

# 1 AMAKHOSI

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## ISAHLUKO 1

**I**nkosi uDavide yayisindala, ineminyaka eminingi; bayembesa ngezingubo, kepha ayifudumalanga.

**2** Zase zithi kuyo izinceku zayo: "Inkosi yami, inkosi, mayifunelwe intombi esentsha ukuba ime phambi kwenkosi, iyiphathe, ilale ngasesifubeni sayo ukuba inkosi yami, inkosi, ifudumale."

**3** Base befuna intombi enhle phakathi kwemikhawulo yonke yakwa-Israyeli, bathola u-Abishagi waseShunemi, bamletha enkosini.

**4** Intombi yayiyinhle kakhulu, yayiphatha inkosi, yayikhonza, kepha inkosi ayiyazanga.

**5** U-Adoniya indodana kaHagiti waziphakamisa, wathi: "Mina ngiyakuba yinkosi." Wazilungiselela izinqola, nabamahhashi, nabantu abangamashumi ayisihlanu ukugijima phambi kwakhe.

**6** Uyise wayengamdabukisanga nakanye ngokuthi: "Wenzeleni lokhu na?" Futhi wayebukeka emuhle kakhulu, wayelama u-Abisalomu.

**7** Wacebisana noJowabe indodana kaSeruya no-Abiyathara umpristi; bamsiza u-Adoniya, bamlandela.

**8** Kepha uSadoki umpristi, noBenaya indodana kaJehoyada, noNathani umprofethi, noShimeyi, noReyi, namaqhawe kaDavide abamlandelanga u-Adoniya.

**9** U-Adoniya wahlaba izimvu, nezinkabi, namathole akhuluphalisiweyo ngasetsheni laseZohleti eliseceleni kwe-Eni Rogeli; wamema bonke abafowabo, amadodana enkosi, nabantu bonke bakwaJuda, izinceku zenkosi;

**10** kepha uNathani umprofethi, noBenaya, namaqhawe, noSolomoni umfowabo, kabamemanga.

**11** UNathani wathi kuBati Sheba unina kaSolomoni: "Awuzwanga yini ukuthi u-Adoniya indodana kaHagiti uyabusa, uDavide inkosi yethu engakwazi, na?"

**12** Ngalokho woza ngikululeke ukuba usindise ukuphila kwakho nokuphila kwendodana yakho uSolomoni.

**13** Hamba ungene enkosini uDavide, uthi kuyo: "Wena nkosi yami, nkosi, awufunganga yini kuyo incekekazi yakho ngokuthi: "USolomoni indodana yakho uyakuba yinkosi emva kwami, ahlale esihlalweni sami sobukhosi," na? Pho, kungani ukuba kubuse u-Adoniya na?"

**14** Bheka, usakhuluma lapho nenkosi, nami ngiyakungena emva kwakho, ngiqinise amazwi akho."

- 15** UBati Sheba wayesengena enkosini ekamelweni; inkosi yayisindala; u-Abishagi waseShunemi wayikhonza inkosi.
- 16** UBati Sheba wakhothama, wakhuleka enkosini. Yathi inkosi: "Ubabeleni na?"
- 17** Wathi kuyo: "Nkosi yami, wafunga uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho kuyo incekekazi yakho ngokuthi: 'Ngempela uSolomoni indodana yakho uyakuba yinkosi emva kwami, ahlale esihlalweni sami sobukhosi.'"
- 18** Bheka, manje kubusa u-Adoniya; wena nkosi yami, nkosi, awukwazi;
- 19** usehlabile izinkabi, namathole akhuluphalisiweyo, nezimvu eziningi, umemile onke amadodana enkosini, no-Abiyathara umpristi, noJowabe induna yempi; kepha uSolomoni inceku yakho kammemanga.
- 20** Wena nkosi yami, nkosi, amehlo abo bonke abakwa-Israyeli akuwe ukuba ubatshele ukuthi ngubani ozakuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi senkosi yami, inkosi, emva kwayo,
- 21** funa, lapho inkosi yami, inkosi, isilele koyise, mina nendodana yami uSolomoni kuthiwe sinecala."
- 22** Bheka, esakhuluma nenkosi, wangena uNathani umprofethi.
- 23** Bayitshela inkosi, bathi: "Bheka, nangu uNathani umprofethi." Lapho esengene enkosini wakhothama phambi kwenkosi, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi.
- 24** UNathani wathi: "Nkosi yami, nkosi, wena ushilo yini ukuthi: 'U-Adoniya uyakuba yinkosi emva kwami, ahlale esihlalweni sami sobukhosi,' na?"
- 25** Ngokuba wehlile namuhla; uhlabile izinkabi, namathole akhuluphalisiweyo, nezimvu eziningi, umemile onke amadodana enkosini, nezinduna zempi, no-Abiyathara umpristi; bheka, bayadla, bephuza phambi kwakhe, bathi: 'Mana njalo, nkosi Adoniya.'
- 26** Kodwa mina, mina nceku yakho, noSadoki umpristi, noBenaya indodana kaJehoyada, nenceku yakho uSolomoni, kasimemanga.
- 27** Le nto yenziwe yini yinkosi yami, inkosi, ungazazisanga izinceku zakho ukuthi ngubani oyakuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi senkosi yami, inkosi, emva kwayo, na?"
- 28** Yayisiphendula inkosi uDavide, yathi: "Ngibizele uBati Sheba." Wafika ebusweni benkosi, wema phambi kwenkosi.
- 29** Inkosi yayisifunga ngokuthi: "Kuphila kukaJehova ohlengile umphefumulo wami ekuhluphekeni kwami konke,
- 30** njengalokho ngafunga kuwe uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngathi: USolomoni indodana yakho uyakuba yinkosi emva kwami, ahlale esihlalweni sami sobukhosi esikhundleni sami, ngiyakwenze njalo impela namuhla."
- 31** Wayesekhothama uBati Sheba, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi, wakhuluma enkosini, wathi: "Mana njalo, nkosi yami, nkosi Davide."
- 32** Inkosi uDavide yayisithi: "Ngibizele uSadoki umpristi, noNathani umprofethi, noBenaya indodana kaJehoyada." Bafika phambi kwenkosi.
- 33** Inkosi yathi kubo: "Thathani izinceku zenkosi yenu, nimkhwelise uSolomoni indodana yami kuwo umnyuzi wami, nimehlisele eGihoni,
- 34** uSadoki umpristi noNathani umprofethi bamgcobe khona abe yinkosi phezu kuka-Israyeli; bese nibetha amacilongo, nithi: 'Mana njalo, nkosi Solomoni.'
- 35** Bese nenyuka emva kwakhe, afike ahlale esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, ngokuba uyakuba yinkosi esikhundleni sami; ngimbekile ukuba abe ngumbusi phezu kuka-Israyeli noJuda."
- 36** UBenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayiphendula inkosi, wathi: "Amen; uJehova uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami, inkosi, makasho njalo naye.

- <sup>37</sup> Njengalokho uJehova waba nenkosi yami, inkosi, makabe naye uSolomoni, asenze isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sibe sikhulu kunesihlalo sobukhosi senkosi yami, inkosi uDavide."
- <sup>38</sup> Base behla uSadoki umpristi, noNathani umprofethi, noBenaya indodana kaJehoyada, namaKhereti namaPheleti, bamkhwelisa uSolomoni kuwo umnyuzi wenkosi uDavide, bamyisa eGihoni.
- <sup>39</sup> USadoki umpristi wathatha uphondo lwamafutha etendeni, wamgcoba uSolomoni. Babetha amacilongo, bonke abantu bathi: "Mana njalo, nkosi Solomoni."
- <sup>40</sup> Bonke abantu benyuka emva kwakhe, abantu babetha imitshingo. Bathokoza ngokuthokoza okukhulu, kwaze kwangathi kuqhekezeka umhlaba ngomsindo wabo.
- <sup>41</sup> U-Adoniya nabo bonke abamenyiweyo ababe naye bawuzwa sebeqedile ukudla. UJowabe esezwa ukukhala kwecilongo wathi: "Ngowani lo msindo wokuxokozela emzini na?"
- <sup>42</sup> Esakhuluma, bheka, kwafika uJonathani indodana ka-Abiyathara umpristi; u-Adoniya wathi: "Ngena, ngokuba wena uyindoda enamandla; uze nodaba oluhle."
- <sup>43</sup> UJonathani waphendula, wathi ku-Adoniya: "Qha, inkosi yethu, inkosi uDavide, imbekile uSolomoni inkosi;
- <sup>44</sup> inkosi ithumile naye uSadoki umpristi, noNathani umprofethi, noBenaya indodana kaJehoyada, namaKhereti namaPheleti, bamkhwelisa kuwo umnyuzi wenkosi;
- <sup>45</sup> uSadoki umpristi noNathani umprofethi bamgcbile eGihoni abe yinkosi; sebenyukile khona bejabula, ngangokuba kwakhamuluka umuzi. Yiwo umsindo eniwuzwile.
- <sup>46</sup> Futhi uSolomoni usehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso.
- <sup>47</sup> Nezinceku zenkosi zafika ukuyibusisa inkosi yethu, inkosi uDavide, ngokuthi: 'UNkulunkulu wakho makenze igama likaSolomoni libe lihle kunegama lakho, asenze isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sibe sikhulu kunesihlalo sakho sobukhosi; inkosi yakhothama embhedeni wayo.'
- <sup>48</sup> Futhi yasho kanje inkosi, yathi: 'Makabusiswe uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli omisile namuhla oyakuhlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, ekubona amehlo ami.' "
- <sup>49</sup> Abamenyiweyo bonke baka-Adoniya besaba, basuka, bahamba bonke, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngendlela yakhe.
- <sup>50</sup> U-Adoniya wesaba ngenxa kaSolomoni; wasuka wahamba, wabamba izimpondo ze-altare.
- <sup>51</sup> Kwabikwa kuSolomoni ukuthi: "Bheka, u-Adoniya uyayesaba inkosi uSolomoni; ngalokho ubambile izimpondo ze-altare, ethi: 'Inkosi uSolomoni mayifunge kimi namuhla ukuthi ayiyikubulala inceku yayo ngenkemba.' "
- <sup>52</sup> Wathi uSolomoni: "Uma eyakuba yindoda enamandla, akuyikwela emhlabathini nolulodwa unwele lwakhe, kepha uma okubi kufumaniseka kuye, uyakufa."
- <sup>53</sup> Yayisithumela inkosi uSolomoni, bamehlisa e-altare. Wafika, wakhuleka enkosini uSolomoni; uSolomoni wathi kuye: "Hamba, uye endlini yakho."

## ISAHLUKO 2

**I**zinsuku zikaDavide zasondela ekufeni; wayesemyala uSolomoni indodana yakhe, ethi:

- <sup>2</sup> "Mina sengihamba indlela yawo wonke umhlaba; ngalokho qina, ube yindoda,
- <sup>3</sup> ugcine isiyalezo sikaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho ukuba uhambe ezindleleni zakhe, ugcine izimiso zakhe, nemiyalo yakhe, nezahlulelo zakhe, nobufakazi bakhe

njengokulotshiweyo emthethweni kaMose, ukuze uphumelele kukho konke okwenzayo nakukho konke okubhekayo,

<sup>4</sup> ukuze uJehova aqinise izwi lakhe alikhuluma ngami ngokuthi: 'Uma abantwana bakho begcina indlela yabo ukuba bahambe phambi kwami eqinisweni ngayo yonke inhliziyi yabo nangawo wonke umphefumulo wabo, awuyikuntula muntu - washo njalo - esihlalweni sobukhosi sakwa-Israyeli.'

<sup>5</sup> "Futhi wena uyazi okwenziwayo kimi nguJowabe indodana kaSeruya, nalokho akwenzayo kuzo izinduna ezimbili zezimpi zakwa-Israyeli, o-Abineri indodana kaNeri no-Amasa indodana kaJetheri, owababulala, wachitha igazi lokulwa ngesikhathi sokuthula, wabeka igazi lokulwa kulo ibhande lakhe elalisokhalweni lwakhe nasezicathulweni zakhe ezazisezinyaweni zakhe.

<sup>6</sup> Yenza njengokuhlakanipha kwakho, ungayehlisi impunga ngokuthula endaweni yabafileyo.

<sup>7</sup> "Kepha yiba nomusa kumadodana kaBarizilayi wakwaGileyadi, abe khona phakathi kwabadla ngasetafuleni lakho, ngokuba enza kanjalo kimi mhla ngabalekela u-Abisalomu umfowenu.

<sup>8</sup> "Bheka, ukhona nawe uShimeyi indodana kaGera wakwaBenjamini waseBahurimi, owangithuka ngokuthuka okwesabekayo mhla ngiya eMahanayimi; kepha wehla ukungihlangabeza ngaseJordani, ngafunga kuye uJehova ngokuthi: 'Angiyikukubulala ngenkamba.'

<sup>9</sup> Ngalokho ungamyeki abe ngongenacala, ngokuba wena ungumuntu ohlakaniphileyo, uyakwazi okufanele ukuba ukwenze kuye, wehlise impunga endaweni yabafileyo inegazi."

<sup>10</sup> UDavide wayeselala koyise, wembelwa emzini kaDavide.

<sup>11</sup> Izinsuku uDavide abusa ngazo phezu kuka-Israyeli zaziyiminyaka engamashumi amane; iminyaka eyisikhombisa wabusa eHebroni, iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nantathu wabusa eJerusalema.

<sup>12</sup> USolomoni wayesehlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavide uyise; umbuso wakhe waqiniswa kakhulu.

<sup>13</sup> Wayesefika u-Adoniya indodana kaHagiti kuBati Sheba unina kaSolomoni. Wathi: "Uze nokuthula na?" Wathi yena: "Yebo, ngize nokuthula."

<sup>14</sup> Wayesethi: "Nginendaba kuwe." Wathi: "Khuluma."

<sup>15</sup> Wathi-ke: "Uyazi wena ukuthi umbuso wawungowami nokuthi wonke u-Israyeli wabhekisa kimi ubuso bakhe ukuba ngibuse; kepha umbuso usuguquliwe, sewaba ngowomfowethu, ngokuba wawuthola kuJehova.

<sup>16</sup> Sengicela into inye kuwe, ungangifulatheli." Wathi kuye: "Khuluma."

<sup>17</sup> Wayesethi: "Ake ukhulume kuSolomoni inkosi, ngokuba akayikukufulathela wena, ukuba anginike u-Abishagi waseShunemi abe ngumkami."

<sup>18</sup> UBati-Sheba wathi: "Kulungile; ngizakukukhulumela enkosini."

<sup>19</sup> Wayesehamba uBati Sheba, waya enkosini uSolomoni ukuba amkhulumele u-Adoniya kuyo. Inkosi yasukuma ukumhlangabeza, yamkhotamela, yahlala esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, yambekela unina wenkosi isihlalo, wahlala ngakwesokunene sayo.

<sup>20</sup> Wayesethi kuyo: "Nginesicelo sinye nje esincane kuwe; ungangifulatheli." Inkosi yathi kuye: "Cela-ke, mame ngokuba angiyikukufulathela."

<sup>21</sup> Wathi-ke: "U-Abishagi waseShunemi makanikwe ku-Adoniya umfowenu, abe ngumkakhe."

<sup>22</sup> Inkosi uSolomoni yaphendula, yathi kunina: "Umcelelelani u-Adoniya u-Abishagi waseShunemi na? Mcelele nombuso futhi, ngokuba ungumnewethu; yebo, mcelele yena

no-Abiyathara umpristi, noJowabe indodana kaSeruya."

**23** Inkosi uSolomoni yayisifunga uJehova ngokuthi: "UNKulunkulu makenze njalo kimi, enezele futhi, uma u-Adoniya engakhulumanga leli zwi libe ngelokufa kwakhe.

**24** Ngelokho, kuphila kukaJehova ongiqinisileyo, wangibeka esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavide ubaba, wangenza indlu njengokukhuluma kwakhe; namhla nje uyakubulawa u-Adoniya."

**25** Inkosi uSolomoni yayisithumela ngesandla sikaBenaya indodana kaJehoyada: wamsukela; wafa.

**26** Inkosi yathi ku-Abiyathara umpristi: "Hamba uye e-Anathoti emasimini akho, lokhu ungowokufa, kepha angiyikukubulala namuhla, ngokuba wawuwuthwala umphongolo weNkosi uJehova phambi kukaDavide ubaba, wahlupheka ngakho konke ubaba ahlupheka ngakho."

**27** USolomoni wayesemxosha u-Abiyathara, angabe esaba ngumpristi kuJehova, ukuba agcwalise izwi likaJehova alikhuluma ngendlu ka-Eli eShilo.

**28** Lapho kufika umbiko kuJowabe ngokuba uJowabe - wayemlandele u-Adoniya noma engamlandelanga u-Abisalomu uJowabe - wabaleka, waya etendeni likaJehova, wabamba izimpondo ze-altare.

**29** Inkosi uSolomoni yatshelwa ukuthi: "UJowabe ubalekele etendeni likaJehova; bheka, ungase-altare." USolomoni wayesethuma uBenaya indodana kaJehoyada ngokuthi: "Hamba, umsukele."

**30** UBenaya wafika etendeni likaJehova, wathi kuye: "Isho kanje inkosi, ithi: 'Phuma.' " Wathi: "Qha, ngiyakufela lapha." UBenaya wabuyisela enkosini izwi lokuthi: "Washo njalo uJowabe, wangiphendula kanjalo."

**31** Inkosi yathi kuye: "Yenza njengokusho kwakhe, umsukele, ummbele, ukuba ususe kimi nakuyo indlu kababa igazi elachithwa ngeze nguJowabe.

**32** UJehova uyakulibuyisela igazi lakhe ekhanda lakhe, ngokuba wasukela amadoda amabili alungileyo amahle kunaye, wawabulala ngenkemba, ubaba uDavide engazi: u-Abineri indodana kaNeri, induna yempi yakwa-Israyeli, no-Amasa indodana kaJetheri, induna yempi yakwaJuda.

**33** Igazi labo liyakubuyela ekhanda likaJowabe nasekhanda lenzalo yakhe kuze kube phakade; kepha kuDavide, nakuyo inzalo yakhe, nakuyo indlu yakhe, nakuso isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi kuyakuba ngukuthula kuze kube phakade, kuvela kuJehova."

**34** Wayesenyuka uBenaya indodana kaJehoyada, wamsukela, wambulala; wembelwa endlini yakhe ehlane.

**35** Inkosi yayisimbeka uBenaya indodana kaJehoyada phezu kwempi esikhundleni sakhe; uSadoki umpristi inkosi yambeka esikhundleni sika-Abiyathara.

**36** Inkosi yathuma yambiza uShimeyi, yathi kuye: "Zakhele indlu eJerusalema, uhlale khona, ungaphumi lapho ukuya ndawo.

**37** Ngokuba mhla uphuma, uwele umfudlana iKidroni, yazisisa ukuthi uyakufa nokufa; igazi lakho liyakuba sekhanda lakho."

**38** Wayesethi uShimeyi enkosini: "Lelo zwi lilungile; inceku yakho iyakwenza njengokusho kwenkosi yami, inkosi." UShimeyi wahlala eJerusalema izinsuku eziningi.

**39** Kwathi ngasekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu izinceku ezimbili zikaShimeyi zabaleka, zaya ku-Akhishi indodana kaMahakha inkosi yaseGati. UShimeyi watshelwa ukuthi: "Bheka, izinceku zakho ziseGati."

**40** Wayesesuka uShimeyi, wabophela imbongolo yakhe, waya eGati ku-Akhishi ukuba afune izinceku zakhe; wahamba uShimeyi, wazibuyisa izinceku zakhe eGati.

<sup>41</sup> Kwabikelwa uSolomoni ukuthi uShimeyi wayesukile eJerusalema ukuya eGati nokuthi ubuyile.

<sup>42</sup> Inkosi yayisithuma yambiza uShimeyi, yathi kuye: "Angithi ngikufungisile uJehova, ngaqinisa kuwe ukuthi: 'Mhla uphuma uye nomaphi, yazisisa ukuthi uyakufa nokufa,' na? Wathi kimi: 'Izwi engilizwileyo lihle.'

<sup>43</sup> Pho, awugcinanga ngani isifungo sikaJehova nomyalo engakuyala ngakho na?"

<sup>44</sup> Inkosi yathi futhi kuShimeyi: "Wena uyazi konke okubi okwaziwa yinhliziyi yakho, owakwenza kuDavide ubaba; ngalokho uJehova uyakubuyisela ububi bakho ekhanda lakho.

<sup>45</sup> Kepha inkosi uSolomoni iyakubusiswa, nesihlalo sobukhosi sikaDavide siyakuqiniswa phambi kukaJehova kuze kube phakade."

<sup>46</sup> Ngokuyala kwenkosi uBenaya indodana kaJehoyada waphuma wamsukela; wafa. Umbuso wawusulokhu uqiniswa njalo esandleni sikaSolomoni.

### ISAHLUKO 3

**U**Solomoni wahlangana ngobuhlobo noFaro inkosi yaseGibithe, wathatha indodakazi kaFaro, wayingenisa emzini kaDavide, waze waqeda ukwakha indlu yakhe, nendlu kaJehova, nogange lwaseJerusalema nxazonke.

