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ISAHLUKO 1

USolomon, unyana kaDavide, womelela ebukumkanini bakhe; uYehova uThixo wakhe waba naye, wamenza mkhulu, wamphakamisa.

² Wathetha uSolomon kumaSirayeli onke, kubathetheli bamawaka nabamakhulu, nakubagwebi, kwizikhulu zonke, kumaSirayeli onke, kwiintloko zezindlu zooyise.

³ Baya ke ooSolomon nebandla lonke elo esigangeni esibe siseGibheyon; ngokuba yabe ikhona intente yokuhlangana kaThixo, awayenzayo uMoses umkhonzi kaThixo entlango.

⁴ Ke yona ityeya kaThixo wayeyinyusile uDavide eKiryati-yeharim, wayisa kuloo ndawo abeyilungisele yona uDavide; ngokuba wayeyimisele intente eYerusalem.

⁵ Isibingelelo sobhedu, abesenzile uBhetsaleli unyana kaUri, unyana kaHuri, sasilapho phambi komnquba kaYehova; bamquqela uYehova ooSolomon nebandla kwisibingelelo eso,

⁶ Wenyusa khona uSolomon esibingelelweni sobhedu phambi koYehova, esibe singasententeni yokuhlangana, wenyusa kuso amadini anyukayo aliwaka.

⁷ UThixo wabonakala ngobo busuku kuSolomon, wathi kuye, Cela into, ndikuphe.

⁸ Wathi uSolomon kuThixo, Wena wenze kuDavide ubawo inceba enkulu, wandenza ukumkani esikhundleni sakhe.

⁹ Ke kaloku, Yehova Thixo, malinyaniseke ilizwi lakho owalenza kuDavide ubawo; ngokuba wena undenze ukumkani wabantu abaninzi njengothuli lomhlaba.

¹⁰ Ndinike kaloku ubulumko nokwazi, ndiphume ndingene phambi kwaba bantu; ngokuba ngubani na onokubalawula aba bantu bakho bangaka?

¹¹ Wathi uThixo kuSolomon, Ngenxa enokuba loo nto ibisentliziweni yakho, akwacela ubutyebi, nenzuzo, nozuko, nobomi beentshaba zakho; kananjalo akwacela imihla emininzi, wasuka wazicelela ubulumko nokwazi, ukuze ubalawule abantu bam, endikwenze ukumkani kubo:

¹² ubunikiwe ubulumko nokwazi; ndiya kukunika ubutyebi, nenzuzo, nozuko, ekungabangakho unjalo kookumkani ababephambi kwakho, ekungayi kubakho unjalo emva kwakho.

¹³ Wabuya ke uSolomon esigangeni esibe siseGibheyon, weza eYerusalem, esuka phambi kwentente yokuhlangana, waba ngukumkani kumaSirayeli.

¹⁴ USolomon wahlanganisa iinqwelo zokulwa namahashe akhwelwayo; waba newaka elinamakhulu amane eenqwelo zokulwa, namawaka alishumi elinamabini amahashe akhwelwayo; wazibeka emizini yeenqwelo, nakukumkani eYerusalem.

¹⁵ Ukumkani wayenza isilivere negolide yaninzi njengamatye eYerusalem, nemisedare wayenza yanjengemithombe esesihlanjani, ukuba mininzi.

¹⁶ Ukuphuma kwamahashe abengakaSolomon eYiputa, lathi igqiza labathengela ukumkani, lathabatha igqiza lawo ngenani elithile.

¹⁷ Baphuma nenqwelo eYiputa, bayithenga ngamakhulu amathandathu eeshekele zesilivere, nehashe ngekhulu elinamanci mahlanu. Benjenjalo ke bona ngokwabo ukubathuthela amahashe ookumkani bonke bamaHetu nookumkani bama-Aram.

ISAHLUKO 2

USolomon wacinga ukulakhela indlu igama likaYehova, nokubakhela indlu ubukumkani bakhe.

² USolomon wamisa amashumi osixhenxe amawaka amadoda angabathwali, namashumi asibhozo amawaka amadoda angabaqingqi bamatye, nangabasebenzi bemithi, ezintabeni; nabongameli bawo abangamawaka amathathu anamakhulu mathandathu.

³ Wathumela uSolomon kuHiram ukumkani waseTire, wathi, Njengoko wakwenzayo kuDavide ubawo, wathumela kuye imisedare yokuzakhela indlu yokuba ahlale kuyo, yenjenjalo nakum.

⁴ Yabona, ndilakhela indlu igama likaYehova uThixo wam, ukuba ingcwaliselwe yena, kuqhunyiselwe phambi kwakhe isiqhumiso esiqholiweyo, kucwangciswe ngamaxesha onke ukucwangciswa kwezonka, kunyuswe amadini anyukayo kusasa nangokuhlwa, ngeesabatha, nasekuthwaseni kwenyanga, nangamaxesha amisiweyo nguYehova uThixo wethu; yeyaphakade loo nto kumaSirayeli.

⁵ Indlu endiyakhayo inkulu; ngokuba mkhulu uThixo wethu koothixo bonke.

⁶ Ngubani na onamandla okumakhela indlu; ngokuba izulu, nezulu lawo amazulu, alimlingene? Ndingubani na ke mna, ukuba ndimakhele indlu, ingaba yeyokuqhumisela phambi kwakhe kodwa?

⁷ Ndithumele ke ngoko indoda enobugcisa ukusebenza negolide, nangesilivere, nangobhedu, nangesinyithi, nangemisonto emfusa nebomvu nemsi, ekwaziyo ukukrola ndawonye nabalumkileyo abakum kwaYuda naseYerusalem, abalungiswayo nguDavide ubawo.

⁸ Ndithumele nemisedare, nemisipres, nemialgumi, evela eLebhanon; ngokuba ndiyazi mna ukuba abakhonzi bakho bayakwazi ukugawula imithi eLebhanon. Yabona abakhonzi bam bohamba nabakhonzi bakho,

⁹ bandilungisele imithi emininzi; ngokuba indlu endiyakhayo inkulu ngokubalulekileyo.

¹⁰ Yabona abaqingqi abo nabasebenzi bemithi, abakhonzi bakho abo, ndobanika ingqolowa ukuba ibe kukudla, iikore ezingamawaka angamashumi mabini, nerhasi iikore ezingamawaka angamashumi mabini, neebhate zewayini ezingamawaka angamashumi mabini, neebhate zeoli ezingamawaka angamashumi mabini.

¹¹ UHiram ukumkani waseTire wathumela kuSolomon ngokubhala, wathi, UYehova, ngokubathanda kwakhe abantu bakhe, ukumisile ukuba ube ngukumkani kubo.

¹² Wathi uHiram, Makabongwe uYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli, owenza izulu nehlabathi, omnikileyo uDavide ukumkani unyana olumkileyo, owaziyo, oqiqayo, oqondayo, oya kumakhela indlu uYehova, nendlu yobukumkani bakhe.

¹³ Ngoko ndithumela indoda eligcisa, eyaziyo, eqondayo, inkunkqele uHiram,

¹⁴ unyana wentokazi yasezintombini zakwaDan. Uyise ngumfo waseTire, okwaziyo ukusebenza negolide, nangesilivere, nangobhedu, nangesinyithi, nangamatye,

nangemithi, nangemisonto emfusa nemsu, nangelinen ecikizekileyo, nangemisonto ebomvu, nokukrola konke, nokuyila zonke iintlobo zomsebenzi awuphathisiweyo, ndawonye nezilumko zakho, nezilumko zenkosi yam, uDavide uyihlo.

¹⁵ Inggqolowa ke, nerhasi, neoli, newayini, ethethe ngazo inkosi yam, mayizithumele kubakhonzi bayo.

¹⁶ Ke thina sogawula imithi eLebhanon njengokufuna kwakho konke, siyizise kuwe eYafo ngokuyidadisa elwandle, uyinyuse wena, uyise eYerusalem.

¹⁷ USolomon wawabala onke amadoda angawasemzini, abe esezweni lamaSirayeli, emva kokubala awawabala ngako uDavide uyise; afumaneka elikhulu elinamanci amahlanu amawaka, elinesithathu samawaka, anamakhulu amathandathu.

¹⁸ Wamisa amashumi asixhenxe amawaka kuwo aba ngabathwali; namashumi asibhozo amawaka aba ngabasebenzi bemithi, nabaqingqi bamatye ezintabeni; namawaka amathathu anamakhulu amathandathu aba ngabongameli bokusebenzisa abantu.

ISAHLUKO 3

USolomon waqala ukuyakha indlu kaYehova eYerusalem, entabeni yeMoriya, apho uYehova wabonakala khona kuDavide uyise, endaweni awayilungisayo uDavide, esandeni sikaOrnan umYebhusi.

² Waqala ukwakha ngenyanga yesibini, ngowesibini umhla, ngomnyaka wesine wobukumkani bakhe.

³ Siso esi isiseko awasibekayo uSolomon ekuyakheni kwakhe indlu kaThixo; ubude iikubhite ngokomlinganiso omdala bebuziikubhite ezimashumi mathandathu; ububanzi bebuziikubhite ezimashumi mabini.

⁴ Ivaranda, ebingaphambi kobude bendlu, ibiziikubhite ezimashumi mabini, ingangobubanzi bendlu, nokuphakama kwayo kwakuziikubhite ezilikhulu elinamanci mabini; wayaleka ngaphakathi ngegolide ecocekileyo.

⁵ Indlu enkulu wayaleka ngemisipres, wayaleka ke yona ngegolide entle, wenza kuyo amasundu nezidanga.

⁶ Wayivathisa indlu ngamatye anqabileyo ukuyihombisa; igolide leyo ibiyigolide yaseParvayim.

⁷ Wayaleka indlu, imiqadi, nemigubasi, neendonga zayo, neengcango zayo, ngegolide; wakrola iikerubhi ezindongeni.

⁸ Wenza indlu yengcwele kangcwele: ubude bayo, ngangobubanzi bendlu, bebuziikubhite ezimashumi mabini, nobubanzi bayo bebuziikubhite ezimashumi mabini; wayaleka ngegolide entle, ekwiitalente ezimakhulu mathandathu.

⁹ Ubunzima bezikhonkwane bebuziishekele ezimashumi mahlanu zegolide. Wawaleka ngegolide amagumbi aphezulu.

¹⁰ Wenza endlwini yengcwele kangcwele iikerubhi ezimbini; zakrolwa ukusetyenzwa kwazo; wazaleka ngegolide.

¹¹ Amaphiko eekerubhi ubude bawo bebuziikubhite ezimashumi mabini; iphiko elinye beliziikubhite ezintlanu, lada laya kufikelela eludongeni lwendlu; nelinye iphiko beliziikubhite ezintlanu, ukuya kufikelela ephikweni leyesibini ikerubhi.

¹² Iphiko lenye ikerubhi beliziikubhite ezintlanu, ukuya kufikelela eludongeni lwendlu; nelesibini iphiko beliziikubhite ezintlanu, ukuya kuhlanguana nephiko lenye ikerubhi.

¹³ Amaphiko ezo kerubhi oluka iikubhite ezimashumi mabini; zema ngeenyawo, zikhangelise ubuso kuyo indlu.

- ¹⁴ Wawenza umkhusane ngemisonto emsi nemfusa nebomvu, neline ecikizekileyo; wenza iikerubhi kuwo.
- ¹⁵ Wenza phambi kwendlu iintsika zambini: zaziikubhite ezimashumi mathathu anantlanu ubude bazo; ingqukuva esemantloko azo ibiziikubhite ezintlanu.
- ¹⁶ Wenza izidanga emqaleni, wazibeka emantloko eentsika; wenza ikhulu leerharnate, wazibeka ezidangeni.
- ¹⁷ Wazimisa iintsika phambi kwetempile, enye yangasekunene, enye yangasekhohlo; wathi igama leyasekunene nguZinzisayo, negama leyasekhohlo nguMandlakuye.

ISAHLUKO 4

Wenza isibingelelo sobhedu: baziikubhite ezimashumi mabini ubude baso, baziikubhite ezimashumi mabini ububanzi baso, kwaziikubhite ezilishumi ukuphakama kwaso.

² Wenza ulwandle olutyhidiweyo: lwaziikubhite ezilishumi ukusuka kolunye udini, uye kolunye udini lwalo; lwayinqila ngeenxa zonke, iwaziikubhite ezintlanu ukuphakama kwalo; waziikubhite ezimashumi mathathu umtya ojikeleyo kulo ngeenxa zonke.

³ Yangumfuziselo wamathangazana ngaphantsi kodini ngeenxa zonke, alujikeleza ngeenxa zonke: alishumi ekubhitini, aluzunguleza ulwandle, yamibini imikrozo yamathangazana, ityhidiwe ekutyhidweni kwalo.

⁴ Ulwandle lwema phezu kweenkomo ezilishumi elinambini: ezintathu zibheke entla, ezintathu zibheke entshonalanga, ezintathu zibheke ezantsi, ezintathu zibheke empumalanga; ulwandle lubekwe phezu kwazo ngaphezulu, imiva yazo yonke isinge phakathi.

⁵ Ubungqingqwa balo bebungangobubanzi besandla; udini lwalo belwenziwe lwanjengodini lwendebe, lwaneentyantyambo zeenyibiba; lwaye lungena iibhate ezimawaka mathathu.

⁶ Wenza izitya zokuhlambela zalishumi: wabeka zazihlanu ngasekunene, zazihlanu ngasekhohlo, ukuze kuhlanjwe kuzo, kuhlanjululwe into yomsebenzi wedini elinyukayo kuzo; ke lona ulwandle belulolokuze ababingeleli bahlambe kulo.

⁷ Wenza iziphatho zezibane zegolide zalishumi ngokwesiko lazo, wazimisa etempileni: zazihlanu ngasekunene, zazihlanu ngasekhohlo.

⁸ Wenza iitafle ezilishumi, wazimisa etempileni: zantlanu ngasekunene, zantlanu ngasekhohlo. Wenza ikhulu lezitya zokutshiza zegolide.

⁹ Wenza intendezezo yababingeleli, nentendezezo enkulu, neengcango zentendezezo; wazaleka iingcango zazo ngobhedu.

¹⁰ Walubeka ulwandle ngecala lasekunene layo indlu, lwabheka ngasezantsi.

¹¹ UHuram wenza iimbiza, nemihlakulwana, nezitya zokutshiza. UHuram wagqiba ukuwenzela umsebenzi, abewenzela ukumkani uSolomon endlwini kaThixo:

¹² iintsika zombini, neembumba, neengqukuva ezibe zisemantloko eentsika zombini, neminatha yomibini yokuzunguleza iimbumba zombini zeengqukuva, ezibe zisemantloko eentsika;

¹³ neerharnate ezimakhulu mane zeminatha yomibini; yamibini imikrozo yeerharnate mnatheni mnye, yokuzunguleza iimbumba ezimbini zeengqukuva, ezibe zisezintsikeni zombini.

¹⁴ Wenza iinqwelwana; wenza nezitya zokuhlambela ezinqwelwaneni.

¹⁵ Ulwandle lwalunye, lwaneenkomo ezilishumi elinambini ngaphantsi kwalo.

- ¹⁶ Neembiza, nemihlakulwana, neefolokhwe, ezo mpahla ke zonke inkunkqele uHuram wazenzela uSolomon, zizezendlu kaYehova, ngobhedu olukhazimlisiweyo.
- ¹⁷ Ukumkani wazityhidela kummandla waseYordan emhlabeni oludongwe, phakathi kweSukoti neTseredata.
- ¹⁸ Wazenza uSolomon zonke ezo mpahla, zaninzi kakhulu; bada ubunzima bobhedu olo ababa nakufunyanwa.
- ¹⁹ Wazenza uSolomon zonke iimpahla zendlu kaThixo, nesibingelelo segolide, neetafile ebe zinezonka zokubonisa,
- ²⁰ neziphatho ezinezibane zazo, negolide ethe shinyi, ukuze zivuthe ngokwesiko phambi kwendawo yezihlabo;
- ²¹ neentyantyambo, nezibane, nezifinyiso zegolide, yona iyigolide eyonke;
- ²² nezitshetshe, nezitya zokutshiza, neenkamba, neengcedevu zegolide ethe shinyi. Umnyango ke wendlu, iingcango zawo ezingaphakathi zengcwele kangcwele, neengcango zendlu yetempile, zaba zezegolide.

ISAHLUKO 5

Wagqitywa ke wonke umsebenzi awawenzela indlu kaYehova uSolomon. USolomon wazingenisa izinto abezingcwalisile uDavide uyise, nesilivere, negolide, nempahla yonke, wazibeka ebuncwaneni bendlu kaThixo.

² Waza uSolomon wawabizela ndawonye amadoda amakhulu akwaSirayeli, neentloko zonke zezizwe, nezikhulu zezindlu zooyise zakoonyana bakaSirayeli, eYerusalem, ukuba bayinyuse ityeya yomnqophiso kaYehova emzini kaDavide; yiZiyon ke leyo.

³ Abizelwa ndawonye kukumkani onke amadoda akwaSirayeli emthendelekweni lowo wenyanga yesixhenxe.

⁴ Eza ke onke amadoda amakhulu akwaSirayeli. Bayithwala abaLevi ityeya,

⁵ bayinyusa ityeya, nentente yokuhlangana, neempahla zonke zengcwele, ezibe zisententeni, bazinyusa ababingeleli nabaLevi.

⁶ Ke ukumkani uSolomon, nebandla lonke lamaSirayeli, elibe lihlanganiselwe kuye phambi kwetyeya, babingelela impahla emfutshane neenkomo ezingenakubalwa, ezingenakulinganiswa ukuba zininzi kwazo.

⁷ Bayingenisa ababingeleli ityeya yomnqophiso kaYehova endaweni yayo, endaweni yezihlabo endlwini, engcweleni kangcwele, phantsi kwamaphiko eekerubhi;

⁸ ngokuba iikerubhi zaye ziwolule amaphiko phezu kwendawo yetyeya; iikerubhi zayisithelisa ityeya nezibonda zayo ngaphezulu.

⁹ Zazizide izibonda, zibonakala iincam zezibonda, zivelile etyeyeni phambi kwendawo yezihlabo, azabonakala ngaphandle; zisekhona unanamhla.

¹⁰ Kwakungekho nto etyeyeni, yayingaloo macwecwe mabini kuphela, wawabekayo kuyo uMoses eHorebhe, oko uYehova wanqophisana noonyana bakaSirayeli ekuphumeni kwabo eYiputa.

¹¹ Kwathi ekuphumeni kwababingeleli engcweleni (ngokuba bonke ababingeleli abafumanekayo babezingcwalisile; akaba nakugcinwa amaqela;

¹² nabaLevi abaziimvumi, bonke bephela bona aba, ooAsafu, noHeman, noYedutun, noonyana babo, nabazalwana babo, bambethe ilinen ecikizekileyo, benamacangci nemirhubhe neehadi, bema ngasempumalanga esibingelelweni, benekhulu elinamanci mabini lababingeleli bevuthela ngamaxilongo);

- ¹³ kwathi ke abavutheli bamaxilongo neemvumi bavakalisa njengamntu mnye, ngazwi-nye, bedumisa, bebulela kuYehova. Bathi ke bakuphakamisa ilizwi ngamaxilongo, nangamacangci, nangeempahla zokuvuma, nangokumdumisa uYehova, besithi, Ulungile, inceba yakhe ingunaphakade: yesuka indlu yazala lilifu lendlu kaYehova;
- ¹⁴ ababingeleli ababa nakuma balungiselele, ngenxa yelifu; ngokuba ubuqaqawuli bukaYehova bayizalisa indlu kaThixo.

ISAHLUKO 6

Waza wathi uSolomon, UYehova wathi uya kuhlala esithokothokweni.

- ² Mna ke ndikwakhele indlu yokuhlala, indawo yokuba uhlale ngonaphakade.
- ³ Wee guququ ukumkani ngobuso, walisikelela lonke ibandla lakwaSirayeli; lonke ibandla lakwaSirayeli lema.
- ⁴ Wathi: Makabongwe uYehova uThixo kaSirayeli, owathethayo ngomlomo wakhe kuDavide ubawo, wakuzalisa ngesandla sakhe, esithi,
- ⁵ Kususela kwimini endabakhuphayo abantu bam ezweni lamaYiputa, andinyulanga mzi ezizweni zonke zakwaSirayeli wokwakha indlu, yokuba igama lam libe kuyo; andinyulanga ndoda yokuba yinganga yabantu bam amaSirayeli;
- ⁶ ndanyula iYerusalem, ukuba igama lam libe khona; ndanyula uDavide ukuba abe phezu kwabantu bam amaSirayeli.
- ⁷ Kwaye kukho entliziyweni kaDavide ubawo ukulakhela indlu igama likaYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli.
- ⁸ Wathi uYehova kuDavide ubawo, Ngenxa enokuba kwakukho entliziyweni yakho ukuthi ulakhele indlu igama lam, walungisa ngokuthi kubekho entliziyweni yakho oko;
- ⁹ noko ke indlu yona ayisayi kwakhiwa nguwe. Unyana wakho ophuma esinqeni sakho, nguye oya kulakhela indlu igama lam.
- ¹⁰ Ulimisile ke uYehova ilizwi lakhe awalithethayo; ndivelile esikhundleni sikaDavide ubawo, ndahlala etroneni yakwaSirayeli, njengoko wakuthethayo uYehova; ndalakhela indlu igama likaYehova uThixo kaSirayeli;
- ¹¹ ndayibeka khona ityeya, apho ukhona umnqophiso kaYehova, awawenzayo noonyana bakaSirayeli.
- ¹² Wema ke uSolomon phambi kwesibingelelo sikaYehova, phambi kwebandla lonke lakwaSirayeli, wazolula izandla zakhe
- ¹³ (ngokuba uSolomon wayenze itheko lobhedu, walibeka esazulwini sentendelezo, laziikubhite ezintlanu ubude balo, iikubhite ezintlanu ububanzi balo, iikubhite ezintathu ukuphakama kwalo; wema phezu kwalo, waguqa ngamadolo phambi kwebandla lonke lamaSirayeli, wazolulela ezulwini izandla zakhe);
- ¹⁴ wathi: Yehova, Thixo kaSirayeli, akukho Thixo unjengawe emazulwini nasehlabathini; ubagcinelayo umnqophiso nenceba abakhonzi bakho, abahamba phambi kwakho ngentliziyo yabo yonke;
- ¹⁵ wena umgcineleyo umkhonzi wakho uDavide ubawo oko wakuthethayo kuye, wakuthetha ngomlomo wakho, wakuzalisa ngesandla sakho, njengoko kunjalo namhla.
- ¹⁶ Kaloku, Yehova, Thixo kaSirayeli, mgcinele umkhonzi wakho, uDavide ubawo, oko wakuthethayo kuye, usithi, Ebusweni bam akuyi kunqunyukelwa ndoda yakuhlala etroneni yakwaSirayeli: ukuba kodwa bathe oonyana bakho bayigcina indlela yabo, bahamba ngomyalelo wam, njengokuba uhambile wena phambi kwam.

