

# Jacob Moves His Family to Egypt

## 46:1 to 47:12

**Joseph is the link between the children of Isra'el and the nation of Isra'el.** The conclusion of the **Yosef** narrative now begins to intersect with the conclusion of the **Jacob** story, and ultimately with the conclusion of the patriarchal narratives in general. The rest of **Genesis** brings together issues that relate to the past and future of the patriarchal family. These two chapters bring closure to the past by relating the move of the family to **Egypt** and **their settlement in the land of Goshen.**<sup>698</sup>

This starts **the length of time that the Israelite people lived in Egypt.** All totaled, the Bible tells us that **they** lived there **430 years to the very day (Exodus 12:40).**

- From the descent of **Ya'akov** into **Egypt** to the death of **Yosef**, there were **71 years.**
- From the death of **Joseph** to the birth of **Moses**, there were **278 years.**
- From the birth of **Moses** to his flight into **Midian**, there were **40 years.**
- From the flight of **Moses** to **Midian** to his return into **Egypt**, there were **40 years.**
- From the return of **Moses** into **Egypt** to the exodus, there was **1 year.**