

# GENESISE

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## ISAPHLUKO 1

**E**kuqaleni uNkulunkulu wadala izulu nomhlaba.

<sup>2</sup> Umhlaba wawuyihlane elingenalutho; kwakungubumnyama phezu kotwa, kepha uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehla wenyuka phezu kwamanzi.

<sup>3</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi: “Makube khona ukukhanya,” kwaba khona ukukhanya.

<sup>4</sup> UNkulunkulu wabona ukukhanya ukuthi kuhle; uNkulunkulu wahlukanisa ukukhanya nobumnyama.

<sup>5</sup> UNkulunkulu wabiza ukukhanya ngokuthi imini; ubumnyama wabubiza ngokuthi ubusuku. Kwaba ngukuhlwa, kwaba ngukusa, usuku lokuqala.

<sup>6</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi: “Makube khona umkhathi phakathi kwamanzi, kwahlukaniswe amanzi namanzi.”

<sup>7</sup> UNkulunkulu wenza umkhathi, wahlukanisa amanzi aphantsi komkhathi namanzi aphezu komkhathi; kwaba njalo.

<sup>8</sup> UNkulunkulu wabiza umkhathi ngokuthi izulu. Kwaba ngukuhlwa, kwaba ngukusa, usuku lwesibili.

<sup>9</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi: “Amanzi aphantsi kwezulu mawaqoqekele ndawonye, kubonakale umhlabathi owomileyo,” kwaba njalo.

<sup>10</sup> Okomileyo uNkulunkulu wakubiza ngokuthi umhlaba, nokuqoqeka kwamanzi wakubiza ngokuthi ulwandle; uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kuhle.

<sup>11</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi: “Umhlaba mawuveze utshani, nemifino ethela imbewu, nemithi yezithelo ethela izithelo ngezinhlobo zayo, ekuyo imbewu yayo, emhlabeni,” kwaba njalo.

<sup>12</sup> Umhlaba wawusuveza utshani nemifino ethela imbewu ngezinhlobo zayo, nemithi ethela izithelo ngezinhlobo zayo, ekuyo imbewu yayo; uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kuhle.

<sup>13</sup> Kwaba ngukuhlwa, kwaba ngukusa, usuku lwesithathu.

<sup>14</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi: “Makube khona emkhathini wezulu izinkanyiso ezahlukanisa imini nobusuku, zibe yizibonakaliso zezinkathi, nezezinsuku, nezeminyaka,

<sup>15</sup> zibe yizinkanyiso emkhathini wezulu zokukhanyisa emhlabeni,” kwaba njalo.

<sup>16</sup> UNkulunkulu wazenza izinkanyiso ezimbili ezinkulu, inkanyiso enkulu ukuba ibuse imini, nenkanyiso encane ukuba ibuse ubusuku, kanye nezinkanyezi.

<sup>17</sup> UNkulunkulu wazifaka emkhathini wezulu ukuba zikhanyise emhlabeni,

<sup>18</sup> zibuse imini nobusuku, zahlukanise ukukhanya nobumnyama. UNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kuhle.

- <sup>19</sup> Kwaba ngukuhlwa, kwaba ngukusa, usuku lwesine.
- <sup>20</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi: “Amanzi mawagcwale uswebezane lwezilwane eziphilayo, kundize izinyoni phezu komhlaba emkhathini wezulu.”
- <sup>21</sup> UNkulunkulu wadala imikhomo emikhulu nezilwane zonke eziphilayo ezihambayo, amanzi agcwala zona ngezinhlobo zazo, nezinyoni zonke ezinamaphiko ngezinhlobo zazo. UNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kuhle.
- <sup>22</sup> UNkulunkulu wazibusisa, wathi: “Zalani, nande, nigcwalise amanzi aselwandle, nezinyoni zande emhlabeni.”
- <sup>23</sup> Kwaba ngukuhlwa, kwaba ngukusa, usuku lwesihlanu.
- <sup>24</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi: “Umhlaba mawuveze izilwane eziphilayo ngezinhlobo zazo, izinkomo, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo, nezilo zomhlaba ngezinhlobo zazo,” kwaba njalo.
- <sup>25</sup> UNkulunkulu wazenza izilo zomhlaba ngezinhlobo zazo, nezinkomo ngezinhlobo zazo, nezilwanyana zonke ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni ngezinhlobo zazo. UNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kuhle.
- <sup>26</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi: “Masenze abantu ngomfanekiso wethu, basifuze, babuse phezu kwezinhlanzi zolwandle, nezinyoni zezulu, nezinkomo, nomhlaba wonke, nezilwanyana zonke ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni.”
- <sup>27</sup> UNkulunkulu wamdala umuntu ngomfanekiso wakhe; wamdala ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu; wabadala owesilisa nowesifazane.
- <sup>28</sup> UNkulunkulu wababusisa; uNkulunkulu wathi kubo: “Zalani, nande, nigcwalise umhlaba, niwunqobe, nibuse phezu kwezinhlanzi zolwandle, nezinyoni zezulu, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni.”
- <sup>29</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi: “Bhekani, ngiyaninika yonke imifino ethela imbewu, esemhlabeni wonke, nemithi yonke okukuyo izithelo zomuthi oveza imbewu, kube ngukudla kwenu.
- <sup>30</sup> Kepha zonke izilwane zomhlaba, nezinyoni zonke zezulu, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni, eziphefumulayo, zona nginike yonke imifino eluhlaza ibe ngukudla,” kwaba njalo.
- <sup>31</sup> UNkulunkulu wabona konke akwenzileyo; bheka, kwakukuhle kakhulu. Kwaba ngukuhlwa, kwaba ngukusa, usuku lwesithupha.

## ISAHLUKO 2

**K**wase kupheleliswa izulu nomhlaba kanye nombuthano wakho wonke.

- <sup>2</sup> UNkulunkulu waqeda ngosuku lwesikhombisa imisebenzi yakhe abeyenzile; waphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa emisebenzini yakhe yonke abeyenzile.
- <sup>3</sup> UNkulunkulu wabusisa usuku lwesikhombisa, walungcwelisa, ngokuba ngalolo suku waphumula emisebenzini yonke abeyidalile uNkulunkulu, wayenza.
- <sup>4</sup> Lokhu kungumlando wokudalwa kwezulu nomhlaba ekudalweni kwakho mhla uJehova uNkulunkulu ewenza umhlaba nezulu.
- <sup>5</sup> Kwakungakabikho sihlahla endle, namifino yayingakamili emhlabathini, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wayengakanisi imvula emhlabeni, kungakabikho muntu wokulima umhlabathi.
- <sup>6</sup> Kepha kwenyuka inkungu ivela emhlabathini, yanisela ubuso bonke bomhlaba.
- <sup>7</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wambumba umuntu ngomhlabathi, waphefumulela emakheleni akhe umoya wokuphila; kanjalo umuntu waba umphefumulo ophilayo.

- <sup>8</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu watshala insimu e-Edene ngasempumalanga; wambeka khona umuntu amenzileyo.
- <sup>9</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wahlumisa emhlabathini imithi yonke ebukekayo, emihle, edliwayo, nomuthi wokuphila phakathi nensimu, nomuthi wokwazi okuhle nokubi.
- <sup>10</sup> E-Edene kwavela umfula owamanzisa insimu; wahlukana khona, waba yizimbaxa ezine.
- <sup>11</sup> Eyokuqala inegama lokuthi iPishoni; yiyo ezungeza izwe lonke laseHavila, lapho kukhona igolide.
- <sup>12</sup> Lihle igolide lalelo zwe. Kukhona nenhlaka yebedola netshe leshohamu lapho.
- <sup>13</sup> Igama leyesibili linguGihoni; yiyo ezungeza lonke izwe laseKushe.
- <sup>14</sup> Igama leyesithathu linguHidekeli; yiyo egobhoza ngasempumalanga kwase-Asiriya. Eyesine ingu-Ewufrathe.
- <sup>15</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wayesemthatha umuntu, wambeka ensimini yase-Edene ukuba ayilime, ayigcine.
- <sup>16</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wamyala umuntu, wathi: “Ungadla kuyo yonke imithi yensimu ngokuthanda kwakho,
- <sup>17</sup> kepha ungadli kuwo umuthi wokwazi okuhle nokubi, ngokuba mhla udla kuwo uyakufa nokufa.”
- <sup>18</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wathi: “Akukuhle ukuba umuntu ahlale yedwa. Ngizakumenzela umsizi onjengaye.”
- <sup>19</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wabumba ngomhlabathi zonke izilwane zasendle nezinyoni zonke zezulu, waziyisa kumuntu ukuba abone ukuthi umuntu angaziqamba ngokuthini, ukuze kuthi, njengalokhu umuntu eziqamba zonke izilwane eziphilayo, lokhu kube ngamagama azo.
- <sup>20</sup> Umuntu waziqamba amagama zonke izinkomo, nezinyoni zezulu, nezilwane zasendle. Kepha umuntu akatholelwanga umsizi onjengaye.
- <sup>21</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wamehlisela umuntu ubuthongo obunzima, walala; wayesethatha olunye lwezimbambo zakhe, wavala indawo ngenyama.
- <sup>22</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wakha owesifazane ngobambo abeluthathile kumuntu, wamyisa kumuntu.
- <sup>23</sup> Wayesethi umuntu: “Lo useyithambo lamathambo ami nenyama yenyama yami; uyakubizwa ngokuthi indodakazi, ngokuba uthathwe endodeni.”
- <sup>24</sup> Ngalokho indoda iyakushiya uyise nonina, inamathele kumkayo; bayakuba nyamanye.
- <sup>25</sup> Babehamba ze bobabili, u-Adamu nomkakhe, bengenamahloni.

### ISAPHLUKO 3

**I**nyoka yayinobuqili kunazo zonke izilwane zasendle abezenzile uJehova uNkulunkulu. Yathi kowesifazane: “Ngempela uNkulunkulu ushilo yini ukuthi: ‘Ningadli emithini yasensimini,’ na?”

- <sup>2</sup> Owesifazane wathi enyokeni: “Singadla izithelo zemithi yasensimini,
- <sup>3</sup> kepha ngezithelo zomuthi ophakathi nensimu uNkulunkulu ushilo ukuthi: ‘Ningazidli, ningazithinti ukuba ningafi.’ ”
- <sup>4</sup> Inyoka yathi kowesifazane: “Aniyikufa nokufa;
- <sup>5</sup> kepha uNkulunkulu uyazi ukuthi mhla nizidla, kuyakuvuleka amehlo enu, nibe njengoNkulunkulu, nikwazi okuhle nokubi.”

- <sup>6</sup> Owesifazane ebona ukuthi umuthi ulungele ukudliwa, nokuthi uyabukeka emehlweni, nokuthi umuthi unxanelekile ekuhlakaniphiseni, wathatha izithelo zawo, wadla, wanika nendoda yakhe kanye naye, nayo yadla.
- <sup>7</sup> Ayesevuleka amehlo abo bobabili, babona ukuthi bahamba ze; bathunga amaqabunga omkhiwane, bazenzela izibhinco.
- <sup>8</sup> Base bezwa izwi likaJehova uNkulunkulu ehamba ensimini kusihlwa ngokuphola kwelanga; u-Adamu nomkakhe bacasha ebusweni bukaJehova uNkulunkulu phakathi kwemithi yensimu.
- <sup>9</sup> Kepha uJehova uNkulunkulu wambiza u-Adamu, wathi kuye: “Uphi na?”
- <sup>10</sup> Wathi: “Ngizwe izwi lakho ensimini, ngesaba ngokuba ngihamba ze; ngalokho ngacasha.”
- <sup>11</sup> Khona wathi: “Ngubani owakutshela ukuthi uhamba ze na? Udlile kulowo muthi engakuyala ngawo ukuthi ungadli kuwo na?”
- <sup>12</sup> U-Adamu wathi: “Owesifazane, owangipha yena ukuba abe nami, unginikile kuwo umuthi, ngadla.”
- <sup>13</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wathi kowesifazane: “Yini lokhu okwenzileyo na?” Owesifazane wathi: “Inyoka ingikhohlisile, ngadla.”
- <sup>14</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wathi enyokeni: “Njengokuba usukwenzile lokho, uqalekisiwe phakathi kwezilwane zonke naphakathi kwazo zonke izilwane zasendle; uzakuhamba ngesisu sakho, udle uthuli izinsuku zonke zokuhamba kwakho.
- <sup>15</sup> Ngizakubeka ubutha phakathi kwakho nowesifazane, naphakathi kwezalo yakho nenzalo yakhe. Yona iyakuchoboza ikhanda lakho, wena uyakulimaza isithende sayo.”
- <sup>16</sup> Wathi kowesifazane: “Ngizakubangela ubuhlungu obukhulu ekukhulelweni kwakho; uyakubeletha abantwana ngobuhlungu. Ukunxanela kwakho kuyakuba sendodeni yakho; yona iyakukubusa.”
- <sup>17</sup> Wayesethi ku-Adamu: “Njengokuba ulalele izwi lomkakho, wadla kulowo muthi engakuyala ngawo ukuthi ungadli kuwo, ngalokho umhlabathi uqalekisiwe ngenxa yakho. Uyakudla kuwo ngokukhathazeka zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakho.
- <sup>18</sup> Uyakukuvezela ameva namakhakhasi, wena udle imifino yasendle.
- <sup>19</sup> Ngesithukuthuku sobuso bakho uyakudla isinkwa sakho, uze ubuyele emhlabathini, lokhu wathathwa kuwo; ngokuba ungumhlabathi, uyakuphenduka umhlabathi.”
- <sup>20</sup> U-Adamu wamqamba umkakhe igama lokuthi u-Eva, ngokuba waba ngunina wabo bonke abaphilayo.
- <sup>21</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wabenzela u-Adamu nomkakhe iziphuku, wabembathisa.
- <sup>22</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wathi: “Bheka, u-Adamu usenjengomunye wethu, uyakwazi okuhle nokubi; kepha manje makangeluli isandla sakhe, athathe nakuwo umuthi wokuphila, adle, aphile kuze kube phakade.”
- <sup>23</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wammukisa ensimini yase-Edene ukuba alime umhlabathi athathwe kuwo.
- <sup>24</sup> Wamxosha u-Adamu, wabeka ngasempumalanga kwensimu yase-Edene amakherubi kanye nenkemba yelangabi ephenduphendukayo, ilinde indlela eya emthini wokuphila.

## ISAHLUKO 4

**U**-Adamu wamazazi umkakhe u-Eva; wakhulelwa, wazala uKayini; wathi: “Ngitholile indoda kuJehova.”

<sup>2</sup> Waphinda wazala u-Abela umfowabo. U-Abela waba ngumalusi, uKayini waba ngumlimi.

<sup>3</sup> Kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezithile uKayini waletha kuJehova umnikelo wezithelo zomhlabathi.

<sup>4</sup> Naye u-Abela waletha umnikelo kuwo amazibulo ezimvu zakhe ezinonileyo. UJehova wanaka u-Abela nomnikelo wakhe.

<sup>5</sup> Kepha uKayini nomnikelo wakhe akawunakanga. Wayesethukuthela kakhulu uKayini, ubuso bakhe banyukumala.

<sup>6</sup> UJehova wathi kuKayini: “Uthukuthelelani na? Ubuso bakho bunyukumeleleni na?

<sup>7</sup> Angithi uma wenza kahle, uyamukeleka na? Uma ungenzi kahle, isono sihlezi ngasemnyango; ukunxanela kwaso kukuwe, kepha wena umelwe ukusibusa.”

<sup>8</sup> UKayini wakhuluma ku-Abela umfowabo, wathi: “Masiye endle.” Kwathi besendle, uKayini wasukela umfowabo u-Abela, wambulala.

<sup>9</sup> Wayesethi uJehova kuKayini: “Uphi umfowenu u-Abela na?” Wathi: “Angazi; ngingumlindi womfowethu na?”

<sup>10</sup> Khona wathi: “Wenzeni na? Izwi legazi lomfowenu liyakhala kimi lisemhlabathini.

<sup>11</sup> Usuqalekisiwe emhlabathini ovulile umlomo wawo ukwamukela igazi lomfowenu esandleni sakho.

<sup>12</sup> Uma ulima umhlabathi, awusayikukunika isithelo sawo; wena uyakuba ngumhambuma nozulane emhlabeni.”

<sup>13</sup> Khona wathi uKayini kuJehova: “Isono sami sikhulu kunokuba ngisithwale.

<sup>14</sup> Bheka, uyangixosha namuhla ebusweni bomhlaba, ngicashe ebusweni bakho; ngiyakuba ngumhambuma nozulane emhlabeni, ongifumanayo angibulale.”

<sup>15</sup> Kepha uJehova wathi kuye: “Ngalokho obulala uKayini uyakuphindiselwa kasikhombisa.” UJehova wabeka uphawu kuKayini, funa omfumanayo ambulale.

<sup>16</sup> Wayesesuka uKayini ebusweni bukaJehova, wahlala ezweni laseNodi ngasempumalanga kwase-Edene.

<sup>17</sup> UKayini wamazazi umkakhe; wakhulelwa, wazala u-Enoke. Wakha umuzi, wawuqamba igama lokuthi u-Enoke ngegama lendodana yakhe.

<sup>18</sup> U-Enoke wazala u-Irade; u-Irade wazala uMehujaye; uMehujaye wazala uMetushaye; uMetushaye wazala uLameka.

<sup>19</sup> ULameka wazithathela abafazi ababili; igama lomunye lalingu-Ada, igama lomunye lalinguSila.

<sup>20</sup> U-Ada wazala uJabale; yena waba nguyise wabahlala ematendeni, befuya izinkomo.

<sup>21</sup> Igama lomfowabo lalinguJubale; yena waba nguyise wabo bonke ababetha ihabhu nomtshingo.

<sup>22</sup> USila wazala uThubali Kayini; wayengumkhandi wazo zonke izinto zethusi nezensimbi ezisikayo. Udadewabo kaThubali Kayini wayenguNahama.

<sup>23</sup> ULameka wathi kubo abafazi bakhe: “Ada noSila, yizwani izwi lami; nina bafazi bakaLameka, lalalani ukusho kwami: Bhokani, ngibulala umuntu ngenxeba engilitholayo, nensizwa ngomvimbo engiwuzwiswayo.

<sup>24</sup> Yebo, uKayini uyakuphindiselwa kasikhombisa, kepha uLameka kamashumi ayisikhombisa, aphindwe kasikhombisa.”

<sup>25</sup> U-Adamu wabuye wamazazi umkakhe; wazala indodana, wamqamba igama lokuthi uSeti, ethi: “UNKulunkulu ungibekele enye inzalo esikhundleni sika-Abela, njengokuba uKayini

umbulele.”

<sup>26</sup> Naye uSeti wazala indodana, wayiqamba igama layo ngokuthi u-Enoshe. Ngaleso sikhathi abantu baqala ukukhuleka egameni likaJehova.

## ISAPHLUKO 5

**L**okhu kuyincwadi yezizukulwane zika-Adamu. Msukwana uNkulunkulu edala umuntu wamenza ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu.

<sup>2</sup> Wabadala owesilisa nowesifazane, wababusisa, waqamba igama labo ngokuthi abantu mhla bedalwa.

<sup>3</sup> U-Adamu wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu, wazala indodana ngomfanekiso wakhe efana naye, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uSeti.

<sup>4</sup> Izinsuku zika-Adamu emva kokuzalwa kukaSeti zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili; wazala amadodana namadodakazi.

<sup>5</sup> Zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kuka-Adamu zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi amathathu; wayesefa.

<sup>6</sup> USeti wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu nanhlanu, wazala u-Enoshe.

<sup>7</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kuka-Enoshe uSeti wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili nesikhombisa, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.

<sup>8</sup> Zonke izinsuku zikaSeti zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye neshumi nambili; wayesefa.

<sup>9</sup> U-Enoshe wahamba iminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye, wazala uKhenani.

<sup>10</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kukaKhenani u-Enoshe wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili neshumi nanhlanu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.

<sup>11</sup> Zonke izinsuku zika-Enoshe zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye nanhlanu; wayesefa.

<sup>12</sup> UKhenani wahamba iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa, wazala uMahalalele.

<sup>13</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kukaMahalalele uKhenani wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili namashumi amane, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.

<sup>14</sup> Zonke izinsuku zikaKhenani zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye neshumi; wayesefa.

<sup>15</sup> UMahalalele wahamba iminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nanhlanu, wazala uJarede.

<sup>16</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kukaJarede uMahalalele wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili namashumi amathathu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.

<sup>17</sup> Zonke izinsuku zikaMahalele zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nanhlanu; wayesefa.

<sup>18</sup> UJarede wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisithupha namabili, wazala u-Enoke.

<sup>19</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kuka-Enoke uJarede wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.

<sup>20</sup> Zonke izinsuku zikaJarede zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi ayisithupha nambili; wayesefa.

<sup>21</sup> U-Enoke wahamba iminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nanhlanu, wazala uMetushela.

<sup>22</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kukaMetushela u-Enoke wahamba noNkulunkulu iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.

<sup>23</sup> Zonke izinsuku zika-Enoke zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amathathu namashumi

ayisithupha nanhlanu.

<sup>24</sup> U-Enoke wayehamba noNkulunkulu; kepha wayesengasekho nje, ngokuba uNkulunkulu wamthabatha.

<sup>25</sup> UMetushela wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesikhombisa, wazala uLameka.

<sup>26</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kukaLameka uMetushela wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nambili, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.

<sup>27</sup> Zonke izinsuku zikaMetushela zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi ayisithupha nesishiyagalolunye; wayesefa.

<sup>28</sup> ULameka wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nambili, wazala indodana.

<sup>29</sup> Waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uNowa, ethi: “Lo uyakusiduduza emsebenzini wethu nasenkathazweni yezandla zethu emhlabathini awuqalekisa uJehova.”

<sup>30</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kukaNowa uLameka wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisihlanu namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nanhlanu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.

<sup>31</sup> Zonke izinsuku zikaLameka zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisikhombisa nesikhombisa; wayesefa.

<sup>32</sup> UNowa wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisihlanu; uNowa wazala oShemi, noHamu, noJafete.

## IS AHLUKO 6

**K**wathi abantu beqala ukwanda ebusweni bomhlaba, bezala amadodakazi,

<sup>2</sup> amadodana kaNkulunkulu abona amadodakazi abantu ukuthi mahle, azithathela abafazi kuwo awathandayo.

<sup>3</sup> Wayesethi uJehova: “UMoya wami awuyikubusa njalo kumuntu, njengokuba eyinyama nje; izinsuku zakhe ziyakuba yiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili.”

<sup>4</sup> Ngalezo zinsuku kwakukhona iziqhwaga emhlabeni, nangasemuva futhi, lapho amadodana kaNkulunkulu engena kuwo amadodakazi abantu, awazalela abantwana. Lana ayengamadodana asendulo anamandla, anegama lodumo.

<sup>5</sup> Kepha uJehova wabona ukuthi ububi bomuntu bukhulu emhlabeni nokuthi zonke izizindlo zemicabango yenhliziyo yakhe zimbi njalo.

<sup>6</sup> Wayesezisola uJehova ukuthi wayebenzile abantu emhlabeni, wadabuka enhliziyweni yakhe.

<sup>7</sup> UJehova wathi: “Abantu engibadalileyo ngizakubachitha ebusweni bomhlaba, yebo, abantu, nezinkomo, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo, nezinyoni zezulu, ngokuba ngiyazisola ukuthi ngibenzile.”

<sup>8</sup> Kepha uNowa wayetholile umusa emehlweni kaJehova.

<sup>9</sup> Lokhu kuyizizukulwane zikaNowa. UNowa wayeyindoda eqotho, engenacala esizukulwaneni sakhe; uNowa wayehamba noNkulunkulu.

<sup>10</sup> UNowa wazala amadodana amathathu: ngoShemi, noHamu, noJafete.

<sup>11</sup> Umhlaba wawonakele ebusweni bukaJehova; umhlaba wagcwala ubudlwangudlwangu.

<sup>12</sup> UNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi umhlaba wonakele, ngokuba inyama yonke yayonakalisile indlela yayo emhlabeni.

<sup>13</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi kuNowa: “Ukuphela kwenyama yonke kufikile phambi kwami,



ngokuba umhlaba ugcwele ubudlwangudlwangu ngenxa yabantu; bheka, ngiyakubachitha kanye nomhlaba.

<sup>14</sup> Yakha umkhumbi ngemithi yegofere, wenze amakamelo emkhunjini, uwuhuqe ngaphakathi nangaphandle ngekolitayi.

<sup>15</sup> Yikho lokhu ozakukwenza: ubude bomkhumbi buyakuba yizingalo ezingamakhulu amathathu, ububanzi bawo bube yizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, nokuphakama kwawo kube yizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu.

<sup>16</sup> Yenza ifasitele emkhunjini, uligcine ngaphezulu libe yingalo inye, ufake umnyango womkhumbi ohlangothini lwawo, uwenze ube nendlu engaphansi nengaphakathi nengaphezulu.

<sup>17</sup> Mina, bheka, mina ngizakuzisa uzamcolo wamanzi emhlabeni ukuba achithe yonke inyama okukuyo umoya wokuphila phansi kwezulu; konke okusemhlabeni kuzakufa.

<sup>18</sup> Kepha ngiyakumisa isivumelwano sami nawe, uze ungene emkhunjini, wena namadodana akho, nomkakho, nabafazi bamadodana akho bekanye nawe.

<sup>19</sup> Nakuzo zonke izilwane uzakungenisa ezimbili kuzo zonke izinhlobo zenyama ukuba ziphile nawe, kube ngeyeduna neyensikazi.

<sup>20</sup> Kuzo izinyoni ngezinhlobo zazo, nakuzo izinkomo ngezinhlobo zazo, nakuzo izilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni ngezinhlobo zazo kuzakufika kuwe ezimbili zezinhlobo zonke, ziphile.

<sup>21</sup> Zithathele kukho konke ukudla okudliwayo, ukubuthele kuwe; kuyakuba ngukudla kwakho nokwabo.”

<sup>22</sup> UNowa wenze njalo; njengalokho uNkulunkulu emyalile wakwenza.

## ISAHLUKO 7

**U**Jehova wathi kuNowa: “Ngena emkhunjini, wena nendlu yakho yonke, ngokuba ngikubonile wena ukuthi uqotho phambi kwami kulesi sizukulwane.

<sup>2</sup> Kuzo zonke izilwane ezihlambulukileyo uzakuthatha ngasikhombisa, iduna nensikazi yalo, nakuzo izilwane ezingahlambulukile uthathe ngambili, iduna nensikazi yalo,

<sup>3</sup> nakuzo izinyoni zezulu ngasikhombisa, iduna nensikazi, ukuba kulondolozwe inzalo emhlabeni wonke.

<sup>4</sup> Ngokuba emva kwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa ngiyakunisa imvula emhlabeni izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane, ngichithe ebusweni bomhlaba konke okuphilayo engikwenzileyo.”

<sup>5</sup> UNowa wakwenza konke njengalokho emyalile uJehova.

<sup>6</sup> UNowa wayeneminyaka engamakhulu ayisithupha mhla uzamcolo wamanzi efika emhlabeni.

<sup>7</sup> UNowa wangena emkhunjini namadodana akhe, nomkakhe, nabafazi bamadodana akhe bekanye naye ngenxa yamanzi kazamcolo.

<sup>8</sup> Kuzo izilwane ezihlambulukileyo nezingahlambulukile, nezinyoni, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni

<sup>9</sup> kwangena ngambili emkhunjini kuNowa, iduna nensikazi, njengalokho uNkulunkulu emyalile uNowa.

<sup>10</sup> Kwathi emva kwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa amanzi kazamcolo afika emhlabeni;

<sup>11</sup> ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha wokuhamba kukaNowa ngenyanga yesibili ngosuku lweshumi nesikhombisa lwenyanga, ngalona lolo suku imithombo yonke yotwa



yabhoboka, namafasitele asezulwini avuleka.

<sup>12</sup> Lana emhlabeni izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane.

<sup>13</sup> Ngalolo suku uNowa wangena emkhunjini noShemi, noHamu, noJafete, amadodana kaNowa, nomkaNowa, nabafazi bobathathu bamadodana akhe bekanye nabo,

<sup>14</sup> bona nazo zonke izilwane ngezinhlobo zazo, nezinkomo zonke ngezinhlobo zazo, nezilwanyana zonke ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni ngezinhlobo zazo, nezinyoni zonke ngezinhlobo zazo, konke okunamaphiko.

<sup>15</sup> Zangena kuNowa emkhunjini zimbili ngazimbili enyameni yonke okukuyo umoya wokuphila.

<sup>16</sup> Ezangenayo zangena ziyiduna nensikazi zenyama yonke, njengalokho uNkulunkulu emyalile; uJehova wavala emva kwakhe.

<sup>17</sup> Kwaba nguzamcolo emhlabeni izinsuku ezingamashumi amane; amanzi anda, aphakamisa umkhumbi; waphakama phezu komhlaba.

<sup>18</sup> Amanzi akhula, anda kakhulu emhlabeni; umkhumbi wahamba ebusweni bamanzi.

<sup>19</sup> Amanzi andisisa impela emhlabeni; zasitshekelwa zonke izintaba eziphakemeyo eziphansi kwezulu lonke.

<sup>20</sup> Amanzi azidlula ngezingalo eziyishumi nanhlanu, zaze zasitshekelwa izintaba.

<sup>21</sup> Inyama yonke eyayihamba emhlabeni yafa, izinyoni, nezinkomo, nezilo, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni, nabantu bonke;

<sup>22</sup> konke okunomphefumulo womoya wokuphila emakhaleni akho, konke okusemhlabathini owomileyo, kwafa.

<sup>23</sup> Wachitha kanjalo konke okuphilayo ebusweni bomhlaba, abantu, nezinkomo, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo, nezinyoni zezulu; wakuchitha emhlabeni; kwasala uNowa yedwa kanye nakho okwakukhona naye emkhunjini.

<sup>24</sup> Amanzi ayenamandla emhlabeni izinsuku eziyikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu.

## ISAHLUKO 8

**U**Nkulunkulu wayesemkhumbula uNowa, nezilwane zonke, nezinkomo zonke ezinaye emkhunjini. UNkulunkulu wadlulisa umoya phezu komhlaba, amanzi abohla.

<sup>2</sup> Imithombo yotwa namafasitele asezulwini kwavinjwa, imvula yasezulwini yaphela.

<sup>3</sup> Amanzi ayesemuka njalo emhlabeni; emva kwezinsuku eziyikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu amanzi ancipha.

<sup>4</sup> Ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngosuku lweshumi nesikhombisa enyangeni umkhumbi wema ezintabeni zase-Ararati.

<sup>5</sup> Amanzi ancipha njalonjalo, kwaze kwaba senyangeni yeshumi. Ngeyeshumi ngolokuqala lwenyanga iziqongo zezintaba zabonakala.

<sup>6</sup> Kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezingamashumi amane uNowa wavula ifasitele lomkhumbi abelenzile.

<sup>7</sup> Wathuma igwababa, lazulazula njalo, aze asha amanzi emhlabeni.

<sup>8</sup> Wayesethuma ijuba ukubona ukuba amanzi asenciphile yini ebusweni bomhlaba.

<sup>9</sup> Kepha ijuba lalingafumani ukuphumula kwamathe onyawo lwalo, labuyela kuye emkhunjini, ngokuba amanzi ayesesebusweni bomhlaba wonke; waselula isandla sakhe, walithatha, walingenisa kuye emkhunjini.

<sup>10</sup> Wabuye wahlala izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; waphinda walithuma ujuba emkhunjini.

<sup>11</sup> Ijuba lafika kuye ngakusihlwa; bheka, kusemlonyeni walo iqabunga lomnqumo

elikhliweyo. Wase azi uNowa ukuthi amanzi anciphile emhlabeni.

<sup>12</sup> Wabuye wahlala izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; walithuma ijuba; alabe lisabuyela kuye.

<sup>13</sup> Kwathi ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha nanye ngenyanga yokuqala ngolokuqala lwenyanga amanzi abeseshile emhlabeni; uNowa wasusa uphahla lomkhumbi, wabona, bheka, ubuso bomhlaba base bomile.

<sup>14</sup> Ngenyanga yesibili ngosuku lwamashumi amabili nesikhombisa lwenyanga umhlaba wawusomile.

<sup>15</sup> UNkulunkulu wakhuluma kuNowa, wathi:

<sup>16</sup> “Phuma emkhunjini, wena nomkakho, namadodana akho, nabafazi bamadodana akho bekanye nawe.

<sup>17</sup> Phuma kanye nezilwane zonke eziphilayo zenyama yonke, izinyoni, nezinkomo, nezilwanyana zonke ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni, zichume emhlabeni, zizale, zande emhlabeni.”

<sup>18</sup> Wayesephuma uNowa namadodana akhe, nomkakhe, nabafazi bamadodana akhe bekanye naye.

<sup>19</sup> Zonke izilwane, nazo zonke izilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo, nazo zonke izinyoni, konke okuhamba emhlabeni ngezinhlobo zakho kwaphuma emkhunjini.

<sup>20</sup> UNowa wamakhela uJehova i-altare, wathatha kuzo zonke izilwane ezihlambulukileyo nakuzo zonke izinyoni ezihlambulukileyo, wanikela umnikelo wokushiswa e-altare.

<sup>21</sup> UJehova wezwa iphunga elimnandi; uJehova wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: “Angisayikuphinda ngiqalekise umhlaba ngenxa yabantu, ngokuba imicabango yomuntu mibi kwasebusheni bakhe; angisayikuphinda ngibhubhise konke okuphilayo, njengalokho ngenzile.

