430 YEAR SOJOURN - EX 12:40, GAL 3:17

1921 BC	Gen 12:4 when TARAH dies in Haran and ABRAM entered Canaan (age 75) and began 430 yrs sojourn.
- 25	75 + 11 (Gen 16:16) = 86 yrs old + 14 (Gen 21:5) = 100 yrs old when ISAAC born
1896 BC	ISAAC born
- 40	Gen 25:20
1856 BC	marries REBECCA
- 20	Gen 25:26 JACOB (& ESAU) born after 20 yrs
1836 BC	JACOB born - ISAAC 60 yrs old
586 BC	final fall of Judah
721 BC	Assyrian captivity
975 BC	kingdom divided (Ezk 4:4-5, 390 years inclusive from the fall)
+ 40	SOLOMON reigned 40 yrs
1015 BC	SOLOMON begins reign
- 3	SOLOMON begins temple in his 4th year (at its beginning - 2nd month, 2nd day)
1012 BC	1 Kl 6:1
+ 480	yrs to Exodus
1491 BC	year of Exodus on 15th Abib
+ 430	yrs of sojourn from covenant with ABRAHAM to Exodus Gen 12:1-4
1921 BC	Ex 12:40-41, Gal 3:17
+ 427	yrs of Flood to ABRAHAM'S covenant - Gen 11:10-25 = 222 yrs + 130 yrs TERAH'S age when ABRAM born 205 Gen 11:32 + 75 Gen 12:4 − 75 427 yrs 130 yrs old - not 70 - Gen 11:26 does not mean all three sons were born in one year. ABRAM's name is first, not because he was the firstborn, but because he was the lineage to the Messiah - The Seed (Gen 3:16, 22:18) the same reason SHEM's name is first (Gen 5:32) when JAPHETH was firstborn (Gen 10:21).
2348 BC	year of Flood
+ 1656	yrs from ADAM to Flood - Gen 5, 7:6
4004 BC	year of Creation

Year of ABRAHAM'S Covenant

Year of Creation

JEWS	3761 BC
KLASSEN	3975 BC
FAULSTITCH	4001 BC
USSHER	4004 BC
JONES	4004 BC
AKITEY	4042 BC
CLINTON	4138 BC
ANDERSON	4141 BC

By comparing Genesis 12:4, Exodus 12:40 and Galatians 3:17 the much debated 430 year epoch can be properly understood. Never is it said in these Scripture references that the Jews ***dwelt*** in or were ***slaves*** in Egypt for 430 years. Rather, they teach that the duration of their sojourn from the time Abraham (Abram) entered the Promised Land (Gen.12:1) until the giving of the Law three months after the Exodus was that of 430 years. The ***sojourning*** commenced at Genesis 12:1 and is quite a different subject from the ***dwelling*** in Egypt. The Scripture does not say the "sojourning" of the children of Israel in Egypt, but rather who "dwelt" in Egypt. As we have seen, the ***dwelling*** in Egypt was only 215 years. The dwelling is to be distinguished from the broader "sojourning", which was over another 215 years. Galatians 3:17 makes all this both clear and certain:

> And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

The Galatian text unequivocally declares that the interval from the Covenant with Abraham (context, cp. Gal.3:16) to the giving of the Law at Sinai (on the day of Pentecost fifty three days after Passover) was 430 years. Exodus 12:40 is saying that the sojourn of that particular branch of Abraham's lineage as traced through Isaac and Jacob was the group which eventually went down to Egypt. In other words, it is a statement defining and identifying with which of Abraham's lineages the narrative is dealing as Abraham had numerous other lineages, i.e. through Isaac and Jacob - not by way of Ishmael, Esau or Abraham's many offspring by Keturah whom he wed after Sarah died (Genesis 25). The verse is telling us ***which*** children of Abraham are being focused upon, not how long they were in Egypt. That the lineage of Isaac was the branch selected by God is indisputable for "In Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Genesis 21:12c, cp. 17:19, 21 and Hebrews 11:17-18).

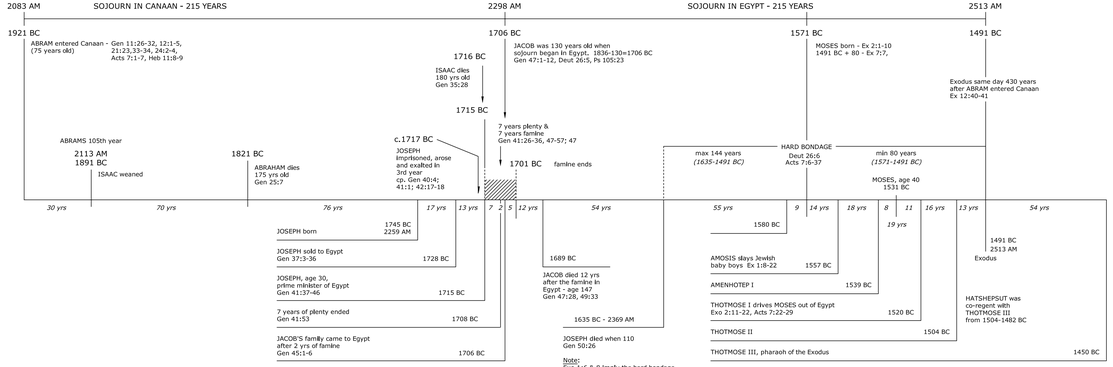

Chart #3

430 Year Sojourn

SCALE - years

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