



## THE 400 YEAR PROPHECY

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Was the prophecy of Genesis 15:13 fulfilled when the children of Israel were captives in Egypt?

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In this chapter, YAH<sup>1</sup> made a promise to Abram<sup>2</sup> concerning his seed. YAH said: "Know of a surety that your seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs and shall serve them; and **THEY SHALL AFFLICT THEM FOUR HUNDRED YEARS.**"

<sup>1</sup> [Psalms 68:4 NKJV] 4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him.

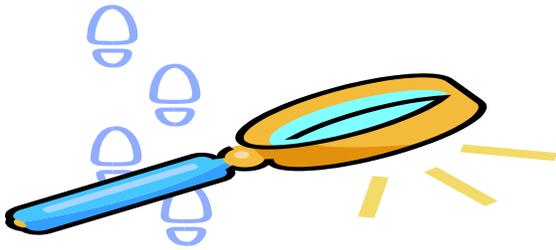
Various biblical scholars attempt to explain that this prophecy was fulfilled when the children of Israel spent 430 years in Egypt.

First, the children of Israel spent this 430 years in the best farmland of Egypt which was Goshen. Goshen WAS THEIR LAND as given to them by Pharaoh. (Genesis 45:10, 47:1-6, 27). So, while in Egypt, Israel was not a stranger in a land that was not theirs.

Second, YAH gave an exact number of years "400" as the time frame for a period of affliction. The children of Israel came out of Egypt after 430 years. So does this discrepancy of 30 years mean that Elohim lacks precision, makes mistakes, uses approximations, and is undependable?

If you believe the conclusion of the so-called biblical experts then that is exactly what you are saying about the Most High El.

<sup>2</sup> YAH later renamed Abram to Abraham and the significance will be discussed in a later lesson.



Let's closely examine what the Bible actually provides regarding the Israelites and this 400 year prophesy.



## WHAT IS AN ISRAELITE?

By way of background, an Israelite is a descendant of the scriptural patriarch Jacob. Jacob was the grandson of Abraham and the son of Isaac. Jacob had 12 sons. These sons were the progenitors of the 12 tribes of Israel. Jacob's name was changed to Israel (Ysrayl). In Genesis 32:28, Jacob/Israel's descendants were called Israelites which denotes they are The Children of Jacob or The Children of Israel. The suffix "ITE" means a descendant from. Thus, **ISRAEL-ITE** means a descendant of our father Jacob whose name was changed to Israel.



## JOSEPH BECOMES RULER IN EGYPT.

Many people are familiar with the story about Joseph and his coat of many colors and how his brothers were angry with him for his dream wherein he foretold that they would bow down to him. Thus, they sold him to the Ishmaelites when he was 17 years old. The Ishmaelites then sold him to the Egyptians.

The story is a little lengthy, but we need to understand how Joseph ended up in Egypt and his age so we can determine the number of years Israel spent in Egypt and their condition. Let's read:

### Genesis 37:2-36 NKJV

2 This [is] the history of Jacob. **Joseph, [being] seventeen years old**, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad [was] with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he [was] the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of [many] colors.

4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told [it] to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

6 So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:

7 "There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

**Genesis 37:2-36 continued.**

8 And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

10 So he told [it] to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What [is] this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"

11 And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter [in mind].

12 Then his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding [the flock] in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am."

14 Then he said to him, "Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks, and bring back word to me." So he sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem.

15 Now a certain man found him, and there he was, wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, "What are you seeking?"

16 So he said, "I am seeking my brothers. Please tell me where they are feeding [their flocks]."

17 And the man said, "They have departed from here, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.' "So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan.

18 Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him.

19 Then they said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming!

20 "Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his dreams!"

21 But Reuben heard [it], and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, "Let us not kill him."

22 And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood, [but] cast him into this pit which [is] in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him"--that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father.

23 So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph [of] his tunic, the tunic of [many] colors that [was] on him.

24 Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit [was] empty; [there was] no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat a meal. Then they lifted their eyes and looked, and there was a company of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead with their camels, bearing spices, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry [them] down to Egypt.

26 So Judah said to his brothers, "What profit [is there] if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?

27 "Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he [is] our brother [and] our flesh." And his brothers listened.

