

# FOURTY DAYS OF FLOODING

Genesis 7 17 Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. 18 The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. 19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. 20 The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. 21 And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. 22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. 23 So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive. 24 And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

## THE NUMBER FORTY

The rains fell and the floods prevailed for forty days; the ark was eventually lifted up the ark above every thing imaginable before it finally rested on Mount Ararat. Forty days, forty years are numbers used throughout the Bible. It is a prophetic numbers which show the trend or pattern through which those called to glory have to pass through to enter into glory.

There is a period of regeneration by the spirit of God as we move on into glory. This period can be trying and tempting for those who seek glory. Moses had His forty Years in the wilderness before coming out as a transformed vessel bearing the glory of God. In like wise manner the Children of Israel had their forty years in the wilderness before coming forth as a people worthy to possess the land flowing with milk and honey. Elijah had His forty days in the wilderness where He went without food and water before His eventual ascension into glory. Jesus also had a symbolic forty days of fasting where He was tempted before being manifested to the world with great glory and power. All these are secret codified messages predestined by God for our edification and understanding of the pattern every Child must pass before entering into glory.

### EQUATING THE NUMBER FORTY WITH FASTING AND GLORIFICATION.

The bible records that Jesus went through a fast for forty days and forty nights, after which He was administered angel's bread, this was prior to His revelation to the world. Elijah had to pass through forty days without food before He eventually heard the voice of God; he was strengthened along the way though, with angel's bread. Moses had to go through a forty day period with no food while on Mount Horeb, before the Lord finally spoke to Him. We should not forget the Israelites who had to go through

forty years in the wilderness where they were denied the delicacies of Egypt, but were fed instead with angel's bread (manna).

Bear in mind that the way to glory and honor in Christ is through dishonor; the way up is down; the ascension path is a descent of our self identities; the way to life in Christ is death to our old selves; the way to the promised land flowing with milk and honey is through the empty harsh wilderness.

The 40 day/year Journey through the wilderness is actually a journey from our fleshy, earthly and material identity into that spiritual heavenly identity in Christ Jesus. This is the born again or regeneration process that every man has to take into glory. That which is born of flesh is devilish and earthly; He can in no way please God neither can he see the favor of God because He is annihilated from the life of God. So the transformation is a must for every man seek to rediscover the glory of God. During the symbolic forty day/year period, the inner man is nourished and increases while the outer man of the flesh is diminished till it is no more. Angel's bread was administered to the Israelites (manna), to Jesus and to Elijah during their 40 days/years of fast; it symbolicaly stands for spiritual nourishment for our inner spirit man. It is administered to us so that we can grow into that perfect spiritual man from heaven. This food is spiritual wisdom and word that comes from the Father so that we can grow and live after the inner spirit man. During the forty days/years period, the foods and delicacies that nourish the outer man of the flesh seizes to be administered. Those delicacies or food for the flesh are the lies of this present world that sow to the flesh. They sow to the flesh by causing men to live after a false identity of flesh and blood.

The number forty prophetically points a fast period because we deny our self acquired identity of the flesh and now sow to the man of the spirit. **Isaiah 58** refers to a fast as the act of denying ourselves and doing the things that please the Lord. This has got nothing to do with denying yourself physical food and water. It is

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the act of denying the appetite and the will of the outer flesh man to satisfy the appetite and will of the inner spiritual man. That inner man is the man of the spirit called the Christ; as we continue on in Him we gradually begin to see a restoration of health, peace and Joy. The faith to do all things is restored back to us because in that day we call on His name and he answers.

As we continue on in the doctrine of truth, which is the knowledge of the Christ within, we are catapulted to the pinnacle of Gods Spiritual Mountain called Zion. Noah and His companions in the ark had left all by faith in obedience to the Lord and they endured the forty day period of harsh rains and the tsunamis (The breaking up of the deep). While the rebellious sank down Noah was continuously lifted up above the flood and the faithfulness of God preserved Him. This is the ascension pattern for those who obey the Gospel to conform themselves into the Christ. After many a season of prophetically sowing to the spirit by building the ark, Noah now finds Himself being lifted up the lower parts of the earth and exalted high above all in the heavenly spiritual abode of the living God.



### **OVERCOMING THE WILDERNESS TEMPTATION**

It is glaringly clear from the testimonies of Jesus, The children of Israel, Moses, and Elijah, that they were subjected to a type of fast before they attained to great heights in God. The fast like we defined is a denial of the old man of the flesh and an exaltation or increase in the knowledge of the Christ within. The true trial and temptations Christians face is in the manifestation of the old carnal man who seeks to rise against the seed of Christ in you. The battle at times seems almost impossible to win but we are admonished to keep faith in God and His promises.

If you have set out on the journey to seek the face of God, never let the Devil who works through the carnal reasoning to allow you

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to look backwards. Never allow Him tell you, you do not love God or you are unworthy of the glory of the only begotten of God. When we hear those kinds of words rising from within us or from the brethren who do not have the same vision of glory and perfection as you do, know for sure that it is the Devil. Those voices of unbelief are very much like the serpents and scorpions that lined up the wilderness as the Israelites passed through during the forty year period [**Deuteronomy 8:15**]. They can also be liked the wild beasts that Jesus found Himself in the midst of, while He went through the forty day fast [**Mark 1:13**].

