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Genesis

Chapter 1

¹ Ekucaleni, Nkulunkulu wadala emazulu nemhlaba. ² Umhlabo wawungenalutfo. Bumnyama bebungetulu kwemanti. Umoya waNkulunkulu wawuhamba ngekutulu kwemanti. ³ Nkulunkulu watsi, Akube nekukhanya," kwavele kwaba nekukhanya. ⁴ Nkulunkulu wabona lokukhanya, kutsi kwakulungile. Wehlukanisa kukhanya ebunyameni. ⁵ Nkulunkulu wetsa kukhanya watsi "lilanga" waphindze wetsa bumnyama watsi "busuku." Loku kwaba yintsmbama nekusa, ngelilanga lekucala. ⁶ Nkulunkulu watsi, "Akube nekuhlukana emkhatsini walamanti, kwehlukanise emanti emantini." ⁷ Nkulunkulu wakha umkhatsi futsi wahlukanisa lamanti labekangephasi kwalomkhatsi ngephasi kwemkhatsi kusukela kulamanti labekangetulu kwalomkhatsi. Kwaba njalo. ⁸ Nkulunkulu wetsa lomkhatsi "sibhakabhaka." Loku kwaba yintsamba nekusa, lilanga lesibili. ⁹ Nkulunkulu watsi, "Emanti langephasi kwesibhakabhaka akabutsane ndzawonye, bese kuvele indzawo leyomile." Kwaba njalo. ¹⁰ Nkulunkulu wetsa indzawo leyomile watsi "ngumhlabo" nemanti labutsene ndzawonye watsi "lwandle." Wakubona kutsi kulungile. ¹¹ Nkulunkulu watsi, "Umhlabo awuhlume imvelo: tihlahla letihluma tinhlanyelo kanye netihlahla tetitselo letitselo, lenhlaneyo yayo leku lesitselo, ngayinye ngayinye ifane neluhlobo lwestihlahla lephume kuso." Kwabanjalo. ¹² Umhlabo wakhichita imvelo, tihlahla takhichita inhlanyelo lenjengato, naletihlahla letikhichita titselo tenhlaneyo yato beyingekhatsi kuyo, lefana nesihlahla sayo. Nkulunkulu wakubona loku kukahle. ¹³ Loku bekuyintsambama nekusa, lilanga lesitsatfu. ¹⁴ Nkulunkulu watsi; "Akube nekukhanya esibhakabhakeni kuhlukanisa lilanga nebusuku futsi bente babe tibonakaliso, ngetikhatsi, emalanga neminyaka. ¹⁵ Atibe kukhanya esibhakabhakeni kunika kukhanya ngetulu kwemhlaba." Kwaba njalo. ¹⁶ Nkulunkulu wenta kukhanya lokubili lokukhulu, kukhanya lokhulu kubusa imini, bese kukhanya lokuncane kubusa busuku. Wase wenta tinkhanyeti. ¹⁷ Nkulunkulu watibeka esibhakabhakeni kunika kukhanya etikwe mhlaba, ¹⁸ kutobusa imini nebususku, nekutsi yehlukanise kukhanya ebumnyameni. Nkulunkulu wakubona kulungile loku, ¹⁹ Lena bekuyintsambama nekusa ngelilanga lesitsatfu. ²⁰ Nkulunkulu watsi, "Emanti akagcwaliswe ngetinombolo letinkhulu tetlwane letiphilako, netinyoni atindize ngetulu kwemhlaba emkhatsini wesibhakabhaka." ²¹ Nkulunkulu wadala tilwane taselwandle letinkhulu, kanye nayoyonkhe indalo lephila ngemva kwendalo yayo lehambako futsi legcwalisa emanti kuyoyonkhe indzawo, nayoyonkhe inyonu lenemaphiko ngemva kwendalo yayo. Nkulunkulu wakubona loku kulungile loku. ²² Nkulunkulu wababusisa, atsi, "Talanani nandze, nigcwalise emanti elwandle. Tinyoni atandze emhlabeni." ²³ Lena bekuyintsambama nekusa, ngelilanga lesitsatfu. ²⁴ Nkulunkulu watsi, "Umhlabo awukhichite indalo lephilako, ngeluhlwa Iwayo, imfuyo, tintfo letishoshako, futsi netilwane tasendle temhlaba, ngeluhlwa Iwendalo yayo." Kwaba njalo. ²⁵ Nkulunkulu wenta tilwane tasendle ngemva kwendalo yato yemhlaba, imfuyo ngemva kwendalo yayo, futsi yonkhe intfo leshoshako ngetulu kwemhlaba ngemuva kwendalo yato. Wakubona loko kulungile. ²⁶ Nkulunkulu watsi, "Asente umuntfu abe ngumfanakiso wetfu, ngekutsandza kwetfu. Ababe nemagunya tikwe tihlanti taselwandle, tikwe tinyoni tesibhakabhaka, ngetulu kwemfuyo, ngetulu kwemhlaba wonkhe, futsi ngetulu kwako konkhe lokushoshako emhlabeni. ²⁷ Nkulunkulu wadala umuntfu ngemfanekiso wakhe. Ngemfanekiso wakhe wamdalala. Lomdvuna nalomsikati wabadala. ²⁸ Nkulunkulu wababusisa watsi kibo, "Talanani, futsi nandze. Gcwalisani umhlaba, futsi niwuphatse. Busani tinhlanti telwandle, tikwe tinyoni tesibhakabhaka, nakukonkhe lokuhamba etikwemhlabatsi." ²⁹ Nkulunkulu watsi, "Buka, ngikunikete tonkhe titfombo letitsela tinhlaneyo letisemhlabeni wonkhe, nasososnkhe sihlahla lesitsela sitselo lesinenhlaneyo ekhatsi. Titoba kudla kuwe. ³⁰ Kuto tonkhe tilwane temhlaba, kuto tonkhe tinyoni telizulu, nakuko konkhe lokuhamba emhlabeni, nakuto tonkhe tidalwa letinemphefumulo lophilako nginike tonkhe tilimo letiluhlata kutsi tidliwe." Kwaba njalo. ³¹ Nkulunkulu wabona konkhe labekakudalile. Ecinisweni, kwakukuhle kakhulu. Kwaba busuku nekusa, elangeni lesitsatfu.

Chapter 2

Chapter 3

¹ Manje lenyoka lebeyinebucili kwendlula tonkhe tilwane ehlane leSimakadze Nkulunkulu ayidalile, yatsi kulomfati, "vele Nkulunkulu utsite, "ungasidli lesihlahla langadzeni?" ² Lomfati watsi kulenyoka , "sivumelekile kutsi singadla letinye titselo langadzeni, ³ kepha lokuphet selene nalesihlahla lesisemkhatsini nengadze, Nkulunkulu utsite , 'Ungasidli ,ungasitsintsi, ngoba utawufa. " ⁴ Lenyoka yatsi kulomfati , "" angeke ufe. ⁵ Kungoba Nkulunkulu uyati kutsi ngalelosuku loyodla ngalo emehlo akho ayovuleka, nitawufana naNkulunkulu, wati lokuhle nalokubi." ⁶ Kwatsi uma lomfati abone kutsi lesihlahla sikahle kutsi singadliwa, nekutsi sasibukeka sisihle emehlweni akhe , nekutsi lesihlahla sasifanele kumhlakaniphisa umuntfu , wabese letinye taletitselo taso watidla. Wase uphindze uniketa letinye indvodza yakhe lebeyinaye, yadla. ⁷ Emehlo abo bobabili avuleka, babese bayati kutsi sebangcunu. Babese batfungisa emacembe emkhiwa kute batifihle. ⁸ Babese beva ngelivi la Simakadze Nkulunkulu ahamba engadzeni ngekutfokomala kwelilanga, lendvodka nemfati wayo babese bayatihla ebukhoneni baSimakadze Nkulunkulu ngaletihlahla tasengadzeni. ⁹ Simakadze Nkulunkulu wabese ubita lendvodka watsi kuyo, "Ukuphi?" ¹⁰ Lendvodka yaphendvula yatsi "Ngikuvile engadzeni , bengesaba, ngoba bengingcunu. Ngibese ngiyatifihla." ¹¹ Nkulunkulu watsi, "Ngubani lokutjеле kutsi uncunu? Sewudle lesihlahla lengikuyale kutsi ungasidli kuso?" ¹² Lendvodka yabese itsi, "Ngulomfati longiphe yena, lolonginike lesitselo salesihlahla , ngabese ngiyadla." ¹³ Simakadze Nkulunkulu watsi kulomfati, "Yini lentfo loyentile?" Lomfati waphendvula watsi, "Lenyoka ingiyengile, ngabese ngiyadla." ¹⁴ Simakadze Nkulunkulu watsi kulenyoka, "Ngoba sewente loku, ngicalekisa wena wedvwa kuyo yonkhe imfuyo netilwane tesiganga. Utohamba ngesisu, lutfuli yintfo lotoyidla emalanga onkhe ekuphila kwakho. ¹⁵ Ngitobeka kutondza emkhatsisini kwakho nemfati , nembewu yakho neyakhe. Utolimata inhloko yakho wena ultimate sitsendze sakhe." ¹⁶ Kulomfati watsi, "Ngitokwandzisela buhlungu ngekuba neabantfwana; utokuva buhlungu uma ubeleka kubantfwana. Inshisekelo itawukuba yendvodka yakho, kepha utokuphatsa." ¹⁷ Ku Adam watsi, "Ngoba sewulalele livi lemfat wakho, waphindze wadla kulesihlahla lenginiyale ngaso kutsi ningadli kuso,' ngicalekisa lomhlaba ngenca yakho; ngebuhrungu bemsebenti wakho utawukudla kuwo tinsuku tonkhe tekuphila kwakho. ¹⁸ Kutokukhicitela emanyeva netincacabutane futsi utokudla tihlaha tesiganga. ¹⁹ Ngekujuluka ebusweni bakho utowudla sinkhwa , ute ubuye emhlabatsini, ngoba uphume kuwo. Ngoba ulutfuli futsi utobuyela kulo." ²⁰ Lendvodka yamubita umfati wakhe ngekutsi ngu Eva ngoba wayengumake walokuphilako. ²¹ Simakadze Nkulunkulu wakela boAdam nemfati wakhe tembatfo ngesikhumba wabambatsisa. ²² Simakadze Nkulunkulu watsi, "Ngoba lendvodka seyifana nalomunye wetfu seyati lokuhle nalokubi. Manje nyalo angeke avumeleke kutsi afinyelele ngesandla sakhe, atsatse sihlaha sekuphila, asidle, kute aphile inguna phakadze." ²³ Ngako-ke Simakadze Nkulunkulu wamukhiphela ngaphandle engadzeni yase Eden, kutsi alime lomhlaba lawutsetse. ²⁴ Ngako- ke Nkulunkulu wamucosha umuntfu engadzeni, wabeka cherubim empumalanga yase ngadzeni e-Eden nesikhali lesivutsa emalangabi lesasijikeleta tindlela tonkhe, kute sigadze lendlela leyakulesihlahla sempilo.

Chapter 4

¹ Lendvodza yalala na Eve futsi wakhulelwa wabeleka Cain. Eva watsi, "Ngitele indvodza ngelusito IwaSimakadze."² Wase utala umnakabo longuAbela. Abela wase uba ngumelusi, kodvwa Khayini walima umhlabatsi.³ Kwenteka kutsi ekuhambeni kwesikhatsi Khayini waletsa letinye tetitselo labetilimile njenge mnikelko kuSimakadze.⁴ Abela yena, waletsa ematibulo etimfuyo takhe kanye nemafutsa. Simakadze wamemukela Abela kanye nemhlatjelo wakhe,⁵ kodvwa Khayini kanye nemhlatjelo wakhe akakwemukelanga. Ngako Khayini wakwata wagana lunwabu, wakhombisa nemona.⁶ Simakadze watsi kuKhayini, "Ukwate leni futsi unemona leni?⁷ Umapwenta lokulungile, angeke yini wemukeleke? Kepha uma ungakwenti lokulungile, sono sinyonyobela emnyango sifuna kukulawula, kodvwa kufanele ubuse ngetulu kwaso.⁸ Cain wakhuluma na Abela umnakabo. Kwenteka⁹ ngesikhatsi basemasimini, Cain wajikela umnakabo wambulala. Simakadze wabese utsi KuCain, "Uphi Abel umnakenu?" Watsi, "angimati. Ngabe ngingumgcini wemnaketfu na"¹⁰ Simakadze watsi, "Wenteni? Ingati yemnakenu iyamemeta emhlabatsini.¹¹ Nyalo ucalekisiwe wena emhlabatsini, lovule umlomo wawo kumukela ingati yemnakenu etandleni takho.¹² Nawulima umhlabatsini, kusukela nyalo ngeke asakhicita ngalokuphelele. Uyohlala ubuka emuva emhlabeni."¹³ Cain watsi kuSimakadze, "Sijeziso sami singetulu kwemandla ami.¹⁴ Ngempela, uncicoshile namuhla kulendzawo namuhla, futsi ngitofulatseliswa ebusweni bakho. Ngitoba sikhoseli emhlabeni, nobe ngubani lotongifola utongibulala,"¹⁵ Simakadze watsi kuye, "Nangabe kukhona lobulala Cain, ngitophindzisela emahlandla lasikhombisa," Wabese Simakadze ubeka lumphawu kuCain, kute nakutobakhona lotfola Cain, loyo muntfu ngeke amubulale Cain.¹⁶ Ngakoke Cain wasuka ebukhoneni baSimakadze wahlala eveni lase Nod, emphumalanga ye Eden.¹⁷ Cain walala nemkakhe wase uyakhulelwa. Watala Enoch. Wakha lidolobha waletsa libito lelifana nelendvodzana yakhe Enoch.¹⁸ Enoch watala Irad, Irad wabanguise waMehujael. Mehujael wabanguise waMethushael. Methushael wabanguise waLamech.¹⁹ Lamech watitsatsela bafati lababili. Libito lalomunye bekungu Ada, lomunye kungu Zillah.²⁰ Adah watala Jabal. Bekanguise walabo lebebaahlala emathendeni banemfuyo.²¹ Libito lemnakabo bekungu Jabal. bekanguise walabo lebebadlala umtjingo.²² Kepha Zillah, wabeleka Tubal-Cain, lowakha kwekusebenta kwelutfusi nensimbi. Dzadze watubal-Cain bekunguNaamah.²³ Lamech watsi kubafati bakhe, "Adah naZillah, lalelani livi lami; lalelani lengikukhulumako. Ngoba ngibulele indvodza lengilimete, lijaha lelingihhudlile.²⁴ Nangabe Cain aphindziselelwa emahlandla lasikhombisa, utobese naLamech uphindziselelwa emahlandla lalishumi lasikhombisa nesikhombisa."²⁵ Adam walala nemkakhe phindze, futsi wabeleka lenye indvodzana. Wametsa libito watsi nguSeth futsi watsi, " Nkulunkulu unginikete lenye indvodzana esikhundleni saAbel, ngoba Cain wambulala."²⁶ Seth bamtalela indvodzana wayetsa libito watsi ngu Enosh. Ngaleso sikhatsi bantfu bacala kubita libito laSimakadze.

Chapter 5

¹ Lona ngumlandvo wentalelwane ya Adam. Ngalelilanga Nkulunkulu adala umuntfu,wabada ngentsandvo yakhe . ² Lomdvuna nalomsikati wabadala. Wababusisa wabetsa watsi bantfu nabadalwa. ³ Adamu nasaphile iminyaka lengu 130 , waba ngubabe wendvodzana leyamfuta, yafanana naye, wametsa libito watsi ngu Sethi . ⁴ Emuva kwekuba Adamu abe ngu babe wa Sethi ,waphila iminyaka lengu 800 budzala. Waba ngu babe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ⁵ Adamu waphila iminyaka lengu 930 budzala , wase uyafa. ³ Adamu nasaphile iminyaka lengu 130 , waba ngubabe wendvodzana leyamfuta, yafanana naye, wametsa libito watsi ngu Sethi . ⁴ Emuva kwekuba Adamu abe ngu babe wa Sethi ,waphila iminyaka lengu 800 budzala. Waba ngu babe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ⁵ Adamu waphila iminyaka lengu 930 budzala , wase uyafa. ³ Adamu nasaphile iminyaka lengu 130 , waba ngubabe wendvodzana leyamfuta, yafanana naye, wametsa libito watsi ngu Seth . ⁴ Emuva kwekuba Adam abe ngubabe waSeth ,waphila iminyaka lengu 800 budzala. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ⁵ Adamu waphila iminyaka lengu 930 budzala , wase uyafa. ⁶ Kwatsi Sethi nasaphile iminyaka lengu 105, waba ngu babe wa Enoshi. ⁷ Emvakwekutsi abe ngubabe waEnoshi, waphila iminyaka lengu 807 wase uba ngubabe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ⁸ Sethi waphila iminyaka lengu 912, wase uyafa. ⁶ Kwatsi Seth nasaphile iminyaka lengu 105, waba ngu babe waEnosh. ⁷ Emvakwekutsi abe ngubabe waEnosh, waphila iminyaka lengu 807 wase uba ngubabe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ⁸ Seth waphila iminyaka lengu 912, wase uyafa. ⁹ Kwatsi Enoshi nasaphile imininyaka lama shumi layimfica, waba ngu babe wa Khenani. ¹⁰ Emva kwekuba ngu babe wa Khenani, Enoshi waphila iminyaka lengu 815. Watala emadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ¹¹ Enoshi waphila iminyaka lengu 905, wase uyafa. ⁹ Kwatsi Enoshi nasaphile imininyaka lama shumi layimfica, waba ngu babe wa Khenani. ¹⁰ Emva kwekuba ngu babe wa Khenani, Enoshi waphila iminyaka lengu 815. Watala emadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ¹¹ Enosh waphila iminyaka lengu 905, wase uyafa. ¹² Kwatsi Khenani nasaphile iminyaka lemaShumi lasikhombisa, waba ngu babe wa Mahalalela. ¹³ Emvakwekuba abe ngu babe wa Mahalela, Khenani waphila iminyaka lengu 840. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ¹⁴ Khenani waphila iminyaka lengu 910, wase uyafa. ¹² Kwatsi Khenani nasaphile iminyaka lemaShumi lasikhombisa, waba ngu babe waMahalalel. ¹³ Emvakwekuba abe ngubabe waMahalalel, Kenan waphila iminyaka lengu 840. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ¹⁴ Kenan waphila iminyaka lengu 910, wase uyafa. ¹⁵ Kwatsi Mahalela nasaphile iminyaka lengu 65, waba ngu babe wa Jaredi. ¹⁶ Emvakwekuba abe ngu babe wa Jaredi, Mahaleli waphila iminyaka lengu 830. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ¹⁷ Mahalela waphila iminyaka lengu 895, wase uyafa. ¹⁵ Kwatsi Mahalela nasaphile iminyaka lengu 65, waba ngu babe wa Jaredi. ¹⁶ Emvakwekuba abe ngu babe wa Jaredi, Mahaleli waphila iminyaka lengu 830. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ¹⁷ Mahalela waphila iminyaka lengu 895, wase uyafa. ¹⁵ Kwatsi Mahalelel nasaphile iminyaka lengu 65, waba ngu babe wa Jared. ¹⁶ Emvakwekuba abe ngu babe wa Jared, Mahalalel waphila iminyaka lengu 830. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ¹⁷ Mahalalel waphila iminyaka lengu 895, wase uyafa. ¹⁸ Kwatsi Jared nasaphile iminyaka lengu 162, waba ngu babe wa Enoch. ¹⁹ Emva kwekuba abe ngu babe wa Enoch, Jared waphila iminyaka lengu 800. Watala emadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ²⁰ Jared waphila iminyaka lengu 962, wase uyafa. ¹⁸ Kwatsi Jared nasaphile iminyaka lengu 162, waba ngu babe wa Enoch. ¹⁹ Emva kwekuba abe ngu babe wa Enoch, Jared waphila iminyaka lengu 800. Watala emadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ²⁰ Jared waphila iminyaka lengu 962, wase uyafa.

¹⁸ Kwatsi Jared nasaphile iminyaka lengu 162, waba ngubabe waEnochi. ¹⁹ Emva kwekuba abe ngubabe waEnoch, Jared waphila iminyaka lengu 800. Watala emadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti. ²⁰ Jared waphila iminyaka lengu 962, wase uyafa. ²¹ Kwatsi Enoch nasaphile iminyaka lengu 65, waba ngubabe waMethusela. ²² Enoch wahamba na Nkulunkulu iminyaka lengu 300 emvakwekuba abe ngu babe wa Methusela. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nema dvodzakati lamanyenti. ²³ Enoch waphila iminyaka lengu 365. ²⁴ Enoch wahamba

naNkulunkulu, wase uyanyamalala, ngoba Nkulunkulu wamutsatsa.²¹ Kwatsi Enoch nasaphile iminyaka lengu 65, waba ngubabe waMethusela.²² Enoch wahamba na Nkulunkulu iminyaka lengu 300 emvakwekuba abe ngu babe wa Methusela. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nema dvodzakati lamanyenti.²³ Enoch waphila iminyaka lengu 365.²⁴ Enoch wahamba naNkulunkulu, wase uyanyamalala, ngoba Nkulunkulu wamutsatsa.²¹ Kwatsi Enoch nasaphile iminyaka lengu 65, waba ngubabe waMethusela.²² Enoch wahamba na Nkulunkulu iminyaka lengu 300 emvakwekuba abe ngu babe waMethuselah. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nema dvodzakati lamanyenti.²³ Enoch waphila iminyaka lengu 365.²⁴ Enoch wahamba naNkulunkulu, wase uyanyamalala, ngoba Nkulunkulu wamutsatsa.²⁵ Kwatsi Methusela nasaphile iminyaka lengu 187,waba ngubabe wa Lamekhi.²⁶ Emvakwekuba ngubabe waLamekhi, Methusela waphila iminyaka lengu 782. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti.²⁷ Methusela waphila iminyaka lengu 969.Wase uyafa.²⁵ Kwatsi Methusela nasaphile iminyaka lengu 187,waba ngubabe wa Lamekhi.²⁶ Emvakwekuba ngubabe waLamech, Methuselah waphila iminyaka lengu 782. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti.²⁷ Methuselah waphila iminyaka lengu 969.Wase uyafa.²⁸ Kwatsi Lamechi nasaphile iminyaka lengu 182, waba ngubabe wendvodzana.²⁹ Wametsa libito watsi nguNowa, asho kutsi "Lona utasinika kuphumula emsebentini wetfu nase buhlungwini bemsebenti yetandla tetfu, lekumele siyente ngencayalomhlabatsi Simakadze lawucalekisa."²⁸ Kwatsi Lamechi nasaphile iminyaka lengu 182, waba ngubabe wendvodzana.²⁹ Wayetsa libito watsi nguNoah, asho kutsi "Lona utasinika kuphumula emsebentini wetfu nase buhlungwini bemsebenti yetandla tetfu, lekumele siyente ngencayalomhlabatsi Simakadze lawucalekisa."³⁰ Lamechi waphila iminyaka lengu 595 emvakwekuba abe ngubabe waNowa. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati³¹ lamanyenti. Lamechi waphila iminyaka lengu 777. Wase uyafa.³⁰ Lamechi waphila iminyaka lengu 595 emvakwekuba abe ngubabe waNoah. Waba ngubabe wemadvodzana nemadvodzakati lamanyenti.³¹ Lamech waphila iminyaka lengu 777. Wase uyafa.³² Kwatsi Nowa nasaphile iminyaka lengu 500, wase uba ngubabe wa Shem, Hem, na Japhethi.³² Kwatsi Nowa nasaphile iminyaka lengu 500, wase uba ngubabe wa Shem, Hem, na Japhethi.³² Kwatsi Noah nasaphile iminyaka lengu 500, wase uba ngubabe waShem, Ham, na Japheth. Sehluko 5 Sehluko 5

