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- א** וַיבֹּא יוֹסֵף, וַיִּגְדַּל לַפְּרֹעָה, וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וְאֶחָיו וְצִאֲנָם וּבְקָרָם וְכָל-אֲשֶׁר לָהֶם, בָּאוּ מֵאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן; וְהֵנָּם, בְּאֶרֶץ גִּשְׁוֹן.
- ב** וּמִקְצֵה אֶחָיו, לָקַח חַמְשָׁה אָנָשִׁים; וַיִּצְגָּם, לִפְנֵי פְרֹעָה.
- ג** וַיֹּאמֶר פְּרֹעָה אֶל-אֶחָיו, מַה-מַּעֲשֵׂיכֶם; וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵל-פְּרֹעָה, רָעָה צִאֵן עֲבָדֶיךָ--גַּם-אֲנַחְנוּ, גַּם-אֲבוֹתֵינוּ.
- ד** וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵל-פְּרֹעָה, לְגוֹר בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן, כִּי-אִין מְרַעָה לְצִאֵן אֲשֶׁר לְעַבְדֶּיךָ, כִּי-כָבֵד הָרַעַב בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן; וְעַתָּה יֵשְׁבוּ-נָא עֲבָדֶיךָ, בְּאֶרֶץ גִּשְׁוֹן.
- ה** וַיֹּאמֶר פְּרֹעָה, אֶל-יוֹסֵף לֵאמֹר: אָבִיךָ וְאֶחָיךָ, בָּאוּ אֵלֶיךָ.
- ו** אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, לִפְנֵיךָ הוּא--בְּמִיטֵב הָאֶרֶץ, הוֹשֵׁב אֶת-אָבִיךָ וְאֶת-אֶחָיךָ: יֵשְׁבוּ, בְּאֶרֶץ גִּשְׁוֹן--וְאִם-יִדְעַתָּה וַיֵּש-בָּם אֲנָשִׁי-חֵיל, וְשִׁמְתָם שָׂרֵי מִקְנֵה עַל-אֲשֶׁר-לִי.
- ז** וַיבֹּא יוֹסֵף אֶת-יַעֲקֹב אָבִיו, וַיַּעֲמִדְהוּ לִפְנֵי פְרֹעָה; וַיְבָרֶךְ יַעֲקֹב, אֶת-פְּרֹעָה.
- ח** וַיֹּאמֶר פְּרֹעָה, אֶל-יַעֲקֹב: כַּמָּה, יָמֵי שְׁנֵי חַיֶּיךָ.
- ט** וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב, אֶל-פְּרֹעָה, יָמֵי שְׁנֵי מְגוּרַי, שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאת שָׁנָה: מְעַט וְרַעִים, הָיוּ יָמֵי שְׁנֵי חַיֵּי, וְלֹא הִשְׁיֵגוּ אֶת-יָמֵי שְׁנֵי חַיֵּי אָבִיתִי, בֵּימֵי מְגוּרֵיהֶם.
- י** וַיְבָרֶךְ יַעֲקֹב, אֶת-פְּרֹעָה; וַיִּצְאָ, מִלִּפְנֵי פְרֹעָה.
- יא** וַיּוֹשֵׁב יוֹסֵף, אֶת-אָבִיו וְאֶת-אֶחָיו, וַיִּתֵּן לָהֶם אַחְזָה בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, בְּמִיטֵב הָאֶרֶץ בְּאֶרֶץ רַעְמֶסֶס--כְּאֲשֶׁר, צִוָּה פְּרֹעָה.
- יב** וַיִּכְלַל יוֹסֵף אֶת-אָבִיו וְאֶת-אֶחָיו, וְאֶת כָּל-בֵּית אָבִיו--לְחֶם, לִפְנֵי הַטָּף.
- יג** וְלֶחֶם אִין בְּכָל-הָאֶרֶץ, כִּי-כָבֵד הָרַעַב מְאֹד; וַתִּלְהַ אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, וְאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן, מִפְּנֵי הָרַעַב.
- יד** וַיִּלְקַט יוֹסֵף, אֶת-כָּל-הַכֶּסֶף הַנִּמְצָא בְּאֶרֶץ-מִצְרַיִם וּבְאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן, בַּשָּׂבָר, אֲשֶׁר-הֵם שֹׂבְרִים; וַיבֹּא יוֹסֵף אֶת-הַכֶּסֶף, בְּיַתֵּה פְּרֹעָה.
- טו** וַיִּתֵּם הַכֶּסֶף, מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וּמֵאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן, וַיבֹּאוּ כָל-מִצְרַיִם אֶל-יוֹסֵף לֵאמֹר הִבָּה-לָנוּ לְחֶם, וְלָמָּה נִמּוֹת נִגְדָּךָ: כִּי אָפֶס, כֶּסֶף.
- טז** וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף הֵבוּ מִקְנֵיכֶם, וְאַתְנֶה לָכֶם בְּמִקְנֵיכֶם--אִם-אָפֶס, כֶּסֶף.
- יז** וַיָּבִיאוּ אֶת-מִקְנֵיהֶם, אֶל-יוֹסֵף, וַיִּתֵּן לָהֶם יוֹסֵף לְחֶם בְּסוּסִים וּבְמִקְנֵה הַצֹּאֵן וּבְמִקְנֵה הַבָּקָר, וּבְחֲמֹרִים; וַיִּנְהַלֵּם בְּלָחֶם בְּכָל-מִקְנֵיהֶם, בַּשָּׁנָה הַהוּא.
- יח** וַתִּתֵּם, הַשָּׁנָה הַהוּא, וַיבֹּאוּ אֵלָיו בַּשָּׁנָה הַשְּׁנִיָּה וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ לֹא-נִכְחַד מֵאֲדָנִי, כִּי אִם-תֵּם הַכֶּסֶף וּמִקְנֵה הַבְּהֵמָה אֶל-אֲדָנִי: לֹא נִשְׂאָר לִפְנֵי אֲדָנִי, בְּלִתֵּי אִם-גּוֹיָמָנוּ וְאֲדָמָנוּ.
- יט** לָמָּה נִמּוֹת לְעֵינֶיךָ, גַּם-אֲנַחְנוּ גַּם אֲדָמָתָנוּ--קְנֵה-אֲתָנוּ וְאֶת-אֲדָמָתָנוּ, בְּלָחֶם; וְנִהְיֶה אֲנַחְנוּ וְאֲדָמָתָנוּ, עֲבָדִים לְפְרֹעָה, וְתוֹן-זָרַע וְנִחְיֶה וְלֹא נָמוֹת, וְהִאֲדָמָה לֹא תִשָּׁם.
- כ** וַיִּקַּן יוֹסֵף אֶת-כָּל-אֲדָמַת מִצְרַיִם, לְפְרֹעָה, כִּי-מָכְרוּ מִצְרַיִם אִישׁ שְׂדֵהוּ, כִּי-חֲזַק עָלֵהֶם הָרַעַב; וַתְּהִי הָאֶרֶץ, לְפְרֹעָה.
- כא** וְאֶת-הָעָם--הָעֵבִיר אֲתוֹ, לְעָרִים: מִקְצֵה גְבוּל-מִצְרַיִם, וְעַד-קִצְהוּ.
- כב** רַק אֲדָמַת הַכֹּהֲנִים, לֹא קָנָה: כִּי חֹק לַפְּהִנִים מֵאֵת פְּרֹעָה, וְאָכְלוּ אֶת-חֲקֵם אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָהֶם פְּרֹעָה--עַל-כֵּן, לֹא מָכְרוּ אֶת-אֲדָמָתָם.

