

*“To whom also HE shewed HIMSELF alive after HIS passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them **FORTY DAYS**, and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom Of GOD.” Acts 1:3*

Forty is a time of deep preparation and testing, especially the testing of the heart. Forty is always the number of probation, of testing, proving and deciding.

There are approximately 12 – “Forty Days” in scripture. They commenced at a time when God judged man in his own person, and the judgment swept away the sinner. But the “Forty Days” conclude with the LORD JESUS CHRIST. For with HIS atoning death and HIS victory in resurrection, HE has proclaimed and given hope to the saint as well as the sinner.

Moses was tested forty years for his heart, tested another forty years for his faith, and then God gave him forty years to test his obedience in service.

Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tested forty days and after HIS resurrection HE showed HIMSELF for forty days.

In HIS first “Forty Days” Jesus demonstrates HIS complete and perfect victory over him that seduced and ruined man and mankind.

In HIS second “Forty Days” by way of HIS resurrection, HE inaugurates a New system of Living, a New Dimension, a New Kingdom.

The Forty Days after Jesus’ resurrection was the opportunity for HIS LIFE to be released in a greater way. This Resurrection, this new LIFE came by way of Crucifixion and Burial.

We may have been carrying our cross, buried under the pressures of daily, monthly, and yearly tasks, but our refreshing is nigh. After the resurrection from these things the forty starts.

The Forty Days of God’s refreshing, releasing, and restoring.

In the first man’s history, probation and testing ends in frustration, defeat, failure, death and judgment. But in the Second Man, the New Man, those that receive HIM, the end is reversed. The end is joy, peace, victory, life and Eternal rejoicing.

Even though forty in the traditional sense means probation, testing and trials; there is an underlying mystery. There is a Predestined Divine Hope. For the end of the forty is the “Time Of Releasing.” First the LORD released a promise, “...but ye shall be baptized with the HOLY GHOST not many days hence,” and “But ye shall receive power, after that the HOLY GHOST is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:5, 8). Second, the Lord released HIS Presence and HIS Power in the Person of the HOLY GHOST, “And they were all filled with the HOLY GHOST, and began to speak with other tongues, as the SPIRIT gave them utterance.”

During these “Forty Days” we anticipate that if we repent and be converted that “...The times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the LORD...” Acts 3:19