26. When they told him “Joseph is still alive”—and that he held sway over the whole land of Egypt!—his heart froze, for he could not believe them. 27. But when they told him all that Joseph had spoken to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph has sent to convey him, their father Jacob’s spirit came alive. 28. Israel said, “Enough! My son Joseph is alive! I must go and see him before I die!”

1. Israel and all his company set off on their journey and they came to Beersheba, where he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2. God addressed Israel in a night vision, saying, “Jacob, Jacob!” And he said, “Here I am!” 3. [God] said, “I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you a great people there. 4. I Myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will most surely bring you back up as well; and Joseph will lay his hand upon your eyes.” 5. Jacob then moved on from Beersheba; the sons of Israel lifted Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives onto the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6. They took their livestock and the possessions they had amassed in the land of Canaan and they came to Egypt—Jacob and all his progeny with him. 7. His sons and his sons’ sons were with him, his daughters and his son’s daughters—all his progeny that he brought with him to Egypt.
The word of the Eternal came to me, saying:

Mortal, take a stick and write on it, For Judah and Israelites associated with it; and take another stick and write on it, Joseph’s—Ephraim’s stick—and all the House of Israel associated with it.

Bring them together, every one of them, as one stick, that they may be as on in your hand.

And when any of your people say to you, “Will you not tell us what you mean by what you are doing?” say to them, “Thus says the Eternal God; Behold, I am taking the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim and the tribes of Israel associated with it, and placing them on him, along with the stick of Judah—making them one stick, so that they become a single stick in My hand.”