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1 ¶ And the famine was sore in the land.

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2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.

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3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you.

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4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:

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5 But if thou wilt not send *him*, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you.

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6 And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

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7 And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, *Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother?* and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

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8 And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, *and* also our little ones.

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9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:

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10 For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.

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11 ¶ And their father Israel said unto them, If *it must be* so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:

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12 And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry *it* again in your hand; peradventure *it was* an oversight:

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13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:

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14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of *my children*, I am bereaved.

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15 ¶ And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

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16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men home, and slay, and make ready; for *these* men shall dine with me at noon.

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17 And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

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18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses.

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19 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house,

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20 And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food:

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21 And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and,

behold, *every* man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.

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22 And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

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23 And he said, Peace *be* to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

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24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave *them* water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender.

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25 And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

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26 ¶ And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

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27 And he asked them of *their* welfare, and said, *Is* your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? *Is* he yet alive?

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28 And they answered, Thy servant our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

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29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, *Is* this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.

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30 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought *where* to weep; and he entered into *his* chamber, and wept there.

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31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on

bread.

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32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that *is* an abomination unto the Egyptians.

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33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

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34 And he took *and sent* messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.