

## 400 Years

What a memorable four hundred years! Yet it is passed over in silence in the sacred records. Why? Because it had so little of God in it. Mere worldly glory finds no place in the Divine records. It may be “graven with an iron pen, and with lead in the rock for ever”; but it has no place in the book of remembrance which is kept for the eye of God, and of the holy ones who inhabit eternity. A brief notice at the beginning; a briefer notice at the end; that is all we have of the Divine record concerning the four hundred years which Israel spent amid the surpassing glories of the ancient empire of Egypt.

(John Monro Gibson, *The Mosaic Era: A Series of Lectures on Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy*, New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Company, 1881, 12)