## ~GROW (625)

[English, produce, cultivate, raise, breed, nurture]

- Yehowah God made to grow out of the ground every desirable tree and those good for food.
- Thus Yehowah God made to grow out of the ground every tree desirable to ones sight and good for food and also the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and bad. (Genesis 2:9)
- Adam was cursed by Yehowah God for disobedience so that the ground would only grow thorns and thistles for him.
- And thorns and thistles it will grow for you, and you must eat the vegetation of the field. (Genesis 3:18)
- The demons began to notice the daughters of men when they began to grow in numbers upon the earth.
- Now it came about that when men started to grow in numbers on the surface of the ground and daughters were born to them. (Genesis 6:1)
- Abraham in questioning Yehowah God about Sodom and Gomorrah asked him not to grow hot with anger over his repeated questioning.
- But he continued; May Yehowah, please, not grow hot with anger, but let me go on speaking; Suppose thirty are found there. In turn he said; I shall not do it if I find thirty there. (Genesis 18:30)
- Finally he said; May Yehowah, please, not grow hot with anger, but let me speak just this once; Suppose ten are found there. In turn he said; I shall not bring it to ruin on account of the ten. (Genesis 18:32)
- Esau was told that when he grew restless, he would break his brother's voke from off his neck.
- And by your sword you will live, and your brother you will serve.

But it will certainly occur that, when you grow restless, you will indeed break his yoke off your neck. (Genesis 27:40)

- Joseph's brothers asked him not to grow hot in anger against them, for he was powerful like Pharaoh of Egypt then.
- Judah now came near to him and said; I pray you, my master, please let your slave speak a word in the hearing of my master, and do not let your anger grow hot against your slave, because it is the same with you as with Pharaoh. (Genesis 44:18)
- Nazirites were required to let their hair and beards grow without cutting them at all.
- All the days of the vow of his Naziriteship no razor should pass over his head, until the days that he should be separated to Yehowah come to the full, he should prove holy by letting the locks of the hair of his head grow. (Numbers 6:5)
- Yehowah God told Israel to keep his commandments so as to grow strong as a people.
- And you must keep the whole commandment that I am commanding you today, in order, that you may grow strong and may indeed enter in and take possession of the land to which you are crossing to take possession of it. (Deuteronomy 11:8)
- Yehowah God brought Israel to the Promised Land for them to grow fat and satisfied in his care.
- For I shall bring them to the ground that I have sworn about to their forefathers, which flows with milk and honey, and they will certainly eat and be satisfied and grow fat and turn to other gods, and they will indeed serve them and treat me with disrespect and break my covenant. (Deuteronomy 31:20)
- Yet when Jeshurun or Israel grew fat, they rebelled against Yehowah God.
- When Jeshurun began to grow fat, then he kicked. You have grown fat, you have become thick, you have become gorged. So he forsook God, who made him, and despised the Rock of his salvation. (Deuteronomy 32:15)

- Yehowah God let others grow strong against his people when they sinned against him.
- And once again the sons of Israel went doing what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. At that Yehowah let Eglon the king of Moab grow strong against Israel, because they did what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. (Judges 3:12)
- And you must listen to what they will speak, and afterward your hands will certainly grow strong, and you will be certain to descend upon the camp. At that he and Purah his attendant made their descent to the edge of those in battle formation who were in the camp. (Judges 7:11)
- Sampson told Delilah a false story to deceive her into thinking he would grow weak if she tied him with seven still moist sinews.
- Then Samson said to her; If they tie me with seven still-moist sinews that have not been dried out, I must also grow weak and become like an ordinary man. (Judges 16:7)
- So he said to her; If they tie me tight with new ropes with which no work has been done, I must also grow weak and become like an ordinary man. (Judges 16:11)
- Later he revealed truthfully to her that he would grow weak if his hair was cut.
- Finally he disclosed to her all his heart and said to her; A razor has never come upon my head, because I am a Nazirite of God from my mother's belly. If I did get shaved, my power also would certainly depart from me, and I should indeed grow weak and become like all other men. (Judges 16:17)
- Meanwhile the hair of his head started to grow luxuriantly as soon as he had been shaved. (Judges 16:22)
- Naomi reasoned with her daughters could not wait for her to raise up others for them to marry, for they would grow too old.
- Would you keep waiting for them until they could grow up?
  Would you keep yourselves secluded for them so as not to
  become a husbands? No, my daughters, for it is very bitter to me
  because of you, that the hand of Yehowah has gone out against

me. (Ruth 1:13)