<sup>2</sup> Nokho abantu babehlaba ezindaweni eziphakemeyo, ngokuba kwakungakhelwanga igama likaJehova indlu kwaze kwaba yilezo zinsuku.

<sup>3</sup> USolomoni wamthanda uJehova, wahamba ngezimiso zikaDavide uyise; kepha wahlaba, washisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo.

<sup>4</sup> Inkosi yaya eGibeyoni ukuhlabela khona, ngokuba kwakuyindawo ephakemeyo enkulu; uSolomoni wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa eyinkulungwane e-altare lelo.

<sup>5</sup> EGibeyoni uJehova wabonakala kuSolomoni ngephupho ebusuku; uNkulunkulu wathi: "Cela lokhu othanda ukuba ngikunike khona."

<sup>6</sup> USolomoni wathi: "Wenzele inceku yakho uDavide ubaba umusa omkhulu njengokuhamba kwakhe phambi kwakho ngeqiniso, nangokulunga, nangobuqotho benhliziyi kuwe, wamgcinela futhi lowo musa omkhulu, wamnika indodana ukuba ihlale esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, njengokuba kunjalo namuhla.

<sup>7</sup> "Manje, Jehova Nkulunkulu wami, ubekile inceku yakho inkosi esikhundleni sikaDavide ubaba; ngingumntwana omncane nje, angikwazi nokungena nokuphuma.

<sup>8</sup> Inceku yakho iphakathi kwabantu bakho obakhethileyo, isizwe esikhulu, esingenakubalwa, esingenakuthathwa umumo waso ngobuningi.

<sup>9</sup> Ngalokho yiphe inceku yakho inhliziyi elalelayo ukwahlulela abantu bakho ukuba ngahlukanise okuhle nokubi, ngokuba ngubani ongahlulela laba bantu bakho abakhulu kangaka na?"

<sup>10</sup> Leyo nkulungwane yaba nhle emehlweni eNkosi ukuba uSolomoni wayecele leyo nto.

<sup>11</sup> Wathi uNkulunkulu kuye: "Ngokuba ucele leyo nto, ungazicelelanga izinsuku eziningi, ungazicelelanga namfuyo, ungacelanga futhi ukufa kwezitha zakho, uzicelele ukwahlukanisa lokho okuzwayo ekwahluleleni,

<sup>12</sup> bheka, ngenzile njengezwi lakho: nakhu, ngikunika inhliziyi enokuhlakanipha nokuqonda, okungazange kube khona okunjengakho ngaphambi kwakho nokungayikuvela futhi okunjengakho nangasemva kwakho.

<sup>13</sup> Ngikunika futhi nalokho ongakucelanga, imfuyo nodumo, ngangokuba kungayikubakho



onjengawe phakathi kwamakhosi zonke izinsuku zakho.

<sup>14</sup> Uma uhamba ngezindlela zami, ugcine izimiso zami nemiyalo yami, njengalokho uyihlo uDavide wahamba, ngiyakwandisa izinsuku zakho."

<sup>15</sup> USolomoni wayesephaphama; bheka, kwakuyiphupho; waya eJerusalema, wema phambi komphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova, wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa, wanikela ngeminikelo yokuthula, wazenzela izinceku zakhe zonke idili.

<sup>16</sup> Khona kwafika enkosini abesifazane ababili abayizifebe, bema phambi kwayo.

<sup>17</sup> Omunye owesifazane wathi: "E nkosi, mina nalo wesifazane sihlala ndlininye; ngabeletha nginaye endlini.

<sup>18</sup> Kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu sengibelethile, lo wesifazane wabeletha naye; sasindawonye, kwakungekho mfokazi nathi endlini, kuyithina sobabili kuphela.

<sup>19</sup> "Umfana walo wesifazane wafa ebusuku, ngokuba walala phezu kwakhe.

<sup>20</sup> Wavuka phakathi kwamabili, wathatha umfana wami eceleni kwami, incekekazi yakho ilele ubuthongo, wambeka esifubeni sakhe, wabeka umfana wakhe ofileyo esifubeni sami.

<sup>21</sup> Lapho sengivuka ekuseni ukuba ngimncelise umfana wami, bheka, wayesefile; kepha sengimbhekisisa ekuseni, bheka, kwakungesiye umfana wami engimzeleyo."

<sup>22</sup> Wayesethi omunye owesifazane: "Qha, ophilayo ungumfana wami, ofileyo ngumfana wakho." Kepha yena wathi: "Qhabo, ofileyo ungumfana wakho, ophilayo ngumfana wami." Bakhuluma kanjalo phambi kwenkosi.

<sup>23</sup> Yayisithi inkosi: "Omunye uthi: 'Ngowami lo mfana ophilayo, ngumfana wakho ofileyo;' omunye uthi: 'Qha, ngumfana wakho ofileyo, ngumfana wami ophilayo.' "

<sup>24</sup> Yathi inkosi: "Ngiletheleni inkemba." Baletha inkemba enkosini.

<sup>25</sup> Yathi-ke inkosi: "Mdabuleni kabili umntwana ophilayo, ninike omunye inxenye nomunye inxenye."

<sup>26</sup> Wayesekhuluma enkosini owesifazane ongowakhe umntwana ophilayo, ngokuba izibilini zakhe zavutha ngomntanakhe, wathi: "E nkosi, mnike yena umntwana ophilayo, ungambulali nakanye," kepha omunye wathi: "Makangabi ngowami nangowakho; mdabuleni."

<sup>27</sup> Yayisithatha inkosi, yathi: "Mnikeni lowo umntwana ophilayo, ningamdabuli nakanye; nguye ongunina."

<sup>28</sup> U-Israyeli wonke wezwa lesa sahlulelo esenziwe yinkosi; bayesaba inkosi, ngokuba babona ukuthi ukuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu kwakukuyo ekwahluleleni kwayo.

## ISAHLUKO 4

**I**nkosi uSolomoni yabusa u-Israyeli wonke.

<sup>2</sup> Yilezi izikhulu eyayinazo: u-Azariya indodana kaSadoki wayengumpristi;

<sup>3</sup> o-Elihorefi no-Ahiya amadodana kaShisha babe ngababhali, noJehoshafati indodana ka-Ahiludi wayengumabhalana;

<sup>4</sup> uBenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephezu kwempi; oSadoki no-Abiyathara babe ngabapristi;

<sup>5</sup> u-Azariya indodana kaNathani wayephezu kwezinduna; uZabudi indodana kaNathani wayengumpristi nomngane wenkosi;

<sup>6</sup> u-Ahishari wayephezu kwabendlu; u-Adoniram indodana ka-Abida wayephethe ezemali.

<sup>7</sup> USolomoni wayenezinduna eziyishumi nambili phezu kwabo bonke abakwa-Israyeli

ezazifunela inkosi nabendlu yayo ukudla; yileyo naleyo yayifuna ukudla inyanga inye ngomnyaka.

<sup>8</sup> Nanka amagama azo: oBeni-Huri ezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi,

<sup>9</sup> noBeni-Dekeri eMakhasi, naseShahalabimi, naseBeti Shemeshi, nase-Eloni Beti Hanani,

<sup>10</sup> noBeni Hesedi e-Aruboti, okwakungelakhe iSoko nalo lonke izwe laseHeferi,

<sup>11</sup> noBeni Abinadaba kulo lonke iNafati Dori; uThafati indodakazi kaSolomoni wayengumkakhe;

<sup>12</sup> uBahana indodana ka-Ahiludi eThahanaki, naseMegido, nakulo lonke iBeti Sheyani elingaseceleni kweSaretani, ngenzansi kwaseJizreyeli, kusukela eBeti Sheyani kuze kube se-Abela Mehola nangaphesheya kweJokimeyamu,

<sup>13</sup> noBeni Geberi eRamoti Gileyadi, okwakungeyakhe imizi kaJayire indodana kaManase ekwaGileyadi, nezwe lase-Arigobi eliseBashani, imizi engamashumi ayisithupha enezingange nemigoqo yethusi,

<sup>14</sup> no-Ahinadaba indodana ka-Ido eMahanayimi,

<sup>15</sup> no-Ahimahasi kwaNafetali, yena owathatha uBasemati indodakazi kaSolomoni abe ngumkakhe,

<sup>16</sup> noBahana indodana kaHushayi kwa-Asheri nase-Aloti,

<sup>17</sup> noJehoshafati indodana kaPharuwa kwa-Isakare,

<sup>18</sup> noShimeyi indodana ka-Ela kwaBenjamini,

<sup>19</sup> noGeberi indodana ka-Uri ezweni lakwaGileyadi, izwe likaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori no-Ogi inkosi yaseBashani, ngokuba kwakuyinduna eyodwa kulelo zwe.

<sup>20</sup> OJuda no-Israyeli babe baningi ngangesihlabathi solwandle ngobuningi, bedla, bephuza, bejabula.

<sup>21</sup> USolomoni wabusa phezu kwemibuso yonke kusukela eMfuleni kuze kube sezweni lamaFilisti nasemkhawulweni waseGibithe; bathela intela, bamkhonza uSolomoni zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe.

<sup>22</sup> Ukudla kukaSolomoni ngosuku olulodwa kwakungamakhora angamashumi amathathu empuphu ecolekileyo, namakhora angamashumi ayisithupha empuphu,

<sup>23</sup> nezinkabi eziyishumi ezikhuluphalisiweyo, nezinkabi ezingamashumi amabili zasemadlelweni, nezimvu eziyikhulu ngaphandle kwezindluzele, namanxala, nezinsephe, nezinkuku ezikhuluphalisiweyo.

<sup>24</sup> Wabusa ezweni lonke ngaphesheya koMfula kusukela eThifisa kuze kube seGaza phezu kwawo onke amakhosi ngaphesheya koMfula; wayenokuthula nxazonke zakhe.

<sup>25</sup> OJuda no-Israyeli bahlala belondekile, kwaba yilowo nalowo phansi komvini wakhe nomkhiwane wakhe, kusukela kwaDani kuze kube seBeri Sheba, zonke izinsuku zikaSolomoni.

<sup>26</sup> USolomoni wayenezipani eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane zamahhashi ezingqola zakhe nabamahhashi abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili.

<sup>27</sup> Izinduna lezo zafunela ukudla inkosi uSolomoni nabo bonke abasondela etafuleni lenkosi uSolomoni, kwaba yileyo naleyo ngenyanga yayo; kwakungasweleki lutho.

<sup>28</sup> Nebhali, nefoliji lamahhashi, namahhashi anejubane zakuletha endaweni laphe zikhona, kwaba yileyo naleyo njengokunqunyelwe yona.

<sup>29</sup> UNkulunkulu wamnika uSolomoni ukuhlakanipha nengqondo ebanzi kakhulu, nenhliziyo enkulu ngangesihlabathi esisogwini lolwandle.

<sup>30</sup> Ukuhlakanipha kukaSolomoni kwadlula ukuhlakanipha kwabantu bonke



basempumalanga nakho konke ukuhlakanipha kwaseGibithe.

<sup>31</sup> Ngokuba wayehlakaniphile kunabo bonke abantu: kuno-Ethani umEzra, noHemani, noKalikoli, noDarda amadodana kaMaholi, negama lakhe lalisezizweni zonke nxazonke.

<sup>32</sup> Waqamba izaga eziyizinkulungwane ezintathu; amaculo akhe ayeyinkulungwane nanhlanu.

<sup>33</sup> Wakhuluma ngemithi kusukela kuwo umsedari oseLebanoni kuze kube kulo ihisopi elimila odongeni; wakhuluma nangezinkomo, nangezinyoni, nangezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo, nangezinhlanzi.

<sup>34</sup> Kwafika abantu basezizweni zonke ukuzwa ukuhlakanipha kukaSolomoni bevela emakhosini onke abezwile ukuhlakanipha kwakhe.

## ISAHLUKO 5

**U**Hiramu inkosi yaseTire wathuma izinceku zakhe kuSolomoni, ngokuba wayezwile ukuthi ugcotshiwe abe yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise, ngokuba uHiramu wayengumngane kaDavide njalo.

<sup>2</sup> USolomoni wathumela kuHiramu, wathi:

<sup>3</sup> "Wena uyazi ukuthi uDavide ubaba wayengenakwakhela igama likaJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe indlu ngenxa yezimpi ezazimzungeza nxazonke, uJehova waze wazibeka phansi kwamathe ezinyawo zakhe.

<sup>4</sup> Kepha manje uJehova uNkulunkulu wami unginike ukuphumula nxazonke; kakho omelana nami, akukho ngozi.

<sup>5</sup> Bheka, sengicabanga ukwakhela igama likaJehova uNkulunkulu wami indlu, njengalokho uJehova akhuluma kuDavide ubaba, ethi: 'Indodana yakho, engiyakuyibeka esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi esikhundleni sakho, yona iyakwakhela igama lami indlu.'

<sup>6</sup> "Ngalokho yaleza ukuba bangigawulele imisedari eLebanoni, izinceku zami zibe nezakho; ngiyakukunika inkokhelo yezinceku zakho njengakho konke ongakusho, ngokuba wena uyazi ukuthi akukho muntu kithi ongagawula imithi njengamaSidoni."

<sup>7</sup> Kwathi uHiramu ezwile amazwi kaSolomoni wathokoza kakhulu, wathi: "Makabusiswe uJehova namuhla omnikele uDavide indodana ehlakaniphileyo phezu kwalabo bantu abakhulu."

<sup>8</sup> UHiramu wayesethumela kuSolomoni, wathi: "Ngizwile lokho okuthume kimi; mina ngiyakwenza konke okufunayo ngemisedari nangemisayipuresi.

<sup>9</sup> Izinceku zami ziyakuyehlisa eLebanoni, ziyiyise elwandle, mina ngiyenze ibe yizihlenga ezihamba elwandle, ziye endaweni oyakungiyalela yona, zihlakazwe khona; wena wozithatha khona, ufeze engikufunayo ngokubapha abendlu yami ukudla."

<sup>10</sup> UHiramu wayesenika uSolomoni imisedari nemisayipuresi njengakho konke ukufuna kwakhe.

<sup>11</sup> USolomoni wamnika uHiramu amakhora ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili kakolweni, ukudla kwabendlu yakhe, namakhora angamashumi amabili amafutha akhanyiwewo; uSolomoni wamnika kanjalo uHiramu iminyaka ngeminyaka.

<sup>12</sup> UJehova wamnika uSolomoni ukuhlakanipha njengokusho kwakhe kuye; kwakukhona ukuthula phakathi kukaHiramu noSolomoni; benza isivumelwano bobabili.

<sup>13</sup> Inkosi uSolomoni yabiza izisebenzi kubo bonke abakwa-Israyeli; izisebenzi zaba ngabantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu.

<sup>14</sup> Wabathuma eLebanoni, beyizinkulungwane eziyishumi ngenyanga, bededelana; babe seLebanoni inyanga, babe sekhaya izinyanga ezimbili; u-Adoniram wayephezu

kwezisebenzi.

<sup>15</sup> USolomoni wayenabathwalayo imithwalo abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa, nababazi bamatshe ezintabeni abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisishiyagalombili,

<sup>16</sup> ngaphandle kwezinduna ezinkulu zikaSolomoni ezaziphethe umsebenzi, izinkulungwane ezintathu namakhulu amathathu, ezazibusa abantu ababewenza umsebenzi.

<sup>17</sup> Inkosi yayala, baqopha amatshe amakhulu, amatshe anenani elikhulu, ukuba babeke isisekelo sendlu ngamatshe abaziweyo.

<sup>18</sup> Abakhi bakaSolomoni nabakhi bakaHiramu nabaseGebali bawabaza, balungisa imithi namatshe ukwakha indlu.

## ISAHLUKO 6

**K**wathi ngomnyaka wamakhulu amane namashumi ayisishiyagalombili emva kokuphuma kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezweni laseGibithe, ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kukaSolomoni phezu kwabakwa-Israyeli, ngenyanga kaZivi eyinyanga yesibili, waqala ukwakha indlu kaJehova.

<sup>2</sup> Indlu inkosi uSolomoni eyayakhela uJehova, ubude bayo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisithupha, nobubanzi bayo babungezingamashumi amabili, nokuphakama kwayo kwakuyizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu.

<sup>3</sup> Umpheme ngaphambili kwendlu yethempeli wawuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili ubude bawo maqondana nobubanzi bendlu; ububanzi bawo babuyizingalo eziyishumi ngaphambi kwendlu.

<sup>4</sup> Wenzela indlu amafasitele anamahele angenakususwa.

<sup>5</sup> Ngasodongeni lwendlu wakha izimpondo nxazonke ngasezindongeni zendlu nxazonke, ethempelini nasegumbini; wenza amakamelo asezinhlangothini nxazonke;

<sup>6</sup> uphondo lwangaphansi lwaluyizingalo eziyisihlanu ububanzi balo, noluphakathi lwaluyizingalo eziyisithupha ububanzi balo, nolwesithathu lwaluyizingalo eziyisikhombisa ububanzi balo; ngokuba ngaphandle wenza uqaqa endlini nxazonke, ukuze imishayo ingangeni ezindongeni zendlu.

<sup>7</sup> Indlu isakhiwa yakhiwa ngamatshe alungiswa enkwalini; akuzwakalanga sando nazembe naphiki nanto yensimbi, isakhiwa.

<sup>8</sup> Umnyango wekamelo lohlangothi eliphakathi wawuseceleni lokunene lendlu; kwakhushukwa ngezikhwelo ezishwilayo ukuya ophondweni olungaphakathi, kuphunywe kolungaphakathi kuyiwe kolwesithathu.

<sup>9</sup> Wakha-ke kanjalo indlu, wayiqeda, wayifulela indlu ngemishayo nangamapulangwe emisedari.

<sup>10</sup> Wakha izimpondo zangasendlini yonke, yilolo nalolo lwaba yizingalo eziyisihlanu ukuphakama kwalo; zanamathela endlini ngemithi yemisedari.

<sup>11</sup> Izwi likaJehova lafika kuSolomoni, lathi:

<sup>12</sup> "Kumi kanje maqondana nale ndlu oyakhayo: uma uyakuhamba ngezimiso zami, wenze izahlulelo zami, ugcine yonke imiyalo yami ukuba uhambe ngayo, ngiyakugcwalisa kuwe izwi engalikhuluma kuDavide uyihlo:

<sup>13</sup> ngiyakuhlala phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ngingabashiyi abantu bami u-Israyeli."

<sup>14</sup> Wakha-ke uSolomoni indlu, wayiqeda.

- <sup>15</sup> Wakha izindonga zendlu ngaphakathi ngamapulangwe emisedari; kusukela phansi endlini kuze kufike emishayweni yophahla wembesa ngamapulangwe ngaphakathi, wendlala phansi endlini ngamapulangwe emisayipuresi.
- <sup>16</sup> Wakha futhi izingalo ezingamashumi amabili ngaseceleni lendlu lasemuva ngamapulangwe emisedari kusukela phansi kuze kufike emishayweni, wazakhela phakathi okwaba yigumbi, okuyindawo engcwelengcwele.
- <sup>17</sup> Indlu yangaphambili yethempeli yayiyizingalo ezingamashumi amane.
- <sup>18</sup> Kwakungumsedari ngaphakathi endlini, kubaziwe ngezintangazane nangezimbali eziqhakazileyo; konke kwakungumsedari, akubonakalanga tshe khona.
- <sup>19</sup> Walungisa igumbi phakathi endlini ukuba kubekwe khona umphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova.
- <sup>20</sup> Phambi kwegumbi kwakuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili ubude, nezingalo ezingamashumi amabili ngobubanzi, nezingalo ezingamashumi amabili ngokuphakama; wakunameka ngegolide elicwengekileyo, walembesa i-altare imisedari.
- <sup>21</sup> USolomoni wayinameka indlu phakathi ngegolide elicwengekileyo, walivalela igumbi ngamaketanga egolide; walinameka nalo ngegolide.
- <sup>22</sup> Wanameka-ke yonke indlu ngegolide, yaze yaphelela indlu yonke; ne-altare lonke elalisegumbini walinameka ngegolide.
- <sup>23</sup> Egumbini wenza amakherubi amabili ngomnqumo, yilelo nalelo liyizingalo eziyishumi ukuphakama kwalo.
- <sup>24</sup> Elinye iphiko lekherubi laliyizingalo eziyisihlanu, nelinye iphiko lekherubi laliyizingalo eziyisihlanu; kusukela esihlokweni selinye iphiko kuze kufike esihlokweni selinye kwakuyizingalo eziyishumi.
- <sup>25</sup> Elinye ikherubi laliyizingalo eziyishumi nalo; amakherubi omabili ayeyisilinganiso sinye nesimo sinye.
- <sup>26</sup> Ukuphakama kwelinye ikherubi kwakuyizingalo eziyishumi, nelinye ikherubi lalinjalo.
- <sup>27</sup> Wawabeka amakherubi phakathi nendlu engaphakathi; amakherubi awelula amaphiko, iphiko lelinye lathinta odongeni, nephiko lelinye ikherubi lathinta odongeni olunye; amaphiko awo athintana phakathi nendlu.
- <sup>28</sup> Wawanameka amakherubi ngegolide.
- <sup>29</sup> Wafekethisa zonke izindonga zendlu nxazonke ngezithombe ezibaziweyo zamakherubi, nangamasundu, nangezimbali eziqhakazileyo ngaphakathi nangaphandle.
- <sup>30</sup> Naphansi endlini wanameka ngegolide, ngaphakathi nangaphandle.
- <sup>31</sup> Wenzela umnyango wegumbi izivalo zomnqumo; ikhothamo nezinsika zomnyango kwakuyizinhlangothi eziyisihlanu.
- <sup>32</sup> Wenza-ke izivalo ezimbili ngomnqumo, wazifekethisa ngamakherubi abaziweyo, nangamasundu, nangezimbali eziqhakazileyo, wazinameka ngegolide, wembesa amakherubi namasundu igolide.
- <sup>33</sup> Wenzela futhi umnyango wethempeli izinsika zomnyango ngomnqumo, ziyizinhlangothi ezine,
- <sup>34</sup> nezivalo ezimbili ngomsayipuresi; izinxenye zombili zaleso naleso sivalo zasongwa.
- <sup>35</sup> Wazifekethisa ngamakherubi, nangamasundu, nangezimbali eziqhakazileyo, wazinameka ngegolide kukho okubaziweyo.
- <sup>36</sup> Wakha igceke elingaphakathi ngezinhla ezintathu zamatshe abaziweyo, nohla lwemishayo yemisedari.
- <sup>37</sup> Ngomnyaka wesine isisekelo sendlu kaJehova sase sibekiwe ngenyanga kaZivi.