28 Then Midianite traders passed by; so [the brothers] pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty [shekels] of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

29 Then Reuben returned to the pit, and indeed Joseph [was] not in the pit; and he tore his clothes.

30 And he returned to his brothers and said, "The lad [is] no [more]; and I, where shall I go?"

31 So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood.

32 Then they sent the tunic of [many] colors, and they brought [it] to their father and said, "We have found this. Do you know whether it [is] your son's tunic or not?"

33 And he recognized it and said, "[It is] my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces."

34 Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, "For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning." Thus his father wept for him.

36 Now the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh [and] captain of the guard.

The Bible also lets us know that Joseph was 30 years old when he became the ruler in Egypt. Let's read:

#### Genesis 41:38-45 NKJV

38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find [such a one] as this, a man in whom [is] the Spirit of God?"

39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, [there is] no one as discerning and wise as you.

40 "You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you."

41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

43 And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him over all the land of Egypt.

44 Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I [am] Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over [all] the land of Egypt.

46 **Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.** And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.



## MOVING TO EGYPT.

Pharaoh, the King of Egypt, moved the Israelites into Egypt during the reign of Joseph to protect them from a great famine. (Gen. 45:1-8, 16-17). At this time, Joseph was vice royal (second in command under Pharaoh).

Because of Joseph's rise to prominent status in Egypt, the Israelites held a very favorable position among the Egyptians (Genesis 45:18-24). The Israelites rode into Egypt on Pharaoh's chariots. (Gen. 45:17, 19, 21, 27).

#### Gen 45:4-10 NKJV

45:4 And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I [am] Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

5 "But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

6 "For these two years the famine [has been] in the land, and [there are] still five years in which [there will be] neither plowing nor harvesting.

7 "And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 "So now [it was] not you [who] sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry. ...  
 10 "You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have.

**Genesis 16-20 NKJV**

16 Now the report of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, "Joseph's brothers have come." So it pleased Pharaoh and his servants well.  
 17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and depart; go to the land of Canaan.  
 18 'Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.  
 19 'Now you are commanded--do this: Take carts out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and your wives; bring your father and come.  
 20 'Also do not be concerned about your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt [is] yours."

The Egyptians and the Israelites lived peacefully together in Egypt, and the Israelites were fruitful, and increased in abundance, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty, in Egypt. (Ex. 1:7). The Israelites were not slaves, they were not mistreated, and they experienced a population growth during Joseph's life. (Exodus 1:6-11).

Scripture also states that Joseph lived for 110 years. (Genesis 50:26). He saw his son Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh (Joseph's other son) were brought up on Joseph's knees (Gen. 50:23, 26). Joseph lived long enough to see his great grandchildren.

The Bible tells us that the oppression of the Israelites began after Joseph, his eleven

brothers, and the entire generation that entered Egypt died.

Years after Joseph died, a king rose in Egypt who did not know Joseph and enslaved the Israelites in Egypt after years of living together. (Exodus 1:8-14).

Again, the bible is clear in letting us know that the children of Israel were in Egypt 430 years and that YAH brought them out **the very same day** when they rode into Egypt.

**Exodus 12:40-41**

40 Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt [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 YAH went out from the land of Egypt.

Looks like Elohim is precise and exact in His word. Now, let's do some math.



Joseph was **17** years old when he was sold to the Egyptians. (Genesis 37:2)

Joseph was **30** years old when he became second in command in Egypt and when Israel came into Egypt. (Genesis 41:46)

Joseph died at age **110**. (Genesis 50:26). The time frame of Joseph's life reveals that

Israel lived in Egypt for (110 – 30) **80 years** without conflict or affliction.

Again, the total amount of years Israel spent in Egypt was 430 years. Now when we subtract 80 years of peace (430 - 80) that will give us **350 years of affliction**.



### ADDING IT TOGETHER.

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In order for Israel's living in Egypt to fulfill the prophesy of Genesis 15:13, then two things would have had to happen.

**O**ne, the Egyptians would have to have afflicted the Israelites in Egypt for 400 years not 350 years. As we have learned, eighty years after their arrival the Israelites were still in good favor with the Egyptians. The oppression began **after** Joseph died. Juxtaposed to the time during Joseph's death, the Israelites were still treated well by the Egyptians. The evidence for this can be found in Genesis 50:26.

Genesis 50:26

So Joseph died, [being] an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

We are told that Joseph was embalmed and put into a coffin in Egypt. In ancient Egypt, embalming and coffin burials were reserved for royalty, members of Pharaoh's court and the rich. So this tells us Joseph was still in good favor with the Egyptians when he died, and if Joseph was still treated well by the Egyptians at his death, so were the Israelites.