- When Eli was old his eyes had grown dim, he was not able to see.
- Now it came about on that day that Eli was lying in his place, and his eyes had begun to grow dim, he was not able to see. (1 Samuel 3:2)
- David told his men to dwell in Jericho until their beards regrew, ending their reproach.
- Later people reported it to David, and he at once sent to meet them, because the men had come to feeling very humiliated, and the king went on to say; Dwell in Jericho until your beards grow abundantly. Then you must return. (2 Samuel 10:5)
- Later people went and told David about the men, and he at once sent to meet them, because they had become men very much humiliated, and the king went on to say; Dwell in Jericho until your beards grow abundantly. Then you must return. (1 Chronicles 19:5)
- David knew that Yehowah God would make his lineage grow for this was David's delight and his salvation.
- For is not my household like that with God? Because it is an indefinitely lasting covenant that he has assigned to me, nicely put in order in everything and secured. Because it is all my salvation and all my delight, is that not why he will make it grow? (2 Samuel 23:5)
- Yehowah God humbled Ahaz, because he let unrestraint grow in Judah, loose conduct under his rulership.
- For Yehowah humbled Judah on account of Ahaz the king of Israel, because he let unrestraint grow in Judah, and there was an acting with great unfaithfulness toward Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 28:19)
- Ezra counseled Israelites to not accept foreign wives, so that they might grow strong as a people in the Promised Land upon returning there.
- And now your daughters do not you people give to their sons,

neither their daughters do you accept for your sons, and to time indefinite you must not work for their peace and their prosperity, in order, that you may grow strong and certainly eat the good of the land and indeed take possession of it for your sons to time indefinite. (Ezra 9:12)

- And they went capturing fortified cities and a fat soil and taking in possession houses full of all good things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards and olive groves and trees for food in abundance, and they began to eat and to be satisfied and to grow fat and to luxuriate in your great goodness. (Nehemiah 9:25)
- Job asked that the day on which he was born would grow dark, with no light.
- Let the stars of its twilight grow dark. Let it wait for the light and there be none. And let it not see the beams of dawn. (Job 3:9)
- Bildad reasoned to Job, that if he was righteous he would not have ended his life faring as he now did, but he would grow great.
- Also, your beginning may have proved to be a small thing, but your own end afterward would grow very great. (Job 8:7)
- Job asked if a papyrus plant will grow big without water.
- Will a papyrus plant grow tall without a swampy place? Will a reed grow big without water? (Job 8:11)
- Job showed, that Yehowah God could make the nations grow great and then destroy them through his mighty power.
- Making the nations grow great, that he may destroy them, spreading out the nations, that he may lead them away. (Job 12:23)
- Job showed that the one will not grow rich and his wealth will not mount up.
- He will not grow rich and his wealth will not mount up, nor will he spread out the acquisition of them over the earth. (Job 15:29)

- Job showed that the offspring of the wicked man will certainly not grow luxuriantly.
- Before his day will it be fulfilled, and his shoot itself will certainly not grow luxuriantly. (Job 15:32)
- Also a light itself would grow dark in his tent.
- A light itself will certainly grow dark in his tent, and in it his own lamp will be extinguished. (Job 18:6)
- Job described how man wastes away before death, as his bones, that previously were not seen, grow bare.
- His flesh wastes away from sight, and his bones that were not seen certainly grow bare. (Job 33:21)
- The Psalmist showed that he had searched for Yehowah God in the night, and while holding out his hand to God they did not grow numb.
- In the day of my distress I have searched for Yehowah himself.

  At night my very hand has been stretched out and does not grow numb, my soul has refused to be comforted. (Psalms 77:2)
- The righteous man will grow big like a cedar in Lebanon.
- The righteous himself will blossom forth as a palm tree does, as a cedar in Lebanon does, he will grow big. (Psalms 92:12)
- Through the Psalmist, Yehowah God promised to make the horn or rulership of David grow, and to give him a lamp in Jerusalem.
- There I shall cause the horn of David to grow. I have set in order a lamp for my anointed one. (Psalms 132:17)
- The congregator refers to the dimming of one's vision in old age comparing them to sunlight growing dark.
- Before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds have returned, afterward the downpour. (Ecclesiastes 12:2)

- Thus for their own badness and foolishness, or Kesil, Yehowah will let their own error come upon them. Since they withheld light or insight from others, even though they are supposed to be a light to the world, he now withholds light or insight from them, about his advancing purpose, thus keeping them in the darkness.
- For the very stars of the heavens and their constellations of Kesil will not flash forth their light, the sun will actually grow dark at its going forth, and the moon itself will not cause its light to shine. (Isaiah 13:10)
- The course of wisdom for these ones, would be not to scoff at Yehowah's word, as though it will never come against them, for this only grows their rebellion against him. Nonetheless Yehowah's words are sure of fulfillment, and his word counsels, that a complete destruction of all false religion is coming in all the earth. Also all of the warning signs, that we have been told to look for, have been realized, there is no justification for scoffers.
- And now do not show yourselves scoffers, in order, that your bands may not grow strong, for there is an extermination, even something decided upon, that I have heard of from the Sovereign Lord, Yehowah of armies, for all the land. (Isaiah 28:22)
- Isaiah counseled Israel that they would not now become ashamed, nor would their face grow pale through fear.
- Therefore this is what Yehowah has said to the house of Jacob, he that redeemed Abraham; Jacob will not now be ashamed, nor will his own face now grow pale. (Isaiah 29:22)
- Really, will such a one ever grow too old or too tired, to care about his purposes and his promises to his covenant people? The farthest things we can see, and also the nearest things, he has made them all. We cannot even begin to see, all that he has made, much less begin to understand it all. Wisdom bespeaks modesty to us, regarding him. Will you listen to this wisdom?
- Have you not come to know or have you not heard? Yehowah, the Creator of the extremities of the earth, is a God to time indefinite. He does not tire out or grow weary. There is no searching out of his understanding. (Isaiah 40:28)