<sup>38</sup> Ngomnyaka weshumi nanye ngenyanga kaBuli eyinyanga yesishiyagalombili indlu yaqedwa kukho konke okwayo ngayo yonke imithetho yayo. Wayelokhu akha iminyaka eyisikhombisa.

## ISAHLUKO 7

**K**epha uSolomoni wakha indlu yakhe iminyaka eyishumi nantathu, wayiqeda indlu yakhe yonke.

<sup>2</sup> Wakha nendlu yehlathi laseLebanoni; ubude bayo babuyizingalo eziyikhulu, nobubanzi bayo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, nokuphakama kwayo kwakuyizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu phezu kwezinhla ezine zezinsika zemisedari, imishayo yemisedari iphezu kwezinsika.

<sup>3</sup> Yafulelwa ngemisedari phezu kwemishayo engamashumi amane nanhlanu eyayiphezu kwezinsika eziyishumi nanhlanu, uhla lulunye.

<sup>4</sup> Kwakukhona amahle ayizinhla ezintathu; ifasitele lalibhekene nefasitele izinhla ezintathu.

<sup>5</sup> Yonke iminyango nezinsika kwakuyizinhlangothi ezine ngemishayo; ifasitele lalibhekene nefasitele izinhla ezintathu.

<sup>6</sup> Wenza indlu yezinsika; ubude bayo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu; nobubanzi bayo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu, inompheme nezinsika phambi kwayo, naphambi kwazo yisikhwelo.

<sup>7</sup> Wenza umpheme wesihlalo sobukhosi lapho ebeyakwahlulela khona, umpheme wokwahlulela; wawembeswe imisedari kusukela phansi kuze kufike phezulu.

<sup>8</sup> Indlu yakhe lapho ebeyakuhlala khona kwelinye igceke phakathi kompheme yayenziwe kanjalo. Wenzela nendodakazi kaFaro abeyithathile uSolomoni indlu eyafana nalwo mpheme.

<sup>9</sup> Konke lokho kwakhiwa ngamatshe anenani elikhulu, amatshe abaziwe ngezilinganiso, asahwe ngamasaha, ngaphakathi nangaphandle, kusukela esisekelweni kuze kufike phezulu, nangaphandle kuze kube segcekeni elikhulu.

<sup>10</sup> Nesisekelo sasingamatshe anenani elikhulu, amatshe amakhulu, amatshe ayizingalo eziyishumi, namatshe ayizingalo eziyisishiyagalombili.

<sup>11</sup> Naphezulu kwakungamatshe anenani elikhulu, amatshe abaziweyo ngezilinganiso, nemisedari.

<sup>12</sup> Igceke elikhulu nxazonke lalinezinhla ezintathu zamatshe abaziweyo nohla lwemisedari njengegceke elingaphakathi lendlu kaJehova nompheme wendlu.

<sup>13</sup> Inkosi uSolomoni yathumela yamlanda uHiramu eTire.

<sup>14</sup> Wayeyindodana yomfelokazi wesizwe sakwaNafetali; uyise wayengumuntu ogcwele ukuhlakanipha, nengqondo, nokwazi ukwenza yonke imisebenzi yethusi. Wafika enkosini uSolomoni, wasebenza wonke umsebenzi wayo.

<sup>15</sup> Wakhanda izinsika ezimbili zethusi, yileyo naleyo iyizingalo eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili ubude bayo, nomucu oyizingalo eziyishumi nambili wazungeza enye insika.

<sup>16</sup> Wenza izihloko ezimbili ngethusi elibunjiweyo ukuba zibekwe phezu kwezinsika; ubude besinye isihloko babuyizingalo eziyisihlanu, nobude besinye isihloko babuyizingalo eziyisihlanu.

<sup>17</sup> Kwakukhona ezihlokweni ezaziphezu kwezinsika imihlobiso yamanetha amahle, nezinsophe ezenziwe njengamaketanga, kuyisikhombisa kwesinye isihloko, nesikhombisa

kwesinye.

**18** Wenza amapomegranati; kwakuyizinhla ezimbili nxazonke kwelinye inetha ukwembesa izihloko ezaziphezu kwezinsika; wenze njalo nakwesinye isihloko.

**19** Izihloko ezaziphezu kwezinsika zasemphezeni zafaniswa neminduze; zaziyingalo ezine.

**20** Kwakukhona izihloko naphezu kwezinsika zombili eduze nesisu esasiseceleni kwenetha; amapomegranati ayengamakhulu amabili, eyizinhla nxazonke phezu kwesinye isihloko.

**21** Wazimisa izinsika ngasemphezeni wethempeli; wayimisa insika yokunene, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uJakini, wayimisa nensika yasokhohlo, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uBowazi.

**22** Ezihlokweni zezinsika kwakukhona okufanisiwe neminduze; kwaphela kanjalo umsebenzi wezinsika.

**23** Wenza nolwandle olubunjiweyo; lwaluyizingalo eziyishumi kusukela kolunye udini kuze kufike kolunye, lwaluyisiyingelezi; ukuphakama kwalo kwakuyizingalo eziyisihlanu; umucu oyizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu waluzungeza nxazonke.

**24** Phansi kodini lwalo nxazonke kwakukhona izintangazane ezaluzungezayo izingalo eziyishumi, zizungeza ulwandle nxazonke; izintangazane zazisezinhleni ezimbili, zibunjiwe ekubunjweni kwalo.

**25** Lwalumi phezu kwezinkabi eziyishumi nambili, ezintathu zibheke ngasenyakatho, ezintathu zibheke ngasentshonalanga, ezintathu zibheke ngaseningizimu, ezintathu zibheke ngasempumalanga; ulwandle lwalumiswe phezu kwazo, zonke zifulathelene.

**26** Uhlonze lwalo lwalungangobubanzi besandla; udini lwalo lwalwenziwe njengodini lwendebe lunjengembali yomnduze; lwalulingene namabhati ayizinkulungwane ezimbili.

**27** Wenza izinqe eziyishumi zethusi; ubude besinqe sisinye babuyizingalo ezine, nobubanzi baso babuyizingalo ezine, nokuphakama kwaso kwakuyizingalo ezintathu.

**28** Lezo zinqe zazenziwe kanje: zazinezindini; izindini zaziphakathi kwezinsiko;

**29** kuzo izindini ezaziphakathi kwezinsiko kwakukhona izingonyama, nezinkabi, namakherubi; kwakunjalo nakuzo izinsiko phezulu; phansi kwezingonyama nezinkabi kwakukhona imigexo elengayo yezimbali.

**30** Yilesi nalesi sinqe sasinamasondo amane ethusi, nama-asi ethusi; lezi zinyawo ezine zazinamahlombe okuthwala; lawo mahlombe ayebunjiwe phansi komcengezi, enemigexo yezimbali ebhekene nawo onke.

**31** Umlomo waso wawuphakathi kwesihloko; ukuphakama kwawo kwakuyingalo; umlomo wawo wawuyisiyingelezi njengokwenziwa kwesinqe, uyingalo nenxenye; nasemlonyeni kwakukhona okubaziweyo; izindini zawo zaziyizinhlangothi ezine, zingesiso isiyingelezi.

**32** Lawo masondo amane ayephansi kwezindini; imbambelela yama-asi amasondo yayisesinqeni; ukuphakama kwesondo kwakuyingalo nenxenye.

**33** Amasondo ayenziwe njengesondo lenqola; izimbambelela zawo zama-asi, namabhande awo, nezipokwe zawo, namanamfu awo kwakubunjiwe konke.

**34** Kwakukhona amahlombe okuthwala emagumbini omane aleso nalesi sinqe, izingalo zihlangene nesinqe.

**35** Phezu kwesinqe kwakukhona okuyisiyingelezi nxazonke; ukuphakama kwakho kwakuyinxenye yengalo, nezimbambelela zakho nezindini zakho zazihlangene nakho.

**36** Ezibhebheni zezimbambelela zakho nasezindinini zakho waqopha amakherubi, nezingonyama, namasundu njengendawo yakho konke ngakunye, kanye nemigexo yezimbali nxazonke.

- <sup>37</sup> Wenza kanjalo izinge eziyishumi; zonke zazikubunjwa kunye, nesilinganiso sinye, nesimo sinye.
- <sup>38</sup> Wenza imicengezi eyishumi ngethushi; umcengezi munye wawulingene namabhati angamashumi amane; yilowo nalowo mcengezi wawuyizingalo ezine, naphezu kwezinge eziyishumi ngazinye kwakukhona umcengezi munye.
- <sup>39</sup> Wazibeka izinge eziyisihlanu ngaseceleni lokunene lendlu neziyisihlanu ngaseceleni lasokhohlo lendlu; walubeka ulwandle ngaseceleni lokunene lendlu ngasempumalanga yangaseningizimu.
- <sup>40</sup> UHiram wayenza leyo micengezi, namafoholo, nezitsha. UHiram wayeseqeda ukwenza wonke umsebenzi abewenzela inkosi uSolomoni endlini kaNkulunkulu:
- <sup>41</sup> izinsika ezimbili, nezihloko ezimbili ezinjengezinkamba ezaziphezu kwezinsika, namanetha amabili okwembesa izihloko ezimbili ezinjengezinkamba ezaziphezu kwezinsika,
- <sup>42</sup> namapomegranati angamakhulu amane amanetha omabili, izinhla ezimbili zamapomegranati kulelo nalelo netha, okwembesa izihloko zombili ezazinjengezinkamba ezaziphezu kwezinsika,
- <sup>43</sup> nezinge eziyishumi, nemicengezi eyishumi ezinqeni,
- <sup>44</sup> nolwandle lunye, nezinkabi eziyishumi nambili phansi kolwandle,
- <sup>45</sup> namakhanzi, namafoholo, nezitsha; zonke lezo zinto uHiram azenzela inkosi uSolomoni endlini kaJehova zaziyeke eliphucuziweyo.
- <sup>46</sup> Inkosi yazibumba ethafeni laseJordani emhlabathini webumba phakathi kweSukoti neSaretani.
- <sup>47</sup> USolomoni waziyeka zonke izinto zingalinganiswanga ngenxa yobuningi bazo obukhulu kakhulu; nesisindo sethushi sasingenakutholwa.
- <sup>48</sup> USolomoni wenza-ke zonke izinto ezazisendlini kaJehova: i-altare legolide, netafula legolide okwakukhona kulo izinkwa zokubukwa,
- <sup>49</sup> nezinti zezibani zegolide elicwengekileyo eziyisihlanu ngakwesokunene neziyisihlanu ngakwesokhohlo phambi kwegumbi, nezimbali, nezibani, nezindlawu, negolide,
- <sup>50</sup> nezindebe, nezizenze, nezitsha, nezinkezo, nemicengezi yomlilo, negolide elicwengekileyo, nezingibe zegolide zezivalo zendlu engaphakathi, indawo engcwelengcwele, nezivalo zendlu yethempeli.
- <sup>51</sup> Sekuphelile wonke umsebenzi inkosi uSolomoni eyawenzayo endlini kaJehova, uSolomoni wangenisa izinto uyise uDavide ayezingcwelisile, isiliva, negolide, nezitsha, wakubeka engcebeni yendlu kaJehova.

## ISAPHLUKO 8

- K**hona uSolomoni wabutha amalunga akwa-Israyeli nezinhloko zezizwe, izikhulu zawoyise babantwana bakwa-Israyeli enkosini uSolomoni eJerusalema, ukuba bakhuphule umphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova emzini kaDavide oyiSiyoni.
- <sup>2</sup> Onke amadoda akwa-Israyeli abuthana enkosini uSolomoni emkhosini wasenyangeni ka-Ethanimi eyinyanga yesikhombisa.
- <sup>3</sup> Esefikile onke amalunga akwa-Israyeli, abapristi baphakamisa umphongolo.
- <sup>4</sup> Bakhuphula umphongolo kaJehova, netende lokuhlangana, nazo zonke izinto ezingcwele ezazisetendeni, kwakhushulwa ngabapristi namaLevi.
- <sup>5</sup> Inkosi uSolomoni nayo yonke inhlangano yakwa-Israyeli eyayihlangene kuyo babenayo



phambi komphongolo, behlaba izimvu nezinkabi ezingenakulotshwa, zingenakubalwa ngobuningi bazo.

<sup>6</sup> Abapristi bawungenisa umphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova endaweni yawo egumbini lendlu, indawo engcwelengcwele, phansi kwamaphiko amakherubi.

<sup>7</sup> Ngokuba amakherubi ayewelula amaphiko awo phezu kwendawo yomphongolo, amakherubi asibekela umphongolo nezinti zawo ngaphezulu.

<sup>8</sup> Izinti zazizinde kangako ukuba izihloko zezinti zibonakale endaweni engcwele phambi kwegumbi; kepha zazingabonakali ngaphandle; zisekhona lapho kuze kube namuhla.

<sup>9</sup> Kwakungekho lutho emphongolweni, kuphela izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe ezabekwa khona nguMose eHorebe, lapho uJehova enza isivumelwano nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ekuphumeni kwabo eGibithe.

<sup>10</sup> Kwathi lapho abapristi sebephumile endaweni engcwele, ifu lagcwalisa indlu kaJehova,

<sup>11</sup> abapristi baze bangema ukukhonza ngenxa yefu, ngokuba inkazimulo kaJehova yagcwalisa indlu kaJehova.

<sup>12</sup> Khona wakhuluma uSolomoni, wathi: “UJehova ushilo ukuthi uyakuhlala esigayegayeni.

<sup>13</sup> Ngikwakhela nokukwakhela indlu yokuhlala, indawo yokuhlala kwakho kuze kube phakade.”

<sup>14</sup> Inkosi yayisiphenduka, yalibusisa lonke ibandla lakwa-Israyeli, lonke ibandla lakwa-Israyeli, lalimi.

<sup>15</sup> Yathi: “Makabongwe uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli owakhuluma ngomlomo wakhe kuDavide ubaba, ukugcwalisile ngesandla sakhe, ethi:

<sup>16</sup> ‘Kusukela osukwini engakhipha ngalo abantu bami u-Israyeli eGibithe angikhethanga muzi ezizweni zonke zakwa-Israyeli ukwakha indlu ukuba igama lami libe khona lapho, kepha ngamkhetha uDavide abe phezu kwabantu bami u-Israyeli.’

<sup>17</sup> “Kwakusenhliziyweni kaDavide ubaba ukwakhela igama likaJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli indlu.

<sup>18</sup> Kepha uJehova wathi kuDavide ubaba: ‘Njengokuba kwakusenhliziyweni yakho ukwakhela igama lami indlu, wenza kahle, ngokuba kwakusenhliziyweni yakho lokho;

<sup>19</sup> kepha wena awuyikuyakha indlu, kodwa indodana yakho eyakuphuma okhalweni lwakho yiyona eyakwakhela igama lami indlu.’

<sup>20</sup> “UJehova uliqinsisile izwi alikhulumayo, ngokuba mina ngivelile esikhundleni sikaDavide ubaba, ngihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sakwa-Israyeli njengokusho kukaJehova, ngakhele igama likaJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli indlu.

<sup>21</sup> Ngimisile lapho indawo yomphongolo okukuwo isivumelwano sikaJehova asenza nawobaba ekubakhipheni ezweni laseGibithe.”

<sup>22</sup> USolomoni wema phambi kwe-altare likaJehova ebusweni balo lonke ibandla lakwa-Israyeli, welulela izandla zakhe ngasezulwini,

<sup>23</sup> wathi: “Jehova Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, akakho unkulunkulu onjengawe phezulu ezulwini nasemhlabeni phansi, ogcina isivumelwano nomusa nezinceku zakho ezihamba phambi kwakho ngayo yonke inhliziyo yazo,

<sup>24</sup> ogcine nenceku yakho uDavide ubaba lokho owakusho kuyo; yebo, owakukhuluma ngomlomo wakho ukugcwalisile ngesandla sakho njengokuba kunjalo namuhla.

<sup>25</sup> “Ngalokho, Jehova Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, gcina nenceku yakho uDavide ubaba lokho owakusho kuyo ukuthi: ‘Akuyikunqunywa muntu kuwe emehlweni ami ukuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sakwa-Israyeli, uma kuphela abantwana bakho beqaphela indlela yabo ukuba bahambe phambi kwami, njengalokho wena uhambe phambi kwami.’

<sup>26</sup> Ngalokho, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, maliqiniseke izwi lakho owalikhuluma encekweni

yakho uDavide ubaba.

**27** “Kepha uNkulunkulu uyakuhlala impela emhlabeni na? Bheka, izulu nezulu lamazulu alinakukwanela; pho, kakhulu kangakanani le ndlu encane engiyakhileyo na?

**28** Mawubheke umkhuleko wenceku yakho nokunxusa kwayo, Jehova Nkulunkulu wami, uzwe ukukhala nokukhuleka inceku yakho ekukhuleka phambi kwakho namuhla

**29** ukuba amehlo akho avulekele le ndlu ubusuku nemini, indawo owathi ngayo: ‘Igama lami liyakuba khona lapho,’ uze ulalele umkhuleko inceku yakho eyakuwukhuleka ibhekene nale ndawo.

**30** Kulalele ukunxusa kwenceku yakho nokwabantu bakho u-Israyeli abayakukhuleka bebhokene nale ndawo, ukuzwe usendaweni yakho yokuhlala ezulwini, nalapho usuzwile, uthethelele.

**31** “Uma umuntu ona umakhelwane wakhe, athweswe isifungo sokumfungisa, abeseza ukufunga phambi kwe-altare lakho kule ndlu,

**32** mawuzwe wena ezulwini, wenze, wahlulele izinceku zakho, kulahlwe onecala, ubeke indlela yakhe phezu kwekhanda lakhe, uthethelele olungileyo, umnike njengokulunga kwakhe.

**33** “Lapho abantu bakho u-Israyeli benqotshwa yisitha, ngokuba bonile kuwe, kepha bese bebuya bephindela kuwe, balivume igama lakho, bakhuleke, banxuse kuwe kule ndlu,

**34** mawuzwe wena ezulwini, uthethelele isono sabantu bakho u-Israyeli, ubabuyisele ezweni owalinika oyise.

**35** “Lapho izulu livaliwe, imvula ingekho, ngokuba bonile kuwe, kepha bese bekhuleka bebhokene nale ndawo, balivume igama lakho, baphenduke esonweni sabo, ngokuba uyabajezisa,

**36** mawuzwe wena ezulwini, uthethelele isono sezinceku zakho nesabantu bakho u-Israyeli, lapho ubafundisa indlela enhle abayakuhamba ngayo, uthume imvula ezweni lakho obanike abantu bakho libe yifa labo.

**37** “Uma kukhona indlela ezweni, noma kukhona isifo, noma kukhona ukuhamuka, nesikhutha, nesikhonyane, nemiswenya, noma isitha sabo sibavimbezela ezweni lemizi yabo, noma kuyiphi inhlupheko nasiphi isifo,

**38** bese kuzwakala namuphi umkhuleko nakuphi ukunxusa noma ngumuphi umuntu noma yibo bonke abantu bakho u-Israyeli abayakwazi, kube yilowo nalowo inhlupheko yasenhliziyweni yakhe, elulele izandla zakhe kule ndlu,

**39** mawuzwe wena ezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala, uthethelele, wenze, unike yilowo nalowo njengezindlela zakhe, wena owaziyo inhliziyo yakhe ngokuba wena kuphela uyazi izinhliziyi zabo bonke abantwana babantu

**40** ukuba bakwesabe zonke izinsuku zokuhlala kwabo ezweni owalinika obaba.

**41** “Futhi owezizwe ongesiye owabantu bakho u-Israyeli, lapho evela ezweni elikude ngenxa yegama lakho

**42** ngokuba bayakuzwa ngegama lakho elikhulu, nangesandla sakho esinamandla, nangengalo yakho eyeluliweyo lapho ebeseza ukukhuleka kule ndlu,

**43** mawuzwe wena ezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala, wenze njengakho konke lo wezizwe akhala ngakho kuwe, ukuze bonke abantu bomhlaba bazi igama lakho, bakwesabe wena njengabantu bakho u-Israyeli nokuze bazi ukuthi le ndlu engiyakhileyo ibiziwe ngegama lakho.

