

UGWALO LOKUQALA LUKAMOZISI OLUTHIWA

UGENESISE

Ukudalwa komhlaba lomuntu

1 Ekuqaleni uNkulunkulu wadala amazulu lomhlaba. 2 Njalo umhlaba wawungelasimo ungelalutho, lobumnyama babuphezu kokujula; loMoya kaNkulunkulu wayendiza phezu kwamanzi. 3 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakube khona ukukhanya; kwasekusiba khona ukukhanya. 4 UNkulunkulu wasebona ukukhanya ukuthi kuhle; uNkulunkulu wasesehlukanisa phakathi kokukhanya lobumnyama. 5 UNkulunkulu wasebiza ukukhanya ngokuthi yimini, lobumnyama wabubiza ngokuthi yibusuku. Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lokuqala.

6 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakube khona umkhathi phakathi kwamanzi; kawehlukanise phakathi kwamanzi lamanzi. 7 UNkulunkulu wasesenza umkhathi, wasesehlukanisa phakathi kwamanzi angaphansi komkhathi lamanzi aphezu komkhathi; kwasekusiba njalo. 8 UNkulunkulu wasebiza umkhathi ngokuthi ngamazulu. Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesibili.

9 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakuqoqelwe amanzi avela ngaphansi kwamazulu ndawonye, njalo kakubonakale umhlabathi owomileyo; kwasekusiba njalo. 10 UNkulunkulu wasebiza umhlabathi owomileyo ngokuthi ngumhlaba, lenhlangano yamanzi wayibiza ngokuthi zinlwandle. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle. 11 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Umhlaba kawumilise utshani, imibhida ethela inhlanyelo, isihlahla sesithelo sisenza isithelo ngohlobo lwaso, onhlanyelo yaso ikuso phezu komhlaba. Kwasekusiba njalo. 12 Umhlaba wasuveza utshani, imibhida ethela inhlanyelo ngohlobo lwayo, lesihlahla sisenza isithelo, esinhlanyelo yaso ikuso ngohlobo lwaso. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle. 13 Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesithathu.

14 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakube khona izikhanyiso emkhathini wamazulu, ukuze zehlukanise phakathi kwemini lobusuku; njalo zibe ziyibonakaliso lezikhathi ezimisiweyo, lensuku leminyaka. 15 Njalo zibe ziyikhanyiso emkhathini wamazulu, ukuze zikhanyise emhlabeni.

Kwasekusiba njalo. 16 UNkulunkulu wasesenza izikhanyiso ezimbili ezinkulu: Isikhanyiso esikhulu ukuze sibuse imini, lesikhanyiso esincinyane ukuze sibuse ubusuku, kanye lezinkanyezi. 17 UNkulunkulu wasezimisa emkhathini wamazulu, ukuthi zikhanyise emhlabeni, 18 lokuthi zibuse emini lebusuku, lokwehlukana phakathi kokukhanya lobumnyama. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle. 19 Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesine.

20 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Amanzi kawagcwale ukunyakazela kwemiphefumulo ephilayo, njalo kakuphappe inyoni phezu komhlaba emkhathini wamazulu. 21 UNkulunkulu wasedala oququmadevu bolwandle abakhulu, laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esibhinqikayo, amanzi agcwele sona, ngohlobo lwaso, layo yonke inyoni elempiko, ngohlobo lwayo. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle. 22 UNkulunkulu wasekubusisa, esithi: Zalani, lande, njalo ligcwalise amanzi enlwandle, lenyoni kazande emhlabeni. 23 Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesihlanu.

24 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Umhlaba kawuveze izidalwa eziphilayo ngohlobo lwazo, izifuyo lokuhuquzelayo lenyamazana zomhlaba ngenhlobo zazo. Kwasekusiba njalo. 25 UNkulunkulu wasesenza inyamazana zomhlaba ngenhlobo zazo, lezifuyo ngenhlobo zazo, lakho konke okuhuquzelayo komhlaba ngenhlobo zakho. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle.

26 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Asenze abantu ngomfanekiso wethu, ngesimo sethu, njalo babuse phezu kwenhlanzi zolwandle, laphezu kwenyoni zamazulu, laphezu kwezifuyo, laphezu komhlaba wonke, laphezu kwakho konke okuhuquzelayo lokho okuhuquzela emhlabeni. 27 UNkulunkulu wasemdala umuntu ngomfanekiso wakhe; wamdala ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu; owesilisa lowesifazana wabadala. 28 UNkulunkulu wasebabusisa, uNkulunkulu wasesithi kibo: Zalani lande, ligcwalise umhlaba njalo liwehlisele phansi; libuse phezu kwenhlanzi zolwandle, laphezu kwenyoni zamazulu, laphezu kwakho konke okuphilayo okuhuquzela emhlabeni.

29 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Khangelani, ngilnike yonke imibhida ethela inhlangano, esebusweni bomhlaba wonke, laso sonke isihlahla, okukuso isithelo sesihlahla esithela inhlangano; kini singesokudla. 30 Njalo kuyo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba, lakuyo yonke inyoni yamazulu, lakukho konke okuhuquzela emhlabeni, okukukho umoya ophilayo, lonke uhlaza ngolokudla. Kwasekusiba njalo. 31 UNkulunkulu wasebona konke akwenzileyo; khangela-ke kwakukuhle kakhulu. Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesithupha.

2 Kwasekuqediswa amazulu lomhlaba lalo lonke ibutho lakho. 2 UNkulunkulu wasewuqeda ngosuku lwesikhombisa umsebenzi wakhe abewenza. Waphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa emsebenzini wakhe wonke abewenza. 3 UNkulunkulu wasebusisa usuku lwesikhombisa, walungcwelisa; ngoba ngalo waphumula emsebenzini wakhe wonke, uNkulunkulu awudalayo wawenza.

Isivande seEdeni

4 Lezi zinzalo zamazulu lezomhlaba ekudalweni kwakho, mhla iNKOSI uNkulunkulu isenza umhlaba lamazulu, 5 laso sonke isihlahlakazana sensimu, singakabi khona emhlabeni, layo yonke imibhida yeganga, ingakamili; ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu yayinganisanga izulu emhlabeni, njalo kwakungelamuntu wokulima umhlabathi. 6 Kodwa kwenyuka inkungu ivela emhlabathini, yasithelela ubuso bonke bomhlabathi. 7 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasibumba umuntu ngothuli oluvela emhlabathini, yaphefumulela emakhaleni akhe umoya wempilo; umuntu wasesiba ngumphefumulo ophilayo.

8 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasihlanyela isivande eEdeni ngasempumalanga, yasimbeka khona umuntu eyambumbayo. 9 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasimilisa emhlabeni sonke isihlahla esibukekayo lesilungele ukudla; lesihlahla sempilo phakathi kwesivande, lesihlahla solwazi lokuhle lokubi. 10 Kwasekuphuma eEdeni umfula wokuthelela isivande; njalo kusukela lapho wehlukaniswa waba zinhloko ezine. 11 Ibizo lowokuqala yiPishoni; yiwo ozingezelele ilizwe lonke leHavila, lapho okulegolide khona. 12 Legolide lalelolizwe lihle; lapho kulebedola* lelitshe ionikse*. 13 Lebizo lomfula wesibili yiGihoni; yiwo ozingezelele ilizwe lonke eleKushi. 14 Lebizo lomfula wesithathu yiHidekeli; yiwo ogelezela empumalanga kweAsiriya. Lomfula wesine yiYufurathi. 15 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasimthatha umuntu, yambeka esivandeni seEdeni, ukuze asilime asilondolozwe. 16 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasimlaya umuntu isithi: Kuso sonke isihlahla sesivande ungadla lokudla; 17 kodwa okwesihlahla solwazi lokuhle lokubi, ungadli kuso, ngoba mhla usidla kuso uzakufa lokufa.

18 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisithi: Kakukuhle ukuthi umuntu abe yedwa. Ngizamenzela umszizi onjengaye. 19 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasibumba ngomhlabathi yonke inyamazana yeganga layo yonke inyoni yamazulu; yakuletha kuAdamu, ukuthi ibone ukuthi angazibiza ngokuthini, njalo loba yikuphi uAdamu azabiza ngakho isidalwa esiphilayo, yilo ibizo laso. 20 UAdamu wasesitha amabizo kuzo zonke izifuyo, lenyonini yamazulu, lakuyo yonke inyamazana yeganga; kodwa uAdamu katholelwanga umszizi

onjengaye. 21 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisehlisela phezu kukaAdamu ubuthongo obukhulu, waselala. Yasithatha olunye lwezimbambo zakhe, yavala ngenyama endaweni yalo. 22 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisenza ubambo eyayiluthethe emuntwini lwaba ngowesifazana, yasimusa emuntwini. 23 UAdamu wasesithi: Lo khathesi ulithambo lamathambo ami, lenyama yenyama yami; bazambiza ngokuthi ngowesifazana, ngoba yena ethethwe endodeni. 24 Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina, inamathele kumkayo; njalo bazakuba nyamanye. 25 Bobabili babenqunu-ke, umuntu lomkakhe, futhi bengelanhloni.

Ukuwa komuntu

3 Inyoka yayilobuqili-ke kulayo yonke inyamazana yeganga, eyayiyenzile iNKOSI uNkulunkulu. Yasisithi kowesifazana: Yebo uNkulunkulu watsho yini *ukuthi*: Kumele lingadli kuso sonke isihlahla sesivande? 2 Owesifazana wasesithi enyokeni: Singadla okwesithelo sezihlahla zesivande; 3 kodwa okwesithelo sesihlahla esiphakathi kwesivande, uNkulunkulu wathi: Lingadli kuso, njalo lingasithinti, hlezi life. 4 Inyoka yasisithi kowesifazana: Kaliyikufa sibili. 5 Ngoba uNkulunkulu uyazi ukuthi mhla lisidla kuso, amehlo enu azavuleka, njalo libe njengoNkulunkulu, lisazi okuhle lokubi. 6 Owesifazana ebona-ke ukuthi isihlahla silungile ukuba yikudla, lokuthi sona siyabukeka emehlweni, lesihlahla sikhwabitheka ukwenza uhlakaniphe, wakha okwesithelo saso, wadla; wasenika lendoda yakhe kanye laye, yasisidla. 7 Asevuleka amehlo abo bobabili, basebesazi ukuthi babenqunu; basebethungela ndawonye amahlamvu omkhiwa, bazenzela amafasikoti.

8 Basebesizwa ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu ihamba esivandeni ekupholeni kosuku; uAdamu lomkakhe basebecatsha ebusweni beNKOSI uNkulunkulu phakathi kwezihlahla zesivande. 9 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasibiza uAdamu, yathi kuye: Ungaphi? 10 Wasesithi: Ilizwi lakho ngilizwe esivandeni, ngesaba, ngoba ngingqunu; ngasengicatsha. 11 Yasisithi: Ngubani okutshela ukuthi unqunu? Udlile yini okwesihlahla, engakulaya ngaso ukuthi ungadli okwaso? 12 UAdamu wasesithi: Owesifazana owangipha yena *ukuthi abe* lami, yena unginike okwesihlahla, ngasengisidla. 13 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisithi kowesifazana: Kuyini lokhu okwenzileyo? Owesifazana wasesithi: Inyoka ingikhohlisile, ngasengisidla. 14 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisithi enyokeni: Njengoba usukwenzile lokhu, uqalekisiwe wena okwedlula sonke isifuyo lokwedlula yonke inyamazana yeganga. Uzahamba ngesisu sakho, njalo udle uthuli insuku zonke zempilo yakho. 15 Njalo ubutha ngizabufaka phakathi kwakho lowesifazana lenzalo yakho lenzalo yakhe. Yona

izakuchoboza ikhanda, wena uzayichoboza isithende. 16 Kowesifazana yathi: Ngokwandisa ngizakwandisa ubuhlungu bakho lokuzithwala kwakho; ngobuhlungu uzabeletha abantwana, lokukhanuka kwakho kuzakuba sendodeni yakho, njalo yona izakubusa. 17 Njalo kuAdamu yathi: Njengoba ulalele ilizwi lomkakho, wasusidla okwesihlahla engakulaya ngaso ukuthi: Ungadli okwaso, uqalekisiwe umhlaba ngenxa yakho; ngokukhathazeka uzakudla okwawo insuku zonke zempilo yakho. 18 Njalo uzakumilisele ameva loKhaya oluhlabayo, ubusudla imibhida yeganga. 19 Ngesithukuthuku sobuso bakho uzakudla ukudla, uze ubuyele emhlabathini, ngoba wathathwa kuwo; ngoba wena uluthuli, njalo uzabuyela ethulini. 20 UAdamu wasebiza ibizo lomkakhe *ngokuthi* nguEva, ngoba yena ungunina wabo bonke abaphilayo. 21 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisenzela uAdamu lomkakhe izigqoko zezigogo, yasibagqokisa.

22 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisithi: Khangela, umuntu usenjengomunye wethu, esazi okuhle lokubi. Khatheke, hlezi elule isandla sakhe athathe njalo okwesihlahla sempilo, adle aphile kuze kube sephakadeni. 23 Ngakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu yamkhupha esivandeni seEdeni ukuthi alime emhlabathi, lapho athathwa khona. 24 Yasimxotsha umuntu; yabeka empumalanga kwesivande seEdeni amakherubhi* lenkamba evuthayo ephenduphendukayo, ukulinda indlela yesihlahla sempilo.

UKhayini loAbela

4 UAdamu wasemazi uEva umkakhe; wasethatha isisu, wabeletha uKhayini, wasesithi: Ngizuze indoda eNKOSini. 2 Wasebuya ebeletha umfowabo uAbela. UAbela wasesiba ngumelusi wezimvu, loKhayini waba ngumlimi womhlabathi. 3 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwezinsuku uKhayini waletha eNKOSini umnikelo owesithelo somhlabathi. 4 Laye uAbela waseletha okwamazibulo ezimvu zakhe lokwamahwahwa azo; iNKOSI yasinaka uAbela lomnikelo wakhe. 5 Kodwa uKhayini lomnikelo wakhe kayiwunakanga. UKhayini wasethukuthela kakhulu, lobuso bakhe banyukubala. 6 INKOSI yasisithi kuKhayini: Uthukutheleni, njalo kungani ubuso bakho bunyukubele? 7 Angithi uba usenza kuhle, kuyemukeleka yini? Kodwa uba ungenzi kuhle, isono siyakucathamela emnyango, lokunxwanela kwakhe kukuwe, kodwa wena uzambusa. 8 UKhayini wasekhuluma loAbela umfowabo; kwasekusithi besegangeni, uKhayini wasukela umfowabo uAbela wambulala. 9 INKOSI yasisithi kuKhayini: Ungaphi uAbela umfowenu? Wasesithi: Angazi; ngingumlondolazi womfowethu yini? 10 Yasisithi: Wenzeni? Ilizwi legazi lomfowenu liyakhala kimi livela emhlabathini. 11

Khathesi-ke uqalekisiwe emhlabeni okhamise umlomo wawo ukwemukela igazi lomfowenu esandleni sakho. 12 Nxa ulima umhlabathi, kawusayikukunika amandla awo; uzakuba luzulane lomhambuma emhlabeni. 13 UKhayini wasesithi eNKOSINI: Isijeziso sami sikhulu kulengingakuthwala. 14 Khangela, ungixotshile lamuhla ebusweni bomhlaba, njalo ngizacatshiswa ebusweni bakho; sengizakuba luzulane lomhambuma emhlabeni; njalo kuzakuthi wonke ongificayo uzangibulala. 15 INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Ngakho, loba ngubani obulala uKhayini uzaphindiselwa kasikhombisa. INKOSI yasibeka uphawu kuKhayini, hlezi loba ngubani omficayo ambulale.

Inzalo kaKhayini

16 UKhayini wasesuka ebusweni beNKOSI, wasehlala elizweni leNodi, empumalanga kweEdeni. 17 UKhayini wasemazi umkakhe; wasethatha isisu, wabeletha uEnoki; njalo wayesakha umuzi, wabiza ibizo lomuzi ngebizo lendodana yakhe uEnoki. 18 Kwasekuzalelwa uEnoki uIradi; uIradi wasezala uMehujayeli; uMehujayeli wasezala uMethushayeli; uMethushayeli wasezala uLameki.

19 ULameki wasezithathela abafazi ababili, ibizo lowokuqala lalinguAda, lebizo lowesibili lalinguZila. 20 UAda wasezala uJabali; yena wayenguyise walabo abahlala emathenteni, *belezifuyo*. 21 Lebizo lomfowabo lalinguJubali, yena wayenguyise wakhe wonke olokwenza lechacho lomhlanga. 22 UZila laye wasezala uThubhali-Khayini, umkhandi wakho konke okusikayo kwethusi lensimbi. Lodadewabo kaThubhali-Khayini wayenguNahama. 23 ULameki wasesithi kubafazi bakhe: Ada loZila, zwanini ilizwi lami, bafazi bakaLameki, bekani indlebe ekukhulumeni kwami; ngoba ngabulala indoda ngenxa yokungilimaza, lomfana ngenxa yokungihluzula. 24 Nxa uKhayini ephindiselwa kasikhombisa, isibili uLameki kamatshumi ayisikhombisa ephindwe kasikhombisa.

Inzalo kaSeti

25 UAdamu wasephinda wamazi umkakhe; wasezala indodana, wasebiza ibizo layo *wathi* nguSeti; ngoba *wathi*: UNkulunkulu ungibekele enye inzalo esikhundleni sikaAbela, ngoba uKhayini wambulala. 26 Laye uSeti wasezalelwa indodana, wabiza ibizo layo *wathi* nguEnosi. Ngalesosikhathi baqala ukubiza ibizo leNKOSI.

Inzalo kaAdamu

5 Lolu lugwalo lwezizukulwana zikaAdamu. Mhla uNkulunkulu edala umuntu, wamenza ngokomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. 2 Wabadala owesilisa lowesifazana, wasebabusisa, wasebiza ibizo labo *wathi* ngabantu, mhla bedalwa.

3 UAdamu wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu; wasezala *indodana* efuzweni lwakhe njengokomfanekiso wakhe, wabiza ibizo layo *wathi* nguSeti. 4 Lensuku zikaAdamu esezele uSeti zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili; wasezala amadodana lamadodakazi. 5 Zonke-ke insuku zikaAdamu, aziphilayo, zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu, wasesifa.

6 USeti wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lanhlanu; wazala uEnosi. 7 USeti wasephila esezele uEnosi iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 8 Zonke-ke insuku zikaSeti zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye letshumi lambili; wasesifa.

9 UEnosi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye, wazala uKenani. 10 UEnosi wasephila, esezele uKenani, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lanhlanu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 11 Zonke-ke insuku zikaEnosi zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu; wasesifa.

12 UKenani wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, wazala uMahalaleli. 13 UKenani wasephila, esezele uMahalaleli, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amane; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 14 Zonke-ke insuku zikaKenani zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye letshumi, wasesifa.

15 UMahalaleli wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, wazala uJaredi. 16 UMahalaleli wasephila, esezele uJaredi, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amathathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 17 Zonke-ke insuku zikaMahalaleli zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu; wasesifa.

18 UJaredi wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili, wazala uEnoki. 19 UJaredi wasephila, esezele uEnoki, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 20 Zonke-ke insuku zikaJaredi zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili; wasesifa.

21 UEnoki wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, wazala uMethusela. 22 UEnoki wasehamba loNkulunkulu, esezele uMethusela, iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 23 Zonke-ke insuku zikaEnoki zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu. 24 UEnoki wasehamba loNkulunkulu; kasekho, ngoba uNkulunkulu wamthatha.

25 UMethusela wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa, wazala uLameki. 26 UMethusela wasephila, esezele uLameki, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lambili; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 27 Zonke-ke insuku zikaMethusela zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisithupha lesificamunwemunye; wasesifa.

28 ULameki wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lambili, wazala indodana. 29 Wasebiza ibizo layo *wathi* nguNowa esithi: Lo uzasiduduza ekusebenzeni kwethu lekutshikatshikeni kwezandla zethu, ngenxa yomhlabathi, ewuqalekisileyo iNKOSI. 30 ULameki wasephila, esezele uNowa, iminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 31 Zonke-ke insuku zikaLameki zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa; wasesifa. 32 UNowa waba leminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu, uNowa wasezala uShemu loHamu loJafethi.

Ukwanda kobubi babantu

6 Kwasekusithi abantu sebeqala ukwanda ebusweni bomhlaba, basebezalelwa amadodakazi, 2 amadodana kaNkulunkulu ebona amadodakazi abantu ukuthi wona ayemahle; asezithathela abafazi kuwo wonke awakhethayo. 3 INKOSI yasisithi: UMoya wami kawuyikulwisana lomuntu njalonjalo, ngoba laye eyinyama; kodwa insuku zakhe zizakuba yiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili. 4 Iziqhwaga zazisemhlabeni ngalezonsuku; lemva kwalokho-ke, lapho amadodana kaNkulunkulu esengenile emadodakazini abantu, asewazalela *abantwana*. Wona ayengamaqhawe asendulo, engamadoda alebizo.

5 INKOSI yasibona ukuthi ububi bomuntu bukhulu emhlabeni, lokuthi konke ukuceba kwemicabango yenhliziyo yakhe kwakukubi kuphela usuku lonke. 6 INKOSI yasisisola ngokuthi yayimenzile umuntu emhlabeni, yasidabuka enhliziyweni yayo. 7 INKOSI yasisithi: Ngizamchitha umuntu engamdalayo ngimsuse ebusweni bomhlaba, kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni,

kuze kube kokuhuquzelayo, lenyonini zamazulu; ngoba ngiyazisola ukuthi ngikwenzile. 8 Kodwa uNowa wazuza umusa emehlweni eNkosi.

UNowa wenza umkhumbi

9 Lezi yizizukulwana zikaNowa. UNowa wayeyindoda elungileyo epheleleyo esizukulwaneni sakhe; uNowa wahamba loNkulunkulu. 10 UNowa wasezala amadodana amathathu, uShemu, uHamu loJafethi. 11 Umhlaba wonakaliswa-ke phambi kukaNkulunkulu, lomhlaba wagcwaliswa ngobudlwangudlwangu. 12 UNkulunkulu wasebona umhlaba, khangela-ke wonakalisiwe, ngoba yonke inyama yonakalise indlela yayo emhlabeni. 13 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa: Ukuphela kwayo yonke inyama sekuze phambi kwami, ngoba umhlaba ugcelele ubudlwangudlwangu ngenxa yabo; khangela-ke, ngizabachitha kanye lomhlaba. 14 Zakhele umkhumbi ngezigodo zegofere*, wenze izigaba phakathi komkhumbi, uwuhuqe ngengcino ngaphakathi langaphandle. 15 Nansi indlela ozawenza ngayo; ingalo ezingamakhulu amathathu yibude bomkhumbi, ingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu yibubanzi bawo, ingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu yikuphakama kwawo. 16 Iwindi uzalenza emkhunjini, uliqede libe yingalo kusukela phezulu, ufake umnyango womkhumbi ehlangothini lwawo, uwenze ube *lesitezi* esaphansi, esesibili, lesesithathu. 17 Mina-ke, khangela, ngizakwehlisela uzamcolo wamanzi phezu komhlaba, ukuchitha yonke inyama, okukuyo umoya wempilo, isuke ngaphansi kwamazulu. Konke okusemhlabeni kuzaphela. 18 Kodwa ngizamisa isivumelwano sami lawe; njalo uzangena emkhunjini, wena lamadodana akho lomkakho labafazi bamadodana akho kanye lawe. 19 Lakukho konke okuphilayo, kuyo yonke inyama, okubili kwakho konke, uzakuletha emkhunjini, ukulondoloze kuphila lawe, kuzakuba ngokuduna lokusikazi; 20 enyonini ngohlobo lwayo, lesifuyweni ngohlobo lwaso, lakukho konke okuhuquzelayo komhlaba ngohlobo lwakho, okubili kwakho kuzakuza kuwe, ukulondoloze kuphila. 21 Lawe-ke, zithathele kukho konke ukudla okudliwayo, njalo ukubuthelele kuwe, futhi kuzakuba ngokwakho lokwazo okokudla. 22 Wasekwenza uNowa; njengakho konke uNkulunkulu ayemlaye khona wenza njalo.

Ukufika kukazamcolo

7 INKOSI yasisithi kuNowa: Ngena wena lendlu yakho yonke emkhunjini, ngoba wena ngikubone ulungile phambi kwami kulesisizukulwana. 2 Kuyo yonke inyamazana ehlambulukileyo uzazithathela ngasikhombisa ngasikhombisa, enduna lensikazi yayo; njalo kuyo inyamazana engahlambulukanga ezimbili, enduna lensikazi yayo. 3 Lakuzo inyoni zamazulu ngasikhombisa ngasikhombisa, enduna lensikazi, ukulondoloza inhlaneyelo iphila ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. 4 Ngoba kusele insuku eziyisikhombisa, besenginisa izulu emhlabeni, insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, ngibhubhise konke okuphilayo, engakwenzayo, ebusweni bomhlaba. 5 UNowa wasesenza njengakho konke iNKOSI eyamlaya khona. 6 UNowa wayeleminyaka engamakhulu ayisithupha, laphe uzamcolo wamanzi ephezu komhlaba.

7 UNowa wasengena emkhunjini lamadodana akhe lomkakhe labafazi bamadodana akhe kanye laye, ngenxa yamanzi kazamcolo. 8 Kuzo inyamazana ezihlambulukileyo, lakuzo inyamazana ezingahlambulukanga, lakuzo inyoni, lakukho konke okuhuquzelayo phezu komhlaba, 9 ngambili ngambili kweza kuNowa emkhunjini, okuduna lokusikazi, njengoba uNkulunkulu emlayile uNowa. 10 Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku eziyisikhombisa amanzi kazamcolo ayephezu komhlaba.

11 Ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha wempilo kaNowa, ngenyanga yesibili, ngosuku lwetshumi lesikhombisa lwenyanga, ngalolosuku yonke imithombo yokujula okukhulu yaqhekezwa, lamasango empophoma zamazulu avulwa. 12 Izulu laliphezu komhlaba insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane. 13 Ngalolosuku olufananayo uNowa wangena loShemu loHamu loJafethi, amadodana kaNowa, lomkaNowa, labafazi abathathu bamadodana akhe kanye labo, emkhunjini, 14 bona, layo yonke inyamazana ngohlobo lwayo, laso sonke isifuyo ngohlobo lwaso, lakho konke okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzela phezu komhlaba ngohlobo lwakho, lakho konke okuphaphayo ngohlobo lwakho, yonke inyoni yalo lonke uphiko. 15 Zasezingena kuNowa emkhunjini, ngambili ngambili, kuyo yonke inyama, okukuyo umoya wempilo. 16 Lezangenayo, kwangena enduna lensikazi kuyo yonke inyama, njengalokho uNkulunkulu ayemlaye khona; iNKOSI yasimvalela phakathi.

17 Uzamcolo wasesiba semhlabeni insuku ezingamatshumi amane; amanzi asesanda asephakamisa umkhumbi, waze waphakama phezu komhlaba. 18 Amanzi asephakama ngamandla, anda kakhulu phezu komhlaba; lomkhumbi wahamba phezu kobuso bamanzi. 19 Amanzi asephakama ngamandla

kakhulukazi emhlabeni, zaze zasitshekelwa zonke intaba eziphakemeyo ezingaphansi kwamazulu wonke. 20 Izingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu amanzi aqonga aphakama ngamandla, lezintaba zasitshekelwa. 21 Yonke-ke inyama yaphela, eyayihamba phezu komhlaba, eyenyoni, leyesifuyo, leyenamazana, leyakho konke okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzela phezu komhlaba, laye wonke umuntu; 22 konke okulokuphefumula komoya wempilo emakhaleni akho, kwakho konke okusemhlabeni owomileyo, kwafa. 23 Kwachithwa konke okwakukhona, okwakusebusweni bomhlaba, kusukela emuntwini kusiya esifuyweni kusiya kokuhuquzelayo njalo kusiya enyonini yamazulu; kwasekuchithwa emhlabeni; kwasekutshiywa uNowa kuphela, lalokho ayelakho emkhunjini. 24 Lamanzi ayephakama ngamandla phezu komhlaba, okwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu.

Ukuphela kukazamcolo

8 UNkulunkulu wasemkhumbula uNowa, lakho konke okuphilayo, laso sonke isifuyo, esasilaye emkhunjini. UNkulunkulu wavunguzisa umoya phezu komhlaba, lamanzi etsha. 2 Kwasekumiswa imithombo yokujula lamasango empophoma zamazulu, lezulu elivela amazulwini lanqandwa. 3 Lamanzi etsha esuka emhlabeni, ehamba ebuyela; amanzi asencipha ekupheleni kwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu. 4 Umkhumbi wasuhlala ngenyanga yesikhombisa, ngosuku lwetshumi lesikhombisa lwenyanga, phezu kwezintaba zeArarathi. 5 Lamanzi aya esetsha kwaze kwaba senyange ni yetshumi; ngeyetshumi ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga kwabonakala ingqonga zezintaba.

6 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane, uNowa wasevula iwindi lomkhumbi ayelenzile, 7 wasethuma iwabayi, lazulazula njalo, aze atsha amanzi emhlabeni. 8 Wasethuma ijuba lisuka kuye, ukubona ukuthi amanzi asemalutshwana yini ebusweni bomhlaba; 9 kodwa ijuba kalitholanga indawo yokuphumula kwengaphansi yonyawo lwalo, ngakho labuyela kuye emkhunjini, ngoba amanzi ayekhona ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. Waseselula isandla sakhe, walithatha, walingenisa kuye emkhunjini. 10 Waselinda futhi ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa; wasephinda elithuma ijuba lisuka emkhunjini. 11 Ijuba laselibuya kuye ngesikhathi santambama, khangela-ke, ihlamvu lomhlwathi elisanda ukuquntwa lalisemlonjeni walo; ngakho uNowa wasesazi ukuthi amanzi asemalutshwana phezu komhlaba. 12 Waselinda futhi ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa; waselithuma ijuba; kalabe lisabuyela kuye futhi.

13 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha lanye, ngenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, amanzi atsha emhlabeni. UNowa wasesusa isifulelo somkhumbi, wabona, khangela-ke, ubuso bomhlaba babomile. 14 Njalo ngenyanga yesibili, ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa lwenyanga, umhlaba wawusuwomile.

15 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kuNowa, esithi: 16 Phuma emkhunjini, wena lomkakho lamadodana akho labafazi bamadodana akho kanye lawe. 17 Konke okuphilayo okulawe, kuyo yonke inyama, eyenyoni leyesifuyo leyakho konke okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzela emhlabeni, phuma lakho; ukuze kuzale kwande emhlabeni, kuzale, kwande phezu komhlaba. 18 UNowa wasephuma, lamadodana akhe, lomkakhe, labafazi bamadodana akhe kanye laye. 19 Yonke inyamazana, konke okuhuquzelayo, layo yonke inyoni, konke okuhamba emhlabeni, ngenhlobo zakho, kwaphuma emkhunjini.