Chapter 6

¹ Kwatsi lapho bantfu bacala kwandza emhlabeni nemadvodzakati atalwa emkhatsini wabo, ² emadvodzana aNkulunkulu abona lamadvodzakati ebantfu atsandzeka. Atitsatsela bafati kiwo nalabanye, noma ngubaphi labekatikhetsela bona. ³ Simakadze Nkulunkulu watsi, "Umoya wami ngeke uhlale nebantfu kube phakadze, ngoba bona bayinyama. Batewuphila iminyaka lengu 120. ⁴ Tinchwaga tatisemuhlabeni ngaleto tikhatsi, nasemuvakwa loko. Lokukwenteka ngesikhatsi emadvodza aNkulunkulu ashada emadvodzakati batala nebantfwana nabo. Lawa ngemadvodza labekanemandla neludvumo. ⁴ Tinchwaga tatisemuhlabeni ngaleto tikhatsi, nasemuvakwa loko. Loku kwenteka ngesikhatsi emadvodzana aNkulunkulu ashada emadvodzakati emadvodza, base babanebantfwana nebantfwana nabo. Lawa ngemadvodza labekanemandla neludvumo. ⁵ Simakadze wabona kutsi kona kwebantfu emhlabeni sekunengi, nekutsi konke lokusetinhliyeni tabo bekukubi kuchubeka. ⁶ Nkulunkulu watisola ngekwakha bantfu emhlabeni, wadvumala kakhulu enhlityeni yakhe. ⁵ Simakadze wabona kutsi kona kwebantfu emhlabeni sekunengi, nekutsi konke lokusemicabangweni losetinhliyeni tabo bekukubi kuchubeka. ⁶ Nkulunkulu watisola ngekwakha bantfu emhlabeni, wadvumala kakhulu enhlityeni yakhe. ⁷ Simakadze watsi, "Ngitawususa bantfu lengibadalile etulu kwemhlab-a-bantfu netilwane, letihamba ngesisu netinyoni temazulu, ngiyatisola kutsi ngaba dala." ⁸ Kepha Nowa watfola umusa ebusweni baSimakdze. ⁷ Simakadze watsi, "Ngitawususa bantfu lengibadalile etulu kwemhlab-a-bantfu netilwane, letihamba ngesisu netinyoni temazulu, ngiyatisola kutsi ngabadalelani." ⁸ Kepha Noah watfola umusa emehlwensi aSimakdze. ⁹ Lona bekungumlandvo ngaNowa. Nowa bekayindvodza lelungile, lengasoleki emkhatsisini webantfu balesosikhatsi. Nowa wahamba naNkulunkulu. ¹⁰ Nowa waba nguyise walamadvodzana lamatsatfu: Shemi, Hamu, Japheth. ⁹ Lona bekungumlandvo ngaNoah. Noah bekayindvodza lelungile, lengasoleki emkhatsisini webantfu bangaleso sikhatsi. Noah wahamba naNkulunkulu. ¹⁰ Noah waba nguyise wemadvodzana lamatsatfu: Shem, Ham, Japheth. ¹¹ Umhlab-a wawukhohlakele embikwa Nkulunkulu, futsi wawugcwele budlova. ¹² Nkulunkulu wabona umhlab-a; buka, wawukhohlakele, ngobe yonke inyama yayikhohlakalise indlala yabo emhlabeni. ¹¹ Umhlab-a wawukhohlakele embikwa Nkulunkulu, futsi wawugcwele budlova. ¹² Nkulunkulu wabona umhlab-a; buka, wawukhohlakele, ngobe yonke inyama yayikhohlakalise indlala yabo emhlabeni. ¹³ Nkulunkulu watsi kuNowa, "Ngiyakubona loku kutsi sesikhatsi sekubeka sipheto enyameni, ngoba umhlab-a ugcwele budlova ngenca yayo. Nembala, ngitayibhubhisa nemhlab-a. ¹⁴ Takhele umkhumbi ngelipulango lelicinile. Yakha emagumbi kulomukhumbi, bese uvala ngelitiyela ngekhatsi nangephandle. ¹⁵ Nayi indlela lotoyenta ngayo; Budze balomukhumbi bube libangaba lelingu 300; bubanti balo bube ngemabanga langu 50, bese kuya etulu kuba ngeamabanga langu 30. ¹³ Nkulunkulu watsi kuNoah, "Ngiyabona kutsi sesikhatsi sekubeka sipheto enyameni, ngoba umhlab-a ugcwele budlova ngenca yayo. Nembala, ngitababhubhisa nemhlab-a. ¹⁴ Takhele umkhumbi ngelipulango lelicinile. Yakha emagumbi kulomukhumbi, bese uvala ngelitiyela ngekhatsi nangephandle. ¹⁵ Nayi indlela lotoyenta ngayo; Budze balomukhumbi bube libangaba lelingu 300; bubanti balo bube ngemabanga langu 50, bese kuya etulu kuba ngemabanga langu 30. ¹⁶ Yenta lupahla lwalomukhumbi, bese ucedzisa ngebebanti kusukela ngetulu kuya emaceleni. Yakha umnyango emhlubulweni walomukhumbi bese wakha lesibili, nalesitsatfu likamelo. ¹⁷ Lalela sengitoletsa sikhukhula semanti emhlabeni, sitobhubhisa inyama lephefumulelako ngaphansi kweLizulu. Konkhe lokusemuuhlabeni kutakufa. ¹⁶ Yenta lupahla lwalomukhumbi, bese ucedzisa ngebebanti kusukela ngetulu kuya emaceleni. Yakha umnyango emhlubulweni walomukhumbi bese wakha lesibili, nalesitsatfu likamelo. ¹⁷ Lalela, sengitoletsa sikhukhula semanti emhlabeni, sitobhubhisa inyama lephefumulelako ngaphansi kweLizulu. Konkhe lokusemuuhlabeni kutakufa. ¹⁸ Kodvwa ngitokwakha sivumelwano nawe. Utawungena emkhunjini, wena, nemadvodzana akho nemfati wakho kanye nebafti bemadvodzana akho. ¹⁹ Kuko konkhe lokuphilako lokudalwe ngenyama, utawuletsa kubili emukhunjini, kute ukucine kuphila kanye nawe, lokudvuna nalokusikati. ¹⁸ Kodvwa ngitokwakha sivumelwano nawe. 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¹ Simakadze watsi kuNoah, "Wotani, wena nendlu yakho, ningene ekhatsi emkhunjini, ngoba ngibonile kutsi ulungile ebusweni bami kulesitukulwane. ² Kutotonkhe tilwane letihlobile utohamba naletisikhombisa letindvuna naletisikhombisa letinsikati. Etilwaneni letingcolile, tona wota natimbili, lesidvuna nalesisikati. ³ Nasetinyonini telizulu, ngena naletisikhombisa letindvuna naletisikhombisa letinsikati, kutogcina lonkhe luhlobo lwestislwane luhkona kuwo wonkhe umhlaba. ⁴ Ngoba ngemuva kwemalanga lasikhombisa letako ngitokwenta litulu line emhlabeni emalanga lengemashumi lamane nebusuku bakhona. Ngitakubhubbisa konkhe lokuphilako lokukhona emhlabeni lengikudalile." ⁵ Noah wakwenta konkhe loku bekakutjelwe nguSimakadze. ⁶ Noah bekaneminyaka lengemakhulu lasitfupha budzala nakufika sikhukhula emhlabeni. ⁷ Noah, emadvodzana akhe, umkakhe, nebafti bemadvodzana akhe bangena emkhunjini ngena yemanti esikhulukhulu. ⁸ Tilwane letihlobile naletingcolile, tinyoni , nakonkhe lokuhamba tikwemhlabi. ⁹ ngakubili ngakubili, lokudvuna nalokusikati, kweta kuNoah kwangena emkhunjini, njengoba bekusho Nkulunkulu kuNoah. ¹⁰ Kwenteka ngemuva kwemalanga lasikhombisa, emanti esikhukhula efika emhlabeni. ¹¹ Emnyakeni wemakhulu lasitfupha emphilweni yaNoah, enyangeni yesibili, elangeni lesikhombisa enyangeni, ngalelo langa, yonkhe imitfombo yelwandle yachuma yavuleka, futsi emafasitelo elizulu avuleka. ¹² Litulu lacala kuna lanetsa emalanga lamashumi lamane imini nebusuku bakhona. ¹³ Futsi ngalelo langa linye Noah nemadvodzana akhe, Shem, Ham, naJapheth, nemkakhe Noah, nebafti labatsatfu bemadvodzana akhe, bangena emkhunjini. ¹⁴ Bangena kanye kanye nesilwane sasendle ngeluhlobo lwaso, nemfuyo bayicondzisa ngeluhlobo lwayo, nesilwane leshishoshako emhlabatsini ngeluhlobo lwaso, nalolonkhe luhlobo lwenyoni ngeluhlobo lwayo, luhlobo ngalunye lesiswane lesinetimphiko. ¹⁵ Ngatimbili kutotonkhe tilwane letiphilako teta kuNoah tangena emkhunjini. ¹⁶ Letilwane letangena bekungulesidvuna nalesisikati talolonkhe luhlobo; tangena njengoba Nkulunkulu bekashito kuNoah. Wabese Simakadze uvala umnyango emvakwato. ¹⁷ Sabese sikhukhula siyefika emhlabeni emalanga langemashumi lamane , emanti angeteka aphakamisa lomkhumbi awuphakamisela ngetulu kwemhlabi. ¹⁸ Emanti ambhonya umhlaba , nemkhumbi wandanda etikwemanti. ¹⁹ Emanti aphakama kakhulu emhlabeni engca netintsaba letindze lebetingephasi kwesibhakabhaka tavaleka. ²⁰ Lamanti aphakama abamamitha langu 15 kwengca tintsaba. ²¹ Konkhe lokuphilako lobekuhamba emhlabeni kwafa- tinyoni, imfuyo, tilwane tasendle, tonkhe tilwane betihlala ngemihlambi neticuku letinengi emhlabeni, nakokonkhe lokungumuntfu. ²² Tonkhe tilwane lebetihlala emhlabeni, lebetiphefumula umoya wemphilo ngemakhala ato, tafa. ²³ Ngakoke konkhe lokuphilako tikwemhlabi kwabhujswa, bantfu netilwane nalokushoshako kanye netinyoni tesibhakabhaka. Konkhe kwabhidlitwa emhlabeni. NguNoah nalokwangena naye emkhunjini lokwasindza. ²⁴ Lamanti achubeka ahlala aphakeme emalanga lalikhulu nemashuni lasihlanu.

Chapter 8

¹ Nkulunkulu wamkhumbula Noah, tilwane tasendle kanye nayo yonkhe imfuyo lebeyisemkhunjini. Simakadze wenta kutsi kuhhushe umoya emhlabeni, emanti ke wona ase acala kubotja. ² Imitfombo lejulile kanye nemafastelo elizulu kwase kuyema kutfulula imvula, loko kwase kuba kuma kwemvula. ³ Tikhukhula temanti tabotja kancane kancane emhlabeni, ekupheleni kwemalanga langu-150 emanti abesabotjile impela. ⁴ Umkhumbi wona wema kundanda ngenyanga yesikhombisa, ngelilanga lelishumi nesikhombisa, etikwetintsaba ye Ararati. ⁵ Emanti achubeka kubotja kwaze kwaba yinyanga yelishumi. Kwatsi ngelilanga lekucala enyangeni, kwabonakala ticongo tetintsaba. ⁶ Emva kwemalanga langemashumi lamane Nowa walivula lifastelo lemkhumbi labelakhile. ⁷ Watfumela lihhwabayi lelehla lenyuka lindiza aze emanti oma emhlabeni. ⁸ Wase utfumela lituba entela kubona kutsi emanti abesabotjile yini emhlabatsini, ⁹ kepha lelituba alizange likhone kubeka lunyawo, lwalo etikwemhlabo lavele labuyela kuye emkhunjini, ngenca yekutsi emanti abesolo angakomi kahle emhlabatsini. Welula sandla sakhe, walitsatsa walingenisa emkhunjini kanye naye. ¹⁰ Walindza letinye tinsuku letisikhombisa waphindze watfumela lelituba lebe lisemkhumbini. ¹¹ Lituba lona labuyela ekushoneni kwelilanga kuNoah. Bona! Emlonyeni walo bekunelicembe lelalincutfwe esihlahleni semncumo. Loko kwenta kutsi Noah ati kutsi emanti abesabotjile emhlabeni. ¹² Waphindze walindza letinye tinsuku letisikhombisa, waphindze walitfumela lelituba. Aliphindzanga labuyela kuye. ¹³ Kwatsi ngemnyaka wemakhulu lasitfupha nemnyaka wekucala, ngelilanga lekucala enyangeni yekucala, emanti abesomile emhlabatsini. Noah wasisusa sivalo semkhumbi, wabuka ngephandle, wakhandza kutsi umhlabatsi besewomile. ¹⁴ Ngenyanga yesibili, ngelilanga lemashumi lamabili nesikhombisa enyangeni, umhlabo besewomile. ¹⁵ Simakadze watsi ku Noah, ¹⁶ "Phuma emkhunjini wena, umkakho, emadvodzana akho kanye nebatifi bawo. ¹⁷ Phuma kanye nako konkhe lokuphilako kwayo yonkhe inyama -- tinyoni, nako konkhe lokunwabutelako emhlabatsini-- kute kutokwandza kakhulu emhlabeni, kute kutalane kwandze emhlabeni."

¹⁸ Nowa ke wase uyaphuma nemadvodzana akhe, umkakhe, nabomakoti bakakhe. ¹⁹ Konkhe lokuphilako, konkhe lokunwabutelako, nalolonkhe luhlobo lwetinyoni, konkhe lokuhamba emhlabatsini, ngekweminden yako, kwaphuma emkhunjini. ²⁰ Noah wakhela Simakadze lilati. Watsatsa letinye tetilwane lebetihlantekile naletinye tetinyoni lebetihlantekile, wenta umhlatjelo wekushiswa elatini. ²¹ Simakadze weva liphunga lelimtfokotisako wase utsi enhliityweni yakhe, "Angiphindzi ngiwiucalekise umhlabo ngenca yemuntfu, nome tinjongo tetinhlitiyo tabo titimbi kusukela ebuntfwaneni. Angiphindzi futsi ngibhubhise konkhe lokuphilako, njengobe ngentile. ²² Yingci umhlabo nawusekhona, kuhlanyela nekuvuna, kubanza nekushisa, busika nelihlobo, imini nebusuku angeke kuphele.

Chapter 9

¹ Nkulunkulu wase ubusisa Noah nemadvodzana akhe, watsi kubo, "Tselani, nandze, niggwalise umhlaba.² Kwesatjwa kwenu neluvalo lwenu akube setikwato tonkhe tilwane letiphilako emhlabeni, ngetulu kwato tonkhe tinyoni tesibhakabhaka, nangetulu kwako konkhe lokuhamphansi emhlabeni, futsi nangetulu kwato tonkhe tinhlanti taselwandle. Kunikiwe esandleni sakho.³ Konkhe lokuhamphansi nalokuphilako kutawuba kudla kwakho. Njengobe ngakunika tibhidvo letiluhlata, nyalo ngikunika konkhe.⁴ Kepha ungayidli inyama lenengati - ngoba kuphila kusengatini.⁵ Kepha ngenca yengati yakho, imphilo lesengatini yakho, ngitawufuna imbhadal. Esandleni saso sonkhe silwane ngitayidzinga. Esandleni sanoma ngabe ngumuphi umuntfu, loku kusho kutsi lesandla salomuntfu lobulele umnakabo, ngiyawudzinga inchazelo ngalomphefumulo walomuntfu.⁶ Lotawucitsa ingati yemuntfu, neyakhe iyawucitfwa ngumuntfu. Ngobe Nkulunkulu wenta umuntfu ngemfanekiso wakhe.⁷ Nine ke, talanani nandze nenabe emhlabeni wonkhe futsi niphindzaphindzane kuwo.⁸ Nkulunkulu wakhulumu ku Noah nemadvodzana akhe, watsi,⁹ "Ngekwami, lalela! Ngiyahamba ngiyoba ngiyocinisekisa sivumelwano nawe nangetitukulwane letisemvakwakho,¹⁰ Nako konkhe lokudaliwe lokuphilako lokunawe, netinyoni, nemfuyo, nayo yonkhe indalo yemhlabi nawe, nako konkhe lokwaphuma ngaphandle emkhunjini. Nakuyo yonkhe indalo lephilako emhlabeni.¹¹ Ngaloku ngicinisekisa lesivumelwano sami nani, kutsi angeke phindze kutsi inyama ibhujiswe ngesikhukhula semanti. Angeke phindze kube nesikhukhula lesitawubhubhisa umhlaba."¹² Nkulunkulu watsi, "Lolu lumphawu lwesivumelwano lengilwakhako emkhatsini wami nawe phindze nakuyo yonkhe indalo lephilako lekuwe, nasesitukulwaneni lesitako.¹³ Ngibeke umushi wenkhosazana emafini, futsi atawuba lumphawu lwesivumelwano emkhatsini wami nemhlabi.¹⁴ Kutawufika lapho ngiyawuletsa emafu ngetulu kwemhlabi phindze nemushi wenkhosazana abonakale emafini,¹⁵ ngitawubese ngicabanga ngesivumelwano, lesisemkhatsini wami nawe nakuyo yonkhe indalo lephilako. Emanti angeke aphindze abe tikhukhula tekubhubhisa lokuphilako.¹⁶ Lomushi wenkhosazana utawuba semafini futsi ngitawubona, khona ngitokhumbula lesivumelwano saphakadze emkhatsini waNkulunkulu nakuyo yonkhe indalo lephilako emhlabeni."¹⁷ Nkulunkulu watsi ku Noah, "Lolu lumphawu lwesivumelwano lengasenta emkhatsini wami nakuko konkhe lokuphilako emhlabeni."¹⁸ Emadvodzana a Noah laphuma emkhunjini kwakungu Shem, Ham kanye na Jafeth. Ham kwakunguyise waCanaan.¹⁹ Laba labatsatfu kwakumadvodzana aNoah, futsi ngalaba umhlaba wonkhe wagcwaliswa.²⁰ Noah wase uba ngumlimi, walima ingadze.²¹ Wase unatsa liwayini wabese uyadzakwa. Abele angakambatsi ethendeni.²² Ham, uyise waCanaan, wabona bungcunu beyise wase utjela bomnakabo lababili ngaphandle.²³ Ngako Shem naJafeth batsatsa ingubo bayibeka emahlombe abo bobabili, base bahamba sinyova bavala bungcunu beyise wabo. Buso babo bagucuka babuka kulenye indzawo, ngako ke ababubonanga bungcunu beyise wabo.²⁴ Watsi Noah nakavuka ekudzakweni kwakhe, wase uyakuva lokwentiwa yindvodzana yakhe lencane kuye.²⁵ Wase utsi, "Makacalekiswe Canaan. Makabe sisebenti setisebenti tabomnakabo."²⁶ Waphindze watsi, "Shengatsi Simakadze, Nkulunkulu waShem, angabusiswa, futsi Khenani abe sisebenti sakhe.²⁷ Shengatsi Nkulunkulu angakhulisa indzawo ya Japheth, amente akhe likhaya lakhe ethendeni la Shem. Shengatsi Canaan angaba sisebenti sakhe."²⁸ Emvakwesikhukhula, Noah waphila iminyaka lengemakhulu lamatsatfu nemashumi lasihlanu emnyaka.²⁹ Tonkhe tinsuku ta Noah taba makhulu layimfica nemashumi lasihlanu emnyaka, wabese uyafa.

Chapter 10

¹ Lesi situkulwane seMadvodzana aNoah, ngu Shem, Ham na Japheth. Lawa ngemadvodzana latawa ngibo emvakwesikhukhula. ² Emadvodzana aJapheth bekungu Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech naTiras. ³ Emadvodzana aGomer bekungu Ashkenaz, Riphath naTogarmah. ⁴ Emadvodzana aJavan bekungu Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim naDodanim. ⁵ Kulaba kwahlukanisa labebahlala dvute nelwandle baya emihlabeni yabo, wokhe neLulwimi lwakhe, ngekuya nemindeni, neLive lakhe. ⁶ Emadvodzana aHam bekungu Cush, Mizraim, Put naCanaan. ⁷ Emadvodzana aCush bekungu Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah naSabteka. Emadvodzana aRaamah bekungu Sheba naDedan. ⁸ Cush waba nguBabe waNimrod, lobekangumncobi wekucala emhlabeni. ⁹ Abengumtingeli Lonebucwephesa phambi kwa Simakadze. Ngiko kutsiwa ""Njenga Nimrod, umtingeli lomkhulu embikwa Simakadze.""¹⁰ Umbuso wakhe wekcalwa kwaba yiBabylon, Uruk, Akkad naKalneh, eveni leShinar. ¹¹ Kulelo live waphuma waya eAssyria wakha iNiniveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah ¹² neResen lebeyisemkhatsini kweNiniveh ne Calah. Kwakulidolobha lelikhulu. ¹³ Mizraim waba nguBabe wema Ludites, nema Anamites, nema Lehabites, nema Naphtuhites,
¹⁴ nema Pathrusites, nema Kasluhites (lakwavelakhona baFilisti), nema Caphtorites. ¹⁵ Canaan wabangu Babe wa Sidon, letibulo lakhe na Heth, ¹⁶ nema Jebusites, nema Amorites, nema Girgashites, ¹⁷ nema Hivites, nema Arkites, nema Sinites, nema ¹⁸ Arvadites, nema Zemarites, nema Hamathites. Emvakwaloku lemindeni yemaCanaan yahamba ngekwehlukana. ¹⁹ Lihheke lemaCaanan lalisuka eSidon, libheka ngase Gerar, kuyofika eGaza, futsi lelinye lihamba ngase Sodom Gomorrah, Admah nase Zeboyim leyofika ngase Lasha. ²⁰ Lawa kwakungemadvodzana aHam, ngemi ngemindeni, nema Lwimi, nemihlaba, nemave abo. ²¹ Emadvodzana atalwa futsi, nguShem, bhuti lomdzala waJaphethi. Shem abelidloti labo bonkhe bantfu base Eber. ²² Emadvodzana aShem, bekangu Elam, Ashur, Arphaxad, Lud naAram. ²³ Emadvodzana aAram kwakungu Uz, naHul, naGether, naMeshech. ²⁴ Arphaxad wabangu Babe waShelah, naShelah wabangu Babe wa Eber. ²⁵ Eber bekanema dvodzana lamabili. Ligama lamunye lalingu Peleg, ngoba ngemalanga akhe umhlabu bewuhlukaniswe. Ligama labhuti wakhe lalingu Joktan. ²⁶ Joktan wabangu Babe waAlmodad, naSheleph, naHazarmaveth, neJerah, ²⁷ Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, ²⁸ Obal, Abimael, Sheba, ²⁹ Ophir, Havilah, naJobab. Onkhe lawa kwakungema dvodzana aJoktan. ³⁰ Indzawo lebebahlala kuyo beyiyase Mesha, kuya eSephar, entsabeni yemphumalanga. ³¹ Lawa kwakungema dvodzana aShem, ngekuhambisana nemindeni yabo, nangelulwimi labo, Live labo, ngekuhambisana netive tabo.
³² Lena bekuyimindeni yemadvodzana aNoah, ngekuya kwelufuto lwabo, nangebuve babo. Kulaba, letive tahlukana taya emhlabeni wonkhe emvakwesikhukhula.

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¹ Ngaleso sikhatsi umhlaba wonkhe wasebentisa lulwimi lunye lobelungemagama lafanako. ² Basalibangisa emphumalanga batfola indzawo lebekile kulelive lase Shinari base bahlala khona. ³ Batsi kulomunye, "kotani sakhe titini siphindze sitibhake tibe kahle." Bebanetitini esikhundleni sematje nelitiyela esikhundleni seludzaka. ⁴ Batsi, "Wotani, sitakhele lidolobha nembhoshongo lotofika esibhakabhakeni, siphindze sitakhele libito letfu. Uma kungenjalo sitosakateka umhlaba wonkhe." ⁵ Batsi kulomunye nalomunye, "kotani sakhe titini siphindze sitibhake tibe kahle." Bebanetitini esikhundleni sematje nelitiyela esikhundleni seludzaka. ⁴ Batsi, "Wotani, sitakhele lidolobha nembhoshongo lotofika esibhakabhakeni, siphindze sitakhele libito letfu. Uma kungenjalo sitosakateka umhlaba wonkhe." ⁵ Ngako Simakadze wehlela phansi kutobona lelidolobha kanye nalomboshongo lowakhiwa situkulwane sa Adam. ⁶ Simakadze watsi, "Buka, babantfu banye labanelulwimi lolufanako phindze sebacalile kwakha loku! 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Waphindze waba nguyise walamanye emadvodzana nemadvodzakati. ¹⁴ Ngesikhatsi Shelah asaphile iminyaka lengemashumi lamatsatfu, waba nguyise waEber. ¹⁵ Shelah waphila iminyaka lengu 403 emvakwekuba nguyise waEber. Waphindze waba nguyise walamanye emadvodzana nemadvodzakati. ¹⁶ Ngalesikhatsi Eber asaphile iminyaka lengemashumi lamatsatfu nakune, wabanguise wa Peleg. ¹⁷ Eber waphila iminyaka lengu 430 budzala emvakwekuba nguyise waPeleg. Waphindze wabanguise walamanye emadvodzana nemadvodzakati. ¹⁶ Ngalesikhatsi Eber asaphile iminyaka lengemashumi lamatsatfu nakune, wabanguise wa Peleg. ¹⁷ Eber waphila iminyaka lengu 430 budzala emvakwekuba nguyise waPeleg. Waphindze wabanguise walamanye emadvodzana nemadvodzakati. ¹⁸ Ngalesikhatsi Peleg aphile iminyaka lengemashumi lamatsatfu, waba nguyise waReu. ¹⁹ Peleg waphila iminyaka lengu 209 emva kwekutsi abe nguyise waReu. 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nguyise waTerah.²⁵ Nahor waphila iminyaka lengu119 emvakwekuba nguyise waTerah. Waphindze futsi waba nguyise walamanye emadvodzana nemadvodzakati.²⁶ Emvakwekube Terah asaphile iminyaka lengemashumi lasikhombisa, waba nguyise waAbram, Nahor, kanye naHaran.²⁴ Ngalesikhatsi Nahor asaphila iminyaka lengemashumi lamabili nemfica, waba nguyise waTerah.²⁵ Nahor waphila iminyaka lengu119 emvakwekuba nguyise waTerah. Waphindze futsi waba nguyise walamanye emadvodzana nemadvodzakati.²⁶ Emvakwekube Terah asaphile iminyaka lengemashumi lasikhombisa, waba nguyise waAbram, Nahor, kanye naHaran.²⁷ Lesi situkulwane saTerah. Terah waba nguyise waAbram, Nahor, kanye naHaran, Haran waba nguyise waLot.²⁸ Haran wafa kuseneyise wakhe Terah endzaweni latalelwa kuyo, eUri yase Makhaledi.²⁷ Lesi situkulwane saTerah. Terah waba nguyise waAbram, Nahor, kanye naHaran, Haran waba nguyise waLot.²⁸ Haran wafa kuseneyise wakhe Terah endzaweni latalelwa kuyo, eUri yase Makhaledi.²⁹ Abrahama naNahor batsatsa bafati. Ligama lemfati waAbrahama kwakunguSarayi wase umfati waNahor kuba nguMilkha, indvodzakati yaHaran, lobekanguyise waMilkha naIskha.³⁰ Lapho Sarai abeyinyumba, bekete umntfwana.²⁹ Abrahama naNahor batsatsa bafati. Ligama lemfati waAbrahama kwakunguSarayi wase umfati waNahor kuba nguMilkha, indvodzakati yaHaran, lobekanguyise waMilkha naIskha.³⁰ Lapho Sarai abeyinyumba, bekete umntfwana.³¹ Terah watsatsa Abraham indvodzana yakhe, Lot indvodzana yendvodzana yakhe Haran, kanye naSarai makoti wakakhe , umka Abram indvodzana yakhe, ,base bayahamba kanye kanye bashiya iUr yase Makhaledi, baya eveni lase Khenani. Kepha befika eHaran bahlala khona.³² Terah waphila iminyaka lengu 205 wafela eHaran.³¹ Terah watsatsa Abraham indvodzana yakhe, Lot indvodzana yendvodzana yakhe Haran, kanye naSarai makoti wakakhe , umka Abram indvodzana yakhe, ,base bayahamba kanye kanye bashiya iUr yase Makhaledi, baya eveni lase Khenani. Kepha befika eHaran bahlala khona.³² Terah waphila iminyaka lengu 205 wafela eHaran.

