

# And It Came To Pass...

(Acts 27:1-44)

- Introduction:
1. The expression, “and it came to pass,” is used 453 times in the KJV.
  2. That expression means, “and then this happened.”
  3. But it also denotes the passing of time and a change of circumstances.
  4. In other words, it can also serve as a reminder that what “comes to pass” isn’t what “comes to stay.”
  5. Let’s examine the idea that some things will come to pass but not stay.

## I. Background to Paul’s Shipwreck

- A. Acts 27 records Paul’s fourth shipwreck (2 Corinthians 11:25).
- B. Paul was uneasy about this journey (27:10).
- C. This was a larger ship than what most people realize [276 people](27:37).
- D. They found themselves in a terrible storm and all hope was lost (27:20).
- E. Paul is told by an angel they will survive but the ship will sink (27:22-23).
- F. The sailors attempted to abandon ship (27:30).
- G. They went without food for 14 days (27:33).
- H. “And it came to pass” they all escaped safely to land (27:44).

## II. Lessons to Learn

- A. Unpleasant circumstances happen to good people.
  1. (Job 1).
  2. (Exodus 14:1-10).
- B. What we want isn’t always what we need.
  1. (Psalm 119:67,71).
    - a. I want prosperity, but I may need poverty in order to seek God's wealth.
    - b. I want good health, but I may need illness in order to long for heaven.
    - c. I want abundance, but I may need inadequacy in order to depend more on God.
    - d. I want success, but I may need to experience failure in order to be humble before God.
    - e. I want acceptance, but I may need rejection in order to better understand how God must feel.
    - f. I want power, but I may need weakness in order to rely upon God's power.
- C. Trials lift our eyes to Heaven.
  1. (Hebrews 11:13-16).
- D. In Christ, trials are temporary.
  1. (2 Corinthians 4:17).

- Conclusion:
1. Thank God that “it came to pass” isn’t “it came to stay!”