Cross-References for Mark Chapter 8 (NKJV)

1. The Pattern of Miraculous Bread: Mark 8:4 → Numbers 11:21-22 & 2Kings 4:42-43

   Mark 8:4 - 'Then His disciples answered Him, “How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?”'

   Numbers 11:21-22 - 'And Moses said, “The people whom I am among are six hundred thousand men on foot; yet You have said, ‘I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month. ’Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to provide enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to provide enough for them?”'

   2Kings 4:42-43 - 'Then a man came from and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley bread, and newly ripened grain in his knapsack. And he said, “Give it to the people, that they may eat.” But his servant said, “What? Shall I set this before one hundred men?” He said again, “Give it to the people, that they may eat; for thus says the Lord: ‘They shall eat and have some left over.’ ” '

   i. Theme: The Provision Motif.

   ii. Connection: The title captures the recurring “Numbers” problem – man looking at physical resources versus God’s miraculous provision. It links Moses’ doubt in the desert and Elisha’s small loaves to the disciples’ skepticism in the Decapolis.

Fulfillment: This is Chris re-enforcing teaching from the Old Testament and applying their relevance to His Time.

2. The Decree of Spiritual Deafness: Mark 8:17 → Isaiah 6:9–10

   Mark 8:17 - 'But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, “Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? '

   Isaiah 6:9-10 - 'And He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ “Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed.”'

   i. Theme: The Hardened Heart.

   ii. Connection: This references the specific spiritual state where hearing and seeing do not lead to understanding. Isaiah was commissioned to preach to a people whose hearts had been hardened, resulting in a corporate in ability to understand and repent.

Fulfillment: This is Christ re-enforcing teachings from the Old Testament and applying their relevance to His time.

3. The Anatomy of Unbelief : Mark 8:18 → Jeremiah 5:21 & Ezekiel 12:2

Mark 8:18 - 'Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? '

Jeremiah 5:21 - ‘Hear this now, O foolish people, Without understanding, Who have eyes and see not, And who have ears and hear not:'

Ezekiel 12:2 - “Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, which has eyes to see but does not see, and ears to hear but does not hear; for they are a rebellious house.'

i. Theme: Functional Idolatry.

ii. Connection: In the Prophets, having eyes that don't see is the hallmark of idols—and those who become like them. This title highlights the irony of the disciples acting like the rebellious house of Israel or the pagan nations. All three passages describe a persistent sinful rejection of God's words and actions.

Fulfillment: This is Christ re-enforcing teachings from the Old Testament and applying their relevance to His time.