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ISAHLUKO 1

UMowabi wahlubuka kwa-Israyeli emva kokufa kuka-Ahabi.

² U-Ahaziya wawa eheleni lekamelo lakhe eliphezulu laseSamariya, wagula, wathuma izithunywa, wathi kuzo: “Hambani nibuze kuBali Zebubi unkulunkulu wase-Ekroni, uma ngiyakusinda kulokhu kugula kwami.”

³ Kepha ingelosi kaJehova yathi ku-Eliya waseThishibi: “Suka ukhuphuke ukuhlangabeza izithunywa zenkosi yaseSamariya, uthi kuzo: ‘Kungokuba kungekho Nkulunkulu kwa-Israyeli ukuba niye nibuze kuBali Zebubi unkulunkulu wase-Ekroni na?’ ”

⁴ Ngelokho uJehova usho kanje, uthi: “Umbhede okhuphukele kuwo awuyikwehlika kuwo, kepha uyakufa nokufa.” Wayesesuka u-Eliya.

⁵ Izithunywa zabuyela kuye; wathi kuzo: “Nibuyeleni na?”

⁶ Zathi kuye: “Kwakhuphuka umuntu ukuba asihlangabeze, wathi kithi: ‘Hambani, nibuyele enkosini enithumileyo, nithi kuyo: “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Kungokuba kungekho Nkulunkulu kwa-Israyeli ukuba uthume ukubuza kuBali Zebubi unkulunkulu wase-Ekroni na? Ngelokho umbhede okhuphukele kuwo awuyikwehlika kuwo, kepha uyakufa nokufa.” ’ ”

⁷ Wathi kuzo: “Bekungumuntu onjani owakhuphuka ukunihlangabeza, wanitshela lawo mazwi na?”

⁸ Zathi kuye: “Umuntu wayenengubo yoboya, ebhince ibhande lesikhumba okhalweni lwakhe.” Wathi: “Bekungu-Eliya waseThishibi.”

⁹ Wayesethuma kuye induna yamashumi ayisihlanu inamashumi ayisihlanu ayo. Yakhuphukela kuye; bheka, wayehlezi esiqongweni sentaba. Yakhuluma kuye, yathi: “We muntu kaNkulunkulu, inkosi ishilo ukuthi: ‘Yehla.’ ”

¹⁰ U-Eliya waphendula, wathi enduneni yamashumi ayisihlanu: “Uma ngingumuntu kaNkulunkulu, makwehle umlilo ezulwini, ukuqede wena namashumi ayisihlanu akho.” Wehla-ke umlilo ezulwini, wayiqeda yona namashumi ayisihlanu ayo.

¹¹ Wabuye wathuma kuye enye induna yamashumi ayisihlanu inamashumi ayisihlanu ayo. Yathatha yathi kuye: “We muntu kaNkulunkulu, isho kanje inkosi, ithi: ‘Shesha wehle.’ ”

¹² Wayesephendula u-Eliya, wathi kubo: “Uma ngingumuntu kaNkulunkulu, makwehle umlilo ezulwini, ukuqede wena namashumi ayisihlanu akho.” Wehla-ke umlilo kaNkulunkulu ezulwini, wayiqeda yona namashumi ayisihlanu ayo.

¹³ Wabuye wathuma induna yesithathu yamashumi ayisihlanu inamashumi ayisihlanu ayo. Yakhuphuka le nduna yesithathu yamashumi ayisihlanu, yafika yaguqa ngamadolo phambi kuka-Eliya, yamnxusa, yathi kuye: “We muntu kaNkulunkulu, ukuphila kwami

nokuphila kwalezi zinceku zakho ezingamashumi ayisihlanu makube yigugu emehlweni akho.

¹⁴ Bheka, kwehle umlilo ezulwini, waqeda izinduna zamashumi ayisihlanu ezimbili zokuqala zinamashumi ayisihlanu azo; kepha manje makube yigugu emehlweni akho ukuphila kwami.”

¹⁵ Ingelosi kaJehova yathi ku-Eliya: “Yehla naye, ungamesabi.” Wasuka wehla naye, waya enkosini.

¹⁶ Wayesethi kuyo: “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Lokhu uthume izithunywa ukubuza kuBali Zebubi unkulunkulu wase-Ekroni kungokuba kungekho Nkulunkulu kwa-Israyeli ukuba kubuzwe ngezwi lakhe na? Ngalokho awuyikwehlika embhedeni okhuphukele kuwo, kepha uyakufa nokufa.’ ”

¹⁷ Yayisifa njengezwi likaJehova alikhulumileyo u-Eliya. UJehoramu waqala ukubusa esikhundleni sakhe ngomnyaka wesibili kaJehoramu indodana kaJehoshafati, inkosi yakwaJuda, ngokuba wayengenandodana.

¹⁸ Ezinye izindaba zika-Ahaziya azenzayo angithi zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?

ISAHLUKO 2

Kwathi lapho uJehova ebeyakumkhuphula u-Eliya aye ezulwini ngesivunguvungu, u-Eliya wasuka eGiligali no-Elisha.

² U-Eliya wathi ku-Elisha: “Ake uhlale lapha, ngokuba uJehova ungithumile eBethele.” Kepha u-Elisha wathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova nokuphila komphumulo wakho, angiyikukushiya.” Behlela-ke eBethele.

³ Amadodana abaprofethi ayeseBethele aphuma, aya ku-Elisha, athi kuye: “Uyazi yini ukuthi uJehova uyakususa inkosi yakho kuwe namuhla na?” Wathi: “Yebo, ngiyakwazi; thulani.”

⁴ U-Eliya wathi kuye: “Elisha, ake uhlale lapha, ngokuba uJehova ungithumile eJeriko.” Kepha wathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova nokuphila kwakho, angiyikukushiya.” Bafika-ke eJeriko.

