

## Chapters 2e and 12a

# The 153 Fishes in the Net

This following will provide a genesis account of how all of this was discovered.

### *Oil Seeping Out of the Rocks*

The oil, or petroleum, industry is a vital industry throughout the world. Virtually all forms of transportation depend on the fuels refined from petroleum. Many byproducts, such as plastics, are derived from petroleum. Probably no other industry has a greater effect on the world's overall economy.

Crude oil is usually found very deep in the earth. Oil companies invest millions of dollars drilling in places such as jungles, offshore, and the Arctic regions in order to discover the "black gold." The amount of oil that lies beneath the surface of the earth is enormous, yet it is usually difficult to obtain and it is seldom ever seen on the surface.

The way that oil was first discovered, however, is quite revealing. In a few locations, man noticed that seeping out from rocks was a putrid-smelling, brackish liquid or sticky tar. Although mankind did not see a great deal of value in it, there were some uses. It could burn in lamps, and the tar could be used to seal the bottoms of boats and make various things water proof.

So the way all the vast oil reserves of the world were discovered was due to the fact that in just a very few locations, oil made its way to the surface where it could eventually be seen.

The theomatics code in the Bible was discovered in a similar way. **In a subtle manner, the Bible itself "tells" us the fact that there is a supernatural code and vast amounts of truth buried deep in the heart of the text—all based upon a hidden code.**

### *Hundreds of Numbers!*

Sprinkled throughout the Bible, hundreds of times, the text refers to many different numbers. Numbers appear everywhere in the Old and New Testaments: Adam lived 930 years, there were 12 tribes of Israel, they spent 40 years in the wilderness, Jesus was in

the wilderness 40 days, Abraham had 318 servants, Solomon had 666 talents of gold, there was Daniel's 70 weeks' prophecy, Jesus taught 5,000 people by the seashore, the man lame for 38 years healed by Jesus, the woman bound by Satan for 18 years, the 46 years it took the Jews to build the temple in Jerusalem that Jesus said He would tear down in 3 days, the 276 souls saved from the apostle Paul's shipwreck, 7 golden lamp stands in Revelation, 144 thousands sealed in the Book of Revelation, and so on.

**Every number that appears openly in the text of the Bible is a key number for the theomatic code in the Bible. It is oil coming to the surface and seeping out of the rocks. It is the VISIBLE part of the whole numerical code structure and system that God originally put in the Bible. It is God saying to us—"Look! This is what I have done! Don't you see it???"**

In the book of Revelation, chapter 13, it states,

"Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding **calculate** the number of the beast, for it is the number of man, and its number is 666" (Rev 13:18).

Why would the Bible tell us to do something (such as calculate), if it were not possible? The Author would have to first give us the key or the code if He expected us to carry out His command.

Note: Chapter 20 of **Theomatics II** discusses extensively the number 666.

### ***This Is By No Means a New Idea***

For centuries, hundreds of Bible scholars have believed and taught that the numbers mentioned openly in the Bible text must certainly contain some sort of deeper symbolic or spiritual/esoteric/mystical significance—they are not in the Bible haphazardly or by chance. What that means is that every number in the Bible—used in a historical and quantitative sense—also contains a deliberate SYMBOLIC function that was designed to express something more. Theomatics proves that this is indeed the case.

**Once the proper interpretation is made of a particular number's significance, it will open up a whole array of theomatic patterns incorporated WITHIN the actual numerical values of the letters and words—it was all designed to work together.**

This fact is astounding and something that would be impossible to happen naturally or by accident (unless of course divine/supernatural intelligence made it happen in the first place). That is why it will be so difficult for mathematical experts or various skeptics to accept or even believe that something like this exists—in spite of the evidence. Naturally speaking it is ludicrously impossible to happen (see Chapter 20). Yet that is precisely what you are about to witness and actually SEE happen before your very eyes.

## ***The Disciples Go Fishing***

One of the more fascinating passages of Scripture is in John chapter 21, wherein the disciples go fishing shortly after the resurrection of Jesus.

"And Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of great fishes, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn" (Joh 21:11).