**44** “Uma abantu bakho bephuma impi ukulwa nesitha sabo ngendlela obathuma ngayo, bese bekhuleka kuJehova bebhokene nalo muzi owukhethileyo nale ndlu engiyakhele igama lakho,

- <sup>45</sup> mawuzwe wena ezulwini umkhuleko wabo nokunxusa kwabo, ubavume.
- <sup>46</sup> “Uma bona kuwe — ngokuba akukho muntu ongoniyo — bese wubathukuthelela wena, ubanikele esitheni, ukuze ababathumbayo babamukisele ezweni lesitha, likude noma liseduze,
- <sup>47</sup> kepha bese becabanga ezweni lapho bethunjelwe khona, baphenduke, banxuse kuwe ezweni lababathumbayo ngokuthi: ‘Sonile, senzile ngokuphambeneyo, saziphatha kabi;’
- <sup>48</sup> uma bephendukela kuwe ngayo yonke inhliziyo yabo nangawo wonke umphefumulo wabo ezweni lezitha zabo ezabathumba, bakhuleke kuwe bebhokene nezwe lakubo owalinika oyise, umuzi owukhethileyo, nendlu engiyakhele igama lakho,
- <sup>49</sup> mawuzwe wena ezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala, umkhuleko wabo nokunxusa kwabo, ubavume,
- <sup>50</sup> uthethelele abantu bakho abonile kuwe nazo zonke iziphambeko zabo abaphambeke kuwe ngazo, ubanike ukuba bathole isihe phambi kwababathumbayo ukuba babaphathe ngesihe.
- <sup>51</sup> Ngokuba bangabantu bakho nefa lakho owalikhapha ezweni laseGibithe nasesithandweni sensimbi,
- <sup>52</sup> ukuba amehlo akho avulekele ukunxusa kwenceku yakho nokunxusa kwabantu bakho u-Israyeli ukubezwa kukho konke abakhala ngakho kuwe.
- <sup>53</sup> Ngokuba wena wabahlukanisa nabantu bonke bomhlaba, babe yifa lakho, njengalokho wakhuluma ngesandla sikaMose inceku yakho ekukhipheni obaba eGibithe, Nkosi Jehova.”
- <sup>54</sup> Kwathi uSolomoni eseqedile ukukhuleka wonke lo mkhuleko nalokho kunxusa kuJehova, wasuka e-altare likaJehova ekugugeni ngamadolo akhe, izandla zakhe zelulelwe ngasezulwini.
- <sup>55</sup> Wema, wabusisa lonke ibandla lakwa-Israyeli ngezwi elikhulu, wathi:
- <sup>56</sup> “Makabongwe uJehova onike abantu bakhe u-Israyeli ukuphumula njengakho konke akushiloyo; akuwanga izwi elilodwa lakho konke ukukhuluma kwakhe okuhle akusho ngesandla sikaMose inceku yakhe.
- <sup>57</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wethu makabe nathi njengalokho ayenawobaba; makangasishiyi, angasilahli,
- <sup>58</sup> ukuze adonsele izinhliziyi zethu kuye ukuba sihambe ngezindlela zakhe zonke, sigcine imiyalo yakhe, nezimiso zakhe, nezahlulelo zakhe ayala ngakho obaba.
- <sup>59</sup> Lawo mazwi ami enginxuse ngawo phambi kukaJehova mawabe seduze noJehova uNkulunkulu wethu imini nobusuku ukuba avume inceku yakhe, avume nabantu bakhe u-Israyeli njengokudingeka kwemihla ngemihla,
- <sup>60</sup> ukuba abantu bonke bomhlaba bazi ukuthi uJehova nguye onguNkulunkulu; akakho omunye.
- <sup>61</sup> Inhliziyo mayibe kuJehova uNkulunkulu wethu ngokupheleleyo, nihambe ngezimiso zakhe, nigcine imiyalo yakhe njenganamuhla.”
- <sup>62</sup> Inkosi naye wonke u-Israyeli enayo banikela ngomhlatshe phambi kukaJehova.
- <sup>63</sup> USolomoni wanikela kube ngumhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, owanikela ngawo kuJehova, izinkunzi eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili nezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi amabili. Inkosi nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahlambulula-ke indlu kaJehova.
- <sup>64</sup> Ngalona lolo suku inkosi yangcwelisa ingaphakathi legceke elalingaphambi kwendlu kaJehova, ngokuba wanikela lapho ngomnikelo wokushiswa, nangomnikelo wempuphu, nangamanoni eminikelo yokuthula, lokhu i-altare lethusi elaliphambi kukaJehova

lalilincane ukuba liwamukele umnikelo wokushiswa, nomnikelo wempuphu, namanoni eminikelo yokuthula.

<sup>65</sup> USolomoni wagubha-ke umkhosi ngaleso sikhathi naye wonke u-Israyeli enaye, ibandla elikhulu, kusukela ekuyeni eHamati kuze semfuleni waseGibithe, ngaphambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu izinsuku eziyisikhombisa nezinsuku eziyisikhombisa, okungukuthi izinsuku eziyishumi nane.

<sup>66</sup> Ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili wabamukisa abantu, bayibusisa inkosi, baya ematendeni abo bejabula, bethokoza ngenhliziyo ngakho konke okuhle uJehova akwenzile kuDavide inceku yakhe naku-Israyeli abantu bakhe.

## ISAHLUKO 9

**K**wathi uSolomoni eseqedile ukwakha indlu kaJehova, nendlu yenkosi, nakho konke ukufisa kukaSolomoni ayefune ukukwenza,

<sup>2</sup> uJehova wabonakala kuSolomoni ngokwesibili, njengalokho ayebonakele kuye eGibeyoni.

<sup>3</sup> UJehova wathi kuye: “Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho nokunxusa kwakho onxuse ngakho phambi kwami; ngiyingcwelisile le ndlu oyakhileyo ukuba ngibeke khona igama lami kuze kube phakade; amehlo ami nenghliziyo yami kuyakuba khona izinsuku zonke.

<sup>4</sup> “Wena-ke, uma uyakuhamba phambi kwami njengokuhamba kukaDavide uyihlo, ngenhliziyo engenacala nangobuqotho, ukuba wenze konke engikuyale ngakho, ugcine izimiso zami nezahlulelo zami,

<sup>5</sup> ngiyakusimisa isihlalo sobukhosi sombuso wakho kwa-Israyeli kuze kube phakade, njengalokho ngasho kuDavide uyihlo ukuthi: ‘Akuyikunqunywa muntu kuwe esihlalweni sobukhosi sakwa-Israyeli.’

<sup>6</sup> “Kodwa uma nibuya ekungilandeleni, nina noma abantwana benu, ningagcini imiyalo yami nezimiso zami engikubeke phambi kwenu, kepha nihambe nikhonze abanye onkulunkulu, nikhuleke kubo,

<sup>7</sup> ngiyakumnquma u-Israyeli ezweni engimnike lona; nale ndlu engiyingcwelisele igama lami ngiyakuyilahla ebusweni bami, u-Israyeli abe yisaga nesifenqo phakathi kwabantu bonke.

<sup>8</sup> Noma le ndlu iphakeme kangaka, bonke abadlula kuyo bayakumangala, banximfe, bathi: ‘UJehova wenzeleni kanje kuleli zwe nakule ndlu na?’

<sup>9</sup> Bayakuphendula ngokuthi: ‘Kungokuba bamshiya uJehova uNkulunkulu wabo owakhipha oyise ezweni laseGibithe, banamathela kwabanye onkulunkulu, bakhuleka kubo, babakhonza; ngalokho uJehova ubehlisele konke lokho okubi.’ ”

<sup>10</sup> Kwathi ngasekupheleni kweminyaka engamashumi amabili uSolomoni akhe ngayo izindlu zombili, indlu kaJehova nendlu yenkosi,

<sup>11</sup> uHiramu inkosi yaseTire owayemsizile uSolomoni ngemisedari nangemisayipuresi nangegolide njengokufisa kwakhe konke wanikwa yinkosi uSolomoni imizi engamashumi amabili ezweni laseGalile.

<sup>12</sup> UHiramu waphuma eTire ukuyobona imizi uSolomoni amnike yona, ayimthokozisanga.

<sup>13</sup> Wathi: “Iyini le mizi onginike yona, mfowethu, na?” Wayibiza ngokuthi izwe laseKabuli kuze kube namuhla.

<sup>14</sup> UHiramu wayesethuma enkosini amatalenta ayikhulu namashumi amabili egolide.

<sup>15</sup> Indaba yezisebenzi ezabizwa yinkosi uSolomoni ukwakha indlu kaJehova, nendlu yakhe, neMilo, nogange lwaseJerusalema, neHasori, neMegido, neGezeri inje:

- <sup>16</sup> uFaro inkosi yaseGibithe wayenyukile wathatha iGezeri, walishisa ngomlilo, wabulala amaKhanani ayehlezi emzini, walinika umkaSolomoni indodakazi yakhe, libe yisipho sakhe.
- <sup>17</sup> USolomoni wakha iGezeri neBeti Horoni laseNzansi,
- <sup>18</sup> neBalati, neTamari lasehlane lalelo zwe,
- <sup>19</sup> nayo yonke imizi yokubekelela uSolomoni ayenayo, nemizi yezinqola zakhe, nemizi yabamahhashi bakhe, nalokhu uSolomoni ayefisa ukwakha khona eJerusalema, naseLebanoni, nasezweni lonke lapho ebusa khona.
- <sup>20</sup> Abantu bonke abaseleyo kuma Amori, namaHetu, namaPherizi, namaHivi, namaJebusi, abangesibo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli,
- <sup>21</sup> abantwana babo abasala ezweni emva kwabo, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ababengenamandla okubaqeda, kubona uSolomoni wabiza izisebenzi eziyizigqila kuze kube namuhla.
- <sup>22</sup> Kodwa kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli uSolomoni akakhiphanga izigqila ngokuba bona babe ngamadoda empi, nezinceku zakhe, nezikhulu zakhe, nezinduna zakhe, nabaphathi bezingqola zakhe, nabamahhashi bakhe.
- <sup>23</sup> Izinduna ezinkulu ezaziphethe umsebenzi kaSolomoni zazingamakhulu ayisihlanu namashumi ayisihlanu; zaziphethe abantu ababesebenza emsebenzini.
- <sup>24</sup> Kodwa indodakazi kaFaro yenyuka emzini kaDavide, yaya endlini yayo ayakhele yona; wayeselakha iMilo.
- <sup>25</sup> Kathathu ngomnyaka uSolomoni wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa nangeminikelo yokuthula e-altare ayelakhele uJehova, eshisa impepho kanye nayo phambi kukaJehova. Wayeseyiqedile indlu.
- <sup>26</sup> Inkosi uSolomoni yenza imikhumbi e-Esiyoni Geberi elingaseceleni kwe-Eloti ogwini loLwandle Olubomvu ezweni lakwa-Edomi.
- <sup>27</sup> UHiramu wathuma ngale mikhumbi izinceku zakhe, amadoda emikhumbi ayelwazi ulwandle, kanye nezinceku zikaSolomoni.
- <sup>28</sup> Zafika e-Ofiri, zalanda khona igolide, amatalenta angamakhulu amane namashumi amabili, zaliletha enkosini uSolomoni.

## ISAPHLUKO 10

**I**nkosikazi yaseSheba isizwile udumo lukaSolomoni ngegama likaJehova yeza ukumvivinya ngezimfumbe.

<sup>2</sup> Yeza eJerusalema inehle elikhulu kakhulu, namakamela ethwele amakha, negolide eliningi kakhulu, namatshe ayigugu; isifikile kuSolomoni yakhuluma naye ngakho konke okusenzileyo yayo.

<sup>3</sup> USolomoni wayiphendula ezindabeni zayo zonke. Kwakungekho nto eyayifihlelwe inkosi, engayitshelanga yona.

<sup>4</sup> Inkosikazi yaseSheba isibonile konke ukuhlakanipha kukaSolomoni, nendlu ayakhileyo,

<sup>5</sup> nokudla kwasetafuleni lakhe, nokuhlala kwezinceku zakhe, nokuma kwezikhonzi zakhe, nezambatho zazo, nabaphathizitsha bakhe, nomnikelo wakhe wokushiswa owanikela ngawo endlini kaJehova, akwabe kusabakho moya kuyo.

<sup>6</sup> Yathi enkosini: “Yayiqinisile indaba engayizwa ezweni lami ngamazwi akho nangokuhlakanipha kwakho.

<sup>7</sup> Kepha angikholwanga ngamazwi ngaze ngafika, kwabona amehlo ami; bheka,

angitshelwanga nanxeny; udlula ngokuhlakanipha nenhlanhla udumo engaluzwa.

<sup>8</sup> Babusisiwe abantu bakho, zibusisiwe lezi zinceku zakho ezimi njalo phambi kwakho, zizwa ukuhlakanipha kwakho.

<sup>9</sup> Makabongwe uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho owenamele wena ukuba akubeke esihlalweni sobukhosi sakwa-Israyeli; ngokuba uJehova wamthanda u-Israyeli kuze kube phakade, ngalokho wakubeka inkosi ukuba wenze ukwahlulela nokulunga.”

<sup>10</sup> Yanika inkosi amatalenta ayikhulu namashumi amabili egolide, namakha amaningi kakhulu, namatshe ayigugu; akuzange kusafika amakha amaningi kangaka njengalawo inkosi uSolomoni eyaphiwa wona yinkosikazi yaseSheba.

<sup>11</sup> Nemikhumbi kaHiram eyathwala igolide livela e-Ofiri yathutha futhi e-Ofiri imi-alimugi namatshe ayigugu.

<sup>12</sup> Ngemi-alimugi inkosi yenzela indlu kaJehova nendlu yenkosi izinsika kanye namahabhu nezingubhu zabahlabeleli; imi-alimugi eminingi kangaka ayizange isafika, kayibonwanga futhi, kuze kube namuhla.

<sup>13</sup> Inkosi uSolomoni yanika inkosikazi yaseSheba konke ekufunayo nekucelayo ngaphandle kwalokho uSolomoni ayinika khona ngokuphana kwenkosi. Yayisibuya, yaya ezweni layo, yona nezinceku zayo.

<sup>14</sup> Isisindo segolide elalifika kuSolomoni iminyaka yonke sasingamatalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisithupha nesithupha egolide

<sup>15</sup> ngaphandle kokuvela kubahwebi, nasenzuzweni yabathengisi, nasemakhosini ase-Arabiya, nakubabusi bezwe.

<sup>16</sup> Inkosi uSolomoni yenza izihlangu ezingamakhulu amabili zegolide elikhandiweyo, kwaba ngamashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha egolide elikhandiweyo kuso isihlangu sisinye,

<sup>17</sup> kanjalo namahawu angamakhulu amathathu egolide elikhandiweyo, amamane amathathu egolide kulo ihawu lilinye; inkosi yawabeka endlini yehlathi laseLebanoni.

<sup>18</sup> Inkosi yenza nesihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu sezimpondo zendlovu, yasinameka negolide elicwengekileyo.

<sup>19</sup> Isihlalo sobukhosi sasinezikhwelo eziyisithupha, isihloko saso sasiyisiyingelezi emuva; kwakukhona imikhono ngalapha nangalapha kwendawo yokuhlala, kumi izingonyama ezimbili ngaseceleni kwemikhono.

<sup>20</sup> Kwakumi izingonyama eziyishumi nambili ngalapha nangalapha ezikhwelweni eziyisithupha. Okunjalo akwenziwanga komunye umbuso.

<sup>21</sup> Zonke izitsha zokuphuza zenkosi uSolomoni zaziigolide, nazo zonke izitsha zendlu yehlathi laseLebanoni zaziigolide elicwengekileyo, kungekho ezesiliva, lona lingo yalutho emihleni kaSolomoni.

<sup>22</sup> Ngokuba inkosi yayinemikhumbi yaseTharishishi elwandle kanye nemikhumbi kaHiram; kanye ngeminyaka emithathu yafika imikhumbi yaseTharishishi iletha igolide, nesiliva, nezimpondo zendlovu, nezimfene, namapikoko.

<sup>23</sup> Inkosi uSolomoni yaba nkulu kunawo onke amakhosi omhlaba ngengcebo nangokuhlakanipha.

<sup>24</sup> Wonke umhlaba wafuna ukubona ubuso bukaSolomoni ukuba uzwe ukuhlakanipha kwakhe, uNkulunkulu akubekile enhliziyweni yakhe.

<sup>25</sup> Baletha, kwaba yilowo nalowo isipho sakhe, izitsha zesiliva, nezitsha zegolide, nezingubo, nezikhali, namakha, namahhashi, neminyuzi, okwenziwa iminyaka ngeminyaka.

<sup>26</sup> USolomoni wabutha izinqola nabamahhashi; wayenezinqola eziyinkulungwane



namakhulu amane nabamahhashi abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili owakubeka emizini yezinqola nasenkosini eJerusalema.

<sup>27</sup> Inkosi yenza isiliva livame eJerusalema njengamatshe, nemisedari yayenza ibe njengemithombe esigodini ngobuningi.

<sup>28</sup> Amahhashi uSolomoni ayenawo ayekhishwe eGibithe naseKuwe; abathengi benkosi bawamukela eKuwe ngemali yawo.

<sup>29</sup> Inqola yenyuka yaphuma eGibithe ngamashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha esiliva nehhashi ngayikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu; bawakhiphela kanjalo onke amakhosi amaHetu namakhosi ase-Aramu ngezandla zabo.

## IS AHLUKO 11

**I**nkosi uSolomoni yathanda abesifazane abaningi bezizwe kanye nendodakazi kaFaro, abangamaMowabikazi, nama-Amonikazi, nama-Edomikazi, namaSidonikazi, namaHetikazi,

<sup>2</sup> abezizwe uJehova ayeshilo ngabo kwabakwa-Israyeli ukuthi: “Aniyikungena kubo, nabo bangangeni kini, ngokuba impela bayakuziphambukisa izinhliziyi zenu, zize zilandele onkulunkulu babo.” Kulabo uSolomoni wanamathela ngothando.

<sup>3</sup> Wayenabafazi abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa abangamadodakazi amakhosi, nezancinza ezingamakhulu amathathu; omkakhe bayiphambukisa inhliziyi yakhe.

<sup>4</sup> Kwathi uSolomoni esemdala, omkakhe bayiphambukisa inhliziyi yakhe ukuba ilandele abanye onkulunkulu; inhliziyi yakhe yayingekho kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe ngokuphelelyo njengenhliziyi kaDavide uyise.

<sup>5</sup> USolomoni walandela u-Ashitaroti onkulunkulukazi wamaSidoni noMilkomu isinengiso sabakwa-Amoni.

<sup>6</sup> USolomoni wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, kamlandelanga uJehova ngokuphelelyo njengoDavide uyise.

<sup>7</sup> USolomoni wakhela uKemoshi isinengiso sakwaMowabi indawo ephakemeyo entabeni engaphambi kweJerusalema, noMoloki isinengiso sabantwana bakwa-Amoni.

<sup>8</sup> Wabenzela kanjalo bonke omkakhe bezizwe abashisa impepho, bahlabela onkulunkulu babo.

<sup>9</sup> UJehova wamthukuthela uSolomoni, ngokuba inhliziyi yakhe yayiphambukile kuJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli owayebonakele kuye kabili,

<sup>10</sup> wamyala ngale nto yokuthi akayikulandela abanye onkulunkulu; kepha akagcinanga lokho uJehova amyale ngakho.

<sup>11</sup> Ngelokho uJehova wathi kuSolomoni: “Njengokuba wenzile lokho wena, ungagcinanga isivumelwano sami nezimiso zami engikuyale ngakho, ngiyakuwuhlwitha nokuhlwitha umbuso kuwe, ngiwunike inceku yakho.

<sup>12</sup> Kepha angiyikukwenza emihleni yakho ngenxa kaDavide uyihlo, kodwa ngiyakuwuhlwitha esandleni sendodana yakho.

<sup>13</sup> Nokho wonke umbuso angiyikuwuhlwitha, kepha ngiyakunika indodana yakho isizwe sibe sinye ngenxa kaDavide inceku yami nangenxa yeJerusalema engilikhethileyo.”

<sup>14</sup> UJehova wamvusela uSolomoni omelana naye, uHadadi wakwa-Edomi; wayengowozalo lwenkosi yakwa-Edomi.

