

2 SAMUWELI

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ISAHLUKO 1

Kwathi emva kokufa kukaSawule, uDavide esebuyile ekubulaleni ama-Amaleki, futhi uDavide esehlale izinsuku ezimbili eSikilagi,

² kwathi-ke ngosuku lwesithathu, bheka, kwaphuma umuntu ekamu likaSawule, izingubo zakhe ziklebhukile, enomhlabathi ekhanda, wawa phansi ekufikeni kwakhe kuDavide, wakhuleka.

³ UDavide wathi kuye: “Uvelaphi na?” Wathi kuye: “Ngibalekile ekamu lakwa-Israyeli.”

⁴ UDavide wayesethi kuye: “Bekunjani na? Ake ungitshele.” Wathi: “Abantu babalekile empini, nabantu abaningi bawile, bafa; oSawule noJonathani indodana yakhe bafile nabo.”

⁵ UDavide wathi kuleyo nsizwa eyamtshelayo: “Wazi kanjani ukuthi oSawule noJonathani indodana yakhe bafile na?”

⁶ Insizwa eyamtshelayo yathi: “Ngithe ngisentabeni yaseGilibowa, bheka, uSawule wencika emkhontweni, kwamjonga kakhulu izinqola nabamahhashi.

⁷ Lapho ebheka emuva, wangibona, wangibiza. Ngaphendula ngokuthi: ‘Ngilapha.’

⁸ “Wathi kimi: ‘Wena ungubani na?’ Ngathi kuye: ‘NgingumAmaleki.’

⁹ “Wathi kimi: ‘Ake ume ngakimi, ungibulale, ngokuba ngishaywe yisiyezi, nokuphila kusekhona kimi.’

¹⁰ “Ngase ngima ngakuye, ngambulala, ngokuba ngakwazi ukuthi angephile esewile, ngathatha umqhele owawusekhanda lakhe, nesongo elalisengalweni yakhe, ngikulethile lapha enkosini yami.”

¹¹ UDavide wayesebamba izingubo zakhe, waziklebhula kanye nawo onke amadoda ayenaye.

¹² Balila, bakhala, bazila ukudla kwaze kwahlwa ngenxa kaSawule, noJonathani indodana yakhe, nabantu bakaJehova, nendlu ka-Israyeli, ngokuba bebewile ngenkemba.

¹³ Wathi uDavide kuyo insizwa eyayimtshelile: “Ungowaphi na?” Wathi: “Ngiyindodana yomuntu ogogobele nje, umAmaleki.”

¹⁴ UDavide wathi kuyo: “Yini ukuba ungesabanga ukwelula isandla sakho, ubhubhise ogcotshiweyo kaJehova, na?”

¹⁵ UDavide wayesebiza enye yezinsizwa, wathi: “Sondela, umsukele.” Yamshaya waze wafa.

¹⁶ UDavide wathi kuye: “Igazi lakho malibe phezu kwekhanda lakho, ngokuba umlomo wakho ufakazile ngawe, lapho uthi: ‘Ngibulele ogcotshiweyo kaJehova.’”

- ¹⁷ UDavide walila ngalesi sililo ngoSawule noJonathani indodana yakhe,
- ¹⁸ wathi mabafundiswe abantwana bakwaJuda eyoMnsalo; bheka, silotshiwe eNcwadini Yoqotho.
- ¹⁹ “Udumo lwakho, Israyeli, lubulewe ezindaweni eziphakemeyo. Yeka ukuwa kwamaqhawe!
- ²⁰ “Ningakusho eGati, ningakumemezeli ezitaladini zase-Ashikeloni, funa amadodakazi amaFilisti ajabule, namadodakazi abangasokile athokoze.
- ²¹ “Nina zintaba zaseGilibowa, makungabikho mazolo namvula phezu kwenu, nokugubha kotwa, ngokuba isihlangu samaqhawe santshingwa, isihlangu sikaSawule, singagcotshwanga ngamafutha.
- ²² Egazini lababuleweyo nasemanonini amaqhawe umnsalo kaJonathani awuphindelanga emuva, nenkemba kaSawule ayibuyelanga ize.
- ²³ “OSawule noJonathani babethandeka, bemnandi; ekuphileni nasekufeni kwabo kabahlukaniswanga; babenejubane kunezinkozi, babenamandla kunezingonyama.
- ²⁴ “Nina madodakazi akwa-Israyeli, mkhaleleni uSawule owanigqokisa kamnandi ngokubomvu, owavunulisa izambatho zenu ngezivunulo zegolide.
- ²⁵ “Yeka ukuwa kwamaqhawe phakathi kokulwa! UJonathani ubulewe ezindaweni zakho eziphakemeyo.
- ²⁶ “Ngidabukile ngawe mfowethu Jonathani; wawumnandi kakhulu kimi; lwaluyisimangaliso kimi uthando lwakho, ludlula uthando lwabesifazane.
- ²⁷ “Yeka ukuwa kwamaqhawe, nokuphela kwezikhali zokulwa!”

ISAPHEKULO 2

Kwathi emva kwalokho uDavide wabuza kuJehova, wathi: “Ngenyukele yini komunye wemizi yakwaJuda na?” UJehova wathi kuye: “Yenyuka.” Wathi uDavide: “Ngenyukelephi na?” Wathi: “EHebroni.”

² Wayesenyukela khona uDavide nabafazi bakhe ababili, o-Ahinohama waseJizreyeli no-Abigayili umkaNabali waseKarmeli.

³ Abantu bakhe ababe noDavide wabenyusa, kwaba yilowo nalowo nomuzi wakhe; bahlala emizaneni yaseHebroni.

⁴ Bafika abantu bakwaJuda, bamgcoba khona uDavide abe yinkosi yendlu yakwaJuda. Bamtshela uDavide ukuthi: “Abantu baseJabeshi Gileyadi yibo abammbela uSawule.”

⁵ UDavide wayesethuma izithunywa kubantu baseJabeshi Gileyadi, wathi kubo: “Manibusiswe nguJehova, ngokuba nenzile lowo musa kuyo inkosi yenu, uSawule, nammbela.

⁶ Manje uJehova makanenzele umusa neqiniso, nami nginibuyisele lowo musa, ngokuba niyenzile leyo nto.

⁷ Ngalokho maziqine izandla zenu, nibe nesibindi, ngokuba uSawule inkosi yenu ufile; indlu yakwaJuda ingicobile ngibe yinkosi yayo.”

⁸ U-Abineri indodana kaNeri induna yempi kaSawule wayethathile u-Ishi Bosheti indodana kaSawule, wamwelisela eMahanayimi,

⁹ wambeka inkosi kwaGileyadi, nakuma-Ashurimi, naseJizreyeli, nakwa-Efrayimi noBenjamini, nakwa-Israyeli wonke.

¹⁰ U-Ishi Bosheti indodana kaSawule wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa phezu kuka-Israyeli; wabusa iminyaka emibili. Kepha indlu yakwaJuda

yamlandela uDavide.

11 Isikhathi uDavide eyinkosi ngaso eHebroni phezu kwendlu yakwaJuda sasiyiminyaka eyisikhombisa nezinyanga eziyisithupha.

12 U-Abineri indodana kaNeri nezinceku zika-Ishi Bosheti indodana kaSawule baphuma eMahanayimi, baya eGibeyoni.

13 UJowabe indodana kaSeruya nezinceku zikaDavide baphuma bahlangana ngasechibini laseGibeyoni; bahlala phansi, abanye ngalapha kwechibi, abanye ngalapho kwechibi.

14 U-Abineri wathi kuJowabe: “Ake zisuke izinsizwa, ziqakulizane phambi kwethu.” UJowabe wathi: “Mazisuke.”

15 Zase zisuka, zawela ngamanani, eziyishumi nambili kwaBenjamini naku-Ishi Bosheti indodana kaSawule, neziyishumi nambili ziyizinceku zikaDavide.

16 Zabambana ngekhandu, zagwaza ngenkamba ohlangothini lwezimelene nazo, zawa kanyekanye; ngalokho leyo ndawo yabizwa ngokuthi iHelikati Hasurimi eliseGibeyoni.

17 Kwakuyimpi enzima ngalolo suku; u-Abineri wahlulwa kanye nabantu bakwa-Israyeli phambi kwezinceku zikaDavide.

18 Amadodana amathathu kaSeruya ayelapho, oJowabe, no-Abishayi, no-Asaheli; u-Asaheli wayenezinyawo ezilula njengensephe.

19 U-Asaheli wamxosha u-Abineri; ekuhambeni kwakhe akachezukanga ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo ekumlandeleni u-Abineri.

20 U-Abineri wabheka emuva, wathi: “Ungu-Asaheli na?” Wathi: “Yimi.”

21 U-Abineri wayesethi kuye: “Chezukela ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo, ubambe enye yezinsizwa, uthathe izikhali zakhe.” Kepha u-Asaheli akavumanga ukuchezuka ekumlandeleni.

22 U-Abineri wabuye wathi ku-Asaheli: “Chezuka ekungilandeleni; yini ukuba ngikucekele phansi na? Ngingaphakamisa kanjani ubuso bami ngakuJowabe umfowenu na?”

23 Wala nokho ukuchezuka; ngalokho u-Abineri wamgwaza esiswini ngesidunu somkhonto, waze waphuma emuva umkhonto; wawela khona, wafela khona lapho; kwathi bonke abafika endaweni u-Asaheli awele kuyo wafa, bema.

24 Kepha oJowabe no-Abishayi bamxosha u-Abineri; ilanga lashona befike ngasegqumeni lase-Ama elingaphambi kweGiya ngasendleleni yasehlane laseGibeyoni.

25 Abantwana bakwaBenjamini babuthana emva kuka-Abineri, baba yiviyo linye, bema esiqongweni segquma elithile.

26 U-Abineri wayesememeza kuJowabe, wathi: “Inkamba iyakudla njalonzalo na? Awazi yini ukuthi kuyakuba khona umunyu ekugcineni na? Koze kube nini ungabayali abantu ukuba babuye ekubalandeleni abafowabo na?”

27 UJowabe wathi: “Kuphila kukaNkulunkulu, uma ubungakhulumanga, ngempela abantu bonke bebeyakube sebenyukile kusasa ekuxosheni abafowabo.”

28 UJowabe wayesebetha icilongo; bonke abantu bema, ababe besamxosha u-Israyeli, futhi ababe besalwa.

29 U-Abineri nabantu bakhe badabula i-Araba bonke lobo busuku, bawela iJordani, badabula lonke iBitroni, bafika eMahanayimi.

30 UJowabe wabuya ekumxosheni u-Abineri; lapho esebuthile bonke abantu, kwasilala kuzo izinceku zikaDavide abantu abayishumi nesishiyagalolunye no-Asaheli.

31 Kepha izinceku zikaDavide zazibulele abakwaBenjamini nabaka-Abineri, kwafa abantu

abangamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisithupha.

³² Bamthatha u-Asaheli, bammela ethuneni likayise elaliseBethlehema. UJowabe nabantu bakhe bahamba ubusuku bonke, kwasa beseHebroni.

ISAHLUKO 3

Kwakukhona ukulwa isikhathi eside phakathi kwendlu kaSawule nendlu kaDavide; uDavide waqhubeka ngokuqina njalo, kepha indlu kaSawule yaqhubeka ngokuncipha njalo.

² Kwazalelwa uDavide amadodana eHebroni; izibulo lakhe laba ngu-Amnoni ku-Ahinohama waseJizreyeli;

³ eyesibili yaba nguKileyabi ku-Abigayili umkaNabali waseKarmeli; eyesithathu yayingu-Abisalomu indodana kaMahakha indodakazi kaTalimy inkosi yaseGeshuri;

⁴ eyesine yayingu-Adoniya indodana kaHagiti; eyesihlanu yayinguShefathiya indodana ka-Abithali;

⁵ eyesithupha yayingu-Itreyamu ku-Egila umkaDavide. Lawo azalelwa uDavide eHebroni.

⁶ Kwathi kusekhona ukulwa phakathi kwendlu kaSawule nendlu kaDavide, u-Abineri wamela indlu kaSawule ngamandla.

⁷ Kepha uSawule wayenesancinza esigama laso lalinguRispa indodakazi ka-Aya. U-Ishi Bosheti wayesethi ku-Abineri: “Ungeneleni kuso isancinza sikababa na?”

⁸ U-Abineri wathukuthela kakhulu ngenxa yalawo mazwi ka-Ishi Bosheti, wathi: “Ngiyikhanda lenja engeyakwaJuda na? Namuhla ngiyayenzela indlu kaSawule uyihlo umusa, abafowabo nabangane bayo, angikunikelanga esandleni sikaDavide; nokho ungibeka icala namuhla ngalowo wesifazane.

⁹ UNkulunkulu makenze njalo ku-Abineri, enezele futhi, uma ngingenzi kuDavide njengalokho uJehova efungile kuye,

¹⁰ kudluliswe umbuso endlini kaSawule, kumiswe isihlalo sobukhosi sikaDavide phezu kuka-Israyeli naphezu kukaJuda, kusukela kwaDani kuze kufike eBeri Sheba.”

¹¹ Wayengenakumphendula u-Abineri ngezwi futhi, ngokuba wayemesaba.

¹² U-Abineri wayesethuma izithunywa kuDavide esikhundleni sakhe ngokuthi: “Ngelikabani izwe na?” ethi futhi: “Yenza isivumelwano nami; bheka, isandla sami siyakuba nawe ukubuyisela kuwe wonke u-Israyeli.”

¹³ Wathi: “Kuhle; ngiyakwenza isivumelwano nawe, kepha yinto inye engiyifuna kuwe, ngeyokuthi awuyikubona ubuso bami, uma ungaletshi kuqala phambi kwami uMikhali indodakazi kaSawule, laphe uzayo ukubona ubuso bami.”

¹⁴ UDavide wayesethuma izithunywa ku-Ishi Bosheti indodana kaSawule, ethi: “Nginike umkami uMikhali engammiselwa ngamajwabu ayikhulu amaFilisti.”

¹⁵ Wayesethumela u-Ishi Bosheti, wamthatha endodeni yakhe uPalitiyeli indodana kaLayishi.

¹⁶ Indoda yakhe yahamba naye, ikhala isahamba, yamlandela kwaze kwaba seBahurimi. U-Abineri wayesethi kuyo: “Buya.” Yabuya-ke.

¹⁷ U-Abineri waba nezwi namalunga akwa-Israyeli, ethi: “Ngezikhathi ezidlulileyo nafuna uDavide abe yinkosi phezu kwenu;

¹⁸ kwenzeni lokho manje, ngokuba uJehova ukhulumile ngoDavide ukuthi: ‘Ngesandla senceku yami uDavide ngiyakusindisa abantu bami u-Israyeli esandleni samaFilisti

nasesandleni sazo zonke izitha zabo.’ ”

19 U-Abineri wakhuluma futhi ezindlebeni zakwaBenjamini; u-Abineri waya futhi ukukhuluma ezindlebeni zikaDavide eHebroni konke okwakukuhle ku-Israyeli nakuyo yonke indlu yakwaBenjamini.

20 Wayesefika u-Abineri kuDavide eHebroni nabantu abangamashumi amabili bekanye naye. UDavide wamenzela u-Abineri nabantu ababe naye idili.

21 U-Abineri wayesethi kuDavide: “Ngiyakusuka ngihambe ngiqoqele wonke u-Israyeli enkosini yami, inkosi, ukuba benze isivumelwano nawe nokuba ubuse phezu kwakho konke ekufisayo inhliziyo yakho.” UDavide wammukisa u-Abineri, wahamba ngokuthula.

22 Bheka, izinceku zikaDavide nezikaJowabe zabuya eviyweni, zaletha impango enkulu; kepha u-Abineri wayengekho kuDavide eHebroni, ngokuba wayemmukisile, wahamba ngokuthula.

23 Esefikile uJowabe nempi yonke eyayinaye, bamtshela uJowabe ukuthi: “U-Abineri indodana kaNeri wafika enkosini; immukisile, wahamba ngokuthula.”

24 UJowabe wayeseya enkosini, wathi: “Wenzeni na? Bheka, u-Abineri wafika kuwe; ummukiseleni wahamba nokuhamba na?”

25 Uyamazi u-Abineri indodana kaNeri ukuthi wafika ukukukhohlisa nokwazi ukuphuma kwakho nokungena kwakho, nokwazi konke okwenzayo.”

26 UJowabe esephumile kuDavide wathuma izithunywa ukulandela u-Abineri, zambuyisa emthonjeni waseSira, kepha uDavide wayengakwazi lokho.

27 U-Abineri esebuyele eHebroni, uJowabe wamchezukisela phakathi kwesango ukuba akhulume naye bebodwa, wamgwaza lapho esiswini waze wafa ngenxa yegazi lika-Asaheli umfowabo.

28 Esekuzwa lokho ngasemuva uDavide wathi: “Mina nombuso wami asinacala phambi kukaJehova kuze kube phakade ngegazi lika-Abineri indodana kaNeri;

29 maliwele ekhanda likaJowabe nakuyo yonke indlu kayise. Makungaphuthi endlini kaJowabe ukuba kube khona ocucuzayo, nonochoko, nozimelelayo ngodondolo, nowayo ngenkemba, noswele isinkwa.”

30 OJowabe no-Abishayi umfowabo base bembulele u-Abineri, ngokuba wayebulele umfowabo u-Asaheli eGibeyoni empini.

31 UDavide wathi kuJowabe nakubantu bonke ababe naye: “Klebhulani izingubo zenu, nibhince indwangu yamasaka, nilile phambi kuka-Abineri.” Inkosi uDavide yalandela uhlaka.

