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# DAILY READING

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### THE RETURN FOR JACOB

**45** <sup>16</sup> When the news reached Pharaoh's palace, "Joseph's brothers have come," Pharaoh and his servants were pleased. <sup>17</sup> Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Tell your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and go on back to the land of Canaan. <sup>18</sup> Get your father and your families, and come back to me. I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you can eat from the richness of the land.' <sup>19</sup> You are also commanded to tell them, 'Do this: Take wagons from the land of Egypt for your dependents and your wives and bring your father here. <sup>20</sup> Do not be concerned about your belongings, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.' "

<sup>21</sup> The sons of Israel did this. Joseph gave them wagons as Pharaoh had commanded, and he gave them provisions for the journey. <sup>22</sup> He gave each of the brothers changes of clothes, but he gave Benjamin three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of clothes. <sup>23</sup> He sent his father the following: ten donkeys

carrying the best products of Egypt and ten female donkeys carrying grain, food, and provisions for his father on the journey. <sup>24</sup> So Joseph sent his brothers on their way, and as they were leaving, he said to them, “Don’t argue on the way.”

<sup>25</sup> So they went up from Egypt and came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan. <sup>26</sup> They said, “Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt!” Jacob was stunned, for he did not believe them. <sup>27</sup> But when they told Jacob all that Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to transport him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.

<sup>28</sup> Then Israel said, “Enough! My son Joseph is still alive. I will go to see him before I die.”