- Those ones among this present system of things who have not grown wise, and learned to rely on Yehowah for strength, will all tire out in God's service, and then stumble and fall.
- Boys will both tire out and grow weary, and young men themselves will without fail stumble. (Isaiah 40:30)
- Those who look faithfully to Yehowah for insight and strength, will develop endurance, and not grow weary. Yehowah will be their strength.
- But those who are hoping in Yehowah will regain power. They
  will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not grow
  weary, they will walk and not tire out. (Isaiah 40:31)
- The Son of Man will see to it that Yehowah's justice, against false religion and the nations, their armies and commercial systems, is fully carried out. Yehowah will stand behind his son, in bringing Yehowah's justice to life. Even islands in the most distant parts of the earth, isolated religiously based governments, will be dealt with in turn.
- He will not grow dim nor be crushed until he sets justice in the earth itself, and for his Law the islands themselves will keep waiting. (Isaiah 42:4)
- It will not be to time indefinite, that Yehowah will remain indignant, and contend with the sons of men. Once the righteousness of his rule has been settled in heaven and on earth, he will shower his beautiful spirit on mankind helping them to grow, and to expand their spiritual nature, for if he withheld his spirit endlessly, all of his breathing creations would die.
- For it will not be to time indefinite that I shall contend, nor perpetually that I shall be indignant, for because of me the spirit itself would grow feeble, even the breathing creatures that I myself have made. (Isaiah 57:16)
- Yehowah then began to bless this truth loving organization. He made it grow in leaps and bounds until it became great. He adorned it with the finest ornaments, beautifying it in the eyes of others. He then watched it develop into a mature wifely organization, with firm breasts, for feeding young ones, and a headdress, of exultant praise.

- O what a change had taken place from that struggling infant kicking in its own blood back in 1919 C.E. Now it was a thing of beauty and pride, a wifely possession, a glory.
- A very big multitude like the sprouting of the field is what I made you so that you would grow big and become great and come in with the finest ornament. The two breasts themselves were firmly developed, and your own hair grew luxuriantly, when you had been naked and nude. (Ezekiel 16:7)
- Yehowah's action of breaking this Egyptian like system will bring darkness over the land. As with darkness, people will fear these bad times and what it forebodes will come next. The pride of her strength, her powerful leaders and her military will be made to cease. Her view of the future will be as if covered with clouds, dismal and bleak. Also, all of her lesser dependent towns will go off into captivity with her, they will not rise up to support her or to take her place.
- And in Tehaphnehes the day will actually grow dark, when I break there the yoke bars of Egypt. And in her the pride of her strength will actually be made to cease. As for her, clouds themselves will cover her, and into captivity her own dependent towns will go. (Ezekiel 30:18)
- The location of the Assyrian Empire was what led to its grow to great heights with peoples all around it like many waters. In turn as it rose in height it too watered all of the other trees around it.
- Waters were what made it get big, the watery deep caused it to grow high. With its streams it was going all around its planting place, and its channels it sent forth to all the trees of the field. (Ezekiel 31:4)
- Nebuchadnezzar issued a decree to all the peoples stating he wanted their peace to grow great. Later Darius did similarly.
- Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all the peoples, national groups and languages that are dwelling in all the earth; May your peace grow great. (Daniel 4:1)
- Then it was that Darius the king himself wrote to all the peoples, the national groups and the tongues that are dwelling in all the earth; May your peace grow very much! (Daniel 6:25)