Then Joseph came and reported to Pharaoh, saying, "My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that is theirs, have come from the land of Canaan and are now in the region of Goshen." And selecting a few of his brothers, he presented them to Pharaoh. Pharaoh said to his brothers, "What is your occupation?" They answered Pharaoh, "We your servants are shepherds, as were also our fathers. We have come," they told Pharaoh, "to sojourn in this land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks, the famine being severe in the land of Canaan. Pray, then, let your servants stay in the region of Goshen."

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "As regards your father and your brothers who have come to you, the land of Egypt is open before you: settle your father and your brothers in the best part of the land; let them stay in the region of Goshen. And if you know any capable men among them, put them in charge of my livestock."

Joseph then brought his father Jacob and presented him to Pharaoh; and Jacob greeted Pharaoh. Pharaoh asked Jacob, "How many are the years of your life?" 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." Then Jacob bade Pharaoh farewell, and left Pharaoh's presence.

So Joseph settled his father and his brothers, giving them holdings in the choicest part of the land of Egypt, in the region of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. Joseph sustained his father, and his brothers, and all his father's household with bread, down to the little ones. Now there was no bread in all the world, for the famine was very severe; both the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine. Joseph gathered in all the money that was to be found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, as payment for the rations that were being procured, and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's palace. And when the money gave out in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us bread, lest we die before your very eyes; for the money is gone!"

And Joseph said, "Bring your livestock, and I will sell to you against your livestock, if the money is gone." So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for the horses, for the stocks of sheep and cattle, and the asses; thus he provided them with bread that year in exchange for all their livestock.

And when that year was ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We cannot hide from my lord that, with all the money and animal stocks consigned to my lord, nothing is left at my lord's disposal save our persons and our farmland. Let us not perish before your eyes, both we and our land. Take us and our land in exchange for bread, and we with our land will be serfs to Pharaoh; provide the seed, that we may live and not die, and that the land may not become a waste." So Joseph gained possession of all the farm land of Egypt for Pharaoh, every Egyptian having sold his field because the famine was too much for them; thus the land passed over to Pharaoh. And he removed the population town by town, from one end of Egypt's border to the other. Only the land of the priests he did not take over, for the priests had an allotment from Pharaoh, and they lived off the allotment which Pharaoh had made to them; therefore they did not sell their land.