This number 153 has taxed the ingenuity and minds of some of the greatest Bible students over the centuries. Many have felt that there must be something deeply significant and important about this number in a symbolic sense. Why would the number of fishes caught be such a specific and strange number? Why not a nice even round number, like 100 or 150? **Why did someone take the time to even count the exact number of fishes in the first place?** Why is this number mentioned specifically in the Bible?

## ***More Than Just a Coincidence***

In the Greek language, the word for "fishes" (ἰχθυεῖς) has a numerical value of 1224. This number factors out to 153 x 8. But what is most interesting is that the numerical value for "the net" (τὸ δίκτυον) is also 1224, or 153 x 8. Was this a coincidence, considering that the text explicitly mentioned that the disciples had caught 153 fishes?

### **FISHES 153 x 8**

Luke 9:13 ἰχθυεῖς

### **THE NET 153 x 8**

John 21:11 τὸ δίκτυον

Comment: The first question any thinking person has to ask themselves, is simply this. Is the above an accident, a random occurrence? Or did some sort of intelligence make it happen? These are the only two possibilities.

As I was looking this over, a thought occurred to me: Perhaps other references to fishes and fishing would exhibit this same pattern?

## ***"I Will Make You Fishers of Men"***

The well-known words of Jesus from Mark 1:17 immediately popped into my mind. This without a doubt is probably the best-known, the most loved, and the most significant verse possible related to fishes and fishing in the entire Bible.

"And Jesus said to them, follow Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mar 1:17).

Guess what happened when I looked up the two Greek words "fishers of men"?

## **FISHERS OF MEN 153 x 14**

Mark 1:17 αλεεις ανθρωπων'

I immediately raced for my concordance. What happened afterward became history. Oil had started coming out of the rocks.

### ***The Number 17***

What I began to discover, is that virtually all the references to do with fishes and fishing, etc. were coming out multiples not only of 153, but also with the number 170—virtually everything! Why these two numbers?

As a general rule, one can always discover the major number relative to a particular topic or theme by determining the largest prime number, or "key primary factor," in that number. A prime number is a number that can be divided only by itself and 1. For example, the numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, and 31, are all prime numbers. You cannot divide any other numbers into them.

The largest prime number within the number 153 is 17 ( $17 \times 3 \times 3 = 153$ ); 153 also exhibits some unique and fascinating characteristics, one of which is the fact that all the numbers from 1 to 17 add up to 153.

$$1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17 = 153$$

What I discovered in going through nearly every reference to fishes and fishing in the entire Bible was that these two numbers, 153 and 17, were positively PERVASIVE. Multiples of 153, 170, and 289 ( $17 \times 17$ ), saturated virtually every major reference to this topic; but 17 by itself is the KEY NUMBER for fishes and fishing in the Bible.

### ***153 in the Phrases***

As we go further into this, we find that not only do the key words contain this pattern, but various segments of two or more words, or phrases, also add up to the 153.

Again, in John 21:11, the text states, "Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of great fishes, one hundred and fifty-three."

## **DREW THE NET TO LAND, FULL OF GREAT FISHES, 153 x 54 ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE**

John 21:11 ειλκυσεν δικτυον εις την γην μεστον ιχθυων  
μεγαλων εκατον πενηκοντα τριων'

In Greek, the words of this verse are arranged in a different order than English translations generally use. The original text reads "and drew the net to land full of fishes, of great one hundred and fifty-three."

### DREW THE NET TO LAND FULL OF FISHES 153 x 31

John 21:11 ειλκυσεν δικτυον εις την γην μεστον ιχθυων'

### OF GREAT ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THREE 153 x 23

μεγαλων εκατον πενηκοντα τριων

Since 17 by itself is a key factor, along with the number 153, the number 170 also prevails in this passage. The word for "fishes" taken directly from this passage is spelled differently in Greek than the word ιχθυες, which is 1224, or 153 x 8. Here, the word is ιχθυων, which has a numeric value of 1870', or 170 x 11.

