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Gen. 46:26-27- ²⁶ All the persons belonging to Jacob, who came to Egypt, his direct descendants, not including the wives of Jacob's sons, *were* **sixty-six** persons in all, ²⁷ and the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt were two; all the persons of the house of Jacob, who came to Egypt, *were* **seventy**.

Exod. 1:5- All the persons who came from the loins of Jacob were **seventy** in number, but Joseph was already in Egypt.

Deut. 10:22- Your fathers went down to Egypt **seventy** persons in all, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Acts 7:14- Then Joseph sent word-and invited Jacob his father and all his relatives to come to him, **seventy-five** persons in all.

Genesis 46:26 says that 66 people entered Egypt while the Exodus 1:5 places the number at 70. However, the Genesis text omits Joseph, Joseph's two sons Ephraim and Manasseh, and Jacob (see Gen 46:27). While the LXX, Acts 7:14, and a Qumran document lists the number at 75, this number probably includes Joseph's three grandsons and two great grandsons that are mentioned in Numbers 26 (See Gen 46:26 in the LXX where these names are added). J. Carl Laney, *Answers to Tough Questions: A Survey of Problem Passages and Issues from Every Book of the Bible* (Kregel: Grand Rapids, 1997), 29; Archer, *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction*, 238, n.3.

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Gen. 50:26-So **Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years**; and he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

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Gen. 13:16-I will make your descendants as the **dust of the earth**, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.

Gen. 15:5-And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count **the stars**, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

Gen. 22:17-indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the **sand which is on the seashore**; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.

Num. 23:19-“**God is not a man, that He should lie**, nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Titus 1:2-in the hope of eternal life, which **God, who cannot lie**, promised long ages ago

Heb. 6:18-so that by two unchangeable things in which it is **impossible for God to lie**, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.

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Joseph died at the end of the Twelfth Dynasty. The decline of the Twelfth Dynasty led to the chaotic reign of the Hyksos. Native Egyptians overthrew the Hyksos. These events ushered in the Eighteenth Dynasty of the New Kingdom period. It was this regime that oppressed Israel. Its founder, Ahmose I (1570-1546), oppressed the chosen people since he viewed them as pro-Hyksos agents. Dyer and Merrill, *Old Testament Explorer*, 43-44.

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Acts 5:17- But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with **jealousy**.

Acts 13:45-But when the Jews saw the **crowds**, they were filled with **jealousy** and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.

Dan. 6:3-4- ³Then this **Daniel began distinguishing himself among** the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom.⁴Then the commissioners and satraps began **trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel** in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.

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The city of Ramses (Exod 1:11) must refer to Ramses II of the 13th century (1304–1237). However, the name Ramses was used early (Gen 47:11).

Gen. 47:11- So Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of, in the best of the land, in **the land of Rameses**, as Pharaoh had ordered.

13-14

Heb. 11:25-choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy **the passing pleasures of sin**.

“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.”

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Matt. 2:16-Then when **Herod** saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and **slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under**, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

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Acts 5:29-But Peter and the apostles answered, “**We must obey God rather than men.**”

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Exod. 4:22-Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord,
“Israel is My son, My firstborn.”’

Conclusion

Num. 6:24-26-²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;
²⁵ The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
²⁶ The Lord lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.’