

Bo: Exodus 12:29-51

Counting on You

Covenant between the Parts

And He said to Abram, 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. *Genesis - 15:13*

Genealogies

And the sons of Levi (who went down to Egypt) were Gershon, Kehath, and Merari.

Genesis - 46:11

And the sons of Kehath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, and the years of Kehath's life were one hundred thirty three years. *Exodus - 6:18*

...For Kehath was among those who went down to Egypt, [Now] calculate all his years and the years of Amram, [his son] and the eighty years of Moshe, you will find that they do not total 400 years, many of the [sons'] years are included in the fathers' years *Rashi*

$133 + 137 + 80 = 350$ (at best)

that they dwelled in Egypt: after the other dwellings in which they dwelled as foreigners in a land that was not theirs.

was four hundred and thirty years: Altogether, from the time that Isaac was born, until now, were 400 years. From the time that Abraham had seed, Genesis 15:13 was fulfilled; and there were another 30 years from the decree “between the parts” (Gen 15:10) until Isaac was born.

It is impossible, however, to say that [they spent 400 years] in Egypt alone, ... You are compelled to say that the other dwellings [which the Patriarchs settled] were also called *sojournings* and even in Hebron, as it is said: “where Abraham and Isaac sojourned (אָרָג) ” (Gen. 35:27), and [Scripture] states also “the land of their sojournings in which they sojourned” (Exod. 6:4). Therefore, you must say that [the prophecy] “your seed will be *strangers*” starts when he Abraham had offspring. And only when you count 400 years from the time that Isaac was born, you will find 210 years from their entry into Egypt. This is one of the things that the Sages changed for King Ptolemy. — Rashi Exodus 12:40

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel (and of their fathers), which they sojourned in the land of Canaan and in the land of Egypt was 430 years. Septuagint Exodus 12:40

BCE	Event	Count
1743	Covenant between the Pieces	Start the count of 430
1713	Isaac born	Seed, start the count of 400
1523	Israel comes to Egypt	210 years to go
1429	Enslavement following Levi's death	116 years to go
1343	Efrayim leaves	Miscalculation of 30 years
1313	Exodus	430 on the dot

*All dates are approximate

$$\aleph = x$$

Number 11:21 But Moses said, "Here I am with six hundred thousand men on foot, and yet you say, 'I will give them meat to eat for a whole month!'"

Judges 8:10 Now Zevach and Tzalmuna were in Karkor with their army, about 15,000 men, all that remained of the entire army of the people from the east; since 120,000 arms-bearing soldiers had fallen.

1 Samuel 24:2 Sha'ul took three thousand men chosen from all Israel and went searching for David and his men on the cliffs where the mountain goats are.

Deuteronomy 7:1-7 ADONAI your God is going to bring you into the land you will enter in order to take possession of it, and he will expel many nations ahead of you -the Hitti, Girkashi, Emori, Kena'ani, P'rizi, Hivi and Y'vusi, seven nations bigger and stronger than you. ... For you are a people set apart as holy for ADONAI your God. ADONAI your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his own unique treasure. ADONAI didn't set his heart on you or choose you because you numbered more than any other people - on the contrary, you were the fewest of all peoples.

Numbers 1:2-3 Take a census of the entire assembly of the people of Israel, by clans and families. Record the names of all the men twenty years old and over who are subject to military service in Israel. You and Aharon are to enumerate them company by company.

Numbers 1:16 These were the ones called from the assembly, the chiefs of their fathers' clans and heads of thousands in Israel.