

Appendix 6: Strangers and Slaves for 430 Years.

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Patriarch: Age	Event	Passage	Years from Promise	Years to Exodus
Abraham: 75	God makes the promise to Abraham and he leaves Haran.	Genesis 12:1-4	0	430
Abraham: 75-85	God tells Abraham his descendants “will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there and they will be afflicted for 400 years.”	Genesis 15:13; Acts 7:6	0–10	420–430
Abraham: 85	Abraham has lived in Canaan for 10 years and takes Hagar as his wife and she conceives Ishmael.	Genesis 16:3-4	10	420
Abraham: 86	Ishmael is born.	Genesis 16:15-16	11	419
Abraham: 100 Ishmael: 14	Isaac is born.	Genesis 21:5	25	405
Abraham: 105 Isaac: 5 Ishmael: 19	Isaac is weaned and Ishmael mocks/persecutes Isaac.	Genesis 21:8-9; Galatians 4:29	30	400
Abraham: 140 Isaac: 40	Isaac marries Rebekah.	Genesis 24:1-67; 25:20	65	365
Abraham: 160 Isaac: 60	Esau and Jacob are born.	Genesis 25:26	85	345
Abraham: 175 Isaac: 75 Jacob: 15	Abraham dies.	Genesis 25:7	100	330
Isaac: 151 Jacob: 91	Joseph is born.		176	254
Isaac: 168 Jacob: 108 Joseph: 17	Joseph is sold by his brothers and taken to Egypt.	Genesis 37	193	237
Isaac: 180 Jacob: 120 Joseph: 29	Isaac dies.	Genesis 35:28-29	205	225
Jacob: 121 Joseph: 30	Joseph is made second in command by Pharaoh.	Genesis 41:46	206	224
Jacob: 130 Joseph: 39	Joseph reveals himself to his brothers two years into the famine with five years left. Jacob meets Pharaoh.	Genesis 45:4-6 47:9	215	215
Jacob: 147 Joseph: 56	Jacob dies.	Genesis 47:28-49:33	232	198
Joseph: 110	Joseph dies.	Genesis 50:26	286	144
	Only 64 years pass from the time Joseph dies to when Moses is born.	Exodus 6:16-20		
Moses: 3 months	Moses is placed in a basket and adopted by Pharaoh’s daughter.	Exodus 2	350	80
Moses: 80	Moses and Aaron speak to Pharaoh beginning the exodus from Egypt.	Exodus 7:7; 12:40-41; Galatians 3:16-17	430	0

Footnotes:

1. H.C. Leupold's Exposition of Genesis; Matthew Poole's Commentary.
2. Henry Ainsworth, *Annotations on the Pentateuch or the Five Books of Moses; the Psalms of David and the Song of Solomon* (Glasgow, Scotland: Blackie and Son, 1843), p. 83.
3. Dr. Floyd Nolen Jones, *The Chronology of the Old Testament* (Green Forest, Arkansas: New Leaf Press, 2005), p. 57–60.
4. James Ussher, *The Annals of the World* translated by Larry and Marion Pierce (Green Forest, Arkansas: Master Books, 2003), p. 26–27.

Some key texts:

Genesis 15:13 Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be

(1) **strangers in a country not their own**, and

(2) **they will be enslaved and ill-treated four hundred years.**

¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."

Notice for example the four generations in Numbers 3:14-20, 38

- Levi
- Kohath
- Amram
- Moses and Aaron and Miriam

From the **LXX** translation of Exodus 12:40: ἐν γῇ Αἰγύπτῳ καὶ ἐν γῇ Χανααν, the correct translation should be...

Exodus 12:40 Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in **the land of** Egypt and **in the land of Canaan** was four hundred and thirty years. 41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years-- on that very same day-- it came to pass that all the armies of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.