<sup>22</sup> Umhlaba usekhona, ukutshala nokuvuna, amakhaza nokufudumala, ihlobo nobusika, imini nobusuku akuyikunqamuka.”

## ISAHLUKO 9

**U**Nkulunkulu wabusisa uNowa namadodana akhe, wathi kubo: “Zalani nande, nigcwalise umhlaba.

<sup>2</sup> Uvalo nokwesabeka kwenu akube phezu kwezilwane zonke zomhlaba, naphezu kwazo zonke izinyoni zezulu, naphezu kwakho konke okunwabuzelayo emhlabeni, naphezu kwazo zonke izinhlanzi, kunikezelwe ezandleni zenu.

<sup>3</sup> Zonke izilwane eziphilayo ziyakuba ngukudla kwenu; ngiyaninika konke kube njengemifino eluhlaza.

<sup>4</sup> “Kepha inyama okukuyo umphefumulo wayo, okungukuthi igazi layo, aniyikuyidla.

<sup>5</sup> Kodwa elenu igazi okukulo umphefumulo wenu ngiyakulibiza; kuzo zonke izilwane ngiyakulibiza; nakubo bonke abantu ngiyakubiza umphefumulo wabo, owomunye esandleni somunye.

<sup>6</sup> Ochitha igazi lomuntu, igazi lakhe liyakuchithwa ngabantu, ngokuba uNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu ngomfanekiso wakhe.

<sup>7</sup> Kepha zalani nina, nande, nichume emhlabeni, nivame kuwo.”

<sup>8</sup> UNkulunkulu wakhuluma kuNowa nakumadodana akhe enaye, wathi:

<sup>9</sup> “Bhekani, mina ngiyamisa isivumelwano sami nani nenzalo yenu emva kwenu,

<sup>10</sup> nezilwane zonke eziphilayo ezinani, izinyoni, nezinkomo, nezilo zomhlaba ezinani, zonke eziphume emkhunjini, yebo, zonke izilwane zasemhlabeni.

- <sup>11</sup> Ngizakumisa isivumelwano sami nawe; akusayikubhujiswa nyama ngamanzi kazamcolo; akasayikuza uzamcolo ukuba achithe umhlaba.”
- <sup>12</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi: “Lokhu kuluphawu lwesivumelwano engisenza phakathi kwami nani nazo zonke izilwane eziphilayo ezinani kuze kube sezizukulwaneni zaphakade:
- <sup>13</sup> ngizakumisa uthingo lwami emafwini, lube luphawu lwesivumelwano phakathi kwami nomhlaba.
- <sup>14</sup> Kuyakuthi laphe ngiqoqa amafu phezu komhlaba, uthingo lubonakale emafwini.
- <sup>15</sup> Khona ngiyakukhumbula isivumelwano esiphakathi kwami nani nazo zonke izilwane eziphilayo zenyama yonke; amanzi awasayikuba nguzamcolo wokuchitha inyama yonke.
- <sup>16</sup> Uthingo luyakuba semafwini; ngizakulubheka, ngikhumbule isivumelwano esiphakade phakathi kukaNkulunkulu nazo zonke izilwane eziphilayo zenyama yonke emhlabeni.”
- <sup>17</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi kuNowa: “Lokhu kuluphawu lwesivumelwano engisenzile phakathi kwami nayo yonke inyama esemhlabeni.”
- <sup>18</sup> Amadodana kaNowa aphuma emkhunjini ayengoShemi, noHamu, noJafete; uHamu wayenguyise kaKhanani.
- <sup>19</sup> Yilawo amadodana amathathu kaNowa; umhlaba wonke wagcwaliswa ngabavela kuwo.
- <sup>20</sup> UNowa waqala waba ngumlimi, watshala isivini.
- <sup>21</sup> Waphuza iwayini, wadakwa, walala ngunu etendeni lakhe.
- <sup>22</sup> UHamu uyise kaKhanani wabona ubunqunu bukayise, watshela abafowabo bobabili bengaphandle.
- <sup>23</sup> OShemi noJafete bathatha ingubo, bayifaka emahlombe abo bobabili, bahamba nyovane, basibekela ubunqunu bukayise; ubuso babo babubheka emuva, abaze babona ubunqunu bukayise.
- <sup>24</sup> UNowa waphaphama ekudakweni, wezwa lokho ebikwenzile kuye indodana yakhe encane.
- <sup>25</sup> Wathi: “Makaqalekiswe uKhanani, abe yisigqila sezigqila kubafowabo.”
- <sup>26</sup> Wathi futhi: “Ubusisiwe uJehova, uNkulunkulu kaShemi, uKhanani abe yisigqila sabo.
- <sup>27</sup> UNkulunkulu amandise uJafete, ahlale ematendeni kaShemi, uKhanani abe yisigqila sabo.”
- <sup>28</sup> Emva kukazamcolo uNowa wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisihlanu.
- <sup>29</sup> Izinsuku zonke zikaNowa zaziyminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi ayisihlanu.

## IS AHLUKO 10

**L**ezi ziyizizukulwane zamadodana kaNowa: ngoShemi, noHamu, noJafete; bazalelwa amadodana emva kukazamcolo.

- <sup>2</sup> Amadodana kaJafete: ngoGomere, noMagoge, noMadayi, noJavani, noThubali, noMesheke, noTirase.
- <sup>3</sup> Amadodana kaGomere: ngo-Ashikenaze, noRifate, noThogarma.
- <sup>4</sup> Amadodana kaJavani: ngo-Elisha, noTharishishi, noKitimi, noDodanimi.
- <sup>5</sup> Kuvula kulabo iziqhingi zabezizwe zahlukaniselwa amazwe abo, kwaba yilelo nalelo ngolimi lwalo, nangeminden i yalo, nangezizwe zalo.

- <sup>6</sup> Amadodana kaHamu: ngoKushe, noMisirayimi, noPhuthi, noKhanani.
- <sup>7</sup> Amadodana kaKushe: ngoSeba, noHavila, noSabita, noRama, noSabitheka.  
Amadodana kaRama: ngoSheba noDedani.
- <sup>8</sup> UKushe wazala uNimrode; yena waqala ukuba ngonamandla emhlabeni.
- <sup>9</sup> Wayeyiphisi elinamandla ebusweni bukaJehova; ngalokho kuthiwa: “Iphisi elinamandla njengoNimrode ebusweni bukaJehova.”
- <sup>10</sup> Ukubusa kwakhe kwaqala eBabele, nase-Ereke, nase-Akade, naseKaline, ezweni laseShineyari.
- <sup>11</sup> Waphuma kulelo zwe, waya e-Asiriya, wakha iNineve, neRehoboti-Ire, neKhala,
- <sup>12</sup> neResene phakathi kweNineve neKhala; lo ungumuzi omkhulu.
- <sup>13</sup> UMisirayimi wazala amaLudi, nama-Anami, namaLehabi, namaNafetuhi,
- <sup>14</sup> namaPatrusi, namaKasuluhi, lapho kwavela khona amaFilisti namaKafitori.
- <sup>15</sup> UKhanani wazala uSidoni, izibulo lakhe, noHetu,
- <sup>16</sup> namaJebusi, nama-Amori, namaGirigashi,
- <sup>17</sup> namaHivi, nama-Arki, namaSini,
- <sup>18</sup> nama-Arvadi, namaSemari, namaHamati; ngasemuva imindeni yamaKhanani yahlakazeka.
- <sup>19</sup> Umkhawulo wamaKhanani wawususukela eSidoni, waya ngaseGerari waze wafika eGaza; waya ngaseSodoma naseGomora nase-Adima naseSeboyimi waze wafika eLasha.
- <sup>20</sup> Labo babe ngamadodana kaHamu ngemindeni yawo nangezilimi zawo emazweni awo nasezizweni zawo.
- <sup>21</sup> NoShemi uyise wabantwana bonke baka-Ebere, umnewabo omkhulu kaJafete, wazala abantwana.
- <sup>22</sup> Amadodana kaShemi: ngo-Elamu, no-Ashuri, no-Arapakishade, noLude, no-Aramu.
- <sup>23</sup> Amadodana ka-Aramu: ngo-Use, noHule, noGeteri, noMashe.
- <sup>24</sup> U-Arapakishade wazala uShela; uShela wazala u-Ebere.
- <sup>25</sup> U-Ebere wazala amadodana amabili; igama lomunye lalinguPhelege, ngokuba emihleni yakhe izwe ladatshulwa. Igama lomfowabo lalinguJokothane.
- <sup>26</sup> UJokothane wazala o-Alimodade, noShelefe, noHasaramavete, noJere,
- <sup>27</sup> noHadoramu, no-Uzali, noDikila,
- <sup>28</sup> no-Obale, no-Abimaye, noSheba,
- <sup>29</sup> no-Ofiri, noHavila, noJababi; bonke laba babengamadodana kaJokothane.
- <sup>30</sup> Ukwakha kwabo kwasukela eMesha kwaze kwafika ngaseSefare, intaba yasempumalanga.
- <sup>31</sup> Laba babe ngamadodana kaShemi ngemindeni yawo nangezilimi zawo, emazweni awo nasezizweni zawo.
- <sup>32</sup> Lezi ziyimindeni yamadodana kaNowa ngezizukulwane zawo ezizweni zawo; ngalawo izizwe zahlakazeka emhlabeni emva kukazamcolo.

## ISAHLUKO 11

**U**mhlabane wonke wawunolimi lunye nokukhuluma kunye.

- <sup>2</sup> Kwathi ekusukeni kwabo empumalanga bafumana ithafa ezweni laseShineyari; bakha khona.

- <sup>3</sup> Base bethi omunye komunye: “Wozani, ake senze izitini, sizishisise.” Izitini zaba ngamatshe abo, nebitume laba ludaka lwabo.
- <sup>4</sup> Bathi: “Wozani, asakhe umuzi nombhoshongo osiqongo sawo sisezulwini, sizenzele igama, funa sihlakazeke ebusweni bomhlaba wonke.”
- <sup>5</sup> UJehova wehla ukuba abone umuzi nombhoshongo okwakhiwa ngabantwana babantu.
- <sup>6</sup> UJehova wathi: “Bheka, bonke basizwe sinye nolimi lunye; yikho abaqala ngakho; manje abayikunqanyulelwa lutho abahlosa ukulwenza.
- <sup>7</sup> Wozani sehle, siye ukusanganisa ulimi lwabo ukuba bangezwani, kube yilowo nalowo ulimi lomunye.”
- <sup>8</sup> Kanjalo uJehova wabahlakazela emhlabeni wonke, bephuma lapho; bayeka ukwakha umuzi.
- <sup>9</sup> Ngelokho igama lawo lathiwa iBabele, ngokuba uJehova wasanganisa khona ulimi lomhlaba wonke; wabahlakazela emhlabeni wonke.
- <sup>10</sup> Lezi ziyizizukulwane zikaShemi; uShemi wayeneminyaka eyikhulu, wazala u-Arpakishade iminyaka emibili emva kukazamcolo.
- <sup>11</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kuka-Arpakishade uShemi wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisihlanu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.
- <sup>12</sup> U-Arpakishade wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nanhlanu, wazala uShela.
- <sup>13</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kukaShela u-Arpakishade wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amane nantathu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.
- <sup>14</sup> UShela wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amathathu, wazala u-Ebere.
- <sup>15</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kuka-Ebere uShela wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amane nantathu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.
- <sup>16</sup> U-Ebere wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nane, wazala uPhelege.
- <sup>17</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kukaPhelege u-Ebere wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amane namashumi amathathu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.
- <sup>18</sup> UPhelege wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amathathu, wazala uRehu.
- <sup>19</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kukaRehu uPhelege wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amabili nesishiyagalolunye, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.
- <sup>20</sup> URehu wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nambili, wazala uSerugi.
- <sup>21</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kukaSerugi uRehu wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amabili nesikhombisa, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.
- <sup>22</sup> USerugi wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amathathu, wazala uNahori.
- <sup>23</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kukaNahori uSerugi wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amabili, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.
- <sup>24</sup> UNahori wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye, wazala uThera.
- <sup>25</sup> Emva kokuzalwa kukaThera uNahori wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu neshumi nesishiyagalolunye, wazala amadodana namadodakazi.
- <sup>26</sup> UThera wahamba iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa, wazala o-Abrama, noNahori, noHarana.
- <sup>27</sup> Lezi ziyizizukulwane zikaThera. UThera wazala o-Abrama, noNahori, noHarana; uHarana wazala uLoti.
- <sup>28</sup> UHarana wafa phambi kukayise uThera ezweni lokuzalwa kwakhe, i-Uri lamaKaledi.
- <sup>29</sup> O-Abrama noNahori bazithathela abafazi; igama lomka-Abrama lalinguSarayi; igama lomkaNahori lalinguMilka, indodakazi kaHarana, uyise kaMilka noyise kaJiska.

- <sup>30</sup> USarayi wayeyinyumba, engenamntwana.
- <sup>31</sup> UThera wathatha u-Abrama indodana yakhe, noLoti indodana kaHarana, indodana yendodana yakhe, noSarayi umalokazana wakhe, umka-Abrama indodana yakhe, waphuma nabo e-Uri lamaKaledi ukuya ezweni laseKhanani; bafika eHarana, bakha khona.
- <sup>32</sup> Izinsuku zikaThera zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amabili nanhlanu; uThera wafela eHarana.

## ISAHLUKO 12

- U**Jehova wathi ku-Abrama: “Phuma ezweni lakini, nasezihlotsheni zakho, nasendlini kayihlo, uye ezweni engiyakukhombisa lona.
- <sup>2</sup> Ngiyakukwenza isizwe esikhulu, ngikubusise, ngenze igama lakho libe likhulu, wena ube yisibusiso.
- <sup>3</sup> Ngiyakubabusi abakubusisayo, nokuqalekisayo ngiyakumqalekisa; imindeni yonke yomhlaba iyakubusiswa kuwe.”
- <sup>4</sup> Wayesesuka u-Abrama, njengalokho uJehova emtshelile; uLoti wahamba naye; u-Abrama wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlanu mhla ephuma eHarana.
- <sup>5</sup> U-Abrama wathatha uSarayi umkakhe, noLoti indodana yomfowabo, nempahla yonke ababeyibuthile, nezinceku ababezitholile eHarana; basuka ukuya ezweni laseKhanani; bafika-ke ezweni laseKhanani.
- <sup>6</sup> U-Abrama wadabula izwe, waze wafika endaweni yaseShekemi nase-okini laseMore; amaKhanani ayesekhona ezweni.
- <sup>7</sup> UJehova wabonakala ku-Abrama, wathi: “Leli zwe ngiyakulinika inzalo yakho.” Wamakhela khona i-altare uJehova owayebonakele kuye.
- <sup>8</sup> Wayesesuka lapho, waya entabeni ngasempumalanga kwaseBethete, wamisa itende lakhe, iBethete lingasentshonalanga ne-Ayi lingasempumalanga; wamakhela khona uJehova i-altare, wakhuleka egameni likaJehova.
- <sup>9</sup> Ngasemuva u-Abrama wahamba waqonda njalo ngaseningizimu.
- <sup>10</sup> Kwakukhona indlala ezweni; u-Abrama wehlela eGibithe ukuba agogobale khona, ngokuba indlala yayinzima ezweni.
- <sup>11</sup> Kwathi esasondela ukungena eGibithe, wathi kuSarayi umkakhe: “Bheka-ke, ngiyazi ukuthi ungowesifazane omuhle, obukekayo.
- <sup>12</sup> Kuyakuthi ukuba abaseGibithe bakubone, bathi: ‘Ngumkakhe lowo,’ bazakungibulala mina, bakulonde wena.
- <sup>13</sup> Mawuthi ungudadewethu, ukuze kube kuhle kimi ngenxa yakho, umphefumulo wami uphile ngenxa yakho.”
- <sup>14</sup> Kwathi u-Abrama efika eGibithe, abaseGibithe babona owesifazane ukuthi muhle kakhulu.
- <sup>15</sup> Izinduna zikaFaro zambona, zambabaza phambi kukaFaro; owesifazane wangeniswa endlini kaFaro.
- <sup>16</sup> U-Abrama waphathwa kahle ngenxa yakhe; waba nezimvu, nezinkabi, nezimbongolo, nezinceku, nezincekukazi, nezimbongolokazi, namakamela.
- <sup>17</sup> Kepha uJehova wamshaya uFaro nendlu yakhe ngezinhlophe ezinkulu ngenxa kaSarayi umka-Abrama.
- <sup>18</sup> UFaro wayesembiza u-Abrama, wathi: “Kuyini lokho okwenze kimi na?”

Awungitshelanga ngani ukuthi ungumkakho na?

<sup>19</sup> Usholoni ukuthi: 'Ungudadewethu,' ngize ngimthathe abe ngumkami, na? Bheka manje, nangu umkakho; mthathe, uhambe."

<sup>20</sup> UFaro wayala amadoda ngaye; ammuksisa kanye nomkakhe nakho konke anakho.

## ISAHLUKO 13

**U**-Abrama wakhuphuka eGibithe kanye nomkakhe nakho konke anakho, uLoti enaye, waya ngaseningizimu.

<sup>2</sup> U-Abrama wayefuyile kakhulu izinkomo, nesiliva, negolide.

<sup>3</sup> Kuzo izinkambo zakhe wasuka eningizimu, wafika eBethele, leyo ndawo lapho lalikhona itende lakhe kuqala, phakathi kweBethele ne-Ayi,

<sup>4</sup> indawo ye-altare abelenzile khona kuqala; u-Abrama wakhuleka lapho egameni likaJehova.

<sup>5</sup> Naye uLoti owahamba no-Abrama wayenezimvu, nezinkomo, namatende.

<sup>6</sup> Izwe lalingenakubanela ukuba bahlale ndawonye, ngokuba impahla yabo yayiningi kunokuba bahlale ndawonye.

<sup>7</sup> Kwavela ukuxabana phakathi kwabelusi bezinkomo zika-Abrama nabelusi bezinkomo zikaLoti; amaKhanani namaPherizi ayehlala khona ezweni.

<sup>8</sup> U-Abrama wathi kuLoti: "Akungabikho ukuxabana phakathi kwami nawe naphakathi kwabelusi bami nabelusi bakho, ngokuba singabazalwane.

<sup>9</sup> Izwe lonke alisobala ebusweni bakho na? Mawuhlukane nami; uma uya ngakwesokhohlo, ngiyakuya ngakwesokunene; uma uya ngakwesokunene, ngiyakuya ngakwesokhohlo."

<sup>10</sup> ULoti waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona ukuthi ithafa lonke laseJordani lalinamanzi lonke; uJehova engakachithi iSodoma neGomora, lalinjengensimu kaJehova nanjengezwe laseGibithe kwaze kwaba seSowari.

<sup>11</sup> ULoti wakhetha ithafa lonke laseJordani; uLoti wasuka waya ngasempumalanga; bahlukana omunye nomunye.

<sup>12</sup> U-Abrama wahlala ezweni laseKhanani; uLoti wahlala emizini yasethafeni, wamisa itende lakhe ngaseSodoma.

<sup>13</sup> Kepha abantu baseSodoma babebabi, bengabonayo kakhulu phambi kukaJehova.

<sup>14</sup> UJehova wathi ku-Abrama, uLoti esehlukene naye: "Phakamisa manje amehlo akho ubuke, usendaweni lapho umi khona, ngasenyakatho, naseningizimu, nasempumalanga, nasentshonalanga,

<sup>15</sup> ngokuba izwe lonke olibonayo ngiyakulinika wena nenzalo yakho kuze kube phakade.

<sup>16</sup> Ngiyakwenza inzalo yakho ibe njengothuli lomhlaba, kuze kuthi, uma umuntu engabala uthuli lomhlaba, iyakubalwa nenzalo yakho.

<sup>17</sup> Suka udabule izwe, ubude balo nobubanzi balo, ngokuba ngiyakukunika lona."

<sup>18</sup> Wayesesuka u-Abrama, weza wakha ngasema-okini aseMamre laseHebroni, wamakhela khona uJehova i-altare.

## ISAHLUKO 14



- K**wathi emihleni ka-Amrafeli inkosi yaseShineyari, no-Ariyoki inkosi yase-Elasare, noKedorlawomere inkosi yase-Elamu, noTidali inkosi yezizwe,
- <sup>2</sup> baphaka impi noBera inkosi yaseSodoma, noBirisha inkosi yaseGomora, noShinabe inkosi yase-Adima, noShemebere inkosi yaseSeboyimi, nenkosi yaseBela eliyiSowari.
- <sup>3</sup> Bonke laba bahlangu esiGodini saseSidimi esilulwandle Lukasawoti.
- <sup>4</sup> Iminyaka eyishumi nambili bamkhonza uKedorlawomere, kepha ngomnyaka weshumi nantathu bahlubuka.
- <sup>5</sup> Ngomnyaka weshumi nane kweza uKedorlawomere kanye namakhosi anaye, banqoba amaRefa e-Ashiteroti Karinayimi, namaZuzi eHamu, nama-Emi eShave KiriyaTayimi,
- <sup>6</sup> namaHori entabeni yawo iSeyiri, kwaze kwaba se-Eli Pharanu ngasehlane.
- <sup>7</sup> Base bebuyela emuva, beza e-Eni Mishipati eliyiKadeshi, bachitha izwe lonke lama-Amaleki nelama-Amori ayehlala eHasasoni Tamari.
- <sup>8</sup> Yaphuma inkosi yaseSodoma, nenkosi yaseGomora, nenkosi yase-Adima, nenkosi yaseSeboyimi, nenkosi yaseBela eliyiSowari; bahloma, balwa nabo esiGodini saseSidimi.
- <sup>9</sup> Balwa noKedorlawomere inkosi yase-Elamu, noTidali inkosi yezizwe, no-Amrafeli inkosi yaseShineyari, no-Ariyoki inkosi yase-Elasare; amakhosi amane alwa nayisihlanu.
- <sup>10</sup> IsiGodi saseSidimi sasigcwele imigodi yebitume; inkosi yaseSodoma neyaseGomora abaleka, awela kuyo; abaseleyo babalekela entabeni.
- <sup>11</sup> Bathatha yonke impahla yaseSodoma neyaseGomora kanye nakho konke ukudla, bamuka.
- <sup>12</sup> Bamthatha uLoti indodana yomfowabo ka-Abrama owayehlala eSodoma kanye nempahla yakhe, bamuka.
- <sup>13</sup> Kepha kweza ophunyukileyo, wamtshela u-Abrama umHeberu, ngokuba wayehlala ngasema-okini kaMamre umAmori, umfowabo ka-Eshikoli nomfowabo ka-Anere; labo babehlangene no-Abrama.
- <sup>14</sup> Nxa u-Abrama esezwile ukuthi umzalwane wakhe uLoti uthunjiwe, wabutha izinceku zakhe ezifundisiweyo ebezizelwe endlini yakhe, ezingamakhulu amathathu neshumi nesishiyagalombili, wabaxosha kwaze kwaba kwaDani.
- <sup>15</sup> Wazahlukanisa ebusuku izinceku zakhe, wabahlasela, wabanqoba, wabaxosha, waze wafika eHoba elingasenyakatho kwaseDamaseku.
- <sup>16</sup> Wabuyisa yonke impahla, wambuyisa noLoti umzalwane wakhe, nempahla yakhe, nabesifazane, nabantu.
- <sup>17</sup> Emva kokubuya kwakhe ekunqobeni uKedorlawomere namakhosi anaye yaphuma inkosi yaseSodoma, yaya ukumhlangabeza esiGodini saseShave esiyisiGodi seNkosi.
- <sup>18</sup> UMelkisedeki inkosi yaseSalema waletha isinkwa newayini; wayengumpristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke.
- <sup>19</sup> Wambusisa wathi: “U-Abrama makabusiwe nguNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, umdali wezulu nomhlaba.
- <sup>20</sup> Makabongwe uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke onike izitha zakho esandleni sakho.” U-Abrama wamnika okweshumi kwakho konke.
- <sup>21</sup> Inkosi yaseSodoma yathi ku-Abrama: “Ngiphe abantu, uzithathele impahla.”
- <sup>22</sup> Kepha u-Abrama wathi enkosini yaseSodoma: “Ngiyaphakamisela isandla sami kuJehova, uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, umdali wezulu nomhlaba,
- <sup>23</sup> ngithi angiyikuthatha umucwana nomchilo wezicathulo nokunye okwakho ukuba

ungasho ukuthi: 'Ngimcebisile u-Abrama.'

<sup>24</sup> Kuphela lokho ezikudlile izinceku, nesabelo samadoda ayehamba nami; o-Anere, no-Eshikoli, noMamre mabathathe isabelo sabo."

## ISAHLUKO 15

**E**mva kwalokho kwafika izwi likaJehova ku-Abrama ngombono, lithi: "Ungesabi, Abrama, ngiyisihlangu sakho; umvuzo wakho uyakuba mkhulu kakhulu."

<sup>2</sup> Kepha u-Abrama wathi: "Nkosi Jehova, uyakungiphani na? Ngihamba ngingenamtwana; indlalifa yendlu yami ingu-Eliyezeri waseDamaseku."

<sup>3</sup> U-Abrama wathi futhi: "Bheka, awunginikanga nzalo; bheka, inceku yendlu yami iyakuba yindlalifa yami."

<sup>4</sup> Bheka, izwi likaJehova leza kuye, lathi: "Lona akayikudla ifa lakho, kepha oyakuphuma ezibilinini zakho uyakudla ifa lakho."

<sup>5</sup> Wamphumisela ngaphandle, wathi: "Bheka ngasezulwini, ubale izinkanyezi, uma ungazibala." Wathi kuye: "Kuyakuba njalo inzalo yakho."

<sup>6</sup> Wakholwa nguJehova; wambalela lokho kwaba ngukulunga.

<sup>7</sup> Wayesethi kuye: "NginguJehova owakuphumisa e-Uri lamaKaledi ukuba ngikunike leli zwe libe yifa lakho."

<sup>8</sup> Wathi: "Nkosi Jehova, ngiyokwazi ngani ukuthi ngiyakulidla na?"

<sup>9</sup> Wathi kuye: "Ngithabathele isithokazi esineminyaka emithathu, nembuzi eyinsikazi eneminyaka emithathu, nenqama eneminyaka emithathu, nehobhe, nephuphu lejuba."

<sup>10</sup> Wamthathela zonke lezo, wazinquma phakathi, wabeka kwaba yileyo naleyo nxenye ukuba ibhekane nenye; kepha izinyoni akazinqumanga.

<sup>11</sup> Amanqe ehlela phezu kwezidumbu; u-Abrama wawaxosha.

<sup>12</sup> Kwathi ngokushona kwelanga ubuthongo obunzima bamehlela u-Abrama; bheka, washaywa luvalo lobumnyama obukhulu.

<sup>13</sup> Wathi ku-Abrama: "Yazisisa ukuthi inzalo yakho izakuba ngumfokazi ezweni elingesilo elayo, ibe yizigqila, icindezelwe iminyaka engamakhulu amane.

<sup>14</sup> Kepha leso sizwe eyakuba yizigqila zaso ngiyakusahlulela mina; ngasemuva iyakuphuma inempahla eningi.

<sup>15</sup> Kepha wena uyakuya koyihlo ngokuthula, umbelwe usumdala.

<sup>16</sup> Esizukulwaneni sesine iyakubuyela lapha, ngokuba ububi bama-Amori abukapheleli."

<sup>17</sup> Kwathi ngokushona kwelanga kwaba mnyama, bheka, nanto iziko elithunqayo, nelangabi lomlilo ladabula phakathi kwalezo zinxenye.

<sup>18</sup> Ngalolo suku uJehova wasenza isivumelwano no-Abrama, wathi: "Ngiyakunika inzalo yakho leli zwe, kusukela emfuleni waseGibithe kuze kube semfuleni omkhulu, umfula u-Ewufathe:

<sup>19</sup> amaKheni, namaKhenizi, namaKadimoni,

<sup>20</sup> namaHet, namaPherizi, namaRefa,

<sup>21</sup> nama-Amori, namaKhanani, namaGirigashi, namaJebusi."

## ISAHLUKO 16

**U**Sarayi umka-Abrama wayengamzaleli mntwana; kepha wayenencekukazi yaseGibithe, igama layo linguHagari.

<sup>2</sup> USarayi wathi ku-Abrama: “Bheka-ke, uJehova ungivalile ekuzaleni; mawungene kuyo incekekazi yami; mhlawumbe ngizakwakhelwa ngayo.” U-Abrama walalela izwi likaSarayi.

<sup>3</sup> USarayi, umka-Abrama, wathatha uHagari waseGibithe, incekekazi yakhe, wamnika u-Abrama indoda yakhe abe ngumkakhe, u-Abrama esehlalile iminyaka eyishumi ezweni laseKhanani.

<sup>4</sup> Wangena kuHagari; wakhulelwa. Esebonile ukuthi ukhulelwe, inkosikazi yakhe yadeleleka emehlweni akhe.

<sup>5</sup> USarayi wathi ku-Abrama: “Okubi okwenziwe kimi akube phezu kwakho. Mina nganikela incekekazi yami esifubeni sakho; kepha nxa isibonile ukuthi ikhulelwe, ngase ngideleleka emehlweni ayo; uJehova makahlulele icala phakathi kwami nawe.”

<sup>6</sup> U-Abrama wathi kuSarayi: “Bheka, incekekazi yakho isesandleni sakho; yenza kuyo okufanele emehlweni akho.” USarayi wayilaya, yabaleka ebusweni bakhe.

<sup>7</sup> Ingelosi kaJehova yamfumana ngasemthonjeni wamanzi ehlane, umthombo osendleleni eya eShuri.

<sup>8</sup> Yathi: “Hagari, ncekukazi kaSarayi, uvelaphi na? Uyangaphi na?” Wathi: “Ngibaleka ebusweni bukaSarayi inkosikazi yami.”

<sup>9</sup> Ingelosi kaJehova yathi kuye: “Buyela kuyo inkosikazi yakho, uzithobise phansi kwesandla sayo.”

<sup>10</sup> Ingelosi kaJehova yathi futhi kuye: “Ngiyakwandisa kakhulu inzalo yakho, ingabe isabalwa ngobuningi bayo.”

<sup>11</sup> Ingelosi kaJehova yathi kuye: “Bheka, usukhulelwe; uyakuzala indodana, uyiqambe igama lokuthi u-Ishmayeli, ngokuba uJehova uzwile ukuhlupheka kwakho.

<sup>12</sup> Uyakuba ngumuntu onjengembongolo engathanjisiwe, isandla sakhe simelane nabo bonke, nesandla sabo bonke simelane naye, ahlale ngasempumalanga kwabafowabo bonke.”

<sup>13</sup> Wamqamba uJehova owayekhulume kuye igama lokuthi: “Wena unguNkulunkulu Obonayo,” ngokuba wathi: “Imbala ngimbonile ongibonayo na?”

<sup>14</sup> Ngelokho umthombo wabizwa ngokuthi iBeri Lahayi Royi; bheka, uphakathi kweKadeshi neBeredi.

<sup>15</sup> UHagari wamzalela u-Abrama indodana; u-Abrama waqamba igama lendodana yakhe ayizalayo uHagari ngokuthi u-Ishmayeli.

<sup>16</sup> U-Abrama wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesithupha mhla uHagari emzalela u-Abrama u-Ishmayeli.

## ISAHLUKO 17

**U**-Abrama eneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalolunye uJehova wabonakala ku-Abrama, wathi kuye: “NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; hamba phambi kwami ungenacala.

<sup>2</sup> Ngiyakwenza isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami nawe, ngikwandise kakhulu.”

<sup>3</sup> U-Abrama wayesewa ngobuso bakhe; uNkulunkulu wakhuluma naye, wathi:

<sup>4</sup> “Bheka, ngokwami isivumelwano sami sikuwe; uyakuba nguyise wezizwe eziningi.

<sup>5</sup> Igama lakho alisayikuthiwa u-Abrama, kepha igama lakho lizakuba ngu-Abrahama, ngokuba ngikwenzile uyise wezizwe eziningi.

