

# EXODUS - JOSHUA

## JOURNEY INTO FREEDOM



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*“The Birth of a Savior”*  
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# Announcements

- Last push for the photo directory! You can provide your own photo. See instructions on the tables. Spread the word; particularly to young families.

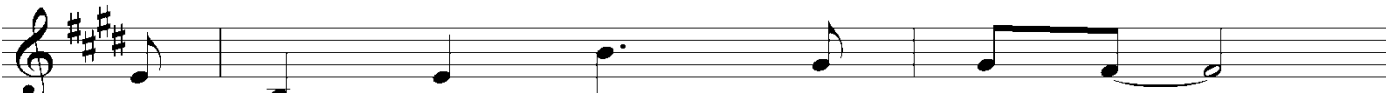


# How Can I Keep From Singing

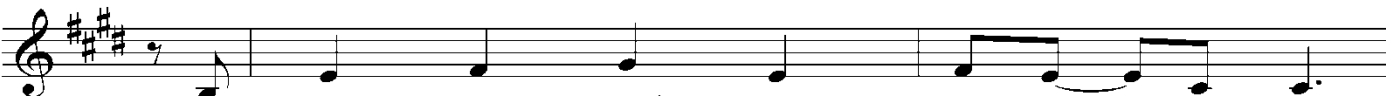
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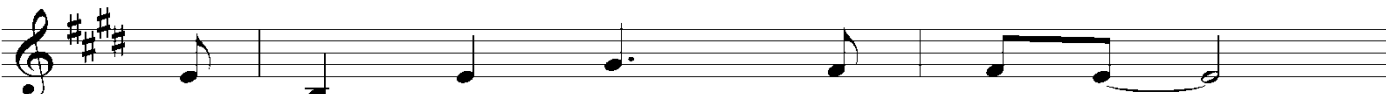
1. My life goes on in end-less song,  
2. Through all the tu-mult and the strife  
3. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,



a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion.  
I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing.



I hear the real though far-off hymn  
It sounds and ech - oes in my soul;  
All things are mine since I am His;



that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
how can I keep from sing - ing?  
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No storm can shake my in-most calm,

while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Love is Lord of heav-en and earth,

how can I keep from sing-ing.

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# So, how'd Israel get into this mess?

- God made a covenant with Abram:
  - The promise of land ([Gen. 12:1](#)).
  - The promise of descendants ([Gen. 12:2](#)).
  - The promise of blessing and redemption ([Gen. 12:3](#)).

