

FORTY (40)

The Word of hwhy (Yahuah) is so amazing. Throughout the scriptures we find there are patterns and symmetry that prove that it is inspired. We can see hwhy patterns not only through types and parallels but also in numbers and the meaning of names of hwhy

word:

The number Forty (40) shows up often in Scripture. In Scripture, next to the number seven (7), the number forty (40) occurs most frequently. Because the number Forty (40) appears so often in contexts dealing with judgment or testing, many scholars understand it to be the number of

Forty (40) is entirely symbolic; it still has a literal
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(Yahuah) has chosen this number to help emphasize times of trouble and hardship.

The book of Exodus, with its Forty (40) chapters and 1,213 verses, is the seventh (7th) longest book. The longest is the Psalms. Mushah (Moses) was also on Mount Sinai for Forty (40) days and nights, on two separate occasions (**Exodus 24:18, 34:1 - 28**), receiving hwhy (Yahuah)'s Turah. He also sent spies, for Forty (40) days, to investigate the land hwhy (Yahuah) promised the Yasharalites (Israelites) as an inheritance (**Numbers 13:25, 14:34**).

The prophet Yonah powerfully warned ancient Nineveh, for Forty (40) days, that its destruction would come because of its many sins. The prophet Ezekiel laid on His right side for Forty (40) days to symbolize Yahudah (Judah)'s sins **Ezekiel 4:6**.

Scriptures using the number Forty (40) that stress the theme of testing or judgment:

In the Tanakh (OT), when hwhy (Yahuah) destroyed the earth with water, He caused it to rain Forty (40) days and Forty (40) nights (**Genesis 7:12**). After Mushah (Moses) killed the Mitsrym (Egyptian), he fled to Midian, where he spent Forty (40) years in the desert tending flocks (**Acts 7:30**). Mushah (Moses) was on Mount Sinai for Forty (40) days and Forty (40) nights (**Exodus 24:18**). Mushah (Moses) interceded on

nowhere in scripture does it specifically assigns any special meaning to the number Forty (40).

Forty (40) A Period of Testing

Scripture Mentions the number Forty (40) One Hundred Fifty-Seven (157) times, the number Forty (40) generally symbolizes a period of testing, trial or probation. During Mushah (Moses) life he lived Forty (40) years in Mitsrym (Egypt) and Forty (40) years in the desert before hwhy (Yahuah) selected him to lead his people out of slavery. Some examples would be:

1. Mushah (Moses) Forty (40) years in Mitsrym (Egypt) and Forty (40) years in the desert. After which hwhy (Yahuah) selected him to lead his people out of slavery.
2. Mushah (Moses) was on Mount Sinai for Forty (40) days and nights receiving hwhy (Yahuah) Turah. This happened on two (2) separate occasions (**Exodus 24:18, 34:1 28**). Mushah (Moses) also sent spies, for Forty (40) days, to investigate the land.
3. For Forty (40) days, the prophet Yonah warned Nineveh, that because of its many Sins destruction would come.
4. For Forty (40) days the prophet, Ezekiel laid on His right side. This was to symbolize Yahudah (Judah) Sins **Ezekiel 4:6**.
5. [cwhy (Yahusha) was tempted by HaSatan (the devil), not just three (3) times, but Many times during the Forty (40) days and nights he fasted just before his ministry began. He also appeared to his disciples and others for Forty (40) days after his resurrection from the dead.
6. The number Forty (40) can also represent a generation of man. Because of their Sins after leaving Mitsrym (Egypt), hwhy (Yahuah) swore that the generation of Yasharalites (Israelites) who left Mitsrym (Egyptian) bondage would not enter their inheritance in Canaan (**Deuteronomy 1**). The children of Yasharal (Israel) were punished by wandering in the wilderness for Forty (40) years. This was before a new generation was allowed to possess the promised land.
7. Just days before his crucifixion, [cwhy (Yahusha) warned his disciples that Yarusalym (Jerusalem) and the Temple would be destroyed (**Matthew 24:1 2, Mark 13:1 2**). Forty (40) years after his crucifixion in 70 A.D., the mighty Roman Empire destroyed the city and burned its temple to the ground. Not one stone was left upon another.
8. The book of Exodus has Forty (40) chapters.
9. Yasharal (Israel) was ruled by judges from the time they entered the Promised Land to the time of King Saul. These judges had a tremendous influence on the nation of Yasharal (Israel). Judges who served Forty (40) years include Othniel, Deborah and Barak, Eli and Gideon.
10. The first (1st) three (3) kings over the children of Yasharal (Israel), Saul, Daud (David) and Solomon, each ruled for Forty (40) years (1050 to 930 B.C.).
11. After the United Kingdom had split into two (2) separate pieces, King Yoash served Forty (40) years as one (1) of Yahudah (Judah) **2 Chronicles 24:1**
12. Abraham pleaded with hwhy (Yahuah) not to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah if Forty (40) Righteous people could be found **Genesis 18:29**.
13. Yitshaq (Isaac) and Esau were both married at the age of Forty (40) years **Genesis 25:20, 26:34**.