- ¹⁷ Kaloku, Yehova, Thixo kaSirayeli, makanyaniseke amazwi akho, owawathethayo kumkhonzi wakho uDavide.
- ¹⁸ Gxebe, uThixo angade ahlale nabantu emhlabeni na? Yabona izulu, izulu lawo amazulu, alikulingene; hina ke, yona le ndlu ndiyakhileyo!
- ¹⁹ Noko ke kunonelele ukuthandaza komkhonzi wakho nokutarhuzisa kwakhe, Yehova Thixo wam, ukuphulaphule ukumemelela nokuthandaza athandaza ngako umkhonzi wakho phambi kwakho;
- ²⁰ ukuba amehlo akho akhangele kule ndlu imini nobusuku, kwindawo othe uya kulibeka kuyo igama lakho, uphulaphule umthandazo athandaza ngawo umkhonzi wakho kule ndawo.
- ²¹ Phulaphula ukutarhuzisa komkhonzi wakho, nabantu bakho amaSirayeli, abaya kuthandaza ngako kule ndawo; uve ke wena endaweni ohlala kuyo emazulwini, uve ke, uxolele.
- ²² Xa athe umntu wona ummelwane wakhe, wathwaliswa isifungo, wafungiswa, weza wafunga phambi kwesibingelelo sakho kule ndlu:
- ²³ yiva ke wena emazulwini, wenze ugwebe kubakhonzi bakho, umbuyisele ongendawo, uyibeke indlela yakhe entlokweni yakhe; umgwebele olilungisa, umnike ngokobulungisa bakhe.
- ²⁴ Ukuba bathe abantu bakho amaSirayeli boyiswa ziintshaba zabo kuba bekonile, baza babuya balivuma igama lakho, bathandaza, batarhuzisa phambi kwakho kule ndlu:
- ²⁵ yiva ke wena emazulwini, usixolele isono sabantu bakho amaSirayeli, ubabuyisele emhlabeni owawunika bona nooyise.
- ²⁶ Xa lithe izulu lavalwa, akwabakho mvula kuba bekonile, baza bathandaza bekule ndawo, balivuma igama lakho, babuya esonweni sabo, ngokuba ubacinezele:
- ²⁷ yiva ke wena emazulwini, usixolele isono sabakhonzi bakho, abantu bakho amaSirayeli, ngokuba ubafundisa indlela elungileyo abaya kuhamba ngayo, unise imvula ezweni lakho, olinike abantu bakho ukuba libe lilifa.
- ²⁸ Xa kuthe kwabakho indlala elizweni, xa kuthe kwabakho indyikitya yokufa, xa kuthe kwabakho imbabala, nexoshomba, neenkumbi ezinqunquthayo; xa zithe iintshaba zabangqinga elizweni, emizini yabo; nokuba sisiphi isibetho, nokuba sisiphi isifo esithe sabakho;
- ²⁹ ukuthandaza nokutarhuzisa nokuba kukuphi, okuthe kwenziwa ngubani, nokuba ngabantu bakho bonke amaSirayeli, abathe basazi elowo isibetho sakhe, nesiingqala sakhe, bazolulela kule ndlu izandla zabo;
- ³⁰ yiva ke wena emazulwini, endaweni ohlala kuyo, uxolele, umnike elowo ngokweendlela zakhe zonke, ngokuyazi kwakho intliziyo yakhe (ngokuba nguwe wedwa ozaziyo iintliziyo zoonyana babantu);
- ³¹ ukuze bakoyike, bahambe ngeendlela zakho, yonke imihla abahleli ngayo ezweni owalinika oobawo.
- ³² Kananjalo owolunye uhlanga ongengowabantu bakho amaSirayeli, xa athe wavela ezweni elikude ngenxa yegama lakho elikhulu, nesandla sakho esithe nkqi, nengalo yakho eyolukileyo; beza bathandaza bekule ndlu:
- ³³ yiva ke wena emazulwini, endaweni ohlala kuyo, wenze ngako konke athe wakunqula owolunye uhlanga, ukuze zonke izizwe zehlabathi zilazi igama lakho, zikoyike njengabantu bakho amaSirayeli, zazi ukuba le ndlu ndiyakhileyo ibizwa ngegama lakho.
- ³⁴ Xa bathe abantu bakho baphuma, baya kulwa neentshaba zabo, ngendlela obathume ngayo, bathandaza kuwe, bebhekisa kulo mzi uwunyulileyo, nakule ndlu ndiyakhele igama

lakho:

- ³⁵ yiva ke emazulwini umthandazo wabo, nokutarhuzisa kwabo, ubagwebele.
- ³⁶ Xa bathe bakona (ngokuba akukho mntu ungoniyo), waba nomsindo, wabanikela elutshabeni, bathi abathimbi babathimba, babasa ezweni nokuba likude, nokuba likufuphi;
- ³⁷ baza bakunyamekela oko ngentliziyo kwelo zwe bathinjelwe kulo, babuya batarhuzisa kuwe ezweni lababathimbileyo, besithi, Sonile, sagwenxa, senza okungendawo;
- ³⁸ babuyela kuwe ngentliziyo yabo yonke, nangomphefumlo wabo wonke, bekwelo zwe labathimbi ababathimbileyo, bathandaza, babhekisa elizweni labo owalinika ooyise, kulo mzi uwunyulileyo, kule ndlu ndiyakhele igama lakho:
- ³⁹ yiva ke emazulwini, endaweni ohlala kuyo, umthandazo wabo nokutarhuzisa kwabo, ubagwebele, ubaxolele abantu bakho abakonileyo.
- ⁴⁰ Kaloku, Thixo wam, makavuleke amehlo akho, iindlebe zakho zibazele ukuthandaza okukule ndawo.
- ⁴¹ Kaloku, Yehova Thixo, phakamela endaweni yokuphumla kwakho, wena netyeya yamandla akho. Ababingeleli bakho, Yehova Thixo, mabambathe usindiso, abakho benceba bavuye ngokulungileyo.
- ⁴² Yehova, Thixo, musa ukumlandulela umthanjiswa wakho: khumbula iinceba owazithembisa uDavide, umkhonzi wakho.

ISAHLUKO 7

Ke kaloku akugqiba uSolomon ukuthandaza, umlilo welula ezulwini, walidla idini elinyukayo nemibingelelo; ubuqaqawuli bukaYehova bayizalisa indlu.

- ² Ababingeleli ababa nakungena endlwini kaYehova, ngokuba ubuqaqawuli bukaYehova bayizalisa indlu kaYehova.
- ³ Bonke oonyana bakaSirayeli, bakubona ukuhla komlilo, nobuqaqawuli bukaYehova buphezu kwendlu, baguqa, babhekisa ubuso babo emhlabeni phezu kombekelero wamatye, baqubuda, babulela kuYehova besithi, Ulungile, inceba yakhe ingunaphakade.
- ⁴ Ukumkani nabantu bonke babingelela imibingelelo phambi koYehova.
- ⁵ Wabingelela ukumkani uSolomon umbingelelo weenkomo ezimawaka amashumi mabini anamabini, nempahla emfutshane engamawaka alikhulu elinamanci mabini. Bayisungula indlu kaThixo ukumkani nabantu bonke.
- ⁶ Ababingeleli bema ezigxineni zabo; nabaLevi, beneempahla zokuvuma zikaYehova, awazenzayo uDavide ukumkani ukuba kubulelwe kuYehova, ngokuba ingunaphakade inceba yakhe, ekudumiseni kukaDavide ngezandla zabo. Ababingeleli bavuthela amaxilongo phambi kwabo, emi onke amaSirayeli.
- ⁷ USolomon wawungcwalisa umphakathi wentendelezo ebiphambi kwendlu kaYehova; ngokuba ebenze khona amadini anyukayo, namanqatha emibingelelo yoxolo; ngokuba isibingelelo sobhedu, awasenzayo uSolomon, besingenako ukulilingana lonke idini elinyukayo, nomnikelo wokudla, namanqatha.
- ⁸ USolomon wenza ke umthendeleko ngelo xesha iintsuku zasixhenxe enamaSirayeli onke, ibandla elikhulu kunene, elithabathele ekungeneni kweHamati, lesa emlanjeni waseYiputa.
- ⁹ Benza ngomhla wesibhozo ingqungquthela; ngokuba ukusungulwa kwesibingelelo bakwenza iintsuku zasixhenxe, nomthendeleko iintsuku zasixhenxe.
- ¹⁰ Ngomhla wamashumi mabini anantathu wenyanga yesixhenxe, wabandulula abantu; baya ezintendeni zabo bevuya, bechwayithile, ngenxa yokulunga awakwenzayo uYehova

kuDavide, nakuSolomon, nakumaSirayeli abantu bakhe.

¹¹ Wayigqiba ke uSolomon indlu kaYehova nendlu yokumkani; nento yonke ekwathi qatha entliziyweni kaSolomon ukuba ayenze, endlwini kaYehova nasendlwini yakhe, wayiphumelelisa.

¹² Wabonakala uYehova kuSolomon ebusuku, wathi kuye, Ndikuvile ukuthandaza kwakho; ndizinyulele le ndawo ukuba ibe yindlu yokubingelela.

¹³ Ukuba ndithe ndalivala izulu, akwabakho mvula, ukuba ndithe ndaziwisela umthetho iinkumbi, ukuba zilidle ilizwe, nokuba ndithe ndathumela ebantwini bam indyikitya yokufa;

¹⁴ bathoba ke abantu bam, ababizwa ngegama lam, bathandaza, bafuna ubuso bam, babuya ezindleleni zabo ezimbi: ndiya kuva mna emazulwini, ndibaxolele izono zabo, ndiliphilise ilizwe labo.

¹⁵ Kaloku ovuleka amehlo am, iindlebe zam ziwubazele umthandazo wale ndawo.

¹⁶ Kuba ngoku ndiyinyule, ndayingcwalisa le ndlu, ukuba libe kuyo igama lam kude kuse ephakadeni, abe khona amehlo am nentliziyo yam imihla yonke.

¹⁷ Wena ke, ukuba uthe wahamba phambi kwam, njengoko wahamba ngako uDavide uyihlo, ukuba ukwenze konke endikumiseleyo, uyigcine imimiselo yam, namasiko am:

¹⁸ ndoyimisa itrone yobukumkani bakho, njengoko ndamenzela umnqophiso ngako uDavide uyihlo, ndisithi, Akuyi kunqunyukelwa ndoda yakulawula kwaSirayeli.

¹⁹ Ke, ukuba nithe nabuya umva, nayilahla imimiselo yam nemithetho yam, endiyibeke phambi kwenu, naya nakhonza thixo bambi, nabanqula:

²⁰ ndobanyothula emhlabeni wam endibanike wona. Nale ndlu, ndiyingcwalisele igama lam, ndoyilahla ebusweni bam, ndiyenze umzekeliso nento yentsini phakathi kwezizwe zonke.

²¹ Nale ndlu, noko iphezulu nje, bomangaliswa bonke abadlulayo kuyo, bathi, Yini na ukuba uYehova enjenje kweli lizwe, nakule ndlu?

²² Bathi ke, Kungenxa enokuba bamshiyayo uYehova uThixo wooyise, owabakhupha ezweni lamaYiputa, babambelela thixweni bambi, babanqula, bakhonza bona; kungenxa yoko wabuzisayo bonke obu bubi phezu kwabo.

ISAHLUKO 8

Kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka emashumi mabini, abesakhe ngayo uSolomon indlu kaYehova neyakhe indlu,

² imizi uHiram abeyinike uSolomon wayakha uSolomon, wababeka khona oonyana bakaSirayeli.

³ Waya uSolomon eHamati-tsobha, wayeyisa.

⁴ Wakha iTademo entlango, nemizi yonke engoovimba, awayakhayo eHamati.

⁵ Wakha neBhete-horon engasentla neBhete-horon engasezantsi, imizi enqatyisiweyo leyo, ineendonga neengcango nemivalo;

⁶ neBhahalati, nemizi yonke engoovimba abenayo uSolomon, nemizi yonke yeenqwelo zokulwa, nemizi yabamahashe, nokulangazelela konke kukaSolomon, awakulangazelelayo ukwakha eYerusalem, naseLebhanon, nasezweni lonke lolawulo lwakhe.

⁷ Bonke abantu abaseleyo kumaHetu, nama-Amori, namaPerizi, namaHivi, namaYebhusi, ababe bengengabakwaSirayeli;

⁸ koonyana babo abasala emva kwabo ezweni, abo babengagqitywanga ngoonyana

bakaSirayeli, uSolomon wabanyula ukuba bafakwe uviko, unanamhla.

⁹ Koonyana bakaSirayeli uSolomon akenzanga makhoboka omsebenzi wakhe; ngokuba babengamadoda okulwa, nabathetheli bakhe, nababusi bakhe, nabathetheli beenqwelo zakhe zokulwa, nabamahashe bakhe.

¹⁰ Abo bathetheli babengabongameli awayenabo ukumkani uSolomon; bebengamakhulu amabini anamanci mahlanu, ababenobukhosi ebantwini.

¹¹ Ke kaloku uSolomon wayinyusa intombi kaFaro emzini kaDavide, wayisa endlwini abeyakhele; ngokuba ubesithi, Akayi kuhlala umfazi wam endlwini kaDavide, ukumkani wamaSirayeli; ngokuba kungcwele, apho kungene khona ityeya kaYehova.

¹² Waza uSolomon wanyusa amadini anyukayo kuYehova esibingelelweni sikaYehova, abesakhele phambi kwevaranda;

¹³ ukuba kunyuswe into yemini ngangemini yayo ngokomthetho kaMoses, ngeesabatha, nasekuthwaseni kwenyanga, nangamaxesha amisiweyo, izihlandlo ezithathu ngomnyaka, emthendelekweni wezonka ezingenagwele, nasemthendelekweni weeveki, nasemthendelekweni weminquba.

¹⁴ Wawamisa ngokwesiko likaDavide uyise amaqela ababingeleli enkonzweni yawo; nabaLevi wabamisela ezigxineni zabo, ukuba badumise, balungiselele phambi kwababingeleli ngokwento yemini ngemini yayo, nabamasango ngokwamaqela abo kwisango ngesango; ngokuba ubunjalo umthetho kaDavide, umfo wakwaThixo.

¹⁵ Abatyeka emthethweni wokumkani kubabingeleli nakubaLevi ngemicimbi yonke nangobuncwane.

¹⁶ Walungiswa ke wonke umsebenzi kaSolomon, kwada kwayiloo mini yasekwa ngayo indlu kaYehova, kwasa nasekugqityweni kwayo; yafezwa indlu kaYehova.

¹⁷ Waza uSolomon waya e-Etsiyon-gebhere, nase-Eloti, elunxwemeni lolwandle ezweni lakwaEdom.

¹⁸ UHiram wathumela kuye ngabakhonzi bakhe iinqanawa, nabakhonzi ababelwazi ulwandle; baya kunye nabakhonzi bakaSolomon eOfire, bathabatha khona amakhulu amane anamanci mahlanu eetalente zegolide, bayizisa kukumkani uSolomon.

ISAHLUKO 9

Ke kaloku ukumkanikazi waseShebha waluva udaba lukaSolomon, weza kumlinga uSolomon ngemibuzo elukhuni eYerusalem, enesihlele esinzima kunene, neenkamela ezithwele ubulawu, negolide eninzi, namatye anqabileyo. Weza kuSolomon, wathetha naye konke okube kusentliziweni yakhe.

² USolomon wamtyhilela onke amazwi akhe; akubangakho lizwi lifihlakeleyo kuSolomon, angabanga nako ukumtyhilela lona.

³ Wabubona ukumkanikazi waseShebha ubulumko bukaSolomon, nendlu abeyakhile;

⁴ nokudla kwetafile yakhe, neendawo zokuhlala kwabakhonzi bakhe, nokuma kwabalungiseleli bakhe nezambatho zabo, nabangcamli bakhe nezambatho zabo, nezinyuko zakhe abe enyuka ngazo ukuya endlwini kaYehova; akwaba sabakho kuqina kwamxhelo kuye.

⁵ Wathi kukumkani, Libe liyinene ilizwi endaliva ezweni lam lezinto zakho, nobulumko bakho.

⁶ Andikholwanga ngamazwi abo, ndada ndeza, abona amehlo am; yabona, ndibe ndingaxelelwanga nesiqingatha esi sobuninzi bobulumko bakho; ulugqithile udaba endibe ndiluvile.

- ⁷ Anoyolo amadoda akho; banoyolo abakhonzi bakho, abemiyo phambi kwakho ngamaxesha onke, bebuva ubulumko bakho.
- ⁸ Makabongwe uYehova uThixo wakho, okunoneleyo, wakubeka etroneni yakhe, ukuba ube ngukumkani kuYehova uThixo wakho, ngokuwathanda kukaThixo wakho amaSirayeli, ukuba awamise ngonaphakade; wakumisa waba ngukumkani kuwo, ukuba wenze okusesikweni nobulungisa.
- ⁹ Ukumkanikazi wanika ukumkani ikhulu elinamanci amabini eetalente zegolide, nasebulawini into eninzi kunene, namatye anqabileyo; akuzanga kube sabakho bulawu bungangobo, ukumkanikazi waseShebha wabunika ukumkani uSolomon.
- ¹⁰ Kananjalo abakhonzi bakaHiram nabakhonzi bakaSolomon, abeza negolide bevela kwaOfire, beza nemialgumi namatye anqabileyo.
- ¹¹ Imialgumi leyo ukumkani wayenza izinyuko zendlu kaYehova, nezendlu yokumkani, neehadi, nemirhubhe yeemvumi; akuzanga kubonwe injalo ngaphambili ezweni lakwaYuda.
- ¹² Ke ukumkani uSolomon wamnika ukumkanikazi waseShebha konke ukuthanda kwakhe awakucelayo; kukodwa khona awakuzisayo kukumkani. Wajika ke waya ezweni lakhe, yena nabakhonzi bakhe.
- ¹³ Ke kaloku ukulinganiswa kwegolide, eyeza kuSolomon ngamnyaka mnye, kwaba ngamakhulu amathandathu anamanci amathandathu anesithandathu iitalente zegolide,
- ¹⁴ iyodwa eyabarhwebi, nebiziswa ngabathengisi, neyookumkani bonke baseArabhi, neyamabamba elizwe, abezisa igolide nesilivere kuSolomon.
- ¹⁵ Ukumkani uSolomon wenza amakhulu amabini amakhaka egolide engumkhando; zangamakhulu amathandathu iishekele zegolide engumkhando, awaleka ngazo khaka linye.
- ¹⁶ Wenza amakhulu amathathu eengweletshetshe zegolide engumkhando; zangamakhulu amathathu iishekele zegolide, awaleka ngazo ngweletshetshe-nye. Ukumkani wazibeka endlwini yehlathi laseLebhanon.
- ¹⁷ Ukumkani wenza netrone enkulu ngeempondo zeendlovu, wayaleka ngegolide engcwengiweyo.
- ¹⁸ Itrone leyo ibinezinyuko ezithandathu; itrone leyo ibinesihlalo seenyawo segolide, ezo nto zibambene nayo; kukho iingalo ngapha nangapha kwendawo yokuhlala, kumi iingonyama ezimbini ecaleni leengalo ezo;
- ¹⁹ kumi iingonyama ezilishumi elinambini khona ezinyukweni ezithandathu, ngapha nangapha; akuzanga kwenziwe nto injalo ezikumkanini zonke.
- ²⁰ Yonke impahla yokusela yokumkani uSolomon yabe iyeyegolide, nempahla yonke yendlu yehlathi laseLebhanon yabe iyeyegolide ethe shinyi; isilivere ibingento yakwanto ngemihla kaSolomon.
- ²¹ Ngokuba ukumkani ubeneenqanawa eziya eTarshishe ndawonye nabakhonzi bakaHiram; zeza kanye ngeminyaka emithathu iinqanawa ezo zaseTarshishe, zithwele igolide, nesilivere, neempondo zeendlovu, neentsimango, neepikoko.
- ²² Wakhula ke ukumkani uSolomon ngaphezu kookumkani bonke bomhlaba ngobutyebi nangobulumko.
- ²³ Bonke ookumkani bomhlaba bafuna ubuso bukaSolomon, ukuba beve ubulumko bakhe, awayebubeke entliziyweni yakhe uThixo.
- ²⁴ Bazisa elowo umnikelo wakhe, iimpahla zesilivere neempahla zegolide, nezambatho, nezikrweqe, nobulawu, namahashe, noondlebende, into yeminyaka ngeminyaka.
- ²⁵ USolomon wayenamawaka amane emikhombe yezitali zamahashe neenqwelo,

neshumi elinamabini amawaka amahashe akhwelwayo; wawabeka emizini yeenqwelo, nakukumkani eYerusalem.

²⁶ Ubelawula ookumkani bonke, ethabathela kuwo uMlambo, azise ezweni lamaFilisti, ezisa nasemdeni waseYiputa.

²⁷ Ukumkani wayenza isilivere yanjengamatye eYerusalem, nemisedare wayenza yanjengemithombe esezihlanjeni, ukuba mininzi.

²⁸ Bazisa kuSolomon amahashe evela eYiputa, evela emazweni onke.

²⁹ Ezinye izinto zikaSolomon, ezokuqala nezokugqibela, azibhalwanga na emicimbini kaNatan umprofeti, naseziprophetweni zika-Ahiya waseShilo, nasemibonweni kaldo imboni, ngoYarobheham unyana kaNebhati?

³⁰ USolomon wayengukumkani kumaSirayeli onke eYerusalem iminyaka emashumi mane.

³¹ USolomon walala kooyise, wangcwatyelwa emzini kaDavide uyise; uRehabheham, unyana wakhe, waba ngukumkani esikhundleni sakhe.

ISAPHLUKO 10

URehabheham waya kwaShekem; ngokuba amaSirayeli onke abeye kumenza ukumkani kwaShekem.

² Kwathi, akuva uYarobheham unyana kaNebhati (eseYiputa, apho wayebalekele khona ebusweni bukaSolomon ukumkani; ehleli uYarobheham eYiputa, bathumela bambiza),

³ weza uYarobheham namaSirayeli onke, bathetha noRehabheham, besithi,

⁴ Uyihlo wayenza nzima idyokhwe yethu; ke wena yenze lula inkonzo elukhuni kayihlo, nedyokhwe yakhe enzima awayibeka phezu kwethu, sikukhonze.

