

----- Midianites 7 Years -----

2276c AM, 2986 JP, 1728 BC

129. When Joseph was seventeen years old, he told his father of his brothers' wickedness and was told by God that he would one day be the head of all his father's family. For this his brothers hated him so much that they plotted his death. At length they agreed to sell him as a slave into a far country. When they drew him from the pit that they had cast him into, they sold him for twenty pieces of silver to the Ishmaelite and Midianite merchants. Both of these peoples were descended from their grandfather, Abraham. [E10] Joseph was carried away by them to Egypt. There they sold him to be a slave to Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh's guard. {#Ge 37:2-36} Justin mentioned Joseph and said: {Justin, Trogus, l. 36. c. 2.} "His brothers envied the excellency of his wisdom. After getting him privately into their hands, they sold him to foreign merchants who carried him into Egypt."

2473b AM, 3183 JP, 1531 BC

170. When Moses was forty years old, he visited his brethren, the Israelites. When he saw their sad plight and observed an Egyptian smiting a man of the Hebrews, he killed the Egyptian and buried him in the sand. [E13] This became known not only to his brethren but also to Pharaoh, who sought to kill him. Moses fled from there into the land of Midian. He married Zipporah, the

daughter of Jethro, and stayed there forty years. {#Ac 7:23-30 Ex 2:11-22 3:1 18:1,2 Nu 10:29 Jud 4:11}

2553a AM, 3262 JP, 1452 BC

286. By Balaam's advice, the women of Moab and Midian were sent to turn the Israelites away and to make them commit idolatry with them. {#Nu 25:1-3 31:16 De 4:3 Ps 106:28 Re 2:14} Therefore, God commanded Moses first to hang all the leaders of this rebellion and then to give orders to the judges to put to death all who had joined themselves to Baalpeor. Finally, God sent a plague upon the people, in which twenty-three thousand men died in one day. {#1Co 10:8} This number, plus those who were hung and killed with the sword, came to twenty-four thousand. {#Nu 25:4,5,9}

291. Twelve thousand of the Israelites, led by Phinehas, defeated the Midianites and killed all their males including their five princes and Sur, the father of Cozbi. All were under the subjection of Sihon the Amorite while he lived. Balaam the soothsayer was killed because, when he should have returned to his country of Mesopotamia, {#Nu 24:25} he had stayed instead, and so he died with the Midianites. {#Nu 31:1-8 Jos 13:21,22} Of the females, only the virgins were spared. {#Nu 31:9-54}