

History or “His” Story?

Exodus 1 (Living in Covenant, Series)

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- Pentateuch = “five books” (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)
- Exodus is a continuation of Genesis
- Genesis informs of God’s promises to Abraham:
 - 1) God would bless Abraham (and his descendants)
 - 2) God would give him land
 - 3) God would bring from him a large number of people (innumerable)
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 - 1) Abraham’s descendants would live in a foreign nation _____ years
 - 2) They would be _____ during that time
 - 3) God would deliver them and _____ that nation
 - 4) God would give them great _____
- Genesis reveals the struggles of Abraham’s first descendants
 - Jacob wrestles with God (Gen. 32:22-30)
 - God renamed Jacob, “Israel” (means “strives with God” or “God strives/ prevails”)
- Genesis introduces Israel in the person formerly named Jacob
 - God reaffirms Jacob’s new name (Gen. 35:9-12)
 - From here on Jacob is called _____.

- Genesis (27-50) follows the saga of Jacob and his family problems
 - 1) Jacob's poor leadership and treatment of his wife Leah resulted in family tension.
 - 2) His ten sons' jealousy of Joseph because Jacob treated the others as second class.
 - 3) Joseph's dreams and the evil that befell him because of his arrogance toward his brothers with those dreams.
- Joseph's death ends Genesis (though not the *Torah*)
- Exodus continues the story of Genesis
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 - 5) Abraham’s descendants would live in a foreign nation **400** years
 - 6) They would be **oppressed** during that time
 - 7) God would deliver them and **punish** that nation
 - 8) God would give them great **possessions**
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