

Five & Two

This study originated as a teaching on an overhead with transparencies so there are notes to myself throughout the text. Also as it is practically impossible to do a study on five without including two there will be some references to a portion of what two means.

Begin with the analogy of a fishing line all in a giant snarl. Or a net tangled up with knots. When you attempt to work out a knot it leads to many more to work on. It is difficult to "sort out" the truth of one number as there are so many other cross connections with other areas of symbolism. The full "picture" is difficult to see and accept unless much symbolism is understood. A piece here and there is not sufficient. Attempting to teach just one piece of symbolism will inevitably run into others that confuse the issue.

Please have patience! Many that criticize symbolism and an allegorical interpretation of the word state that there must be a consistency portrayed through out the word. Only when enough is known can the word be interpreted correctly otherwise things do look as though they are inconsistent. Some cases will be brought up that at first look inconsistent and with a proper knowledge will be shown to work.

The word must interpret the word not current conditions or the mind of men. The Holy Spirit Leads us into all truth and wisdom. Each of us is given a portion of the truth. We desperately need each other to understand more truth, however our pride in the truth we have been given or scars from previous experiences often causes separation (distancing) or an inability to accept the truth given to others. Quite often the truth someone does have will not be listened to by others if they know he/she is in "error" or thinks differently on an issue than they do. All of us do have error. There is leaven in all of our interpretation of this bread. So the truths that are within are submitted to my fellow Christians as one would submit to discipline. Be like the Bereans and thoroughly study the word before accepting or rejecting what is herein.

This first scripture caught my attention because of the prevalence of the number five.. There was considerable detail & repetition of symbolism and I thought it would be a good starting point for a study. A foundation of basics must be laid before deeper truths can be shared or even seen. Obviously the Holy Spirit is the one that leads us into all truth. Quite often man's interpretation of the word (doctrine) is elevated to the level of the divine & this leads to separation/division in the body if all are not in agreement. With over four hundred different Christian denominations today it can be deduced that there is significant differences in the interpretation of the literal Word much less the symbolic interpretations! Only by walking in Love, and with the help of the Spirit, can one accept and discern the truth a brother may have been given for almost inevitably there will be some area of untruth. Separate the wheat from the chaff that follows, the leaven from the true bread. Bon appetite!

To put things in perspective you should first read 1 Sam 5:1-11. After Israel became filled with apostasy the philistines were allowed to capture the Ark of the Covenant.

There were five philistine rulers that ruled over five philistine cities. As the ark went from city to city people died and many were afflicted with tumors. Plagues of rats also descended upon the people.

1 Sam 6:4 & 1 -15

6:1 When the ark of the LORD had been in Philistine territory **seven** months,

2 the **Philistines** called for the priests and the diviners and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us how we should send it back to its place." (**Now why did they want to get rid of it?**)

3 They answered, "If you return the ark of the god of Israel, do not send it away empty, but by all means **send a guilt offering** to him. (**An admission of uncleanness?**) Then you will be **healed**, and you will know why his hand has not been lifted from you."

Guilt offering of the Old Testament = modern repentance? And with repentance we receive the blood of Christ that lifts wrath from us. Note at the beginning the seven months, this indicates a time of completion or a time when payment is completed for. Something is being finished here.

4 The Philistines asked, "**What guilt offering** should we send to him?" They replied, "**Five gold tumors and five gold rats**, according to the **number** of the Philistine rulers, because the same plague has struck both you and your rulers. (*tumors and rats = uncleanness or sin*).

5 Make models of the tumors and of the rats that are **destroying the country**, and pay honor to Israel's god. Perhaps he will lift his hand from you and your gods and your land. (*An admonition of sin = repentance*) *Repentance than should lead to forgiveness thence the removal of the plague. An act of repentance is a righteous act as viewed by our Lord. This act can only come about by the Holy Spirit enabling us. For a Christian, after repentance, our sin is covered with the blood. Consider this, the gold (righteous) covering above that conceals these unclean objects is given by the grace of our Lord's substitutionary sacrifice on the cross.*

6 **Why do you harden your hearts** as the Egyptians and Pharaoh did? When he treated them harshly, did they not send the Israelites out so they could go on their way?