20 UNowa waseyakhela iNKOSI ilathi; wathatha kuso sonke isifuyo esihlambulukileyo, lakuyo yonke inyoni ehlambulukileyo, wanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwelathi. 21 INKOSI yasisizwa uqhatshi olumnandi; iNKOSI yasisithi enhliziyweni yayo: Kangisayikuphinda ngiqalekise umhlaba ngenxa yomuntu, ngoba ukuceba kwenhliziyo yomuntu kubi kusukela ebutsheni bakhe; futhi kangisayikuphinda ngitshaye konke okuphilayo njengalokhu ngenzile. 22 Ngazo zonke izinsuku zomhlaba, ukuhlanyela lokuvuna, lamakhaza lokukhudumala, lehlobo lobusika, lemini lobusuku, kakuyikuphela.

Isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu loNowa

9 UNkulunkulu wasebusisa uNowa lamadodana akhe, wathi kibo: Zalani lande ligcwalise umhlaba. 2 Lokwesatshwa kwenu lokuqhuqha kwenu kuzakuba phezu kwayo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba laphezu kwayo yonke inyoni yamazulu; kukho konke okuhamba emhlabeni lakuzo zonke inhlanzi zolwandle; zinikelwe ezandleni zenu. 3 Konke okuhambayo okuphilayo kuzakuba yikudla kini; njengombhida oluhlaza ngilunikile konke. 4 Kodwa inyama lempilo yayo, igazi layo, kalisoze likudle. 5 Njalo sibili, igazi lenu, elempilo yenu, ngizalibiza; esandleni sayo yonke inyamazana ngizalibiza; lesandleni somuntu, lesandleni somfowabo womunye lomunye ngizabiza umphefumulo womuntu. 6 Ochitha igazi lomuntu, ngomuntu lizachithwa igazi lakhe; ngoba ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu. 7 Ngakho lina, zalani, lande, lizale ngokwengezelelweyo emhlabeni, lande kuwo.

8 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kuNowa lakumadodana akhe kanye laye, esithi: 9 Mina-ke, khangelani, ngiyamisa isivumelwano sami lani lenzalo yenu

emva kwenu, 10 laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esilani, esenyoni lesesifuyo, lesayo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba lani; kusukela kubo bonke abaphume emkhunjini, kusiya kuyo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba. 11 Njalo ngizamisa isivumelwano sami lani; njalo kakusayikubhujiswa yonke inyama ngamanzi kazamcolo; ukuze kungasabi khona uzamcolo ukubhubhisa umhlaba. 12 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Lokhu kuyisibonakaliso sesivumelwano engisinika phakathi kwami lani laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esilani, kuze kube yizizukulwana laphakade. 13 Ngizamisa umchilowamakhosikazi wami emayezini; uzakuba yisibonakaliso sesivumelwano phakathi kwami lomhlaba. 14 Kuzakuthi nxa ngibuyisa amayezi phezu komhlaba, umchilowamakhosikazi uzabonwa eyezini; 15 khona ngizakhumbula isivumelwano sami, esiphakathi kwami lani laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo sayo yonke inyama; lamanzi kawasayikuba nguzamcolo ukubhubhisa yonke inyama. 16 Lomchilowamakhosikazi uzakuba semayezini, njalo ngizawubona ukukhumbula isivumelwano esilaphakade phakathi kukaNkulunkulu laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo, sayo yonke inyama esemhlabeni. 17 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa: Lokhu kuyisibonakaliso sesivumelwano engisimise phakathi kwami layo yonke inyama esemhlabeni.

Amazwi kaNowa kumadodana akhe

18 Amadodana kaNowa aphumayo-ke emkhunjini ayengoShemu loHamu loJafethi; njalo uHamu nguyise kaKhanani. 19 Laba bobathathu ngamadodana kaNowa; lomhlaba wonke wasatshalaliswa ngokuvela kubo.

20 UNowa waseqala ukuba ngumlimi, wahlanyela isivini. 21 Wasenatha okwewayini, wadakwa; njalo waba nqunu phakathi kwethente lakhe. 22 UHamu, uyise kaKhanani, wasebona ubunqunu bukayise, wasetshela abafowabo ababili phandle. 23 OShemu loJafethi basebethatha isembatho, basibeka emahlombe abo bobabili, bahamba nyovane, bagubuzela ubunqunu bukayise; lobuso babo babusemuva ukuze bangaboni ubunqunu bukayise. 24 UNowa wasevuka ewayinini lakhe, wakwazi lokho indodana yakhe encinyane ekwenze kuye. 25 Wasesithi: Kaqalekiswe uKhanani, uzakuba yisigqili sezigqili kubafowabo. 26 Wasesithi: Ibusisiwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaShemu, loKhanani abe yisigqili sakhe. 27 UNkulunkulu amqhelise uJafethi, njalo ahlale emathenteni kaShemu, loKhanani abe yisigqili sakhe.

28 Emva kukazamcolo uNowa wasephila iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amahlanu. 29 Zonke-ke insuku zikaNowa zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amahlanu; wasesifa.

Inzalo yamadodana kaNowa

10 Njalo lezi yizizukulwana zamadodana kaNowa: UShemu, uHamu loJafethi. Kwasekuzalwa amadodana kubo emva kukazamcolo. 2 Amadodana kaJafethi: UGomeri loMagogi loMadayi loJavani loThubhali loMesheki loTirasi. 3 Lamadodana kaGomeri: UAshikenazi loRifathi loTogarma. 4 Lamadodana kaJavani: UELisha loTarshishi, amaKiti lamaDodani. 5 Kwehlukani swa kusukela kubo izihlengi zezizwe emazweni abo, ngulowo lalowo ngokolimi lwakhe, langokosendo lwabo, ezizweni zabo.

6 Lamadodana kaHamu: UKushi loMizirayimi loPuti loKhanani. 7 Lamadodana kaKushi: USeba loHavila loSabitha loRama loSabitheka. Lamadodana kaRahama: UShebha loDedani. 8 UKushi wasezala uNimrodi; yena waqala ukuba liqhawe emhlabeni. 9 Yena waba ngumzingeli olamandla phambi kweNKOSI; ngakho kuthiwa: NjengoNimrodi, umzingeli olamandla phambi kweNKOSI. 10 Lokuqala kombuso wakhe yiBabeli leEreki leAkadi leKaline elizweni leShinari. 11 Kwaphuma kulelolizwe uAshuri, wasesakha iNinive leRehobothi-Ire leKala, 12 leReseni phakathi kweNinive leKala; lo ngumuzi omkhulu. 13 UMizirayimi wasezala amaLudi lamaAnami lamaLehabi lamaNafethuhi 14 lamaPatrusi lamaKaseluhi - lapho okwavela khona amaFilisti - lamaKafitori.

15 UKhanani wasezala uSidoni izibulo lakhe, loHethi, 16 lomJebusi lomAmori lomGirigashi 17 lomHivi lomArki lomSini 18 lomArvadi lomZemari lomHamathi; lemva kwalokho usendo lwamaKhanani lwahlakazeka. 19 Umngcele wamaKhanani wasusukela eSidoni usiya eGerari uze ufike eGaza, usiya eSodoma leGomora leAdima leZeboyimi kuze kufike eLasha. 20 La ngamadodana kaHamu, ngokosendo lwawo, langendimi zawo, emazweni awo, ezizweni zawo.

21 UShemu laye wasezalelwa amadodana; unguyise wamadodana wonke akaEberi, umfowabo kaJafethi, omkhulu. 22 Amadodana kaShemu: UElamu loAshuri loArpakishadi loLudi loAramu. 23 Lamadodana kaAramu: U-Uzi loHuli loGetheri loMashi. 24 UArpakishadi wasezala uShela; uShela wasezala uEberi. 25 Kwasekuzalelwa uEberi amadodana amabili, ibizo lomunye nguPelegi, ngoba ensukwini zayo umhlaba wehlukani swa; lebizu lomfowabo nguJokithani. 26 UJokithani wasezala uAlimodadi loShelefi loHazamavethi loJera 27 loHadoramu loUzali loDikila 28 loObali loAbhimayeli loShebha 29 loOfiri loHavila loJobabi; bonke labo ngamadodana kaJokithani. 30 Indawo yokuhlala kwabo isukela eMesha lapho usiya eSefari, intaba yempumalanga. 31 La ngamadodana kaShemu, ngokosendo lwabo langendimi zabo, emazweni abo ngokwezizwe zabo.

32 Lolu lusendo lwamadodana kaNowa ngezizukulwana zawo ezizweni zawo; kwasekusehlukaniswa kulaba izizwe emhlabeni emva kukazamcolo.

Umphotshongo weBabeli

11 Umhlaba wonke-ke wawulolimi lunye, lamazwi manye. 2 Kwasekusithi ekuhambeni kwabo bevela empumalanga bafica igceke elizweni leShinari, basebehlala khona. 3 Basebesithi ngulowo lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe: Wozani, asenzeni izitina sizitshise lokuzitshisa; lesitina saba lilitshe kubo, lengcino yaba ludaka kubo. 4 Basebesithi: Wozani, asizakheleni umuzi lomphotshongo osihloko sawo sisemazulwini, besesizenzela ibizo, hlezi sihlakazeke ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. 5 INKOSI yasisihla ukubona umuzi lomphotshongo abantwana babantu abawakhayo. 6 INKOSI yasisithi: Khangela, yisizwe sinye, njalo balolimi lunye bonke, njalo yikho abaqala ukukwenza; khathesi-ke akulalutho olungabehlula abamisa ukulwenza. 7 Wozani, asehle, siphambanise lapho ulimi lwabo, ukuze bangezwa, ngulowo lalowo ulimi lomakhelwane wakhe. 8 Ngakho iNKOSI yabahlakazela ebusweni bomhlaba wonke besuka lapho; basebesima ukwakha umuzi. 9 Ngalokho kwabizwa ibizo lawo ngokuthi iBabeli, ngoba lapho iNKOSI yaphambanisa ulimi lomhlaba wonke; kusukela lapho iNKOSI yabahlakaza kubo bonke ubuso bomhlaba.

Inzalo kaShemu

10 Lezi yizizukulwana zikaShemu. UShemu wayeleminyaka elikhulu, wasezala uArpakishadi, iminyaka emibili emva kukazamcolo. 11 UShemu wasephila, esezele uArpakishadi, iminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 12 UArpakishadi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, wazala uShela. 13 UArpakishadi wasephila, esezele uShela, iminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 14 UShela wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala uEberi. 15 UShela wasephila, esezele uEberi, iminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 16 UEberi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lane, wazala uPelegi. 17 UEberi wasephila, esezele uPelegi, iminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 18 UPelegi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala uRewu. 19 UPelegi wasephila, esezele uRewu, iminyaka engamakhulu amabili

layisificamunwemunye; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 20 URewu wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili, wazala uSerugi. 21 URewu wasephila, esezele uSerugi, iminyaka engamakhulu amabili lesikhombisa; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 22 USerugi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala uNahori. 23 USerugi wasephila, esezele uNahori, iminyaka engamakhulu amabili; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 24 UNahori wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye, wazala uTera. 25 UNahori wasephila, esezele uTera, iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 26 UTera wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, wazala uAbrama, uNahori loHarani.

Inzalo kaTera

27 Lalezi yizizukulwana zikaTera. UTera wazala uAbrama, uNahori loHarani; uHarani wazala uLothi. 28 UHarani wasesifa phambi kukayise uTera, elizweni lokuzalwa kwakhe, eUri yamaKhaladiya. 29 OAbrama loNahori basebezithathela abafazi; ibizo lomkaAbrama nguSarayi, lebizu lomkaNahori nguMilka, indodakazi kaHarani, uyise kaMilka loyise kaIska. 30 Kodwa uSarayi wayeyinyumba; wayengelamntwana. 31 UTera wasethatha uAbrama indodana yakhe, loLothi indodana kaHarani, indodana yendodana yakhe, loSarayi umalokazana wakhe, umkaAbrama indodana yakhe; basebesuka labo eUri yamaKhaladiya, ukuya elizweni leKhanani; basebefika eHarani, bahlala khona. 32 Lensuku zikaTera zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amabili lanhlanu; uTera wasefela eHarani.

Ukubizwa kukaAbrama

12 INKOSI yasisithi kuAbrama: Suka wena elizweni lakini lezihlotsheni zakho le mzini kayihlo, uye elizweni engizakutshengisa lona. 2 Ngizakwenza-ke ube yisizwe esikhulu, ngikubusise, ngenze ibizo lakho libe likhulu, njalo ube yisibusiso. 3 Njalo ngizababusisa abakubusisayo, labakuqalekisayo ngibaqalekise; lakuwe kuzabusiswa zonke insapho zomhlaba. 4 UAbrama wasehamba njengoba iNKOSI ikhulumile kuye, loLothi wahamba laye. Njalo uAbrama wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu ekusukeni kwakhe eHarani. 5 UAbrama wasethatha uSarayi umkakhe, loLothi indodana yomfowabo, lempahla yabo yonke ababeyiqoqile,

lemiphefumulo ababeyizuzile eHarani; basebesuka ukuya elizweni leKhanani; bafika elizweni leKhanani.

6 UAbrama wasedabula ilizwe waze wafika endaweni yeShekema, esihlahleni se-okhi* seMore. LamaKhanani ayekhona elizweni ngalesosikhathi. 7 INKOSI yasibonakala kuAbrama, yathi: Kunzalo yakho ngizanika lelilizwe. Waseyakhela lapho iNKOSI ilathi eyayibonakale kuye. 8 Waseqhubeka esuka lapho waya entabeni empumalanga yeBhetheli, wamisa ithente lakhe, iBhetheli isentshonalanga leAyi empumalanga. Waseyakhela lapho iNKOSI ilathi, wabiza ibizo leNKOSI. 9 UAbrama wasesuka wahamba eqhubeka esiya eningizimu.

UAbrama useGibhithe

10 Kwasekusiba khona indlala elizweni. UAbrama wasesehlela ngaseGibhithe ukuthi ahlale khona njengowezizwe, ngoba indlala yayinzima elizweni. 11 Kwasekusithi esesondela ukungena eGibhithe wathi kuSarayi umkakhe: Khangela-ke, ngiyazi ukuthi ungowesifazana omuhle obukekayo. 12 Njalo kuzakuthi lapho amaGibhithe ekubona, azakuthi: Lo ngumkakhe; abesengibulala, kodwa wena akugcine uphila. 13 Ake uthi ungudadewethu, ukuze kube kuhle kimi ngenxa yakho, lomphfumulo wami uphile ngenxa yakho. 14 Kwasekusithi lapho uAbrama esefikile eGibhithe, amaGibhithe ambona owesifazana, ukuthi muhle kakhulu. 15 Iziphathamandla zikaFaro lazo zambona, zambabaza phambi kukaFaro. Owesifazana waselethwa endlini kaFaro. 16 Wasemphatha kuhle uAbrama ngenxa yakhe; njalo waba lezimvu lezinkabi labobabhemi lezinceku lezincekukazi labobabhemikazi lamakamela. 17 Kodwa iNKOSI yamhlupha uFaro ngezinhlopheko ezinkulu, lendlu yakhe, ngendaba kaSarayi umkaAbrama. 18 UFaro wasembiza uAbrama, wathi: Kuyini lokhu okwenze kimi? Kungani ungangitshelanga ukuthi ungumkakho? 19 Utsholoni ukuthi ungudadewenu, ngize ngimthathe ukuba ngumkami? Ngakho khangela-ke umkakho; mthathe uhambe. 20 UFaro waselaya amadoda ngaye; asemxotsha lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho.

Ukwehlukana kukaAbrama loLothi

13 UAbrama wasesenyuka eGibhithe, yena lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho loLothi kanye laye, waya eningizimu. 2 Njalo uAbrama wayenothile kakhulu, ngezifuyo, ngesiliva, langegolide. 3 Wasehamba

kuzinhambo zakhe esuka eningizimu, waze wafika eBhetheli, endaweni lapho ithente lakhe elalikhona kuqala, phakathi kweBhetheli leAyi; 4 endaweni yelathi ayelenzile khona kuqala; uAbrama wasebiza ibizo leNKOSI lapho.

5 LoLothi laye, owayehamba loAbrama, wayelezimvu lezinkomo lamathente. 6 Njalo ilizwe lalingebathwale ukuthi bahlale ndawonye, ngoba impahla yabo yayinengi, ukuthi babengeke bahlala ndawonye. 7 Kwasekusiba khona ukuxabana phakathi kwabelusi bezifuyo zikaAbrama labelusi bezifuyo zikaLothi. Ngalesosikhathi amaKhanani lamaPerizi ayehlala elizweni. 8 UAbrama wasesithi kuLothi: Kakungabi khona-ke ukuxabana phakathi kwami lawe, laphakathi kwabelusi bami labelusi bakho, ngoba singamadoda osendo. 9 Ilizwe lonke kaliphambi kwakho yini? Yehlukana-ke lami; uba usiya kwesokhohlo, ngizakuya kwesokunene; kodwa uba kwesokunene, ngizakuya kwesokhohlo. 10 ULothi wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona lonke igceke leJodani ukuthi lalithelelwe kuhle lonke. INKOSI ingakachithi iSodoma leGomora, lalinjengensimu yeNKOSI, njengelizwe leGibhithe, nxa usiya eZowari. 11 ULothi wasezikhethela lonke igceke leJodani; uLothi wasesiya empumalanga; basebezhlukanisa omunye komunye. 12 UAbrama wahlala elizweni leKhanani, uLothi wasehlala emizini yemagekeni, wamisa ithente lakhe eduze leSodoma. 13 Kodwa abantu beSodoma babebabi babeyizoni phambi kweNKOSI kakhulu.

14 INKOSI yasisithi kuAbrama emva kokuthi uLothi esehlukaniswe laye: Phakamisa-ke amehlo akho, ukhangele endaweni lapho okhona, ngasenyakatho langaseningizimu langasempumalanga langasentshonalanga, 15 ngoba ilizwe lonke olibonayo ngizalinika wena, lakunzalo yakho kuze kube nininini. 16 Njalo ngizakwenza inzalo yakho ibe njengothuli lomhlaba, kuze kuthi uba umuntu engabala uthuli lomhlaba, izabalwa lenzalo yakho. 17 Sukuma uhambe udabule ilizwe, ebudeni balo lebubanzini balo, ngoba ngizalinika wena. 18 UAbrama wasesusa amathente wafika wahlala ezihlahleni zamaokhi* zeMamre, eziseHebroni, wakhela lapho iNKOSI ilathi.

UAbrama ukhulula uLothi

14 Kwasekusithi ensukwini zikaAmrafeli inkosi yeShinari, uAriyoki inkosi yeElasari, uKedolawoma inkosi yeElamu, loTidali inkosi yezizwe, 2 balwa impi loBera inkosi yeSodoma, loBirisha inkosi yeGomora, uShinabi inkosi yeAdima, loShemebere inkosi yeZeboyimi, lenkosi yeBhela, eliyiZowari. 3 Bonke labo bahlangana esigodini iSidima esiluLwandle lweTshwayi. 4 Babemkhonzile uKedolawoma okweminyaka elitshumi lambili,

kodwa ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu bavukela. 5 Langomnyaka wetshumi lane kweza uKedolawoma, lamakhosi ayelaye, batshaya amaRefa eAshiterothi-Karnayimi, lamaZuzi eHamu, lamaEmi egcekeni leKiryathayimi, 6 lamaHori entabeni yeSeyiri, kuze kube eEliparani eliseduze lenkangala. 7 Basebebuyela bafika eEnimishipati eliyiKadeshi, batshaya ilizwe lonke lamaAmaleki, njalo lamaAmori ayehlala eHazazoni-Tamari. 8 Kwasekuphuma inkosi yeSodoma lenkosi yeGomora, lenkosi yeAdima lenkosi yeZeboyimi, lenkosi yeBhela eliyiZowari, bahlomisa impi bemelene labo esigodini iSidima, 9 emelane loKedolawoma inkosi yeElamu, loTidali inkosi yezizwe, loAmrafeli inkosi yeShinari, loAriyoki inkosi yeElasari; amakhosi amane emelane lamakhosi amahlanu. 10 Lesigodi seSidima sasilemigodigodi yengcino, lenkosi yeSodoma leyeGomora abaleka, awela khona; lasalayo abalekela entabeni, 11 asethatha yonke impahla yeSodoma leyeGomora, lokudla kwabo bonke, ahamba. 12 Amthatha loLothi lempahla yakhe, indodana yomfowabo kaAbrama, asehamba, ngoba wayehlala eSodoma.

13 Kwasekusiza owayephunyukile, wamlandisela uAbrama umHebheru, owayehlala ezihlahleni zamaokhi* zeMamre umAmori, umfowabo kaEshikoli lomfowabo kaAneri ababelesivumelwano loAbrama. 14 Kwathi uAbrama esezwile ukuthi umfowabo uthunjiwe, wahlomisa ayebafundisile, bezelwe endlini yakhe, abangamakhulu amathathu letshumi lesificaminwembili, waxotshana lawo waze wafika koDani. 15 Wasezehlukanisa emelane lawo ebusuku, yena lenceku zakhe, wawatshaya, waxotshana lawo waze wafika eHoba, ekwesokhohlo seDamaseko. 16 Wasebuyisa yonke impahla, njalo loLothi umfowabo lempahla yakhe, labesifazana labo labantu.

UMelkizedeki ubusisa uAbrama

17 Inkosi yeSodoma yasiphuma ukumhlangabeza, esebuyile ekutshayeni uKedolawoma lamakhosi ayelaye, esigodini iShave, esiyisigodi senkosi. 18 UMelkizedeki inkosi yeSalema waseletha isinkwa lewayini; njalo yena ngumpristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke. 19 Wasembusisa wathi: Kabusiswe uAbrama nguNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, uMnini wamazulu lomhlaba. 20 Kabusiswe-ke uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke onikele izitha zakho esandleni sakho. Wasemnika ingxenye yetshumi yakho konke. 21 Inkosi yeSodoma yasisithi kuAbrama: Nginika abantu, kodwa uzithathele impahla. 22 UAbrama wasesithi eNkosini yeSodoma: Ngiphakamise isandla sami eNkosini uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, uMnini wamazulu lomhlaba, 23 ngithi kangiyikuthatha kusukela kumucu kusiya emchilweni wenyathela, kukho konke olakho! Hlezi uthi: Mina ngimnothisile uAbrama. 24 Ngaphandle

kwalokho kuphela akudlileyo amajaha, lesabelo samadoda ahambe lami, uAneri, uEshikoli loMamre, bona kabathathe isabelo sabo.

Isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu loAbrama

15 Emva kwalezizinto ilizwi leNKOSI leza kuAbrama ngombono, lisithi: Ungesabi Abrama, ngiyisihlangu sakho, umvuzo wakho omkhulu kakhulu. 2 UAbrama wasesithi: Nkosi Jehova, uzangiphani? Njengoba lokhe ngingelamntwana; lomphathi wendlu yami ungoweDamaseko uEliyezeri. 3 UAbrama wasesithi: Khangela, kimi kawuphanga nzalo; njalo khangela, ozelwe endlini yami uzakuba yindlalifa yami. 4 Khangela-ke ilizwi leNKOSI laba kuye lisithi: Lo kayikudla ilifa lakho, kodwa ozaphuma emibilini yakho, yena uzakudla ilifa lakho. 5 Wasemkhuphela phandle wathi: Khangela-ke emazulwini, ubale izinkanyezi uba ungazibala. Wasesithi kuye: Izakuba njalo inzalo yakho. 6 Wasekholwa eNKOSINI. Yasimbalela lokhu kube yikulunga. 7 Yasisithi kuye: NgiyiNKOSI, eyakukhupha eUri yamaKhaladiya ukukunika ilizwe leli libe yilifa lakho. 8 Wasesithi: Nkosi Jehova, ngizakwazi ngani ukuthi lizakuba yilifa lami? 9 Yasisithi kuye: Ngithathela ithokazi elileminyaka emithathu, lesibhuzikazi esileminyaka emithathu, lenqama eleminyaka emithathu, lejuba, lephuphu lenkwilimba. 10 Wasesisa kuyo zonke lezizinto, wazidabula phakathi, wabeka leyo laleyongxenye yazo ikhangelene lenye; kodwa inyoni kazidabulanga. 11 Inyoni ezidla inyama zasezisehlela phezu kwezidumbu, uAbrama wasezixotshela khatshana. 12 Kwasekusithi ilanga selitshona, ubuthongo obukhulu bajuma uAbrama; khangela-ke, uvalo lomnyama omkhulu lwehlela phezu kwakhe. 13 Yasisithi kuAbrama: Yazi lokwazi ukuthi inzalo yakho izakuba yisihambi elizweni elingeyisilo layo, njalo bazabasebenzela, besebahlupha iminyaka engamakhulu amane. 14 Kodwa lesizwe abazasisebenzela ngizasingweba; lemva kwalokho bazaphuma lempahla enengi. 15 Kodwa wena uzakuya kuboyihlo ngokuthula, uzangcwatshwa ekuluphaleni okuhle. 16 Isizukulwana sesine sizabuya-ke lapha; ngoba isono samaAmori kasikaphелеli. 17 Kwasekusithi ilanga selitshonile sekumnyama, khangela-ke, imbawula ethunqayo lesihlanti* somlilo esadabula phakathi kwalezozingxenye. 18 Ngalolosuku iNKOSI yenza isivumelwano loAbrama isithi: Enzalweni yakho nginikele lelilizwe, kusukela emfuleni weGibhithe kuze kube semfuleni omkhulu, umfula iYufurathi, 19 amaKeni lamaKenizi lamaKadimoni 20 lamaHethi lamaPerizi lamaRefa 21 lamaAmori lamaKhanani lamaGirigashi lamaJebusi.

UHagari loIshmayeli

16 USarayi umkaAbrama wayengamzaleli-ke *abantwana*; wayelencekukazi umGibhithekazi, lebizu layo linguHagari. 2 USarayi wasesithi kuAbrama: Khangela-ke, iNKOSI ingivalile ukuze ngingazali; ake ungene encekwini yami, mhlawumbe ngingakhiwa ngayo. UAbrama waselalela ilizwi likaSarayi. 3 Ngakho uSarayi umkaAbrama wamthatha uHagari umGibhithekazi incekekazi yakhe, ekupheleni kweminyaka elitshumi uAbrama esehlale elizweni leKhanani, wasemnika uAbrama indoda yakhe ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. 4 Wasengena kuHagari, wasethatha isisu. Esebonile ukuthi uzithwele, inkosikazi yakhe yasideleleka emehlweni akhe. 5 USarayi wasesithi kuAbrama: Ububi bami buphezu kwakho. Mina nginike incekekazi yami esifubeni sakho, ithe isibonile ukuthi izithwele, ngiyadeleleka emehlweni ayo. INKOSI kayahlulele phakathi kwami lawe. 6 UAbrama wasesithi kuSarayi: Khangela, incekekazi yakho isesandleni sakho. Yenza kuyo lokho okuhle emehlweni akho. USarayi waseyiphatha kubi, yasibaleka ebusweni bakhe.

7 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasiyifika emthonjeni wamanzi enkangala, emthonjeni endleleni eya eShuri. 8 Yasisithi: Hagari, ncekukazi kaSarayi, uvela ngaphi, uya ngaphi? Yasisithi: Ngibalekela ubuso bukaSarayi inkosikazi yami. 9 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasisithi kuyo: Buyela enkosikazini yakho, ubusuzehlisela ngaphansi kwezandla zayo. 10 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yathi kuyo futhi: Ngizakwandisa kakhulu inzalo yakho ukuze ingabalwa ngenxa yobunengi. 11 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasisithi kuyo: Khangela, uzithwele, futhi uzazala indodana, njalo uzayitha ibizo layo *uthi* nguIshmayeli, ngoba iNKOSI izwile ukuhlupheka kwakho. 12 Yona-ke izakuba ngumuntu ongubabhemi ongathambanga, isandla sayo simelane labo bonke, lesandla sabo bonke simelane layo; izahlala phambi kobuso babafowabo bonke. 13 Waseyitha iNKOSI eyakhuluma laye ibizo *lokuthi*: Wena Nkulunkulu wokubona. Ngoba wathi: Lapha lami ngimkhangele yini ongibonayo? 14 Ngakho umthombo wabizwa *ngokuthi* iBeri-Lahayi-Royi; khangela, uphakathi kweKadeshi leBeredi. 15 UHagari wasemzalela uAbrama indodana; uAbrama wasesitha ibizo lendodana yakhe, uHagari ayizalayo, *wathi* nguIshmayeli. 16 Njalo uAbrama wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembali lesithupha mhla uHagari emzalela uAbrama uIshmayeli.

Ukusoka kuyisibonakaliso sesivumelwano

17 Kwathi uAbrama eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesificamunwemunye iNKOSI yasibonakala kuAbrama, yathi kuye: NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; hamba phambi kwami, uphelele. 2 Njalo ngizakwenza isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami lawe, ngizakwandisa kakhulukazi. 3 UAbrama wasesiwa ngobuso bakhe, uNkulunkulu wasekhuluma laye, esithi: 4 Mina *ngokwami*, khangela, isivumelwano sami silawe; futhi uzakuba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi. 5 Lebizo lakho kalisayikubizwa *ngokuthi* Abrama, kodwa ibizo lakho lizakuba nguAbrahama, ngoba ngikwenze uyise wexuku lezizwe. 6 Ngizakwenza uzale kakhulukazi, ngizakwenza izizwe, lamakhosi azaphuma kuwe. 7 Njalo ngizamisa isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami lawe lenzalo yakho emva kwakho ezizukulwaneni zayo, kube yisivumelwano esilaphakade, sokuthi ngibe nguNkulunkulu kuwe lakuyo inzalo yakho emva kwakho. 8 Ngizanika-ke wena lenzalo yakho emva kwakho ilizwe ohlala kilo njengowezizwe, ilizwe lonke leKhanani, libe yimfuyo elaphakade; njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu kibo.

9 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuAbrahama: Wena-ke uzagcina isivumelwano sami, wena lenzalo yakho emva kwakho ezizukulwaneni zayo. 10 Lesi yisivumelwano sami elizasigcina phakathi kwami lani lenzalo yakho emva kwakho; sonke isilisa sisokwe kini. 11 Lizasoka inyama yejwabu lenu; kuzakuba yisibonakaliso sesivumelwano phakathi kwami lani. 12 Lendodana yensuku eziyisificaminwembili izasokwa phakathi kwenu, sonke isilisa ezizukulwaneni zenu, ozelwe endlini, lothengwe ngemali lakuye wonke oyisizwe, ongayisuye wenzalo yakho. 13 Ozelwe endlini yakho lothengwe ngemali yakho kumele asokwe. Lesivumelwano sami sizakuba senyameni yenu, sibe yisivumelwano esilaphakade. 14 Lesilisa esingasokwanga, esinyama yejwabu lingasokwanga, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke esizweni sawo, weqile isivumelwano sami.