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¹ Nyalo Simakadze watsi ku Abram, " Suka eveni lakini, etihlobeni takho, emndenini weyihlo, uye eveni lengitokukhombisa lona. ² Ngawe ngitowenta sive lesikhulu, ngikubusise, ngente ligama lakho libelikhulu, utobasibusiso. ³ Ngitawubusisa labakubusisako, kepha loyo longakuhloniphi ngitamucalekisa. Ngawe yonkhe iminden yemhlaba mayibusiseke." ⁴ Ngakoke Abram wahamba, njengekusho kwaSimakadze, Lothi wahamba naye. Abram bekaneminyaka lengemashumi lasikhombisa nesihlanu budzala makasuka e Haran. ⁵ Abrami wahamba na Saray, umkakhe, Lothi, indvodzana yemnakabo, konkhe lebesebakuzuzile, nabobonkhe bantfu lebesebanabo e Harani. Bahamba baya eveni laseKhenani, befika eveni lase Khenani. ⁴ Ngakoke Abram wahamba, njengekusho kwaSimakadze, Lothi wahamba naye. Abram bekaneminyaka lengemashumi lasikhombisa nesihlanu budzala makasuka e Haran. ⁵ Abrami wahamba na Saray, umkakhe, Lothi, indvodzana yemnakabo, konkhe lebesebakuzuzile, nabobonkhe bantfu lebesebanabo e Harani. Bahamba baya eveni laseKhenani, befika eveni lase Khenani. ⁶ Abram wendlula endzaweni lekutsiwa kuse Shechem, e oyakhi yeMoriya. Ngaleso skhatsi emakhenani bekhahlala kuleyo ndzawo. ⁷ Simakadze watibonakalisa ku Abram, watsi, " Situkulwane sakho ngitasinika lendzawo. "Ngako Abram lapho wakha li Althari kuSimakadze. Lotibonakalisile kuye. ⁶ Abram wendlula endzaweni lekutsiwa kuse Shechem, e oyakhi yeMoriya. Ngaleso skhatsi emakhenani bekhahlala kuleyo ndzawo. ⁷ Simakadze watibonakalisa ku Abram, watsi, " Situkulwane sakho ngitasinika lendzawo. "Ngako Abram lapho wakha li Althari kuSimakadze. Lotibonakalisile kuye. ⁶ Abram wendlula endzaweni lekutsiwa kuse Shechem, e oyakhi yeMoriya. Ngaleso skhatsi emakhenani bekhahlala kuleyo ndzawo. ⁷ Simakadze watibonakalisa ku Abram, watsi, " Situkulwane sakho ngitasinika lendzawo. "Ngako Abram lapho wakha li Althari kuSimakadze. Lotibonakalisile kuye. ⁸ Kusukela lapho waya egcumeni lelive lelisemphumalanga ne Bheteli, lapho abeka khona lithende, i Bheteli beyingaseshonalanga i Ayi isemphumalanga. Lapho akha khona li Altari la Simakadze wase sewubita ligama la Simakadze. ⁹ Abrami wachubeka nekuhamba neluhambo, walibhekisa ngase Negevi. ⁸ Kusukela lapho waya egcumeni lelive lelisemphumalanga ne Bheteli, lapho abeka khona lithende, i Bheteli beyingaseshonalanga i Ayi isemphumalanga. Lapho akha khona li Altari la Simakadze wase sewubita ligama la Simakadze. ⁹ Abrami wachubeka nekuhamba neluhambo, walibhekisa ngase Negevi. ¹⁰ Bekunendlala kulendzawo, ngako ke Abrami waya entasi e Gibhithe wayohlala, lendlala beyihlasele kakhulu kulendzawo. ¹¹ Nasatongena e Gibhithe, watsi kumkakhe Sarayi, buka la, ngiyati unguolumuhle wesifazane. ¹² Emagibhithe nakakubona atotsi, lona ngumfati wakhe, Batangibulala, wena batakugcina uphilile. ¹³ Tsani ke wena ungdzawetfu, kuhkona kutongihambela kahle nami ngenga yakho, ngaloko ke imphilo yami itosindza ngenga yakho." ¹⁰ Bekunendlala kulendzawo, ngako ke Abrami waya entasi e Gibhithe wayohlala, lendlala beyihlasele kakhulu kulendzawo. ¹¹ Nasatongena e Gibhithe, watsi kumkakhe Sarayi, buka la, ngiyati unguolumuhle wesifazane. ¹² Emagibhithe nakakubona atotsi, lona ngumfati wakhe, Batangibulala, wena batakugcina uphilile. ¹³ Tsani ke wena ungdzawetfu, kuhkona kutongihambela kahle nami ngenga yakho, ngaloko ke imphilo yami itosindza ngenga yakho." ¹⁰ Bekunendlala kulendzawo, ngako ke Abrami waya entasi e Gibhithe wayohlala, lendlala beyihlasele kakhulu kulendzawo. ¹¹ Nasatongena e Gibhithe, watsi kumkakhe Sarayi, buka la, ngiyati unguolumuhle wesifazane. ¹² Emagibhithe nakakubona atotsi, lona ngumfati wakhe, Batangibulala, wena batakugcina uphilile. ¹³ Tsani ke wena ungdzawetfu, kuhkona kutongihambela kahle nami ngenga yakho, ngaloko ke imphilo yami itosindza ngenga yakho." ¹⁴ Kwase Kufika lapho Abram angena e Gibhithe, Ema Gibhithe abona kutsi Sarayi abemuhle kakhulu. ¹⁵ Inkhosatana ya Faro yambona, yamdvumisa ku Faro, lomfati watsatfwa wamikiswa endlini ya Faro. ¹⁶ Faro wamphatsa kahle Abram ngenga yakhe, ngako Abram wemukela timvu netinkhomo, timbongolo letimndvuna, tisebenti letindvuna, tisebenti letinsikati, timbongolo letinsikati, kanye nemakamela. ¹⁴ Kwase Kufika lapho Abram angena e Gibhithe, Ema Gibhithe abona kutsi Sarayi abemuhle kakhulu. ¹⁵ Inkhosatana ya Faro yambona, yamdvumisa ku Faro, lomfati watsatfwa wamikiswa endlini ya Faro. ¹⁶ Faro wamphatsa kahle Abram ngenga yakhe, ngako Abram wemukela timvu netinkhomo, timbongolo letimndvuna, tisebenti letindvuna, tisebenti letinsikati, timbongolo letinsikati, kanye nemakamela. ¹⁴ Kwase Kufika lapho Abram angena e Gibhithe, Ema Gibhithe abona kutsi Sarayi abemuhle kakhulu. ¹⁵ Inkhosatana ya Faro yambona, yamdvumisa ku Faro, lomfati

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¹ Ngako ke Abram wahamba wasuka eGibhithe wabheka eveni leNegev, ahamba nemfati wakhe, nako konkhe labekanako. Lothi bekahamba nabo. ² Waba ngulocebile Abram ngemfuyo, ngelisiliva, kanye neligolide. ³ Wachubeka neluhambo lwakhe lwekusuka eNegev aya eBethel, kulendzawo labekakhe lithende lakhe ngaphambili, emkhatsini weBethel neAi. ⁴ Waya kulendzawo labekakhe khona liAltari ngaphambili . Lapha wase ubita ligama laSimakadze. ⁵ Wachubeka neluhambo lwakhe lwekusuka eNegev aya eBethel, kulendzawo labekakhe lithende lakhe ngaphambili, emkhatsini weBethel neAi. ⁴ Waya kulendzawo labekakhe khona liAltari ngaphambili . Lapha wase ubita ligama laSimakadze. ⁵ Ngaleso sikhatsi Lothi, ahamba naAbram, naye bekanetimvu, imihlambi nemathende. ⁶ Lendzawo beyingasiyo leyanele kutsi bebangahlala ndzawonye ngobe tintfo tabo tatinengi kakhulu, kute bangakhoni kuhlalisana. ⁷ Phindze, kwase kuba nekucabana emkhatsini webelusi baAbram nebelusi baLothi. Emakhenani nemaPheresi beklahlala kuleyo ndzawo ngaleso sikhatsi. ⁵ Ngaleso sikhatsi Lothi, ahamba naAbram, naye bekanetimvu, imihlambi nemathende. ⁶ Lendzawo beyingasiyo leyanele kutsi bebangahlala ndzawonye ngobe tintfo tabo tatinengi kakhulu, kute bangakhoni kuhlalisana. ⁷ Phindze, kwase kuba nekucabana emkhatsini webelusi baAbram nebelusi baLothi. Emakhenani nemaPheresi beklahlala kuleyo ndzawo ngaleso sikhatsi. ⁸ Abram wase utsi kuLothi, "Akungabi nekucabana emkhatsini wami nawe, nasemkhatsini webelusi bakho nebelusi bami; ekugcineni kwako konkhe , tsine singumndeni. ⁹ Akusiyoyini indzawo yonkhe lena lelambikwakho? Chubeka utehlukanise kimi. Uma uya ngesencele, mine ke ngitawuya ngesekudla. Noma uma uya ngesekudla , ngitawuya ngesencele." ⁸ Abram wase utsi kuLothi, "Akungabi nekucabana emkhatsini wami nawe, nasemkhatsini webelusi bakho nebelusi bami; ekugcineni kwako konkhe , tsine singumndeni. ⁹ Akusiyoyini indzawo yonkhe lena lelambikwakho? Chubeka utehlukanise kimi. Uma uya ngesencele, mine ke ngitawuya ngesekudla. Noma uma uya ngesekudla , ngitawuya ngesencele." ¹⁰ Wase Lothi ubuka indzawo yonkhe, wase ubona kutsi yonkhe lendzawo lebekile yase Jordan beiniseleke kahle yonkhe indzawo kufika eZoar, njengengadze yaSimakadze, njengendzawo yaseGibhithe. Loku bekungemuva kwekutsi Simakadze abhubhise iSodom neGomorra. ¹¹ Ngako Lothi watikhetsela yena yonkhe indzawo lebekile yaseJordan wase uhamba ubheka emphumalanga, tase letihlobo tiyehlukana. ¹⁰ Wase Lothi ubuka indzawo yonkhe, wase ubona kutsi yonkhe lendzawo lebekile yase Jordan beiniseleke kahle yonkhe indzawo kufika eZoar, njengengadze yaSimakadze, njengendzawo yaseGibhithe. Loku bekungemuva kwekutsi Simakadze abhubhise iSodom neGomorra. ¹¹ Ngako Lothi watikhetsela yena yonkhe indzawo lebekile yaseJordan wase uhamba ubheka emphumalanga, tase letihlobo tiyehlukana. ¹² Abram wahlala kulendzawo yaseKhenani, wase Lothi uhlala ngakulamadolobha alendzawo lebekile. Wabeka emathende akhe khashane njenge Sodom. ¹³ Emadvodza aseSodom besekatoni letinkhulu kuSimakadze. ¹² Abram wahlala kulendzawo yaseKhenani, wase Lothi uhlala ngakulamadolobha alendzawo lebekile. Wabeka emathende akhe khashane njenge Sodom. ¹³ Emadvodza aseSodom besekatoni letinkhulu kuSimakadze. ¹⁴ Simakadze wakhulumu ku Abram emvakwekutsi Lothi asuke kuye watsi, "buka kusuka kulendzawo lome kuyo ubuke eNingizimu, eNyakatfo, eMphumalanga naseNshonalanga. ¹⁵ Yonkhe lendzawo loyibonako, ngitayinika wena kanye nesitukulwane sakho ngunaphakadze. ¹⁶ Ngitakwenta situkulwane sakho sibe ngangelutfuli lwemhlabatsi, kute noma umuntfu angabala lutfuli lwemhlabatsi, nasa ke lesitukulwane sakho singabalwa. ¹⁷ Sukuma, uhambe uyidzabule ekhatsi ngebudze nangebubanti bayo lendzawo, ngobe ngitakunika yona." ¹⁸ Ngako Abraham wabutsa lithende lakhe, wase sewuyeta uhlala nema okhini aseMamre, laseHebron, wase wakha nendzawo yekutihlambulula khona lapho. ¹⁶ Ngitakwenta situkulwane sakho sibe ngangelutfuli lwemhlabatsi, kute noma umuntfu angabala lutfuli lwemhlabatsi, nasa ke lesitukulwane sakho singabalwa. ¹⁷ Sukuma, uhambe uyidzabule ekhatsi ngebudze nangebubanti bayo lendzawo, ngobe ngitakunika yona." ¹⁸ Ngako Abraham wabutsa lithende lakhe, wase sewuyeta uhlala nema okhini aseMamre, laseHebron, wase wakha nendzawo yekutihlambulula khona lapho. Sehluko 13

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¹ Kwefika emalanga Amraphel, inkosi yase Shina, Ariyokho, inkhosu yase Elasa, Kedorlaomer, inkosi yase Elami, kanye neTidali, inkosi yase Goyimi, ² lebebabumbe imphi kuBera, inkosi yase Sodom, Birsha, inkosi yase Gomora, Shiniba, inkosi yase Adima, Shemeba, inkosi yase Zeboyma, kanye nenkosi yase Bela (lebeyibitwa ngaZoar). ³ Lawo makhosi lasihlanu ekugcina abumbana esigodzini sase Siddim (lesasibitwa ngeLwandle Lwaswayi). ⁴ Basebentela Kedorlaome iminyaka lelishumi nakubili, kwatsi ngemyaka welishumi nakutsatfu bamphendvukela.

⁵ Kwatsi emnyakeni welishumi nakune, Kedorlaomar kanye nalamanye emakhosi lebekanaye bahamba bayohlasela sive sema Rephaim laseAshteroth Karnaim, emaZuzites laseHam, emaEmites aseShave Kiriaethaim, ⁶ kanye nemaHorites egcumeni leveni laseSeir, khashane njenge El Paran, dvute nelihlane. ⁷ Base bayagucuka befika eEn Mishpat (lebeliphindze libitwa ngeKadesh), base bahlulekisa lonke live leAmalekites, kanye nelemaAmorites lebekahlala eHazezon Tamar. ⁸ Kwase inkosi yase Sodoma, inkosi yase Gomora, inkosi yase Admah, inkosi yase Zeboym, kanye ne nkhosu yase Bhela (lebeyibitwa ngeZoar) baphuma balungisela imphi esigodzini sase Siddim ⁹ kumelana naKedorlaomer, inkosi yase Elami, Tidali, inkosi yase Goyimi, Amraphel, inkosi yase Shina, Ariyokho, inkosi yase Elasa; letine tinkhosu talwa naletisihlanu. ¹⁰ Sigodzi sase Siddim lesigcwele tigodzi tesikontela, kanye nemankhosu ase Sodoma kanye neGomora abaleka, bawa lapho. Labo lebebasele babalekela etintsaben. ¹¹ Ngako lamankhosu atsatsa tintfo tase Sodom nase Gomorrah nakokhonke lebebanako, bahamba balibhekisa endzaweni yabo. ¹² Nasebahamba, batsatsa Lot, umtfwanemnakabo Abram, lebekahlala eSodom, kanye nakokonke wakhe. ¹³ Lomunye lowaphunyula weta wabikela Abram umHebheru. Lobekahlala ngasetihlahleni tem-okhi taMamre, Amorite, lobeka ngumnakabo Eshkol naAner, lebebakunye naAbram. ¹⁴ Abram weva kutsi titsatakhe tibambe tihlobo takhe, wakhipha emadvodza lamakhulu lamatsatfu lishuni nesiphohlongo lebeka lolongiwe labekatelwe endlini yakhe, wabachuba wayobabeka ngase Dan. ¹⁵ Wawahukanisa lamadvodza akhe amelana nabo ebusuku wase uyawahlasela, babacosha bayofika eHobah, eningindzimu yase Damascus. ¹⁶ Babuyisa konkhe lebebakutsetse kanye nesihlobo sakhe Loti netimpahahla takhe, kanye nebatati nalabanye bantfu. ¹⁷ Emvakwekubuya Abram ekwehlulekiseni Kedorlaomer nemakhosi lebekahamba nawo, inkosi yase Sodom yaphuma yayomhlangabeta esigodzini sase Shaveh (lesibitwa ngesigodzi senkhosi). ¹⁸ Melchizedek, inkosi yase Salem, yakhokha sinkwa kanye neliwayini. Bekangumpristi waNkulunkulu lophakeme. ¹⁹ Wambusisa watsi, "Abram akabusiswe nguNkulunkulu losetukwako konke, uMdali welizulu nemhlabo. ²⁰ Ubusisiwe Nkulunkulu lotikwako konke, lonikele titsa takho esandleni sakho. "Wase Abram umnika kweshumi kwako konke. ²¹ Inkhosu yase Sodoma yatsi kuAbram, "Nginike labantfu, utitsatsele letimpahahla." ²² Abram watsi enkhosini yase Sodoma, "Ngiphakamisele tandla tami kuSimakadze, Nkulunkulu lophakeme, Umdali welizulu nemhlabo, ²³ kutsi angeke ngitsatse licotfo nome umchilo weticatfulo, nome yini leyakho, ungatokusho kutsi, "ngimcebisse Abram." ²⁴ Kute lengitakutsatsa ngaphandle kwalokudliwe nesabelo salamadvodza lebengihambe nawo. Akatsatse Aner, Eshkol, kanye naMamre incenye yabo."

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¹ Emva kwaletintfo leti livi la Simakadze leta ku Abram ngembono, litsi, "Ungesabi, Abram! Ngisihlangu sakho nenzuzo yakho lenkhulu kakhulu." ² Abram watsi, "Nkhosi Simakadze, utonginiketa ini, njengoba ngichubeka ngite umntfwana, nendlalifa yami ngu Eliezer wase Damascus?" ³ Abram watsi, "Njengoba ungakanginiketi situkulwane, buka, munye lotawutalwa endlini yami utoba yindlalifa yami!" ⁴ Kwase ke, buka, livi la Simakadze leta kuye, litsi, "Lendvodza lena ngeke ibe yindlalifa yakho; kepha loyo lotawuchamuka emtimbeni wakho utoba yindlalifa yakho." ⁵ Wase umyisa ngephandle, wase utsi, "Buka emazulwini, ubale tinkhanyeti, uma ukhona kutibala." Wase utsi kuye, "Sitoba kanjalo ke nesitukulwane sakho." ⁶ Kwase ke, buka, livi la Simakadze leta kuye, litsi, "Lendvodza lena ngeke ibe yindlalifa yakho; kepha loyo lotawuchamuka emtimbeni wakho utoba yindlalifa yakho." ⁷ Wase umyisa ngephandle, wase utsi, "Buka emazulwini, ubale tinkhanyeti, uma ukhona kutibala." Wase utsi kuye, "Sitoba kanjalo ke nesitukulwane sakho." ⁸ Wamkholwa Simakadze, futsi wakubalela kuye njenge kulunga. ⁹ Watsi kuye, "Ngingu Simakadze, lowakukhipha eUr yema Chaldeans, kukunika lelive leli libe ngelakho." ¹⁰ Watsi, "Nkhosi Simakadze, ngitowati kanjani kutsi litawuba ngelami?" ¹¹ Wamkholwa Simakadze, futsi wakubalela kuye njenge kulunga. ¹² Watsi kuye, "Ngingu Simakadze, lowakukhipha eUr yema Chaldeans, kukunika lelive leli libe ngelakho." ¹³ Watsi, "Nkhosi Simakadze, ngitowati kanjani kutsi litawuba ngelami?" ¹⁴ Wase utsi kuye, "Ngiletsele litfole lelineminyaka lemitsatfu, imbutikati leneminyaka lemitsatfu, lituba, nelivukutfu lelincane." ¹⁵ Wamuletsela konkhe loku, wakusika emkhatsini, wase ubeka incenye layijubile yacondzana nalelenye, kepha akatehlukanisanga ekhatsi tinyoni. ¹⁶ Uma emangce ehlela ngakuletilwane letatifle, Abram waticosha. ¹⁷ Wase utsi kuye, "Ngiletsele litfole lelineminyaka lemitsatfu, imbutikati leneminyaka lemitsatfu, lituba, nelivukutfu lelincane." ¹⁸ Wamuletsela konkhe loku, wakusika emkhatsini, wase ubeka incenye layijubile yacondzana nalelenye, kepha akatehlukanisanga ekhatsi tinyoni. ¹⁹ Wase utsi kuye, "Ngiletsele litfole lelineminyaka lemitsatfu, imbutikati leneminyaka lemitsatfu, lituba, nelivukutfu lelincane." ²⁰ Wamuletsela konkhe loku, wakusika emkhatsini, wase ubeka incenye layijubile yacondzana nalelenye, kepha akatehlukanisanga ekhatsi tinyoni. ²¹ Uma emangce ehlela ngakuletilwane letatifle, Abram waticosha. ²² Nase lilanga seliyoshona, Abram watumeka walala, buka, bumnyama lobujulile nalobetfusako bamengama. ²³ Wase Simakadze utsi ku Abram, "Yati ube nesiciniseko kutsi situkulwane sakho sitawuba sihambi eveni lelingasilo laso, futsi sitawugcilitwa siphindze sihushwe iminyaka lengemakhulu lamane." ²⁴ Nase lilanga seliyoshona, Abram watumeka walala, buka, bumnyama lobujulile nalobetfusako bamengama. ²⁵ Wase Simakadze utsi ku Abram, "Yati ube nesiciniseko kutsi situkulwane sakho sitawuba sihambi eveni lelingasilo laso, futsi sitawugcilitwa siphindze sihushwe iminyaka lengemakhulu lamane." ²⁶ Ngitawusehlulela leso sive labatabe basisebenta, futsi emvakwaloko batawuphuma netimpahla letinyenti kakhulu. ²⁷ Kepha nitokuya kubobabe benu ngekuthula, futsi nitawungcwatjwa ebudzaleni lobukahle. ²⁸ Esitukulwaneni sesine batawubuya lana futsi, ngoba bubi bema Amorites busengakefiki emaphetselweni. ²⁹ Ngitawusehlulela leso sive labatabe basisebenta, futsi emvakwaloko batawuphuma netimpahla letinyenti kakhulu. ³⁰ Kepha nitokuya kubobabe benu ngekuthula, futsi nitawungcwatjwa ebudzaleni lobukahle. ³¹ Esitukulwaneni sesine batawubuya lana futsi, ngoba bubi bema Amorites busengakefiki emaphetselweni. ³² Ngitawusehlulela leso sive labatabe basisebenta, futsi emvakwaloko batawuphuma netimpahla letinyenti kakhulu. ³³ Kepha nitokuya kubobabe benu ngekuthula, futsi nitawungcwatjwa ebudzaleni lobukahle. ³⁴ Esitukulwaneni sesine batawubuya lana futsi, ngoba bubi bema Amorites busengakefiki emaphetselweni. ³⁵ Uma lilanga selishonile sekumnyama, buka, libhodo lelalivutsa nelilambu lelalinemalangabi lendlula emkhatsini waletincetu. ³⁶ Ngalelo langa Simakadze wenta sivumelwano na Abram, atsi, "Kusitukulwane sakho ngeniketa lelive leli, kusukela emfuleni wase Gibhithe kuya emfuleni lomkhulu, iEuphrates - ³⁷ ema Kenites, ema Kenizzites, ema Kadmonites, ³⁸ ema Hittites, ema Perizzites, ema Rephaites, ³⁹ ema Amorites, ema Caanites, ema Gergashites, nema Jebusites." ⁴⁰ Uma lilanga selishonile sekumnyama, buka, libhodo lelalivutsa nelilambu lelalinemalangabi lendlula emkhatsini waletincetu. ⁴¹ Ngalelo langa Simakadze wenta sivumelwano na Abram,

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¹ Ngesikhatsi Sarai, umka Abrama, angakamutaleli umntfwana Abrama, kodvwa anesisebenti lesisikati, umGhibhite, libito lakhe kunguHaga. ² Ngakoke Sarayi watsi ku Abrama, "Buka, Simakadze ungivalile kutsi ngibe nebantfwana. Hamba ulale nesisebenti sami. Ngaleyondela ngitoba nabo bantfwana ngaye." Abram wakuva lalakusho Sarayi. ³ Kwenteka ngesikhatsi Abrama sekahlale iminyaka lelishumi eveni lase Khenani lapho khona Sarayi, umka Abrama, wamnika Haga, sisebenti sakhe lesingumGibhithe, endvodzeni yakhe njengemfati. Ngakoke ⁴ walalana naHaga, futsi wakhulelw. Nakatibona kutsi sokhulelw Haga, wabuka Sarai ngendzelelo. ⁵ Wabese Sarayi utsi ku Abrama, "Loku lokubi lokwenteka kimi kungenca yakho. Ngikunike sisebenti sami kutsi ulale naso, watsi nasekabona kutsi sokhulelw, ngenyanyekiswa emehlwensi akhe. Simakadze akehlulele emkhatsini wami nawe." ⁶ Kepha Abrama watsi kuSarayi, "Lalela lana, sisebenti sakho sibuswa nguwe, yenta kuye lokubona kungiko kuwe." Ngakoke Sarayi wamphatsa ngelulaka Haga, wabaleka Haga. ⁷ Ingilozi yaSimakadze yamutfola ngasceleni kwesiyalo ehlane, siyalo besisendleleni nawuya eShur. ⁸ Yatsi, "Haga, sisebenti saSarai, uchamukaphi futsi uyaphi?" Wabese Haga uphendvula utsi, "Ngibalekela lolongiphetse Sarayi." ⁹ Ingilozi yaSimakadze yatsi, "Buyela kumphatsi wakho lomsikati, futsi utinikele emtsetfweni wakhe." ¹⁰ Yabese ingilozi yaSimakadze itsi kuye, "Ngitosandzisa situkulwane sakho kakhulu, kute loyokhona kusibala." ¹¹ Lengilozi yaSimakadze yaphindze yatsi kuye, "Lalela, ukhulelw futsi utotala indvodzana, utobetsa libito utsi ngu Ishmael. ngoba Simakadze ukuvile kuhlupheka kwakho. ¹² Utofana nembongolo yesiganga. Utokwenyanywa nguwonke muntfu, nawonkhe umuntfu utomenyanya, aphindze ahlale khashane netihlobo takhe." ¹³ Wabese Haga usho nankha emagama nawa ngemuva kwekutsi Simakadze akhulume naye, "UnguNkulunkulu longibonako," ngoba watsi, "Ngiyachubeka yini kuphila, ngemuva kwekubonwa nguNkulunkulu?". ¹⁴ Ngakoke lesiyalo setsiwa kutsi kuse Beer Lahai Roi; buka, isemkhatsini weKadesh neBered. ¹⁵ Haga wabeleka indvodzana ya Abrama, Abrama wayetsa indvodzana yakhe, letelwe nguHaga, watsi ngu Ishmael. ¹⁶ Abrama bekaneminyaka lengemashumi lasiphohlongo nesitfupha budzala ngesikhatsi Haga atala Ishmael ku Abrama.

