

~INCREASING 117)

[English, rising, growing, mounting, escalating, ever increasing, greater than ever, Opposite of, decreasing]

- When the waters of the flood fell to earth they went on **increasing** for forty days, until they floated the ark high above the earth.
- And the deluge went on for forty days upon the earth, and the waters kept **increasing** and began carrying the ark and it was floating high above the earth. (**Genesis 7:17**)
- And the waters became overwhelming and kept **increasing** greatly upon the earth, but the ark kept going on the surface of the waters. (**Genesis 7:18**)
- Jacob went on **increasing** more than Laban himself.
- And the man went on **increasing** more and more, and great flocks and maidservants and menservants and camels and asses came to be his. (**Genesis 30:43**)
- The one with clean hands keeps **increasing** in strength.
- The righteous one keeps holding fast to his way, and the one with clean hands keeps **increasing** in strength. (**Job 17:9**)
- During this time also, there would be an **increasing** in lawlessness, which would cause the love of people in general, for God, and for one another, to cool off. This lawlessness, is a breaking of the Law, but primarily of God's Laws. The Bible says that sin is lawlessness.
- Therefore look at the generation we live in today and take it in the context of what the Bible forbids, conduct like fornication, which is practiced openly, and by nearly everyone. Take abortion which men make legal, but which is still lawlessness before God. Take war and genocide which have occurred in this generation on an unprecedented scale, for God views it as nothing more than mass murder.
- Take theft which exists everywhere corrupting the entire system of things we live in, and all of its institutions. Then throw in divorce,

homosexuality, lesbianism, racial hatreds and drug abuse. Can you thus get a clear picture of how God views this wicked world we now live in? Would you not yourself, if you had the power, end such a corrupt and wicked world?

- And because of the **increasing** of lawlessness the love of the greater number will cool off. (**Matthew 24:12**)
- Jesus then showed, that still others came to rest upon the fine soil, and after sprouting, they grew strong, **increasing** and produced varying fruitage, this one thirty fold, that one sixty, and another a hundred fold.
- But others fell upon the fine soil, and, coming up and **increasing**, they began to yield fruit, and they were bearing thirtyfold, and sixty and a hundred. (**Mark 4:8**)
- So John the Baptist told them, that he must go on decreasing, while Jesus went on **increasing** after this.
- That one must go on **increasing**, but I must go on decreasing. (**John 3:30**)
- So then, because of their bold witnessing work, their numbers were **increasing** greatly. Later though, a murmuring came about on the part of the Greek speaking Jews, against the Hebrew speaking Jews, because they felt, that their widows were being overlooked, in the daily food distribution.
- Now in these days, when the disciples were **increasing**, a murmuring arose on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrew-speaking Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution. (**Acts of Apostles 6:1**)
- This Good News of God's Kingdom had presented itself to them there in Colossae, just as it was being presented throughout the known world of Paul's day. Paul has heard, that it is also **increasing** through them there in Colossae, and it has continued to do so since they first heard of it, because they too take an active share in the preaching of it.
- Which has presented itself to you, even as it is bearing fruit and **increasing** in all the world just as it is doing also among you, from the day you heard and accurately knew the undeserved kindness of God in truth. (**Colossians 1:6**)

- The purpose of this prayer, is so that they may walk worthily of Yehowah God, to the end result of fully pleasing him, as they go on bearing spiritual fruitage in every good work, and in **increasing**, in the accurate knowledge of him, through his spirit.
- In order to walk worthily of Yehowah to the end of fully pleasing him as you go on bearing fruit in every good work and **increasing** in the accurate knowledge of God. (**Colossians 1:10**)
- Paul then shows, that he is obligated to thank God often for them, for it is fitting to do so, because of their faith, which is growing exceedingly, and their love for one another is **increasing**, and growing toward one another.
- We are obligated to give God thanks always for you, brothers, as it is fitting, because your faith is growing exceedingly and the love of each and all of you is increasing one toward the other. (**2 Thessalonians 1:3**)