15 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuAbrahama: NgoSarayi umkakho, ungabizi ibizo lakhe *uthi* nguSarayi, ngoba uSara libizo lakhe. 16 Njalo ngizambusisa, ngikunike indodana evela lakuye; yebo ngizambusisa abesesiba yizizwe, amakhosi ezizwe azavela kuye. 17 UAbrahama wasesiwa ngobuso bakhe, wahleka, wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: Oleminyaka elikhulu uzazalelwa yini? Kambe loSara oleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye uzazala? 18 UAbrahama wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Kungathi uIshmayeli angaphila phambi kwakho! 19 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Hatshi, uSara umkakho uzakuzalela indodana; uzayitha ibizo *uthi* nguIsaka; njalo ngizamisa isivumelwano sami

laye, sibe yisivumelwano esilaphakade kunzalo yakhe emva kwakhe. 20 Mayelana loIshmayeli ngikuzwile-ke; khangela, ngimbusisile, njalo ngizamenza abe lenzalo, ngimandise kakhulukazi; uzazala iziphathamandla ezilitshumi lambili, njalo ngizamenza isizwe esikhulu. 21 Kodwa isivumelwano sami ngizasimisa loIsaka, uSara azakuzalela yena ngalesisikhathi esimisiweyo ngomnyaka ozayo. 22 Wasecina ukukhuluma laye, uNkulunkulu wenyuka esuka kuAbrahama.

23 UAbrahama wasethatha uIshmayeli indodana yakhe labo bonke ababezwe endlini yakhe labo bonke ababethengwe ngemali yakhe, sonke isilisa phakathi kwabendlu kaAbrahama, wasoka inyama yejwabu labo, ngalona lolosuku, njengalokho uNkulunkulu akutshoyo kuye. 24 LoAbrahama wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesificamunwemunye ekusokweni kwakhe inyama yejwabu lakhe. 25 UIshmayeli-ke indodana yakhe wayeleminyaka elitshumi lantathu ekusokweni kwakhe inyama yejwabu lakhe. 26 Ngalona lolosuku uAbrahama wasokwa loIshmayeli indodana yakhe. 27 Lamadoda wonke omuzi wakhe, ayezelwe endlini layethengwe ngemali kwezizwe, asokwa kanye laye.

Ukuzalwa kukaIsaka kuyathenjiswa

18 INKOSI yasibonakala kuye emaokini* eMamre, wathi ehlezi emnyango wethente ekutshiseni kosuku, 2 wasephakamisa amehlo akhe wabona, khangela-ke amadoda amathathu emi phambi kwakhe; esewabonile wagijima ukuwahlangabeza esuka emnyango wethente, wakhothamela emhlabathini, 3 wasesithi: Nkosi, uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, ngicela ungadluli usuke encekwini yakho. 4 Ake kulethwe amanzi amalutshwana, beseligeza inyawo zenu, liphumule ngaphansi kwesihlahla. 5 Ngizaletha-ke ucezu lwesinkwa, beseliqinisa inhliziyu yenu, beselisedlula, ngoba yikho ledlule encekwini yenu. Asesithi: Ngokunjalo yenza njengokutsho kwakho. 6 UAbrahama wasephangisa esiya ethenteni kuSara, wasesithi: Phangisa! Amaseya* amathathu empuphu ecolekileyo! Xova, wenze amaqebelengwana. 7 UAbrahama wasegijimela enkomeni, wathatha ithole elibuthakathaka njalo elihle, walinika ijaha; laphangisa ukulilungisa. 8 Wasethatha amasi lochago, lethole abelilungisile, wakubeka phambi kwawo; wema eduze lawo ngaphansi kwesihlahla, asesidla.

9 Asesithi kuye: Ungaphi uSara umkakho? Wasesithi: Khangela, ethenteni. 10 Yasisithi: Isibili ngizabuya kuwe ngalesisikhathi sempilo; khangela, uSara umkakho uzakuba lendodana. USara wakuzwa esemnyango wethente elalingemva kwayo. 11 UAbrahama loSara basebebadala sebelensuku

ezinengi; kwasekuphelile kuSara okwendlela yabafazi. 12 USara wasehlekelana ngaphakathi, esithi: Sengigugile, ngingaba lenjabulo, lenkosi yami isindala yini? 13 INKOSI yasisithi kuAbrahama: Kungani uSara ehleka, esithi: Isibili lami ngizazala mina sengimdala yini? 14 Kukhona into enzima kakhulu eNKOSINI yini? Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo ngizabuya kuwe, ngalesisikhathi sempilo, njalo uSara uzakuba lendodana. 15 USara wasephika esithi: Kangihlekanga, ngoba wayesesaba. Kodwa wathi: Hatshi, ngoba uhlekile.

UAbrahama ukhulekela iSodoma

16 Amadoda asesukuma esuka lapho akhangela phansi eSodoma; uAbrahama wasehamba lawo ewaphelekezela. 17 INKOSI yasisithi: Mina ngingamfihlela uAbrahama yini engikwenzayo? 18 Ngoba isibili uAbrahama uzakuba yisizwe esikhulu esilamandla; lazo zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiwa kuye. 19 Ngoba ngimazile, ukuze alaye abantwana bakhe lendlu yakhe emva kwakhe, besebegcina indlela yeNKOSI ukuze benze ukulunga lokwahlulela, ukuze iNKOSI imehlisele uAbrahama lokho ekutshoyo ngaye. 20 INKOSI yasisithi: Ngoba isikhalo seSodoma leGomora sikhulu, langoba isono sabo sinzima kakhulu, 21 ngizakwehla-ke besengibona ukuthi njengokwesikhalo sayo esesifike kimi, benzile ngokupheleleyo; kodwa uba kungenjalo ngizakwazi. 22 Amadoda esefulathele lapho, asesiya eSodoma; kodwa uAbrahama wayelokhu emile phambi kweNKOSI.

23 UAbrahama wasesondela, wathi: Kambe uzabhubhisa lolungileyo kanye lomubi? 24 Mhlawumbe kukhona abalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu phakathi komuzi; kambe uzabhubhisa ungaxoleli indawo ngenxa yabalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu abakuwo? 25 Kakube khatshana lawe ukwenza into enjalo, ukubulala olungileyo kanye lomubi lokuthi olungileyo abe njengomubi; kakube khatshana lawe; umahluleli womhlaba wonke kayikwenza ukulunga yini? 26 INKOSI yasisithi: Uba ngithola eSodoma abalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu phakathi komuzi, ngizaxolela yonke indawo ngenxa yabo. 27 UAbrahama wasephendula wathi: Khangela-ke, ngizimisele ukukhuluma eNkosini, lanxa ngiluthuli lomlotha. 28 Mhlawumbe kuzasweleka abahlanu kubo abalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu; uzabhubhisa umuzi wonke ngenxa yabahlanu yini? Yasisithi: Kangiyikuwubhubhisa uba ngithola khona abangamatshumi amane lanhlanu. 29 Waseqhubeka elokhu ekhuluma kuyo wathi: Mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona abangamatshumi amane. Yasisithi: Kangiyikukwenza ngenxa yabangamatshumi amane. 30 Wasesithi: Ngicela iNkosi ingathukutheli lapho ngikhuluma. Mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona abangamatshumi amathathu.

Yasisithi: Kangiyikukwenza uba ngithola khona abangamatshumi amathathu. 31 Wasesithi: Khangela-ke, ngizimisele ukukhuluma eNkosini; mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona abangamatshumi amabili. Yasisithi: Kangiyikuwubhubhisa ngenxa yabangamatshumi amabili. 32 Wasesithi: Ngicela iNkosi ingathukutheli, ngizakhuluma khathezi kuphela; mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona abalitshumi. Yasisithi: Kangiyikuwubhubhisa ngenxa yabalitshumi. 33 INKOSI yasihamba isiqedile ukukhuluma kuAbrahama; uAbrahama wasebuyela endaweni yakhe.

Ukubhujiswa kweSodoma leGomora

19 Ingilosi ezimbili zasezifika eSodoma sekuhlwile. LoLothi wayehlezi esangweni leSodoma. Kwathi uLothi ezibona, wasukuma ukuzihlangabeza, wathi mbo ngobuso emhlabathini; 2 wasesithi: Khangelani-ke makhosi ami, ngicela liphendukele endlini yenceku yenu, lilale ubusuku, ligeze inyawo zenu, beselivuka ngovivi, lihambe indlela yenu. Zathi-ke: Hatshi, kodwa sizalala endleleni. 3 Wasezincenga kakhulu zaze zaphendukela kuye zangena endlini yakhe; wazenzela ukudla, wapheka isinkwa esingelamvubelo, zasezisidla.

4 Zingakalali, amadoda omuzi, amadoda eSodoma, azingelezela indlu, kusukela komutsha kusiya komdala, bonke abantu bevela ephethelweni *lomuzi*. 5 Asembiza uLothi athi kuye: Angaphi amadoda afike kuwe ebusuku? Akhuphele phandle kithi ukuze siwazi. 6 ULothi wasephumela kuwo emnyango, wavala umnyango ngemva kwakhe. 7 Wathi: Ngiyacela bazalwane, lingenzi okubi. 8 Khangelani-ke, ngilamadodakazi amabili, angakazi indoda; ake ngilikhuphele wona, beselisenza kuwo njengokuhle emehlweni enu; kodwa kulamadoda lingenzi lutho, ngoba yikho engene emthunzini wophahla lwami. 9 Kodwa athi: Xekela le. Athi njalo: Yena lo yedwa wafika engowezizwe, kambe ngeqiniso angaba ngumahluleli? Khathezi sizakwenza okubi kuwe okwedlula wona. Acindezela kakhulu indoda uLothi, asondela ukuze afohloze isivalo. 10 Kodwa lawomadoda elula isandla sawo, amngenisa uLothi kuwo endlini, avala umnyango. 11 Asetshaya amadoda ayesemnyango wendlu ngobuphofu, kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu, aze adinwa yikudinga umnyango.

12 Amadoda asesithi kuLothi: Useselobani lapha? Umkhwenyana lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho, laye wonke olaye emzini, mkhuphe kulindawo, 13 ngoba sizabhubhisa lindawo, ngoba isikhalo sabo sikhulu phambi kweNKOSI; njalo iNKOSI isithumile ukuthi siyibhubhise. 14 ULothi wasephuma, wakhuluma labakhwenyana bakhe ababezathatha amadodakazi

akhe, wathi: Sukumani liphume kulindawo; ngoba iNKOSI izabhubhisa umuzi. Kodwa waba njengosomayo emehlweni abakhwenyana bakhe.

15 Kwathi emadabukakusa, ingilosi zamcindezela uLothi, zisithi: Suka, uthathe umkakho lamadodakazi akho womabili atholakalayo, hlezi ubhujiswe ebubini bomuzi. 16 Kodwa esazilazila, amadoda abamba isandla sakhe, lesandla somkakhe, lesandla samadodakazi akhe womabili, ngoba iNKOSI ilomusa kuye, asemkhupha, ambeka ngaphandle komuzi.

17 Kwasekusithi esebakhuphele ngaphandle, yathi: Baleka ngenxa yempilo yakho, ungakhangeli ngemva kwakho, ungemi egcekeni lonke; balekela entabeni hlezi ubhujiswe. 18 ULothi wasesithi kuwo: Kakungabi *njalo*, Nkosi. 19 Khangela-ke, inceku yakho ithole umusa emehlweni akho, ukhulisile isihawu sakho, osenze kimi, ukugcina uphila umphefumulo wami; kodwa mina ngingeke ngiphephele entabeni, hlezi ububi bunamathele kimi, besengisifa. 20 Khangela-ke, lumuzi useduze ukubalekela kuwo; futhi umncinyane. Ngicela ngibalekele kuwo (kambe kawumncinyane?) lomphefumulo wami uphile. 21 Yasisithi kuye: Khangela, ngibemukele ubuso bakho lakulolu udaba, ukuze ngingawuchithi umuzi okhulume ngawo. 22 Phangisa, balekela kuwo; ngoba ngingeze ngenza ulutho uze ufike kuwo. Ngakho babiza ibizo lomuzi *ngokuthi* yiZowari.

23 Ilanga laseliphumile phezu komhlaba lapho uLothi engena eZowari. 24 iNKOSI yasinisa phezu kweSodoma laphezu kweGomora isibabule lomlilo, kuvela eNKOSINI kuvela amazulwini. 25 Yasibhubhisa leyomizi legceke lonke, labo bonke ababehlala emizini, lokuhlumayo komhlaba.

26 Kodwa umkakhe wakhangela emuva engemuva kwakhe, wasesiba yinsika yetshwayi.

27 UAbrahama wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, waya endaweni lapho ayemi khona phambi kweNKOSI. 28 Wasekhangela phansi ngaseSodoma leGomora langasemhlabathini wonke wegceke, wabona, njalo khangela, intuthu yathunqa emhlabeni njengentuthu yesithando.

29 Kwasekusithi uNkulunkulu esebhubhisile imizi yegceke uNkulunkulu wamkhumbula uAbrahama, wamkhokhela uLothi emkhupha phakathi kwencithakalo, mhla ebhubhisa imizi ayehlala kuyo uLothi.

UMowabi loAmoni

30 ULothi wasesenyuka esuka eZowari, wahlala entabeni, lamadodakazi akhe womabili laye, ngoba wayesesaba ukuhlala eZowari; wahlala obhalwini, yena lamadodakazi akhe womabili. 31 Endala yasisithi kwencinyane: Ubaba usemdala, njalo kakulandoda emhlabeni ukungena kithi, ngokwendlela

yomhlaba wonke. 32 Woza simnathise ubaba iwayini, silale laye sigcine iphila inzalo evela kubaba. 33 Asemnathisa uyise iwayini ngalobobusuku; endala yasingena yalala loyise, futhi kakwazanga ekulaleni kwayo lekusukeni kwayo. 34 Kwasekusithi ngosuku olulandelayo endala yathi kwencinyane: Khangela, bengilele lobaba ngobusuku obedlulileyo; asimnathise iwayini langalobobusuku, ubusungena ulale laye, ukuze sigcine iphila inzalo evela kubaba. 35 Asemnathisa uyise iwayini langalobobusuku; lencinyane yasukuma yalala laye, futhi kakwazanga ekulaleni kwayo lekusukeni kwayo. 36 Ngokunjalo amadodakazi womabili kaLothi athatha izisu kuyise. 37 Endala yasizala indodana, yayitha ibizo *yathi* nguMowabi; lowo nguyise wamaMowabi kuze kube lamuhla. 38 Lencinyane layo yazala indodana, yayitha ibizo *yathi* nguBenami; lowo nguyise wabantwana bakoAmoni kuze kube lamuhla.

UAbrahama loAbhimeleki

20UAbrahama wasesuka lapho waya elizweni leningizimu, wahlala phakathi kweKadeshi leShuri wahlala njengowezizwe eGerari. 2 UAbrahama wasesithi ngoSara umkakhe: Ungudadewethu. UAbhimeleki inkosi yeGerari wathuma-ke, wathatha uSara. 3 Kodwa uNkulunkulu weza kuAbhimeleki ephutsheni ebusuku, wathi kuye: Khangela, ufile ngenxa yowesifazana omthetheyo, ngoba uganile endodeni. 4 Kodwa uAbhimeleki wayengasondelanga kuye. Ngakho wathi: Nkosi, uzabhubhisa lesizwe esilungileyo yini? 5 Kayisuye yini othe kimi: Ungudadewethu? Laye uqobo wasesithi: Ungumnewethu. Ngobuqotho benhliziyo yami langobuhlophe bezandla zami ngikwenzile lokhu. 6 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye ephutsheni: Lami sengazile ukuthi ngobuqotho benhliziyo yakho ukwenzile lokhu; lami futhi ngikuvimbele ukuze ungoni kimi; ngenxa yalokhu kangikuvumelanga ukuthi umthinte. 7 Ngakho-ke buyisela umfazi wendoda, ngoba ingumprofethi; njalo izakukhulekela ukuze uphile; kodwa uba ungambuyiseli, yazi ukuthi isibili uzakufa wena labo bonke abangabakho. 8 UAbhimeleki wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wabiza zonke inceku zakhe, wakhuluma wonke lamazwi endlebeni zazo; njalo amadoda esaba kakhulu. 9 UAbhimeleki wasembiza uAbrahama, wathi kuye: Wenzeni kithi? Ngoneni kuwe ukuthi ungilethele mina lombuso wami isono esikhulu? Wenze kimi izenzo ezingafanelanga ukwenziwa. 10 UAbhimeleki wasesithi kuAbrahama: Uboneni, uze wenze into le? 11 UAbrahama wasesithi: Ngoba ngacabanga *ukuthi*: Isibili ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kakukho kulindawo; njalo bazangibulala ngenxa yomkami. 12 Kanti-ke isibili *ungudadewethu*,

uyindodakazi kababa, kodwa kasiyo indodakazi kamama; wasesiba ngumkami. 13 Kwasekusithi mhla uNkulunkulu engizulisa ngisuka endlini kababa ngasengisithi kuye: Lo ngumusa ozawenza kimi, kuzo zonke indawo esizafika kuzo, uthi ngami: Ungumnewethu. 14 UAbhimeleki wasethatha izimvu lezinkomo lezinceku lezincekukazi, wapha uAbrahama, wambuyisela uSara umkakhe. 15 UAbhimeleki wasesithi: Khangela, ilizwe lami liphambi kwakho; hlala lapho okuhle khona emehlweni akho. 16 LakuSara wathi: Khangela, ngimnikile umnewenu inhlamvu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane; khangela, uyisisibekelo samehlo kuwe, kuye wonke olawe, labo bonke, njalo ukhuziwe.

17 UAbrahama wasekhuleka kuNkulunkulu; uNkulunkulu wasemsilisa uAbhimeleki lomkakhe lencekukazi zakhe, ukuze bazale. 18 Ngoba iNKOSI yayizivalile ngokupheleleyo izizalo zonke zabendlu kaAbhimeleki ngenxa kaSara umkaAbrahama.

Ukuzalwa kukaIsaka

21 INKOSI yasimhambela uSara njengokukhuluma kwayo, njalo iNKOSI yenza kuSara njengoba yayitshilo. 2 USara wasethatha isisu, wamazalela indodana uAbrahama ebudaleni bakhe, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo uNkulunkulu abesitshilo kuye. 3 UAbrahama wasesitha ibizo lendodana yakhe, eyazalelwa yena, uSara amazalela yona, *wathi* nguIsaka. 4 UAbrahama wasesoka uIsaka indodana yakhe isilensuku eziyisificaminwembali, njengoba uNkulunkulu wamlaya. 5 Njalo uAbrahama wayeleminyaka elikhulu lapho ezalelwa uIsaka indodana yakhe.

6 USara wasesithi: UNkulunkulu ungenzele uhleko, wonke ozwayo uzahleka lami. 7 Wathi futhi: Ngubani obengatsho kuAbrahama *ukuthi*: USara uzamunyisa abantwana? Ngoba ngimzalele indodana ebudaleni bakhe.

UHagari loIshmayeli basenkangala

8 Umntwana wakhula, walunyulwa. UAbrahama wasesenza idili elikhulu mhla uIsaka elunyulwa.

9 USara wasebona indodana kaHagari umGibhithekazi ayeyizalele uAbrahama ikloloda. 10 Ngakho wathi kuAbrahama: Xotsha lesisigqilikazi lendodana yaso; ngoba indodana yalesisigqilikazi kayiyikudla ilifa kanye lendodana yami, kanye loIsaka. 11 Lalelilizwi laba libi kakhulu emehlweni kaAbrahama, ngenxa yendodana yakhe. 12 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi

kuAbrahama: Kakungabi kubi emehlweni akho, ngenxa yomfana langenxa yesigqilikazi sakho; konke uSara azakutsho kuwe, lalela ilizwi lakhe, ngoba kulsaka inzalo yakho izabizwa. 13 Kodwa lendodana yesigqilikazi ngizayenza ibe yisizwe, ngoba iyinzalo yakho.

14 Ngakho uAbrahama wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, wathatha isinkwa lesigxingi samanzi, wakunika uHagari, ekubeka emahlombe akhe, lomntwana, wamyekela wahamba. Wasehamba wazula enkangala iBherishebha. 15 Amanzi esephelile esigxingini waphosela umntwana phansi kwesinye sezihlahlakazana. 16 Wasehamba wahlala phansi maqondana *laye*, esuka *kuye* khatshanyana, okungaba yikutshoka ngedandili; ngoba wathi: Kangingaboni ukufa komntwana. Wahlala maqondana *laye*, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhala inyembezi. 17 UNkulunkulu wasesizwa ilizwi lomfana. Yasimemeza ingilosi kaNkulunkulu kuHagari isemazulwini, yathi kuye: Ulani, Hagari? Ungesabi, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulizwile ilizwi lomfana lapho akhona. 18 Sukuma, uphakamise umfana, umbambe ngesandla sakho; ngoba ngizamenza abe yisizwe esikhulu. 19 UNkulunkulu wasevula amehlo akhe, njalo wabona umthombo wamanzi; wahamba, wagcwalisa isigxingi ngamanzi, wamnathisa umfana. 20 Njalo uNkulunkulu waba lomfana, wakhula, wahlala enkangala, waba ngumtshoki. 21 Wahlala enkangala iParani; unina wasemthathela umfazi elizweni leGibhithe.

Isivumelwano sikaAbrahama loAbhimeleki

22 Kwasekusithi ngalesosikhathi uAbhimeleki loFikoli, induna yebutho yakhe, wakhuluma kuAbrahama wathi: UNkulunkulu ulawe kukho konke okwenzayo. 23 Ngakho-ke funga kimi lapha ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi kawuyikungikhohlisa mina kumbe indodana yami kumbe izizukulwana zami; njengomusa engikwenzele wona, yenza kimi, lelizweni ohlala kilo njengowemzini. 24 UAbrahama wasesithi: Mina ngizafunga. 25 Kodwa uAbrahama wamsola uAbhimeleki ngenxa yomthombo wamanzi ebeziwuphangile izinceku zikaAbhimeleki. 26 UAbhimeleki wasesithi: Angazi owenze le into; njalo lawe kawungitshelanga, futhi lami kangizwanga *ngakho*, ngaphandle kwalamuhla. 27 UAbrahama wasethatha izimvu lenkomo, wazinika uAbhimeleki; njalo bobabili benza isivumelwano. 28 UAbrahama wabeka amawundlukazi omhlambi ayisikhombisa wodwa. 29 UAbhimeleki wasesithi kuAbrahama: Ayini lapha lamawundlukazi ayisikhombisa owabeke wodwa? 30 Wasesithi: Ngoba uzakwemukela esandleni sami amawundlukazi ayisikhombisa, ukuze abe yibufakazi kimi bokuthi lumthombo ngiwugebhile. 31 Ngakho wabiza leyondawo *ngokuthi*

yiBherishebha, ngoba lapho bafunga bobabili. 32 Ngakho benza isivumelwano eBherishebha. UAbhimeleki wasesukuma, loFikoli induna yakhe yebutho, babuyela elizweni lamaFilisti.

33 Wasehlanyela *isihlahla* somtamarisiki* eBherishebha wabiza khona ibizo leNKOSI, uNkulunkulu olaphakade. 34 UAbrahama wasehlala njengowezizwe elizweni lamaFilisti insuku ezinengi.

UAbrahama ulaywa ukwenza umhlatshele ngoIsaka

22 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto uNkulunkulu wamlinga uAbrahama, wathi kuye: Abrahama! Wathi: Khangela ngilapha. 2 Wasesithi: Thatha-ke indodana yakho, eyodwa eyakho, oyithandayo, uIsaka, uye elizweni leMoriya; uyinikele khona ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwenye yezintaba engizakutshela yona.

3 UAbrahama wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wabophela isihlalo kubabhemi wakhe, wathatha kanye laye ababili kumajaha akhe, loIsaka indodana yakhe. Wabanda inkuni zomnikelo wokutshiswa, wasukuma waya endaweni ayemtshela yona uNkulunkulu. 4 Kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu uAbrahama waphakamisa amehlo akhe wayibona indawo isekhatshana. 5 UAbrahama wasesithi emajaheni akhe: Salani lina lapha lobabhemi, mina lomfana sisaya laphayana njalo sizakhonza, sibuye kini futhi. 6 UAbrahama wasethatha inkuni zomnikelo wokutshiswa, wazethesa uIsaka indodana yakhe; wathatha esandleni sakhe umlilo lengqamu; basebehamba bobabili ndawonye. 7 UIsaka wasekhuluma kuAbrahama uyise wathi: Baba! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha, mntanami. Wasesithi: Khangela, umlilo lenkuni; kodwa lingaphi iwundlu lomnikelo wokutshiswa? 8 UAbrahama wasesithi: UNkulunkulu uzazibonela yena iwundlu lomnikelo wokutshiswa, mntanami. Bahamba-ke bobabili ndawonye. 9 Basebefika endaweni uNkulunkulu ayemtshela yona; uAbrahama wasesakha khona ilathi; wabeka kuhle inkuni; esembophile uIsaka indodana yakhe, wambeka elathini phezu kwenkuni. 10 UAbrahama waseselula isandla sakhe, wathatha ingqamu ukuze ayihlabe indodana yakhe. 11 Kwasekumemeza kuye ingilosi yeNKOSI isemazulwini yathi: Abrahama, Abrahama! Wathi: Khangela ngilapha. 12 Yasisithi: Ungeluleli isandla sakho emfaneni, ungenzi lutho kuye, ngoba khathesi ngiyazi ukuthi wena uyamesaba uNkulunkulu, lokhu ungayigodlanga indodana yakho eyodwa kimi. 13 UAbrahama wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona, khangela-ke, inqama emuva ibanjiwe esixukwini ngezimpondo zayo. UAbrahama wasehamba wayithatha inqama, wayinikela ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa esikhundleni sendodana yakhe. 14 UAbrahama wasesitha ibizo laleyondawo

wathi uJehova-jire, njengoba kutshiwo *lalamuhla* ukuthi: Entabeni yeNKOSI kuzanakekelwa.

15 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasimemeza uAbrahama ngokwesibili isemazulwini, 16 yathi: Ngizifungile, itsho iNKOSI, ukuthi njengoba wenzile le into ungayigodlanga indodana yakho, eyakho eyodwa, 17 qotho ngizakubusisa lokukubusisa, ngiyandise lokuyandisa inzalo yakho njengenkanyezi zamazulu, lanjengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle; lenzalo yakho izakuba ngumnikazi wesango lezitha zayo, 18 lenzalweni yakho zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiwa, ngoba ulalele ilizwi lami. 19 UAbrahama wasebuyela emajaheni akhe; basebesukuma, bahamba ndawonye eBherishebha; uAbrahama wasehlala eBherishebha.

Inzalo kaNahori

20 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto kwabikwa kuAbrahama ukuthi: Khangela, uMilka laye umzalele uNahori umfowenu abantwana, 21 uUzi izibulo lakhe, loBuzi umfowabo, loKemuweli uyise kaAramu, 22 loKesedi, loHazo, loPilidashi, loJidilafi, loBethuweli, 23 uBethuweli wasezala uRebeka; laba abayisificaminwembili uMilka wabazalela uNahori, umfowabo kaAbrahama. 24 Lomfazi wakhe omncane obizo lakhe linguRewuma, laye wazala uTeba loGahama loTahashi loMahaka.

Ukufa kukaSara; uAbrahama uthenga ingcwaba

23 Njalo impilo kaSara yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa; yiyo iminyaka lempilo kaSara. 2 USara wasefela eKiryathi-Arba okuyiHebroni elizweni leKhanani. UAbrahama wasesiza ukumkhalela uSara lokumlilela.

3 UAbrahama wasesukuma ebusweni bofileyo wakhe, wakhuluma kumadodana kaHethi, esithi: 4 Ngingowezizwe lowemzini ngilani; nginikani indawo yami yokungcwabela phakathi kwenu ukuze ngimngcwabe ofileyo wami ngimsuse phambi kwami. 5 Amadodana kaHethi asemphendula uAbrahama, athi kuye: 6 Sizwe, nkosi yami! Uyisikhulu esilamandla phakathi kwethu; ngcwaba ofileyo wakho kwelihle lamangcwaba ethu; kakho phakathi kwethu ozakugodlela ingcwaba lakhe ukuthi ungamngcwabi ofileyo wakho. 7 UAbrahama wasesukuma, wakhothamela abantu balelolizwe, phambi kwamadodana kaHethi. 8 Wasekhuluma labo esithi: Uba kungentando yenu ukuthi ngimngcwabe ofileyo wami ngimsuse phambi kwami, ngizweni,

lingincengele kuEfroni indodana kaZohari 9 ukuze anginike ubhalu lweMakaphela alalo, olusemngceleni wesiqinti sakhe, angiphe lona ngemali egcweleyo, lube yindawo yami yokungcwabela phakathi kwenu. 10 UEfroni wayehlezi-ke phakathi kwamadodana kaHethi, njalo uEfroni umHethi wamphendula uAbrahama endlebeni zamadodana kaHethi, lezabo bonke abangena esangweni lomuzi wakhe, esithi: 11 Hatshi, nkosi yami, ngizwe; isiqinti ngiyakunika, lobhalu olukuso ngiyakunika; phambi kwamehlo amadodana abantu bami ngiyakunika lona; ngcwaba ofileyo wakho. 12 UAbrahama wasekhothamela phansi phambi kwabantu balelolizwe. 13 Wasekhuluma kuEfroni endlebeni zabantu belizwe esithi: Kodwa nxa kunguwe, ake ungilalele; ngizanika imali yesiqinti; yemukele kimi, besengingcwaba ofileyo wami khona. 14 UEfroni wasemphendula uAbrahama esithi kuye: 15 Nkosi yami, ngizwe; isiqinti samashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amane, siyini phakathi kwami lawe? Ngakho ngcwaba ofileyo wakho. 16 UAbrahama wasemlalela uEfroni; uAbrahama wasemlinganisela uEfroni isiliva ayekhulume ngaso endlebeni zamadodana kaHethi, amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amane avunywa kumthengisi.

17 Ngakho isiqinti sikaEfroni esiseMakaphela esasiqondane leMamre, isiqinti lobhalu olukuso, lazo zonke izihlahla ezisesiqintini lezizingelezele umngcele waso, kwaqiniseka 18 kuAbrahama kube yimpahla phambi kwamehlo amadodana kaHethi phakathi kwabo bonke abangena esangweni lomuzi wakhe. 19 Lemva kwalokho uAbrahama wamngcwaba uSara umkakhe obhalwini lwesiqinti seMakaphela maqondana leMamre, okuyiHebroni elizweni leKhanani. 20 Isiqinti lobhalu olukuso kwaqiniseka kuAbrahama kube yindawo yakhe yokungcwabela kuvela kumadodana kaHethi.

Uisaka uganwa nguRebeka

24 UAbrahama wayesemdala eselensuku ezinengi; leNKOSI yayimbusisile kukho konke. 2 UAbrahama wasesithi encekwini yakhe, endala yendlu yakhe, ebusa phezu kwakho konke alakho: Ake ubeke isandla sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami, 3 ukuze ngikufungise ngeNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamazulu loNkulunkulu womhlaba, ukuthi kawuyikuyithathela indodana yami umfazi emadodakazini amaKhanani, engihlala phakathi kwawo; 4 kodwa uzakuya elizweni lakithi lezihlotsheni zami, uyithathele umfazi indodana yami uSaka. 5 Inceku yasisithi kuye: Mhlawumbe owesifazana angafuni ukungilandela kulelilizwe, ngingayibuyisela lokuyibuyisela yini indodana yakho elizweni owaphuma kulo? 6 UAbrahama wasesithi kuye:

Qaphela ukuthi ungayibuyiseli khona indodana yami. 7 INKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamazulu, eyangithatha endlini kababa lelizweni lokuzalwa kwami, eyakhuluma kimi, eyafunga kimi isithi: Ngizalinika inzalo yakho lelizwe; yona izathuma ingilosi yayo phambi kwakho, ukuze uyithathele khona umfazi indodana yami. 8 Kodwa uba owesifazana engafuni ukukulandela, uzakuba ukhululekile kulesisifungo sami; kuphela ungayibuyiseli indodana yami khona. 9 Inceku yasibeka isandla sayo ngaphansi kwethangazi likaAbrahama inkosi yayo, yafunga kuye ngaloludaba.