- <sup>6</sup> Ngiyakwandisa kakhulu inzalo yakho, ngikwenze isizwe, kuvele namakhosi kuwe.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngiyakumisa isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami nawe, nenzalo yakho emva kwakho ezizukulwaneni zayo, sibe yisivumelwano esiphakade, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wakho nowenzalo yakho emva kwakho.
- <sup>8</sup> Ngiyakunika wena nenzalo yakho emva kwakho izwe ohlala kulo ungumfokazi, izwe lonke laseKhanani, libe yifa laphakade, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo.”
- <sup>9</sup> Wayesethi uNkulunkulu ku-Abrahama: “Wena-ke usuyakusigcina isivumelwano sami kanye nenzalo yakho emva kwakho ezizukulwaneni zayo.
- <sup>10</sup> Yilesi isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami nawe nenzalo yakho emva kwakho eniyakusigcina ukuthi bayakusokwa bonke abesilisa bakini.
- <sup>11</sup> Niyakusoka inyama yejwabu lenu, kube luphawu lwesivumelwano phakathi kwami nani.
- <sup>12</sup> Onezinsuku eziyisishiyagalombili phakathi kwenu uyakusokwa, bonke abesilisa ezizukulwaneni zenu, lowo ozelwe endlini nalowo othengwe ngemali kowezizwe, ongesiye owenzalo yakho.
- <sup>13</sup> Makasokwe ozelwe endlini yakho nothengwe ngemali yakho; isivumelwano sami siyakuba senyameni yenu, sibe yisivumelwano esiphakade.
- <sup>14</sup> Owesilisa ongasokiwe, engasokwanga enyameni yejwabu lakhe, lowo muntu uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo, ngokuba waphulile isivumelwano sami.”
- <sup>15</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi ku-Abrahama: “USarayi umkakho awusayikumbiza ngegama lokuthi uSarayi, kepha igama lakhe alibe nguSara.
- <sup>16</sup> Ngiyakumbusisa, ngikunike indodana ngaye; yebo, ngiyakumbusisa abe yizizwe, kuvele kuye amakhosi abantu.”
- <sup>17</sup> U-Abrahama wayesewa ngobuso bakhe, wahleka, wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: “Oneminyaka eyikhulu uyakuzalelwa na? USara oneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye uyakuzala na?”
- <sup>18</sup> Wathi u-Abrahama kuNkulunkulu: “Sengathi u-Ishmayeli angaphila phambi kwakho.”
- <sup>19</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi: “Qha, uSara umkakho uyakukuzalela indodana; uyakubiza igama layo ngokuthi u-Isaka; ngiyakusimisa isivumelwano sami naye, sibe yisivumelwano esiphakade nenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe.
- <sup>20</sup> Ngo-Ishmayeli lo ngikuzwile; bheka, ngiyakumbusisa, ngimuphe inzalo, ngimandise kakhulu impela, azale izikhulu eziyishumi nambili, ngimenze isizwe esikhulu.
- <sup>21</sup> Kepha ngiyakumisa isivumelwano sami no-Isaka azakukuzalela yena uSara ngalesi sikhathi ngomnyaka ozayo.”
- <sup>22</sup> UNkulunkulu wayeseqeda ukukhuluma naye, wenyuka emshiya u-Abrahama.
- <sup>23</sup> U-Abrahama wathatha u-Ishmayeli indodana yakhe, nabo bonke ababezelwe endlini yakhe, nabo bonke ababethengwe ngemali yakhe, bonke abesilisa phakathi kwabantu bendlu ka-Abrahama, wasoka inyama yejwabu labo ngalona lolo suku, njengalokho uNkulunkulu emtshelile.
- <sup>24</sup> U-Abrahama wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalolunye mhla esokwa enyameni yejwabu lakhe.
- <sup>25</sup> U-Ishmayeli indodana yakhe wayeneminyaka eyishumi nantathu mhla esokwa enyameni yejwabu lakhe.
- <sup>26</sup> U-Abrahama nendodana yakhe u-Ishmayeli basokwa ngalusuku lunye.
- <sup>27</sup> Onke amadoda emzini wakhe ayezelwe endlini nayethengwe ngemali kowezizwe asokwa kanye naye.

## ISAHLUKO 18

**U**Jehova wabonakala kuye ngasema-okini aseMamre, ehlezi emnyango wetende ngesikhathi sokushisa kwemini.

<sup>2</sup> Waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabuka; bheka, amadoda amathathu ayemi phambi kwakhe; wathi ukuba awabone, wasuka emnyango wetende, wagijima ukuwahlangabeza, wakhothama,

<sup>3</sup> wathi: “Nkosi, uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, mawungadluli encekwini yakho.

<sup>4</sup> Makulethwe ingcosana yamanzi, nigeze izinyawo zenu, niphumule phansi komuthi.

<sup>5</sup> Ngizakulanda ucezu lwesikwa, nithokozise izinhliziyi zenu, andukuba nidlule, njengokuba senifikile encekwini yenu.” Athi: “Yenza njengokusho kwakho.”

<sup>6</sup> U-Abrahama waphuthuma etendeni kuSara, wathi: “Sheshisa, uthathe amaseya amathathu empuphu ecolekileyo, uyixove, wenze amaqebelengwane.”

<sup>7</sup> U-Abrahama wagijima, waya ezinkomeni, walanda ithole elihle nelinonileyo, walinika encekwini; yashesha ukulilungisa.

<sup>8</sup> Wathatha amangqanga, nobisi, nethole abelilungisile, wakubeka phambi kwawo; wema ngakuwo phansi komuthi; adla.

<sup>9</sup> Athi kuye: “Uphi uSara umkakho na?” Wathi: “Nangu etendeni.”

<sup>10</sup> Wayesethi: “Impela ngiyakubuyela kuwe emva komnyaka ngalesi sikhathi; bheka, khona umkakho uSara uyakuba nendodana.” USara wakuzwa lokhu esemnyango wetende ongasemva kwakhe.

<sup>11</sup> Kepha o-Abrahama noSara base begugile, beneminyaka eminingi; kwase kuphelile kuSara okwabesifazane.

<sup>12</sup> USara wahleka phakathi kwakhe, wathi: “Lapho sengimdala, nenkosi yami igugile, ngiyakuba nalenjabulo na?”

<sup>13</sup> UJehova wathi ku-Abrahama: “Uhlekeleni uSara, ethi: ‘Imbala ngizakuzala ngimdala na?’

<sup>14</sup> Kukhona into emahlula uJehova na? Ngalesi sikhathi emva komnyaka ngiyakubuyela kuwe, uSara abe nendodana.”

<sup>15</sup> USara waphika wathi: “Angihlekanga,” ngokuba wesaba. Kepha wathi: “Qha, uhlekile.”

<sup>16</sup> Amadoda asuka lapho, abheka ngaseSodoma; u-Abrahama wahamba nawo ewaphelekezela.

<sup>17</sup> UJehova wathi: “Ngingamfihlela u-Abrahama lokho engizakukwenza na?”

<sup>18</sup> U-Abrahama uyakuba yisizwe esikhulu, esinamandla; ziyakubusiswa kuyena izizwe zonke zomhlaba.

<sup>19</sup> Ngokuba ngimkhethele ukuba ayale abantwana bakhe nendlu yakhe emva kwakhe ukugcina indlela kaJehova nokusebenza ukulunga nokwahlulela, ukuze uJehova amenzele u-Abrahama lokho amthembise khona.”

<sup>20</sup> UJehova wathi: “Isikhalo saseSodoma nesaseGomora sikhulu, nezono zabo zinzima impela.

<sup>21</sup> Ngelokho ngiyakwehla, ngibone ukuba benzile impela konke njengokwesikhalo esesifikile kimi; uma kungenjalo, ngiyakukwazi.”

<sup>22</sup> Ayesefulathela lapho amadoda, aya ngaseSodoma, kepha u-Abrahama wayesemi ebusweni bukaJehova.

<sup>23</sup> U-Abrahama wasondela, wathi: “Uyakubhubhisa olungileyo kanye nomubi na?”

<sup>24</sup> Mhlawumbe kukhona abalungileyo abangamashumi ayisihlanu phakathi komuzi; imbala

uyakuyibhubhisa, ungayiyeki indawo ngenxa yabalungileyo abangamashumi ayisihlanu abakuyo na?

**25** Makube kude nawe ukwenza ngale ndlela, ukubulala olungileyo kanye nomubi, olungileyo abe njengomubi; lokhu makube kude nawe; umahluleli womhlaba wonke ubengayikwenza ukulunga na?"

**26** UJehova wathi: "Uma ngifumana eSodoma abalungileyo abangamashumi ayisihlanu phakathi komuzi, ngiyakuyekela indawo yonke ngenxa yabo."

**27** Kepha u-Abrahama waphendula wathi: "Bheka, sengiqalile ukukhuluma eNkosini, mina engiluthuli nomlotha.

**28** Mhlawumbe kuyakusweleka abayisihlanu kubo abalungileyo abangamashumi ayisihlanu; ubuyakubhubhisa wonke umuzi ngenxa yalabo abayisihlanu na?" Wathi: "Angiyikuwubhubhisa, uma ngifumana khona abangamashumi amane nanhlano."

**29** Kepha wabuye wakhuluma kuye, wathi: "Mhlawumbe kungafunyaniswa khona abangamashumi amane." Wathi: "Angiyikukwenza ngenxa yabangamashumi amane."

**30** Wayesethi: "Mayingathukutheli iNkosi ukuthi ngisakhuluma. Mhlawumbe kungafunyaniswa khona abangamashumi amathathu." Wathi: "Angiyikukwenza, uma ngifumana abangamashumi amathathu lapho."

**31** Kepha wathi: "Bheka, ngiqalile ukukhuluma neNkosi. Mhlawumbe kungatholakala abangamashumi amabili khona." Wathi: "Angiyikuwubhubhisa ngenxa yabangamashumi amabili."

**32** Wayesethi: "Mayingathukutheli iNkosi ukuthi ngisakhuluma kanye nje. Mhlawumbe kungafunyanwa abayishumi khona." Wathi: "Angiyikuwubhubhisa ngenxa yalabo abayishumi."

**33** UJehova wasuka, nxa eseqedile ukukhuluma no-Abrahama; u-Abrahama wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

## ISAHLUKO 19

**1** Zingelosi zombili zafika eSodoma sekuhlwile; uLoti wayehlezi esangweni laseSodoma; uLoti ezibona wasukuma wazihlangabeza; wakhothamela emhlabathini ngobuso,

**2** wathi: "Bhekani, makhosi, ake niphambuke, ningene endlini yenceku yenu, nihlale ubusuku, nigeze izinyawo zenu andukuba nivuke ekuseni kusasa, nihambe indlela yenu." Zathi: "Qha, siyakuhlala phandle."

**3** Kepha wazincenga kakhulu, zaze zaphambukela kuye, zangena endlini yakhe; wazilungisela idili, wenza isinkwa esingenamvubelo, zadla.

**4** Zingakalali, amadoda omuzi, amadoda aseSodoma, azungeza indlu, amasha namadala, abantu bonke bephelele.

**5** Bambiza uLoti, bathi kuye: "Aphi lawa madoda angenise kuwe ebusuku na? Sikhiphele wona ukuba siwazi."

**6** ULoti waphumela kubo ngasemnyango, wavala umnyango emva kwakhe.

**7** Wathi: "Bafowethu, ningoni.

**8** Bhekani, nginamadodakazi amabili angayazi ndoda; ake nginiphumisele wona, nenze kuwo njengokufanele emehlweni enu; kepha kulawa madoda ningenzi lutho, ngokuba angene emthunzini wophahla lwami."

**9** Bathi: "Suka lapha!" Bathi futhi: "Lo muntu oyedwa wafika ukuba agogobale; usefuna ukwahlulela; manje siyakukuhlupha wena kunabo." Bamcindezela kakhulu lo muntu uLoti, basondela ukuba bafohloze umnyango.

- <sup>10</sup> Khona amadoda azelula izandla, ambuyisela uLoti endlini, avala umnyango.
- <sup>11</sup> Amadoda ayephandle kwendlu awashaya ngobumpumputhe, amancane namakhulu, aze akhathala ukufuna umnyango.
- <sup>12</sup> Ayesethi amadoda kuLoti: “Unobani futhi lapha na? Umkhwenyana, namadodana akho, namadodakazi akho, nabo bonke onabo emzini baphumise kule ndawo,
- <sup>13</sup> ngokuba siyakuyichitha le ndawo, lokhu isikhalo sabo sesisikhulu ebusweni bukaJehova; uJehova usithumile ukuba siyichithe.”
- <sup>14</sup> Wayesephuma uLoti, wakhuluma nabakhwenyana bakhe ababeyakuthatha amadodakazi akhe, wathi: “Sukani niphume kule ndawo, ngokuba uJehova uyakuchitha umuzi.” Kepha wayenjengontelayo emehlweni abakhwenyana bakhe.
- <sup>15</sup> Kusantwela izingelosi zamsheshisa uLoti, zathi: “Vuka uthathe umkakho, namadodakazi akho omabili onawo, funa ubhujiswe ngenxa yobubi bomuzi.”
- <sup>16</sup> Esalibala, amadoda abamba isandla sakhe, nesandla somkakhe, nesandla samadodakazi akhe omabili, uJehova enomusa kuye; amphumisa, ambeka ngaphandle komuzi.
- <sup>17</sup> Kwathi esebaphumisile ngaphandle, wathi: “Baleka, usinde; ungabheki emva kwakho, ungemi ndawo ethafeni lonke; balekela entabeni, funa ubhujiswe.”
- <sup>18</sup> Kepha uLoti wathi kuwo: “Nkosi, makungabi njalo.
- <sup>19</sup> Bheka, inceku yakho ifumene umusa emehlweni akho, ungenzele ububele obukhulu ngokusindisa ukuphila kwami; kepha mina angikwazi ukubalekela entabeni, funa ububi bungifice, ngife.
- <sup>20</sup> Bheka-ke, lowo muzi useduze ukuba ngibalekele kuwo, futhi mncane; ake ngibalekele khona angithi mncane ukuba umphefumulo wami uphile.”
- <sup>21</sup> Wathi kuye: “Bheka, nakule nto ngiyakukuvumela; angiyikuwuchitha lo muzi okhuluma ngawo.
- <sup>22</sup> Kepha shesha ubalekele khona, ngokuba ngingenze lutho, ungakafiki khona.” Ngalokho umuzi wabizwa ngokuthi iSowari.
- <sup>23</sup> Ilanga laphumela emhlabeni, uLoti esangena eSowari.
- <sup>24</sup> Khona uJehova wanisa phezu kweSodoma naphezu kweGomora isibabule nomlilo, kuvela kuJehova ezulwini.
- <sup>25</sup> Wachitha leyo mizi nethafa lonke, nabo bonke abakhe emizini, nalokho okuhlumayo emhlabathini.
- <sup>26</sup> Kepha umkakhe wabheka emva kwakhe, waba yinsika kasawoti.
- <sup>27</sup> U-Abrahama wavuka ekuseni, waya endaweni lapho akade emi khona ebusweni bukaJehova.
- <sup>28</sup> Wabheka ngaseSodoma naseGomora nasezweni lonke lethafa, wabona, bheka, isisi sezwe senyuka njengomusi weziko.
- <sup>29</sup> Kwathi lapho uNkulunkulu ebhubhisa imizi yasethafeni, uNkulunkulu wakhumbula u-Abrahama, waphumisa uLoti ekuchithekeni mhla ebhubhisa imizi ayehlezi kuyo uLoti.
- <sup>30</sup> ULoti wakhuphuka eSowari, waya wahlala entabeni kanye namadodakazi akhe omabili, ngokuba wesaba ukuhlala eSowari; wahlala emhumeni namadodakazi akhe amabili.
- <sup>31</sup> Enkulu yayisithi kwencane: “Ubaba usemdala; akukho ndoda ezweni engangena kithi njengokwenza komhlaba wonke.
- <sup>32</sup> Woza simphuzise ubaba iwayini, silale naye ukuba sizizuzele inzalo kubaba.”
- <sup>33</sup> Ngalobo busuku ayesemphuzisa uyise iwayini; enkulu yangena yalala noyise, engazi ukulala kwayo nokuvuka kwayo.



- <sup>34</sup> Kwathi ngangomuso enkulu yathi kwencane: “Bheka, bengilele nobaba izolo; asimphezise iwayini nangalobu busuku, ungene wena, ulale naye ukuba sizizuzele inzalo kubaba.”
- <sup>35</sup> Ayese mphuzisa uyise iwayini nangalobu busuku; encane yasuka yalala naye, engazi ukulala kwayo nokuvuka kwayo.
- <sup>36</sup> Kanjalo amadodakazi kaLoti omabili akhuleliswa nguyise.
- <sup>37</sup> Enkulu yazala indodana, yaqamba igama layo ngokuthi uMowabi; lowo unguyise wabakwaMowabi kuze kube namuhla.
- <sup>38</sup> Encane yazala indodana nayo, yaqamba igama layo ngokuthi uBenami; lowo unguyise wabantwana bakwa-Amoni kuze kube namuhla.

## ISAHLUKO 20

- U**-Abrahama wayesesuka lapho, waya ngasezweni laseningizimu, wakha phakathi kweKadeshi neShuri; wagogobala eGerari.
- <sup>2</sup> U-Abrahama wathi ngoSara umkakhe: “Ungudadewethu.” Khona u-Abimeleki inkosi yaseGerari wathuma wamthatha uSara.
- <sup>3</sup> Kepha uNkulunkulu weza ku-Abimeleki ngephupho ebusuku, wathi kuye: “Bheka, uyafa ngenxa yowesifazane omthathileyo; uganile endodeni.”
- <sup>4</sup> Kepha u-Abimeleki wayengakasondeli kuye; wathi: “Nkosi, uyakubhubhisa nesizwe esilungileyo na?”
- <sup>5</sup> Akashongo kimi ukuthi: ‘Ungudadewethu,’ na? Naye uqobo wathi: ‘Ungumnewethu.’ Ngobuqotho benhliziyo yami nangobumhlophe bezandla zami ngikwenzile lokhu.”
- <sup>6</sup> Wayesethi uNkulunkulu kuye ephusheni: “Nami ngiyazi ukuthi ukwenze lokhu ngobuqotho benhliziyo yakho; futhi ngakuvimba ukuba ungoni kimi; ngalokho angikuvumelanga ukuba umthinte.
- <sup>7</sup> Kepha manje wena, buyisa umfazi wendoda, ngokuba ingumprofethi; iyakukukhulekela ukuba uphile; uma ungambuyiseli, yazi ukuthi uyakufa nokufa, wena nabo bonke abakho.”
- <sup>8</sup> U-Abimeleki wavuka ekuseni, wabiza izinceku zakhe zonke, wakhuluma onke lawa mazwi ezindlebeni zazo; amadoda esaba kakhulu.
- <sup>9</sup> U-Abimeleki wayesembiza u-Abrahama, wathi kuye: “Wenzeni kithi na? Ngoneni kuwe ukuba ungilethele mina nombuso wami icala elingaka na? Wenze kimi okungafanele ukwenziwa.”
- <sup>10</sup> U-Abimeleki wathi ku-Abrahama: “Wabonani ukuba wenze lokhu na?”
- <sup>11</sup> U-Abrahama wathi: “Ngokuba bengithi: Impela ukumesaba uNkulunkulu akukho kule ndawo; bayakungibulala ngenxa yomkami.
- <sup>12</sup> Futhi impela ungudadewethu, indodakazi kababa, kepha akasiyo indodakazi kamame, waba ngumkami.
- <sup>13</sup> Kwathi mhla uNkulunkulu engiphumisa endlini kababa, ngathi kuye: ‘Yilo umusa ozakungenzela wona: ezindaweni zonke esiyakufika kuzo, yisho ngami ukuthi: “Ungumnewethu.” ’ ”
- <sup>14</sup> U-Abimeleki wayesethatha izimvu, nezinkabi, nezinceku, nezincekukazi, wazipha u-Abrahama, wambuyisela uSara umkakhe.
- <sup>15</sup> Wathi u-Abimeleki: “Bheka, izwe lami lisebusweni bakho; yakha lapho uthanda khona.”
- <sup>16</sup> Wathi kuSara: “Bheka, ngimnikile umnewenu amashekeli ayinkulungwane esiliva; bheka, lokhu kuyisisibekelo secala phambi kwamehlo abo bonke abanawe; kukho konke

usulungisiwe.”

<sup>17</sup> U-Abrahama wakhuleka kuNkulunkulu. UNkulunkulu wamphulukisa u-Abimeleki nomkakhe nezincekukazi zakhe, baze bazala.

<sup>18</sup> Ngokuba uJehova wayevalile nokuvala zonke izizalo zabendlu ka-Abimeleki ngenxa kaSara umka-Abrahama.

## ISAHLUKO 21

**U**Jehova wamhambela uSara njengokusho kwakhe; UJehova wenza kuSara njengalokho ekhulumile.

<sup>2</sup> USara wakhulelwa, wamzalela u-Abrahama indodana esemdala kuleyo nkathi uNkulunkulu abeyishilo kuye.

<sup>3</sup> U-Abrahama waqamba igama lendodana yakhe azalelwe yona, ayizalelwe nguSara, ngokuthi u-Isaka.

<sup>4</sup> U-Abrahama wayisoka indodana yakhe u-Isaka isinezinsuku eziyisishiyagalombili, njengalokho uNkulunkulu emyalile.

<sup>5</sup> U-Abrahama wayeneminyaka eyikhulu, lapho ezalelwa u-Isaka indodana yakhe.

<sup>6</sup> USara wathi: “UNkulunkulu ungenzile ukuba ngihlekeke; bonke abakuzwayo bayakungihleka.”

<sup>7</sup> Wathi futhi: “Ngubani obengasho ku-Abrahama ukuthi uSara ubeyakuncelisa abantwana na? Ngokuba sengimzalele indodana esemdala.”

<sup>8</sup> Umntwana wakhula, walunyulwa; u-Abrahama wenza idili elikhulu mhla u-Isaka elunyulwa.

<sup>9</sup> USara wabona indodana kaHagari owaseGibithe ayizalele u-Abrahama idlalisa.

<sup>10</sup> Wathi ku-Abrahama: “Sixoshe lesi sigqilakazi nendodana yaso, ngokuba indodana yalesi sigqilakazi ayiyikudla ifa kanye nendodana yami u-Isaka.”

<sup>11</sup> Leli zwi lalilibi kakhulu emehlweni ka-Abrahama ngenxa yendodana yakhe.

<sup>12</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi ku-Abrahama: “Akungabi lukhuni emehlweni akho ngenxa yomfana nangenxa yesigqilakazi sakho; kukho konke uSara akusho kuwe, lalela izwi lakhe, ngokuba inzalo yakho iyakubizwa ngo-Isaka.

<sup>13</sup> Nayo indodana yesigqilakazi ngiyakuyenza isizwe, ngokuba iyzalo yakho.”

<sup>14</sup> U-Abrahama wavuka ekuseni, wathatha isinkwa nemvaba yamanzi, wakunika uHagari ekubeka ehlombe lakhe kanye nomntwana, wammukisa; wahamba, wazulazula ehlane laseBeri Sheba.

<sup>15</sup> Amanzi esephelile emvabeni, waphonsa umntwana phansi kwesihlahla.

<sup>16</sup> Waya wahlala phansi kukhashana phambi kwakhe, kungathi ibanga lokuphonsa umcibisholo, ngokuba wathi: “Ngingebone ukufa komntwana.” Wahlala phambi kwakhe, waphakamisa izwi lakhe, wakhala.

<sup>17</sup> UNkulunkulu wezwa izwi lomfana. Ingelosi kaNkulunkulu yamemeza kuHagari isezulwini, yathi kuye: “Kuyini, Hagari? Ungesabi, ngokuba uNkulunkulu ulizwile izwi lomntwana, lapho ekhona.

<sup>18</sup> Vuka uphakamise umfana, umbambe ngesandla sakho, ngokuba ngiyakumenza isizwe esikhulu.”

<sup>19</sup> UNkulunkulu wavula amehlo akhe, wabona umthombo wamanzi, waya, wagcwalisa imvaba ngamanzi, wamphuzisa umfana.

<sup>20</sup> UNkulunkulu wayenaye umfana; wakhula, wahlala ehlane, waba ngophethe umnsalo.

- <sup>21</sup> Wahlala ehlane lasePharanu; unina wamthathela umfazi ezweni laseGibithe.
- <sup>22</sup> Kwathi ngaleso sikhathi u-Abimeleki noPikoli, induna yempi yakhe, bakhuluma ku-Abrahama, bathi: “UNkulunkulu unawe kukho konke okwenzayo.
- <sup>23</sup> Ngalokho ngithembise lapha ngokufunga uNkulunkulu ukuthi awuyikungikhohlisa mina nendodana yami nomzukulwana wami; kepha ngokomusa engiwenzile kuwe, mawuwenze nakimi nakulo izwe osugogobele kulo.”
- <sup>24</sup> U-Abrahama wathi: “Ngizakufunga.”
- <sup>25</sup> Kepha u-Abrahama wamsola u-Abimeleki ngomthombo wamanzi ebeziwuqhwaqile izinceku zika-Abimeleki.
- <sup>26</sup> Kepha u-Abimeleki wathi: “Angazi ukuthi kwenziwe ngubani lokhu; nawe awungitshelanga, nami angikuzwanga kuze kube namuhla.”
- <sup>27</sup> U-Abrahama wayesethatha izimvu nezinkabi, wazipha u-Abimeleki; labo bobabili benza isivumelwano.
- <sup>28</sup> U-Abrahama wabeka izimvukazana eziyisikhombisa zomhlambi ngokwazo.
- <sup>29</sup> U-Abimeleki wathi ku-Abrahama: “Lezi zimvukazana eziyisikhombisa ozibeke zodwa ziyini na?”
- <sup>30</sup> Wathi: “Lezi zimvukazana eziyisikhombisa uyakuzithatha esandleni sami, zibe ngubufakazi bokuthi ngiwumbile lomthombo.”
- <sup>31</sup> Ngalokho waqamba leyo ndawo ngokuthi iBeri Sheba, ngokuba bafunga khona bobabili.
- <sup>32</sup> Base benza isivumelwano eBeri Sheba; u-Abimeleki wasukuma noPikoli induna yempi yakhe, babuyela ezweni lamaFilisti.
- <sup>33</sup> U-Abrahama watshala umtamariske ngaseBeri Sheba, wakhuleka khona egameni likaJehova uNkulunkulu Ongunaphakade.
- <sup>34</sup> U-Abrahama wagogobala ezweni lamaFilisti izinsuku eziningi.

## ISAHLUKO 22

**K**wathi emva kwalezo zinto uNkulunkulu wamvinvinyu u-Abrahama, wathi kuye: “Abrahama!” Yena wathi: “Ngilapha.”

- <sup>2</sup> Wayesethi: “Thatha manje indodana yakho eyodwa oyithandayo, u-Isaka, uye ezweni laseMoriya, unikele khona ngaye abe ngumnikelo wokushiswa entabeni ethile engizakukutshela yona.”
- <sup>3</sup> U-Abrahama wavuka ekuseni, wabophela imbongolo yakhe, wathatha ezimbili ezincekwini zakhe, no-Isaka indodana yakhe; wacanda izinkuni zomnikelo obuzakushiswa, wasuka waya endaweni uNkulunkulu abemtshela yona.
- <sup>4</sup> Ngosuku lwesithathu u-Abrahama waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wayibona indawo isekude.
- <sup>5</sup> U-Abrahama wathi ezincekwini zakhe: “Hlalani lapha nembongolo; mina nomfana sisaya laphaya, sikhuleke, sibuye size kini.”
- <sup>6</sup> U-Abrahama wathatha izinkuni zomnikelo obuzakushiswa, wazibeka phezu kuka-Isaka indodana yakhe, waphatha esandleni sakhe umlilo nomese; bahamba bobabili kanyekanye.
- <sup>7</sup> U-Isaka wathi ku-Abrahama uyise: “Baba.” Wathi yena: “Ngilapha, ndodana yami.” Wayesethi: “Bheka, nanku umlilo nezinkuni, kepha iphi imvu yomnikelo ezakushiswa na?”
- <sup>8</sup> U-Abrahama wathi: “UNkulunkulu uzakuzibonela imvu yomnikelo ezakushiswa, ndodana

yami,” bahamba bobabili kanyekanye.

<sup>9</sup> Bafika endaweni uNkulunkulu abemtshele yona; u-Abrahama wakha khona i-altare, walungisa izinkuni, wambopha u-Isaka indodana yakhe, wambeka e-altare phezu kwezinkuni.

<sup>10</sup> U-Abrahama waselula isandla sakhe, wathatha umese ukuba ahlabe indodana yakhe.

<sup>11</sup> Kwase kumemeza kuye ingelosi kaJehova isezulwini, ithi: “Abrahama, Abrahama!” Yena wathi: “Ngilapha.”

<sup>12</sup> Yayisithi: “Ungabeki isandla sakho kumfana, ungenzi lutho kuye, ngokuba ngiyazi manje ukuthi uyamesaba uNkulunkulu, lokhu ungagodlanga kimi nandodana eyodwa yakho.”

<sup>13</sup> U-Abrahama waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona; bheka, ngemuva yinqama, ibhajiwe esihlahleni ngezimpondo zayo; u-Abrahama waya wayithatha inqama, wanikela ngayo umnikelo wokushiswa esikhundleni sendodana yakhe.

<sup>14</sup> U-Abrahama waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi uJehova uyabonelela, njengalokhu kuthiwa nanamuhla: Entabeni kaJehova kuyakubonelelwa.

<sup>15</sup> Ingelosi kaJehova yayisimemeza ku-Abrahama ngokwesibili isezulwini,

<sup>16</sup> ithi: “Ngizifungile, usho uJehova, ukuthi njengokuba ukwenzile lokhu, ungagodlanga indodana yakho eyodwa,

<sup>17</sup> ngiyakukubusisa nokukubusisa, ngandise nokwandisa inzalo yakho, ibe ngangezinkanyezi zezulu nangangesihlabathi sasogwini lolwandle, inzalo yakho inqobe isango lezitha zayo,

<sup>18</sup> nangenzalo yakho ziyakubusiswa izizwe zonke zomhlaba, ngokuba ulalele izwi lami.”

<sup>19</sup> U-Abrahama wayesebuyela ezincekwini zakhe; basuka, baya eBeri Sheba; u-Abrahama wakha eBeri Sheba.

<sup>20</sup> Kwathi emva kwalokho kwabikwa ku-Abrahama ukuthi: “Bheka, naye uMilka umzalele uNahori umfowenu abantwana:

<sup>21</sup> Ngu-Use izibulo lakhe, noBusi umfowabo, noKemuweli uyise ka-Aramu,

<sup>22</sup> noKesede, noHazo, noPilidashe, noJidilafe, noBetuweli,”

<sup>23</sup> uBetuweli wazala uRebeka; laba abayisishiyagalombili uMilka wabazalela uNahori umfowabo ka-Abrahama.

<sup>24</sup> Nesancinza sakhe esigama laso lalinguRewuma sazala oTheba, noGahamu, noTahashi, noMahakha.

## ISAPHELA 23

**U**kuhamba kukaSara kwaba yiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili nesikhombisa; yileyo iminyaka yokuhamba kukaSara.

<sup>2</sup> USara wafela eKiryati Araba okuyiHebroni ezweni laseKhanani; u-Abrahama wafika ukumlilela uSara nokumkhalela.

<sup>3</sup> U-Abrahama wasuka kofileyo wakhe, wakhuluma nabantwana bakwaHeti, wathi:

<sup>4</sup> “Ngingumfokazi nozulane phakathi kwenu; ngipheni indawo yethuna phakathi kwenu ukuba ngimbeke ofileyo wami, angabikho ebusweni bami.”

<sup>5</sup> Abantwana bakwaHeti baphendula u-Abrahama, bathi kuye:

<sup>6</sup> “Sizwe, nkosi; wena uyisikhulu sikaNkulunkulu phakathi kwethu; mbeke ofileyo wakho kwelihle kuwo onke amathuna ethu; akakho phakathi kwethu ozakugodlela wena ithuna lakhe ukuba umbeke ofileyo wakho.”

- <sup>7</sup> U-Abrahama wayesesukuma, wakhothamela abantu balelo zwe, abantwana bakwaHeti,
- <sup>8</sup> wakhuluma nabo, wathi: “Uma kuyintando yenu ukuba ngimbele ofileyo wami, angabikho ebusweni bami, ngizweni, ninginxusele ku-Efroni indodana kaSowari
- <sup>9</sup> ukuba angiphe umhume waseMakaphela anawo emkhawulweni wensimu yakhe, awunike kimi ngemali efanele wona, ube yindawo yokumbela phakathi kwenu.”
- <sup>10</sup> U-Efroni wayehlezi phakathi kwabantwana bakwaHeti: u-Efroni umHeti wamphendula u-Abrahama ezindlebeni zabantwana bakwaHeti phambi kwabo bonke abangena esangweni lomuzi wakhe, wathi:
- <sup>11</sup> “Cha, nkosi; ngilalele: ngiyakunika le nsimu, nomhume okuyo ngikunika wona; ebusweni bamadodana abantu bami ngikunika wona; mmbele lapho ofileyo wakho.”
- <sup>12</sup> U-Abrahama wakhothamela ebusweni babantu balelo zwe.
- <sup>13</sup> Wakhuluma ku-Efroni ezindlebeni zabantu balelo zwe, wathi: “Ake ungilalele: ngizakukunika imali yensimu; yamukele kimi, ngimbele khona ofileyo wami.”
- <sup>14</sup> U-Efroni wamphendula u-Abrahama, wathi kuye:
- <sup>15</sup> “Nkosi yami, ngilalele: izwe elilingene namashekeli angamakhulu amane esiliva liyini phakathi kwami nawe na? Mmbele ofileyo wakho.”
- <sup>16</sup> U-Abrahama wamuzwa u-Efroni; u-Abrahama wamlinganisela u-Efroni isiliva abelishilo ezindlebeni zabantwana bakwaHeti, amashekeli angamakhulu amane esiliva, avunywa ngabathengisi.
- <sup>17</sup> Kanjalo insimu ka-Efroni yaseMakaphela elingaphambi kweMamre, insimu nomhume okuyo, nemithi yonke esensimini nxazonke kuze kube semikhawulweni yonke
- <sup>18</sup> kwaba yinzuzo ka-Abrahama emehlweni abantwana bakwaHeti phambi kwabo bonke abangena esangweni lomuzi wakhe.
- <sup>19</sup> Emva kwalokho u-Abrahama wambela uSara umkakhe emhumeni wasensimini yaseMakaphela phambi kweMamre okuyiHebroni ezweni laseKhanani.
- <sup>20</sup> Insimu nomhume okuyo kwase kunqunyelwa u-Abrahama ngabantwana bakwaHeti, kube yindawo yethuna.

