

# Exodus 12:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

## Analysis

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The precise timeframe '430 years' fulfills God's prophecy to Abraham (Genesis 15:13 says '400 years,' which is rounded). The phrase 'the selfsame day' emphasizes God's perfect timing—not 429 or 431 years, but exactly as predicted. This exact fulfillment establishes God's reliability in all prophetic promises. Human calendars may vary, but divine timing is perfect.

## Historical Context

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The 430 years likely dated from Jacob's entry into Egypt or from God's covenant with Abraham, depending on calculation methods. Various Jewish and Christian scholars interpret the starting point differently.

## Related Passages

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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's precise fulfillment of the 430-year timeframe strengthen your confidence in unfulfilled prophecies?

2. What does 'the selfsame day' teach about God's sovereignty over historical timing and His meticulous care?

## Interlinear Text

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Now the sojourning	of the children	of Israel	H834	who dwelt	in Egypt
H4186	H1121	H3478		H3427	H4714
וְשָׁנָה	וְאַרְבַּע	מֵאוֹת	שָׁנָה	וְשָׁנָה	וְשָׁנָה
and thirty	years	was four	hundred	years	
H7970	H8141	H702	H3967	H8141	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 15:13** (Parallel theme): And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not their's, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

**Acts 7:6** (Parallel theme): 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.

**Acts 13:17** (References Israel): The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.