⁵ Wathi kubo, Khanindikhwelele iintsuku zibe ntathu, nibuye nize kum. Bemka ke abantu.

⁶ Ukumkani uRehabheham wacebisana namadoda amakhulu, abesakuma phambi koSolomon uyise oko ebesahleli, wathi, Ninika cebo lini na, ukuba ndibanike ilizwi aba bantu?

⁷ Athetha ke kuye esithi, Ukuba uthe wanobubele kwaba bantu, wabakholisa, wathetha amazwi amahle kubo, bokukhonza yonke imihla.

⁸ Walishiya icebo lamadoda amakhulu abemnike lona, wacebisana namadodana aziintanga zakhe, abemi phambi kwakhe.

⁹ Wathi kuwo, Ninika cebo lini na nina, ukuba sibanye ilizwi aba bantu bathethileyo kum, besithi. Yenze lula idyokhwe awayibeka phezu kwethu uyihlo?

¹⁰ Athetha ke naye amadodana aziintanga zakhe, esithi, Yithi kubantu abathethe kuwe, besithi, Uyihlo wayenza nzima idyokhwe yethu, yenze lula kuthi wena; yithi kubo, Ucikicane wam uya kuba nesibili kunesinqe sikabawo;

¹¹ ke, ekubeni ubawo ubenithwalise idyokhwe enzima, mna ke ndiya kongeza edyokhweni yenu; ubawo ubenibetha ngeentsontelo, ke mna ndiya kunibetha ngeekatsi.

¹² Baya ke ooYarobheham nabantu bonke kuRehabheham ngomhla wesithathu, njengoko wayethethe ngako ukumkani, esithi, Nobuya nize kum ngomhla wesithathu.

¹³ Ukumkani wabaphendula kalukhuni; ukumkani uRehabheham walishiya icebo lamadoda amakhulu.

¹⁴ Wathetha kubo ngokwecebo lamadodana, esithi, Ubawo wayenza nzima idyokhwe yenu, mna ke ndiya kongeza kuyo; ubawo wanibetha ngeentsontelo, ke mna ndiya kunibetha ngeekatsi.

¹⁵ Akabaphulaphulanga ke abantu ukumkani; ngokuba esi siphendu sibe siphuma

kuThixo, ukuze uYehova alimise ilizwi lakhe, abelithethile ngoAhiya waseShilo kuYarobheham unyana kaNebhati.

¹⁶ Akubona ke onke amaSirayeli ukuba ukumkani akawaphulaphuli, abantu bambuyisela ukumkani ilizwi elithi, Sinasabelo sini na kuDavide? Asinalifa kunyana kaYese; elowo makaye ententeni yakhe, maSirayeli; zikhangelele ngoku indlu yakho, Davide. Aya ezintenteni zawo ke amaSirayeli onke.

¹⁷ Ke oonyana bakaSirayeli, ababehleli emizini yakwaYuda, uRehabheham waba ngukumkani kubo.

¹⁸ Ukumkani uRehabheham wathuma uAdoram, obephethe abafakwa uviko. Besuka oonyana bakaSirayeli, bamxuluba ngamatye, wafa. Ukumkani uRehabheham wakhawuleza waya kukhwela enqwelweni yakhe, ukuba asabele eYerusalem.

¹⁹ Akreqa ke amaSirayeli endlwini kaDavide, unanamhla.

ISAHLUKO 11

Weza uRehabheham eYerusalem, wabizela ndawonye indlu yakwaYuda neyakwaBhenjamin, ikhulu elinamanci asibhozo amawaka amadodana okulwa imfazwe, ukuba aye kulwa namaSirayeli, bubuyiselwe ubukumkani kuRehabheham.

² Lafika ilizwi likaYehova kuShemaya, umfo wakwaThixo, lisithi,

³ Yitsho kuRehabheham unyana kaSolomon, ukumkani wakwaYuda, nakumaSirayeli onke, kwaYuda nakwaBhenjamin, ukuthi,

⁴ Utsho uYehova ukuthi, Ize ninganyuki; ize ningalwi nabazalwana benu. Buyani, aye elowo endlwini yakhe; ngokuba iphume kum le nto. Baliphulaphula izwi likaYehova, babuya ekuyeni kulwa noYarobheham.

⁵ Wahlala uRehabheham eYerusalem, wakha imizi yokunqabisa kwaYuda.

⁶ Wakha iBhetelehem, ne-Etam, neTekowa,

⁷ neBhete-tsure, neSoko, neAdulam,

⁸ neGati, neMaresha, neZifi,

⁹ neAdorayim, neLakishe, neAseka,

¹⁰ neTsora, neAyalon, nowaseHebron, ekwaYuda neakwaBhenjamin, imizi enqatyisiweyo.

¹¹ Waziqinisa iinqaba, wabeka iinganga zamadoda kuzo, noovimba bokudla neoli newayini.

¹² Nakwimizi ngemizi yonke wabeka amakhaka, nezikhali; wayiqinisa kakhulu kunene. Aba kuye amaYuda namaBhenjamin.

¹³ Ababingeleli nabaLevi ababekwelakwaSirayeli lonke bathelela kuye, bevela emideni yabo yonke.

¹⁴ Ngokuba abaLevi bawashiya amadlelo abo, nemfuyo yabo, beza kwaYuda naseYerusalem; ngokuba uYarobheham noonyana bakhe babebakhuphile, ukuba bangabi ngababingeleli kuYehova;

¹⁵ wazimisela ababingeleli beziganga, nabamaxhonti, nabamathole awawenzayo.

¹⁶ Emva kwabo ke, ezizweni zonke zakwaSirayeli, bathi abazinikelayo iintliziyo zabo ukumquqela uYehova uThixo kaSirayeli, beza kubingelela eYerusalem kuYehova, uThixo wooyise.

¹⁷ Babuzinzisa ubukumkani bukaYuda, bamomeleza uRehabheham unyana kaSolomon iminyaka emithathu; ngokuba bahamba ngendlela kaDavide noSolomon iminyaka emithathu.

- ¹⁸ Ke kaloku uRehabheham wazeka uMahalati, intombi kaYerimoti unyana kaDavide, noAbhihayile, intombi kaEliyabhi unyana kaYese;
- ¹⁹ wamzalela oonyana: ooYehushe, noShemariya, noZaham.
- ²⁰ Emva kwakhe wazeka uMahaka intombi ka-Abhisalom; wamzalela uAbhiya, noAtayi, noZiza, noShelomiti.
- ²¹ URehabheham wathanda uMahaka intombi ka-Abhisalom, ngaphezu kwabafazi bakhe bonke namashweshwe akhe (ngokuba ubenabafazi abalishumi elinesibhozo, namashweshwe angamashumi amathandathu; wazala oonyana abamashumi mabini anesibhozo, neentombi ezimashumi mathandathu).
- ²² URehabheham wamisa uAbhiya unyana kaMahaka, ukuba abe yinkulu, abe yinganga phakathi kwabazalwana bakhe; ngokuba ubecinga ukumenza ukumkani.
- ²³ Wenza ngengqondo, wabathi saa oonyana bakhe bonke emazweni onke akwaYuda nakwaBhenjamin, emizini yonke enqatyisiweyo, wabanika ukudla okuninzi, wabafunela into eninzi yabafazi.

ISAPHLUKO 12

Kwathi bakubon' ukuba buzinzile ubukumkani bukaRehabheham, akomelela, wawushiya umyalelo kaYehova, namaSirayeli onke kunye naye.

- ² Kwathi, ngomnyaka wesihlanu wokumkani uRehabheham, kwenyuka uShishaki ukumkani waseYiputa, wayingenela iYerusalem, ngokuba bebemenezile kuYehova;
- ³ enewaka elinamakhulu amabini eenqwelo zokulwa, namawaka angamashumi omathandathu abamahashe, nabantu abangenakubalwa, abaphuma naye eYiputa, amaLubhi, namaSuki, namaKushi.
- ⁴ Wayithimba imizi enqatyisiweyo ekwaYuda, wafika naseYerusalem.
- ⁵ Weza uShemaya umprofeti kuRehabheham, nakubathetheli bakwaYuda ababehlanganisene eYerusalem ngenxa kaShishaki, wathi kubo, Utsho uYehova ukuthi, Nina nandishiya, nam ndinishiyile, ndaninikela esandleni sikaShishaki.
- ⁶ Bazithoba abathetheli bamaSirayeli nokumkani, bathi, Ulilungisa uYehova.
- ⁷ Akubona uYehova ukuba bazithobile, lafika ilizwi likaYehova kuShemaya, lisithi, Bazithobile; andiyi kubonakalisa; ndiya kubanika ukusinda ixeshana, bungathululelwa ubushushu bam eYerusalem ngesandla sikaShishaki.
- ⁸ Noko boba ngabakhonzi kuye, ukuze bayazi inkonzo yam, nenkonzo yezikumkani zamazwe.
- ⁹ Wenyuka ke ukumkani waseYiputa, wafika walwa neYerusalem, wabuthabatha ubuncwane bendlu kaYehova, nobuncwane bendlu yokumkani; wabuthabatha bonke; wazithabatha iingweletshetshe zegolide awazenzayo uSolomon.
- ¹⁰ Ukumkani uRehabheham wenza iingweletshetshe zobhedu esikhundleni sazo, waziphathisa abathetheli bezigidimi, ezibe zigcina umnyango wendlu yokumkani.
- ¹¹ Ubesakuthi akungena ukumkani endlwini kaYehova, zize izigidimi ezo ziziphethe, zize zizibuyisele egumbini lezigidimi.
- ¹² Wathi akuzithoba, umsindo kaYehova wabuya kuye, ukuba angamtshabalalisi kuthi tu; kananjalo kwaYuda kwakukho izinto ezilungileyo.
- ¹³ Waziqinisa ukumkani uRehabheham eYerusalem, waba ngukumkani; ngokuba uRehabheham ebeminyaka imashumi mane anamnye ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka elishumi elinesixhenxe engukumkani eYerusalem, umzi lowo

wawunyulayo uYehova kwizizwe zonke zakwaSirayeli, ukuba alimise khona igama lakhe. Igama lonina belinguNahama, umAmonikazi.

¹⁴ Wenza okubi, ngokuba ebengayibhekiselelanga intliziyo yakhe ukumquqela uYehova.

¹⁵ Izinto zikaRehabheham, ezokuqala nezokugqibela, azibhalwanga na emicimbini kaShemaya umprofeti noldo imboni, ngokokubhalwa kwemilibo yokuzalwa? Yayiziimfazwe phakathi koRehabheham noYarobheham imihla yonke.

¹⁶ URehabheham walala kooyise, wangcwatyelwa emzini kaDavide; uAbhiya, unyana wakhe, waba ngukumkani esikhundleni sakhe.

ISAHLUKO 13

Ngomnyaka weshumi elinesibhozo wokumkani uYarobheham, uAbhiya waba ngukumkani kwaYuda.

² Waba neminyaka emithathu engukumkani eYerusalem. Igama lonina belinguMikaya, intombi kaUriyeli waseGibheha. Kwabakho imfazwe phakathi koAbhiya noYarobheham.

³ UAbhiya wayiqala imfazwe ngempi yamagorha okulwa, engamakhulu amane amawaka ahleliweyo; uYarobheham naye wazakha izintlu zakhe zokulwa naye, zingamakhulu asibhozo amawaka ahleliweyo, angamagorha anobukroti.

⁴ Wesuka wema uAbhiya entabeni yeTsemarim, ekweleentaba lakwaEfrayim, wathi, Ndiphulaphuleni, wena Yarobheham, nani maSirayeli nonke;

⁵ aninakwazi na ukuba uYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli, ubukumkani kumaSirayeli wabunika uDavide ngonaphakade, yena noonyana bakhe, ngomnqophiso wetyuwa?

⁶ Wesuka uYarobheham unyana kaNebhati, umkhonzi kaSolomon unyana kaDavide, wagwilika kwinkosi yakhe;

⁷ wabuthela kuye amadoda angenabuntu, angamatshijolo, aziqinisa, amchasa uRehabheham unyana kaSolomon; uRehabheham engumfana ontliziyo ithambileyo, engomelele phambi kwabo.

⁸ Ngoku ke nithi niya komelela phambi kobukumkani bukaYehova, obusesandleni soonyana bakaDavide; niyingxokolo eninzi nje, ninamathole egolide, awanenzelayo uYarobheham ukuba abe ngoothixo.

⁹ Anibagxothanga yini na ababingeleli bakaYehova, oonyana baka-Aron, nabaLevi; nazenzenza ababingeleli njengezizwe zamanye amazwe? bada bonke abo baza kuzimisela ngenkunzi elithole lenkomo, neenkunzi zeegusha ezisixhenxe, benziwa ababingeleli kwabangethixo.

¹⁰ Ke thina, nguYehova uThixo wethu: asimshiyanga; ababingeleli abalungiselela kuYehova ngoonyana baka-Aron;

¹¹ nabaLevi basemsebenzini wabo, beqhumisela kuYehova ngamadini anyukayo imiso ngemiso, ukuhlwa ngokuhlwa, nangesiqhumiso esimnandi; nokucwangcisa izonka etafileni ehlambululekileyo; nesiphatho segolide, nezibane sazo zilunyekwa ukuhlwa ngokuhlwa; ngokuba thina siyasigcina isigxina sikaYehova uThixo wethu; ke nina nimshiyile.

¹² Niyabona, unathi eyintloko uThixo, nababingeleli bakhe banathi, namaxilongo okuduma, ukuba anivuse. Nyana bakaSirayeli, musani ukulwa noYehova uThixo wooyihlo; ngokuba aniyi kuba nampumelelo.

¹³ Ke uYarobheham wazungulezisa abalaleli, ukuba baye ngasemva kwawo; baba ngaphambi kwamaYuda bona; abalaleli baba ngasemva kwawo.

¹⁴ Abheka amaYuda, ayibona impi ingaphambili nangasemva kwawo. Akhala kuYehova,

ababingeleli bevuthela amaxilongo; aduma onke amadoda akwaYuda.

¹⁵ Kwathi ekudumeni kwamadoda akwaYuda, wesuka uThixo wabetha kuYarobheham namaSirayeli onke phambi koAbhiya namaYuda.

¹⁶ Basaba oonyana bakaSirayeli ebusweni bamaYuda; uThixo wabanikela esandleni sawo.

¹⁷ UAbhiya nabantu bakhe bababulala kakhulu; kwawa ababuleweyo kwaSirayeli amakhulu amahlanu amawaka amadoda ahleliweyo.

¹⁸ Bathotywa ke oonyana bakaSirayeli ngelo xesha, bakhalipha oonyana bakaYuda; ngokuba bayama ngoYehova uThixo wooyise.

¹⁹ UAbhiya wamsukela uYarobheham, wathimba kuye le mizi: iBheteli namagxamesi ayo, neYeshana namagxamesi ayo, ne-Efron namagxamesi ayo.

²⁰ Akaba saba namandla uYarobheham ngemihla ka-Abhiya. UYehova wambetha wafa.

²¹ Waya esomelela ngokomelela uAbhiya, wazeka abafazi abalishumi elinabane, wazala oonyana abamashumi mabini anababini, neentombi ezilishumi elinantandathu.

²² Ezinye izinto zika-Abhiya, neendlela zakhe, namazwi akhe, abhalwe ezincwadini zamabali omprofeti uldo.

ISAHLUKO 14

UAbhiya walala kooyise; bamngcwabela emzini kaDavide; ke uAsa unyana wakhe waba ngukumkani esikhundleni sakhe. Ngemihla yakhe ilizwe lazola iminyaka yalishumi.

² UAsa wenza okulungileyo nokuthe tye emehlweni kaYehova uThixo wakhe.

³ Wazisusa izibingelelo neziganga zezithixo zolunye uhlanga; waziqhekeza izimiso zamatye, wabagawula ooAshera.

⁴ Wathi kumaYuda makamquqele uYehova, uThixo wooyise, awenze umyalelo nomthetho.

⁵ Wazisusa ke emizini yonke yakwaYuda iziganga, neentsika zelanga; bazola ubukumkani phambi kwakhe.

⁶ Wakha imizi enqatyisiweyo kwaYuda; ngokuba ilizwe belizolile, kungekho mfazwe ayilwayo ngaloo minyaka; ngokuba uYehova wayemphumzile.

⁷ Wathi ke kumaYuda, Masiyakhe le mizi, siyijikeleze ngeendonga neenqaba ezinde, senze iingcango nemivalo, lisephambi kwethu nje ilizwe; ngokuba simquqele uYehova uThixo wethu samquqela, wasiphumza ke ngeenxa zonke. Bayakha baba nempumelelo.

⁸ Ke kaloku uAsa wayenempi ephatha amakhaka nezikhali: kwaYuda ingamakhulu amathathu amawaka; nakwaBhenjamin, abaphatha iingweletshetshe nabatyeda izaphetha babengamakhulu, amabini anamanci asibhozo amawaka. Bonke abo babengamagorha anobukroti.

⁹ Kwaphuma kwaza kulwa nabo uZera umKushi, enempi eliwaka lamawaka, neenqwelo zokulwa ezimakhulu mathathu; wada weza eMaresha.

¹⁰ Waphuma uAsa esiya kumhlangabeza, bakha izintlu emfuleni weTsefata eMaresha.

¹¹ UAsa wabiza kuYehova uThixo wakhe, wathi, Yehova, akukho bani ingenguwe onokunceda phakathi konamandla nongenawo. Sincede, Yehova, Thixo wethu; ngokuba sayame ngawe, size kule ngxokolo egameni lakho. Yehova, unguThixo wethu, makangabi namandla umntu okumelana nawe.

¹² UYehova wawaxabela amaKushi phambi koAsa, naphambi kwamaYuda; asaba ke amaKushi.

- ¹³ UAsa nabantu ababenaye bawasukela, bada besa eGerare; oyiswa amaKushi ngokokude angabi nakubuya aphethule; ngokuba aqotywa phambi koYehova, naphambi komkhosi wakhe; bemka nexhoba elininzi kunene.
- ¹⁴ Bayingenela yonke imizi ngeenxa zonke eGerare; ngokuba yafikelwa kukunkwantiyiswa nguYehova. Bayiphanga yonke imizi; ngokuba amaxhoba ayemaninzi kuyo.
- ¹⁵ Batshabalalisa neentente zemfuyo, bathimba impahla emfutshane yaninzi, neenkamela; babuya ke baya eYerusalem.

ISAHLUKO 15

UMoya kaThixo wamfikela uAzariya, unyana kaOdede.

- ² Waphuma, esiya kukhawulela uAsa, wathi kuye, Ndiphulaphuleni, Asa, nani nonke maYuda namaBhenjamin; uYehova unani ekubeni ninaye; ukuba nithe namquqela, nomfumana; ukuba nithe namshiya, wonishiya nani.
- ³ AmaSirayeli ayenemihla emininzi engenaThixo wenyaniso, engenambingeleli uyalayo, engenamthetho.
- ⁴ Ke athi ekubandezelekeni kwawo, akubuyela kuYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli, ukuba amquqe, amfumana.
- ⁵ Ngaloo maxesha kwakungekho luxolo kophumayo nakongenayo, zaba ziziphithiphithi ezikhulu kubemi bonke bamazwe.
- ⁶ Uhlanga lwaqotywa luhlanga, umzi ngumzi; ngokuba uThixo wabadubaduba ngeembandezelo zonke.
- ⁷ Ke nina yomelelani; mazingawi izandla zenu; ngokuba umsebenzi wenu unomvuzo.
- ⁸ Wathi uAsa, akuweva loo mazwi nesiprofeto sikaOdede umprofeti, womelela, wazikhwelelisa zonke izinto ezinezotho ezweni lonke lakwaYuda nelakwaBhenjamin, nasemizini abeyithimbile kweleentaba lakwaEfrayim; wasihlaziya isibingelelo sikaYehova, esiphambi kwevaranda kaYehova.
- ⁹ Wawahlanganisa onke amaYuda namaBhenjamin nabasemzini ababekuwo, bakwaEfrayim, nabakwaManase, nabakwaSimon; ngokuba bagalela kuye abakwaSirayeli babaninzi, bakubona ukuba uYehova uThixo wakhe unaye.
- ¹⁰ Babuthelana ke eYerusalem ngenyanga yesithathu, ngomnyaka weshumi elinesihlanu wobukumkani buka-Asa,
- ¹¹ balingelela kuYehova ngaloo mhla, bethabatha kumaxhoba ababeze nawo: amakhulu asixhenxe eenkomo, namawaka asixhenxe empahla emfutshane.
- ¹² Benza umnqophiso wokumquqela uYehova, uThixo wooyise, ngentliziyo yabo yonke, nangomphefumlo wabo wonke; bathi,
- ¹³ Bonke abasukuba bengamquqeli uYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli, mababulawe, kuthabathele komncinane kuse komkhulu; kuthabathele kwindoda kuse kwinkazana.
- ¹⁴ Bafunga kuYehova ngezwi elikhulu, nangokuduma, nangamaxilongo, nangezigidlo.
- ¹⁵ Asivuyela onke amaYuda isifungo eso; ngokuba afunga ngentliziyo yawo yonke, amquqela ngemvume yawo yonke, amfumana; uYehova wawaphumza ngeenxa zonke.
- ¹⁶ Kananjalo ukumkani wamguzula uMahaka unina, ukuba angabi saba yinkosikazi; ngokokuba wayemenzele uAshera isithixo esilisikizi. Waza uAsa wasixhaxha isithixo sakhe, wasithi vithivithi, wasitshisa emlanjaneni oyiKidron.
- ¹⁷ Ke iziganga azisuswanga kwaSirayeli; kodwa yona intliziyo ka-Asa yabe igqibelele yonke imihla yakhe.

¹⁸ Wazingenisa izinto ezingcwele zikayise, nezinto zakhe ezingcwele, endlwini kaThixo, isilivere, negolide, nempahla.

¹⁹ Akwaba sabakho mfazwe, kwada kwaba ngumnyaka wamashumi amathathu anesihlanu wobukumkani buka-Asa.

ISAHLUKO 16

Ngomnyaka wamashumi omathathu anesithandathu wobukumkani buka-Asa, wenyuka uBhahesha ukumkani wamaSirayeli, esiza kulwa namaYuda; wayakha iRama, ukuze angavumi ukuba kuphume bani aye kuAsa ukumkani wakwaYuda.

² Wayirhola ke uAsa isilivere negolide ebuncwaneni bendlu kaYehova, nobendlu yokumkani, wazithumela kuBhen-hadade ukumkani wama-Aram, ohleli eDamasko, esithi,

³ Kukho umnqophiso phakathi kwam nawe, phakathi kobawo noyihlo; nanko ndikuthumele isilivere negolide; yiya uwaphule umnqophiso wakho noBhahesha ukumkani wamaSirayeli, ukuba emke kum.