Exodus 1:8 says, "Now, there rose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph." This is a very profound statement because Joseph was second in charge to Pharaoh (Exodus 41:42-44). Being vice royal would have made Joseph a very popular and well known man throughout the land of Egypt, particularly in the house of Pharaoh. Ancient Egyptian history tells us that one could only claim the Pharaoh's throne if:

1. He was the son of the Pharaoh, a prince.
2. He was a high ranking member of the king's court.
3. He was another male member of the Pharaoh's family.
4. If a coup took place.

In any case, the next Pharaoh would have known who Joseph was, because Joseph was also a member of the king's court and knew all of the king's sons, all the high ranking members, and all of Pharaoh's male family members.

Next let's look at what happened after Jacob died, and the thing Joseph had done to his body.

Genesis 50:2-3

2. "And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians EMBALMED ISRAEL"

3 "And forty days were fulfilled for him; FOR SO ARE FULFILLED THE DAYS OF THOSE WHICH ARE EMBALMED: and the Egyptians mourned for him 70 days."

Embalming was a practice of the native Egyptians. They were the first culture on earth to embalm their dead. Embalming was not done to all the population of Egypt – only a select few.

Second, the Israelites spent this 430 years in the best farmland of Egypt known as Goshen. Pharaoh gave Goshen to Israel. Let's read,

**Genesis 45:9-10**

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10 And *thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen*, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

**Genesis 47:1-6; 27 KJV**

1 Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they [are] in the land of Goshen.

2 And he took some of his brethren, [even] five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What [is] your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants [are] shepherds, both we, [and] also our fathers.

4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine [is] sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

5 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

6 The land of Egypt [is] before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest [any] men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

**Genesis 47:27**

And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.



**[Act 7:6-7 KJV]**

6 And Elohim spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat [them] evil four hundred years.

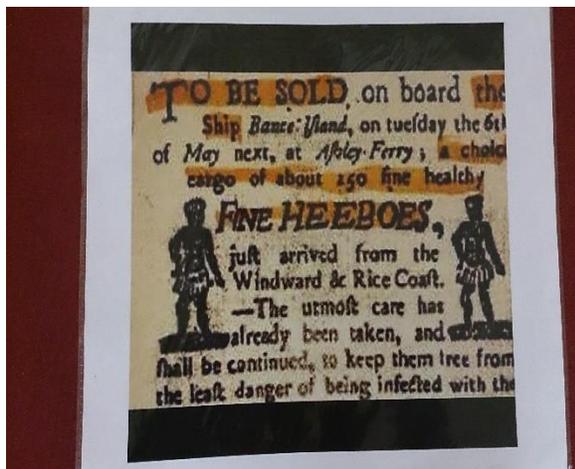
7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

This prophecy was fulfilled with the advent of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. In the book *Before the Mayflower, A History of Black America*, by Lerone Bennett, Jr., Mr. Bennett chronicled on page 443 that in August, 1619,

**History of Black America began with the landing of twenty blacks at Jamestown, Virginia.**

**John Rolfe said the ship arrived “about the latter end of August” and that it “brought not anything but 20 and odd Negroes.”**

Additionally, any good "black" history book will provide the same information and inform you know that the Hebrews (so called blacks) have been mistreated with every form of racism including slavery, lynching, segregation, Jim Crowism, and the list goes on and on. It has been a non-stop oppression, which still continues today.



*The term Heebos was later changed to Negroes.*

The Hebrews/Israelites were brought to this hemisphere. This is the strange land that is not ours, this is where we have been afflicted continually for almost 400 years.

Acts 7:6 tells us that Israel was to be brought into bondage. Ancient Israel was not brought in bondage to Egypt they, as mentioned above. Israel was in good favor with the Egyptians of Joseph's day and were brought in on Pharaoh's chariots. They lived peacefully with them in the beginning and were not made slaves until much later.

Only the Israelites were brought into America (a strange land) by bondage and

entreated evil for over almost 400 years. No other group can prove that this has happened to them just as prophecy said it would.

We are not owners of this land, we are the legal captives of this land who were later granted citizenship due to a constitutional amendment. If the rulers decide we can no longer be citizens, what will stop them from amending the Constitution, stripping us of citizenship, and deporting us to some other place? Genesis 15:13 was a prophecy for the latter days, in which we are living now.

**HalleluYAH**  
Praise YAH