*The ark of the Lord contained the Law. The Law exposes, accuses, condemns, and kills in the wrong hands. Moses and Israel were given the law and attempted to live by it and found it impossible. I submit to you that Israel was the Lord's first bride. Due to her apostasy she had to be divorced. The type in scripture for this comes from Hosea's marriage and subsequent divorce of Gomer. The modern day church (the gentile bride) lives by grace alone and most certainly should give grace during this age. The law is held in abeyance by the blood of Christ. This does not mean that we as Christians can sin without being punished for it. Eventually Israel will be on the auction block and will be bought back by the Lord as was Gomer purchased back by Hosea.. Today these two, the Jew and Messianic Gentile, stand separately, however one day they will join and be one in Christ. The *Gentile portion of the bride and Hebrew portion of the bride (Grace and**

Law) will be incorporated into one individual.

7 "Now then, get a **new** cart ready, with **two** cows that have calved and **have never been yoked**. (*Law & Grace working together. This is a new thing!*) Hitch the cows to the cart, but take their calves away and pen them up. (*The yoke can only be Christ holding these two together as they are diametrically opposed.*)

8 Take the **ark of the LORD** and put it on the cart, and in a chest beside it put the gold objects you are sending back to him as a guilt offering. Send it on its way,

9 but keep watching it. If it goes up to its own territory, toward **Beth Shemesh**, then the LORD has brought this great disaster on us. But if it does not, then we will know that it was not his hand that struck us and that it happened to us by chance."

10 So they did this. They took two such cows and hitched them to the cart and penned up their calves.

11 They placed the ark of the LORD on the cart and along with it the chest containing the gold rats and the models of the tumors.

12 Then the cows went straight up toward **Beth Shemesh**, keeping on the road and lowing all the way; they did not turn to the right or to the left. The rulers of the Philistines followed them as far as the border of Beth Shemesh. (*lowing denotes contentedness*)

13 Now the people of Beth Shemesh were harvesting their wheat (*its harvest time, quite possibly the end of this age*) in the valley, and when they looked up and saw the ark, they **rejoiced** at the sight. (*Can you imagine the joy the Jews will have when they finally recognize that their ark of the covenant is Jesus Christ!*) (*We live under a new covenant, one of Grace.*)

14 The cart came to the field of **Joshua** of Beth Shemesh, and there it stopped beside a **large rock**. The people chopped up the wood of the cart and **sacrificed the cows** as a burnt offering to the LORD. (*Yes we will be on that sacrificial alter in the end days!*)

15 The Levites took down the ark of the LORD, together with the chest containing the gold objects, and **placed them on the large rock**. On that day the people of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and made sacrifices to the LORD.

16 The **five** rulers of the Philistines saw all this and then returned that same day to Ekron.

17 These are the gold tumors the Philistines sent as a guilt offering to the LORD--one each for Ashdod, Gaza, Ashkelon, Gath and Ekron.

18 And the number of the gold rats was according to the number of Philistine towns belonging to the five rulers--the fortified towns with their country villages. The **large rock**, on which they set the ark of the LORD, **is a witness** to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh.

*The ark of the Lord had been with the Philistines for **seven** months and the Philistines were afflicted with boils and rats. Seven denotes that a payment has been made for completeness. Something here is being completed. Skin diseases and rats were considered very "unclean" by the Hebrews. The presence of the ark caused the uncleanness to become evident, judged? When we read the Word does it not show us, as a mirror does, our uncleanness? They were told to send a "guilt" offering. Repentance? An acknowledgement of uncleanness! This "might" secure forgiveness and the plague would be taken away.*

The guilt Offering - "Five gold tumors and five gold rats, according to the number of the Philistine rulers, because the same plague has struck both you and your rulers. So far five has marked unclean objects, people, & unclean cities.

A study of gold should also be done to better understand the above.

