

THE FORGOTTEN MIRACLE
(Matthew 14:19-21; 15:32-37; 16:5-12)

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. Jesus said, They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat.

Here in the first multiplication of the five loaves and two fish, the disciples present the problems: a remote and barren place, the day is over and the solution: send the throngs away to buy food for themselves. Yahshua, however, had something else in mind beyond the physical solution they presented to Him. He, the Bread of life, stood ready to show the world and to His disciples His true identity- I AM. I AM He Who always existed- with no beginning and with no end; I AM the bread of life, I AM the way, I AM the truth, I AM the life, I AM the light of the world, I AM the resurrection, I AM the good Shepherd is there anything too hard for Me?

Oh if they only knew Whom stood there among them! The five loaves of bread and the two fish brought to Him were amazingly multiplied to feed five thousand men, not counting the women and children! I AM satisfied them all, putting a stop to the words of doubt presented by Andrew, "What is this amount among so many"? There were even twelve baskets left over for each of the disciples!

What is hidden in this story? When Yahshua responded to them, "You give them something to eat" wasn't it in the breaking of the bread, His body being broken for the salvation of the world, and the disciples were the ones to take the message of salvation to all nations when Yahshua broke the bread and gave the pieces to them to pass around? Yes, indeed! He said, You are My witnesses, go and preach the good news to the whole world. The twelve baskets signified that Yahshua's broken body was also for the nation of Israel; there would be no salvation for Israel apart from Him. The Bread of life stood shining His truths to all, but they didn't perceive the spiritual message and meanings of this first multiplication, for not long after, they once again, when the opportunity presented itself for another miracle of the same kind, they had nothing better to say besides "Where are we to get bread sufficient to feed so great a crowd in this isolated and desert place"? Yes, the forgotten miracle caused by their blindness gives us something to think about our own blindness and forgetfulness. How many times we have had the experience to rely on God's faithfulness but failed, because we can't remember the miracles of the past when He, in His love, had provided for our needs?

Again the Bread of life took the seven loaves of bread and the fish with thanksgiving He broke them into pieces and gave them to the disciples, to share with the crowd who had been with Him for three days, and He was not willing to send them away hungry. It is the will of God that all might hear the Gospel and be saved. This time there were seven baskets full of the broken pieces of bread left over signifying the perfect and complete plan of salvation that God had for mankind, since the number seven denotes completeness and perfection.

In chapter sixteenth of Matthew we read, "When the disciples reached the other side of the sea, they found that they had forgotten to bring any bread. . . But Jesus aware of this, asked Why are you discussing among yourselves the act that you have no bread? O you of little faith! Do you not yet discern? Do you not remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you gathered? Nor the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you took up? Vs. 5,8-10.

It is time for us also to look back in order to perceive the bountiful blessings of the past in our needs today, to perceive the faithfulness of our heavenly Father; to remember that He is the great I AM, our provider. Let's not forget those small miracles, for they will guide us to realize the faithfulness and love of our Savior.

After the first multiplication, Yahshua directed the disciples to go ahead of Him by boat, to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd. The disciples found themselves many miles away from land being tossed by the waves in a storm. Yahshua hadn't come to them until the fourth watch (3:00-6:00 a.m.) when He came walking on the sea. This speaks to us of the nations alienating themselves against Israel in the future. Israel, at that time will not recognize and accept their Messiah, until they will be at the point of sinking, as Peter did, when he lost focus of Yahshua, due to his doubt that it was Yahshua Who was walking on the sea. He said, "If it is You, command me to come to You on the water". When Peter began to sink, he cried out, Lord, save me (Matt. 14:22-30)! I AM was present to save them, but they didn't recognize Him, neither accepted Him. He said, "Take courage! I AM! If Moses had been there He would have recognized His voice, because he talked face to face with Him. The eternal I AM never fails; He is the same of yesterday, today and forever. God said to Moses, I am Who I am and what I am, and I will be what I will be; and He said, you shall say this to the Israelites, I AM has sent me to you (Exodus 3:14)!

When Yahshua got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat knelt and worshipped Him saying, Truly You are the Son of God! (Matt. 14:32-33). This points out to the prophecy found in Zachariah 12:10, In that day when the remnant of Israel shall look upon Him Whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him as one who is in bitterness for his firstborn . It will not be until Israel in repentance calls on the name of the Lord for her salvation, that she will be saved.

The beauty of what was written in the pages of prophetic books of the Bible, is that, God the author of the future, confirms all through the New Testament through the life of Yahshua and His disciples, proving that the Bible is truly God's Word.

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