

1. **Review:** Sea of Galilee Part 8

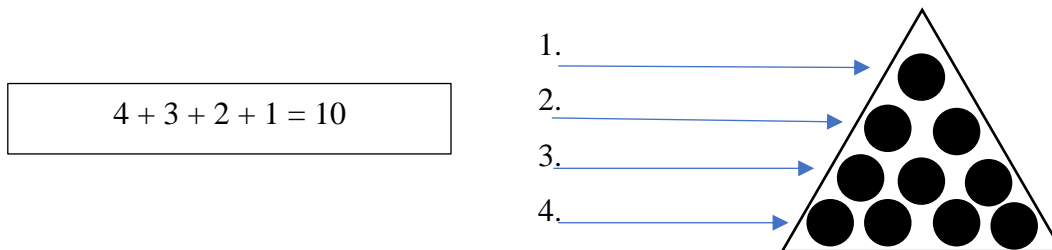
- 153 Fish – John 21:11
- Triangular Numbers
- Ezekiel 47:10

2. **Preview:**

- John and Ezekiel (ch. 40-47)
- Hebrew alphabet (or Aleph-bet)
- *En Gedi* and *En Eglaim* (Ezekiel 47:10)
- 153 and the ‘Children of God’
- Message of the 153 fish

3. **153**

- **Triangular Number:** triangular numbers are a unique sequence of numbers that can be represented by an equilateral triangle (equal on all sides).
- Example: 10 is the triangle of 4 –to have equal sides of (4), you will end up with (10) dots.



- **153** is the triangle of **17** ( $17 + 16 + 15 + \dots + 1 = 153$ ).

4. **Ezekiel 47:10** – Ezekiel has a vision of the “living water” flowing from the Temple to water the earth. The verse concerns fishermen and the casting of nets. Two Hebrew words show up in the verse that fit the triangular sequence:

- *Gedi* = 17
- *Eglaim* = 153

5. John and Ezekiel (ch. 40-47) – vision of the heavenly Temple and the river of life.

- Both the Gospel of John and Revelation (Rev. 22) rely on Ezekiel’s vision.
- John 7:37-38 – Jesus at the Festival of Tabernacles – reflects back on Ezekiel 47:1
- John 7:37-38 can be read in multiple ways. See your Bible footnote.

6. Hebrew Aleph-Bet:

- Hebrew aleph-bet is both letters and numbers (see attachment).
- **Gematria:** There is a technique used by the sages called gematria. If two different words have the same numerical value, then they must have a connection.

7. Ezekiel 47:10 – *En Gedi* and *En Eglaim*

<b>Gedi</b>	<b>Number</b>		<b>Eglaim</b>	<b>Number</b>
ג - gimel	3		ע - ayin	70
ד - dalet	4		ג - gimel	3
י - yod	10		ל - lamed	30
			י - yod	10
			מ - mem	40
<b>Value</b>	<b>17</b>			<b>153</b>

8. Sons of God – בְּנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים – (*bene ha Elohim*) also equivalent to 153:

- See Job 1:6
- John begins his Gospel (John 1:12) – that if you believe in Jesus, you have the right to become “children of God.”

9. Richard Bauckham – *The 153 Fish and the Unity of the Fourth Gospel*

10. Message of the 153 fish:

- **Ezekiel 47** – the river of life that flows from the Temple is now a reality in the resurrection of Jesus.
- Sons (Children) of God: Those who have seen the “signs” and “believed” have the right to be called “Children of God.”