⁵ Amadodana abaprofethi ayeseJeriko asondela ku-Elisha, athi kuye: “Uyazi yini ukuthi uJehova uyakususa inkosi yakho kuwe namuhla na?” Wathi: “Yebo, ngiyakwazi; thulani.”

⁶ U-Eliya wathi kuye: “Ake uhlale lapha, ngokuba uJehova ungithumile eJordani.” Kepha wathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova nokuphila kwakho, angiyikukushiya.” Bahamba-ke bobabili.

⁷ Abantu abangamashumi ayisihlanu bamadodana abaprofethi baya bema khashana maqondana nabo; bona bobabili bema ngaseJordani.

⁸ U-Eliya wathatha ingubo yakhe, wayisonga, washaya amanzi, ahlukana ngalapha nangalapha, bawela bobabili emhlabathini owomileyo.

⁹ Kwathi sebewelile, u-Eliya wathi ku-Elisha: “Cela engiyakukwenzela khona ngingakususwa kuwe.” Wathi u-Elisha: “Makuphindwe kabili umoya wakho phezu kwami.”

¹⁰ Kepha wathi: “Ucele into elukhuni; nokho, uma ungibona lapha ngisuswa kuwe, kuyakuba njalo kuwe; kodwa uma ungangiboni, akuyikuba njalo.”

¹¹ Kwathi beselokhu behamba bekhuluma, bheka, nanso inqola yomlilo namahhashi omlilo, kwabahlukanisa bobabili; u-Eliya wakhuphukela ezulwini ngesivunguvungu.

¹² U-Elisha wakubona, wamemeza wathi: “Baba, baba, nqola ka-Israyeli nabamahhashi bakhe!” Akabe esambona futhi; wabamba izingubo zakhe, waziklebhula kabili.

¹³ Wacosha ingubo ka-Eliya ebiwile kuye, wabuya, wema ngasogwini lwaseJordani.

- ¹⁴ Wayithatha ingubo ka-Eliya ebiwile kuye, washaya amanzi, wathi: “Uphi uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Eliya na?” Esewashayile amanzi, ahlukana ngalapha nangalapha; u-Elisha wawela.
- ¹⁵ Esembonile amadodana abaprofethi aseJeriko ayemalungana naye, athi: “Umoya ka-Eliya uhlezi phezu kuka-Elisha.” Afika ukumhlangabeza, akhothamela phansi phambi kwakhe.
- ¹⁶ Athi kuye: “Bheka, kukhona phakathi kwezinceku zakho amadoda angamashumi ayisihlanu anamandla; mawahambe, afune inkosi yakho; kumbe uMoya kaJehova umkhuphulile, wamlahla entabeni ethile noma esigodini esithile.” Kepha wathi: “Ningawathumi.”
- ¹⁷ Amncengisisa waze waba namahloni; wayesethi: “Thumani.” Ayesethuma abantu abangamashumi ayisihlanu; bamfuna izinsuku ezintathu, kepha abamtholanga.
- ¹⁸ Babuyela kuye esahlezi eJeriko; wathi kubo: “Angishongo yini kini ukuthi: ‘Ningahambi, na?’”
- ¹⁹ Kepha abantu bomuzi bathi ku-Elisha: “Bheka, isiza somuzi sihle, njengokuba inkosi ibona, kepha amanzi mabi, izwe liyabhulubisa.”
- ²⁰ Wathi: “Ngiletheleni isitsha esisha, nibeke usawoti kuso.” Basiletha kuye.
- ²¹ Waphuma, waya emthonjeni wamanzi, waphonsa kuwo usawoti, wathi: “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Ngelaphile lawa manzi; akusayikucela ukufa kuwo nokubhuluba.’ ”
- ²² Elashwa-ke amanzi kuze kube namuhla njengezwi lika-Elisha alikhulumayo.
- ²³ Wenyuka lapho, waya eBethete; esenyuka endlelni, kwaphuma abafana emzini, bamklolodela, bathi kuye: “Yenyuka wena mpandlandini! Yenyuka wena mpandlandini!”
- ²⁴ Wabheka emva kwakhe, wababona, wabaqalekisa egameni likaJehova. Kwase kuphuma ehlathini amabhere amabili ezinsikazi, adwengula abafana abangamashumi amane nambili kubo.
- ²⁵ Wasuka khona, waya entabeni yaseKarmeli; esuka lapho wabuyela eSamariya.

ISAHLUKO 3

UJehoramu indodana ka-Ahabi waba yinkosi kwa-Israyeli eSamariya ngomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili kaJehoshafati inkosi yakwaJuda, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nambili.

- ² Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova kepha kungenjengoyise nonina, ngokuba wasusa insika kaBali abeyenzile uyise.
- ³ Nokho wanamathela ezonweni zikaJerobowamu indodana kaNebati onisa ngazo u-Israyeli, kasukanga kuzo.
- ⁴ UMesha inkosi yakwaMowabi owayefuyile kakhulu izimvu wathela enkosini yakwa-Israyeli uboya bamawundlu ayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu nobezinqama eziyizinkulungwane eziyikhulu.
- ⁵ Kwathi lapho esefile u-Ahabi, inkosi yakwaMowabi yahlubuka inkosi yakwa-Israyeli.
- ⁶ Inkosi uJehoramu yaphuma eSamariya ngaleso sikhathi, yabala wonke u-Israyeli.
- ⁷ Yaya yathumela kuJehoshafati inkosi yakwaJuda, yathi: “Inkosi yakwaMowabi ingihlubukile; ungahamba nami, silwe noMowabi, na?” Wathi: “Ngiyakwenyuka, mina njengawe, abantu bami njengabantu bakho, amahhashi ami njengamahhashi akho.”
- ⁸ Wathi futhi: “Siyakwenyuka ngayiphi indlela na?” Yathi: “Ngendlela yasehlane lakwa-Edomi.”