10 Njalo inceku yasithatha amakamela alitshumi kuwo amakamela enkosi yayo, yahamba, lakho konke okuhle kwenkosi yayo kwakusesandleni sayo, yasisukuma yaya eMesopotamiya emzini kaNahori. 11 Yasiguqisa amakamela ngaphandle komuzi emthonjeni wamanzi ngesikhathi santambama, ngesikhathi sokuphuma kwabakhi bamanzi besifazana. 12 Yasisithi: NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, ake ungiphumelelise lamuhla, uyenzele umusa inkosi yami uAbrahama. 13 Khangela, ngimi emthonjeni wamanzi, kuphuma amadodakazi amadoda omuzi ukukha amanzi. 14 Njalo kuzakuthi intombazana engizakuthi kuyo: Ake ukhothamise imbiza yakho ukuze ngingathe, ibisisithi: Natha, lamakamela akho ngizawanathisa; yiyo oyimisele inceku yakho uIsaka; ngalokho-ke ngizakwazi ukuthi uyenzele umusa inkosi yami. 15 Kwasekusithi ingakaqedi ukukhuluma, khangela-ke, uRebeka waphuma, owazalelwa uBethuweli indodana kaMilka, umkaNahori umfowabo kaAbrahama, njalo elembiza ehlo mbe lakhe. 16 Njalo inkazana yayikhangeleka kuhle kakhulu, intombi emsulwa, okungelandoda eyaziyo; yasisehlela emthonjeni, yagcwalisa imbiza yayo, yenyuka. 17 Inceku yasigijima ukuyihlangabeza yathi: Ake unginathise amanzi amatutshwana embizeni yakho. 18 Yasisithi: Natha, nkosi yami. Yaphangisa yehlisela imbiza yayo esandleni sayo, yayinathisa. 19 Isiqedile ukuyinathisa yathi: Ngizakhelela lamakamela akho aze aqede ukunatha. 20 Yasiphangisa yathululela isigxingi sayo emkolweni wokunathela, yabuya yagijimela emthonjeni ukuyakukha, yakhelelela amakamela ayo wonke. 21 Indoda yasiyikhangelisisa ithule ukuze yazi ukuthi iNKOSI iyiphumelelisile indlela yayo kumbe hatshi.

22 Kwasekusithi amakamela eseqedile ukunatha, indoda yasithatha icici legolide, osisindo salo sasiyinxenye eyodwa kwezimbili yeshekeli*, lamasongo amabili ezandleni zayo, isisindo sawo saba ngamashekeli alitshumi egolide. 23 Yasisithi: Uyindodakazi kabani? Ake utsho. Kukhona indawo yethu yini endlini kayihlo ukuthi silale? 24 Yasisithi kuyo: Ngiyindodakazi kaBethuweli indodana kaMilka owayizalela uNahori. 25 Yathi kuyo futhi: Silakho konke amahlanga lokudla kwezinyamazana

okunengi, lendawo yokulala. 26 Indoda yasikhothama, yakhonza iNKOSI, 27 yasisithi: Ibusisiwe iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, engayekelanga umusa wayo lobuqotho bayo enkosini yami; mina-ke, ngisendleleni, iNKOSI ingikhokhelele endlini yabafowabo benkosi yami.

28 Intombi yasigijima, yazisa indlu kanina indaba ezinje. 29 Njalo uRebeka wayelomnewabo obizo lakhe lalinguLabani; uLabani wasegijimela phandle endodeni emthonjeni. 30 Kwasekusithi esebonile icici lamasongo ezandleni zikadadewabo, esezwile amazwi kaRebeka udadewabo okuthi: Itsho njalo indoda kimi; wasesiya endodeni, khangela-ke, yayimi ngasemakameleni emthonjeni. 31 Wasesithi: Ngena wena obusisiweyo weNKOSI; umeleni ngaphandle? Ngoba mina sengilungisile indlu lendawo yamakamela.

32 Indoda yasisiza endlini, yakhulula amakamela, wasenika amakamela amahlanga lokudla kwenyamazana, lamanzi okugeza inyawo zayo lenyawo zamadoda ayelayo. 33 Kwasekubekwa ukudla phambi kwayo; kodwa yathi: Kangiyikudla ngize ngikhulume indaba zami. Wasesithi: Khuluma. 34 Yasisithi: Ngiyincekuka kaAbrahama. 35 Futhi iNKOSI iyibusisile kakhulu inkosi yami, yaze yaba nkulu. Yayinika izimvu lezinkomo, lesiliva legolide, lezincekuka lezincekukazi, lamakamela labobabhemi. 36 Njalo uSara inkosikazi yenkosi yami uyizalele inkosi yami indodana emva kokuba esemdala; yasiyinka konke elakho. 37 Inkosi yami yasingifungisa isithi: Ungayithatheli indodana yami umfazi kumadodakazi amaKhanani, engihlala elizweni lawo; 38 kodwa uzakuya endlini kababa lezihlotsheni zami, ubusuyithathela indodana yami umfazi. 39 Ngasengisithi enkosini yami: Mhlawumbe owesifazana kayikungilandela. 40 Yasisithi kimi: INKOSI, engihamba phambi kwayo, izathuma ingilosi yayo lawe, izaphumelelisa indlela yakho, njalo uzayithathela indodana yami umfazi ezihlotsheni zami lendlini kababa. 41 Emva kwalokho uzakhululeka esifungweni sami uba uye ezihlotsheni zami njalo uba bengakuniki yena, uzakhululeka-ke esifungweni sami. 42 Kuthe ngifika emthonjeni lamuhla, ngathi: NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, uba-ke uphumelelisa indlela yami, engihamba ngayo; 43 khangela, ngimi emthonjeni wamanzi; njalo kakuthi intombi ezaphuma ukukha lengizakuthi kuyo: Ake unginathise amanzi amalutshwana esigxingini sakho; 44 ibisisithi kimi: Natha lawe, futhi ngizakhelelela lamakamela akho; *kayibe* nguye owesifazana iNKOSI emmisele indodana yenkosi yami. 45 Ngingakaqedi ukukhuluma enhliziyweni yami, khangela-ke, uRebeka waphuma lesigxingi sisehlombe lakhe; wehlela emthonjeni, wakha. Ngasengisithi kuye: Akunginathise. 46 Wasephangisa, wethula isigxingi kuye wathi: Natha, futhi ngizanathisa lamakamela akho. Ngasenginatha, wasenathisa lamakamela. 47 Ngasengimbuza ngathi: Uyindodakazi kabani?

Wasesithi: Indodakazi kaBethuweli, indodana kaNahori uMilka amzalela yona; ngasengifaka icici emakhaleni akhe lamasongo ezandleni zakhe. 48 Ngasengikhothama, ngakhonza iNKOSI, ngabusisa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, engikhokhele endleleni elungileyo ukuthi indodakazi yomfowabo wenkosi yami ngiyithathele indodana yayo. 49 Khathesi-ke uba lizayenzela inkosi yami umusa lobuqotho, ngitshelani; uba-ke kungenjalo, ngitshelani, ukuze ngiphendukele ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo.

50 Khona oLabani loBethuweli baphendula, bathi: Le into ivela eNKOSINI; kasilakutsho lutho kuwe, olubi kumbe oluhle. 51 Khangela, uRebeka uphambi kwakho; mthathe uhambe, ukuze abe ngumkandodana yenkosi yakho, njengoba iNKOSI ikhulumile. 52 Kwasekusithi inceku kaAbrahama isizwile amazwi abo yakhothamela emhlabathini phambi kweNKOSI. 53 Inceku yasikhupha imiceciso yesiliva, lemiceciso yegolide, lezembatho, yakunika uRebeka, yabanika lomnewabo lonina impahla eziligugu. 54 Basebesidla banatha, yona lamadoda ayelayo, balala; bavuka ekuseni, yasisithi: Ngiyekelani ngiye enkosini yami. 55 Kodwa umnewabo lonina bathi: Kayihlale lathi intombazana izinsuku loba ezilitshumi, emva kwalokho uhambe. 56 Yasisithi kubo: Lingangibambeleli, lokhu iNKOSI iphumelelisile indlela yami; ngiyekelani ngihambe ukuze ngiye enkosini yami. 57 Basebesithi: Asiyibize intombi, sizwe emlonyeni wayo. 58 Basebembiza uRebeka, bathi kuye: Uzahamba lalindoda yini? Wasesithi: Ngizahamba. 59 Basebemyekela ehamba uRebeka udadewabo lomlizane wakhe, lenceku kaAbrahama lamadoda ayo. 60 Basebembusisa uRebeka, bathi kuye: Wena dadewethu, woba zinkulungwane zezigidi, lenzalo yakho izakuba ngumnikazi wesango labayizondayo!

61 URebeka wasesukuma lamantombazana akhe, bagada amakamela, balandela indoda; inceku yasimthatha uRebeka, yahamba.

62 UIsaka wasefika lapho abavelela khona emthonjeni iLahayi-Royi, njalo wayehlala elizweni leningizimu. 63 UIsaka wasephuma ukuyazindla ensimini sekuntambama; waphakamisa amehlo akhe wabona, khangela-ke, amakamela ayesiza. 64 LoRebeka waphakamisa amehlo akhe; esembonile uIsaka waziwisa ekamelweni. 65 Wasesithi encekwini: Ngubani lindoda ehamba emasimini ukusihlangabeza? Inceku yasisithi: Yinkosi yami. Wasethatha isimbombozo, wazigubuzela. 66 Inceku yasilandisa kuIsaka zonke indaba ezenzileyo. 67 UIsaka wasemngenisa ethenteni likaSara unina, wamthatha uRebeka, waba ngumkakhe, wamthanda. UIsaka waseduduzwa emva *kokufa* kukanina.

Amadodana kaAbrahama kuKetura; ukufa kukaAbrahama

25 UAbrahama wasebuya wathatha umfazi, lebizu lakhe linguKetura. 2 Wasemzalela uZimrani loJokishani loMedani loMidiyani loIshibaki loShuwa. 3 UJokishani wasezala uShebha loDedani. Lamadodana kaDedani ayengamaAshuri lamaLetushi lamaLewumi. 4 Njalo amadodana kaMidiyani ayengoEfa loEferi loHanoki loAbida loElidaha. Wonke la ngamadodana kaKetura. 5 UAbrahama wasemupha uIsaka konke ayelakho. 6 Kodwa kumadodana abafazi abancane uAbrahama ayelabo uAbrahama wawanika izipho; wawasusa kuIsaka indodana yakhe, esaphila, wawathuma empumalanga elizweni lempumalanga.

7 Lalezi zinsuku zeminyaka yempilo kaAbrahama ayiphilayo, iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu. 8 UAbrahama wasephela, wafa eseluphele kuhle emdala enele, wabuthelwa ezizweni zakibo. 9 UIsaka loIshmayeli amadodana akhe basebemngcwaba obhalwini lweMakaphela, esiqintini sikaEfroni indodana kaZohari umHethi, esiqondene leMamre, 10 isiqinti uAbrahama asithenga ebantwaneni bakaHethi; lapho uAbrahama wangcwatshwa loSara umkakhe.

11 Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaAbrahama, uNkulunkulu wambusisa uIsaka indodana yakhe; uIsaka wasehlala emthonjeni iLahayi-Royi.

Inzalo kaIshmayeli

12 Lalezi yizizukulwana zikaIshmayeli indodana kaAbrahama, uHagari umGibhithekazi, incekekazi kaSara, amzalela uAbrahama. 13 Lala ngamabizo amadodana kaIshmayeli ngamabizo awo njengokuzalwa kwawo; izibulo likaIshmayeli nguNebayothi, loKedari loAdibeli loMibisama 14 loMishima loDuma loMasa, 15 uHadadi loTema, uJeturi, uNafishi loKedema; 16 la ngamadodana kaIshmayeli, njalo la ngamabizo awo ngemizana yawo langezinqaba zawo, iziphathamandla ezilitshumi lambili ngezizwe zawo. 17 Njalo le yiminyaka yempilo kaIshmayeli, iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa; wasephela, wafa, wabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo. 18 Basebhlala kusukela eHavila kusiya eShuri ephambi kweGibhithe, ekuhambeni usiya eAsiriya; wahlala phambi kobuso babafowabo bonke.

Ukuzalwa kukaEsawu loJakobe

19 Lalezi yizizukulwana zikaIsaka indodana kaAbrahama; uAbrahama wazala uIsaka. 20 UIsaka wayeseleminyaka engamatshumi amane mhla ethatha uRebeka, indodakazi kaBethuweli umSiriya wePadani-Arama, udadewabo kaLabani umSiriya, ukuba ngumkakhe. 21 UIsaka wasemncengela umkakhe eNKOSINI, ngoba wayeyinyumba; iNKOSI yasincengela ngaye, kwaze kwathi uRebeka umkakhe wathatha isisu. 22 Abantwana babedubana-ke ngaphakathi kwakhe; wasesithi: Uba kunjalo, kungani nginje? Wasesiyabuza iNKOSI. 23 iNKOSI yasisithi kuye: Izizwe ezimbili zisesizalweni sakho, izizwe ezimbili zizakwehlukana emibilini yakho. Njalo esinye izizwe sizakuba lamandla kulesinye izizwe, futhi omkhulu uzakhonza omncinyane.

24 Kwathi sezicwalisekile insuku zakhe zokubeletha, khangela-ke, amaphahla esiswini sakhe. 25 Kwasekuphuma owokuqala ebomvana, yena wonke enjengesembatho soboya; ngakho bamutha ibizo lakhe *bathi nguEsawu*. 26 Njalo emva kwalokho kwaphuma umfowabo, lesandla sakhe sibambelele esithendeni sikaEsawu; basebebiza ibizo lakhe uJakobe. LoIsaka wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha ekuzalweni kwabo. 27 Abafana basebekhula; uEsawu wasesiba ngumzingeli ohlakaniphileyo, umuntu weganga; loJakobe umuntu obekekileyo ehlala emathenteni. 28 Njalo uIsaka wayemthanda uEsawu ngoba wadla inyama yenyamazana *yakhe*; kodwa uRebeka wathanda uJakobe.

29 Kwathi uJakobe esephekile ukudla okuphekiweyo, kwasekufika uEsawu evela egangeni, ekhathele. 30 UEsawu wasesithi kuJakobe: Ake ungivumele ngiginye kokubomvu lokho okubomvu, ngoba ngikhathele. Ngalokhu babiza ibizo lakhe *ngokuthi* uEdoma. 31 UJakobe wasesithi: Ngithengisela lamuhla ilungelo lobuzibulo bakho. 32 UEsawu wasesithi: Khangela, sengizakufa; njalo liyini kimi ilungelo lobuzibulo? 33 UJakobe wasesithi: Funga kimi lamuhla. Wasefunga kuye, wathengisa ilungelo lobuzibulo bakhe kuJakobe. 34 UJakobe wasenika uEsawu isinkwa lokudla okuphekiweyo kwamalentili*; wasesidla wanatha, wasukuma wahamba; ngalokho uEsawu wadelela ilungelo lobuzibulo bakhe.

UIsaka useGerari leBherishebha

26 Kwasekusiba khona indlala elizweni, ngaphandle kwendlala yakuqala eyayikhona ensukwini zikaAbrahama. UIsaka wasesiya kuAbhimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti, eGerari. 2 iNKOSI yasibonakala kuye, yathi: Ungehleli

eGibhithe, hlala elizweni engizakutshela lona; 3 hlala njengowezizwe kulelilizwe, futhi ngizakuba lawe ngikubusise; ngoba ngizanika wena lenzalo yakho wonke lamazwe, ngiqinise isifungo engasifunga kuAbrahama uyihlo. 4 Ngizakwandisa inzalo yakho njengenkanyezi zamazulu, ngizanika inzalo yakho lamazwe wonke; lenzalweni yakho zizabusiwa izizwe zonke zomhlaba; 5 ngalokhu ukuthi uAbrahama walalela ilizwi lami, wagcina ukulaya kwami, imilayo yami, izimiso zami lemithetho yami.

6 UIsaka wahlala-ke eGerari. 7 Amadoda aleyondawo asebuza ngomkakhe. Wasesithi: Ungudadewethu; ngoba wesaba ukuthi: Umkami. Hlezi amadoda aleyondawo angibulale ngenxa kaRebeka, ngoba wayekhangeleka kuhle. 8 Kwasekusithi eshlale khona isikhathi eside, uAbhimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti walunguza phansi ngewindi, wabona, khangela-ke, uIsaka wayedlala loRebeka umkakhe. 9 UAbhimeleki wasembiza uIsaka, wathi: Isibili, khangela, ungumkakho; utsho ngani *ukuthi*: Ungudadewethu? UIsaka wasesithi kuye: Ngoba ngathi, hlezi ngife ngenxa yakhe. 10 UAbhimeleki wasesithi: Kuyini lokhu okwenze kithi? Bekulula ukuthi omunye wabantu alale lomkakho; ubususibeka icala. 11 UAbhimeleki waselaya wonke umuntu, esithi: Othinta lindoda lomkayo uzabulawa isibili.

12 UIsaka wasehlanyela kulelolizwe, wathola ngalowomnyaka okuphindwe kalikhulu; iNKOSI yasimbusisa. 13 Lowomuntu waba mkhulu, waqhubeqhubeka waba mkhulu waze waba mkhulu kakhulu. 14 Njalo wayelemfuyo yezimvu lemfuyo yezinkomo lenceku ezinengi; ngakho amaFilisti aba lomhawu ngaye. 15 Lemithombo yonke izinceku zikayise ezaziyigebhile ensukwini zikaAbrahama uyise, amaFilisti ayeyivalile, ayigcwalisa ngenhlabathi. 16 UAbhimeleki wasesithi kuIsaka: Suka kithi, ngoba ulamandla kakhulu kulathi.

17 UIsaka wasesuka lapho, wamisa inkamba esigodini seGerari, wahlala khona. 18 UIsaka wabuya waphanda imithombo yamanzi ababeyigebhile ensukwini zikaAbrahama uyise, ngoba amaFilisti ayeyivalile emva kokufa kukaAbrahama. Wayibiza amabizo ngamabizo uyise ayewabizile. 19 Izinceku zikaIsaka zasezigeziba esihotsheni, zathola khona umthombo wamanzi agobhozayo. 20 Njalo abelusi beGerari babangisana labelusi bakaIsaka, besithi: Amanzi ngawethu. Ngakho wabiza ibizo lomthombo iEseki, ngoba baphikisana laye. 21 Zasezigeziba omunye umthombo, lalowo-ke bawubanga. Wasebiza ibizo lawo iSitina. 22 Waseqhubeka wasuka lapho, wageziba omunye umthombo, kodwa lowo kabawubanganga. Wasewubiza ibizo lawo iRehobothi, wathi: Ngoba iNKOSI isisenzele indawo, futhi sizakuba lesithelo elizweni.

23 Wasesenyuka lapho waya eBherishebha. 24 INKOSI yasibonakala kuye ngalobobusuku yathi: NginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama uyihlo. Ungesabi ngoba ngilawe, ngizakubusisa ngiyandise inzalo yakho ngenxa kaAbrahama inceku yami. 25 Wasesakha khona ilathi, wabiza ebizweni leNKOSI, wamisa khona ithente lakhe, lenceku zikaIsaka zagebha khona umthombo.

Isivumelwano sikaIsaka loAbhimeleki

26 UAbhimeleki wasesiya kuye evela eGerari loAhuzathi umngane wakhe loFikoli induna yebutho yakhe. 27 UIsaka wasesithi kubo: Lizeleni kimi, lokhu liyangizonda, lingixotshile kini? 28 Basebesithi: Sesibonile lokubona ukuthi iNKOSI ilawe. Ngakho sathi: Ake kube khona isifungo phakathi kwethu, phakathi kwethu lawe, asenze isivumelwano lawe, 29 sokuthi ungasenzeli okubi, njengoba singakuthintanga, njengoba sikwenzele okuhle kuphela, sakuyekela wahamba ngokuthula; wena khathesi ungobusisiweyo weNKOSI. 30 Wasebenzela idili, basebesidla banatha. 31 Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, bafungisana omunye komunye; uIsaka wasebayekela bahamba, basuka kuye ngokuthula. 32 Kwasekusithi ngalolosuku izinceku zikaIsaka zafika, zambikela mayelana lomthombo ezaziwugebhile, zathi kuye: Sithole amanzi. 33 Wawubiza ngokuthi yiShebha; ngakho ibizo lomuzi liyiBherishebha kuze kube lamuhla.

34 Kwasekusithi uEsawu eseleminyaka engamatshumi amane wathatha umfazi uJudithi indodakazi kaBeri umHethi, loBasemathi indodakazi kaEloni umHethi. 35 Lalaba baba lusizi lwawo umoya kuIsaka loRebeka.

UJakobe uzizuzela isibusiso kuIsaka

27 Kwasekusithi uIsaka esemdala lamehlo akhe esefiphele engasaboni, wabiza uEsawu indodana yakhe enkulu, wathi kuye: Ndodana yami! Wasesithi kuye: Khangela ngilapha. 2 Wasesithi: Khangela-ke, sengimdala, angilwazi usuku lokufa kwami. 3 Ngakho khathesi, ake uthathe izikhali zakho, isikhwama sakho semitshoko ledandili lakho, uphume uye egangeni ungizingelele inyama yenyamazana, 4 ungilungisele ukudla okumnandi njengengikuthandayo, ukulethe kimi ukuthi ngidle, ukuze umphefumulo wami ukubusise ngingakafi.

5 URebeka wasesizwa lapho uIsaka ekhuluma loEsawu indodana yakhe. UEsawu wasesiya egangeni ukuyazingela inyama yenyamazana ukuze ayilethe. 6 URebeka wasekhuluma kuJakobe indodana yakhe, esithi:

Khangela, ngizwile uyihlo ekhuluma kuEsawu umnewenu, esithi: 7 Ngilethela inyama yenyamazana, ungilungisele ukudla okumnandi ukuthi ngidle, ngikubusise phambi kweNkosi ngingakafi. 8 Ngakho khathesi, ndodana yami, lalela ilizwi lami kulokhu engikulaya khona. 9 Ake uye emhlanjini, ungithathele lapho amazinyane amabili amahle ezimbuzi, ngizawenzela uyihlo ukudla okumnandi njengalokho akuthandayo; 10 uzakusa-ke kuyihlo ukuthi adle, ukuze akubusise engakafi. 11 UJakobe wasesithi kuRebeka unina: Khangela, uEsawu umnewethu uyindoda elihwanqa, kodwa ngiyindoda ebutshelezi. 12 Mhlawumbe ubaba uzangiphulula, besengisiba emehlweni akhe njengomhleka usulu, njalo ngizilethele isiqalekiso kungabi-ke yisibusiso. 13 Unina wasesithi kuye: Isiqalekiso sakho kasibe phezu kwami, ndodana yami; kuphela lalela ilizwi lami, uhambe ungithathele wona. 14 Wasehamba, wawathatha, wawaletha kunina; unina waselungisa ukudla okumnandi njengalokho uyise akuthandayo. 15 URebeka wasethatha izigqoko ezinhle zikaEsawu indodana yakhe enkulu, ayelazo endlini, wagqokisa uJakobe indodana yakhe encinyane; 16 lezikhumba zamazinyane ezimbuzi wazifaka ezandleni zakhe lebutshelezini bentamo yakhe. 17 Wasenika ukudla okumnandi lesinkwa ayekulungisile esandleni sikaJakobe indodana yakhe.

18 Wasesiza kuyise wathi: Baba! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha; ungubani ndodana yami? 19 UJakobe wasesithi kuyise: NginguEsawu izibulo lakho; ngenze njengoba ungitshelile; ake uvuke uhlale, udle okwenyama yenyamazana yami, ukuze umphefumulo wakho ungibusise. 20 UIsaka wasesithi endodaneni yakhe: Kungani uyithole masinyane kangaka, ndodana yami? Wasesithi: Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yenze ukuthi ize phambi kwami. 21 UIsaka wasesithi kuJakobe: Ake usondele ukuze ngikuphulule, ndodana yami, ukuthi uyindodana yami uEsawu uqobo, kumbe hatshi. 22 UJakobe wasesondela kuIsaka uyise; wasemphulula wathi: Ilizwi liyilizwi likaJakobe, kodwa izandla ziyizandla zikaEsawu. 23 Kodwa kamazanga ngoba izandla zakhe zaziloboya njengezandla zomnewabo uEsawu; ngakho wambusisa. 24 Wasesithi: Uyindodana yami uEsawu uqobo? Wasesithi: Nginguye. 25 Wasesithi: Sondeza kimi ukuze ngidle okwenyama yenyamazana yendodana yami, ukuze umphefumulo wami ukubusise. Waseyisondeza kuye, wasesidla; waseletha kuye iwayini, wasenatha. 26 Uyise uIsaka wasesithi kuye: Ake usondele, ungange, ndodana yami. 27 Wasesondela, wamanga; wasenuka iphunga lezembatho zakhe, wambusisa wathi: Khangela, iphunga lendodana yami linjengephunga lensimu iNkosi eyibusisileyo. 28 Ngakho uNkulunkulu akunike okwamazolo amazulu lokokuvunda komhlaba, lenala yamabele lewayini elitsha. 29 Abantu

kabakukhonze, lezizwe zikukhothamele. Bana yinkosi yabafowenu, lamadodana kanyoko akukhothamele. Okuqalekisayo kaqalekiswe, lokubusisayo kabusiswe!

30 Kwasekusithi uIsaka eseqedile ukubusisa uJakobe, kwathi uJakobe esanda ukuphuma phambi kukaIsaka uyise, uEsawu umnewabo wafika evela ekuzingeleni kwakhe. 31 Laye futhi walungisa ukudla okumnandi, wakusa kuyise; wathi kuyise: Ubaba kavuke, adle okwenyama yenyamazana yendodana yakhe, ukuze umphefumulo wakho ungibusise. 32 UIsaka uyise wasesithi kuye: Ungubani? Wasesithi: Ngiyindodana yakho, izibulo lakho uEsawu. 33 UIsaka wasethuthumela ngokuthuthumela okukhulukazi, wathi: Pho, ngubani ozingele inyama yenyamazana wayiletha kimi, ngasengisidla okwayo yonke ungakafiki? Ngimbusisile, yebo uzabusiswa. 34 Kwathi uEsawu esezwe amazwi kayise, wakhala ngokukhala okukhulu lokubabayo isibili, wathi kuyise: Ngibusisa lami njalo, baba! 35 Wasesithi: Umfowenu ufike ngenkohliso, wathatha isibusiso sakho. 36 Wasesithi: Kasikuthi babiza ibizo lakhe *ngokuthi* nguJakobe, ukuthi ungiqile lezizikhathi ezimbili? Ilungelo lobuzibulo bami ulithethe, khangela-ke, khathesi uthethe isibusiso sami. Wathi futhi: Kawungigcinelanga mina isibusiso? 37 UIsaka wasephendula wathi kuEsawu: Khangela, ngimbekile abe yinkosi phezu kwakho, labo bonke abafowabo ngimnikile babe zincekuzi; ngimsekele ngamabele lewayini elitsha; pho, ngingabe ngisakwenzelani, ndodana yami? 38 UEsawu wasesithi kuyise: Ulesibusiso esisodwa yini, baba? Ngibusisa lami njalo, baba. UEsawu waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhala inyembezi. 39 UIsaka uyise wasephendula wathi kuye: Khangela, umuzi wakho uzakuba khatshana lokuvunda komhlaba lakhathshana lamazolo amazulu avela phezulu. 40 Njalo uzaphila ngenkomba yakho, uzakhonza umfowenu. Kodwa kuzakuthi lapho usuphunyuka, uzakwephula ijogwe lakhe entanyeni yakho.

41 UEsawu wasemzonda uJakobe ngenxa yesibusiso uyise ayembusise ngaso. UEsawu wasesithi enhliziyweni yakhe: Insuku zokulilela ubaba sezisondele, khona ngizambulala umnawami uJakobe. 42 Kwathi uRebeka etshelwa amazwi kaEsawu indodana yakhe enkulu, wathuma wabiza uJakobe indodana yakhe encinyane, wathi kuye: Khangela, uEsawu umnewenu uyaziduduza ngawe ukuthi akubulale. 43 Ngakho khathesi, ndodana yami, lalela ilizwi lami; sukuma uzibalekele uye kuLabani umfowethu eHarani, 44 njalo uhlale laye insuku ezinlutshwana, ize idede intukuthelo yomnewenu, 45 kuze kuthi ulaka lomnewenu ludede kuwe, futhi akhohlwe lokho okwenze kuye; besengithuma ngikulande khona; kungani ngizalahlekelwa layini lobabili ngosuku lunye?

46 URebeka wasesithi kuIsaka: Ngingekile yimpilo ngenxa yamadodakazi kaHethi; uba uJakobe ethatha umfazi kumadodakazi kaHethi anjengala, emadodakazini alelilizwe, ngiphilelani?

Uisaka uthuma uJakobe eHarani

28 Uisaka wasebiza uJakobe, wambusisa, wamlaya wathi kuye: Ungathathi umfazi kumadodakazi eKhanani. 2 Sukuma uye ePadani-Arama, endlini kaBethuweli uyise kanyoko, uzithathele khona umfazi kumadodakazi kaLabani umalumakho. 3 Njalo uNkulunkulu uSomandla akubusise, akwenze ube lenzalo akwandise, ukuze ube ngumbuthano wezizwe; 4 abesekupha isibusiso sikaAbrahama, kuwe lenzalweni yakho kanye lawe, ukuze udle ilifa lelizwe lapho ohlala khona njengowezizwe, uNkulunkulu alinika uAbrahama. 5 Uisaka wasethuma uJakobe waya ePadani-Arama kuLabani indodana kaBethuweli umSiriya, umfowabo kaRebeka unina kaJakobe loEsawu.

6 UEsawu wasebona ukuthi uIsaka umbusisile uJakobe, wamthuma ePadani-Arama ukuze azithathele khona umfazi, lapho embusisa wamlaya esithi: Ungathathi umfazi kumadodakazi eKhanani; 7 lokuthi uJakobe walalela oyise lonina, waya ePadani-Arama. 8 UEsawu wasebona ukuthi amadodakazi eKhanani ayemabi emehlweni kaIsaka uyise. 9 Ngakho uEsawu waya kuIshmayeli, wazithathela uMahalathi indodakazi kaIshmayeli, indodana kaAbrahama, udadewabo kaNebayothi, abe ngumkakhe phezu kwabafazi ayelabo.