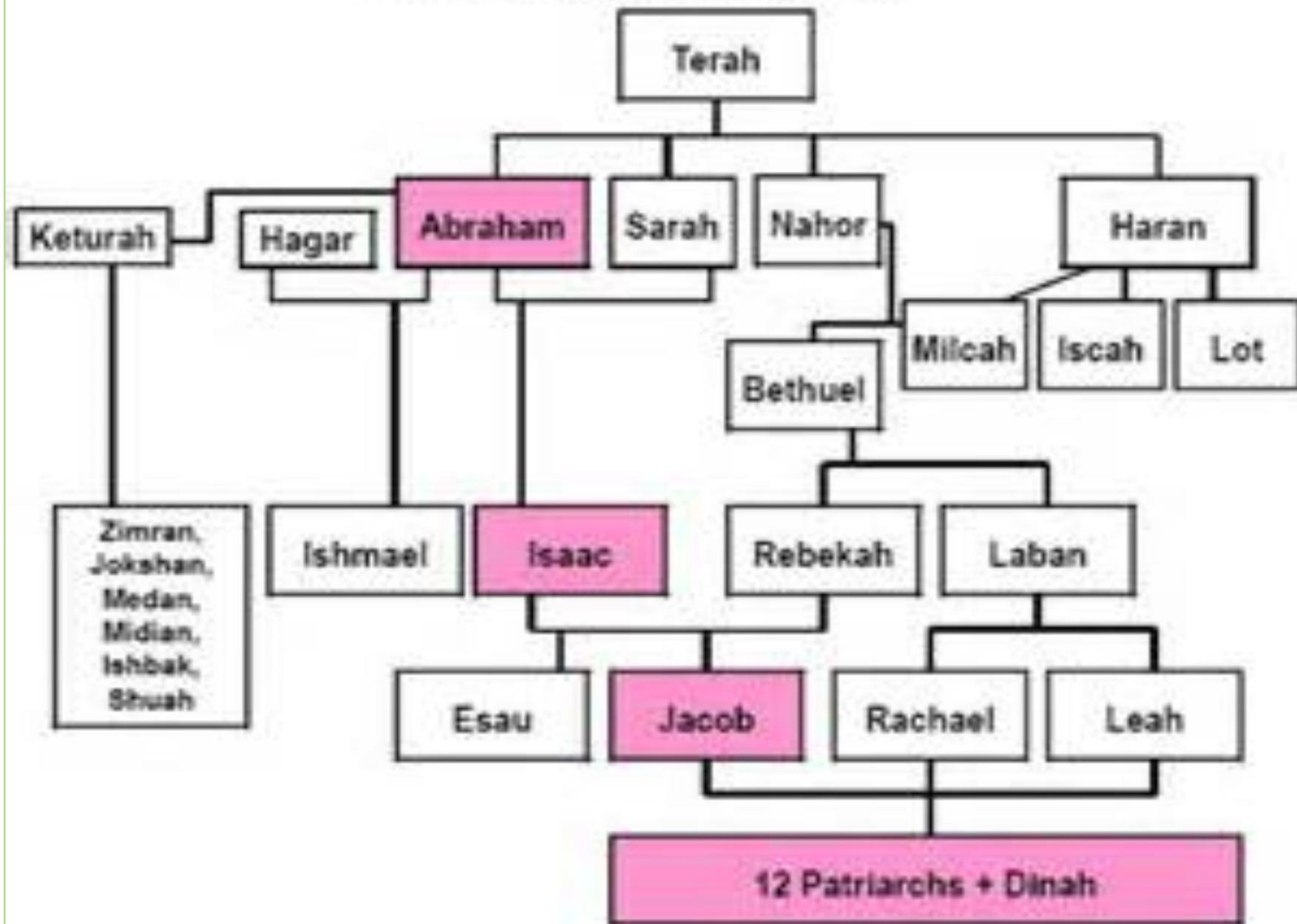
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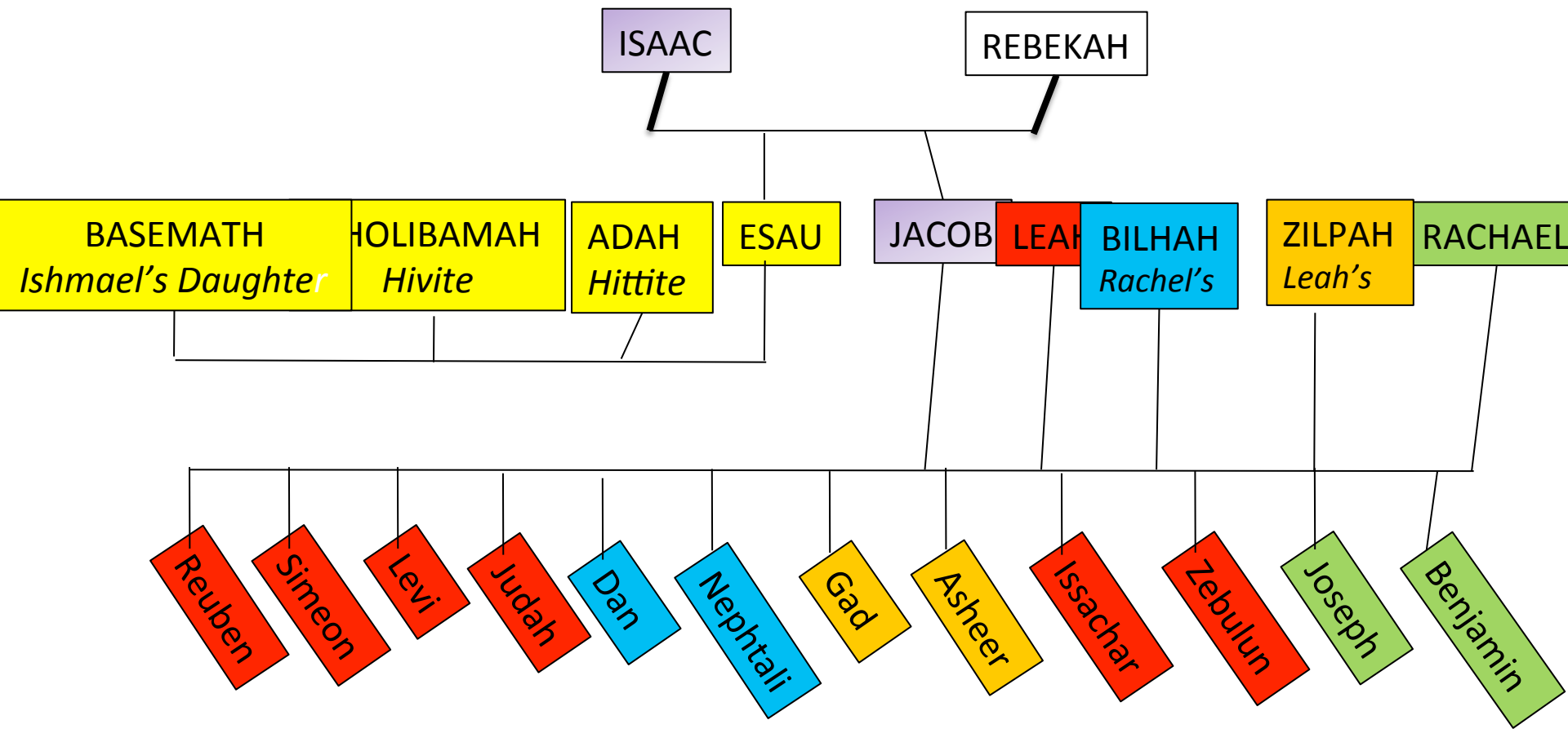
- God gave prophecies to Abraham ([Gen. 15:13-21](#))
  - descendants would be strangers in a land that wasn't theirs
  - they would be slaves in that land
  - they would be mistreated for 400 years
  - the nation that mistreated them would be punished
  - they would experience a great deliverance and leave with many possessions
  - in the 4<sup>th</sup> generation they would return to Canaan.