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¹ Ngesikhatsi Abrama aneminyaka lengemashumi layimfica nemfica budzala, Simakadze wavela ku Abrama watsi kuye, "NginguNkulunkulu Somandla. Hamba ngentsandvo yami, uphindze ube msulwa." ² Ngitobese ngiyacini sekna ngesivumelwane emkhatsini wami nawe, ngitokwandzisa situkulwane sakho ngalokwecile." ³ Abrama wakhotsamisa buso bakhe emhlabatsini Nkulunkulu wakhulumu naye, atsi, ⁴ "'Lengitokwentela kona, lalela, sivumelwano sami sinawe. Utoba nguyise wetive letinyenti.' ⁵ Ngeke usaba ngu Abrama, kodvwa libito lakho sekutoba ngu Abrahama- ngoba ngikubeka kutsi ube nguyise wetive letinyenti. ⁶ Ngitokwandzisa situkulwane sakho ngalokwecile, ngitokwakha tive ngawe, emakhosi atochamuka esitukulwaneni sakho." ⁷ Ngitomisa sivumelwano emkhatsi wami nawe nesitukulwane sakho emvakwakho, kusuka esitukulwaneni kuya esitukulwaneni sivumelwano sanguna phakadze, kuba nguNkulunkulu kuwe nesitukulwaneni emvakwakho. ⁸ Ngitokuniketa wena, nesitukulwane sakho emvakwakho, lelive lohlala kulo, lonkhe live laseCanaan, njenge lifa lakho, phindze ngibe mnuguNkulunkulu wabo." ⁹ Nkulunkulu wabese utsi ku Abrahama, "Wena, ubogcina sivumelwano sami, wena netitukulwane takho emvakwakho kusuka esitukulwaneni kuya esitukulwaneni. ¹⁰ Lesi sivumelwano sami, lokufanele usigcine, emkhatsini wami nawe netitukulwane takho emvakwakho; Wonkhe lomdvuna nenihlala nabo abasokwe. ¹¹ Nisoke umphambili, loku kutoba luphawu lwesivumelwano emkhatsini wami nawe. ¹² Wonkhe lomdvuna lenihlala naye lonemalanga lasiphohlongo atelwe akasokey, kuto tonkhe titukulwane takho. loku kufaka ekhatsi wonkhe umfana lotelwe kakho naloyo lowatsengwa ngemali esihambini longasiyo incenye yetitukulwane takho. ¹³ Loyo lotelwe nguwe naloyo lotsengwe ngemali yakho akasokwe. Ngaleyondlela sivumelwano sami sitoba semitimbeni yenu njenge sivumelwano lesingagcini. ¹⁴ Nobe ngubani lomdvuna longakasoki umphambili wakhe utocoshwa. Usephulile siivumelwano." ¹⁵ Nkulunkulu watsi, "Sarayi umkakho, ungasambi ngaSarayi. Esikhundleni salo, libito lakhe kutoba nguSara. ¹⁶ Ngitombusa, ngitomnika indvodzana letalwa nguye. Ngitakumbusa, futsi abe nginina wetive letinyenti. Emakhosi ebantfu ayawuvela kuye." ¹⁷ Abrahama wabhekisa buso bakhe phasi emhlabatsini, wahleka, futsi watsi ngekhatsi enhlitiyweni yakhe, "Kukhona yini umntfwana longatalwa yindvodza leneminyaka lelikhulu budzala? Sara, loneminyaka lengemashumi layimfica, atale indvodzana?" ¹⁸ Abrahama watsi kuNkulunkulu, "Mhlawumbe Ishmael angaphila entsandwveni yakho!" ¹⁹ Nkulunkulu watsi, "Cha, kodvwa Sara umkakho utokutalela indvodzana, futsi utakumetsa libito utsi ngu Isaac. Ngitomisa sivumelwano naye saphakadze lesichubekela etitukulwaneni takhe emva kwakhe. ²⁰ Mayelana na Ishmael, ngikuvile. Lalela, sengimbusile futsi ototala ngimandzise ngalokunyenti. Utoba ngubabe wetikhulu letilishumi nakubili, futsi ngitomenta abe sive lesikhulu. ²¹ Kepha sivumelwano sami lengitosimisa na Isaac, latakutalela yena Sara ngalesikhatsi lesi emnyakeni lotako." ²² Ngesikhatsi sekacedzile kukhulumu naye, Nkulunkulu wenyuka wamshiya Abraham. ²³ Wabese Abrahama utsatsa Ishmael indvodzana yakhe, nabo bonkhe labo lebebatelwe kakhe, nabo bonkhe labo bebatsengwe ngemali yakhe, wonkhe lomdvuna emadvodzeni aka Abrahama, wabasoka umphambili ngalelo langa, njengoba Nkulunkulu abemtjelile. ²⁴ Abrahama bekaneminyaka lengemashumi layimfica nemfica budzala nakasoka umphambili wakhe. ²⁵ Ishmael indvodzana yakhe beyineminyaka lelishumi nakutsatfu budzala nakasoka umphambili wakhe. ²⁶ Ngalelo langa bobabili bo Abrahama nendvodzana yakhe Ishmael basokwa. ²⁷ Onkhe emadvodza akakhe asokwa naye, lokufaka ekhatsi labo labatwelwe kakhe nalabo labatsengwe ngemali esihambini.

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¹ Simakadze wavela ku Abrahama ngasemaokhini ase Mamre, asehleti ngasemunyangi welithende ekushiseni kwelilanga. ² Wabuka etulu wase ubona emadvodza lamatsatfu eme embikwakhe. Watsi kube ababone, waya kuwo emyango welithende wase uyakhotsama washonaphansi phambikwabo. ³ Wase utsi, "Nkhosi yami, nangitfola umusa eceleni kwakho ngicela ungengci etisebentini takho." ⁴ Akuleftwe, emanti lamancane ugeze tinyawo, takho, utotiphumulela ngaphansi kwalesihlahla. ⁵ Angiletse kudla, lokuncane khona utophumula wenacobolwaho. Emvakwaloko utohamba tindlela, takho ngobe ute etisebentini takho." Waphendvula, "watsi Yenta loko lokushito." ⁶ Wase Abrahama uyashesha uya ethendeni ku Sara, wase utsi, "Phutfuma, utfole emapaka lamatsatfu a fulawa, lokahle sidzinga, kubese sakha sinkwa." ⁷ Wase Abrahama uyagijima uya esibayeni, watsatsa litfole lebelikhuluphele walinika tisebenti, wase ulinikalesisebenti kutsi sillungise. ⁸ Watsatsa emasi nelubisi, nalenyama lebeyilungisiwe, wayibeka embhikwabo, wase uma eceleni kwabo ngaphansi kwesihlahla nabasachubeka nekudla. ⁹ Batsi kuye , "Uphi Sara umkakho?" Waphendvula, ""Ulapha, ngekhatsi e thendeni." ¹⁰ Watsi ngitobuya kuwe ngesikhatsi sentfwasanhlolo , kutowubona, Sara umkakho utokuba nendvodzana." Sara bekalalele ngekhatsi ethendeni emyango, lebekasemuvakwakhe lowesilisa. ¹¹ Abrahama na Sara besebakhlile, kangangokuba iminyaka, ya Sara beseyengcile eminyakeni wekutsi wesifazana angatfola bantfwana. ¹² Ngako Sara watihleka yena, wase uyatibuta utsi," Emvakwekuba Mine sengikhule kangaka nemuyeni wami sekakhulile, engabe Ngingasabanalo yini lelotfuba?" ¹³ Simakadze watsi ku Abrahama, "Leni Sara ahleke, 'Wase utsi, 'Kungenteka yini kutsi Mine ngingaba Nemntswana, sengikhulile'?. ¹⁴ Kukhona yini lokungahlula Simakadze? Kulomunya wentfwasanhlolo lengitse ngitobuya ngawo, ngitobuya kuwe. Kulesikhatsi semnyaka lotako Sara utokuba nendvodzana." ¹⁵ Sara waphika watsi, "angikahleki, " ngoba esaba. Waphendvula, "Cha, uhlekile." ¹⁶ Aselamadvodza ayahamba aya e Sodom.Abrahama wahamba nawo kubakhombisa indlela. ¹⁷ Kodvwa Simakadze watsi, " ngingamfihela yini Abrahama loko lengifuna kukwenta kuye na, ¹⁸ Ngobe Abrahama ngitomenta abe mukhulu etiveni, nakuwo onkhe lamave emhlaba atobusiswa ngaye?. ¹⁹ Ngimukhetse ngoba khona atofundzisa bantfwabeni nendlu yenu emvakwakhe kwenta intsandvo ya Simakadze, nekwenta lokulungile, nekwetsembeka, ku Simakadze kwenta Abrahama atfole loko lokushiwo kuye." ²⁰ Wase simakadze utsi, "Njengoba kunekukhala lokumatima e Sodom nase Gomorrah, kungoba tono tabo timatima, ²¹ Ngitokuya kuyobuka kukhala kwabo, ngobe ngive kutsi bakwentile yini loko lokufike kimi . Uma bangakakwenti ngitokwati." ²² Ngako lamadvodza agucuka aya e Sodom, kodvwa Abrahama wasala phambi kwa Simakadze. ²³ Wase Abrahama uyabuta utsi," utobatjezisa yini labo labalungile nalababi? ²⁴ Umangabe kunalabangemashumi lasihlanu labalungile kulelidolobha. Utalibhubhisa yini noma ungabese wentela labo labangemashumi lasihlanu labalungile labalapho? ²⁵ Kukhashane nawe kwenta intfo lenjena, kubulala labo labalungile kanye nalababi , khona labo labalungile baphatfwe kufanana nalaba labangakalungi. Kukhashane nawe loko? Angeke umehlulele yini wemhlaba wonkhe ente kulunga?" ²⁶ Simakadze waphendvula watsi," Umangikhandza bantfu e Sodom labangemashumi lasihlanu kulelodolobha, ngyoyisindzisa yonkhe lendzawo ngenca yabo." ²⁷ Abrahama waphendvula watsi, "Buka, ngibone kungasiko kuhle kukhuluma na Simakadze, naloku ngilutfulli nemlotsa. ²⁸ Umangabe basihlanu labangaphansi kwemashumi lasihlanu labalungile? Ungalibhubhisa yini lelidolobha ngekushoda kwebantfu labasihlanu?" Wase utsi, " Ngingeke ngilibhubhise, umangabe ngitokhandza labangemashumi lamane nesihlanu." ²⁹ Wakhulumka kuye futsi watsi, "Umakungatfolakala labanye labangemashumi lamane nakune?" Waphendvula watsi," Ngingeke ngilibhubhise sale ngentela labo labangemashumi lamane." ³⁰ Wase utsi, "Ngicela Simakadze ungarfukutseli ngitokhuluma . Mhlawumbe labangemashumi lamatsatfu bangatfolakala lapho." ³¹ Watsi , "Buka, akukameli kutsi ngikhulume na Simakadze! Kodvwa labangemashumi lamabili labangatfolakala lapho." Watsi, "Ngingeke ngilibhubhise ngalabo labasele labangemashumi lamabili." ³² Watsi, "Ngicela ungangitfukutseleli Nkhosi ngitokhuluma kwekugcina. Nakwenteka kutfolakala labalishumi ke." Wase utsi ngingeke ngilibhubhise ngalabo labasele labalishumi." ³³ Simakadze wase uyahamba nakacedza kukhuluma na Abrahama, na Abrahama naye wabuyela ekhaya.

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¹ Letingilosи letimbili tefika eSodomu entsambama, asehleti Lodi egedeni lase Sodomu. Lodi watibona, wasukuma waya kuyohlangana nato, wafika waguka wabhekisa buso bakhe emhlabatsini. ² Watsi, "ngiyanicela baphatsi bami, ngicela kutsi nigucukele endlini yesisebenti senu, niyohlala lobusuku, nigeze netinyawo. Nitabese niyavuka ekuseni nihambe endleleni yenu." Baphendvula, "cha, sitocitsa busuku ekhatsi edolobheni." ³ Kepha waba gcizelela ngemandla' bagcine bahambe naye, bangena endlini yakhe. Walungisa kudla futsi wabhaka sinkhwa lesite imvubelo, babese bayadla. ⁴ Kepha ngaphambi kwekutsi balale, lamadvodza alelidolobha, emadvodza ase Sodomu, agegetela lendlu, bonkhe labancane nalabadzala, onkhe emadvodza alolonke luhlangotsi lwelidolobha. ⁵ Babita Lodi babese batsi kuye, "Aphi lamadvodza lefikele kuwe ebusuku? Bakhiphele ngaphandle kitsi, kute sitokhona kuwati." ⁶ Ngako ke Lodi waphuma emunyangо wayakubo wabese uvala umnyangо emvakwakhe. ⁷ Watsi kubo, "ngiyanicenga, banaketfu, ningenti lokubi. ⁸ Bukani, nginema dvodzakati lamabili langayati indvodza. Angibaletse lapha ngaphandle kini, ngiyanicela, nitawenta nomangabe yini lenhle emehlwени enu. Ningawenti lutfo lamadvodza lawa nje kuphela, ngoba bete phasi kweliphahla lendlu yami." ⁹ Batsi, "kweshela emuva!" Baphindze batsi, "Iona weta lana kutohlala njengewe sive, nyalo sobe ngumehluleli wetfu! Nyalo sito bhekana nawe ngaloku getulu kunabo." Bacindzetela kakhulu babheke lendvodza, babheke Lothi, babese basondzela madvute kutophula umnyangо. ¹⁰ Kepha lamadvodza lawa alula tandla tawo babese baletsa Lodi ekhatsi endlini nabo bavala umnyangо. ¹¹ Tivakashi taLodi tashaya lamadvodza kutsi abe timphumphutse, labo labeme emnyangо wendlu, bonkhe labancane nalabadzala, ngako ke bakhatsala uma betama kutfola lomnyangо. ¹² Abese atsi lamadvodza kuLodi, "ngabe unaye yini lomunye umuntfu lana? bakhwenyana, emadvodzana akho kanye nemadvodzakati akho, nangobe sengubani lonaye edolobheni, bakhiphe lana. ¹³ Ngoba siyobhubhisa kulendzawo, ngoba tinsolo tayo phambi kwa Simakadze seti setulu ngaloku usitfumele kutsi sitoyi bhubhisa." ¹⁴ Lodi waphuma wakhulumа nebakhwenyana bakhe, emadvodza lebeka tsembise kushada emadvodzakati akhe, watsi, "sheshisani, niphume kulendzawo, ngoba Simakadzeusetobhubhisa lelidolobha." Kepha bakhwenyana bakhe basuke bacabanga kutsi uyadlala. ¹⁵ Kusese ntsatsakusa, tingelosi tamucela Lodi, tatsi, "" yive uhamba, tsatsa umfati wakho emadvodzakati akho lamabili lalana, kute angatsanyeleki esijejisweni selidolobha." ¹⁶ Kepha Lodi wangabata. Ngakoke lamadvodza amubamba ngesandla, kanye nemfati wakhe, kanye netandla temadvodzakati akhe, ngoba Simakadze abenemusa kuye. Babakhiphela ngaphandle bababeka ngaphandle kwelidolobha. ¹⁷ Uma sebabа khiphele ngaphandle, lomunye walamadvodza watsi, "balekelani timphilo tenu! Ningabuki emuva, noma nihlale nomangabe ngikuphi nemacentselo. Balekelani entsabeni kute ningabhubhi." ¹⁸ Lodi watsi kubo, 'cha, baphatsi bami! ¹⁹ Sisebenti senu sitfole kutsandzeka emehlwени enu, nani futsi ningikhombise umusa ngeku sindzisa imphilo yami, kepha angeke ngikhone kubalekela entsabeni ngoba lomonakalo utangengca endleleni bese ngiyafa. ²⁰ Bukani, lelidolobha leli lidvute kubalekela kulo, futsi lincane. Ngicela ningivumele ngibalekele khona (ngabe akusilo lelincane?), futsi nemphilo yami itawusindziswa. ²¹ Watsi kuye, "akunakinga, ngivumela lesicelo lesi futsi, angeke ngilibhubhise lelidolobha loso khulume ngalo. ²² Sheshisa! Nibalekele khona, ngoba anginawukhona kwenta lutfo nite nifike khona.". Ngakoke lelidolobha labitwa ngekutsi yi Zoar. ²³ Lilanga beseliphakeme emhlabeni uma Lodi efika eZoar. ²⁴ Laphoke Simakadze, wana phansi eSodomu nase Gomorrah lilangabi nemlilo lelivela kuSimakadze lehla esbhakabhakeni. ²⁵ Wabhubhisa lawo madolobha, nemacentselo, kanye nabo bonkhe bahlali bemadolobha, kanye netitselo betimila emhlabatsini. ²⁶ Kepha umfati wa Lodi, lobekase mvakwakhe, wabuka emuva, wagucuka waba sidvuli sasawothi. ²⁷ Abrahamava wavuka lokwa ekuseni waya kulendzawo labekema khona embikwa Simakadze. ²⁸ Wabuka endasi endzaweni yase Sodom ne Gomorrah nedzawo lesema centselweni. Wabuka, wabona intfunfu isuka emhlabeni ngatsi yintfutu yemlilo lomkhulu. ²⁹ Uma Nkulunkulu sekawa bhubhisile emadolobha nemacentselo, Simakadze wabita Abrahamava. Watfumela Lodi ngephandle kwe mbujiso lapho abhubhisa emadolobha lapho bekahlala khona Lodi. ³⁰ Kepha Lodi wasuka e Zoar wayohlala etintsabeni nemadvodzakati akhe lamabili, ngoba abesaba kuhlala e Zoar. Wahlala emugedzeni, yena nemadvodzakati akhe lamabili. ³¹ Litubulo latsi kulo tfunjana, "babe wetfu sogugile, futsi kute indvodza madvutane lengalala natsi getindlela telive. ³² Wota, sitodzakiswa babe ngeli wayini, sitokhona kulala naye, kuze sitokhulisa situkulwane sababe wetfu." ³³ Ngako-ke bentababe wabo wanatsa ngalo busuku. Lapho ke litubulo lahamba layolala neyise; abengati kutsi ulale nini, noma uvuke nini. ³⁴ Ngelilanga lelilandzelako litubulo latsi kulolmncane, "lalela lana, itolo ngilele nababe wami. Asimunatsise liwayini nanamuha kusihlwa, wena utawuhamba uyolala naye, kuze sito wandzisa situkulwane sakhe." ³⁵ Ngakoke banatsisa uyise liwayini ngalobo busuku phindze wabese lolomncane ulala naye. Abengati kutsi ulele nini nome uvuke nini. ³⁶ Emadvodzakati aLodi omabili akhuleliswa nguyise. ³⁷ Litubulo latala indvodzana,

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yametsa kutsi nguMoab. Waba lidloti lebantfu banamuhla lekutsiwa Moabites.³⁸ Nalolomncane naye watala indvodzana, wayetsa libito watsi nguBen-Ammi. Waba lidloti lebantfu banamuhla lekutsiwa maAmmon.

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^{1 2 3} Abraham wasuka lapho wahamba wabheka eveni laseNegev, wahalala emkhatsini wekadesh neShur. Bekasihambi ahlala eGerar. Abrahama watsi mayelana naSarah umkakhe, "Ngudzadze wetfu." Ngakoke Abimelech inkhosu yaseGerar yamlandza Sarah futsi yamsatsa. Kepha Nkulunkulu wefika ku Abimelech ngeliphupho ebusuku, watsi kuye, "Lalela, ufile wena ngenca yalomfati lomtsetse, ngoba ngumfati webantfu."⁴ Kepha Abimelech bekangakaze wasondzela kuye ngaokoke watsi, "Nkhosi, ungasibulala nesive lesilungile?"⁵ Akasho yini yena kimi watsi, "Ngudzadze wetfu?" Naye Sarah watikhulumela watsi, 'Ngumnaketfu.' Ngikwente ngekuhlonipha kwehlitiyo yami netandla letimsulwa."⁶ Nkulunkulu wabese utsi kuye kulelipupho, "Yebo, ngiyakwati kuhlonipha kwenhlitiyo yakho ukwentile loku, futsi ngakuvimba ekoneni umelane nami. Ngakoke angikakuvumeli wamtsintsia."⁷ Ngakoke, buyisela umfati webantfu, ngoba Abrahama ngumprofethi. Utokuthantazela, futsi utophila. Kepha uma ungambiseli, yati kutsi wena nemndeni wakho ngempela nitawukufa."⁸ Abimelech wavuka ngeluvivi ekuseni wabita tonkhe tindvuna takhe teta kuye. Wabatjela konkhe, nalamadvodza esaba.⁹ Wabese Abimelech ubita Abrahama watsi kuye, "Sosenteni, ngikone ngani, kutsi ungaze uletse kimi nembuso wami sono lesikhulu kangaka? Wente kimi lokungakafaneli ngabe kuyentiwa."¹⁰ Abimelech watsi ku Abrahama, "Yini lekubangele kutsi wente lentfo lena?"¹¹ Abrahama waphendvula watsi, 'Ngoba ngicabange kutsi, nemambala kute kuhlonipha Nkulunkulu kulendzawo, futsi batongibulala bafuna umfati wami.'¹² Kodvwa vele, ngempela unguye dzadzewetfu, indvodzakati yababe wami, kodvwa hhayi indvodzakati yamake wami; waba ngumkami.¹³ Ngesikhatsi Nkulunkulu angikhapha ekhaya lababe ngahamba tindzawo ngetindzawo, ngatsi kuSarah, 'Kufanele ungikhombe kutsembeka njengemkami: Yonkhe indzawo lesiya kuyo, batjele kutsi ngami, "Ngumnaketfu."¹⁴ Wabese Abimelech utsatsa timvu netinkhommo, nesisebenti lesidvuna nalesisikati, wakunika Abrahama. Wabese ubisela Sarah, umka Abrahama, ku Abrahama.¹⁵ Abimelech watsi, "Buka, live lami embikwakho. Yakha lapho lotsanza khona."¹⁶ KuSara watsi, "Buka, senginikete umnakenu emasiliva layinkhulgwane. Ekuhlawula nobe ngayini lokubi kuwe kubona wonkhe munfu lonawe, embikwabo bonkhe, somsulwa."¹⁷ Wabese Abrahama uthantaza kuNkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wamphilisa Abimelech, netisebenti takhe letisikati kutsi kutsi titale.¹⁸ Ngoba Simakadze bekakadze ente bonkhe labasikati endlini yonkhe ya Abimelech kutsi babetinyumba, ngenca yaSra, umka Abrahama.

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¹ Simakadze wasita Sara njengobe ashо, Simakadze wentela Sara njengobe ametsembhisa. ² Sara watetfwala watala indvodzana kuAbraham ebudzaleni kwakhe, ngesikhatsi lesabekwa nguNkulunkulu wakhuluma ngaso kuye. ³ Abraham wetsa indvodzana yakhe libito, kuloyo labamtala kuye, Sarah lamtalela yena, Isaka. ⁴ Abraham wasoka indvodzana yakhe Isaka ngesikhatsi anesiphohlongo ebudzaleni bakhe, njengobe Nkulunkulu ashonjalo kuye. ⁵ Abraham abenelikhulu yeminyaka ebudzaleni kwakhe ngesikhatsa indvodzana yakhe Isaya italwa kuye. ⁶ Sara watsi, "Nkulunkulu ungente inhlekisa; wonkhe lovako utongihleka." ⁷ Waphindze watsi, "ngubani loyawutsi kuAbrahamu Sara utawunakekela bantfwana, koja ngitele indvodzana ngesikhatsi sengimdzala!" ⁸ Lomnftwana wakhula futsi bekasalunyuliwe, na Abraham wenta lidzili lelikhulu ngelilanga Isaka alunyulwa. ⁹ Sara wabona indvodzana yaHagari umuEgiphthi, lowatalela kuAbrahamu, bamhleka. ¹⁰ Ngako watsi kuAbrahamu, "Kiphela lesigcila semfati kanye nendvodzana yakhe, ngoba lendvodzana yalesigcila semfati angeke yibe yindlalifa nendvodzana yami, kanye na Isaka." ¹¹ Lentfo lena beyibuhlungu kakhulu kuAbrahamu ngenca yendvodzana yakhe. ¹² Kodvwa Nkulunkulu watsi ku Abrahamu, "Ungakwati ngenca yalomfana, phindze nangenga yesisebenti sakho semfati. Lalela emavi akhe ngakokonkhe lakushoko kuwe mayelana nalesimo, ngoba kuku Isaka kutsi titukulu takho titowetsiwa. ¹³ Ngita phindza ngente indvodzana yalesisebenti semfati kulesive, ngoba usitukulwane sakho." ¹⁴ Abrahamu washesha wavuka ekuseni, watsatsa sinkwa kanye nesikumbha sekufaka emanti, wasinika Hagari, wasibeka ehlombheni lakhe. Wamunika lomufanana wase uyamuhamhbisa. Wahambha wayingayinga ehlane lase Bhesheba. ¹⁵ Nangabe emanti saphelile kulofakela kwemanti, ugikela lomntfwana ekhatsi kwalinye lwemahlatsi. ¹⁶ Ngako wahambha, wahlala phansi sigaba lesincane asindzelene naye, Ngesigaba sekudubula butjoki, watsi, "Asengingabukeli kufa kwemntfwanami." Asesehleti ngakuye, waphakamisa livi lakhe wakhala. ¹⁷ Nkulunkulu wakuva kukhala kwalabafana, netingelozi taNkukunkuklu tabita Hagari ngaphandle ezulwini, atsi kuye, "Yini lekukhatsatako, Hagari? Ungesabi, ngoba Nkulukulu ulivile livi lebabana lapho akhona khona. ¹⁸ Sukuma, vusani lomfana, bese niyamkhutsata; ngoba ngitomenta etiveni letinkhulu." ¹⁹ Ngako Nkulunkulu wavula emehlo akhe, wabona emanti lamahle. Wahamba wayogcwalisa sigubhu ngemanti, wanika lomfana wanatsa. ²⁰ Nkulunkulu abenalo mfana, wakhala. ²¹ Abehlala ehlane lase pharani, nenina wakhe watfolela umfati waseveni lase Gibhithe. ²² Lefika ngaleso sikhatsi lapho Abimelech na Phikhol umphatsi wemabutfo emphi akhuluma kuAbraham, atsi, "Nkulunkulu unawe kukuko konkhe lokwentako. ²³ Nyalo ngako-ke funga kimi ngaku Nkulunkulu kutsi awuyongicambhela emanga, naku bantfwabami, nasetitukulaneni tami. Ngikhombhise nase veni lapho bowuhlala khona kuleso sivumelwano sekwetsembheka kutsi ngikukhombhisile," ²⁴ Abrahamu watsi, "ngiyafunga." ²⁵ Abraham wakhonona ku Abimelech mayelana nekuhlala kahle kwemanti latisebenti taAbimelech timemuke tona. ²⁶ Abamelech watsi, "Angimati lowente lentfo lena. Awukase wangitjela kute kube ngumanje; Angikaze ngati namauhla." ²⁷ Ngako Abrahamu watsatsa timvu netinkhomo watinika Abimeleki, nalamanvdodza lenta sivumelwano. ²⁸ Ngako Abrahamu wasetha timvu letisikhombhisa emhlambhini wakhe. ²⁹ Abemeleki watsi kuAbraham, "Timelele kutsini letimvu letisikhombhisa letinsikati lutibekele tona?" ³⁰ Waphendvula , "Leti timvu letisikhombhisa letinsikati utatitfolia esandleni sami, khona itewuba ngufakazi kimi, kutsi ngiwugumbhe kahle." ³¹ Ngako wabita lendzawo iBherisheba, ngoba ngulapho benta khona sifungo bababili. ³² Benta sivumelwano eBherisheba, wabese Abimeleki na Phikoli, umphatsi wemabutfo akhe, babuya eveni lema Philiphi. ³³ Abrahama wahlanyela sihlahla selitamariske eBharisheba. Lapho wadvumisa Simakadze, Nkulunkulu waphakadze. ³⁴ Abrahama wasala njenge sihambhi eveni lema Philiphi emalanga lamanengi.

