

Feeding of the Multitudes:

The narratives in the Bible concerning the miracles which Jesus performed are thought by many to be just concocted stories, and not true events. The stories in the Gospels related to the feeding of the multitudes are examples of this. To the logical mind, such things are not possible, but with God all things are possible: ... *With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.* Mark 10:27. I have used gematria, facilitated by the numerical value of Hebrew and Greek words, to evaluate passages of Scripture related to the feeding of the 5,000, and the feeding of the 4,000.

All four Gospels record the story of Jesus feeding a multitude of 5,000, with very slight variations.

But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children. Matthew 14: 16-21.

And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things. And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men. Mark 6: 34-44.

And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place. But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people. For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. And they did so, and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the

disciples to set before the multitude. And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets. Luke 9:12-17.

When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. John 6:5-13.

Gematria confirms the truth of the miracle in which Jesus fed the five thousand.

The LORD (H3068) Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) blessed (H1228) the five (H2568) loaves (H3899) and two (H8147) fish, (H1709) and fed (H7462) five (H2568) thousand (H505) men. (H120) They ate (H398) and were filled. (H4390)

יהוה ישוע ברך חמש לחם שנים דג רעה חמש אלה אדם אכל מלא

71 + 51 + 45 + 111 + 348 + 275 + 7 + 400 + 78 + 348 + 222 + 386 + 26 = **2368**

JESUS (G2424) CHRIST (G5547) = Ἰησοῦς Χριστός = 888 + 1480 = 2368

Looking up (H6437) to heaven, (H8064) Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) blessed (H1228) the five (H2568) loaves (H3899) and two (H8147) fish, (H1709) and fed (H7462) the multitude (H6951) of five (H2568) thousand. (H505)

פנה שמים ישוע ברך חמש לחם שנים דג רעה קהל חמש אלה

111 + 348 + 135 + 275 + 7 + 400 + 78 + 348 + 222 + 386 + 390 + 135 = **2835**

After (H310) the five (H2568) thousand (H505) people (H5973) had eaten, (H398) then (H227) they took up (H5375) twelve (H8147) (H6240) baskets (H5536) of broken (H7665) fragments of bread (H3899) and fish. (H1709)

אחר חמש אלה עם אכל אז נשא שנים עשר סל שבר לחם דג

7 + 78 + 502 + 90 + 570 + 400 + 351 + 8 + 51 + 110 + 111 + 348 + 209 = **2835**

**FIVE (G4002) LOAVES (G740) AND (G2532) TWO (G1417) FISH (G2486) = πέντε ἄρτος
καὶ δύο ἰχθύς = 440 + 671 + 31 + 474 + 1219 = 2835**

Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) blessed (H1228) the five (H2568) loaves (H3899) and two (H8147) fish, (H1709) and fed (H7462) the multitude, (H6951) and all (H3605) five (H2568) thousand (H505) ate. (H398)

ישוע ברך חמש לחם שנים דג רעה קהל כל חמש אלף אכל

51 + 111 + 348 + 50 + 135 + 275 + 7 + 400 + 78 + 348 + 222 + 386 = **2411**

ABOUT (G5616) FIVE THOUSAND (G4000) = ὡσεὶ πεντακισχίλιοι = 2411

The story of Jesus' feeding of the four thousand is told only in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, again with only minor differences.

Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full. And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children. Matthew 15: 32-38.

In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: and if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far. And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness? And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away. Mark 8: 1-9.

As with the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand, gematria also confirms the truth of the miracle in which Jesus fed the multitude of four thousand.

He fed (H7462) the multitude (H6951) of four (H702) thousand (H505) with (H5973) seven (H7651) loaves (H3899) and a few (H4592) fish. (H1710)

רעה קהל ארבע אלף עם שבע לחם מעט דג

7 + 119 + 78 + 372 + 110 + 111 + 273 + 135 + 275 = **1480**

CHRIST (G5547) = Χριστός = 1480

Jesus (Yeshua), (H3442) the Son (H1121) of God, (H430) fed (H7462) four (H702) thousand (H505) men, (H120) beside (H4480) (H905) women (H802) and children, (H1121) with (H5973) seven (H7651) loaves (H3899) and a few (H4592) fish. (H1709)

ישוע בן אלהים רעה ארבע אלף אדם מן בד אשה בן עם שבע לחם מעט דג

7 + 119 + 78 + 372 + 110 + 52 + 306 + 6 + 90 + 45 + 111 + 273 + 275 + 86 + 52 + 386 = **2368**

JESUS (G2424) CHRIST (G5547) = Ἰησοῦς Χριστός = 888 + 1480 = 2368

As found in the OT, the Hebrew word for “with” is often not used in a sentence, as in the next gematria example.

Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) fed (H7462) four (H702) thousand (H505) men (H120) with seven (H7651) loaves (H3899) and a few (H4592) fish. (H1710)

ישוע רעה ארבע אלף אדם שבע לחם מעט דג

7 + 119 + 78 + 372 + 45 + 111 + 273 + 275 + 386 = **1666**

FOUR THOUSAND (G5070) = τετρακισχίλιοι = 1666

The multitude (H6951) of four (H702) thousand (H505) was fed (H7462) with (H5973) seven (H7651) loaves (H3899) and a few (H4592) fish. (H1710) After (H310) they had eaten (H398) they took up (H5375) seven (H7651) baskets (H5536) full. (H4390)

קהל ארבע אלף רעה עם שבע לחם מעט דג אחר אכל נשא שבע סל מלא

71 + 90 + 372 + 351 + 51 + 209 + 7 + 119 + 78 + 372 + 110 + 275 + 111 + 273 + 135 = **2624**

SEVEN (G2033) LOAVES (G740) AND (G2532) A FEW (G3641) LITTLE FISH (G2485) = ἑπτὰ ἄρτος καὶ ὀλίγος ἰχθύδιον = 386 + 671 + 31 + 383 + 1153 = 2624

A different Hebrew word for “multitude” is used in the following sentence.

Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) had compassion (H7355) on the multitude (H7230) because (H3588) they had nothing (H369) to eat. (H398)

ישוע רחם רב כי אין אכל

51 + 61 + 30 + 202 + 248 + 386 = **978**

MEAT / FOOD (G5160) = τροφή = 978

In the following text that is written in Hebrew root words, a different word for “nothing” is used.

Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) had compassion (H7355) on the multitude (H7230) because (H3588) they had nothing (H3808) to eat. (H398) He took (H3947) seven (H7651) loaves (H3899) and a few (H4592) fish, (H1710) gave thanks, (H3034) and broke it, (H7665) and gave (H5414) it to them. They all (H3605) ate (H398) and were filled. (H4390) Then (H227) they took up

(H5375) seven (H7651) baskets (H5536) full. (H4390) They that ate (H398) were about four (H702) thousand. (H505)

ישוע רחם רב פי לא אכל לקח שבע לחם מעט דג ידה שבר נתן כל אכל מלא אז
נשא שבע סל מלא אכל ארבע אלף

111 + 273 + 51 + 71 + 90 + 372 + 351 + 8 + 71 + 51 + 50 + 500 + 502 + 19 + 7 + 119 + 78 + 372
+ 138 + 51 + 31 + 30 + 202 + 248 + 386 = **4252**

**FOUR THOUSAND (G5070) MEN, (G435) BESIDE (G5565) WOMEN (G1135) AND
(G2532) CHILDREN (G3813) = τετρακισχίλιοι άνήρ χωρίς γυνή και παδίων = 1666 + 159
+ 1710 + 461 + 31 + 225 = 4252**

These gematria findings confirm that which is written in the Bible concerning Jesus' feeding of the multitudes.