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*430: Galatians 3:17 showing Exodus to be 430 years after promise given to Avraham in Genesis 12:1-3; see also Shemot (Exodus) 12:41.
*400: B'resheet (Genesis) $\mathbf{1 5 : 1 3}$ correctly translated, "Know with certainty that your descendants will be foreigners for 400 years in a land that is not their own, and will become servants and slaves to the inhabitants, and will be afflicted by them." [See also, Ma'aseh (Acts) 7:6]
*Generations \#1-4: B'resheet (Genesis) 15:16, "But in the $4^{\text {th }}$ generation they shall return here, for the blatant sin of the Amorites is not yet full."

## The color code of the various blocks identify the following events in Time Line 2

| Gold | Key chronologies of Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph |
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| Yellow | Key ages of Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph |
| $\# 1-\# 4$ | The four generations of B'resheet (Genesis) 15:16 (Levi, Kohath, Amram, and Moses); Shemot <br> (Exodus) 6:16-20. The 1st and 2nd generations; B'resheet (Genesis) 46:11. |
| Green | The ages of Jacob's children up to time of Joseph's enslavement |
| Blue | The 17 years of Joseph's life leading up to his slavery |
| Clay | The total time Jacob and his family spent in Egypt |
| Gray | Paternal lineage from Avraham to Moshe (Moses) |


| Joseph's 17 years in Egypt paralleled to Jacob's 17 years in Canaan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Q | Joseph | b+ | 6 | ~10 | ~11 |  | ~13 | ~16 | 17+ |
| R | 17 years |  | 6+ | 6+4=10 | 10+1=11 |  | 11+2=13 | 13+3=16 | 16+1=17 |
|  |  |  | Flocks earned 6 years B'resheet (Genesis) 30:25-31:41 | Sukkot Approx. 4 yrs. | Shechem Approx. 1 yr. | Bethel Approx. 2 yrs. | Near the Tower of Eder while traveling to Bethlehem, Rachel dies, and Benjamin is born. <br> B'resheet (Genesis) 35:16-21 | Bethlehem Approx. 3 yrs. | Hebron <br> Approx. 1 yr. <br> Joseph sold into <br> slavery. |