- ⁹ Yayisihamba inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, nenkosi yakwaJuda, nenkosi yakwa-Edomi; azungeza indlela yezinsuku eziyisikhombisa; kwakungekho manzi empi nawezinkomo ezibalandelayo.
- ¹⁰ Yayisithi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli: "Maye, ngokuba uJehova ubuthile lawa makhosi amathathu ukuwanikela esandleni sakwaMowabi!"
- ¹¹ Kepha uJehoshafati wathi: "Akakho lapha umprofethi kaJehova ukuba sibuze kuJehova ngaye na?" Enye yezinceku zenkosi yakwa-Israyeli yaphendula yathi: "Ukhona u-Elisha indodana kaShafati owathela amanzi ezandleni zika-Eliya."
- ¹² Wayesethi uJehoshafati: "Izwi likaJehova likuye." Base behlela kuye inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, noJehoshafati, nenkosi yakwa-Edomi.
- ¹³ Kepha u-Elisha wathi enkosini yakwa-Israyeli: "Nginamsebenzi muni nawe na? Hamba uye kubaprofethi bakayihlo nakubaprofethi bakanyoko." Kepha inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yathi kuye: "Hhayi, ngokuba uJehova ubizile lawo makhosi amathathu ukuwanikela esandleni sakwaMowabi."
- ¹⁴ Wayesethi u-Elisha: "Kuphila kukaJehova Sebawoti engimi phambi kwakhe, uma bengingamazisi uJehoshafati inkosi yakwaJuda, ngempela ngingeze ngakubheka, ngingeze ngakubona.
- ¹⁵ Kepha manje ngiletheleni umbethi wogubhu." Kwathi umbethi wogubhu esabetha, isandla sikaJehova saba kuye.
- ¹⁶ Wathi: "Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: 'Yenza lo mfula ube nemigodi ngemigodi.'
- ¹⁷ Ngokuba uJehova usho kanje, uthi: 'Aniyikubona umoya, aniyikubona imvula, kepha lo mfula uyakugcwala amanzi; niyakuphuza nina, nezinkomo zenu, nezinye izilwane zenu.'
- ¹⁸ Lokhu kulula emehlweni kaJehova; uyakunikela abakwaMowabi esandleni senu.
- ¹⁹ Niyakuchitha yonke imizi ebiyelweyo nayo yonke imizi ekhethekileyo; niyakuwisa yonke imithi emihle, nivimbe yonke imithombo yamanzi, none zonke iziqephu zomhlaba ngamatshe."
- ²⁰ Kwathi ekuseni ngesikhathi sokunikela ngomnikelo wempuphu, bheka, kwafika amanzi ngasendleleni yakwa-Edomi, izwe lagcwala amanzi.
- ²¹ Sebezwile bonke abakwaMowabi ukuthi amakhosi enyukile ukulwa nabo, babuthana bonke abaqale ukubhinca izikhali kuya phezulu, bema emkhawulweni.
- ²² Bavuka ekuseni, ilanga lakhanya emanzini, abakwaMowabi bawabona amanzi malungana nabo ebomvu njengegazi;
- ²³ bathi: "Lokhu kuyigazi; ngempela amakhosi alwile, abulalene enye nenye; ngalokho ekuphangeni-ke, Mowabi!"
- ²⁴ Sebefike ekamu lika-Israyeli, abakwa-Israyeli basuka bashaya abakwaMowabi, baze babaleka ebusweni babo; bangena ezweni labo bechitha abakwaMowabi.
- ²⁵ Bachitha imizi, naseziqeshini zonke ezinhle zomhlaba baphonsa, kwaba yilowo nalowo itshe lakhe, bazigcwalisa; bavimba yonke imithombo yamanzi, bawisa yonke imithi emihle, kwaze kwasala amatshe aseKhiri Haresheti kuphela; kepha abezindwayimana bazungeza, balishaya.
- ²⁶ Yathi ibona inkosi yakwaMowabi ukuthi ukulwa kuyayahlula, yathatha abantu abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa abahosha inkemba ukufohlela enkosini yakwa-Edomi, kepha bahluleka.
- ²⁷ Yayisithatha izibulo layo ebeliyakubusa esikhundleni sayo, yanikela ngalo libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa phezu kogange. Abakwa-Israyeli behlelwa yintukuthelo enkulu, basuka kuyo, babuyela ezweni lakubo.

ISAHLUKO 4

Kwakhala ku-Elisha owesifazane othile wabafazi bamadodana abaprofethi, wathi: “Inceku yakho, indoda yami, ifile; wena uyazi ukuthi inceku yakho yayimesaba uJehova; sekufike umtshelekisi ukuzithathela abafana bami ababili babe yizigqila.”

² U-Elisha wathi kuye: “Ngikwenzele ntoni na? Ngitshele. Unantoni endlini?” Wathi: “Incekukazi yakho ayinalutho endlini ngaphandle komfuma wamafutha.”

³ Wayesethi: “Hamba utsheleke izitsha ngaphandle kubo bonke abakhelwane bakho, izitsha ezingenalutho, zingabi yingcosana.

⁴ Wongena, uzivalele ngesivalo, wena namadodana akho, uthele ezitheni zonke lezo, ubeke ezigcweleyo eceleni.”

⁵ Wasuka kuye, wazivalela yena namadodana akhe ngesivalo; wona aletha kuye, yena wathela.

⁶ Kwathi izitsha sezigcwele, wathi endodaneni yakhe: “Sondeza kimi nesinye isitsha.” Kepha yathi kuye: “Akusekho sitsha.” Amafutha anquma-ke.

⁷ Wayeseya ukumtshela lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu. Wathi yena: “Hamba uthengise ngamafutha, ukhokhe isikwenetu sakho, uzondle wena namadodana akho ngaseleyo.”

⁸ Kwathi ngelinye ilanga u-Elisha wadlulela eShunemi lapho kwakukhona owesifazane ocebileyo, wamcindezela ukuba adle isinkwa. Kwakuthi njalo nxa edlula, waphambukela khona ukuba adle.