### FISHES 170 x 11

John 21:11 ιχθυων'

There are a number of other multiples of 153 and 170 within other combinations of the above phrase. Again, almost all of these passages and various phrase combinations are dominated by multiples of 153 and 170. **The important thing for any skeptic to realize, is that these numbers occur way beyond chance expectation. This is anything but random—we are therefore witnessing intelligent design. That fact proves, in and of itself, that something is happening here which is NATURALLY IMPOSSIBLE** (see Chapter 2o).

Here are the major examples from this brief phrase in Greek.

### DREW THE NET UNTO LAND 170 x 13

John 21:11 ειλκυσεν δικτυον εις την γην"

### THE NET 153 x 8

το δικτυον

### THE NET UNTO 153 x 7

δικτυον εις"

### UNTO LAND FULL OF FISHES GREAT 170 x 11 x 2

εις γην μεστον ιχθυων μεγαλων'

### FISHES 170 x 11

ιχθυων'

## *An Important Comment*

This chapter is a condensed version of chapter 3 of **Theomatics II** and also chapter 7 in **The Original Code in the Bible**. In **Theomatics II**, almost thirty pages dealt with this 153 pattern relative to fishes and fishing. In order to keep this presentation as simple and straightforward as possible, we will limit the discussion to just a few of the more outstanding examples of this 153/170 pattern.

## *Multitude of Fishes*

Above, the word "fishes" in Greek equals 1224, or  $153 \times 8$ , as does "the net." Probably the most significant feature possible relative to this entire topic (other than "fishers of men") is from Luke chapter 5.

"And when He [Jesus] had ceased speaking to the multitudes, he said to Simon, Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch. And Simon answered, Master, we toiled all night and caught nothing! But at thy word I will let down the nets. And when they had done this they enclosed a great multitude of fishes" (Luk 5:6).

**AT THY WORD**  $153 \times 8$

Luke 5:6 επι ρηματι σου

**THY WORD I WILL LET DOWN THE NETS**  $153 \times 8 \times 4$

τω ρηματι σου χαλασω τα διστυα'

**WORD**  $153 \times 3$

ρηματι

What happened when Simon Peter obeyed the Word of the Lord? The story tells us that they "enclosed a great multitude of fishes."

**MULTITUDE OF FISHES**  $153 \times 8 \times 2$

ιχθυων πολυ'

Here is the significant fact. The word for "multitude" by itself equals  $289 \times 2$ , and  $289 = 17 \times 17$ , which is the square of 17. Any time you have a square of a number, such as  $5 \times 5 = 25$ , or  $12 \times 12 = 144$ , or  $17 \times 17 = 289$ —the square **accentuates the importance and significance** of the number. It concentrates the emphasis of 17.

**MULTITUDE**  $289 \times 2$  ( $17 \times 17 \times 2$ )

πολυ"

**OF FISHES**  $170 \times 11$

ιχθυων'

Therefore in the two Greek words, "multitude of fishes," there are three patterns: one a multiple of 153, another of 170, and a third of 289 (17 x 17).

The longer portion of this passage from Luke 5 states, "And this doing they enclosed a great multitude of fishes."

### DOING [THEY] ENCLOSED A GREAT 153 x 31 MULTITUDE OF FISHES

Luke 5:6 ποιησαντες συνεκλεισαν πληθος ιχθυων πολυ"

Interestingly, this five-word phrase has the same value (153 x 31) as "drew the net to land full of fishes." These secondary factors require an entire discussion in and of themselves.

### *A Draught of Fishes*

Let's back up a little. Two verses earlier during this story in Luke, Jesus had told Simon Peter to "let down your nets for a catch." The word for "catch" in Greek can be translated as "draught" (pronounced **draft**). This means the "pulling in or drawing in of a large amount or multitude of fish." Guess what the numerical value is?

### DRAUGHT (or A CATCH) 153

Luke 5:4 αγραν"

In this passage, Jesus tells the disciples to "let down your nets." We have already seen how the word "net" by itself is 153 x 8. The expression "your nets," in the plural, is a multiple of 289, or 17 x 17.

### YOUR NETS 289 x 7 (17 x 17 x 7)

δικτυα υμων"

There is one other verse from this story that applies. After they caught the great multitude of fishes,

"Simon Peter fell at the knees of Jesus, saying Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of fishes which they caught" (Luk 5:9).