14. hwhy (Yahuah) flooded the earth by having it rain for Forty (40) days and nights **Genesis 7:12.**
15. After the patriarch Yaquub (Jacob/Israel) had died in Mitsrym (Egypt), the Mitsrym (Egyptians) spent Forty (40) days embalming his body **Genesis 50:3**
16. Forty (40) days after [cwhy (Yahusha) was born, He was presented at the Temple in Yarusalym (Jerusalem) for His legal purification, according to the established Turah (law) **Luke 2: 22-40.**
17. Forty (40) days between the Ascension of [cwhy (Yahusha) and His Resurrection. **Acts 1,3**
18. AlYahu (Elijah) walked Forty (40) days and Forty (40) nights to reach Mount Horeb. He fasted for Forty (40) days before beginning his public ministry. He remained Forty (40) days on the Mount Carmel. **1 Kings 19-8.**
19. Yitshal (Isaac) was Forty (40) years old when he married his wife, Rebekah. **Genesis 25-20**
20. The embalming of Yaquub (Jacob) was prolonged for Forty (40) days. **Genesis 50-3**
21. It is interesting to note that Forty (40) different people wrote the Scriptures.

One of the most important prophetic passages is found in **Matthew 24**. This chapter contains detailed prophecies of [cwhy (Yahusha) concerning future events. [cwhy (Yahusha) delivered a speech during the last week of His life as He and His disciples sat on the Mount of Olives. From this mount, they could clearly see the city of Yarusalym (Jerusalem) and its magnificent Temple. The speech is recorded in three (3) places: **Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21**. Shortly after [cwhy (Yahusha) would be led away and crucified

Forty (40) years after [cwhy (Yahusha) warned of the destruction of the Temple, Roman General Titus marched into Yarusalym (Jerusalem) with his army. The Hebrew historian Yosephus tells us that over 1.1 million Hebrews perished in the siege of Yarusalym (Jerusalem). The Temple was destroyed, not one stone was left upon another. This was just as

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Deuteronomy 9:25 hwhy (Yahuah) for these Forty (40) days and Forty (40) nights, because hwhy (Yahuah) had said he would destroy you.

Deuteronomy 9:9 When I went up the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that hwhy (Yahuah) made with you, I remained on the mountain Forty (40) days and Forty (40) nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water.

Genesis 7:12 And rain fell upon the earth Forty (40) days and Forty (40) nights.

Genesis 50:3 Forty (40) days were required for it, for that is how many are required for embalming. And the Mitsrym (Egyptians) wept for him seventy (70) days.

Exodus 16:35 The people of Yasharal (Israel) ate the manna Forty (40) years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

Judges 13:1 And the people of Yasharal (Israel) again did what was evil in the sight of hwhy (Yahuah), so hwhy (Yahuah) gave them into the hand of the Philistines for Forty (40) years.

Mark 1:12-13 The Ruch (Spirit) immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness Forty (40) days, being tempted by HaSatan. And he was with the wild animals, and the Malkym (Angels) were ministering to him.

Jonah 3:1-10 Then the word of hwhy (Yahuah) came to Y go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I , Yonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of hwhy (Yahuah). Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three (3) days' journey in breadth. Yonah began to go into the city, going Forty (40) da the people of Nineveh believed hwhy (Yahuah). They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ...

Deuteronomy 10:10 first (1st) time, Forty (40) days and Forty (40) nights, and hwhy (Yahuah) listened to me that time also. hwhy (Yahuah) was unwilling to destroy you.