Chapter 22

¹ Yeta emvakwe tintfo lapho khona Nkunkula avivinya Abrahama. Watsi kuye, "Abrahamu!" Abrahamu watsi, Ngilapha Nkhosi." ² Wase Nkulunkulu utsi, "Tsatsa lendvodzana yakho, indvodzana leyodvwa, loyitsandzako, Isaka, uye eveni laseMoriya. Mente umhlatjelo kuyinye yetintsaba lapho, lengitakulayela yona." ³ Ngako Abrahama wavuka lokwa ekuseni wabophela imbhongolo yakhe, watsatsa emandvodza lamancane akhe abamabili kuye, kanye na Isaka indvodzana yakhe. Wajuba tinkhuni temhlabelo labetawufike atishise, wabese wabese ulungiselela indlela yakhe lapho Nkulunkulu amtjele ngayo. ⁴ Ngelilanga lesitsatfu Abrahama wabuka etulu wabona indzawo isesekhashane. ⁵ Abrahama watsi kulamandvodza lamancane akhe, "Hlalaninlapha naleti mbhongolo, mine nalomfana sisaya lapha. Sitawu dvumisa phindze sibuye kini." ⁶ Ngako Abrahama watsatsa tinkuni temhlatjelo watibeka kuIsaka indvodzana yakhe. Watsatsa umlilo esandleni sakhe kanye nemukhwa; bahambha bobabili kanyekanye. ⁷ Isaka wakhulumu ku-Abrahama uyisa watsi, "Babe wami,"waphendvula watsi, "Ngilapha, ndvodzana yami." Watsi, "Buka lapha ngumilo netinkuni, kodvwa iphi imvu yemhlatjelo?" ⁸ Abrahama watsi, "Nkulunkulu lucobolwakhe utatibonela yena imvu yemhlatjelo, musa wami." Ngako bachumeka, bobabili kanyekanye. ⁹ Batsi kube bafike kulenzawo lapho Nkulunkulu abatjela ngalo, Abrahama wakha lilati walungisa tinkhuni etukwelilati. Wabopha Isaka umusa wakhe, wamubeka etikwelilata, ngetulu kwetinkhuni. ¹⁰ Abrahama welula sandla sakhe, watsatsa umukwa atewubulala umusa wakhe. ¹¹ Ngako ingelozi yaSimakadze wamubit aseuzlwini watsi, "Abrahama, Abrahama!" waphendvula watsi, Ngilapha Nkhosi." ¹² Watsi, "Ungasibeki sandla sakho kulomfana, ungangenti intfo letomulimata, ngoba ngiuyati kutsi uyamesaba Nkulunkulu, kubona kutsi awukangigodleni indvodzana yakho lekukuphela kwayo, kimi." ¹³ Abrahama wabuka etulu wacaphela, emvakwakhe bekune sihanca ehlatsini sibanjwe ngetimphondvo takhe. Abrahama wahambha watsatsa lesihhanca wanikela njenge mhlatjelo esikhundleni sendvodzana yakhe. ¹⁴ Ngako Abrahama wabita lendzawo, "Simakadze utawunika," kwabese kutsiwa kulelilanga, "Entsabeni yaSimakadze uyatibonela." ¹⁵ Ingelosi yaSimakadze yabita Abrahama kwesibili ezulwini ¹⁶ watsi-lesimemetelo Sasimakadze- ngami ngifungile ngoba wente lentfo lena, angikaze ngagcina indvodzana yakho, leyikuphela, ¹⁷ Ngitawuciniseka kutsi ngiyakubusisa phindze ngitawandzisa titukulwane takho njenge tinkhanyeti telizulu, tikukulwane takho titawubhubhiswa ligede letitsa tabo. ¹⁸ Ngemunikela wakho etiveni tonkhe temhlabu titawubusiswa, ngobe utfobele livi lami." ¹⁹ Ngako Abrahama wabuyela emandvodzaneni akhe lamancane, wabese bayajika ndzawonye eBherisheba, wabese uhlala eBherisheba ²⁰ Kwenta emvakwetintfo Abrahama latjelwa tona, "Mikha watala bantfwana, naye, kumnakenu Naho." ²¹ Bekuna Uz indvodzana yakhe yekucala, Buz umnakabo, Kumewela uyise wa Arama, ²² Keswdi, Hazo, Pildash, Jiddlaph, na Bhethuweli. ²³ Bhethuweli waba nguyise wa Rebeka. Laba bantfwana besipohohlongo Mikha atalalela Nahowo, Abraham's umnakabo. ²⁴ Tintfombhi, libito lakhe bekungu Reumah, naye watala Tebha, Gaham, Tahash, na Maacah.

Chapter 23

¹ Sara waphila iminyaka lelikhulu nemashumi lasikhombhisa. Loku bekumi nyaka yekuphila kwa-Sara. ² Sara washona eKiryathi Arba, loko ku, Hebron, eveni lema Khenani. Abraham wazila wakhalel Sara. ³ Wase Abraham uyavuka waya kumkakhe losashonile, wakhulumu kumadvodzana ase Hethi, watsi, ⁴ "Ngisihambhi emthatsisini wenu. Ngicela ngingiphe indzawo yekugcwaba emkhatsisini wenu, khona ngitewugcwaba umkami losashonile." ⁵ Emadvodzana aHethi aphendvula Abrahama, atsi, ⁶ "Lalelani tsine, mholi wami. Uyinkhosana yaNkulunkulu emkhatsi wetfu. Ngwaba umkakho endzaweni loyifunako kulamathuna. Kute namunye kitsi lotokwalela ethuneni, khona utongwaba umfakho." ⁷ Abraham wavuka waguka phansi ebantfwini basendzaweni, emadvodzaneni ase-Hethi. ⁸ Wakhulumu kibo, watsi, "Nangabe uvuma kutsi ngingcwabe umkami, ngako-ke ngive ungincengise naEphironi indvodzana yase Zohari, wentele mine. ⁹ Mucele angitsengisele umgedze wase Machehela, lewungewakhe, lewusekugcineni kwensimu. Ngentsengo lephelele ekangitsengisele embhikwebantfu indzawo yekungcwabela." ¹⁰ Nyalo Ephron abehleti emkhatsini wemadvodzana aHeth, na Ephron umu Hittite waphendvula Abraham ngekuva emadvodzana aHeth, kubobonkhe lababebete esangweni lalelidolobha, batsi, ¹¹ Cha, mhlengi wami ngive. Ngikunika insimu nemgedze lokuwo. Ngikunika yona ebukhoneni bemadvodzana ebantfu bami. ngikunika yona kutsi ungcwabe labafile." ¹² Wase Abraham uguca phansi phambi kwebantfu balelive. ¹³ Wakhulumu na Ephron ngekuva bantfu balelive, batsi, kepha uma nifisile, ngcela ningive. Ngitawubhadalela lensimu. Tsatsani lemali kimi, kuze ngingcwabe labafile bami lapha." ¹⁴ Ephron waphendvula Abraham, watsi, ¹⁵ ngcela, ulalele. Mphatsi wami, ngilalele. indzawana yema shekeli langemakhulu lamane elisiliva, yini lelesemkhatsini kwami nawe? ngcwaba labafile ¹⁶ Abraham wamlalela Ephron waphindze wamunika lesikali semasiliva labekasivile nakukhulumu emadvodzana a Heth, emashekeli labekangemakhulu lamane elisiliva, kulesikali setintfo. ¹⁷ Ngako insimu ya Ephron, lebeyise Machpelah, lebeyisecele kwa Mamre, lebekungulomgedze, lobekakuyo, nato tonkhe letihlahla lebetisensimini tiseminceleni ¹⁸ kwengca Abraham kutsenga ebukhoneni bemadvodzana a Heth, ngaphambi kwabo bonkhe labebete ngalelihheke kulelidolobha. ¹⁹ ²⁰ Emva loku, Abraham wamungcwaba sarah umfati wakhe kulomedze ensimini yase Machpelah, loseceleni kwase Mamre, lokungu Hebron, eveni lase Canaan. Ngako insimu nemgedze kwaniketwa Abrahama kutsi kube yindzao yakhe yekungcwaba anikwa ngemadvodzana aHeti.

Chapter 24

¹ Nyalo Abrahama bekasaguge kakhulu na Simakadze wabusisa Abrahama ngato tonkhe tintfo. ² Abrahama watsi kusisebenti sakhe, lesasisidzala kunato tonkhe endlini yakhe futsi lobekwe kuhola, "Beka sandla sakho ngaphansi kwelitsanga lami ³ ngitokwenta ufunge ku Simakadze, Nkulunkulu wasemaZulwini nase Mhlabeni, ngeke ute utfolele indvodzana yami umfati emandvodzakati ema Khenane, emkhatsisini kwalabo ngiyokwenta likhaya lami. ⁴ Kepha nitokuya eveni lami , nasetihlobeni, nitfolele indvodzana yami Isaka umfati." ⁵ Sisebenti satsi kuye, "Ngente njani uma lomfati angafuni kungilandzela kulendawo? Ngingayibuyisela yini indvodzana yakho kulendzawe lochamuke kuwo?" ⁶ Abrahama watsi kuye, "Cinisekisa kutsi awuyiyisi indvodzana yami lapho! ⁷ Simakadze, Nkulunkulu wasemaZulwini, lowangitsatsa endlini yababe wami nase eveni letihlobo tami, labangitsembise sifungo lesitsi, 'Lelive ngitalinika batukulu bakho; utotfumela ingelozi ngaphambi kwakho, utophindze utfolele indvozana yami umfati lapho. ⁸ Kephana uma lomfati angakafisi kukulandzela, utobese uyakhululeka kulesifungo sami. Kuphela nje ungayiyisi indvodzana yami lapho emuva." ⁹ Manje lesisebenti sabeka sandla ngaphansi kwelitsanga la Abrahama inkosi yaso, yafunga ngalenzaba. ¹⁰ Lesisebenti satsatsa emakamela lalishumi enkosi yayo ahamba. Wabese utsatsa tinhlobo nhlobo tetipho enkhosini yakhe. Wahamba waya edzaweni yase Naharaim lidolobha lase Nahori. ¹¹ Wenta lama kamela kutsi aguce phansi ngaphandle kwalelidolobha emtfonjeni. Kwakunguntsambama, uma bafati bayokukha emanti. ¹² Wabese utsi, "Simakadze, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami Abrahama, ngiphe imphumelelo ukhombise sivumelwano nekwetsembeka kwakho kumholi wami Abrahama. ¹³ Buka, mine ngime lamtfonjeni wemanti, futsi emadvodzakati emadvodza aladolobheni eta lana atowuka emanti. ¹⁴ Yenta kutsi kwenteke kanjena. Uma ngitsi entfombataneni, 'Ngicela wehlise imbita yekunatsela khona sitokhona kunatsa; wabese utsi kimi, 'Natsa ngitophindze ngnatsise nemakamela akho futsi,' muvumele abe sisebenti sa Isaka. Ngaloku ngiyati kutsi ngitabe ngisigcinile setsembiso semholi wami." ¹⁵ Loku kwavela ngaphambi kwekuba bacedze kukhuluma, Rebekah waphuma nembita yemanti lebeyisemgwacweni ngase emtfonjeni. ¹⁶ Lentfombatanyana yayiyinhle futsi wayeyintfombi ntfo . Abengakake waba nendvodza.Wahamba waya emfuleni, wagcwalisa imbita yemanti. ¹⁷ Lesisebenti sagijima sayakuye satsi, " Ngicela kutsi ungiphe emanti lamancane kulembita yakho." ¹⁸ Wase utsi, "Natsa, nkosi yami," wa phutfuma wametfula lembita esandleni sakhe , wamunatsisa. ¹⁹ Kwatsi kube acedze kumunatsisa watsi, " Ngitawudvonsa emanti ngnatsise nalamakhamela akho ate acedzile kunatsa." ²⁰ Wabese uyaphangisa watfululela lamanti ekhatsi enkelebeni, waphidze waya nasemtfonjeni atonatsisa lamakhamela akhe. ²¹ Lendvodza yabukisia lentfombi ithulile kubona kutsi Simakadze uyibusisile lendlela noma cha. ²² Kwatsi uma lamakhamela sekacedze kunatsa, lendvodza yakhipha indandatho yelgilolide lelalinesisindvo sahhafu welishekeli yayifaka ekhaleni, yatsatsa imijiva yelgilolide lelainesisindvo semashekeli lalishumi, wabese uyabuta, ²³ "Uyindvodzakati yabani wena? Ngicela ungitjele, likhona yini ligumbi letfu lekulala sitomane sifihle inhloko kulobusuku?" ²⁴ Lentfombi yatsi kuye, "Ngiyindvodzakati ya Bethuweli indvodzana ya Milkah, lowatala Nahori." ²⁵ Wabese utsi kuye, "Sinalobunyenti tjani bemakamela, futsi sinalo ligumbi lakho lekulala busuku bonkhe." ²⁶ Lentvodza yabese iyakhotsama yadvumisa Simakadze. ²⁷ Wabese utsi, "Akabongwe Simakadze, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami Abrahama, longakayekeli kungikhombisa sivumelwano kwesivumelwane sakhe futsi nekwetsembeka kwakhe enkhosini yami. Kepha-mine, Simakadze ungiholele endlini yetihlobo tenkhosi yami." ²⁸ Lentfombi yagijima yaya endlini kumake wayo yamutjela ngako konkhe. ²⁹ Nyalo Rebekah waye nemnakabo futsi libito lakhe bekunguLabani. Labani wagijima waya kulendvodza lebeyisemgwacweni ngase emtfonjeni. ³⁰ Kwatsi sekabone lelilolide ekhaleni nalemjiva emkhonweni wadzadzewabo, futsi watsi nakasevile emavi a Rebekah dzadze wakhe, "Loku ngulokushiwo ngulendvodza kimi," wabese uyakulendvodza, buka, bekeme ngakulamakamela emntfonjeni. ³¹ Wabese utsi Labani, " Wota, wena lobusisiwe wa Simakadze. Umeleni ngaphandle? Ngilungise indlu, nendzawo yemakamela." ³² Yabese lendvodza iyangena kulendlu yakhulula lamakamela. Lamakhamela anikwa kudla adla, nemanti kute ageze tinyawo takhe naletinyawo talama ndvodza abekahamba nawo. ³³ Babese babeka kudla embikwakhe kutsi adle, kodwa watsi, "Angeke ngidle ngingaka kusho lelekumele ngikusho." Manje Labani watsi, "Khuluma." ³⁴ Watsi, "Mine ngisisebenti saAbrahama. ³⁵ Simakadze ubusise inkhosini yami kakhulu wabese ubamkhulu .Umunike timvu netinkhomoo, lisiliva neligolide, netisebenti letimvuna naletinsikati , nemakamela netimbongolo. ^{36 37 38} Sarah, umfati wenkhosi yami, watalela inkhosini yami indvodzana kephana abesamudzala, uyunikete konkhe leyinako. Inkhosini yami ingente ngafunga, kutsi, "Angeke utsatsele indvodzana yami umfati kuma dvodzakati ase Khenani , kulelive lengihleti kulo. Kunaloku, kumele uhambe uye emndenini wababe wami, nasetihlotjeni tami, utfolele indvodzana yami umfati." ³⁹ Ngatsi enkhosini yami, 'mhlawumbe lentfombi angeke ingilandzele.' ⁴⁰ Kepha watsi kimi, 'Simakadze, lengihamba naye, utotfumela ingilozi yakhe kuwe futsi utobusisa indlela yakho, khona

utotfolela indvodzana yami umfati etihlobeni tami nasesiveni sami.⁴¹ Kepha utokhululeka esifungeni sami uma ute esiveni sami noma bangakuniki. Utokhululeka esifungeni sami.⁴² Ngifike esicojeni lamuhla, ngatsi, 'O Simakadze Nkulunkulu we nkosi yami Abrahama , ngicela, uphumelelise indlela yami---⁴³ Ngilana, ngimile ngasemntfonjeni wemanti--vumela intfombi letonginatsisa leyo lengitotsi kuyo , "Ngicela emanti lamancane embiteni ngitowunatsa,"⁴⁴ lentfombi yatsi kimi, " Natsa, ngitonatsisa lamakamela" --- muvumele abe ngumfati lokhetswe, ngu Simakadze, aketsela indvodzana yenkhosi yami.'⁴⁵ Ngaphambi kwekuba ngicedze kuthantaza enhliiyweni yami, kwafika, Rebekah nembita yemanti ayitjadze ehlombe wabese uya emtfonjeni wayokukha emanti. Ngabese ngitsi kuye, 'Ngicela kunatsa.'⁴⁶ Ngekushesha wehlisa lembita yakhe enhlombe watsi, 'Natsa, ngitokunika emakhamela akho nawo.' Manje nganatsa , yena wanatsisa lamakamela.⁴⁷ Ngamubuta ngatsi,' Uyindvodzakati yabani wena?' Yena watsi, 'Indvodzakati ya Bethuel, indvodzana ya Nahori, lowatalwa ngu Milkah.' Ngabese ngifaka indandatho ekhaleni lakhe nemjiva emkhonweni wakhe.⁴⁸ Ngabese ngiyahotsama ngadvumisa Simakadze, Nkulunkulu wenkhosi yami Abrahama, lobengiholele endleleni lekahle kute ngitfole indvodzakati yesihlobo senkhosi yami ngitfole indvodzana yakhe.⁴⁹ Manje njengobe, sewulungisele kukhombisa lutsandvo nekwetsembeka kunkhosи yami , ngitjele. Kepha ke umakungisiko njalo ngitjele, khona ngitophindzela ngesandla sesekudla nalesencele."⁵⁰ BoLabani na Bethuweli baphendvula batsi," Lentfo isuka ku Simakadze ; angeke sikhulume lokuhle nalokubi.⁵¹ Buka, Rebekah phambi kwakho. Mutsatse uhambe naye. khona atowukuba ngumfati wendvodzana yenkhosi yakho njengoba Simakadze asashito."⁵² Uma sisebenti saAbrahama siva lamagama sakhotsama phansi embikwaSimakadze.⁵³ Lesisebenti saletsa tintfo telisiliva netintfo teligolide, netimpahla watinika Rebekah. Waphindze wanika tipho letiligugu kumnakakhe na make wakhe.⁵⁴ Lesisebenti nala madvodza abehamba nawo badla banatsa. Bahlala busuku bonkhe ,umabavuka ekuseni, watsi, "Ngitfumele kunkhosи yami."⁵⁵ Umnakabo namake wakhe batsi, "Vumelani lentfombatane ihlale emalangana, noma sekangaba mashumi. Envakwaloko sekangahamba."⁵⁶ Kepha lesisebenti satsi kubo, "ningangicidzeteli, ngoba Simakadze uyiphumelelisile indlela yami. Ngikhululenі khona ngitokuya enkhosini yami."⁵⁷ Manje babese batsi, "Batayibita lentfombatane bayibute."⁵⁸ Bamubuta Rebekah kutsi,"Utohamba yini nalendvodza lena?" Waphendvula watsi,"Ngitohamba."⁵⁹ Manje bamutfumela Rebekah dzadze wabo,⁶⁰ kanyenesisebenti sakhe lesinsikati, endleleni yakhe bekune sisebenti sa Abrahama nalalamanye emandvodza. Bamubusisa Rebekah, batsi kuye , "Dzadzawefu, Shengatsi ungaba ngumake wetinkhulungwane tetinkhulungwane, shengatsi intalo yakho ingawancoba emagede alaba lababenyan yako."⁶¹ Rebekah wavumbuka, yena netisebenti takhe bagibela emakamela, balandzela lendvodza. Sabese lesisebenti sitsatsa Rebekah, bahamba.⁶² Manje Isaka wayephila eNegevu , abuya e Bheri Lahayi Royi.⁶³ Isaka wahamba wayodla ematsambo encondvo esigangeni. Wabuka etulu wabona, emakamela eta ngakuye!⁶⁴ Rebekah wabuka, nakabona Isaka, wagcuma phansi kulelikamela.⁶⁵ Watsi kulesisebenti sakhe, "Ngubani lendvodza lehamba esigangeni itohlangana natsi?" Lesisebenti satsi kuye, "Yinkhosи yami." Wabese utsatsa iveyili yakhe, watimbonya.⁶⁶ Lesisebenti sabhalisisa ku Isaka konkhe labementela kona.⁶⁷ Isaka wabese uletsa Rebekah ethendini lamake wakhe Sarah, wabese uba ngumfati wakhe, waphindze wamutsandza. Manje Isaka wadvuvuteka emva kwekuwa kwamake wakhe.

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¹ Abrahama watsatsa lomunye umfati; ligama lakhe kwakungu Kerutah. ² Wamtalela Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, kanye na Shuah. ³ Jokshan waba kungiye waSheba kanye na Dedan. Situkulwane sa Dedan besisebantu labangema Asiriya, emaLetush, kanye nemaLeum. ⁴ Emadvodzana akaMidiyani bekungu Elpher, Hanok, Abida, kanye na Elda. 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¹ Kwaveila idlala eveni, ngaphandle kwaleyekucala beyikhona ngesikhatsi sa Abrahama. Isaac waya ku Abimelech, inkhos yemaFilisti eGerar. ² Simakadze wavela kuye watsi, "Ungehli uye eGibhithe; phila eveni lengitsi hlala kulo. ³ Hlala kulelive leli, ngitoba nawe futsi ngikubusise; ngoba nguwe netitukulwane takho, ngitoninika tonkhe letindzawo, futsi ngitofeza sifungo lengasifunga ku Abrahama uyihlo. ⁴ Ngitokwandzisa situkulwane sakho njengetinkhanyeti telizulu, futsi ngitoniketa sonkhe situkulwane sakho tonkhe letindzawo. Ngesitukulwane sakho tonkhe tive emhlabeni tiyawubsiswa. ⁵ Ngitokwenta loku ngoba Abrahama walalela livi lami wayigcina netiluleko tami, imitsetfo yami, imiyalo, netimiso tami." ⁶ Ngaokoke Isaac wahlala eGerar. ⁷ Ngesikhatsi emadvodza endzawo ambuta ngemkakhe, watsi, "Ngudzadzewetfu." Bekesaba kusho kutsi, "Ngumkami," ngoba bekacabanga kutsi, "Lamadvodza alendzawo atongibulala kuze atfole Rebekah, ngoba muhle kakhulu." ⁸ Emva kwekutsi Isaac besekahleti sikhatsi lesidze kulendzawo, kwenteka kutsi ngesikhatsi Abimelech inkhos yemaFilisti ibuka ngephandle efasitelweni. Wabona, wamangala, Isaac bekanga Rebekah, umkakhe. ⁹ Abimelech wabita Isaac kutsi ete kuye watsi kuye, "Lalela, ngicinisekile ngumkakho. Usho leni kutsi, "Ngudzadzewetfu?" Isaac waphendvula watsi, "Ngoba ngicabange kutsi kuhona lotongibulala kuze amtfole. ¹⁰ Abimelech watsi, "Yini loku losente kona? yinye indvodza ngabe seyilele nemkakho, ngabe usibeke licala." ¹¹ Ngakoke Abimelech wakhuta bonkhe bantfu watsi, "Nobe ngubani lototsinta lendvodza nobe umkayo ngephela utobulawa." ¹² Isaac walima kulendzawo futsi wavuna ngalowo mnyaka sivuno lesiphindvwne ngelikhulu, ngoba Simakadze bekambusisile. ¹³ Lendvodza yaceba, yangeta bunjinga phindze yabungeta yaze yangcina iyinjinga lenkhulu. ¹⁴ Bekenemihlambi yetimvu neyetinkhomo, netisebenti letinyenti. EmaFilisti bekanemonia ngengcebo yakhe. ¹⁵ Ngakoke tonkhe ticoje lebetikadze tigujwe tisebenti teyise ngesikhatsi sa Abrahama uyise, emaFilisti ativala ngemhlabatsi. ¹⁶ Abimelech watsi ku Isaac, "Suka lana, ngoba sonemandla kunatsi. ¹⁷ Ngakoke Isaac wasuka lapho wayohlala esigodzini saseGerar, waphila khona. ¹⁸ Isaac waphindze watigubha leticobho temanti, lebetigujwe ngesikhatsi sa Abrahama uyise. EmaFilisti bekativalile ngumuva kwekuwa kwa Abrahama. Isaac watibita leticobho ngemabito lafanako nalawo betetsiwe nguyise. ¹⁹ Ngesikhatsi tisebenti ta Isaac tigubha esigodzini, batfola lapho sicoje sigeleta emanti. ²⁰ Belusi baseGerar waphikisana nebelusi baka Isaac, batsi, "Lamanti etfu." Ngakoke Isaac wasetsa lesicoje watsi yi "Esek," ngoba bebambangisa. ²¹ Babese bagubha lesinye sicoje, futsi basibanga, naleso, ngakoke wasetsa libito watsi "Sitnah." ²² Washiya lapho phindze wayogubha leyinye sicoje, kepha abasibanganga lesu. Ngakoke wasetsa kutsi iRehoboth, phindze watsi, "Nyalo Simakadze usakhele sikhala, futsi sitophumelela." ²³ Wabese Isaac usuka lapho unyukela eBeersheba. ²⁴ Simakadze wavela kuye ngalobo busuku watsi, "NginguNkulunkulu wa Abraham uyihlo. Ungesabi, ngoba nginawe futsi ngitokubusisa ngiphindze ngandzise situkulwane sakho, ngenca yenceku yami Abrahama." ²⁵ Isaac wakha li athali lapho wadvumisa libito laSimakadze. Kulapho labeka khona lithende lakhe, netisebenti takhe tagubha sicoje. ²⁶ Wabese Abimelech usuka eGerar uya kuye, ahamba na Ahuzzath, umngani wakhe, naPhicol, nemholi welibutfo lakhe. ²⁷ Isaac watsi kibo, "Nifunani kimi, ngoba niyangenyanya futsi nangicosha kini?" ²⁸ Baphendvula batsi, "Sesicinisekile kutsi Simakadze unawe. Ngakoke sikhetsi kutsi kufanele kube nesifungo emkhatsini wetfu, yebo, emkhatsini wetfu nawe. Ngakoke asakheni sivumelwano nawe, ²⁹ kutsi kute lokubi lotasenta kona, njengoba natsi asikakuphati kabi, futsi njengoba sikuphetse kahle sakucosha ngesihle. Ngemphele, ubusisa ngenaSimakadze." ³⁰ Wabese Isaac ubentela lidzili, futsi badla phindze banatsa. ³¹ Bavuka ekuseni ngeluvivi bafunga sifungo emkhatsini wabo. Wabese Isaac uyabavalelisa, futsi bamushiya ngekuthula. ³² Ngalelolanga tisebenti ta Isaac teta tambikela ngesicoje letisigubhile. Tatsi, "Sitfole emanti." ³³ Wasetsa lesicobho watsi iShibah, libito laledidolobha iBeersheba kute kuze kube kunamuhla. ³⁴ Ngesikhatsi Esau sekaneminyaka lengemashumi lamane budzala, watsatsa umfati, Judith indvodzakati yaBeeri umHittite, naBasemath indvodzakati ya elon umHittite. ³⁵ Baletsu lusizi ku Isaak naRebekah.