Gold = righteousness, faith, even both? These unclean things become covered with something clean to hide the uncleanness? Doesn't Christ's Blood secure for us that pure conscience before God and isn't it through faith? As we (gentiles like the Philistines) are approached by the law and see our wretched condition do we not look about for relief or a way out? Once the cross is offered to us and the blood that covers our sin, don't we gladly reach for it and give thanks for it? Here we have two things working for us, law & grace. Two things diametrically opposed to each other work together for a person's salvation. How would we know what sin was without the law? Grace takes advantage of the effect of the law by offering us the only way out that is acceptable to our lord and King. Perhaps the two cows represent both portions of the bride of the Lord functioning to pull a new cart (salvation) which contains an admonition of sin (the five tumors and five rats). Now then why the gold? Could this be what happens to us after we repent and ask for forgiveness? The blood of Christ makes us righteous in the sight of our Father. Our faith that it is sufficient for our salvation is precious in his sight. His imputed righteousness becomes like gold in his eyes. We receive a new skin (covering) so to speak. Now then, a study of Satan's taunt in Job would be interesting. Remember his statement "skin for skin!" Do you notice where the five tumors and five rats were placed? The cows took these things to that great rock beside which Joshua was standing. In the Old Testament the name Joshua means the same as the name Jesus. Did you not lay your sin on Christ as the tumors and rats were laid on this great rock? Did not Christ become sin for you? I submit to you that what you have read above is a type of what the Lord had in mind many years in the future for we gentiles once old apostate Israel rejected Him at His first advent as Messiah. Could it be the Philistines are a type of the gentiles during this age? When you present the gospel to someone it is the smell of death to those who will not accept the grace that Christ purchased for them. However if they accept the gift of the cross they are given life. Interestingly enough notice the cart was broken up and used for wood. The two cows after giving up their calves and contently lowing were slaughtered as a sacrificial offering. Does that sound fair? Was it fair that Christ died for you? Not at all, but we as Christians are expected to also give up our lives that have been bought by Christ. We are not our own as we were bought and paid for by Christ.

Have you given up much to work for Christ? Are you contented like a lowing cow as you perform the work of Christ? Remember the 12 apostles were for the most part sacrificed on an altar. It is quite possible at the end of this age another great sacrifice will be made by these two "cows". Remember those two witnesses in Revelation? The bride is no better than the groom. And what will she purchase if she does so?

*Bring in Satan and his boast as well. Note the number of **I wills**.*

KJV Isa14: 12-14

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High.

Do you notice that this unclean individual uses five "I wills". Coincidence?

A prophecy by Isaiah regarding the Assyrian King Sennacherib's fall. A tool for punishment is always destroyed by the Lord when the tool has done its work.

2 Kings 19:23 as well as Isaiah 37:24

22 Who is it you have insulted and blasphemed? Against whom have you raised your voice and lifted your eyes in pride? Against the Holy One of Israel!

23 By your messengers you have heaped insults on the Lord. And you have said, "With my many chariots **I have** ascended the heights of the mountains, the utmost heights of Lebanon. **I have** cut down its tallest cedars, the choicest of its pines. **I have** reached its remotest parts, the finest of its forests.

24 **I have** dug wells in foreign lands and drunk the water there. With the soles of my feet **I have** dried up all the streams of Egypt."

(Like a tree drinking water with its roots by a river) Is this why we are to take off our sandals when standing on holy ground. Are we all not trees with roots that should reach for the living water provided by our God?

(please note this is in relation to a giant tree planted by a stream with its roots drinking in water of which there are two kinds, truth and lies) Remember the river spewed out by Satan in Rev.? It was drunk up by the "earth" and not the woman that was hidden. The "tree" above drinks with the soles of its feet of unclean water, the waters of Egypt.

The use of "I" five times may be a mark of intense pride and seems to be used to mark an evil man, satan, an evil thing a man does, or something given to a man to make him look evil. Sinful/unclean? . So far there is a consistency in the meaning of five. Lets take a look at the Philistine champion Goliath.

1 Sam. 17 :4-7

4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. *(the number here has been translated into feet and no longer is relevant!)* Actually he was a little over 6 cubits tall and that six marks iniquity!

5 He had a **bronze** helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of **bronze** weighing **five thousand** shekels ;

6 on his legs he wore **bronze** greaves, and a **bronze** javelin was slung on his back.

