

# Enlargement From Another Place

Esther 4:14

**Enlarge, enlarged, enlargeth, enlarging, enlargement:** there are 26 occurrences in the King James bible.

- There are only 13 occurrences of every form of “enlarge” in the NIV.
- NIV, Amplified, and NAS all change “**enlargement**” to “**relief**” in Esther 4:14, thereby changing the full meaning of the verse.
  - Anyone who reads those corrupt bibles will have their understanding blinded (Eph 4:18).
- **Enlargement:** Increase of size or bulk, real or apparent; extension of dimensions or limits; augmentation; dilatation; expansion.
- **Relief:** The removal, in whole or in part, of any evil that afflicts the body of mind; the removal or alleviation of pain, grief, want, care, anxiety, toil or distress, or of anything oppressive or burdensome, by which some ease is obtained.
  - **Bible study rule:** things that are different are not the same.

<b>Esther 4:13-14</b>	Enlargement (restrictions removed) and deliverance of Israel
<b>Deut 12:20</b>	Enlargement of borders
<b>Deut 19:8</b>	Enlargement of coasts
<b>Job 12:23</b>	God enlarges nations and God straitens (reduces the size of) nations.

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## **I. ENLARGEMENT OF HELL**

- A. Hell Hath Enlarged Herself (Isaiah 5:14).**
- B. As the Man Who Enlarges his Desire (Habakkuk 2:5).** The proud man cannot be satisfied just like hell is never satisfied.

## **II. ENLARGEMENT OF TROUBLES (Psalm 25:17-20)**

- A. This is often the experience of God’s saints.** It is important to pray for God’s deliverance from our enlarging troubles.

## **III. ENLARGEMENT OF OUR STEPS (Psalm 18:36)**

- A. God made the steps larger under our feet so we did not fall.**

## **IV. ENLARGEMENT OF OUR COAST**

- A. The Prayer of Jabez (1 Chronicles 4:10).**
    - a. A prayer for a larger area of responsibility.** This is not a selfish prayer for wealth and prosperity. Jabez asked God to enlarge His coast, his area of ministry. God granted his prayer because it was in accordance with His will.
  - B. The Blessing of the Lord (Isaiah 54:1-3).**
    - a.** The day is coming when Israel will “enlarge her tent.” The borders of the Holy Land will be expanded in accordance with God’s covenant with Abraham (Gen 15:18).
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## V. ENLARGEMENT OF OUR MOUTH

- A. **Hannah's prayer of praise (1Samuel 2:1).** –Hannah opened her mouth and praised God boldly because He gave her the desire of her heart.

## VI. ENLARGEMENT OF OUR HEARTS

- A. **The Quality (1Kings 4:29)** – Solomon had a heart for God, so God enlarged his heart even more. God wants us to have a spiritually enlarged heart.

- B. **The Cause (Isaiah 60:5)** – When your heart begins to fear God, then God will enlarge your heart.

- a. This is a fear that comes from the awe, the wonder, the awesomeness, and the presence of God.

**Strait:** restricted; narrow; close; not broad. (See 2 Kings 6:1 for example).

**Straight:** passing from one point to another by the nearest course; not deviating; not crooked; as a straight line; a straight course; a straight piece of timber.

- C. **The Result (Psalm 119:32)** – *I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.*

- a. When you have an enlarged heart, you'll find it a joy to serve God. You won't hesitate to obey His commandments. We have liberty in Christ to run our race without the restrictions of sin and worldliness.

- D. **The Blessing (2Corinthians 6:11-13)** – *"...our heart is enlarged."*

- a. **"Ye are not straitened in us...but in your own bowels"** (vs 12). Don't blame others for your own straitness (narrowness, restriction, displeasure in serving God, struggle to give your heart to God). God's grace is sufficient to overcome any mistreatment you may experience.
- b. The remedy for a straitened heart is **"be ye also enlarged"** (vs 13). Let your heart get larger. Try to care for somebody besides yourself and reach out to them. Be prepared to make some sacrifices to that end.

## VII. ENLARGEMENT OF OURSELVES

- A. **When we are in Distress (Psalm 4:1)** – *"...thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress..."*

- a. When you feel stress or pressure, take it to God and He will give you freedom and peace in that situation.

- B. **When Faith is Increased (2Corinthians 10:15)** – *"...having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you..."*

- a. When your faith increases, it brings enlargement to others. When they see your great trust in God, it blesses them and gives them peace to continue following the Lord.
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