

## Ages of the Patriarchs Relative to events in their Lives

### Abraham

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100<sub>1</sub> Isaac (Born)

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175<sub>4</sub> Abraham dies

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### Isaac

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40<sub>2</sub> Isaac marries Rebecah

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60<sub>3</sub> Esau & Jacob (Born)

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100<sub>5</sub> Esau Marries

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180<sub>9</sub> Isaac dies

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### Jacob

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77<sub>6</sub> Jacob flees to Laban

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91<sub>7</sub> Joseph (Born)

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97<sub>6</sub> Jacob goes to Canaan

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130<sub>11</sub> Jacob moves to Egypt

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147<sub>12</sub> Jacob dies

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### Joseph

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17<sub>8</sub> Sold into slavery

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30<sub>10</sub> Joseph enters Pharaoh's service

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39 Joseph brings Jacob to live in Egypt

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110<sub>13</sub> Joseph dies

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- 1 Gen 21:5 Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born.
- 2 Gen 25:20 Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah.
- 3 Gen 25:26 Isaac was 60 years old when Esau and Jacob were born (twins).
- 4 Gen 25:7 Abraham dies at the age of 175.
- 5 Gen 26:34 Esau marries Canaanite women.
- 6 Jacob worked for Laban 20 years (Gen 31:38). And he approached Laban after Joseph was born (Gen 30:25) and agreed to work for six more years for a flock of his own (Gen 31:41). So by adding 6 years to Jacob's age when Joseph was born, we know this is his age when he left Laban. Then by subtracting 20 years we know this is his age when he fled to Laban after stealing the blessing from Esau.
- 7 To get Jacob's age at Joseph's birth we have to go back to when Joseph brought Jacob to live in Egypt. Jacob was 130 years old when he arrived in Egypt and came before Pharaoh (Gen 47:9). Now Joseph was 30 years old when he came into service for Pharaoh (Gen 41:46). And he served 7 years during the abundance (Gen 41:47). Then in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the famine (Gen 45:6) Joseph brings his family to Egypt. So,  $30 + 7 + 2 = 39$ , the age of Joseph when Jacob came to Egypt and before Pharaoh. So by subtracting Joseph's age (39) from Jacob's age (130) we get Jacob's age when Joseph was born: 91.

- 8 Gen 37:2 tells us that Joseph was 17 when he started having trouble with his brothers. The story gives the impression that his dreams and trouble with his brothers was a short time before he is sold into slavery.
- 9 Gen 35:28 Isaac dies at the age of 180 years.
- 10 Joseph enters Pharaoh's service after interpreting his dream. Gen 41:46.
- 11 Jacob was 130 years old when he came before Pharaoh when he got to Egypt (Gen 47:9) [see note 7].
- 12 Gen 47:28 Jacob dies at the age of 147 years.
- 13 Gen 50:22 Joseph dies at the age of 110 years.