<sup>15</sup> Kwathi uDavide ekwa-Edomi, noJowabe induna yempi enyukele ukumbela ababuleweyo, ebacekile bonke abesilisa kwa-Edomi

- <sup>16</sup> ngokuba uJowabe naye wonke u-Israyeli bahlala khona izinyanga eziyisithupha, waze waqeda bonke abesilisa kwa-Edomi
- <sup>17</sup> uHadadi wabaleka, yena nabakwa-Edomi abathile bezinceku zikayise benaye, ukuya eGibithe, uHadadi esengumntwana omncane.
- <sup>18</sup> Basuka kwaMidiyani, beza ePharanu; bathatha amadoda ePharanu, baya nawo eGibithe kuFaro inkosi yaseGibithe; yena wamnika indlu, wamnqumela ukudla, wamnika nezwe.
- <sup>19</sup> UHadadi wafumana umusa omkhulu emehlweni kaFaro, waze wamnika umlamu wakhe abe ngumkakhe, udadewabo wenkosikazi uThahipenesi.
- <sup>20</sup> Udadewabo kaThahipenesi wamzalela uGenuhati, indodana yakhe, uThahipenesi amlumula endlini kaFaro; uGenuhati wayesendlini kaFaro phakathi kwamadodana kaFaro.
- <sup>21</sup> UHadadi esezwile eGibithe ukuthi uDavide ulele koyise nokuthi uJowabe induna yempi ufile, uHadadi wathi kuFaro: “Ngivumele ukuba ngihambe ngiye ezweni lakithi.”
- <sup>22</sup> UFaro wathi kuye: “Uswele ntoni lapha kimi ukuba ufune ukuya ezweni lakini na?” Wathi: “Lutho, kepha mangivunyelwe impela ukuba ngihambe.”
- <sup>23</sup> UNkulunkulu wamvusela omunye omelana naye, uRezoni indodana ka-Eliyada owayebalekele inkosi yakhe uHadadezeri inkosi yaseSoba.
- <sup>24</sup> Lapho uDavide ebulala, wazibuthela abantu, waba yinduna yeviyo; baya eDamaseku, bahlala khona, babusa eDamaseku.
- <sup>25</sup> Wamelana no-Israyeli zonke izinsuku zikaSolomoni phezu kokubi akwenzayo uHadadi, wanengwa ngu-Israyeli, wabusa e-Aramu.
- <sup>26</sup> UJerobowamu indodana kaNebati wakwa-Efrayimi waseSereda, inceku kaSolomoni, ogama likanina lalinguSeruya, umfelokazi, naye waphakamisela enkosini isandla sakhe.
- <sup>27</sup> Isizathu sokuba aphakamisele isandla sakhe enkosini sasiyilesi: USolomoni wayelakha iMilo, wavala isikhala emzini kaDavide uyise.
- <sup>28</sup> Leyo ndoda uJerobowamu yayiyiqhawe elinamandla; uSolomoni wayibona leyo nsizwa ukuthi ikhuthale emsebenzini wayo, wayibeka phezu kwawo wonke umsebenzi wendlu kaJosefa.
- <sup>29</sup> Kwathi ngaleso sikhathi, lapho uJerobowamu ephumile eJerusalema, umprofethi u-Ahiya waseShilo wamfumana endleleni, embethe ingubo entsha; labo bobabili babebodwa endle.
- <sup>30</sup> U-Ahiya wayibamba leyo ngubo entsha eyayikuye, wayiklebhula imidweshu eyishumi nambili.
- <sup>31</sup> Wayesethi kuJerobowamu: “Zithathele imidweshu eyishumi, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli usho kanje, uthi: ‘Bheka, ngiyakuhlwitha umbuso esandleni sikaSolomoni, nginike wena izizwe eziyishumi
- <sup>32</sup> kodwa yena uyakuba nesizwe sibe sinye ngenxa yenceku yami uDavide nangenxa yeJerusalema, umuzi engiwukhethileyo ezizweni zonke zakwa-Israyeli
- <sup>33</sup> ngokuba bangishiyile, bakhuleka ku-Ashitaroti unkulunkulukazi wamaSidoni, nakuKemoshi unkulunkulu wakwaMowabi, nakuMilkomu unkulunkulu wabakwa-Amoni, abahambanga ngezindlela zami ukwenza okulungile emehlweni ami, nezimiso zami, nezahlulelo zami njengoDavide uyise.
- <sup>34</sup> “ ‘Nokho angiyikususa wonke umbuso esandleni sakhe, kepha ngiyakumenza abe yisikhulu zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe ngenxa kaDavide inceku yami engamkhetayo, owagcina imiyalo yami nezimiso zami;
- <sup>35</sup> kodwa ngiyakuwukhipha umbuso esandleni sendodana yakhe, ngiwunike wena, izizwe eziyishumi.

- <sup>36</sup> Indodana yakhe ngiyakuyinika isizwe sibe sinye, ukuze uDavide inceku yami abe nesibani izinsuku zonke phambi kwami eJerusalema, umuzi engiwukhethileyo ukuba ngibeke khona igama lami.
- <sup>37</sup> Ngiyakukuthatha wena, ubuse phezu kwakho konke okuthandwa yinhliziyi yakho, ube yinkosi phezu kuka-Israyeli.
- <sup>38</sup> Kuyakuthi uma ulalela konke engikuyala ngakho, uhambe ngezindlela zami, wenze okulungile emehlweni ami ukugcina izimiso zami nemiyalo yami njengalokho akwenza uDavide inceku yami, ngiyakuba nawe, ngikwakhele indlu eyiyo njengalokho ngamakhela uDavide, ngikunike u-Israyeli.
- <sup>39</sup> Ngenxa yalokho ngiyakuyithobisa inzalo kaDavide, kodwa akuyikuba njalonjalo.’ ”
- <sup>40</sup> USolomoni wayesefuna ukumbulala uJerobowamu, kepha uJerobowamu wasuka, wabalekela eGibithe kuShishaki inkosi yaseGibithe, wahlala eGibithe waze wafa uSolomoni.
- <sup>41</sup> Ezinye izindaba zikaSolomoni, nakho konke akwenzayo, nokuhlakanipha kwakhe, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zikaSolomoni.
- <sup>42</sup> Isikhathi uSolomoni abusa ngaso eJerusalema phezu kuka-Israyeli wonke sasiyiminyaka engamashumi amane.
- <sup>43</sup> USolomoni wayeselala koyise, wembelwa emzini kaDavide uyise; uRehobowamu indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

## ISAHLUKO 12

**U** Rehobowamu waya eShekemi, ngokuba wonke u-Israyeli wayefikile eShekemi ukumbeka inkosi.

- <sup>2</sup> Kwathi lapho uJerobowamu indodana kaNebati ekuzwile — ngokuba wayeseGibithe, lapho ayebalekele khona, ebalekele ubuso benkosi uSolomoni; wahlala-ke uJerobowamu eGibithe,
- <sup>3</sup> kepha bathuma bambiza — uJerobowamu nebandla lonke lakwa-Israyeli beza, bakhuluma kuRehobowamu, bathi:
- <sup>4</sup> “Uyihlo wenza ijoka lethu laba lukhuni; ngalokho yenza wena ube lula umsebenzi olukhuni kayihlo nejoka lakhe elisindayo owalibeka phezu kwethu, siyakukukhonza.”
- <sup>5</sup> Wathi kubo: “Hambani izinsuku zibe zintathu, bese nibuyela kimi.” Basuka-ke abantu.
- <sup>6</sup> Inkosi uRehobowamu yelulekana namalunga ayemile phambi kukaSolomoni uyise, esekhona, yathi: “Nina ningeluleka ukubuyisela mpenduloni kulaba bantu na?”
- <sup>7</sup> Akhuluma kuye, athi: “Uma uyakuba yinceku yalaba bantu namhla nje, ubakhonze, ubaphendule, ukhulume amazwi amahle kubo, bayakuba yizinceku zakho izinsuku zonke.”
- <sup>8</sup> Kepha walahla isiluleko samalunga ameluleke ngaso, welulekana nezinsizwa eziyintanga yakhe, ezazimi phambi kwakhe.
- <sup>9</sup> Wathi kuzo: “Nina ningeluleka ukuba sibuyisele mpenduloni kulaba bantu abakhulume kimi ngokuthi: ‘Yenza ijoka uyihlo alibeka phezu kwethu libe lula,’ na?”
- <sup>10</sup> Zase zikhuluma kuye izinsizwa eziyintanga yakhe, zithi: “Uyakusho kanje kulaba bantu abakhulume kuwe ngokuthi: ‘Uyihlo walenza ijoka lethu lasinda, kepha wena ulenze libe lula kithina,’ uyakukhuluma kanje kubo, uthi: ‘Ucikicane wami mkhulu kunokhalo lukababa.’ ”
- <sup>11</sup> Manje ubaba wanithwesa ijoka elisindayo, mina ngiyakwenezela ejokeni lenu; ubaba wanishaya ngeziswebhu, mina ngiyakunishaya ngawofezela.’ ”

- <sup>12</sup> UJerobowamu nabantu bonke base befika kuRehobowamu ngosuku lwesithathu njengokusho kwenkosi, ithi: “Buyelani kimi ngosuku lwesithathu.”
- <sup>13</sup> Inkosi yaphendula abantu kalukhuni, yalahla isiluleko samalunga ameluleke ngaso,
- <sup>14</sup> yakhuluma kubo njengesiluleko sezinsizwa ngokuthi: “Ubaba walenza ijoka lenu lasinda, mina ngiyakwenezela ejokeni lenu; ubaba wanishaya ngeziswebhu, mina ngiyakunishaya ngawofezela.”
- <sup>15</sup> Inkosi ayilalelanga abantu, ngokuba kwakuyisiyiba esivela kuJehova, ukuze amise izwi lakhe uJehova alikhulumayo ngesandla sika-Ahiya waseShilo kuJerobowamu indodana kaNebati.
- <sup>16</sup> Wonke u-Israyeli esebonile ukuthi inkosi ayibalalelanga, abantu babuyisela izwi enkosini, bathi: “Sinasabelo sini kuDavide na? Ifa asinalo endodaneni kaJese. Yana ematendeni akho, Israyeli, zibhekele indlu yakho manje, Davide.” Wayesesuka u-Israyeli, waya ematendeni akhe.
- <sup>17</sup> Kepha abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abakhe emizini yakwaJuda, uRehobowamu wabusa phezu kwabo.
- <sup>18</sup> Inkosi uRehobowamu yathuma u-Adoramu owayephezu kwezisebenzi; u-Israyeli wonke wamkhanda ngamatshe, wafa. Inkosi uRehobowamu yashesha ukukhwela inqola yayo ukuba ibalekele eJerusalema.
- <sup>19</sup> U-Israyeli wayeseyihlubuka-ke indlu kaDavide kuze kube namuhla.
- <sup>20</sup> Kwathi wonke u-Israyeli esezwile ukuthi uJerobowamu ubuyile, bathuma bambizela emhlanganweni, bambeka inkosi phezu kuka-Israyeli wonke; akubangakho muntu olandela indlu kaDavide, isizwe sakwaJuda kuphela.
- <sup>21</sup> URehobowamu esefikile eJerusalema wabutha yonke indlu yakwaJuda nesizwe sakwaBenjamini, abantu abakhethiweyo abayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili, amabutho, ukuba balwe nendlu yakwa-Israyeli, bawubuyisele umbuso kuRehobowamu indodana kaSolomoni.
- <sup>22</sup> Lase lifika izwi likaNkulunkulu kuShemaya umuntu kaNkulunkulu, lathi:
- <sup>23</sup> “Khuluma kuRehobowamu indodana kaSolomoni inkosi yakwaJuda, nakuyo yonke indlu yakwaJuda neyakwaBenjamini, nakubantu abaseleyo, ngokuthi:
- <sup>24</sup> ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Aniyikukhuphuka, ningalwi nabafowenu abantwana bakwa-Israyeli; buyelani, kube yilowo nalowo endlini yakhe, ngokuba le nto ivela kimi.’ ” Balalela izwi likaJehova, babuya, bahamba njengokusho kukaJehova.
- <sup>25</sup> UJerobowamu waqinisa iShekemi ezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi, wahlala khona; waphuma lapho, waqinisa iPhenuweli.
- <sup>26</sup> UJerobowamu wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: “Manje umbuso uyakubuyela endlini kaDavide.
- <sup>27</sup> Uma laba bantu benyuka ukunikela ngemihlatshelo endlini kaJehova eJerusalema, inhliziyi yalaba bantu iyakuphindela enkosini yabo, kuRehobowamu inkosi yakwaJuda, bangibulale mina, babuyele kuRehobowamu inkosi yakwaJuda.”
- <sup>28</sup> Inkosi isithathe isiluleko, yenza amathole amabili egolide, yathi kubo: “Sekwanele ukuba nikhuphukele eJerusalema; bheka onkulunkulu bakho, Israyeli, abakukhuphula ezweni laseGibithe.”
- <sup>29</sup> Wabeka elinye eBethetele, elinye walibeka kwaDani.
- <sup>30</sup> Leyo nto yaba yisono, ngokuba abantu baya phambi kwelinye nakwaDani.
- <sup>31</sup> Wakha nezindlu zezindawo eziphakemeyo, wenza abapristi ngeningi labantu abangesiwo amadodana kaLevi.
- <sup>32</sup> UJerobowamu wagubha umkhosi ngenyanga yesishiyagalombili ngosuku lweshumi

nanhlanu lwenyanga njengomkhosi wakwaJuda, wenyukela e-altare; wenze njalo eBethela ukuba ahlabele amathole awenzileyo; wabeka eBethela abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo azenzileyo.

<sup>33</sup> Wayesenikela e-altare alenzileyo ngosuku lweshumi nanhlanu lwenyanga yesishiyagalombili, inyanga abeyinqumile ngokwakhe nje; wenzela abantwana bakwa-Israeli umkhosi, wenyukela e-altare ukushisa impepho.

## ISAHLUKO 13

**B**heka, kwavela kwaJuda umuntu kaNkulunkulu ngezwi likaJehova, weza eBethela; uJerobowamu wayemi e-altare ukushisa impepho.

<sup>2</sup> Walibiza i-altare ngezwi likaJehova, wathi: “Altare, altare, usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Bheka, kuzakuzalwa umntwana kuyo indlu kaDavide, nguJosiya igama lakhe; uyakunikela phezu kwakho ngabapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo abashisa impepho phezu kwakho, bashise namathambo abantu phezu kwakho.’ ”

<sup>3</sup> Wabanika isiboniso ngalolo suku, wathi: “Yilesi esiyisiboniso uJehova akhulume ngaso sokuthi: Bheka, i-altare liyakudatshulwa, umlotha ophezu kwalo uchithwe.”

<sup>4</sup> Kwathi inkosi isizwile izwi lalowo muntu kaNkulunkulu alibiza ngalo i-altare laseBethela, uJerobowamu waselula isandla sakhe ese-altare, wathi: “Mbambeni.” Kepha isandla sakhe aselulela kuye sashwabana, akaba namandla okusibuyisela kuye.

<sup>5</sup> I-altare ladabuka, umlotha we-altare wachitheka e-altare njengesiboniso asinikile lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu ngezwi likaJehova.

<sup>6</sup> Inkosi yayisithatha yathi kulowo muntu kaNkulunkulu: “Ake unxuse phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, ungikhulekele ukuba isandla sami siphiliswe.” Lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu wanxusa kuJehova, saphiliswa isandla sakhe, saba njengakuqala.

<sup>7</sup> Yayisithi inkosi kulowo muntu kaNkulunkulu: “Woza siye ekhaya, uzihlumelele, ngikuphe isipho.”

<sup>8</sup> Kepha lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu wathi enkosini: “Noma unginika inxenye yendlu yakho, angiyikuya khona nawe; futhi angiyikudla isinkwa, ngiphuze amanzi kuleyo ndawo;

<sup>9</sup> ngokuba ngayalwa kanjalo ngezwi likaJehova ngokuthi: ‘Awuyikudla sinkwa, ungaphuzi manzi, ungabuyi ngendlela oze ngayo.’ ”

<sup>10</sup> Wayesehamba ngenye indlela, kabuyanga ngendlela abeze ngayo eBethela.

<sup>11</sup> Kwakuhlala eBethela umprofethi omdala. Amadodana akhe afika amtshelela yonke imisebenzi lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu abeyenzile ngalolo suku eBethela, namazwi abewakhulumile enkosini. Uyise esetsheliwe,

<sup>12</sup> uyise wathi kuwo: “Uhambe ngayiphi indlela na?” Amadodana ayebonile ukuthi uhambe ngayiphi indlela lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu owavela kwaJuda.

<sup>13</sup> Wayesethi kumadodana akhe: “Ngibopheleni imbongolo.” Ambophela-ke imbongolo, wayikhwela.

<sup>14</sup> Wamlandela lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu, wamfumana ehlezi phansi kwe-oki; wathi kuye: “Wena ungumuntu kaNkulunkulu lowo owavela kwaJuda na?” Wathi: “Nginguye.”

<sup>15</sup> Wayesethi kuye: “Woza siye ekhaya, uthole ukudla.”

<sup>16</sup> Kepha wathi: “Anginakubuya nawe, anginakungena kwakho nawe; futhi anginakudla isinkwa, ngiphuze amanzi nawe kuleyo ndawo,

<sup>17</sup> ngokuba kwathiwa kimi ngezwi likaJehova: ‘Awuyikudla sinkwa, ungaphuzi manzi khona, ungabuyi ngendlela oze ngayo.’ ”

- 18** Wayesethi kuye: “Nami ngingumprofethi njengawe; kwakhuluma kimi ingelosi ngezwi likaJehova ngokuthi: ‘Mbuyise, uye naye endlini yakho ukuba athole ukudla, aphuze amanzi.’ ” Kodwa waqamba amanga kuye.
- 19** Wayesebuya-ke naye, wadla endlini yakhe, waphuza amanzi.
- 20** Kwathi besahlezi etafuleni, izwi likaJehova lafika kumprofethi owambuyisa;
- 21** wamemeza kulowo muntu kaNkulunkulu owavela kwaJuda, wathi: “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Njengokuba ungalilalelanga izwi likaJehova, ungagcinanga umyalo uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho akuyala ngawo,
- 22** kepha ubuyile, wadla, waphuza amanzi endaweni athi ngayo kuwe ungadli sinkwa, ungaphuzi manzi, isidumbu sakho asiyikungeniswa ethuneni lawoyihlo.’ ”
- 23** Kwathi esedlile, esephuzile, wambophelela imbongolo yena lowo mprofethi abembuyisile.
- 24** Esehambile waficwa yingonyama endleleni, yambulala; isidumbu sakhe santshingwa endleleni, imbongolo yema eceleni kwaso, nengonyama yema ngasesidunjini.
- 25** Bheka, abantu badlula, babona isidumbu sintshingwe endleleni nengonyama imi eceleni kwesidumbu, bafika bakhuluma ngakho emzini ayehlala kuwo lowo mprofethi omdala.
- 26** Esezwire lokho umprofethi obembuyisile endleleni wathi: “Ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu lowo owayengalaleli izwi likaJehova; ngalokho uJehova umnikele kuyo ingonyama, yamdwegula; yambulala njengezwi likaJehova alikhuluma kuye.”
- 27** Wayesekhuluma kumadodana akhe, ethi: “Ngibopheleleni imbongolo.” Ayibophela.
- 28** Wahamba, wafumana isidumbu sakhe sintshingwe endleleni, imbongolo nengonyama zimi eceleni kwesidumbu; ingonyama ayidlanga isidumbu, ayidwegulanga nembongolo.
- 29** Umprofethi wasiphakamisa isidumbu salowo muntu kaNkulunkulu, wasibeka embongolweni, wasibuyisa; wafika emzini womprofethi omdala ukuba alile, ammbele.
- 30** Wasibeka isidumbu ethuneni lakhe; bamlilela bathi: “Maye, mfowethu!”
- 31** Kwathi esembele, wakhuluma kumadodana akhe, wathi: “Lapho sengifile, ngimbeleni ethuneni embelwe kulo lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu, nibeke amathambo ami eceleni kwamathambo akhe.
- 32** Ngokuba izwi alimemezayo ngokusho kukaJehova kulo i-altare laseBethele nakuzo zonke izindlu zezindawo eziphakemeyo ezisemizini yaseSamariya liyakwenzeka nokwenzeka.”
- 33** Emva kwalokho uJerobowamu akaphendukanga nokho endleleni yakhe embi, kepha wabuye wenza abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo ngeningi labantu; othandayo wahlukaniselwa, wabangumpristi wendawo ephakemeyo.
- 34** Leyo nto yaba yisono kuyo indlu kaJerobowamu ngangokuba inqunywe, ichithwe ebusweni bomhlaba.

## ISAHLUKO 14

**N**galeso sikhathi u-Abiya indodana kaJerobowamu wagula.

- 2** UJerobowamu wathi kumkakhe: “Ake usuke uzifihle, ukuze kungaziwa ukuthi wena ungumkaJerobowamu, uye eShilo; bheka, u-Ahiya umprofethi ulapho, yena owakhuluma ngami ukuthi ngiyakuba yinkosi phezu kwalaba bantu.
- 3** Uphathe ngesandla sakho izinkwa eziyishumi, nemiqathane, nophiso lwezinyosi, uye kuye; uyakukutshela ukuthi kuzakuba njani kumntwana.”