- Then his people Israel will come to be dwellers in his shadow, under his protective care. Then they will again grow and bud like the vine. Israel's memorial then will be like the wine of Lebanon.
- They will again be dwellers in his shadow. They will grow grain, and will bud like the vine. His memorial will be like the wine of Lebanon. (Hosea 14:7)
- Even the beasts of the open field should not be fearful, for their pasture grounds will grow green and lush under the blessing that Yehowah God gives to them. The trees of the field and their orchards, will produce fruitage, and the fig tree and the grape vine, must give forth their vital energy. For the blessing of Yehowah God is what makes rich. He would then turn around the famine conditions and make their land lush and fertile again, producing abundantly.
- Do not be fearful, you beasts of the open field, for the pasture grounds of the wilderness will certainly grow green. For the tree will actually give its fruitage. The fig tree and the vine must give their vital energy. (Joel 2:22)
- Then Yehowah God pronounces woe to the valueless shepherds of Christendom, who are leaving the flock. A sword will be upon his arm and upon his right eye. His own arm, his ability to perform works of righteousness for his God, will indeed dry up from the sword stroke he receives, and his own right eye will grow dim, from lack of spiritual light from Yehowah God.
- Woe to my valueless shepherd, who is leaving the flock! A sword will be upon his arm and upon his right eye. His own arm will without fail dry up, and his own right eye will without fail grow dim. (Zechariah 11:17)
- He told them rather to grow together until the harvest season, and then he would give instructions for the weeds to be pulled up, collected together and burned. Then it would be safe for them to go collecting the wheat he originally planted in the field. Thus true Christians would be allowed to grow right alongside of the weed like Christians, and only at the time of harvest would they be separated, and the false Christians gathered up and destroyed.
- Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the harvest season I will tell the reapers; First collect the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them up, then go to gathering the wheat

## into my storehouse. (Matthew 13:30)

- Then Jesus changes focus to clothing, something else that people worry about endlessly. Again he gives a simple, but powerful illustration, that of the lilies of the field. They do absolutely no work as they grow, yet even Solomon in all his glory and regalia, was not himself arrayed as beautifully as the lilies are clothed.
- Mark well how the lilies grow, they neither toil nor spin, but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. (Luke 12:27)
- So Jesus told Peter, that when he was a young man he used to clothe himself and to walk about wherever he wanted to go. Yet Jesus prophesied, that when he grew older he would stretch out his hands, and another man would gird him, and then bear him where he did not want to go.
- Most truly I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk about where you wanted. But when you grow old you will stretch out your hands and another man will gird you and bear you where you do not wish. (John 21:18)
- Abraham no doubt knew of his own old body, and the deadness of the womb of Sarah, who would have been well past menopause at the age of ninety. Yet his faith in God's promises was sufficient to carry him through, it did not grow weak, not only to the birth of Isaac, but also to train up all of his future offspring in the way of righteousness, in imitation of Yehowah God.
- And, although he did not grow weak in faith, he considered his own body, now already deadened, as he was about one hundred years old, also the deadness of the womb of Sarah. (Romans 4:19)
- When we see a beautiful garden, do we glorify the gardener who planted it, and pulls the weeds, or do we give God the glory for creating such beautiful things? Paul alludes to this by saying, that he and Apollos were like the gardeners who planted and weeded the garden, but God alone knows how to makes things grow, and he is the one deserving of glory and honor, because he created all these beautiful things. He is worthy of far greater honor and glory, because without his works, there would be no garden, for he created the very idea of a garden.

- I planted, Apollos watered, but God kept making it grow. (1
   Corinthians 3:6)
- The gardener is nothing, when compared to the one who made all the seeds, and also the process by which they grow, and the beauty, that they later display as his creations. Paul now shows that as part of the seed of Abraham, these anointed spiritual sons are God's field under cultivation, and that the gardener, represented by Paul and Apollos and Cephas, is doing a fine work in planting the seeds and watering them, for he knows, that these are the endeavors, that will make growth possible, but it is still God who makes things grow. Therefore give God glory!
- So that neither is he that plants anything nor is he that waters, but God who makes it grow. (1 Corinthians 3:7)
- What fine counsel, and how this letter magnifies it. Stay awake spiritually, stand firmly planted in the course of putting the desires of the fallen flesh to death through their love of God's spirit, carry on as mature spiritual men, and never let go of their power of spiritual reasoning.
- Stay awake, stand firm in the faith, carry on as men, grow mighty. (1 Corinthians 16:13)
- Rather Paul encourages us to speak and to know the truth. By this we can grow up to Christian spiritual maturity in all things into him who is the head of the congregation, his body.
- But speaking the truth, let us by love grow up in all things into him who is the head, Christ. (Ephesians 4:15)
- These works, the creation of the heavens and the earth will perish, but this one, who along with Almighty God created them all, will remain continually. Just like an outer garment the earth and the heavens will wear out and grow old, but the Christ will remain forever.
- They themselves will perish, but you yourself are to remain continually, and just like an outer garment they will all grow old. (Hebrews 1:11)
- Peter now encourages these new anointed Christians to form a longing for the word of God, just like an infant forms a longing and love

for the feeding of its mother through the breast. If they do this, then they will also be able to grow to salvation in Christ.

And, as newborn infants, form a longing for the unadulterated milk belonging to the word, that through it you may grow to salvation. (1 Peter 2:2)