

8. Egypt Experience: A Nation Enslaved

30 Things
You Need To Know
About Your BIBLE

Session 8 | Dr. Randy White | Exodus 1-20

How many Israelites went to Egypt?

- 66 in Gen 46:26 – “came with” and “out of his loins” are key phrases
- 70 in Gen 46:27 (Jacob and his two sons did not "come with" Jacob, and Jacob himself was not "out of his loins." This number is also in Ex. 1:5 and Dt. 10:22.
- 75 in Acts 7:14 - included "all his kindred," which added the nine living wives of the sons of Jacob at the time of the Exodus. Since these wives were not "out of his loins," they were not counted in the previous verses. Jacob himself would not have been counted in the 75.

How Long They Were in Egypt?

- Were they in Egypt 400 years? – Genesis 15:13
- Were they in Egypt 430 years? – Exodus 12:40-41
- Were they in Egypt 450 years? – Acts 13:16-20 (Only in modern translations)
- How did four generations stretch 400 years? – Genesis 15:16, Exodus 6:16-20
- The answer is found in Galatians 3:16-17
 - From Genesis 12 – the Exodus 20 there were 430 years
 - From Genesis 15 to the Exodus there were 400 years
 - From Genesis 15 through the conquest there were about 450 years
- From the birth of Isaac to the death of Jacob was 215 years, so another 215 years was spent in Egypt, part of those years were in slavery.

- This explains a key feature of Exodus 1: 7,10,12,19 – an unbelievable birth rate.

God raised up a Leader from Egypt

- Exodus 2:1-6 gives the account of Moses’ birth and protection from death.
- At the age of 40, Moses fled to Midian and spent 40 years in the wilderness, in obscurity.
- Hebrews 11:23-27 describes the faith of Moses.
 - V. 23 – Moses was a **proper child** (KJV) or a **beautiful child** (NASB). His beauty was in the sight of God - see Acts 7:20
 - V. 24 – Moses had **come to years**. Literally, “He had become great.”
 - V. 24 – Moses **refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter**. The word **refused** is *denied* in Acts 3:13 and many other passages.
 - V. 25 – **The people of God**. Note that this phrase is reference to the Israelites, who are eternally the "people of God."
 - V. 26 – Moses considered **the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt**. The evaluation of Moses by the writer of Hebrews is far more complementary than most pastors give. Moses, as a man of achievement (a great man), understood "the reproach of the Messiah." This testifies to the advanced understanding of the Promised Redeemer that was held by the Hebrew people even before the Law.
- God would use the man Moses to record the first five books of the Bible, and to lead His people out of their experience in Egypt.
- God buried Moses in a secret location (Deut 34:6) and Michael the Archangel fought with Satan over his body (Jude 1:9), most likely because there is a future task for the body of Moses.