

A close-up photograph of an open Bible. A magnifying glass is positioned over the word 'Hebrews' in a large, bold, black serif font. The background shows other text from the Bible, including 'Philemon' on the left page and 'The Son Superior to Angels' on the right page. A wooden pencil is visible on the left page. The overall lighting is warm and focused on the text.

Hebrews

Word on Wednesday - Study on the book of Hebrews

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You **can work** 24/7365....for God...

But if you have **NO faith** in these....

You miss the mark!

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You walk to please Him
(Godly intention).

You work in accordance to His leading
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You will find the **approval of God**.

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REFLECTION & APPLICATION:

1. What has God called me to do?
2. What am I hesitating?
3. Am I willing to **LET GO** of my past ie comfort?

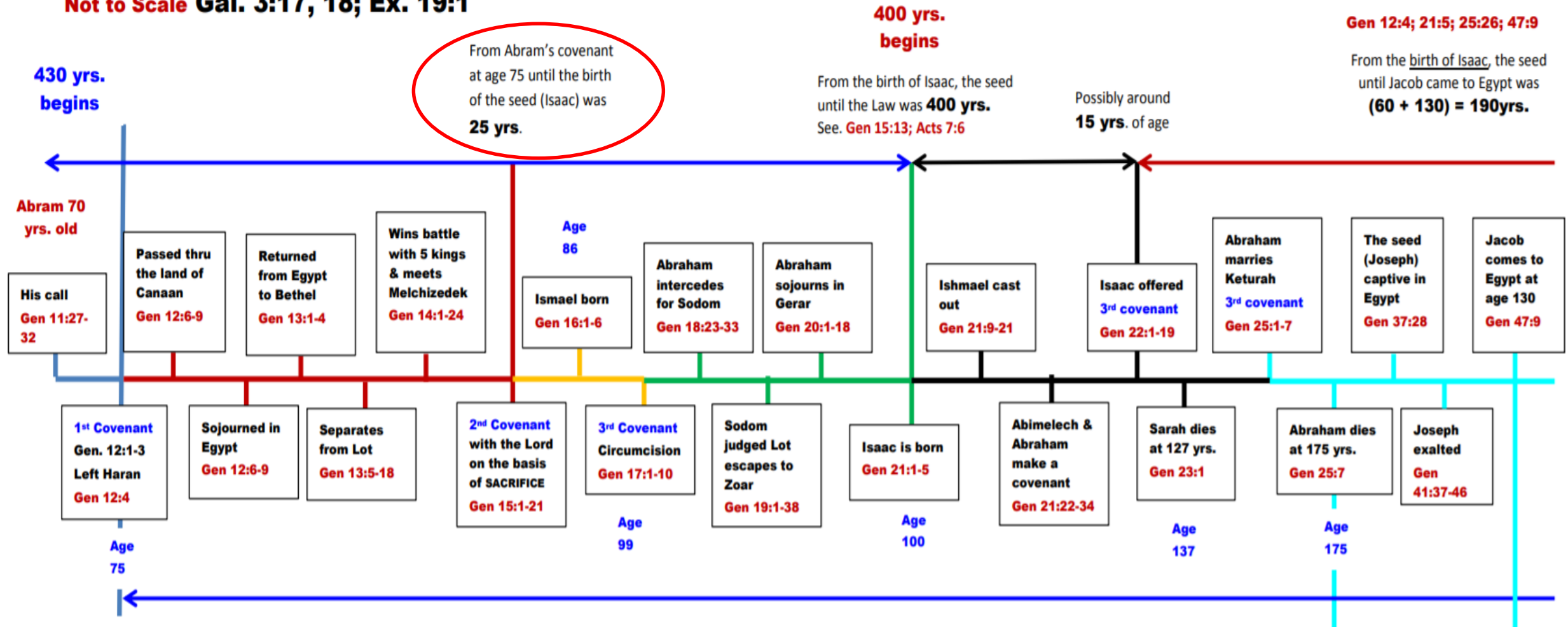
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How long did Sarah wait?**

TIMELINE FOR ABRAM (ABRAHAM) from the promise given at age 70 (Gen. 12:1-4) until JACOB ARRIVES IN EGYPT - 220 YEARS

Not to Scale Gal. 3:17, 18; Ex. 19:1



Promised was made in Gen 12 when Abraham was 75yrs.
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**They did not see the innumerable descendants.
But they believed.**

V13b-15 They were ONLY passing by in this world.

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**How to wait:
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= Offered up Isaac without excuses or delay.

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WHY? See Gen12

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We will.. return to you = God will raised him from the dead.

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V19 believed in the resurrected power of God.

No question.

No bargain.

No option.

A heart of worship. And the result.....

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V20-22 Future is secured.

V20 Isaac pointed them to the future.

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Gen 50:25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “**God will assuredly take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here.**” 26 So Joseph died at the age of 110 years; and they embalmed him and placed him in a coffin in Egypt.

Jos 24:32 Now they **buried the bones of Joseph**, which the sons of Israel brought up from Egypt, at Shechem, in the plot of land which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money; and they became the inheritance of Joseph's sons.

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What has He called me to?
(Place)

How to wait?
(Presence)

What does He require of me today?
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Moses = Man of Contradiction

- Known as the greatest spokesman for God (By Jews, Muslim, Christian)
- Refused to lead (Ex2-3) to greatest leader. What change?
- Faith in following through the choice he made.

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V23 hidden; lowest & fugitive

V24 highest honor

= son of Pharaoh's daughter

= rejected the privilege & power

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V25 endure > enjoy

**harder to endure poverty when born rich*

V26 reproach of Christ > riches of Egypt

What *reward?

*What you *choose depends on what you see; visible or not visible.*

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He chose Testimony; living for the promises of God.

Not title; son of Pharaoh's daughter

(just a nametag in museum)

Chose to endure > enjoy

Don't grab title. Go for testimony! *Eg answered prayers > 1mil*

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2. Decision on Wilderness or Wonderland?

V27 Egypt:

Pharaoh is god. Place is abundance of provision.

Moses SAW GOD.

Chose unseen God.

Value changes = we see God.

Only Faith can see the unseen.

Left Egypt x 2: alone + multitude

Wilderness:

= is needed to see God.

= is needed for promised land.

God can use a broken man.

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V28 Kept the Passover:
Reminder for the unseen God.
Humbled before God. He is the same with the rest.

V29 Passed through Red Sea:
Prayed for deliverance.
Nothing of himself. Unlike the worldly leaders.
Godly leader is truly broken and humbled before God.

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Moses – Faith seen in his choice (v23-29)

- 1. Decision on Testimony or Title.**
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He chose a life of faith (testimony) not title.

He chose a life of hardship (wilderness) not pleasure.

Narrow is the road that leads to eternal life.

What is your choice today?

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