⁴ UBhen-hadade wamphulaphula ukumkani uAsa, wathumela abathetheli bempi abenabo emizini yakwaSirayeli, wayithimba i-lyon, nowakwaDan, neAbhele-mayim, nemizi yonke engoovimba yakwaNafetali.

⁵ Kwathi, akuva uBhahesha, wayeka ukuyakha iRama, wawuyeka umsebenzi wakhe.

⁶ UAsa ukumkani wawathabatha onke amaYuda; awasusa amatye eRama, nemithi yayo, awayesakha ngayo uBhahesha; wakha ke ngayo iGebha neMizpa.

⁷ Ngelo xesha uHanani, imboni, weza kuAsa, ukumkani wamaYuda, wathi kuye, Ekubeni wayama kukumkani wama-Aram, akwayama kuYehova uThixo wakho, ngoko ke iphulukile esandleni sakho impi yokumkani wama-Aram.

⁸ AmaKushi namaLubhi abengeyeyona impi ininzi, enento eninzi kunene yeenqwelo zokulwa nabamahashe? Ukanti ngokuba wayama kuYehova, anikelwa esandleni sakho.

⁹ Ngokuba uYehova, amehlo akhe asingasinga ehlabathini lonke, ukuba azomelezele abantliziyo ziphelele kuye. Wenza ubudenge ngale nto; ngokuba kususela ngoku woba neemfazwe.

¹⁰ UAsa wayiqumbela imboni leyo, wayifaka endlwini yesitokisi; ngokuba wayeyijalele ngale nto. UAsa wayicinezela inxenye yabantu ngelo xesha.

¹¹ Yabona, izinto zika-Asa, ezokuqala nezokugqibela, nanzo zibhaliwe encwadini yookumkani bakwaYuda nabakwaSirayeli.

¹² Ngomnyaka wamashumi omathathu anesithoba wobukumkani bakhe, uAsa wayesifa ziinyawo, sada senyuka isifo sakhe; kananjalo esifeni sakhe akamquqelanga uYehova, waquqela amagqirha.

¹³ UAsa walala kooyise; wafa ngomnyaka wamashumi omane anamnye wobukumkani bakhe.

¹⁴ Bamngcwabela engcwabeni lakhe, awazimbelayo emzini kaDavide, bamlalisa esililini esizele bubulawu, iintlobo ngeentlobo, ezenziwe ubuqholo ngobugcisa babaqholi; bamenzela ibaso elikhulu kunene.

ISAHLUKO 17

- U**Yehoshafati, unyana wakhe, waba ngukumkani esikhundleni sakhe; womelela, wawachasa amaSirayeli.
- ² Wabeka imikhosi emizini yonke enqatyisiweyo yakwaYuda, wamisa iikampu elizweni lakwaYuda, nasemizini yakwaEfrayim, awayithimbayo uAsa uyise.
- ³ UYehova waba noYehoshafati; ngokuba wahamba ngeendlela zikaDavide uyise, ezokuqala zona; akabaquqela ooBhahali;
- ⁴ ke waquqela uThixo kayise, wahamba ngemithetho yakhe; akahamba ngezenzo zakwaSirayeli.
- ⁵ UYehova wabuzinzisa ubukumkani bakhe esandleni sakhe; onke amaYuda azisa iminikelo kuYehoshafati; waba nobutyebi nozuko ngokukhulu.
- ⁶ Yaphakama intliziyo yakhe ezindleleni zikaYehova; kananjalo wazisusa iziganga nooAshera kwaYuda.
- ⁷ Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokuba ngukumkani kwakhe, wabathumela abathetheli bakhe, uBhen-hayile, no-Obhadiya, noZekariya, noNataniyeli, noMikaya, ukuba bafundise emizini yakwaYuda;
- ⁸ benabaLevi, uShemaya, noNetaniya, noZebhadiya, noAsaheli, noShemiramoti, noYehonatan, noAdoniya, noTobhiya, noTobhadoniya, abaLevi ke abo; benoElishama noYehoram ababingeleli.
- ⁹ Bafundisa ke kwaYuda, benencwadi yomyalelo kaYehova, bayijikeleza imizi yonke yakwaYuda, bebafundisa abantu.
- ¹⁰ Zonke izikumkani zamazwe ajikeleze amaYuda zangenelwa kukoyika uYehova, azalwa noYehoshafati.
- ¹¹ NakumaFilisti babekho abazisa iminikelo nemithwalo kuYehoshafati yesilivere; kananjalo ama-Arabhi azisa kuye impahla emfutshane, amawaka asixhenxe anamakhulu asixhenxe eenkunzi zeegusha, namawaka asixhenxe anamakhulu asixhenxe eenkunzi zeebhokhwe.
- ¹² UYehoshafati waya eba mkhulu ngokuba mkhulu, wada wenyuka wakha kwaYuda iinqaba nemizi engoovimba.
- ¹³ Waye enempahla eninzi emizini yakwaYuda; wayenamadoda okulwa, amagorha anobukroti, eYerusalem.
- ¹⁴ Kuko oku ukulandelana kwawo ngokwezindlu zooyise: kwaYuda abathetheli bamawaka nguAdena umthetheli, enamakhulu amathathu amawaka amagorha anobukroti;
- ¹⁵ nganeno kwakhe nguYehohanan umthetheli, enamakhulu amabini anamanci asibhozo amawaka;
- ¹⁶ nganeno kwakhe nguAmasiya unyana kaZikri, owazinikela kuYehova ngokuqhutywa yintliziyo, enamakhulu amabini amawaka amagorha anobukroti.
- ¹⁷ KumaBhenjamin nguEliyada, igorha elinobukroti, enamakhulu amabini amawaka axhobe izaphetha neengweletshe;
- ¹⁸ nganeno kwakhe nguYozabhad, enekhulu elinamanci asibhozo amawaka axhobe imfazwe.
- ¹⁹ Ngabo abo babekhonza kukumkani; bebodwa abamisiweyo ngukumkani emizini enqatyisiweyo kwelakwaYuda lonke.

Ke uYehoshafati ube enobutyebi nozuko ngokukhulu, wazekelana noAhabhi.

² Wehla ekupheleni kweminyaka ethile, waya kuAhabhi kwaSamari. UAhabhi wamxhelela impahla emfutshane neenkomo ezininzi, waxhelela nabantu abenabo, wamcenga ukuba anyuke naye aye eRamoti yaseGiliyadi.

³ Wathi uAhabhi ukumkani wakwaSirayeli kuYehoshafati ukumkani wakwaYuda, Wohamba na nam, siye kulwa neRamoti yaseGiliyadi? Wathi kuye, Ndinjengawe, abantu bam banjengabantu bakho; soya nawe ekulweni.

⁴ Wathi uYehoshafati kukumkani wakwaSirayeli, Khawubuzise elanamhla ilizwi likaYehova.

⁵ Wabahlanganisa ke ukumkani wakwaSirayeli abaprofeti, amakhulu amane amadoda, wathi kubo, Siye kulwana neRamoti yaseGiliyadi, ndiyeke, kusini na? Bathi, Nyuka, uThixo woyinikela esandleni sokumkani.

⁶ Wathi uYehoshafati, Akusekho mprofeti kaYehova na apha, sibuzise kuye?

⁷ Wathi ukumkani wakwaSirayeli kuYehoshafati, Kusekho indoda enye esingabuzisa ngayo kuYehova, ke mna ndiyithiyile; ngokuba ayiprofeti okulungileyo ngam, iprofeta okubi imihla yayo yonke; nguMikaya, unyana kaImla. Wathi uYehoshafati, Makangatsho ukumkani.

⁸ Waza ukumkani wakwaSirayeli wabiza umbusi, wathi, Khawulezisa uMikaya unyana kaImla, eze apha.

⁹ Ke ukumkani wakwaSirayeli noYehoshafati ukumkani wakwaYuda babehleli elowo etroneni yakhe, bambethe iingubo zabo, behleli ebaleni, ekungeneni esangweni lakwaSamari; bonke abaprofeti beprofeta phambi kwabo.

¹⁰ Ke uZedekiya, unyana kaKenahana, wazenzela iimpondo zesinyithi, wathi, Utsho uYehova ukuthi, Uya kuwangqula ngazo ezi ama-Aram, ude uwagqibe.

¹¹ Bonke abaprofeti benjenjalo ukuprofeta, besithi, Nyuka uye eRamoti yaseGiliyadi, ube nempumelelo; uYehova uya kuyinikela esandleni sokumkani.

¹² Ke umthunywa obeye kubiza uMikaya, wathetha kuye esithi, Khawubone, amazwi abaprofeti athetha okuhle ngamlomo mnye kukumkani; ilizwi lakho makhe libe njengelabo, uthethe okuhle.

¹³ Wathi uMikaya, Ehleli nje uYehova, athe wakuthetha uThixo wam, ndothetha kona.

¹⁴ Wafika kukumkani; wathi ukumkani kuye, Mikaya, siye na eRamoti yaseGiliyadi ukuba silwe, ndiyeke, kusini na? Wathi, Nyuka ube nempumelelo; baya kunikelwa esandleni senu.

¹⁵ Wathi ukumkani kuye, Makube zizihlandlo ezingaphi na ndikufungisa, ukuba ungathethi nto kum, ingeyiyo nyaniso egameni likaYehova? Wathi yena, Ndibone amaSirayeli onke elusali ezintabeni, njengempahla emfutshane engenamalusi.

¹⁶ Wathi uYehova, Abanankosi, mababuyele elowo endlwini yakhe enoxolo.

¹⁷ Wathi ukumkani wakwaSirayeli kuYehoshafati, Bendingatshongo na kuwe ukuthi, akayi kuprofeta okuhle ngam, koba kokubi?

¹⁸ Wathi yena, Ngako oko, liveni ilizwi likaYehova: Ndim bonile uYehova ehleli etroneni yakhe, umi wonke umkhosi wasemazulwini ngasekunene kwakhe nangasekhohlo kwakhe.

¹⁹ Wathi uYehova, Ngubani na oya kulukuhla uAhabhi, ukumkani wamaSirayeli, enyuke aye awe eRamoti yaseGiliyadi? Wenjenje lo ukuthetha, wenjenje lo ukuthetha.

²⁰ Waphuma ke umoya, wema phambi koYehova, wathi, Ndomlukuhla mna.

²¹ Wathi uYehova kuwo, Ngantoni na? Wathi wona, Ndophuma ndiye, ndibe ngumoya wobuxoki emlonyeni wabaprofeti bakhe bonke. Wathi yena, Mlukuphela ufeze; phuma uye,

wenjenjalo.

22 Uyabona kaloku uYehova ungenise umoya wobuxoki emlonyeni wabo baprofeti bakho; uYehova uthethe okubi ngawe.

23 Wesuka uZedekiya, unyana kaKenahana, wafika wambetha uMikaya esidleleni, wathi, Ugqithe ngayiphi na indlela uMoya kaYehova ukumka kum, ukuba aye kuthetha nawe?

24 Wathi uMikaya, Khangela, uya kubona ngaloo mini, uya kuza uthungele amagumbi, uzimela.

25 Wathi ukumkani wakwaSirayeli, Mthabatheni uMikaya, nibuye naye, nimse kuAmoni umphathi womzi, nakuYowashe unyana wokumkani.

26 Nithi, Utsho ukumkani ukuthi, Mfakeni entolongweni lo, nimdlise isonka soxiniweyo, namanzi oxiniweyo, ndide ndibuye ndinoxolo.

27 Wathi uMikaya, Ukuba uthe wabuya wabuya unoxolo, woba uYehova akathethanga ngam. Wathi, Yivani nonke, zizwe ziphela.

28 Wenyuka ke ukumkani wakwaSirayeli noYehoshafati, ukumkani wakwaYuda, baya eRamoti yaseGiliyadi.

29 Wathi ukumkani wakwaSirayeli kuYehoshafati, Ndiya kuzenza mntu wumbi, ndingene ekulweni; yambatha iingubo zakho wena. Wazenza mntu wumbi ukumkani wakwaSirayeli, bangena ekulweni.

30 Ke ukumkani wakwa-Aram wabawisela umthetho abathetheli beenqwelo zokulwa abenazo, wathi, Ize ningalwi nomncinane, nomkhulu; yilwani nokumkani wakwaSirayeli yedwa.

31 Kwathi, bakumbona uYehoshafati abathetheli beenqwelo zokulwa, bathi bona, Ngukumkani wakwaSirayeli; bamrhawula, beza kulwa naye. Wakhala uYehoshafati; uYehova wamnceda, uThixo wabasonga kuye.

32 Kwathi bakubona abathetheli beenqwelo zokulwa, ukuba asingukumkani wakwaSirayeli, babuya ekumsukeleni.

33 Wathi umntu watyeda isaphetha efunisela, watola ukumkani wakwaSirayeli ekuhlenganeni kwengubo yentsimbi namasondo ayo. Wathi kumqhubi wenqwelo yakhe yokulwa, Jika izandla zakho, undikhuphele ngaphandle komkhosi, ngokuba ndingxwelerhiwe.

34 Ukulwa kwenyuka loo mini. Ukumkani wakwaSirayeli wazimisa enqwelweni phambi kwama-Aram kwada kwahlwa; wafa ukutshona kwelanga.

ISAHLUKO 19

Wabuya uYehoshafati ukumkani wakwaYuda, waya endlwini yakhe eYerusalem enoxolo.

2 Waphuma uYehu, unyana kaHanani, imboni, esiya kumkhawulela. Wathi kukumkani uYehoshafati, Kukuthini na ukuba uncede ongendawo, ubathande abathiyi bakaYehova? Kungoko bugalelekileyo kuwe uburhalarhume obuphuma kuYehova.

3 Noko kambe kukho izinto ezintle ezifumanekileyo kuwe; ngokuba ubatshisile ooAshera ezweni, wayisingisela intliziyo yakho ekumquqeleni uThixo.

4 Wahlala uYehoshafati eYerusalem; wabuya waphuma, wahamba phakathi kwabantu, wathabathela eBher-shebha wesa ezintabeni zakwaEfrayim, wababuyisela kuYehova, uThixo wooyise.

5 Wamisa abagwebi ezweni, emizini yonke yakwaYuda enqatyisiweyo, kwimizi ngemizi.

- ⁶ Wathi kubagwebi, Kulumkeleni enikwenzayo; ngokuba akungenxa yomntu ukugweba kwenu, kungenxa kaYehova; unani ke emcimbini wokugweba.
- ⁷ Ngoko ke ukoyikwa kukaYehova makube phezu kwenu; yenzani ngobulumko; ngokuba akukho bugqwetha kuYehova uThixo wethu, nakukhetha buso, nakwamkela sicengo.
- ⁸ Kananjalo eYerusalem uYehoshafati wamisa inxenye yabaLevi, nababingeleli, neentloko zezindlu zooyise zakwaSirayeli, ngenxa yogwebo lukaYehova, nangenxa yokubambana kwabantu. Babuyela kwaseYerusalem.
- ⁹ Wabawisela umthetho wathi, Niya kwenjenjalo ukumoyika uYehova ngokunyanisekileyo, nangentliziyo epheleleyo.
- ¹⁰ Zonke iindawo ekubanjwene ngazo eziza kuni, zivela kubazalwana benu, abahleli emizini yabo, phakathi kwegazi negazi, phakathi komyalelo nomthetho nemimiselo namasiko, nobakhanyisela; ukuze bangabi natyala kuYehova, bunganifikeli nina nabazalwana benu uburhalarhume bakhe; nenjenjalo, ukuze ningabi natyala.
- ¹¹ Nanko uAmariya umbingeleli omkhulu, ephezu kwenu ezintweni zonke zikaYehova; noZebhadiya unyana kaShmayeli, inganga yendlu yakwaYuda, ezintweni zonke zokumkani; nabaLevi boba ngababhali phambi kwenu. Yomelelani nenze; uYehova woba nolungileyo kuni.

ISAHLUKO 20

- K**wathi emveni koko, oonyana bakaMowabhi noonyana baka-Amon, benamaMahun, beza kulwa noYehoshafati.
- ² Beza bamxelela uYehoshafati, bathi, Kuza kuwe ingxokolo eninzi, evela phesheya kolwandle kwa-Aram; nantso eHatsetson-tamare, eyiEngedi.
- ³ Woyika uYehoshafati, wazinikela ngokwakhe ekumquqeleni uYehova, wathi makuzilwe ukudla ngamaYuda onke.
- ⁴ Ahlanganisana ke amaYuda, efuna uncendo kuYehova; nasemizini yonke yakwaYuda baphuma bequqela uYehova.
- ⁵ Wema uYehoshafati ebandleni lakwaYuda nelaseYerusalem, endlwini kaYehova, phambi kwentendelezo entsha,
- ⁶ wathi, Yehova, Thixo woobawo, asinguwe na onguThixo emazulwini? Asinguwe na umlawuli ezikumkanini zonke zeentlanga? Akasesandleni sakho na amandla nobugorha, ukuba kungabikho unokumelana nawe?
- ⁷ Asinguwe na uThixo wethu, owabagqogqayo abemi beli lizwe phambi kwabantu bakho amaSirayeli, waza walinika imbewu ka-Abraham okuthandayo, ngonaphakade?
- ⁸ Bahlala kulo, bakwakhela kulo indawo engcwele ngenxa yegama lakho, besithi,
- ⁹ Ukuba sithe safikelwa bububi, nalikrele, nangumgwebo, nayindyikitya yokufa, nayindlala, sema phambi kwale ndlu, naphambi kwakho (ngokuba likule ndlu igama lakho), sakhala kuwe ekubandezelekeni kwethu, wosiva usindise.
- ¹⁰ Yabona ke naba oonyana baka-Amon, nabakaMowabhi, nabasentabeni yakwaSehire, owawungavumanga ukuba amaSirayeli abangenele ekuphumeni kwawo ezweni laseYiputa; ngokuba abayeka, akabatshabalalisa;
- ¹¹ naba ke esibuyekeza ngokuza kusigxotha elifeni lakho, owasinikayo ukuba silidle.
- ¹² Thixo wethu, akuyi kubagweba na? Ngokuba asinamandla okumelana nale ngxokolo ininzi isizelayo; thina asazi ukuba sothini na, kodwa amehlo ethu akuwe.
- ¹³ Ema ke onke amaYuda phambi koYehova, neentsana zawo, nabafazi bawo, noonyana

bawo.

14 UYahaziyeli, unyana kaZekariya, unyana kaBhenaya, unyana kaYehiyeli, unyana kaMataniya, umLevi wakoonyana baka-Asafu, wafikelwa nguMoya kaYehova ephakathi kwebandla elo;

15 wathi, Bazani iindlebe, nonke maYuda, nani bemi baseYerusalem, nawe kumkani Yehoshafati. Utsho uYehova ukuthi kuni, Musani ukoyika, musani ukuqhiphuka umbilini ngenxa yale ngxokolo inje ukuba ninzi; ngokuba imfazwe le asiyeyenu, yekaThixo.

16 Yihlani ngomso niye kulwa nabo; nabo benyuka ngeqhina leTsitsi; nobafumana ekupheleni kwesihlambo, phambi kwentlango yaseYeruweli.

17 Le yanamhla asiyeyenu; zimiseni nime, nilubone usindiso lukaYehova onani, maYuda neYerusalem. Musani ukoyika, musani ukuqhiphuka umbilini. Phumani ngomso nibahlangabeze; uYehova unani.

18 Wathoba uYehoshafati, ebubhekise ubuso emhlabeni; namaYuda onke nabemi baseYerusalem bawa phambi koYehova, bamnqula uYehova.

19 Basuka bema abaLevi, bakoonyana bakaKehati, nabakoonyana bamaKora, ukuba badumise uYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli, ngezwi elikhulu kunene.

20 Bavuka kusasa ngengomso, baphuma baya entlango yeTekowa. Ekuphumeni kwabo wema uYehoshafati, wathi, Ndiphulaphuleni, nina maYuda, nani bemi baseYerusalem. Kholwani kuYehova uThixo wenu, nozimaseka; kholwani kubaprofeti bakhe, noba nempumelelo.

21 Uthe akucebisana nabantu, wamisa iimvumi zikaYehova zokudumisa, zivethe ezingcwele, eziya kuphuma zihambe phambi kwabaxhobileyo, zisithi, bulelani kuYehova, ngokuba ingunaphakade inceba yakhe.

22 Bathe bakuqala ukumemelela nokudumisa, uYehova wabafikisela abalaleli oonyana baka-Amon, nabakaMowabhi, nabasentabeni yakwaSehire, ababeze kumaYuda; babulawa.

23 Ngokuba oonyana baka-Amon nabakaMowabhi besuka balwa nabemi bentaba yakwaSehire, ukuba babasingele phantsi, babatshabalalise. Bakubaggqiba abemi bakwaSehire, babulalana kwabodwa.

24 Afika amaYuda emboniselweni yasentlango, akhangela kuloo ngxokolo, abona bezizidumbu, bequngquluzile emhlabeni, kungekho usindileyo.

25 UYehoshafati nabantu bakhe beza kuphanga amaxhoba; bafumana kubo into eninzi: impahla, nezidumbu, nezinto ezingwenelekayo; baziphangela, kwayinkohla ukuyithwala. Baba ntsuku ntathu bewaphanga amaxhoba, ngokuba abemaninzi.

26 Ngomhla wesine bahlanganisana eNtilini yokuBonga; kuba bambonga khona uYehova; ngenxa yoko bathi igama lale ndawo yiNtili yokuBonga, unanamhla.

27 Abuya onke amadoda akwaYuda nawaseYerusalem, uYehoshafati esentloko kuwo, ukuze abuye aye eYerusalem, enovuyo; ngokuba uYehova wenza ukuba azivuyelele iintshaba zawo.

28 Angena eYerusalem enemirhubhe, neehadi, namaxilongo, aya endlwini kaYehova.

29 Ukoyikwa kukaYehova kwazifikela zonke izikumkani zamazwe, zakuva ukuba uYehova ulwile neentshaba zakwaSirayeli.

30 Bazola ke ubukumkani bukaYehoshafati; uThixo wakhe wamphumza ngeenxa zonke.

31 UYehoshafati waye engukumkani kwaYuda; ubeminyaka imashumi mathathu anamihlanu ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; aba neminyaka emashumi mabini anamihlanu engukumkani eYerusalem. Igama lonina lalinguAzubha, intombi kaShilehi.

32 Wahamba ngendlela kayise uAsa, akatyeka kuyo; wenza okuthe tye emehlweni

kaYehova.