Iphupho likaJakobe eseBhetheli

10 UJakobe wasephuma eBherishebha waya eHarani. 11 Wafika endaweni, achitha khona ubusuku ngoba ilanga lalithshonile. Wasethatha *ilitshe* ematsheni aleyondawo, wenza umqamelo wakhe, walala kuleyondawo. 12 Waphupha, khangela-ke, ilele limisiwe emhlabeni, isihloko salo sifinyelela emazulwini, khangela-ke, ingilosi zikaNkulunkulu zisenyuka zisehla kulo. 13 Khangela-ke, iNKOSI yema phezu kwalo, yathi: NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama uyihlo loNkulunkulu kaIsaka; ilizwe olele kulo, ngizakunika lona, lenzalo yakho; 14 njalo inzalo yakho izakuba ngangothuli lomhlaba, uzasabalalela entshonalanga lempumalanga lenyakatho leningizimu; njalo zizabusiwa kuwe zonke insendo zomhlaba, lasenzalweni yakho. 15 Khangela-ke, ngilawe ngizakulondoloza zonke indawo lapha oya khona,

ngikubuyise kulelilizwe; ngoba kangiyikukutshiya ngize ngikwenze lokho engikhulume ngakho kuwe. 16 Kwathi uJakobe ephaphama ebuthongweni bakhe, wathi: Isibili iNKOSI ikulindawo, mina-ke bengingakwazi. 17 Wasesesaba wathi: Yesabeka kangakanani lindawo! Kayisilutho ngaphandle kokuthi yindlu kaNkulunkulu, laleli lisango lamazulu. 18 UJakobe wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wathatha ilitshe alenza laba ngumqamelo wakhe, walimisa laba yinsika, wathela amagcobo phezu kwesihloko salo. 19 Wasebiza ibizo laleyondawo iBhetheli; kodwa-ke kuqala ibizo lomuzi laliyiLuzi. 20 UJakobe wasethembisa isithembiso esithi: Uba uNkulunkulu ezakuba lami, angilondolozelile kulindlela engiyihambayo, angiphe isinkwa sokudla, lesembatho sokwembatha, 21 njalo ngibuyele ngokuthula endlini kababa, khona iNKOSI izakuba nguNkulunkulu wami, 22 lelitshe leli engilimise ukuthi libe yinsika lizakuba yindlu kaNkulunkulu; kukho konke ozangipha khona, isibili ngizakunika ingxenye yetshumi.

Ukubonana kukaJakobe lezihlobo zakhe

29 UJakobe wasephakamisa inyawo zakhe, waya elizweni labantwana bempumalanga. 2 Wasebona, khangela-ke, umthombo emmangweni, khangela-ke lapho, imihlambi emithathu yezimvu yayilele kuwo, ngoba kulowomthombo banathisa imihlambi; kwakukhona ilitshe elikhulu emlonyeni womthombo. 3 Njalo yonke imihlambi yabuthelwa khona, sebeligiqile ilitshe lisuka emlonyeni womthombo banathisa izimvu, basebuyisela ilitshe emlonyeni womthombo endaweni yalo. 4 UJakobe wasesithi kibo: Bazalwane bami, livela ngaphi? Basebesithi: Sivela eHarani. 5 Wasesithi kibo: Liyamazi yini uLabani indodana kaNahori? Basebesithi: Siyamazi. 6 Wasesithi kibo: Uyaphila yini? Basebesithi: Uphilile; khangela-ke, uRasheli indodakazi yakhe, uyeza lezimvu. 7 Wasesithi: Khangelani, kusesemini enkulu, kayisiso isikhathi sokuthi izifuyo zibuthaniswe; nathisani izimvu, lihambe lizidlise. 8 Basebesithi: Singeke, kuze kubuthaniswe imihlambi yonke, bagiqe-ke ilitshe lisuke emlonyeni womthombo; khona sizanathisa izimvu.

9 Esakhuluma labo, uRasheli wafika lezimvu, ezingezikayise, ngoba wayengumelusikazi. 10 Kwasekusithi uJakobe ebona uRasheli indodakazi kaLabani umalumakhe lezimvu zikaLabani umalumakhe, uJakobe wasondela, waligiqe ilitshe lisuke emlonyeni womthombo, wazinathisa izimvu zikaLabani umalumakhe. 11 UJakobe wasemanga uRasheli, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhala izinyembezi. 12 UJakobe wasemazisa uRasheli ukuthi ungumfowabo kayise lokuthi uyindodana kaRebeka. Wasegijima, wamazisa uyise. 13

Kwasekusithi uLabani esezwile umbiko kaJakobe indodana kadadewabo, wagijima ukuyamhlangabeza, wamgona, wamanga, wamngenisa endlini yakhe. UJakobe waselandisela uLabani zonke lezizinto. 14 ULabani wasesithi kuye: Isibili ulithambo lami lenyama yami. Wahlala laye inyanga yonke.

UJakobe uthatha uLeya loRasheli

15 ULabani wasesithi kuJakobe: Njengoba ungumfowethu, usuzangisebenzela mahala yini? Ngitshela ukuthi umholo wakho uzakuba yini? 16 Njalo uLabani wayelamadodakazi amabili, ibizo lenkulu linguLeya lebizu lencinyane linguRasheli. 17 Kodwa uLeya wayelamehlo abuthakathaka, kodwa uRasheli wayemuhle ngesimo, njalo wayemuhle ngokukhangeleka. 18 UJakobe wasemthanda uRasheli. Wathi: Ngizakusebenzela iminyaka eyisikhombisa ngoRasheli indodakazi yakho encane. 19 ULabani wasesithi: Kungcono ukuthi ngimnike wena kulokuthi ngimnike enye indoda; hlala lami. 20 UJakobe wasemsebenzela uRasheli iminyaka eyisikhombisa; yaba emehlweni akhe njengensuku ezinlutshwana, ngenxa yokumthanda kwakhe.

21 UJakobe wasesithi kuLabani: Ngipha umkami, ngoba insuku zami sezicwalisekile, ukuthi ngingene kuye. 22 ULabani wasebuthanisa wonke amadoda aleyondawo, wenza idili. 23 Kwasekusithi kusihlwa wathatha uLeya indodakazi yakhe wamusa kuye, wasengena kuye. 24 ULabani wasemnika uZilipa incekekazi yakhe, kuLeya indodakazi yakhe, *abe* yincekekazi. 25 Kwasekusithi ekuseni, khangelake, nguLeya; ngakho wathi kuLabani: Kuyini lokhu okwenze kimi? Kangimsebenzelanga uRasheli kuwe yini? Pho, ungikhohliseleni? 26 ULabani wasesithi: Kakwenziwa njalo endaweni yakithi ukupha omncinyane ngaphambi kwengqabutho. 27 Gcwalisa iviki yalo, besesikunika lalowayana, ngomsebenzi ozawusebenza lami futhi eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa. 28 UJakobe wasesenza njalo; wagcwalisa iviki yalo; wasemnika uRasheli indodakazi yakhe ukuba ngumkakhe. 29 ULabani wasenika uRasheli indodakazi yakhe uBiliha incekekazi yakhe, *abe* yincekekazi kuye. 30 UJakobe wasengena lakuRasheli; wamthanda njalo uRasheli kuloLeya, wasesebenza laye futhi eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa.

Abantwana abazalelwa uJakobe

31 Lapho iNkosi isibona ukuthi uLeya wayezondwa, yavula isizalo sakhe, kodwa uRasheli wayeyinyumba. 32 ULeya wasethatha isisu, wazala

indodana, wayitha ibizo layo uRubeni, ngoba wathi: Ngoba iNKOSI ibonile inhlopheko yami; ngakho khathesi indoda yami izangithanda. 33 Wasebuya wathatha isisu, wazala indodana, wathi: Njengoba iNKOSI izwile ukuthi ngiyazondwa, inginike lale; wayitha ibizo layo uSimeyoni. 34 Wasebuya wathatha isisu, wazala indodana; wathi: Khathesi ngalesisikhathi indoda yami izazihlanganisa lami, ngoba ngiyizalele amadodana amathathu; ngalokhu wabiza ibizo layo uLevi. 35 Wasebuya wathatha isisu, wazala indodana; wathi: Ngalesisikhathi ngizadumisa iNKOSI; ngakho wayitha ibizo layo uJuda; wasesima ukuzala.

30 Kwathi uRasheli esebonile ukuthi wayengamzaleli uJakobe, uRasheli waba lomona ngodadewabo, wathi kuJakobe: Nginika abantwana, kodwa nxa kungenjalo ngife. 2 Ngakho lwavutha ulaka lukaJakobe kuRasheli, wathi: Ngisesikhundleni sikaNkulunkulu okwenqabele isithelo sesizalo yini? 3 Wasesithi: Khangela, incekekazi yami uBiliha, ngena kuye, ukuze azalele emadolweni ami, ukuze lami ngakhiwe kuye. 4 Wasemnika uBiliha incekekazi

yakhe abe ngumkakhe; uJakobe wasengena kuye. 5 UBiliha wasethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe indodana. 6 URasheli wasesithi: UNkulunkulu ungahlulele, njalo uzwile ilizwi lami, wanginika indodana. Ngakho wayitha ibizo layo uDani. 7 UBiliha incekekazi kaRasheli wasebuya ethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe indodana yesibili. 8 URasheli wasesithi: Ngibindene lokubindana okulamandla lodadewethu, njalo ngehlula; ngakho wayitha ibizo layo uNafithali.

9 Kwathi uLeya esebonile ukuthi usemi ukuzala, wathatha uZilipa incekekazi yakhe, wamnika uJakobe abe ngumkakhe. 10 UZilipa incekekazi kaLeya wasemzalela uJakobe indodana. 11 ULeya wasesithi: Kuyeza ibutho. Wayitha ibizo layo uGadi. 12 UZilipa incekekazi kaLeya wasemzalela uJakobe indodana yesibili. 13 ULeya wasesithi: Kungokwentokozo yami, ngoba amadodakazi azakuthi ngilentokozo. Wayitha ibizo layo uAsheri.

14 URubeni wasehamba ngensuku zokuvuna ingqoloyi, wafica amamandrake* ensimini, wawaletha kuLeya unina. URasheli wasesithi kuLeya: Ake ungi phe emamandrakeni endodana yakho. 15 Wasesithi kuye. Kuyinto encinyane yini ukuthi uthethe indoda yami? Usuzathatha lamamandrake endodana yami yini? URasheli wasesithi: Ngakho uzalala lawe ngalobubusuku ngenxa yamamandrake* endodana yakho. 16 Kwathi uJakobe esebuya evela emasimini kusihlwa, uLeya waphuma

ukumhlangabeza, wathi: Kimi uzangena, ngoba ukukuqatsha ngikuqatshile ngamamandrake* endodana yami. Waselala laye ngalobobusuku. 17 UNkulunkulu wasemuzwa uLeya; wasethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe indodana yesihlanu. 18 ULeya wasesithi: UNkulunkulu unginikile umvuzo wami, ngoba ngayinika indoda yami incekekazi yami; waseyitha ibizo layo uIsakari. 19 ULeya wasephinda ethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe indodana yesithupha. 20 ULeya wasesithi: UNkulunkulu unginikile mina isipho esihle; khathesi indoda yami izahlala lami, ngoba ngiyizalele amadodana ayisithupha, waseyitha ibizo layo uZebuluni. 21 Emva kwalokhu wasezala indodakazi, wayitha ibizo layo uDina.

22 UNkulunkulu wasemkhumbula uRasheli, uNkulunkulu wasemuzwa, wavula isizalo sakhe. 23 Wasethatha isisu, wazala indodana, wathi: UNkulunkulu ususile ihlazo lami. 24 Waseyitha ibizo layo uJosefa, esithi: INKOSI kayengeze kimi enye indodana.

Inotho kaJakobe

25 Kwasekusithi uRasheli esemzele uJosefa, uJakobe wathi kuLabani: Ngiyekela ngihambe ukuze ngiye endaweni yakithi, lelizweni lakithi. 26 Ngipha omkami labantwana bami engibasebenzele kuwe ukuze ngihambe, ngoba wena uyazi umsebenzi wami engikusebenzele wona. 27 ULabani wasesithi kuye: Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlweni akho; sengibonile ngokukhangela ukuthi iNKOSI ingibusisile ngenxa yakho. 28 Wathi futhi: Ngimisela iholo lakho, njalo ngizakupha. 29 Wasesithi kuye: Wena yazi ukuthi ngikusebenzele njani lokuthi izifuyo zakho bezinjani lami. 30 Ngoba okulutshwana owawulakho mandulo kwami, kwanda kakhulu kwaba yinkithinkithi; iNKOSI ikubusisile ekufikeni kwami; pho-ke, ngizayisebenzela nini lami indlu yami? 31 Wasesithi: Ngizakuphani? UJakobe wasesithi: Kawuyikunginika lutho, uba uzangenzela le into; ngizabuya ngeluse izimvu zakho ngizilinde. 32 Ngizadabula phakathi komhlambi wonke wakho lamuhla, ngehlukhanise lapho yonke imvu elamabala lelamachatha, layo yonke imvu ensundu phakathi kwezimvu, lezilamabala lezilamachatha ezimbusini, zibe liholo lami. 33 Njalo ukulunga kwami kuzangifakazela ngosuku oluzayo, uba usiza mayelana leholo lami, phambi kwakho; konke okungelamabala lamachatha ezimbusini, lokunsundu emawundlwini, kuyabe kuntshontshiwe uba kukimi. 34 ULabani wasesithi: Khangela, ye, kakube njengelizwi lakho. 35 Wasezehlukanisa mhlalokho impongo ezingamaqamule lezilamabala lazo zonke izibhuzikazi ezilamabala lezilamachatha, lakho konke okulokumhlophe, lakho konke okunsundu emawundlwini, wakunikela

esandleni samadodana akhe. 36 Wabeka ummango wensuku ezintathu phakathi kwakhe loJakobe. UJakobe waseselusa imihlambi eseleyo kaLabani.

37 UJakobe wasezithathela ingatsha ezimanzi zephophula* leze-alimondi* lezingelamaxolo, webula kuzo imizila emhlophe, wembula okumhlophe okwakusezingatsheni. 38 Wasefaka ingatsha ayezebulile emigelweni lemikolweni yokunathela yamanzi maqondana lemihlambi, lapho imihlambi efika khona ukunatha; yamitha ekufikeni kwayo ukuzanatha. 39 Kwathi imihlambi isimithi ezingatsheni, imihlambi yazala amaqamule, alamabala lalamachatha. 40 UJakobe wasesehlukanisa amawundlu; wakhangelisa ubuso bomhlambi kwezingamaqamule lazo zonke ezinsundu zomhlambi kaLabani; wabeka imihlambi yakhe yodwa, engayibeki emhlanjini kaLabani. 41 Kwasekusithi loba nini eziqinileyo zomhlambi sezimitha, uJakobe wafaka izingatsha phambi kwamehlo omhlambi emigelweni, ukuze zidabule phakathi kwezingatsha. 42 Kodwa nxa umhlambi ububuthakathaka kazifakanga; ngalokhu ebuthakathaka yaba ngekaLabani, leqinileyo ngekaJakobe. 43 Lendoda yaqhamuka yaba nkulu kakhulu, yaba lemihlambi eminengi lezincekukazi lezincku lamakamela labobabhemi.

UJakobe ubalekela uLabani

31 Wasesizwa amazwi amadodana kaLabani esithi: UJakobe uthethe konke okukababa; langalokho okwakungokukababa wenza lonke loludumo. 2 UJakobe wasebona ubuso bukaLabani, futhi khangela, babunganjengamandulo kuye. 3 INKOSI yasisithi kuJakobe: Buyela elizweni laboyihlo lezihlotsheni zakho; njalo ngizakuba lawe. 4 UJakobe wasethuma wababiza oRasheli loLeya emadlweni emhlanjini wakhe, 5 wathi kibo: Ngiyabona ubuso bukayihlo ukuthi kabunjengamandulo kimi; kodwa uNkulunkulu kababa ube lami. 6 Futhi lina liyazi ukuthi ngamandla ami wonke ngimsebenzele uyihlo. 7 Kodwa uyihlo ungikhohlisile, waphendula iholo lami okwezikhathi ezilitshumi, kanti uNkulunkulu kamvumelanga ukwenza okubi kimi. 8 Kwathi esitsho njalo: Ezilamabala zizakuba liholo lakho, khona umhlambi wonke wazala ezilamabala. Kwathi esitsho njalo: Ezingamaqamule zizakuba liholo lakho, khona umhlambi wonke wazala ezingamaqamule. 9 Ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu uthethe izifuyo zikayihlo, wanginika. 10 Kwasekusithi, ngesikhathi umhlambi umitha, ngaphakamisa amehlo ami ngabona ephutsheni, khangela-ke, izimpongo ezikhwela umhlambi zazingamaqamule, zilamabala, lezizinala. 11 Ingilosi kaNkulunkulu yasisithi kimi ephutsheni: Jakobe! Ngathi: Khangela ngilapha. 12 Yasisithi: Ake uphakamise amehlo akho ubone, zonke impongo ezikhwela

umhlambi zingamaqamule, zilamabala lezizinala; ngoba ngibonile konke uLabani akwenze kuwe. 13 NginguNkulunkulu weBhetheli lapho owagcoba khona insika, owathembisa khona isithembiso kimi. Khathesi, vuka, uphume kulelilizwe, ubuyele elizweni lokuzalwa kwakho. 14 ORasheli loLeya baphendula bathi kuye: Siselesabelo lelifa endlini kababa yini? 15 Kasibalwa njengabezizwe kuye yini? Ngoba wasithengisa, lokudla wazidlela futhi imali yethu. 16 Ngoba inotho yonke uNkulunkulu ayemuke ubaba ingeyethu leyabantwana bethu; khathesi-ke, konke uNkulunkulu akutsho kuwe, kwenze.

17 UJakobe wasesukuma, wakhweza amadodana akhe labomkakhe emakameleni; 18 waqhuba izifuyo zakhe zonke, layo impahla yakhe yonke abeyizuzile, izifuyo ayelazo, ayezizuze ePadani-Arama, ukuze aye kuIsaka uyise elizweni leKhanani. 19 Njalo uLabani esehambile ukuyagunda izimvu zakhe, uRasheli weba izithombe uyise ayelazo. 20 UJakobe wasuka enyanya engananzelelwe kuLabani umSiriya, ngoba kamazisanga ukuthi uyabaleka. 21 Wasebaleka, yena lakho konke ayelakho, wasukuma, wachapha umfula, wakhangelisa ubuso bakhe entabeni yeGileyadi.

22 Kwasekusaziswa uLabani ngosuku lwesithathu ukuthi uJakobe ubalekile. 23 Wasethatha abafowabo kanye laye, waxotshana laye ibanga lensuku eziyisikhombisa, wamfica entabeni yeGileyadi. 24 UNkulunkulu wasesiza kuLabani umSiriya ephutsheni lebusuku, wathi kuye: Ziqaphele, hlezi ukhulume loJakobe okuhle kumbe okubi. 25 ULabani wasemfica uJakobe. Njalo uJakobe wayemise ithente lakhe entabeni; uLabani laye kanye labafowabo bamisa entabeni yeGileyadi. 26 ULabani wasesithi kuJakobe: Wenzeni, ukuthi usuke unyenye ngingananzelele, uthathe amadodakazi ami ngamandla njengabathunjiweyo ngenkamba? 27 Ubalekeleni ngasese, ungingenyela, ungangazisanga, ukuthi ngabe ngikuvalelise ngokuthokoza langengoma, ngesigubhu langechacho? 28 Njalo kawungivumelanga ukuthi ngange amadodana ami lamadodakazi ami. Khathesi wenze ubuthutha ngokwenza *lokho*. 29 Kusemandleni esandla sami ukwenza okubi kini; kodwa uNkulunkulu kayihlo ukhulumile kimi ebusuku obudlulileyo wathi: Ziqaphele ukuthi ungakhulumi loJakobe okuhle kumbe okubi. 30 Khathesi-ke, ukuhamba uhambile, ngoba ngokukhanuka ukhanukile indlu kayihlo; webeleni onkulunkulu bami? 31 UJakobe wasephendula wathi kuLabani: Ngoba ngesaba, ngoba wathi: Hlezi ungihluthunele amadodakazi akho. 32 Lowo ozathola kuye onkulunkulu bakho kangaphili; phambi kwabafowethu zinanzelelele okungokwakho okukimi, uzithathele. Ngoba uJakobe wayengazi ukuthi uRasheli wayebebile. 33 ULabani wasengena ethenteni likaJakobe lethenteni likaLeya, lethenteni lezincekukazi ezimbili, kodwa

katholanga. Waphuma ethenteni likaLeya, wangena ethenteni likaRasheli. 34 Kodwa uRasheli wayethe izithombe, wazifaka esikhwameni sesihlalo sekamela, wahlala phezu kwazo. ULabani waphumputha ithente lonke kodwa katholanga. 35 Wasesithi kuyise: Kalungavuthi *ulaka* emehlweni enkosi yami ukuthi ngingesukume phambi kwakho, ngoba indlela yabesifazana ikimi. Wabhudula, kodwa kazitholanga izithombe.

36 UJakobe wasethukuthela, waphikisana loLabani; uJakobe waphendula wathi kuLabani: Isiphambeko sami siyini, isono sami siyini, ukuthi ungxotshe ngokutshiseka? 37 Njengoba usubambabambe kuyo impahla yami yonke, utholeni okwayo impahla yonke yendlu yakho? Ibeke lapha phambi kwabafowethu labafowenu ukuze baqume phakathi kwethu sobabili. 38 Iminyaka le engamatshumi amabili ngangilawe; izimvukazi zakho lezibhuzikazi zakho kaziphunzanga, lezinqama zemihlambi yakho kangizidlanga. 39 Ezadatshulwayo kangizilethanga kuwe, mina ngazihlawula; esandleni sami wazibiza, zebiwe emini loba zebiwe ebusuku. 40 Nganginjalo emini imbalela yangidla, lamakhaza ebusuku, ubuthongo babaleka emehlweni ami. 41 Iminyaka le engamatshumi amabili bengisenzini wakho, ngakusebenzela okweminyaka elitshumi lane ngenxa yamadodakazi akho amabili, leminyaka eyisithupha ngenxa yomhlambi wakho; njalo waphendula iholo lami okwezikhathi ezilitshumi. 42 Ngaphandle kokuthi uNkulunkulu kababa, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama loKwesaba kukaIsaka ubengelami, isibili khathesi ubuzangixotsha ngize. Inhlupheko zami lomtshikatshika wezandla zami uNkulunkulu ubonile, wakusola izolo ebusuku.

Isivumelwano sikaJakobe loLabani

43 ULabani wasephendula wathi kuJakobe: Amadodakazi angamadodakazi ami, lamadodana angamadodana ami, lomhlambi ngumhlambi wami, lakho konke okubonayo kungokwami; lemadodakazini ami ngizakwenzani kuwo lamuhla, loba kubantwana bawo abawazeleyo? 44 Khathesi-ke, woza, asenze isivumelwano, mina lawe, njalo sibe yibufakazi phakathi kwami lawe. 45 UJakobe wasethatha ilitshe, walimisa laba yinsika. 46 UJakobe wasesithi kubafowabo: Buthani amatshe. Basebethatha amatshe, benza inqumbi; badla khona phezu kwenqumbi. 47 ULabani waseyibiza *ngokuthi* yiJegari-Sahadutha, kodwa uJakobe wayibiza *ngokuthi* yiGaledi. 48 ULabani wasesithi: Linqwaba iyibufakazi phakathi kwami lawe lamuhla. Ngakho bayitha ibizo layo iGaledi, 49 leMizipa, ngoba wathi: INKOSI kayilinde phakathi kwami lawe, lapho singabonani omunye lomunye. 50 Uba uhlupha

amadodakazi ami, njalo uba uthatha abafazi phezu kwamadodakazi ami, kakulamuntu olathi, bona, uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi phakathi kwami lawe. 51 ULabani wasesithi kuJakobe: Khangela linqwaba, khangela-ke lensika engiyiphosileyo phakathi kwami lawe. 52 Linqwaba kayibe yibufakazi, lensika kayibe yibufakazi, bokuthi mina kangiyikuyidlula linqwaba ngiye kuwe, lawe kawuyikuyidlula linqwaba lalinsika uze kimi ngokubi. 53 UNkulunkulu kaAbrahama loNkulunkulu kaNahori, kahlulele phakathi kwethu, uNkulunkulu kayise wabo. UJakobe wasefunga ngoKwesaba kayise uIsaka. 54 UJakobe wasehlaba umhlatshelo entabeni, wabiza abafowabo ukuthi badle isinkwa; basebesidla isinkwa, balala entabeni. 55 ULabani wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wanga amadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe, wawabusisa; uLabani wasehamba wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

UJakobe uzilungiselela ukuhlngana loEsawu

32 UJakobe wasehamba indlela yakhe, lengilosi zikaNkulunkulu zamhlangabeza. 2 UJakobe ezibona wasesithi: Leli libutho likaNkulunkulu. Wayitha ibizo laleyondawo iMahanayimi.

3 UJakobe wasethuma izithunywa phambi kwakhe kuEsawu umnewabo, elizweni iSeyiri, ilizwe lakoEdoma. 4 Wasezilaya esithi: Likhulume kanje enkosini yami uEsawu *lithi*: Itsho njalo inceku yakho uJakobe *ithi*: KoLabani bengihlala njengowezizwe ngalibala kuze kube khathesi; 5 njalo ngilezinkabi labobabhemi, izimvu lezinceku lezincekukazi; sengithumele ukubika enkosini yami ukuthi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho.

6 Izithunywa zasezibuyela kuJakobe zathi: Sifikile kumnewenu, kuEsawu, laye uyeza ukukuhlangabeza lamadoda angamakhulu amane laye. 7 UJakobe wasesesaba kakhulu, wakhathazeka. Wehlukanisa abantu ababelaye lezimvu lezinkomo lamakamela, kwaba ngamaqembu amabili; 8 ngoba wathi: Uba uEsawu efika kwelinye iqembu alitshaye, iqembu eliseleyo lizaphepha.

9 UJakobe wathi futhi: Nkulunkulu kababa uAbrahama, loNkulunkulu kababa uIsaka, NKOSI owathi kimi: Buyela elizweni lakini lezihlotsheni zakho, njalo ngizakwenzela okuhle; 10 kangiwufanele wonke umusa lakho konke ukuthembeka okwenzele inceku yakho; ngoba ngilodondolo lwami ngachapha le iJodani, khathesi-ke sengingamaqembu amabili. 11 Ake ungophule esandleni somnewethu, esandleni sikaEsawu; ngoba ngiyamesaba, hlezi afike angitshaye, unina phezu kwabantwana. 12 Wena-ke wathi: Ukwenza okuhle ngizakwenzela okuhle, njalo ngizayenza inzalo yakho ibe njengetshebetshebe lolwandle elingelakubalwa ngenxa yobunengi.

13 Waselala lapho ngalobobusuku; wathatha kulokho okwafika esandleni sakhe, isipho sikaEsawu umfowabo, 14 izibhuzikazi ezingamakhulu amabili lempongo ezingamatshumi amabili, izimvukazi ezingamakhulu amabili lenqama ezingamatshumi amabili, 15 amakamela enyisayo angamatshumi amathathu lamathole awo, amankomokazi angamatshumi amane, lamajongosi alitshumi, obabhemikazi abangamatshumi amabili lamathole abobabhemi alitshumi. 16 Wasezinikela esandleni senceku zakhe umhlambi ngomhlambi wodwa, wathi ezincekwini zakhe: Dlulani phambi kwami, libeke ibanga phakathi komhlambi lomhlambi. 17 Waselaya eyokuqala esithi: Nxa uEsawu umnewethu ehlangana lawe, ekubuza esithi: Ungokabani? Njalo uya ngaphi? Ngezikabani-ke lezi eziphambi kwakho? 18 Ubususithi: Ngezenceku yakho ngezikaJakobe, yisipho esithunyelwa enkosini yami uEsawu; khangelake, laye uqobo ungemva kwethu. 19 Waselaya leyesibili leyesithathu labo bonke ababelandela imihlambi esithi: Njengalelizwi lizakhuluma kuEsawu, lapho limthola; 20 lithi futhi: Khangela, inceku yakho uJakobe ingemva kwethu. Ngoba uthe: Ngizathoba ubuso bakhe ngesipho esihamba phambi kwami, langemva kwalokho ngizabona ubuso bakhe; mhlawumbe uzakwemukela ubuso bami. 21 Lesipho sahamba phambi kwakhe; kodwa yena walala lobobusuku enkambeni.

UJakobe ubindana loNkulunkulu

22 Wasesukuma ngalobobusuku, wathatha omkakhe bobabili lencekukazi ezimbili labantwana bakhe abalitshumi lanye, wachapha izibuko leJaboki. 23 Wabathatha, wabachaphisa isifudlana, wachaphisa lokho ayelakho.

24 UJakobe watshiywa yedwa; njalo indoda yabindana laye kwaze kwaba semadabukakusa. 25 Kodwa isibonile ukuthi kayimehluli, yathinta isikhoxo senyonga yakhe, isikhoxo senyonga kaJakobe saqhuzuka ebindana layo. 26 Yasisithi: Ngiyekela ngihambe ngoba sekusemadabukakusa. Kodwa wathi: Kangiyikukuyekela uhambe ngaphandle kokuthi ungibusise. 27 Yasisithi kuye: Ungubani ibizo lakho? Wasesithi: UJakobe. 28 Yasisithi: Ibizo lakho kalisayikuthiwa nguJakobe, kodwa uIsrayeli, ngoba ulwile loNkulunkulu labantu, wanqoba. 29 UJakobe wasebuza wathi: Ake utsho ibizo lakho. Yasisithi: Kungani ubuza ibizo lami? Yambusisa lapho. 30 UJakobe waseyitha ibizo lendawo iPeniyeli, ngoba ngibonile uNkulunkulu ubuso ngobuso, njalo impilo yami isindisiwe. 31 Njalo ilanga lamphumela esedlula iPenuyeli; wayeqhula enyongeni yakhe. 32 Ngakho abantwana bakoIsrayeli kabawudli umsipha womthambo osesikhoxweni senyonga kuze kube lamuhla, ngoba wathinta isikhoxo senyonga kaJakobe esisemsipheni womthambo wenyonga.

