

Ex. 6:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, “You shall soon see what I will do to Pharaoh: he shall let them go because of a greater might; indeed, because of a greater might he shall drive them from his land.”

Ex. 6:2 God spoke to Moses and said to him, “I am the LORD. ³ I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as El Shaddai, but I did not make Myself known to them by My name YHWH. ⁴ I also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, **the land in which they lived as sojourners** [אַרְצָן מְגֵרִים אֲשֶׁר-גָּרוּ בָהּ]. ⁵ I have now heard the moaning of the Israelites because the Egyptians are holding them in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. ⁶ Say, therefore, to the Israelite people: I am the LORD. I will free you from the labors of the Egyptians and deliver you from their bondage. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and through extraordinary chastisements. ⁷ And I will take you to be My people, and I will be your God. And you shall know that I, the LORD, am your God who freed you from the labors of the Egyptians. ⁸ I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession, I the LORD.” ⁹ But when Moses told this to the Israelites, they would not listen to Moses, their spirits crushed by cruel bondage.

Gen. 47:9 And Jacob answered Pharaoh, “The years of my sojourn [on earth] are one hundred and thirty. Few and hard have been the years of my life, nor do they come up to the life spans of my fathers during their sojourns.”

- **Gen. 17:8** I assign **the land you sojourn in** to you and your offspring to come, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting holding. I will be their God.
- **Gen. 28:4** May He grant the blessing of Abraham to you and your offspring, that you may possess **the land where you are sojourning**, which God assigned to Abraham.
- **Gen. 36:7** For their possessions were too many for them to dwell together, and **the land where they sojourned** could not support them because of their livestock. ⁸ So Esau **settled** [וַיֵּשֶׁב] in the hill country of Seir—Esau being Edom.
- **Gen. 37:1** Now Jacob was settled [וַיֵּשֶׁב יַעֲקֹב] **in the land where his father had sojourned**, the land of Canaan.
- **Ezek. 20:38** I will remove from you those who rebel and transgress against Me; I will take them out of **the countries where they sojourn**, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

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4. **sojournings in which they sojourned.** God’s language stresses the character of temporary residence of the nomadic forefathers in the land. Now temporary residence, *megurim*, will be transformed into fixed settlement, *yeshivah*.

Ruth 1:1 In the days when the chieftains ruled, there was a famine in the land; and a man of Bethlehem in Judah, with his wife and two sons, went to **reside** [לָגַר] in the country of Moab. ² The man’s name was Elimelech, his wife’s name was Naomi, and his two sons were named Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. They came to the country of Moab and **remained** [וַיֵּהָיוּ] there. ³ Elimelech, Naomi’s husband, died; and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth, and they **lived** [וַיֵּשְׁבוּ] there about ten years. ⁵ Then those two—Mahlon and Chilion—also died; so the woman was left without her two sons and without her husband. ⁶ She started out with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab; for in the country of Moab she had heard that the LORD had taken note of His people and given them food. ⁷ Accompanied by her two daughters-in-law, she left the place where she had been **living** [הָיְתָה]; and they set out on the road back to the land of Judah.

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