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“IT CAME TO PASS”

The phrase that is the title of this article is found 400 times in our English translations of the Bible. It is a phrase that speaks to the passing of time and the results that occur with that passage. For example, Genesis 4:3 reads, “And in the process of **time it came to pass** that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord.” It took the passing of time for Cain to plant his crop and for it to grow sufficiently for harvest, but, with time, it did “come to pass.” Of course, God rejected Cain’s offering because he did not offer it by faith (Genesis 4-5; Hebrews 11:4).

Solomon wrote “To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born ,And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted; A time to kill ,And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn ,And a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war ,And a time of peace” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). We have all experienced what the inspired Solomon addresses in these verses for we all go through the “seasons” of life.

Living through a pandemic is not easy but just as is true of every other aspect of life, given time, it will “come to pass.” The key to enduring the adverse circumstances of life is summed up in the words of 1 Peter 3:10-12, “For He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

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