⁹ Wathi endodeni yakhe: “Bheka, manje sengiyazi ukuthi ungumuntu ongcwele kaNkulunkulu, odlula kithi njalonjalo.

¹⁰ Ake sixhume odongeni ikamelo phezulu, simbekele khona umbhede, netafula, nesihlalo, nothi lwesibani; kuyakuthi lapho eza kithi, aphambukele khona.”

¹¹ Kwathi ngelinye ilanga wafika khona, waphambukela ekamelweni, walala khona.

¹² Wathi kuGehazi inceku yakhe: “Mbize lo mShunemikazi,” wema phambi kwakhe.

¹³ Wathi kuye: “Ake usho kuye ukuthi: ‘Bheka, usinakekele ngakho konke lokhu kunakekela; ungenzelwa ntoni na? Uthanda ukukhulunyelwa enkosini noma enduneni yempi na?’ ” Wathi: “Ngihlezi phakathi kwabantu bakithi.”

¹⁴ Wayesethi: “Angenzelwa ntoni na?” UGehazi wathi: “Impela akanandodana, nendoda yakhe isindala.”

¹⁵ Wayesethi: “Mbize.” Wambiza; wema emnyango.

¹⁶ Wathi: “Ngalesi sikhathi ngomnyaka ozayo uyakusingatha indodana.” Wathi: “Hhayi, nkosi, wena muntu kaNkulunkulu, ungaqambi amanga encekukazini yakho.”

¹⁷ Kepha owesifazane wakhulelwa, wazala indodana ngaleso sikhathi ngomnyaka olandelayo njengokusho kuka-Elisha kuye.

¹⁸ Kwathi umfana esekhulile, waphuma ngelinye ilanga, waya kuyise kubavuni.

¹⁹ Wathi kuyise: “Ngafa ikhanda! Ngafa ikhanda!” Wayesethi encekwini yakhe: “Myise kunina.”

²⁰ Yamthatha, yamyisa kunina; wahlala emathangeni akhe kwaze kwaba semini, wafa.

²¹ Wakhuphuka, wambeka embhedeni womuntu kaNkulunkulu, wamvalela, waphuma.

²² Wabiza indoda yakhe, wathi: “Ake ungithumele enye yezinceku nenye yezimbongolo ukuba ngigijimele kulowo muntu kaNkulunkulu, bese ngibuya.”

²³ Kepha wathi: “Uyelani kuye namuhla na? Akusilo olokwethwasa kwenyanga, akusilo isabatha.” Wathi: “Kahle.”

²⁴ Wayesebophela imbongolo, wathi encekwini yakhe: “Qhuba, uhambe njalo,

ungangimisi ekuhambeni, uma ngingakutsheli.”

25 Wayesehamba-ke, wafika kulowo muntu kaNkulunkulu entabeni yaseKarmeli. Kwathi lapho lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu embona esekude, wathi kuGehazi inceku yakhe: “Bheka, nanguya umShunemikazi;

26 ake ugijime, umhlangabeze, uthi kuye: ‘Usahlezi kahle na? Indoda yakho isahlezi kahle na? Umntanakho usahlezi kahle na?’ ” Wathi: “Sisahlezi kahle.”

27 Wafika kumuntu kaNkulunkulu entabeni, wabamba izinyawo zakhe. UGehazi wasondela ukuba amxoshe, kepha umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi: “Myeke, ngokuba inhliziyo yakhe imuny phakathi kwakhe; uJehova ungifihlele lokho, kangitshelanga.”

28 Wayesethi: “Ngake ngacela yini indodana enkosini yami na? Angishongo yini ukuthi: ‘Ungangikhohlisi,’ na?”

29 Wayesethi kuGehazi: “Bhinca izikhali zakho, uthathe udondolo lwami ngesandla sakho, uhambe; uma uhlangana nomuntu, ungambingeleli; uma umuntu ekubingelela, ungamphenduli, ubeke udondolo lwami ebusweni bomntwana.”

30 Unina womntwana wathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova nokuphila kwakho, angiyikukushiya.” Wayesesuka wamlandela.

31 UGehazi wadlulela ngaphambi kwabo, walubeka udondolo ebusweni bomntwana; akwabakho zwi nakunaka. Ngelokho wabuya ukumhlangabeza, wamtshelela ukuthi: “Umntwana akavukanga.”

32 U-Elisha esengene endlini, bheka, umntwana wayefile elele embhedeni wakhe.

33 Wangena, wabavalela bobabili isivalo, wakhuleka kuJehova.

34 Wakhuphuka, walala phezu komntwana, wabeka umlomo wakhe phezu komlomo wakhe, namehlo akhe phezu kwamehlo akhe, nezandla zakhe phezu kwezandla zakhe; lapho esekhothama phezu kwakhe, inyama yomntwana yafudumala.

35 Wayesebuya, wahambahamba khona endlini, waya emuva, waya phambili; wakhuphuka, wakhothama phezu kwakhe; umntwana wathimula kasikhombisa; umntwana wavula amehlo akhe.

36 Wayesembiza uGehazi, wathi: “Mbize lowo mShunemikazi.” Wambiza. Esengene kuye, wathi: “Thatha indodana yakho.”

37 Wayesefika, wawa ngasezinyaweni zakhe, wakhothama phansi; wayithatha indodana yakhe, waphuma.

38 U-Elisha wabuyela eGiligali; kwakukhona indlala kulelo zwe; amadodana abaprofethi ayehlezi phambi kwakhe; wathi encekwini yakhe: “Bheka ikhanzi elikhulu, uphekele amadodana abaprofethi ukudla.”

39 Kwaphuma omunye, waya endle ukukha imifino, wafumana intandela yasendle, wabutha kuyo izintangazane; yagcwala ingubo yakhe; wafika, waziklabelela ekhanzini lokudla, ngokuba babengazazi.

40 Base bethululela abantu ukuba badle. Kwathi besadla lokho kudla, bakhala bathi: “We muntu kaNkulunkulu, kukhona ukufa ekhanzini.” Babengasenakudla.