The value of 289 x 15 is very significant, because it factors out to 17 x 17 x 15. The number 15 is the number of power in theomantics. This indicates the tremendous size or strength of the catch!

### AT THE DRAUGHT OF FISHES [THEY] CAUGHT 289 x 15

Luke 5:9 επι τη αγρα των ιχθυων συνελαβον

## AT THE DRAUGHT 170 x 3

επι τη αγρα"

## OF FISHES 170 x 11

ιχθυων'

## FISHES [THEY] CAUGHT 153 x 25

των ιχθυων συνελαβον"

A related passage that exhibits the same number of 153 x 15 in relation to a large haul of fish is found in one of the parables that Jesus gave.

"The kingdom of God is like a net cast into the sea and of every kind gathers. And when it was filled bringing it up onto the shore, and sitting down [they] collected the good into vessels, but cast out the bad" (Mat 13:48).

## AND WHEN IT WAS FILLED BRINGING IT UP 153 x 15

Mat. 13:48 ην οτε επληρωθη αναβιβασαντες'

The last part of the above verse states that after they brought it up, they "collected the good into vessels."

## THE GOOD INTO VESSELS 289 (17 x 17)

καλα εις αγγεια'

Before moving on, let's go back to the original story of John 21. In verse 6 Jesus says,

"Cast in the right parts of the boat the net, and ye will find" (Joh 21:6).

This phrase is 153 x 27. But what is interesting is that the word "parts"—the **location** they would catch the 153 fishes—has a value of just 153.

## THE NET 153 x 8

John 21:6 το δικτυον

## PARTS 153

μερη

The next mention of fishes is in verse 8, after Simon Peter has cast himself into the sea.

"But the other disciples in the little boat came dragging the net of fishes" (Joh 21:8).

## DRAGGING THE NET OF FISHES 170 x 13 x 2

John 21:8 συροντες το δικτυον ιχθυων"



## **DRAGGING THE NET 170 x 15**

συροντες το δικτυον'

The next verse states,

"When therefore they disembarked onto land, they see a coal of fire lying and a fish lying on, and bread" (Joh 21:9).

## **AND A FISH LYING ON 153 x 13**

John 21:9 και οψαριον επικειμενον

And here is the next verse yet.

"Jesus said, bring now from the fishes which ye caught" (Joh 21:10).

## **THE FISHES WHICH [YE] CAUGHT 289 x 15 (17 x 17 x 15)**

John 21:10 των οψαριων ων επιασατε"

Jumping to Luke 24:42, we find a related incident in which Jesus eats a cooked fish. This is Luke's account of this same incident in John's gospel.

"And while they still disbelieved for joy [at His resurrection], and wondered, he said to them, have ye any food here? And [they] handed to him a fish [the one] broiled" (Luk 24:42).

We saw from the John 21:9 account that "and a fish lying on" was 153 x 13. But in Luke these words are found.

## **HANDED TO HIM A FISH 289 x 13**

Luke 24:42 επεδωκαν αυτω ιχθυος"

## **A FISH BROILED 170 x 13**

ιχθυος οπτου'

## **[ONE] BROILED 153 x 6**

οπτου"

In the John 21 account, the story concerning the fish cooking on the coals continues: Comes Jesus and takes the bread and gives also to them the fish likewise.

## **GIVES TO THEM THE FISH LIKEWISE 170 x 25**

John 21:13 διδωσιν αυτοις οψαριον ομοιως

## **GIVES TO THEM THE FISH 153 x 20 (also 170 x 18)**

διδωσιν αυτοις οψαριον

## ***Peter Goes Fishing Again***

An outstanding parallel design to this topic is found in Matthew. The setting is different, but it was still Simon Peter who went fishing.

"And when they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?" He said, "Yes." And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their own sons or from strangers?" Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and the coming up first fish take. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you" (Mat 17:24-27).

The following pattern will speak for itself. If God could perform the miracle described in this story, then the following is quite understandable.