32 Bammbela u-Abineri eHebroni; inkosi yadazuluka, yakhala ngasethuneni lika-Abineri; nabantu bonke bakhala.

33 Inkosi yamlilela u-Abineri, yathi: “Afe u-Abineri njengokufa kwesiwula na?”

34 Izandla zakho zazingaboshiwe, nezinyawo zakho zazingafakwanga emaketangeni; wawa njengomuntu owayo phambi kwabantu ababi.” Bonke abantu baphinda bemkhalela.

35 Bonke abantu bafika ukuba bamdlise uDavide isinkwa kusesemini; kepha uDavide wafunga wathi: “Makenze njalo kimi uNkulunkulu, enezele futhi, uma ngidla isinkwa noma okunye lingakashoni ilanga.”

36 Bonke abantu bakubona, kwaba kuhle emehlweni abo, njengalokho konke eyakwenza inkosi kwaba kuhle emehlweni abantu bonke.

37 Base beqonda bonke abantu naye wonke u-Israyeli ngalolo suku ukuthi kwakungesikho okwenkosi ukubulala u-Abineri indodana kaNeri.

38 Inkosi yathi ezincekwini zayo: “Anazi yini ukuthi kufile umbusi nomuntu omkhulu kwa-Israyeli namuhla na?”

³⁹ Nami ngibuthakathaka namuhla noma ngigcotshiwe ngibe yinkosi; laba bantu, amadodana kaSeruya, balukhuni kunami; uJehova makaphindisele owenza okubi njengobubi bakhe.”

ISAHLUKO 4

Lapho isizwile indodana kaSawule ukuthi u-Abineri ufile eHebroni, izandla zayo zaba buthakathaka, nabo bonke abakwa-Israyeli bakhathazeka.

² Indodana kaSawule yayinamadoda amabili ayeyizinduna zamaviyo; igama lenye lalinguBahana negama lenye lalinguRekabi, amadodana kaRimoni waseBeyeroti wabantwana bakwaBenjamini, ngokuba iBeyeroti libalelwa kuBenjamini.

³ AbaseBeyeroti babalekela eGitayimi, bagogobala khona kuze kube namuhla.

⁴ UJonathani indodana kaSawule wayenendodana elunyonga ngezinyawo. Yayineminyaka eyisihlanu ekufikeni kombiko ngoSawule noJonathani uvela eJizreyeli; umzanyana wayo wayithatha, wabaleka; kwathi eseshesha ukubaleka, yawa, yaba lunyonga. Igama layo lalinguMefibosheti.

⁵ Amadodana kaRimoni waseBeyeroti oRekabi noBahana ahamba, afika selishisa ilanga endlini ka-Ishi Bosheti ephumula embhedeni emini.

⁶ Bangena khona phakathi kwendlu kungathi bayakulanda ukolweni; bamgwaza esiswini; oRekabi noBahana umfowabo babaleka.

⁷ Babengenile-ke endlini esalele embhedeni ekamelweni lakhe, bamgwaza, bambulala, bamnquma ikhanda, bathatha ikhanda lakhe, bahamba ngendlela yase-Araba ubusuku bonke.

⁸ Baliyisa ikhanda lika-Ishi Boshethi kuDavide eHebroni, bathi enkosini: “Nanti ikhanda lika-Ishi Bosheti indodana kaSawule; isitha sakho ebesifuna ukuphila kwakho; uJehova uphindisele namuhla inkosi yami, inkosi, kuSawule nakuyo inzalo yakhe.”

⁹ UDavide waphendula oRekabi noBahana umfowabo amadodana kaRimoni waseBeyeroti, wathi kubo: “Kuphila kukaJehova ohlengile umphefumulo wami osizini lonke,

¹⁰ umuntu owangitshela ukuthi: ‘Bheka, uSawule ufile,’ ecabanga ukuthi ulethile izindaba ezinhle, ngambamba, ngambulala eSikilagi, ethi ngangiyakumnika umvuzo wezindaba zakhe;

¹¹ kakhulu kangakanani, lapho abantu ababi bebulele umuntu olungileyo endlini yakhe embhedeni wakhe, angiyikubiza igazi lakhe esandleni senu, nginisuse emhlabeni, na?”

¹² UDavide wayeseyaleza izinsizwa zakhe, zababulala, zabanquma izandla nezinyawo, zabaphanyeka ngaseceleni kwechibi laseHebroni. Kepha bathatha ikhanda lika-Ishi Bosheti, balimbela ethuneni lika-Abineri eHebroni.

ISAHLUKO 5

Izizwe zonke zakwa-Israyeli zafika kuDavide eHebroni, zasho zathi: “Bheka, thina siyithambo lakho nenyama yakho.

² Ngesikhathi esidlulileyo, uSawule eseyinkosi phezu kwethu, nguwe owakhipha nowangenisa u-Israyeli; uJehova wathi kuwe: ‘Wena uyakwalusa abantu bami u-Israyeli, wena uyakuba ngumbusi wakwa-Israyeli.’ ”

³ Kwase kufika onke amalunga akwa-Israyeli enkosini eHebroni; inkosi uDavide yenza

isivumelwano nawo eHebroni phambi kukaJehova; amgcoba uDavide abe yinkosi kwa-Israyeli.

⁴ UDavide wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa; wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amane.

⁵ EHebroni wabusa kwaJuda iminyaka eyisikhombisa nezinyanga eziyisithupha; eJerusalema wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nantathu kwa-Israyeli wonke nakwaJuda.

⁶ Inkosi nabantu bayo baya eJerusalema ukulwa namaJebusi ayakhe kulelo zwe; asho kuDavide, athi: “Awuyikungena lapha; uyakususwa yizimpumputhe nezinyonga,” ecabanga ukuthi uDavide angengene lapha.

⁷ UDavide wathatha nokho inqaba yaseSiyoni engumuzi kaDavide.

⁸ UDavide wathi ngalolo suku: “Yilowo nalowo ochitha amaJebusi makasukele emseleni wamanzi izinyonga nezimpumputhe lezo ezizondwa ngumphefumulo kaDavide; ngalokho kuthiwa: ‘Izimpumputhe nezinyonga azinakungena endlini.’ ”

⁹ UDavide wahlala enqabeni, wayibiza ngokuthi umuzi kaDavide. UDavide wakha nxazonke kusukela eMilo kuya ngaphakathi.

¹⁰ UDavide waqhubeka njalo ngokukhula, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu Sebawoti wayenaye.

¹¹ UHiramu inkosi yaseTire wathuma izithunywa kuDavide, nemisedari, nababazi bemithi, nabakhi; bamakhela uDavide indlu.

¹² UDavide waqonda ukuthi uJehova wayemmisile impela ukuba abe yinkosi kwa-Israyeli nokuthi uphakamisile umbuso wakhe ngenxa yabantu bakhe u-Israyeli.

¹³ UDavide wazithathela ezinye izancinza nabafazi eJerusalema, esefikile evela eHebroni; uDavide wayesazalelwa amadodana namadodakazi.

¹⁴ Nanka amagama abazalelwa eJerusalema: oShamuwa, noShobabi, noNathani, noSolomoni,

¹⁵ noJibari, no-Elishuwa, noNefegi, noJafiya,

¹⁶ no-Elishama, no-Eliyada, no-Elifeleti.

¹⁷ Lapho amaFilisti esezwile ukuthi bamgcobile uDavide ukuba abe yinkosi kwa-Israyeli, onke amaFilisti enyuka ukumfuna uDavide; uDavide wakuzwa, wehlela enqabeni.

¹⁸ AmaFilisti esefikile ahlakazeka esiGodini samaRefa.

¹⁹ UDavide wabuza kuJehova, wathi: “Ngiyakwenyuka, ngihlasele amaFilisti na? Uyakuwanikela esandleni sami na?” UJehova wathi kuDavide: “Yenyuka, ngokuba ngiyakuwanikela impela amaFilisti esandleni sakho.”

²⁰ UDavide wafika eBali Pherasimi, uDavide wawachitha khona; wathi: “UJehova ufohlile ezitheni zami phambi kwami njengokufohla kwamanzi.” Ngalokho waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi iBali Pherasimi.

²¹ Ashiya izithombe zawo lapho; uDavide nabantu bakhe bahamba nazo.

²² AmaFilisti abuye enyuka, ahlakazeka esiGodini samaRefa.

²³ Lapho uDavide ebuza kuJehova, wathi yena: “Awuyikwenyuka; gwegwesa emva kwawo, uwafikele malungana namajikijolo.

²⁴ Kuyakuthi lapho usuzwa umsindo wokuhamba ezihlokweni zamajikijolo, usheshe, ngokuba kuyilapho uJehova eyakube ephumile ngaphambi kwakho ukuchitha impi yamaFilisti.”

²⁵ UDavide wenze njalo njengalokho uJehova emyalile, wachitha amaFilisti kusukela eGeba kuze kufike eGezeri.

ISAHLUKO 6

UDavide wabuye wabutha bonke abakhethiweyo bakwa-Israyeli, izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu.

² UDavide wahamba nabo bonke abantu ababe naye, besuka eBali Juda ukwenyusa khona umphongolo kaNkulunkulu obizwa ngeGama, lona igama likaJehova Sebawoti ohlala phezu kwamakherubi.

³ Bawuhambisa umphongolo kaNkulunkulu ngengqokumbane entsha, bewukhipha endlini ka-Abinadaba eyayisegqumeni; o-Uza no-Ahiyo amadodana ka-Abinadaba bashayela leyo ngqokumbane entsha.

⁴ Bayikhipha-ke endlini ka-Abinadaba eyayisegqumeni kanye nomphongolo; u-Ahiyo wahamba phambi komphongolo.

⁵ UDavide kanye nendlu yonke ka-Israyeli bathokoza ebusweni bukaJehova benezinto zonke zokubetha zomsayipuresi, namahabhu, nezingubhu, nezigubhu, nobuxhaka, namasimbali.

⁶ Ekufikeni kwabo esibuyeni sikaNakoni u-Uza welulela isandla emphongolweni kaNkulunkulu, wawubamba, ngokuba izinkabi zashelela.

⁷ Intukuthelo kaJehova yamvuthela u-Uza, uNkulunkulu wamshaya lapho ngenxa yesiphosiso sakhe; wafela khona ngasemphongolweni kaNkulunkulu.

⁸ UDavide wadabuka ngokuba uJehova emhlasele u-Uza, wayibiza leyo ndawo ngokuthi iPheresi-Uza kuze kube namuhla.

⁹ UDavide wamesaba uJehova ngalolo suku. Wathi: "Umphongolo kaJehova uyakuza kanjani kimi na?"

¹⁰ Ngelokho uDavide akavumanga ukuwuletha umphongolo kaJehova kuye emzini kaDavide, kepha uDavide wawubuyisela eceleni endlini ka-Obede Edomi umGiti.

¹¹ Umphepho kaJehova wahlala endlini ka-Obede Edomi umGiti izinyanga ezintathu; uJehova wambusisa u-Obede Edomi nendlu yakhe yonke.

¹² Kwatshelwa inkosi uDavide ukuthi uJehova ubusisile indlu ka-Obede Edomi nakho konke okwakhe ngenxa yomphongolo kaNkulunkulu. UDavide wahamba wenyusa umphongolo kaNkulunkulu endlini ka-Obede Edomi, wawuyisa emzini kaDavide ngokujabula.

¹³ Kwakuthi ababethwele umphongolo kaJehova sebehambile izinyathelo eziyisithupha, wahlaba inkabi nethole elikhuluphalisiweyo.

¹⁴ UDavide wasina phambi kukaJehova ngamandla akhe onke; uDavide wayebhince ingubo yamahlombe yelineni.

¹⁵ Kanjalo uDavide nayo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli benyusa umphongolo kaJehova ngokukhamuluka nangokukhala kwecilongo.

¹⁶ Kwathi umphongolo kaJehova ungena nje emzini kaDavide, uMikhali indodakazi kaSawule walunguza efasiteleni, wabona inkosi uDavide itshekula, isina phambi kukaJehova; wayidelela enhliziyweni yakhe.

¹⁷ Bawungenisa umphongolo kaJehova, bawubeka endaweni yawo phakathi kwetende uDavide alimisele wona; uDavide wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa nangeminikelo yokuthula phambi kukaJehova.

¹⁸ UDavide eseqedile ukunikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa nangeminikelo yokuthula wabusisa abantu egameni likaJehova Sebawoti.

¹⁹ Wababela bonke abantu esixukwini sonke sakwa-Israyeli, abesilisa nabesifazane, kwaba yilowo nalowo ucezu lwesinkwa, nesicubu senyama, nesigaxa sezithelo zomvini

ezomileyo. Base behamba abantu bonke, baya, kwaba yilowo nalowo ekhaya lakubo.

²⁰ UDavide wayesebuya ukubusisa indlu yakhe. UMikhali indodakazi kaSawule waphuma ukumhlangabeza uDavide, wathi: “Yeka udumo lwenkosi ka-Israyeli namuhla, ezambulile namuhla emehlweni ezincekukazi zezinceku zakhe njengomunye wamayiyane, ezambula nokuzambula.”

²¹ Wayesethi uDavide kuMikhali: “Ngaphambi kukaJehova owangikhetha phezu kukayihlo naphezu kwayo yonke indlu yakhe ukungimisa ukuba ngibe ngumbusi wabantu bakaJehova kwa-Israyeli, yebo, ngaphambi kukaJehova ngathokoza.

²² Ngiyakudeleleka kakhulu kunalokho, ngithotshiswe nasemehlweni ami, kodwa izincekukazi okhulume ngazo ngiyakudunyiswa yizo.”

²³ UMikhali indodakazi kaSawule akazalanga mntwana kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe.

ISAHLUKO 7

Kwathi lapho inkosi ihlala endlini yayo, uJehova eseyiphumuzile ezitheni zayo zonke, nxazonke,

² inkosi yathi kuNathani umprofethi: “Bheka, mina ngihlala endlini yemisedari, kepha umphongolo kaNkulunkulu uhlala phakathi kwezilenge.”

³ UNathani wathi enkosini: “Hamba wenze konke okusenhliziyweni yakho, ngokuba uJehova unawe.”

⁴ Kepha kwathi ngalobo busuku izwi likaJehova lafika kuNathani, lathi:

⁵ “Hamba uyitshele inceku yami uDavide ukuthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Uyakungakhela indlu ukuba ngihlale kuyo na?’

⁶ Ngokuba angihlalanga ndlu kusukela osukwini engakhuphula ngalo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli eGibithe kuze kube namuhla, kepha ngangilokhu ngihamba etendeni nasetabernakele.

⁷ Ezindaweni zonke engihambahambe kuzo nakubo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngake ngakhuluma yini izwi noma kusiphi isizwe sakwa-Israyeli engasiyaleza ukwalusa abantu bami u-Israyeli ukuthi: “Aningakhelanga ngani indlu yemisedari na?” ’

⁸ “Ngalokho uyakusho kanje encekwini yami uDavide, uthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: Mina ngakuthatha edlelweni ekwaluseni izimvu ukuba ube ngumbusi wabantu bami kwa-Israyeli;

⁹ nganginawe nomaphi lapho wawuya khona, nganquma zonke izitha zakho ngaphambi kwakho; ngiyakukwenza igama elikhulu njengegama labakhulu abasemhlabeni.

¹⁰ Ngiyakumisela abantu bami u-Israyeli indawo, ngibatshale ukuba bahlale endaweni yabo, bangabe besanyakaziswa; futhi abantu ababi abasayikubahlupha njengakuqala,

¹¹ kusukela osukwini engayaleza ngalo abahluleli ukuba babe phezu kwabantu bami u-Israyeli, ngikuphumuze ezitheni zakho zonke. Futhi uJehova uyakutshela ukuthi uJehova uyakukwenzela wena indlu.

¹² Kuyakuthi lapho izinsuku zakho seziphelile, ube usulele koyihlo, ngiyakumisa inzalo yakho emva kwakho eyakuphuma ezibilinini zakho, ngiqinise umbuso wayo.

¹³ Yiyo eyakwakhela igama lami indlu; ngiyakuqinisa isihlalo sobukhosi sombuso wayo kuze kube phakade.