## ISAHLUKO 24

**U**-Abrahama wayesemdala, eseneminyaka eminingi; uJehova wayembusisile u-Abrahama kukho konke.

- <sup>2</sup> Wayesethi u-Abrahama encekwini enkulu yendlu yakhe eyayibusa konke anakho: “Beka isandla sakho phansi kwethanga lami.
- <sup>3</sup> Ngizakukufungisa uJehova, uNkulunkulu wezulu noNkulunkulu womhlaba, ukuthi awuyikuthathela indodana yami umfazi emadodakazini amaKhanani engihlezi phakathi kwawo,
- <sup>4</sup> kepha uye ezweni lakithi nasezihlotsheni zami, uyithathele khona indodana yami u-Isaka umfazi.”
- <sup>5</sup> Inceku yathi kuyo: “Mhlawumbe owesifazane akayikuvuma ukungilandela, eze kuleli zwe; imbala ngiyakuyibuyisela indodana yakho ezweni, lapho wavela khona na?”
- <sup>6</sup> U-Abrahama wathi kuye: “Qaphela ukuba ungayibuyiseli khona indodana yami.
- <sup>7</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wezulu owangikhipha endlini kababa nasezweni lokuzalwa kwami wakhuluma kimi, wafunga kimi, wathi: ‘Ngiyakulinika inzalo yakho leli zwe;’ uzakuthuma ingelosi yakhe phambi kwakho, ukuze ungitholele khona indodana yami umfazi.
- <sup>8</sup> Kepha uma owesifazane engathandi ukukulandela, uyobe ukhululekile kulesi sifungo

sami; kodwa ungabuyiseli khona indodana yami.”

<sup>9</sup> Inceku yayisibeka isandla sayo phansi kwethanga lika-Abrahama inkosi yayo, yafunga kuye ngale ndaba.

<sup>10</sup> Inceku yayisithatha amakamela ayishumi emakameleni enkosi yayo, yahamba, izinto zonke ezinhle zenkosi yayo zisesandleni sayo; yasuka, yaya eMesopotamiya emzini kaNahori.

<sup>11</sup> Yaguqisa amakamela ayo ngaphandle komuzi ngasemthonjeni wamanzi kusihlwa, ngesikhathi abaphuma ngaso abesifazane ukuyokukha amanzi.

<sup>12</sup> Yathi: “Jehova, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abrahama, ngiphumelelise kahle namuhla, uyenzele inkosi yami u-Abrahama umusa.

<sup>13</sup> Bheka, sengimi ngasemthonjeni wamanzi, amadodakazi abantu bomuzi eza ukukha amanzi.

<sup>14</sup> Makuthi intombazana engizakusho kuyo ukuthi: ‘Mawubeke phansi imbiza yakho, ngiphuze,’ ithi: ‘Phuza, ngizakuphuzisa namakamela akho,’ ibe yileyo-ke oyimisele inceku yakho u-Isaka; ngalokho ngizakwazi ukuthi wenzele inkosi yami umusa.”

<sup>15</sup> Kwathi ingakaqedi ukukhuluma, bheka, kweza uRebeka owazalelwa uBetuweli indodana kaMilka, umkaNahori, umfowabo ka-Abrahama, enembiza yakhe ehlobo.

<sup>16</sup> Intombazana yayibukeka kahle, iyintombi, engaziwa yindoda; yehlela ngasemthonjeni, yagcwalisa imbiza yayo, ibisenyuka.

<sup>17</sup> Inceku yayisigijima ukuyihlangabeza, yathi: “Ake ungiphuzise ingcosana yamanzi embizeni yakho.”

<sup>18</sup> Yathi: “Phuza, nkosi,” yashesha yehlisa imbiza yayo esandleni sayo, yayiphuzisa.

<sup>19</sup> Kwathi isiqedile ukuyiphuzisa, yathi: “Ngiyakukhelela namakamela akho, aze aphuze onke.”

<sup>20</sup> Yashesha yathululela imbiza yayo emqengqeni, yabuye yaphuthuma emthonjeni ukuyokukha, yakhelela onke amakamela ayo.

<sup>21</sup> Indoda yayibhekisisa ithule ukuba yazi, uma uJehova ebephumelelisile indlela yayo noma qha.

<sup>22</sup> Kwathi amakamela eseqedile ukuphuza, indoda yathatha icici legolide, isisindo salo siyinxenye yeshekeli, namasongo amabili ezandla zayo, isisindo sawo singamashekeli ayishumi egolide, yathi:

<sup>23</sup> “Wena uyindodakazi kabani na? Ake ungitshele. Kukhona indawo endlini kayihlo ukuba silale na?”

<sup>24</sup> Yathi kuyo: “Indodakazi kaBetuweli indodana kaMilka, amzalela yona uNahori.”

<sup>25</sup> Yaqhubeka yathi kuyo: “Sinotshani nefoliji eliningi, nendawo yokulala.”

<sup>26</sup> Indoda yayisikhothama, yakhuleka kuJehova,

<sup>27</sup> yathi: “Makabongwe uJehova, uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abrahama, ongayekile ukwenzela inkosi yami umusa neqiniso; uJehova ungiholile mina endleleni kuze kube sendlini yabafowabo benkosi yami.”

<sup>28</sup> Kepha intombazana yagijima, yatshela abendlu kanina lezo zinto.

<sup>29</sup> URebeka wayenomnewabo ogama lakhe linguLabani; uLabani wagijimela endle kulowo muntu ngasemthonjeni.

<sup>30</sup> Kwathi esebone icici namasongo ezandleni zikadadewabo, wezwa amazwi kaRebeka udadewabo, ethi: “Washo njalo lo muntu kimi,” waya kulowo muntu; bheka, wayemi ngakuwo amakamela ngasemthonjeni.

<sup>31</sup> Wathi: “Ngena wena obusisekileyo kaJehova; umelani ngaphandle na? Mina

sengilungisile indlu nendawo yamakamela.”

**32** Wayesengena endlini lowo muntu, wakhumula amakamela, wapha amakamela utshani nefoliji, waletha namanzi okugeza izinyawo zakhe nezinyawo zamadoda anaye.

**33** Kwabekwa phambi kwakhe ukudla ukuba adle, kepha wathi: “Angiyikudla ngingakakhulumi indaba yami.” Wathi: “Khuluma.”

**34** Wayesethi: “Ngiyinceku ka-Abrahama.

**35** UJehova ubusisile kakhulu inkosi yami, yaze yaba nkulu; uyinike izimvu, nezinkomo, nesiliva, negolide, nezinceku, nezincekukazi, namakamela, nezimbongolo.

**36** USara umkankosi yami wayizalela inkosi yami indodana esemdala; kuyona inikele konke enakho.

**37** Inkosi yami yangifungisa yathi: ‘Ungathatheli indodana yami umfazi emadodakazini amaKhanani engihlezi ezweni lawo,

**38** kepha uye endlini kababa nasezihlotsheni zami, uyithathele khona indodana yami umfazi.’

**39** “Ngase ngithi enkosini yami: ‘Mhlawumbe owesifazane akayikungilandela.’

**40** “Wathi kimi: ‘UJehova, engihambe ebusweni bakhe, uzakuthuma ingelosi yakhe nawe, aphumelelise indlela yakho; uyakuyithathela indodana yami umfazi ezihlotsheni zami nasendlini kababa.

**41** Lapho uyobe ukhululekile esifungweni sami, nxa ufika ezihlotsheni zami; noma bengamniki kuwe, uyobe usukhululekile esifungweni sami.’

**42** “Ngase ngifika emthonjeni namuhla, ngithi: ‘Jehova Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abrahama, uma uphumelelisa indlela yami engiyihambayo,

**43** bheka, sengimi ngasemthonjeni wamanzi; kuyakuthi intombazana eza ukuyokukha, engisho kuyo ukuthi: “Ake ungiphuzise ingcosana yamanzi embizeni yakho,”

**44** ithi kimi: “Phuza wena, futhi ngizakuwakhelela namakamela akho,” kube yiyo engumfazi uJehova ammiseleyo indodana yenkosi yami.’

**45** “Ngingakaqedi ukukhuluma enhliziyweni yami, bheka, kweza uRebeka enembiza yakhe ehlombe; wehlela emthonjeni, wakha; ngathi kuye: ‘Ake ungiphuzise.’

**46** “Washesha wehlisa imbiza yakhe ehlombe, wathi: ‘Phuza; ngizakuwaphuzisa namakamela akho;’ ngaphuza-ke; namakamela wawaphuzisa.

**47** “Ngambuza ngathi: ‘Wena uyindodakazi kabani na?’ “Wathi: ‘Indodakazi kaBetuweli indodana kaNahori, amzalela yona uMilka;’ ngase ngifaka icici emakhaleni akhe namasongo ezandleni zakhe.

**48** Ngakhothama, ngakhuleka kuJehova, ngabonga uJehova, uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abrahama, obengihole endleleni elungileyo ukuba ngithathele indodana yayo indodakazi yomfowabo wenkosi yami.

**49** Manje-ke uma nithanda ukuyenzela inkosi yami umusa neqiniso, ngitsheleni; uma kungenjalo, ngitsheleni, ukuze ngiphendukele ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo.”

**50** Base bephendula oLabani noBetuweli, bethi: “Le ndaba ivela kuJehova; asinakusho lutho kuwe, noma okubi noma okuhle.

**51** Bheka, uRebeka usebusweni bakho; mthathe, uhambe, abe ngumkandodana yenkosi yakho, njengalokho wakhuluma uJehova.”

**52** Yathi ukuzwa amazwi abo, inceku ka-Abrahama yakhothama emhlabathini phambi kukaJehova.

**53** Inceku yakhipha izinto zesiliva nezinto zegolide kanye nezingubo, yazipha uRebeka; yabanika nomnewabo nonina amagugu.



- <sup>54</sup> Base bedla bephuza, yona nabantu eyayinabo, balala; sebevuke ekuseni, yathi: “Ngithumeni enkosini yami.”
- <sup>55</sup> Umnewabo nonina bathi: “Ake ihlale kithina intombazana izinsukwana, mhlawumbe eziyishumi, andukuba ihambe.”
- <sup>56</sup> Yathi kubo: “Ningangilibazisi, njengokuba uJehova eyiphumelelisile indlela yami; ngimukiseni ukuba ngiye enkosini yami.”
- <sup>57</sup> Base bethi: “Sizakuyibiza intombazana, sizwe emlonyeni wayo.”
- <sup>58</sup> Bambiza uRebeka, bathi kuye: “Uzakuphambana nale ndoda na?” Wathi: “Ngizakuphambana.”
- <sup>59</sup> Base bemukisa udadewabo uRebeka, nomzanyana wakhe, nenceku ka-Abrahama, namadoda ayo.
- <sup>60</sup> Bambusisa uRebeka, bathi kuye: “Dadewethu, yiba wena izinkulungwane zezigidi, inzalo yakho inqobe amasango ezitha zayo.”
- <sup>61</sup> URebeka wasuka namantombazana akhe; bagibela amakamela, balandela indoda; inceku yamthatha uRebeka, yamuka.
- <sup>62</sup> Kepha u-Isaka wabuya ngaseBeri Lahayi Royi, ngokuba wayehlala ezweni laseningizimu.
- <sup>63</sup> U-Isaka waphuma ntambama ukuyozindla endle; waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona; bheka, kweza amakamela.
- <sup>64</sup> NoRebeka waphakamisa amehlo akhe; esembonile u-Isaka wehla ekameleni.
- <sup>65</sup> Wathi encekweni: “Ngubani le ndoda ehamba endle ukuzosihlangabeza na?” Yathi inceku: “Yinkosi yami,” wayesethatha imvakazi yakhe, wagubuzela.
- <sup>66</sup> Inceku yayisimshela u-Isaka konke ebikwenzile.
- <sup>67</sup> U-Isaka wamngenisa etendeni likanina uSara, wamthatha uRebeka, wabangumkakhe; wamthanda; u-Isaka wayeseduduzeka emva kokufa kukanina.

## ISAHLUKO 25

**U**-Abrahama waphinda wathatha umfazi ogama lakhe linguKetura.

- <sup>2</sup> Wamzalela oZimrani, noJokishani, noMedani, noMidiyani, no-Ishibaki, noShuwa.
- <sup>3</sup> UJokishani wazala oSheba noDedani. Amadodana kaDedani ayengama-Ashuri, namaLetushi, namaLewumi.
- <sup>4</sup> Amadodana kaMidiyani ayengo-Efa, no-Eferi, noHanoki, no-Abida, no-Elidaha. Bonke labo babengamadodana kaKetura.
- <sup>5</sup> U-Abrahama wamnika u-Isaka konke anakho.
- <sup>6</sup> Kepha amadodana ezancinza zika-Abrahama u-Abrahama wawanika izipho nje, wawamukisa ku-Isaka indodana yakhe esekhona, aye ngasempumalanga ezweni lasempumalanga.
- <sup>7</sup> Lezi ziyizinsuku zeminyaka yokuhamba kuka-Abrahama azihambayo: iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlanu.
- <sup>8</sup> U-Abrahama wagqibuka wafa, esemdala egugile, esanelisiwe yizinsuku, wabuthelwa kubantu bakhe.
- <sup>9</sup> O-Isaka no-Ishmayeli amadodana akhe bammbela emhumeni waseMakaphela, ensimini ka-Efroni indodana kaSowari umHetu engaphambi kweMamre,
- <sup>10</sup> insimu ayithenga u-Abrahama kubo abantwana bakwaHetu; khona wembelwa u-Abrahama noSara umkakhe.

- <sup>11</sup> Kwathi emva kokufa kuka-Abrahama uNkulunkulu wambusisa u-Isaka indodana yakhe; u-Isaka wahlala eBeri Lahayi Royi.
- <sup>12</sup> Lezi ziyizizukulwane zika-Ishmayeli indodana ka-Abrahama, uHagari waseGibithe incekekazi kaSara amzalela zona u-Abrahama.
- <sup>13</sup> Lawa angamagama amadodana ka-Ishmayeli ngamagama awo nangokuzalwa kwawo: izibulo lika-Ishmayeli nguNebayoti, kanye noKedari, no-Adibeli, noMibisamu,
- <sup>14</sup> noMishima, noDuma, noMasa,
- <sup>15</sup> noHadadi, noThema, noJeturu, noNafishi, noKhedema;
- <sup>16</sup> yilawo angamadodana ka-Ishmayeli, yilawo angamagama awo ngemizi yawo nangezikaniso zawo, izikhulu eziyishumi nambili ngezizwe zawo.
- <sup>17</sup> Le iyiminyaka yokuhamba kuka-Ishmayeli: iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu nesikhombisa; wagqibuka wafa, wabuthelwa kubantu bakhe.
- <sup>18</sup> Bahlala-ke kwasukela eHavila kwaze kwaba seShuri elingaphambi kwaseGibithe ekuhambeni ukuya e-Asiriya; wakha ngasempumalanga kwabafowabo.
- <sup>19</sup> Lezi ziyizizukulwane zika-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama: u-Abrahama wazala u-Isaka;
- <sup>20</sup> u-Isaka wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane mhla emthatha uRebeka indodakazi kaBetuweli, umAramu wasePhadani Aramu, udadewabo kaLabani umAramu, abe ngumkakhe.
- <sup>21</sup> U-Isaka wamkhulekela umkakhe kuJehova, ngokuba wayeyinyumba; uJehova wamzwela; uRebeka umkakhe wakhulelwa.
- <sup>22</sup> Abantwana baqhubukushana phakathi kwakhe; wathi: “Uma kunje, ngisekhona ngani na?” Waya wabuza kuJehova.
- <sup>23</sup> UJehova wathi kuye: “Esiswini sakho kukhona izizwe ezimbili; izinhlobo ezimbili zabantu ziyakwahlukana ezibilinini zakho; esinye isizwe siyakwahlula esinye, omkhulu akhonze omncane.”
- <sup>24</sup> Kwathi seziphelele izinsuku zakhe zokubeletha, bheka, kwakukhona amawele esiswini sakhe.
- <sup>25</sup> Waphuma owokuqala, ebomvana wonke umzimba, enjengengubo yoboya; baqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi u-Esawu.
- <sup>26</sup> Emva kwalokho kwaphuma umfowabo, isandla sakhe sibambelele esithendeni sika-Esawu; igama lakhe labizwa ngokuthi uJakobe; u-Isaka wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha ekuzalweni kwabo.
- <sup>27</sup> Abafana bakhula; u-Esawu waba yiphisi, umuntu wasendle; uJakobe waba yibeka, ehlala ematendeni.
- <sup>28</sup> U-Isaka wamthanda u-Esawu, ngokuba wayedla inyama yenyamazane yakhe; uRebeka wamthanda uJakobe.
- <sup>29</sup> Kwathi uJakobe wapheka ukudla, kwafika u-Esawu evela endle, ediniwe.
- <sup>30</sup> U-Esawu wathi kuJakobe: “Ake ungiphe ukuba ngidle kokubomvu, kulokho okubomvu, ngokuba sengidiniwe,” ngalokho igama lakhe lathiwa u-Edomi.
- <sup>31</sup> Wayesethi uJakobe: “Thengisa kimi namuhla ngefa lobuzibulo bakho.”
- <sup>32</sup> Wathi u-Esawu: “Bheka, sengizakufa; linosizo luni kimi ifa lobuzibulo bami na?”
- <sup>33</sup> UJakobe wathi: “Funga kimi namuhla.” Wayesefunga kuye, wathengisa ngefa lobuzibulo bakhe kuJakobe.
- <sup>34</sup> UJakobe wamupha u-Esawu isinkwa nokudla kwembumba; wadla, waphuza, wavuka, wahamba; wadelela kanjalo u-Esawu ubuzibulo bakhe.

## ISAHLUKO 26

**K**waba khona indlala ezweni ngaphandle kwendlala yokuqala eyayikhona emihleni ka-Abrahama; u-Isaka waya eGerari ku-Abimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti.

<sup>2</sup> UJehova wabonakala kuye, wathi: “Ungehleli eGibithe; hlala ezweni engizakukutshela lona,

<sup>3</sup> ugogobale kuleli zwe; ngizakuba nawe, ngikubusise, ngokuba ngiyakunika wena nenzalo yakho onke lawa mazwe, ngigcwalise isifungo engasifunga ku-Abrahama uyihlo.

<sup>4</sup> Ngiyakwandisa inzalo yakho, ibe ngangezinkanyezi zezulu, ngiyiphe inzalo yakho onke lawa mazwe; ngenzalo yakho ziyakubusiswa izizwe zonke zomhlaba,

<sup>5</sup> ngokuba u-Abrahama walalela izwi lami, wagcina ukusho kwami, nemiyalo yami, nezimiso zami, nemithetho yami.”

<sup>6</sup> U-Isaka wahlala-ke eGarari.

<sup>7</sup> Amadoda aleyo ndawo ambuza ngomkakhe; wathi: “Ungudadewethu,” ngokuba wesaba ukusho ukuthi: “Ungumkami,” ethi: “Funa amadoda aleyo ndawo angibulale ngenxa kaRebeka, lokhu ebukeka kahle.”

<sup>8</sup> Kwathi esehlale khona isikhathi eside, u-Abimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti walunguza efasiteleni, wabona; bheka, u-Isaka wayetekula noRebeka umkakhe.

<sup>9</sup> U-Abimeleki wambiza u-Isaka, wathi: “Bheka, impela yena ungumkakho; usholoni ukuthi: ‘Ungudadewethu,’ na?” U-Isaka wathi: “Ngokuba ngathi: Funa ngife ngenxa yakhe.”

<sup>10</sup> U-Abimeleki wayesethi: “Kuyini okwenzile kithina na? Bekulula ukuba kufike omunye wabantu, alale nomkakho; ubususibangele icala.”

<sup>11</sup> U-Abimeleki wayala bonke abantu, wathi: “Othinta lo muntu nomkakhe uzakubulawa nokubulawa.”

<sup>12</sup> U-Isaka watshala kulelo zwe, wathola ngawona lowo mnyaka okuphindwe kayikhulu, ngokuba uJehova wambusisa.

<sup>13</sup> Lowo muntu waba mkhulu; kwayilokhu eqhubeka ukukhula njalo, waze waba mkhulu kakhulu.

<sup>14</sup> Wayenemfuyo yezimvu, nemfuyo yezinkomo, nezinceku eziningi; amaFilisti ayenomhawu ngaye.

<sup>15</sup> Yonke imithombo ezaziyimbile izinceku zikayise ezinsukwini zika-Abrahama uyise, amaFilisti ayeyivalile, ayigcwalisa ngomhlabathi.

<sup>16</sup> U-Abimeleki wathi ku-Isaka: “Suka kithina, ngokuba unamandla kakhulu kunathi.”

<sup>17</sup> U-Isaka wayesesuka khona, wakha esigodini saseGerari, wahlala lapho.

<sup>18</sup> U-Isaka wabuye wemba imithombo yamanzi ababeyimbile ezinsukwini zika-Abrahama uyise, ngokuba amaFilisti ayeyivalile emva kokufa kuka-Abrahama; wayibiza ngamagama ayiqamba ngawo uyise.

<sup>19</sup> Izinceku zika-Isaka zemba esigodini, zafumana umthombo wamanzi aphethuzayo.

<sup>20</sup> Abelusi baseGerari baphikisana nabelusi baka-Isaka, bathi: “Amanzi angawethu.” Wabiza igama lomthombo ngokuthi i-Eseke, ngokuba baphikisana naye.

<sup>21</sup> Bemba omunye umthombo, baphikisana nangawo. Waqamba igama lawo ngokuthi iSitina.

<sup>22</sup> Wasuka lapho, wemba omunye umthombo; abaphikisananga ngawo; wabiza igama lawo ngokuthi iRehoboti, wathi: “Ngokuba uJehova usenzele indawo; siyakwanda ezweni.”

<sup>23</sup> Wasuka lapho, wakhuphuka waya eBeri Sheba.

- <sup>24</sup> UJehova wabonakala kuye ngabona lobo busuku, wathi: “NginguNkulunkulu kayihlo u-Abrahama; ungesabi, ngokuba nginawe; ngizakukubusisa, ngiyandise inzalo yakho ngenxa yenceku yami u-Abrahama.”
- <sup>25</sup> Wakha khona i-altare, wakhuleka egameni likaJehova, wamisa lapho itende lakhe; izinceku zika-Isaka zemba umthombo khona.
- <sup>26</sup> U-Abimeleki wayeseya kuye evela eGerari, eno-Ahuzati umngane wakhe noPikoli induna yempi yakhe.
- <sup>27</sup> U-Isaka wathi kubo: “Nizeleni kimi, lokhu niyangizonda, ningixoshile kini, na?”
- <sup>28</sup> Bathi: “Sesibone nokubona ukuthi uJehova unawe. Sathi: ‘Akube khona manje phakathi kwethu isifungo,’ phakathi kwethu nawe, senze isivumelwano nawe
- <sup>29</sup> sokuthi awuyikusenzela okubi, njengokuba singakuthintanga, sikwenzele okuhle kodwa, sakumukisa ngokuthula; wena usubusiswe nguJehova.”
- <sup>30</sup> Wabenzela idili, badla, baphuza.
- <sup>31</sup> Bavuka ekuseni, bafungisana omunye nomunye; u-Isaka wayesebamukisa, basuka kuye ngokuthula.
- <sup>32</sup> Kwathi ngalolo suku zafika izinceku zika-Isaka, zamtshela ngomthombo ezaziwumbile, zathi kuye: “Sitholile amanzi.”
- <sup>33</sup> Wayesewubiza ngokuthi iSheba; ngalokho igama lomuzi lithi iBeri Sheba kuze kube namuhla.
- <sup>34</sup> Kwathi u-Esawu eseneminyaka engamashumi amane, wathatha umfazi uJuditi indodakazi kaBeri umHetu noBasemati indodakazi ka-Eloni umHetu.
- <sup>35</sup> Baba lusizi enhliziyweni ka-Isaka noRebeka.

## ISAPHLUKO 27

- K**wathi u-Isaka esemdala namehlo akhe efiphele engasaboni, wabiza u-Esawu indodana yakhe enkulu, wathi kuye: “Ndodana yami!” Wathi kuye: “Ngilapha.”
- <sup>2</sup> Wayesethi: “Bheka, sengimdala, angilwazi usuku lokufa kwami.
- <sup>3</sup> Ngalokho awuthathe manje izikhali zakho, umgodla wakho nomnsalo wakho, uye endle, ungizingelele inyamazane,
- <sup>4</sup> ungilungisele isilovela engisithandayo, usilethe kimi ukuba ngidle, umphefumulo wami ukubusise ngingakafi.”
- <sup>5</sup> URebeka wezwa u-Isaka ekhuluma no-Esawu indodana yakhe. U-Esawu waya endle ukuyozingela inyamazane, abuye nayo.
- <sup>6</sup> URebeka wakhuluma kuJakobe indodana yakhe, wathi: “Bheka, ngizwe uyihlo ekhuluma no-Esawu umnewenu, ethi:
- <sup>7</sup> ‘Ngilethele inyamazane, ungilungisele isilovela, ukuze ngidle, ngikubusise ebusweni bukaJehova ngingakafi.’
- <sup>8</sup> Ngalokho, ndodana yami, lalela izwi lami kulokhu engikuyala ngakho.
- <sup>9</sup> Yana emhlambini, ungithathele khona amazinyane amabili amahle ezimbuzi, ngilungisele uyihlo isilovela njengalokho akuthandayo,
- <sup>10</sup> wena usiyise kuyihlo, aze adle, akubusise engakafi.”
- <sup>11</sup> UJakobe wathi kuRebeka unina: “Bheka, umnewethu ungumuntu oyinundu, mina ngiluwatha.
- <sup>12</sup> Mhlawumbe ubaba uyakungiphatha, ngibe ngokhohlisayo emehlweni akhe, ngizilethele isiqalekiso, kungabi yisibusiso.”

- 13** Unina wayesethi kuye: “Isiqalekiso sakho, ndodana yami, masibe phezu kwami; lalela izwi lami, uhambe ukungithathela wona.”
- 14** Wayesehamba-ke, wawathatha, wawayisa kunina; unina walungisa isilovela njengalokho akuthandayo uyise.
- 15** URebeka wayesethatha izingubo ezinhle zika-Esawu indodana yakhe enkulu ezazikuye endlini, wamembathisa zona uJakobe indodana yakhe encane.
- 16** Wamnqwambisa izikhumba zamazinyane ezimbuzi ezandleni zakhe nasocwatheni lwentamo.
- 17** Wanikela esandleni sikaJakobe indodana yakhe isilovela nesinkwa akulungisileyo.
- 18** Yena waya kuyise, wathi: “Baba!” Wathi yena: “Ngilapha; ungubani wena ndodana yami na?”
- 19** UJakobe wathi kuyise: “Ngingu-Esawu izibulo lakho; ngenze njengalokho ungitshelile; mawuvuke, uhlale, udle ukuba umphefumulo wakho ungibusise.”
- 20** U-Isaka wathi kuyo indodana yakhe: “Kwenzeke kanjani ukuba usheshe kangaka ukuyithola, ndodana yami, na?” Wathi: “Ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho uyenze ukuba ize phambi kwami.”
- 21** U-Isaka wayesethi kuJakobe: “Ake usondele, ngikuphathe, ndodana yami, uma uyindodana yami u-Esawu uqobo noma ungesiyo na?”
- 22** UJakobe wasondela ku-Isaka uyise; wamphatha, wathi: “Izwi liyizwi likaJakobe, kepha izandla ziyizandla zika-Esawu.”
- 23** Akamazanga, ngokuba izandla zakhe zazinoboya njengezandla zomnewabo u-Esawu; wayeseyakumbusisa.
- 24** Kepha wayesethi: “Uyindodana yami u-Esawu uqobo na?” Wathi: “Nginguye.”
- 25** Wayesethi: “Sondeza kimi, ngidle inyamazane yendodana yami ukuba umphefumulo wami ukubusise.” Wayeseyisondeza kuye, wadla; wayisa kuye iwayini, waphuza.
- 26** Uyise u-Isaka wathi kuye: “Ake usondele ungange, ndodana yami.”
- 27** Wasondela wamanga, wahogela iphunga lezingubo zakhe, wambusisa wathi: “Bheka, iphunga lendodana yami linjengephunga lensimu ebusisiwe nguJehova.
- 28** UNkulunkulu makakuphe amazolo ezulu, namanoni omhlaba, nenala yamabele neyewayini.
- 29** Abantu mabakukhonze, izizwe zikukhothamele; yiba yinkosi yabafowenu, amadodana kanyoko akukhothamele; makaqalekiswe okuqalekisayo, abusiswe okubusisayo.”
- 30** Kwathi u-Isaka eseqede ukumbusisa uJakobe, uJakobe esand' ukuphuma ebusweni buka-Isaka uyise, wafika u-Esawu umnewabo evela ekuzingeleni kwakhe.
- 31** Naye wenza isilovela, wasiyisa kuyise; wathi kuyise: “Ubaba makavuke, adle inyamazane yendodana yakhe ukuba umphefumulo wakho ungibusise.”
- 32** U-Isaka uyise wathi kuye: “Ungubani wena na?” Wathi: “Ngiyindodana yakho, izibulo lakho, u-Esawu.”
- 33** U-Isaka wayesethuthumela nokuthuthumela kakhulu impela, wathi: “Ngubani, pho, othathe inyamazane, wayiletha kimi, ngayidla yonke ungakafiki, ngambusisa, na? Yena uyakuba ngobusisiweyo.”
- 34** U-Esawu esezwa amazwi kayise wakhala nokukhala kamunyu impela, wathi kuyise: “Ngibusise nami, baba!”
- 35** Wayesethi: “Umfowenu ufike ngenkohliso, wathatha isibusiso sakho.”
- 36** Wathi: “Aliqanjwanga kahle igama lakhe ngokuthi uJakobe na? Ngokuba sekukabili engiqinela; wathatha ubuzibulo bami; bheka, manje usethathe isibusiso sami.” Wathi:

“Mina, awungigodlelanga sibusiso na?”

<sup>37</sup> U-Isaka waphendula, wathi ku-Esawu: “Bheka, ngimmisile abe yinkosi yakho, nabafowabo bonke ngimnike bona babe yizinceku zakhe; ngimphasile ngamabele nangewayini; ngingase ngikwenzeleni wena ndodana yami na?”

<sup>38</sup> Wayesethi u-Esawu kuyise: “Baba, sinye nje isibusiso sakho na? Ngibusise nami, baba!” U-Esawu wadazuluka, wakhala.

<sup>39</sup> U-Isaka uyise waphendula, wathi kuye: “Bheka, umuzi wakho uyakuba kude namanoni omhlaba namazolo ezulu avela phezulu.

<sup>40</sup> Uyakuphila ngenkemba yakho, umkhonze umfowenu; kuyakuthi lapho udlubulunda, uhluzule ijoka lakhe entanyeni yakho.”

<sup>41</sup> U-Esawu wayesemzonda uJakobe ngenxa yesibusiso uyise ambusise ngaso; u-Esawu wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: “Izinsuku zokulilela ubaba sezisondele; khona ngiyakumbulala umfowethu uJakobe.”

<sup>42</sup> URebeka watshelwa amazwi ka-Esawu indodana yakhe enkulu; wathuma wambiza uJakobe indodana yakhe encane, wathi kuye: “Bheka, umnewenu u-Esawu uyaziduduza ngawe ngokuthi uyakukubulala.

<sup>43</sup> Ngelokho, ndodana yami, lalela izwi lami: vuka ubalekele kuLabani umfowethu eHarana,

<sup>44</sup> uhlale kuye izinsukwana ezithile, kuze kubohle ukufutheka komfowenu,

<sup>45</sup> kusuke kuwe ukuthukuthela komnewenu, akhohlwe lokho okwenze kuye, bese ngithuma ngikulande khona; ngizakwaphucwa ngani nina nobabili ngalusuku lunye na?”

<sup>46</sup> URebeka wayesethi ku-Isaka: “Ngidiniwe ukuphila ngenxa yamadodakazi kaHet; uma uJakobe ethatha umfazi kuwo amadodakazi kaHet onjengalawa, kuwo amadodakazi aleli zwe, kuyakungisiza ngani ukuphila na?”

## ISAPHLUKO 28

**U**-Isaka wambiza uJakobe, wambusisa, wamyala, wathi kuye: “Awuyikuthatha umfazi kuwo amadodakazi aseKhanani.

<sup>2</sup> Vuka uye ePhadani Aramu endlini kaBetuweli uyise kanyoko, uzithathele khona umfazi kuwo amadodakazi kaLabani unyokolume.

<sup>3</sup> UNkulunkulu uSomandla makakubusise, akuchumise, akwandise, ube yizizwe eziningi,

<sup>4</sup> akuphe isibusiso sika-Abrahama, wena nenzalo yakho kanye nawe, udle ifa lezwe lokugogobala kwakho uNkulunkulu amnika lona u-Abrahama.”

<sup>5</sup> U-Isaka wayesemkusa uJakobe, waya ePhadani Aramu kuye uLabani indodana kaBetuweli umAramu, umfowabo kaRebeka unina kaJakobe no-Esawu.

<sup>6</sup> U-Esawu ebona ukuthi u-Isaka umbusisile uJakobe, wamthuma ePhadani Aramu ukuyothatha khona umfazi, nokuthi lapho embusisa wamyala wathi: “Awuyikuthatha umfazi kuwo amadodakazi aseKhanani,”

<sup>7</sup> nokuthi uJakobe walalela uyise nonina, waya ePhadani Aramu,

<sup>8</sup> khona u-Esawu wabona ukuthi amadodakazi aseKhanani mabi emehlweni ka-Isaka uyise,

<sup>9</sup> waya ku-Ishmayeli, wathatha uMahalati indodakazi ka-Ishmayeli indodana ka-Abrahama, udadewabo kaNebayoti, abe ngumkakhe kanye nabafazi ayesenabo.

<sup>10</sup> UJakobe wayesemuka eBeri Sheba, waya eHarana.

<sup>11</sup> Wafika endaweni ethile, wahlala khona ubusuku bonke, ngokuba ilanga lase lishonile;

wathatha elinye lamatshe aleyondawo, walibeka phansi kwekhanda lakhe, walala kuleyo ndawo.

<sup>12</sup> Waphupha, bheka, nanko umkhwelo umiswe emhlabathini, isihloko sawo sifinyelela ezulwini; nezingelosi zikaNkulunkulu zenyuka, zehla kuwo.