³³ Kodwa iziganga abazisusanga; abantu babengekazibhekisi iintliziyo zabo kuThixo wooyise.

³⁴ Ezinye izinto zikaYehoshafati, ezokuqala nezokugqibela, nanzo zibhaliwe emicimbini kaYehu unyana kaHanani, eyafakwa encwadini yookumkani bakwaSirayeli.

³⁵ Emveni koko uYehoshafati ukumkani wakwaYuda wazimanya noAhaziya ukumkani wakwaSirayeli, lowo wenzayo okungendawo.

³⁶ Wazimanya naye ngokwenza iinqanawa zokuya eTarshishe; bazenza iinqanawa e-Etsiyon-gebhere.

³⁷ Waprofeta uEliyezere, unyana kaDodavahu waseMaresha, ngoYehoshafati, esithi, Ngokudibana kwakho noAhaziya, uyaphule uYehova imisebenzi yakho. Zaphuka ke iinqanawa ezo, azaba nakuya eTarshishe.

ISAHLUKO 21

UYehoshafati walala kooyise, wangcwatyelwa kooyise emzini kaDavide; uYehoram, unyana wakhe, waba ngukumkani esikhundleni sakhe.

² Ubenabaninawa, oonyana bakaYehoshafati; uAzariya, noYehiyeli, noZekariya, noAzariya, noMikayeli, noShefatiya; bonke abo ngoonyana bakaYehoshafati, ukumkani wakwaSirayeli.

³ Uyise wabanika izipho ezininzi zesilivere nezegolide, nezinto ezintle, kunye nemizi enqatyisiweyo kwaYuda; ke ubukumkani wabunika uYehoram, ngokuba ebengowamazibulo.

⁴ Akuphakama uYehoram ebukumkanini bukayise, wazomeleza, wababulala bonke abaninawa bakhe ngekrele, nenxenye yeenkosana zakwaSirayeli.

⁵ Ubeminyaka imashumi mathathu anamibini ezelwe uYehoram, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka esibhozo engukumkani eYerusalem.

⁶ Wahamba ngendlela yookumkani bakwaSirayeli, njengoko yenza ngako indlu ka-Ahabhi; ngokuba wayezeke intombi ka-Ahabhi; wenza ububi emehlweni kaYehova.

⁷ Ke akavumanga uYehova ukuyonakalisa indlu kaDavide, ngenxa yomnqophiso awawenzela uDavide, njengoko wathethayo, ukuba uya kumnika isibane, kwanoonyana bakhe, yonke imihla.

⁸ Ngemihla yakhe amaEdom akreqa esandleni sakwaYuda, azenzela ukumkani.

⁹ Wagqitha uYehoram, enabathetheli bakhe, eneenqwelo zakhe zonke zokulwa; wavuka ebusuku, wawabulala amaEdom abemrhawule ngeenxa zonke, nabathetheli beenqwelo zokulwa.

¹⁰ Akreqa ke amaEdom, aphuma phantsi kwesandla samaYuda, unanamhla. Yaza yakreqa iLibhena esandleni sakhe kwangelo xesha; ngokuba ebemshiyele uYehova, uThixo wooyise.

¹¹ Kananjalo, yena wenza iziganga ezintabeni zakwaYuda; wabahenyuzisa abemi baseYerusalem, wawawexula amaYuda.

¹² Kweza kuye incwadi ivela kuEliya umprofeti, isithi, Utsho uYehova, uThixo kaDavide uyihlo, ukuthi, Ngethuba lokuba ungahambanga ngeendlela zikaYehoshafati uyihlo, nangeendlela zika-Asa ukumkani wakwaYuda;

¹³ usuke wabamba ngeendlela zookumkani bakwaSirayeli, wawahenyuzisa amaYuda nabemi baseYerusalem, ngokokuhenyuzisa kwendlu ka-Ahabhi; kananjalo wababulala abaninawa bakho bendlu kayihlo, ababelungile kunawe:

- ¹⁴ yabona, uYehova uya kubabetha ngesibetho esikhulu abantu bakho, noonyana bakho, nabafazi bakho, nempahla yakho yonke;
- ¹⁵ ke wena wobethwa zizifo ezininzi, sisifo sezibilini zakho, zide ziphume izibilini zakho sisifo semihla ngemihla.
- ¹⁶ UYehova wawaxhokonxa amaFilisti, nama-Arabhi asecaleni lamaKushi, ukuba amchase uYehoram.
- ¹⁷ Enyuka eza kwelamaYuda, atyhoboza, angena kulo, athimba yonke impahla eyafumaneka endlwini yokumkani, kwanoonyana bakhe, nabafazi bakhe; abamshiya nanyana, yaba nguYehowahazi unyana wakhe omncinane yedwa.
- ¹⁸ Emveni kwezo zinto, uYehova wambetha ezibilinini zakhe ngesifo esingenakuphiliswa.
- ¹⁹ Kwathi ekuhambeni kwexesha, ekupheleni kweminyaka emibini esifa, zaphuma izibilini zakhe esifa njalo; wafa esezintlungwini ezinkulu. Abantu bakhe abamenzelanga baso njengebaso looyise.
- ²⁰ Ubeminyaka imashumi mathathu anamibini ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka esibhozo engukumkani eYerusalem; wemka engalilelwa bani. Bamngcwabela emzini kaDavide; kodwa akangcwatyelwa emangcwabeni ookumkani.

ISAHLUKO 22

- A**bemi baseYerusalem bamenza uAhaziya, unyana wakhe omncinane, ukumkani esikhundleni sakhe; ngokuba bonke abakhulu babebulewe ngamatutu aweza nama-Arabhi emkhosini. Waba ngukumkani ke uAhaziya, unyana kaYehoram, ukumkani wamaYuda.
- ² UAhaziya ubeminyaka imashumi mane anamibini ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba namnyaka mnye engukumkani eYerusalem. Igama lonina lalinguAtaliya, intombi kaOmri.
- ³ Kananjalo yena wahamba ngeendlela zendlu ka-Ahabhi; ngokuba unina ubengumcebisi wakhe, ukuba enze okungendawo.
- ⁴ Wenza ububi emehlweni kaYehova, njengendlu ka-Ahabhi; ngokuba babengabacebisi bakhe bona emva kokufa kukayise, bemonakalisa.
- ⁵ Kananjalo wahamba ngecebo labo. Wahamba noYehoram unyana ka-Ahabhi, ukumkani wakwaSirayeli, waya kulwa noAzayeli ukumkani wama-Aram, eRamoti yaseGiliyadi; ama-Aram amngxwelerha uYehoram.
- ⁶ Wabuya, eza kunyangwa eYizereli loo manxeba wawafumana eRama, ekulweni kwakhe noAzayeli ukumkani wama-Aram. Wehla uAzariya unyana kaYehoram, ukumkani wakwaYuda, waya kubona uYehoram unyana ka-Ahabhi eYizereli, ngokuba ebesifa.
- ⁷ Kwaphuma kuThixo ukutyunyuzwa kuka-Ahaziya, ngokuthi eze kuYehoram. Ekufikeni kwakhe waphuma noYehoram; baya kuYehu unyana kaNimshi, awamthambisayo uYehova ukuba ayinqamle indlu ka-Ahabhi.
- ⁸ Kwathi, ekugwetyweni kwendlu ka-Ahabhi nguYehu, wafumana abathetheli bakwaYuda, noonyana babazalwana baka-Ahaziya, ababelungiselela kuAhaziya, wababulala.
- ⁹ Wafunwa uAhaziya; bambamba ezimele kwaSamari, bamsa kuYehu, bambulala; bamngcwaba, ngokuba babesithi, Ngunyana kaYehoshafati, obemquqela uYehova ngentliziyo yakhe yonke. Indlu ka-Ahaziya yayingenabani unokuphatha ubukumkani.
- ¹⁰ Wathi ke uAtaliya, unina ka-Ahaziya, akubona ukuba ufile unyana wakhe, wesuka wayitshalalisa ngobubhedengu yonke imbewu enobukhosi bendlu yakwaYuda.
- ¹¹ UYehoshabhati, intombi yokumkani, wamthabatha uYowashe, unyana ka-Ahaziya,

wamba phakathi koonyana bokumkani ababulawayo, wambeka yena nomondli wakhe egumbini lokulala. UYehoshabhati, intombi yokumkani uYehoram, umkaYehoyada umbingeleli (ngokuba ubengudade boAhaziya), wamfihla kuAtaliya, ukuze angabulawa.

¹² Wayenabo endlwini kaThixo, ezinyeziwe, iminyaka emithandathu. Ke uAtaliya waba ngukumkanikazi welizwe elo.

ISAHLUKO 23

Ngomnyaka wesixhenxe wazomeleza uYehoyada, wathabatha abathetheli-makhulu, uAzariya unyana kaYehoram, noIshmayeli unyana kaYehohanan, noAzariya unyana kaObhedi, noMahaseya unyana ka-Adaya, noElishafati unyana kaZikri, wanqophisana nabo.

² Bajikeleza kwaYuda, babahlanganisa abaLevi emizini yonke yakwaYuda, neentloko zonke zezindlu zooyise zakwaSirayeli, beza nabo eYerusalem.

³ Lesuka lonke ibandla lenza umnqophiso nokumkani endlwini kaThixo. Wathi kubo uYehoyada, Yabonani, unyana wokumkani makabe ngukumkani, njengoko wakuthethayo uYehova ngonyana bakaDavide.

⁴ Yiyo le into eniya kuyenza; esinye isahlulo sesithathu kuni bangenayo ngesabatha, kubabingeleli nakubaLevi, soba ngabagcini bamasango;

⁵ esinye isahlulo sesithathu soba sendlwini yokumkani; esinye isahlulo sesithathu soba seSangweni lesiSeko; abantu bonke boba sezintendelezweni zendlu kaYehova.

⁶ Ize kungangeni bani endlwini kaYehova, ngaphandle kwababingeleli nabalungiseleli bakubaLevi; bona baya kungena ngokuba bangcwele; bonke abantu bazigcine izigxina zikaYehova.

⁷ AbaLevi bomngqonga ukumkani ngeenxa zonke, elowo ephethe iintonga zakhe ngesandla; ongowumbi ongenayo endlwini makabulawe; babe nokumkani ekungeneni kwakhe nasekuphumeni kwakhe.

⁸ Benza ke abaLevi namaYuda onke njengako konke awabawisela umthetho ngako uYehoyada umbingeleli. Bathabatha elowo amadoda akhe, abengena ngesabatha nabephuma ngesabatha; ngokuba uYehoyada umbingeleli akawandululanga amaqela lawo.

⁹ UYehoyada umbingeleli wabanika abathetheli-makhulu iintshuntshe, neengweletshetshe, namakhaka, abengakakumkani uDavide, abesendlwini kaThixo.

¹⁰ Wabamisa bonke abantu, elowo eneentonga zakhe esandleni; bathabathela kwelokunene igxalaba lendlu besa kwelokhohlo igxalaba lendlu, ngasesibingelelweni nangasendlwini, kukumkani ngeenxa zonke.

¹¹ Bamkhuphela phandle unyana wokumkani, bamfaka isithsaba, bamnika isingqiniso, bamenza ukumkani. UYehoyada noonyana bakhe bamthambisa, bathi, Makadle ubomi ukumkani!

¹² Uthe uAtaliya akusiva isandi sabantu, begidima, bedumisa ukumkani, weza ebantwini endlwini kaYehova.

¹³ Wakhangela, wambona ukumkani emi endaweni ephakamileyo ekungeneni, abathetheli nabavutheli-maxilongo bengakukumkani; abantu bonke belizwe bevuya, bevuthela amaxilongo; iimvumi zineempahla zokuvuma, zihlabela awokudumisa. UAtaliya wazikrazula iingubo zakhe, wathi, Licebo! licebo!

¹⁴ UYehoyada umbingeleli wabawisela umthetho abathetheli-makhulu, abaveleli bomkhosi, wathi kubo, Mkhupheleni phandle phakathi kwezintlu; omlandelayo

makabulawe ngekrele. Ngokuba ubesithi umbingeleli, Makangabulawelwa endlwini kaYehova.

15 Bamkhwelela ke ngeenxa zombini; waya ekungeneni kwesango lamahashe endlwini yokumkani; bambulalela khona.

16 Wenza uYehoyada umnqophiso phakathi kwakhe nabantu bonke, nokumkani, ukuba babe ngabantu bakaYehova.

17 Baya bonke abantu endlwini kaBhahali, bayidiliza; nezibingelelo zakhe, nemifanekiso yakhe bayiqhekeza; bambulala uMatan, umbingeleli kaBhahali, phambi kwezibingelelo.

18 UYehoyada wamisa abaveleli bendlu kaYehova ngesandla sababingeleli abangabaLevi, awabahlulela uDavide indlu kaYehova, ukuba banyuse amadini anyukayo kaYehova, ngoko kubhaliweyo emyalelweni kaMoses, benovuyo neengoma, ngoko kumiselwe nguDavide.

19 Wamisa abagcini-masango emasangweni endlu kaYehova, ukuze kungangeni uyinqambi nangantoni.

20 Wathabatha abathetheli-makhulu, nezinhanha, nabalawuli babantu, nabantu bonke belizwe, wehla nokumkani endlwini kaYehova; bangena ngesango eliphezulu lendlu yokumkani, bambeka ukumkani etroneni yokumkani.

21 Bavuya ke bonke abantu belizwe, umzi wazola; bambulala ke uAtaliya ngekrele.>

ISAPHLUKO 24

UYowashe ubeminyaka isixhenxe ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka emashumi mane engukumkani eYerusalem. Igama lonina belinguTsibheya waseBher-shebha.

2 UYowashe wenza okuthe tye emehlweni kaYehova yonke imihla kaYehoyada umbingeleli.

3 UYehoyada wamzekela abafazi ababini; wazala oonyana neentombi.

4 Kwathi emveni koko kwaba sentliziyyweni kaYowashe, ukuba ayihlaziye indlu kaYehova.

5 Wabahlanganisa ababingeleli nabaLevi, wathi kubo, Phumani niye emizini yakwaYuda, nibuthe imali kumaSirayeli onke, yokuyihlaziya indlu kaThixo wenu iminyaka ngeminyaka; yikhawuleziseni loo nto. Ke abaLevi abayikhawulezisanga.

6 Ukumkani wambiza uYehoyada umbingeleli omkhulu, wathi kuye, Yini na ukuba ungabaveleli abaLevi, bayizise irhafu kumaYuda naseYerusalem, ngokomyalelo kaMoses, umkhonzi kaYehova, nowebandla lamaSirayeli, ngenxa yentente yesingqiniso?

7 (Ngokuba uAtaliya, laa mfazi ungendawo, noonyana bakhe, babeyigqobhozile indlu kaThixo; kananjalo zonke izinto ezingcwele zendlu kaYehova babenzenze ezooBhahali.)

8 Wathi ukumkani, mabenze umkhombe, bawubeke esangweni lendlu kaYehova ngaphandle.

9 Bathumela ilizwi kwaYuda naseYerusalem, ukuba kuziswe kuYehova irhafu eyamiswa nguMoses umkhonzi kaThixo, phezu kwamaSirayeli entlango.

10 Bavuya bonke abathetheli, nabantu bonke; bayizisa, bayiphosa emkhombeni wada wazala.

11 Kwathi ke ngexesha lokuziswa komkhombe ngesandla sabaLevi kubaveleli bokumkani, bakubona ukuba ininzi imali, weza umbhali wokumkani, nomveleli wombingeleli omkhulu, bayikhupha imali esemkhombeni, baza bawuthwala, bawubuyisela endaweni yawo. Benjenjalo imihla ngemihla, bahlanganisa imali yaninzi.

- 12** Ukumkani noYehoyada bayinikela kubenzi bomsebenzi wenkonzo endlwini kaYehova; bona baqesha abaxholi bamatye neengcibi zemithi, ukuba bayihlaziye indlu kaYehova; neengcibi zesinyiti, nezobhedu; ukuba zilungise indlu kaYehova.
- 13** Basebenza ke abenzi bomsebenzi; wenyuka umsebenzi wokuyihlaziya ezandleni zabo; bayimisa indlu kaThixo, yazinziswa, yazinyaswa.
- 14** Bakuyigqiba, bayizisa imali eseleyo phambi kokumkani noYehoyada, benza ngayo iimpahla zendlu kaYehova, iimpahla zokulungiselela, nezamadini anyukayo, neenkamba, neempahla zegolide nezesilivere. Baye benyusa amadini anyukayo endlwini kaYehova ngamaxesha onke, yonke imihla kaYehoyada.
- 15** Ke uYehoyada wayeseleyingwevu, ehambisekile ebudaleni, ukufa kwakhe. Ebeminyaka ilikhulu linamanci mathathu ezelwe, ukufa kwakhe.
- 16** Bamngcwabela emzini kaDavide kookumkani; ngokuba wenza okulungileyo kwaSirayeli, nakuThixo, nakwindlu yakhe.
- 17** Emva kokufa kukaYehoyada, beza abathetheli bakwaYuda, baqubuda kukumkani. Waza wabaphulaphula ukumkani.
- 18** Bayishiya indlu kaYehova, uThixo wooyise, bakhonza ooAshera nezithixo. Afikelwa buburhalarhume amaYuda neYerusalem ngenxa yelo tyala lawo.
- 19** Wathuma abaprofeti kubo bokubabuyisela kuYehova, babaqononondisa; ke bona abaphulaphula noko.
- 20** UMoya kaThixo wamthi gqubuthu uZekariya, unyana kaYehoyada umbingeleli, wema phezu kwabantu, wathi kubo, Utsho uThixo ukuthi, Yini na ukuba niyigqithe imithetho kaYehova, nize ningabi nampumelelo? Ngokuba nimshiyile uYehova, wonishiya nani.
- 21** Bamceba bamxuluba ngamatye, ngokomthetho wokumkani entendelezweni yendlu kaYehova.
- 22** Wenjenjalo uYowashe ukumkani, akayikhumbula inceba abeyenzile uYehoyada, uyise kaZekariya, kuye; wesuka wambulala unyana wakhe. Ekufeni kwakhe wathi, UYehova wokhangela abuze.
- 23** Kwathi ekupheleni komnyaka, yenyuka yeza kuye impi yama-Aram; eza kwaYuda naseYerusalem, abatshabalalisa bonke abathetheli babantu ebantwini; onke amaxhoba awo awathumela kukumkani waseDamasko.
- 24** Ngokuba impi yama-Aram yeza inamadoda ambalwa; uYehova wanikela esandleni sawo impi eninzi kunene; ngokuba babemshiyile uYehova, uThixo wooyise. Amgweba ke uYowashe.
- 25** Ekumkeni kwawo kuye (ngokuba amshiya eneentlungu ezinkulu), bamceba abakhonzi bakhe (ngenxa yamagazi oonyana bakaYehoyada umbingeleli), bambulalela esingqengqelweni sakhe, wafa; bamngcwabela emzini kaDavide; ke abamngcwabelanga emangcwabeni ookumkani.
- 26** Abo ke bamcebayo nguZabhadi, unyana kaShimehati umAmonikazi, noYozabhadi, unyana kaShimriti umMowabhikazi.
- 27** Ke oonyana bakhe, nobuninzi bezihlabo ezimsongelayo, nokusekwa kwendlu kaThixo, nanzo zibhaliwe ezincwadini zamabali ookumkani. UAmatsiya, unyana wakhe, waba ngukumkani esikhundleni sakhe.

UAmatsiya ubeminyaka imashumi mabini anamihlanu ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka emashumi mabini anesithoba engukumkani eYerusalem. Igama lonina belinguYehowadan waseYerusalem.

² Wenza okuthe tye emehlweni kaYehova; kodwa kungengantliziyo ipheleleyo.

³ Kwathi, bakuqiniselwa ubukumkani kuye, wababulala abakhonzi bakhe, ababebulele ukumkani uyise.

⁴ Ke oonyana babo akababulalanga, kwanjengoko kubhaliweyo emyalelweni, encwadini kaMoses, apho uYehova ebewise khona umthetho wokuthi: Mabangabulawa ooyise ngenxa yoonyana, noonyana mabangabulawa ngenxa yooyise; elowo makabulawe ngesakhe isono.

⁵ UAmatsiya wawahlanganisa amaYuda onke, wawamisa ngokwezindlu zooyise, ngokwabathetheli-mawaka, nangokwabathetheli-makhulu, kuwo onke amaYuda namaBhenjamin; wababala, ethabathela kominyaka imashumi mabini ezelwe, kunyuse. Wabafuma na bengamakhulu amathathu amawaka amadodana anokuphuma umkhosi, ephethe iintonga namakhaka.

⁶ Waqesha kumaSirayeli ikhulu lamawaka amagorha anobukroti, ngekhulu leetalente zesilivere.

⁷ Kweza ke umfo wakwaThixo kuye, esithi, Kumkani, mawungahambi nawe umkhosi wamaSirayeli; ngokuba akakho uYehova kumaSirayeli, koonyana bonke bakwaEfrayim.

⁸ Hamba wedwa, wenze womelele ekulweni; uThixo akayi kukuwisa phambi kotshaba; ngokuba uThixo unamandla okunceda nawokuwisa.

⁹ UAmatsiya wathi kumfo wakwaThixo, Liya kuthiwani na ikhulu leetalente, endalinika umkhosi wamaSirayeli? Wathi umfo wakwaThixo, UYehova angakunika okuninzi kunoko.

¹⁰ UAmatsiya ke wayahlula impi leyo yayize kuye, ivela kwaEfrayim, ukuba iye endaweni yayo. Wavutha umsindo wayo kunene ngakumaYuda; babuya baya endaweni yabo bevutha ngumsindo.

¹¹ UAmatsiya wazomeleza, wabaqhuba abantu bakhe, waya eSihlanjeni seTyuwa, wabulala koonyana bakwaSehire ishumi lamawaka.

¹² Oonyana bakaYuda balithimba elinye ishumi lamawaka lihleli; babasa encotsheni yengxondorha leyo, babaphosa phantsi encotsheni yengxondorha, badlabhuka bonke bephela.

¹³ Ke abomkhosi awababuyisayo uAmatsiya, ukuba bangayi naye ekulweni, bayingenela imizi yakwaYuda, bethabathela kwaSamari, besa eBhete-horon, babulala kuyo amawaka amathathu, baphanga into eninzi yamakhoba.

¹⁴ Kwathi emva kokubuya kuka-Amatsiya ekuwabulaleni amaEdom, wezisa izithixo zoonyana bakwaSehire, wazimisa ukuba zibe zizithixo zakhe, waqubuda phambi kwazo, waqhumisela kuzo.