¹⁴ Mina ngiyakuba nguyise, yona ibe yindodana yami; uma yenza okubi, ngiyakuyilaya ngenduku yabantu nangemivimbo yabantwana babantu,

- ¹⁵ kepha umusa wami awuyikusuka kuyo, njengalokho ngawususa kuSawule engamsusa ngaphambi kwakho.
- ¹⁶ Indlu yakho nombuso wakho kuyakuqiniswa njalo phambi kwakho; isihlalo sakho sobukhosi siyakumiswa kuze kube phakade.’ ”
- ¹⁷ Njengawo onke lawo mazwi nanjengawo wonke lowo mbono uNathani wakhuluma kuDavide.
- ¹⁸ UDavide inkosi wayesengena, wahlala phambi kukaJehova, wathi: “Ngingubani, Nkosi Jehova, nendlu yami iyini, ukuze ungilethe kuze kube lapha, na?
- ¹⁹ Lokho kwakuyinto encane nje nokho emehlweni akho, Nkosi Jehova, kepha ukhulumile futhi ngendlu yenceku yakho isekude, ukukhulume futhi ngendlela yabantu, Nkosi Jehova.
- ²⁰ “UDavide angenezela ngokuthini kuwe na? Wena uyayazi inceku yakho, Nkosi Jehova.
- ²¹ Ngenxa yezwi lakho nanjengokwenhliziyo yakho wenzile konke lokho okukhulu ukuba ukwazise inceku yakho.
- ²² “Ngalokho umkhulu, Nkosi Jehova, ngokuba akakho onjengawe, akukho uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwakho njengakho konke esikuzwileyo ngezindlebe zethu.
- ²³ Yisiphi isizwe nesisodwa emhlabeni esinjengabantu bakho u-Israyeli, uNkulunkulu ayakuzihlengela bona ukuba babe ngabantu bakhe, azenzele igama, anenzele nina izinto ezinkulu, alenzele izwe lakini izinto ezesabekayo phambi kwabantu bakho owazihlengela bona eGibithe ezizweni nakubo onkulunkulu bazo, na?
- ²⁴ Wazimisela ukuba abantu bakho u-Israyeli babe ngabantu bakho kuze kube phakade, wena Jehova ube nguNkulunkulu wabo.
- ²⁵ “Manje, Jehova Nkulunkulu, izwi olikhulumile ngenceku yakho nangendlu yayo, liqinise kuze kube phakade, wenze njengokukhuluma kwakho.
- ²⁶ Malibe likhulu igama lakho kuze kube phakade ukuze kuthiwe: ‘UJehova Sebawoti unguNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,’ indlu yenceku yakho uDavide imiswe ngaphambi kwakho.
- ²⁷ “Ngokuba wena Jehova Sebawoti, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wambulele endlebeni yenceku yakho ukuthi: ‘Ngiyakukwakhela indlu,’ ngalokho inceku yakho ithole isibindi sokukhuleka lo mkhuleko kuwe.
- ²⁸ Manje, Nkosi Jehova, wena unguNkulunkulu, namazwi akho ayiqiniso, uthembisile inceku yakho lokhu okuhle;
- ²⁹ ngalokho-ke mawuvume ukubusisa indlu yenceku yakho ukuba ibe sebusweni bakho kuze kube phakade, ngokuba wena Nkosi, Jehova, ukukhulumile; ngesibusiso sakho mayibusiswe indlu yenceku yakho kuze kube phakade.”

IS AHLUKO 8

Kwathi emva kwalokho uDavide wawashaya amaFilisti, wawahlula, wathatha itomu lomzimkhulu esandleni samaFilisti.

- ² Washaya nabakwaMowabi, wabalinganisa ngentambo, wabalalisa emhlabathini, wabalinganisa ngezintambo ezimbili abayakubulawa nangentambo epheleleyo abayakusindiswa. AbakwaMowabi base beba yizinceku zikaDavide, bathela intela.
- ³ UDavide wamshaya uHadadezeri indodana kaRehobe, inkosi yaseSoba, ekuhambeni kwakhe ukubuyisa umbuso wakhe ngasemfuleni.
- ⁴ UDavide wamaphuca abamahhashi abayinkulungwane namakhulu ayisikhombisa nemigundatshani eyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili; uDavide wanquma imisipha yawo onke amahhashi ezinqola, washiya awezinqola eziyikhulu kodwa.

- ⁵ Ama-Aramu aseDamaseku esefika ukumsiza uHadadezeri inkosi yaseSoba, uDavide wabulala abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili kuma-Aramu.
- ⁶ UDavide wamisa amakhanda e-Aramu laseDamaseku, ama-Aramu aba yizinceku zikaDavide, athela intela. UJehova wamngobisa uDavide nomaphi lapho eya khona.
- ⁷ UDavide wathatha izihlangu zegolide ezazisezincekwini zikaHadadezeri, waziletha eJerusalema.
- ⁸ Emizini kaHadadezeri iBetha neBerothayi inkosi uDavide yathatha ithusi eliningi kakhulu.
- ⁹ Lapho uThoyi inkosi yaseHamati ezwa ukuthi uDavide ushayile yonke impi kaHadadezeri,
- ¹⁰ uThoyi wathuma uJoramu indodana yakhe enkosini uDavide ukuyibingelela nokuyibusisa, ngokuba yayilwile noHadadezeri, yamngoba, ngokuba uHadadezeri wayelokhu elwa noThoyi; esandleni sakhe wayenezitsha zesiliva, nezitsha zegolide, nezitsha zethusi.
- ¹¹ Nalezo inkosi uDavide yazingcwelisela uJehova kanye nesiliva negolide eyayilingcwelisile livela ezizweni zonke eyayizahlulile:
- ¹² e-Aramu, nakwaMowabi, nakubantwana bakwa-Amoni, nakumaFilisti, naku-Amaleki, nasempangweni kaHadadezeri indodana kaRehobe, inkosi yaseSoba.
- ¹³ UDavide wazenzela igama ekubuyeni kwakhe esebulele ama-Aramu ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili esiGodini sikaSawoti.
- ¹⁴ Wamisa amakhanda kwa-Edomi; kulo lonke lakwa-Edomi wamisa amakhanda, nabo bonke abakwa-Edomi baba yizinceku zikaDavide. UJehova wamngobisa uDavide nomaphi lapho eya khona.
- ¹⁵ UDavide wabusa phezu kuka-Israyeli wonke, uDavide waphatha ukwahlulela nokulunga kubo bonke abantu bakhe.
- ¹⁶ UJowabe indodana kaSeruya wayephezu kwempi, uJehoshafati indodana ka-Ahiludi wayengumabhalana;
- ¹⁷ uSadoki indodana ka-Ahithubi no-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abiyathara babe ngabapristi; uSeraya wayengumbhali;
- ¹⁸ uBenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephezu kwamaKhereti namaPheleti; amadodana kaDavide ayengabapristi.

ISAHLUKO 9

UDavide wathi: “Usekhona yini osele endlini kaSawule ukuba ngimenzele umusa ngenxa kaJonathani na?”

² Kwakukhona endlini kaSawule inceku egama layo linguSiba; bambizela kuDavide; inkosi yathi kuye: “UnguSiba na?” Wathi: “Inceku yakho inguye.”

³ Inkosi yayisithi: “Akusekho endlini kaSawule noyedwa engingamenzela umusa kaNkulunkulu na?” USiba wathi enkosini: “UJonathani usenendodana elunyonga ngezinyawo.”

⁴ Yathi inkosi kuye: “Iphi na?” USiba wathi enkosini: “Bheka, isendlini kaMakiri indodana ka-Amiyeli eLo Debari.”

⁵ Inkosi uDavide yayisithuma yamlanda endlini kaMakiri indodana ka-Amiyeli waseLo Debari.

⁶ UMefibosheti indodana kaJonathani kaSawule wafika kuDavide, wawa ngobuso,

wakhuleka. U Davide wathi: “Mefibosheti.” Wathi: “Nansi inceku yakho.”

⁷ U Davide wayesethi kuye: “Ungesabi, ngokuba impela ngiyakukwenzela umusa ngenxa kaJonathani uyihlo, ngikubuyisele lonke izwe likayihlo uSawule, udle njalo etafuleni lami.”

⁸ Wakhuleka wathi: “Iyini inceku yakho ukuba ubhekeinja efileyo njengami na?”

⁹ Inkosi yayisimbiza uSiba inceku kaSawule, yathi kuye: “Konke okukaSawule nokwendlu yakhe yonke ngikunike indodana yenkosi yakho.

¹⁰ Uyakumlimela umhlabathi, wena namadodana akho nezinceku zakho, uvune ukuba indodana yenkosi yakho ibe nokudla, kepha uMefibosheti indodana yenkosi yakho uyakudla njalo etafuleni lami.” USiba wayenamadodana ayishumi nanhlanu nezinceku ezingamashumi amabili.

¹¹ USiba wathi enkosini: “Njengakho konke inkosi yami, inkosi, eyale ngakho inceku yayo, iyakwenze njalo inceku yakho.” UMefibosheti uyakudla etafuleni lenkosi njengenye yamadodana enkosi.

¹² UMefibosheti wayenendodana encane egama layo linguMika. Bonke ababehlala endlini kaSiba babe yizinceku zikaMefibosheti.

¹³ UMefibosheti wayesehlala eJerusalema, ngokuba wadla njalo etafuleni lenkosi; wayelunyonga ngezinyawo zakhe zombili.

ISAHLUKO 10

Kwathi emva kwalokho inkosi yabantwana bakwa-Amoni yafa, uHanuni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sayo.

² U Davide wathi: “Ngiyakumenzela umusa uHanuni indodana kaNahashi, njengalokho uyise angenzela umusa.” U Davide wayesethuma ngesandla sezinceku zakhe ukumduduza ngoyise. Zafika-ke izinceku zikaDavide ezweni labantwana bakwa-Amoni.

³ Kepha izikhulu zabantwana bakwa-Amoni zathi kuHanuni inkosi yazo: “Imbala ngokubona kwakho uDavide uthume abaduduzi kuwe ukuba atuse uyihlo na? U Davide akazithumanga yini izinceku zakhe kuwe ukuba ziphenye umuzi, ziwuhlole, ziwuchithe, na?”

⁴ UHanuni wayesebamba izinceku zikaDavide, waphucula inxenye yezilevu zazo, wahina izingubo zazo phakathi kwaze kwaba sezingeni zazo, wazimukisa.

⁵ Lapho sebemtshela uDavide lokho, wathumela ukuzihlangabeza, ngokuba ayenamahloni kakhulu lawo madoda. Yathi inkosi: “Hlalani eJeriko, zize zihlume izilevu zenu, bese nibuya.”

⁶ Abantwana bakwa-Amoni sebone ukuthi banengekile kuDavide, abakwa-Amoni bathuma baqasha ama-Aramu aseBeti Rehobe nama-Aramu aseSoba, imigundatshani eyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili, nenkosi yaseMahakha inabantu abayinkulungwane, nabantu baseThobi beyizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili.

⁷ U Davide esezwile lokho wamthuma uJowabe nempi yonke yamaqhawe.

⁸ Abantwana bakwa-Amoni baphuma, bahlela impi ngasesikhaleni sesango; ama-Aramu aseSoba naseRehobe, nabantu baseThobi, nabaseMahakha babebodwa endle.

⁹ Kepha uJowabe esebona ukuthi izimpondo zempi zimhaqile ngaphambili nangasemuva wakhetha kwabakhethekileyo bakwa-Israyeli, wabahlela ukuba balwe nama-Aramu;

¹⁰ abantu abaseleyo wababeka esandleni sika-Abishayi umfowabo, wabahlela ukuba balwe nabantwana bakwa-Amoni.

¹¹ Wathi: “Uma ama-Aramu engahlula, uyakungisiza; kepha uma abantwana bakwa-Amoni bekwahlula, ngiyakufika ngikusize.

- ¹² Qinani, masiziqinise ngenxa yabantu bakithi nangenxa yemizi kaNkulunkulu wethu; uJehova makenze okuhle emehlweni akhe.”
- ¹³ UJowabe nabantu ababe naye base besondela ukuba balwe nama-Aramu; kepha abaleka phambi kwakhe.
- ¹⁴ Lapho abantwana bakwa-Amoni bebona ukuthi ama-Aramu abalekile, babaleka nabo phambi kuka-Abishayi, bangena emzini. UJowabe wayesebuya kubantwana bakwa-Amoni, weza eJerusalema.
- ¹⁵ Ama-Aramu esebonile ukuthi anqotshiwe phambi kuka-Israyeli, abuthana ndawonye.
- ¹⁶ UHadadezeri wathuma wakhipha ama-Aramu ayephesheya koMfula; afika eHelamu, uShobaki induna yempi kaHadadezeri ephambi kwawo.
- ¹⁷ UDavide watshelwa, wabutha wonke u-Israyeli, wawela iJordani, wafika eHelamu. Ama-Aramu azihlela ukuhlangabezana noDavide, alwa naye.
- ¹⁸ Ama-Aramu abaleka phambi kuka-Israyeli; uDavide wabulala kuma-Aramu izinqola ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa nabamahhashi abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane, wamshaya uShobaki induna yempi yabo, wafela khona lapho.
- ¹⁹ Lapho onke amakhosi ayeyizinceku zikaHadadezeri ebonile ukuthi anqotshiwe phambi kuka-Israyeli, enza ukuthula no-Israyeli, abakhonza. Ama-Aramu ayesesaba ukusiza abantwana bakwa-Amoni futhi.

ISAHLUKO 11

Emva komnyaka ngesikhathi sokuhlasela kwamakhosi uDavide wamthuma uJowabe nezinceku zakhe zinaye kanye no-Israyeli wonke, babachitha abantwana bakwa-Amoni, bavimbezela iRaba; kepha uDavide wahlala eJerusalema.

² Kwathi kusihlwa uDavide wavuka embhedeni, wahamba ophahleni lwendlu yenkosi, wabona esesophahleni owesifazane egeza; owesifazane wayemuhle kakhulu, ebukeka.

³ UDavide wathuma wabuza ngalowo wesifazane. Omunye wathi: “Lowo akasiye uBati Sheba yini, indodakazi ka-Eliyam, umka-Uriya umHet, na?”

⁴ UDavide wathuma izithunywa, wamthatha; wangena kuye, walala naye, ngokuba wayesehlambulukile yena ekungcoleni kwakhe; wabuyela ekhaya.

⁵ Owesifazane wamitha, wathuma wamtshela uDavide, wathi: “Ngikhulelwe.”

⁶ UDavide wayesethumela kuJowabe ngokuthi: “Thuma kimi u-Uriya umHet.” UJowabe wamthuma u-Uriya kuDavide.

⁷ Esefikile kuye u-Uriya, uDavide wabuza kuye impilo yakhe, nempilo yabantu, nokuthi impi ihamba kanjani.

⁸ UDavide wayesethi ku-Uriya: “Yehla uye endlini yakho, ugeze izinyawo zakho.” U-Uriya waphuma endlini yenkosi, kwamlandela isipho sokudla esivela enkosini.

⁹ Kepha u-Uriya walala ngasemnyango wendlu yenkosi kanye nazo zonke izinceku zenkosi yakhe, akehlelanga endlini yakhe.

¹⁰ UDavide esetsheliwe ukuthi u-Uriya akehlelanga endlini yakhe, uDavide wathi ku-Uriya: “Awubuyi ekuhambeni yini? Awehlelanga ngani endlini yakho na?”

¹¹ U-Uriya wathi kuDavide: “Umphongolo, no-Israyeli, noJuda bahlezi emadokodweni; inkosi yami uJowabe nezinceku zenkosi yami zimisile endle; mina-ke, pho, ngingene endlini yami, ngidle, ngiphuze, ngilale nomkami na? Kuphila kwakho nokuphila komphefumulo wakho, angiyikuyenza leyo nto.”

¹² Wayesethi uDavide ku-Uriya: “Hlala lapha nanamuhla; kusasa ngiyakukuvumela ukuba

uhambe.” U-Uriya wayesehlala eJerusalema lolo suku nolulandelayo.

¹³ Esebiziwe nguDavide wadla waphuza phambi kwakhe; wamdakisa; kusihlwa waphuma ukuyolala embhedeni wakhe kanye nezinceku zenkosi, kepha akehlenga endlini yakhe.

¹⁴ Kwathi ekuseni uDavide wamlobela uJowabe incwadi, wayithuma ngesandla sika-Uriya.

¹⁵ Waloba encwadini ukuthi: “Misani u-Uriya ngaphambili, lapho impi ishisa khona, nihlehle kuye ukuba ashaywe, afe.”

¹⁶ Kwathi uJowabe esahlozinga umuzi, wammisa u-Uriya endaweni lapho azi ukuthi kukhona amadoda anamandla.

¹⁷ Abantu bomuzi baphuma balwa noJowabe; kwawa abantu abathile ezincekwini zikaDavide; wafa naye u-Uriya umHetu.

¹⁸ UJowabe wayesethuma wamtshela uDavide zonke izindaba zempi;

¹⁹ wasiyala isithunywa ngokuthi: “Lapho uqedile ukuyitshela inkosi zonke izindaba zempi,

²⁰ kuyakuthi uma kuvuka intukuthelo yenkosi, ithi kuwe: ‘Nisondeleleni kangako emzini ukulwa na? Beningazi yini ukuthi bebeyakucibishela besogangeni na?’

²¹ Ngubani owabulala u-Abimeleki indodana kaJerubesheti na? Angithi owesifazane esogangeni wamphonsa ngembokodwe, wafa eThebesi, na? Nisondeleleni kangako ogangeni na?’ uthi: ‘Inceku yakho u-Uriya umHetu ifile nayo.’ ”

²² Sase sihamba isithunywa, safika samtshela uDavide konke esasikuthunyelwe nguJowabe.

²³ Isithunywa sathi kuDavide: “Amadoda ayesehlula, asiphumela endle, kepha sawaficezela kwaze kwaba sesikhaleni sesango.

²⁴ Abacibishelayo bacibishela izinceku zakho besogangeni; ezinye izinceku zenkosi zifile, nenceku yakho u-Uriya umHetu ifile nayo.”

²⁵ UDavide wayesethi kuso isithunywa: “Uyakusho kanje kuJowabe, uthi: ‘Le nto mayingabi mbi emehlweni akho, ngokuba inkemba idla omunye njengomunye; qinisa impi yakho ngasemzini, uwuchithe;’ bese wumqunga isibindi.”

²⁶ Umka-Uriya esezwa ukuthi u-Uriya indoda yakhe ufile wayililela indoda yakhe.