### **AND THE COMING UP FIRST FISH 153 x 19**

Mat. 17:27 και αναβαντα πρωτον ιχθυν'

### **THE FIRST FISH 170 x 17 (289 x 10)**

τον πρωτον ιχθυν'

We already saw how the word "fishes" in the plural was 153 x 8. Here now is the word for "fish" in the singular.

### **FISH 153 x 7**

ιχθυν"

## ***Casting a Net into the Sea***

The pattern of 153/170 occurs in many references to the net. We will at this time limit ourselves to a couple of features. Matthew 13:47:

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net cast into the sea, and of every kind gathering.

### **LIKE A NET 153 x 3**

Mat. 13:47 ομοια σαγηνη"

When Jesus first found the disciples and called them, it says that they were Casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

### **CASTING A NET INTO THE SEA 153 x 20 (also 170 x 18)**

Mat. 4:18 βαλλοντας αμφιβληστρον εις την θαλασσαν

## CASTING A NET INTO 170 x 13

βαλλοντας αμφιβληστρον εις

And look at this!

## FOR THEY WERE FISHERMEN 153 x 4

ησαν γαρ αλειεις"

## THEY WERE FISHERMEN 170 x 3

ησαν αλειεις

And of course,

## FISHERS OF MEN 153 x 14

Mar 1:17 αλειεις ανθρωπων'

Jesus states, "I will make you to become fishers of men." Without the pronoun "you," the clear cut meaning and pattern of 17 is present.

## MAKE TO BECOME FISHERS 1700

ποιησω γενεσθαι αλειεις"

There is one more still in Luke 5:2.

"While the people pressed upon Him to hear the Word of God, He was standing by the lake Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets" (Luk 5:2).

## THE FISHERMEN 170 x 2

Luke 5:2 οι δε αλειεις

## *Loaves and Fishes*

A most significant phrase from Mark 6:41 is this one:

"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" (Mark 6:41,42).

## THE TWO FISHES [HE] DIVIDED TO ALL 153 x 16

Mark 6:41 δυο ιχθυας εμερισεν πασιν"

## THE TWO (fishes) 289 x 5 (17 x 17 x 5)

τους δυο'

The next related passage is found in Luke 9:13. Look at how these next two features link theomatically with the above!

"They [the disciples] said, we have no more than five loaves and two fishes—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people" (Luk 9:13).

**TWO FISHES 1700**

Luke 9:13 ιχθυες δυο'

**THE TWO 289 x 5 (17 x 17 x 5)**

Mark 6:41 τους δυο'

**FISHES 153 x 8**

ιχθυες

And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them, and gave them to His disciples to set before them, and they served the multitude, and they had fishes a few, and blessing them he told them to serve these also.

**AND [THEY] HAD (fishes) 153 x 5**

Mark 8:7 και ειχον'

The words "and they had," point directly to the word "fishes"—that is why it contains the 153 pattern. The next feature is probably the most clear-cut possible after just the word "fishes," or "fish."

"Took therefore the loaves Jesus, and having given thanks distributed to the ones lying down, likewise also of the fishes as much as they wanted" (Joh 6:11).

**OF THE FISHES 153 x 19**

John 6:11 εκ των οψαριων'

### ***A Summary Listing***

Before we move on to the Old Testament, let us rearrange the most distinct features from above. When this is done, the powerful consistency of that which God has done with theomatics should be obvious.

**FISHES 153 x 8**

Luke 9:13 ιχθυες

**FISH 153 x 7**

Mat. 17:27 ιχθυον'

**OF THE FISHES 153 x 19**

John 6:11 εκ των οψαριων'

**THE TWO FISHES [HE] DIVIDED TO ALL 153 x 16**

Mark 6:41 δυο ιχθυας εμερισεν πασιν"

**THE TWO FISHES 1700**

Luke 9:13 ιχθυες δυο"

**THE TWO 289 x 5 (17 x 17 x 5)**

Mark 6:41 τους δυο'

**AND THE COMING UP FIRST FISH 153 x 19**

Mat. 17:27 και αναβαντα πρωτον ιχθυον'

