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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 (Psalm 105:23-25).**⁶⁹⁸

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**.