- <sup>4</sup> UmkaJerobowamu wenze njalo; wasuka, waya eShilo, wafika endlini ka-Ahiya. U-Ahiya wayengenakubona, ngokuba amehlo akhe ayequndekile ngenxa yobudala bakhe.
- <sup>5</sup> UJehova wayeshilo ku-Ahiya, ethi: “Bheka, umkaJerobowamu uyeza ukubuza kuwe ngendodana yakhe, ngokuba iyagula; womphendula ngokuthi nangokuthi, ngokuba kuyakuthi ekungeneni kwakhe azishaye omunye umuntu.”
- <sup>6</sup> Kwathi lapho u-Ahiya ezwa izigqi zezinyawo zakhe ekungeneni kwakhe emnyango, wathi: “Ngena, mkaJerobowamu; uzishayelani omunye; mina ngithunyiwe kuwe nginendaba elukhuni.
- <sup>7</sup> Hamba umtshale uJerobowamu ukuthi: ‘UJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli usho kanje, uthi: Njengokuba ngakuphakamisa phakathi kwabantu, ngakubeka ube ngumbusi wabantu bami u-Israyeli,
- <sup>8</sup> ngawuhlwitha umbuso endlini kaDavide, ngawunika wena, kepha awubanga njengenceku yami uDavide owagcina imiyalo yami nowangilandela ngayo yonke inhliziyi yakhe ukwenza okulungile emehlweni ami kuphela,
- <sup>9</sup> kodwa wenzile okubi kunabo bonke ababe phambi kwakho, wahamba wazenzela abanye onkulunkulu nezithombe ezibunjiweyo ukungivusa ukuba ngithukuthele, wangilahla nyovane,
- <sup>10</sup> bheka, ngalokho ngiyakwehlisela indlu kaJerobowamu okubi, nginqume kuJerobowamu wonke umlisa, omncane nomkhulu kwa-Israyeli, ngikhukhule indlu kaJerobowamu njengokukhukhulwa komquba, uze uphele.
- <sup>11</sup> Yena wakwaJerobowamu ofela emzini uyakudliwa yizinja, nofela endle uyakudliwa yizinyoni zezulu, ngokuba uJehova ukukhulumile.’
- <sup>12</sup> “Ngalokho suka uye endlini yakho; ekungeneni kwezinyawo zakho emzini uyakufa umntwana.
- <sup>13</sup> Wonke u-Israyeli uyakumlilela, ammbela, ngokuba nguyena yedwa wakwaJerobowamu oyakuya ethuneni, lokhu kufunyanwa kuye okuhle kuJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli endlini kaJerobowamu.
- <sup>14</sup> “Futhi uJehova uyakuzivusela inkosi phezu kuka-Israyeli eyakunquma indlu kaJerobowamu ngalolo suku. Kepha ngithini? Yebo, namanje.
- <sup>15</sup> Ngokuba uJehova uyakushaya u-Israyeli njengohlanga oluzanyazanyiswa emanzini, asiphule u-Israyeli kuleli zwe elihle alinika oyise, abahlakazele ngaphesheya koMfula, lokhu benzile o-Ashera babo, bathukuthelisa uJehova.
- <sup>16</sup> Uyakulahla u-Israyeli ngenxa yezono zikaJerobowamu one ngazo, futhi onisa ngazo u-Israyeli.”
- <sup>17</sup> UmkaJerobowamu wayesesuka wahamba, wafika eTirisa; esefike embundwini wendlu, umntwana wafa.
- <sup>18</sup> Wonke u-Israyeli wambela, wamlilela njengezwi likaJehova alikhulumayo ngesandla senceku yakhe u-Ahiya umprofethi.
- <sup>19</sup> Ezinye izindaba zikaJerobowamu, ukuthi walwa kanjani nokuthi wabusa kanjani, bheka, zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli.
- <sup>20</sup> Izinsuku zokubusa kukaJerobowamu zaziyiminyaka engamashumi amabili nambili; wayeselala koyise; uNadabi indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
- <sup>21</sup> URehobowamu indodana kaSolomoni wabusa kwaJuda. URehobowamu wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane nanye ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa eJerusalema, umuzi awukhethileyo uJehova ezizweni zonke zakwa-Israyeli ukuba abeke khona igama lakhe; igama likanina lalinguNahama wabakwa-Amoni.

- <sup>22</sup> UJuda wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, bamvusela umhawu naphezu kwakho konke ababekwenzile oyise ngezono zabo abazenzayo.
- <sup>23</sup> Nabo bazakhela izindawo eziphakemeyo, nezinsika, nawo-Ashera emagqumeni onke aphakemeyo naphansi kwemithi yonke eluhlaza.
- <sup>24</sup> Kwakukhona nezifebe zethempeli kulelo zwe; benza njengazo zonke izinengiso zabezizwe uJehova abaxosha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
- <sup>25</sup> Kwathi ngomnyaka wesihlanu wenkosi uRehobowamu, uShishaki inkosi yaseGibithe wenyukela eJerusalema.
- <sup>26</sup> Wathatha ingcebo yendlu kaJehova nengcebo yendlu yenkosi, yebo, wathatha konke, wathatha zonke izihlangu zegolide ezenziwe nguSolomoni.
- <sup>27</sup> Inkosi uRehobowamu yenza izihlangu zethusi esikhundleni sazo, yazinikela ezandleni zezinduna zabalindi abagcina umnyango wendlu yenkosi.
- <sup>28</sup> Kwathi njalo uma inkosi ingena endlini kaJehova, izigijimi zazithwala, zazibuyisela ekamelweni labalindi.
- <sup>29</sup> Ezinye izindaba zikaRehobowamu nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?
- <sup>30</sup> Kwakukhona njalo ukulwa phakathi kukaRehobowamu noJerobowamu.
- <sup>31</sup> URehobowamu wayeselala koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kaDavide; igama likanina lalinguNahama wabakwa-Amoni. U-Abiyamu indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

## ISAHLUKO 15

**N**gomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili wenkosi uJerobowamu indodana kaNebati u-Abiyamu waba yinkosi kwaJuda.

<sup>2</sup> Wabusa iminyaka emithathu eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguMahakha, indodakazi ka-Abisalomu.

<sup>3</sup> Wahamba ezonweni zonke zikayise ayezenzile ngaphambi kwakhe; inhliziyi yakhe yayingekho kuNkulunkulu wakhe ngokupheleleyo njengenhliziyi kaDavide uyise.

<sup>4</sup> Nokho ngenxa kaDavide uJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe wamnika isibani eJerusalema ngokuvusa indodana yakhe emva kwakhe nokumisa iJerusalema,

<sup>5</sup> ngokuba uDavide wenza okulungile emehlweni kaJehova, kaphambukanga ngalutho amyala ngalo zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe, kuphela endabeni ka-Uriya umHetu.

<sup>6</sup> Kwakukhona ukulwa phakathi kukaRehobowamu noJerobowamu zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe.

<sup>7</sup> Ezinye izindaba zika-Abiyamu nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na? Kwakukhona ukulwa phakathi kuka-Abiyamu noJerobowamu.

<sup>8</sup> U-Abiyamu wayeselala koyise; bammabela emzini kaDavide; u-Asa indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

<sup>9</sup> Ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili kaJerobowamu, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, u-Asa waqala ukubusa phezu kukaJuda.

<sup>10</sup> Wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amane nanye eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguMahakha indodakazi ka-Abisalomu.

<sup>11</sup> U-Asa wenza okulungile emehlweni kaJehova njengoDavide uyise.

<sup>12</sup> Waxosha izifebe zethempeli ezweni, wasusa nezithombe ayezenzile uyise.

- <sup>13</sup> Wamsusa uMahakha unina ebukhosikazini, ngokuba wayenzela u-Ashera isithombe esinengekayo; u-Asa wanquma isithombe sakhe, wasishisa ngasemfudlaneni iKidroni.
- <sup>14</sup> Kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo azisuswanga; nokho inhliyiyo ka-Asa yayikuJehova ngokupheleleyo zonke izinsuku zakhe.
- <sup>15</sup> Wangenisa endlini kaJehova izinto ezingcwele zikayise nezinto zakhe ezingcwele: isiliva, negolide, nezitsha.
- <sup>16</sup> Kwakukhona ukulwa phakathi kuka-Asa noBahasha inkosi yakwa-Israyeli zonke izinsuku zabo.
- <sup>17</sup> UBahasha inkosi yakwa-Israyeli wenyuka ukuhlasela uJuda, wakha iRama, ukuze angavumeli muntu ukuphuma nokungena ku-Asa inkosi yakwaJuda.
- <sup>18</sup> U-Asa wayesethatha lonke isiliva negolide elalisele engcebeni yendlu kaJehova nengcebo yendlu yenkosi, wakunikela ezandleni zezinceku zakhe; inkosi u-Asa yazithuma kuBeni Hadadi indodana kaTabirimoni kaHeziyoni, inkosi yase-Aramu, owayehlala eDamaseku, yathi:
- <sup>19</sup> “Kukhona isivumelwano phakathi kwami nawe naphakathi kukababa noyihlo; bheka, ngithuma kuwe isipho sesiliva negolide; hamba waphule isivumelwano sakho noBahasha inkosi yakwa-Israyeli ukuba asuke kimi.”
- <sup>20</sup> UBeni Hadadi wayilalela inkosi u-Asa, wathuma izinduna zempi yakhe ukuba zihlasele imizi yakwa-Israyeli, wanqoba i-Ijoni, neDani, ne-Abela Beti Mahakha, nalo lonke iKineroti, kanye nalo lonke izwe lakwaNafetali.
- <sup>21</sup> Kwathi lapho uBahasha esekuzwile lokho, wayeka ukwakha iRama, wahlala eTirisa.
- <sup>22</sup> Inkosi u-Asa yayisibiza wonke uJuda, akwababikho owayenokuzilandulela, basusa amatshe aseRama nemithi yalo uBahasha ayakhe ngakho; inkosi u-Asa yakha ngakho iGeba lakwaBenjamini neMiswa.
- <sup>23</sup> Zonke ezinye izindaba zika-Asa, nawo onke amandla akhe, nakho konke akwenzayo, nemizi ayakhayo, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na? Ngesikhathi sobudala bakhe wayenesifo ezinyaweni zakhe.
- <sup>24</sup> Wayeselala u-Asa koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kaDavide uyise; uJehoshafati indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
- <sup>25</sup> UNadabi indodana kaJerobowamu waqala ukubusa phezu kuka-Israyeli ngomnyaka wesibili ka-Asa inkosi yakwaJuda, wabusa phezu kuka-Israyeli iminyaka emibili.
- <sup>26</sup> Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, wahamba endleleni kayise nasesonweni sakhe onisa ngaso u-Israyeli.
- <sup>27</sup> UBahasha indodana ka-Ahiya wendlu ka-Isakare wamenzela ugobe; uBahasha wamnqoba eGibethoni elingelamaFilisti, ngokuba uNadabi naye wonke u-Israyeli babelivimbezela iGibethoni.
- <sup>28</sup> Ngomnyaka wesithathu ka-Asa inkosi yakwaJuda uBahasha wambulala, wabusa esikhundleni sakhe.
- <sup>29</sup> Kwathi eseyinkosi, wabulala yonke indlu kaJerobowamu, kashiyelanga uJerobowamu noyedwa ophefumulayo, waze wamqothula njengezwi uJehova alikhulumile ngesandla senceku yakhe u-Ahiya waseShilo,
- <sup>30</sup> ngenxa yezono zikaJerobowamu ona ngazo, futhi onisa ngazo u-Israyeli, ngokucunula kwakhe acunula ngakho uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.
- <sup>31</sup> Ezinye izindaba zikaNadabi nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?
- <sup>32</sup> Kwakukhona ukulwa phakathi kuka-Asa noBahasha inkosi yakwa-Israyeli zonke izinsuku zabo.

<sup>33</sup> Ngomnyaka wesithathu ka-Asa inkosi yakwaJuda uBahasha indodana ka-Ahiya waqala ukubusa phezu kuka-Israyeli wonke eTirisa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amabili nane.

<sup>34</sup> Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, wahamba endleleni kaJerobowamu nasesonweni sakhe onisa ngaso u-Israyeli.

## ISAHLUKO 16

**I**zwi likaJehova lafika kuJehu indodana kaHanani ngoBahasha, lathi:

<sup>2</sup> “Njengokuba ngakuphakamisa othulini, ngakubeka umbusi wabantu bami u-Israyeli, kepha uhambe endleleni kaJerobowamu, wonisa abantu bami u-Israyeli ukuba bangicunule ngezono zabo,

<sup>3</sup> bheka, ngiyakukhukhula nokukhukhula uBahasha nendlu yakhe, ngenze indlu yakho ibe njengendlu kaJerobowamu indodana kaNebati.

<sup>4</sup> Yena wakwaBahasha ofela emzini uyakudliwa yizinja, nalowo wakwakhe ofela endle uyakudliwa yizinyoni zezulu.”

<sup>5</sup> Ezinye izindaba zikaBahasha, nakwenzayo, namandla akhe, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?

<sup>6</sup> UBahasha wayeselala koyise, wembelwa eTirisa; u-Ela indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

<sup>7</sup> Kwafika ngesandla somprofethi uJehu indodana kaHanani izwi likaJehova ngoBahasha nendlu yakhe ngenxa yakho konke okubi akwenza emehlweni kaJehova ukuthi wamcunula ngomsebenzi wezandla zakhe, waba njengendlu kaJerobowamu, nangenxa yokuba wayiqothula.

<sup>8</sup> Ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nesithupha ka-Asa, inkosi yakwaJuda, u-Ela, indodana kaBahasha, waqala ukubusa phezu kuka-Israyeli eTirisa, wabusa iminyaka emibili.

<sup>9</sup> Inceku yakhe uZimri, induna yenxenye yezinqola zakhe, yamenzela ugobe; eseTirisa ephuzile waze wadakwa endlini ka-Arisa owayephezu kwabendlu yaseTirisa,

<sup>10</sup> uZimri wangena, wamshaya, wambulala ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nesikhombisa ka-Asa inkosi yakwaJuda, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

<sup>11</sup> Kwathi esaqala nje ukubusa, esehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, wambulala yonke indlu kaBahasha, kamshiyelanga nomntwana oyedwa owesilisa kwabazalana naye nakubo abangane bakhe.

<sup>12</sup> UZimri waqeda kanjalo yonke indlu kaBahasha, njengezwi likaJehova alikhuluma ngoBahasha ngesandla sikaJehu umprofethi,

<sup>13</sup> ngenxa yezono zonke zikaBahasha nezono zika-Ela indodana yakhe one ngazo, futhi onise ngazo u-Israyeli, baze bacunula uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngezithombe zabo.

<sup>14</sup> Ezinye izindaba zika-Ela nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?

<sup>15</sup> Ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nesikhombisa ka-Asa inkosi yakwaJuda, uZimri waba yinkosi izinsuku eziyisikhombisa eTirisa. Abantu base bemisile ngaseGibethoni elalingelamaFilisti.

<sup>16</sup> Abantu ababemisile bezwa kuthiwa: “UZimri wenzile ugobe, ubulele nenkosi;” ngalokho wonke u-Israyeli wambeka u-Omri induna yempi abe yinkosi phezu kuka-Israyeli ngalolo suku ekamu.

- <sup>17</sup> U-Omri wenyuka eGibethoni wonke u-Israyeli enaye, bavimbezela iTirisa.
- <sup>18</sup> Kwathi uZimri esebonile ukuthi umuzi uthathiwe, wangena engqabeni yendlu yenkosi, wayishisa indlu yenkosi phezu kwakhe ngomlilo, wafa
- <sup>19</sup> ngenxa yezono zakhe one ngazo ngokwenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, ngokuhamba endleleni kaJerobowamu nasesonweni sakhe asenzayo ukuba onise u-Israyeli.
- <sup>20</sup> Ezinye izindaba zikaZimri nogobe alwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?
- <sup>21</sup> Khona abantu bakwa-Israyeli bahlukana kabili; inxenye yabantu yalandela uThibini, indodana kaGinati, ukuba bambeke inkosi, inxenye yalandela u-Omri.
- <sup>22</sup> Kepha abantu ababemlandela u-Omri bahlula abantu ababemlandela uThibini indodana kaGinati; wayesefa uThibini, u-Omri waba yinkosi.
- <sup>23</sup> Ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nanye ka-Asa inkosi yakwaJuda u-Omri waba yinkosi phezu kuka-Israyeli, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nambili; wabusa iminyaka eyisithupha eTirisa.
- <sup>24</sup> Wathenga intaba yaseSamariya kuShemere ngamatalenta amabili esiliva, wakha entabeni, waqamba igama lomuzi awakhileyo ngegama likaShemere umninintaba ngokuthi iSamariya.
- <sup>25</sup> Kepha u-Omri wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, wenza kabi kunabo bonke ababe ngaphambi kwakhe.
- <sup>26</sup> Ngokuba wahamba ezindleleni zonke zikaJerobowamu, indodana kaNebati, nasezonweni zakhe onisa ngazo u-Israyeli, baze bacunula uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngezithombe zabo.
- <sup>27</sup> Ezinye izindaba zika-Omri azenzayo namandla awabonakalisayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?
- <sup>28</sup> U-Omri wayeselala koyise, wembelwa eSamariya; u-Ahabi, indodana yakhe, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
- <sup>29</sup> U-Ahabi, indodana ka-Omri, waqala ukubusa phezu kuka-Israyeli ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili ka-Asa; u-Ahabi, indodana ka-Omri, wabusa phezu kuka-Israyeli eSamariya iminyaka engamashumi amabili nambili.
- <sup>30</sup> Kepha u-Ahabi, indodana ka-Omri, wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova kunabo bonke ababe ngaphambi kwakhe.
- <sup>31</sup> Kwathi lapho kuyinto elula kuye ukuhamba ezonweni zikaJerobowamu, indodana kaNebati, wathatha u-Izebeli, indodakazi ka-Etibali inkosi yamaSidoni, abe ngumkakhe, waya wakhonza uBali, wakhuleka kuye.
- <sup>32</sup> Wammisela uBali i-altare endlini kaBali abeyakhile eSamariya.
- <sup>33</sup> U-Ahabi wamenza u-Ashera; u-Ahabi wenezela waze wacunula uJehova, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kunawo onke amakhosi akwa-Israyeli ayengaphambi kwakhe.
- <sup>34</sup> Ezinsukwini zakhe uHiyeli waseBethetele wabuye wakha iJeriko; wabeka isisekelo salo ngokulahlekelwa ngu-Abiramu izibulo lakhe, wamisa amasango alo ngokulahlekelwa yithunjana lakhe uSegubi, njengezwi likaJehova owalikhuluma ngesandla sikaJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.

## ISAPHELA 17

**U**-Eliya waseThishibi, owayengowabagogobeleyo kwaGileyadi, wathi ku-Ahabi: “Kuphila kukaJehova, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, engimi phambi kwakhe, akuyikubakho mazolo namvula kule minyaka, kuphela ngesiyalezo sezwi lami.”

<sup>2</sup> Izwi likaJehova lafika kuye, lathi:

<sup>3</sup> “Suka lapha, uye ngasempumalanga, ucashe ngasemfudlaneni iKeriti ongaphambi kweJordani.

<sup>4</sup> Kuyakuthi uphuze emfudlaneni; ngiyalile amagwababa ukuba akondle khona.”

<sup>5</sup> Wahamba wenza njengezwi likaJehova, ngokuba wahamba wahlala ngasemfudlaneni iKeriti ongaphambi kweJordani.

<sup>6</sup> Amagwababa amlethela isinkwa nenyama ekuseni, nesinkwa nenyama kusihlwa, waphuza emfudlaneni.

<sup>7</sup> Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku umfudlana washa, ngokuba yayingekho imvula ezweni.

<sup>8</sup> Kwase kufika izwi likaJehova kuye, lathi:

<sup>9</sup> “Suka uye eSarefati elingeleSidoni, uhlale khona; bheka, ngiyalile lapho umfelokazi ukuba akondle.”

<sup>10</sup> Wayesesuka waya eSarefati; esefikile esangweni lomuzi, bheka, umfelokazi wayecakasha khona; wambiza wathi: “Ake ungilethele ingcosana yamanzi esitsheni, ngiphuze.”

<sup>11</sup> Esasuka ukuwalanda, wambiza wathi: “Ake ungilethele nocezu lwesinkwa esandleni sakho.”

<sup>12</sup> Kepha wathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, anginalo neqebelengwane, kukhona kuphela ukhweshe lwempuphu embizeni nengcosana yamafutha ophisweni; bheka, sengicakashile izinkuni ezimbili, ukuze ngingene ngizilungiselele khona nendodana yami ukuba sikudle, sife.”

<sup>13</sup> Wayesethi u-Eliya kuye: “Ungesabi; hamba wenze njengokusho kwakho, kepha ngenzele mina kuqala iqebelengwane elincane ngakho, ulilethe kimi, andukuba uzilungiselele wena nendodana yakho.

<sup>14</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Imbiza yempuphu ayikuphela, nophiso lwamafutha aluyikuswela kuze kufike lolo suku uJehova anisa ngalo imvula emhlabeni.’ ”

<sup>15</sup> Wayesehamba, wenza njengokusho kuka-Eliya: kwadla yena, no-Eliya, nendlu yakhe izinsuku eziningi.

<sup>16</sup> Imbiza yempuphu ayiphelanga, nophiso lwamafutha aluswelanga njengezwi likaJehova alikhulumile ngesandla sika-Eliya.

<sup>17</sup> Kwathi emva kwalokho indodana yalowo mfelokazi, umnikazindlu, yagula; ukugula kwayo kwaba namandla kangaka ngangokuba yayingasenakho ukuphefumula.

<sup>18</sup> Wayesethi ku-Eliya: “Nginamsebenzi muni nawe muntu kaNkulunkulu na? Uze kimi ukuba kukhumbuleke isono sami nokuba kubulawe indodana yami.”