7 His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its **iron** point weighed six hundred shekels.

In this picture of Goliath the number five thousand is associated with the metal bronze. For lack of time please allow me to say that this metal is always associated with judgement. Here we have an unclean individual judging the Lord's people due to their uncleanness. Any multiple of an ordinal number like five thousand always points back to the original number, in this case five. Five thousand by itself indicates our Lords willingness to have uncleanness destroyed. Also note that the spear point was iron. Iron is associated with justice. We people that have been bought by the blood have not suffered judgement nor the justice due us. Six hundred denotes one who holds in bondage to iniquity. All scriptural types identify this individual with actions of unrestrained law destroying unclean people. Lucifer after becoming Satan is much like Goliath in his thinking and actions.

Now what did David do with this individual?

1 Sam. 17:40 –

40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose **five** smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

David selected **five** smooth stones to use against Goliath. Only one was used however. Now the question is what could these stones represent? I believe as this study proceeds the reader will come to that conclusion on his own. But if not let me give you a hint... Jesus gave himself the number five in scripture..... and you might say he was a perfect spotless lamb.... Yes without blemish. Lets continue. But again what did you lay on Him? So if Jesus was willing to have that which is indicated by the number five laid on Him for your sake then perhaps David who is a type of the suffering servant of the cross was also willing to pick up what five means to disarm the one who renders justice after judgment.

1 Sam 21: 3 - 4

3 Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me **five** loaves of bread, or whatever you can find."

4 But the priest answered David, "I don't have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some **consecrated bread** here--provided the men have kept themselves from women."

When you take communion do you not consecrate yourself by considering if you have any unconfessed sin? Again we see five here to be fed to the hungry men belonging to David. Some scholars see David as a type of the "bloody Christ" a man of blood that would destroy evil. Has our Jesus destroyed evil in you?

5 + 2 = Is there a difference from just 5? Together they add up to 7. Seven indicates a

time of completion or a work completed?

1 Kings 6: 31 - 33

31 For the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood with **five-sided** jambs. (*this is the Holy of Holies*)

32 And on the **two** olive wood doors he carved cherubim, palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid the cherubim and palm trees with beaten gold.

33 In the same way he made four-sided jambs of olive wood for the entrance to the main hall.

Please note in the above to get into the holy of holies you had to pass through 5 associated with 2. This temple was built by Solomon for the Lord. There is a great deal here I would like to cover but due to the scope of this study I cannot. What allowed you access to the holy of holies? Remember the curtain that was ripped from the top to the bottom so that you might dare talk directly to God? Was it not the body of Christ broken for you & then there was the individual or individuals that were instruments to give you the plan of salvation. Ah yes the two, sort of like the cows again. More on this later in a future book.

Abigail interceded for David to prevent David and his men from killing Nabal.

1 Sam 25:18

17 Now think it over and see what you can do, because disaster is hanging over our master and his whole household. He is such a wicked man that no one can talk to him."

18 Abigail lost no time. She took **two** hundred loaves of bread, **two** skins of wine, **five** dressed sheep, **five** seahs of roasted grain, a hundred cakes of raisins and **two** hundred cakes of pressed figs, and loaded them on donkeys.

19 Then she told her servants, "Go on ahead; I'll follow you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

20 As she came riding her donkey into a mountain ravine, there were David and his men descending toward her, and she met them.

21 David had just said, "It's been useless--all my watching over this fellow's property in the desert so that nothing of his was missing. He has paid me back evil for good.

Note she points out that it was the Lord that kept David from avenging himself, this is Grace! She was an agent of Grace for David and was used by the Lord to accomplish this. The Lord did not allow, in this case, David to take vengeance. So much for totally free will! Notice what Abigail says to David in the following scriptures.

1 Sam 25:29 - 31

29 Even though someone is pursuing you to take your life, the life of my master will be bound securely in the bundle of the living by the LORD your God. But the lives of your enemies he will hurl away as from the pocket of a sling.

30 When the LORD has done for my master every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him leader over Israel,

31 my master will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed or of **having avenged himself**. And when the LORD has brought my master success, remember your servant."

