

## 1 Numbers in the Bible Number Forty

Topical Studies  
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### 3 The Number Forty

- The cardinal number Forty appears 158 times across 145 verses in the KJB. That includes the single occurrence of Forty's. It does not include ordinal number fortieth, 40<sup>th</sup>.
- Forty in the Bible is the number of probation, trial, and chastisement.
- The FM of forty by itself is Genesis 7:4 "For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth."
- The Last Mention of Forty by itself is Hebrews 3:17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? *was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?*
- The Top three books that mention 40 are: Numbers = 18 (12.41%); Nehemiah = 14 (9.66%); Genesis = 12 (8.28%).

### 4 The Number Forty

- The ordinal number Fortieth appears 4 times across 4 verses in the KJB
- The FM of fortieth is Genesis Numbers 33:38 "And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first *day* of the fifth month."
- The LM of fortieth is 2 Chronicles 16:13 "And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign."
- The four books that mention fortieth are: Numbers = 1 (25%); Deuteronomy = 1 (25%); 1 Chronicles = 1 (25%); and 2 Chronicles = 1 (25%).

### 5 The Word Forty

- In English: Four times ten.
- In Hebrew: אַרְבָּעִים *ar-baw-eem'* multiple of H702; forty:—forty.
- In Latin: *quadrāgintā* Roman numeral = XL
- In Greek: τεσσαράκοντα *tessarákonta*, *tes-sar-ak'-on-tah* the decade of G5064; forty:—forty.

### 7 Bible Characters and the Number Forty

1. Noah Ge 7:4 "rain..40 days & 40 nights" Ge 7:12 "rain..earth 40 days & 40 nights" Ge 7:17 "flood was 40 days upon the earth" Ge 8:6 "end of 40 days.. Noah opened.. window"
2. Abraham Ge 18:29 "I will not destroy it for forty's sake"
3. Isaac Ge 25:20 "Isaac..40 years old.. took Rebekkah" Ge 50:3 "40 days were fulfilled for him"
4. Esau Ge 26:34 And Esau was forty years old...took Judith"
5. Moses Ex 24:18 "Moses..in..mount..40 days..40 nights" Ex 34:28 "with the LORD 40 days & 40 nights"
6. Gideon [Jg 8:28](#) "country..quietness 40 years..Gideon"
7. Samson and the Philistines Jg 13:1 "delivered.. hand.. Philistines 40 years" 13:5, 14:4, 15:20
8. Eli 1Sa 4:18 "he had judged Israel forty years"
9. Goliath 1Sa 17:16 "Philistine..presented..40 days"

10. Ishbosheth 2Sa 2:10 "Ishbosheth..40 years old.. began.. reign"

2 11. David 2Sa 5:4 "David..reigned 40 years"

12. Absalom 2Sa 15:7 "after 40 years, that Absalom said"

13. Solomon 1Ki 11:42 "Solomon reigned..forty years"

14. Elijah 1Ki 19:8 "strength..meat..40 days and 40 nights"

15. Jehoash 2Ki 12:1 "Jehoash..40 years reigned.. Jerusalem" *[also spelled Joash]JW.*

16. Ezekiel Eze 4:6 "bear..iniquity..house of Judah 40 days" Eze 29:11 – "neither..be inhabited 40 years" Eze 29:12 "cities..laid waste..desolate 40 years" Eze 29:13 " end of 40 years..gather Egyptians"

17. Jonah Jon 3:4 "40 days..Nineveh shall be overthrown"

18. Jesus Mt 4:2 "fasted 40 days and 40 nights" Mr 1:13 – "in the wilderness 40 days, tempted" Lu 4:2 – "forty days tempted of the devil" Ac 1:3 – "being seen of them 40 days"

19. Stephen Ac 7:23 "when he was full 40 years old" Ac 7:30 "when 40 years were expired" Ac 7:36 "in the wilderness 40 years" Ac 7:42 "sacrifices by the space of 40 years"

20. Paul Ac 13:18 "40 years suffered he their manners" Ac 13:21 "a king..Saul..by the space of 40 years" Ac 23:13 "more than 40..made this conspiracy" Ac 23:21 "forty men..bound themselves" 2Co 11:24 "5 times received..40 stripes save 1"

#### 15 **The Number Forty – Other Examples**

- "40,000; 144,000"
- "40,000 Horsemen"
- "Back Forty"
- "Forty Acres and a Mule"
- "Forty-shilling Freeholders"