<sup>13</sup> Bheka, uJehova wayemi ngaphezu kwawo, wathi: “NginguJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Abrahama uyihlo, noNkulunkulu ka-Isaka; leli zwe olele kulo ngizakulinika wena nenzalo yakho.

<sup>14</sup> Inzalo yakho iyakuba ngangothuli lomhlabathi, wena usabalalele ngasentshonalanga, nasempumalanga, nasenyakatho, naseningizimu; ngawe nangenzalo yakho iyakubusiswa imindeni yonke yomhlaba.

<sup>15</sup> Bheka, nginawe; ngiyakukulondoloza nakuphi lapho uya khona, ngikubuyisele kuleli zwe, ngokuba angiyikukushiya, ngingakakwenzi lokho engikushilo kuwe.”

<sup>16</sup> Wayesephaphama uJakobe ebuthongweni bakhe, wathi: “Imbala uJehova ukule ndawo, mina-ke bengingakwazi.”

<sup>17</sup> Washaywa luvalo, wathi: “Yeka ukwesabeka kwale ndawo! Akusikho okunye, yindlu kaNkulunkulu kuphela, yisango lezulu.”

<sup>18</sup> UJakobe wavuka ekuseni, walithatha itshe abelibeke phansi kwekhanda lakhe, walimisa laba yinsika, wathela amafutha esihlokweni salo.

<sup>19</sup> Waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi iBethele; kuqala igama lomuzi laliyiLuze.

<sup>20</sup> UJakobe wenza isithembiso, wathi: “Uma uNkulunkulu eyakuba nami, angilondoloze kule ndlela engihamba ngayo, angiphe isinkwa sokudliwa nezingubo zokwembatha,

<sup>21</sup> ukuze ngibuyele endlini kababa ngokuthula, khona uJehova uyakuba nguNkulunkulu wami,

<sup>22</sup> naleli tshe engilimise libe yinsika liyakuba yindlu kaNkulunkulu, nakukho konke oyakungipha khona ngiyakukunika okweshumi.”

## ISAHLUKO 29

**W**ayesesuka uJakobe, waya ezweni labantu basempumalanga.

<sup>2</sup> Wabheka, nanko umthombo endle, nemihlambi emithathu yezimvu ilele ngakuwo, ngokuba kulowo mthombo babephuzisa imihlambi; itshe elalisemlonyeni womthombo lalilikhulu kakhulu.

<sup>3</sup> Kwabuthelwa khona imihlambi yonke, balisusa itshe emlonyeni womthombo, baphuzisa izimvu, balibuyisela itshe emlonyeni womthombo endaweni yalo.

<sup>4</sup> UJakobe wathi kubo: “Bazalwane, nivelaphi na?” Bathi: “SingabakwaHarana.”

<sup>5</sup> Wayesethi kubo: “Niyamazi uLabani indodana kaNahori na?” Bathi: “Siyamazi.”

<sup>6</sup> Wathi kubo: “Usahlezi kahle na?” Bathi: “Uhlezi kahle. Nangu uRaheli indodakazi yakhe; uyeza nezimvu.”

<sup>7</sup> Wathi: “Bheka, kusesemini kakhulu, akusiso isikhathi sokuba zibuthwe izinkomo; phuzisani izimvu, nihambe niziklabise.”

<sup>8</sup> Base bethi: “Singekwenze lokho ingakabuthani imihlambi yonke, balisuse itshe emlonyeni womthombo; yikhona siyakuphuzisa izimvu.”

<sup>9</sup> Esakhuluma nabo, uRaheli wafika nezimvu zikayise, ngokuba wayezalusa.

<sup>10</sup> Kwathi uJakobe ebona uRaheli indodakazi kaLabani uninalume nezimvu zikaLabani uninalume, uJakobe wasondela, wasusa itshe emlonyeni womthombo, waziphuzisa izimvu zikaLabani uninalume.



- 11** UJakobe wamanga uRaheli, waphakamisa izwi lakhe, wakhala.
- 12** UJakobe wayesemtshela uRaheli ukuthi ungumfowabo kayise nokuthi uyindodana kaRebeka; wagijima, watshela uyise.
- 13** Kwathi uLabani esezwe indaba kaJakobe indodana kadadewabo, wagijima ukuyomhlangabeza, wamgona, wamanga, wamngenisa endlini yakhe; wayesetshela uLabani zonke lezi zinto.
- 14** ULabani wathi kuye: “Impela uyithambo lami nenyama yami.” Wahlala kuye inyanga yonke.
- 15** ULabani wayesethi kuJakobe: “Lokhu ungumfowethu, ubuzakungisebenzela ngeze na? Ngitshele ukuthi umvuzo wakho uyakuba yini na?”
- 16** ULabani wayenamadodakazi amabili; igama lenkulu lalinguLeya, igama lencane lalinguRaheli.
- 17** Amehlo kaLeya ayebuthakathaka, kepha uRaheli wayemuhle ngesimo, ebukeka kahle.
- 18** UJakobe wamthanda uRaheli; wathi: “Ngizakukusebenzela iminyaka eyisikhombisa ngoRaheli indodakazi yakho encane.”
- 19** Wayesethi uLabani: “Kuhle ukuba ngimnike wena kunokuba ngimnike enye indoda; hlala kimi.”
- 20** UJakobe wayesesebenzela uRaheli iminyaka eyisikhombisa; yayisemehlweni akhe njengezinsuku eziyingcosana nje ngenxa yokumthanda kwakhe.
- 21** UJakobe wathi kuLabani: “Nginike umkami, ngokuba izinsuku zami seziphelile, ngize ngingene kuye.”
- 22** ULabani wabutha abantu bonke bakuleyo ndawo, wenza idili.
- 23** Kepha kwathi kusihlwa wathatha uLeya indodakazi yakhe, wamyisa kuye; wangena kuye.
- 24** ULabani wanika indodakazi yakhe uLeya incekekazi yakhe uZilipa, abe yincekekazi yakhe.
- 25** Kwathi ekuseni, bheka, kunguLeya; wayesethi kuLabani: “Kuyini lokhu okwenzile kimi na? Angikusebenzelanga ngoRaheli na? Ungikhohliseleni na?”
- 26** Wathi uLabani: “Akwenziwa njalo endaweni yakithi ukuba kuganiswe omncane ngaphambi komkhulu.
- 27** Qeda isonto lalona, sikuphe nomunye ngomsebenzi osezakuwusebenza kimi eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa.”
- 28** UJakobe wenze njalo, waqeda isonto lakhe; wamupha uRaheli indodakazi yakhe, abe ngumkakhe.
- 29** ULabani wanika indodakazi yakhe uRaheli incekekazi yakhe uBiliha, abe yincekekazi yakhe.
- 30** Wangena nakuye uRaheli, wathanda uRaheli kakhulu kunoLeya; wayesesebenza kuye eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa.
- 31** UJehova ebona ukuthi uLeya uyazondwa, wavula isizalo sakhe; kepha uRaheli wayeyinyumba.
- 32** ULeya wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uRubeni, ngokuba wathi: “UJehova ubonile ukuhlupheka kwami; manje umyeni wami uyakungithanda.”
- 33** Wabuye wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wathi: “Lokhu uJehova ezwe ukuthi ngiyazondwa, ungiphile nalena futhi,” waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uSimeyoni.
- 34** Wabuye wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wathi: “Manje ngalesi sikhathi umyeni wami

uyakunamathela kimi, ngokuba ngimzalele amadodana amathathu,” ngalokho waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uLevi.

<sup>35</sup> Wakhulelwa futhi, wazala indodana, wathi: “Sengiyakumdumisa uJehova,” ngalokho waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uJuda; wayesekhawula ukuzala.

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**U**Raheli esebonile ukuthi wayengamzaleli uJakobe abantwana, uRaheli waba nomhawu ngodadewabo, wathi kuJakobe: “Ngiphe abantwana, funa ngife.”

<sup>2</sup> Intukuthelo kaJakobe yayisivuthela uRaheli, wathi: “Ngisesikhundleni sikaNkulunkulu okwenqabele isithelo sesizalo na?”

<sup>3</sup> Wathi: “Nansi incekekazi yami uBiliha; ngena kuye, ukuze azalele emathangeni ami, ngakheke nami ngaye.”

<sup>4</sup> Wayesemupha uBiliha incekekazi yakhe, abe ngumkakhe; uJakobe wangena kuye.

<sup>5</sup> UBiliha wakhulelwa, wamzalela uJakobe indodana.

<sup>6</sup> Wayesethi uRaheli: “UNKulunkulu ungahlulele, futhi wezwa izwi lami: wangipha indodana,” ngalokho waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uDani.

<sup>7</sup> UBiliha incekekazi kaRaheli wabuye wakhulelwa, wamzalela uJakobe indodana yesibili.

<sup>8</sup> URaheli wathi: “Ngokubambana ngibambene nodadewethu ngamandla kaNkulunkulu, ngamahlula,” waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uNafetali.

<sup>9</sup> ULeya esebonile ukuthi ukhawulile ukuzala, wamthatha uZilipa incekekazi yakhe, wamupha uJakobe, abe ngumkakhe.

<sup>10</sup> UZilipa incekekazi kaLeya wamzalela uJakobe indodana.

<sup>11</sup> ULeya wayesethi: “Kwenziwe inhlanhla,” waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uGadi.

<sup>12</sup> UZilipa incekekazi kaLeya wamzalela indodana yesibili.

<sup>13</sup> Wayesethi uLeya: “Yisibusiso sami! Ngokuba izintombi ziyakungibiza ngokuthi ngingobusisiweyo,” waqamba igama layo ngokuthi u-Asheri.

<sup>14</sup> Ngesikhathi sokuvuna ukolweni uRubeni waya wafumana amamandragora endle, wawayisa kunina uLeya. URaheli wayesethi kuLeya: “Ake ungiphe amamandragora endodana yakho.”

<sup>15</sup> Wathi kuye: “Kuncane yini ukuba uthathile umyeni wami na? Usuyakuthatha namamandragora endodana yami na?” URaheli wathi: “Ngalokho uzakulala nawe ngalobu busuku ngamamandragora endodana yakho.”

<sup>16</sup> Kusihlwa uJakobe esebuya endle, uLeya waya ukumhlangabeza, wathi: “Ngena kimi, ngokuba impela ngikuqashile ngamamandragora endodana yami.” Wayeselala naye ngalobo busuku.

<sup>17</sup> UNkulunkulu wamuzwa uLeya; wakhulelwa, wamzalela uJakobe indodana yesihlanu.

<sup>18</sup> Wayesethi uLeya: “UNKulunkulu unginikile umvuzo, lokhu ngamnika umyeni wami incekekazi yami,” waqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi u-Isakare.

<sup>19</sup> ULeya wabuye wakhulelwa, wamzalela uJakobe indodana yesithupha.

<sup>20</sup> Wayesethi uLeya: “UNKulunkulu ungiphe isipho esihle; manje umyeni wami useyakuhlala kimi, ngokuba ngimzalele amadodana ayisithupha,” waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uZebuloni.

<sup>21</sup> Ngasemuva wazala indodakazi, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uDina.

<sup>22</sup> UNkulunkulu wamkhumbula uRaheli, uNkulunkulu wamuzwa, wavula isizalo sakhe.

<sup>23</sup> Wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wathi: “UNKulunkulu ususile ihlazo lami.”

- <sup>24</sup> Waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uJosefa, ethi: “UJehova makangenezelele nenye indodana futhi.”
- <sup>25</sup> Kwathi uRaheli esemzalile uJosefa, uJakobe wathi kuLabani: “Ngimukise ukuba ngiye endaweni yami ezweni lakithi.
- <sup>26</sup> Ngiphe omkami nabantwana bami engikusebenzele ngabo, ngihambe, ngokuba uyawazi umsebenzi engikwenzele wona.”
- <sup>27</sup> ULabani wayesethi kuye: “Ake ngifumane umusa emehlweni akho. Sengibonile ukuthi uJehova ungibusisile ngenxa yakho.”
- <sup>28</sup> Wathi futhi: “Nquma umvuzo wakho, ngikuphe wona.”
- <sup>29</sup> Wathi kuye: “Uyazi wena ukuthi ngikukhonze kanjani nokuthi izinkomo zakho zazinjani kimi.
- <sup>30</sup> Ngokuba kwakukuncane okwakho ngingakafiki; kepha kwandile, sekukuningi; uJehova ukubusisile ezinyathelweni zami; manje ngiyakuyisebenzela nini eyami indlu na?”
- <sup>31</sup> Wathi: “Ngiyakukuphani na?” Wathi uJakobe: “Awuyikunginika lutho; uma ungenzela lokhu, ngiyakubuye ngaluse umhlambi wakho, ngiwulinde.
- <sup>32</sup> Namuhla ngiyakudabula emhlambini wakho wonke, ngikhiphe khona zonke ezimanakanaka nezimagqabhagqabha, nazo zonke ezimnyama ezimvini, nezimagqabhagqabha nezimanakanaka ezimbuzini, kube ngumvuzo wami.
- <sup>33</sup> Ukulunga kwami kuyakungifakazela ngesikhathi esizayo, lapho ufika ngomvuzo wami osebusweni bakho, ukuthi zonke ezingemakanaka nezingemagqabhagqabha ezimbuzini, nezingemnyama ezimvini ezikimi, mazithiwe zebiwe.”
- <sup>34</sup> Wayesethi uLabani: “Bheka, makube njengezwi lakho.”
- <sup>35</sup> Ngalowo muhla wakhipha izimpongo ezinemishwe nezimagqabhagqabha, nezimbuzikazi zonke ezimanakanaka nezimagqabhagqabha, zonke ezinokumhlophe, nezimnyama zonke ezimvini, wazinikela esandleni samadodana akhe.
- <sup>36</sup> Wamisa ibanga lezinsuku ezintathu phakathi kwakhe noJakobe; uJakobe walusa imihlambi eseleyo kaLabani.
- <sup>37</sup> UJakobe wathatha izinti ezimanzi zompopula nezomalimondi nezompelatani, wazebula imishwe emhlophe, wambula okumhlophe okusezintini.
- <sup>38</sup> Wazifaka izinti abezebulile emikhombeni nasemiqengqeni yamanzi phambi kwemihlambi, lapho imihlambi iza khona ukuphuza; yamitha ekufikeni kwayo ukuphuza.
- <sup>39</sup> Imihlambi yamitha phambi kwezinti, imihlambi yazala ezinemishwe, nezimanakanaka, nezimagqabhagqabha.
- <sup>40</sup> UJakobe wayesahlukanisa amawundlu, wabhekisa ubuso bemihlambi kwezinemishwe nakwezimnyama emhlambini kaLabani; wabeka amaqembu akhe abe wodwa engawafaki emhlambini kaLabani.
- <sup>41</sup> Kwathi lapho ibiyakumitha imihlambi eqinileyo, uJakobe wabeka izinti phambi kwamehlo emihlambi emiqengqeni ukuba imithe phakathi kwezinti.
- <sup>42</sup> Kepha lapho umhlambi wawubuthakathaka, akazifakanga; yathi-ke ebuthakathaka yaba ngekaLabani neqinileyo yaba ngekaJakobe.
- <sup>43</sup> Yayisikhula kakhulu impela le ndoda, yaba nemihlambi emikhulu, nezincekukazi, nezinceku, namakamela, nezimbongolo.

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**W**ayesezwa amazwi amadodana kaLabani, ethi: “UJakobe uthathile konke okwakungokukababa; ngokwakungokukababa uzizuzele lonke lolu dumo.”

<sup>2</sup> UJakobe wabona ubuso bukaLabani; bheka, babungasenjengayizolo nakuthangi kuye.

<sup>3</sup> UJehova wayesethi kuJakobe: “Buyela ezweni lawoyihlo nasezihlotsheni zakho; ngiyakuba nawe.”

<sup>4</sup> UJakobe wathuma wabiza oRaheli noLeya, beze endle emhlambini wakhe.

<sup>5</sup> Wathi kubo: “Ngiyabubona ubuso bukayihlo ukuthi abusenjengayizolo nakuthangi kimi, kepha uNkulunkulu kababa unami.

<sup>6</sup> Niyazi nina ukuthi ngimkhonzile uyihlo ngamandla ami onke.

<sup>7</sup> Kepha uyihlo ungikho hlisile, waguqula umvuzo wami kayishumi; kodwa uNkulunkulu akamvumelanga ukwenza okubi kimi.

<sup>8</sup> Uma ebesho ukuthi: ‘Ezimanakanaka ziyakuba ngumvuzo wakho,’ umhlambi wonke wazala ezimanakanaka; uma ebesho ukuthi: ‘Ezinemishwe ziyakuba ngumvuzo wakho,’ umhlambi wonke wazala ezinemishwe.

<sup>9</sup> Kanjalo uNkulunkulu uthathile imfuyo kayihlo, wayinika mina.

<sup>10</sup> “Kwathi ngokumitha kwemihlambi ngaphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona ephusheni; bheka, izimpongo ezikhwela umhlambi zazingezinemishwe, nezimanakanaka, nezinala.

<sup>11</sup> Ingelosi kaNkulunkulu yathi kimi ephusheni: ‘Jakobe!’ Ngathi: ‘Ngilapha.’

<sup>12</sup> Yayisithi: ‘Awuphakamise amehlo akho, ubone ukuthi zonke izimpongo ezikhwela umhlambi zingezinemishwe, nezimanakanaka, nezinala, ngokuba ngibone konke uLabani akwenza kuwe.

<sup>13</sup> NginguNkulunkulu waseBethеле, lapho wagcoba khona insika nalapho wenza isithembiso kimi; manje vuka, usuke kuleli zwe, ubuyele ezweni lokuzalwa kwakho.’ ”

<sup>14</sup> ORaheli noLeya baphendula, bathi kuye: “Sisenesabelo nefa endlini kababa na?

<sup>15</sup> Asibalwanga njengabofakazi na? Ngokuba wathengisa ngathi, waqeda intengo yethu.

<sup>16</sup> Ngokuba yonke ingcebo uNkulunkulu amamuke yona ubaba ingeyethu neyabantwana bethu; manje konke uNkulunkulu akutshela khona, kwenze.”

<sup>17</sup> UJakobe wayesesuka, wakhwelisa amadodana akhe nawomkakhe emakameleni.

<sup>18</sup> Wathatha yonke imfuyo yakhe ayizuzileyo, imfuyo yokufuya kwakhe ayizuze ePhadani Aramu ukuba aye ku-Isaka uyise ezweni laseKhanani.

<sup>19</sup> ULabani esehambile ukuyogunda izimvu zakhe, uRaheli weba izithixo zikayise.

<sup>20</sup> UJakobe wamnyenyela uLabani umAramu engamtshelanga ukuthi uyabaleka.

<sup>21</sup> Wayesebaleka nakho konke anakho; wasuka, wawela umfula, waqonda ngasentabeni yakwaGileyadi.

<sup>22</sup> Ngosuku lwesithathu uLabani watshelwa ukuthi uJakobe ubalekile.

<sup>23</sup> Wayesethatha abafowabo, wamlandela ibanga lezinsuku eziyisikhombisa, wamfica entabeni yakwaGileyadi.

<sup>24</sup> UNkulunkulu weza kuLabani umAramu ephusheni ebusuku, wathi kuye: “Qaphela ukuba ungakhulumi kuJakobe okuhle noma okubi.”

<sup>25</sup> ULabani wayesemfica uJakobe. UJakobe wayemisile itende lakhe entabeni; uLabani nabafowabo bamisa entabeni yakwaGileyadi.

<sup>26</sup> ULabani wathi kuJakobe: “Wenzeni, lokhu unginyenyele, wathatha amadodakazi njengabathunjwa benkamba, na?

<sup>27</sup> Ubalekeleni ngasese na? Wanginyenyelelani ungangitshelanga ukuba ngabe ngikuvalelise ngokwenama nangezihlabelelo, ngesigubhu nangehabhu, na?

- <sup>28</sup> Awungivumelanga ukuba ngange amadodana ami namadodakazi ami. Untumazele ngalokho.
- <sup>29</sup> Kusemandleni esandla sami ukwenza okubi kuwe, kepha uNkulunkulu kayihlo ukhulumile kimi ebusuku obudlule, wathi: 'Qaphela ukuba ungakhulumi kuJakobe okubi noma okuhle.'
- <sup>30</sup> Manje njengokuba usumuka impela, lokhu ulangazelela nokulangazelela indlu kayihlo, webeleni izithixo zami na?"
- <sup>31</sup> UJakobe waphendula, wathi kuLabani: "Ngokuba ngesaba ngithi: Funa ungiqhwa amadodakazi akho.
- <sup>32</sup> Kepha lowo ozakuthola kuye izithixo zakho akayikusinda; qaza phambi kwabafowethu okwakho okukimi, ukuthathe." Ngokuba uJakobe wayengazi ukuthi uRaheli wayezebile.
- <sup>33</sup> ULabani wayesengena etendeni likaJakobe, nasetendeni likaLeya, nasetendeni lezincekukazi zombili; akazitholanga. Waphuma etendeni likaLeya, wangena etendeni likaRaheli.
- <sup>34</sup> URaheli wayezithathe izithixo, wazifaka esihlalweni sekamela, wahlala phezu kwazo. ULabani waphumputha etendeni lonke, kepha akazitholanga.
- <sup>35</sup> Wathi kuyise: "Mayingathukutheli inkosi yami ukuthi anginakusukuma phambi kwakho, ngokuba indlela yabesifazane ikimi." Wanyalula, kepha akazitholanga izithixo.
- <sup>36</sup> UJakobe wathukuthela, wamsola uLabani; uJakobe waphendula, wathi kuLabani: "Yisiphi isiphambeko sami na? Yisiphi isono sami, lokhu ungizingele kangaka, na?"
- <sup>37</sup> Njengalokho usufunisisile kuyo yonke impahla yami, uthole ntoni yezinto zonke zendlu yakho na? Yibeke lapha phambi kwabafowethu nabafowenu ukuba banqume phakathi kwethu sobabili.
- <sup>38</sup> "Le minyaka engamashumi amabili bengihlezi kuwe; izimvukazi zakho nezimbuzikazi zakho aziphunzanga; izingama zomhlambi wakho angizidlanga.
- <sup>39</sup> Ezidweshulwe yizilo ngangingaziyisi kuwe; kwalahlekelwa mina; wazibiza esandleni sami, noma zebiwe emini noma zebiwe ebusuku.
- <sup>40</sup> Nganginjalo; emini ngaqedwa ngukushisa, ebusuku ngamakhaza; ubuthongo bami babalekela amehlo ami.
- <sup>41</sup> Le minyaka engamashumi amabili bengisendlini yakho; ngakusebenzela iminyaka eyishumi nane ngamadodakazi akho omabili, neminyaka eyisithupha ngomhlambi wakho, uguqule umvuzo wami kayishumi.
- <sup>42</sup> Uma ebengenami uNkulunkulu kababa, uNkulunkulu ka-Abrahama, ukwesaba kuka-Isaka, ngempela ubuyakungimukisa ze. UNkulunkulu ubone ukuhlupheka kwami nokukhathala kwezandla zami, wokusola ubusuku obudlule."
- <sup>43</sup> ULabani waphendula, wathi kuJakobe: "Amadodakazi angamadodakazi ami, abantwana bangabantwana bami, imihlambi iyimihlambi yami; konke okubonayo kungokwami; lawa madodakazi ami ngingawenzela ntoni namuhla, nabantwana bawo abazalileyo, na?"
- <sup>44</sup> Woza manje, senze isivumelwano mina nawe, sibe ngufakazi phakathi kwami nawe."
- <sup>45</sup> UJakobe wayesethatha itshe, walimisa laba yinsika.
- <sup>46</sup> Wathi uJakobe kubafowabo: "Buthani amatshe," bathatha amatshe, benza inqwaba; base bedla khona phezu kwenqwaba.
- <sup>47</sup> ULabani wayiqamba ngokuthi iJegari Sahadutha, kepha uJakobe wayibiza ngokuthi iGaledi.
- <sup>48</sup> Wathi uLabani: "Le nqwaba ingufakazi phakathi kwami nawe namuhla." Ngalokho igama layo laqanjwa ngokuthi iGaledi,

<sup>49</sup> neMispa futhi, ngokuba wathi: “UJehova makalinde phakathi kwami nawe, lapho sesingasabonani.

<sup>50</sup> Uma uyakuhlupha amadodakazi ami, noma uthatha abafazi ngaphandle kwamadodakazi ami, akukho muntu onathi; bheka, uNkulunkulu ungufakazi phakathi kwami nawe.”

<sup>51</sup> Wathi uLabani kuJakobe: “Bheka, le nqwaba nensika engikumise phakathi kwami nawe,

<sup>52</sup> le nqwaba ayibe ngufakazi, nensika ibe ngufakazi ukuthi angiyikudlula kule nqwaba, ngiye kuwe, nokuthi wena awuyikudlula kule nqwaba nakule nsika, uze kimi, ngokubi.

<sup>53</sup> UNkulunkulu ka-Abrahama noNkulunkulu kaNahori, uNkulunkulu wawoyise, makahlulele phakathi kwethu.” UJakobe wafunga ukwesaba kukayise u-Isaka.

<sup>54</sup> UJakobe wanikela ngomhlatshelo entabeni, wabiza abafowabo ukuba badle isinkwa; badla isinkwa, bahlala ubusuku bonke entabeni.

<sup>55</sup> ULabani wavuka ekuseni, wawanga amadodana akhe namadodakazi akhe, wawabusisa; wayesehamba uLabani, wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

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**U**Jakobe wahamba indlela yakhe; izingelosi zikaNkulunkulu zamhlangabeza.

<sup>2</sup> UJakobe ezibona wathi: “Lokhu kuyibandla likaNkulunkulu.” Waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi iMahanayimi.

<sup>3</sup> UJakobe wathuma izithunywa phambi kwakhe ku-Esawu umfowabo ezweni laseSeyiri, izwe lakwa-Edomi.

<sup>4</sup> Waziyala ngokuthi: “Niyakukhuluma kanje enkosini yami u-Esawu, nithi: ‘Inceku yakho uJakobe ithi: Ngigogobele kuLabani, ngilibele kuze kube manje;

<sup>5</sup> nginezinkabi, nezimbongolo, nezimvu, nezinceku, nezincekukazi; sengithumele ukubika enkosini yami ukuba ngithole umusa emehlweni akho.’ ”

<sup>6</sup> Izithunywa zabuyela kuJakobe, zathi: “Safika kumfowenu u-Esawu, naye uyeza ukukhlangabeza enamadoda angamakhulu amane.”

<sup>7</sup> UJakobe wayeseshaywa luvalo kakhulu, ekhathazeka; wahlukanisa abantu ababenaye, nezimvu, nezinkomo, namakamela, kwaba ngamaqembu amabili,

<sup>8</sup> wathi: “Uma u-Esawu efika kwelinye iqembu, alichithe, iqembu eliseleyo liyakubaleka.”

<sup>9</sup> Wathi uJakobe: “Nkulunkulu kababa u-Abrahama, Nkulunkulu kababa u-Isaka, Jehova, wena owathi kimi: ‘Buyela ezweni lakho nasezihlotsheni zakho,’ ngikwenzele okuhle,

<sup>10</sup> angifanele neze wonke umusa nalo lonke iqiniso okwenzele inceku yakho, ngokuba ngawela leli Jordani ngodondolo lwami kuphela, manje sengingamaqembu amabili.

<sup>11</sup> Ake ungophule esandleni somfowethu, esandleni sika-Esawu, ngokuba mina ngiyamesaba, funa eze angichithe kanye nawonina nabantwana.

<sup>12</sup> Wathi wena: ‘Impela ngiyakukwenzela okuhle, ngenze inzalo yakho ibe ngangesihlabathi solwandle esingebalwe ngobuningi.’ ”

<sup>13</sup> Walala khona lobo busuku; kulokho okwakusesandleni sakhe wathathela u-Esawu umfowabo isipho:

<sup>14</sup> izimbuzikazi ezingamakhulu amabili, nezimpongo ezingamashumi amabili, nezimvukazi ezingamakhulu amabili, nezinqama ezingamashumi amabili,

<sup>15</sup> namakamela asengwayo angamashumi amathathu namathole awo, nezinkomazi ezingamashumi amane, nezinkunzi eziyishumi, nezimbongolokazi ezingamashumi

amabili, namathole ayishumi.

**16** Wazinikela esandleni sezinceku amaqambi ngamaqambi, wathi ezincekwini zakhe: “Dlulani ngaphambi kwami, nenze ibanga phakathi kweqambi neqambi.”

**17** Wamyala ophambili, wathi: “Nxa u-Esawu umfowethu ehlangana nawe, ekubuza ethi: ‘Ungokabani wena? Uyangaphi na? Ngezikabani lezi eziphambi kwakho na?’

**18** wothi: ‘Ngezenceku yakho uJakobe; kuyisipho esithunywa enkosini yami u-Esawu; bheka, naye uyeza, ungasemuva kwethu.’ ”

**19** Wayala nowesibili, nowesithathu, nabo bonke ababelandela amaqembu, wathi: “Niyakusho njalo ku-Esawu, lapho nimfumana.

**20** Niyakukhuluma nithi: ‘Futhi bheka, inceku yakho uJakobe iyeza, isemva kwethu.’ ” Ngokuba wathi: “Ngizakumthoba ngalesi sipho esihamba phambi kwami, andukuba ngibone ubuso bakhe; mhlawumbe angangamukela.”

**21** Sase sihamba isipho phambi kwakhe, kepha yena wahlala ekamu lobo busuku.

**22** Wavuka ebusuku, wathatha omkakhe ababili, nezincekukazi zakhe ezimbili, nabantwana bakhe abayishumi nanye, wawela ezibukweni elithiwa iJaboki.

**23** Wabathatha, wabawelisa emfuleni, wakuwelisa nalokho anakho.

**24** Wasala yedwa uJakobe; kwabambana naye umuntu, kwaze kwasa.

**25** Esebona ukuthi akamahluli, wathinta esikhoxeni senyonga yakhe, waphinyazeka uJakobe esikhoxeni senyonga esebambene naye.

**26** Wayesethi: “Angihambe, ngokuba sekuyasa.” Kepha wathi: “Anginakukuyeka ukuba uhambe ungangibusisanga.”

**27** Wathi kuye: “Ungubani igama lakho na?” Wathi: “NginguJakobe.”

**28** Wathi: “Igama lakho alisayikuthiwa uJakobe, kepha u-Israyeli, ngokuba ulwile noNkulunkulu nabantu, wanqoba.”

**29** UJakobe wayesembuza ethi: “Ake ungitshele igama lakho.” Wathi: “Ubuzelani igama lami na?” Wayesembusisa khona.

**30** UJakobe waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi iPheniyeli, ngokuba wathi: “Sibonene noNkulunkulu ubuso nobuso, nokho umphefumulo wami wophulwa.”

**31** Ilanga lamphumela esadlula iPheniyeli, waqhuga enyongeni yakhe.

**32** Ngalokho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abawudli umsipha wenqulu osesikhoxeni senyonga kuze kube namuhla, ngokuba wathinta isikhoxo senyonga kaJakobe emsipheni wenqulu.

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**U**Jakobe waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabheka, nango u-Esawu eza enamadoda angamakhulu amane. Abantwana wabahlukanisela oLeya, noRaheli, nezincekukazi zombili.

**2** Wabeka izincekukazi nabantwana bazo ngaphambili, uLeya nabantwana bakhe ngasemuva, oRaheli noJosefa ngasekugcineni.

**3** Yena uqobo wadlulela phambi kwabo, wakhothamela emhlabathini kasikhombisa, waze wafika kumfowabo.

**4** U-Esawu wagijima ukumhlangabeza, wamgona, wawa ngasentanyeni yakhe, wamanga; bakhala.

**5** Waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona abesifazane nabantwana, wathi: “Bangobani laba onabo na?” Wathi: “Bangabantwana uNkulunkulu ayiphe bona inceku yakho ngomusa.”



- <sup>6</sup> Zase zisondela izincekukazi, zona nabantwana bazo, bakhothama.
- <sup>7</sup> Wasondela noLeya nabantwana bakhe, bakhothama; ngasemuva wafika uJosefa enoRaheli, bakhothama.
- <sup>8</sup> Wayesethi: “Uqondeni ngawo wonke lombonda engihlangana nawo na?” Wathi: “Ukuba ngifumane umusa emehlweni enkosi yami.”
- <sup>9</sup> Kepha u-Esawu wathi: “Nginokuningi, mfowethu; okwakho makube ngokwakho.”
- <sup>10</sup> UJakobe wathi: “Hhayi bo; uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, samukele isipho sami esandleni sami, ngokuba ngibone ubuso bakho esengathi ngibona ubuso bukaNkulunkulu, wathokoza ngami.
- <sup>11</sup> Mawusamukele isibusiso sami esilethwa kuwe, ngokuba uNkulunkulu ungenzele umusa nangokuba nginakho konke.” Wamcindezela; wasamukela-ke.
- <sup>12</sup> Wayesethi: “Asisuke sihambe, ngihambe phambi kwakho.”
- <sup>13</sup> Wathi kuye: “Inkosi yami iyazi ukuthi abantwana bancane nokuthi izimvu nezinkomazi ezinami ziyizindlezane; uma bezishishinga usuku olulodwa, umhlambi wonke uyakufa.
- <sup>14</sup> Ake idlule inkosi phambi kwenceku yayo, mina ngiseseze njengokuhamba kwempahla ephambi kwami nanjengokuhamba kwabantwana, ngize ngifike enkosini yami eSeyiri.”
- <sup>15</sup> U-Esawu wathi: “Ake ngishiye kuwe abanye abantu bami.” Wathi: “Ngani na? Mangifumane umusa emehlweni enkosi.”
- <sup>16</sup> U-Esawu wayesebuyela endleleni yakhe ngalolo suku, waya eSeyiri.
- <sup>17</sup> UJakobe wasuka waya eSukoti, wazakhela indlu, wenzela izinkomo zakhe amathanga; ngalokho igama laleyo ndawo lathiwa iSukoti.
- <sup>18</sup> UJakobe wafika kahle emzini waseShekemi osezweni laseKhanani, evela ePhadani Aramu; wamisa itende lakhe phambi komuzi.
- <sup>19</sup> Wathenga isiqephu sezwe, lapho ebemise khona itende lakhe, esandleni samadodana kaHamori uyise kaShekemi ngamakesita ayikhulu.
- <sup>20</sup> Wakha khona i-altare, walibiza ngokuthi i-Eli Elohe Israyeli.