41 Kepha wathi: “Lethani impuphu.” Wayiphonsa ekhanzini, wathi: “Thululela abantu ukuba badle.” Kwakungasekho okubi ekhanzini.

42 Kwavela umuntu waseBali Shalisha, walethela lo muntu kaNkulunkulu ukudla kolibo, izinkwa zebhali ezingamashumi amabili nezikhwebu ezintsha zamabele enqalathini yakhe. Wathi: “Banike abantu ukuba badle.”

⁴³ Kepha isikhonzi sakhe sathi: “Uthini? Ngibeke lokhu phambi kwabantu abayikhulu na?” Wathi: “Banike ukuba badle, ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Bayakudla, kusale.’ ”

⁴⁴ Sase sikubeka phambi kwabo; badla, kwasala njengezwi likaJehova.

ISAHLUKO 5

UNahamani induna yempi yenkosi yase-Aramu wayengumuntu omkhulu phambi kwenkosi yakhe, otusekayo, ngokuba uJehova wayenikile i-Aramu ukunqoba ngaye; futhi wayeyiqhawe elinamandla, kepha wayenochoko.

² Ama-Aramu ayephumile ngamaviyo, abuya ezweni lakwa-Israyeli enentombazana encane; yayiyincekukazi yomkaNahamani.

³ Yathi enkosikazini yayo: “Sengathi inkosi yami ingaba phambi komprofethi oseSamariya; khona ibiyakuphiliswa ochokweni lwayo.”

⁴ Yangena, yatshela inkosi yayo, yathi: “Intombazana yasezweni lakwa-Israyeli yasho ukuthi nokuthi.”

⁵ Inkosi yase-Aramu yayisithi: “Yiya khona; ngizakuthuma incwadi enkosini yakwa-Israyeli.” Wasuka, wahamba namatalenta ayishumi esiliva nezinhlamvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisithupha zegolide, nezingubo eziyishumi zokuphendulela.

⁶ Waletha incwadi enkosini yakwa-Israyeli, ethi: “Manje, lapho le ncwadi ifika kuwe, bheka, ngithumile uNahamani inceku yami kuwe ukuba umphilise ochokweni lwakhe.”

⁷ Kwathi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli isiyifundile incwadi, yaklebhula izingubo zayo, yathi: “Mina nginguNkulunkulu yini ukuba ngibulale, ngiphilise, ukuze lo athumele kimi umuntu ukumphilisa ochokweni lwakhe, na? Ake niqonde, nibone ukufuna kwakhe ithuba lokulwa nami.”

⁸ Kwathi u-Elisha umuntu kaNkulunkulu esezwile ukuthi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli iklebhulile izingubo zayo, wathumela enkosini, wathi: “Uklebhuleleni izingubo zakho na? Makeze kimi, aze azi ukuthi kukhona umprofethi kwa-Israyeli.”

⁹ Wayesefika uNahamani namahhashi akhe nezinqola zakhe, wema ngasemnyango wendlu ka-Elisha.

¹⁰ U-Elisha wathuma isithunywa kuye ngokuthi: “Hamba ugeze kasikhombisa eJordani; kuyakuthi inyama ibuyele kuwe, uhlambuluke.”

¹¹ Kepha uNahamani wathukuthela, wahamba, wathi: “Bheka, bengithi uyakuphumela nokuphumela kimi, eme abize igama likaJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe, aphunge ngesandla sakhe phezu kwaleyo ndawo, aphilise onochoko.

¹² O-Abana noFariphari, imifula yaseDamaseku, abangcono kunawo onke amanzi akwa-Israyeli na? Ngingegeze kuyo yini, ngihlambuluke, na?” Wayesephenduka, wahamba ethukuthele.

¹³ Kepha izinceku zasondela, zakhuluma kuye, zathi: “Baba, uma umprofethi ebekhulume kuwe into enkulu, ngabe ungayenzanga na? Kakhulu kangakanani, uma ethi kuwe: ‘Geza, uhlambuluke,’ na?”

¹⁴ Wayesehla, wazicwilisa kasikhombisa eJordani njengezwi lomuntu kaNkulunkulu; inyama yakhe yabuya yaba njengenyama yomntwana omncane, wahlambuluka.

¹⁵ Wayesebuyela kulowo muntu kaNkulunkulu, yena nabantu bakhe bonke, weza, wema phambi kwakhe, wathi: “Bheka, sengiyazi ukuthi akakho uNkulunkulu emhlabeni wonke, kwa-Israyeli kuphela; ngakho ake wamukele isipho encekwini yakho.”

¹⁶ Kepha wathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova engimi phambi kwakhe, angiyikwamukela lutho.” Wamncengisisa ukuba asamukele, wenqaba kodwa.