32 David said to Abigail, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me.

33 May you be blessed for your good judgment and **for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands**.

The numbers associated with the food she brought seem to say grace is being provided to prevent this sin or uncleanness from becoming full blown in this set of circumstances.

Numbers 18:15-16

15 The first offspring of every womb, both man and animal, that is offered to the LORD is yours. But you must redeem every firstborn son and every firstborn male of unclean animals.

16 When they are a month old, you must **redeem** them at the redemption price set at **five** shekels of **silver**, according to the sanctuary shekel, which weighs **twenty** gerahs.

Five and twenty are associated with redemption and or salvation. A multiple of a number always points back at the ordinal number indicating something that is being done to enhance it or take care of implementing it. Silver throughout scripture implies redemption and or salvation. Here we have an unclean being redeemed with 5 & 20 plus silver. As two seems to indicate grace being given when associated with five twenty is felt, from another study, to indicate the intercession for mercy and grace.

1 Sam. 25:42 - *What would be the importance of her 5 maids?*

40 His servants went to Carmel and said to Abigail, "David has sent us to you to take you to become his wife."

41 She bowed down with her face to the ground and said, "Here is your maidservant, ready to serve you and wash the feet of my master's servants."

42 Abigail quickly got on a donkey and, attended **by her five maids**, went with David's messengers and became his wife.

The meaning of the above is very deep and difficult to explain without having had considerable experience in typology. She and all of hers are labeled unclean but nevertheless David still desires her and she is willing to serve Him in performing a cleansing of others. Let us suffice it to say that Jesus picked you when you were unclean and now should we not be willing to wash each other's feet as well as wash others in the spiritual sense that is? We wash them with the word do we not? Abigail could well be a type of one of the two. Yes one of the two cows that were willing to be a part of the Lord's plan of redeeming back those that were lost.

To really appreciate the above a knowledge of Carmel and what it means in the scheme of things needs to be studied. The word Carmel does indicate a fruitful or productive place.

John 6:6-12

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"

6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

7 Philip answered him, "**Eight** months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

Eight months' wages is an incorrect translation. It should read 200 dinari. Two hundred points to enhancing two. Two hundred marks those individuals(humans) that would intercede for grace and mercy.

8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up,

9 "Here is a boy with **five small barley loaves** and **two small fish**, but how far will they go among so many?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about **five thousand** of them.

11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."

13 So they gathered them and filled **twelve** baskets with the pieces of the **five barley loaves left over** by those who had eaten.

My Grace is sufficient!/? The substitutional sacrifice of the Lamb of God.

Note that Jesus mentions that the true bread is given by the father and that He-Jesus is the bread of life.. Now why would Jesus associate himself with a number that seems to imply sin or uncleanness? What did you place on him when you were brought to repentance? That is right he became sin so that you might have life! It is amazing that on the next page he says he is the bread. The five loaves represent himself who is broken for all mankind and you know there is enough for all of us! Enough left over to fill twelve baskets. And if you only knew what twelve means. That would let you know what the end result of all of this work of our Lord will result in. Twelve in the word is saying that the wages of Christ, what he paid for us on the cross, was sufficient to provide all of us belonging to the gentile bride sufficient food to eat to result in our salvation and also for all future generations up to and including those at the end of the age for the production of a bride for him clean enough that she might become one with him?

John 6:33-35

32 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is **not Moses** who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is **my Father** who gives you the **true bread from heaven**.

33 **For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."**

34 "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."

35 Then Jesus declared, "**I am the bread of life.** He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

Only when five is associated with two does it seem to imply grace is being given! So what is this good for? Eschatological interpretations! Do you really want to know what Revelations says or Ezekial, Daniel, and many of the lessor prophets? Do you really want to know the price we must pay at the end of this age? Or what we will purchase? Do you want to know the truth? Will you be satisfied with the "old wine" and refuse the "hidden manna"?

Does 5 by itself mark a sinful individual? Bring in Joseph & his coat.

Genesis 45:5-7

5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

6 For **two** years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next **five years** there will not be plowing and reaping.

7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a **great deliverance**.