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**U**Dina, indodakazi kaLeya amzalela yona uJakobe, waphuma ukuyobona amadodakazi alelo zwe.

<sup>2</sup> UShekemi indodana kaHamori umHivi, inkosi yezwe, wambona, wamthatha, walala naye, wamona.

<sup>3</sup> Inhliziyo yakhe yabambelela kuDina indodakazi kaJakobe, wayithanda intombi, wakhuluma kuyo inhliziyo yentombi.

<sup>4</sup> UShekemi wakhuluma kuyise uHamori, wathi: “Ngithathele le ntombazana, ibe ngumkami.”

<sup>5</sup> UJakobe wezwa ukuthi ungcolisile indodakazi yakhe uDina; amadodana akhe ayesezinkomeni endle; uJakobe wathula, aze afika.

<sup>6</sup> UHamori uyise kaShekemi waphumela kuJakobe ukuyokhuluma naye.

<sup>7</sup> Amadodana kaJakobe abuya endle esezwile lokho; abantu badabuka, bathukuthela kakhulu, ngokuba ubenze ubuwula kwa-Israyeli ngokulala nendodakazi kaJakobe, okungenakwenziwa.

<sup>8</sup> UHamori wakhuluma nabo, wathi: “Inhliziyo yendodana yami uShekemi iyabambelela endodakazini yenu; ake nimuphe yona, ibe ngumkakhe.

<sup>9</sup> Ganiselanani nathi, nisiphe amadodakazi enu, nizithathele amadodakazi ethu.

- <sup>10</sup> Niyakuhlala kithi; izwe liyakuba sebusweni benu; yakhani, nithengiselane, nifuye kulo.”
- <sup>11</sup> UShekemi wayesethi kuyise nakubanewabo: “Ake ngifumane umusa emehlweni enu; lokho eniyakukusho kimi, ngiyakuninika khona.
- <sup>12</sup> Bizani kimi ilobolo noma lingakanani kanye nesipho, ngiyakuninika njengokusho kwenu kimi; kodwa ngipheni intombi ibe ngumkami.”
- <sup>13</sup> Amadodana kaJakobe abaphendula oShekemi noHamori uyise ngobuqili, akhuluma, njengokuba ebemngcolisile uDina udadewabo,
- <sup>14</sup> athi kubo: “Asinakwenza lokhu, ukunika udadewethu kumuntu ongasokwanga, ngokuba lokho kuyihlazo kithina.
- <sup>15</sup> Kepha ngalokho singanivumela: uma nizakuba njengathi, kusokwe bonke abesilisa bakini,
- <sup>16</sup> siyakuninika amadodakazi ethu, sizithathele amadodakazi enu, sihlale nani, sibe yisizwe sinye.
- <sup>17</sup> Kepha uma ningasilaleli, nisokwe, siyakuthatha indodakazi yethu, sihambe.”
- <sup>18</sup> Amazwi abo aba mahle koHamori noShekemi indodana kaHamori.
- <sup>19</sup> Le nsizwa ayilibalanga ukwenza lokho, ngokuba yayethabela indodakazi kaJakobe; yayinodumo kunabo bonke abendlu kayise.
- <sup>20</sup> OHamori noShekemi indodana yakhe beza ngasesangweni lomuzi, bakhuluma namadoda omuzi wabo, bathi:
- <sup>21</sup> “Labo bantu bahlezi ngokuthula nathi; ngalokho mabahlale ezweni, balihambe, ngokuba bheka, izwe libanzi inxa zombili phambi kwabo; asizithathele amadodakazi abo abe ngomkethu, sibaphe amadodakazi ethu.
- <sup>22</sup> Kuphela ngalokho bayasivumela laba bantu ukuhlala nathi, sibe yisizwe sinye, ukuthi bonke abesilisa bakithi basokwe, njengalokho bona besokiwe.
- <sup>23</sup> Imihlambi yabo, nempahla yabo, nezinkomo zabo akuyikuba ngokwethu na? Masibavumele kuphela, bakhe kithi.”
- <sup>24</sup> Bonke abaphuma ngesango lomuzi wakhe balalela oHamori noShekemi indodana yakhe; bonke abesilisa basokwa, bonke abaphuma ngesango lomuzi wakhe.
- <sup>25</sup> Kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu bese nobuhlungu, amadodana amabili kaJakobe, oSimeyoni noLevi, abanewabo bakaDina, bathatha, kwaba yilowo nalowo inkemba yakhe, bahlasela umuzi ngesibindi, babulala bonke abesilisa.
- <sup>26</sup> Babulala oHamori noShekemi indodana yakhe ngosiko lwenkemba, bakhapha uDina endlini kaShekemi, bahamba.
- <sup>27</sup> Amadodana kaJakobe ayesefica ababuleweyo, aphanga umuzi, ngokuba babengcolisile udadewabo.
- <sup>28</sup> Athatha izimvu zabo, nezinkomo zabo, nezimbongolo zabo, okwakusemzini nokwakusendle,
- <sup>29</sup> nemfuyo yonke yabo; athumba abantwana babo nawomkabo, abaphanga kanye nakho konke okusendlini.
- <sup>30</sup> UJakobe wayesethi koSimeyoni noLevi: “Ningihluphile, ningenzile ukuba nginukele kabi abantu bezwe, amaKhanani namaPherizi, lokhu ngiyingcosana, bayakungihlanganyela, bangibulale, ngichithwe mina nendlu yami.”
- <sup>31</sup> Base bethi: “Ngabe bemenza udadewethu isifebe na?”

**U**Nkulunkulu wathi kuJakobe: “Suka ukhuphukele eBethela, uhlale khona, umenzele lapho uNkulunkulu i-altare, yena owabonakala kuwe mhla ubalekela u-Esawu umfowenu.”

<sup>2</sup> Wayesethi uJakobe kwabendlu yakhe nakubo bonke ababe naye: “Lahlani izithixo zabezizwe eziphakathi kwenu, nizihlambulule nina, niziphendulele izingubo zenu,

<sup>3</sup> sisuke, sikhuphukele eBethela; ngiyakumenzela khona uNkulunkulu i-altare, yena owangiphendula ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwami, waba nami endleleni engangiyihamba.”

<sup>4</sup> Bamnika-ke uJakobe izithixo zonke zabezizwe ezazisezandleni zabo, namacici ayesezindlebeni zabo; uJakobe wakuthukusa phansi kwe-oki elalingaseShekemi.

<sup>5</sup> Base bemuka; ukumesaba uNkulunkulu kwakuphezu kwemizi eyayikhona nxazonke; abawaxoshanga amadodana kaJakobe.

<sup>6</sup> UJakobe wafika eLuze elisezweni laseKhanani eliyiBethela, yena kanye nabantu bonke ababe naye.

<sup>7</sup> Wakha khona i-altare, wayibiza indawo ngokuthi i-Eli Bethela, ngokuba uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuye khona mhla ebaleka ebusweni bomfowabo.

<sup>8</sup> UDebora umzanyana kaRebeka wafa, wembelwa ngenzansi neBethela phansi kwe-oki; igama lalo labizwa ngokuthi i-Alonibakuti.

<sup>9</sup> UNkulunkulu wabuye wabonakala kuJakobe, lapho evela ePhadani Aramu, wambusisa.

<sup>10</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi kuye: “Igama lakho linguJakobe, igama lakho alisayikuthiwa uJakobe; igama lakho lizakuba ngu-Israyeli,” wayeseqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi u-Israyeli.

<sup>11</sup> UNkulunkulu wathi kuye: “NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; mawuzale, wande; isizwe, yebo, ibandla lezizwe liyakuvela kuwe; amakhosi ayakuphuma okhalweni lwakho;

<sup>12</sup> izwe engabapha lona o-Abrahama no-Isaka, ngiyakulinika wena; nenzalo yakho emva kwakho ngiyakuyinika lona.”

<sup>13</sup> UNkulunkulu wenyuka esuka kuye endaweni lapho ebekhulume naye khona.

<sup>14</sup> UJakobe wayesemisa insika endaweni lapho abekhulume naye khona, insika yetshe; wathela phezu kwayo umnikelo wokuphuzwa, wathela namafuttha phezu kwayo.

<sup>15</sup> UJakobe wayiqamba indawo lapho uNkulunkulu akhuluma naye khona ngokuthi iBethela.

<sup>16</sup> Base besuka eBethela; kwakuse yibangana ukuya e-Efrati; uRaheli wayesebeletha, wabeletha enemihelo enzima.

<sup>17</sup> Kwathi esenemihelo enzima, umbelethisi wathi kuye: “Ungesabi, ngokuba uzakuba nenye indodana futhi.”

<sup>18</sup> Usuzakuphuma umphefumulo wakhe, ngokuba wafa, waqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi uBenoni; kepha uyise wamqamba ngokuthi uBenjamini.

<sup>19</sup> Wafa uRaheli, wembelwa ngasendleleni eya e-Efrati eliyiBetlehema.

<sup>20</sup> UJakobe wamisa insika ethuneni lakhe, eyinsika yethuna likaRaheli kuze kube namuhla.

<sup>21</sup> U-Israyeli wasuka, wamisa itende lakhe ngaphambi kombhoshongo wase-Edere.

<sup>22</sup> Kwathi u-Israyeli esehlala kulelo zwe, uRubeni waya walala noBiliha isancinza sikayise; u-Israyeli wakuzwa lokho. Amadodana kaJakobe ayeyishumi nambili.

<sup>23</sup> Amadodana kaLeya ayenguRubeni, izibulo likaJakobe, noSimeyoni, noLevi, noJuda, no-Isakare, noZebuloni.

<sup>24</sup> Amadodana kaRaheli ayengoJosefa noBenjamini.

<sup>25</sup> Amadodana kaBiliha incekekazi kaRaheli ayengoDani noNafetali.

- <sup>26</sup> Amadodana kaZilipa incekekazi kaLeya ayengoGadi no-Asheri; lawo angamadodana kaJakobe awazalelwa ePhadani Aramu.
- <sup>27</sup> UJakobe wafika ku-Isaka uyise eMamre ngaseKiriyati Araba, okuyiHebroni, lapho o-Abrahama no-Isaka kade bebegogobele khona.
- <sup>28</sup> Izinsuku zika-Isaka zaziyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili.
- <sup>29</sup> U-Isaka wagqibuka wafa, wabuthelwa kubantu bakhe, emdala esanelisiwe yizinsuku. O-Esawu noJakobe amadodana akhe bammbela.

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**L**ezi ziyizizukulwane zika-Esawu ongu-Edomi.

- <sup>2</sup> U-Esawu wazithathela abafazi kuwo amadodakazi aseKhanani: u-Ada indodakazi ka-Eloni umHetu, no-Oholibama indodakazi ka-Ana, indodakazi kaSibeyoni umHivi,
- <sup>3</sup> noBasemati indodakazi ka-Ishmayeli, udadewabo kaNebayoti.
- <sup>4</sup> U-Ada wamzalela u-Esawu u-Elifazi; uBasemati wazala uRehuweli;
- <sup>5</sup> u-Oholibama wazala oJewushe, noJalamu, noKora; lawo angamadodana ka-Esawu azalelwa wona ezweni laseKhanani.
- <sup>6</sup> U-Esawu wathatha omkakhe, namadodana akhe, namadodakazi akhe, nabantu bonke bendlu yakhe, nemfuyo yakhe, nezinkomo zakhe, nempahla yonke yakhe owayeyizuze ezweni laseKhanani, waya ezweni elikude nomfowabo uJakobe.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngokuba imfuyo yabo yayiyinkulu kunokuba bahlale ndawonye, nezwe lokugogobala kwabo lalingenakubathwala ngenxa yemfuyo yabo.
- <sup>8</sup> U-Esawu wahlala entabeni yaseSeyiri; u-Esawu ungu-Edomi.
- <sup>9</sup> Lezi ziyizizukulwane zika-Esawu uyise wabakwa-Edomi entabeni yaseSeyiri.
- <sup>10</sup> Nanka amagama amadodana ka-Esawu: Ngu-Elifazi indodana ka-Ada umka-Esawu, noRehuweli indodana kaBasemati umka-Esawu.
- <sup>11</sup> Amadodana ka-Elifazi ayengoThemani, no-Omari, noSefo, noGathamu, noKenazi.
- <sup>12</sup> UThimna wayeyisancinza sika-Elifazi indodana ka-Esawu; wamzalela u-Elifazi u-Amaleki; yilawo angamadodana ka-Ada umka-Esawu.
- <sup>13</sup> Lawa angamadodana kaRehuweli: ngoNahati, noZera, noShama, noMiza; yilawo angamadodana kaBasemati umka-Esawu.
- <sup>14</sup> Lawa angamadodana ka-Oholibama indodakazi ka-Ana, indodakazi kaSibeyoni, umka-Esawu: wamzalela u-Esawu oJewushe, noJalamu, noKora.
- <sup>15</sup> Laba bangabanumzane bamadodana ka-Elifazi izibulo lika-Esawu: Ngumnumzane uThemani, nomnumzane u-Omari, nomnumzane uSefo, nomnumzane uKenazi,
- <sup>16</sup> nomnumzane uKora, nomnumzane uGathamu, nomnumzane u-Amaleki; yilabo abangabanumzane abavela ku-Elifazi ezweni lakwa-Edomi; yilawo angamadodana ka-Ada.
- <sup>17</sup> Lawa angamadodana kaRehuweli indodana ka-Esawu: ngumnumzane uNahati, nomnumzane uZera, nomnumzane uShama, nomnumzane uMiza; yilabo abangabanumzane abavela kuRehuweli ezweni lakwa-Edomi; yilawo angamadodana kaBasemati umka-Esawu.
- <sup>18</sup> Lawa angamadodana ka-Oholibama umka-Esawu: ngumnumzane uJewushe, nomnumzane uJalamu, nomnumzane uKora; yilabo abangabanumzane abavela ku-Oholibama indodakazi ka-Ana umka-Esawu.
- <sup>19</sup> Yilawo angamadodana ka-Esawu; labo bangabanumzane bawo; yena ungu-Edomi.

- <sup>20</sup> Lawa angamadodana kaSeyiri umHori ayakhe kulelo zwe: ngoLothani, noShobali, noSibeyoni, no-Ana,
- <sup>21</sup> noDishoni, no-Eseri, noDishani; labo bangabanumzane abavela kuwo amaHori, abantwana bakaSeyiri ezweni lakwa-Edomi.
- <sup>22</sup> Amadodana kaLothani ayengoHori noHemamu; udadewabo kaLothani wayenguThimna.
- <sup>23</sup> Lawa angamadodana kaShobali: ngo-Alevani, noManahati, no-Ebali, noShefo, no-Onamu.
- <sup>24</sup> Lawa angamadodana kaSibeyoni: ngo-Aya, no-Ana; nguyena lowo Ana owafumana imithombo eshisayo ehlane, ezalusa izimbongolo zikaSibeyoni uyise.
- <sup>25</sup> Laba bangabantwana baka-Ana: ngoDishoni no-Oholibama indodakazi ka-Ana.
- <sup>26</sup> Lawa angamadodana kaDishoni: ngoHemdani, no-Eshibani, noJitrani, noKerani.
- <sup>27</sup> Lawa angamadodana ka-Eseri: ngoBilihani, noZahawana, no-Akani.
- <sup>28</sup> Lawa angamadodana kaDishani: ngo-Use no-Arana.
- <sup>29</sup> Laba bangabanumzane abavela kuwo amaHori: ngumnumzane uLothani, nomnumzane uShobali, nomnumzane uSibeyoni, nomnumzane u-Ana,
- <sup>30</sup> nomnumzane uDishoni, nomnumzane u-Eseri, nomnumzane uDishani; yilabo abangabanumzane abavela kuwo amaHori, abanumzane ngabanumzane ezweni laseSeyiri.
- <sup>31</sup> Lawa angamakhosi ayebusa ezweni lakwa-Edomi, kungakabusi nkosi kwabakwa-Israyeli.
- <sup>32</sup> UBela indodana kaBeyori wabusa kwabakwa-Edomi; igama lomuzi wakhe laliyiDinihaba.
- <sup>33</sup> Wafa uBela; uJobabi indodana kaZera waseBosira waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
- <sup>34</sup> Wafa uJobabi; uHushamu wasezweni labakwaThemani waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
- <sup>35</sup> Wafa uHushamu; uHadadi indodana kaBedadi owanqoba abakwaMidiyani ethafeni lakwaMowabi waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; igama lomuzi wakhe laliyi-Aviti.
- <sup>36</sup> Wafa uHadadi; uSamla waseMasireka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
- <sup>37</sup> Wafa uSamla; uShawule waseRehoboti ngasemfuleni waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
- <sup>38</sup> Wafa uShawule; uBali Hanani indodana ka-Akibori waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
- <sup>39</sup> Wafa uBali Hanani indodana ka-Akibori; uHadari waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; igama lomuzi wakhe laliyiPhawu; igama lomkakhe lalinguMehetabeli indodakazi kaMatiredi, indodakazi kaMezahabi.
- <sup>40</sup> Lawa angamagama abanumzane abavela ku-Esawu ngemindeni yabo, nangezindawo zabo, nangamagama abo: ngumnumzane uThimna, nomnumzane u-Aliva, nomnumzane uJeteti,
- <sup>41</sup> nomnumzane u-Oholibama, nomnumzane u-Ela, nomnumzane uPhinoni,
- <sup>42</sup> nomnumzane uKenazi, nomnumzane uThemani, nomnumzane uMibisari,
- <sup>43</sup> nomnumzane uMagidiyeli, nomnumzane u-Iramu; yilabo abangabanumzane bakwa-Edomi ngokwakha kwabo ezweni elaliyifa labo; nguyena u-Esawu uyise wabakwa-Edomi.

**U**Jakobe wakha ezweni lokugogobala kukayise, ezweni laseKhanani.

<sup>2</sup> Lokhu kuyindaba kaJakobe. UJosefa eseneminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa wawalusa umhlambi kayise enabafowabo; engumfana nje wayekuwo amadodana kaBiliha nakuwo amadodana kaZilipa omkayise; uJosefa waletha kuyise imibiko emibi ngabo.

<sup>3</sup> Kepha u-Israyeli wathanda uJosefa kakhulu kunabantwana bakhe bonke, ngokuba wayeyindodana yobuxhegu bakhe; wamenzela ingubo enemikhono emide.

<sup>4</sup> Abafowabo babona ukuthi uyise umthanda kunabafowabo bonke; khona bamzonda, bengenakukhuluma kuye ngokuthula.

<sup>5</sup> UJosefa waphupha iphupho, wabalandisa lona abafowabo; babelokhu bemzonda kakhulu.

<sup>6</sup> Wathi kubo: “Ake nizwe leli phupho engiliphuphileyo.

<sup>7</sup> Bhekani, besibopha izithungu ensimini; naso-ke isithungu sami sivuka sima; nazo-ke izithungu zenu zisiphahla, zisikhothamela isithungu sami.”

<sup>8</sup> Base bethi kuye abafowabo: “Impela uyakuba yinkosi yethu, usibuse na?” Bamzonda kakhulu kunakuqala ngenxa yamaphupho akhe namazwi akhe.

<sup>9</sup> Waphupha nelinye iphupho, wabalandisa lona abafowabo, wathi: “Bhekani, ngiphuphe nelinye iphupho; bhekani-ke ilanga nenyanga nezinkanyezi eziyishumi nanye kwangikhothamela.”

<sup>10</sup> Wabalandisa uyise nabafowabo; uyise wamsola, wathi kuye: “Yiphupho lini leli oliphuphileyo na? Impela mina nonyoko nabafowenu siyakuza, sikukhothamele emhlabathini na?”

<sup>11</sup> Abafowabo baba nomhawu ngaye, kepha uyise wawalonda lawa mazwi.

<sup>12</sup> Abafowabo baya ukwalusa umhlambi kayise eShekemi.

<sup>13</sup> U-Israyeli wathi kuJosefa: “Abafowenu abawalusi umhlambi eShekemi na? Woza, ngiyakukuthuma kubo.” Wathi kuye: “Ngilapha.”

<sup>14</sup> Wayesethi kuye: “Hamba-ke, ubone ukuthi basahlezi kahle yini abafowenu nomhlambi, uze ungibuyisele izwi.” Wamthuma esuka esigodini saseHebroni, waze wafika eShekemi.

<sup>15</sup> Umuntu othile wamfumana ezulazula endle; lo muntu wambuza wathi: “Ufunani na?”

<sup>16</sup> Wathi: “Ngifuna abafowethu; ake ungitshele ukuthi baluselaphi.”

<sup>17</sup> Wathi lowo muntu: “Basukile lapha, ngokuba ngabezwa bethi: ‘Asiye eDotayini.’ ” UJosefa walandela abafowabo, wabafumana eDotayini.

<sup>18</sup> Bambona esekude; engakasondeli kubo, bamenzela ugobe lokumbulala.

<sup>19</sup> Bakhulumisana omunye nomunye, bathi: “Bhekani, inyanga yamaphupho iyeza.

<sup>20</sup> Ngalokho wozani, siyibulale, siyiphonse komunye wemigodi, bese sithi: ‘Isilwane esibi siyidlile,’ sibone ukuthi azakuba yini amaphupho ayo.”

<sup>21</sup> URubeni wakuzwa, wamophula esandleni sabo ngokuthi: “Asingambulali.”

<sup>22</sup> URubeni wathi kubo: “Ningachithi gazi; mphonseni kulo mgodi osehlane, ningabeki isandla kuye,” ukuba amophule esandleni sabo, ambuyisele kuyise.

<sup>23</sup> Kwathi uJosefa esefike kubafowabo, bamkhumula ingubo yakhe, leyo ngubo enemikhono emide ayeyigqokile.

<sup>24</sup> Bamthatha, bamphonsa emgodini; umgodi wawungenalutho, kungekho manzi kuwo.

<sup>25</sup> Bahlala phansi ukuba badle isinkwa; baphakamisa amehlo abo, babona; bheka, kwafika ihele labakwa-Ishmayeli livela kwaGileyadi, linamakamela alo ethwele inhlaka nebhalisamu nemure, likwewusela eGibithe.

<sup>26</sup> Wayesethi uJuda kubafowabo: “Kuyakusizani, uma simbulala umfowethu, sifihle igazi

lakhe, na?

<sup>27</sup> Wozani sithengise ngaye kwabakwa-Ishmayeli, isandla senu singabi phezu kwakhe, ngokuba ungumfowethu, uyinyama yethu.” Abafowabo bamlalela.

<sup>28</sup> Kwase kudlula abathengi bakwaMidiyani; bamdonsa uJosefa, bamkhuphula emgodini, bathengisa ngoJosefa kwabakwa-Ishmayeli ngezinhlamvu ezingamashumi amabili zesiliva. Labo-ke bamusa uJosefa eGibithe.

<sup>29</sup> URubeni wabuyela emgodini; bheka, uJosefa wayengasekho emgodini; waklebhula izingubo zakhe.

<sup>30</sup> Wayesebuyela kubafofowabo, ethi: “Akasekho umntwana; mina-ke ngizakushonaphi na?”

<sup>31</sup> Base bethatha ingubo kaJosefa, bahlaba impongo, bacwilisa ingubo egazini.

<sup>32</sup> Bathumela leyo ngubo enemikhono emide, bayiyisa kuyise, bathi: “Siyitholile lena; ake ubone, uma le ngubo ingeyendodana yakho yini, noma akusiyo na?”

<sup>33</sup> Wayibona, wathi: “Yiyo ingubo yendodana yami; isilwane esibi simdlile; yebo, uJosefa udatshuliwe nokudatshulwa.”

<sup>34</sup> UJakobe wayeselebhula izingubo zakhe, wafaka indwangu yamasaka okhalweni lwakhe, walilela indodana yakhe izinsuku eziningi.

<sup>35</sup> Onke amadodana akhe nawo onke amadodakazi akhe asuka ukuyomduduza, kepha wala ukududuzwa, wathi: “Ngiyakwehla, ngiye endodaneni yami endaweni yabafileyo ngilila.” Uyise wamlilela-ke.

<sup>36</sup> AbakwaMidiyani bathengisa ngaye eGibithe kuPotifari, inceku kaFaro, induna yabalindi bakhe.

## ISAPHLUKO 38

**K**wathi ngaleso sikhathi uJuda wasuka kubafofowabo, wehla, waya kumuntu wase-Adulamu ogama lakhe linguHira.

<sup>2</sup> UJuda wabona lapho indodakazi yomuntu waseKhanani ogama lakhe linguShuwa; wayithatha, wangena kuyo.

<sup>3</sup> Yakhulelwa, yazala indodana, yaqamba igama layo ngokuthi u-Eri.

<sup>4</sup> Yabuye yakhulelwa, yazala indodana, yaqamba igama layo ngokuthi u-Onani.

<sup>5</sup> Yabuye yazala futhi indodana, yaqamba igama layo ngokuthi uShela; uJuda wayeseKesibi ekuyizaleni kwayo.

<sup>6</sup> UJuda wamthathela u-Eri izibulo lakhe umfazi ogama lakhe linguTamari.

<sup>7</sup> U-Eri izibulo likaJuda wayemubi emehlweni kaJehova; uJehova wambulala.

<sup>8</sup> UJuda wathi ku-Onani: “Yiya kumkamfowenu, umngene, umvusele umfowenu inzalo.”

<sup>9</sup> U-Onani wayekwazi ukuthi inzalo ayiyikuba ngeyakhe; kwathi nxa engena kumkamfowabo, wachitha emhlabathini ukuba angamniki umfowabo inzalo.

<sup>10</sup> Kwaba kubi emehlweni kaJehova lokho akwenzileyo; wambulala naye futhi.

<sup>11</sup> UJuda wayesethi kuTamari umalokazana wakhe: “Hlala ungumfelokazi endlini kayihlo, aze akhule uShela indodana yami,” ngokuba wathi: “Ukuba angafi njengabafowabo.” UTamari waya wahlala kwabo.

<sup>12</sup> Emva kwezinsuku eziningi yafa indodakazi kaShuwa umkaJuda; eseduduzekile uJuda wakhuphuka, waya kubo abagundi bezimvu zakhe eThimna, yena kanye nomhlobo wakhe uHira wase-Adulamu.

<sup>13</sup> Kwatshelwa uTamari ukuthi: “Bheka, uyihlozala uyakhuphukela eThimna ukuyogunda izimvu zakhe.”



- <sup>14</sup> Wayesekhumula izingubo zakhe zobufelokazi, wagubuzela, wazimboza, wahlala esangweni lase-Enayimi ngasendleleni eya eThimna, ngokuba wabona ukuthi uShela usekhulile, engamnikwa nokho abe ngumkakhe.
- <sup>15</sup> UJuda esembona wacabanga ukuthi uyisifebe, ngokuba wayegubuzele ubuso.
- <sup>16</sup> Waphambukela kuye endleleni, wathi: “Woza, ake ngingene kuwe,” ngokuba wayengazi ukuthi ungumalokazana wakhe. Wathi: “Uyakungiphani ukuba ungene kimi na?”
- <sup>17</sup> Wayesethi: “Mina ngizakukuthumela izinyane lembuzi elisemhlambini.” Wathi: “Uzakunginika isibambiso, uze ulithume, na?”
- <sup>18</sup> Wathi: “Ngikuphe sibambiso sini na?” Wathi: “Indandatho yakho, nentambo yakho, nodondolo lwakho olusesandleni sakho.” Wamupha, wangena kuye; wakhuliselwa nguye.
- <sup>19</sup> Wasuka, wahamba, wakhumula iveli lakhe, wembatha izingubo zakhe zobufelokazi.
- <sup>20</sup> UJuda wathuma izinyane lembuzi ngesandla somhlobo wakhe wase-Adulamu ukuba athathe isibambiso esandleni sowesifazane, kepha akamfumananga.
- <sup>21</sup> Wayesebuza abantu bendawo yakhe, wathi: “Siphi isifebe esasise-Enayimi ngasendleleni na?” Bathi: “Akuzange kube khona isifebe lapha.”
- <sup>22</sup> Wayesebuyela kuJuda, ethi: “Angisifumananga; nabantu bendawo bathi: ‘Akuzange kube khona isifebe lapha.’ ”
- <sup>23</sup> Wathi uJuda: “Masizithathele sona, funa sibe nehlazo; bheka, ngithume leli zinyane, kepha awusifumananga.”
- <sup>24</sup> Kwathi emva kwezinyanga ezintathu uJuda watshelwa ukuthi: “UTamari umalokazana wakho ufebile; bheka, futhi ukhulelwe ngokufeba kwakhe.” UJuda wathi: “Mletheni, ashiswe.”
- <sup>25</sup> Eselethiwe wathumela kuyisezala, wathi: “Ngikhuleliswe yile ndoda engumnini walezi zinto.” Wathi futhi: “Ake ubone ukuthi ngokukabani le ndandatho, nale ntambo, nalolu dondolo na?”
- <sup>26</sup> Wakuvuma uJuda, wathi: “Ulungile kunami, njengokuba ngingamnikanga uShela indodana yami.” Akabange esamazi futhi.
- <sup>27</sup> Kwathi ngesikhathi sokubeletha kwakhe, bheka, ngamawele asesiswini sakhe.
- <sup>28</sup> Kwathi esabeletha, omunye wakhipha isandla; umbelethisi wathatha, wabopha esandleni sakhe ngentambo ebomvu, wathi: “Lo uphume kuqala.”
- <sup>29</sup> Kwathi ukuba afinyeze isandla sakhe, nangu umfowabo ephuma; wathi: “Ufuzuleleni na?” Ngelokho igama lakhe laqanjwa ngokuthi uPheresi.
- <sup>30</sup> Ngasemuva waphuma umfowabo owayenentambo ebomvu esandleni sakhe; igama lakhe lathiwa uZera.

## ISAPHLUKO 39

**U**Josefa wehliselwa eGibithe; uPotifari inceku kaFaro, induna yemilindankosi, owaseGibithe, wamthenga esandleni sabakwa-Ishmayeli ababemehlisele khona.

<sup>2</sup> UJehova wayenaye uJosefa, waba ngumuntu onenhlanhla; wayesendlini yenkosi yakhe yaseGibithe.

<sup>3</sup> Inkosi yakhe yabona ukuthi uJehova unaye nokuthi konke akwenzayo uJehova wakuphumelelisa esandleni sakhe.

<sup>4</sup> UJosefa wafumana umusa emehlweni ayo, wayikhonza; yambeka abe yinduna phezu kwendlu yayo, nakho konke okwayo yakunikela esandleni sakhe.

<sup>5</sup> Kusukela kuleso sikhathi embeke ngaso ukuba abe yinduna phezu kwendlu yayo

naphezu kwakho konke okwayo, uJehova wabusisa indlu yowaseGibithe ngenxa kaJosefa; isibusiso sikaJehova sasikukho konke okwayo endlini nasensimini.

<sup>6</sup> Yashiya konke okwayo esandleni sikaJosefa; yayingazi lutho olwayo, ukudla eyakudlayo kuphela. UJosefa wayengumgembeleza, eyigeza.

<sup>7</sup> Kwathi emva kwalezo zinto umkankosi yakhe waphonsa amehlo kuJosefa, wathi: “Lala nami.”

<sup>8</sup> Kepha wala, wathi kumkankosi yakhe: “Bheka, inkosi yami ayikwazi enginakho endlini, inikele konke okwayo esandleni sami;

<sup>9</sup> ayinkulu kunami kule ndlu; futhi ayingigodlengela lutho ngaphandle kwakho kuphela, ngokuba ungumkayo; pho, ngingenza kanjani lobo bubi obungaka, ngone kuNkulunkulu na?”

<sup>10</sup> Kwathi esakhuluma kuJosefa izinsuku ngezinsuku, akamlalelanga ukuba alale naye, nokuba abe naye.

<sup>11</sup> Kwathi ngosuku lumbe engena endlini ukuyokwenza imisebenzi yakhe, kungekho lapho phakathi noyedwa owendlu,

<sup>12</sup> wambamba ngengubo yakhe, wathi: “Lala nami,” kepha washiya ingubo yakhe esandleni sakhe, wabaleka, wagijimela phandle.

<sup>13</sup> Kwathi esebone ukuthi ushiyile ingubo esandleni sakhe, wabaleka,

<sup>14</sup> wabiza abantu bendlu, wakhuluma kubo, wathi: “Bonani usilethele umHeberu ukuba adlale ngathi; uze kimina ukuba alale nami; ngamemeza ngezwi elikhulu;

<sup>15</sup> wathi ezwa ukuthi ngiphakamisa izwi lami ngimemeza, washiya ingubo yakhe kimi, wabaleka, wagijimela phandle.”

<sup>16</sup> Wayesebeka le ngubo kuye, yaze yafika ekhaya inkosi yakhe.

<sup>17</sup> Wakhuluma kuyo wona lawa mazwi, wathi: “Le nceku engumHeberu, osilethele yona, ize kimi ukuba idlale ngami;

<sup>18</sup> kwathi ukuba ngiphakamise izwi lami ngimemeza, yashiya ingubo yayo kimi, yabalekela phandle.”