<sup>19</sup> Kepha wathi kuye: “Nginike indodana yakho.” Wayithatha esifubeni sakhe, wayikhuphulela ekamelweni eliphezulu lapho ehlala khona, wayibeka embhedeni wakhe.

<sup>20</sup> Wayesekhala kuJehova, wathi: “Jehova Nkulunkulu wami, usuwehlisele nalo mfelokazi engigogobele kwakhe okubi okungaka uze ubulale indodana yakhe na?”

<sup>21</sup> Wazelula phezu komntwana kathathu, wakhala kuJehova, wathi: “Jehova Nkulunkulu wami, umphefumulo walo mntwana mawubuyele kuye.”

<sup>22</sup> UJehova walizwa izwi lika-Eliya; umphefumulo womntwana wabuyela kuye, waphila.

<sup>23</sup> U-Eliya wayesethatha umntwana, wamehlisa ekamelweni eliphezulu, wamngenisisa



endlini, wamnika unina; wathi u-Elia: “Bheka, indodana yakho isiyaphila.”

<sup>24</sup> Owesifazane wathi ku-Elia: “Manje sengiyazi ukuthi wena ungumuntu kaNkulunkulu nokuthi izwi likaJehova elisemlonyeni wakho liyiqiniso.”

## ISAHLUKO 18

**K**wathi emva kwezinsuku eziningi izwi likaJehova lafika ku-Elia ngomnyaka wesithathu, lathi: “Hamba uzibonakalise ku-Ahabi; ngiyakunisa imvula emhlabeni.”

<sup>2</sup> Wayesehamba u-Elia ukuzibonakalisa ku-Ahabi. Indlala yayinamandla eSamariya.

<sup>3</sup> U-Ahabi wabiza u-Obadiya owayephezu kwendlu yakhe. U-Obadiya wayemesaba kakhulu uNkulunkulu,

<sup>4</sup> ngokuba kwathi lapho u-Izebeli ebulala abaprofethi bakaJehova, u-Obadiya wathatha abaprofethi abayikhulu, wabafihla emhumeni ngamashumi ayisihlanu, wabondla ngesinkwa nangamanzi.

<sup>5</sup> U-Ahabi wathi ku-Obadiya: “Hamba ezweni, uye emithonjaneni yonke yamanzi nasemifudlaneni yonke; mhlawumbe singafumana utshani, sisindise amahhashi neminyuzi, izilwane zingabhubhi.”

<sup>6</sup> Base bahlukaniselana izwe ukuba balidabule: u-Ahabi wahamba ngenye indlela eyedwa, u-Obadiya naye wahamba ngenye indlela eyedwa.

<sup>7</sup> U-Obadiya esendleleni, bheka, kwahlangana naye u-Elia, wambona, wawa ngobuso, wathi: “Wena uyinkosi yami u-Elia na?”

<sup>8</sup> Wathi kuye: “Yimi; hamba utshele inkosi yakho ukuthi: ‘Nangu u-Elia.’ ”

<sup>9</sup> Wayesethi kuye: “Ngoneni ukuba unikele inceku yakho esandleni sika-Ahabi ukungibulala na?”

<sup>10</sup> Kuphila kukaJehova, uNkulunkulu wakho, akukho sizwe nambuso lapho inkosi yami ingathumanga khona ukukufuna, nanxa bethi akakho lapha, yafungisa umbuso nesizwe ukuthi abakufumananga.

<sup>11</sup> Manje usuthi wena: ‘Hamba utshele inkosi yakho ukuthi: Nangu u-Elia.’

<sup>12</sup> Kuyakuthi sengisukile kuwe, uMoya kaJehova akuyise lapho ngingazi khona, nanxa sengifika ukuba ngimtshele u-Ahabi, yena angakufumani, uyakungibulala; kepha mina nceku yakho ngiyamesaba uJehova kwasebusheni bami.

<sup>13</sup> Inkosi yami ayitshelwanga yini lokho engakwenzayo lapho u-Izebeli ebulala abaprofethi bakaJehova, ukuthi ngafihla abantu abayikhulu kubaprofethi bakaJehova ngamashumi ayisihlanu emhumeni, ngabondla ngesinkwa nangamanzi, na?

<sup>14</sup> Usuthi manje: ‘Hamba utshele inkosi yakho ukuthi: Nangu u-Elia,’ bese yingibulala.”

<sup>15</sup> Kepha u-Elia wathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova Sebawoti engimi phambi kwakhe namuhla, ngizakuzibonakalisa kuye.”

<sup>16</sup> U-Obadiya wayesehamba ukumhlangabeza u-Ahabi, wamtshela lokho; wayesehamba u-Ahabi ukumhlangabeza u-Elia.

<sup>17</sup> Kwathi u-Ahabi esembonile u-Elia, u-Ahabi wathi kuye: “Nguwe ongumhluphi wakwa-Israyeli na?”

<sup>18</sup> Kodwa wathi: “Mina angimhluphanga u-Israyeli, kepha nguwe nendlu kayihlo, ngokuyilahla imiyalo kaJehova, uze ulandele oBali.

<sup>19</sup> Ngelokho thumela ubuthe kimi u-Israyeli wonke entabeni yaseKarmeli, nabaprofethi bakaBali abangamakhulu amane namashumi ayisihlanu, nabaprofethi baka-Ashera abangamakhulu amane abadla etafuleni lika-Izebeli.”

- <sup>20</sup> U-Ahabi wayesethumela kubo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wabutha abaprofethi entabeni yaseKarmeli.
- <sup>21</sup> U-Eliya wasondela kubo bonke abantu, wathi: “Koze kube nini nimanqikanqika phakathi kwezinhlangothi ezimbili na? Uma uJehova enguNkulunkulu, mlandeleni yena, kepha uma kunguBali, mlandeleni yena.” Kodwa abantu kabamphendulanga ngazwi.
- <sup>22</sup> Wayesethi u-Eliya kubantu: “Yimi ngedwa oseleyo engumprofethi kaJehova, kepha abaprofethi bakaBali bangabantu abangamakhulu amane namashumi ayisihlanu.
- <sup>23</sup> Mabasinike izinkunzi ezimbili, bazikhethele inkunzi ibenye, bayihlahlele, bayibeke phezu kwezinkuni, bangafaki umlilo; mina ngiyakuyilungisa enye inkunzi, ngiyibeke phezu kwezinkuni, ngingafaki umlilo.
- <sup>24</sup> Libizeni igama likankulunkulu wenu, mina ngibize igama likaJehova; bese kuthi uNkulunkulu ophendula ngomlilo abe nguye onguNkulunkulu.” Bonke abantu bathi: “Lihle leli zwi.”
- <sup>25</sup> U-Eliya wayesethi kubaprofethi bakaBali: “Zikhetheleli inkunzi, niyilungise kuqala, ngokuba nibanengi, nibize igama likankulunkulu wenu, ningafaki umlilo nokho.”
- <sup>26</sup> Bayithatha inkunzi abayinikwayo, bayilungisa, balibiza igama likaBali kwasekuseni kwaze kwaba semini ngokuthi: “Bali, siphenduleni;” kepha akubangakho zwi, nophendulayo wayengekho. Baxhuma ngase-altare ebelenziwe.
- <sup>27</sup> Kwathi ngasemini u-Eliya wadlala ngabo, wathi: “Memezani ngezwi elikhulu; noma engunkulunkulu, mhlawumbe uyazindla, noma echezukile nje, noma esohambeni, noma elele edinga ukuvuswa.”
- <sup>28</sup> Base bememeza ngezwi elikhulu, bazisika ngawomese nangemikhonto ngomthetho wabo, kwaze kwatshaza igazi kubo.
- <sup>29</sup> Kwathi laphe isidlulile imini, baprofetha kwaze kwanikelwa ngomnikelo wempuphu, kepha akubangakho zwi, nophendulayo, nonakekelayo.
- <sup>30</sup> U-Eliya wayesethi kubantu bonke: “Sondelani kimi.” Bonke abantu basondela kuye. Wayeselungisa i-altare likaJehova elalidilizwe.
- <sup>31</sup> U-Eliya wathatha amatshe ayishumi nambili njengomumo wezizwe zamadodana kaJakobe okweza kuye izwi likaJehova, lathi: “Igama lakho lizakuba ngu-Israyeli.”
- <sup>32</sup> Wakha i-altare ngamatshe egameni likaJehova, wenza umsele ngase-altare nxazonke olingene namaseya amabili embewu.
- <sup>33</sup> Wahlela izinkuni, wayihlahlela inkunzi, wayibeka phezu kwezinkuni.
- <sup>34</sup> Wathi: “Gcwalisani izimbiza ezine ngamanzi, niwathele emnikelweni wokushiswa naphezu kwezinkuni.” Wathi: “Kwenzeni ngokwesibili.” Wayesethi: “Kwenzeni nangokwesithathu.” Baphinda ngokwesithathu.
- <sup>35</sup> Amanzi agobhoza ngase-altare nxazonke; wagcwalisa nomsele ngamanzi.
- <sup>36</sup> Kwathi ngesikhathi sokunikela ngomnikelo wempuphu u-Eliya umprofethi wasondela, wathi: “Jehova Nkulunkulu ka-Abrahama noka-Isaka noka-Israyeli, makwazeke namuhla ukuthi wena unguNkulunkulu kwa-Israyeli, nokuthi mina ngiyinceku yakho, nokuthi ngenzile konke lokhu ngezwi lakho.
- <sup>37</sup> Ngiphendule, Jehova, ngiphendule ukuba laba bantu bazi ukuthi wena Jehova unguNkulunkulu nokuthi uphendukisela kuwe izinhliziyiyo.”
- <sup>38</sup> Wawusuwehla umlilo kaJehova, wawuqeda umnikelo wokushiswa, nezinkuni, namatshe, nothuli, wakhotha amanzi asemiseleni.
- <sup>39</sup> Abantu bonke sebekubonile lokho bawa ngobuso babo, bathi: “UJehova nguye onguNkulunkulu; uJehova nguye onguNkulunkulu.”
- <sup>40</sup> U-Eliya wathi kubo: “Bambani abaprofethi bakaBali, kungabaleki noyedwa kubo.”

Bababamba, u-Eliya wabehlisela emfudlaneni iKishoni, wababulala khona.

<sup>41</sup> Wayesethi u-Eliya ku-Ahabi: “Khuphuka, udle, uphuze, ngokuba kukhona umdumo wemvula enkulu.”

<sup>42</sup> Wayesekhuphuka u-Ahabi ukuba adle, aphuze. U-Eliya wakhuphukela esiqongweni saseKarmeli, wakhothamela phansi, wabeka ubuso bakhe phakathi kwamadolo akhe.

<sup>43</sup> Wathi encekwini yakhe: “Khuphuka, ubheke ngaselwandle.” Yakhuphuka, yabheka, yathi: “Akukho lutho.” Wayesethi: “Phinda kasikhombisa.”

<sup>44</sup> Kwathi ngokwesikhombisa yathi: “Bheka, kukhuphuka ifu elwandle, lingangesandla somuntu.” Wayesethi: “Khuphuka, umtshale u-Ahabi ukuthi: ‘Bophela, wehle, funa uvinjelwe yimvula.’ ”

<sup>45</sup> Kwathi ngesikhashana nje izulu laguqubala ngamafu nangomoya, lana imvula enkulu. U-Ahabi wakhwela inqola, waya eJizreyeli.

<sup>46</sup> Isandla sikaJehova sasiku-Eliya; wabopha ukhalo lwakhe, wagijima phambi kuka-Ahabi, waze wafika ekungeneni kwaseJizreyeli.

## ISAHLUKO 19

**U**-Ahabi wamtshela u-Izebeli konke akwenzile u-Eliya, naphakathi kwalokho ukuthi ubulele bonke abaprofethi ngenkamba.

<sup>2</sup> U-Izebeli wayesethuma isithunywa ku-Eliya ngokuthi: “Mabenze njalo kimi onkulunkulu, benezele futhi, uma ngingakwenzi wena ube njengomunye wabo ngalesi sikhathi kusasa.”

<sup>3</sup> Esezwile lokho wasuka, wahamba ukuba asinde, waya eBeri Sheba elingelakwaJuda, washiya khona inceku yakhe.

<sup>4</sup> Kodwa yena wahamba ibanga losuku ehlane, waya wahlala phansi konwele, wacela enhliziyweni yakhe ukuba afe, wathi: “Sekwanele; manje, Jehova, sale usuthatha umphefumulo wami, ngokuba angilungile kunawobaba.”

<sup>5</sup> Walala ubuthongo phansi konwele; bheka, kwamthinta ingelosi, yathi kuye: “Vuka udle.”

<sup>6</sup> Wabheka, nanto iqebelengwane ngasekhanda lakhe elenziwe ematsheni ashisayo, nophiso lwamanzi. Wadla, waphuza; wayesebuye walala phansi.

<sup>7</sup> Ingelosi kaJehova yabuye yamthinta ngokwesibili, yathi: “Vuka udle, ngokuba indlela yakho inde.”

<sup>8</sup> Wavuka, wadla, waphuza, wahamba ngamandla alokho kudla izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane, waya entabeni kaNkulunkulu iHorebe.

<sup>9</sup> Wangena khona emhumeni, walala khona. Bheka, kwafika kuye izwi likaJehova; wathi kuye: “Wenzani lapha, Eliya, na?”

<sup>10</sup> Wathi: “Ngishisekele nokushisekela uJehova uNkulunkulu Sebawoti, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli balahlile isivumelwano sakho, badilizile ama-altare akho, babulele abaprofethi bakho ngenkamba, kusele mina ngedwa; sebefuna umphefumulo wami ukuba bawususe.”

<sup>11</sup> Wathi: “Phuma, ume entabeni phambi kukaJehova.” Bheka, uJehova wadlula, umoya omkhulu onamandla wadabula izintaba, waphahlaza amadwala phambi kukaJehova; kepha uJehova wayengekho emoyeni; emva komoya kwamazama umhlaba; kepha uJehova wayengekho ekuzamazameni komhlaba;

<sup>12</sup> emva kokuzamazama komhlaba ngumlilo; kepha uJehova wayengekho emlilweni; emva komlilo yizwi elincane elishazayo.

<sup>13</sup> U-Eliya esezwile lokho wagubuzela ubuso bakhe ngengubo yakhe, waphuma, wema

emnyango womhume. Bheka, kwafika kuye izwi, lathi: “Wenzani lapha, Eliya, na?”

**14** Wathi: “Ngishisekele nokushisekela uJehova uNkulunkulu Sebawoti, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli balahlile isivumelwano sakho, badilizile ama-altare akho, babulele abaprofethi bakho ngenkemba, kusele mina ngedwa; sebefuna umphefumulo wami ukuba bawususe.”

**15** Wayesethi uJehova kuye: “Hamba, ubuye ngendlela yakho, uye ehlane laseDamaseku; usufikile khona uyakumgcoba uHazayeli abe yinkosi yase-Aramu;

**16** uyakumgcoba uJehu indodana kaNimishi abe yinkosi kwa-Israyeli, umgcobe u-Elisha indodana kaShafati wase-Abela Mehola abe ngumprofethi esikhundleni sakho.

**17** Kuyakuthi obalekela inkemba kaHazayeli abulawe nguJehu; obalekela inkemba kaJehu uyakubulawa ngu-Elisha.

**18** Kepha ngiyakushiya kwa-Israyeli izinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, onke amadolo anganguqanga kuBali nayo yonke imilomo engamanganga.”

**19** Wayesesuka lapho, wamfumana u-Elisha indodana kaShafati; wayelima ngezinkabi ezingamabhangqa ayishumi nambili phambi kwakhe, yena esebhangqeni leshumi nambili; u-Eliya wadlulela kuye, waphonsa ingubo yakhe kuye.

**20** Wayeseshiya izinkabi, wagijima wamlandela u-Eliya, wathi: “Ake ngange ubaba nomame, bese ngikulandela.” Wathi kuye: “Hamba, ubuyele emuva, ngokuba ngenzeni kuwe na?”

**21** Wabuya ekumlandeleni, wathatha izinkabi zombili, wazihlaba, wapheka inyama yazo ngempahla yezinkabi, wabapha abantu, badla. Wayesesuka, wamlandela u-Eliya, wamkhonza.

## ISAHLUKO 20

**U** Beni Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu wabutha yonke impi yakhe; wayenamakhosi angamashumi amathathu nambili, namahhashi, nezingqola; wenyuka, wavimbezela iSamariya, walwa nalo,

**2** wathuma izithunywa ku-Ahabi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli emzini,

**3** wathi kuye: “Usho kanje uBeni Hadadi, uthi: ‘Isiliva lakho negolide lakho lingelami, nawomkakho nabantwana bakho abahle bangabami.’ ”

**4** Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yaphendula yathi: “Kunjengokusho kwakho, nkosi yami, nkosi: Ngingowakho nakho konke enginakho.”

**5** Kepha izithunywa zabuya, zathi: “Usho kanje uBeni Hadadi, uthi: ‘Ngathumela kuwe, ngathi: Uyakunikela kimi isiliva lakho negolide lakho, nawomkakho, nabantwana bakho,

**6** kepha ngalesi sikhathi kusasa ngiyakuthuma izinceku zami kuwe, ziyalule indlu yakho nezindlu zezinceku zakho; kuyakuthi konke okuhle emehlweni akho zikufake esandleni sazo, zikususe.’ ”

**7** Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yayisibiza onke amalunga ezwe, yathi: “Ake niqaphele, nibone ukuthi lowo muntu ufuna okubi, ngokuba wathumela kimi ngawomkami, nangabantwana bami, nangesiliva lami, nangesolide lami, angimnqabelanga.”

**8** Amalunga onke nabantu bonke bathi kuye: “Ungalaleli, ungavumi.”

**9** Wayesethi kuzo izithunywa zikaBeni Hadadi: “Yitsheleni inkosi yami, inkosi, ukuthi: ‘Konke owathumela ngakho encekweni yakho kuqala ngiyakukwenza, kepha le nto anginakuyenza.’ ” Zase zihamba izithunywa, zambuyisela izwi.

**10** UBeni Hadadi wayesethumela kuye, wathi: “Onkulunkulu mabenze njalo kimi, benezele futhi, uma uthuli lwaseSamariya luyakwanela abantu bonke abasezinyathelweni zami

ukuba babe nokhweshe.”

**11** Yayisiphendula inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, ithi: “Khulumani kuye, nithi: ‘Obhinca izikhali makangazigabisi njengokhumulayo.’ ”

**12** Kwathi esezwa leli zwi, ephuza kanye namakhosi emadokodweni, wathi ezincekwini zakhe: “Mayiphume.” Yayisiphuma ukulwa nomuzi.

**13** Bheka, kwasondela umprofethi ku-Ahabi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, wathi: “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Uyasibona sonke lesi sixuku na? Bheka, ngiyakusinikela esandleni sakho namuhla, uze wazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova.’ ”

**14** Wayesethi u-Ahabi: “Ngobani na?” Wathi: “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Ngezinsizwa zezikhulu zezifunda.’ ” Wayesethi: “Ngubani oyakokha impi?” Wathi: “Nguwe.”

**15** Wayesebala izinsizwa zezikhulu zezifunda, zazingamakhulu amabili namashumi amathathu nambili; emva kwazo wabala abantu bonke, bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, beyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa.

**16** Baphuma emini. Kepha uBeni Hadadi wayephuza waze wadakwa emadokodweni, yena namakhosi, amakhosi angamashumi amathathu nambili amsizayo.

**17** Izinsizwa zezikhulu zezifunda zaphuma kuqala; uBeni Hadadi wathumela, bamtshela ukuthi kuphume abantu eSamariya.

**18** Wathi: “Noma bephumele ukuthula, babambeni besaphila, noma bephumele ukulwa, babambeni besaphila.”

**19** Zaphuma-ke emzini izinsizwa lezo zezikhulu zezifunda kanye nempi eyazilandela.

**20** Babulala, kwaba yilowo nalowo umuntu wakhe; ama-Aramu abaleka, u-Israyeli wawaxosha; uBeni Hadadi inkosi yama-Aramu waphunyuka ngehashi kanye nabamahhashi.

**21** Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yaphuma, yagenca amahhashi nezinqola, yabulala ama-Aramu ngokuceka okukhulu.

**22** Umprofethi wasondela enkosini yakwa-Israyeli, wathi kuyo: “Hamba uziqinise, uqaphele, ubone oyakukwenza, ngokuba emva komnyaka inkosi yama-Aramu iyakwenyuka ukulwa nawe.”

**23** Izinceku zenkosi yama-Aramu zathi kuyo: “Unkulunkulu wabo ungunkulunkulu wezintaba, ngalokho basahlula; kepha masilwe nabo ethafeni, impela siyakubahlula.

**24** Futhi yenza lokhu: Susa amakhosi onke, kube yileyo naleyo endaweni yayo, ubeke ababusi ezikhundleni zawo,

**25** uzibalele impi njengaleyo mpi olahlekelwe yiyo, ihhashi ngehashi, inqola ngenqola, silwe nabo ethafeni, sibahlule impela.” Yalalela izwi labo, yenze njalo.

**26** Kwathi emva komnyaka uBeni Hadadi wabala ama-Aramu, wenyukela e-Afeki ukuba alwe no-Israyeli.

**27** Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babalwa, baphiwa ukudla, bahamba ukuhlangabezana nabo; abakwa-Israyeli bamisa phambi kwabo njengemihlanjana emibili yamazinyane ezimbuzi, kepha ama-Aramu agcwalisa izwe.