Ukubuyisana kukaJakobe loEsawu

33 UJakobe wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona, khangelake, uEsawu esiza lamadoda angamakhulu amane kanye laye. Wasesehlukanisa abantwana phakathi kukaLeya loRasheli lencekukazi zombili. 2 Wasebeka izincekukazi labantwana bazo ngaphambili, loLeya labantwana bakhe ngemuva, loRasheli loJosefa ekucineni. 3 Yena uqobo wasesedlula phambi kwabo, wakhothamela emhlabathini kasikhombisa waze wafika eduze lomnewabo. 4 UEsawu wasegijima ukumhlangabeza, wamgona, wawela entanyeni yakhe, wamanga; basebekhala inyembezi. 5 Wasephakamisa amehlo akhe wabona abesifazana labantwana, wathi: Ngobani laba olabo? Wasesithi: Abantwana uNkulunkulu ngomusa ayinike bona inceku yakho. 6 Zasezisondelelwa incekukazi, zona labantwana bazo, bakhothama. 7 Laye uLeya waseondela labantwana bakhe, bakhothama; emva kwalokho uJosefa wasondela loRasheli, bakhothama. 8 Wasesithi: Uqondeni *ngaleli* iqembu lonke engihlangene lalo? Wasesithi: Ukuthola umusa emehlweni enkosi yami. 9 UEsawu wasesithi: Ngilokunengi, mfowethu; okwakho kakube ngokwakho. 10 UJakobe wasesithi: Hayi bo! Uba khathesi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, yemukela isipho sami esivela esandleni sami; ngoba yikho ngibone ubuso bakho *kunjengokuthi* ngibone ubuso bukaNkulunkulu, njalo wathokoza ngami. 11 Ake wemukele isipho sami esilethwa kuwe; ngoba uNkulunkulu ungiphile ngomusa, njalo ngoba ngilakho konke. Wasemncenga, waze wasemukela. 12 Wasesithi: Asisuke sihambe, njalo ngizahamba phambi kwakho. 13 Kodwa wathi kuye: Inkosi yami iyazi ukuthi abantwana babuthakathaka, lokuthi izimvu lezinkomo engilazo ziyenyisa; uba-ke beziqhuba ngamandla usuku olulodwa, umhlambi wonke uzakufa. 14 Inkosi yami ake yedlule phambi kwenceku yayo; mina-ke ngizaqhubeka kuhle kuhle, ngokuhamba komsebenzi ophambi kwami, langokuhamba kwabantwana, ngize ngifike enkosini yami eSeyiri. 15 UEsawu wasesithi: Ake ngibeke kuwe *abanye* babantu abalami. Wasesithi: Kungani lokhu? Kangithole umusa emehlweni enkosi yami.

16 UEsawu wasebuyela ngendlela yakhe ngalolosuku, waya eSeyiri. 17 Njalo uJakobe waqhubeka waya eSukothi, wazakhela indlu, wenzela izifuyo zakhe izibaya ezilophahla; ngakho wayitha ibizo lendawo iSukothi.

18 UJakobe wasefika evikelekile emzini weShekema, oselizweni leKhanani, ekuveleni kwakhe ePadani-Arama; wamisa inkamba phambi komuzi. 19 Njalo ingxenye yesiqinti amisela kuyo amathente akhe wayithenga esandleni samadodana kaHamori uyise kaShekema, ngezinhlamvu zemali ezilikhulu. 20 Wasemisa khona ilathi, walibiza ngokuthi yiEli-Elohe-Israyeli.

UDina woniwa nguShekema

34 UDina indodakazi kaLeya, ayizalela uJakobe, wasephuma ukuyabona amadodakazi elizwe. 2 Njalo uShekema indodana kaHamori umHivi, isiphathamandla selizwe, sambona, samthatha, salala laye, samona. 3 Inhliziyo yaso yasinamathela kuDina indodakazi kaJakobe, sayithanda intombi, sakhuluma kunhliziyo yentombi. 4 UShekema wasekhuluma kuHamori uyise esithi: Ngithathela lintombi ibe ngumkami. 5 UJakobe wasesizwa ukuthi usemngcolisile uDina indodakazi yakhe; lamadodana akhe ayesezifuyweni egangeni; njalo uJakobe wathula aze afika.

6 UHamori uyise kaShekema wasephuma waya kuJakobe ukuze akhulume laye. 7 Kwathi amadodana kaJakobe efika evela egangeni esezwile, amadoda adabuka, athukuthela kakhulu ngoba wayenze ubuphukuphuku koIsrayeli ngokulala lendodakazi kaJakobe, okungafanele kwenziwe ngokunjalo. 8 UHamori wasekhuluma labo esithi: UShekema indodana yami, inhliziyo yakhe iyayilangatha indodakazi yenu; ake limnike yona ibe ngumkakhe. 9 Njalo yendiselanani lathi, lisiphe amadodakazi enu, lani lizithathele amadodakazi ethu. 10 Hlalani-ke lathi, lelizwe lizakuba phambi kwenu; hlalani lithengiselane kulo, lifuye kulo. 11 UShekema wasesithi kuyise wentombi lakubanewabo: Angithole umusa emehlweni enu; lalokho elizakutsho kimi ngizanika. 12 Yandisani kakhulu kimi ilobolo lesipho, njalo ngizakupha njengoba litshilo kimi; kodwa ngiphani intombi ibe ngumkami. 13 Amadodana kaJakobe asephendula uShekema loHamori uyise ngobuqili, athi, ngenxa yokuthi ubesemngcolisile uDina udadewabo, 14 athi kubo: Asilakuyenza lindaba, ukunika udadewethu indoda elejwabu, ngoba kulihlazo kithi. 15 Kodwa ngalokhu singalivumela, uba libe njengathi, ukuthi wonke owesilisa wakini asokwe, 16 sizalinika-ke amadodakazi ethu, lathi amadodakazi enu sizithathele, njalo sihlale lani sibe yisizwe sinye. 17 Kodwa uba lingasilaleli lisokwe, sizathatha indodakazi yethu, sihambe. 18 Lamazwi abo aba mahle emehlweni kaHamori, lemehlweni kaShekema indodana kaHamori. 19 Njalo ijaha kaliphuzanga ukwenza lindaba, ngoba yayilentokozo endodakazini kaJakobe; yayilodumo kulendlu yonke kayise.

20 UHamori wasefika, loShekema indodana yakhe, esangweni lomuzi wabo, basebekhuluma kumadoda omuzi wabo, besithi: 21 Lamadoda alokuthula lathi; ngakho kabahlale elizweni bathengiselane kulo; ngoba ilizwe, khangelani, libanzi inhlangothi zombili phambi kwawo; amadodakazi abo sizawathatha abe ngomkethu, lamadodakazi ethu sizawanika wona. 22 Kulokhu kuphela amadoda azavumelana lathi, ukuhlala lathi, ukuba yisizwe sinye, nxa wonke owesilisa wethu esokiwe, njengalokhu esokiwe wona. 23

Inkomo zawo lempahla yawo lazo zonke izifuyo zawo kaziyikuba ngezethu yini? Kuphela asiwavumele, ahlale-ke lathi. 24 Basebelalela uHamori loShekema indodana yakhe, bonke abaphuma ngesango lomuzi wakhe; basebesokwa, wonke owesilisa, bonke abaphuma ngesango lomuzi wakhe.

25 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithathu beselobuhlungu, amadodana amabili kaJakobe, oSimeyoni loLevi, abanewabo bakaDina, ngulowo lalowo wathatha inkemba yakhe, awujuma umuzi, abulala wonke owesilisa. 26 Asebabulala oHamori loShekema indodana yakhe ngobukhali benkemba, amkhupha uDina endlini kaShekema, aphuma. 27 Amadodana kaJakobe ehlela phezu kwasebebulewe, awuphanga umuzi, ngoba babemngcolisile udadewabo. 28 Athatha izimvu zabo lenkomo zabo labobabhemi babo lalokho okwakusemzini lalokho okwakusegangani, 29 lenotho yabo yonke, labantwana babo bonke abancinyane, labomkabo, athumba abaphanga, lakho konke okwakusendlini. 30 UJakobe wasesithi kuSimeyoni loLevi: Lingihluphile, ngokungenza ukuthi ngibe levumba phakathi kwabakhileyo belizwe, phakathi kwamaKhanani lamaPerizi; njalo ngimlutshwana, futhi bazangihlanganyela bangitshaye, ngibe sengichitheka mina lendlu yami. 31 Basebesithi: Amenze yini udadewethu njengesifebe?

UNkulunkulu ubusisa uJakobe eBhetheli

35 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuJakobe: Sukuma, yenyukela eBhetheli, uhlale khona; umenzele lapho ilathi uNkulunkulu owabonakala kuwe mhla ubaleka ebusweni bukaEsawu umnewenu. 2 UJakobe wasesithi kundlu yakhe lakubo bonke ababelaye: Susani onkulunkulu bezizwe abaphakathi kwenu, lizihlambulule, lintshintshe izembatho zenu. 3 Asisukume senyukele eBhetheli, ngimenzele khona uNkulunkulu ilathi owangiphendula ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwami, njalo waba lami endleleni engahamba kuyo. 4 Basebenika uJakobe bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe ababesandleni sabo, lamacici ayesezindlebeni zabo; uJakobe wasekufihla ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi* eliseShekema. 5 Basebehamba; lokwesabeka kukaNkulunkulu kwakuphezu kwemizi eyayibazingelezele, njalo kabawaxotshanga amadodana kaJakobe.

6 UJakobe wafika eLuzi, eselizweni leKhanani, eyiBhetheli, yena labantu bonke ababelaye. 7 Wasesakha khona ilathi, wayibiza indawo ngokuthi iEli-Bhetheli, ngoba lapho uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuye ekubalekeleni ubuso bomnewabo. 8 Njalo uDebora umlizane kaRebeka wafa, wangcwatshwa ezansi kweBhetheli ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi, ngakho wayitha ibizo layo iAloni-Bakuthi.

9 UNkulunkulu wasebuya wabonakala kuJakobe evela ePadani-Arama, wambusisa. 10 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye: Ibizo lakho nguJakobe; ibizo lakho kalisayikuthiwa nguJakobe, kodwa uIsrayeli kuzakuba libizo lakho. Wabiza ibizo lakhe *ngokuthi* uIsrayeli. 11 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye: NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; zala wande; isizwe, yebo ibandla lezizwe kuzavela kuwe; lamakhosi azaphuma ekhalweni lwakho. 12 Lelizwe engalinika uAbrahama loIsaka ngizalinika wena, lenzalweni yakho emva kwakho ngizayinika ilizwe. 13 UNkulunkulu wasesenyuka esuka kuye endaweni lapho ayekhuluma laye khona. 14 UJakobe wasemisa insika endaweni lapho ayekhuluma laye khona, insika yelitshe. Wathululela phezu kwayo umnikelo wokunathwayo, wathela phezu kwayo amagcobo. 15 UJakobe waseyitha ibizo lendawo, lapho uNkulunkulu ayekhulume laye khona, iBhetheli.

Ukufa kukaRasheli

16 Basebehamba besuka eBhetheli; kwathi kusesengummango ukuya eEfrathi, uRasheli wabeletha, wayelobunzima ekubeletheni. 17 Kwasekusithi ekubeletheni kwakhe nzima, umbelethisi wathi kuye: Ungesabi, ngoba lalo uzakuba yindodana yakho. 18 Kwasekusithi umphefumulo wakhe usuphuma, ngoba esesifa, wayitha ibizo layo uBenoni; kodwa uyise wayibiza *ngokuthi* nguBhenjamini. 19 URasheli wasesifa, wangcwatshwa endleleni eya eEfrathi, eyiBhethelhehema. 20 UJakobe wasemisa insika phezu kwengcwaba lakhe; le yinsika yengcwaba likaRasheli kuze kube lamuhla.

21 UIsrayeli wasehamba, wamisa ithente lakhe ngaphambili komphotshongo weEderi. 22 Kwasekusithi uIsrayeli ehlala kulelolizwe, uRubeni waya walala loBiliha umfazi omncinyane kayise; uIsrayeli wasekuzwa.

Amadodana kaJakobe lokufa kukaIsaka

Amadodana kaJakobe-ke ayelitshumi lambili; 23 amadodana kaLeya: Izibulo likaJakobe, uRubeni, loSimeyoni loLevi loJuda loIsakari loZebuluni; 24 amadodana kaRasheli: OJosefa loBhenjamini; 25 lamadodana kaBiliha, incekekazi kaRasheli: ODani loNafithali; 26 lamadodana kaZilipa, incekekazi kaLeya: OGadi loAsheri; la ngamadodana kaJakobe azalelwa yena ePadani-Arama.

27 UJakobe wasefika kuIsaka uyise eMamre, eKiryathi-Arba, eyiHebroni, lapho uAbrahama ahlala khona njengowezizwe, loIsaka. 28 Lensuku zikalsaka zaziyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. 29 UIsaka wasehodoza, wafa, wabuthelwa ezizweni zakibo, emdala, enele ngensuku. Amadodana akhe uEsawu loJakobe asemngcwaba.

Inzalo kaEsawu

36 Lezi-ke yizizukulwana zikaEsawu, onguEdoma. 2 UEsawu wathatha abafazi bakhe kumadodakazi eKhanani, uAda indodakazi kaEloni umHethi, loAholibama indodakazi kaAna, indodakazi kaZibeyoni umHivi, 3 loBasemathi indodakazi kaIshmayeli udadewabo kaNebayothi. 4 UAda wasemzalela uEsawu uElifazi; uBasemathi wasezala uRehuweli; 5 uAholibama wasezala uJewushi loJalama loKora; la ngamadodana kaEsawu awazalelwa elizweni leKhanani. 6 UEsawu wasethatha omkakhe lamadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe, layo yonke imiphefumulo yendlu yakhe, lenkomo zakhe lezifuyo zakhe zonke lempahla yakhe yonke ayeyizuzile elizweni leKhanani, wasesiya kwelinye ilizwe esuka ebusweni bukaJakobe umfowabo. 7 Ngoba imfuyo yabo yayinkulu okungangokuthi bangehlale ndawonye, lelizwe abebhlala kulo njengabemzini, lalingebathwale ngenxa yezifuyo zabo. 8 UEsawu wasehlala entabeni iSeyiri; uEsawu nguEdoma.

9 Lezi-ke yizizukulwana zikaEsawu, uyise wabakoEdoma, entabeni iSeyiri; 10 la ngamabizo amadodana kaEsawu, uElifazi indodana kaAda umkaEsawu, uRehuweli indodana kaBasemathi umkaEsawu. 11 Lamadodana kaElifazi ayengoThemani, uOmari, uZefo, loGatama, loKenazi. 12 Njalo uTimina wayengumfazi omncane kaElifazi indodana kaEsawu, wamzalela uElifazi uAmaleki; la ngamadodana kaAda umkaEsawu. 13 Lala ngamadodana kaRehuweli, oNahathi loZera, uShama loMiza; la ngamadodana kaBasemathi umkaEsawu.

14 Njalo la ngamadodana kaAholibama indodakazi kaAna, indodakazi kaZibeyoni umkaEsawu; wasemzalela uEsawu uJewushi loJalama loKora.

15 Lezi yizinduna zamadodana kaEsawu; amadodana kaElifazi izibulo likaEsawu: Induna uThemani, induna uOmari, induna uZefo, induna uKenazi, 16 induna uKora, induna uGatama, induna uAmaleki; lezi zinduna zikaElifazi elizweni leEdoma; la ngamadodana kaAda.

17 Futhi la ngamadodana kaRehuweli indodana kaEsawu: Induna uNahathi, induna uZera, induna uShama, induna uMiza; lezi zinduna zikaRehuweli elizweni leEdoma; la ngamadodana kaBasemathi umkaEsawu.

18 Njalo la ngamadodana kaAholibama, umkaEsawu: Induna uJewushi, induna uJalama, induna uKora; lezi zinduna zikaAholibama, indodakazi kaAna, umkaEsawu. 19 La ngamadodana kaEsawu, futhi lezi zinduna zawo; unguEdoma.

Inzalo kaSeyiri

20 La ngamadodana kaSeyiri umHori, abahlali belizwe: ULotani loShobhali loZibeyoni loAna 21 loDishoni loEzeri loDishani; laba bayizinduna zamaHori, amadodana kaSeyiri elizweni leEdoma. 22 Lamadodana kaLotani ayengoHori loHemama; lodadewabo kaLotani wayenguTimina. 23 Lala ngamadodana kaShobhali: UAlivani loManahathi loEbhali, uShefo loOnama. 24 Lala ngamadodana kaZibeyoni: Bobabili uAya loAna; nguAna owafica imithombo etshisayo enkangala eselusa obabhemi bakaZibeyoni uyise. 25 Lala ngamadodana kaAna: UDishoni; loAholibama wayeyindodakazi kaAna. 26 Lala ngamadodana kaDishoni: UHemidani loEshibhani loJitirani loKerani. 27 La ngamadodana kaEzeri: UBilihani loZahavana loAkani. 28 Lala ngamadodana kaDishani: U-Uzi loArani. 29 Lezi zinduna zamaHori: Induna uLotani, induna uShobhali, induna uZibeyoni, induna uAna, 30 induna uDishoni, induna uEzeri, induna uDishani; lezi zinduna zamaHori, ngezinduna zabo elizweni leSeyiri.

Amakhosi elizwe lakoEdoma

31 Lala ngamakhosi abusa elizweni leEdoma, inkosi ingakabusi abantwana bakoIsrayeli. 32 UBhela indodana kaBeyori wasebusa eEdoma, lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiDinihaba. 33 UBhela wasesifa, uJobabi indodana kaZera weBhozira wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. 34 UJobabi wasesifa, uHushama owelizweni lamaThemani wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. 35 UHushama wasesifa; uHadadi indodana kaBedadi, owatshaya uMidiyani egcekeni lakoMowabi, wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe; lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiAvithi. 36 UHadadi wasesifa; uSamila weMasireka wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. 37 USamila wasesifa; uShawuli weRehobothi emfuleni wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. 38 UShawuli wasesifa; uBhali-Hanani indodana kaAkhithori wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. 39 UBhali-Hanani indodana kaAkhithori wasesifa; uHadari wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe; lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiPawu; lebizo lomkakhe lalinguMehethabheli, indodakazi kaMatiredi, indodakazi kaMezahabhi.

40 Njalo la ngamabizo ezinduna zakoEsawu ngezizukulwana zazo, ngendawo zazo, ngamabizo azo: Induna uTimina, induna uAliva, induna uJethethi, 41 induna uAholibama, induna uEla, induna uPinoni, 42 induna uKenazi, induna uThemani, induna uMibhizari, 43 induna uMagidiyeli, induna uIrama; lezi zinduna zeEdoma, njengokwezindawo zazo zokuhlala, elizweni lelifa lazo; lo nguEsawu, uyise kaEdoma.

Amaphupho kaJosefa

37 UJakobe wasehlala elizweni uyise ayehlala kilo njengowezizwe, ilizwe leKhanani. 2 Lezi zindaba zezizukulwana zikaJakobe. UJosefa, eleminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa, wayeselusa umhlambi labafowabo, wayengumfana, elamadodana kaBiliha, lamadodana kaZilipa, omkayise; uJosefa waseletha kuyise imibiko emibi ngabo. 3 Njalo uIsrayeli wayemthanda uJosefa kulawo wonke amadodana akhe, ngoba wayeyindodana yobudala bakhe; wamenzela isigqoko esilemibalabala. 4 Kwathi abafowabo sebonile ukuthi uyise uyamthanda kulabo bonke abafowabo, bamzonda, babengelakukhuluma kuye ngokuthula.

5 UJosefa wasephupha iphupho, walazisa abafowabo; ngakho baqhubeka bemzonda kakhulu. 6 Wasesithi kibo: Ake lizwe leliphupho engiliphuphileyo. 7 Khangelani-ke, besibopha izithungo phakathi kwensimu, njalo khangelani, isithungo sami sema saqonda futhi, khangelani-ke, izithungo zenu zazingelezela, zasikhothamela isithungo sami. 8 Abafowabo basebesithi kuye: Kanti ukubusa uzasibusa, ukulawula uzasilawula yini? Ngakho baqhubeka bemzonda kakhulu, ngenxa yamaphupho akhe langenxa yamazwi akhe.

9 Wasebuya futhi waphupha elinye iphupho, walilandisela abafowabo, wathi: Khangelani, ngiphuphe futhi iphupho; khangelani-ke, ilanga lenyanga lenkanyezi ezilitshumi lanye zingikhothamela. 10 Waselandisela uyise labafowabo. Uyise wasemsola wathi kuye: Liyini leliphupho oliphuphileyo? Ukuza sizakuza, mina lonyoko labafowenu, sikhothamele emhlabathini phambi kwakho yini? 11 Abafowabo-ke baba lomona ngaye, kodwa uyise waligcina lelilizwi.

Ukuthengiswa kukaJosefa

12 Abafowabo basebesiyalagisa umhlambi kayise eShekema. 13 UIsrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Abafowenu kabalagisi eShekema yini? Woza, ngikuthume kibo. Wasesithi kuye: Khangelani ngilapha. 14 Wasesithi kuye: Hamba-ke,

ubone ukuthi baphila kuhle yini abafowenu, lokuthi uyaphila umhlambi, ungibuyisele ilizwi. Wasemthuma esuka esigodini iHebroni wasefika eShekema.

15 Indoda yamfika, ngoba khangela wayezula egangeni; indoda yasimbuza yathi: Udingani? 16 Wasesithi: Ngidinga abafowethu; ake ungazise ukuthi balagise ngaphi. 17 Indoda yasisithi: Basukile lapha, ngoba ngibezwile besithi: Asiye eDothani. UJosefa wasebalandela abafowabo, wabathola eDothani. 18 Basebembona esekhatshana. Njalo engakasondeli kubo, bamenzela ugoke lokuthi bambulale. 19 Bakhulumisana *besithi*: Khangela, lo umphuphi uyeza; 20 khathesi-ke, wozani simbulale, simphosele komunye wemigodi, besesisithi: Isilo esibi simdlile. Khona sizabona ukuthi amaphupho akhe azakuba yini. 21 URubeni wasekuzwa, wamophula esandleni sabo, wathi: Asingatshayi impilo. 22 URubeni wasesithi kubo: Lingachithi igazi, mphoseleni kulumgodi osenkangala, lingeluleli isandla kuye; ukuze amkhulule esandleni sabo, ukuze ambuyisele kuyise.

23 Kwasekusithi uJosefa esefikile kubafowabo, bamhlubula uJosefa isigqoko sakhe, isigqoko esilemibalabala, ayesigqokile; 24 basebemthatha, bamphosela emgodini; kodwa umgodi wawungelalutho, kungelamanzi kuwo. 25 Basebhlala phansi ukudla isinkwa. Baphakamisa amehlo abo babona, khangela-ke, udwendwe lwamaIshmayeli luvela eGileyadi, lamakamela awo ethwele isinongo lenhlaka lemure*, ehamba ukukwehlisela eGibhithe. 26 UJuda wasesithi kubafowabo: Yinzuzo bani uba simbulala umfowethu, sifihle igazi lakhe? 27 Wozani, simthengise kumaIshmayeli, lesandla sethu kasingabi phezu kwakhe, ngoba umgumfowethu, inyama yethu. Abafowabo basebelalela. 28 Kwasekudlula amaMidiyani angabathengiselani; basebemdonga bamphakamisa uJosefa emgodini, bathengisa uJosefa kumaIshmayeli ngenhlanvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amabili. Amusa-ke eGibhithe.

29 Kwathi uRubeni ebuyela emgodini, khangela-ke, uJosefa wayengekho emgodini, wadabula izembatho zakhe. 30 Wasebuyela kubafowabo wathi: Umfana kakho; mina-ke, ngizakuya ngaphi? 31 Basebethatha isigqoko sikaJosefa, bahlaba izinyane lembuzi, bagxamuza isigqoko egazini. 32 Basebethumela isigqoko esilemibalabala, basisa kuyise, bathi: Lokhu sikuficile; akunanzelele ukuthi lesi yisigqoko sendodana yakho yini, loba hatshi. 33 Wasinanzelela wathi: Yisigqoko sendodana yami! Isilo esibi simdlile, isibili udatshulwe uJosefa. 34 UJakobe wasedabula izembatho zakhe, wafaka ilembu lesaka ekhalweni lwakhe, wayililela indodana yakhe insuku ezinengi. 35 Njalo wonke amadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe asukuma ukumduduzwa, kodwa wala ukududuzwa, wathi: Ngoba

ngizakwehlela engcwabeni endodaneni yami ngilila. Uyise wamlilela njalo. 36 AmaMidiyani asemthengisa eGibhithe kuPotifa, umphathi kaFaro, induna yabalindi.

Amadodana kaJuda

38 Kwasekusithi ngalesosikhathi uJuda wehla esuka kubafowabo, waphambukela endodeni yeAdulamu, obizo layo linguHira. 2 UJuda wasebona lapho indodakazi yendoda umKhanani, obizo lakhe linguShuwa; wayithatha wangena kuyo. 3 Yasithatha isisu, yazala indodana; waseyitha ibizo layo uEri. 4 Yasiphinda ithatha isisu, yazala indodana; yayitha ibizo layo uOnani. 5 Yasisengezelela futhi yazala indodana, yayitha ibizo layo uShela; kodwa wayeseKezibi ekuyizaleni kwayo. 6 UJuda wasemthathela uEri izibulo lakhe umfazi, njalo ibizo lakhe linguTamari. 7 Kodwa uEri, izibulo likaJuda, wayemubi emehlweni eNKOSI; iNKOSI yasimbulala. 8 UJuda wasesithi kuOnani: Ngena kumkamfowenu, wenze kuye imfanelo yomfowabo wendoda, umvusele umfowenu inzalo. 9 UOnani wayesazi-ke ukuthi inzalo kayiyikuba ngeyakhe. Kwasekusithi lapho engena kumkamfowabo, wayichithela emhlabathini, ukuze angamniki umfowabo inzalo. 10 Kwasekusiba kubi emehlweni eNKOSI lokho akwenzayo; ngakho yambulala laye. 11 UJuda wasesithi kuTamari umalokazana wakhe: Hlala ungumfelokazi endlini kayihlo, aze akhule uShela indodana yami; ngoba wathi: Hlezi laye afe njengabafowabo. UTamari wasehamba wahlala endlini kayise.

UJuda loTamari

12 Emva kwensuku ezinengi yafa indodakazi kaShuwa, umkaJuda. UJuda eseziduduzile, wenyukela kubagundi bezimvu zakhe eThiminathi, yena lomngane wakhe uHira umAdulamu. 13 Kwasekusaziswa kuTamari ukuthi: Khangela, uyihlozala wenyukela eThiminathi ukugunda izimvu zakhe. 14 Wasekhulula izembatho zobufelokazi bakhe, wazimbomboza ngesimbombozo, wazigoqela, wahlala esangweni iEnayima, elisendleleni eya eThiminathi; ngoba wabona ukuthi uShela wayesekhulile, njalo wayengamnikwanga ukuba ngumkakhe. 15 Lapho uJuda esembonile, wacabanga ukuthi uliwule, ngoba embomboze ubuso bakhe. 16 Wasephambukela kuye endleleni wathi: Woza-ke, ngingene kuwe; ngoba wayengazi ukuthi ngumalokazana wakhe. Wasesithi: Uzanginikani ukuze

ungene kimi? 17 Wasesithi: Mina ngizathumela izinyane lembuzi elivela emhlanjini. Wasesithi: Uzanginika isibambiso uze ulithumele yini? 18 Wasesithi: Sibambiso bani engizakunika sona? Wasesithi: Indandatho elophawu lwakho, lentambo yakho, lodondolo lwakho olusesandleni sakho. Wasemupha, wangena kuye; wasethatha isisu sakhe. 19 Wasesukuma wahamba, wakhulula isimbombozo sakhe, wafaka izembatho zobufelokazi bakhe. 20 UJuda wasethumela izinyane lembuzi ngesandla somngane wakhe umAdulamu ukuze athathe isibambiso esandleni sowesifazana; kodwa kamtholanga. 21 Wasebuza amadoda endawo yakowesifazana esithi: Lingaphi iwule elaliseEnayima endleleni? Asesithi: Kakuzanga kube khona iwule lapha. 22 Wasebuyela kuJuda wathi: Kangilitholanga, futhi lamadoda endawo athi: Kakuzanga kube khona iwule lapha. 23 UJuda wasesithi: Kalizithathele, hlezi sideleleke; khangela, ngithumele lelizinyane, kodwa wena kawumtholanga.

24 Kwasekusithi phose emva kwenyanga ezintathu kwaziswa kuJuda ukuthi: UTamari umalokazana wakhe ufebile, futhi khangela-ke, ulesisu sokufetshwa. UJuda wasesithi: Mkhupheni atshiswe. 25 Esekhutshiwe, yena wathumela kuyisezala, esithi: Ngoniwe yindoda engumnini walezizinto. Wathi futhi: Ake uhlolisise ukuthi ngezikabani lezizinto, indandatho elophawu lezintambo lodondolo. 26 UJuda wasezivuma wathi: Ulungile kulami, ngakho njengoba ngingamnikanga uShela indodana yami. Njalo kabanga esamazi futhi.

27 Kwasekusithi esikhathini sokubeletha kwakhe, khangela-ke, amaphahla ayesesiswini sakhe. 28 Kwasekusithi ekubeletheni kwakhe, *elinye* lakhupha isandla; umbelethisi wasithatha, wabopha intambo ebomvu esandleni salo, esithi: Lo uzaphuma kuqala. 29 Kodwa kwathi lifinyeza isandla salo, khangela-ke umfowabo waphuma; wasesithi: Ufohle njani? Ukufohla kakube phezu kwakho. Wasemutha ibizo lakhe uPerezi. 30 Emva kwalokhu kwasekuphuma umfowabo owayelentambo ebomvu esandleni sakhe; wasemutha ibizo lakhe uZera.

UJosefa lomkaPotifa

39 UJosefa wasesehliselwa eGibhithe; njalo uPotifa, umphathi kaFaro, induna yabalindi, indoda engumGibhithe, wamthenga esandleni samaIshmayeli, ababemehlisele khona. 2 Njalo iNKOSI yayiloJosefa, waze waba ngumuntu ophumelelayo; wayesendlini yenkosi yakhe, umGibhithe. 3 Inkosi yakhe yasibona ukuthi iNKOSI ilaye, lokuthi konke akwenzayo iNKOSI yakuphumelelisa esandleni sakhe. 4 UJosefa wasethola umusa emehlweni

ayo, wayisebenzela; njalo yamenza waba ngumphathi wendlu yayo, lakho konke eyayilakho yakunikela esandleni sakhe. 5 Kwasekusithi kusukela esikhathini eyamenza ngaso umphathi wendlu yayo, lakho konke eyayilakho, iNKOSI yabusisa indlu yomGibhithe ngenxa kaJosefa; lesibusiso seNKOSI saba phezu kwakho konke eyayilakho, endlini lensimini. 6 Yasitshiya konke eyayilakho esandleni sikaJosefa; yayingazi lutho lwayo, ngaphandle kokudla eyayikudla. Futhi uJosefa wayemuhle ngesimo, ekhangeleka kuhle.

7 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto, inkosikazi yenkosi yakhe yaphakamisela amehlo ayo kuJosefa; yathi: Lala lami. 8 Kodwa wala, wathi enkosikazini yenkosi yakhe: Khangela, inkosi yami kayikwazi engilakho endlini, njalo konke elakho ikunikela esandleni sami; 9 kakho omkhulu kulami endlini le; njalo kayingigoddelanga lutho, ngaphandle kwakho, ngalokhu ukuthi ungumkayo; njalo ngingenza njani lobububi obukhulu, ngone kuNkulunkulu? 10 Kwasekusithi ekukhulumeni kwakhe kuJosefa insuku ngensuku, kazange amlalele, ukulala laye, lokuba laye. 11 Kwasekusithi ngosuku oluthile wangena endlini ukuyakwenza umsebenzi wakhe, njalo kwakungekho owamadoda endlu lapho endlini, 12 yasimbamba ngesembatho sakhe isithi: Lala lami. Kodwa watshiya isembatho sakhe esandleni sayo, wabaleka, waphumela phandle. 13 Kwasekusithi isibonile ukuthi utshiyile isembatho sakhe esandleni sayo, wabalekela phandle, 14 yabiza amadoda endlu yayo, yakhuluma kuwo isithi: Bonani, usilethele indoda engumHebheru ukudlala ngathi; uze kimi ukuze alale lami, ngamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu; 15 kwasekusithi esezwile ukuthi ngiphakamise ilizwi lami ngakhala, watshiya isembatho sakhe eceleni kwami, wabaleka, waphumela phandle. 16 Yasisibeka isembatho sakhe eceleni kwayo, yaze yafika inkosi yakhe ekhaya. 17 Njalo yakhuluma kuyo njengalamazwi isithi: Inceku engumHebheru, osilethele yona, izile kimi ukuze idlale ngami; 18 kwasekusithi sengiphakamise ilizwi lami ngakhala, yatshiya isembatho sayo eceleni kwami, yabalekela phandle. 19 Kwasekusithi inkosi yakhe isizwe amazwi omkayo, ewakhulume kuyo, esithi: Njengalamazwi inceku yakho yenze kimi, ulaka lwayo lwavutha. 20 Inkosi kaJosefa yasimthatha yamfaka entolongweni, indawo lapho izibotshwa zenkosi ezazibotshelwa khona; wasesiba lapho entolongweni.

