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Noah said that God would **enlarge** Japheth. (This seems to be talking about giving him many descendants.)

- **Genesis 9:27:** "God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant."

God promised the Israelites that He would **enlarge** their borders.

- **Exodus 34:24:** "For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a man was jealous of his wife and suspected that she had committed adultery (but had no proof) then he could bring her to a priest. The priest would then give her bitter water and tell her that if she was guilty then God would use the bitter water to make her belly **swell**. (If her belly didn't swell then it was proof she was innocent, and her husband had falsely accused her.)

- **Numbers 5:21-22:** "Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy

thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell; And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot: And the woman shall say, Amen, amen."

When God led the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years, their foot didn't **swell**.

- **Deuteronomy 8:2, 4:** "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. ... Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years."
- **Nehemiah 9:21:** "Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not."

God promised that one day He would **enlarge** the border of Israel, and give them more territory.

- **Deuteronomy 12:20:** "When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after."

Moses brought up the possibility that one day God might **enlarge** Israel's territory, and give them the entire amount of land that He promised to give them. (This never happened, because the Israelites stopped conquering the territory and

began worshiping idols.)

- **Deuteronomy 19:8:** "And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;"

God swore to the forefathers of Israel that one day He would **enlarge** the territory of the Israelites.

- Deuteronomy 19:8: "And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;"

Moses told the Israelites that if the Israelites kept all of the commandments in the Law, then God would bless them and **enlarge** their territory.

- **Deuteronomy 19:8-9:** "And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers; If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:"

When Moses blessed the Israelites before he died, he blessed those who **enlarged** the territory of the tribe of Gad. (It seems the tribe was surrounded by enemies.)

- **Deuteronomy 33:20:** "And of Gad he said, Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head."

It seems that Joshua either rebuilt or **expanded** the city of Timnathserah.

- **Joshua 19:50:** "According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnathserah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein."

Hannah said her mouth was **enlarged** over her enemies. (This may be a reference to Peninnah, who tormented her for years. Once Hannah give birth to Samuel, Peninnah could no longer torment her for being childless.)

- **1 Samuel 2:1:** "And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation."

David said that God **enlarged** his steps under him. (In other words, God kept him from falling.)

- **2 Samuel 22:37:** "Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip."

Jabez prayed that God would **enlarge** his territory.

- **1 Chronicles 4:10:** "And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested."

After David conquered the city of Jerusalem, he built the city

round about. (It seems he **expanded** it.)

- **1 Chronicles 11:7-8:** "And David dwelt in the castle; therefore they called it the city of David. And he built the city round about, even from Millo round about: and Joab repaired the rest of the city."

When Hadarezer tried to **expand** his kingdom to include territory that was by the Euphrates river, David waged war against him.

- **1 Chronicles 18:3:** "And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to stablsh his dominion by the river Euphrates."

God has **enlarged** our steps so that we don't slip.

- **Psalms 18:36:** "Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip."

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The psalmist said that he would obey God's commandments once God had **enlarged** his heart.

- **Psalm 119:32:** "I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart."

A virtuous woman looks for opportunities to **expand** her household. Some examples include buying land, planting new crops, and increasing her family's wealth.

- **Proverbs 31:16:** "She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard."

Because Judah had no knowledge of God, Hell had **enlarged** itself. (This is because of all the people who were going to Hell.)

- **Isaiah 5:13-14:** "Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it."

God commanded Israel to **enlarge** her tent, because one day she would be home to many people. (In other words, one day God would greatly bless Israel and multiply the nation.)

- **Isaiah 54:2-3:** "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not,

lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

One day the heart of the Jews will be **enlarged** so that they serve the Lord. (This seems to be a reference to the millennium.)

- **Isaiah 60:5:** "Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee."

The day is coming when Israel will spread its branches. God will **expand** the reach of Israel.

- **Hosea 14:6:** "His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon."

The reason the Ammonites slaughtered pregnant Jewish women was to **enlarge** their territory. (God was going to punish them for this.)

- **Amos 1:13:** "Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:"

After God destroyed the Edomites, Israel's territory was going to be **expanded** to include the land of the Edomites and the

Philistines.

- **Obadiah 1:19:** "And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead."

If people put new wine into old bottles, the new wine would **expand** and break the bottle.

- **Matthew 9:17:** "Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved."
- **Mark 2:22:** "And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles."

Because of sin, the kingdom of Heaven will appear to be far larger than it actually is. Sin will artificially **inflate** its size. (In the Bible, leaven always represents sin.)

- **Matthew 13:33:** "Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

The scribes and Pharisees **enlarged** the borders of their garments. (It seems this was done out of pride, so people would pay more attention to them.)

- **Matthew 23:5:** "But all their works they do for to be seen

of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,"

The twelve disciples believed it would take seven people to take care of the daily needs of the widows in the church. There were apparently a large number of widows at that time, even though the gospel had only been preached in Jerusalem and hadn't **expanded** beyond that area yet.

- **Acts 6:1-3:** "And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."

It seems that God continued to drive the Gentiles out of the land of Canaan from the time of Joshua to the time of David (who **expanded** Israel's territory).

- **Acts 7:45:** "Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;"

The people who lived on the island of Melita expected Paul to become **swollen** from the poison (after the snake bit him).

- **Acts 28:3, 6:** "And when Paul had gathered a bundle of

sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. ... Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god."

Paul was concerned that when he visited the Corinthian church, he would discover that it was full of of **swellings** (conceit).

- **2 Corinthians 12:20:** "For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:"

ESCALATE, ESCALATED, ESCALATES

In the fifth plague that God sent upon Egypt, things **escalated**. Previously the plagues had just been annoying, but now God was putting livestock to death in large numbers. This meant the plagues went from annoyances to a matter of life and death.

- **Exodus 9:3:** "Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain."

As time went on the plagues that God sent upon Egypt **escalated**. After the Lord sent a disease upon livestock, He sent a disease upon the people.

- **Exodus 9:9:** "And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt."

Over time the plagues that God sent upon Egypt **escalated**. They went from killing animals to killing people.

- **Exodus 9:19:** "Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die."

There are times when the wicked **escalate** their behavior in

order to stop the righteous. (The enemies of the Jews were now trying to get Nehemiah executed for treason.)

- **Nehemiah 6:6:** "Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words."

God's punishments upon Israel continually **escalated**, and yet they still refused to repent. Even though things got worse the people wouldn't repent and turn back to Him.

- **Amos 4:11:** "I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD."

In the parable of the vineyard, the people who were leasing the vineyard **escalated** their violence over time. They became worse and worse (until they began murdering people).

- **Mark 12:4-5:** "And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled. And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some."

As the missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas continued, the persecution against them **escalated**. First they were evicted from a city, and then in the next city the rulers planned on stoning them.

- **Acts 14:5:** "And when there was an assault made both of

the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them,"