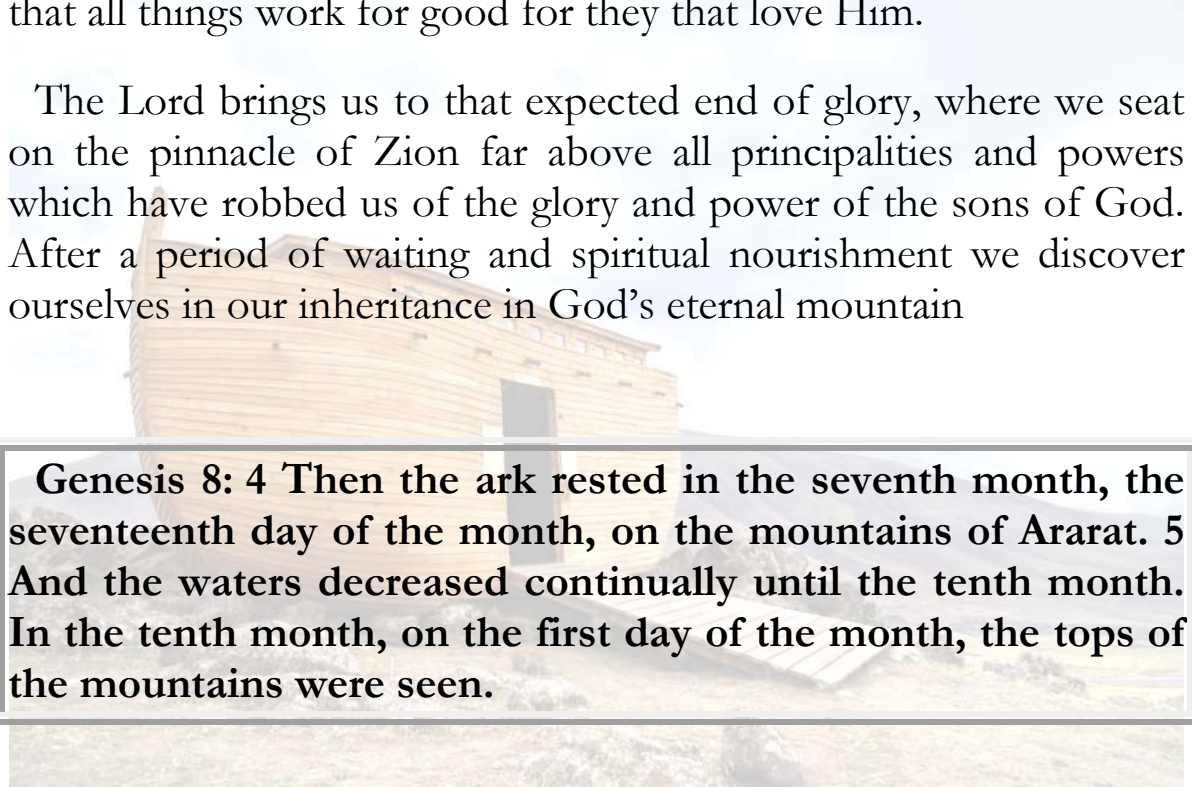
To overcome these spiritual hurdles of condemnation and unbelief, we must put on faith by looking unto the author and finisher of our faith. We must remember the cross typified by the bronze serpent on the pole. If we fail to recognize the immutability of God's promise and the eternal forgiveness of our sins on the cross, the poisonous effects from those serpents will kill us. We die when we go back to the falsehood of our old self existence after the flesh. Those who know their God will be strong and they will do exploits; they will have power over the scorpions and the serpents (principalities) working through the carnal reasoning of unbelief, so that no evil can prevent them from the glory that lies ahead [**Luke 10:19**].

Let us keep ourselves undefiled from the world not as adulterers who forsake the wife of their youth for this world. Let us not tempt God or become idolaters like some of the Israelites; most of whom never saw the promise of God's new order of peace and abundance. In all things give thanks and always remember that God is not a man who lies; if you have left all for the glory of God's kingdom, He will bring you to an expected end of joy and peace.

### RESTING ON THE PROMISE

When we obey but putting on Christ, who is the true ark, we realize that all things work out for good because we love Him. Just as Noah was locked up in the boat and was without control of the boat, but had faith that the Lord will bring Him to an expected end, so shall it be with us who obey. If we have this revelation of the glory to be revealed, we don't have to worry about the future nor about the things the Nations (unbelievers) worry about, because the Lord is in Charge and will provide our very need. Imagine the bumps the boat runs into, the swaying of the boat and all the terror that was without, all we can do is rest in hope, knowing that all things work for good for they that love Him.

The Lord brings us to that expected end of glory, where we seat on the pinnacle of Zion far above all principalities and powers which have robbed us of the glory and power of the sons of God. After a period of waiting and spiritual nourishment we discover ourselves in our inheritance in God's eternal mountain

A photograph of a large, multi-story wooden structure, resembling Noah's Ark, built on a mountain peak. The structure is made of light-colored wood and has a dark doorway. The background shows a hazy, mountainous landscape under a clear sky.

**Genesis 8: 4 Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. 5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.**

We thank God that we have a mediator of us who is Christ Jesus, as we obey and submit ourselves to Him, We are redeemed from destruction. The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. In Him we are lifted up into the very presence of God on the spiritual mountains of Zion (the translated type for Ararat). It is where we have the new city of God , it is a place of refreshing, a place of Joy, a place of peace, a place of Glory, a place of God's best for mankind.

**Romans 8:28-29** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