¹⁵ Wawutha umsindo kaYehova kuAmatsiya, wathumela umprofeti kuye, wathi kuye, Yini na ukuba uquqele izithixo zabantu ezingabahlangulanga abantu bazo esandleni sakho?

¹⁶ Kwathi esathetha naye, ukumkani wathi kuye, Sikumisile yini na ukuba ube ngumphakathi wokumkani? Yeka; yini na ukuba uzibethise. Wayeka umprofeti wathi, Ndiyazi ukuba uThixo ugqibe kwelokuba akutshabalalise, ngokuba ukwenzile oku, akwaliphulaphula icebo lam.

¹⁷ UAmatsiya ukumkani wakwaYuda wathabatha icebo, wathumela kuYowashe, unyana kaYehowahazi, unyana kaYehu, ukumkani wakwaSirayeli, wathi, Khawuze siqwalaselane ngamehlo.

¹⁸ UYowashe ukumkani wamaSirayeli wathumela kuAmatsiya ukumkani wakwaYuda,

wathi, Ikhakhakha eliseLebhanon lathumela kumsedare oseLebhanon, lisithi, Unyana wam mnike intombi yakho, ibe ngumkakhe. Ke irhamncwa laseLebhanon ladlula, lalibhuqa ikhakhakha elo.

¹⁹ Uthi, Yabona, ndiwabulele amaEdom; yakuphakamisa intliziyo yakho, ukuba uzizukise. Hlala kaloku endlwini yakho; yini na ukuba okunene ufekethe ngobubi, uwe, wena namaYuda anawe.

²⁰ Akaphulaphula uAmatsiya; ngokuba oko kwakuphuma kuThixo, ukuze abanikele esandleni seentshaba zabo; ngokuba babequqele izithixo zakwaEdom.

²¹ Wenyuca ke uYowashe ukumkani wakwaSirayeli; baqwalaselana ngamehlo, yena noAmatsiya ukumkani wakwaYuda, eBhete-shemeshe, ekwaYuda.

²² Atyelwa ke amaYuda ngamaSirayeli; asaba, yangulowo waya ententeni yakhe.

²³ UYowashe ukumkani wakwaSirayeli wambamba uAmatsiya ukumkani wakwaYuda, unyana kaYowashe, unyana kaYehowahazi, eBhete-shemeshe, wamzisa eYerusalem; waluqhekeza udonga lwaseYerusalem, ethabathela esangweni lakwaEfrayim, wesa esangweni lembombo, iikubhite ezimakhulu mane.

²⁴ Wayithabatha yonke igolide, nesilivere, nempahla yonke eyafumanekayo endlwini kaThixo, ebino-Obhedi-edom, nobuncwane bendlu yokumkani, nabafo abazizibambiso, wabuyela kwaSamari.

²⁵ UAmatsiya unyana kaYowashe, ukumkani wakwaYuda, emva kokufa kukaYowashe unyana kaYehowahazi, ukumkani wakwaSirayeli, waba minyaka ilishumi linesihlanu esidla ubomi.

²⁶ Ezinye izinto zika-Amatsiya, ezokuqala nezokugqibela, asizezo na zibhaliweyo encwadini yookumkani bakwaYuda nabakwaSirayeli?

²⁷ Ke kaloku, emveni kwexesha awatyeka ngalo uAmatsiya ekumlandeleni uYehova, bamceba eYerusalem; wasabela eLakishe.

²⁸ Bamsukela, bamfumana eLakishe, bambulalela khona. Bamthwala ngamahashe, bamngcwabela koyise, emzini wakwaYuda.

ISAHLUKO 26

Bonke abantu bakwaYuda bamthabatha u-Uziya, akubon' ukuba uminyaka ilishumi linamithandathu ezelwe, bamenza ukumkani esikhundleni sika-Amatsiya uyise.

² Yakhiwa nguye iEloti, wayibuyisela kumaYuda, emva kokulala kokumkani kooyise.

³ U-Uziya ubeminyaka ilishumi elinamithandathu ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka emashumi mahlanu anamibini engukumkani eYerusalem. Igama lonina libe linguYekoliya waseYerusalem.

⁴ Wenza okuthe tye emehlweni kaYehova, njengako konke awakwenzayo uAmatsiya uyise.

⁵ Wamquqela uThixo ngemihla kaZekariya, owamfundisayo ukumoyika uThixo; ngemihla yokumquqela kwakhe uYehova, uThixo wamenza wanempumelelo.

⁶ Waphuma walwa namaFilisti, waluqhekeza udonga lwaseGati, nodonga lwaseYabhene, nodonga lwaseAshdode, wakha imizi kummandla waseAshdode naphakathi kwamaFilisti.

⁷ UThixo wamnceda kumaFilisti, nakuma-Arabhi ahleli eGur-bhahali, nakumaMahan.

⁸ Ama-Amon amnika u-Uziya umnikelo. Igama lakhe laduma, lada laya kufika ekungeneni kweYiputa; ngokuba womelela wada wenyuka.

⁹ U-Uziya wakha iinqaba ezinde eYerusalem, esangweni lembombo, nasesangweni

lomfula, nasembombeni yodonga, wazinqabisa ke.

¹⁰ Wakha iinqaba ezinde entlango, wemba amaqula amaninzi; ngokuba imfuyo yakhe yabe ininzi kwelentili nakwelamathafa. Ubenabalimi bomhlaba nabezidiliya ezintabeni naseKarmele; ngokuba wayethanda ukulima umhlaba.

¹¹ U-Uziya ubenempi elwayo, ephuma umkhosi ngamaqela, ngenani lokubalwa kwabo ngesandla sikaYehuweli umbhali, noMahaseya umphathi, phantsi kolawulo luka Hananiya, ongomnye wakubathetheli bokumkani.

¹² Lonke inani leentloko zezindlu zooyise, lamagorha anobukroti, lalingamawaka amabini anamakhulu mathandathu.

¹³ Ngaphantsi kwabo, impi ephuma umkhosi yayingamakhulu amathathu amawaka, anamawaka asixhenxe, anamakhulu mahlanu alwayo, anamandla obukroti ukumnceda ukumkani elutshabeni.

¹⁴ U-Uziya wawalungiselela, emkhosini wonke, iingweletshetshe, nezikhali, nezigcinantloko, neengubo zentsimbi, nezaphetha, namatye okusawula.

¹⁵ Wenza eYerusalem omashini abenziwe ngobuqili beengcibi, bokuba phezu kweenqaba ezinde naphezu koqoqo, ukuba kutolwe ngeentolo, kusawulwe ngamatye amakhulu. Laduma igama lakhe, lada laya kude, ngokuba wancedwa ngokubalulekileyo, wada womelela.

¹⁶ Uthe ke akomelela, yaphakama intliziyo yakhe, wada wenza ububi; ngokuba wenza ubumenemene kuYehova uThixo wakhe, wangena etempileni kaYehova, ukuba aqhumisele esibingelelweni sesiqhumiso.

¹⁷ UAzariya umbingeleli wamlandela, enababingeleli bakaYehova abangamashumi asibhozo, amadoda anobukroti.

¹⁸ Bammela u-Uziya ukumkani, bathi kuye, Asikokwakho, Uziya, ukuqhumisela kuYehova; kokwababingeleli, oonyana baka-Aron abangcwaliselwa ukuqhumisela; phuma engcweni, ngokuba wenza ubumenemene; akuluzuko oko kuwe phambi koYehova uThixo.

¹⁹ Wajala u-Uziya, ephethe ngesandla isiqhumiso sokuqhumisela. Uthe esabajalele ababingeleli, kwasuka kwaphuma iqhenqa ebunzini lakhe phambi kwababingeleli endlwini kaYehova, engasesibingelelweni sokuqhumisela.

²⁰ UAzariya, umbingeleli omkhulu, nababingeleli bonke, babheka kuye, nanko eneqhenqa ebunzi, bamgxotha ngobungxamo khona, wangxama naye ukuphuma; ngokuba uYehova ubembethile.

²¹ Waye u-Uziya ukumkani eneqhenqa, kwada kwayimini yokufa kwakhe, wahlala endlwini eyodwa, eneqhenqa; ngokuba wanqanyulwa endlwini kaYehova. UYotam, unyana wakhe, wayiphatha indlu yokumkani, ebalawula abantu belizwe.

²² Ezinye izinto zikaUziya, ezokuqala nezokugqibela, wazibhala ulsaya unyana ka-Amotsi, umprofeti.

²³ U-Uziya walala kooyise; bamngcwabela ngakooyise emhlabeni wokungcwaba wookumkani; ngokuba bathi, Uneqhenqa. UYotam, unyana wakhe, waba ngukumkani esikhundleni sakhe.

ISAHLUKO 27

UYotam ubeminyaka imashumi mabini anamihlanu ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka elishumi elinamithandathu engukumkani eYerusalem. Igama lonina lalinguYerusha intombi kaTsadoki.

- ² Wenza okuthe tye emehlweni kaYehova, njengako konke awakwenzayo u-Uziya uyise; kodwa akangenanga etempileni kaYehova; ke abantu bona babesabenza ububi.
- ³ Yena walakha isango eliphezulu lendlu kaYehova; wakha kakhulu naseludongeni lwaseOfele.
- ⁴ Wakha imizi kweleentaba lakwaYuda, nasemahlathini wakha iinqaba neemboniselo.
- ⁵ Walwa noonyana baka-Amon, waboyisa. Oonyana baka-Amon bamnika ngaloo mnyaka ikhulu leetalente zesilivere, neshumi lamawaka eekore zengqolowa, neshumi lamawaka erhasi. Oko baphinda bakuzisa kuye oonyana baka-Amon ngomnyaka wesibini nangowesithathu.
- ⁶ Womelela ke uYotam; ngokuba waziqinisela iindlela zakhe phambi koYehova uThixo wakhe.
- ⁷ Ezinye izinto zikaYotam, neemfazwe zakhe zonke, neendlela zakhe, nanzo zibhaliwe encwadini yookumkani bakwaSirayeli nabakwaYuda.
- ⁸ Ubeminyaka imashumi mabini anamihlanu ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka elishumi elinamithandathu engukumkani eYerusalem.
- ⁹ UYotam walala kooyise; bamngcwabela emzini kaDavide; uAhazi, unyana wakhe, waba ngukumkani esikhundleni sakhe.

IS AHLUKO 28

UAhazi ubeminyaka imashumi mabini ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka elishumi elinamithandathu engukumkani eYerusalem. Akakwenza okuthe tye emehlweni kaYehova njengoDavide uyise;

- ² wahamba ngeendlela zookumkani bakwaSirayeli, kananjalo wabenzela ooBhahali imifanekiso etyhidiweyo.
- ³ Waqhumisela yena emfuleni waseBhen-hinom, wabatshisa oonyana bakhe ngomlilo, ngokwamasikizi eentlanga awazigqogqayo uYehova phambi koonyana bakaSirayeli.
- ⁴ Wabingelela waqhumisela ezigangeni, nasezindulini, naphantsi kwemithi yonke eluhlaza.
- ⁵ UYehova, uThixo wakhe, wamnikela esandleni sokumkani wama-Aram; ameyisa, athimba kuye into eninzi yabathinjwa, abasa eDamasko. Kananjalo wanikelwa esandleni sokumkani wakwaSirayeli, uPeka; wabulala kwimpi yakhe kakhulu.
- ⁶ UPeka, unyana kaRemaliya, wabulala kumaYuda ikhulu elinamanci amabini lamawaka ngamini-nye, bonke bengamadoda anobukroti, ngokushiya kwabo uYehova, uThixo wooyise.
- ⁷ UZikri, igorha lakwaEfrayim, wabulala uMahaseya unyana wokumkani, noAzerikam inganga yendlu yakhe, noElikana onganeno kokumkani.
- ⁸ Oonyana bakaSirayeli bathimba kubazalwana babo amakhulu amabini amawaka, abafazi, noonyana, neentombi, kananjalo babaphanga amaxhoba amaninzi, bawazisa amaxhoba lawo kwaSamari.
- ⁹ Apho ke bekukho umprofeti kaYehova, ogama linguOdede. Waphuma waya kukhawulela umkhosi owawusiza kwaSamari, wathi kubo, Yabonani, ngenxa yobushushu bukaYehova, uThixo wooyihlo, obukumaYuda, uwanikele ezandleni zenu; nibabulele ke ngomsindo ode waya kufikelela emazulwini.
- ¹⁰ Kaloku ke oonyana bakwaYuda neYerusalem, nithe nina niya kubanyathela, babe ngamakhoboka namakhobokazana kuni. Kodwa nina aninatyala na kuYehova uThixo wenu?

- ¹¹ Ndiphulaphuleni ngoko, nibabuyise abathinjwa, enabathimba kubazalwana benu; ngokuba ukuvutha komsindo kukaYehova kuphezu kwenu.
- ¹² Kwesuka ke amadoda akwiintloko zoonyana bakaEfrayim, ooAzariya unyana kaYohanan, noBherekiya unyana kaMeshilemoti, noHezekiya unyana kaShalum, noAmasa unyana kaHadelayi, ema phambi kwabavela emkhosini;
- ¹³ athi kubo, Ningabazisi apha abathinjwa, ukuze sibe netyala kuYehova; nifuna ukongeza esonweni sethu nasetyaleni lethu; ngokuba, inene, likhulu ityala lethu, nokuvutha komsindo kuphezu kwamaSirayeli.
- ¹⁴ Abaxhobileyo babashiya ke abathinjwa namaxhoba phambi kwabathetheli nebandla lonke.
- ¹⁵ Asuka ke amadoda akhankanywe ngamagama, abathabatha abathinjwa, abambathisa bonke ababeze phakathi kwabo ngamakhoba, abambathisa, abanxiba iimbadada, abadlisa, abaseza, abathambisa, abathundeza ngamaesile bonke abatyhafileyo, abasa eYeriko, kumzi wamasundu, kubazalwana babo; wona abuya aya kwaSamari.
- ¹⁶ Ngelo xesha ukumkani uAhazi wathumela ke kookumkani baseAsiriya ukuba baze kumnceda.
- ¹⁷ Ngaphezu koko eza amaEdom, abulala amaYuda, athimba abathinjwa.
- ¹⁸ NamaFilisti ayingenela imizi yasezintilini, neyasezantsi yakwaYuda, ayithimba iBhete-shemeshe, neAyalon, neGederoti, neSoko namagxamesi ayo, neTimna namagxamesi ayo, neGimzo namagxamesi ayo, ahlala khona.
- ¹⁹ Ngokuba uYehova wawathoba amaYuda ngenxa ka-Ahazi, ukumkani wakwaSirayeli; ngokuba wenza inyala kwaYuda, wenza ubumenemene kuYehova.
- ²⁰ UTilegati-pilenezere, ukumkani waseAsiriya, wamfikela, wambandezela, akamomeleza;
- ²¹ ngokuba uAhazi wayeyiphangile indlu kaYehova, nendlu yokumkani, nabathetheli, wanika ukumkani waseAsiriya; akwamnceda nto noko.
- ²² Ngexesha lokubandezelwa kwakhe waphinda wenza ubumenemene kuYehova, yena ukumkani uAhazi.
- ²³ Wabingelela kwizithixo zaseDamasko ezazimeyisile, wathi, Izithixo zookumkani bama-Aram ezawancedayo, ndobingelela kuzo; zondinceda nam. Ke zona zaba sisikhubekiso kuye nakumaSirayeli onke.
- ²⁴ UAhazi wazihlanganisa iimpahla zendlu kaThixo, wazinqunqa iimpahla zendlu kaThixo, wazivala iingcango zendlu kaYehova. Wazenzela izibingelelo ezimbombeni zonke zaseYerusalem,
- ²⁵ wenza iziganga emizini yonke ngaminye yakwaYuda, zokuqhumisela thixweni bambi; wamqumbisa uYehova uThixo wooyise.
- ²⁶ Ezinye izinto zakhe, neendlela zakhe zonke ezokuqala nezokugqibela, nanzo zibhaliwe encwadini yookumkani bakwaYuda nabakwaSirayeli.
- ²⁷ UAhazi walala kooyise, bamngcwabela kuwo umzi oyiYerusalem; ke abamzisanga emangcwabeni ookumkani bakwaSirayeli. UHezekiya, unyana wakhe, waba ngukumkani esikhundleni sakhe.

ISAHLUKO 29

UHezekiya waba ngukumkani eminyaka imashumi mabini anamihlanu ezelwe; waba neminyaka emashumi mabini anesithoba engukumkani eYerusalem. Igama lonina lalinguAbhiya intombi kaZekariya.

- ² Wenza okuthe tye emehlweni kaYehova, njengako konke awakwenzayo uDavide uyise.
- ³ Yena, ngomnyaka wokuqala wobukumkani bakhe, ngenyanga yokuqala, wazivula iingcango zendlu kaYehova, wazilungisa.
- ⁴ Wabangenisa ababingeleli nabaLevi, wabahlanganisela ebaleni langasempumalanga, wathi kubo,
- ⁵ Ndiphulaphuleni, baLevi; zingcwaliseni kaloku; yingcwaliseni indlu kaYehova, uThixo wooyihlo, nikukhuphe ukungcola okusendaweni engcwele.
- ⁶ Ngokuba oobawo benza ubumenemene, benza okubi emehlweni kaYehova uThixo wethu, bamshiya, babusonga ubuso babo emnqubeni kaYehova, bawunikela ikhosi;
- ⁷ kananjalo bazivala iingcango zevaranda, bazicima izibane, abaqhumisela ngesiqhumiso, abawanyusa amadini anyukayo engcweleni kuThixo kaSirayeli.
- ⁸ Ngoko ke afikelwa amaYuda neYerusalem buburhalarhume bukaYehova, wawanikela aba yinto yokufeketha, neyokumangalisa, neyomsondlo, njengoko nikubonayo ngamehlo enu.
- ⁹ Yabona, bawile oobawo likrele; oonyana bethu neentombi zethu nabafazi bethu basekuthinjweni ngenxa yoko.
- ¹⁰ Ngoku ke kusentliziweni yam ukumenzela umnqophiso uYehova uThixo kaSirayeli, kubuye kuthi ukuvutha komsindo wakhe.
- ¹¹ Nyana bam, kungokunje musani ukuhiliza; ngokuba uYehova uninyule, ukuze nime phambi kwakhe, nilungiselele kuye, nibe ngabalungiseleli nabaqhumiseli kuye.
- ¹² Basuka ke abaLevi, ooMahati unyana ka-Amasayi, noYoweli unyana ka-Azariya, koonyana bamaKohati; nakoonyana bakaMerari, uKishe unyana ka-Abhedi, noAzariya unyana kaYehaleleli; nakumaGershon, uYowa unyana kaZima, noEden unyana kaYowa;
- ¹³ koonyana bakaElitsafan, uShimri noYehiyeli; nakoonyana baka-Asafu, uZekariya noMataniya;
- ¹⁴ nakoonyana bakaHeman, uYehiyeli noShimehi; koonyana bakaYedutun, uShemaya noUziyeli.
- ¹⁵ Babahlanganisa ke abazalwana babo, bazingcwalisa, bangena ngokomthetho wokumkani ngamazwi kaYehova, ukuyihlambulula indlu kaYehova.
- ¹⁶ Bangena phakathi kwendlu kaThixo ababingeleli, ukuze bayihlambulule; bayikhupha yonke into eyinqambi abayifumanayo etempileni kaYehova, bayisa entendelezweni yendlu kaYehova. AbaLevi bayithabatha, ukuze bayikhuphele phandle, bayise emlanjaneni oyiKidron.
- ¹⁷ Baqala ukungcwalisa ngomhla wokuqala, ngenyanga yokuqala; ngomhla wesibhozo wenyanga leyo bafika evarandeni kaYehova. Bayingcwalisa ke indlu kaYehova imihla esibhozo, bagqiba ngomhla weshumi elinesithandathu wenyanga yokuqala.
- ¹⁸ Bangena baya kuHezekiya ukumkani, bathi, Siyihlambulule indlu yonke kaYehova, nesibingelelo sedini elinyukayo, neempahla zaso zonke, netafile yezonka ezicwangciswayo, neempahla zayo zonke.
- ¹⁹ Neempahla zonke awazilahlayo uAhazi, ngexa lokulawula kwakhe ngokwenza ubumenemene, sizilungisile sazingcwalisa; nanzo ziphambi kwesibingelelo sikaYehova.
- ²⁰ Wavuka kusasa uHezekiya ukumkani, wabahlanganisa abathetheli bawo umzi; wenyuka waya endlwini kaYehova.
- ²¹ Bazisa iinkunzi ezintsha zeenkomo zasixhenxe, neenkunzi zeegusha zasixhenxe, neemvana zasixhenxe, neenkunzi zeebhokhwe zasixhenxe, ukuba zibe lidini lesono ngenxa yobukumkani, nangenxa yendawo engcwele, nangenxa yamaYuda. Wathi koonyana baka-Aron, ababingeleli, mabenze amadini anyukayo esibingelelweni

sikaYehova.

²² Bazixhela iinkomo, ababingeleli balamkela igazi, balitshiza esibingelelweni; bazixhela iinkunzi zeegusha, balitshiza igazi esibingelelweni; bazixhela iimvana, balitshiza igazi esibingelelweni.

²³ Bazizisa iinkunzi zeebhokhwe zedini lesono phambi kokumkani nebandla, bacinezela ngezandla zabo phezu kwazo;

²⁴ bazixhela ababingeleli, ukuba bawacamagushele amaSirayeli onke, ngokulenza nyulu igazi lazo esibingelelweni; ngokuba ukumkani ebethe makenzelwe onke amaSirayeli idini elinyukayo nedini lesono.

²⁵ Wabamisa abaLevi endlwini kaYehova, benamacangci, benemirhubhe, beneehadi, ngokomthetho kaDavide, noGadi imboni yokumkani, noNatan umprofeti; ngokuba loo mthetho ubungokaYehova ngabaprofeti bakhe.

²⁶ Bema abaLevi benempahla kaDavide, ababingeleli benamaxilongo.

²⁷ Wathi uHezekiya, makunyuswe idini elinyukayo esibingelelweni. Lithe lakuqalwa idini elinyukayo, yaqala ingoma kaYehova namaxilongo, ngokokuhlabela kweempahla zikaDavide ukumkani wakwaSirayeli.

²⁸ Lonke ibandla laqubuda, iimvumi zivuma, abavutheli-maxilongo bevuthela; oko konke kwenziwa lada lagqitywa idini elinyukayo.

²⁹ Kwakugqitywa ukunyuswa idini elinyukayo, ukumkani nabo bonke abafumaneka benaye, baguqa baqubuda.