**28** Wayesesondela umuntu kaNkulunkulu, wathi enkosini yakwa-Israyeli: “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Ngokuba ama-Aramu eshilo ukuthi uJehova ungunkulunkulu wezintaba, kasiye unkulunkulu wezigodi, ngiyakusinikela sonke lesi sixuku esikhulu esandleni sakho, nize nazi ukuthi nginguJehova.’ ”

**29** Base bemisile bebhakana izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. Kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa kwaqala ukuliwa; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babulala ama-Aramu ayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu ayimigundatshani ngalusuku lunye.

**30** Abaseleyo babalekela emzini wase-Afeki; ugange lwawela phezu kwabantu

abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nesikhombisa abaseleyo. Naye uBeni Hadadi wabaleka, wangena emzini amakamelo ngamakamelo.

<sup>31</sup> Kepha izinceku zakhe zathi kuye: “Bheka, sizwile ukuthi amakhosi endlu yakwa-Israyeli angamakhosi anomusa; ake sembathe izindwangu zamasaka ezinkalweni zethu nezintambo emakhanda ethu, siphume, siye enkosini yakwa-Israyeli; mhlawumbe iyakusindisa ukuphila kwakho.”

<sup>32</sup> Zase zibhinca izindwangu zamasaka ezinkalweni zazo, nezintambo emakhanda azo, zaya enkosini yakwa-Israyeli, zathi: “Ithi inceku yakho uBeni Hadadi: ‘Ake ungiyeke, ngiphile.’ ” Yayisithi: “Usekhona na? Ungumfowethu yena.”

<sup>33</sup> Amadoda aqaphela lokho, ashesha ukuqinisa okuvela kuye, athi: “Ngumfowenu uBeni Hadadi.” Wathi: “Hambani, nimlande.” UBeni Hadadi wayesephumela kuye; wamkhwelisa inqola yakhe.

<sup>34</sup> UBeni Hadadi wayesethi kuye: “Imizi ubaba ayithatha kuyihlo ngiyakuyibuyisa, uzenzele izitaladi eDamaseku njengokwenza kukababa eSamariya.” U-Ahabi wathi: “Ngalesi sivumelwano ngiyakukuvumela ukuba uhambe.” Wayesenza isivumelwano naye, wamvumela ukuba ahambe.

<sup>35</sup> Umuntu othile wamadodana abaprofethi wathi kumngane wakhe ngezwi likaJehova: “Ake ungishaye.” Kepha lowo muntu wala ukushaya.

<sup>36</sup> Wayesethi kuye: “Ngokuba ungalalelanga izwi likaJehova, bheka, uyakwanele ukusuka nje kimi, ingonyama ikubulale.” Wanele wasuka nje kuye, ingonyama yamfumana, yambulala.

<sup>37</sup> Wayesefumana omunye umuntu, wathi: “Ake ungishaye.” Lowo muntu wamshaya; wamshaya, wamlimaza.

<sup>38</sup> Wayesesuka umprofethi, walindela inkosi endleleni, waziguqula ngeqhele elalisemehlweni akhe.

<sup>39</sup> Kwathi inkosi isidlula, wamemeza enkosini, wathi: “Inceku yakho yaphumela phakathi kokulwa; bheka, kwabuya umuntu owaletsa kimi omunye, wathi: ‘Linda lo muntu; uma elahleka, ukuphila kwakho kuyakuba sesikhundleni sokuphila kwakhe, noma uyakukhokha italanta lesiliva.’ ”

<sup>40</sup> Kwathi lapho inceku yakho isasebenza ngalapha nangalapha, kanti wayesehambile.” Yayisithi kuye inkosi yakwa-Israyeli: “Kunjalo ukwahlulelwa kwakho; nguwe onqumile.”

<sup>41</sup> Washesha wasusa iqhele emehlweni akhe; yayisimbona inkosi yakwa-Israyeli ukuthi ungowabaprofethi.

<sup>42</sup> Wathi kuyo: “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Ngokuba umyekile ukuba aphume esandleni sakho umuntu engangimqalekisile, ukuphila kwakho kuyakuba sesikhundleni sokuphila kwakhe, nabantu bakho babe sesikhundleni sabantu bakhe.’ ”

<sup>43</sup> Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yaya endlini yayo ihluneme, ithukuthele, yeza eSamariya.

## ISAPHLUKO 21

**K**wathi emva kwalezo zinto uNaboti waseJizreyeli wayenesivini esasiseJizreyeli eceleni kwendlu yenkosi u-Ahabi, inkosi yaseSamariya.

<sup>2</sup> U-Ahabi wakhuluma kuNaboti, wathi: “Ngiphe isivini sakho ukuba sibe yisivande sami semifino, ngokuba siseduze nendlu yami, ngikunike isivini esihle kunaso esikhundleni saso; kepha uma kukuhle emehlweni akho, ngiyakukunika isiliva libe yintengo yaso.”

<sup>3</sup> Wayesethi uNaboti ku-Ahabi: “Makube kude nami ngenxa kaJehova ukuba ngikunike ifa lawobaba.”



- <sup>4</sup> U-Ahabethe wangena endlini yakhe ehluneme, ethukuthele ngenxa yezwi abelikhulume kuye uNaboti waseJizreyeli; ngokuba wayeshilo ukuthi: “Angiyikukunika ifa lawobaba.” Walala embhedeni, waphendula ubuso, akadlanga lutho.
- <sup>5</sup> Kepha kwase kufika kuye u-Izebeli umkakhe, wakhuluma kuye, wathi: “Uhlunameleni umoya wakho ukuba ungadli lutho na?”
- <sup>6</sup> Wathi kuye: “Ngokuba ngakhuluma kuNaboti waseJizreyeli, ngathi kuye: ‘Ngiphe isivini sakho ngesiliva; kepha uma uthanda, ngiyakukunika esinye isivini esikhundleni saso;’ kodwa wathi: ‘Angiyikukunika isivini sami.’ ”
- <sup>7</sup> Wayesethi kuye u-Izebeli umkakhe: “Manje, nguwe ophethe umbuso wakwa-Israyeli na? Vuka udle, inhliziyo yakho ithokoze; mina ngiyakukunika isivini sikaNaboti waseJizreyeli.”
- <sup>8</sup> Wayeseloba izincwadi egameni lika-Ahabethe, wazinamathelisa ngophawu lwakhe, wazithuma izincwadi kumalunga nakwabakhulu ababesemzini wakhe, abakhe kanye noNaboti.
- <sup>9</sup> Waloba ezincwadini ukuthi: “Memezelani ukuzila ukudla, nimbeke uNaboti emqoka kubantu,
- <sup>10</sup> nibeke amadoda amabili, abantu ababi, phambi kwakhe, afakaze ngaye ngokuthi: ‘Uthukile uNkulunkulu nenkosi, bese nimkhiphela ngaphandle, nimkhande ngamatshe, afe.’ ”
- <sup>11</sup> Amadoda omuzi wakubo, amalunga nabakhulu ababehlala emzini wakubo, enza njengokuthumela kuka-Izebeli kuwo nanjengokulotshiweyo ezincwadini ayezithume kuwo.
- <sup>12</sup> Amemezela ukuzila ukudla, ambeka uNaboti emqoka kubantu.
- <sup>13</sup> Lawo madoda amabili, abantu ababi, angena, ahlala phambi kwakhe; bafakaza labo bantu ababi ngaye, bathi: “Yena uNaboti uthukile uNkulunkulu nenkosi.” Base bemkhiphela ngaphandle komuzi, bamkhanda ngamatshe, wafa.
- <sup>14</sup> Base bethumela ku-Izebeli, bethi: “UNaboti ukhandiwe ngamatshe, wafa.”
- <sup>15</sup> Kwathi u-Izebeli esezwile ukuthi uNaboti ukhandiwe ngamatshe, wafa, u-Izebeli wathi ku-Ahabethe: “Suka udle isivini sikaNaboti waseJizreyeli, enqaba ukukunika sona ngesiliva, ngokuba uNaboti kasekho, ufile.”
- <sup>16</sup> Kwathi u-Ahabethe esezwile ukuthi uNaboti ufile, u-Ahabethe wasuka ukuba ehlele esivini sikaNaboti waseJizreyeli ukusidla.
- <sup>17</sup> Izwi likaJehova lase lifika ku-Eliya waseThishibi, lathi:
- <sup>18</sup> “Suka wehle, umhlangabeze u-Ahabethe, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, oseSamariya; bheka, usesivini sikaNaboti, lapho ehlele khona ukusidla.
- <sup>19</sup> Uyakukhuluma kuye ngokuthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Usubulele, wadla isizi na?’ Bese wukhuluma kuye ngokuthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Endaweni lapho izinja zaxhapha khona igazi likaNaboti, izinja ziyakuxhapha negazi lakho, yebo, elakho.’ ”
- <sup>20</sup> Wayesethi u-Ahabethe ku-Eliya: “Usungitholile wena sitha sami na?” Wathi: “Ngikutholile, ngokuba uzithengisile ukwenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova.
- <sup>21</sup> ‘Bheka, ngiyakukwehlisela okubi, ngikukhukhule, nginqume ku-Ahabethe wonke umlisa, omncane nomkhulu kwa-Israyeli;
- <sup>22</sup> ngiyakwenza indlu yakho ibe njengendlu kaJerobowamu indodana kaNebati nanjengendlu kaBahasha indodana ka-Ahiya ngenxa yesicunulo ongicunule ngaso, wonisa futhi ngaso u-Israyeli.’
- <sup>23</sup> “Nango-Izebeli uJehova wakhuluma, wathi: ‘Izinja ziyakumudla u-Izebeli ngasogangeni lwaseJizreyeli.’
- <sup>24</sup> “Owakwa-Ahabethe ofela emzini izinja ziyakumudla, nofela endle izinyoni zezulu ziyakumudla.”

- <sup>25</sup> Kepha akubangakho onjengo-Ahabi owazithengisa ukwenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, edudwa ngu-Izebeli umkakhe.
- <sup>26</sup> Wenza isinengiso esikhulu ngokulandela izithombe njengakho konke ukwenza kwama-Amori axoshwa nguJehova ngaphambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
- <sup>27</sup> Kwathi u-Ahabi esezwile lawo mazwi, waklebhula izingubo zakhe, wembatha indwangu yamasaka emzimbeni wakhe, wazila ukudla, walala endwangwini yamasaka, wahambahamba kancane.
- <sup>28</sup> Izwi likaJehova lafika ku-Eliya waseThishibi, lathi:
- <sup>29</sup> “Ubonile yini ukuthi u-Ahabi uyazithoba phambi kwami na? Ngokuba ezithoba phambi kwami angiyikwehlisa okubi emihleni yakhe; kepha emihleni yendodana yakhe ngiyakwehlisela indlu yakhe okubi.”

## ISAHLUKO 22

**B**ahlala iminyaka emithathu kungekho ukulwa phakathi kwe-Aramu no-Israyeli.

- <sup>2</sup> Kwathi ngomnyaka wesithathu uJehoshafati inkosi yakwaJuda wehlela enkosini yakwa-Israyeli.
- <sup>3</sup> Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yathi ezincekwini zayo: “Niyazi ukuthi iRamoti Gileyadi lingelethu na? Kepha siyathula, asilikhiphi esandleni senkosi yase-Aramu.”
- <sup>4</sup> Yathi kuJehoshafati: “Uyakuhamba nami ukulwa neRamoti Gileyadi na?” UJehoshafati wathi enkosini yakwa-Israyeli: “Mina nginjengawe, abantu bami banjengabantu bakho, amahhashi ami anjengamahhashi akho.”
- <sup>5</sup> Kepha uJehoshafati wathi enkosini yakwa-Israyeli: “Ake ubuze namuhla izwi likaJehova.”
- <sup>6</sup> Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yayisibutha abaprofethi kungathi abantu abangamakhulu amane, yathi kubo: “Ngihambe ngilwe neRamoti Gileyadi, noma ngiliyeke na?” Bathi: “Yenyuka, ngokuba uJehova uyakulinikela esandleni senkosi.”
- <sup>7</sup> Kepha uJehoshafati wathi: “Akusekho mprofethi kaJehova lapha ukuba sibuze kuye na?”
- <sup>8</sup> Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafati: “Kusekhona umuntu munye, uMikhaya, indodana kaJimila, esingabuza ngaye kuJehova, kodwa ngiyamzonda, ngokuba akaprofethi okuhle ngami kepha okubi.” Wathi uJehoshafati: “Inkosi mayingasho njalo.”
- <sup>9</sup> Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yayisibiza induna, yathi: “Landa masinyane uMikhaya indodana kaJimila.”
- <sup>10</sup> Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli noJehoshafati inkosi yakwaJuda babehlezi, kwaba yilowo nalowo esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, bembethe izambatho zabo, esibuyeni ngasesikhaleni sesango laseSamariya; bonke abaprofethi baprofetha phambi kwabo.
- <sup>11</sup> USedekiya indodana kaKhenahana wazenzela izimpondo zensimbi, wathi: “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Ngalezi uyakuqhubukusha ama-Aramu aze aphele.’ ”
- <sup>12</sup> Bonke abaprofethi baprofetha kanje, bathi: “Yenyukela eRamoti Gileyadi, ube nempumelelo, ngokuba uJehova uyakulinikela esandleni senkosi.”
- <sup>13</sup> Isithunywa ebesihambile ukumbiza uMikhaya sakhuluma kuye, sathi: “Bheka, amazwi abaprofethi mahle enkosini ngamlomo munye; ngalokho izwi lakho malibe njengezwi lomunye wabo, ukhulume okuhle.”
- <sup>14</sup> Kepha uMikhaya wathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova, lokhu uJehova akushoyo kimi, lokhu ngiyakukhuluma khona.”

<sup>15</sup> Esefikile enkosini, inkosi yathi kuye: “Mikhaya, sihambe silwe neRamoti Gileyadi, noma siliyeke, na?” Wathi kuyo: “Yenyuka, ube nempumelelo; uJehova uyakulinikela esandleni senkosi.”

<sup>16</sup> Yayisithi kuye inkosi: “Ngiyakukufungisa izikhathi ezingaki ukuba ungakhulumi lutho kimi ngaphandle kweqiniso egameni likaJehova na?”

<sup>17</sup> Wayesethi: “Ngabona wonke u-Israyeli ehlakazekile ezintabeni njengezimvu ezingenamalusi; uJehova wathi: ‘Laba abasenankosi; mababuyele, kube yilowo nalowo endlini yakhe ngokuthula.’ ”

<sup>18</sup> Yayisithi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli kuJehoshafati: “Angishongo yini kuwe ukuthi akayikuprofetha okuhle ngami, okubi kuphela.”

<sup>19</sup> UMikhaya wathi: “Ngalokho yizwa izwi likaJehova lokuthi: Ngambona uJehova ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, nebandla lonke lasezulwini limi ngakuye ngakwesokunene sakhe nangakwesokhohlo sakhe.

<sup>20</sup> UJehova wathi: ‘Ngubani oyakuyenga u-Ahabi ukuba enyuke afele eRamoti Gileyadi na?’ “Omunye washo ukuthi nomunye ukuthi.

<sup>21</sup> Kwavela umoya, wema phambi kukaJehova, wathi: ‘Mina ngiyakumyenga.’ “UJehova wathi kuye: ‘Ngantoni na?’

<sup>22</sup> “Wathi: ‘Ngiyakuphuma ngibe ngumoya wamanga emilonyeni yabaprofethi bakhe bonke.’ “Wayesethi: ‘Uyakumyenga, futhi uyakumahlula; hamba, wenze njalo.’

<sup>23</sup> “Bheka, ngalokho uJehova ubekile umoya wamanga emilonyeni yalaba baprofethi bakho bonke; uJehova ukhulumile okubi ngawe.”

<sup>24</sup> USedekiya indodana kaKhenahana wayesesondela, wamshaya uMikhaya esihlathini, wathi: “UMoya kaJehova wasuka kimi ngaphi ukuba akhulume kuwe na?”

<sup>25</sup> Wathi uMikhaya: “Bheka, uyakukubona ngalolo suku oyakungena ngalo emakamelweni ngamakamelo ukuba ucashe.”

<sup>26</sup> Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yathi: “Mthathe uMikhaya, umbuyisele ku-Amoni, umbusi womuzi, nakuJowashi indodana yenkosi,

<sup>27</sup> uthi: ‘Isho kanje inkosi, ithi: Fakani lona etilongweni, nimuphe isinkwa sokuhlupheka namanzi okuhlupheka, ngize ngibuye ngokuphila.’ ”

<sup>28</sup> Wayesethi uMikhaya: “Uma ubuya impela ngokuphila, uyakube engakhulumanga ngami uJehova.” Wathi futhi: “Yizwani nina bantu bonke.”

<sup>29</sup> Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, noJehoshafati, inkosi yakwaJuda, base benyukela eRamoti Gileyadi.

<sup>30</sup> Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafati: “Ngiyakuziguqula, ngingene ekulweni, kepha wena wembathe izambatho zakho.” Yayisiziguqula inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, yangena ekulweni.

<sup>31</sup> Kepha inkosi yase-Aramu ibiyalile izinduna ezingamashumi amathathu nambili zezinqola zayo ngokuthi: “Ningalwi namuntu, omncane noma omkhulu, kuphela nenkosi yakwa-Israyeli yodwa.”

<sup>32</sup> Kwathi lapho izinduna zezinqola sezibonile uJehoshafati, zathi: “Impela lo uyinkosi yakwa-Israyeli.” Zase ziphambuka ukuba zilwe nayo, kepha uJehoshafati wamemeza.

<sup>33</sup> Kwathi sezibonile izinduna zezinqola ukuthi yena akasiyo inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, zabuya ekumlandeleni.

<sup>34</sup> Kepha umuntu othile wansala umnsalo wakhe ngokungazeleli nje, wayihlaba inkosi yakwa-Israyeli enhlanganisweni yebhantshi lensimbi, yathi kumshayeli: “Phenduka, ungikhiphe empini, ngokuba ngikhutshaziwe.”

<sup>35</sup> Ukulwa kwaqina ngalolo suku; inkosi yasekelwa enqoleni yayo malungana nama-

Aramu, yafa ngakusihlwa; igazi lenxeba laphalazeka phansi enqoleni.

<sup>36</sup> Ekushoneni kwelanga kwadlula ekamu lonke isimemo sokuthi: “Yilowo nalowo makaye emzini wakubo, yilowo nalowo ezweni lakubo.”

<sup>37</sup> Yafa-ke inkosi, yayiswa eSamariya; bayimbela inkosi eSamariya.

<sup>38</sup> Sebeyihlanza inqola echibini laseSamariya, izinja zaxhapha igazi lakhe, nezifebe zageza khona njengezwi likaJehova abelikhulumile.

<sup>39</sup> Ezinye izindaba zika-Ahabi, nakho konke akwenzayo, nendlu yezimpondo zendlovu ayakhayo, nayo yonke imizi ayakhayo, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?

<sup>40</sup> U-Ahabi wayeselala koyise; u-Ahaziya waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

<sup>41</sup> UJehoshafati indodana ka-Asa waqala ukubusa kwaJuda ngomnyaka wesine ka-Ahabi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli.

<sup>42</sup> UJehoshafati wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu nanhlanu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa; wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu eJerusalema. Igama likanina lalingu-Azuba indodakazi kaShilehi.

<sup>43</sup> Wahamba ngezindlela zonke zika-Asa uyise, kaphambukanga kuzo, enza okulungile emehlweni kaJehova. Kepha izindawo eziphakemeyo azisuswanga; abantu babesanikela, babesashisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo.

<sup>44</sup> UJehoshafati wenza ukuthula nenkosi yakwa-Israyeli.

<sup>45</sup> Ezinye izindaba zikaJehoshafati, namandla awabonakalisayo, nokulwa kwakhe, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na?

<sup>46</sup> Insali yezifebe zethempeli ezazisasele emihleni kayise u-Asa wayixosha ezweni.

<sup>47</sup> Kwakungekho nkosi kwa-Edomi; kwabusa umbambeli.

<sup>48</sup> UJehoshafati walungisa imikhumbi yaseTharishishi ukuba iye e-Ofiri ukulanda igolide, kepha ayihambanga, ngokuba imikhumbi yaphuka e-Esiyoni Geberi.

<sup>49</sup> Khona u-Ahaziya indodana ka-Ahabi wathi kuJehoshafati: “Izinceku zami mazihambe nezinceku zakho emikhunjini.” Kepha uJehoshafati akavumanga.

<sup>50</sup> UJehoshafati wayeselala koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kaDavide uyise; uJehoramu indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

<sup>51</sup> U-Ahaziya indodana ka-Ahabi waqala ukubusa kwa-Israyeli eSamariya ngomnyaka weshumi nesikhombisa kaJehoshafati inkosi yakwaJuda, wabusa iminyaka emibili kwa-Israyeli.

<sup>52</sup> Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, wahamba ngendlela kayise, nangendlela kanina, nangendlela kaJerobowamu indodana kaNebati ayonisile u-Israyeli.

<sup>53</sup> Wakhonza uBali, wakhuleka kuye, wacunula uJehova, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, njengakho konke akwenzileyo uyise.

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