²⁷ Sekuphelile ukulila, uDavide wathuma wamletha endlini yakhe; waba ngumkakhe, wamazalela indodana. Kepha leyo nto eyenziwe nguDavide yayimbi emehlweni kaJehova.

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UJehova wayesethuma uNathani kuDavide. Wafika kuye, wathi kuye: “Kwakukhona amadoda amabili emzini munye, enye icebile, enye impofu.

² Ecebileyo yayinezimvu nezinkomo eziningi kakhulu,

³ kepha empofu yayingenalutho, inekhukazana lilinye elincane nje kuphela, eyayilithengile yalondla; lakhulela kuyo nakubantwana bayo; ladla ucezu lwayo, laphuza esitsheni sayo, lalala esifubeni sayo, lalinjengendodakazi kuyo.

⁴ “Kwase kufika isihambi endodeni ecebileyo, yayeka ukuthatha ezimvini nasezinkomeni zayo ukusilungisela leso sihambi esasifike kuyo, kepha yathatha ixhukazana lendoda empofu, yalilungisela umuntu owayefike kuyo.”

⁵ Intukuthelo kaDavide yavutha kakhulu ngalowo muntu, wathi kuNathani: “Kuphila kukaJehova, umuntu owenze lokho ufanele ukufa;

⁶ uyakulibuyisa ixhukazana, liphindwe kane, ngokuba enze lokho nangokuba wayengenasihawu.”

- ⁷ UNathani wathi kuDavide: “Nguwe lowo muntu. Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Ngakugcoba ube yinkosi phezu kuka-Israyeli, ngakophula esandleni sikaSawule,
- ⁸ ngakunika indlu yenkosi yakho, nabafazi benkosi yakho esifubeni sakho, ngakupha indlu yakwa-Israyeli neyakwaJuda; uma lokho bekukuncane, ngangiyakukwenezela lokhu nalokho.
- ⁹ Udeleleleni izwi likaJehova ukuba wenze okubi emehlweni akhe na? Ubulele u-Uriya umHetu ngenkemba, wathatha umkakhe abe ngumkakho, wambulala ngenkemba yabantwana bakwa-Amoni.
- ¹⁰ Ngelokho inkemba ayiyikusuka endlini yakho, ngokuba ungidelele, wathatha umka-Uriya umHetu ukuba abe ngumkakho.’
- ¹¹ “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Bheka, ngiyakukuvusela okubi okuvela endlini yakho, ngithathe abafazi bakho phambi kwamehlo akho, ngibanike umakhelwane wakho, alale nabafazi bakho ekukhanyeni kwaleli langa.
- ¹² Ngokuba wena wakwenza ngasese, kepha mina ngiyakukwenza lokhu phambi kuka-Israyeli wonke naphambi kwelanga.’ ”
- ¹³ UDavide wathi kuNathani: “Ngonile kuJehova.” UNathani wathi kuDavide: “NoJehova ususile isono sakho; awuyikufa.
- ¹⁴ Nokho, ngokuba ngaleso senzo waveza ithuba elikhulu lokuba izitha zikaJehova zihlambalaze, umntwana omzalelweyo uyakufa nokufa.”
- ¹⁵ UNathani wayesebuyela endlini yakhe. UJehova washaya ngesifo umntwana owazalelwa uDavide kumka-Uriya, wagula kakhulu.
- ¹⁶ UDavide wamncenga uNkulunkulu ngomntwana; uDavide wazila ukudla, wangena, walala emhlabathini ubusuku bonke.
- ¹⁷ Amalunga endlu yakhe asuka aya kuye ukumvusa emhlabathini, kepha akavumanga, futhi kadlanga kudla nawo.
- ¹⁸ Kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa umntwana wafa. Izinceku zikaDavide zesaba ukumtshela ukuthi umntwana ufile, ngokuba zathi: “Bhekani, umntwana esezwa sakhuluma kuye, akalalelanga izwi lethu; pho, singamtshela kanjani ukuthi umntwana ufile? Angenza ingozi.”
- ¹⁹ Kepha uDavide ebona ukuthi izinceku zakhe ziyanyenyezela, uDavide waqonda ukuthi umntwana ufile; uDavide wayesethi ezincekwini zakhe: “Usefile umntwana na?” Zathi: “Ufile.”
- ²⁰ UDavide wayesevuka emhlabathini, wageza, wazigcoba, waphendulela izingubo zakhe, wangena endlini kaJehova, wakhuleka; wayeseya endlini yakhe; lapho esecela ukudla, bakubeka phambi kwakhe, wadla.
- ²¹ Zase zithi izinceku zakhe kuye: “Yintoni le oyenzileyo na? Wazila ukudla, wakhala ngomntwana esekhona, kepha lapho esefile, uvukile wadla.”
- ²² Wathi-ke yena: “Umntwana esekhona ngazila ukudla, ngakhala, ngokuba ngathi: Ngubani owaziyo ingabe uJehova uyakuba nomusa kimi ukuba umntwana aphile na?
- ²³ Manje usefile; ngiyakuzilelani na? Ngingambuyisa yini? Ngiyakuya kuye, kepha yena akayikubuyela kimi.”
- ²⁴ UDavide wamduduzisa uBati Sheba umkakhe, wangena kuye, walala naye; wazala indodana, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uSolomoni. UJehova wamthanda.
- ²⁵ Wathuma ngesandla sikaNathani umprofethi, wambiza ngokuthi uJedidiya ngenxa kaJehova.
- ²⁶ UJowabe walwa neRaba labantwana bakwa-Amoni, wathatha umuzi wenkosi.

- ²⁷ UJowabe wathuma izithunywa kuDavide, wathi: “Ngilwe neRaba, yebo, ngathatha uMuzi Wamanzi.
- ²⁸ Ngelokho butha abantu abaseleyo, umise ngakuwo umuzi, uwuthathe, funa mina ngiwuthathe umuzi, ubizwe ngegama lami.”
- ²⁹ UDavide wayesebutha bonke abantu, waya eRaba, walwa nalo, walithatha.
- ³⁰ Wathatha umqhele wenkosi yabo ekhanda layo; isisindo sawo sasiyitalenta legolide, itshe eliyigugu likuwo; wabekwa ekhanda likaDavide; wakhapha emzini impango eningi kakhulu.
- ³¹ Wakhapha nabantu ababe phakathi kwawo, wababeka emasaheni, nasezibhuqweni zensimbi, nasemazembeni ensimbi, wabasebenzisa kohonela; wenze njalo kuyo yonke imizi yakwa-Amoni. UDavide nabo bonke abantu babuyela eJerusalema.

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- K**wathi emva kwalokho u-Abisalomu indodana kaDavide wayenodadewabo obukekayo ogama lakhe linguTamari; u-Amnoni indodana kaDavide wamthanda.
- ² U-Amnoni wajilajileka waze wagula ngenxa kadadewabo uTamari, ngokuba wayeyintombi; kwakungenakwenzeka emehlweni ka-Amnoni ukwenza lutho kuye.
- ³ Kepha u-Amnoni wayenomngane ogama lakhe linguJonadaba indodana kaShimeya umfowabo kaDavide; uJonadaba wayengumuntu onobuqili kakhulu.
- ⁴ Wathi kuye: “Uzancelani kanjalo wena ndodana yenkosi imihla ngemihla na? Ungengitshele na?” Wathi u-Amnoni kuye: “Ngithanda uTamari udadewabo ka-Abisalomu umfowethu.”
- ⁵ Wayesethi uJonadaba kuye: “Lala embhedeni wakho, uzishaye ogulayo; lapho eseza uyihlo ukukubona, uthi kuye: ‘Ake kuze uTamari udadewethu, angiphe ukudla, akulungise ukudla emehlweni ami ukuba ngikubone, ngikudle esandleni sakhe.’ ”
- ⁶ Wayeselala phansi u-Amnoni, wazishaya ogulayo; isifikile inkosi ukumbona, u-Amnoni wathi enkosini: “Ake kuze uTamari udadewethu, enze amaqebelengwane amabili phambi kwami ukuba ngidle esandleni sakhe.”
- ⁷ UDavide wayesethumela endlini kaTamari ngokuthi: “Hamba manje, uye endlini ka-Amnoni umnewenu, umlungisele ukudla.”
- ⁸ Wayesehamba uTamari, waya endlini ka-Amnoni umnewabo; wayelele phansi. Wathatha inhlama, wayixova, wenza amaqebelengwane phambi kwakhe, wapheka amaqebelengwane.
- ⁹ Wayesethatha ikhanzi, wawathulula phambi kwakhe; kepha wala ukudla. U-Amnoni wathi: “Khipha bonke abantu kimi.” Baphuma bonke kuye.
- ¹⁰ Wayesethi u-Amnoni kuTamari: “Letha ukudla ekamelweni lami ukuba ngidle esandleni sakho.” UTamari wawathatha amaqebelengwane awenzileyo, wawangenisa ekamelweni ku-Amnoni umnewabo.
- ¹¹ Lapho ewasondeza kuye ukuba awadle, wambamba, wathi kuye: “Woza ulale nami, dadewethu.”
- ¹² Yena wathi kuye: “Qha, mnewethu, ungangiphoqi, ngokuba akufanele ukuba kwenziwe kanjalo kwa-Israyeli; ungenzi lobu buwula.
- ¹³ Mina-ke ngingayaphi nehlazo lami na? Nawe uyakuba njengomunye weziwula zakwa-Israyeli. Ngelokho ake ukhulume nenkosi, ngokuba ayiyikunginqabela nawe.”
- ¹⁴ Akavumanga nokho ukulalela izwi lakhe, kepha ngokuba wayenamandla kunaye,

wamphoqa, walala naye.

15 U-Amnoni wayesemzonda ngenzondo enkulu kakhulu, ngokuba inzondo amzonda ngayo yaba nkulu kunothando akade emthanda ngalo. U-Amnoni wathi kuye: “Vuka uhambe.”

16 Yena wayesethi kuye: “Lobu bubi bokungixosha bukhulu kunalokho okunye okwenze kimi.” Kepha akavumanga ukumlalela.

17 Wayesebiza inceku yakhe eyayisebenza kuye, wathi: “Khiphela phandle lo wesifazane, asuke kimi, uhluthulele emnyango emva kwakhe.”

18 Wayenengubo enemibala, ngokuba amadodakazi enkosi ayeyizintombi ayegqoka izingubo ezinjalo. Leyo nceku yayisimkhiphela phandle, yahluthulela emnyango emva kwakhe.

19 UTamari wayesezithela ngomlotha ekhanda, wayiklebhula ingubo yakhe enemibala owayeyigqokile, wathwala izandla ekhanda, wamuka, ehamba ekliwula.

20 U-Abisalomu umnewabo wathi kuye: “Umnewenu u-Amnoni kade enawe na? Thula, dadewethu; ungumnewenu, ungabeki inhliziyi yakho kule nto.” UTamari wahlala eyisikhwebu nje endlini ka-Abisalomu umnewabo.

21 Isizwile inkosi uDavide zonke lezo zinto yathukuthela kakhulu.

22 U-Abisalomu akakhulumanga okuhle noma okubi, ngokuba u-Abisalomu wamzonda u-Amnoni, lokhu emphoqile udadewabo uTamari.

23 Kwathi emva kweminyaka emibili ephelileyo u-Abisalomu wayenabagundi bezimvu eBali Hasori eliseduze no-Efrayimi; u-Abisalomu wamema onke amadodana enkosi.

24 U-Abisalomu waya enkosini, wathi: “Bheka, inceku yakho inabagundi; mayihambe inkosi nezinceku zayo nenceku yakho.”

25 Inkosi yathi ku-Abisalomu: “Qha, ndodana yami, masingahambi sonke, funa sikusinde.” Wayicindezela; nokho ayivumanga ukuhamba, kodwa yambusisa.

26 U-Abisalomu wayesethi: “Uma kunjalo, makahambe nathi umfowethu u-Amnoni.” Inkosi yathi: “Uyakuhambelani nawe na?”

27 U-Abisalomu wayicindezela, yaze yavuma ukuba u-Amnoni nawo onke amadodana ahambe naye.

28 U-Abisalomu wayala izinceku zakhe ngokuthi: “Bhekani, lapho inhliziyi ka-Amnoni ithokoza ngewayini nalapho ngithi kini: ‘Bulalani u-Amnoni,’ nimbulale ningesabi; angithi mina nginiyalile na? Yimani isibindi, nibe ngamaqhawe.”

29 Izinceku zika-Abisalomu zenza ku-Amnoni njengokuyala kuka-Abisalomu. Amadodana onke enkosi ayesesuka, yileyo naleyo yakhwela umnyuzi wayo, abaleka.

30 Kwathi besesendleleni, kwafika izwi kuDavide, lithi: “U-Abisalomu ubulele onke amadodana enkosi, akusalanga neyodwa yawo.”

31 Inkosi yayisisuka, yaglebhula izingubo zayo, yalala emhlabathini, nazo zonke izinceku zema lapho, izingubo zazo ziklebhukile.

32 UJonadaba indodana kaShimeya umfowabo kaDavide waphendula wathi: “Inkosi yami mayingathi babulele izinsizwa zonke, amadodana enkosi, lokhu ngu-Amnoni yedwa ofileyo; ngokuba lokho kwakunquniwe ngomlomo ka-Abisalomu kusukela kulolo suku aphoqa ngalo udadewabo uTamari.

33 Ngalokho inkosi yami, inkosi, mayingabeki le nto enhliziyweni yayo yokuthi onke amadodana enkosi afile, ngokuba ngu-Amnoni yedwa ofileyo.”

34 Kepha u-Abisalomu wabaleka. Insizwa elindayo yaphakamisa amehlo ayo, yabuka; bheka, kwaqhamuka abantu abaningi ngasendleleni yentaba emva kwayo.

35 UJonadaba wathi enkosini: “Bheka, amadodana enkosi ayeza; kunjalo njengokusho

kwenceku yakho.”

³⁶ Kwathi eseqedile ukukhuluma, bheka, afika amadodana enkosi, adazuluka, akhala; nenkosi nazo zonke izinceku zayo zakhala ngokukhala okukhulu kakhulu.

³⁷ Kepha u-Abisalomu wabaleka, waya kuTalimayi indodana ka-Amihudi, inkosi yaseGeshuri. U Davide walilela indodana yakhe zonke izinsuku.

³⁸ Wabaleka-ke u-Abisalomu, waya eGeshuri, wahlala khona iminyaka emithathu.

³⁹ Inkosi u Davide yalangazelela ukuya ku-Abisalomu, ngokuba yayisiduduzekile ngo-Amnoni ibona ukuthi sewafa.

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U Jowabe indodana kaSeruya wayeseqonda ukuthi inhliziyu yenkosi iku-Abisalomu.

² U Jowabe wayesethumela eThekhowa, walanda khona owesifazane ohlakaniphileyo, wathi kuye: “Ake uzishaye olilayo, ugqoke izingubo zokulila, ungazigcobi ngamafutha, kepha ube njengowesifazane oselilele ofileyo izinsuku eziningi,

³ ungene enkosini, ukhulume kuyo ngalendlela.” U Jowabe wayesemfunza amazwi emlonyeni wakhe.

⁴ Lapho owesifazane waseThekhowa ekhuluma enkosini, wawa ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhuleka, wathi: “Siza, nkosi.”

⁵ Inkosi yathi kuye: “Unani na?” Wathi: “Maye, ngingumfelokazi! Indoda yami seyafa.

⁶ Incekukazi yakho yayinamadodana amabili; alwa odwa endle, akwabakho muntu wokulamula, kepha enye yashaya enye, yayibulala.

⁷ Bheka, umndeni wonke usuvukele incekukazi yakho; bathi: ‘Sinike yena owashaya umfowabo ukuba simbulale ngenxa yomphefumulo womfowabo, sichithe indlalifa.’ Bayakucima kanjalo ilahle lami eliseleyo, bangabe besashiyela indoda yami igama nensali ebusweni bomhlaba.”

⁸ Inkosi yayisithi kowesifazane: “Yiya endlini yakho; mina ngiyakuyaleza ngawe.”

⁹ Owesifazane waseThekhowa wathi enkosini: “Nkosi yami, nkosi, icala malibe phezu kwami naphezu kwendlu kababa, inkosi nesihlalo sayo sobukhosi kube msulwa.”

¹⁰ Yathi inkosi: “Oshoyo utho kuwe, mlethe kimi; akayikuphinda akuthinte.”

¹¹ Wayesethi yena: “Inkosi ake ikhumbule uJehova uNkulunkulu wayo ukuba umphindiseli wegazi angaqhubeki ukuchitha nokuba bangayibulali indodana yami.” Yathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova, akuyikuwela phansi nolulodwa unwele lwendodana yakho.”

¹² Wayesethi owesifazane: “Incekukazi yakho mayikhulume izwi enkosini yami, inkosi.” Yathi: “Khuluma.”

¹³ Wathi-ke owesifazane: “Uqambeleni okunjalo ngabantu bakaNkulunkulu na? Ngokukhuluma leli zwi inkosi injengonecala, lokhu inkosi ingabuyisi oxoshiweyo wayo.

¹⁴ Ngokuba simelwe ukufa, sinjengamanzi achithwa emhlabathini, angenakuqoqwa futhi; uNkulunkulu akasusi ukuphila, kepha uqamba amasu ukuba oxoshiweyo angabi ngumxoshwa kuye.