<sup>19</sup> Yathi inkosi yakhe isizwe amazwi omkayo ayewakhulume kuyo, ethi: “Yenze njalo kimi inceku yakho,” lwavutha ulaka lwayo.

<sup>20</sup> Inkosi kaJosefa yamthatha, yamfaka etilongweni, indawo lapho iziboshwa zenkosi zaziboshwa khona; waba khona etilongweni.

<sup>21</sup> Kepha uJehova wayenaye uJosefa, wamupha umusa, wamenzela ububele emehlweni omlindi wetilongo.

<sup>22</sup> Umlindi wetilongo wanikela esandleni sikaJosefa zonke iziboshwa ezazisetilongweni; konke ezazikwenza khona nguyena owayekwenza.

<sup>23</sup> Umlindi wetilongo akabanga esabheka lutho olusesandleni sakhe, ngokuba uJehova wayenaye, nalokho akwenzayo uJehova wakuphumelelisa.

## ISAPHELA 40

**K**wathi emva kwalezo zinto umphathizitsha wenkosi yaseGibithe nomphethizinkwa wayo bona enkosini yabo, inkosi yaseGibithe.

<sup>2</sup> UFaro wazithukuthelela lezo zinceku zakhe zombili, induna yabaphathizitsha nenduna yabaphethizinkwa.

<sup>3</sup> Wazibeka ukuba zilindwe endlini yenduna yemilindankosi etilongweni, indawo lapho wayeboshwe khona uJosefa.

- <sup>4</sup> Induna yemilindankosi yamyala ngazo uJosefa ukuba azibheke; wazikhonza; zazisekulindweni izinsukwana.
- <sup>5</sup> Baphupha iphupho bobabili, kwaba yilowo nalowo iphupho lakhe ngabusuku bunye, yilowo nalowo ngokokuchazwa kwephupho lakhe, umphathizitsha nomphekizinkwa wenkosi yaseGibithe, ababeboshwe etilongweni.
- <sup>6</sup> UJosefa wangena kubo ekuseni, wabona ukuthi badabukile.
- <sup>7</sup> Wayesebuza izinceku zikaFaro ezazinaye zilindwe endlini yenkosi yakhe, ethi: “Ubuso benu budabukeleni namuhla na?”
- <sup>8</sup> Bathi kuye: “Siphuphe iphupho, akakho ongalichaza.” UJosefa wathi kubo: “Ukuchaza akusikho okukaNkulunkulu na? Ake ningilandise lona.”
- <sup>9</sup> Induna yabaphathizitsha yayisimlandisa uJosefa iphupho layo, yathi kuye: “Ephusheni lami kwakukhona umvini phambi kwami;
- <sup>10</sup> emvinini kwakukhona amagatsha amathathu; wahluma qede wakhahlela, amahlukuzo awo athela izithelo.
- <sup>11</sup> Indebe kaFaro yayisesandleni sami; ngathatha izithelo zomvini, ngazikhamela endebeni kaFaro, indebe ngayinikela esandleni sikaFaro.”
- <sup>12</sup> Wathi uJosefa kuye: “Nakho ukuchazwa kwalo: lawo magatsha amathathu ayizinsuku ezintathu;
- <sup>13</sup> zingakadluli izinsuku ezintathu, uFaro uzakuphakamisa ikhanda lakho, akubuyisele esikhundleni sakho; uzakunikela indebe esandleni sikaFaro njengokwenza kwakho kwakuqala, lapho wawungumphathizitsha wakhe.
- <sup>14</sup> Kepha ngikhumbule, nxa usuhlezi kahle, ungenzele umusa, ungibike kuFaro, ungikhiphe kule ndlu.
- <sup>15</sup> Ngokuba ngebiwa nokwebiwa ezweni lamaHeberu, nalapha futhi angenzanga lutho ukuba bangifake emgodini.”
- <sup>16</sup> Kwathi induna yabaphekizinkwa ibona ukuthi lokho kuchazwa kwakukuhle, yathi kuJosefa: “Nakimi ephusheni lami kwakungathi kukhona amaqoma amathathu esinkwa esimhlophe ekhanda lami.
- <sup>17</sup> Eqomeni elingaphezulu kwakukhona izinhlobo zonke zokudla kukaFaro; izinyoni zazikudla eqomeni eliphezu kwekhanda lami.”
- <sup>18</sup> UJosefa waphendula wathi: “Lokhu kungukuchazwa kwalo: lawo maqoma amathathu ayizinsuku ezintathu;
- <sup>19</sup> zingakadluli izinsuku ezintathu, uFaro uzakuphakamisa ikhanda lakho, alisuse kuwe, akuphanyeke emthini; izinyoni ziyakudla inyama yakho, ziyisuse kuwe.”
- <sup>20</sup> Kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu, usuku lokuzalwa kukaFaro, wazenzela izinceku zakhe zonke idili, waphakamisa ikhanda lenduna yabaphathizitsha nelenduna yabaphekizinkwa phakathi kwezinceku zakhe.
- <sup>21</sup> Wayibuyisela induna yabaphathizitsha esikhundleni sayo, waze wanikela indebe esandleni sikaFaro;
- <sup>22</sup> kepha wayiphanyeka induna yabaphekizinkwa, njengalokho ebebachazele uJosefa.
- <sup>23</sup> Nokho induna yabaphathizitsha ayamkhumbula uJosefa, yamkohlwa.

## ISAHLUKO 41

**K**wathi ngasekupheleni kweminyaka emibili waphupha uFaro; bheka, wayemi ngasemfuleni.

<sup>2</sup> Bheka, kwakhuphuka emfuleni izithole eziyisikhombisa ezibukeka kahle, zikhuluphele, zadla emhlangeni.

<sup>3</sup> Nazo ezinye izithole eziyisikhombisa zenyuka emfuleni emva kwazo, zibukeka kabi, zondile; zema kwezinye izithole ogwini lomfula.

<sup>4</sup> Izithole ezibukeka kabi ezondileyo zadla izithole ezibukeka kahle ezikhulupheleyo. Wayesephaphama uFaro.

<sup>5</sup> Walala ubuthongo, waphupha ngokwesibili; bheka, kwahluma izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezeleni linye, zibhoxile, zizinhle.

<sup>6</sup> Bheka, nezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezincane, ezihamukile ngumoya wasempumalanga, zahluma emva kwazo.

<sup>7</sup> Izikhwebu ezincane zagwinya izikhwebu ezibhoxileyo ezipheleleyo. Wayesephaphama uFaro; bheka, kwakuyiphupho.

<sup>8</sup> Kwathi ekuseni umoya wakhe wakhathazeka; wathuma wabiza izanusi zonke zaseGibithe nezihlakaniphi zonke zalo; uFaro wazilandisa iphupho lakhe; kepha akubangakho ongachazela wona uFaro.

<sup>9</sup> Yayisikhuluma induna yabaphathizitsha kuFaro, ithi: “Ngiyakhumbula namuhla amacala ami.

<sup>10</sup> UFaro wathukuthelela izinceku zakhe, wangifaka ukuba ngilindwe endlini yenduna yemilindankosi, mina kanye nenduna yabaphekizinkwa.

<sup>11</sup> Saphupha iphupho ngabona lobo busuku mina naye. Saphupha, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngokokuchazwa kwephupho lakhe.

<sup>12</sup> Kwakukhona nathi lapho insizwa, umHeberu, inceku yenduna yemilindankosi; sayilandisa yona, yasichazela amaphupho ethu, yachazela, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngokwephupho lakhe.

<sup>13</sup> Kwathi njengalokho yasichazela, kwaba njalo; mina inkosi yangibuyisela esikhundleni sami, yena yamphanyeka.”

<sup>14</sup> UFaro wayesethuma wambiza uJosefa; bashesha bamkhipha emgodini; waphucula, waphendulela ezinye izingubo, wangena kuFaro.

<sup>15</sup> Wayesethi uFaro kuJosefa: “Ngiphuphe iphupho, kakho ongalichaza; sengizwe kuthiwa ngawe, lapho ulizwa iphupho, ungalichaza.”

<sup>16</sup> UJosefa wamphendula uFaro, wathi: “Akukimi lokho; uNkulunkulu uzakumphendula kahle uFaro.”

<sup>17</sup> UFaro wakhuluma kuJosefa, wathi: “Ephusheni lami, bheka, ngangimi ogwini lomfula;

<sup>18</sup> bheka, kwase kukhuphuka emfuleni izithole eziyisikhombisa ezikhulupheleyo ezibukeka kahle; zadla emhlangeni.

<sup>19</sup> Nazo ezinye izithole eziyisikhombisa zenyuka emva kwazo, zizacile, zibukeka kabi kakhulu, zondile, engingazange ngibone ezimbi njengalezo ezweni lonke laseGibithe.

<sup>20</sup> Izithole ezondileyo ezimbi zadla eziyisikhombisa zokuqala ezikhulupheleyo.

<sup>21</sup> Lapho sezingene eziswini zazo, akwabonakala ukuthi zingene eziswini zazo; zazisabukeka zizimbi njengakuqala. Ngase ngiphaphama.

<sup>22</sup> “Futhi ngabona ephusheni lami, bheka, kwahluma izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezeleni linye, ziphelele, zizinhle.

<sup>23</sup> Bheka, nezikhwebu eziyizintshwamu ezincane, ezihamukile ngumoya wasempumalanga, zahluma emva kwazo.

<sup>24</sup> Izikhwebu ezincane zagwinya izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezinhle; ngakulandisa izanusi, kepha sasingekho esingangazisa khona.”

<sup>25</sup> UJosefa wayesethi kuFaro: “Iphupho likaFaro linye; lokho uNkulunkulu azakukwenza umazise uFaro khona.

<sup>26</sup> Izithole eziyisikhombisa ezinhle ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa; izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezinhle ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa; iphupho linye.

<sup>27</sup> Izithole ezondileyo ezimbi ezakhuphuka emva kwazo ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa kanye nezikhwebu ezincane, ezihamukile ngumoya wasempumalanga; ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala.

<sup>28</sup> “Yikho lokhu engikushilo kuFaro: lokho uNkulunkulu asezakukwenza ukubonakalisile kuFaro.

<sup>29</sup> Bheka, kuyeza iminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala enkulu ezweni lonke laseGibithe.

<sup>30</sup> Emva kwayo iyakucela iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala; iyakukhohlakala inala yonke ezweni laseGibithe; indlala iyakuliqeda izwe.

<sup>31</sup> Inala ayiyukwaziwa ezweni ngenxa yendlala elandelayo, ngokuba iyakuba nzima kakhulu.

<sup>32</sup> Lokhu ukuthi iphupho liphindwe kabili kuFaro, kungokuba le nto inqunywe nguNkulunkulu, futhi uNkulunkulu uyakushesha ayenze.

<sup>33</sup> “Manje uFaro makakhethe umuntu oqaphelayo ohlakaniphileyo, ambeke phezu kwezwe laseGibithe.

<sup>34</sup> Makenze njalo uFaro, abeke ababonisi phezu kwezwe, bahlukanise okwesihlanu kwezwe laseGibithe ngeminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala.

<sup>35</sup> Mababuthe konke ukudla kwale minyaka emihle ezayo, banqwabele phansi kwesandla sikaFaro amabele emizini, abe ngukudla, bawalonde.

<sup>36</sup> Lokhu kudla kuyakubekelwa izwe ngenxa yeminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala eyakuba khona ezweni laseGibithe ukuba izwe lingabhubhi ngendlala.”

<sup>37</sup> Leli zwi laba lihle emehlweni kaFaro nasemehlweni ezinceku zakhe zonke.

<sup>38</sup> Wayesethi uFaro ezincekwini zakhe: “Singamthola yini umuntu onjalo, onoMoya kaNkulunkulu, na?”

<sup>39</sup> Wathi uFaro kuJosefa: “Njengokuba uNkulunkulu ekwazise wena konke lokhu, akakho oqaphelayo ohlakaniphileyo njengawe.

<sup>40</sup> Wena uzakuba phezu kwendlu yami; ngezwi lakho bayakuhlelwa bonke abantu bami; esihlalweni sobukhosi kuphela ngiyakuba mkhulu kunawe.”

<sup>41</sup> Wathi uFaro kuJosefa: “Bheka, sengikubeke phezu kwezwe lonke laseGibithe.”

<sup>42</sup> UFaro wayesekhumula indandatho yakhe esandleni sakhe, wayifaka esandleni sikaJosefa, wamembathisa izingubo zelineni elicolekileyo, wafaka umnaka wegolide entanyeni yakhe.

<sup>43</sup> Wamkhwelisa enqoleni yesibili emva kwakhe; bamemeza phambi kwakhe, bathi: “Guqani!” Wambeka phezu kwezwe lonke laseGibithe.

<sup>44</sup> UFaro wathi kuJosefa: “NginguFaro; ngaphandle kwakho akuyikuphakamisa muntu isandla sakhe nonyawo lwakhe ezweni lonke laseGibithe.”

<sup>45</sup> UFaro waqamba igama likaJosefa ngokuthi uSafenati Phaneya; wamnika u-Asenati indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi wase-Oni abe ngumkakhe. UJosefa waphuma, wahamba izwe lonke laseGibithe.

<sup>46</sup> UJosefa wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu mhla emi phambi kukaFaro inkosi yaseGibithe. UJosefa waphuma ebusweni bukaFaro, wahamba izwe lonke laseGibithe.

- <sup>47</sup> Ngeminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala umhlaba wathela kakhulu.
- <sup>48</sup> Waqoqa konke ukudla kwale minyaka eyisikhombisa eyayisezweni laseGibithe, wabekelela ukudla emizini; ukudla kwamasimu azungeza yilowo nalowo muzi wakubekela kuwo.
- <sup>49</sup> UJosefa waqongelela amabele angangesihlabathi solwandle, okuningi kakhulu, waze wayeka ukubala, ngokuba kwakungenakubalwa.
- <sup>50</sup> UJosefa wazalelwa amadodana amabili, kungakafiki mnyaka wendlala, amzalela wona u-Asenati indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi wase-Oni.
- <sup>51</sup> UJosefa waqamba igama lezibulo ngokuthi uManase, wathi: “Ngokuba uNkulunkulu ungenze ngikhoohlwe konke ukuhlupheka kwami nendlu yonke kababa.”
- <sup>52</sup> Igama lowesibili waliqamba ngokuthi u-Efrayimi, wathi: “Ngokuba uNkulunkulu ungenze ngizale ezweni lokuhlupheka kwami.”
- <sup>53</sup> Iminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala eyayisezweni laseGibithe yaphela.
- <sup>54</sup> Iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala yayisiqala ukufika, njengalokho eshilo uJosefa; kwakuyindlala emazweni onke; kepha ezweni lonke laseGibithe ukudla kwakukhona.
- <sup>55</sup> Kwathi selilambile izwe lonke laseGibithe, abantu bakhala kuFaro ngokudla; uFaro wathi kubo bonke abaseGibithe: “Yanini kuJosefa; lokho anitshela khona, nikwenze.”
- <sup>56</sup> Indlala yayisebusweni bezwe lonke; uJosefa wavula zonke izinqolobane, wathengisela abaseGibithe; indlala yayinzima ezweni laseGibithe.
- <sup>57</sup> Amazwe onke afika kuJosefa eGibithe ukuyothenga amabele, ngokuba indlala yayinzima emhlabeni wonke.

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**U**Jakobe esezwile ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibithe, uJakobe wathi emadodaneni akhe: “Nibukanelani na?”

- <sup>2</sup> Wathi: “Bhekani, ngizwile ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibithe; yehlani, niye lapho, nisithengele khona, ukuze siphile, singafi.”
- <sup>3</sup> Base behla abafowabo bakaJosefa abayishumi, baya kuthenga amabele eGibithe.
- <sup>4</sup> Kepha uBenjamini umfowabo kaJosefa uJakobe akamthumanga nabafowabo, ngokuba wathi: “Angahle ehlelwe ngokubi.”
- <sup>5</sup> Ayeseфика amadodana ka-Israyeli ukuthenga phakathi kwalabo ababefika, ngokuba kwakukhona indlala ezweni laseKhanani.
- <sup>6</sup> UJosefa wayengumbusi ezweni; nguyena owathengisela abantu bonke bezwe; bafika-ke abafowabo bakaJosefa, bamkhothamela ngobuso phansi.
- <sup>7</sup> UJosefa wabona abafowabo, wabazi, kepha wazishaya ongabaziyo kubo, wakhuluma kalukhuni kubo, wathi kubo: “Nivelaphi na?” Bathi: “Sivela ezweni laseKhanani, size ukuthenga ukudla.”
- <sup>8</sup> UJosefa wabazi abafowabo, kepha bona abamazanga.
- <sup>9</sup> UJosefa wayesekhumbula amaphupho awaphupha ngabo, wathi kubo: “Niyizinhlozi; nize ukubona ubuze bezwe.”
- <sup>10</sup> Bathi kuye: “Qha, nkosi, izinceku zakho zize ukuba zithenge ukudla.
- <sup>11</sup> Sonke singamadodana andodanye; singabantu abaqotho; izinceku zakho aziyizo izinhlozi.”
- <sup>12</sup> Wathi kubo: “Qhabo, nize ukubona ubuze bezwe.”
- <sup>13</sup> Base bethi kuye: “Thina zinceku zakho ziyizelamani eziyishumi nambili, amadodana

andodanye ezweni laseKhanani; bheka, encane ikubaba manje, enye ayisekho.”

**14** UJosefa wathi kubo: “Yikho lokhu engikushilo kini ukuthi niyizinhloli.

**15** Niyakuvivinywa ngalokhu, kuphila kukaFaro, aniyikumuka lapha, kuphela uma umfowenu omncane efika lapha.

**16** Thumani omunye wenu, amlande umfowenu; nizakuboshwa, ukuze kuvivinywe amazwi enu ukuba iqiniso likini yini; uma kungenjalo, kuphila kukaFaro, niyizinhloli.”

**17** Wababutha bonke ukuba balindwe izinsuku ezintathu.

**18** Wayesethi kubo uJosefa ngosuku lwesithathu: “Yenzani lokhu, niphile, ngokuba ngiyamesaba uNkulunkulu.

**19** Uma ningabaqotho, makuboshwe omunye wabafowenu endlini yokulindwa kwenu, kepha hambani nina, nibuyele namabele endlala yezindlu zenu,

**20** nilethe umfowenu omncane kimi, kuqiniswe amazwi enu, nize ningafi.” Benze njalo.

**21** Base bethi omunye komunye: “Impela sitholile icala ngomfowethu, njengokuba sabona usizi lwenhliziyo yakhe, esincenga, kasamlalela; ngalokho lolu sizi selufike phezu kwethu.”

**22** URubeni wabaphendula wathi: “Angikhulumanga yini kini ukuthi: ‘Ningamoni umfana,’ kanangilalela, na? Bhekani, ngalokho seliyabizwa igazi lakhe.”

**23** Babengazi ukuthi uJosefa uyabezwa, ngokuba kwakukhona ihumusha phakathi kwabo.

**24** Wabafulathela, wakhala; wabuye waphendukela kubo, wakhuluma nabo; wayesemsusa uSimeyoni phakathi kwabo, wambopha phambi kwamehlo abo.

**25** UJosefa wayeseyala ukuba amasaka abo agcwaliswe ngamabele, kubuyiselwe imali yalowo nalowo esakeni lakhe, baphiwe umphako endleleni; kwenziwa njalo kubo.

**26** Base bethwesa izimbongolo zabo ngamabele abo, bamuka khona.

**27** Kwathi omunye evula isaka lakhe ukuba ayinike imbongolo yakhe ukudla endlini yezihambi, wabona imali yakhe; bheka, yayisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe.

**28** Wayesethi kubaforabo: “Imali yami ibuyiselwe; bhekani, isesakeni lami.” Baphela amandla, babhekana omunye nomunye bethuthumela, bethi: “Kuyini lokhu uNkulunkulu asenzele khona na?”

**29** Bafika-ke kuJakobe uyise ezweni laseKhanani, bamtshela konke okubehleleyo, bathi:

**30** “Lowo muntu, inkosi yezwe, ukhulume kalukhuni kithina, wasishaya izinhloli zezwe.

**31** Sase sithi kuye: ‘Singabaqotho; asiyizo izinhloli;

**32** siyizelamani eziyishumi nambili, amadodana kababa; enye ayisekho, encane ikubaba ezweni laseKhanani manje.’

**33** “Lowo muntu, inkosi yezwe, wayesethi kithi: ‘Ngalokhu ngiyokwazi ukuthi ningabaqotho: shiyani kimi omunye wabafowenu, niphathele indlala yezindlu zenu ukudla, nimuke,

**34** nilethe kimi umfowenu omncane; yikhona ngiyokwazi ukuthi aniyizo izinhloli kepha ningabaqotho, ngininike umfowenu, nihambe izwe.’ ”

**35** Kwathi sebethulula amasaka abo, bheka, isikhwama semali salowo nalowo sasisesakeni lakhe; lapho bona noyise bebona izikhwama zabo zemali, bashaywa luvalo.

**36** UJakobe uyise wayesethi kubo: “Niyangaphuca abantwana bami; uJosefa akasekho, noSimeyoni kasekho; senizakuthatha noBenjamini; kuphezu kwami konke lokhu.”

**37** Wayesekhuluma uRubeni kuyise, ethi: “Bulala amadodana ami omabili, uma ngingambuyiseli kuwe; mnikele esandleni sami, ngizakumbuyisela kuwe.”

**38** Wathi: “Indodana yami ayiyikwehla nani, ngokuba umfowabo ufile, kusele yona yodwa; uma yehlelwa yingozi endleleni eniyihambayo, niyakwehlisela endaweni yabafileyo izimvi zami ngosizi.”



**I**ndlala yayinzima ezweni.

<sup>2</sup> Kwathi sebeqedile amabele ababewathengile eGibithe, uyise wathi kubo: “Buyelani, nisithengele ukudlana.”

<sup>3</sup> UJuda wakhuluma kuye, wathi: “Lowo muntu wagoma nokugoma kithina, wathi: ‘Aniyikubona ubuso bami, kuphela uma umfowenu enani.’”

<sup>4</sup> Uma umthuma nathi umfowethu, sizakwehla, sithenge ukudla;

<sup>5</sup> kepha uma ungamthumi, asizukwehla, ngokuba lowo muntu wathi kithina: ‘Aniyikubona ubuso bami, kuphela uma umfowenu enani.’”

<sup>6</sup> Wayesethi u-Israyeli: “Ningenzeleni okubi ngokumtshela lowo muntu ukuthi ukhona omunye umfowenu na?”

<sup>7</sup> Bathi: “Wabuza nokubuza lowo muntu ngathi nangezihlobo zethu, wathi: ‘Usekhona uyihlo na? Ninomunye umfowenu na?’ Samlandisa njengalawa mazwi; sasingakwazi kanjani ukuba uyakuthi: ‘Yehlisani umfowenu,’ na?”

<sup>8</sup> UJuda wathi ku-Israyeli uyise: “Thuma umfana nami, size sisuke, sihambe ukuba siphile, singafi, thina nawe kanye nezingane zethu.

<sup>9</sup> Mina ngiyakuba yisibambiso sakhe; uzakumbiza esandleni sami; uma ngingambuyiseli kuwe, ngimbeke ebusweni bakho, ngiyakuba necala kuze kube phakade,

<sup>10</sup> ngokuba uma sasingalibalanga, impela nga sesibuyile manje ngokwesibili.”

<sup>11</sup> Uyise u-Israyeli wayesethi kubo: “Uma kunjalo, yenzani lokhu; phathani izithelo ezikhethiweyo zezwe emasakeni enu, nimehlisele lowo muntu isipho, ibhalisamu eliyingcosana, nezinyosi eziyingcosana, namakha, nemure, namapisitakiyo, nama-alimondi,

<sup>12</sup> niphathe esandleni senu imali iphindwe kabili; naleyo mali eyabuyiselwa emilonyeni yamasaka enu, niyihambise ngesandla senu; mhlawumbe kwenzeka iphutha.

<sup>13</sup> Nithathe futhi umfowenu, nisuke nibuyele kulowo muntu.

<sup>14</sup> UNkulunkulu uSomandla aniphe umusa ebusweni balowo muntu, ukuze anikhululele umfowenu lowo omunye kanye noBenjamini; kepha mina, uma ngaphucwa abantwana, ngiyaphucwa.”

<sup>15</sup> Amadoda ayesethatha leso siphos nemali ephindwe kabili esandleni sawo kanye noBenjamini, asuka ehlela eGibithe, ema ebusweni bukaJosefa.

<sup>16</sup> UJosefa esembona uBenjamini enabo, wathi kophezu kwendlu yakhe: “Ngenisa lawa madoda endlini, uhlabane, ulungise, ngokuba lawa madoda ayakudla nami emini.”

<sup>17</sup> Lowo muntu wenza njengalokho eshilo uJosefa; inceku yawangenisa amadoda endlini kaJosefa.

<sup>18</sup> Amadoda esaba, ngokuba angeniswa endlini kaJosefa, athi: “Singeniswe lapha ngenxa yemali eyabuyiselwa emasakeni ethu kuqala ukuba asizume, asehlele, asenze izigqila kanye nezimbongolo zethu.”

<sup>19</sup> Asondela-ke encekweni yendlu kaJosefa, akhuluma kuyo ngasemnyango wendlu,

<sup>20</sup> athi: “O nkosi, ngempela safika kuqala ukuthenga ukudla.

<sup>21</sup> Kwathi sesifike endlini yezihambi, savula amasaka ethu; bheka, imali yalowo nalowo yayisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe, imali yethu ngokulinganiswa kwayo; sesiyibuyisile ngesandla sethu.

<sup>22</sup> Sehle nenye imali esandleni sethu ukuba sithenge ukudla; asazi ukuthi ngubani owayifaka imali yethu emasakeni ethu.”

- <sup>23</sup> Yayisithi kubo: “Ukuthula makube kinina; ningesabi; uNkulunkulu wenu noNkulunkulu kayihlo uniphe igugu emasakeni enu; imali yenu ngayithola.” Yaphumisa uSimeyoni, yamletha kubo.
- <sup>24</sup> Inceku yayisingenisa amadoda endlini kaJosefa, yawanika amanzi; ageza izinyawo zawo; yazipha izimbongolo zawo ukudla.
- <sup>25</sup> Alungisela uJosefa isipho, ezofika emini, ngokuba ayezwele ukuthi ayakudla khona.
- <sup>26</sup> UJosefa esefike ekhaya, ayisa kuye endlini isipho esasisesandleni sawo, akhothamela phansi kuye.
- <sup>27</sup> Wabuza impilo yabo, wathi: “Usaphila uyihlo, ixhegu enanikhuluma ngalo, na? Usekhona na?”
- <sup>28</sup> Bathi-ke: “Inceku yakho ubaba isaphila, isekhona.” Bamkhothamela, bamkhonza.
- <sup>29</sup> Wayesephakamisa amehlo akhe, wambona uBenjamini umfowabo, indodana kanina, wathi: “Nguye lo ongumfowenu omncane enakhuluma ngaye kimi na?” Wathi: “UNkulunkulu makabe nomusa kuwe ndodana yami.”
- <sup>30</sup> Wakhawuleza uJosefa, ngokuba ngaphakathi kwakhe kwavutha isihe ngomfowabo; wafuna lapho angakhala khona, wangena ekamelweni lakhe, wakhala khona.
- <sup>31</sup> Wageza ubuso bakhe, waphuma; wazibamba, wathi: “Lethani ukudla.”
- <sup>32</sup> Bambekela ukudla ngokwakhe, nalabo ngokwabo, nabaseGibithe abadla naye ngokwabo, lokhu abaseGibithe bandedle namaHeberu, ngokuba kuyanengeka kubo abaseGibithe.
- <sup>33</sup> Bahlala phambi kwakhe, izibulo njengobuzibulo balo nomncane njengobuncane bakhe; abantu bamangala omunye nomunye.
- <sup>34</sup> Wabathathela izabelo kulokho okwakuphambi kwakhe, kepha isabelo sikaBenjamini saphindwa kahlanu silinganiswa nesabo. Baphuza, bathokoza naye.

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**W**ayala inceku yendlu yakhe, wathi: “Gcwalisa amasaka alawa madoda ngokudla okulingene namandla abo okuthwala, ufake imali yalowo nalowo emlonyeni wesaka lakhe.

- <sup>2</sup> Ufake indebe yami, indebe yesiliva, emlonyeni wesaka lomncane kanye nemali yamabele akhe.” Yenza-ke njengezwi likaJosefa alishilo.
- <sup>3</sup> Ngakusasa nxa sekusile, amadoda amukiswa, wona nezimbongolo zawo.
- <sup>4</sup> Esephumile emzini, engakabi kude, uJosefa wathi encekweni yakhe: “Suka ulandele lawo madoda; nxa uwafica, yisho kuwo ukuthi: ‘Niphindiseleni okuhle ngokubi na?’
- <sup>5</sup> Lena akusiyo indebe inkosi yami ephuza ngayo, ebhula ngayo, na? Nenze kabi ngokwenze njalo.’ ”
- <sup>6</sup> Yawafica, yakhuluma kuwo lawo mazwi.
- <sup>7</sup> Ayesethi kuyo: “Inkosi yami ikhulumelani amazwi anjengalawa? Akube kude nezinceku zakho ukwenze njalo.
- <sup>8</sup> Bheka, imali esayifumana emlonyeni yamasaka ethu sayibuyisa ezweni laseKhanani, sayiletha kuwe; pho, besingeba kanjani endlini yenkosi yakho isiliva noma igolide na?
- <sup>9</sup> Lowo wasezincekwini zakho eyakutholwa kuye, makafe yena, thina sibe yizigqila zenkosi yami.”
- <sup>10</sup> Yathi: “Kalokhu makube njengamazwi enu; lowo ezakutholakala kuye makabe yizigqila sami, nina ningabi nacala.”
- <sup>11</sup> Ayeseshesha ukwehlisela phansi, kwaba yileyo naleyo isaka layo, yileyo naleyo yavula

isaka layo.

<sup>12</sup> Yanyalula, yaqala ngenkulu yagcina ngencane; indebe yatholwa esakeni likaBenjamini.

<sup>13</sup> Ayesekelebhula izingubo zawo, yileyo naleyo yethwesa imbongolo yayo, abuyela emzini.

<sup>14</sup> UJuda nabafofawabo bafika endlini kaJosefa; wayeseekhona lapho; bawa phansi phambi kwakhe.

<sup>15</sup> UJosefa wayesethi kubo: "Isenzo sini lesi enisenzileyo na? Beningazi yini ukuthi umuntu onjengami angabhula nokubhula na?"

<sup>16</sup> Wathi uJuda: "Sizakuthini enkosini yami na? Sizakukhulumani? Sizakuzihlanguza kanjani? UNkulunkulu ufumene ububi bezinceku zakho; bheka, siyizigqila zenkosi yami thina naye etholakele esandleni sakhe indebe."

<sup>17</sup> Wathi: "Makube kude kimi ukwenze njalo; umuntu etholakele esandleni sakhe indebe uyakuba yisigqila sami, kepha nina manihambe kahle, nenyuke, niye kuyihlo."

<sup>18</sup> UJuda wayesesondela kuye, ethi: "O nkosi yami, inceku yakho mayikhulume izwi ezindlebeni zenkosi yami, ungavuthi ulaka ngenceku yakho, ngokuba ungangoFaro wena.

<sup>19</sup> Inkosi yami yabuza izinceku zayo, yathi: 'Ninoyihlo, ninomfowenu, na?'

<sup>20</sup> Sase sithi enkosini yami: 'Sinobaba, ixhegu, nomntwana wobuxhegu bakhe omncane; umnewabo ufile, usesele yedwa kwabakanina; uyise uyamthanda.'

<sup>21</sup> "Wawusuthi ezincekwini: 'Mehliseni kimi ukuba ngimbone ngamehlo ami.'

<sup>22</sup> Sathi enkosini: 'Umfana akanakumshiya uyise; uma emshiya, uyise uzakufa.'

<sup>23</sup> Wathi wena ezincekwini zakho: 'Uma umfowenu omncane engehli nani, anisayikubuye nibone ubuso bami.'

<sup>24</sup> Kwathi sesikhuphukele encekweni yakho ubaba, samlandisa amazwi enkosi.

<sup>25</sup> "Wathi ubaba: 'Buyelani, nisithengele ukudlana.'

<sup>26</sup> Sathi thina: 'Asinakwehla. Uma umfowethu omncane enathi, siyakwehla, ngokuba asinakubona ubuso balowo muntu, uma umfowethu omncane engenathi.'

<sup>27</sup> "Yayisithi kithi inceku yakho ubaba: 'Niyazi ukuthi umkami wangizalela amadodana amabili.

<sup>28</sup> Enye yaphuma kimi; ngathi: Impela idatshuliwe nokudatshulwa; angiyiboni kuze kube manje.

<sup>29</sup> Nanxa nithatha nalena, niyisuse kimi, yehlelwa yingozi, niyakwehlisela izimvi zami endaweni yabafuleyo ngosizi.'

<sup>30</sup> "Kalokhu nxa ngifika encekweni yakho ubaba, umfana engenathi, lokhu inhliziyi yakhe ibambelele enhliziyweni yomfana,

<sup>31</sup> kuzakuthi lapho ebona ukuthi umfana akakho, afe, izinceku zakho zibe zehlisela endaweni yabafuleyo izimvi zenceku yakho ubaba ngosizi.

<sup>32</sup> Ngokuba inceku yakho yaba yisibambiso somfana kubaba, yathi: 'Uma ngingambuyiseli kuwe, ngiyakuba necala kubaba kuze kube phakade.'

