

Hidden Prophecies in the Multiplications  
(Matt. 14: 14-3; 15:30-39)

When evening came, the disciples came to Him and said, This is a remote and barren place, and the day is now over; send the throngs away into the villages to buy food for themselves (Matt. 14:15).

It was evening when the disciples came to YAHSHUA with their concerns: (1) the multitude (2) the remote place (3) the end of the day. They pleaded Him to release the crowd from their obligation of feeding them. But YAHWEH'S plan was not so. His sovereignty was to write on the pages of time, through this experience, His plans for the future. When the disciples suggested Him to send the crowd away to get food, He replied, "They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat". These are not mere words for that time only, but they were words of command pointing to the future of the Gospel to be shared by the disciples, as we read in Matthews: Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold I am with you all the days to the close and consummation of the age (Matt. 28:19-20). From the five loaves and the two fish available to them, YAHSHUA multiplied them into thousands of loaves and into thousands of fish, when they brought the loaves of bread and the fish to Him. Here is manifested the meaning of the parable of the mustard seed, which being the smallest, but when grown it becomes the largest of the garden, providing shelter for the birds. The mustard seed is small, but very affective in its given time of maturity. The five loaves and the two fish were enough for one person's meal, but not for thousands of people. The Gospel of our Lord YAHSHUA had its beginning in a handful of people, meaning the disciples, but at the command of our Lord, Go and Tell, the Gospel was multiplied to the whole world of yesterday. The broken bread symbolizes the body of YAHSHUA, which was to be broken for the world for its salvation; we see the reality of the meaning of the bread on His last Passover, when He took the bread and, praising God, gave thanks and asked Him to bless it to their use, and when He had broken it, He gave it to the disciples and said, take, eat; this is My body (Matt. 26:26). While the disciples reclined on the table that last Passover, they received the gift of the Living Bread, to take it to the world. They shared the bread and the fish with the crowd, who ate and was satisfied. The Gospel of our Lord YAHSHUA has been received by many and they have been satisfied with the truth that has set them free. The five loaves and the two fish, represent YAHWEH'S grace and the time frame of two thousand years given to the gentile world to hear the Gospel. Five has the meaning of YAHWEH'S grace or goodness. The foundation of the Gospel is established on our Lord YAHSHUA, Who is the Rock on Whom the church is founded, stabilized and secured. He said to Peter you are Peter, in Greek **Petrus**- a stone; and on this **pedra** – (a huge rock) I will build my church and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it (Matt. 16: 19). Peter wrote confirming the words of YAHSHUA saying, Come to Him [then to that] Living Stone, which men tried and threw away, but which is chosen and precious to God; for thus it stands in Scriptures: Behold, I am laying in Zion a chosen, precious chief Cornerstone, and he who believes in Him shall never be disappointed or put to shame (I Peter 2: 4, 6).

Twelve baskets of bread pieces were picked up after they all had eaten, and were satisfied. The broken body of our Lord YAHSHUA is to be also for the Jewish nation (Jn. 1:12). After He dismissed the crowd, He went up to the hill by Himself to pray, but the disciples were directed to get into the boat ahead of Him to the other side. Evening had come and YAHSHUA was still on the hill alone. The disciples, however, were on the sea by that time, many furlongs distant from the land, beaten and tossed by the waves, for the wind was against them; And on the fourth watch (between 3:00- 6:00a.m.) of the night, YAHSHUA came to them, walking on the sea. When they saw Him walking toward them, they were fearful, for they had not yet recognized Him. But when He spoke to them saying, Take courage! I AM! Peter volunteered to go to Him, walking on water, if, he said, it is You. It did not take long for Peter to fall into fear and cry out, Lord save Me! Then the Lord saved him and said, O you of little faith, why did you doubt? Then then got into the boat, the wind ceased and the disciples knelt and worshiped Him saying, Truly You are the Son of God (Taken from Matthews 14:15-33).

Prophetically speaking, when YAHSHUA went up to the hill, it represents the rapture of the church; the disciples in the boat facing the storm is the period when the nations will come against her in the tribulation or Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:7); Peter represents the unbelieving Jews; "when they got into the boat the wind ceased", it is the time of Israel's restoration, in their kneeling before Him worshipping Him by saying, Truly You are the Son of God; that's when they recognize and accept YAHSHUA as their Messiah, as the Prophet Zachariah predicted it in chapter 12:9.

In the second multiplication we see the love of YAHWEH shown to the world, When He took time to heal the multitude, which had come to Him for healing of all diseases. He said to the disciples, I have pity and sympathy and am deeply moved for the crowd, because they have been with Me now three days and they have nothing to eat; and I am not willing to send them away hunger, lest they faint or become exhausted on the way (Matt. 15:32). YAHSHUA expressed to Nicodemus the extent of His love for the world by saying, For God so loved the world that He gave up His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (Jn. 3:16). Three days the crowd had been with Him; Three days He would be in the heart of the earth, to be raised on the third day. The third day speaks of resurrection; YAHSHUA said, I am not willing that the crowd perish with hunger, spiritual hunger; I am not willing that they perish eternally. Go and feed them My Living Bread. Again as the crowd reclined on the ground, He broke the seven loaves into pieces and gave them to the disciples to share with the crowd representing the gentile nations from around. When they ate and were satisfied, it spoke of the sufficiency of the Gospel, how it meets all our needs and satisfies us with His peace, and hope. The seven baskets of left overs speak of YAHWEH'S complete and perfect plan of salvation.

If you have not yet reclined at His table to receive His gift of salvation, remember His purpose in His love is that you would be saved from eternal perdition. His love is marked on His body by the nails applied on his hands and feet. It will never be erased from His body, as His love will never lose its power on you.