- ¹⁷ Wayesethi uNahamani: “Uma kunjalo, inceku yakho mayinikwe umthwalo weminyuzi emibili womhlabathi, ngokuba inceku yakho ayisayikunikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa nomhlatsshelo kwabanye onkulunkulu, kuJehova kuphela.
- ¹⁸ Kule nto uJehova makayithethelele inceku yakho: ekungeneni kwenkosi yami endlini kaRimoni ukukhuleka khona, isencika esandleni sami, ngiguqe nami endlini kaRimoni, lapho ngiguqa endlini kaRimoni, uJehova makayithethelele inceku yakho le nto.”
- ¹⁹ Wathi kuye: “Hamba ngokuthula.” Wahamba, wasuka kuye ibangana.
- ²⁰ Kepha uGehazi inceku ka-Elisha umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi: “Bheka, inkosi yami imyekile uNahamani lo wase-Aramu ngokungamukeli ezandleni zakhe akulethayo; kuphila kukaJehova, ngiyakugijima, ngimlandele, ngithathe into kuye.”
- ²¹ UGehazi wamlandela-ke uNahamani. UNahamani wathi ukumbona umuntu egijima emva kwakhe, wehlika enqoleni ukumhlangabeza, wathi: “Nisahlezi kahle na?”
- ²² Wathi: “Sisahlezi kahle. Inkosi yami ingithumile ngokuthi: ‘Bheka, manje kufike kimi izinsizwa ezimbili zamadodana abaprofethi zivela ezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi; ake uzinike italenta lesiliva nezingubo ezimbili zokuphendulela.’ ”
- ²³ UNahamani wathi: “Vuma, wamukele amatalenta amabili.” Wamncengisisa, wabopha amatalenta amabili esiliva ezingqalathini ezimbili kanye nezingubo ezimbili zokuphendulela, wakunikela ezincekwini zakhe ezimbili; zakuthwala phambi kwakhe.
- ²⁴ Esefike egqumeni wakuthatha esandleni sazo, wakubeka endlini, wavumela abantu ukuba bahambe; basuka.
- ²⁵ Kepha yena wangena, wema phambi kwenkosi yakhe. U-Elisha wathi kuye: “Uvelaphi, Gehazi?” Wathi: “Inceku yakho ayiyanga ndawo.”
- ²⁶ Wayesethi: “Ayiyanga yini inhliziyo yami, lapho lowo muntu ephenduka enqoleni yakhe ukukhlangabeza, na? Sekuyisikhathi sokwamukela izingubo, neminqumo, nezivini, nezimvu, nezinkabi, nezinceku, nezincekukazi, na?”
- ²⁷ Uchoko lukaNahamani luyakunamathela kuwe nasenzalweni yakho kuze kube phakade.” Wayeseephuma yena ebusweni bakhe enochoko, emhlophe njengeqhwa.

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- A**madodana abaprofethi athi ku-Elisha: “Bheka, indawo esihlezi kuyo phambi kwakho, siminyene kuyo.
- ² Masihambe siye eJordani, sithathe khona, kube yilowo nalowo umshayo ube munye, senzele khona indawo esingahlala kuyo.” Wathi: “Hambani.”
- ³ Kepha omunye wathi: “Vuma uhambe nezinceku zakho.” Wathi: “Ngiyakuhamba.”
- ⁴ Wayesehamba nabo. Sebefike eJordani bagawula imithi.
- ⁵ Kwathi lapho omunye esegawula umshayo, insimbi yawela emanzini; wakhala wathi: “Maye, nkosi! Ibitshelekiwe!”
- ⁶ Wathi lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu: “Iwelephi na?” Wamkhombisa indawo. Wayesenquma uthi, waluphonsa khona, insimbi yantanta.
- ⁷ Wayesethi: “Yikhuphule.” Welula isandla sakhe, wayithatha.
- ⁸ Inkosi yase-Aramu yayisilokhu ilwa no-Israyeli; yelulekana nezinceku zayo ngokuthi: “Ukumisa kwami kuyakuba sekuthinithini.”
- ⁹ Umuntu lowo kaNkulunkulu wathumela enkosini yakwa-Israyeli, wathi: “Qaphela ukuba ungadluli kuleyo ndawo, ngokuba ama-Aramu aseyaphumula khona.”
- ¹⁰ Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yayisithuma umuntu kaNkulunkulu kuleyo ndawo ayishoyo,

wayixwayisa ngayo, yaqaphela kungekanye, kungekabili kuphela.

11 Inhliziyo yenkosi yase-Aramu yayiphethwe yitwetwe ngale ndaba, yabiza izinceku zayo, yathi kuzo: “Ningengitshele yini ukuthi ngobani abakithi abavuma inkosi yakwa-Israyeli na?”

12 Enye yezinceku zayo yathi: “Hhayi, nkosi yami, nkosi, kodwa u-Elisha, umprofethi wakwa-Israyeli, uyayitshele inkosi yakwa-Israyeli amazwi owakhulumayo ekamelweni lakho lokulala.”

13 Yayisithi: “Hamba ubone ukuthi uphi ukuba ngithumele ngimlande.” Watshelwa ukuthi: “Bheka, useDothani.”

14 Wathuma khona amahhashi, nezinqola, nempi enkulu; bafika ebusuku, bakaka umuzi nxazonke.

15 Isikhonzi somuntu kaNkulunkulu sesivukile ekuseni, saphuma, bheka, impi enamahhashi nezinqola yayiwukakile umuzi. Yayisithi inceku kuye: “Maye, nkosi! Sesiya kwenze njani?”

16 Wathi: “Ungesabi, ngokuba abanathi baningi kunabanabo.”

17 U-Elisha wakhuleka, wathi: “Jehova, ake uvule amehlo ayo ukuba ibone.” UJehova wavula-ke amehlo aleyo nceku, yabona; bheka, intaba yayigcwele amahhashi nezinqola zomlilo nxazonke zakhe u-Elisha.

18 Sebehlela kuye, u-Elisha wakhuleka kuJehova, wathi: “Mawushaye lesi sizwe ngobumpumpethe.” Wasishaya ngobumpumpethe njengezwi lika-Elisha.

19 Wayesethi u-Elisha kubo: “Le akusiyo indlela, nalona akusiwo umuzi; ngilandeleni, nginiyise kumuntu enimfunayo.” Wabayisa eSamariya.

20 Kwathi sebefike eSamariya, u-Elisha wathi: “Jehova, vula amehlo alaba bantu ukuba babone.” UJehova wavula amehlo abo, babona; bheka, base bephakathi kweSamariya.

21 Inkosi yakwa-Israyeli yathi ku-Elisha, isibabonile: “Baba, ngibabulale na? Ngibabulale na?”

22 Kepha wathi: “Awuyikubabulala; ungababulala yini labo obathumbile ngenkemba yakho nangomnsalo wakho na? Beka isinkwa namanzi phambi kwabo ukuba badle, baphuze, baye enkosini yabo.”