¹⁵ “Ngalokho-ke lokhu ngize ukukhuluma leli zwi enkosini yami, inkosi, kungokuba abantu bengesabisile; incekukazi yakho yayisithi: ‘Mangikhulume enkosini; mhlawumbe inkosi iyakwenza izwi lencekukazi yayo.

¹⁶ Ngokuba inkosi iyakuzwa, yophule incekukazi yayo esandleni somuntu oyakungichitha mina nendodana yami efeni likaNkulunkulu.’

¹⁷ “Yayisithi incekukazi yakho: ‘Izwi lenkosi yami, inkosi, malibe ngelokuthula, ngokuba

inkosi yami, inkosi, injengengelsoni kaNkulunkulu ekuzweni okuhle nokubi; uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho makabe nawe.’ ”

18 Yayisiphendula inkosi, yathi kowesifazane: “Ake ungafihli lutho kimi engiyakulubuzana mina kuwe.” Wathi owesifazane: “Mayikhulume inkosi yami, inkosi.”

19 Yathi-ke inkosi: “Isandla sikaJowabe sinawe yini kukho konke lokhu na?” Owesifazane waphendula wathi: “Kuphila kwakho, nkosi yami, nkosi, akukho muntu ongaphendukela ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo kukho konke okukhulunywe yinkosi yami, inkosi, ngokuba inceku yakho uJowabe yangiyaleza, yafunza onke lawo mazwi emlonyeni wencekukazi yakho;

20 uJowabe inceku yakho wenzile lokho ukuba aphenyukezele ubuso bendaba; inkosi yami ihlakaniphile njengokuhlakanipha kwengelsoni kaNkulunkulu ukwazi konke okusemhlabeni.”

21 Inkosi yayisithi kuJowabe: “Bheka-ke, yenza lokhu: hamba ubuyise umfana u-Abisalomu.”

22 UJowabe wawa phansi ngobuso, wakhuleka, wayibusisa inkosi; uJowabe wathi: “Namuhla inceku yakho iyazi ukuthi ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, nkosi yami, nkosi, lokhu inkosi ilenzile izwi lenceku yayo.”

23 Wayesesuka uJowabe wahamba, waya eGeshuri, wamletha u-Abisalomu eJerusalema.

24 Inkosi yathi: “Makaye endlini yakhe, angaboni nokho ubuso bami.” Wayeseya u-Abisalomu endlini yakhe, akabubona ubuso benkosi.

25 Kwa-Israyeli wonke kwakungekho muntu omuhle njengo-Abisalomu owababazeka kakhulu, kungekho sici kuye kusukela ematheni onyawo kuze kube sokhakhayini.

26 Nxa ephucula ikhanda lakhe ngokuba wayelokhu eliphucula njalo ngasekupheleni komnyaka, lokhu izinwele zakhe zamsinda; ngalokho waziphucula wazilinganisa izinwele zekhanda lakhe, zalingana namashekeli angamakhulu amabili ngesisindo senkosi.

27 U-Abisalomu wazalelwa amadodana amathathu nendodakazi inye egama layo linguTamari; yayingowesifazane obukeka emuhle.

28 U-Abisalomu wahlala eJerusalema iminyaka emibili ephelileyo, engabuboni ubuso benkosi.

29 U-Abisalomu wayesethumela kuJowabe ukuba amthume enkosini, kepha akavumanga ukuza kuye; waphinda wathumela ngokwesibili, kepha akavumanga ukuza.

30 Wayesethi ezincekwini zakhe: “Bhekani, insimu kaJowabe iseduze neyami, unebhali khona; hambani niyithungele ngomlilo.” Izinceku zika-Abisalomu zayithungela-ke insimu ngomlilo.

31 Wayesesuka uJowabe, waya ku-Abisalomu endlini yakhe, wathi kuye: “Izinceku zakho ziyithungeleleni insimu yami ngomlilo na?”

32 U-Abisalomu wathi kuJowabe: “Bheka, ngithumele kuwe, ngithi: ‘Woza lapha ukuba ngikuthume enkosini ukuyothi: “Ngisukeleni eGeshuri na? Ngabe kungcono kimi ukuba bengisekhona lapho.” ’ Ngalokho mangibone ubuso benkosi; uma kukhona icala kimi, mayingibulale.”

33 Wayeseya uJowabe enkosini, wayitshela; isimbizile u-Abisalomu, weza enkosini, wakhothamela kuyo, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi, phambi kwenkosi; inkosi yamanga u-Abisalomu.

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Kwathi emva kwalokho u-Abisalomu wazilungiselela ingola, namahhashi, nabantu abangamashumi ayisihlanu ukuba bagijime phambi kwakhe.

² U-Abisalomu wavuka ekuseni, wema ngaseceleni kwendlela yesango; kwakuthi wonke umuntu onecala eliya enkosini ukuba lithethwe, u-Abisalomu wambiza wathi: “Ungowamuphi umuzi na?” athi: “Inceku yakho ingowesinye sezizwe zakwa-Israyeli.”

³ Wathi u-Abisalomu kuye: “Bheka, izindaba zakho zinhle, zilungile, kepha akukho muntu obekwe yinkosi ukuba akuzwe.”

⁴ U-Abisalomu wathi futhi: “Sengathi ngingenziwa umahluleli ezweni, kuze kimi wonke umuntu onecala nendaba, ngimenzele ukulunga.”

⁵ Kwathi lapho kusondela umuntu ukuba akhuleke kuye, waselula isandla sakhe, wambamba, wamanga.

⁶ Wenze njalo u-Abisalomu kubo bonke abakwa-Israyeli abeza enkosini ngamacala; u-Abisalomu weba izinhliziyi zabantu bakwa-Israyeli.

⁷ Kwathi ngasekupheleni kweminyaka engamashumi amane u-Abisalomu wathi enkosini: “Mangihambe ukugcwalisa isithembiso sami engasethembisa kuJehova eHebroni.

⁸ Ngokuba inceku yakho yenza isithembiso ngisahlezi eGeshuri lase-Aramu sokuthi: ‘Uma uJehova engibuyisela impela eJerusalema, ngiyakumkhonza uJehova.’ ”

⁹ Inkosi yathi kuye: “Hamba ngokuthula.” Wayesesuka, waya eHebroni.

¹⁰ Kepha u-Abisalomu wathuma izinhlozi ezizweni zonke zakwa-Israyeli ngokuthi: “Lapho nizwa ukukhala kwecilongo, anothi: ‘U-Abisalomu uyinkosi eHebroni.’ ”

¹¹ Kwahamba no-Abisalomu abantu abangamakhulu amabili, bebiziwe bephuma eJerusalema; bahamba bemsulwa, bengazi lutho nakanci.

¹² U-Abisalomu wathuma walanda u-Ahithofeli umGiloni, umluleki kaDavide, emzini wakubo waseGilo, esanikela ngemihlatshelo. Uzungu lwaqina, abantu banda njalo ku-Abisalomu.

¹³ Kwafika umbiki kuDavide, wathi: “Izinhliziyi zabantu bakwa-Israyeli zilandela u-Abisalomu.”

¹⁴ UDavide wayesethi ezincekwini zakhe zonke ezazinaye eJerusalema: “Sukani, sibaleke, ngokuba, uma singenzi njalo, akuyikuphunyuka muntu kithi phambi kuka-Abisalomu; sheshani, nimuke, funa asifice masinyane, asehlisele okubi, awuchithe umuzi ngosiko lwenkempa.”

¹⁵ Izinceku zenkosi zathi enkosini: “Noma yintoni engayikhethe inkosi yethu, inkosi bheka, nazi izinceku zakho.”

¹⁶ Yayisiphuma inkosi, bonke abendlu bayo beyilandela. Inkosi yashiya abesifazane abayishumi abayizancinza ukuba balinde indlu.

¹⁷ Yaphuma-ke inkosi, bonke abantu beyilandela; bahlala eBeti Hamerhaki.

¹⁸ Zonke izinceku zadlula eceleni kwakhe kanye nawo onke amaKhereti nawo onke amaPheleti; nawo onke amaGiti, abantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha, ayeyilandela esuka eGati, adlula phambi kwenkosi.

¹⁹ Inkosi yayisithi ku-Ithayi umGiti: “Nawe uhambelani nathi na? Buya uhlale nenkosi, ngokuba ungumfokazi nomxoshwa endaweni yakho.

²⁰ Ufikile izolo nje; ngikuzulazulise nathi yini namuhla, ngisahamba lapho ngiya khona, na? Buya wena, ubuyise nabaqiniso; umusa neqiniso makube nawe.”

²¹ U-Ithayi wayiphendula inkosi, wathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova nokuphila kwenkosi yami, inkosi, impela kuleyo ndawo eyakuba kuyo inkosi yami, inkosi, noma kusekufeni noma kusekuphileni, lapho iyakuba khona nenceku yakho.”

- ²² U Davide wathi ku-Ithayi: “Hamba, uwele.” U-Ithayi umGiti wawela kanye nabo bonke abantu bakhe nazo zonke izingane ezazinaye.
- ²³ Izwe lonke lakhala ngezwi elikhulu, nabantu bonke bawela; nenkosi futhi yawela umfudlana iKidroni, nabantu bonke bawela ngasendleleni yasehlane.
- ²⁴ Bheka, kwafika noSadoki nawo onke amaLevi enaye, ethwele umphongolo wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu; abeka phansi umphongolo kaNkulunkulu, u-Abiyathara wenyuka, baze baphuma bonke abantu emzini.
- ²⁵ Inkosi yathi kuSadoki: “Buyisela emzini umphongolo kaNkulunkulu; uma ngiyakufumana umusa emehlweni kaJehova, uyakungibuyisa, angibonise wona nendlu yawo;
- ²⁶ kepha uma esho kanje, ethi: ‘Angithokozi ngawe,’ bheka, ngilapha, makenze kimi okuhle emehlweni akhe.”
- ²⁷ Yathi inkosi kuSadoki umpristi: “Ungumboni; buyela emzini ngokuthula, namadodana enu amabili enani, o-Ahimahasi indodana yakho noJonathani indodana ka-Abiyathara.
- ²⁸ Bheka, mina ngiyakulibala ngasemazibukweni asehlane, kuze kufike izwi elivela kini lokungibikela.”
- ²⁹ Ngelokho oSadoki no-Abiyathara bawubuyisela umphongolo kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema, bahlala khona.
- ³⁰ U Davide wenyuka ngommango weNtaba Yeminqumo, enyuka ekhala, egubuzele ikhanda, engenazicathulo; bonke abantu ababenaye bagubuzela, kwabayilowo nalowo ikhanda lakhe, benyuka, benyuka bekhala.
- ³¹ Kwabikwa ku Davide ukuthi: “U-Ahithofeli uphakathi kwabozungu luka-Abisalomu.” Wayesethi u Davide: “Jehova, mawuntumazelise amasu ka-Ahithofeli.”
- ³² Kwathi ukuba u Davide adundubale esiqongweni, lapho kukhulekwa khona kuNkulunkulu, bheka, kwamhlangabeza uHushayi umArki, ibhantshi lakhe liklebhukile, enomhlabathi ekhanda lakhe.
- ³³ U Davide wathi kuye: “Uma uhamba nami, uyakuba ngumthwalo kimi;
- ³⁴ kepha uma ubuyela emzini, uthi ku-Abisalomu: ‘Ngiyakuba yinceku yakho, nkosi; kade ngiyinceku kayihlo, manje ngiyakuba yinceku yakho,’ khona uyakungishafisela amasu ka-Ahithofeli.
- ³⁵ Abakho lapho nawe oSadoki no-Abiyathara abapristi na? Kuyakuthi konke okuzwayo endlini yenkosi ukutshela oSadoki no-Abiyathara abapristi.
- ³⁶ Bheka, kukhona lapho nabo amadodana abo amabili, o-Ahimahasi indodana kaSadoki noJonathani indodana ka-Abiyathara; niyakuthuma kimi ngesandla sabo konke eniyakukuzwa.”
- ³⁷ UHushayi, umngane kaDavide, wayesengena emzini; u-Abisalomu wangena eJerusalema.

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U Davide esedlulile kancane isiqongo sentaba, bheka, kwamhlangabeza uSiba inceku kaMefibosheti enezimbongolo ezimbili eziboshelweyo, zithwele izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, nezigaxa eziyikhulu zezithelo zomvini ezomileyo, nezigaxa eziyikhulu zamakhiwane, nemvaba yewayini.

- ² Inkosi yathi kuSiba: “Uthini ngalezi zinto na?” Wathi uSiba: “Izimbongolo zingezokukhwelwa ngabantu bendlu yenkosi, izinkwa nezithelo zingezokudliwa, newayini lingelokuphuzwa ngabayethileyo ehlane.”

³ Yayisithi inkosi: "Iphi indodana yenkosi yakho na?" USiba wathi enkosini: "Bheka, ihlezi eJerusalema, ngokuba yathi: 'Namuhla indlu ka-Israyeli iyakubuyisela kimi umbuso kababa.' "

⁴ Yayisithi-ke inkosi kuSiba: "Bheka, kungokwakho konke okwakungokukaMefibosheti." Wathi uSiba: "Ngiyakhuleka: mangifumane umusa emehlweni akho, nkosi yami, nkosi."

⁵ Kwathi lapho inkosi uDavide ifika eBahurimi, bheka, kwaphuma khona umuntu womndeni wendlu kaSawule ogama lakhe linguShimeyi indodana kaGera; waphuma, wahamba ethuka.

⁶ Wamphonsa uDavide ngamatshe kanye nezinceku zonke zenkosi uDavide, bonke abantu nawo onke amaqhawe bengasesandleni sakhe sokunene nangakwesokhohlo.

⁷ UShimeyi washo kanje ekuthukeni kwakhe, wathi: "Suka, suka wena muntu wegazi, muntu omubi!"

⁸ UJehova ubuyisele phezu kwakho lonke igazi lendlu kaSawule okade ubusa esikhundleni sakhe; uJehova unikele umbuso esandleni sika-Abisalomu indodana yakho; bheka, usubhajiwe ebubini bakho, ngokuba ungumuntu wegazi."

⁹ U-Abishayi indodana kaSeruya wayesethi enkosini: "Le nja efileyo ingayithukelani inkosi yami, inkosi, na? Mangiye ngiyinqume ikhanda."

¹⁰ Yathi inkosi: "Nginamsebenzi muni nani madodana kaSeruya. Njengokuba ethuka, lokhu uJehova eshilo futhi kuye ukuthi: 'Thuka uDavide,' ngubani ongasho ukuthi: 'Ukwenzeleni lokho na?' "

¹¹ UDavide wayesethi ku-Abishayi nakuzo zonke izinceku zakhe: "Bhekani, indodana yami eyaphuma ezibilinini zami ifuna ukuphila kwami; kakhulu kangakanani lo mBenjamini na? Myekeni, athuke, ngokuba uJehova ukhulumile kuye.

¹² Mhlawumbe uJehova uyakubheka usizi lwami, angibuyisele okuhle ngokungithuka namuhla."

¹³ UDavide nabantu bakhe bahamba ngendlela; uShimeyi wahamba eceleni kwentaba malungana naye, wahamba ethuka, wamphonsa ngamatshe, wamthela ngothuli.

¹⁴ Inkosi nabo bonke abantu ababenayo bafika beyethile; wahlunyelelwa khona.

¹⁵ U-Abisalomu nabantu bonke, amadoda akwa-Israyeli, bafika eJerusalema, u-Ahithofeli enabo.

¹⁶ Kwathi lapho uHushayi umArki umngane kaDavide esefikile ku-Abisalomu, uHushayi wathi ku-Abisalomu: "Mana njalo, nkosi; mana njalo, nkosi."

¹⁷ U-Abisalomu wayesethi kuHushayi: "Lokhu kungukuthembeka kwakho kumngane wakho na? Awuhambanga ngani nomngane wakho na?"

¹⁸ Wayesethi uHushayi ku-Abisalomu: "Qha, lo okhethwe nguJehova, nayilaba bantu, nangabantu bonke bakwa-Israyeli, ngiyakuba ngowakhe, ngihlale naye.

¹⁹ Futhi ngikhonze bani na? Kungabi phambi kwendodana yakhe na? Njengalokho ngakhonza phambi kukayihlo, kanjalo ngiyakuba phambi kwakho."

²⁰ Wayesethi u-Abisalomu ku-Ahithofeli: "Sipheni isiluleko sokuthi siyakwenze njani."

²¹ Wathi-ke u-Ahithofeli ku-Abisalomu: "Ngena kuzo izancinza zikayihlo azishiyile ukuba zilinde indlu; u-Israyeli wonke uyakuzwa ukuba unengwa nguyihlo, ziqine izandla zabo bonke abanawe."

²² Bammisela u-Abisalomu itende ophahleni lwendlu; u-Abisalomu wangena kuzo izancinza zikayise emehlweni abo bonke abakwa-Israyeli.

²³ Isiluleko sika-Ahithofeli aluleka ngaso ngalezo zinsuku sasinjengokungathi bekubuzwe kuNkulunkulu; zazinjalo iziluleko zika-Ahithofeli kuDavide naku-Abisalomu.

