

APPENDIX

430 years v/s 400 years

- Exodus 12:40-41 – Now the **sojourning** of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was **four hundred and thirty years**. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.
- Galatians 3:17 – 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.
- Genesis 15:13 – And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them **four hundred years**.
- Acts 7:6 – And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and **entreat them evil four hundred years**.

Genesis 21:8-9 – And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned. **And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.**

According to Jewish rabbinical traditions, weaning could take place anywhere between 18 months and 5 years of age. In one important biblical parallel, Samuel was weaned prior to being taken to Eli the priest to serve the Lord. I Samuel 1:24 says, “*And when she had weaned him . . . she brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh. And the child was young.*”

According to Jerom, it was the opinion of some of the Hebrews that he was five years old; and at this age Bishop Usher places the weaning of him (*Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible*).

1. Abram received the covenant and sojourned in Egypt at 75 years of age (1876 B.C.).
2. Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 years old (1851 B.C.).
3. Isaac “weaned” at 5 years of age and Ishmael mocked him (1846 B.C.). The mocking of Isaac by Ishmael marks the beginning of 400 years of affliction.
4. The Children of Israel went out from the Land of Egypt (1446 B.C.).

The time from the covenant (Gen. 12:2-3) and Abram’s sojourn in Egypt (Gen. 12:10) to the mocking of Isaac by Ishmael (Gen. 21:9) covered a period of 30 years, which, when added to the 400 years of affliction, totals 430 years from the covenant to the Law (Gal. 3:17).