23 Yayisibalungisela idili, badla, baphuza; yabavumela ukuba bahambe, baya enkosini yabo. Amaviyo ama-Aramu awabe esaphinda ukungena ezweni lakwa-Israyeli.

24 Kwathi emva kwalokho uBeni Hadadi, inkosi yase-Aramu, wabutha yonke impi yakhe, wenyuka, wavimbezela iSamariya.

25 Kwaba khona indlala enkulu eSamariya; bheka, balivimbezela kwaze kwathengiswa ngekhandla lembongolo ngezinhlamvu ezingamashumi ayisishiyagalombili zesiliva nokwesine kwesigaxa somswani wejuba ngezinhlamvu eziyisihlanu zesiliva.

26 Kwathi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli idlula phezu kogange, kwamemeza kuyo owesifazane, wathi: “Siza, nkosi yami, nkosi.”

27 Kepha yathi: “Uma uJehova engakusizi, mina ngingatholaphi usizo na? Esibuyeni noma esikhamweni sewayini na?”

28 Yayisithi inkosi kuye: “Unani na?” Wathi: “Lo wesifazane wathi kimi: ‘Letha indodana yakho ukuba siyidle namuhla, sidle indodana yami kusasa.’”

29 Sase siyipheka indodana yami, sayidla; ngase ngithi kuye ngosuku olulandelayo: ‘Letha indodana yakho ukuba siyidle,’ wayeseyifihlile indodana yakhe.”

30 Kwathi inkosi isizwile amazwi alo wesifazane, yaklebhula izingubo zayo isadlula phezu kogange; abantu babuka, bheka, yayinendwangu yamasaka phansi emzimbeni wayo.

31 Yathi: “UNkulunkulu makenze njalo, enezele futhi, uma ikhanda lika-Elisha, indodana

kaShafati, liyakube lisekuye namuhla.”

³² Yayisithuma umuntu phambi kwayo, u-Elisha esahlezi endlini yakhe, namalunga ehlezi naye; kepha, singakafiki kuye isithunywa, wathi emalungeni: “Niyabona yini ukuthi le ndodana yombulali ithumele ukunquma ikhanda lami na? Bhekani, ekufikeni kwesithunywa manivale isivalo, nisibuyisele emuva isithunywa ngesivalo; angithi izigqi zezinyawo zenkosi yaso zisemva kwaso na?”

³³ Esakhuluma nawo, bheka, inkosi yehlela kuye; yathi: “Bheka, lobu bubi buvela kuJehova; ngisamhlalelani uJehova na?”

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Wayesethi u-Elisha: “Zwanini izwi likaJehova; usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Kusasa ngalesi sikhathi iseya lempuphu ecolokileyo liyakuthengiswa ngeshekeli, namaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli esangweni laseSamariya.’ ”

² Induna inkosi eyencika esandleni sayo yaphendula umuntu kaNkulunkulu, yathi: “Bheka, uma uJehova enza amafasitele ezulwini, le nto ingenzeka kanjani na?” Wathi: “Bheka, uyakukubona ngamehlo akho, ungadli kukho kodwa.”

³ Kwakukhona esikhaleni sesango abantu abane abanochoko; bathi omunye komunye: “Sihlalelani lapha size sife na?”

⁴ Uma sithi: ‘Siyakungena emzini,’ indlala isemzini, siyakufela khona; uma sihlezi lapha, siyakufa futhi. Ngalokho masihambe sisukele ikamu lama-Aramu; uma esiyeka, siyakuphila; uma esibulala, siyakufa.”

⁵ Basuka kuhwelela, baya ekamu lama-Aramu; sebefike emaphethelweni ekamu lama-Aramu, bheka, kwakungekho muntu lapho.

⁶ Inkosi ibiyizwisile impi yama-Aramu umsindo wezinqola, nomsindo wamahhashi, nomsindo wempi enkulu aze akhuluma omunye komunye ngokuthi: “Bheka, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli isiqashale amakhosi amaHeti namakhosi aseGibithe ukuba asifikele.”

⁷ Ayesesuka, abaleka kuhwelela, ashiya amatende awo, namahhashi awo, nezimbongolo zawo, nekamu linjengalokhu linjalo, abaleka ukuba asinde.

⁸ Labo abanochoko sebefike emaphethelweni ekamu, bangena kwelinye itende, badla, baphuza, basusa khona isiliva, negolide, nezingubo, baya bakuthukusa; babuya, bangena kwelinye itende, basusa nakhona, baya bakuthukusa.

⁹ Base bethi omunye komunye: “Asenzi kahle. Lolu suku lwanamuhla lungusuku lwentokozo; uma sithula nje silinda kuze kube sekuntweleni kokusa, siyakuficwa yicala; ngalokho masihambe, sitshele indlu yenkosi.”

¹⁰ Base behamba, babiza abalindisango bomuzi, babatshela ukuthi: “Sike safika ekamu lama-Aramu; bheka, kwakungekho muntu lapho, nazwi lomuntu, kuphela ngamahhashi aboshiweyo, nezimbongolo eziboshiweyo, namatende enjengalokhu enjalo.”

¹¹ Abalindisango bamemeza, babikela indlu yenkosi ngaphakathi.

¹² Inkosi yavuka phakathi kobusuku, yathi ezincekwini zayo: “Ake nginitshale lokhu ama-Aramu asenzela khona. Ayazi ukuthi silambile; ngalokho aphumile ekamu ukuba acashe, ethi: ‘Lapho bephuma emzini, siyakubabamba besezwa, singene emzini.’ ”

¹³ Enye yezinceku zayo yaphendula yathi: “Makuthathwe amahhashi ayisihlanu aseleyo, asele lapha bheka, anjengesixuku sonke sakwa-Israyeli esisele lapha, anjengesixuku sonke sakwa-Israyeli esesiphelile sithumele, sibone.”

¹⁴ Bathatha izinqola ezimbili namahhashi; inkosi yathumela emva kwempi yama-Aramu ngokuthi: “Hambani nibone.”