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- U**-Ahithofeli wathi futhi ku-Abisalomu: “Mangikhethe manje abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, ngisuke ngimxoshe uDavide ngalobu busuku,
- ² ngimfikele ekhathele, eyethile, ngimesabise; bonke abantu abanye bayakubaleka, ngibulale inkosi kuphela,
- ³ ngibuyisele kuwe bonke abantu; umuntu omfunayo unjengokungathi bonke babuyile; bonke abantu bayakuba nokuthula.”
- ⁴ Leli zwi lamjabulisa u-Abisalomu nawo onke amalunga akwa-Israyeli.
- ⁵ Wayesethi u-Abisalomu: “Mawumbize noHushayi umArki, sizwe okusemlonyeni wakhe naye.”
- ⁶ UHushayi esefikile ku-Abisalomu, u-Abisalomu wakhuluma kuye, wathi: “U-Ahithofeli ukhulume kanjalo; siyakwenza njengokusho kwakhe na? Uma kungenjalo, khuluma wena.”
- ⁷ UHushayi wathi ku-Abisalomu: “Isiluleko u-Ahithofeli eluleke ngaso manje asisihle.”
- ⁸ Wathi futhi uHushayi: “Uyamazi uyihlo nabantu bakhe ukuthi bangamaqhawe nokuthi bacasukile ezinhliziyweni zabo njengebhere elaphucwe amazinyane alo endle; uyihlo uyindoda yempi, akayikuhlala nabantu.
- ⁹ Bheka, manje ucashile emgodini noma kwenye indawo; kuyakuthi lapho esebafikela ekuqaleni nje, okuzwayo athi: ‘Abantu abalandela u-Abisalomu banqotshiwe;’
- ¹⁰ naye onesibindi, onhliziyo yakhe injengenhliziyoyengonyama, uyakuphela amandla, ngokuba wonke u-Israyeli uyazi ukuthi uyihlo uyiqhawwe, nabanaye bangamadoda anamandla.
- ¹¹ “Ngalokho ngiyaluleka ukuba wonke u-Israyeli abuthane kuwe, kusukela kwaDani kuze kufike eBeri Sheba, ngangesihlabathi esingasolwandle ngobuningi, wena uqobo lwakho uye empini.
- ¹² Sesiyakumfikela endaweni ethile lapho engatholakala khona, simehlele njengokuwela kwamazolo emhlabathini; kuyena nabantu bonke abanaye asiyikushiya noyedwa.
- ¹³ Noma engena emzini, wonke u-Israyeli uyakuyisa amagoda kulowo muzi, siwuhudulele emfuleni, kungabe kusafunyanwa khona netshana elilodwa.”
- ¹⁴ U-Abisalomu nabantu bonke bakwa-Israyeli bathi: “Isiluleko sikaHushayi umArki singcono kunesiluleko sika-Ahithofeli.” Ngokuba uJehova wayenqumile ukuba kushafiswe isiluleko esihle sika-Ahithofeli, ukuze uJehova amehlisele u-Abisalomu okubi.
- ¹⁵ UHushayi wayesethi kuSadoki naku-Abiyathara abapristi: “U-Ahithofeli weluleka u-Abisalomu namalunga akwa-Israyeli kanje nakanje; mina ngeluleke kanje nakanje.
- ¹⁶ Ngalokho thumelani masinyane nimtshele uDavide ukuthi: ‘Ungahlali ngasemazibukweni asehlane ngalobu busuku, kepha uwele nokuwela, funa inkosi igwinywe kanye nabantu bonke abanayo.’”
- ¹⁷ OJonathani no-Ahimahasi babehlala e-Eni Rogeli; inceukazi yayizinge ibatshela; bona bahamba bayibikela inkosi uDavide ukuba bangabonwa behamba beya emzini.
- ¹⁸ Kepha umfana wababona, wamtshela u-Abisalomu; base beshesha, bahamba bobabili, bafika endlini yomuntu waseBahurimi owayenomthombo egcekeni lakhe; behlela khona.
- ¹⁹ Owesifazane wathatha isimbozo, wasendlala phezu komlomo womthombo, weneka umqhazulo kuso, kungaziwa lutho.
- ²⁰ Zase zifika izinceku zika-Abisalomu kowesifazane endlini, zathi: “Baphi o-Ahimahasi noJonathani na?” Owesifazane wathi kuzo: “Bawuwele umfudlana.” Sezibafunile zingabatholanga, zabuyela eJerusalema.

- ²¹ Kwathi sezimukile, baphuma emthonjeni, baya bayitshela inkosi uDavide, bathi kuDavide: “Sukani, nisheshe niwele amanzi, ngokuba u-Ahithofeli weluleke kanjalo ngani.”
- ²² UDavide wayesesuka nabo bonke abantu ababe naye, bawela iJordani; ngasekuseni akusalanga noyedwa ongaliwelanga iJordani.
- ²³ Lapho u-Ahithofeli ebona ukuthi isiluleko sakhe asilandelwanga, wayibophela imbongolo yakhe, wasuka, waya ekhaya emzini wakhe, wayala ngendlu yakhe, waziphanyeka, wafa, wembelwa ethuneni likayise.
- ²⁴ UDavide wayesefika eMahanayimi. U-Abisalomu waliwela iJordani, yena nabo bonke abantu bakwa-Israyeli kanye naye.
- ²⁵ U-Abisalomu wabeka u-Amasa phezu kwempi esikhundleni sikaJowabe. U-Amasa wayeyindodana yomuntu ogama lakhe lalingu-Itira umIsrayeli, owangena ku-Abigali indodakazi kaNahashi, udadewabo kaSeruya unina kaJowabe.
- ²⁶ O-Israyeli no-Abisalomu bamisa ezweni lakwaGileyadi.
- ²⁷ Kwathi uDavide esefikile eMahanayimi, uShobi indodana kaNahashi waseRaba labantwana bakwa-Amoni, noMakiri indodana ka-Amiyeli waseLo Debari, noBarizilayi wakwaGileyadi waseRogelimi
- ²⁸ baletha amacansi, nemicengezi, nezitsha zebumba, nokolweni, nebhali, nempuphu notshwele, nobhontshisi, nembumba, nenhlosa,
- ²⁹ nezinyosi, namangqanga, nezimvu, noshizi wezinkomo kuDavide nabantu ababe naye ukuba badle, ngokuba bathi: “Abantu balambile, bakhathele, bomile ehlane.”

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UDavide wabala abantu ababe naye, wabeka phezu kwabo izinduna zezinkulungwane nezinduna zamakhulu.

- ² UDavide wamukisa abantu, inxenye yesithathu iphansi kwesandla sikaJowabe, nenxenye yesithathu iphansi kwesandla sika-Abishayi indodana kaSeruya, umfowabo kaJowabe, nenxenye yesithathu iphansi kwesandla sika-Ithayi umGiti. Inkosi yathi kubantu: “Nami ngiyakuphuma nokuphuma nani.”
- ³ Kepha abantu bathi: “Awuyikuphuma, ngokuba uma sibaleka, abayikusinakekela; noma kufa inxenye yethu, abayikusikhathalela, kepha wena unjengezinkulungwane eziyishumi zethu; ngalokho kuhle ukuba usisize usemzini.”
- ⁴ Yayisithi inkosi kubo: “Okuhle emehlweni enu ngiyakukwenza.” Inkosi yema ngaseceleni kwesango, bonke abantu baphuma ngamakhulu nangezinkulungwane.
- ⁵ Inkosi yabayaleza oJowabe no-Abishayi no-Ithayi, yathi: “Anoyiphatha kahle insizwa ngenxa yami, ngisho u-Abisalomu.” Bonke abantu bezwa, lapho inkosi iyaleza zonke izinduna ngo-Abisalomu.
- ⁶ Base bephumela endle ukulwa no-Israyeli, kwaliwa ehlathini lakwa-Efrayimi.
- ⁷ Abantu bakwa-Israyeli banqotshwa lapho phambi kwezinceku zikaDavide, kwakukhona ukubulalana okukhulu ngalolo suku, abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili.
- ⁸ Ngokuba impi yahlakazeka khona ezweni lonke, ihlathi laqeda abantu abaningi ngalolo suku kunabadliwa yinkemba.
- ⁹ U-Abisalomu wasuka wahlangana nezinceku zikaDavide. U-Abisalomu wayekhwele umnyuzi wakhe, umnyuzi wangena phansi kwehlozi le-oki, ikhanda lakhe labambelela e-okini, waphakanyiselwa emkhathini wezulu nomhlaba; umnyuzi obuphansi kwakhe wadlula.

- 10** Umuntu othile wakubona, wamtshela uJowabe, wathi: “Bheka, ngibone u-Abisalomu ephanyekekile e-okini.”
- 11** UJowabe wathi kumuntu omtshelileyo: “Bheka, ukubonile, awumjuqanga ngani khona, awele phansi, na? Nga ngikunikile izinhlamvu eziyishumi zesiliva nebhande.”
- 12** Wathi-ke umuntu kuJowabe: “Noma bengiyakukhokhelwa izinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane zesiliva esandleni sami, nokho bengingayikuselulela isandla sami endodaneni yenkosi, ngokuba ezindlebeni zethu inkosi yakuyala wena no-Abishayi no-Ithayi ukuthi: ‘Yilondeni insizwa u-Abisalomu.’
- 13** Uma bengisebenzile inkohliso ngokuphila kwakhe, njengokuba kungekho nto efihlwa enkosini, nawe uqobo ngabe umelene nami.”
- 14** Wayesethi uJowabe: “Anginakulibala kanje nawe.” Wathatha imikhonto emithathu ngesandla sakhe, wambhokoda u-Abisalomu enhliziyweni esezwa, ephakathi kwe-oki.
- 15** Izinsizwa eziyishumi ezaziphethe izikhali zikaJowabe zamzungeza, zamshaya u-Abisalomu, zambulala.
- 16** UJowabe wayesebetha icilongo, abantu babuya ekumxosheni u-Israyeli, ngokuba uJowabe wabagodla abantu.
- 17** Bamthatha u-Abisalomu, bamlahla emgodini omkhulu ehlathini, babeka phezu kwakhe inqwaba enkulu kakhulu yamatshe; bonke abakwa-Israyeli, kwaba yilowo nalowo, babalekela ematendeni abo.
- 18** U-Abisalomu esekhona wayethathe insika, wazimisela yona esiGodini seNkosi, ngokuba wathi: “Anginandodana yokukhumbuzela igama lami.” Wayiqamba insika ngegama lakhe; ithiwa isikhumbuzo sika-Abisalomu kuze kube namuhla.
- 19** U-Ahimahasi indodana kaSadoki wayesethi: “Ake ngigijime, ngiyibikele inkosi ukuthi uJehova uyiphindisele ezitheni zayo.”
- 20** UJowabe wathi kuye: “Awuyikuba ngumbiki wendaba namuhla, kepha uyakubika ngolunye usuku; namuhla awuyikubika lutho, ngokuba indodana yenkosi ifile.”
- 21** Wayesethi uJowabe kumKushe: “Hamba, uyitshela inkosi okubonileyo.” UmKushe wamkhothamela uJowabe, wagijima.
- 22** U-Ahimahasi indodana kaSadoki wabuye wathi kuJowabe: “Noma kanjani, ake ngigijime nami, ngimlandele umKushe.” Kepha uJowabe wathi: “Uyakugijimelani wena mntanami, lokhu kungekho mvuzo wombiko kuwe, na?”
- 23** Wathi: “Noma kanjani, ake ngigijime.” Wathi kuye: “Gijima.” Wayesegijima u-Ahimahasi ngendlela yasethafeni, wamdlula umKushe.
- 24** UDavide wayehlezi emkhathini wamasango omabili; umlindi wakhuphukela ophahleni lwesango ngasogangeni, waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabheka, nanguya umuntu egijima eyedwa.
- 25** Umlindi wamemeza, wayitshela inkosi. Yathi inkosi: “Uma eyedwa, unombiko emlonyeni wakhe.” Wayelokhu esondela njalo.
- 26** Umlindi wayesebona omunye umuntu egijima; umlindi wabiza umlindisango, wathi: “Bheka, omunye umuntu ugijima eyedwa.” Inkosi yathi: “Naye uletha umbiko.”
- 27** Umlindi wayesethi: “Ngibona kungathi ukugijima kowokuqala kunjengokugijima kuka-Ahimahasi indodana kaSadoki.” Yathi inkosi: “Ngumuntu omuhle yena; uletha umbiko omuhle.”
- 28** Wayesememeza u-Ahimahasi, wathi enkosini: “Bayede!” Wakhothama phambi kwenkosi ebhekise phansi ubuso bakhe, wathi: “Makabongwe uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, onikele abantu abaphakamisela isandla sabo enkosini yami, inkosi.”
- 29** Inkosi yathi: “Isahlezi kahle insizwa u-Abisalomu na?” U-Ahimahasi wathi: “Ngabona

isixuku sabantu, lapho uJowabe inceku yenkosi ethuma inceku yakho, kepha angazanga ukuthi kuyini.”

³⁰ Inkosi yathi: “Gudluka, ume lapho.” Wagudluka, wema.

³¹ Bheka, wayesefika umKushe; umKushe wathi: “Ngumbiko, nkosi yami, nkosi, ngokuba uJehova ukuphindisele namuhla kubo bonke abakuvukelayo.”

³² Inkosi yathi kumKushe: “Isahlezi kahle insizwa u-Abisalomu na?” UmKushe wathi: “Izitha zenkosi yami, inkosi, nabo bonke abakuvukelayo ukukulimaza mababe njengaleyo nsizwa.”

³³ Yayisidabuka kakhulu inkosi, yakhuphukela ekamelweni elingaphezu kwesango, yakhala; isahamba yathi: “Hhawu, ndodana yami Abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami Abisalomu! Sengathi nga ngifile esikhundleni sakho, Abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami!”

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Kwabikelwa uJowabe ukuthi: “Bheka, inkosi iyakhala, imlilela u-Abisalomu.”

² Ukunqoba ngalolo suku kwaphenduka isililo kubantu bonke, ngokuba abantu bezwa kwathiwa ngalolo suku: “Inkosi idabukile ngendodana yayo.”

³ Abantu bangena emzini ngalolo suku ngokunyenya njengabantu abanamahloni benyenya, bebalekela impi.

⁴ Inkosi yamboza ubuso bayo, inkosi yakhala ngezwi elikhulu, yathi: “Hhawu, ndodana yami Abisalomu, Abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami!”

⁵ UJowabe wangena endlini enkosini, wathi: “Udumazile namuhla ubuso bazo zonke izinceku zakho ezisindisile ukuphila kwakho namuhla, nokuphila kwamadodana akho namadodakazi akho, nokuphila kwabafazi bakho, nokuphila kwezancinza zakho

⁶ ngokubathanda abakuzondayo nangokubazonda abakuthandayo. Ngokuba umemezele namuhla ukuthi izikhulu nezinceku azilutho kuwe, lokhu ngibona namuhla ukuthi uma ebephilile u-Abisalomu thina sonke besifile namuhla, ngabe kulungile emehlweni akho.

⁷ Ngalokho suka, ukhulume kahle ezincekwini zakho, ngokuba ngifunga uJehova ngithi, uma ungaphumi, akuyikusala muntu kuwe ngalobu busuku; lokhu kuyakuba kubi kuwe kunakho konke okubi okukwehlele kwasebusheni bakho kuze kube namuhla.”

⁸ Yayisisuka inkosi, yahlala esangweni. Kwathiwa kubo bonke abantu: “Bhekani, inkosi ihlezi esangweni.” Base befika abantu bonke phambi kwenkosi. Kepha abakwa-Israyeli babebalekele, kwaba yilowo nalowo etendeni lakhe.

⁹ Bonke abantu babephikisana ezizweni zonke zakwa-Israyeli, bethi: “Inkosi yasophula esandleni sezitha zethu, yasikhulula esandleni samaFilisti; manje isibalekile ezweni, imbalekele u-Abisalomu.

¹⁰ U-Abisalomu esamgcoba ukuba abe phezu kwethu usefile empini. Manje nithuleleni, ningayibuyisi inkosi na?”

¹¹ Inkosi uDavide yathumela kuSadoki naku-Abiyathara abapristi, yathi: “Khulumani kumalunga akwaJuda, nithi: ‘Kungani ukuba nibe ngabokugcina ukubuyisela inkosi endlini yayo, lokhu kufinyelele enkosini nasendlini yayo konke ukukhuluma kuka-Israyeli, na?’

¹² Ningabafowethu, niyithambo lami nenyama yami; ngalokho kungani ukuba nibe ngabokugcina ukuyibuyisa inkosi na?”

