

# Acts 7:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

## Analysis

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Joseph's summons brought seventy-five souls to Egypt (Genesis 46:27, Septuagint count including Joseph's grandchildren born in Egypt). This small family would multiply into a great nation, demonstrating God's covenant faithfulness to make Abraham's descendants numerous. The specific number emphasizes God's particular knowledge and care for each covenant member. The divine precision in fulfilling promises encourages our trust in God's detailed providence.

## Historical Context

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The number seventy-five (LXX) versus seventy (Hebrew) reflects different counting methods—Hebrew counts direct descendants, while LXX includes grandsons born in Egypt. The invited settlement in Goshen (Genesis 47:6) gave them fertile land while keeping them separate from Egyptian culture. This preserved their distinct identity during the 400-year Egyptian sojourn.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's multiplication of Jacob's small family into a nation demonstrate His faithfulness to covenant promises?
2. What does the precise enumeration of souls teach us about God's personal knowledge of His people?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀποστείλας δὲ Ἰωσὴφ μετεκαλέσατο τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ  
sent Then Joseph and called G3588 father G846  
G649 G1161 G2501 G3333 G3962 G846  
Ἰακὼβ καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν συγγένειαν αὐτοῦ ἐν ψυχαῖς  
Jacob to him and all G3588 kindred G846 G1722 souls  
G2384 G2532 G3956 G4772 G5590  
ἐβδομήκοντα πέντε·  
threescore and fifteen G4002  
G1440 G4002

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 10:22** (Parallel theme): Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

**Exodus 1:5** (Parallel theme): And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already.