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¹ Jakobe wahamba endleleni yakhe waze wefika eveni lebantfubasenshonalanga. ² Watsi usabuka, wabona siyalu ensimini, bheka , umhlambi lemitsatfu wetindvu tilele lapha. Kuleso siyalu bebatsatsa emanti banike lemihlambi, naletje lelisetukwalesiyalu sinemlomo lomkhulu. ³ Nasekuhlangene yonkhe lemihlambi , belusi bebabeka ematje kulomlomo wesiyalo ngnatsise letimvu, bese bafaka lamatje kuvala lesiyalo. ⁴ Jakobe watsi kubo," Bobhuti bami, nibakuphi?" Baphendvula batsi," Sibase Harani." ⁵ Watsi kubo," Niyamati yini Labani indvodzana ya Nahori ?"Batsi," we know him." ⁶ Watsi kubo, " uyaphila yini? Batsi, Uyaphila,futsi, buka Racheli indvodzakati yakhe itawuta nemvu. ⁷ Jakobe watsi, " buka, sekusemini. Akusiso sikhatsi sekutsi imihlambi ingahlanganiswa. kumele ninatsise letimvu bese niyatikhulula tiyodla." ⁸ Batsi Singeke sikhona kutinatsisa tingakapheleli tonkhe ngemihlambi yato.Lamadvodza atawubese akwhwesisa lelitje kulomlomo weswesiyalu, bese tiyanatsa letindvu."
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Kepha webeleni tithico tami?" ³¹ Jakobe waphendvula watsi ku Labani, "Ngobe bengesaba ngicabanga kutsi utotsatsa emadvodzakati akho ngelidlame ingako ngingakakutjeli. ³² Loyo lowebe bonkulunkulwana bakho angeke achubeke nekuphila. Phambi kwetihlobo tetfu, buka lokukwakho lokukimi ukutsatse." Jakobe abengati kutsi Racheli utebile. ³³ Labani waya ethendeni laJakobe, ethendeni la Liya, kanye neletisebenti letimbili letinsikati, kepha akatitfolanga. Waphuma ethendeni la Liya wangena ethendeni la Racheli. ³⁴ Ngako Racheli watsatsa letithico tasendlini, watibeka phansi kwesihlalo selikamela, wase uhlala etukwa. Labani wabuka kuwo onke emathende, kodvwa akatitfolanga. ³⁵ Watsi kubabe wakhe, "Ungatfukutseli, nkosi yami, kutsi angeke ngisakhona kuma phambikwakho, ngobe ngeseskatsini." Ngako waphenya kepha akabatfolanga bonkulunkulwana bakhe basendlini. ³⁶ Jakobe watfukutsela watsetsisa Labani. Watsi kuye, "Yini siphambuko sami? Yini sono sami, kutsi bongaze ungitfungatse kangaka?" ³⁷ Njengoba sewuphenye tonkhe tintfo tami. Yini lokutfolile lokukwendlu yakho? Kubeke la phambi kwetinini tetfu, khona batasihlulela sobabili. ³⁸ Iminyaka lengemashumi lamabili nginawe. Timvu takho netimbuti takho letinsikati atikaphunti, angizange sengidle timvu takho letindvuna kulemfuyo yakho. ³⁹ Ngisho naletatihlephulwe tilwane tendle ngangingatiletsi kuwe. Kepha, ngangitivala ngetami,leto lebetilahlekile. Bongikhokhisa kuleto lebetti lahlekile ,nome tebiwe emini nome ebusuku. ⁴⁰ Bengilapho; emini bengibhadliswa lilanga, nemakhata ebusuku; ngingalali. ⁴¹ Kuleminyaka lengemashumi lamabili ngisendlini yakho. Ngikusebentele nemadvodzakati akho lamabili iminyaka lelishumi nakune, neminyaka lesitfupha emfuyweni yakho. Ushinje liholo lami emahlandla lalishumi. ⁴² Ngaphandle Nkulunkulu wabobabe, Nkulunkulu wa Abrahama, lona losatjwa ngu Isaka, bekanami, uyati kutsi botangicosha ngingaka phatsi lutfo etandleni. 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¹ Jakobe wabuka etulu phindze, buka, Isawu beketa, futsi abehamba nemandvodza lamakhulu lamane. Jakobe wahlukanisa bantfwana emkhatsini wa Leya, Rakheli, kanye nalamantfombatane lamabili latisebenti. ² Wase ubeka sisebenti lesisikati nebantfwabaso embili, kwallandzela Leya nebantfwabakhe, kwallandzela Rakheli kanye na Josefa wekugcina kubobonkhe. ³ Yena lucobo lwakhe wahamba phambi kwabo. Waguga phansi kasikhombisa, waze wasondzela kumnakabo. ⁴ Isawu wagijima wamhlangabeta, wamsondzeta, wamanga itsamo, wase uyamcabula. Base bayakhala. ⁵ Ngesikhatsi Isawu abuka etulu, wabona umfati nebantfwana. Watsi, "bobani labantfu lonabo?" Jakobe watsi, "laba bantfwana Nkulunkulu labaphe sisebenti sakho. ⁴ Isawu wagijima wamhlangabeta, wamsondzeta, wamanga itsamo, wase uyamcabula. Base bayakhala. ⁵ Ngesikhatsi Isawu abuka etulu, wabona umfati nebantfwana. Watsi, "bobani labantfu lonabo?" Jakobe watsi, "laba bantfwana Nkulunkulu labaphe sisebenti sakho. ⁶ Kwase lamantfombatana latisebenti eta phambili nebantfwana babo, base bayaguca phansi. ⁷ Walandzela Leya naye kanye nebantfwana bakhe beta phambili baguca phansi. Ekugcineni Josefa na Rakheli beta phambili baguca phansi. ⁸ Isawu watsi, "Uchaza kutsini ngalamacembu lengahlangana nawo?" Jakobe watsi, "Kutfola umusa ebusweni beNkhosi." ⁶ Kwase lamantfombatana latisebenti eta phambili nebantfwana babo, base bayaguca phansi. ⁷ Walandzela Leya naye kanye nebantfwana bakhe beta phambili baguca phansi. Ekugcineni Josefa na Rakheli beta phambili baguca phansi. ⁸ Isawu watsi, "Uchaza kutsini ngalamacembu lengahlangana nawo?" Jakobe watsi, "Kutfola umusa ebusweni beNkhosi." ⁹ Isawu watsi, "Nginalokwanele, mnaketfu. Gcina loko lonako utigcinele wena." ¹⁰ Jakobe watsi, "Cha, ngiyacela, umangabe ngingatfola umusa emehlwani akho semukele lesipho esandleni sami, ngeliciniso, ngibubonile buso bakho, kuyafana yini nekubona buso baNkulunkulu, phindze wangimukela mine. ¹¹ Ngicela wamukele siphon sami lengikunike sona ngobe Nkulunkulu ungibusisile ngaso, ngoba senginalokwanele. "Jakobe wamncenga, phindze Isawu wasemukela. ⁹ Isawu watsi, "Nginalokwanele, mnaketfu. Gcina loko lonako utigcinele wena." ¹⁰ Jakobe watsi, "Cha, ngiyacela, umangabe ngingatfola umusa emehlwani akho semukele lesipho esandleni sami, ngeliciniso, ngibubonile buso bakho, kuyafana yini nekubona buso baNkulunkulu, phindze wangimukela mine. ¹¹ Ngicela wamukele siphon sami lengikunike sona ngobe Nkulunkulu ungibusisile ngaso, ngoba senginalokwanele. "Jakobe wamncenga, phindze Isawu wasemukela. ¹² Wase Isawu utsi, "Asibe endleleni yetfu. Ngitohamba embikwenu." ¹³ Jakobe watsi kuye, "Inkhosi yami iyati kutsi labantfwana bancane, kanye netimvu netinkomo kutsi tinakekelana naletincane. Uma baphushwa kamantima ngisho ngelilanga linye tonkhe letilwane titokufa. ¹⁴ Ngicela nivumele Inkhosini yami ichubeke naletisebenti. Ngitohamba kancane kakhulu, ngalendlela letimfuyo letiphambi kwami tihamba ngayo, phindze ngalendlela yalabantfwana labahamba ngayo, kuze ngite eNkhosini yami yase Seir." ¹² Wase Isawu utsi, "Asibe endleleni yetfu. Ngitohamba embikwenu." ¹³ Jakobe watsi kuye, "Inkhosi yami iyati kutsi labantfwana bancane, kanye netimvu netinkomo kutsi tinakekelana naletincane. Uma baphushwa kamantima ngisho ngelilanga linye tonkhe letilwane titokufa. ¹⁴ Ngicela nivumele Inkhosini yami ichubeke naletisebenti. Ngitohamba kancane kakhulu, ngalendlela letimfuyo letiphambi kwami tihamba ngayo, phindze ngalendlela yalabantfwana labahamba ngayo, kuze ngite eNkhosini yami yase Seir." ¹⁵ Isawu watsi, "Asengishiye kuwe lamanye alamadvodza lenginawo." Kepha Jakobe watsi, "Leni nente loku? Asengitfole umusa ebusweni benkhosi. ¹⁶ Ngako Isawu ngalelolanga wacala luhambo lwakhe lolubuyela eSeir. ¹⁷ Jakobe wahamba waya kuSuccoth, kuyotakhela indlu, phindze wakha neluphahla lwemfuyo yakhe. Ngako ke libito lalegendzawo labitwa ngekutsi yiSuccoth. ¹⁵ Isawu watsi, "Asengishiye kuwe lamanye alamadvodza lenginawo." Kepha Jakobe watsi, "Leni nente loku? Asengitfole umusa ebusweni benkhosi. ¹⁶ Ngako Isawu ngalelolanga wacala luhambo lwakhe lolubuyela eSeir. ¹⁷ Jakobe wahamba waya kuSuccoth, kuyotakhela indlu, phindze wakha neluphahla lwemfuyo yakhe. Ngako ke libito lalegendzawo labitwa ngekutsi yiSuccoth. ¹⁸ Ngesikhatsi Jakobe abuya ePaddam Aram, wafikakahle edolobheni lase Shechem, lokuyindzawo yase Canaan. ¹⁹ Wahlala eceleni kwalelo dolobha. Wase utsenga siceshana sendzawo lapho wabeka khona lithende lakhe emadvodzaneni a Hamor, yise wa Shechem, ngetinhlavu temasiliva letatilikhulu. ²⁰ Lapho wase ubeka indzawo wayibita ngekutsi yi El Elohe Israyeli. ¹⁸ Ngesikhatsi Jakobe abuya ePaddam Aram, wafikakahle edolobheni lase Shechem, lokuyindzawo yase Canaan. ¹⁹ Wahlala eceleni kwalelo dolobha. Wase utsenga siceshana sendzawo lapho wabeka khona lithende lakhe emadvodzaneni a Hamor, yise wa Shechem, ngetinhlavu temasiliva letatilikhulu. ²⁰ Lapho wase ubeka indzawo wayibita ngekutsi yi El Elohe Israyeli. Sehluko 33

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¹ Nyalo Dinah, indvodzakati yaLeah layibelaka kuJakobe, waphuma wayewuhlanganya netintfombi tendzawo.² Shechem indvodzana yaHamor umHivite, Inkhosana yendzawo, yamubona. wamutsatsa walala naye, wamuahlaza.³ Shachem bekahehekile kuDinah indvodzakiti yaJakobe. Wayitsandza lentfombi wakhulumka kahle kuyo.⁴ Shechem wakhulumka kuyise watsi ngicela ungitsatsele nayi intfombi ibengumfati.⁵ Jakobe bekasavile kutsi Sachem sawuhlaze Dinah indvodzakati yakhe. Madvodzana akhe bekaluse infuyo emadlelwen, ngako'ke Jakobe watibamba batebabuya.⁶ Hamor babe waSachem waphuma waya kuJakobe wayewuku khuluma naye.⁷ Emadvodzana ajakobe abuya emadlelweni makeva ngaloludzaba. lamadvodza aphaocaka ngale sento. Banyanya kakhulu ngoba wahlaza Israel ngekulala nendvodzakati yaJakobe, ngoba imtfo lenjalo kumele ingentiwa.⁸ Hamor wakhulumka nabo, watsi, Indvodzana yami iyamutsandza indvodza kati yakho. Ngicela umunike yena amente umfati.⁹ vuma sitsatsane, sinekete emadvodzakati akho, nawe utitsatsele emadvodzakatini aketfu.¹⁰ utawuhlala natsi, futsi nalendzawo utawuvumeleka kutsi singatsengiselana kanye nenfuyo. ungayifuna nendzawo.¹¹ Shechem watsi kuyise nabonakabo, ngicela maneningentele umusa emehlwani enu, konkhe lenikushoko ngitakwenta.¹² Ngicelle siphon samakoti lesikhulu ngitakunika futsi ngitawentalolokushoko kimi, kepha nginike nayi indvodzakati ngiyente umfati.¹³ Emadvodzana ajakobe amuphendula Shechem na Hamor babewakhe ngenhloniph, ngoba besekone sisiwabo.¹⁴ Batsi kubo, ngeke siyente lentfo lena, sinekete sisiwetfu nome ngubani longakasoki; loko kutaba lihlazo kitsi.¹⁵ Ngulena kuphela indlela lesinga vumelana ngayo nani: maninga soka njengoba sisokile, mangabe wonkhe umutfu wesilisa kini angasoka.¹⁶ ngulapho singavumakhona, lapho sitaninika emadvodzakati etfu natsi sitsatse emdvodzakati akenu sibe bantfu banye.¹⁷ kepha maninga silaleli nisoke sitotsatsa emadvodzakati etfu sihambe nawo.¹⁸ Emavi labawakhulumka amenetisa Hamor na Shechem.¹⁹ Lelijaha atange liphotise maseko ekwenteni labakusho, ngobe beyimucazile indvodzakati yaJakobe ngobe bekangumuntu lohlonishwako endlini yeyise.²⁰ Hamor na Shachem indvodzana yakhe baya egedeni lelidolobha, batsi,²¹ lamadvodza sihleti ngekuthula nawo ngakoke wavumeleni kutsi nawo ahiale kulenzawo futsi ahwebelane nalabanye ngoba empeleni landzawo yikhulu ibenele. Asitsatseni madvodza kati abosibente bafati nabo batsatse etfu amadvodzakati.²² Nguletinabekwelwane letikuphela lesingakhona ngato kutsi sitsatse madvodza kati abo sibe bantfu banye: manabe wonkhe wesilisa kitsi asokile, njengoba nabo basokile.²³ angeke yini kutsi infuyo yabo kanye netimphahla tabo kube ngekwetfu? ngakoke asivumelane nabo, batohlala kanyenatsi.²⁴ Bonkhe labebaye ehhekeni lelidolobha lakhe balalela Hamor na Shachem, indvodzana yakhe. Bonkhe besilisa basoka, bonkhe labaya ehhekeni lelidolobha lakhe.²⁵ Elangeni lesitsatfu, basese buhlingwini, mabili wemadvodzana ajakobe (Simon na Levi, umnakabo Dinah), nguloyo watsatsa inkemba yakhe bahlasela lelidolobha lebelingakavikileli, babulala bonkhe besilisa.²⁶ Babulala Hamor kanye naShachem bafa ngenkemba. Batsatsa Dinah endlini yaShechem bahambanaye.²⁷ Lalamanye emadvodzana ajakobe afika akhandza tidvumbu babese bayabhubhisa lelidolobha ngobe bebahlukubete sisi wabo.²⁸ Batsatsa infuyo yabo, imihlambi, timbongolo nakonkhe edolobheni nemacentselo.²⁹ Batsatsa wonkhe umcebo, bonkhe bantfwana, kanye nebatifi. batsatsa ngishonalobe kusetindlini.³⁰ Jakobe watsi kuSimeon bana Levi, ningiletsele tinkinga, ningente nganuka kubahlali bakulenzawo, kuma Canaanites kanye nema Perizzites. Silidlanzana ngetinombolo. mabangake bahlangane batame kungivukela, bangangi bhubbisa mine kanye nendluyami.³¹ kepha Simeon bana Levi batsi kungabe siyekeli Shemchem waphatsisa sisiwetfu kwengwadla?

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¹ Nkulunkulu watsi kuJakobe, "Vuka, unyukele eBetheli, uyohlala khona. Wakhe lilati, khona laNkulunkulu, lowavela kuwe uma ubalekela umnakenu Esawu." ² Laphoke Jakobe watsi emndeni wakhe nabo bonkhe lebebanaye, "Bekani eceleni labonkulunkulwana betive labase emkhatsini wenu, nitihlante, phindze nishintje netimpahla tenu. ³ Bese siyahamba, senyukela eBetheli. Ngiyawakha lilati khona laNkulunkulu, longiphendvulile ekhatsi netinhlupheko tami, futsi bekasolo ahamba nami yonkhe indzawo lapho ngihamba khona." ^{4 5} Baniketela kuJakobe bonkhe bonkulunkulwana betive lebebbase tandleni tabo, netindandatho betise madlebeni. Jakobe wabangcwaba phasi kwe okhi lebeyi dvutane nase Shechemu. basahamba, Nkulunkulu, waletsa kutatatela emadolobheni lebekaba tungeletele, kute kutsi labo bantfu bangawacoshi emadvodzana aJakobe. ⁶ Ngako ke Jakobe wafika eLuzi (lokuyi Betheli), lese ndzaweni yase Canani, yena nabo bonkhe bantfu lebebanaye. ⁷ Wakha lilati wabita lendzawo ngekutsi yi Bhetheli, ngoba lapho Nkulunkulu wativeta lucobo lwakhe kuye asabalekela umnakabo. ⁸ Deborah, nesi waRebekha, washona. Wangcwatjwa phansi eBethel phasi kwesihlahla se Oakhi, bekutsiwa yiAllon Bakuth. ⁹ Uma Jakobe sekafika ebuya ePaddam Arram, Nkulunkulu waphindze wavela kuye wamubusisa. ¹⁰ Nkulunkulu watsi kuye, " libito lakho ungu Jakobe, kepha libito lakho angeke usaba nguJakobe. Libito lakho utaba ngu Israel." laphoke Nkulunkulu wabita libito lakhe Israel. ¹¹ Nkulunkulu watsi kuye, " ngingu Nkulunkulu, Lophakeme. Tsela futsi nandze. Sive netive titawuchamuka kuwe, netinkhosи titawuba phakatsi kwesitukulwane sakho. ¹² Umhlabla lengawunika Abrahama kanye na Isaka, ngitawunika wena. Netitukulwane letiyawu landzela wena ngitawutinika lomhlabla." ¹³ Nkulunkulu wenyuка kuye kulendzwo abekhulume naye kuyo. ¹⁴ Jakobe wabeka insika kulendzawo lapho Nkulunkulu wakhuluma naye, insika yelitje. Watsela sinatfo semuhlatjelo etukwayo kanye nemafutsa. ¹⁵ Jakobe wabita libito lalendzawo lapho Nkulunkulu akhuluma naye, iBetheli. ¹⁶ Bahamba besuka eBetheli. Basese khashanyana nendzawo yase Ephrathi, Racheli wateta. Wateta kamatima. ¹⁷ Asateta kabuhlungu, umsiti walaba tetako watsi kuye," ungakhatsateki, ngoba nyalo utawuba nendvodzana lenye." ¹⁸ Asashona, ngemuphefumulo wakhe wekugcina wametsa libito watsi ngu Ben-Oni, kepha uyise wamubita watsi ngu Benjamin. ¹⁹ Racheli washona futsi wangcwatjwa endleleni leya kuEphrath (leyo ke iBethlehema). ²⁰ Jakobe wamisa insika ethuneni lakhe. Ngiyo lemaka lithuna laRacheli kulelilanga leli. ²¹ Israyeli wachubeka nelihambo futsi wabeka lithende lakhe mshiya lokwa kwemuuhlambi. ²² Israyeli asahlala kuloyo mhlaba, Rueben walala naBilhah liphovela leyise, Israyeli weva ngaloku. Nyalo Jakobe bekane madvodzana langelishumi nakibili. ²³ Emadvodzana akhe latalwa ngu Leah ngu Reuben, litubulo laJakobe na Simoni, Levi, Judah Issachar kanye na Zebulun. ²⁴ Emadvodzana akhe na Racheli bekungu Josefa na Benjamin. ²⁵ Emadvodzana akhe naBilhah, sisebenti lesisikati sa Racheli, bekungu Dan kanye naNaphtali. ²⁶ Emadvodzana aZilpah, sisebenti lesisikati sa Leah, bekungu Gad naAsher. Onkhe lawa beku ngema dvodzana aJakobe lebekatelwe kuye asese Paddan Aram. ²⁷ Jakobe wefika ku Isaya, uyise wakhe, endzaweni yase Mamre eKirtiath Arba (ifana nase Hebron), lapho Abrahama na Isaac bebake bahlala khona. ^{28 29} Isaya waphila iminyaka lengange likhulu nemashumi lasiphohlongo. Isaya waphefumula kwekugcina wabese uyashona, wabutsiswa emadlotini akhe, njengendvodza lesegugile. Esawu kanye naJakobe, emadvodzana akhe amungcwaba.

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¹ Jakobe wahlala endzaweni uyisae labehla kuyo, endzaweni yema Khenani. ² Leti tintfo letenteka mayelana naJakobe. Josefa, labelijaha lelineminyaka lelishumi nesikhombisa bundzala. abelusa tinvu kanye nabomnakabo. Abekanye nendvodzana yaBilhah kanye nendvodzana yaZilpah, bafati beyise. Josefa watfula sento labebasenta lesingasiso kahle kuyise wabo. ³ Nyalo isirayeli watsanza Josefa kunawowonkhe emadvodzana akhe ngobe abeyindvodzana layitfola asagugile. Wamentela lijazi lelihle. ⁴ Bomnakabo babona kutsi babe wabo umtsanda kakhulu kunabo bonkhe. Bamenyanya futsi bebanga mukhulu misi kahle. ⁵ Josefa waphupha liphupho futsi watjela bomna kabo ngalo. bamenyanya kakhulu kuna kucala. ⁶ Watsi kubo lalelani naliliphupho lengilibhudzile. ⁷ Buka, besibopha titfungo takolo ensimini futsi buka, sami sitfungo sema sacondza etulu futsi buka letenu teta takhotsama lesami. ⁸ Bomnakabo batsi kuye, Utsungasi phatsa mbamba? Utsi ungasibusa mbamba? Bamenyanya kakhulu kuna kucala ngenca yeliphupho lakhe kanye futsi nema gama lawasho. ⁹ Waphupha leline futsi liphupho futsi waphindze wabatjela bomnakabo. watsi, buka, ngiphuphe leline futsi liphupho: Lilanga kanye nenyeti netinkanyeti letilishumi nakunye betikhotsamela mine." ¹⁰ Walitjela uyise njengobe atjela bomnakabo, uyise wamukhalima. Watsi kuye. Yini lelipupho loliphophile? Kungabe makewakho kanye nami nabo mnakena empeleni siguce sikhotsame kuwe? ¹¹ Bomnakabo bamudlela umona, kepha uyise wazidla ngako. ¹² Bomnakabo bahamba bayolusela infuyo Shechem. ¹³ Israel watsi kuJosefa, " Bomnakenu abakaluseli Shechem yini? buya, ngitakutfuma kubo." Josefa watsi kuye, " Sengilungele." ¹⁴ Watsi kuye, Hamba nyalo, ufile ubone kutsi kusahamba kahle yini ngabomnakenu kanye nenfuyo. ungibuyele nephendvulo."Ngakoke Jakobe wamutfuma asuka eHebron ngakoke Josefa wahamba alibangise Shechem. ¹⁵ Indvodza letsite yakhandza Josefa. buka, Josefa abeyingayinga emaddelweni. Lendvodza yamubuta, " Ufunani?" ¹⁶ Josefa watsi, "Ngifuna bomnaketfu. Ngicela ungitjele kutsi balusele ngakuphi." ¹⁷ Lendvodza yatsi, Basukile kulenzawo, ngibeve batsi, 'Asambeni siye eDothan.'" Josefa walanzela bomnakabo wabatfola eDothan. ¹⁸ Bamubona aseta bucalu, asengaka fiki edvute nabo, bebamakhele licebo lekumbulala. ¹⁹ Bobhuti bakhe bakhulumu kulomunye batsi, " bukani umphuphi uyeta. ²⁰ Wota nyalo, asimbulaleni similahle kusinye saletigodzi. Sitawutsi, ' silwane sasendle simudlile.' Sitase sibone kutsi kutawphumanikulamaphupho akhe." ²¹ Rubeni wabeva wase uyamsindzisa esandlenisabo. Watsi, " asingambulalini." ²² Rubeni wakhulumu kubo watsi, "Ningayiciti ingati. Mulahleni esigodzini lesisehlane, kepha ningamutsintsi"- kuze kutsi amuphephise esandleni sabo kumbuyisela emuva kubabe wakhe. ²³ Kwafika lapho Josefa efika kubanakab, bamkhumulisa ingubo yakhe leyayiyinhle. ²⁴ Bamtsatsa bamjika esigodzini. Lesgodzi sasite lutfo kwakute nemanti. ²⁵ Bahlala phansi badla sinkhwa. Baphakamisa emehlo babuka, buka incwaba yema Ishumayeli wayita iphuma eGiliyadi, nemakamelabo latfwele tinongo ne bhalsumu kanye ne myrrh. Bebahambela kuwatfwala bayenawo endasi eGibhithe. ²⁶ Juda wakhulumu kubafowabo, " Kuyasisitaphi kubulala umnaketfu bese sifihla ingati yakhe. ²⁷ Wotani, simutsengiseni kuma Ishumayeli bese animubeki sandla. Ngoba angumnaketfu, inyama yetfu." Banakabo bamulalela. ²⁸ Ema Midiyani endlula ngendlela. Umnakabo wadvonsa Josefa wamukhipha kulesigodzi. Bamudayisela ema Ishumayeli ngetincetu temasiliva langemashumi lamabili. Lama ishumayeli amtfwala Josefa ayanaye eGibhithe. ²⁹ Rubeni wabuyela kulomgodzi, bheka, Josefa abesangekho kulomgodzi. ³⁰ Wadzabula tembatfo takhe. Wagucukela kubanakabo watsi, "lomfana akasekho lana! ngiyawuyaphi?" ³¹ Bahlabi imbuti base batsatsa tembatfo batifaka kulengati yalembuti. ³² Base bayimikisa kuyise wabo batsi," sitfole naku. Sicela ubuke kutsi yingobubo yendvodzana yakho noma cha." ³³ Jakobe wayibona watsi , "ngiyo ingubo yendvodzana yami. Silwane sasendle simdlile. Josefa wadzabuka wabatincetu. ³⁴ Jakobe wadzabula ingubo wafaka emasaka emalungeni. Wazilela indvodzana yakhe emalanga lamanengi. ³⁵ Onkhe emadvodzana nemadvodzakati akhe asukuma amdvudvuta, kepha wala kudvudvutwa. Wase utsi, " watsi ngitawehla ngiye eShilo ngiyozilela indvodzana yami." Babe wakhe wamlilela. ³⁶ EMamediyane amtsengisa eGibhithe ku Phothifa, mabhalane waFaro, umphatsi wabogadzi.