<sup>33</sup> "Ngalokho inceku yakho ake ihlale esikhundleni somfana, ibe yisigqila senkosi, umfana akhuphuke nabafofawabo.

<sup>34</sup> Ngokuba ngingakhuphukela kanjani kubaba, umfana engenami, funa ngibone okubi okuzakumehlela ubaba, na?"

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**K**hona uJosefa wayengasenakuzibamba phambi kwabo bonke ababemi naye, wakhala wathi: “Phumisani kimi abantu bonke.” Kwakungemi muntu naye, uJosefa esazazisa kuba fowabo.

<sup>2</sup> Wayesephakamisa izwi ngokukhala, abaseGibithe bakuzwa, nendlu kaFaro yakuzwa.

<sup>3</sup> Wathi uJosefa kuba fowabo: “NginguJosefa; ubaba usekhona na?” Aba fowabo babengenakumphendula, ngokuba bashaqeka ebusweni bakhe.

<sup>4</sup> UJosefa wayesethi kuba fowabo: “Ake nisondele kimi.” Basondela-ke. Wayesethi: “NginguJosefa umfowenu enathengisa ngaye eGibithe.

<sup>5</sup> Manje ningabi buhlungu, ningazithukutheleli ukuthi nathengisa ngami lapha, ngokuba uNkulunkulu wangithuma phambi kwenu ukulondoloza impilo.

<sup>6</sup> Ngokuba isimibili iminyaka indlala ikhona ezweni; kusasele iminyaka eyisihlanu okungayikulinywa, kuvunwe ngayo.

<sup>7</sup> UNkulunkulu wangithuma ngaphambi kwenu ukunilondoloza, nibe yinsali emhlabeni, nisindiswe kube ngokukhululwa okukhulu.

<sup>8</sup> “Kalokhu akuyinina enangithuma lapha, kepha uNkulunkulu; ungibeke uyise kaFaro, nenkosi yendlu yakhe yonke, nombusi wezwe lonke laseGibithe.

<sup>9</sup> Sheshani nikhuphuke, niye kubaba, nithi kuye: ‘Uthe uJosefa indodana yakho: UNkulunkulu ungibeke inkosi yalo lonke iGibithe; yehla, uze kimi, ungalibali.

<sup>10</sup> Uyakuhlala ezweni laseGosheni, ube seduze nami, wena nabantabakho, nabantwana babantabakho, nezimvu zakho, nezinkomo zakho, nakho konke onakho,

<sup>11</sup> ngikondlele khona, ngokuba kuseyiminyaka eyisihlanu yendlala, funa uswele, wena nomuzi wakho, nakho konke onakho.’

<sup>12</sup> “Bhekani, amehlo enu ayabona kanye namehlo omfowethu uBenjamini ukuthi yiwo umlomo wami okhuluma kinina.

<sup>13</sup> Niyakumlandisa ubaba yonke inkazimulo yami eGibithe, nakho konke enikubonileyo, nisheshe nehlise ubaba, nimlethe lapha.”

<sup>14</sup> Wayesewa entanyeni yomfowabo uBenjamini, wakhala; noBenjamini wakhala ngasentanyeni yakhe.

<sup>15</sup> Wabanga bonke abafowabo, wakhalela kubo; emva kwalokho abafowabo bakhuluma naye.

<sup>16</sup> Leli zwi lezwakala endlini kaFaro, lithi: “Aba fowabo bakaJosefa bafikile.” Kwaba kuhle emehlweni kaFaro nasemehlweni ezinceku zakhe.

<sup>17</sup> UFaro wayesethi kuJosefa: “Yisho kuba fowenu ukuthi: ‘Yenzani lokhu: thwesani izimbongolo zenu, nihambe niye ezweni laseKhanani,

<sup>18</sup> nithathe uyihlo nemizi yenu, nize kimi, nginiphe okuhle kwezwe laseGibithe, nize nidle amanoni ezwe.’

<sup>19</sup> “Usuyaliwe: ‘Yenzani lokhu: Nithathele izingane zenu nawomkenu izingqola ezweni laseGibithe, nilethe uyihlo, bese niza.

<sup>20</sup> Futhi ningakhathaleli impahla yenu, ngokuba okuhle kwezwe lonke laseGibithe kungokwenu.’ ”

<sup>21</sup> Enze njalo amadodana ka-Israyeli. UJosefa wabapha izingqola njengesiyalo sikaFaro, wabanika nomphako wendlela.

<sup>22</sup> Kubo bonke, kwaba yilowo nalowo, wanika izingubo zokuphendulela; kepha uBenjamini wamupha izinhlamvu ezingamakhulu amathathu zesiliva nezingubo eziyisihlanu zokuphendulela.

<sup>23</sup> Kuyise wathuma kanje: izimbongolo eziyishumi, zithwesiwe izinto ezinhle zaseGibithe,

nezimbongolokazi eziyishumi, zithwesiwe amabele, nesinkwa, nomphako kayise endleleni.

<sup>24</sup> Wayesebamukisa abafowabo, bahamba; wathi kubo: “Ningaxabani endleleni.”

<sup>25</sup> Bakhuphuka eGibithe, bafika ezweni laseKhanani kuJakobe uyise.

<sup>26</sup> Bamtshela bathi: “UJosefa usekhona, ungumbusi ezweni lonke laseGibithe.” Inhliziyo yakhe yayisiphela amandla, ngokuba akakholwanga yibo.

<sup>27</sup> Bamlandisa onke amazwi kaJosefa abewashilo kubo; lapho esebona izinqola abezithumile uJosefa zokumthwala, umoya kaJakobe uyise wavuselelwa.

<sup>28</sup> Wathi u-Israyeli: “Kwanele; uJosefa indodana yami usekhona; ngizakuhamba ngimbone ngingakafi.”

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**U**-Israyeli wasuka nakho konke okwakhe, wafika eBeri Sheba, wanikela iminikelo kuNkulunkulu kayise u-Isaka.

<sup>2</sup> UNkulunkulu wakhuluma ku-Israyeli ngemibono yasebusuku, wathi: “Jakobe, Jakobe!” Wathi: “Ngilapha.”

<sup>3</sup> Wayesethi: “NginguNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kayihlo; ungesabi ukwehlela eGibithe, ngokuba ngiyakukwenza khona isizwe esikhulu.

<sup>4</sup> Mina ngiyakwehla, ngiye nawe eGibithe; impela ngizakubuye ngikukhuphule futhi. UJosefa uyakubeka isandla sakhe phezu kwamehlo akho.”

<sup>5</sup> UJakobe wayesesuka eBeri Sheba; amadodana ka-Israyeli amthwala uJakobe uyise, nezingane zawo, nawomkawo ezinqoleni abezithumile uFaro zokumthwala.

<sup>6</sup> Bathatha imfuyo yabo nempahla yabo ababeyizuze ezweni laseKhanani, bafika eGibithe, uJakobe nayo yonke inzalo yakhe kanye naye.

<sup>7</sup> Amadodana akhe, namadodana amadodana akhe, namadodakazi akhe, namadodakazi amadodana akhe, nayo yonke inzalo yakhe wayiletha kanye naye eGibithe.

<sup>8</sup> Lawa angamagama abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abafika eGibithe, uJakobe namadodana akhe: nguRubeni izibulo likaJakobe.

<sup>9</sup> Amadodana kaRubeni: ngoHanoki, noPhalu, noHesironi, noKarmi.

<sup>10</sup> Amadodana kaSimeyoni: ngoJemuweli, noJamini, no-Ohade, noJakini, noSohari, noShawule, indodana yowesifazane waseKhanani.

<sup>11</sup> Amadodana kaLevi: ngoGereshoni, noKohati, noMerari.

<sup>12</sup> Amadodana kaJuda: ngo-Eri, no-Onani, noShela, noPheresi, noZera; kepha o-Eri no-Onani bafela ezweni laseKhanani. Amadodana kaPheresi ayengoHesironi noHamule.

<sup>13</sup> Amadodana ka-Isakare: ngoThola, noPhuva, noJobe noShimroni.

<sup>14</sup> Amadodana kaZebuloni: ngoSeredi, no-Eloni, noJaleli.

<sup>15</sup> Yilawo angamadodana kaLeya amzalela wona uJakobe ePhadani Aramu kanye noDina indodakazi yakhe; yonke imiphefumulo yamadodana akhe namadodakazi akhe yayingamashumi amathathu nantathu.

<sup>16</sup> Amadodana kaGadi: ngoSifijoni, noHagi, noShuni, no-Esiboni, no-Eri, no-Arodi, no-Areli.

<sup>17</sup> Amadodana ka-Asheri: ngoJimna, no-Ishiva, no-Ishivi, noBeriya, kanye noSera udadewabo; amadodana kaBeriya: ngoHebere noMalikiyeli.

<sup>18</sup> Yilawo angamadodana kaZilipa uLabani amnika yena uLeya indodakazi yakhe; wamzalela wona uJakobe, abantu abayishumi nesithupha.

- <sup>19</sup> Amadodana kaRaheli umkaJakobe: ngoJosefa noBenjamini.
- <sup>20</sup> KuJosefa kwazalelwa ezweni laseGibithe oManase no-Efrayimi, amzalela bona u-Asenati indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi wase-Oni.
- <sup>21</sup> Amadodana kaBenjamini: ngoBela, noBekeri, no-Ashibeli, noGera, noNahamani, no-Ehi, noRoshe, noMuphimi, noHuphimi, no-Arida.
- <sup>22</sup> Yilawo angamadodana kaRaheli azalelwa wona uJakobe; bonke abantu babe yishumi nane.
- <sup>23</sup> Amadodana kaDani: nguHushimi.
- <sup>24</sup> Amadodana kaNafetali: ngoJaseli, noGuni, noJeseri, noShilemi.
- <sup>25</sup> Yilawo angamadodana kaBiliha uLabani amnika uRaheli indodakazi yakhe; wamzalela wona uJakobe; bonke abantu babe yisikhombisa.
- <sup>26</sup> Bonke abantu abeza noJakobe eGibithe abaphuma okhalweni lwakhe, ngaphandle kwabafazi bamadodana kaJakobe, bonke abantu babe ngamashumi ayisithupha nesithupha.
- <sup>27</sup> Amadodana kaJosefa azalelwa wona eGibithe ayengabantu ababili; bonke abantu bendlu kaJakobe abeza eGibithe babe ngamashumi ayisikhombisa.
- <sup>28</sup> Wathuma uJuda ngaphambi kwakhe kuJosefa ukuyokhomba phambi kwakhe indlela eya eGosheni.
- <sup>29</sup> UJosefa wayesebophela inqola yakhe, wakhuphuka ukumhlangabeza u-Israyeli uyise eGosheni; wazibonakalisa kuye, wawa entanyeni yakhe, wakhala ngasentanyeni yakhe isikhathi eside.
- <sup>30</sup> U-Israyeli wayesethi kuJosefa: “Sengingafa, lokhu ngibone ubuso bakho ukuthi usekhona.”
- <sup>31</sup> UJosefa wathi kubafowabo nakuyo indlu kayise: “Ngizakukhuphuka, ngimtshele uFaro, ngithi kuye: ‘Abafofowethu nendlu kababa ababesezweni laseKhanani sebefike kimi.
- <sup>32</sup> Lawa madoda angabelusi bezimvu, ngokuba ayengamadoda emfuyo; aselethile izimvu zawo, nezinkomo zawo, nakho konke anakho.’
- <sup>33</sup> Kuyakuthi lapho uFaro enibiza athi: ‘Uyini umsebenzi wenu,’
- <sup>34</sup> anothi: ‘Izinceku zakho zingabantu bemfuyo kwasebusheni bethu kuze kube manje, thina nawobaba,’ ukuze nihlale ezweni laseGosheni, ngokuba wonke umalusi wezimvu uyanengeka kwabaseGibithe.”

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**U**Josefa wayesengena, wamtshela uFaro, wathi: “Ufikile ubaba nabafofowethu, nezimvu zabo, nezinkomo zabo, nakho konke abanakho, bephuma ezweni laseKhanani; bheka, sebesezweni laseGosheni.”

<sup>2</sup> Phakathi kwabafofowabo wathatha amadoda ayisihlanu, wawabeka phambi kukaFaro.

<sup>3</sup> UFaro wayesethi kubafowabo: “Uyini umsebenzi wenu na?” Bathi kuFaro: “Izinceku zakho zingabelusi, thina nawobaba.”

<sup>4</sup> Bathi kuFaro: “Size ukugogobala ezweni, ngokuba akukho dlelo lemihlambi yezinceku zakho, lokhu indlala inzima ezweni laseKhanani; ngalokho izinceku zakho mazakhe ezweni laseGosheni.”

<sup>5</sup> Wayesekhuluma uFaro kuJosefa, ethi: “Uyihlo nabafofowenu beze kuwe;

<sup>6</sup> izwe laseGibithe lisebusweni bakho; mhlalise uyihlo nabafofowenu ezweni elihle kunalo lonke, ubahlalise ezweni laseGosheni; uma uwazi phakathi kwabo amadoda anamandla,

wabeke abe yizinduna zezinkomo zami.”

<sup>7</sup> UJosefa wayesemngenisa uJakobe uyise, wambeka phambi kukaFaro; uJakobe wambusisa uFaro.

<sup>8</sup> Wathi uFaro kuJakobe: “Zingaki izinsuku zeminyaka yokuhamba kwakho na?”

<sup>9</sup> UJakobe wathi kuFaro: “Izinsuku zeminyaka yokugogobala kwami ziyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu; ziyingcosana, zimbi izinsuku zeminyaka yokuhamba kwami, azifinyelelanga ezinsukwini zeminyaka yokuhamba kwawobaba emihleni yokugogobala kwabo.”

<sup>10</sup> UJakobe wayesembusisa uFaro, wasuka ebusweni bukaFaro.

<sup>11</sup> UJosefa wabahlalisa uyise nabaFowabo, wabapha indawo ezweni laseGibithe, izwe elihle kunalo lonke, izwe likaRamsese, njengalokho uFaro ebayalile.

<sup>12</sup> UJosefa wamondla uyise, nabaFowabo, nendlu yonke kayise ngokudla ngokwemilomo yezingane zabo.

<sup>13</sup> Ukudla kwakungekho ezweni lonke, ngokuba indlala yayinzima kakhulu; izwe laseGibithe nezwe laseKhanani afa indlala.

<sup>14</sup> UJosefa waqoqa yonke imali eyatholakala ezweni laseGibithe nasezweni laseKhanani ngamabele ababewathengile; uJosefa wayiyisa imali endlini kaFaro.

<sup>15</sup> Isiphelile imali ezweni laseGibithe nasezweni laseKhanani, bonke abaseGibithe beza kuJosefa, bathi: “Siphe ukudla; siyakufelani phambi kwakho na? Ngokuba isiphelile imali.”

<sup>16</sup> Wayesethi uJosefa: “Lethani izinkomo zenu; ngizakuninika ngezinkomo zenu, uma imali ingekho.”

<sup>17</sup> Baletha-ke izinkomo zabo kuJosefa; uJosefa wabenanela ukudla ngamahhashi, nangezimvu, nangezinkomo, nagezimbongolo; wabapha ukudla ngezinkomo zabo zonke ngalowo mnyaka.

<sup>18</sup> Usuphelile lowo mnyaka, beza kuye ngomnyaka wesibili, bathi kuye: “Asiyikufihlela inkosi ukuthi imali yethu yonke isiphelile; imihlambi yezinkomo isingeyenkosi; akukho okuseleyo emehlweni enkosi ngaphandle kwemizimba yethu namazwe ethu.

<sup>19</sup> Siyakufelani phambi kwakho thina namazwe ethu na? Sithenge thina namazwe ethu ngokudla, sibe yizinceku zikaFaro thina namazwe ethu; siphe imbewu ukuba siphile, singafi, izwe lingachitheki.”

<sup>20</sup> UJosefa wamthengela uFaro izwe lonke laseGibithe, ngokuba bonke abaseGibithe bathengisa ngamasimu abo, lokhu indlala yayinzima phezu kwabo; izwe lase liba ngelikaFaro.

<sup>21</sup> Abantu wabayisa emizini, ebasusa komunye umncele wezwe laseGibithe kwaze kwaba komunye umncele walo.

<sup>22</sup> Yizwe labapristi kuphela angalithenganga, ngokuba abapristi babethole isabelo kuFaro, badla isabelo sabo abapha sona uFaro; ngalokho abathengisanga ngezwe labo.

<sup>23</sup> UJosefa wayesethi kubantu: “Bhekani, namuhla nginithengile nibe ngabakaFaro nina nezwe lenu; nansi imbewu yenu, nize nihlwanyele emhlabathini.

<sup>24</sup> Kuyakuthi ezithelweni nimnike uFaro okwesihlanu, izinxenye ezine zibe ngezenu, kube yimbewu yamasimu, nokudla kwenu nokwabendlu yenu, nokudla kwezingane zenu.”

<sup>25</sup> Base bethi: “Usisindisile; masifumane umusa emehlweni enkosi, sibe yizinceku zikaFaro.”

<sup>26</sup> UJosefa washaya umthetho ngezwe laseGibithe kuze kube namuhla wokuthi uFaro uzakuba nokwesihlanu; kuphela izwe labapristi bodwa alibanga yilo elikaFaro.

<sup>27</sup> U-Israyeli wahlala ezweni laseGibithe ezweni laseGosheni; bafuya khona, bazala, banda kakhulu.



- <sup>28</sup> UJakobe wahlala ezweni laseGibithe iminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa; izinsuku zikaJakobe, iminyaka yokuhamba kwakhe, zaziyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amane nesikhombisa.
- <sup>29</sup> Kwase kusondela isikhathi ayesezakufa ngaso u-Israyeli; wayesebiza indodana yakhe uJosefa, wathi kuye: “Uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, ake ubeke isandla sakho phansi kwethanga lami, ungenzele umusa neqiniso: ake ungangimbeli eGibithe.
- <sup>30</sup> Kepha lapho sengilele kobaba, uze ungikhiphe eGibithe, ungimbele ethuneni labo.” Wathi: “Ngizakwenza njengezwi lakho.”
- <sup>31</sup> Wayesethi kuye: “Funga kimi.” Wayesefunga kuye. U-Israyeli wakhothama esihlokweni sombhede.

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**K**wathi emva kwalezo zinto kwathiwa kuJosefa: “Bheka, uyihlo uyagula.” Wayesethatha amadodana akhe omabili, oManase no-Efrayimi.

- <sup>2</sup> Kwase kushiwo kuJakobe ukuthi: “Bheka, indodana yakho uJosefa iyeza kuwe.” Wayeseziqinisa u-Israyeli, wahlala embhedeni.
- <sup>3</sup> UJakobe wathi kuJosefa: “UNkulunkulu uSomandla wabonakala kimi eLuze ezweni laseKhanani, wangibusisa,
- <sup>4</sup> wathi kimi: ‘Bheka, ngizakukuchumisa, ngikwandise, ngikwenze izizwe eziningi, ngiyiphe inzalo yakho leli zwe emva kwakho libe yifa elingunaphakade.’
- <sup>5</sup> “Manje amadodana akho amabili owazalelwa wona ezweni laseGibithe, ngingakafiki kuwe eGibithe, angawami; o-Efrayimi noManase njengoRubeni noSimeyoni bazakuba ngabami.
- <sup>6</sup> Kepha inzalo yakho oyizala emva kwabo izakuba ngeyakho; iyakubizwa ngegama labafowabo efeni lalabo.
- <sup>7</sup> Kepha mina ekusukeni kwami ePhadani Aramu ngafelwa nguRaheli endleleni ezweni laseKhanani, kuse yibangana ukuya e-Efrati; ngammbela khona endleleni eya e-Efrati” (eliyiBetlehem).
- <sup>8</sup> U-Israyeli wabona amadodana kaJosefa, wathi: “Ngobani laba na?”
- <sup>9</sup> UJosefa wathi kuye: “Ngamadodana ami angiphe wona lapha uNkulunkulu.” Wayesethi: “Ake uwalethe kimi, ngiwabusise.”
- <sup>10</sup> Kepha amehlo ka-Israyeli ayefiphele ngobudala, engasenakubona; wawasondeza kuye; wawanga, wawagona.
- <sup>11</sup> Wayesethi u-Israyeli kuJosefa: “Ngangingacabanganga ukuthi ngizakubona ubuso bakho; bheka, uNkulunkulu ungibonise nenzalo yakho.”
- <sup>12</sup> UJosefa wawakhipha emathangeni akhe; wakhothama, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi.
- <sup>13</sup> UJosefa wayesebathatha bobabili, u-Efrayimi ngesokunene, engakwesokhohlo sika-Israyeli, noManase ngesokhohlo, engakwesokunene sika-Israyeli, wabasondeza kuye.
- <sup>14</sup> U-Israyeli wayeselula isandla sakhe sokunene, wasibeka ekhanda lika-Efrayimi, kanti ungomncane, nesokhohlo ekhanda likaManase, ephambanisa izandla zakhe, ngokuba uManase wayeyizibulo.
- <sup>15</sup> Wambusisa uJosefa, wathi: “UNkulunkulu abahamba ebusweni bakhe obaba o-Abrahama no-Isaka, uNkulunkulu ongondile konke ukuhamba kwami kuze kube namuhla,
- <sup>16</sup> ingelosi engisindise ebusweni bonke mayibusise abafana; mababizwe ngegama lami nangegama lawobaba o-Abrahama no-Isaka; mabande, babe baningi phakathi kwezwe.”

- <sup>17</sup> Wabona uJosefa ukuthi uyise wabeka isandla sakhe sokunene ekhanda lika-Efrayimi, kwaba kubi emehlweni akhe; wasibamba isandla sikayise ukuba asisuse ekhanda lika-Efrayimi, asibeke ekhanda likaManase.
- <sup>18</sup> Wayesethi uJosefa kuyise: “Kungabi njalo, ngokuba lo uyizibulo; beka esokunene sakho ekhanda lakhe.”
- <sup>19</sup> Kepha uyise wala, wathi: “Ngiyazi, ndodana yami, ngiyazi; naye uyakuba yisizwe, abe mkhulu naye; kodwa umfowabo uyakuba mkhulu kunaye, inzalo yakhe ibe yizizwe eziningi.”
- <sup>20</sup> Wayesebabusisa ngalolo suku ngokuthi: “Ngawe u-Israyeli uyakubusisa ethi: ‘UNkulunkulu makakwenze ube njengo-Efrayimi nanjengoManase.’ ” Wayesembeka-ke u-Efrayimi ngaphambi kukaManase.
- <sup>21</sup> Wayesethi u-Israyeli kuJosefa: “Bheka, mina ngiyafa, kepha uNkulunkulu uyakuba nani, anibuyisele ezweni lawoyihlo.
- <sup>22</sup> Wena ngikunike olunye ukhalo ngaphezu kwabafowenu engaluthatha esandleni sama-Amori ngenkemba yami nangomnsalo wami.”

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- U**Jakobe wabiza amadodana akhe, wathi: “Buthanani, nginitshela okuzakunehlela ezinsukwini ezizayo.
- <sup>2</sup> “Qoqanani, nizwe, nina madodana kaJakobe, nimalalele u-Israyeli uyihlo.
- <sup>3</sup> “Rubeni, uyizibulo lami wena, amandla ami, ukuqala kwezikhwepha zami, ingqongqo ngesithunzi, ingqongqo ngamandla.
- <sup>4</sup> Uyachichima njengamanzi, awuyikuba nabungqongqo, ngokuba wakhwela embhedeni kayihlo, wawona; wakhwela okhukhweni lwami.
- <sup>5</sup> “OSimeyoni noLevi bayizelamani; izinkemba zabo ziyizikhali zobudlwangudlwangu.
- <sup>6</sup> Ungangeni emkhandlwini wabo, mphefumulo wami; ungahlangani nebandla labo, nhliziyo yami, ngokuba ngolaka lwabo babulala abantu; ngobudlova babo basika izinkabi umsipha.
- <sup>7</sup> Makuqalekiswe ulaka lwabo, ngokuba lwalunamandla, nentukuthelo yabo, ngokuba yayinonya; ngizakubahlukanisa kwaJakobe, ngibasakaze kwa-Israyeli.
- <sup>8</sup> “Juda, abafowenu bazakukudumisa wena; isandla sakho siyakuba sesijingweni sezitha zakho; amadodana kayihlo ayakukukhothamela.
- <sup>9</sup> UJuda uyibhongo lengonyama. Wenyuke empangweni, ndodana yami. Uguqile, ulele njengengonyama nanjengengonyamakazi; ngubani oyakumvusa na?
- <sup>10</sup> Intonga yobukhosi ayiyikusuka kuJuda, nozime lokubusa phakathi kwezinyawo zakhe, aze afike yena olufanele lona; nezizwe ziyakumlalela.
- <sup>11</sup> Ubopha ithole lembongolo yakhe emvinini, ithole lembongolokazi yakhe emvinini omuhle; uhlanza izingubo zakhe ewayinini, nezambatho zakhe egazini lezithelo zomvini.
- <sup>12</sup> Amehlo akhe ayaklwela iwayini, amazinyo akhe amhlophe ubisi.
- <sup>13</sup> “UZebuloni uyakwakha ngasogwini lolwandle, abe sosebeni lwemikhumbi; umkhawulo wakhe uzakuba ngaseSidoni.
- <sup>14</sup> “U-Isakare uyimbongolo enamandla, elala phakathi kwezibaya.
- <sup>15</sup> Wabona indawo yakuphumula ukuthi inhle, nezwe ukuthi limnandi; wafolisa ihlombe ukuba athwale, waba yinceku yempoqo.
- <sup>16</sup> “UDani uyakuthetha amacala abantu bakhe, njengesinye sezizwe zakwa-Israyeli.

- <sup>17</sup> UDani uyakuba yinyoka endleleni, inhlangwana emkhondweni eluma izithende zehhashi, awe nyovane olikhweleyo.
- <sup>18</sup> “Ngiyihalele insindiso yakho, Jehova.
- <sup>19</sup> “UGadi, iviyo liyakumcindezela, kepha yena uyakucindezela isithende salo.
- <sup>20</sup> “Ku-Asheri kuvela amanoni abe ngukudla kwakhe; uyakuveza isilovela samakhosi.
- <sup>21</sup> UNafetali uyindluzelekazi ethukululekileyo; uveza amazwi amnandi.
- <sup>22</sup> “UJosefa uyingatsha entsha ethelayo, ingatsha ethela ngasemthonjeni; amagatsha akhe akhwela odongeni.
- <sup>23</sup> Abacibishelayo bayamkhathaza, bayamdubula, bayamzingela;
- <sup>24</sup> kepha umnsalo wakhe uhlala uqinile; amandla ezandla zakhe aqiniswa ngezandla zoMninimandla kaJakobe, okuvela kuye uMalusi netshe lika-Israyeli,
- <sup>25</sup> ngoNkulunkulu kayihlo ozakukusiza, ngoSomandla ozakukubusisa ngezibusiso zasezulwini phezulu, nangezibusiso zasotweni olukhona phansi, nangezibusiso zamabele nezesizalo.
- <sup>26</sup> Izibusiso zikayihlo zinamandla kunezibusiso zawokhokho bami, kuze kube semkhawulweni wokugcina wezintaba ezimiyo; ziyakuba phezulu kwekhanda likaJosefa phakade, nasokhakhayini lwakhe owahlukaniswa nabafowabo.
- <sup>27</sup> “UBenjamini uyimpisi ehomfuzayo; ekuseni uyadla impango, kusihlwa uyahlukanisa akuphangileyo.”
- <sup>28</sup> Bonke labo bayizizwe eziyishumi nambili zakwa-Israyeli; yilokhu uyise akukhuluma kubo, wababusisa; wababusisa, kwaba yilowo ngokwesibusiso sakhe.
- <sup>29</sup> Wabayala, wathi kubo: “Mina sengiyakubuthelwa kubantu bami; ngimbeleni kobaba emhumeni osensimini ka-Efroni umHetu,
- <sup>30</sup> umhume osensimini yaseMakaphela eliphambi kweMamre ezweni laseKhanani, awuthenga u-Abrahama kanye nensimu ku-Efroni umHetu, ube yindawo yakhe yokumbela;
- <sup>31</sup> lapho bembela o-Abrahama noSara umkakhe; lapho bembela o-Isaka noRebeka umkakhe; lapho ngembela uLeya;
- <sup>32</sup> insimu nomhume okuyo okwathengwa kubantwana bakwaHetu.”
- <sup>33</sup> UJakobe eseqedile ukuyala amadodana akhe waqoqela izinyawo zakhe embhedeni, waggibuka, wabuthelwa kubantu bakhe.

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**U**Josefa wawa ebusweni bukayise, wakhala phezulu kwakhe, wamanga.

- <sup>2</sup> UJosefa wayala izinceku zakhe izinyanga ukuba zingqumise uyise ngemithi; izinyanga zamgqumisa-ke u-Israyeli ngemithi.
- <sup>3</sup> Zaphelala izinsuku zakhe ezingamashumi amane, ngokuba ziphelela kanjalo izinsuku zokugqumisa ngemithi; abaseGibithe bamkhalela izinsuku ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa.
- <sup>4</sup> Sezidlulile izinsuku zokumkhalela, uJosefa wakhuluma kuyo indlu kaFaro, wathi: “Uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni enu, ake nikhulume ezindlebeni zikaFaro ngokuthi
- <sup>5</sup> ubaba wangifungisa wathi: ‘Bheka, ngiyafa; ethuneni engizimbele lona ezweni laseKhanani uzakungingcwaba kulo.’ Ngalokho ake ngikhuphuke, ngimbele ubaba, bese ngibuya.”
- <sup>6</sup> Wayesethi uFaro: “Khuphuka, umbele uyihlo njengokukufungisa kwakhe.”
- <sup>7</sup> Khona uJosefa wakhuphuka ukuyombela uyise; zakhuphuka naye zonke izinceku zikaFaro, nezikhulu zendlu yakhe, nezikhulu zonke zezwe laseGibithe,

- <sup>8</sup> nendlu yonke kaJosefa, nabafofawabo, nendlu kayise; bashiya ezweni laseGosheni izingane zabo, nezimvu zabo, nezinkomo zabo kuphela.
- <sup>9</sup> Kwakhuphuka nabo nezingqola, nabamahhashi; kwaba yibandla elikhulu impela.
- <sup>10</sup> Baya, bafika eGoreni Hathadi elingaphesheya kweJordani; lapho bakhala nokukhala impela, okunzima kakhulu; wamenzela uyise isililo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa.
- <sup>11</sup> Abakhileyo ezweni, amaKhanani, sebone isililo eGoreni Hathadi bathi: “Lokhu kuyisililo esinzima sabaseGibithe.” Ngalokho igama laleyo ndawo laqanjwa ngokuthi i-Abela Misirayimi elingaphesheya kweJordani.
- <sup>12</sup> Amadodana akhe amenzela njengalokho ewayalile;
- <sup>13</sup> ngokuba amadodana akhe amyisa ezweni laseKhanani, ammbela emhumeni wasensimini yaseMakaphela, u-Abrahama awuthenga kanye nensimu ku-Efroni umHet, ube yindawo yokumbela, ngaphambi kweMamre.
- <sup>14</sup> UJosefa wayesebuyela eGibithe, yena nabafofawabo, nabo bonke ababekhuphuke naye ukumbela uyise, emva kokungcwaba kwakhe uyise.
- <sup>15</sup> Sebebonile abafowabo bakaJosefa ukuthi uyise ufile, bathi: “Mhlawumbe uJosefa uzakusizonda, asiphindisele nokusiphindisele konke okubi esakwenza kuyena.”
- <sup>16</sup> Base bethumela kuJosefa, bethi: “Uyihlo wayala engakafi, wathi:
- <sup>17</sup> ‘Niyakusho kuJosefa ukuthi: Ake uthethelele abafowenu isiphambeko sabo nesono sabo, ngokuba bakwenzela okubi.’ Manje siyakucela ukuthi: Ake uthethelele isiphambeko sezinceku zikaNkulunkulu kayihlo.” UJosefa wakhala, besakhuluma kuye.
- <sup>18</sup> Base befika nabafofawabo, bawa phansi ebusweni bakhe, bathi: “Bheka, siyizinceku zakho.”
- <sup>19</sup> UJosefa wayesethi kubo: “Ningesabi; kanti ngisesikhundleni sikaNkulunkulu na?
- <sup>20</sup> Yebo, nina nangisongozela okubi, kepha uNkulunkulu wakuceba kwaba kuhle ukuba akwenze kube njenganamuhla, asindise abantu abanengi.
- <sup>21</sup> Ngalokho ningesabi; mina ngiyakunondla, nina nezingane zenu.” Wabaduduza, wakhuluma kuzo izinhliziyi zabo.
- <sup>22</sup> UJosefa wahlala eGibithe, yena nendlu kayise; uJosefa wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu neshumi.
- <sup>23</sup> UJosefa wabona abantwana bakwa-Efrayimi besizukulwane sesithathu; nabantwana bakwaMakiri indodana kaManase bazalelwa emathangeni kaJosefa.
- <sup>24</sup> Wayesethi uJosefa kubafofawabo: “Mina sengiyafa, kepha uNkulunkulu uzakunihambela nokunihambela, anikhuphule kuleli zwe, aniyise ezweni alifungela o-Abrahama, no-Isaka, noJakobe.”
- <sup>25</sup> UJosefa wayesefungisa amadodana ka-Israyeli, ethi: “UNkulunkulu uzakunihambela nokunihambela, nina nikhuphule amathambo ami lapha.”
- <sup>26</sup> Wayesefa uJosefa eneminyaka eyikhulu neshumi; bamgqumisa ngemithi, wafakwa ebhokisini eGibithe.

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