that this may have been a freed- doth the same as if he taught him to bea   
 man of a Pontius Aquila, and that the words thie! and Rabban Gamaliel saith, ‘He   
 “a Pontian by race” may have been an that hath a trade in his hand, to what is   
 inferenee fsom his name. But besides that he like? ‘He is like a vineyard that is   
 St. Luke’s acquaintance with the real origin fenced.’”? Conybeare and Howson, i. p.   
 of Aquila could hardly but have been accu- 58.—The places where St. Paul refers to   
 raie,— Aquila, the translator of the Old his supporting himself by his own manual   
 Test. into Greek, was also a native of Pon- labour are,—eh. xx. 34 (Ephesus):—1 Cor.   
 From the notices of Aquila and ix, 12 ff.; Cor. 2 (Corinth) :—1 Thess.   
 ‘illa the Epistles, they appear to ii, 9; 2 Thess. iii. 8 (Thessalonica).—In   
 travelled, fixing their abode by turns in 2 Cor. xi. 9, we learn that supplies were   
 different principal eities for the sake of also brought to him at Corinth from Maee-   
 their business. In ver. 19, we have them donia, i. e. see Phil. iv,   
 left at Ephesus (see also ver. in 1 Cor. tent-makers] The general opinion now is,   
 xvi. 19, still in Rom. xvi. 3 ff, again that St. Paul was a maker of tents from the   
 at Rome ; in 2 Tim. iv. 19, again at Ephe- ‘eilicium,’ or hair-cloth of Cilician goats.   
 sus. because that Claudius had com- If it be objected, that he wonld hardly   
 manded all Jews to depart from Rome...] find the raw material for this work in cities   
 Suetonius says, “The Jews, who at the far from Cilieia, it may be answered, that   
 instigation of Chrestus were continually this woyld not be required in the fabri-   
 exciting tumults, he expelled from Rome,” cation of tents from the hair-cloth, which   
 but as he gives this without any fixed note doubtless itself would be an article of   
 of time, as the words “at the instigation commeree in the markets of Greece.—   
 of Chrestus” may be taken in three ways Chrysostom ealls Paul sometimes a leather-   
 (as indicative either (1) of an actual leader cutter, imagining that the tents were made   
 of that name, or (2) of some tumult con- of leathe: 5.] See eh. xvii. 15;   
 neeted with the expectations of a Messiah, 1 Thess. iii, The meaning is, that   
 or (3) of some dispute about Christianity), «when Silas and Timotheus returned from   
 pander well observes that after all Macedonia, they found Paul anxiously   
 h has been said on it, no secure his- occupied in discoursing to the Jews’ It   
 torical inferenee respeeting the date of seems to be implied, that they found him   
 the event, or its with any Chris- in a state of more than ordinary anxiety,   
 tian chureh at Rome, can be drawn, It more than usually absorbed in the work of   
 was as a Jew that Aquila was driven fron testifying to the Jews:—a crisis in the   
 Rome: and there is not a word of Chris- werk being imminent, whieh resulted in   
 tiuns here. See more in my Greek Test. their rejection of the of life. (On the   
 ‘The ediets soon became invalid, or the pro- whole character of his early preaching at   
 hibition was taken off: we find Aquila at Corinth, see notes, 1 Cor. ii, 1~5.) ‘Thus   
 Rome, Rom. xvi. 3, and many Jews resi- only, the but in ver. 5 and that in ver. 6   
 dent there, ch. xxviii.17 ff. 3. wrought] will both be satisfied: he discoursed in   
 «The Jewish Rabbis having no state pay, the synagogue, &c. .. . but when Silas   
 it was their practice to teaeh their children and Timotheus returned, he was earnestly   
 a trade, ‘What is commanded of a futher occupied in discoursing, &c. But, as they