Could Joseph be a type of Christ in the end days revealing himself to Israel during the tribulation period? Do you remember that wonderful beautiful coat the father gave Joseph? When his brothers told the father he was dead did they not take the coat to him with blood on it? Consider this that coat could well be the corporate bride, all of us, with his blood on us. The father looked at it and knew his son had died. A study of the 12 colorful stones on the breastplate of the high priest would explain that many colored coat and its significance.

Bring in Daniel's seventh week. Use the 3.5 and the 3.5 and the Anti Christ.

Possibly bring in the five fold serving of Benjamin and the subsequent making him look evil in the sight of his brothers and what it would accomplish.

Gen 43:34 When portions were served to them from Joseph's table, Benjamin's portion was **five** times as much as anyone else's. So they feasted and drank freely with him.

Gen 44:1 Now Joseph gave these instructions to the steward of his house: "Fill the men's sacks with as much food as they can carry, and put each man's silver in the mouth of his sack.

Gen 44:2 Then put **my cup, the silver one**, in the mouth of the youngest one's sack, along with the silver for his grain." And he did as Joseph said.

Gen 44:3 As morning dawned, the men were sent on their way with their donkeys.

Gen 44:4 They had not gone far from the city when Joseph said to his steward, "Go after those men at once, and when you catch up with them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid good with evil?'"

Gen 44:5 Isn't this the cup my master **drinks from** and also uses for divination? This is a wicked thing you have done."

Please just consider this for a moment, and I know it seems really far out, Benjamin is marked with five. He is made to look very sinful (unclean) in the above situation. The silver cup belonging to Joseph was found in Benjamin's sack. But what is the purpose? All of the brothers knew the father had lost one son from Rachael and knew the loss of the second would probably kill him. Remember silver is thought to stand for redemption/salvation. To put it bluntly: Joseph's death (Christ's death on the Cross) bought back the gentile bride and now Joseph (Christ) is preparing to reveal himself to the Jewish bride that he had divorced earlier. Benjamin was born of Rachael. As a matter of fact his birth killed Rachael. She called him child of my pain. Remember Jesus was born of Israel and the birth of the gentile church killed Israel, at least temporarily. Benjamin is thought to represent the gentile church. If this is correct then at the end of this age a portion of the church will be used in some way to bring back the divorced Jewish bride and reunite her with her husband. The gentile bride and the Jewish bride will become one in Christ and together.... Just what will they do?! The law and grace united under one head. A look in Revelation and the two prophets from the two candlesticks might be the answer if you could view them as corporate individuals. Remember the lady in scripture that had two sons and they were so destitute? They were told to get jars, lots of them and seal themselves in. They poured oil out and filled every jar to the brim. Could one of these two sons actually be the children of Israel grown up and now standing as one? I look as through a mirror darkly. This one is pretty hazy yet.

Let me point out something from inside the holy of holies from the temple that Solomon built for the Lord. And I personally believe much of Solomon's early life to be a type of the risen and reigning Christ during the next age. Please note this:

1 Kings 6:23

23 In the inner sanctuary he made a pair of cherubim of **olive wood**, each ten cubits high.

24 One wing of the first cherub was **five** cubits long, and the other wing **five** cubits--ten cubits from wing tip to wing tip.

25 The second cherub also measured ten cubits, for the two cherubim were identical in size and shape.

26 The height of each cherub was ten cubits.

27 He placed the cherubim inside the innermost room of the temple, with their wings spread out. The wing of one cherub touched one wall, while the wing of the other touched the other wall, and **their wings touched each other** in the middle of the room.

28 He overlaid the cherubim with gold.

If time permitted we could do a study of the change in numbers associated with the cherubim all through scripture. At this point let me just say if one of these is the completed Hebrew bride (the law) and the other is the completed Gentile bride (grace) then this is the only place where they actually face in the same direction and touch. The ark of the covenant is between them which has the mercy seat. Our Christ is where all

mercy is found. He contains both perfect Law and perfect Grace and so will the two that flank Him when we arrive at the very end of this age.

How about the 100 prophets during Elijah's time that hid in two caves, 50 in each.

