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THIS TOO SHALL PASS

If we were told a year ago of all the drama, problems, rioting, plagues, and hatred that would happen in 2020 many would consider digging a hole in the ground and burying themselves in it. Fortunately, God reveals to us what we need to know as we need to know it. He doesn't put overload on us. He gives us one breath at a time.

There are hundreds of times in scripture that a verse starts out with "It came to pass." The word pass literally means to be finished, to come to an end. There is always a time for things to begin and things to end. It is what we do in the middle that makes the difference.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, ***"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."*** This was written to Israel while they were in exile. They had sinned greatly and even though they were warned, they did not change their ways. They were taken captive by their enemies. Yet, God had a plan. *Their time in captivity would pass!*

God wants us to know that when we fail, or when we succeed, that when we surrender our life to him, He daily gives us a fresh start. No matter how old we are, there is something new, and the old will pass away

. We cannot and should not attempt to live it over. It came to pass and is gone.

In II Corinthians 5:17 it says, ***"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*** Many choose to stay stuck in what things used to be. They live in the past of their failures and successes when God wants us to let it all go and daily have new beginnings. As the old song goes, *Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus and tomorrow may never be mine, so for my sake, teach me to take one day at a time.*

We must choose to let things pass. Let them come to an end and let God's new plan for us spring forth! Remember yesterday came to pass. It is gone. Let it stay gone.