**THE FIRST FISH 170 x 17 (289 x 10)**

Mat. 17:27 τον πρωτον ιχθυον'

**MULTITUDE OF FISHES 153 x 16**

Luke 5:6 ιχθυων πολυ'

**MULTITUDE 289 x 2 (17 x 17 x 2)**

Luke 5:6 πολυ"

**DRAUGHT 153**

Luke 5:4 αγραν"

**AT THE DRAUGHT 170 x 3**

Luke 5:9 επι τη αγρα"

**OF FISHES 170 x 11**

Luke 5:9 ιχθυων'

**FISHES [THEY] CAUGHT 153 x 25**

Luke 5:9 των ιχθυων συνελαβον"

**THE FISHES WHICH [YE] CAUGHT 289 (17 x 17 x 15)**

John 21:10 των οψαριων ων επιασατε"

**AND WHEN IT WAS FILLED BRINGING IT UP 153 x 15**

Mat. 13:48 ην οτε επληρωθη αναβιβασαντες'

**THE GOOD INTO VESSELS 289 (17 x 17)**

Mat. 13:48 καλα εις αγγεια'

**AND A FISH LYING ON 153 x 13**

John 21:9 και οψαριον επικειμενον

**A FISH BROILED 170 x 13**

Luke 24:42 ιχθυος οπτου'

**GIVES TO THEM THE FISH 153 x 20 (170 x 18)**

John 21:13 διδωσιν αθτοις οψαριον

DREW THE NET TO LAND FULL OF FISHES 153 x 31

John 21:11 ειλκυσεν δικτυον εις την γην μεστον ιχθυων'

THE NET 153 x 8

John 21:11 το δικτυον

DRAGGING THE NET OF FISHES 170 x 13 x 2

John 21:8 συροντες το δικτυον"

DREW THE NET TO LAND 170 x 13

John 21:11 ειλκυσεν δικτυον εις την γη"

YOUR NETS 289 x 7 (17 x 17 x 7)

Luke 5:4 δικτυα υμων"

CASTING A NET INTO THE SEA 153 x 20 (170 x 18)

Mat. 4:18 βαλλοντας αμφιβληστρον εις την θαλασσαν

FOR THEY WERE FISHERMEN 153 x 4

Mat. 4:18 ησαν γαρ αλειεις"

THEY WERE FISHERMEN 170 x 3

Mat. 4:18 ησαν αλειεις

THE FISHERMEN 170 x 2

Luke 5:2 οι δε αλειεις

FISHERS OF MEN 153 x 14

Mark 1:17 αλειεις ανθρωπων'

### *A Scientific Comment*

Listed above are 30 examples. From a scientific perspective, in evaluating the proof for the existence of theomantics, the significant statistic is that the average length of each phrase is only 2.26 Greek words (not counting articles or conjunctions). These are extremely short phrases. For a skeptic to try and disprove or debunk the above with random numerical values—showing that these examples were arbitrarily selected and carefully presented (and the skeptic's assertion that there must be nothing unique or special about it)—that would be next to impossible. (See chapter **2k** on the Scientific Method—**Absolute Scientific Proof of the Discovery.**)

The important thing to realize in all of this, is the fact that here **there is a deliberate and inherent structure operating on the 153/170 principle, that occurs way beyond chance expectation or randomness.** If theomantics did not exist and none of this was true, then randomness would be the only logical possibility. These examples would not and could not even happen.

As has been stated many times, the clincher in favor of theomatics, is that three things must line up in order for theomatics to have any statistical validity or claim of uniqueness.

- 1) The patterns or phenomenon only appear within the Bible text and in no other work of literature, in any language, ever written (apparently) in the history of mankind.
- 2) The patterns only appear with the numerical values to the letters of historical record (there are 403 septillion random permutations possible, none of which can work).
- 3) Yet even in the Bible and with the proper numerical values to the letters—**the patterns only appear with words and phrases having a common theological meaning or relationship**. Anything else only produces randomness.

The third item above eliminates any grammatical or natural cause explanation for the results, and can only prove a divine/supernatural element as the logical explanation.

