

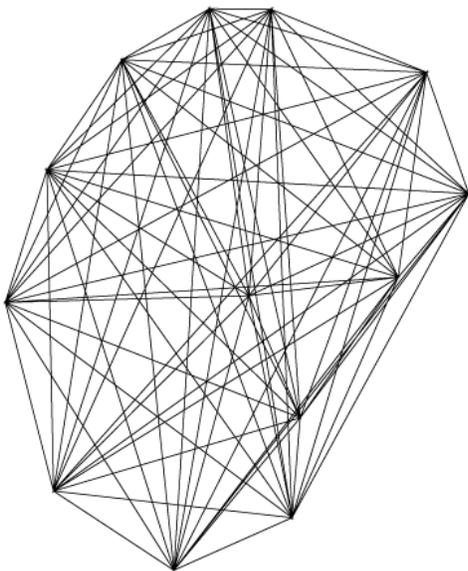
153 FISH CAUGHT

John 21:6-11 *And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you will find a catch." They cast therefore, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. 7 That disciple therefore whom Yeshua loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." And so when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish. 9 And so when they got out upon the land, they saw a charcoal fire already laid, and fish placed on it, and bread. 10 Yeshua said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught." 11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, **full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three**; and although there were so many, the net was not torn."*

When Simon Peter, Thomas, and Nathaniel went out fishing, they did so on their own accord. They had just experienced being in the presence of Yeshua, they had seen with their own eyes all kinds of miracles and were taught by the master Himself, yet they decided to go fishing. Yeshua never told them to do that, they did it on their own. When we do things on our own we are usually not successful. The moment Yeshua arrived and gave them directions to throw the net on the other side, they caught 153 fish. The lesson for them was that they had experienced many miracles and been taught much. They were to no longer spend time fishing for fish but for men. Their job was to preach and teach and share the word with others.

When they went fishing they bore no fruit because they decided to go, neither the holy spirit or Yeshua had led them to go fishing. We are supposed to bear fruit, not do as we desire once we have learned the fruit. The whole concept of the Torah is to plant seed so that fruit can grow. No more fishing.

153 THEMATIC CONNECTION



The length of the grand gallery inside the great pyramid is 153 feet. Within the pyramid, from the kings chamber floor up to the summit platform there are 153 courses of masonry. The number 153 is what is called a triangular (pyramid) number. It "points" to something. Guess who it points to?

Now let's look at a couple uses of the number 153 in scripture and see an incredible numeral thematic connection.

Remember the story of Elijah when the King kept sending military groups of fifty men to get him to turn himself in?

2Kgs. 1:9-14 *Then the king sent to him a captain of **fifty with his fifty**. And he went up to him, and behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. And he said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'" 10 Elijah replied to the*

*captain of **fifty**, “If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your **fifty**.” Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his **fifty**.¹¹ So he again sent to him another captain of **fifty with his fifty**. And he said to him, “O man of God, thus says the king, ‘Come down quickly.’”¹² Elijah replied to them, “If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your **fifty**.” Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his **fifty**.¹³ So he again sent the captain of a **third fifty with his fifty**. When the **third captain of fifty** went up, he came and bowed down on his knees before Elijah, and begged him and said to him, “O man of God, please let my life and the lives of these **fifty** servants of yours be precious in your sight.¹⁴ “Behold fire came down from heaven and consumed the first two captains of **fifty with their fifties**; but now let my life be precious in your sight.” When we look at the three times the military group of fifty men went to see Elijah with their captains we have 3 times (fifty men plus their captain), 51=153.*

There you go, Yah is once again trying to show us something, connecting the fish in the net with the military men of the King. Notice also that they were sent three times, just as Yeshua manifested Himself to the disciples three times.

The following is a gematric thematic connection worth taking note of. The Passover; "HaPesach" in Hebrew, is made up of chet (8), samekh (80), peh (60), heh (5) =153. Could the Feast of Passover somehow be connected with the amount of fish that the disciples caught in John 21:11-14, and the soldiers in Elijah's situation, 2Kgs. 1:9-14? It just never ends.

To sum it up, Yah left some wonders on the face of the earth (how many I have no idea), that no one can duplicate or explain, so that mankind would seriously think about His supernatural existence. Mankind, (perhaps Yah's greatest creation) has simply tried to lay claim to them instead of giving Yah the glory. It's what mankind has always done and will probably always do till Yah decides He's had enough.

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