³⁰ Bathi ooHezekiya ukumkani nabathetheli, mabamdumise uYehova abaLevi ngamazwi kaDavide naka-Asafu imboni. Bamdumisa ke bada bavuya; bathoba, baqubuda.

³¹ Waphendula uHezekiya wathi, Kungokunje nizingcwalisile kuYehova; yizani, nizise imibingelelo neyombulelo endlwini kaYehova. Layizisa ke ibandla imibingelelo neyombulelo; bonke ababeqhutywa yintliziyo, bazisa amadini anyukayo.

³² Inani lamadini anyukayo elawazisayo ibandla, lalingamashumi asixhenxe eenkomo, nekhulu leenkunzi zeegusha, namakhulu amabini eemvana. Ezo zonke zaba zezedini elinyukayo kuYehova.

³³ Ezingcwalisiweyo iinkomo zaba ngamakhulu amathandathu, namawaka amathathu empahla emfutshane.

³⁴ Kodwa ababingeleli babembalwa, ababa nakuwahlinza onke amadini anyukayo; bababambisa ke abazalwana babo abaLevi, wada wagqitywa loo msebenzi, bada bazingcwalisa ababingeleli; ngokuba abaLevi babethe tye ngentliziyo ukuzingcwalisa, kunababingeleli.

³⁵ Kananjalo amadini anyukayo aba maninzi, enamanqatha emibingelelo yoxolo, neminikelo ethululwayo yawo amadini anyukayo; yaqiniselwa ke inkonzo yendlu kaYehova.

³⁶ Ke uHezekiya nabantu bonke bakuvuyela oko uThixo akuqinisele abantu; ngokuba le nto yenziwa ngesiquphe.

ISAHLUKO 30

Wathumela uHezekiya kuwo onke amaSirayeli namaYuda; kananjalo wabhala iincwadi eziya kumaEfrayim namaManase, ukuba kuziwe endlwini kaYehova eYerusalem, kwenziwe ipasika kuYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli.

² Ukumkani wacebisana nabathetheli bakhe nebandla lonke eYerusalem, ukuba kwenziwe ipasika ngeyesibini inyanga.

- ³ Kuba babengenakuyenza ngexesha elililo; ngokuba ababingeleli baye bengazingcwalisanga ngokwaneleyo, nabantu baye bengazihlanganiselanga eYerusalem.
- ⁴ Loo ndawo yathi tye emehlweni okumkani, nasemehlweni ebandla lonke.
- ⁵ Bamisa indawo yokuba lihanjiswe ilizwi kumaSirayeli onke, kuthatyathelwe eBher-shebha, kuse kwaDan, ukuba baze kwenza ipasika kuYehova, uThixo wamaSirayeli, eYerusalem; ngokuba babengayenzanga bebaninzi, njengoko kubhaliweyo.
- ⁶ Zahamba izigidimi zineencwadi ezivela ezandleni zokumkani nezabathetheli bakhe, zaya kuwo onke amaSirayeli namaYuda, zathi ngokomyalelo wokumkani, Nina, nyana bakaSirayeli, buyelani kuYehova, uThixo, ka-Abraham nolsake noSirayeli, abuyele kwabaseleyo kuni, abasindileyo esandleni sookumkani baseAsiriya.
- ⁷ Musani ukuba njengooyihlo, nanjengabazalwana benu, abenza ubumenemene kuYehova, uThixo wooyihlo, wabanikela baba yinto yokumangalisa, njengoko nikubonayo.
- ⁸ Musani ukuyenza lukhuni ngoku intamo yenu, njengooyihlo. Mnikeni uYehova isandla, nize engcweni yakhe abeyingcwalisile ngonaphakade, nimkhonze uYehova uThixo wenu, kubuye kuni ukuvutha komsindo wakhe.
- ⁹ Ngokuba, ukuba nithe nabuyela kuYehova, abazalwana benu noonyana benu bofumana imfesane kwababathimbileyo, babuyele kweli lizwe; ngokuba unobabalo, unemfesane uYehova uThixo wenu; akayi kubufihla kuni ubuso bakhe, ukuba nithe nabuyela kuye.
- ¹⁰ Izigidimi ezo zathungela imizi ngemizi ezweni lakwaEfrayim nelakwaManase, zesa kwelakwaZebhulon. Bazihleka, bazigculela;
- ¹¹ kodwa amadoda athile akwa-Ashere nawakwaManase nawakwaZebhulon azithoba, eza eYerusalem.
- ¹² Kananjalo isandla sikaThixo sabakho kwaYuda, ukuba abanike ntliziyo-nye yokwenza umthetho wokumkani nowabathetheli, ngowelizwi likaYehova.
- ¹³ Kwahlangana eYerusalem abantu abaninzi, ukuze benze umthendeleko wezonka ezingenagwele ngenyanga yesibini; baba libandla elikhulu kunene.
- ¹⁴ Besuka, bazisusa izibingelelo ezibe ziseYerusalem, bazisusa zonke iziqhumiselo, baziphosa emlanjaneni oyiKidron.
- ¹⁵ Bayixhela ipasika ngolweshumi elinesine usuku lweyesibini inyanga. Ababingeleli nabaLevi bazidanela, bazingcwalisa, bazisa amadini anyukayo endlwini kaYehova.
- ¹⁶ Bema endaweni yabo ngokwesiko labo, ngokomyalelo kaMoses umfo wakwaThixo; ababingeleli balitshiza igazi layo ipasika, belithabatha esandleni sabaLevi;
- ¹⁷ ngokuba babebaninzi ebandleni abe bengazingcwalisanga. AbaLevi bamela ukuxhela ipasika ngenxa yabantu bonke abaziinqambi, ukuba iimvana zingcwaliselwe kuYehova;
- ¹⁸ ngokuba ubuninzi babantu, abaninzi ababevele kwaEfrayim nakwaManase, kwaIsakare nakwaZebhulon, baye bengazihlambululanga. Bayidla ipasika ngokungengamthetho; kodwa uHezekiya wabathandazela, esithi, Wangu uYehova olungileyo
- ¹⁹ angamxolela elowo uyibhekise intliziyo yakhe ekumquqeleni uThixo uYehova, uThixo wooyise, nakuba kungengokwentlambululo yendawo engcwele.
- ²⁰ UYehova wamva uHezekiya, wabaphilisa abantu.
- ²¹ Oonyana bakaSirayeli abafunyanwayo eYerusalem bawenza ke umthendeleko wezonka ezingenagwele imihla esixhenxe, bevuya kakhulu, bemdumisa uYehova iimini ngeemini abaLevi nababingeleli, ngeempahla zokumzukisa uYehova.
- ²² UHezekiya wathetha kakuhle nabo abaLevi bonke, ababenokuyiqonda kakuhle inkonzo kaYehova. Badla ke umthendeleko imihla esixhenxe, bebingelela imibingelelo yoxolo, bebulela kuYehova uThixo wooyise.
- ²³ Ibandla lonke lacebisana ukwenza nesinye isixhenxe semihla; basenza ke isixhenxe

semihla, bevuya.

²⁴ Ngokuba uHezekiya ukumkani wakwaYuda walirhumela ibandla iwaka leenkunzi ezintsha zeenkomo, namawaka asixhenxe empahla emfutshane; nabathetheli balirhumela ibandla iwaka leenkunzi ezintsha zeenkomo, namawaka alishumi empahla emfutshane; bazingcwalisa ababingeleli abaninzi.

²⁵ Lavuya lonke ibandla lakwaYuda, nababingeleli nabaLevi, nebandla lonke elavela kwaSirayeli, nabasemzini, abavela kwaSirayeli kwanabahleli kwaYuda.

²⁶ Kwabakho uvuyo olukhulu ke eYerusalem; ngokuba kususela kwiimini zikaSolomon unyana kaDavide, ukumkani wakwaSirayeli, akuzanga kubekho nto injalo eYerusalem.

²⁷ Besuka bema ababingeleli, abaLevi, babasikelela abantu; ilizwi labo laviwa, nomthandazo wabo wangena ekhayeni lakhe elingcwele emazulwini.

ISAHLUKO 31

Kwakugqitywa konke oko, aphuma onke amaSirayeli afumanekileyo khona, aya emizini yakwaYuda, aziqhekeza izimiso zamatye, abagawula ooAshera, azidiliza iziganga nezibingelelo kulo lonke elakwaYuda, nelakwaBhenjamin, nelakwaEfrayim, nelakwaManase, kwada kwagqitywa. Babuya bonke oonyana bakaSirayeli, elowo waya elifeni lakhe, emizini yakowabo.

² UHezekiya wawamisa amaqela ababingeleli nawabaLevi ngokwamaqela abo, elowo ngokomsebenzi wakhe, ababingeleli nabaLevi; wabamisela amadini anyukayo nemibingelelo yoxolo, ukuba balungiselele, babulele, badumise emasangweni eminquba kaYehova.

³ Isabelo sokumkani sasempahleni yakhe saba sesamadini anyukayo, amadini anyukayo akusasa kwanawangokuhlwa, namadini anyukayo esabatha, nawokuthwasa kwenyanga, nawemithendeleko, ngoko kubhaliweyo emyalelwini kaYehova.

⁴ UHezekiya wathi kubantu, kubemi baseYerusalem, mabanike isabelo sababingeleli nabaLevi, ukuze babambelele emyalelwini kaYehova.

⁵ Lakuvakala elo lizwi, oonyana bakaSirayeli bazisa into eninzi yeziqhamo zokuqala zengqolowa, newayini, neoli, nobusi, nolibo lonke lwamasimi, bazisa kakhulu isishumi sezinto zonke.

⁶ Oonyana bakaSirayeli nabakaYuda, abahleleliyo emizini yakwaYuda, nabo bazisa isishumi seenkomo, nesempahla emfutshane, nesishumi sezinto ezingcwele, ezibe zingcwaliselwe uYehova uThixo wabo, bazibeka iimfumba ngeemfumba.

⁷ Baqala ngenyanga yesithathu ukuzenza iimfumba, bagqiba ngenyanga yesixhenxe.

⁸ Beza ooHezekiya nabathetheli, bazibona iimfumba ezo, babulela kuYehova nakubantu bakhe amaSirayeli.

⁹ Wababuza uHezekiya ababingeleli nabaLevi ngeemfumba ezo.

¹⁰ Wathi uAzariya umbingeleli oyintloko, owendlu kaTsadoki, kuye, Kuseloko kwaqalwayo ukuziswa imirhumo endlwini kaYehova, side sahlutha, sashiya kakhulu; ngokuba uYehova ubasikelele abantu bakhe; le nto ingaka yeseleyo.

¹¹ Wathi uHezekiya, Makulungiswe amagumbi endlwini kaYehova; bazilungisa ke,

¹² bawungenisa umrhumo, nezishumi, nezinto ezingcwalisiweyo ngokukholekileyo. Umphathi wazo ibiyinganga uKonaniya umLevi, noShimehi umninawa wakhe, obengowesibini;

¹³ noYehiyeli, noAzaziya, noNahati, noAsaheli, noYerimoti, noYozabhadi, noEliyeli, nolsemakiya, noMahati, noBhenaya, bengabaveleli phantsi kwesandla sikaKonaniya

noShimehi umninawa wakhe, ngommiselo kaHezekiya ukumkani, noAzariya inganga yendlu kaThixo.

¹⁴ UKore unyana kalmna, umLevi, ongowesango lasempumalanga, ubemele iminikelo kaThixo yabaqhutywa yintliziyo, ukuba awabe umrhumo kaYehova nezinto eziyingcwele kanye.

¹⁵ Ngaphantsi kwesandla sakhe ibinguEden, noMinyamin, noYeshuwa, noShemaya, noAmariya, noShekaniya, emizini yababingeleli, ngokunyanisa, ukuba babele abazalwana babo ngamaqela, abakhulu kwanjengabancinane;

¹⁶ iyodwa into eyindoda ebhalwe emilibeni yokuzalwa, ethabathele kominyaka mithathu ezelwe kwenyusa, kubo bonke abangenayo endlwini kaYehova ukwamkela into yemini, ngangemini yayo, yomsebenzi wabo, ezigxineni zabo ngokwamaqela abo.

¹⁷ Ukubhalwa kwababingeleli emilibeni yokuzalwa kube kungokwezindlu zooyise; nabaLevi bebesezigxineni zabo ngokwamaqela abo, bathabathela kominyaka imashumi mabini ezelwe kwenyusa;

¹⁸ ukuba kwabelwe iintsatshana zabo zonke ezibhaliweyo emilibeni yokuzalwa, abafazi babo, noonyana babo, neentombi zabo, kwibandla lonke. Ngokuba ngokunyanisa kwabo bazingcwalisa ke ngezinto ezingcwele.

¹⁹ Nangenxa yoonyana baka-Aron ababingeleli, ababesemhlabeni wamadlelo emizi yabo, emizini ngemizi yonke, kube kukho amadoda axeliweyo ngamagama, okuyabela izabelo into yonke eyindoda kubabingeleli, nabo bonke ababhaliweyo emilibeni yokuzalwa kubaLevi.

²⁰ Wenjenjalo uHezekiya kumaYuda onke; wenza okulungileyo, nokuthe tye, nokunyanisileyo, phambi koYehova uThixo wakhe;

²¹ nasemsebenzini, nokuba nguwuphi, awawuqalayo wenkonzo yendlu kaThixo, nomyalelo, nomthetho, ukuba amququele uThixo wakhe, wawenza ngentliziyo yakhe yonke, waphumelela.

ISAHLUKO 32

Emveni kwezi zinto noku kunyanisa, weza uSaneribhe, ukumkani waseAsiriya, walingenela elakwaYuda, wangqinga imizi enqatyisiweyo; wathi uya kuzigqobhozela.

² Wathi uHezekiya, akubona ukuba uyeza uSaneribe, ubuso bakhe ebubhekise ekulweni neYerusalem,

³ wacebisana nabathetheli bakhe namagorha akhe, ukuba bawavale amanzi emithombo engaphandle komzi; bamnceda ke.

⁴ Kwabuthelana abantu abaninzi, bawavala onke amaso emithombo, nomlanjana obuqukuqela phakathi kwelizwe; bathi, Yini na ukuba ookumkani baseAsiriya beze bafumane amanzi amaninzi?

⁵ Wazomeleza, walwakha lonke udonga olwaludilizwe, wenyusa iinqaba ezinde phezu kwalo, wakha nolunye udonga ngaphandle, wayiqinisela iMilo yomzi kaDavide, wenza izikhali neengweletshetshe ezininzi.

⁶ Wamisa abathetheli bemfazwe phezu kwabantu; wababuthela kuye endaweni yembutho yasesangweni lomzi, wathetha kakuhle nabo, wathi,

⁷ Yomelelani nikhaliphe; musani ukoyika; musani ukuqhiphuka umbilini ngukumkani waseAsiriya, nayingxokolo yonke anayo, ngokuba baninzi abangakuthi, phezu kwabangakuye.

⁸ Okunaye yingalo yenyama, okunathi nguYehova uThixo wethu, ukuba asincede, alwe

amadabi ethu. Abantu bayama emazwini kaHezekiya ukumkani wakwaYuda.

⁹ Emveni koko uSaneribhe ukumkani waseAsiriya wathumela eYerusalem abakhonzi bakhe (yena engaseLakishe, enabalawuli bakhe bonke), kuHezekiya ukumkani wakwaYuda, nakumaYuda onke aseYerusalem, esithi,

¹⁰ Utsho uSaneribhe ukumkani waseAsiriya, ukuthi, Nikholose ngantoni na, nihleli nje ekungqingweni eYerusalem?

¹¹ Akanilahlekisi uHezekiya yini na, ukuba aninikele ekufeni yindlala nakukunxanwa, ngokuthi oku, UYehova uThixo wenu wonihlangula esandleni sokumkani waseAsiriya?

¹² AsinguHezekiya na lo uzisusileyo iziganga zakhe nezibingelelo zakhe, wathi kumaYuda nakwiYerusalem, Qubudani phambi kwasibingelelo sinye, niqhumisele phezu kwaso?

¹³ Aniyazi na into endayenzayo, mna noobawo, ezizweni zonke zamazwe la? Baba nako nokuba nako na oothixo beentlanga zamazwe la, ukuwahlangula amazwe azo esandleni sam?

¹⁴ Nguwuphi na koothixo bonke bezo ntlanga, bazisingela phantsi oobawo, owaba nako ukubahlangula abantu bakhe esandleni sam, ukuba abe nako uThixo wenu ukunihlangula esandleni sam?

¹⁵ Ke ngoko makanganilukuhli uHezekiya, makanganikhohlisi ngokunjalo. Musani ukukholwa nguye; ngokuba akubangakho namnye uthixo wazo zonke iintlanga nezikumkani, owaba nako ukuhlangula abantu bakhe esandleni sam, nasesandleni soobawo; wobeka phi na ke yena uThixo wenu? Akayi kunihlangula esandleni sam.

¹⁶ Babuya bathetha abakhonzi bakhe ngoYehova uThixo, nangoHezekiya umkhonzi wakhe.

¹⁷ Wabhala incwadi yokumngcikiva uYehova uThixo kaSirayeli, ethetha ngaye esithi, Njengokuba oothixo beentlanga zamazwe bengabahlangulanga abantu babo esandleni sam, ngokunjalo akayi kubahlangula noThixo kaHezekiya abantu bakhe esandleni sam.

¹⁸ Bamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ngesiYuda ebantwini baseYerusalem ababeseludongeni, beboyikisa, bebaphelisa amandla, ukuze bawuthimbe loo mzi.

¹⁹ Bathetha ngoThixo weYerusalem njengoothixo bezizwe zehlabathi, umsebenzi wezandla zabantu.

²⁰ Bathandaza ke uHezekiya ukumkani, nolsaya unyana ka-Amotsi, umprofeti, ngenxa yoko; bakhala, basingisa emazulwini.

²¹ UYehova wathuma isithunywa sezulu, sawenza athi shwaka onke amagorha anobukroti, neenganga, nabathetheli, emkhosini wokumkani waseAsiriya. Wabuya, ubuso bakhe buthe khunubembe, waya ezweni lakhe. Wangena endlwini yothixo wakhe; bathi ababephume ezibilinini zakhe bamwisa khona ngekrele.

²² UYehova wamsindisa ke uHezekiya nabemi baseYerusalem esandleni sikaSaneribhe ukumkani waseAsiriya, nasesandleni sabangabambi; wabakhusela ngeenxa zonke.

²³ Baba baninzi abazisa umnikelo kuYehova eYerusalem, nezinto ezingabileyo kuHezekiya ukumkani wakwaYuda. Waphakanyiswa emehlweni eentlanga zonke emveni koko.

²⁴ Ngezo mini wayesifa uHezekiya, wayeza kufa, wathandaza kuYehova; wathetha naye, wamnika umqondiso.

²⁵ Ke uHezekiya akabuyekhezanga njengokuphathwa kwakhe; ngokuba intliziyo yakhe yaphakama. Bafikelwa buburhalarhume, yena namaYuda neYerusalem.

²⁶ Wazithoba uHezekiya ekuphakameni kwentliziyo yakhe, yena nabemi baseYerusalem; ababafikela ngemihla kaHezekiya uburhalarhume bukaYehova.

²⁷ UHezekiya ubenobutyebi nozuko olukhulu kunene, wazenzela izindlu zobuncwane

besilivere, nobegolide, nobamatye anqabileyo, nobobulawu, nobeengweletshetshe, nobeempahla zonke ezingwenelekayo,

²⁸ noovimba bendyebo yengqolowa, neyewayini, neyeoli, nezitali zeentlobo zonke zeenkomo, nezibaya zemihlambi.

²⁹ Wazenzela imizi yabalusi bemfuyo yempahla emfutshane, neyeenkomo ezininzi; ngokuba uThixo ubemnike impahla eninzi kunene.

³⁰ UHezekiya lo walivala ithende eliphezulu lamanzi aseGihon, wawahambisa ngaphantsi, esinga ngasentshonalanga komzi kaDavide. UHezekiya waphumelela emsebenzini wakhe wonke.

³¹ Kodwa ke emcimbini wabathunywa abangamakhumsha, abathetheli baseBhabheli, ababethunyiwe kuye, bebuzisa ngesimanga esabakho ezweni lakhe, uThixo wamshiya, ukuba amlinge, akwazi konke okusentliziweni yakhe.

³² Ezinye izinto zikaHezekiya, nokwenza kwakhe ngenceba, nanko kubhaliwe embonweni kalsaya unyana ka-Amotsi, umprofeti, encwadini yookumkani bakwaYuda nabakwaSirayeli.

³³ UHezekiya walala kooyise; bamngcwabela endulini yamangcwaba oonyana bakaDavide. Amzukisa ekufeni kwakhe amaYuda nabemi baseYerusalem. UManase, unyana wakhe, waba ngukumkani esikhundleni sakhe.

ISAHLUKO 33

UManase ubeminyaka ilishumi linamibini ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka emashumi mahlanu anamihlanu engukumkani eYerusalem.

² Wenza okubi emehlweni kaYehova, ngokwamasikizi eentlanga awazigqogqayo uYehova phambi koonyana bakaSirayeli.

³ Wabuya wazakha iziganga, awazidilizayo uHezekiya uyise; wabamisela ooBhahali izibingelelo, wenza ooAshera, wawunqula umkhosi wonke wezulu, wawukhonza.

⁴ Wazakha izibingelelo endlwini kaYehova, awathi uYehova, KuseYerusalem apho liya kuba khona igama lam ngonaphakade.

⁵ Wawakhela izibingelelo wonke umkhosi wezulu ezintendelezweni zombini zendlu kaYehova.

⁶ Yena wabacandisa oonyana bakhe emlilweni, emfuleni wakwaBhen-hinom, waba litola, wahlaba izihlabo, wakhafula, wamisa abaneshologu noosiyazi, wakwandisa ukwenza okubi emehlweni kaYehova, ukuba amqumbise.

⁷ Wawumisa umfanekiso oqingqiweyo abewenzile, endlwini kaThixo, awathi uThixo kuDavide nakuSolomon unyana wakhe, Kuyo le ndlu naseYerusalem, endiyinyulileyo ezizweni zonke zakwaSirayeli, ndiya kulibeka khona igama lam ngonaphakade,

⁸ ndingaphindi ndilususe unyawo lwamaSirayeli emhlabeni endawumisela ooyihlo; kodwa mababe bayakugcina ukukwenza konke endibawisele umthetho ngako, ngokomyalelo wonke nemimiselo namasiko, ngesandla sikaMoses.

⁹ Ke uManase wawalahlekisa amaYuda nabemi baseYerusalem, ukuba benze okubi, ngaphezu kweentlanga awazitshabalalisayo uYehova phambi koonyana bakaSirayeli.