21 Kodwa iNKOSI yaba loJosefa, yelulela umusa kuye, yasimupha umusa emehlweni enduna yentolongo. 22 Induna yentolongo yanikela-ke esandleni sikaJosefa zonke izibotshwa ezazisentolongweni; lakho konke ezazikwenza lapho, wayengumenzi. 23 Induna yentolongo kayisakhangelanga lutho olwalusesandleni sakhe, ngoba iNKOSI yayilaye; lalokho akwenzayo iNKOSI yakuphumelelisa.

UJosefa uchasisa amaphupho

40 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto umphathinkezo wenkosi yeGibhithe lomphhekizinkwa bona enkosini yabo, enkosini yeGibhithe. 2 Ngakho uFaro wabathukuthelela abathenwa bakhe ababili, induna yabaphathinkezo lenduna yabaphekizinkwa. 3 Wazinikela esitokisini, endlini yenduna yabalindi, entolongweni, indawo lapho uJosefa ayebotshelwe khona. 4 Induna yabalindi yasimlaya uJosefa ukuba lazo, wazisebenzela; njalo zaba lensuku esitokisini.

5 Zombili zaseziphupha amaphupho, ngamunye iphupho lakhe, ngabusuku bunye, ngamunye njengengcazelo yephupho lakhe, umphathinkezo lomphhekizinkwa ababengabekosi yeGibhithe ababebotshiwe entolongweni. 6 UJosefa wasengena kibo ekuseni, wababona, khangela-ke, benyukumele. 7 Wasebabuza abathenwa bakaFaro ababelaye esitokisini endlini yenkosi yakhe, esithi: Kungani ubuso benu budanile lamuhla? 8 Basebesithi kuye: Siphuphile iphupho, njalo kakho umchasisi walo. UJosefa wasesithi kubo: Ingcazelo kayisizo zikaNkulunkulu yini? Ake lingilandisele *wona*. 9 Induna yabaphathinkezo yalandisa iphupho layo kuJosefa, yathi kuye: Ephutsheni lami, khangela-ke, kwakukhona ivini phambi kwami; 10 evinini-ke kwakukhona ingatsha ezintathu; njalo kwakungathi liyahhluma, impoko zalo zaphuma, amahlukuzo alo athela izithelo zevini ezivuthiweyo. 11 Njalo inkezo kaFaro yayisesandleni sami; ngasengithatha izithelo zevini, ngazikhamela enkezweni kaFaro, nganika inkezo esandleni sikaFaro. 12 UJosefa wasesithi kuyo: Le yingcazelo yalo. Ingatsha ezintathu ziyizinsuku ezintathu; 13 kusesephakathi kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaphakamisa ikhanda lakho, akubuyisele esikhundleni sakho; njalo uzanika inkezo kaFaro esandleni sakhe, njengendlela yakuqala lapho wawungumphathinkezo wakhe. 14 Kodwa ungikhumbule lawe, lapho uhlezi kuhle, ake ungenzele umusa, ungibike kuFaro, ungikhuphe kulindlu. 15 Ngoba ngebiwa lokwebiwa elizweni lamaHebheru, lalapha futhi kangenzanga lutho ukuze bangifake emgodini.

16 Lapho induna yabaphekizinkwa ibona ukuthi uchasise kuhle, yathi kuJosefa: Lami bengisephutsheni; khangela-ke, bekukhona izitsha ezintathu zilezinkwa ezimhlophe ekhanda lami; 17 njalo esitsheni esingaphezulu kwakukhona okokudla konke kukaFaro, umsebenzi obhakiweyo; njalo inyoni zakudla lokho esitsheni esisekhanda lami. 18 UJosefa wasephendula wathi: Le yingcazelo yalo. Izitsha ezintathu ziyizinsuku ezintathu; 19 kusesephakathi kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaphakamisa ikhanda lakho

lisuke kuwe, akulengise esihlahleni; inyoni zizakudla inyama yakho ziyisuse kuwe.

20 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithathu, usuku lokuzalwa kukaFaro, wenzela inceku zakhe zonke idili; waphakamisa ikhanda lenduna yabaphathinkezo lekhandu lenduna yabaphekizinkwa phakathi kwenceku zakhe. 21 Wayibuyisela induna yabaphathinkezo ekuphatheni kwayo inkezo; yasinika inkezo esandleni sikaFaro. 22 Kodwa wayilengisa induna yabaphekizinkwa, njengoba uJosefa ezichasisele. 23 Kodwa induna yabaphathinkezo kayimkhumbulanga uJosefa, kodwa yamkhohlwa.

UJosefa uchasisa amaphupho kaFaro

41 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka emibili egcweleyo uFaro waphupha; khangela-ke, emi emfuleni. 2 Khangela-ke, emfuleni kwakhuphuka amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, ekhangeleka emahle, enonile enyameni; adla emihlangeni. 3 Khangela-ke, amanye amankomokazi ayisikhombisa akhuphuka emfuleni emva kwawo, ekhangeleka kubi, ecakile enyameni; ema eduze lamankomokazi ekhunjini lomfula. 4 Amankomokazi akhangeleka kubi acakileyo enyameni adla amankomokazi akhangeleka kuhle anonileyo. UFaro wasephaphama. 5 Walala futhi, waphupha ngokwesibili; khangela-ke, kwakhahlela izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ehlangeni linye, ezigcweleyo zilungile. 6 Khangela-ke, izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezicakileyo, zihangulwe ngumoya wempumalanga, zakhahlela emva kwazo. 7 Izikhwebu ezicakileyo zaginya izikhwebu ezipheleleyo ezigcweleyo. UFaro wasephaphama, khangela-ke, kwakuliphupho. 8 Kwasekusithi ekuseni umoya wakhe wakhathazeka; wathumela wabiza izangoma zonke zeGibhithe lazo zonke izazi zayo. UFaro wazilandisela iphupho lakhe; kodwa kwakungekho ongamchasisela wona uFaro.

9 Induna yabaphathinkezo yasikhuluma kuFaro isithi: Lamuhla ngiyakhumbula amacala ami. 10 UFaro wazithukuthelela inceku zakhe, wanginikela esitokisini, endlini yenduna yabalindi, mina lenduna yabaphekizinkwa; 11 njalo saphupha iphupho ngabusuku bunye, mina layo. Saphupha, ngamunye njengengcazelo yephupho lakhe. 12 Kwakukhona lapho kanye lathi ijaha umHebheru, inceku yenduna yabalindi; sayilandisela yasichasisela amaphupho ethu, yachasisa ngamunye njengephupho lakhe. 13 Kwasekusithi njengokusichasisela kwayo kwaba njalo; mina wangibuyisela esikhundleni sami, yena wamlengisa.

14 UFaro wasethumela wabiza uJosefa; bamkhupha emgodini ngokuphangisa; esephucile wafaka ezinye izigqoko, wangena kuFaro. 15

UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Ngiphuphile iphupho, kodwa kakho olichasisayo; njalo mina ngizwile ngawe ukuthi: Usizwa iphupho, uyalichasisa. 16 UJosefa wasemphendula uFaro esithi: Kakukho kimi. UNkulunkulu uzaphendula impilakahle kaFaro. 17 UFaro wasekhuluma kuJosefa *wathi*: Ephutsheni lami, khangela, ngangimi ekhunjini lomfula; 18 njalo khangela, kwakhuphuka emfuleni amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, anonileyo enyameni, akhangeleka emahle, adla emihlangeni. 19 Khangela-ke, amanye amankomokazi ayisikhombisa akhuphuka emva kwawo, ayangekileyo, akhangeleka emabi kakhulu, acakileyo enyameni; angizanga ngiwabone anjengawo ngobubi elizweni lonke leGibhithe. 20 Kwathi amankomokazi acakileyo lamabi adla amankomokazi ayisikhombisa okuqala anonileyo. 21 Lapho esengene esiswini sawo, kakubonakalanga ukuthi angenile esiswini sawo, ngoba ekhangeleka kubi njengakuqala. Ngasengiphaphama. 22 Ngasengibona ephutsheni lami, khangela-ke, izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa zikhahlela ehlangeni linye, zigcwele zilungile; 23 njalo khangela, izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezitshwabheneyo, ezicakileyo, ezihangulwe ngumoya wempumalanga zakhahlela emva kwazo. 24 Njalo izikhwebu ezicakileyo zaginya izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezilungileyo. Njalo ngakulandisela izangoma; kodwa kwakungekho esangichasiselayo.

25 UJosefa wasesithi kuFaro: Iphupho likaFaro linye. Lokho uNkulunkulu akwenzayo, umazisile uFaro. 26 Amankomokazi ayisikhombisa alungileyo ayiminyaka eyisikhombisa; lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezilungileyo ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa. Iphupho linye. 27 Njalo amankomokazi acakileyo lamabi akhuphuka emva kwawo ayiminyaka eyisikhombisa; lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezicakileyo ezihangulwe ngumoya wempumalanga zizakuba yiminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala. 28 Le yinto engiyikhulume kuFaro *ukuthi*: Lokho uNkulunkulu akwenzayo, ukutshengisile kuFaro. 29 Khangela, kuyeza iminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala enkulu elizweni lonke leGibhithe. 30 Kuzavela iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala emva kwayo; izakhohlakala-ke inala yonke elizweni leGibhithe; njalo indlala izaliqeda ilizwe. 31 Njalo inala kayiyikwaziwa elizweni ngenxa yaleyondlala emva kwalokho, ngoba izakuba nzima kakhulu. 32 Njalo ukuthi iphupho liphindwe kabili kuFaro, kungoba into *le* imisiwe nguNkulunkulu, futhi uNkulunkulu uyaphangisa ukukwenza. 33 Khathesi-ke uFaro kakhangele indoda eqedisayo lehlakaniphileyo, ayibeke phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe. 34 UFaro kenze *lokhu*, abeke ababonisi phezu kwelizwe, athathe ingxenye yesihlanu yelizwe leGibhithe eminyakeni eyisikhombisa yenala. 35 Kababuthe konke ukudla kwaliminyaka elungileyo ezayo, njalo kababuthelele amabele ngaphansi kwesandla sikaFaro, kube yikudla emizini, bawagcine. 36 Njalo ukudla kuzakuba yisiphala selizwe

okweminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala ezakuba khona elizweni leGibhithe, ukuze ilizwe lingabhujiswa yindlala.

Ukuphakanyiswa kukaJosefa

37 Njalo into le yabanhle emehlweni kaFaro lemehlweni ezinceku zakhe zonke. 38 UFaro wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Singamthola yini onjengaye, indoda okuyo uMoya kaNkulunkulu? 39 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Njengalokhu uNkulunkulu ekwazisile konke lokhu, kakho oqedisisayo lohlakaniphileyo njengawe. 40 Wena uzakuba phezu kwendlu yami, njalo emlonjeni wakho bonke abantu bami bazabuswa; kuphela esihlalweni sobukhosi ngizakuba mkhulu kulawe. 41 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Khangela, ngikubekile phezu kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe. 42 UFaro wasekhupha indandatho yakhe elophawu lwakhe esandleni sakhe, wayifaka esandleni sikaJosefa, wamgqokisa izigqoko zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, wamgaxa iketane legolide entanyeni. 43 Wamhambisa enqoleni yesibili ayelayo; njalo bamemeza phambi kwakhe *besithi*: Guqani! Ngokunjalo wambeka phezu kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe. 44 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: NginguFaro; kodwa ngaphandle kwakho kakho ozaphakamisa isandla sakhe loba unyawo lwakhe elizweni lonke leGibhithe. 45 UFaro wasebiza ibizo likaJosefa *ngokuthi* uZafenathi-Paneya. Wamnika uAsenathi, indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi weOni, ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. UJosefa wasephuma wadabula elizweni leGibhithe.

46 Njalo uJosefa wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu mhla esima phambi kukaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe. UJosefa wasephuma esuka ebusweni bukaFaro, wadabula ilizwe lonke leGibhithe. 47 Umhlaba wathela ngezandla ezigcweleyo eminyakeni eyisikhombisa yenala. 48 Waseqoqa konke ukudla kweminyaka eyisikhombisa eyayiselizweni leGibhithe, wabeka ukudla emizini; ukudla kwensimu ezingelezele lowo lalowomuzi wakubeka kuwo. 49 UJosefa wasebuthelela amabele njengetshebetshebe lolwandle, aba manengi kakhulu, waze wayekela ukubala, ngoba ayengelanani.

50 Wasezalelwa uJosefa amadodana amabili, ungakafiki umnyaka wendlala, amzalela wona uAsenathi indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi weOni. 51 UJosefa wasebiza ibizo lezibulo *wathi* nguManase, *wathi*: Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungenze ukuthi ngikhohlwe konke ukuhlupheka kwami lendlu yonke kababa. 52 Lebizo leyesibili walibiza *wathi* nguEfrayimi, *wathi*: Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungenze ukuthi ngibe lezithelo elizweni lokuhlupheka kwami.

53 Kwasekuphela iminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala eyayiselizweni leGibhithe. 54 Kwasekuqala ukufika iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala, njengoba uJosefa

wayetshilo. Kwasekusiba khona indlala emazweni wonke, kodwa elizweni lonke leGibhithe kwakukhona isinkwa. 55 Kwathi ilizwe leGibhithe lonke selilamba, abantu bakhala ngesinkwa kuFaro. UFaro wasesithi kuwo wonke amaGibhithe: Yanini kuJosefa, lenze lokho alitshela khona. 56 Kwathi sekulendlala ebusweni belizwe lonke, uJosefa wavula zonke iziphala, wathengisela amaGibhithe; indlala-ke yaba lamandla elizweni leGibhithe. 57 Lonke ilizwe lafika eGibhithe kuJosefa ukuthenga, ngoba indlala yayilamandla emhlabeni wonke.

Abafowabo bakaJosefa baya eGibhithe

42 UJakobe esebonile ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibhithe, uJakobe wathi emadodaneni akhe: Kungani likhangelana? 2 Wathi futhi: Khangelani, sengizwile ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibhithe; yehlani liye khona, lisithengele khona, ukuze siphile, singafi. 3 Abafowabo bakaJosefa abalitshumi basebesehla ukuthenga amabele eGibhithe. 4 Kodwa uBhenjamini, umfowabo kaJosefa, uJakobe kamthumanga labafowabo, ngoba wathi: Hlezi ehlelwe yingozi.

5 Amadodana kaIsrayeli asefika ukuthenga phakathi kwababesiza, ngoba indlala yayikhona elizweni leKhanani. 6 Njalo uJosefa wayengumbusi phezu kwelizwe; wathengisela abantu bonke belizwe; bafika-ke abafowabo bakaJosefa, bamkhotamela ngobuso emhlabathini. 7 UJosefa esebabonile abafowabo, wabazi, kodwa wazitshaya owemzini kubo, wakhuluma labo izinto ezilukhuni wathi kubo: Livela ngaphi? Bathi: Elizweni leKhanani, ukuthenga ukudla. 8 UJosefa wasebazi abafowabo, kodwa bona kabamazanga. 9 UJosefa wasekhumbula amaphupho awaphupha ngabo, wathi kibo: Lizinhloli, ukuzabona ubunqunu belizwe lizile. 10 Basebesithi kuye: Hatshi, nkosi yami; kodwa inceku zakho zize ukuthenga ukudla. 11 Thina sonke singamadodana andodanye; singabaqotho, inceku zakho kazisizo inhloli. 12 Wasesithi kubo: Hatshi, kodwa ukuzabona ubunqunu belizwe lizile. 13 Basebesithi: Thina, izinceku zakho, siyizelamani ezilitshumi lambili, amadodana andodanye elizweni leKhanani; khangelana-ke, icinathunjana likubaba lamuhla, enye kayisekho. 14 UJosefa wasesithi kubo: Yikho lokho engikutsho kini, ukuthi: Lizinhloli. 15 Kulokhu lizahlolwa; ngempilo kaFaro! kalisoze liphume lapha, ngaphandle kokuthi kufike umfowenu olicinathunjana lapha. 16 Thumani omunye wenu, amlande umfowenu; kodwa lina lizabotshwa, ukuze kuhlolwe amazwi enu, ukuthi iqiniso likini yini; kodwa uba hatshi, impilo kaFaro! lizinhloli. 17 Wasebafaka esitokisini insuku ezintathu. 18 UJosefa wasesithi kubo ngosuku lwesithathu:

Yenzani lokhu ukuze liphile. Ngiyamesaba uNkulunkulu. 19 Uba lingabaqotho, kabotshwe omunye wabafowenu endlini yokulondolozwa kwenu, kodwa lina hambani, libuyele lamabele endlala ezindlu zenu, 20 lilethe umnawenu olicinathunjana kimi; khona amazwi enu ezaqiniswa, ukuze lingafi. Basebesenza njalo.

21 Basebekhulumisana *besithi*: Isibili silecala ngomfowethu, ngoba sabona usizi lomphefumulo wakhe, nxa wasincenga, kodwa kasilalelanga; ngenxa yalokho sehlelwe yikuhlupheka lokhu. 22 URubeni wasebaphendula wathi: Kangitshongo yini ukuthi: Lingoni kumfana? Kodwa kalilalelanga. Ngakho legazi lakhe, khangelani, liyabizwa. 23 Njalo bona babengazi ukuthi uJosefa uyezwa, ngoba kwakulomtoliki phakathi kwabo. 24 Njalo wabafulathela, wakhala inyembezi; wasetshibilikela kubo, wakhuluma kubo; wasethatha uSimeyoni kubo, wambopha phambi kwamehlo abo.

25 UJosefa waselaya ukuthi bagcwalise amasaka abo ngamabele, lokuthi babuyisele imali yabo, ngulowo lalowo esakeni lakhe, lokuthi babanike umphako wendlela; basebesenza njalo kubo. 26 Basebesethwesa obabhemi babo amabele abo, basuka lapho. 27 Kwathi omunye evula isaka lakhe ukuze anike ubabhemi wakhe ukudla endlini yezihambi, wabona imali yakhe, ngoba khangela, yayisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe. 28 Wasesithi kubaqawabano: Imali yami ibuyiselwe; futhi khangelani, isesakeni lami. Inhliziyo yabo yasisehluleka, bathuthumela, omunye komunye besithi: Kuyini lokhu uNkulunkulu akwenze kithi?

29 Basebebuyela kuJakobe uyise elizweni leKhanani, bamazisa konke abahlangene lakho, besithi: 30 Indoda, umbusi walelolizwe, wasihalada, wasithatha njengenhloli zelizwe. 31 Kodwa sathi kuye: Singabaqotho; kasisizo izinhloli; 32 sasiyizelamani ezilitshumi lambili, amadodana kababa; enye kayisekho, lecinathunjana lamuhla likubaba elizweni leKhanani. 33 Lendoda, umbusi welizwe, wathi kithi: Ngalokhu ngizakwazi ukuthi lingabaqotho; tshiyani omunye wabafowenu kimi, lithathele indlala yezindlu zenu, lihambe, 34 lilethe umnawenu olicinathunjana kimi; khona ngizabona ukuthi kalisizo izinhloli kodwa lingabaqotho, ngilinye umfowenu, lithengiselane elizweni.

35 Kwasekusithi sebethulula amasaka abo, khangela-ke, isikhwama semali salowo lalowo sisesakeni lakhe. Lapho bebona izikhwama zemali yabo, bona loyise, besaba. 36 UJakobe uyise wasesithi kubo: Liyangemuka abantwana; uJosefa kasekho loSimeyoni kakho, loBhenjamini lizamthatha; zonke lezizinto zimelane lami. 37 URubeni wasekhuluma kuyise esithi: Bulala ababili kumadodana ami, uba ngingambuyisi kuwe; mnikele esandleni sami, futhi mina ngizambuyisela kuwe. 38 Kodwa wathi: Indodana yami

kayiyikwehla lani, ngoba umfowabo ufile, futhi yena usele yedwa; uba esehlelwa yingozi endleleni elihamba kuyo, lizakwehlisela engcwabeni izimvu zami ngosizi.

Abafowabo bakaJosefa babuyela eGibhithe loBhenjamini

43 Indlala yasisiba nzima elizweni. 2 Kwasekusithi sebeqedile ukudla ababebuye lakho eGibhithe, uyise wathi kubo: Buyelani, lisithengele ukudla okulutshwana. 3 UJuda wasekhuluma kuye wathi: Leyondoda yasiqonqosela yathi: Kalisoze libubone ubuso bami ngaphandle kokuthi umnawenu libe laye. 4 Uba uthuma umnawethu lathi, sizakwehla siyekuthengela ukudla, 5 kodwa uba ungamthumi, kasiyikwehla, ngoba leyondoda yathi kithi: Kalisoze libubone ubuso bami ngaphandle kokuthi umnawenu lilaye. 6 UIsrayeli wasesithi: Lenzelani okubi kimi ngokuyazisa leyondoda ukuthi liselomnawenu? 7 Basebesithi: Leyondoda yabuzisisa mayelana lathi langezihlobo zethu, isithi: Uyihlo usaphila yini? Lilomnawenu yini? Sayilandisela ngalawomazwi; ukwazi sasikwazi yini ukuthi izakuthi: Yehlani lomnawenu? 8 UJuda wasesithi kuIsrayeli uyise: Thuma umfana lami; besesisukuma sihambe, ukuze siphile singafi, lathi, lawe, labantwanyana bethu. 9 Mina ngizakuba yisibambiso sakhe; uzamdinga esandleni sami; uba ngingambuyisi kuwe ngimbeke phambi kwakho, ngizakuba lecala kuwe zonke izinsuku. 10 Isibili uba besingalibalanga, qotho ngabe khathesi sesibuyile kabili. 11 UIsrayeli uyise wasesithi kubo: Uba kunjalo khathesi, yenzani lokhu; thathani okwezithelo ezikhethiweyo zelizwe ezitsheni zenu, liyehlisele leyondoda isipho, inhlaka eyingcosana, loluju oluyingcosana, isinongo, lemure*, imkelu yepistakiyo, lama-alimondi; 12 lithathe imali iphindwe kabili esandleni senu; futhi imali eyabuyiselwayo emlonyeni wamasaka enu liyibuyisele esandleni senu, mhlawumbe kwaba yisiphosiso. 13 Lithathe futhi umfowenu, lisukume, libuyele kuleyondoda. 14 UNkulunkulu uSomandla kaliphe isihawu phambi kwaleyondoda, ukuze alikhululele omunye umfowenu loBhenjamini. Mina-ke, uba ngemukwa abantwana, ngiyemukwa.

15 Amadoda asethatha lesosipho, athatha imali ephindwe kabili esandleni sawo loBhenjamini; asukuma ehlela eGibhithe, ema phambi kukaJosefa. 16 Kwathi uJosefa embona uBhenjamini elabo, wathi kumphathi wendlu yakhe: Ngenisa lamadoda endlini, uhlabe isifuyo, ulungise, ngoba lamadoda azakudla lami emini. 17 Indoda yenza njengoba uJosefa etshilo, lendoda yawangenisa amadoda endlini kaJosefa. 18 Amadoda asesesaba, ngoba engeniswe endlini kaJosefa; athi: Singeniswiwe ngenxa yemali eyabuyiselwa

emasakeni ethu kuqala, ukuze asijume ehlele phezu kwethu, asithathe sibe yizigqili, labobabhemi bethu. 19 Asesondela endodeni eyayingumphathi wendlu kaJosefa, akhuluma kuyo emnyango wendlu, 20 athi: Mayuyu nkosi yami! Sehla lokwehla kuqala ukuthenga ukudla. 21 Kwasekusithi sesifike endlini yezihambi, savula amasaka ethu, khangela-ke, imali yalowo lalowo yayisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe, imali yethu ngesisindo sayo; siyibuyisile esandleni sethu. 22 Lenye imali sehlelayo esandleni sethu, ukuthenga ukudla. Kasazi ukuthi ngubani ofake imali yethu emasakeni ethu. 23 Wasesithi: Ukuthula kakube kini, lingesabi. UNkulunkulu wenu loNkulunkulu kayihlo ulinikile inotho emasakeni enu. Imali yenu yeza kimi. Wasemkhuphela kubo uSimeyoni. 24 Indoda yasiwangenisa amadoda endlini kaJosefa, yawanika amanzi; asegeza inyawo zawo; yasinika obabhemi bawo ukudla. 25 Aselungisa isipho waze wafika uJosefa emini, ngoba ayezwile ukuthi bazakudla isinkwa lapho.

26 Kwathi uJosefa esefikile endlini, amlethela endlini isipho esasisesandleni sawo, amkhothamela emhlabathini. 27 Wasewabuza impilo wathi: Uyaphila uyihlo yini, ixhegu elalikhuluma ngalo? Lisaphila yini? 28 Asesithi: Inceku yakho ubaba isekhona, isaphila. Asekhothamela phansi amkhonza. 29 Wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona uBhenjamini umfowabo, indodana kanina, wathi: Nguye lo umnawenu omncinyane yini elakhuluma ngaye kimi? Wathi futhi: UNkulunkulu kabe lomusa kuwe, ndodana yami. 30 UJosefa wasephangisa, ngoba imibilini yakhe yatshisekela umfowabo; wadinga *indawo* yokukhala inyembezi; wangena ekamelweni eliphakathi, wakhala inyembezi khona. 31 Esegezile ubuso bakhe, waphuma; esezibambile wathi: Fakani isinkwa. 32 Bamfakela yedwa, lawo wodwa, lamaGibhithe, ayesidla laye, wodwa, ngoba amaGibhithe ayengedle isinkwa lamaHebheru, ngoba lokho kwakuyisinengiso kumaGibhithe. 33 Asehlala phambi kwakhe, izibulo njengobuzibulo balo, lecinathunjana njengobucinathunjana balo; lamadoda amangala enye kwenye. 34 Wasewabela kulokhu okwakuphambi kwakhe; kodwa isabelo sikaBhenjamini saphindwa kahlanu okwedlula isabelo sawo wonke. Anatha asenatha kakhulu laye.

UJosefa uyabalinga abafowabo

44 Waselaya umphathi wendlu yakhe esithi: Gwalisa amasaka amadoda ngokudla, okulingene abangakuthwala, ufake imali yalowo lalowo emlonyeni wesaka lakhe. 2 Lenkezo yami, inkezo yesiliva, ifake emlonyeni wesaka lecinathunjana kanye lemali yamabele alo. Wenza-ke njengelizwi

likaJosefa, ayelikhulumile. 3 Ekuseni sekusile, amadoda avunyelwa ukuhamba, wona labobabhemi bawo. 4 Wona aphuma emzini, ayengakhatshana, uJosefa wasesithi kumphathi wendlu yakhe: Sukuma xotshana lamadoda; lapho usuwaficile uzakuthi kuwo: Liphindiseleleni okuhle ngokubi? 5 Le kayisiyo enatha kuyo inkosi yami, lehlahlula ngayo sibili yini? Lenze okubi ngelikwenzileyo.

6 Wasewafica, wakhuluma kuwo lamazwi. 7 Asesithi kuye: Inkosi yethu ikhulumelani amazwi anje? Kakube khatshana lezincedu zakho ukwenza into enje. 8 Khangela, imali esayifica emlonyeni wamasaka ethu sayibuyisela kuwe ivela elizweni leKhanani. Pho, besingeba njani isiliva loba igolide endlini yenkosi yakho? 9 Lowo owezincedu zakho etholwa kuye, kafe, lathi futhi sizakuba yizigqili zenkosi yethu. 10 Wasesithi: Khathesi-ke, kakube njalo njengamazwi enu; lowo ezatholwa kuye uzakuba yisigqili sami, kodwa lina libe msulwa. 11 Basebephangisa, njalo ngulowo lalowo wethulela isaka lakhe emhlabathini, ngulowo lalowo wasevula isaka lakhe. 12 Waphenya eqala kwenkulu wacina ngecinathunjana; njalo inkezo yatholwa esakeni likaBhenjamini. 13 Asedabula izembatho zawo; ileyo laleyo yethwesa ubabhemi wayo, asebuyela emzini.

14 Njalo uJuda wafika labafowabo endlini kaJosefa; ngoba wayesesekhona, bawela emhlabathini phambi kwakhe. 15 UJosefa wasesithi kubo: Yisenzo bani elisenzileyo? Belingazi yini ukuthi indoda enjengami ingahlahlula sibili? 16 UJuda wasesithi: Sizakuthini enkosini yethu? Sizakhulumani? Loba sizazilungisisa njani? UNkulunkulu uthole ububi benceku zakho; khangela, siyizigqili zenkosi yethu, thina sonke kanye laye inkezo etholwe esandleni sakhe. 17 Kodwa wathi: Kakube khatshana lami ukwenza lokho. Indoda esandleni sayo okutholwe inkezo, nguye ozakuba yisigqili sami; kodwa lina yenyukani ngokuthula liye kuyihlo.

18 UJuda wasesondela kuye wathi: Uxolo nkosi yami! Ake uvumele inceku yakho ikhulume ilizwi endlebeni zenkosi yami, lolaka lwakho lungayivutheli inceku yakho, ngoba unjengoFaro kanye. 19 Inkosi yami yabuza inceku zayo isithi: Liloyihlo kumbe umfowenu yini? 20 Sasesisithi enkosini yami: Silobaba olixhegu, lomfana wobuxhegu, omncinyane, lomnewabo ufile, njalo yena usele yedwa kunina, loyise uyamthanda. 21 Wasusithi ezincekwini zakho: Mehli-seleni kimi ukuze ngibeke ilihlo lami phezu kwakhe. 22 Sasesisithi enkosini yami: Umfana angetshiye uyise; uba emtshiya uyise, uzakufa uyise. 23 Wasusithi ezincekwini zakho: Uba umnawenu olicinathunjana engehli lani, kaliyikubona ubuso bami futhi. 24 Kwasekusithi sesenyukele kuncedu yakho ubaba, samazisa amazwi enkosi yami. 25 Ubaba wasesithi: Buyelani, lisithengele ukudla okulutshwana. 26 Sasesisithi: Singeke sehle; uba

umnawethu olicinathunjana elathi singehla, ngoba singebone ubuso baleyondoda uba umnawethu olicinathunjana singelaye. 27 Inceku yakho ubaba yasisithi kithi: Lina liyazi ukuthi umkami wangizalela *amadodana* amabili; 28 njalo omunye waphuma kimi, ngasengisithi: Isibili udatshuliwe lokudatshulwa; njalo kangimbonanga kuze kube khathesi. 29 Uba lithatha lalo limsusa ebusweni bami, eshlelewe yingozi, lizakwehlisela-ke izimvu zami engcwabeni ngosizi. 30 Khathesi-ke, lapho ngibuyela kunceku yakho ubaba, lomfana singelaye, njengoba umphefumulo wakhe ubotshelwe emphefumulweni wakhe, 31 kuzakuthi-ke, nxa ebona ukuthi umfana kakho, uzakufa; njalo inceku zakho zizakwehlisela izimvu zenceku yakho ubaba engcwabeni ngosizi. 32 Ngoba inceku yakho yaba yisibambiso somfana kubaba esithi: Uba ngingambuyiseli kuwe, ngizakuba lecala kubaba zonke izinsuku. 33 Khathesi-ke, ake inceku yakho isale esikhundleni somfana, ibe yisigqili senkosi yami, lomfana enyuke kanye labafowabo. 34 Ngoba ngingenyukela njani kubaba, umfana ngingelaye, hlezi ngibone okubi okuzafica ubaba?