1 Ki 18:1 After a long time, in the third year, the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land."

1 Ki 18:2 So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria,

1 Ki 18:3 and Ahab had summoned Obadiah, who was in charge of his palace. (Obadiah was a devout believer in the LORD.

1 Ki 18:4 While Jezebel was killing off the Lord's prophets, Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and hidden them in two caves, fifty in each, and had supplied them with food and water.) *A possible allegory of those Christians & completed Jews that will be hidden at the beginning of Daniel's seventieth week like Elijah was hidden for a while. They will confront the antichrist at the proper time and will be martyred half way through the week but will be resurrected at the end of the week.*

Could these be the two candlesticks as noted in Revelation? Out of which come the two prophets? These two act as one. Could it be the leadership of the corporate gentile-jewish bride working together to both condemn the unbelieving and save those that would come and accept the fact that Christ died for them? This is indeed deep calling to deep and it requires significant study to eat this tough meat.

Post Script:

This certainly looks as though it doesn't agree with the above. Read what proceeds so you can understand what is being done.

19 Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give him the praise. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me."

20 Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done:

21 When I saw in the plunder a **beautiful robe from Babylonia**, **two** hundred shekels of **silver** and a **wedge of gold** weighing **fifty** shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath."

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath.

23 They took the things from the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and spread them out before the LORD.

Please note here we have two hundred shekels of silver and 50 shekels of gold. Salvation and righteousness! Will grace be given to this man? There is one thing different here.

The Babylonian robe. Babylon is the antithesis of our Lord's kingdom, instead a covering of the blood of Christ is a covering of works or some other worldly religion. It is the kingdom of the enemy. Will money become his true fortress? There are so many ways that people can be deceived into believing that there are other gates to the father's heart. There is only one and if you have eaten from those five loaves and the two fish, you are now righteous in his sight and acceptable to enter through that five sided door jamb into the holy of holies where quite possibly you will be incorporated into one of those great Cherubim if he has so called you to that position.

Song of Songs 8:8 8 We have a young sister, and her breasts are not yet grown. What shall we do for our sister for the day she is spoken for?

*9 If she is a **wall**, we will build towers of **silver** on her. If she is a **door**, we will enclose her with panels of **cedar**.*

Some of us are walls – The Law We would keep the unclean away from His Holiness. Walls will have towers of silver built on them. What does this mean” Consider a legalistic wall being given a heart for the salvation of others. Towers gave warriors the ability to see far off. Silver always stands for redemption.

Some of us are doors – Grace Doors would allow those that are unclean into some of the inner courts where they do not belong. The old Hebrew priesthood used to bath in baths containing cedar chips that gave them a fragrance of cleanness. So then those that are unbalance in the area of grace, they will be door jambs of cedar so that they will be concerned and will be willing to wash those of the Lord so that they will be clean enough to enter into His inner courts.

Walls need doors and doors need walls. Both need balance in Christ.

End of presentation.

Other scriptures worth looking at.

Ben 14:8, Gen 15:9, Gen 18:24 & 28, Gen 32:13 & 20

Exodus 26 two sides of five curtains. Fifty loops and fifty loops.

FIVE offerings upon the Alter of Sacrifice.

1. The Burnt Offering
2. The Peace Offering
3. The sin Offering
4. The Trespass Offering
5. The Meat Offering

Ephesians 4:11 - Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers.

Peter addresses his epistle to the saints scattered through five countries, and he mentions

five doctrines, and these two fives are followed by the word grace. Peter 1:1-2

God promised Jacob FIVE things....Gen 28:3-15

Other references to five are listed on the following pages. Some are connected to other numbers and probably shouldn't be studied, however the others all follow the same pattern. Please note 50, 500, and 5000 were not printed out but they are just as relevant.

More to consider or to add: The mercy seat = 5? The two eagles the two and or the two camps of Jacob. Rachael and Leah. The Jewish and the Gentile bride of Christ? One representing the old covenant the Law and the other Grace. So then perhaps Christ + the work of the Two Brides = Grace for those called by the Father?

4 "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more.

5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

6 Are not **five** sparrows sold for **two** pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God.

7 Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.