Numbers 14:33-34 And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness Forty (40) years and shall suffer for your faithlessness, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness. According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, Forty (40) days, a year for each day, you shall bear your iniquity Forty (40) years, and you shall know

Genesis 8:6 At the end of Forty (40) days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made

Mark 1:13 And he was in the wilderness Forty (40) days, being tempted by HaSatan. And he was with the wild animals, and the Malkym (Angels) were ministering to him.

Genesis 7:4 For in seven (7) days I will send rain on the earth Forty (40) days and Forty (40) nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from th

Judges 3:11 So the land had rest Forty (40) years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

Hebrew Beliefs about Forty (40)

Why do we come across this number as a duration of time so often in the Torah? We find the beginnings of an answer in the laws of childbirth, as they applied in the time of the Qadosh Temple. The pain and infirmity associated with childbirth are an indication of the imperfection of human reproduction, and therefore, they bring a

Numbers 14:34 "Following the number of days in which you spied out the land forty (40) days - for every day, you shall bear your Sins for a year forty (40) years."

These forty (40) years represent yet another kind of rebirth - the rebirth of an entire generation that would be worthy of eventually entering the Promised Land. We see that the number Forty (40) represents the process of birth.

In order to understand why birth

Mushah (Moses) himself, who is considered "rooted" in Knowledge, lived for a hundred and twenty (120) years, or three (3) sets of forty (40) years. He was:

1. Forty (40) years as a prince in Mitsrym (Egypt),
2. Forty (40) years as a prince of sheep in Midian, and
3. Forty (40) years as a prince of Yasharal (Israel) in the desert.

This concept underlies many of the forty (40) day periods found in the Turah:

1. The forty (40) days of rain of the Great Flood. The intention was to destroy all life. Just as [human] life forms in forty days, so too it took that interval to erase it from the earth. **Genesis 7:1-4**

2. The forty (40) days that Mushah (Moses) remained on Mount Sinai. A new order was beginning, in which Turah would play the central role. Hence, the 40-day duration. **Exodus 34:28, Deuteronomy 9:9-11, Deuteronomy 9:15-26, Deuteronomy 10:10**

3. The forty (40) days of the spies. The transition to yet another world perspective, that of the Hebrews as a nation united with their land, was to have begun. Unfortunately, the spies produce a slanderous report on the land and the Hebrews are relegated to forty (40) years in the desert, one (1) year for each day. **Numbers 13:16-25, Numbers 32:13**

4. The forty (40) day period after childbirth. Forty (40) days after birth of a boy, or eighty (80) days after birth of a girl, the mother brings offerings to the Temple. After the birth of a male child the mother is required to observe a cycle of separation. She separates herself for 7 days + 33 days which equals a total of 40 days. This represents the beginning, the middle and the end of the cycle of separation from physical relationships, etc. (**Leviticus 12:4**, 6 days of creation + 1 day of rest + 33 days the body mourns the separation of the son.) The child is elevated to a new level as the mother brings the offerings. **Leviticus 12:2-7**

There is a certain spiritual impurity after childbirth that extends for a double 40-day period after the birth of a girl described in the Turah for an 80-day period for a girl. The duration of impurity is double as opposed to the birth of a boy. After the initial 7 days when she goes to the mikveh she becomes pure 40 days after the birth of a boy, and 80 days for a girl.

IMPORTANCE OF NUMBERS IN SCRIPTURE

The number Forty (40) represents a time of testing, trial or probation. Of all the types and shadows of the Tanakh (OT), none is as pervasive and important as the shadows revealed in the relationship between Forty (40)

The number Forty (40) has great significance throughout the Turah. The number 40 represents transition or change; the concept of renewal; a new beginning. The number Forty (40) has the power to lift a spiritual state.

It is no accident that in the story of Noah, the rain poured for Forty (40) days, and submerged the world in water. Just as when a person exits a mikveh (immersion) washed pure, so too when the

waters of the flood subsided, the world was purified from the licentiousness which had corrupted it in the days of Noah.

Mushah (Moses) was on Mt. Sinai for Forty (40) days and came down with the stone tablets. The Hebrews arrived at Mt. Sinai as a nation of Mitsrym (Egyptian) slaves, but after Forty (40) days they were transformed into hwhy (Yahuah)'s nation. It is said that