¹⁰ UYehova wathetha kuManase nakubantu bakhe; abaphulaphula.

¹¹ UYehova wabafikisela abathetheli bomkhosi wokumkani waseAsiriya; bambamba uManase ngamakhonkco, bamkhonkxa ngamakhamandela obhedu, bamsa eBhabheli.

¹² Ekubandezelweni kwakhe wambongoza uYehova uThixo wakhe, wazithoba kakhulu phambi koThixo wooyise.

- ¹³ Wathandaza kuye, wathandazeka yena nguye, wakuva ukutarhuzisa kwakhe, wambuyisela eYerusalem ebukumkani bakhe. Wazi ke uManase ukuba uYehova nguye onguThixo.
- ¹⁴ Emveni koko wakha udonga olungaphandle lomzi kaDavide ngasentshonalanga, lwaya eGihon esihlanjeni, lwaya ekungeneni ngesango leentlanzi, wayizunguleza iOfele, waluphakamisa kakhulu. Wamisa abathetheli bempi emizini yonke enqatyisiweyo kwaYuda.
- ¹⁵ Wabasusa oothixo bolunye uhlanga nemifanekiso endlwini kaYehova, nezibingelelo zonke abezakhe entabeni yendlu kaYehova, naseYerusalem; waziphosa ngaphandle komzi.
- ¹⁶ Wakha isibingelelo sikaYehova, wabingelela phezu kwaso imibingelelo yoxolo neyombulelo; wathi kumaYuda makamkhonze uYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli.
- ¹⁷ Abantu bebesabingelela noko ezigangeni; kodwa babingelela ke kuYehova uThixo wabo yedwa.
- ¹⁸ Ezinye izinto zikaManase, nomthandazo wakhe kuThixo, nokuthetha kweemboni ezibe zithetha kuye egameni likaYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli, nanzo zisemicimbini yookumkani bakwaSirayeli.
- ¹⁹ Nomthandazo wakhe, nokuthandazeka kukaThixo nguye, nezono zakhe, nokumeneza kwakhe, neendawo awakhela kuzo iziganga, wamisa ooAshera nemifanekiso eqingqiweyo, engekazithobi, nanzo zibhaliwe emicimbini kaHozayi.
- ²⁰ UManase walala kooyise, wangcwatyelwa endlwini yakhe, uAmon, unyana wakhe, waba ngukumkani esikhundleni sakhe.
- ²¹ UAmon ubeminyaka imashumi mabini anamibini ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka emibini engukumkani eYerusalem.
- ²² Wenza okubi emehlweni kaYehova, njengoko wenza ngako uManase uyise. UAmon wabingelela kwimifanekiso yonke eqingqiweyo awayenzayo uManase uyise, wayikhonza.
- ²³ Akazithobanga phambi koYehova, njengoko wazithobayo uManase uyise; ke yena lo Amon walikhulisa ityala.
- ²⁴ Abakhonzi bakhe bamceba, bambulala endlwini yakhe.
- ²⁵ Abantu belizwe bababulala bonke abacebi abo bokumkani uAmon. Abantu belizwe bamenza ukumkani uYosiya, unyana wakhe, esikhundleni sakhe.

ISAHLUKO 34

UYosiya ubeminyaka isibhozo ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka emashumi mathathu anamnye engukumkani eYerusalem.

- ² Wenza okuthe tye emehlweni kaYehova, wahamba ngeendlela zikaDavide uyise, akatyekela ngasekunene nangasekhohlo.
- ³ Ngomnyaka wesibhozo wobukumkani bakhe, esemncinane, waqala wamquqela uThixo kaDavide uyise, nangomnyaka weshumi elinesibini waqala wawahlambulula amaYuda neYerusalem, kwiziganga, nooAshera, nemifanekiso eqingqiweyo netyhidiweyo.
- ⁴ Bazidiliza phambi kwakhe izibingelelo zooBhahali, neentsika zelanga ezibe ziphezu kwazo, wazigawula; ooAshera nemifanekiso eqingqiweyo netyhidiweyo wayaphula, wayicola yaluthuli, wayisasaza phezu kwamangcwaba abo babebingelele kuyo.
- ⁵ Wawatshisa amathambo ababingeleli phezu kwezibingelelo zabo, wawahlambulula ke amaYuda neYerusalem.

⁶ Nasemizini yakwaManase neyakwaEfrayim neyakwaSimon, kwesa kweyakwaNafetali, emanxuweni azo ngeenxa zonke,

⁷ wazidiliza izibingelelo, wabaqoba ooAshera nemifanekiso eqingqiweyo, wayicola yaluthuli; wazigawula zonke iintsika zelanga ezweni lonke lakwaSirayeli, wabuyela eYerusalem.

⁸ Ngomnyaka weshumi elinesibhozo wobukumkani bakhe, ekulihlambululeni kwakhe ilizwe elo nendlu leyo, wathuma uShafan unyana ka-Atsaliya, noMahaseya umphathi womzi, noYowa unyana kaYowahazi, umkhumbuzi wezinto zakomkhulu, ukuba bayihlaziye indlu kaYehova uThixo wakhe.

⁹ Beza kuHilekiya umbingeleli oyintloko, bayinikela imali ebizisiwe endlwini kaThixo, abayibuthayo abaLevi, abagcini-mnyango, eyabe ivele esandleni samaManase namaEfrayim, nakumaqongqolo onke akwaSirayeli, nakuwo onke amaYuda namaBhenjamin; babuyela eYerusalem.

¹⁰ Bayinikela esandleni sabenzi bomsebenzi, ababephethe indlu kaYehova; bayinikela kubenzi bomsebenzi ababesebenza endlwini kaYehova, ukuba bayilungise bayihlaziye indlu leyo;

¹¹ bayinikela ke kwiingcibi zemithi nakubakhi, ukuba kuthengwe amatye axholiweyo, nemithi yemiqadi yokuhlanganisa, neyophahla lwezindlu, ababeziwisile ookumkani bakwaYuda.

¹² Amadoda lawo ebesebenza kuloo msebenzi enyanisekile; abaphathi bawo nguYahati no-Obhadiya, abaLevi, bakoonyana bakaMerari; noZekariya noMeshulam, bakoonyana bakaKehati, abokongamela; nabaLevi bonke abo baziqondayo iimpahla zokuvuma.

¹³ Babephethe abathwali bemithwalo, bebongamele bonke abasebenzi bomsebenzi ngomsebenzi; abanye abaLevi babengababhali namagosa nabamasango.

¹⁴ Ekuyikhupheni kwabo imali ebiziswe endlwini kaYehova, uHilekiya umbingeleli wayifumana Incwadi yomyalelo kaYehova, eyabhalwa ngesandla sikaMoses.

¹⁵ Waphendula uHilekiya, wathi kuShafan umbhali, Ndiyifumene incwadi leyo yomyalelo endlwini kaYehova. UHilekiya wayinika uShafan le ncwadi.

¹⁶ UShafan wayizisa incwadi kukumkani; kanjako wambuyisela ilizwi ukumkani esithi, Konke obekunikelwe esandleni sabakhonzi bakho, bayakwenza;

¹⁷ bayikhuphele imali eyafumanekayo endlwini kaYehova, bayinikela esandleni sabaphathi, nasesandleni sabenzi bomsebenzi.

¹⁸ UShafan umbhali waxela kukumkani esithi, UHilekiya umbingeleli undinike incwadi. Wayilesa uShafan phambi kokumkani.

¹⁹ Kwathi akuweva ukumkani amazwi omyalelo, wasuka wazikrazula iingubo zakhe.

²⁰ Ukumkani wabawisela umthetho ooHilekiya, noAhikam unyana kaShafan, noAbhedon unyana kaMika, noShafan umbhali, noAsaya umkhonzi wokumkani, esithi,

²¹ Yiyani nibuzise kuYehova ngenxa yam, nangenxa yamasalela akwaSirayeli nakwaYuda, malunga namazwi ale ncwadi ifunyenweyo; ngokuba bukhulu ubushushu bukaYehova, obuphalazelwe phezu kwethu, ngenxa enokuba oobawo bengaligcinanga ilizwi likaYehova, ukuba benze njengoko konke kubhaliweyo kule ncwadi.

²² Waya ke uHilekiya nabakwakumkani kuHulida umprofetikazi, umkaShalum unyana kaTokeha, unyana kaHasera, umgcini-ngubo; waye yena ehleli eYerusalem kwesesibini isahlulo sayo. Bathetha kuye ngolo hlobo.

²³ Wathi kubo, Utsho uYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli, ukuthi, Nothi kuloo ndoda inithumileyo kum,

²⁴ Utsho uYehova ukuthi, Yabona ndiyizisela le ndawo nabemi bayo ububi, zonke

iziqalekiso ezibhaliweyo encwadini, abayilesileyo phambi kokumkani wakwaYuda;

²⁵ ngethuba lokuba bandishiyayo, baqhumisela thixweni bambi, ukuze bandiqumbise ngomsebenzi wonke wezandla zabo; ngoko bophalazwa ke ubushushu bam kule ndawo, bungabi nakucinywa.

²⁶ Ke kukumkani wakwaYuda, onithume ukuba nibuzise kuYehova, notsho kuye ukuthi, Utsho uYehova uThixo kaSirayeli, ukuthi, Okwala mazwi uwavileyo,

²⁷ ngokokuba ibithambile intliziyo yakho, wasuka wazithoba ebusweni bukaThixo ekuweveni kwakho amazwi akhe, malunga nale ndawo nabemi bayo; wazithoba phambi kwam, wazikrazula iingubo zakho, walila phambi kwam: nam ndikuvile; utsho uYehova.

²⁸ Uyabona, ndiya kukuhlanganisela kooyihlo, uhlanganiselwe engcwabeni lakho unoxolo, angabuboni amelulo akho bonke ububi, endiyizisela bona le ndawo, nabemi bayo. Bambuyisela ke ilizwi ukumkani.

²⁹ Wathumela ukumkani, kwahlanganiswa onke amadoda amakhulu akwaYuda neYerusalem.

³⁰ Wenyuka ukumkani waya endlwini kaYehova, namadoda onke akwaYuda, nabemi baseYerusalem, nababingeleli, nabaLevi, nabantu bonke, kwathabathela komkhulu kwesa komncinane. Wawalesela ezindlebeni zabo onke amazwi encwadi yomnqophiso, eyafunyanwa endlwini kaYehova.

³¹ Wema ukumkani phezu kwendawo yakhe ephakamileyo, wenza umnqophiso phambi koYehova wokulandela uYehova nokugcina imithetho yakhe, nezingqino zakhe, nemimiselo yakhe, ngentliziyo yakhe yonke, nangomphefumlo wakhe wonke, ukuba enze amazwi aloo mnqophiso abhaliweyo kule ncwadi.

³² Wabamisa kuwo bonke abafumanekayo eYerusalem nakwaBhenjamin. Abemi baseYerusalem benza ke ngokomnqophiso kaThixo, uThixo wooyise.

³³ UYosiya wawasusa onke amasikizi emazweni onke, angawoonyana bakaSirayeli, wabakhonzisa bonke abafumanekayo kwaSirayeli, ukuba bakhonze uYehova uThixo wabo. Abatyekanga ekumlandeleni uYehova, uThixo wooyise yonke imihla yakhe.

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UYosiya wenza ipasika kuYehova eYerusalem; bayixhela ipasika ngosuku lweshumi elinesine lwenyanga yokuqala.

² Wabamisa ababingeleli phezu kwezigxina zabo, wabomelezela enkonzweni yabo yendlu kaYehova.

³ Wathi kubaLevi ababeqondisa onke amaSirayeli, ababengcwele kuYehova, Yibekeni ityeya engcwele endlwini, awayakhayo uSolomon unyana kaDavide; ukumkani wakwaSirayeli; aniyi kuyithwala emagxeni. Mkhonzeni kaloku uYehova uThixo wenu, nabantu bakhe amaSirayeli.

⁴ Zilungiseni ngokwezindlu zooyihlo, ngokwamaqela enu, ngokwesibhalo sikaDavide ukumkani wakwaSirayeli, nangokwesibhalo sikaSolomon unyana wakhe;

⁵ nithi engcweleni nimele izahlulo zezindlu zooyise zabazalwana benu, oonyana babantu, iqela eli labaLevi limele indlu enye yooyise.

⁶ Nize niyixhele ipasika, nizingcwalise, niyilungisele abazalwana benu, kwenziwe ngokwelizwi likaYehova ngesandla sikaMoses.

⁷ UYosiya wabarhumela oonyana babantu, bonke abafunyanwayo khona, impahla emfutshane, iimvana, namatakane eebhokhwe, onke lawo angawepasika, engamawaka amashumi mathathu inani; namawaka amathathu eenkomo. Konke oko kwaphuma

kwimfuyo yokumkani.

⁸ Abathetheli bakhe babarhumela abantu nababingeleli nabaLevi iminikelo yabaqhutywa yintliziyo. UHilekiya, noZekariya, noYehiyeli, iinganga zendlu kaThixo, babanika ababingeleli amawaka amabini anamakhulu mathandathu amatakane angawepasika, namakhulu amathathu eenkomo.

⁹ UKonaniya noShemaya, noNataniyeli, abazalwana bakhe, noHashabhiya, noYehiyeli, noYozabhadi, abathetheli babaLevi, babarhumela abaLevi amawaka amahlanu amatakane angawepasika, namakhulu omahlanu eenkomo.

¹⁰ Yalungiswa ke inkonzo leyo; bema ababingeleli ezindaweni zabo, abaLevi emaqeleni abo, ngokomthetho wokumkani.

¹¹ Bayixhela ipasika; ababingeleli bathabatha igazi ezandleni zabo, balitshiza, abaLevi bahlinza.

¹² Bakususa okwamadini anyukayo, ukuba kunikelwe kwizahlulo zezindlu zooyise zoonyana babantu, kusondezwe kuYehova, njengoko kubhaliweyo encwadini kaMoses. Benjenjalo nangeenkomo.

¹³ Bayosa ipasika ngomlilo ngokwesiko; izinto ezingcwalisiweyo bazipheka ngeembiza, nangongxawu, nangeepani, bagidimisa koonyana bonke babantu.

¹⁴ Emveni koko bazilungisela ngokwabo kwanababingeleli ngokuba ababingeleli, oonyana baka-Aron, babenyusa amadini anyukayo namaqatha, kude kube sebusuku. Ke abaLevi bazilungisela ngokwabo kwanababingeleli, oonyana baka-Aron.

¹⁵ Iimvumi, oonyana baka-Asafu, zibe zisezindaweni zazo ngokomthetho kaDavide, noAsafu, noHeman, noYedutun imboni yokumkani; nabamasango emasangweni ngamasango babengesuki enkonzweni yabo; ngokuba abazalwana babo abaLevi babebalungisela.

¹⁶ Yalungiswa ke yonke inkonzo kaYehova, ngaloo mini yokwenza ipasika, nokunyusa amadini anyukayo esibingelelweni sikaYehova, ngokomthetho wokumkani uYosiya.

¹⁷ Oonyana bakaSirayeli ababekho bayenza ipasika ngelo xesha, nomthendeleko wezonka ezingenagwele, imihla esixhenxe.

¹⁸ Bekungazanga kwenziwe pasika ngokwaleyo kwaSirayeli, kususela kwimihla kaSamuweli umprofeti. Ookumkani bonke bakwaSirayeli abazanga benze pasika, ngokwaloo pasika wayenzayo uYosiya, nababingeleli, nabaLevi, nawo onke amaYuda namaSirayeli abekhona, nabemi baseYerusalem.

¹⁹ Kwaba ngomnyaka weshumi elinesibhozo wobukumkani bukaYosiya, ukwenziwa kwaloo pasika.

²⁰ Emveni kwako konke ukuyilungisa kukaYosiya indlu leyo, kwenyuka uNeko, ukumkani waseYiputa, eza kulwa neKarkemishe ngase-Efrati; uYosiya waphuma, waya kulwa naye.

²¹ Wathuma abathunywa kuye, wathi, Yintoni na enam nawe, kumkani wakwaYuda? Andize kulwa nawe namhla; ndize endlwini endilwa nayo; uThixo uthe mandikhawulezise; mkhwelele uThixo onam, angakutshabalalisi.

²² Ke uYosiya akabusonganga ubuso bakhe kuye; wazenza mntu wumbi, ukuba alwe naye; akawaphulaphula amazwi kaNeko, aphuma emlonyeni kaThixo; weza kulwa esihlanjeni saseMegido.

²³ Abatoli bamtola ukumkani uYosiya; wathi ukumkani kubakhonzi bakhe, Ndishenxiseni, ngokuba ndingxwelerhwe kakubi.

²⁴ Abakhonzi bakhe bamthula enqwelweni, bamkhwelisa kweyesibini inqwelo abenayo, bamsa eYerusalem; wafa, wangcwatyelwa emangcwabeni ooyise. Onke amaYuda neYerusalem amenzela isijwili uYosiya.

²⁵ UYeremiya wamenzela isimbonono uYosiya; zathetha zonke iimvumi neemvumikazi ezimbononweni zazo ngoYosiya, unanamhla. Bazenza ummiselo kwaSirayeli; nanzo zibhaliwe ezimbononweni.

²⁶ Ezinye izinto zikaYosiya, nokwenza kwakhe inceba, njengoko kubhaliweyo emyalelwani kaYehova,

²⁷ nezinto zakhe ezokuqala nezokugqibela, nanzo zibhaliwe encwadini yookumkani bakwaSirayeli nabakwaYuda.

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Abantu belizwe bathabatha uYehowahazi, unyana kaYosiya, bamenza ukumkani esikhundleni sikayise eYerusalem.

² UYehowahazi ubeminyaka imashumi mabini anamithathu ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neenyanga ezintathu engukumkani eYerusalem.

³ Ukumkani waseYiputa wamguzula eYerusalem, walihlawulisa ilizwe ikhulu leetalente zesilivere netalente yegolide.

⁴ Ukumkani waseYiputa wamenza uEliyakim, umkhuluwa wakhe, ukuba abe ngukumkani kwaYuda neYerusalem, waliguqula igama lakhe laba nguYehoyakim. UNeko wamthabatha uYehowahazi, umninawa wakhe, wamsa eYiputa.

⁵ UYehoyakim ubeminyaka imashumi mabini anamihlanu ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka elishumi elinamnye engukumkani eYerusalem. Wenza okubi emehlweni kaYehova uThixo wakhe.

⁶ Wenyuka uNebhukadenetsare, ukumkani waseBhabheli, wameyisa, wamkhonkxa ngamakhamandela obhedu, ukuba amse eBhabheli.

⁷ UNebhukadenetsare wayisa inxenye yempahla yendlu kaYehova eBhabheli, wayibeka etempileni yakhe eBhabheli.

⁸ Ezinye izinto zikaYehoyakim, namasikizi akhe awawenzayo, nokwafumanekayo kukuye, nanko kubhaliwe encwadini yookumkani bakwaSirayeli nabakwaYuda. Waba ngukumkani uYehoyakin, unyana wakhe, esikhundleni sakhe.

⁹ UYehoyakin ubeminyaka isibhozo ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neenyanga ezintathu ezineentsuku ezilishumi engukumkani eYerusalem; wenza okubi phambi koYehova.

¹⁰ Ekuveleni komnyaka, ukumkani uNebhukadenetsare wathumela wamzisa eBhabheli, kunye neempahla ezinqwenelekayo zendlu kaYehova; wenza uZedekiya, umninawa wakhe, ukuba abe ngukumkani kwaYuda naseYerusalem.

¹¹ UZedekiya ubeminyaka imashumi mabini anamnye ezelwe, ukuba ngukumkani kwakhe; waba neminyaka elishumi elinamnye engukumkani eYerusalem.

¹² Wenza okubi phambi koYehova uThixo wakhe, akazithoba ebusweni bukaYeremiya umprofeti, obethetha okwasemlonyeni kaYehova.

¹³ Kananjalo wagwilika kukumkani, kuNebhukadenetsare, obemfungise uThixo; waba ngontamo ilukuni, wayenza ingqoshomba intliziyo yakhe, ukuze angabuyeli kuYehova, uThixo wakwaSirayeli.

¹⁴ Kananjalo bonke abathetheli bababingeleli nabantu bandisa ukwenza ubumenemene ngokwamasikizi onke eentlanga; bayenza inqambi indlu kaYehova, awayingcwalisayo eYerusalem.

¹⁵ UYehova, uThixo wooyise, wathumela kubo ngabathunywa bakhe, wanyameka ukuthumela; ngokuba wayenemfesane ngabantu bakhe, nekhaya lakhe.

- ¹⁶ Baye bebagculela abathunywa bakaThixo, bewadela amazwi akhe, bebagxeka abaprofeti bakhe, bada benyuka ubushushu bukaYehova, beza kubantu bakhe, kwada akwabakho mpilo.
- ¹⁷ Wabanyusela ukumkani wamaKaledi; wawabulala amadodana abo ngekrele endlwini yabo engcwele, akacongana ndodana nantombi, nandoda inkulu naxhego; bonke wabanikela esandleni sakhe.
- ¹⁸ Zonke iimpahla zendlu kaThixo, ezinkulu nezincinane, nobuncwane bendlu kaYehova, nobuncwane bokumkani, nobabathetheli bakhe, zonke ezo zinto wazisa eBhabheli.
- ¹⁹ Bayitshisa indlu kaThixo, baludiliza udonga lwaseYerusalem, bawatshisa ngomlilo onke amabhotwe ayo; bazitshabalalisa zonke iimpahla zayo ezinqwenelekayo.
- ²⁰ Wabafudusela eBhabheli abasindileyo ekreleni; baba ngabakhonzi kuye nakoonyana bakhe, bada bangena ubukumkani bamaPersi;
- ²¹ ukuba lizaliseke ilizwi likaYehova ngomlomo kaYeremiya, lide ilizwe lanele ziisabatha zalo; ngayo yonke imihla yokuba senkangala kwalo, laphumla, ukuba kuzaliswe iminyaka emashumi asixhenxe.
- ²² Ke kaloku ngowokuqala umnyaka kaKoreshi, ukumkani wasePersi, ukuze kuzaliseke ilizwi likaYehova ngomlomo kaYeremiya, uYehova wawuxhokonxa umoya kaKoreshi ukumkani wasePersi, wahambisa izwi ebukumkanini bakhe bonke, walibhala esithi,
- ²³ Utsho uKoreshi ukumkani wasePersi ukuthi, Zonke izikumkani zehlabathi uzinike mna uYehova, uThixo wamazulu. Yena undiyalele ukuba ndimakhele indlu eYerusalem ekwaYuda. Ubani ophakathi kwenu ebantwini bakhe bonke, uYehova uThixo wakhe makabe naye, anyuke.

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