¹³ Yishoni ku-Amasa ukuthi: ‘Angithi uyithambo lami nenyama yami na? Makenze njalo kimi uNkulunkulu, enezele futhi, uma ungayikuba yinduna yempi ngaphambi kwami njalo esikhundleni sikaJowabe.’ ”

- ¹⁴ Wathobisa izinhliziyi zabantu bonke bakwaJuda njengomuntu munye, baze bathuma enkosini, bathi: “Buya wena nazo zonke izinceku zakho.”
- ¹⁵ Yayisibuya inkosi, yafika eJordani; uJuda wafika eGiligali ukuba ayihlangabeze inkosi, ayiwelise inkosi iJordani.
- ¹⁶ UShimeyi indodana kaGera umBenjamini waseBahurimi washesha wehla nabantu bakwaJuda ukuyihlangabeza inkosi.
- ¹⁷ Kweza naye abantu abayinkulungwane bakwaBenjamini, noSiba inceku yendlu kaSawule, namadodana akhe ayishumi nanhlanu, nezinceku zakhe ezingamashumi amabili zinaye; bawela iJordani phambi kwenkosi.
- ¹⁸ Kwawela isikebhe sokuwelisa abendlu yenkosi nokwenza okwakukuhle emehlweni ayo. UShimeyi indodana kaGera wawela phansi phambi kwenkosi isiyakuliwela iJordani.
- ¹⁹ Wathi enkosini: “Inkosi yami mayingangibaleli icala, futhi ungakhumbuli okubi okwenziwa yinceku yakho mhla inkosi yami, inkosi, iphuma eJerusalema, ukuba inkosi ikubeke enhliziyweni yayo.
- ²⁰ Ngokuba inceku yakho iyazi ukuthi yonile; bheka, ngifikile namuhla ngingowokuqala wendlu yonke kaJosefa, ngehle ukuhlangabeza inkosi yami, inkosi.”
- ²¹ Kepha u-Abishayi indodana kaSeruya waphendula wathi: “UShimeyi akayikubulawa yini ngalokho, njengokuba wathuka ogcotshiweyo kaJehova, na?”
- ²² UDavide wathi: “Nginamsebenzi muni nani madodana kaSeruya ukuba nimelane nami namuhla na? Kuzakubulawa umuntu namuhla kwa-Israyeli na? Angazi yini mina ukuthi namuhla ngiyinkosi phezu kuka-Israyeli na?”
- ²³ Inkosi yayisithi kuShimeyi: “Awuyikufa.” Inkosi yafunga kuye.
- ²⁴ Naye uMefibosheti indodana kaSawule wehla ukuhlangabeza inkosi; wayengalungisanga izinyawo zakhe, engalungisanga nesilevu sakhe, engahlanzanga futhi izingubo zakhe, kwasukela osukwini inkosi eyamuka ngalo kwaze kwaba lusuku owabuya ngalo ngokuthula.
- ²⁵ Kwathi esefike eJerusalema ukuyihlangabeza inkosi, inkosi yathi kuye: “Awuhambanga ngani nami, Mefibosheti, na?”
- ²⁶ Wathi: “Nkosi yami, nkosi, inceku yami yangikhohlisa, ngokuba inceku yakho yathi: ‘Ngiyakuzibophelela imbongolo ukuba ngiyikhwele, ngihambe nenkosi, ngokuba inceku yakho ilunyonga.’
- ²⁷ Ihlebile inceku yakho enkosini yami, inkosi, kepha inkosi yami, inkosi, injengengelosi kaNkulunkulu; ngalokho yenza okuhle emehlweni akho.
- ²⁸ Ngokuba yonke indlu kababa yayinjengabantu abafileyo phambi kwenkosi yami, inkosi; kepha wayibeka inceku yakho phakathi kwabadla etafuleni lakho. Ngisenalungelo lini ukuba ngibuye ngikhale enkosini na?”
- ²⁹ Inkosi yathi kuye: “Usakhulumelani ngezindaba zakho na? Ngithi: Wena noSiba, yahlukaniselani izwe.”
- ³⁰ Wayesethi uMefibosheti enkosini: “Makathathe konke, njengokuba inkosi yami, inkosi, isibuyele endlini yayo ngokuthula.”
- ³¹ UBarizilayi wakwaGileyadi wehla eRogelimi; wawela iJordani kanye nenkosi ukuyiwelisa iJordani.
- ³² UBarizilayi wayengumuntu omdala kakhulu, eneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili; wayekade eyipha inkosi ukudla isahlezi eMahanayimi, ngokuba wayengumuntu omkhulu kakhulu.
- ³³ Inkosi yathi kuBarizilayi: “Wela nami wena, ngikondle kanye nami eJerusalema.”
- ³⁴ Wayesethi uBarizilayi enkosini: “Zingaki izinsuku zeminyaka yokuhamba kwami ukuba

ngenyukele eJerusalema nenkosi na?

³⁵ Namuhla ngineminyaka engamashumi ayisihiyagalombili; ngingahlukanisa okuhle nokubi yini? Inceku yakho ingezwa ekudlayo nekuphuzayo na? Ngingabe ngisalizwa izwi lamadoda ahlabelelayo nabesifazane abahlabelelayo na? Inceku yakho isezakuba ngumthwalo wenkosi yami, inkosi, ngani na?

³⁶ Inceku yakho iyakusimze iwele nje iJordani nenkosi; pho, inkosi iyakungivuzelani ngomvuzo ongaka na?

³⁷ Mayibuyele emuva inceku yakho ukuba ngifele emzini wami ngasethuneni likababa nelikamame. Kepha bheka, inceku yakho uKimihamu mayiwele nenkosi yami, inkosi, wenze kuyo okuhle emehlweni akho.”

³⁸ Inkosi yathi: “UKimihamu angawela nami, mina ngenze kuye okuhle emehlweni akho; konke okufunayo kimi ngiyakukwenzela khona.”

³⁹ Bonke abantu bawela iJordani, nenkosi yawela; inkosi yamanga uBarizilayi, yambusisa; wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

⁴⁰ Yayisiwela inkosi, yaya eGiligali, noKimihamu wawela nayo; bonke abantu bakwaJuda bayiwelisa inkosi kanye nenxenye yabantu bakwa-Israyeli.

⁴¹ Bheka, base befika bonke abantu bakwa-Israyeli enkosini, bathi enkosini: “Abafofowethu amadoda akwaJuda bakwebeleni, bawelisa inkosi nabendlu yayo iJordani kanye nabo bonke abantu bakwaDavide benaye, na?”

⁴² Bonke abantu bakwaJuda baphendula abantu bakwa-Israyeli, bathi: “Ngokuba inkosi iyisihlobo sethu impela; kungani ukuba nithukuthele ngale nto na? Sike sadla ntoni engeyenkosi na? Isixoshisile ngamaxosho na?”

⁴³ Abantu bakwa-Israyeli baphendula abantu bakwaJuda, bathi: “Sinezinxenye eziyishumi kunani enkosini, yebo, nakuDavide; nisideleleni na? Izwi lethu lokubuyisa inkosi lalingesilo elokuqala na?” Kepha amazwi abantu bakwaJuda ayelukhuni kunamazwi abantu bakwa-Israyeli.

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Kwakukhona umuntu omubi ogama lakhe lalinguSheba indodana kaBikri umBenjamini; wabetha icilongo, wathi: “Asinasabelo kuDavide, asinafa endodaneni kaJese; yiyani nonke ematendeni enu, Israyeli.”

² Bonke abantu bakwa-Israyeli base benyuka bengasamlandeli uDavide, bamlandela uSheba indodana kaBikri; kepha abantu bakwaJuda babambeleva enkosini yabo kusukela eJordani kuze kube seJerusalema.

³ UDavide wafika endlini yakhe eJerusalema; inkosi yathatha abesifazane abayishumi, izancinza zayo, eyayibashiyile ukuba bayilinde indlu, yababeka endlini yokulindela, yabapha ukudla, kepha ayingenanga kubo. Base bevalelwe kwaze kwaba sosukwini lokufa kwabo, behlezi njengabafelokazi.

⁴ Yayisithi inkosi ku-Amasa: “Ngibuthele abantu bakwaJuda ngezinsuku ezintathu, ube khona nawe.”

⁵ Wayesehamba u-Amasa ukubutha uJuda, kepha walibala phezu kwesikhathi asinqunyelweyo.

⁶ Wayesethi uDavide ku-Abishayi: “Manje uSheba indodana kaBikri uyakwenza okubi kakhulu kithi kuno-Abisalomu; thatha wena izinceku zenkosi yakho, umxoshe, funa azitholele imizi ebiyelweyo, asiphunyuke.”

⁷ Emva kwakhe kwaphuma amadoda kaJowabe, namaKhereti namaPheleti, namaqhawe

onke; baphuma eJerusalema ukuba bamxoshe uSheba indodana kaBikri.

⁸ Besesetsheni elikhulu eliseGibeyoni, u-Amasa wafika ukubahlangabeza. UJowabe wayebhince isambatho sakhe sokulwa ayelokhu esigqoka; kusona lalikhona ibhande elinenkemba emgodleni wayo elaligaxwe okhalweni lwakhe; yawa esehamba.

⁹ UJowabe wayesethi ku-Amasa: “Usaphila, mfowethu, na?” UJowabe wambamba u-Amasa ngesilevu ngesandla sakhe sokunene ukuba amange.

¹⁰ Kodwa u-Amasa akayinakanga inkemba eyayisesandleni sikaJowabe; wamgwaza ngayo esiswini, wachithela izibilini zakhe emhlabathini; wafa engamphindanga. OJowabe no-Abishayi umfowabo bamxosha uSheba indodana kaBikri.

¹¹ Kwema ngakuye enye yezinsizwa zikaJowabe, yathi: “Omthanda uJowabe nongokaDavide mabamlandele uJowabe.”

¹² U-Amasa wahuquzela egazini lakhe phakathi nomendo. Lapho lo muntu ebona ukuthi bonke abantu bema, wamgudluza u-Amasa emendweni, wamyisa ensimini, waphonsa ingubo phezu kwakhe, lapho ebona ukuthi bonke abadlula ngakuye bema.

¹³ Esesusiwe emendweni, abantu bonke badlula bamlandela uJowabe ukuba bamxoshe uSheba indodana kaBikri.

¹⁴ Wadabula izizwe zonke zakwa-Israyeli, waze wafika e-Abela, naseBeti Mahakha, nakuwo onke amaBeri; babuthana bamxosha nakhona.

¹⁵ Bafika bamvimbezela e-Abela laseBeti Mahakha, banqwabela iduli ngasemzini elema ngasodongeni; abantu bonke ababe noJowabe babhidliza ugange ukuba luwe.

¹⁶ Kwase kumemeza owesifazane ohlakaniphileyo esemzini, wathi: “Zwanini! Zwanini! Ake nithi kuJowabe: ‘Sondela lapho ukuba ngikhulume nawe.’”

¹⁷ Wasondela kuye; owesifazane wayesethi: “Wena unguJowabe na?” Wathi: “Nginguye.” Wayesethi kuye: “Yizwa amazwi encekukazi yakho.” Wathi: “Ngiyezwa.”

¹⁸ Wathi-ke: “Endulo babevama ukukhuluma ngokuthi: ‘Kuyakubuzwa nokubuzwa e-Abela.’ Base beqeda.

¹⁹ Mina ngingowokuthula nothembekileyo kwa-Israyeli; wena ufuna ukuchitha umuzi nonina kwa-Israyeli; uyakuligwinyelani ifa likaJehova na?”

²⁰ UJowabe waphendula wathi: “Makube kude, makube kude nami ukuba ngigwinye noma ngichithe.

²¹ Akunjalo, kepha umuntu wasezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi, nguSheba indodana kaBikri igama lakhe, uphakamisele isandla sakhe ngasenkosini, kuDavide; nginikeni yena kuphela, khona ngiyakusuka emzini.” Wayesethi owesifazane kuJowabe: “Bheka, ikhanda lakhe liyakuphonswa kuwe ngaphandle kogange.”

²² Owesifazane wayeseya ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe kubantu bonke. Bamnquma uSheba indodana kaBikri ikhanda, baliphonsa kuJowabe. Yena wabetha icilongo, bahlakazeka kulowo muzi, baya, kwaba yilowo nalowo etendeni lakhe. UJowabe wabuyela eJerusalema enkosini.

²³ UJowabe wayesephezu kwempi yonke yakwa-Israyeli; uBenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephezu kwamaKhereti namaPheleti;

²⁴ u-Adoramu wayephethe imali; uJehoshafati indodana ka-Ahiludi wayengumabhalana.

²⁵ USheva wayengumbhali; oSadoki no-Abiyathara babe ngabapristi;

²⁶ u-Ira umJayiri wayengumpristi kaDavide.

Kwaba khona indlala ezinsukwini zikaDavide iminyaka emithathu ngokulandelana; uDavide wafuna ubuso bukaJehova. UJehova wathi: “Kungenxa kaSawule nangenxa yendlu yakhe yegazi, ngokuba wabulala abaseGibeyoni.”

² Inkosi yayisibiza abaseGibeyoni, yakhuluma kubo, abaseGibeyoni babengesibo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, beyinsali yama-Amori; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babefungile kubo; uSawule wafuna ukubabulala ngokushisekela kwakhe abantwana bakwa-Israyeli nabakwaJuda;

³ wathi-ke uDavide kwabaseGibeyoni: “Ngingenzele ntoni na? Ngingenza ukubuyisana ngantoni ukuba nibusise ifa likaJehova na?”

⁴ AbaseGibeyoni bathi kuye: “Akundaba yesiliva negolide noSawule nendlu yakhe, futhi akundaba yokubulala umuntu kwa-Israyeli.” Wathi: “Enikushoyo ngiyakunenzela khona.”

⁵ Bathi enkosini: “Umuntu owasibulalayo waceba ngathi ukuba sichithwe singasali phakathi kwemikhawulo yakwa-Israyeli,

⁶ masinikwe abantu abayisikhombisa bamadodana akhe, sibaphanyeke kuJehova eGibeya likaSawule, okhethiweyo kaJehova.” Inkosi yathi: “Ngiyakuninika bona.”

⁷ Kepha inkosi yamyeka uMefibosheti indodana kaJonathani kaSawule ngenxa yesifungo sikaJehova esasiphakathi kwabo, phakathi kukaDavide noJonathani indodana kaSawule.

⁸ Kepha inkosi yathatha amadodana kaRispa indodakazi ka-Aya ayewazalele uSawule, o-Arimoni noMefibosheti; namadodana ayisihlanu kaMikhali indodakazi kaSawule ayewazalele u-Adriyeli indodana kaBarizilayi umMeholati;

⁹ wabanikela ezandleni zabaseGibeyoni, babaphanyeka entabeni phambi kukaJehova, bawa labo abayisikhombisa kanyekanye; babulawa ngesikhathi sokuvuna ezinsukwini zokuqala ngasekuqaleni kokuvunwa kwebhali.

¹⁰ URispa indodakazi ka-Aya wathatha indwangu yamasaka, wazendlalela yona edwaleni, kusukela ekuqaleni kokuvuna kuze kuthelwe phezu kwabo amanzi asezulwini; akavumelanga izinyoni zezulu ukuba zihlale phezu kwabo emini, nezilwane zasendle ebusuku.

¹¹ Kwabikelwa uDavide ukuthi uRispa indodakazi ka-Aya, isancinza sikaSawule, wenzeni.

¹² UDavide waya wathatha amathambo kaSawule namathambo kaJonathani indodana yakhe kubantu baseJabeshi Gileyadi ababewebile esigcawini saseBeti Shani, lapho, amaFilisti ayebaphanyeke khona, mhla amaFilisti embulala uSawule eGilibowa.

¹³ Wenyusa lapho amathambo kaSawule namathambo kaJonathani indodana yakhe; baqoqa amathambo ababephanyekiwe.

¹⁴ Bawembela amathambo kaSawule noJonathani indodana yakhe ezweni lakwaBenjamini eSela ethuneni likaKishi uyise; benza konke okuyalezwe yinkosi. Ngasemuva uNkulunkulu wancengwa ngenxa yezwe.

¹⁵ AmaFilisti abuye aphaka impi no-Israyeli; uDavide wehla, izinceku zakhe zinaye, balwa namaFilisti; uDavide waphela amandla.

¹⁶ U-Ishibi Benobi wabantwana bamaRefa osisindo somkhonto wakhe sasingamashekeli angamakhulu amathathu ethusi, ebhince inkemba entsha, wathi uyakumbulala uDavide.

¹⁷ Kepha u-Abishayi indodana kaSeruya wamsiza, wamshaya umFilisti wambulala. Base befunga kuye abantu bakaDavide, bathi: “Awusayikuphuma impi nathi, funa ucime isibani sakwa-Israyeli.”

¹⁸ Kwathi emva kwalokho kwabuye kwavuka impi namaFilisti eGobi; khona uSibekayi umHushati wabulala uSafi owayengowamadodana amaRefa.

¹⁹ Kwabuye kwaba khona impi namaFilisti eGobi; u-Elihanani indodana kaJahari Oregimi waseBetlehema wabulala uGoliyati umGiti oluthi lomkhonto wakhe lwalunjengogongolo

lomaluki.

²⁰ Kwabuye kwaba khona impi eGati, lapho kwakukhona umuntu omude owayeneminwe eyisithupha esandleni nezinzwani eziyithupha onyaweni, kungamashumi amabili nane kukonke; naye wazalwa yiRefa.

²¹ Wameyisa u-Israyeli; ngalokho uJonathani indodana kaShimeyi umfowabo kaDavide wambulala.

²² Labo bobane bazalwa ngamaRefa eGati; bawa ngesandla sikaDavide nangesandla sezinceku zakhe.

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UDavide wakhuluma kuJehova amazwi aleli hubo mhla uJehova emophula esandleni sezitha zakhe zonke nasesandleni sikaSawule,

² wathi: “UJehova uyidwala lami, nenqaba yami, nomkhululi wami;

³ uNkulunkulu uyidwala lami engiphephela kulo, nesihlangu sami, nophondo lokusindiswa kwami, inqaba yami ephakemeyo nesiphephelo sami; msindisi wami, uyangisindisa ebudloveni.

⁴ Ngiyamemeza kuJehova odumisekayo, ngisindiswe ezitheni zami.

⁵ “Ngokuba amaza okufa angihaga; izikhukhula zokona zangethusa.

⁶ Izintambo zasendaweni yabafileyo zangizungeza, izihibe zokufa zangehlela.

⁷ Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngambiza uJehova, ngakhala kuNkulunkulu wami; walizwa izwi lami esethempelini lakhe; ukukhala kwami kwangena ezindlebeni zakhe.

