Timeline of Jacob's life

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Dies 1639 BC

Born as younger twin to Isaac and Rebecca.*

* Rebecca was having a difficult pregnancy and asked God why. She was told that there were two nations in her womb (Edom and Israel). The older twin (Esau) would serve the younger (Jacob).

Buys Esau's birthright for bread and stew.

Tricks Isaac into blessing him instead of Esau.

77 years old: travels to Paddan-aram to find a wife among his relatives.

Works for Laban, Rebecca's brother, for 7 years to marry his daughter Rachel

84 years old: tricked into marrying Rachel's sister Leah, then immediately marries Rachel for 7 more years of work.

Has 11 sons through Leah, Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah.

Works another 6 years for Laban, paid in livestock.

97 years old: returns to Canaan at God's command.

12th son, Benjamin, born. Rachel dies in childbirth.

108 years old: older sons hate his favourite son, Joseph, and sell him as a slave to be taken to Egypt.

Sends sons to Egypt to buy grain. Joseph invites family to Egypt.

130 years old: travels to Egypt with family.

147 years old: dies and is buried with his ancestors in Hebron.

Jacob lived for 147 years.

Joseph and his older brothers were between 56 and 63 years old and Benjamin between 39 and 50.

77 yrs Canaan

20 yrs Paddan-aram

33 yrs Canaan

17 yrs Egypt