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¹ Kwafika sikhatsi lapho khona Judah ashiya bomnakabo wayohlala nemu Adullamite tsite, libito lakhe lebekutsiwa Hirah. ² Wahlangana lapho nendvodzakati yemu Canaanite libito layo kwakungu Shua. wamu tsatsa batsandzana. ³ Watetfwala wabeleka indvodzana. Yabitwa nga-Er. ⁴ Watetfwala futsi waphindza wabeleka indvodzana. Wambita ngekutsi ngu-Onan. ⁵ Waphindza futsi waba nendvodzana wayibita watsi ngu-Shelah. kwakuse Kezib lapho amubelekela khona.

⁶ Judah watsatsela indvodzana Er umfati. Libito lakhe kwakungu Tmar. ⁷ Er, litibulo laJudah, bekangcolile embikwaSimakandze. Simakadze wamubulala. ⁸ Judah watsi ku-Onan, "Hamba kumkannaken. Umgene, utalele umnakenu bantfwana. ⁹ Onan wati kutsi lomtfwana ngeke abewakhe. abetsi sonkhe sikhatsi makayolala nemfati wemnakabo, acencuke kute angato talela umnakabo. ¹⁰ Lalakwenta kwakusinengiso embikwa Simakadze. Simakadze wambulala naye. ¹¹ Ngakoke Judah watsi kuTamar, makoti wendvodzana yakakhe, Hlala ungu felokati endlini yeiyilo ate-akhule Shalah, indvodzana yami, Ngobe wesaba kutsi kungenteka afenaye, njenga bomnakabo." Tamar wahamba wayohlala endlini yeiyise. ¹² Emuva kjesikhatsi lesindze, indvodzakati ya-Shua. umfati waJudah, wafa. Judah wadvudvutwa futsi wase unyukela endzaweni lapho kwakuhhuelwa khona tinvu takhe lendzawo yayise Timnah, yena nemgani wakhe Hirah umuAdullamite. ¹³ Tamar watjelwa kwatsiwa, "buka, babetala wakho uyenyuka uyeTimnah kuyohhula tinvu takhe." ¹⁴ Wakhumula timphahla takhe tenzilo wase utivala ngeveyili watembatsisa kahle. Wahlala esangweni laseEnaim, lelingase ndleleni leya eTimnah. Ngobe wabona kutsi Shelah sewukhulile kephayena loku akendziselwa yena kutsi abengumfati wakhe. ¹⁵ Watsi Judah nakamubona wacabangakutsi yingwadla ngobe bekatimbonye buso. ¹⁶ Wayakuye ngasemugwaceni watsi, wota, ngiyacela angilalenawe"-ngobe abengati kutsi ngumakoti- futsi watsi, utanginiketani kute ulalenami?" ¹⁷ watsi, "ngitaku tfumelela lizinyane." watsi, unganginika yini sibambiso utewulifumele kimi?" ¹⁸ watsi sibambiso sini lenginga kunikasona?" waphendvula watsi, nginikete lendandatho leneliphawu lwakho kanye nalolucotfo, nelundvondvolo lolusesandleni sakho." Wamunika wase ulala naye wase uyatetfwala wamitsiswangue. ¹⁹ Wavuka wahamba. Wakhumula iveyili wafaka tembatfo takhe tebufelokati. ²⁰ Judah walitfumela lelizinyane ngemunganiwakhe kute atotfola labekabambise ngako kulowesifazane kepha akamutfolanga. ²¹ Lomu Adullamite wabese ubuta emadvodza akulendzawo, "Iphilengwadla lebeyise Enaim ngasemugwaceni?" Batsi," Akukase kuke kubene Ngwadla lapha." ²² Wabuyela kuJudah watsi, " angikhamutfoli. futsi, emadvodza akulendzawo, 'Akukase kuke kube nengwadla lapha.'" ²³ Judah watsi, "Akatigcine letintfo, kute singangeni ehlazweni. Impela, ngilitfumele lelizinyane, kepha awumutfolanga." ²⁴ Kwafika sitsatsi emuvakwetinyanga letintsatfu lapho atjelwa khona Judah, "Tamar makoti wakaho wente bugwadla, futsi impela, utetfwele ngenca yabo. ""Muletensi lapha futsi akashiswe." ²⁵ Watsi asaletfwa, watfumela kubabetala wakhe umlayeto, "Ngikhuleliswe ngumnini waletintfo leti, wase utsi, ngiyacela hlolani kutsi letintfo tabani, lendandatho yeluphawu, nelucotfo kanye nalolundvondvolo. ²⁶ Judah wakubona kutsi ngulokwakhe wase utsi, Ulungle kunami, ngobe angimendziselanga Shelah, indvodzana yami." Akaphidzanga walala naye. ²⁷ kwafika sikhatsi lapho kumele abeleke khona, buka, emaphahla abesesi beletfweni sakhe. ²⁸ kwatsi asabeleka linye liphahlala laveta sandla, lolobelekisako watsatsa insondvo lebovu wayibopha kulesandla lesasivela wase utsi, " Lona uphume kucala." ²⁹ Kepha'ke waphindze wasibuyisela emuva sandla, futsi, buka, umakabo waphuma kucala. Umbelekisi watsi, " Ufohlekanjani!" wetsiwa kwatsiwa nguPerez. ³⁰ Nemnakabo wabese uyabelekwa, lobekanale sondvo lebovu esandleni sakhe, yena wetsiwa kwatsiwa nguZerah.

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¹ Josefa wehliselwa phasi eGibhite. Photifari, siphatsimandla saFaro lobekayindvuna yabogadzi neMagibhita, wamutsenga kuma Ishmayeli, lobekamehlisele khona. ² Simakadze bekana Josefa waba yindvodza lephumelelako. Wahlala endlini yemholi wakhe waseGibhithe. ³ Umholi wakhe wabona kutsi Simakadze unaye futsi Simakadze waphumelelisa konkhe lakwenta. ⁴ Josefa watfola umusa ebuseni baPhotifari . Wamusebentela Photifari. Photifari wabeka Josefa kutsi abe yindvuna yakhe leyengamele likhaya lakhe nako konkhe lanako, abe liso lakhe. ⁵ Umholi wakhe wabona kutsi Simakadze unaye futsi Simakadze waphumelelisa konkhe lakwenta. ⁶ Josefa watfola umusa ebuseni baPhotifari . Wamusebentela Photifari. Photifari wabeka Josefa kutsi abe yindvuna yakhe leyengamele likhaya lakhe nako konkhe lanako, abe liso lakhe. ⁷ KweFika sikhatsi kutsi amente abe yindvuna tikwendlu yakhe natikwako konkhe lanako, kutsi Simakadze alibusise lelikhaya leMgibhithe ngenga yaJosefa. 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¹ Kwase kuyenteka kutsi ngemuva kwaletintfo leti, loletsela inkhosи kwekunatsа yase Egypt nalobhakela inkhosи bakhuba umphatsi wabo, inkhosи yase Egypt. ² Pharoah watifukutselela tisebenti takhe letimbili, lomphatsi walabaletsa kwekunatsа nemphatsi walababhakako. ³ Wabafaka ejele endlini yemholi wabogadzi, ejele linye lapho Joseph abegcinwe khona. ⁴ Lendvuna beyibagadzile watsa Josefa kutsi abanake wase wenta njalo. Bahlala bavalelwe sikhashana. ⁵ Bobabili baphupha emaphupho-lombambi tinkomishi kanye nembaki wenkhosi yaseGibhithe labevalwe ejele-ngayinye indvodza yaphupha liphupho layo kulobo busuka, futsingalinye liphupho lalinenchazelo yalo. ⁶ Josefa weta kubo ekuseni wababona. Wemangala, abona bakwatile. ⁷ Wabuta tisebenti taFaro letatiboshwe nayeye kulendlu, watsi, "Nikwate leni lamuhla?" ⁸ Batsi kuye, "Sobabile siphuphe emaphupho kute longasihumushela wona." Josefa watsi kubo, "Kuhumusha akusiko kwaNkulunkulu? Sita ungitjele." ⁹ Ngako'ke umholi walabo laba bukete kutselela inkhosи tinatfo watjela Josefa liphupho lakhe. ephusheni lami, umvini bewusembikwami. ¹⁰ Kulomvini bekunema gala lamatsatfu. satsi sisabhaceka kwavela timbalи emvakweti mbali satsela tikhehle temagelebisi. ¹¹ inkomishi yaFaro beyisesandleni sami. Ngatsatsa lamagelebisi ngawahlutela enkomishini yaFaro, ngase ngiyibeka esandleni saFaro." ¹² Josefa wase utsi kuye, "Lena yincazelo yeliphupho lakho. ¹³ Lamagala lamatsatfu asho emalanga lamatsatfu. Emkhatsini wema langa lamatsatfu Faro utakuphakamisa akubisele emsebentini wakho. utawubeka inkomishi yaFaro esandleni sakhe, njengaloko bowenta ekucaleni. ¹⁴ Kepha ungikhumbule mase kukuambela kahle, futsi ukhombise bubele bakho kimi. Ubokhuluma ngami kuFaro ungikhipe kunali lijele. ¹⁵ Impela ngatsatfwa eveni lemaHebheru. Lapha futsi angentanga lutfo kutsi bangaze bangifake kulelijele. ¹⁶ Watsi umholi webabbaki baFaro makabona lencazelo beyisho lokuhle, watsi kuJosefa, "Nami ngibe neliphupho, futsi, naka, emabhasikidi lamatsatfu etinkhwa bekasenhloko yami. ¹⁷ Kulebhasikidi lebeyise tulu bekunatinhlobonhlobo temibhako yaFaro, kephatinyoni tayindla yonkhe lemibhako lebengiyetfwele." ¹⁸ Josefa waphendvula watsi, "Lena yincazelo yeliphupho lakho. Lamabhasikidi lamatsatfu asho emalanga lamatsatfu. ¹⁹ Emkhatsini wemalanga lamatsatfu Faro utakujuba inhloko abese ukuhhaka esihlahleni. Tinyoni titawudla inyama yakho. ²⁰ Kwafika elangeni lesitsatfu lapho bekulusuku lekutalwa lenkhosi Faro. Wenta sidlo sato tonkhe tisebenti takhe. ²¹ waphakamisa uholi walaba tsela tinatfo kanye nemphatsi wababhaki, emkhatsini webasebenti bakhe. Wabisela umphatsi walabamtselela tinatfo emsebentini wakhe, wabuyela watse liwayini enkomishini yaFaro. ²² Kepha wase ugwaba lomphatsi weba bhaki njengobe Josefa abecazile kibo. ²³ Kepha umphatsi lobukete tinatfo akamukhumbulanga Josefa, wakhohlwa ngaye.

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¹ Jakobe watfola lwati kutsi bekunemabele eGibhithe. Watsi kumadvodzaneni akhe, "Nibukanelani nodvwana?"² Watsi, "Bukani la, ngivile kutsi kunemabele eGibhithe. Hambani khona niyositsengela khona sitowuphila futsi singafi."³ Bomnakabo Josefa labalishumi bahamba bayotsenga emabele eGibhithe.⁴ Kepha Jakobe akazange atfume Bhenjamini, umnakabo Josefa, kanye nabomnakabo, ngoba watsi, "ngiyesaba kutsi angahle ehlelwe yingoti."⁵ Emadvodzana a Israyeli eta kutotsenga kulabo labeta, ngoba indlala beyiseveni lase Khenani.⁶ Nyalo Josefa abengumengameli walendzawo. Bekunguye lobekatsengisela bonkhe bantfu bakulendzawo. Bomnakabo Josefa beta bamkhotsamela buso babo bubuke phansi.⁷ Josefa wababona bomnakabo, kepha wenta ngatsi akasiye umnakabo phindze wakhulumu kabuhlungu nabo. Watsi kubo, "Nibuya kuphi?" Batsi, "Eveni lase Khanani kutotsenga kudla."⁸ Josefa wababona bomnakabo, kepha bona abambonanga.⁹ Ngako Josefa wakhumbula emaphupho lawaphupha ngabo, wase utsi kibo, "Nibahloli! Nite kutobuka kutsi kukuphi lasingakagadzi incenye yalelive."¹⁰ Batsi kuye, "Cha, mphatsi wetfu. Tisebenti takho titotsenga kudla."¹¹ Sonkhe simadvodzana endvodza yinye. Setsembekile. Tisebenti takho atisito tinhloli.¹² Watsi kubo, "Cha, senitele kutewubuka incenye yalelive kutsi alikagadzeki ngakuphi."¹³ Batsi, "Tsine tisebenti takho singemadvodzana lalishumi nakubili, simadvodzana endvodza yinye eveni lase Khenani. Buka, lomncane namhla usekhaya nababe wetfu, futsi lomunye wetfu akasekho emhlabeni."¹⁴ Josefa watsi kubo, "Kunguloko lengikushito kini; nine nitinhloli."¹⁵ Ngaloko nine nitawu vivinywa. Ngemphilo yaFaro, angeke nihambe lapha, ngaphandle kwekutsi umfoweni lomncane afike la.¹⁶ Tfumelani munye wenu ayolandza umnaken. Nitawuhlala ejele, kute emavi enu avivinywe, noma kunemaciniso kini. Ngaphandle kwaloko, ngemphilo yaFaro, nine nitinhloli.¹⁷ Wabafaka bonkhe ejele emalanga lamatsatfu.¹⁸ Josefa watsi kubo ngelilanga lesitsatfu, "Yentani loku niphile, ngoba ngiyamesaba Nkulunkulu."¹⁹ Naningemadvodza latsembekile, vumelani munye wenu asale ejele, kepha nine labanye nihambe, tsatsani lokolo ngoba kunedlala emakhaya enu.²⁰ Letsani umfowenu lomncane kunani nonkhe kimi khona emavi enu atewuhlolisia futsi angeke nife."Base benta njalo.²¹ Bakhulumisana bodywa, "Ngempela sesiyatisola ngemnaketsu ngalokutsi satibona tinhlungu temphefumulo wakhe nakasincenga futsi asitange simlalele. Ngako ke lobuhlungu sebusetkwetfu."²² Rubeni wabaphendvula, "Anginitjelanga yini, 'Ningoni ngalomfana,' kepha anitange ningilalele? Nyalo, bukani, ingati yakhe iyabutwa kitsi."²³ Abatanga kutsi Josefa uyabeva, njengobe bekunemhumushi emkhatsini wabo.²⁴ Wabafulatsela wase uyakhala. Wase ubuyela kubo uyabakhulumisa. Watsatsa Simoni emkhatsini wabo wambopha embikwabo.²⁵ Josefa wase uphocelela tisebenti takhe kutsi tigcwalise tinhlavu emasakeni abomnakabo, futsi abuyisele lemali esakeni langayinye indvodza, wase ubapha umphako wendlela. Base bayentelwa.²⁶ Labafowabo bagcwalisa timbongolo tabo ngemasaka ekudla base bayahamba lapho bebakhona.²⁷ Lomunye wabo wavula lisaka afuna kupha imbongolo yakhe kudla endzaweni yekuphumula, wabona imali yakhe. Nembala bekusekuvulweni kwelisaka lakhe.²⁸ Watsi kuba fowabo, "Yami imali ijikisiwe. Yibuke; isesakeni lami." Tinhilityo tabo taba buhlungu futsi baba nekwetfuka base bakhulumu bodywa, batsi, "Kepha Nkulunkulu yini lena layenta laktsi?"²⁹ Bahamba baya kuJakobe, uyise wabo endzaweni yase Khenani bafike bamtjela ngako konkhe lokubehlele. Batsi,³⁰ "Lendvodza, leyinkhosu yalendzawo, isikhulumise kabi icabange kutsi sitinhloli kulendzawo."³¹ Satsi kuye, 'Simadvodza latsembekile. Asisito tinhloli.'³² Simbomnaka labalishumi nakubili , simadvodzana ababe wetfu. Munye wetfu wafa, futsi lomncane kitsi namuhla una babe eveni lase Khenani.³³ Lendvodza, leyinkhosu kulelive, itsite kitsi, 'Ngaloku ngitokwati kutsi ningemadvodza latsembekile. Shiyani munye webafowenu nami, tsatsani emabele niwayise etindlini tenu, bese nichubeka nelihambo lwenu.'³⁴ Letsani umnakenu lomncane kunani nonkhe kimi. Ngaloko ke ngitawati kutsi anisito tinhloli, kepha ningemadvodza latsembekile. Ngitawubese ngikhulula umnakenu, nitawutsengisa kulive."³⁵ Kwase kuyenteka kutsi batfulule emasaka abo, buka, sikhwama sesiliva sasisesakeni linye lendvodza. Lesikhatsi bona neyise wabo babona letikhwama tesiliva, besaba.³⁶ Jakobe babe wabo watsi, "Ningente ngalahlekelwa bantfwana bami. Josefa akasaphili, Simoni uhambile, senitophindze nitsatse naBenjamini. Tonkhe letintfo timelane nami."³⁷ Rubeni wakhulumu kubabe wakhe, watsi, "Ungabulala emadvodzana ami lamabili nangabe angimbuyisi Benjamini kuwe. Mubeke etandleni tami, ngitawuphindze ngimbuyisa kuwe."³⁸ Jakobe watsi, "Indvodzana yami angeke yehle nawe. Ngoba umnakabo afile futsi nguye yedvwana losasele. Nangabe lokubi kungamvelela endleleni lenihambe ngayo, nitowubese nisusa tinwele tami letimpungu ngebuahlungu kuShiyoli."

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¹ Somiso sasimatima ekhatsi eveni.² Kwenteka ngaleskhatsi sebadle onkhe emabele labebawaletse ngephandle eGibithe, uyise wabo watsi kubo, "Hambani futsi, nisitsengele kudla."³ Juda wamutjela, "Lendvodza yasicwayisa kakhulu, "Angeke nibubone buso bami, ngaphadle kwekutsi umnakenu unani"⁴ Uma utfumela umnaketfu natsi, sitowehla sikutsengele kudla.⁵ Kepha umangabe ungamtfumeli, angeke sehle. Ngoba lendvodza yatsi kitsi, "Angeke nibubone buso bami, ngaphandle kwekutsi umnakenu unani"⁶ Israyeli watsi, "Ningiphetse leni kabi kangaka ngekutjela lendvodza kutsi beninalomunye umnakenu?"⁷ Batsi, "Lendvodza yabuta imininingwane ngatsi nemndeni wetfu. Watsi, "Usaphila yini uyise wenu? Ninaye yini umnakenu lomunye?" Samphendvula ngendlela labesibuta ngayo. Besingati ngani lokutsi angatsi, "yehlisani umnakenu?"⁸ Judah watsi kuIsrayeli uyise wakhe, "Tfumela lomfana nami. Sitosukuma sihambe kute siphile futsi singafi, tsine sobabili, wena, futsi nebantfwabetfu.⁹ Ngitawuba sibambiso sakhe. Utangibamba ngiphendvule. Uma ngingamuletsi kuwe, ngimvete embikwakho, ngako utongitfwesa lelical phakadze.¹⁰ Ngobe kube asizange siphutise, impela nyalo ngabe sesabuyela emuva lapha kwesibili."¹¹ Uyise wabo Israyeli watsi kubo, "'Umangabe kunjalo, nyalo yenta loku. Tsatsa lokunye kulemikhicito lencono talomhlabo etikhwameni tenu. Yehlani nesipho kulendvodza - emafutsa neluju, netinongo, nemyrrh, nemantongomane epistachio nemaalmondi.¹² Tsatsani imali lephindzeke kabili etandleni tenu. Lemali leyajikiswa nakuvulwa emasaka enu, iphatseni futsi etandleni tenu. Encenye bekuliphutsa."¹³ Tsatsani futsi umnakenu. Sukumani futsi nibuyele kulendvodza.¹⁴ Shengatsi Simakadze Nkulunkulu aniphe umusa embikwaledvodza, khona itewunikhululela umnakenu lomunye naBenjamin. Uma ngifelwe bantfwabami, Ngifelwe."¹⁵ Lamadvodza asitsatsa lesipho lesi, futsi etandleni tabo batsatsa lemali iphindzeke kabili, kanye naBenjamin. Bavuka behlela eGibithe bema embikwa Josefa.¹⁶ Uma Josefa abona Benjamin anabo, watsi kulomgcini wendlu yakhe, "Ngenisa lamadvodza landlini, hlابانی silwane niylungise, ngobe lamadvodza atuwudla nami emini."¹⁷ Lomgcini wenta njengobe ashilo Josefa. Wawaletsa lamadvodza endlini yaJosefa.¹⁸ Lamadvodza esaba ngobe aletfwa endlini yaJosefa. Atsi, "Kungenca yalemali leyabuyiselwa emasakeni etfu ngesikhatsi sicala kuletfwa ngekhatsi, kutsi angafuna litfuba lekumelana natsi. Angahle asibophe, asitsatsce njenetigcila, atsatse netimbhongolo tetfu.¹⁹ Basondzela kulomgini wendlu yaJosefa, bakhuluma naye emnyango walendlu,²⁰ basti, "Mphatsi wetfu, seta kwekucala kutotsenga kudla.²¹ Kwasekuyefika, umasifika labesihlala khona, kutsi sivule emasaka etfu, futsi, nembara, yonkhe imali yendvodza beyingetulu ngekhatsi esakeni lakhe, imali yetfu igcwele ngesisindvo. Siyletse emuva etandleni tetfu.²² Lenye imali futsi sehle nayo ngetandla teftu, kutotsenga kudla. Asati kutsi ngubani lofake lemali yetfu emasakeni etfu."²³ Lomgcini watsi, "Kuthula akubekini, ningesabi. Nkulunkulu wenu naloNkulunkulu weyise wenu, nguye lofake lemali emasakeni enu. Ngiyimukele imali yenu." Lomgcini, wabese uletsa Simeon ngaphandle kubo.²⁴ Lomgcini wawangenisa lamadvodza endlini yaJosefa. Wabanika emanti, bageza tinyawo tabo. Wondla timbhongolo tabo.²⁵ Balungisa tipho tekufika kwaJosefa emini, ngobe besebevile kutsi batawukudla lapho.²⁶ Uma Josefa abuya ekhaya, balesta letipho lebetisetandleni tabo ngekhatsi endlini, futsi baguca phansi embikwakhe emhlabatsini.²⁷ Wababuta ngekuphatseka kwabo watsi, "Uyaphila yini uyise wenu, lendvodza lendzala lenakhuluma ngayo? Isaphila yini?"²⁸ Batsi, "Sisebenti sakho uyise wetfu ukahle. Usaphila." Baguca phansi bamutjengisa inhlionipho.²⁹ Uma aphakamisa emehlo akhe wabona umnakabo Benjamin, idvodzana yenina wakhe, wase utsi, "Ngulomnakenu lona lomcane lenakhuluma ngaye kimi?"³⁰ Wase utsi, "Shengatsi Nkulunkulu angaba nemusa kuwe, dvodzana yami."³¹ Josefa waphutfuma waphuma kulelikamelo, ngobe abetsintsekile kakhulu ngemnakabo. Wafuna indzawo langakhala khona. Waya ekamelweni lakhe wakhala khona.³² Wageza buso bakhe waphuma. Watibamba, atsi, "Phakelani kudla"³³ Letisebenti taphakela Josefa lucobo lwakhe nabomnakabo lucobo lwabo. EmaGibhithe lapho adla naye lucobo lwabo ngobe emaGibhithe abengeke adle sinkhwa nemaHebheru, ngobe loku kwakulihlazo kumaGibhithe.³⁴ Labomnakabo bahlala dvute naye, litibulo ngendlela yekutalwa kwabo, futsi nalolomncane kakhulu ngekuhambisana nebusha bakhe. Lamadvodza amangala odvwana.³⁵ Josefa wabatfumela ngeticheme tekudla, kusukela ekudleni lobekusembikwakhe. Kepha incenye yaBenjamin beyiphidvwe kasihlanu kwendlula kwabo bonkhe bomnakabo. Banatsa futsi bajabula kanye naye.

