

Impact of the Number 40

A desert landscape with a stone tablet in the foreground and a wooden boat in the distance under a dramatic sky. The stone tablet is rectangular and features the number '40' in the center, flanked by decorative carvings. The background shows rolling sand dunes, a body of water, and a large wooden boat. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright light source breaking through, creating a rainbow-like glow.

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The Number 40 in the Bible

- **Closely Linked to Special Periods of Time of Preparation, Waiting, Struggle, Testing, Trial, Change, Transformation and Growth.**
 - **The 40 Days and Nights of Flood**
 - **The 40 Days that the Spies Scouted the Land of Canaan**
 - **The 40 Years in the Wilderness**
 - **Moses 40 Days and Nights on Mt. Sinai Prior to Receiving the 10 Commandments**



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 - **Goliath's 40 Days of Intimidation of Israel**
 - **Elijah's 40 Days Journey to Mt. Horeb**
 - **Jesus' 40 Day Fast and Temptation of Satan**
 - **From Resurrection to Ascension: 40 Days that Jesus Appeared and Taught the Disciples**



Divine Judgment and Mercy

- **“The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth...every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”**
 - **Genesis 6:5-8, 11-12; 7:12**
 - **Gravity of Sin and Its Consequences**
 - **Righteousness of God in Passing Judgment**
 - **Mercy and Grace of God in Providing Salvation**
 - **Importance of Obedience and Faithfulness in Our Walk with God**
 - **Opportunities of a New Beginning**



What Can Happen in 40 Years?

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Moses spent forty years thinking he was somebody; forty years learning he was nobody; and forty years discovering what God can do with a nobody.

The Day of Trial in the Wilderness

- **Your Fathers Tried Me, Proved Me and Saw My Works 40 years**
 - **Hebrews 3:5-11**
 - **Numbers 13:1-2, 25-26, 30-31**
 - **Numbers 14:10-23, 26-29, 33-35**
 - **Deuteronomy 2:7; 8:2-5**



Threats Taunting and Intimidation

- **For 40 Days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand**
 - **I Samuel 17:16, 45**
 - **Example of Sustained Psychological Warfare**
 - **Communal Crisis of Dread and Expectation**
 - **Conviction Translated into Action**
 - **Faithful Response Does Not Deny the Reality of the Threat, But it Reframes the Problem into terms of Divine Possibilities**
 - **Authentic Preparation**



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- **For forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days...**
 - **Luke 4:1-13**
 - **Facing evil in the name and words of God**
 - **Jesus was completely at one with God the Father who gave Him the strength to overcome the devil**



Seeking God and the Kingdom

- **Appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God...**
 - **Acts 1:1-3**
 - **Exodus 34:28**
 - **Deuteronomy 9:9, 18, 25**
 - **Luke 24:31-32, 44-45**



Spiritual Lessons and Lasting Impact

■ Application To Life:

■ Transformation Through Trials

- Spiritual truth often becomes clearer in hard times. When we look back at these stories, we find examples of how God uses trials to bring about transformation.

■ Sanctification and Growth in Faith

- Spiritual growth and sanctification often happen over time, not instantly. As we walk through trials, we gain patience, wisdom, and a deeper relationship with God.

■ Opportunities, Freedom and New Beginnings

- Periods marked by the number 40 lead to opportunities for change and to follow God's calling. God often uses these times to offer us a fresh start, an open door, or restored relationships.