## DAILY READING

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## PHARAOH WELCOMES JACOB

**47** So Joseph went and informed Pharaoh: "My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they own, have come from the land of Canaan and are now in the land of Goshen."

<sup>2</sup> He took five of his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh. <sup>3</sup> And Pharaoh asked his brothers, "What is your occupation?"

They said to Pharaoh, "Your servants, both we and our fathers, are shepherds." <sup>4</sup> And they said to Pharaoh, "We have come to stay in the land for a while because there is no grazing land for your servants' sheep, since the famine in the land of Canaan has been severe. So now, please let your servants settle in the land of Goshen."

<sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Now that your father and brothers have come to you, <sup>6</sup> the land of Egypt is open before you; settle your father and brothers in the best part of the land. They can live in the land of Goshen. If you know of any capable men among them, put them in charge of my livestock."

<sup>7</sup> Joseph then brought his father Jacob and presented him to Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. <sup>8</sup> Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How many years have you lived?"

<sup>9</sup> Jacob said to Pharaoh, "My pilgrimage has lasted 130 years. My years have been few and hard, and they have not reached the years of my fathers during their pilgrimages." <sup>10</sup> So Jacob blessed Pharaoh and departed from Pharaoh's presence.

<sup>11</sup> Then Joseph settled his father and brothers in the land of Egypt and gave them property in the best part of the land, the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. <sup>12</sup> And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's family with food for their dependents.