430 Year Sojourn

The 430 year sojourn of Abraham's lineage is from his entry into the Promised Land (Gen.12:1) to the Exodus (Ex.12:40). This period encompasses the lives of various key figures and significant events in the narrative of the Hebrew Bible.

- **Terah's Age at Abram's Birth**: 75 years old (Gen 11:32)
- **Abram Enters Canaan**: At 75 years old (Gen 12:4)
- **Jacob's Birth**: 60 years old (Gen 25:26)
- **Abraham's Reign**: 40 years
- **Solomon's Temple Construction**: 4th year of his reign (1 Ki 6:1)
- **Solomon's Reign**: 40 years
- **Israel's Kingdom Divided**: 390 years inclusive from the fall
- **Assyrian Captivity**: Final fall of Judah
- **Jacob and Isaac's Ages at Isaac's Birth**: Jacob 130 years old, Isaac 222 years old (Gen 25:20, 75 + 11 + 14 = 100)
- **Jacob's Death**: 175 years old (Gen 35:28)
- **Isaac's Death**: 1715 BC (Gen 47:4)
- **Ezekiel's Prophecy**: 390 years (Ezk 4:4-5)
- **Galatians Reference**: 430 years (Gal 3:17)

The verse in Genesis 3:16 states, "And in the image of man He created them; male and female He created them. And He blessed them and called their name Man, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." This verse establishes the dispensation of the Covenants, which is the foundation for understanding the timeline of events.

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. The Scripture references that the Jews dwelt in Egypt. The Scripture does not say the "sojourning" of the children of Israel in Egypt. In other words, it is a statement defining and identifying with which of the lineages, i.e. through Isaac and Jacob was the group which eventually went down to Egypt. The verse is telling us in Isaac shall thy seed be called 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).

The verse Galatians 3:17 makes all this quite clear and certain: 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 references that the Jews dwelt in Egypt. The Scripture does not say the "sojourning" of the children of Israel in Egypt. The Scripture does not say that the sojourn of that particular branch of Abraham's lineage as in Egypt. The Scripture does not say that it is the duration of the children of Israel in Egypt. That the Scripture references that the Jews dwelt in Egypt. The Scripture does not say the "sojourning" of the children of Israel in Egypt (in 1619 BC, see Chart 3a). Thus, the actual duration was less than 128 years (1619 - 1491 = 128).

The 430 year epoch, as referenced in Galatians 3:17, is the period from the Covenant with Abraham to the giving of the Law at Sinai. This period includes the 215 years of sojourn in Canaan and the 215 years of sojourn in Egypt. The 430 year period is a key reference in understanding the timeline of events in the Hebrew Bible.

**Timeline Notes**
- **Terah's Age**: 75 years old
- **Abram's Birth**: Terah's 130th year
- **Jacob's Birth**: 60 years old
- **Isaac's Birth**: 75 + 11 + 14 = 100 years old
- **Joseph's Birth**: 80 years old
- **Moses' Birth**: 128 years old (1619 - 1491 = 128)

The timeline also includes significant events such as
- **Famine in Egypt**: 1701 BC - 1708 BC
- **Famine Ends**: 1711 BC
- **Exhausted Joseph**: 1721 BC
- **Joseph's Exaltation**: 1716 BC
- **Joseph's Death**: 1715 BC
- **Jacob's Visit to Egypt**: 1728 BC
- **Joseph's Father Dies**: 1737 BC
- **Exodus**: 1491 BC

This timeline provides a comprehensive view of the 430 year sojourn and its significance in the context of the Hebrew Bible.