⁸ “Umhlaba wawusuzamazama, wadikizela; izisekelo zezulu zathuthumela, zaqhaq hazela ngokuba ethukuthele.

⁹ Kwenyuka umusi emakhaleni akhe, nomlilo odlayo emlonyeni wakhe; amalahle avutha kuye.

¹⁰ Wathobisa izulu, wehla; ubumnyama babuphansi kwezinyawo zakhe.

¹¹ Wakhwela phezu kwekherubi, wandiza; wabonwa emaphikweni omoya.

¹² Wenza ubumnyama bube ngamadokodo amphahlayo, amanzi aqoqane, amafu abe nzima.

¹³ Ekuhazimuleni okuphambi kwakhe kwavuthiswa amalahle omlilo.

¹⁴ UJehova waduma ezulwini; oPhezukonke walizwakalisa izwi lakhe.

¹⁵ Wathuma imicibisholo, wabangquzula, yebo, nonyazi, wabadidizelisa.

¹⁶ Kwase kubonakala imisinga yamanzi; izisekelo zomhlaba zambulwa ngesije ziso sikaJehova, ngokufutha komoya wamakhala akhe.

¹⁷ Waselula isandla sakhe ephezulu, wangibamba; wangikhipha emanzini amaningi.

¹⁸ Wangophula esitheni sami esinamandla nakubo abangizondayo, ngokuba base bengahlulile.

¹⁹ Bangihlasela ngosuku lwesigeme geme sami, kepha uJehova waba yinsika yami.

²⁰ Wangiphumisela endaweni ebanzi: wangikhulula, ngokuba ebethokoza ngami.

²¹ “UJehova wangivuza ngokokulunga kwami; wangibuyisela njengokuhlanzeka kwezandla zami.

²² Ngokuba ngizigcinile izindlela zikaJehova; angimukanga kuNkulunkulu wami ngokushinga.

²³ Ngokuba yonke imithetho yakhe yayiphambi kwami, nezimiso zakhe angizivumanga

ukuba zisuke kimi.

²⁴ Ngangiphelele kuye; ngabuxwaya ububi.

²⁵ UJehova wayesebuyisela kimi njengokulunga kwami, njengokuhlanzeka kwami phambi kwamehlo akhe.

²⁶ “Kothembekileyo uyazibonakalisa ethembekile; kumuntu oqotho uyazibonakalisa eqotho;

²⁷ kohlanzekileyo uyazibonakalisa ehlanzekile; koyisigwegwe uyazibonakalisa enenkani.

²⁸ Uyasindisa abantu abathobekileyo, kepha amehlo akho aphezu kwabaqhoshileyo ukuba ubathobise.

²⁹ Ngokuba wena uyisibani sami, Jehova; uJehova uyakhanyisa ubumnyama bami.

³⁰ Ngokuba ngawe ngingahlasela impi; ngoNkulunkulu wami ngingeqa ugange.

³¹ Indlela kaNkulunkulu iphelele; izwi likaJehova lihlanzekile; yena uyisihlangu kubo bonke abaphephela kuye.

³² “Ngokuba ngubani onguNkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaJehova, ngubani oyidwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wethu na?

³³ UNkulunkulu uyangibhincisa amandla; uyenza indlela yami ilunge,

³⁴ yena owenza izinyawo zami zibe njengezendluzelekazi, angimise emagqumeni ami;

³⁵ ofundisa izandla zami ukulwa, ukuze izingalo zami zinsale umnsalo wethusi.

³⁶ Wena unginkile isihlangu sensindiso yakho; ubumnene bakho bungikhulisile.

³⁷ Amabanga okunyathela kwami uwandisile; amaqakala ami awaxegi.

³⁸ “Ngazixosha izitha zami, ngazifika; angibuyanga ngingakaziqedi.

³⁹ Ngaziqeda, ngaziphahlaza, zaze zahluleka ukuvuka; zawa phansi kwezinyawo zami.

⁴⁰ Wangibhincisa amandla okulwa; ababengivukele wabathobisa phansi kwami.

⁴¹ Wangifulathelisela izitha zami, nabangizondayo ngabaqothula.

⁴² Bakhala, kepha akubangakho osindiso, nakuJehova, kodwa akaze aphenula.

⁴³ Ngabacolisisa njengothuli lomhlabathi; ngabagxoba, ngabalahla njengensila ezitaladini.

⁴⁴ “Wangikhulula ezimpini zabantu bami; wangilonda ngaba yinhloko yabezizwe; abantu engingabaziyo bangikhonza.

⁴⁵ Abafo bazithoba phansi kwami; banele ukungizwa nje ngendlebe, base bengilalela.

⁴⁶ Abafo babuna, baphuma ezingabeni zabo bethuthumela.

⁴⁷ “UJehova usekhona malidunyiswe idwala lami; makaphakanyiswe uNkulunkulu wensindiso yami,

⁴⁸ uNkulunkulu onginikile impindiselo, wathobisa izizwe phansi kwami;

⁴⁹ ongikhiphile ezitheni zami, wangiphakamisa phezu kwabangivukelayo, wangikhulula kumuntu oyisidlwangu.

⁵⁰ Ngelokho-ke ngizakukubonga phakathi kwabezizwe, Jehova, ngilihubele igama lakho.

⁵¹ Uyenza insindiso ibe nkulu enkosini yakhe; uyenza umusa kogcotshiweyo wakhe uDavide nasenzalweni yakhe kuze kube phakade.”

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Lawa angamazwi okugcina kaDavide. “UDavide indodana kaJese uthi, umuntu owaphakanyiselwa phezulu uthi, ogcotshiweyo kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe nomhlabeleli omnandi wakwa-Israyeli usho ukuthi:

² “UMoya kaJehova wakhuluma ngami; izwi lakhe lalisolimini lwami.

- ³ UNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wathi, iDwala lika-Israyeli lakhuluma kimi ukuthi: 'Obusa abantu ngokulunga, abuse ngokumesaba uNkulunkulu,
- ⁴ unjengokukhanya kwasekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga, isasa elingenamafu, lapho kuvela ekukhanyeni uhlaza emhlabathini emva kwemvula.'
- ⁵ "Ayinjalo indlu yami kuNkulunkulu na? Ngokuba wenzile nami isivumelwano esiphakade; sihleliwe ezintweni zonke, sigcinekile, ngokuba yonke insindiso yami nokwenama kwami akayikukhulumisa na?
- ⁶ Kepha onke amashinga ayakuba njengameva alahlwayo, ngokuba angephathwe ngesandla.
- ⁷ Kodwa umuntu owathintayo wohlonyiswa ngensimbi nangothi lomkhonto, aze ashiswe nokushiswa ngomlilo kuleyo ndawo."
- ⁸ Lawa angamagama amaqhawe kaDavide: UJoshebi Bashebeti waseTahekemoni, inhloko yabathathu; nguyena owaphakamisa umkhonto wakhe, walwa nabantu abangamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili abagwazwa ngasikhathi sinye.
- ⁹ Emva kwakhe kwakungu-Eleyazare indodana kaDodayi indodana yomAhohi, omunye wamaqhawe amathathu ayenoDavide mhla edelela amaFilisti ayebuthene lapho ukulwa, abantu bakwa-Israyeli sebehambile;
- ¹⁰ wasuka wabulala amaFilisti saze sakhathala isandla sakhe, isandla sakhe sanamathela enkembeni; uJehova wenza insindiso enkulu ngalolo suku; abantu babuya emva kwakhe ukuba baphange kuphela.
- ¹¹ Emva kwakhe kwakunguShama indodana ka-Age umHarari. AmaFilisti ayebuthene eLehi, lapho kwakukhona isiqephu sezwe esigcwele imbumba; abantu babaleka ebusweni bamaFilisti.
- ¹² Kepha wayemi phakathi nesiqephu, wasivikela, wawabulala amaFilisti; uJehova wenza insindiso enkulu.
- ¹³ Kwehla abathathu kwaba yizinhloko ezingamashumi amathathu, bafika kuDavide ngesikhathi sokuvuna emhumeni wase-Adulamu; impi yamaFilisti yayimise esiGodini samaRefa.
- ¹⁴ UDavide wayesesengqabeni; ikhanda lamaFilisti laliseBetlehema.
- ¹⁵ UDavide wanxanela, wathi: "Hawu, sengathi ngingaphuziswa amanzi asemthonjeni waseBetlehema ongasesangweni."
- ¹⁶ Lawo maqhawe amathathu afohla ikamu lamaFilisti, akha amanzi emthonjeni waseBetlehema owawungasesangweni, awathatha, awaletha kuDavide; kepha akavumanga ukuwaphuza, kodwa wawathululela uJehova.
- ¹⁷ Wathi: "Makube kude nami, Jehova, ukuba ngenze lokhu; kuyigazi lalabo bantu ababesuka besengozini." Akavumanga ukuwaphuza. Lezo zinto zenziwa yilawa maqhawe amathathu.
- ¹⁸ U-Abishayi umfowabo kaJowabe indodana kaSeruya wayeyinhloko yabathathu. Waphakamisela abangamakhulu amathathu umkhonto wakhe, wababulala, waba negama phakathi kwalabo abathathu.
- ¹⁹ Wayengengotusekayo phakathi kwamashumi amathathu na? Ngalokho waba yisikhulu sabo, kepha akafinyelelanga nokho kwabathathu bokuqala.
- ²⁰ UBenaya indodana kaJehoyada, indodana yendoda enamandla, owayenze imisebenzi emikhulu, owaseKabiseyeli, wabulala amaqhawe amabili akwaMowabi; futhi wehla, wabulala ingonyama phakathi komgodi ngosuku lweqhwa,
- ²¹ wabulala nowaseGibithe, umuntu owabukeka emuhle; owaseGibithe wayephethe umkhonto esandleni sakhe, kepha wehlela kuye ephethe induku nje, wawuhlwitha

umkhonto esandleni sowaseGibithe, wambulala ngomkhonto wakhe.

²² Lezo zinto wazenza uBenaya indodana kaJehoyada, waba negama phakathi kwalawo maqhawe amathathu.

²³ Wayetuseka kunabangamashumi amathathu, kepha akafinyelelanga kwabathathu bokuqala. UDavide wambeka phezu kwabalindi bakhe.

²⁴ Phakathi kwabangamashumi amathathu kwakukhona u-Asaheli umfowabo kaJowabe, no-Elihanani indodana kaDodo waseBetlehema,

²⁵ noShama waseHarodi, no-Elika waseHarodi,

²⁶ noHelesi wasePaliti, no-Ira indodana ka-Ikheshi waseThekhowa,

²⁷ no-Abiyezeri wase-Anathoti, noMebunayi umHushati,

²⁸ noSalimoni umAhohi, noMaharayi waseNethofa,

²⁹ noHelevi indodana kaBahana waseNethofa, no-Ithayi indodana kaRibayi waseGibeya labantwana bakwaBenjamini,

³⁰ noBenaya wasePirathoni, noHidayi wangasemifudlaneni yakwaGahashi,

³¹ no-Abi Aliboni wase-Araba, no-Azimaveti waseBarhumi,

³² no-Eliyaba waseShahaliboni, noBene Jasheni, noJonathani,

³³ noShama waseHarari, no-Ahiyamu indodana kaSharari wase-Arari,

³⁴ no-Elifeleti indodana ka-Ahashibayi indodana yomMahakha, no-Eliyamu indodana ka-Ahithofeli waseGilo,

³⁵ noHeserayi waseKarmeli, noPhaharayi wase-Arabi,

³⁶ no-Igali indodana kaNathani waseSoba, noBani wakwaGadi,

³⁷ noSeleki wakwa-Amoni, noNaharayi waseBeroti, izindibi zezikhali zikaJowabe indodana kaSeruya,

³⁸ no-Ira waseJetheri, noGarebi waseJetheri,

³⁹ no-Uriya umHetu, bengamashumi amathathu nesikhombisa bebonke.

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Intukuthelo kaJehova yabuye yavuthela u-Israyeli, wamvusa uDavide ngabo ngokuthi: “Hamba ubale u-Israyeli noJuda.”

² Inkosi yathi kuJowabe induna yempi eyayinaye: “Hamba ezizweni zonke zakwa-Israyeli kusukela kwaDani kuze kube seBeri Sheba, nibale abantu ukuba ngiwazi umumo wabantu.”

³ Wayesethi uJowabe enkosini: “UJehova uNkulunkulu wakho makenezele kubantu kuphindwe kayikhulu phezu kwalokhu abayikho, kubonwe ngamehlo enkosi yami, inkosi; kepha inkosi yami, inkosi, yenamelelani le nto na?”

⁴ Nokho izwi lenkosi lamahlula uJowabe nezinduna zempi. UJowabe nezinduna zempi baphuma ebusweni benkosi ukuba babale abantu bakwa-Israyeli.

⁵ Bawela iJordani, bamisa e-Aroweri ngakwesokunene komuzi ophakathi nesigodi sakwaGadi ngaseJazeri;

⁶ base befika kwaGileyadi nasezweni laseTahetimi Hodishi; bafika naseDani Jahani nangaseSidoni,

⁷ bafika enqabeni yaseTire, nasemizini yonke yamaHivi namaKhanani; baphuma baya nangaseningizimu kwaJuda eBeri Sheba.

⁸ Sebedabule izwe lonke bafika eJerusalema ngasekupheleni kwezinyanga

eziyisishiyagalolunye nezinsuku ezingamashumi amabili.

⁹ UJowabe wayesenika inkosi umumo wabantu ababaliweyo; kwaba khona kwa-Israyeli amadoda anamandla ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili ahloma inkemba; amadoda akwaJuda ayeyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu.

¹⁰ U Davide wahlabeka enhliziyweni emva kokuba esebabalile abantu. U Davide wathi kuJehova: “Ngonile kakhulu ngalokho engikwenzileyo; kepha manje, Jehova, mawuthethelele ububi benceku yakho, ngokuba ngintumazele kakhulu.”

¹¹ Wathi ukuba u Davide avuke ekuseni, kwafika izwi likaJehova kumprofethi uGadi umboni kaDavide lokuthi:

¹² “Hamba ukhulume kuDavide ngokuthi: ‘UJehova usho kanje, uthi: Ngiyakubekela izinto ezintathu; khetha enye kuzo ukuba ngikwenzele yona.’ ”

¹³ UGadi wayesefika kuDavide, wamtshela, wathi kuye: “Kufike kuwe yini iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala ezweni lakini, noma ubalekele izitha zakho izinyanga ezintathu zisakuxosha, noma kube khona izinsuku ezintathu zesifo ezweni lakini na? Manje cabanga, ubone ukuthi yiliphi izwi engiyakulibuyisela kongithumileyo.”

¹⁴ Wayesethi uDavide kuGadi: “Nginosizi kakhulu; masiwele esandleni sikaJehova, ngokuba umusa wakhe mkhulu; kepha esandleni somuntu mangingaweli kuso.”

¹⁵ UJehova wayesethuma isifo phezu kuka-Israyeli kusukela ekuseni kuze kube sesikhathini esinqunyiweyo; kwafa abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa kusukela kwaDani kuze kube seBeri Sheba.

¹⁶ Lapho ingelosi yelula isandla sayo kulo iJerusalema ukulichitha, uJehova wazisola ngalobo bubi, wathi engelosini eyachitha abantu: “Sekwanele; buyisa isandla sakho.” Ingelosi kaJehova yayisesibuyeni sika-Arawuna umJebusi.

¹⁷ U Davide wathi kuJehova, lapho eyibona ingelosi eyayibabulala abantu: “Bheka, mina ngonile, ngenzile okubi; kepha lezi zimvu zenzeni na? Isandla sakho masibe phezu kwami naphezu kwendlu kababa.”

¹⁸ UGadi wafika ngalolo suku kuDavide, wathi kuye: “Yenyuka, ummisele uJehova i-altare esibuyeni sika-Arawuna umJebusi.”

¹⁹ U Davide wenyuka njengokusho kukaGadi nanjengokuyala kukaJehova.

²⁰ U-Arawuna walunguza, wabona inkosi nezinceku zayo beza kuye; u-Arawuna waphuma, wakhothama phambi kwenkosi, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi.

²¹ Wathi u-Arawuna: “Kungani ukuba inkosi yami, inkosi, ifikile encekweni yayo na?” U Davide wathi: “Ukuba ngithenge kuwe isibuya, ngimakhele uJehova i-altare, ukuze lesi sifo sinqamuke kubantu.”

²² Wayesethi u-Arawuna kuDavide: “Inkosi yami, inkosi, mayithathe, inikele ngokuhle emehlweni ayo; bheka, nazi izinkabi zomnikelo wokushiswa, nezibhulo, nezinto zokubophela izinkabi zibe yizinkuni;

²³ konke, nkosi, u-Arawuna uyakunika inkosi.” U-Arawuna wayesethi enkosini: “UJehova uNkulunkulu wakho makakwamukele.”

²⁴ Inkosi yathi ku-Arawuna: “Qha, ngiyakukuthenga nokukuthenga ngenani elithile; angiyikunikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa kuJehova uNkulunkulu wami engeyesihle.” U Davide wayesethenga isibuya nezinkabi ngamashekeli angamashumi ayisihlanu esiliva.

²⁵ U Davide wamakhela khona uJehova i-altare, wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa nangeminikelo yokuthula. UJehova wancengwa ngenxa yezwe, isifo sanqamuka kwa-Israyeli.