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¹ Josefa wayaleta sisebenti sendlu yakhe, watsi, "Cwalisa emasaka alendvodza ngekudla, lokulinani labangaletfwala, ufake imali yangamunye esakeni lakhe.² Faka inkomishi yami, lena yesiliva, emnyango welisaka lalona lomncane, kanye nalemali bekumele atsenge ngayo." Lesisebenti senta njengobe Josefa ashito.³ Kwase kuyasa, ase ayahamba lamadvodza, bona netimbongolo tabo.⁴ Sebaphumile edolobheni kodwa basengakahambi kakhulu, Josefa watsi kulesisebenti sakhe, "Sukuma ubalandzele, landzela lamadvodza, nase nibendlulile, utsi kubo, 'Niphindzisele leni lokubi ngalokuhle?⁵ Akusiyi yini ingilazi lenatsa sikhulu sami, ingilazi laphengula ngayo? Nente lokubo, ngaloku lenikwentile."⁶ Lesisebenti sababamba sasho lawo magama kubo.⁷ Batsi kuye, "Umphatsi wetfu ukhumelani emagama lanjena kitsi? Akube khashane netinceku takho kwenta intfo lenjalo.⁸ Bukani, lemalii lesiyitfolaa emnyango wemasaka enu, sanikhisha eveni laseKhenani. Singayeba kanjeni isiliva negolide endlini yenceku yakho?⁹ Uma munye wetfu atfolakala nayo, akabulawe, natsi futsi siyawuba tigcila tenu."¹⁰ Lenceku yatsi, "Nyalo akube njengemagama enu. Loyo letotfolakala kuye lengilazi uyawuba sigcila sami, bonkhe laba labanye angeke babe nelicala."¹¹ Indvodza ngayinye yase iyagigima yehlisa lisaka layo, yase iyalivula.¹² Lenceku yacinga. Wacala ngalomdzala wase ugcina ngalomncane, lengilazi yatfolakala esakeni laBhenjamini.¹³ Base badzabula tembatfo tabo. Ngayinye indvodza yalayishela lidonki layo base babuyela edolobheni.¹⁴ Juda nabomnakabo bayu endlini yaJosefa. Abesolo akhona, bafike baguca embikwakhe.¹⁵ Josefa watsi kubo, "Yini leniyentile? Niyati yini kutsi umutfu lonjengami uyaphengula?"¹⁶ Judah watsi, "Singatsini kumphstsi wami? Singakhulumani? Singaveta njani kutsi simusulwa? Nkulunkulu sotitfolole tiphambeko tencekuyakho. Buka, sitigcila temphatsi wetfu, tsine kanye nalolo kutfolakale kuye lelikomishi."¹⁷ Josefa watsi akubekhashane nami kutsi ngingenta njalo. Lendvodza lekutfolaa kale kuyo lenkomishi, ngiyo letoba sigcili sami, kepha nine labanye, hambini niye kubabe wenu ngekuthula."¹⁸ Kepha Judah wasondzela kuye watsi, "Mphatsi wami ngicela songiphe indlebe, ungayitfukutseleli inceku yakho, ngobe ufanana naFaro.¹⁹ Mphatsi wami ubute encekwini yakho, watsi, ninaye babe nome bhuti?"²⁰ Sitsite mphatsi wami, 'Sinaye bhuti, sewukhulile, futsi ukhona wasebhuzaleni bakhe, losasese muncane. kapha umnakabo washona, lolomuncane sewusele uyedvwa kunina, babe umukhonte kakhulu.'²¹ Ubese wutsi encekwini yakho muletseni laphakimi ngitomubona.²² Emvakwaloko, sitsite kumphatsi wami, 'Lomfana ngeke asaze asuke kuyise, ngobe makangasuka kuyise uyise angafa nekuwa.²³ Kepha utsite encekwini yakho, Umangabe umnakenu lomuncane angeti nani, angeke niphindze nibubone buso bami.²⁴ kwafika lapho sibuyela emuva kubabe inceku yakho, samutjela umlayeto wemphatsi.²⁵ Babe wetfu watsi, Buyelani phindze, nisisengele kudla.²⁶ Sabese sitsi, 'Angeke Sibuyele emuva. mangabe umnaketfu lomcane ahambanatsi, lapho singaya, ngobe angeke sibubone lobuso balendvodza mangabe umnaketfu loncane angahambi natsi.²⁷ Inceku yakho babewetfu utsite, 'Niyati kutsi umfati wangi belekela mabili emadvodzana.²⁸ Munye wabo wanyamalala ngatsi impela tilwane tasendle timudzaphudzaphutile wabatincetu, futsi angiphindzanga ngamubona."²⁹ Nyalo manitsatsa nalona kimi, besewuvelelwa yingoti, nitangenta ngibulawe lusizi.³⁰ Nyalo, ngako ke, nangita esisebentini sakho lesingubabe wami, futsi lomfana angekho natsi, ngoba imphilo yakhe ibophene neyalomfana,³¹ kutawukwenteka, nakabona lomfana angekho natsi, kutsi utawukufa. Tisebenti takho titakwehlisa tinwele takhe letimhlopho tesisebenti sakho lesingubabe wetfu ngebutsakatsaka.³² Ngoba sisebenti sakho satidzela ngalomfana kubabe wase utsi, 'Nangingamletsi kuwe, lapho ngitakwefwala lelicalu kubabe ingunaphakadze.'³³ Ngako ke, ngicela uvumele sisebenti sakho sihlale kunekutsi kusale lomfana abe sigcili sempahatsi wami, uvumele lomfana enyuke kanye nabomnakabo.³⁴ Ngoba ngingaya kanjani kubabe wami nangabe lomfana angekhho nami? Ngiyesaba kubona lobubi lobutokuta kubabe."

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¹ Ngako Josefa akakhonanga kutibamba embikwetisebenti takhe lebetime eceleni kwakhe. wakhuluma kakhulu watsi, "Wonkhe muntfu akangishiye." Ngako kute sisebenta lesema eceleni kwakhe Josefa nakatatisa kubomnakabo. ² Wakhala kakhulu, emaGibhithe eva, kanye nendlu yaFaro yeva. ³ Josefa watsi kubomnakabo, "NginguJosefa. Usaphila yini babe wami?" Bomnakabo abakhonanga kumphednvula, ngoba bebatfuke kakhulu ebukhoneni bakhe. ⁴ Wase Josefa utsi kubomnakabo, "Wotani edvute nami, ngiyacela." Basondzela kuye. Wakhuluma watsi, " NginguJosefa umnakenu, lenamtsengisa eGibhithe. ⁵ Ningakhali noma nitkwatele kutsi nangitsengisa lana, ngoba Nkulunkulu wangitfuma embikwenu khona ngitewusindzisa timphilo. ⁶ Ngoba lemnyaka lemibili indlala ibekhona kulelive, futsi kuseneminyaka lesihlanu lapho kutawubabete ngisho kulima noma kuvuna. ⁷ Nkulunkulu wangitfumela embikwenu kutewusindzisa nine njengensali emhlabeni, futsi kunigcina niphilile ngensindziso lenkhulu. ⁸ Ngako ke akusini lenangitfuma lapha kodywa nguNkulunkulu, futsi ungente babe kuFaro, umphatsi wato tonkhe tindlu takhe, nembusi walo lonkhe lelive laseGibhithe. ⁹ Phangisami niye kubabe wami nitsi kuye, 'Nguloku lokushiwo yindvodzana yakho Josefa, "Nkulunkulu ungente umbusi wayo yonkhe iGibhithe. Yehla ute kimi, ungaphutisi. ¹⁰ Utawuhlala eveni laseGosheni, futsi utawuba sedvute nami, wena nebantfwabakho kanye nebatukulu bakho, nemihlambi yakho netimvu takho, kanye nako konkhe lonako. ¹¹ Ngitakunakelela lapho, ngoba kuseneminyaka lesihlanu yendlala, khona ungatewubulawa yendlala, wena, nendluyakho, kanye nako konkhe lonako." ¹² Buka, emehlo enu ayabona, kanye nemehlo emnaketfu Bhenjamini, kutsi ngumlomo wami lokhuluma nawe. ¹³ Nitawutjela babe wami ngako konkhe kuhlonipheka kwami eGibhithe nako konkhe lenikubonile. Nitawuphangisa niletsa babe wami lana." ¹⁴ Wagaca umnakabo Bhenjamini entsanyeni wakhala, futsi naBhenjamini wakhala entsanyeni yakhe. ¹⁵ Wanga bonkhe bomnakabo wakhala kubo. Emvakwaloko bomnakabo bakhuluma naye. ¹⁶ Letindzaba takhulunywa endlini yaFaro: "BomnakJosefa befikile." Kwamtifikotisa Faro kanye netisebenti takhe kakhulu. ¹⁷ Faro watsi kuJosefa, " Tsani kubomnakenu, ' Yentani naku: Gcwalisani tilwane tenu niye eveni laseKhenani. ¹⁸ Landzani uyise nendluyakhe nite kumi. Ngitaninika lokuhle kwalelive, futsi nitawukudla lokunonile kwalelive.' ¹⁹ Nyalo niphocellekile, ' Yentani naku, tsatselani bantfwabenu nebatifi benu tincola eveni laseGibhithe. Tfolani uyise nite. ²⁰ Ningakhatsateki ngetintfo tenu, ngoba konkhe lokuhle lokuseGibhithe ngekwenu." ²¹ Emadvodzana aIsrayeli enta njalo. Josefa wabanika tincola, njengekuphocelela kwaFaro, wabanika kwekubanakekela eluhambeni lwabo. ²² Kubo bonkhe wanika ngayinye indvodza timphahla tekushintja, kodvwa kuBhenjamini wammika tincetu tesiliva letingemakhulu lamatsatfu netimphahla tekushintja letisihlanu. ²³ Watfumelela uyise: emahashi lalishumi lagcwaliswe ngetintfo letinhle taseGibhithe; nemahhashi lamasikati lalishumi lagcwaliswe ngetinhlavu, sinkhwa naletinye tintfo teyise teluhambo. ²⁴ Ngako watfuma bomnakabo bahamba. Watsi kubo, " Caphelani kutsi ningalwi endleleni." ²⁵ Benyuka baphuma eGibhithe befika eveni laseKhenani, kuJakobe uyise wabo. ²⁶ Bamtjela batsi " Josefa usaphila, futsi ungumbusi lalolonkhe live laseGibhithe." Inhlitiyo yakhe yamangala kakhulu, ngoba bekangakholwa loko labebamtjela kona. ²⁷ Bamtjela onkhe emagama Josefa labekabatjele wona. Jakobe nakabona letincola lebetifunyelwe nguJosefa kutsi timetfwale, umoya waJakobe uyise wabo wavuseteleka. ²⁸ Israyeli watsi, " Sekwanele. Josefa indvodzana yami isaphila. Ngitakuya kuyombona ngingakafi."

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¹ Israyeli wenta luhambo lwakhe nako konkhe bekanako waya eBherisheba. Wanikela umhlatjelo kuNkulunkulu babe wakhe Isaka. ² Nkulunkulu wakhulumu ku-Israyel embonweni ebusuku, watsi," Jakobe, Jakobe." ³ Watsi " Ngilapha." Ngilapha Nkhosi, Nkhulunkulu waboyise. Ungesabi kwehlela eGibhithe, ngitawenta ube sive lesikhulu khona. ⁴ Ngitawehla nawe ngiye eGibhithe, ngitawephindze ngenyuuke nawe phindze naJosefa utawuvala emehlo ngesandla sakhe. ⁵ Jakobe wasuka eBherisheba. Emadvodzana aIsrayeli etfwala Jakobe uyise, bantfwababo, kanye nebatfi babo, etincoleni taFaro labekabatfume kutsi bametfwale ngato. ⁶ Batsatsa imfuyo yabo netimpahla tabo labebakutfole baseveni leseKhenani.Bangena eGibhithe, Jakobe nentalelwano yakhe yonke. ⁷ Waletsa eGibhitha emadvodzana akhe, nemadvodzana emadvodzana akhe, emadvodzakati akhe, nemadvodzana emadvodzakati akhe, nato tonke titukulwane takhe. ⁵ Jakobe wasuka eBherisheba. 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¹ Kwenteka emvakwa letintfo leti, kutsi munye watsi kuJoeph, "Buka, babe wakho uyagula." Wase utsatsa emadvodzana akhe lamabili. Manasseh naEphraim. ² Uma Jakobe atjelwa, "Buka, indvodzana yakho Josefa seyifikile itekubona," Israel wetama ngemandla wase uyasukuma uhlala embhedzeni. ³ Jakobe watsi kuJosefa, "Nkulunkulu lonemandla onkhe uvelile kimi eLuz eveni lase Khenani. Ungibusisile ⁴ wase utsi kimi, 'Naka, ngitawukwenta utsele titselo, futsi ngikwandzise. Ngitawukwenta ube ngumbutsano wetive. Ngitawuniketa lelive leli esitukulwaneni sakho njengentfo lephatsekako ingunaphakadze.' ⁵ Nyalo emadvodzana akho lamabili, latalewe wena eveni lase Gibhithe ngingakefiki kuwe Gibhithe, ngebami. Ephraim naManasseh batawuba ngewami, njengoba Reuben naSimeon bangebami. ⁶ Bantfwana lotawuba nabo emvakwabo batawuba ngebakho; batawufakwa eluhlwini lwemabito abomnakabo kule lifa labo. ⁷ Kepha mine, uma ngita ngisuka ePaddan, elusizini lwami Rachel washona eveni lase Khenani endleleni, bese kunesigatjana kuhamba ufile eEphrath. Ngamungcwaba lapho endleleni leya eEphrath" (leyo, yiBethlehem). ⁸ Uma Israyeli abona emadvodzana aJosefa, watsi, "Bobani laba?" ⁹ Josefa watsi kubabe wakhe, "Bangemadvodzana ami, le Nkulunkulu anginike wona lana." Israyeli watsi, ' Baletse lapha kimi, khona ngitebabusa, ¹⁰ Nyalo emehlo aIsrayeli abesahluleka nganca yeminyaka yakhe ngako abengasaboni. Ngako Josefa wabasondzeta edvute naye, wabacabuza wase uyabanga. ¹¹ Israyeli watsi ku Josefa, "Bengingaka lindzeli kuphindze ngibone buso bakho, kepha Nkulunkulu sewungivumele kutsi ngibone bantfwana bakho." ¹² Josefa wabasusa emkhatsini wemadvolo aIsrael, wase uyakhotsama ubukisa buso bakhe emhlabatsini. ¹³ Josefa wabatsatsa bobabili, Ephraim esandleni sakhe sangasekudla macondzana nesandla saIsrael sanga sencele, naManasseh esandleni sakhe sangasencele macondzana nesandla sanga sekudla salIsrael, waba sondzeta edvute naye. ¹⁴ Israel waphakamisa sandla sakhe sangasekudla wasibeka enhloko yaEphraim, lobeka ngulolomncane, nesandla sakhe sangesencele wasibeka enhloko yaManasseh. Waphambatisa tandla takhe, ngoba Manasseh abe litubulo. ¹⁵ Israyeli wabusisa Josefa, watsi, " Shangatsi Nkulunkulu wabobabe, lebekakhontwa bo Abraham naIsaac bamusebentela, lo Nkulunkulu lowangi nakekela kute kube ngulelilanga, ¹⁶ lengilozi lengivikele kuko konkhe kulimala, akabusise labafana laba. Libito alikhunjulwe ngabo, nemabito abobabe bami Abraham naIsaac. Abakhule babe banyenti emhlabeni." ¹⁷ Uma Josefa abona babe wakhe abeka sandla sakhe sangasekudla enhloko yaEphraim, akumtfokotisanga. Watsatsa sandla sababe wakhe kusikhweshisa enhloko yaEphraim kusibeka enhloko yaManasseh. ¹⁸ Josefa watsi kubabe wakhe, "Hhay kanjalo, babe wami; ngoba lona litubulo. Beka sandla sakho sangasekudla." ¹⁹ Babe wakhe wala wase utsi, "Ngiyati, ndvodzana yami, ngiyati. Nanaye utawuba sive, futsi utawuba mukhulu. Noko umnakabo lomncane utawuba mkhulu kunaye, futsi situkulwane sakhe sitawuba bunyenti betive." ²⁰ Israel wababusisa ngalelo langa ngalamagama lawa, "Bantfu baka Israel bayowehlisa tibusiso ngemabito enu batsi, 'Nkulunkulu akanente nifane naEphraim kanye naManasseh'. "Ngalendlela lena, Israel wabeka Ephraim ngembikwa Manasseh. ²¹ Israel watsi ku Josefa, "Buka, sengitawufa, kepha Nkulunkulu utawuba nani, futsi utawu nibuyisela eveni labobabe benu. ²² Kuwe, njenga longetulu kubo mnakenu, ngikuniketa umehlela wentsaba lengayitsatsa kuma Amorites ngenkemba yami nebutjoki."

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¹ Jakobe wabese ubita emadvodzana akhe, watsi: " Tibutsaniseni, khona ngitonitjela ngalokutakwenteka ngelikusasa lenu. ² Butsanani ndzawonye nitewulalela, nine madvodzana aJakobe. Lalelani Israyeli, babe wenu. ³ Rubeni, wena ilitubulo lami, nenetsandvokati yami, ukucala kwemandla ami, Sintfunti sakho sigcamile, emandla akho gcamile. ⁴ Awuvimbeki kuhle kwemanti lagijimako, utolahlekelwa sitfunti sakho, ngoba uye embhedzeni wababe wakho. Waphula umtsetfo; waya esitulweni sami. ⁵ Simoni na Levi bayelamana. Tikhali teludlame tiyinkemba yabo. ⁶ Mphefumulo wami, ungeti emkhambatsini wabo, ungahlanganyeli nabo, ngoba inhlitiyo yami iyahlonpha kakhulu kuloko. Ngoba ekutfukutseleni kwabo babulala bantfu. Kungekutijabulisa bajuba imilente yetinkhabi. ⁷ Shengatsi lulaka lwabo lungacalekiswa, ngoba leyesabeka---nenelulaka lwenu, ngoba lunelunya. Ngitonihlukanisa kuJakobe futsi nginisakate ku Israyeli. ⁸ Judah, bomnakenu batokudvumisa. Sandla sakho sitoba sentsanyeni yetitsa takho. Emadvodzana ababe wakho atokhotsama phambi kwakho. ⁹ Judah ufana neliwundlu lelibhubesi . Ndvodzana yami, sewuphakamile etitseni takho. Wabeka phansi, wanyonyobisa kwelibhubesi, njenge libhubhesi lelisikati. Ngubani nje longamuvusa? ¹⁰ Lobukhosи bungeke buhlukaniswe na Judah, noma lobushayi mtsetfo lobusetinyaweni takhe, kute kufike Shiloh. Netive tonkhe titamutfobela. ¹¹ Wabophela imbongolo yakhe emvinini, kanye nematfole etimbongolokati emvinini lemihle, wawasha ingubo yakhe ngeliwayini, sembatfo sakhe engatini yema yemagelebisi. ¹² Emehlo akhe atoba munyama nje ngeliwayini, ematinyo akhe atoba mhlophe njengelubisi. ¹³ Zebuloni utowuhlala elusetseni lwelwandle. Utokuba lakufinyleela khona imikhumbi , futsi lisango lwakhe litawunabela eSidoni. ¹⁴ Isakhari yimbongolo lecinile, lelele emkhatsini kwetimvu. ¹⁵ Ubona indzawo lenhle yekuphumula nemhlaba lomnetisako. Utawugobisa lihломbe kulomtfwalo abesisebenti salomsebenti. ¹⁶ Dani utohlulela bantfu bakhe njengebantfu belusendvo laka Israyeli. ¹⁷ Dani utoba yinyoka eceleni kwemgcwaco, inyoka lenesihlungu ngendlela yekutsi iluma titsendze telihhashi, khona lomgibeli atokuwa ngemuva . ¹⁸ Ngitowumela insindziso yakho Simakadze. ¹⁹ Bagibeli baGadi batamhlasela, kepha utawubahlasela etitsendzeni tabo. ²⁰ Kudla kwaAsheri kutokwandza, futsi utoba nesivuno lesihle. ²¹ Naftali ufana nenyamatane lekhululiwe; uyakuba nemazinyane lamahle. ²² Josefa uligala lelitselako, umvini lotsela celeni kwesiyalo, emagala akhe acanca ngetulu kwelibondza. ²³ Titsa takhe titamuhlasela phindze timudubule phindze timuhlukube. ²⁴ Kepha butjoki bakhe butowuhlala bucinile, netandla takhe tawuba nelikhono ngenca yetandla taloyo loPhakeme waJakobe, ngenca yeligma leMelusi, litje laka Israyeli. ²⁵ Nkulunkulu wababe wakho utokusita naNkulunkulu lophakeme utoribusisa ngetibusiso tasetulu emazulwini, tibusiso tangephansi, tibusiso temabele nesinye. ²⁶ Letibusiso tababe wakho tinkhulu kunaletibusiso taletintsaba takadzeni noma tendlula ngisho nemawa noma leto tintfo letikhetskile temawa latawuhlala inguna phakadze. Shengatsi tingaba senhloko ya Josefa, futsi ngekwemcele enhloko yenkhosana kubomnakabo ²⁷ Benjamin yimpisi lelambile. Ekuseni utawudla lakutingele, bese entsambama wehlukanisa loko lakwebile." ²⁸ Lolu lusendvo lelilishumi nakubili lwa Israyeli. Loku ngulokwashiwo ngubabe wabo uma ababusisa. ²⁹ Ngamunye wamubusisa ngesibusiso lesifanele. Wabese ukhipha umyalo watsi kubo,"Sengitokuya kubantfu bami. Ngigcwabeni kubokhokhomkhulu bami emhomeni losensimini yasehlane eFroni , umHethi, ³⁰ emhomeni losensimini yase Machpelah, lodvute ne Mamre eveni lase Khana, lensimu le Abrahama ayitsengela kugcwaba bantfu base eFroni Hittite. ³¹ Lapho bangcwaba Abrahama nemfati wakhe Sarah; lapha bagcwaba Isaka na Rebekah umfati wakhe; bese lana ngagcwaba Leya. ³² Lamasimu nalohhome watsengwa kubantfu bamaHethi. ³³ Uma Jakobe asacedzile ngekulayaleta emadvodzana akhe, wadvonsa tinyawo takhe embhedzeni, waphefumula kwekugcina, wayakubantfu bakhe.

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¹ Ngako Josefa wakhatsateka wate waculeka ebusweni beyise wakhe, wase uyakhala kuye, wase uyamcabuza.² Josefa waphocelela tisebenti takhe letibodokotela kutsi bomise uyise. Ngako bodokotela bomisa Israyeli.³ Batsatsa emalanga langu-40, Ngoba lesu bekusikhatsi lesigcwale sekomisa. EmaGibhithe amlilela emalanga langemashumi lasikhombisa.⁴ Kwatsi nasekuphele emalanga ekumlilela, Josefa wakhulumu nendlu yaFaro, atsi, " Nangabe nyalo ngitfole bubele emehlwani akho, ngicela ukhulume kuFaro utsi,⁵ Babe wami ungente ngafunga, atsi, "buka, sengitokufa. Ngigcwabe ethuneni lami lengatigubhela mine eveni lase khenana. Lapho-ke utongigcwaba mine. "Nyalo ngikhulule ngihambe bese ngyongcwaba babe, ngtobese ngiyabuya".⁶ Faro waphendvula," Hamba uyogcwaba babe wakho, njengoba akwente wafunga."⁴ Kwatsi nasekuphele emalanga ekumlilela, Josefa wakhulumu nendlu yaFaro, atsi, " Nangabe nyalo ngitfole bubele emehlwani akho, ngicela ukhulume kuFaro utsi,⁵ Babe wami ungente ngafunga, atsi, "buka, sengitokufa. Ngigcwabe ethuneni lami lengatigubhela mine eveni lase khenana. Lapho-ke utongigcwaba mine. "Nyalo ngikhulule ngihambe bese ngyongcwaba babe, ngtobese ngiyabuya".⁶ Faro waphendvula," Hamba uyogcwaba babe wakho, njengoba akwente wafunga."⁴ Kwatsi nasekuphele emalanga ekumlilela, Josefa wakhulumu nendlu yaFaro, atsi, " Nangabe nyalo ngitfole bubele emehlwani akho, ngicela ukhulume kuFaro utsi,⁵ Babe wami ungente ngafunga, atsi, "buka, sengitokufa. Ngigcwabe ethuneni lami lengatigubhela mine eveni lase khenana. Lapho-ke utongigcwaba mine. "Nyalo ngikhulule ngihambe bese ngyongcwaba babe, ngtobese ngiyabuya".⁶ Faro waphendvula," Hamba uyogcwaba babe wakho, njengoba akwente wafunga."⁴ Kwatsi nasekuphele emalanga ekumlilela, Josefa wakhulumu nendlu yaFaro, atsi, " Nangabe nyalo ngitfole bubele emehlwani akho, ngicela ukhulume kuFaro utsi,⁵ Babe wami ungente ngafunga, atsi, "buka, sengitokufa. Ngigcwabe ethuneni lami lengatigubhela mine eveni lase khenana. Lapho-ke utongigcwaba mine. "Nyalo ngikhulule ngihambe bese ngyongcwaba babe, ngtobese ngiyabuya".⁶ Faro waphendvula," Hamba uyogcwaba babe wakho, njengoba akwente wafunga."⁴ Kwatsi nasekuphele emalanga ekumlilela, Josefa wakhulumu nendlu yaFaro, atsi, " Nangabe nyalo ngitfole bubele emehlwani akho, ngicela ukhulume kuFaro utsi,⁵ Babe wami ungente ngafunga, atsi, "buka, sengitokufa. Ngigcwabe ethuneni lami lengatigubhela mine eveni lase khenana. Lapho-ke utongigcwaba mine. "Nyalo ngikhulule ngihambe bese ngyongcwaba babe, ngtobese ngiyabuya".⁶ Faro waphendvula," Hamba uyogcwaba babe wakho, njengoba akwente wafunga."⁴ Kwatsi nasekuphele emalanga ekulila, Josefa wakhulumu nendlu yaFaro, watsi, "Nangabe nyalo ngitfole bubele emehlwani akho, ngicela ukhulume kuFaro utsi,⁵ Babe wami ungente ngafunga, ngatsi, "buka, sengitokufa. Ngigcwabe ethuneni lami lengatigubhela mine eveni lase khenani. Lapho-ke utongingcwaba mine. "Nyalo ngikhulule ngihambe ngiyongcwaba babe, ngtobese ngiyabuya".⁶ Faro waphendvula," Hamba uyogcwaba babe wakho, njengoba akwente wafunga."⁸ Josefa wahamba wayongcwaba babe wakhe. Tonkhe tindvuna taFaro tahamba naye, labandzala bendlu yakhe, kanye nato tonkhe tidvuna letinkhulu taseveni lase Gibhithe,⁷ kanye nayo yonkhe indlu yaJosefa nabo mnakabo nendlu yababe wakhe. Kepha bantfwababo , nemihlambi yabo kanye netimfuyo yabo kwasala eveni lase Gosheni.⁹ Tincola nemgibeli bemahhashi bato bahamba naye. Kwakusicumbi lesikhulu sebantfu.⁸ Josefa wahamba wayongcwaba babe wakhe. Tonkhe tindvuna taFaro tahamba naye, labandzala bendlu yakhe, kanye nato tonkhe tidvuna letinkhulu taseveni lase Gibhithe,⁷ kanye nayo yonkhe indlu yaJosefa nabo mnakabo nendlu yababe wakhe. Kepha bantfwababo , nemihlambi yabo kanye netimfuyo yabo kwasala eveni lase Gosheni.⁹ Tincola nemgibeli bemahhashi bato bahamba naye. Kwakusicumbi lesikhulu sebantfu.⁸ Josefa wahamba wayongcwaba babe wakhe. Tonkhe tindvuna taFaro tahamba naye, labandzala bendlu yakhe, kanye nato tonkhe tidvuna letinkhulu taseveni lase Gibhithe,⁷ kanye nayo yonkhe indlu yaJosefa nabo mnakabo nendlu yababe wakhe. Kepha bantfwababo , nemihlambi yabo kanye netimfuyo yabo kwasala eveni lase Gosheni.⁹ Tincola nemgibeli bemahhashi bato bahamba naye. Kwakusicumbi lesikhulu sebantfu.⁸ Josefa wahamba wayongcwaba babe wakhe. Tonkhe tindvuna taFaro tahamba naye, labandzala bendlu yakhe, kanye nato tonkhe tidvuna letinkhulu taseveni lase Gibhithe,⁷ kanye nayo yonkhe indlu yaJosefa nabo mnakabo nendlu yababe wakhe. Kepha bantfwababo , nemihlambi yabo kanye netimfuyo yabo kwasala eveni lase Gosheni.⁹ Tincola nemgibeli bemahhashi bato bahamba naye. Kwakusicumbi lesikhulu sebantfu.⁸ Josefa wahamba wayongcwaba babe wakhe. Tonkhe tindvuna taFaro tahamba naye, baholi bendlu yakhe, kanye nato tonkhe tidvuna letinkhulu taseveni lase Gibhithe,⁷ kanye nayo yonkhe indlu yaJosefa nabo mnakabo nendlu yababe wakhe. Kepha bantfwababo ,

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