UJosefa uyaziveza kubafowabo

45 UJosefa-ke wayengelakuzibamba phambi kwabo ababemi laye, wamemeza *wathi*: Khuphani wonke umuntu asuke kimi. Futhi kwakungelamuntu owayemi laye lapho uJosefa eziveza kubafowabo. 2 Wasephakamisa ilizwi lakhe ngokukhala, aze ezwa amaGibhithe lendlu kaFaro yezwa. 3 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo: NginguJosefa. Ubaba usaphila yini? Kodwa abafowabo kabaze bamphendula, ngoba besanganisekile phambi kwakhe. 4 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo: Ake lisondele kimi. Basondela-ke. Wasesithi: NginguJosefa umfowenu elamthengisa waya eGibhithe. 5 Khathesi-ke, lingadabuki, lingazithukutheleli, ukuthi langithengisa lapha, ngoba uNkulunkulu wangithuma phambi kwenu ukulondoloza impilo. 6 Ngoba liminyaka emibili indlala iphakathi kwelizwe; njalo kuseleminyaka emihlanu okungayikulinywa kuvunwe ngayo. 7 Njalo uNkulunkulu wangithuma phambi kwenu ukulimisela insali emhlabeni, lokuligcina liphila ngokukhulula okukhulu. 8 Khathesi-ke, lina alingithumelanga lapha, kodwa uNkulunkulu; wasengimisa ngaba nguyise kaFaro, lenkosi yendlu yakhe yonke, lombusi elizweni lonke leGibhithe. 9 Phangisani lenyukele kubaba, lithi kuye: Itsho njalo indodana yakho uJosefa: UNkulunkulu ungimise inkosi yeGibhithe lonke; yehlela kimi, ungaphuzi; 10 uzahlala elizweni leGosheni, ube seduze lami, wena labantwana bakho labantwana babantwabakho, lezimvu zakho lenkomo

zakho, lakho konke olakho. 11 Njalo ngizakondla lapho, ngoba isekhona iminyaka emihlanu yendlala, hlezi ube ngumyanga, wena lendlu yakho lakho konke olakho. 12 Khangelani-ke, amehlo enu ayabona, lamehlo omfowethu uBhenjamini, ukuthi umlomo wami ukhuluma kini. 13 Bikelani ubaba lonke udumo lwami eGibhithe, lakho konke elikubonileyo, liphangise lehlisele ubaba lapha. 14 Wasewela entanyeni kaBhenjamini umfowabo, wakhala inyembezi; loBhenjamini wakhala inyembezi entanyeni yakhe. 15 Wasebanga bonke abafowabo, wakhala inyembezi phezu kwabo. Njalo emva kwalokhu abafowabo baxoxa laye.

16 Kwathi lelilizwi lizwakala endlini kaFaro lisithi, abafowabo bakaJosefa bafikile, kwaba kuhle emehlweni kaFaro lemehlweni enceku zakhe. 17 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Tshela abafowenu *uthi*: Yenzani lokhu, yethwesani inyamazana zenu, lihambe liye elizweni leKhanani, 18 lithathe uyihlo lemizi yenu, libuye kimi; besengilinika okuhle kwelizwe leGibhithe, beselisidla amanono elizwe. 19 Wena-ke usulayiwe; yenzani lokhu, zithatheleni elizweni leGibhithe izinqola zabantwanyana benu labomkenu, lithwale uyihlo libuye. 20 Futhi ilihlo lenu lingakhathaleli impahla zenu, ngoba okuhle kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe kungokwenu. 21 Asesenza njalo amadodana kaIsrayeli; uJosefa wasewanika izinqola njengokulaya kukaFaro, wabanika umphako wendlela. 22 Wabanika bonke, kwaba ngulowo lalowo izembatho zokuntshintsha; kodwa uBhenjamini wamnika inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamakhulu amathathu, lezembatho zokuntshintsha ezinhlanu. 23 Wasethumela kuyise kanje, obabhemi abalitshumi, bethwele okwezinto ezinhle zeGibhithe, labobabhemikazi abalitshumi bethwele amabele lezinkwa lokudla kwendlela kukayise. 24 Wasebathuma abafowabo bahamba. Wathi kibo: Lingaxabani endleleni.

25 Basebesenyuka besuka eGibhithe, bafika elizweni leKhanani, kuJakobe uyise. 26 Bambikela besithi: UJosefa usaphila, njalo ungumbusi elizweni leGibhithe lonke. Inhliziyo yakhe yasiphela amandla, ngoba wayengabakholwa. 27 Basebemtshela wonke amazwi kaJosefa ayewatshilo kibo. Kwathi esezibonile izinqola uJosefa ayezithume ukumthwala, umoya kaJakobe uyise wavuseleleka. 28 UIsrayeli wasesithi: Kwanele, uJosefa indodana yami usaphila; ngizahamba ngimbone ngingakafi.

UJakobe uya eGibhithe

46 UIsrayeli wasesuka lakho konke ayelakho, wafika eBherishebha, wanikela imihlatshelo kuNkulunkulu kayise uIsaka. 2 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kuIsrayeli emibonweni yebusuku esithi: Jakobe, Jakobe!

Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha. 3 Wasesithi: NginguNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kayihlo; ungesabi ukwehlela eGibhithe, ngoba ngizakumisa ube yisizwe esikhulu khona; 4 mina ngizakwehlela eGibhithe lawe, njalo lami isibili ngizakwenyusa; futhi uJosefa uzabeka isandla sakhe phezu kwamehlo akho. 5 UJakobe wasesukuma evela eBherishebha. Lamadodana kaIsrayeli amthwala uJakobe uyise labantwanyana bawo labomkawo ezinqoleni uFaro ayezithumile ukumthwala. 6 Basebethatha izifuyo zabo lempahla zabo ababezizuzile elizweni leKhanani, bafika eGibhithe, uJakobe lenzalo yakhe yonke laye, 7 amadodana akhe, lamadodana amadodana akhe kanye laye, lamadodakazi akhe, lamadodakazi amadodana akhe; layo yonke inzalo yakhe wayiletha laye eGibhithe.

Inzalo kaJakobe

8 Njalo la ngamabizo amadodana kaIsrayeli afika eGibhithe: UJakobe lamadodana akhe. Izibulo likaJakobe: URubeni. 9 Lamadodana kaRubeni: OHanoki, loPalu, loHezironi, loKarimi.

10 Lamadodana kaSimeyoni: OJemuweli loJamini loOhadi loJakini loZohari, loShawuli indodana yomKhananikazi.

11 Lamadodana kaLevi: OGerishoni, uKohathi loMerari.

12 Lamadodana kaJuda: OERI loOnani loShela loPerezi loZera; kodwa uEri wafa, loOnani, elizweni leKhanani. Lamadodana kaPerezi ayengoHezironi loHamuli.

13 Lamadodana kaIsakari: OThola loPuva loYobi loShimroni.

14 Lamadodana kaZebuluni: OSeredi loEloni loJaleli. 15 La ngamadodana kaLeya awazalela uJakobe ePadani-Arama loDina indodakazi yakhe; yonke imiphefumulo yamadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe yayingamatshumi amathathu lantathu.

16 Njalo amadodana kaGadi: UZifyoni loHagi, uShuni loEziboni, uEriyi loArodi loArelu.

17 Lamadodana kaAsheri: OJimna loIshiva loIshivi loBeriya loSera udadewabo. Lamadodana kaBeriya: OHeberi loMalikiyeli. 18 La ngamadodana kaZilipa, uLabani amnika yena uLeya indodakazi yakhe, njalo la wawazalela uJakobe, imiphefumulo elitshumi lesithupha.

19 Amadodana kaRasheli umkaJakobe: OJosefa loBhenjamini.

20 Kwasekuzalelwa uJosefa elizweni leGibhithe oManase loEfrayimi, amzalela bona uAsenathi indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi weOni.

21 Lamadodana kaBhenjamini: OBhela loBekeri loAshibeli, uGera loNamani, uEhi loRoshi, uMupimi loHupimi loAridi. 22 La ngamadodana kaRasheli azalelwa uJakobe; yonke imiphefumulo ilitshumi lane.

23 Lamadodana kaDani: UHushimi.

24 Lamadodana kaNafithali: OJazeli loGuni loJezeri loShilema. 25 La ngamadodana kaBiliha, uLabani amnika yena uRasheli indodakazi yakhe, wasemzalela la uJakobe; yonke imiphefumulo iyisikhombisa.

26 Yonke imiphefumulo eyafika loJakobe eGibhithe, evela ekhalweni lwakhe, ngaphandle kwabafazi bamadodana kaJakobe, yonke imiphefumulo ingamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha. 27 Lamadodana kaJosefa awazalelwa eGibhithe ayimiphefumulo emibili. Yonke imiphefumulo yendlu kaJakobe eyafika eGibhithe yayingamatshumi ayisikhombisa.

UJakobe labantwana bakhe eGibhithe

28 Wasethuma uJuda phambi kwakhe kuJosefa, ukuthi akhokhele phambi kwakhe esiya eGosheni; basebefika elizweni leGosheni. 29 UJosefa wasebopha inqola yakhe, wenyukela eGosheni ukuhlangabeza uIsrayeli uyise; wazibonakalisa kuye, wawela entanyeni yakhe, wakhala inyembezi isikhathi eside entanyeni yakhe. 30 UIsrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Sengingafa, lokhu sengibonile ubuso bakho, ngoba usaphila. 31 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo lakundlu kayise: Ngizakwenyuka ngibike kuFaro ngithi kuye: Abafowethu lendlu kababa ababeselizweni leKhanani sebefikile kimi; 32 lamadoda angabelusi bezimvu, ngoba abengamadoda afuyileyo; njalo alethe izimvu zawo lenkomo zawo lakho konke alakho. 33 Njalo kuzakuthi lapho uFaro elibiza esithi: Iyini imisebenzi yenu? 34 Lizakuthi-ke: Izinceku zakho zingamadoda okufuya, kusukela ebutsheni bethu kuze kube khathesi, thina sonke labobaba; ukuze lihlale elizweni leGosheni; ngoba wonke umelusi wezimvu uyanengeka kumaGibhithe.

47 UJosefa wasesiza wawamisa phambi kukaFaro. 3 wambikela uFaro wathi: UFaro wasesithi kubafowabo: Ubaba labafowethu lezimvu zabo Iyini imisebenzi yenu? lenkomo zabo lakho konke Basebesithi kuFaro: Izinceku abalakho bavele elizweni zakho zingabelusi bezimvu, thina leKhanani, khangela-ke, sonke labobaba. 4 Bathi futhi baselizweni leGosheni. 2 kuFaro: Sizehlala njengabezizwe Wasethatha ingxenye elizweni; ngoba kakuladlelo yabafowabo, amadoda amahlanu,

lemihlambi inceku zakho ezilayo, ngoba indlala inzima elizweni leKhanani. Khathesi-ke, inceku zakho ake zihlale elizweni leGosheni. 5 UFaro wasekhuluma kuJosefa esithi: Uyihlo labafowenu sebeze kuwe. 6 Ilizwe leGibhithe liphambi kwakho; hlalisa uyihlo labafowenu ebuhleni belizwe, kabahlale elizweni leGosheni; futhi uba usazi ukuthi kukhona phakathi kwabo amadoda azingcitshi, uwabeke abe zinduna zezifuyo phezu kwengilakho. 7 UJosefa waseletha uJakobe uyise, wammisa phambi kukaFaro;

11 UJosefa wabahlalisa oyise labafowabo, wabapha isabelo elizweni leGibhithe, ebuhleni belizwe kulalo lonke, emkhonweni iRamesesi njengoba uFaro elayile. 12 UJosefa wasebondla oyise labafowabo lendlu yonke kayise ngesinkwa, ngokomlomo wabantwanyana.

Indlala eGibhithe

13 Njalo kwakungelakudla elizweni lonke, ngoba indlala yayinzima kakhulu; lelizwe leGibhithe lelizwe leKhanani aphela amandla ngendlala. 14 UJosefa wasebutha yonke imali eyatholakala elizweni leGibhithe lelizweni leKhanani, yamabele ababewathenga; uJosefa waseletha imali endlini kaFaro. 15 Kwathi imali isiphelile elizweni leGibhithe lelizweni leKhanani, wonke amaGibhithe eza kuJosefa esithi: Sipehe ukudla; ngoba sizafelani phambi kwakho? Ngoba isiphelile imali. 16 UJosefa wasesithi: Lethani izifuyo zenu; njalo ngizalinika ngezifuyo zenu, uba imali isiphelile. 17 Basebeletha izifuyo zabo kuJosefa; uJosefa wasebanika ukudla ngamabhiza langemfuyo yezimvu langemfuyo yenkomo langabobabhemi. Wasebondla ngokudla ngezifuyo zabo zonke ngalowomnyaka. 18 Kwathi usuphelile lowomnyaka, beza kuye ngomnyaka wesibili, bathi kuye: Kasiyikuyifihlela inkosi yethu ukuthi, njengoba imali isiphelile, lemfuyo yezifuyo isingeyenkosi yethu,

uJakobe wasembusisa uFaro. 8 UFaro wasesithi kuJakobe: Mangaki amalanga eminyaka yempilo yakho? 9 UJakobe wasesithi kuFaro: Amalanga eminyaka yobuhambuma bami ayiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu; abemalutshwana emabi amalanga eminyaka yempilo yami, futhi kawafinyelelanga emalangenini eminyaka yempilo yabobaba ensukwini zobuhambuma babo. 10 UJakobe wasebusisa uFaro, waphuma esuka ebusweni bukaFaro.

kakukho okuseleyo phambi kwenkosi yethu, ngaphandle kwemizimba yethu lamasimu ethu. 19 Sizafelani phambi kwamehlo akho, thina sonke lamasimu ethu? Sithenge lamasimu ethu ngokudla, thina-ke lamasimu ethu sibe zinceku zikaFaro; njalo siphe inhlangano ukuze siphile singafi, lokuthi umhlabathi ungalobi. 20 UJosefa wasemthengela uFaro ilizwe lonke leGibhithe, ngoba amaGibhithe athengisa ngulowo lalowo insimu yakhe, ngoba indlala yayilamandla phezu kwabo; lelizwe laba ngelikaFaro. 21 Njalo mayelana labantu, wabasusa baya emizini, kusukela ekupheleni komunye umngele weGibhithe kusiya ekupheleni komunye wayo. 22 Kuphela ilizwe labapristi kalithenganga, ngoba abapristi balesabelo kuFaro, badla isabelo sabo uFaro ayebanika sona; ngakho kabathengisanga ilizwe labo. 23 UJosefa wasesithi ebantwini: Khangelani, lamuhla ngilithengele uFaro lelizwe lenu; khangelani kulenhlangano yenu njalo lizahlanyela ensimini. 24 Kuzakuthi-ke esivunweni limnike uFaro ingxenye yesihlanu, lengxenye ezine zibe ngezenu, kube yinhlangano yensimu lokudla kwenu lokwabasemizini yenu, lokudla kwabantwanyana benu. 25 Basebesithi: Usindise impilo yethu; asithole umusa emehlweni enkosi yami, njalo sizakuba yizigqili zikaFaro. 26 UJosefa wasekumisa kwaba ngumthetho kuze kube lamuhla, phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, *ukuthi* ingxenye yesihlanu izakuba ngekaFaro; ngaphandle kwelizwe labapristi lodwa elingeyisilo likaFaro.

Isifiso sokucina sikaJakobe

27 UIsrayeli wasehlala elizweni leGibhithe, elizweni leGosheni; bazizuzela imfuyo kulo, bazala, banda kakhulu. 28 UJakobe wasephila elizweni leGibhithe iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa; ngakho insuku zikaJakobe, iminyaka yempilo yakhe, yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amane lesikhombisa. 29 Kwathi sekusondele insuku zikaIsrayeli zokufa, wabiza indodana yakhe uJosefa, wathi kuye: Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, ake ubeke isandla sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami, ungenzele umusa leqiniso; ngicela ungangingcwabi eGibhithe; 30 kodwa akuthi ngilale labobaba, ngakho uzangithwala ungisuse eGibhithe, ungingcwabe engcwabeni labo. Wasesithi: Mina ngizakwenza njengokwelizwi lakho. 31 Wasesithi: Funga kimi. Wasefunga kuye. UIsrayeli wasekhotamela phezu kwesihloko sombheda.

UJakobe ubusisa uJosefa lamadodana akhe

48 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto kwathiwa kuJosefa: Khangela, uyihlo uyagula. Wasethatha amadodana akhe amabili laye, uManase loEfrayimi. 2 Kwasekubikwa kuJakobe ukuthi: Khangela, indodana yakho uJosefa iyeza kuwe. UIsrayeli waseziqinisa wahlala embhedeni. 3 UJakobe wasesithi kuJosefa: UNkulunkulu uSomandla wabonakala kimi eLuzi elizweni leKhanani, wangibusisa, 4 wathi kimi: Khangela, ngizakwenza uzale ngikwandise ngikwenze ube yizizwe ezinengi, nginike inzalo yakho emva kwakho lelilizwe, libe yimfuyo elaphakade. 5 Khathezi-ke, amadodana akho amabili, owawazalelwa elizweni leGibhithe ngingakafiki kuwe eGibhithe, angawami; uEfrayimi loManase njengoRubeni loSimeyoni bazakuba ngabami. 6 Kodwa izizukulwana zakho ozazizala emva kwabo zizakuba ngezakho; ngebizo labafowabo zizabizwa elifeni lazo. 7 Mina-ke, ekusukeni kwami ePadani, uRasheli wafa elami elizweni leKhanani, endleleni, kuselomangwana ukuya eEfrathi, ngasengimngcwaba khona endleleni yeEfrathi, eyiBhethelhehema.

8 UIsrayeli wasebona amadodana kaJosefa wathi: Ngobani laba? 9 UJosefa wasesithi kuyise: Bangamadodana ami, uNkulunkulu anginika wona lapha. Wasesithi: Ake uwalethe kimi ngiwabusise. 10 Njalo amehlo kaIsrayeli ayefiphele ngenxa yobudala, engelakubona. Wasewasondeza kuye, wawanga, wawagona. 11 UIsrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Ngangingacabanganga ukuthi ngingabona ubuso bakho, kodwa khangela, uNkulunkulu ungibonise lenzalo yakho. 12 UJosefa wasewakhupha emadolweni akhe, wakhothama ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini. 13 UJosefa wasebathatha bobabili, uEfrayimi ngesandla sakhe sokunene ngakwesokhohlo sikaIsrayeli, loManase ngesandla sakhe sokhohlo ngakwesokunene sikaIsrayeli, wabasondeza kuye. 14 Kodwa uIsrayeli welula isandla sakhe sokunene, wasibeka ekhanda likaEfrayimi, lanxa engomncinyane, lesandla sakhe sokhohlo ekhanda likaManase, eqondisa izandla zakhe esazi, ngoba uManase wayelizibulo.

15 Wasembusisa uJosefa wathi: UNkulunkulu abahamba phambi kwakhe obaba oAbrahama loIsaka, uNkulunkulu owangondla kusukela ebukhoneni bami kuze kube lamuhla, 16 ingilosi engihlenge kokubi konke, ibusise abafana; njalo ibizo lami libizwe kubo, lebizu labobaba oAbrahama loIsaka; bande babebanengi phakathi komhlaba. 17 Kwathi uJosefa esebonile ukuthi uyise ubeke isandla sakhe sokunene ekhanda likaEfrayimi, kwaba kubi emehlweni akhe; wasibamba isandla sikayise ukuze asisuse ekhanda likaEfrayimi asise ekhanda likaManase. 18 UJosefa wasesithi kuyise: Hayi njalo, baba, ngoba lo ulizibulo; beka isandla sakho sokunene ekhanda lakhe.

19 Kodwa uyise wala wathi: Ngiyazi, ndodana yami, ngiyazi; laye uzakuba yisizwe, laye uzakuba mkhulu; kanti lanxa kunjalo umfowabo omncinyane uzakuba mkhulu kulaye, lenzalo yakhe izakuba yikugcwala kwezizwe. 20 Wasebabusisa ngalolosuku esithi: Ngawe uIsrayeli uzabusisa, esithi: UNkulunkulu kakumise njengoEfrayimi lanjengoManase. Wasebeka uEfrayimi phambi kukaManase. 21 UIsrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Khangela, ngiyafa; kodwa uNkulunkulu uzakuba lawe, njalo uzalibuyisela elizweni laboyihlo. 22 Futhi mina ngikunikile isabelo esisodwa okwedlula abafowenu, engasithatha esandleni samaAmori ngenkemba yami langedandili lami.

UJakobe ubusisa amadodana akhe

49 UJakobe wasebiza amadodana akhe wathi: Buthanani ukuze ngilazise okuzalehla ensukwini ezizayo.

2 Buthanani, lizwe madodana kaJakobe, limlalele uIsrayeli uyihlo.

3 Rubeni, ulizibulo lami, amandla ami, lokuqala kokuqina kwami, ukuphelela kwesithunzi, lokuphelela kwamandla. 4 Uphuphuma njengamanzi, kawuyikuba ngopheleleyo, ngoba ukhwele embhedeni kayihlo, wasuwona; wakhwela embhedeni wami.

5 USimeyoni loLevi bayizelamani; inkemba zabo ziyizikhali zokuphanga. 6 Umphefumulo wami ungangeni emphakathini wabo wangasese, udumo lwami lungahlangani emhlanganweni wabo; ngoba ngolaka lwabo babulala umuntu, langokuzithokozisa baquma izinkabi umsipha. 7 Kaluqalekiswe ulaka lwabo ngoba lulamandla, lentukuthelo yabo ngoba ilesihluku. Ngizabehlukanisa koJakobe, ngibahlakaze koIsrayeli.

8 Juda, wena, abafowenu bazakudumisa; isandla sakho sizakuba sentanyeni yezitha zakho; amadodana kayihlo azakukhothamela. 9 UJuda ungumdlwane wesilwane; wenyukile empangweni, ndodana yami, uguqile, ulele njengesilwane, lanjengesilwane esisikazi; ngubani ozamsukumisa? 10 Intonga yobukhosi kayiyikusuka kuJuda, lomnikumthetho phakathi kwenyawo zakhe, aze afike uShilo, njalo izizwe zizamla. 11 Ubophela ithole lakhe likababhemi evinini, lethole likababhemikazi wakhe evinini elihle. Uwatsha isigqoko sakhe ewayinini, lesembatho sakhe egazini lezithelo zevini. 12 Amehlo *akhe* azakuba nsundu ngewayini, lamazinyo *akhe* mhlophe ngochago.

13 UZebuluni uzahlala ethekweni lolwandle, abe litheku lemikhumbi, lomngcele wakhe uzakuba ngaseSidoni.

14 UISakari ungubabhemi olamathambo alamandla, oqutha phakathi kwemithwalo emibili. 15 Wathi ebona indawo yokuphumula ukuthi inhle,

lelizwe ukuthi liyabukeka, wagobisa amahlombe akhe ukuze athwale, waba yinceku esibhalweni.

16 UDani uzakwahlulela abantu bakhe, njengesinye sezizwe zakoIsrayeli. 17 UDani uzakuba yinyoka endleleni, inhlanguwana emkhondweni, eluma izithende zebhiza, ukuze umgadi walo awe nyovane. 18 Ngilindele usindiso lwakho, NKOSI.

19 UGadi, iviyo lizamhlasela, kodwa yena uzahlasela ezithendeni.

20 Kuvela kuAsheri, ukudla kwakhe kuzanona, uzaveza izibiliboco zenkosi.

21 UNafithali uyimpala ethukululiweyo, eveza amazwi amahle.

22 UJosefa ulugatsha oluthelayo, ugatsha oluthelayo emthonjeni, ingatsha zikhwela phezu komduli. 23 Abatshoki basebemphatha kabuhlungu, bamtshoka, bamzonda. 24 Kodwa idandili lakhe lahlala liqinile, lengalo zezandla zakhe zaqiniswa ngezandla zikaSomandla kaJakobe, okuvela khona umelusi, ilitshe likaIsrayeli, 25 ngoNkulunkulu kayihlo ozakusiza, langoSomandla ozakubusisa ngezibusiso zamazulu ezivela phezulu, izibusiso zokujula okulele phansi, izibusiso zamabele lesizalo, 26 izibusiso zikayihlo ziyedlula izibusiso zabokhokho bami, kuze kube sengqongeni zamaqaqa aphakade; zizakuba phezu kwekhanda likaJosefa, laphezu kwenkanda yalowo owehlukaniswe kubafowabo.

27 UBhenjamini uyimpisi edabulayo; ekuseni izakudla ekujimbileyo, lakusihlwa izakwehlukaniswa impango.

28 Bonke labo bayizizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakoIsrayeli; futhi lokho yikho uyise akukhuluma kubo ebusisa; ngulowo lalowo ngesibusiso sakhe wabubusisa. 29 Wasebalaya wathi kubo: Sengibuthelwa ebantwini bakithi; lingingwabe labobaba obhalwini olusensimini kaEfroni umHethi, 30 obhalwini olusensimini yeMakaphela eqondane leMamre, elizweni leKhanani, uAbrahama owaluthenga lensimu kuEfroni umHethi ibe yindawo yethu yokungcwabela. 31 Lapho bangcwaba oAbrahama loSara umkakhe; lapho bangcwaba oIsaka loRebeka umkakhe; lalapho ngangcwaba uLeya, 32 insimu, lobhalu olukiyo, kwathengwa emadodaneni kaHethi. 33 Kwathi uJakobe eseqedile ukulaya amadodana akhe, waqoqela inyawo zakhe embhedeni, waphela, wabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo.

Ukungwatshwa kukaJakobe

50 UJosefa wasewela phezu kobuso bukayise, wakhala inyembezi phezu kwakhe, wamanga. 2 UJosefa waselaya inceku zakhe abelaphi ukuthi baqhole uyise ngomuthi; labelaphi bamqhola uIsrayeli ngomuthi. 3 Zացwaliseka kuye insuku ezingamatshumi amane, ngoba ngokunjalo

zazigcwaliseka insuku zabaqholwe ngomuthi. LamaGibhithe amlilela insuku ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa.

4 Kwathi sezidlulile insuku zokumkhalela, uJosefa wakhuluma lendlu kaFaro esithi: Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlweni enu, ake likhulume endlebeni zikaFaro, lisithi: 5 Ubaba wangifungisa esithi: Khangela, ngiyafa; engcwabeni engazigebhela lona elizweni leKhanani, lapho ungingcwabe. Khathesi-ke, ake ngenyuke ngiyengcwaba ubaba, besengibuya. 6 UFaro wasesithi: Yenyuka uyengcwaba uyihlo njengokukufungisa kwakhe.

7 UJosefa wasesenyuka ukuyangcwaba uyise, kwenyuka kanye laye zonke izinceku zikaFaro, abadala bendlu yakhe, labo bonke abadala belizwe leGibhithe, 8 lendlu yonke kaJosefa, labafowabo, lendlu kayise; kuphela abantwana babo abancinyane lezimvu zabo lenkomo zabo bakutshiya elizweni leGosheni. 9 Kwasekusenyuka kanye laye konke izinqola labagadi bamabhiza, kwaba liviyo elinzima kakhulu. 10 Kwathi sebefike esizeni seAtadi, eliphetsheya kweJodani, balila khona, isililo esikhulu lesinzima kakhulu, bamenzela uyise isililo insuku eziyisikhombisa. 11 Kwathi abakhileyo belizwe, amaKhanani, bebona ukulila esizeni seAtadi, bathi: Lesi yisililo esinzima samaGibhithe. Ngakho basebesitha ibizo laso iAbeli-Mizirayimi, eliphetsheya kweJodani. 12 Amadodana akhe asemenzela njalo njengalokhu ewalayile; 13 ngoba amadodana akhe amthwalela elizweni leKhanani, amngcwaba obhalwini lwensimu yeMakaphela, uAbrahama aluthenga lensimu, lube yindawo yakhe yokungcwabela, kuEfroni umHethi, eqondane leMamre.

14 UJosefa wasebuyela eGibhithe, yena labafowabo labo bonke abenyuka laye ukuyangcwaba uyise, esemngcwabile uyise.

15 Kwathi abafowabo bakaJosefa sebebicile ukuthi uyise usefile bathi: Mhlawumbe uJosefa uzasizonda, ngoqotho asiphindisele ububi bonke esabenza kuye. 16 Basebenika isilayezelo kuJosefa besithi: Uyihlo walaya engakafi, esithi: 17 Lizakutsho kanje kuJosefa *lithi*: Ngiyakucela, akuxolele isiphambeko sabafowenu lesono sabo, ngoba bakwenzela okubi; khathesi-ke ake uxolele isiphambeko sezinceku zikaNkulunkulu kayihlo. UJosefa wasekhala inyembezi nxa bekhuluma kuye. 18 Labafowabo labo beza, bawa phansi phambi kwakhe, bathi: Khangela, siyizinceku zakho. 19 Kodwa uJosefa wathi kibo: Lingesabi, ngoba kanti ngisendaweni kaNkulunkulu yini? 20 Kodwa lina laceba okubi kimi, uNkulunkulu waceba ngokuhle, ukuze enze njengalamuhla, ukuze alondolozwe abantu abanengi bephila. 21 Khathesi-ke lingesabi; mina ngizalondla lina labantwanyana benu. Wasebaduduza, wakhuluma labo ngomusa.

Ukufa kukaJosefa

22 UJosefa wasehlala eGibhithe, yena lendlu kayise. Njalo uJosefa waphila iminyaka elikhulu letshumi. 23 UJosefa wasebona abantwana bakaEfrayimi abesizukulwana sesithathu; labantwana bakaMakiri indodana kaManase bazalelwa emadolweni kaJosefa. 24 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo: Ngiyafa, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzalihambela isibili, alenyuse kulelizwe alise elizweni alifungela oAbrahama, uIsaka loJakobe. 25 UJosefa wafungisa amadodana kaIsrayeli esithi: UNkulunkulu uzalihambela isibili, njalo lizakwenyusa amathambo ami asuke lapha. 26 UJosefa wasesifa, eleminyaka elikhulu letshumi; basebemqhola ngomuthi, wafakwa ebhokisini eGibhithe.