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| A2 | B'resheet (Genesis) 12:1,7; Shemot (Exodus) 12:41; Galatians 3:16,17 [The 430 years from Promise given to Avraham to time of the Exodus] |
| A3 | B'resheet (Genesis) 15:13; Ma'aseh (Acts) 7:6 [The 400 years from the time of Yit'zak (Isaac) to the time of the Exodus] |
| B2 | Avraham was 100; B'resheet (Genesis) 21:5 when Isaac (his descendant in a land not their own) was born 400 years prior to the exodus; B'resheet (Genesis) 15:13-16; Ma'aseh (Acts) 7:6, and the exodus was 430 years after Avraham was given the promise of Canaan; B'resheet 15:1-4; Galatians 3:17. 430-400=30; 100-30=70 Avraham's age when given Promises. (See Time Line 1, Note 11, for more on Avraham's age) |
| B3 | B'resheet (Genesis) 21:5, Avraham's age (100) when Isaac born. |
| B6 | B'resheet (Genesis) 25:7, Avraham's death at age 175. |
| C3 | B'resheet (Genesis) 17:17; Sarah's age (90) when Isaac born. |
| C4 | B'resheet (Genesis) 23:1 Sarah's death at age 127. |
| D5 | B'resheet (Genesis) 25:26 Isaac's age (60) when Jacob born. |
| D20 | B'resheet (Genesis) 35:28 Isaac's death at age 180. |
| E23 | B'resheet (Genesis) 47:9 Jacob's age (130) when entering Egypt. |
| E24 | B'resheet (Genesis) 47:28 Jacob's age (147) at time of death. |
| H9 | B'resheet (Genesis) 29:34 Levi is born. Levi leaves for Egypt; 46:11; and is 1st of 4 generations prophesied; Gen. 15:16; Ex 6:16-20 (Levi, Kohath, Aram, Moses). |
| H26 | Shemot (Exodus) 6:16 Levi's age (137) at time of death. |
| Q13 | B'resheet (Genesis) 30:22-24 Joseph born. |
| Q19 | B'resheet (Genesis) 37:2-28 Joseph sold into slavery. |
| Q21 | B'resheet (Genesis) 41:42-46 Joseph raised to power at age 30. |
| Q22 | B'resheet (Genesis) 41:25-46, 53; Joseph's age in 7th year of plenty. |
| Q23 | B'resheet (Genesis) 41:25-32,46,53; 45:6 Joseph's age in 2nd year of famine and year that Jacob came to Egypt (30+7+2). |
| Q25 | B'resheet (Genesis) 50:26 Joseph's age (110) at time of death. |
| R14 | B'resheet (Genesis) 30:25-31:41 Joseph's first 6 of the 17 years spent before brother's sold him into slavery. |
| S17 | B'resheet (Genesis) 35:16-18 Rachel dies. |
| T17 | B'resheet (Genesis) 35:16-18 Benjamin is born. |
| U22 | B'resheet (Genesis) 41:29, 46-53 7th year of 7 years of plenty. |
| V22 | B'resheet (Genesis) 46:8,11; Kohath is born sometime before leaving for Egypt, and is the 2nd of the $\mathbf{4}$ generations prophesied; Gen. 15:16; Ex. 6:16-20. |
| V23 | B'resheet (Genesis) 46:8, 11; Kohath leaves for Egypt. He is approximately 2 years old at this time. |
| v25 | B'resheet (Genesis) 46:11; Amram is missing in list of those going to Egypt, indicating he was born after his father Kohath entered Egypt. Kohath was $\sim 75$ years old at the time his son Amram was born. |
| V28 | Shemot (Exodus) 6:18 Kohath's age (133) at time of death. |
| W23 | B'resheet (Genesis) 45:1-11, 2nd year of the 7 years of famine. |
| Y25 | B'resheet (Genesis) 15:16; Shemot (Exodus) 6:16-20 Amram, son of Kohath, is born, and is the 3rd of the 4 generations prophesied. |
| Y27 | Amram was approximately age 57 when Moses born. |
| Y29 | Shemot (Exodus) 6:20: Amram dies at age 137 |
| 227 | $\square$ <br> B'resheet (Genesis) 15:16; Shemot (Exodus) 6:16-20 Moses is born, and is the 4th of the $\mathbf{4}$ generations prophesied. |
| 229 | Shemot (Exodus) 7:7, Moses age (80) at time of Exodus. |
| AA29 | Shemot (Exodus) 12:40,41; Galatians 3:16,17 Time of promises to time of the Exodus. |

Your first question may be, "How do we know the Promise of the land of Canaan was given to Avraham 430 years prior to Mt. Sinai?"

Beginning in B'resheet (Genesis) 12:1,7 Avraham is Promised the land of Canaan as a possession to him and his descendants. In Ma'aseh (Acts) 7:2,3 it is stated that this Promise was given to Avraham prior to his departure from Mesopotamia to Haran.

This is confirmed in B'resheet (Genesis) 12:1-3 where Avraham was given the promise (verse 12:2,3) and told to depart from his country (Mesopotamia); verse 12:1. Then in B'resheet (Genesis) 12:4 we are told that Avraham left Haran at age 75; showing that he was given the Promise sometime before age 75 . Galatians 3:16,17 states that this Promise was given to Avraham $\underline{430}$ years prior to the exodus from Egypt.

B'resheet 15:13 states that Avraham's descendants would live as foreigners for $\underline{400}$ years in land that is not their own (see also B'resheet (Genesis) 17:8). Avraham's first descendant through Sarah was Yit'zak (Isaac); B'resheet (Genesis) 18:9-14. B'resheet (Genesis) 21:5 states that Avraham was 100 years old when Yit'zak (Isaac) was born.

This leaves a difference of 30 years between the time Avraham received the Promise to the time that Yit'zak (Isaac) was born in that Promised land of Canaan ( $\mathbf{4 3 0} \mathbf{- 4 0 0}=30$ ). Avraham was 100 years old when Yit'zak (Isaac) was born, showing Avraham to be 70 years old when given the Promise while living in Mesopotamia (100-30 = 70). See also Time Line 1, Note 5.