# Abraham's Family Tree





# The Exodus

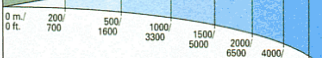
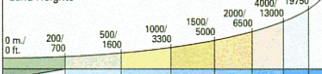
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0 20 40 60 80 Miles

0 20 40 60 80 100 Kilometers



## Land Heights






Deep Depths

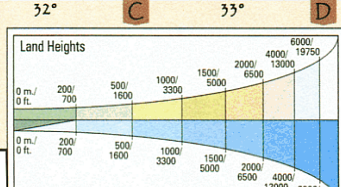
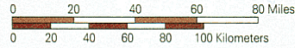
**FAST FORWARD 430 YEARS**

# THINGS HAVE CHANGED IN EGYPT

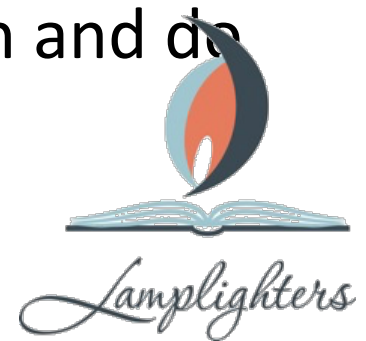
- Jacob and the next generation died.
- The Israelites “were fruitful and multiplied greatly.”
- Pharaoh “did not know Joseph.”
- The institutional memory of Joseph and his role saving Egypt was lost (no back story).
- “Exceedingly numerous” Israelites fill the land and lead to fear and oppression.
- Pharaoh first enslaves the Israelites—forced labor.
- Pharaoh then plans to reduce Israelite population by killing male babies—genocide.

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- God is faithful.
  - God is able.
  - God is sovereign.
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- There's always a back story.
  - Fear God, not people.
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- Where is God asking you to step out in faith and do what He has trained you for?



# The Birth of a Savior

- Dark time for God's people
- King's edict of death
- Born into poverty
- Protected by God and parents who acted
- Born to free God's people





- God's providence
- God is trustworthy.
  
- The trust of God's people
- Small steps of faith in everyday life...
  
- Who or what is your "baby"?



# The Secular Solution



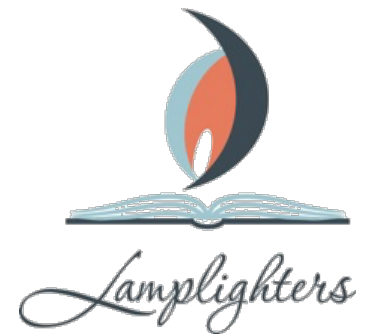
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“But when he was approaching the age of 40, it entered his mind to visit his brothers, the sons of Israel.”




Acts 7:23

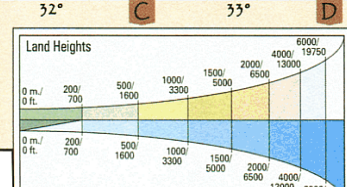
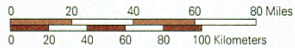
“Glancing this way and that, and seeing no one, Moses killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.”

Ex. 2:12



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“Moses spent the 1<sup>st</sup> 40 years of his life thinking he was somebody. He spent the 2<sup>nd</sup> 40 years of his life thinking he was a nobody. And he spent the 3<sup>rd</sup> 40 years of his life discovering what God can do with a nobody.”

Dwight L. Moody



- God is faithful—hard times don't erase His promises
- God doesn't always protect us from the consequences of our bad decisions, but He is not defeated by our failures.
- God's ways and timing are perfect, even when they include desert experiences.
- God cares—heavy trials don't mean God is not concerned; He is with us.



- We tend to run ahead of God and mistake our will for His will.
- We need to learn to wait upon the Lord and ask for His direction and timing.
- Failures do not disqualify us for future service.
- Wilderness experiences can be productive tools in God's hands.







“God found me in a desert land...God found me in the howling waste of a wilderness. God encircled me. God cared for me, and guarded me as the pupil of His eye.”

Deut. 32:10



# TRUST

**“Do not be afraid! Follow Me.”**