### ***The Hebrew Old Testament***

The first time fish are mentioned in Genesis, the Hebrew word for "fish" is not used. Instead, the Bible talks about creatures who live in the sea.

And God said, let the water teem with living creatures, and let the birds fly above the earth across the expanse of heaven. So God created the sea creatures the great ones.

The Hebrew words for the above if translated literally read,  
And said God, let teem waters [with] creatures of breath living.

CREATURES OF BREATH 170 x 6

Gen. 1:20 שרץ נ"ש

CREATURES LIVING 153 x 4

שרץ חיה

So God created the sea creatures the great ones.

GOD CREATED THE SEA CREATURES 170 x 5

Gen. 1:21 יברא אלהים תנינם

CREATED SEA CREATURES 153 x 5

יברא תנינם

SEA CREATURES 17 x 8 x 7

תא תנינם

In Leviticus there is yet another reference to fishes, but the word used here is "creature" as well.

"These are the regulations concerning animals, birds, and every creature living moving in the waters" (Lev 11:46).

#### AND EVERY CREATURE LIVING 170 x 3

Lev. 11:46 כל נִשְׁחַיָּה

#### CREATURE LIVING 153 x 3

נִשְׁחַיָּה

Amazingly, all three passages from the Old Testament that speak of creatures living in the waters contain *both* a 170 and a 153. Let's now jump to the Greek New Testament. Here is yet one more pair of 170 and 153.

Then the second angel sounded, And something like a great burning mountain was thrown into the sea, and became the third part of the sea blood. And died the third part of the creatures in the sea having souls.

#### THIRD PART OF CREATURES IN SEA 153 x 35

Rev. 8:9 τριτον των κτισματων των εν θαλασσης

#### THIRD PART OF CREATURES 170 x 15

τριτο κτισματων

### ***The Word "Fishes" in Hebrew***

The first time the word "fish" or "fishes" is used in the Hebrew Old Testament is Genesis 1:26.

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air..." (Gen 1:26).

#### RULE OVER FISH OF THE SEA 170 x 4

Gen. 1:26 יִרְדּוּ בַדְגַת יַם

#### OVER FISH OF THE SEA 153 x 3

בַדְגַת יַם

The preposition meaning "over" is one Hebrew letter (ף—numeric value = 2). It attaches right to the word "fish." Without it, the words "fish of the sea" still fall within the cluster of 153 x 3.



## FISH OF THE SEA 153 x 3

דגת ים

A verse in Ezekiel relates perfectly to the above.

"The fish will be of many kinds, like the fish of the great sea very" (Eze 47:10).

This entire phrase is 153 x 8. Here are the distinct words.

## FISH OF THE GREAT SEA 170 x 3

Eze. 47:10 דגת הים הגדול

And of course the words "fish of the sea" equal 153 x 3.

Let us move on to the second time the word "fish" is used in the Old Testament. It occurs in Exodus 7:18 during the ten plagues of Egypt.

"And the fish that is in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water" (Exo 7:18).

Here is the primary Hebrew spelling for "fish."

## FISH 17

Exo. 7:18 הדגה

Absolutely nothing could be more incredible than this after what we have seen from the New Testament. The word for "fish" in Hebrew has a singular value of just 17!

But what about the Hebrew word for "fishes" in the plural? Genesis 9:2 says: "and upon all the fishes of the sea." Here, the word for "fishes" is spelled with entirely different Hebrew letters! But the numeric value is still the same as that of the singular. Both the words "fish" and "fishes" have the same exact value of 17.

## FISH 17

Exo. 7:18 הדגה

## FISHES 17

Gen. 9:2 דגי

In one location, Psalms 105:29, the word is spelled differently in Hebrew. Along with the untranslatable particle, which acts similarly to the article, the value is 170 x 5.

## FISH 170 x 5

Psa. 105:29 את דגתם

Now the above verse in Genesis 9 is talking about "all the fishes of the sea."

UPON ALL FISHES OF THE SEA 119 (17 x 7)  
כבל דגים

ALL FISHES OF THE SEA 119 (17 x 7)  
"כל דגים"

The number 7 is universally God's number of fullness and completeness, thus—"all" fishes of the sea. But in the book of Ezekiel, the text states.

