

Why 70 Weeks Began With 40 Days

It was this month in 27 CE that Yeshua rose from the waters of the Jordan—after His public mikveh and full identification with the will of YeHoVaH—and the Spirit led Him into the wilderness. Not into comfort. Not into celebration. Into the desert.

For the first 40 days of His 70-week ministry, Yeshua fasted. Medically, the body undergoes dramatic changes during such a fast. Within 24 hours, stored glycogen is depleted. Blood sugar drops. By days three to five, the body enters ketosis, burning fat for fuel while muscle tissue begins to break down. Weakness, dizziness, and intense cravings set in. By day 40, the body is in survival mode. Every nerve screams for nourishment.

It is then—at the point of maximum physical vulnerability—that the adversary appears. “If you are the Son of Elohim, command these stones to become bread” (Matthew 4:3). This was not a trivial temptation. One bite of bread would have instantly relieved His agony. Spiritually, it was an invitation to step outside the word of YeHoVaH and use power for self-preservation rather than obedience.

Yeshua’s response reveals everything: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of YeHoVaH” (Matthew 4:4). He did not argue; He quoted Torah (Deuteronomy 8:3). He trusted the written Word over bodily desire and emotional relief.

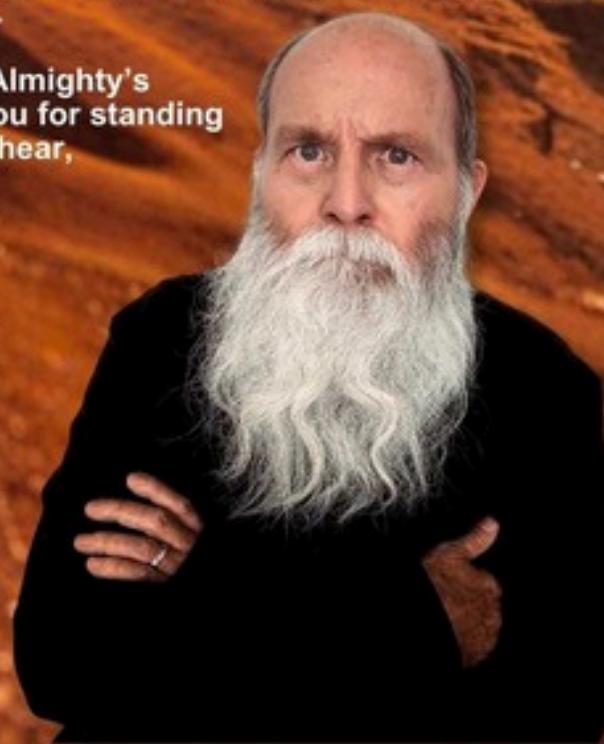
This is the pattern for all who “mikveh” and give their lives to YeHoVaH. Expect testing. Expect discomfort. Expect temptation. But also expect victory—if you follow Yeshua’s example and cling to Torah as truth.

Your victory is why we teach the truth of the Almighty’s Torah and His Living Torah, Yeshua. Thank you for standing with us, supporting this work, and striving to hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

See you when the smoke clears,



Michael J. Rood





Leave A Legacy of Love

Planning an end-of-life gift to A Rood Awakening! International is a powerful way to help others understand the truth of Yeshua's message beyond your lifetime.

By including this ministry in your estate plans, you help ensure that the ministry's unique approach continues to open eyes to the restored Hebrew foundations of Scripture and the message of Messiah Yeshua to the nations.

Here are three IRS-recognized ways to make an end-of-life gift—and the tax advantages of each:

1. A Charitable Bequest in Your Will or Trust

You may name A Rood Awakening! International to receive a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder after providing for loved ones. Because the ministry automatically qualifies as a non-profit, these gifts are deductible from your taxable estate, potentially reducing estate taxes.

2. Retirement Account Beneficiary Designations

IRAs and other qualified retirement plans can be heavily taxed when passed to heirs. Naming A Rood Awakening! International as a beneficiary allows those assets to transfer tax-free, increasing their impact.

3. Gifts of Appreciated Assets

Stocks or other appreciated property may be donated during life or at death, often allowing you to avoid capital gains taxes while receiving charitable deductions.

But first... Please get professional guidance. An estate attorney or financial advisor can help ensure your plans align with IRS rules and your overall legacy goals.

Why does this matter? A Rood Awakening! International delivers rare, life-changing biblical teaching across cultures and languages worldwide. YeHoVaH is using this ministry to open eyes — awakening faith, restoring proper understanding, and making Scripture make sense! An end-of-life gift ensures this truth continues to future generations... until the smoke clears.





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