Your next question may be, "Why only 210 years in Egypt? I thought Israel was in Egypt for 400 years?"

Various translations certainly give this impression, and Time Line 2 herein provides a detailed overview of why they were in Egypt for only about 210 years; the approximate number of years which most commentators today are in exact or in general agreement with.

But to provide an abbreviated answer here, B'resheet (Genesis) 15:13-16 states that Avraham's descendants would become enslaved, and that in the $4^{\text {th }}$ generation after entering that land (which turned out to be the land of Egypt) they would return to the Promised land known at that time as Canaan.

The Promise to Avraham was passed to Yit'zak (Isaac); B'resheet (Genesis) 26:1-5 and then to Ya'aqov (Jacob) B'resheet (Genesis) 35:9-12.

The 4 generations coming through Ya'aqov (Jacob) who arrived in Egypt are generation \#1, Levi; B'resheet (Genesis) 46:8,11. Generation \#2, Kohath; verse 46:11. Generation \#3, Amram; Shemot (Exodus) 6:18,20. And generation \#4, Moshe (Moses); Shemot (Exodus) 6:20 the 4th generation from Ya'aqov (Jacob) who led Israel (the descendants of Avraham) out of Egypt according to the prophesy declared in B'resheet (Genesis) 15:16.

From the traditional 400 year view this means that from Kohath (the youngest to arrive in Egypt with Levi), to Amram, to Moses, a 400 year span of time had to take place. But even if Kohath could have theoretically entered Egypt at age 1, and then begotten Amram in the same year he died at age 133, and then Amram in the year that he died at age 137 had begotten Moses, and then added the 80 years of Moses to that total to bring it to the time that Moshe (Moses) led Israel out of Egypt, you would still have covered only 349 years.

| Traditional 400 <br> Year View | Age When Entering <br> Egypt | Age When Begetting Next <br> Generation or at Time of Exodus | Age at Time of <br> Death |  |  |  |  |
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| Kohath | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 3}$ | 133 |  |  |  |  |
| Amram | -- | 137 | 137 |  |  |  |  |
| Moses/Exodus | -- | 80 | -- |  |  |  |  |
| Total: $349(350-1=349)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

To explain it another way, in order for the traditional 400 year view to work, men who lived to their 130's
would need to beget sons many years after they had already died in order to complete the traditional 400 year scenario. An impossibility of course.

This likewise, would be at a time when Avraham, who lived to be 175 years, was considered too old to have sons at even age 100; B'resheet (Genesis) 18:11,12; 21:5 - so how much more unlikely other men after 130+ years of age to beget sons - men who died at much younger ages than Avraham?

However, with the 210 year position reflected in the chronological record of Scripture, to reach the 210 year span from Kohath to the Exodus, Kohath and Amram only need be an average age of 70 or so when begetting the next generation - a reasonable age at a time when men were living to be an average of 138 or so.

| 210 Year <br> Chronology | Age When Begetting Next <br> Generation | Age When Entering <br> Egypt | Age at Time of <br> Death |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Kohath | $\sim 75$ | 2 | 133 |
| Amram | $\sim 57$ | -- | 137 |
| Moses/Exodus | 80 | -- | -- |

Total: $\mathbf{2 1 2}$ minus 2 years prior to Egypt = 210 Year Total in Egypt
So though it is true that they were foreigners in countries not their own for 400 years (beginning with Isaac who was born in Canaan 30 years after the promise of Canaan given to Avraham), Avraham's descendants were not oppressed, afflicted, or enslaved that whole time; but only often oppressed and afflicted in those countries, and then eventually and ultimately enslaved later. In all however, their actual time spent in Egypt was only about 210 years; and the time spent enslaved maybe 80 years.

Time Line 2 herein lays out the chronology of events from the time Avraham was given the "Promise", to the time they left Egypt 430 years later. And in parallel, from the time Avraham's first descendant through Sarah (i.e. Isaac) came into Canaan, to the time they left Egypt 400 years later.

The backbone of this time line is founded upon the various known ages of Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. This backbone of chronological events is identified in the [gold] rows of Time Line 2.

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