I will pull you out from among your streams, with all the fish sticking to your scales.

ALL THE FISH 153 x 3  
Eze. 29:4 "כל דגת"

ALL 49 (7 x 7)  
כל

The word for net in Hebrew is CHEREM (חֶרֶם).

NET 17 x 15  
Hab. 1:15 "חרמו"

There is an extensive reason why the word "net" is a multiple of 17 x 15. This is discussed in **Theomatics II**. At this juncture I could show a whole structure of 150 and 225 (15 x 15) having to do with casting a net into the sea. The text is filled with the 150/225 pattern (see discussion pp. 51, 52, 56 of **Theomatics II**).

Do you remember the feature from the fish story in Luke chapter 5, where the word "draught" had a value of just 153? The word "draught" meant "a large catch of fish." In Numbers the text talks about catching fishes in the sea. Would they have enough if all the fish of the sea were caught for them.

IF ALL THE FISH 170 x 3  
Num. 11:22 "אם את כל דגי"

WERE CAUGHT 153  
"יאסר"

Therefore watch yourself very carefully, so that you do not become corrupt and make for yourselves an idol like any creature that moves along the ground or any fish in the water below.

ANY FISH IN THE WATER 153  
Deu. 4:18 "כל דגה במים"

The word "multitude" (in Greek) had a value of 289, or 17 x 17. Here is a passage from Ezekiel.

"And [there] will be a great multitude of fish" (Eze 47:9).

WILL BE A GREAT MULTITUDE OF FISH 289 (17 x 17)

Eze. 47:9 היה הר גה רבה מאד

FISH 17

הדגה

Everywhere I looked there was the 153/170 design. There are many more examples of the 153/170 phenomenon from the Hebrew Old Testament of the Bible.

To conclude this section on the Old Testament, I will present one of the most significant thematic features, relative to this design, in the entire Bible. It indicates that God uses the term "fishes," in a certain aspect, as a **symbol** for mankind. The complete phrase as quoted is 170 x 11.

"Thou makest man like fishes of the sea, like sea creatures that have no ruler" (Hab 1:14).

MAKEST MAN LIKE FISHES OF THE SEA 153 x 6

Hab. 1:14 ותעשה אדם כדגי הים

FISH OF THE SEA 153 x 3

Gen 1:26 דגת ים

### *Multitudes of People by the Sea*

Perhaps you have been wondering what the true significance of the fishes is. Theomatics will provide a definite clue.

Throughout His ministry on earth, Jesus was constantly pressed by great multitudes of people. Biblical scholars have always recognized that waters, or the sea, are **figurative or symbolic** of mankind (see Rev. 17:15).

Here we will only examine four features relative to this topic. This design on the 153 pattern is pervasive and clearly establishes a definite, **symbolic relationship** between the great multitudes of fishes and the multitudes of people that followed Jesus.

The first thing to note is that the vast majority of times the Bible refers to the multitudes following Jesus, instances such as the five-thousand being fed by the loaves and fishes, **these events take place by the seashore!** There is obviously an incredible array of symbolic and hidden eternal truths in these stories—matters and related facts that no one

has even thought of. The words "great multitudes" from the following passage appear throughout the New Testament.

"And great multitudes followed Him from Galilee" (Mat 4:25).

#### GREAT MULTITUDES 153 x 7

Mat. 4:25 οχλοι πολλοι'

The word "great" in the above passage actually means "a multitude" or "many." The passage could read a "multitude of multitudes," "many multitudes," or "great multitudes."

#### MULTITUDES 289 (17 x 17)

πολλοι'

In Mark 3:8 the text refers to a "great multitude of people."

#### MULTITUDE 289 x 2 (17 x 17 x 2)

πολυ"

Matthew speaks of simply "the multitude."

#### THE MULTITUDE 153 x 17 (also 289 x 9)

Mat. 15:35 τω οχλω'

**IMPORTANT:** Here on Angelfall, there is an entire and major chapter that unlocks the true meaning of the 153 fishes (see Chapter **12b** in Section 12).