- ¹⁵ Bawalandela baze bafika eJordani; bheka, yonke indlela yayigcwele izingubo nezimpahla ama-Aramu ayezilahlele ekubalekeni kwawo. Izithunywa zabuya, zayitshela inkosi.
- ¹⁶ Abantu baphuma, baphanga ikamu lama-Aramu. Iseya lempuphu ecolekileyo lathengiswa ngeshekeli, namaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli njengezwi likaJehova.
- ¹⁷ Inkosi yabeka esangweni induna eyencika esandleni sayo; abantu bayinyathela esangweni, yafa njengokusho kwalowo muntu kaNkulunkulu akukhuluma ekwehleleni kwenkosi kuye.
- ¹⁸ Kwathi lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu esekhulumile enkosini ngokuthi: “Kuyakuba ngamaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli neseya lempuphu ecolekileyo ngeshekeli ngalesi sikhathi kusasa esangweni laseSamariya,”
- ¹⁹ induna yaphendula umuntu kaNkulunkulu, yathi: “Bheka, noma uJehova ewenza amafasitele ezulwini, le nto ingenzeka na?” Wathi: “Bheka, uyakukubona ngamehlo akho, ungadli kukho kodwa.”
- ²⁰ Kwaba njalo kuyo: abantu bayinyathela esangweni, yafa.

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- U**-Elisha wayekhulumile nowesifazane ondodana yakhe ayivusile ngokuthi: “Suka uhambe wena nabendlu yakho, uhlale lapho ungahlala khona, ngokuba uJehova umemezele indlela, futhi iyakufika ezweni iminyaka eyisikhombisa.”
- ² Wasuka lowo wesifazane, wenza njengezwi lomuntu kaNkulunkulu; wahamba nabendlu yakhe, wagogobala ezweni lamaFilisti iminyaka eyisikhombisa.
- ³ Kwathi ngasekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa lowo wesifazane wabuya ezweni lamaFilisti; waphuma, wazikhalela enkosini ngendlu yakhe nangezwe lakhe.
- ⁴ Inkosi yayisilokhu ikhuluma noGehazi inceku yomuntu kaNkulunkulu ukuthi: “Ake ungilandise zonke izinto ezinkulu azenzileyo u-Elisha.”
- ⁵ Kwathi esayilandisa inkosi ukuthi uvusile ofileyo, bheka, owesifazane ondodana yakhe ayivusileyo wakhala enkosini ngendlu yakhe nangezwe lakhe. Wayesethi uGehazi: “Nkosi yami, nkosi, yilo owesifazane, yile indodana yakhe u-Elisha ayivusileyo.”
- ⁶ Inkosi yayisimbuza owesifazane, wayilandisa. Inkosi yammisela induna ethile ngokuthi: “Buyisa konke okwakungokwakhe nazo zonke izithelo zensimu, kusukela osukwini owasuka ngalo ezweni kuze kube manje.”
- ⁷ Wayesefika u-Elisha eDamaseku; uBeni Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu wayegula; watshelwa ukuthi: “Umuntu kaNkulunkulu ufikile lapha.”
- ⁸ Inkosi yayisithi kuHazayeli: “Zithathele ngesandla sakho izipho, uhambe umhlangabeze lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu, ubuze kuJehova ngaye ukuthi: ‘Ngiyakusinda kulesi sifo na?’ ”
- ⁹ Wayesehamba uHazayeli ukumhlangabeza, wazithathela ngesandla sakhe izipho ezintweni zonke ezinhle zaseDamaseku, imithwalo yamakamela angamashumi amane, weza wema phambi kwakhe, wathi: “Indodana yakho uBeni Hadadi, inkosi yase-Aramu, ingithumile kuwe ngokuthi: ‘Ngiyakusinda kulesi sifo na?’ ”
- ¹⁰ U-Elisha wathi kuye: “Hamba, uthi kuye: ‘Uyakusinda nokusinda,’ kodwa uJehova ungibonisile ukuthi ngempela uyakufa nokufa.”
- ¹¹ U-Elisha wayesemgqolozela, uHazayeli waze waba namahloni. Wayeseqhumuka ekhala umuntu kaNkulunkulu.
- ¹² UHazayeli wathi: “Inkosi yami ikhalelani na?” Yathi: “Ngokuba ngiyazi okubi oyakukwenza kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli; uyakuthungela izinqaba zabo ngomlilo, ubulale

izinsizwa zabo ngenkemba, uphahlaze izingane zabo, uqaqe abesifazane babo abakhulelweyo.”

¹³ Kepha uHazayeli wathi: “Kodwa iyini inceku yakho eyinja nje ukuba yenze le nto enkulu na?” Wathi u-Elisha: “UJehova ungibonisile ukuthi uyakuba yinkosi e-Aramu.”

¹⁴ Wayesesuka ku-Elisha, weza enkosini yakhe; yathi kuye: “Utheni kuwe na?” Wathi: “Uthe kimi uyakusinda nokusinda.”

¹⁵ Kepha kwathi ngangomuso wathatha indwangu embozayo, wayicwilisa emanzini, wayimboza ubuso ngayo, yafa; uHazayeli waba yinkosi esikhundleni sayo.

¹⁶ Ngomnyaka wesihlanu kaJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, uJehoshafati eyinkosi kwaJuda, uJehoramu, indodana kaJehoshafati, inkosi yakwaJuda, waba yinkosi.

¹⁷ Wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu nambili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa; wabusa iminyaka eyisishiyagalombili eJerusalema.

¹⁸ Wahamba ngendlela yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli njengokwenza kwendlu ka-Ahabi, ngokuba indodakazi ka-Ahabi yayingumkakhe; wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova.

¹⁹ Kepha uJehova akathandanga ukuchitha uJuda ngenxa kaDavide inceku yakhe njengokusho kwakhe kuye ukuthi uyakumnika yena nabantwana bakhe isibani izinsuku zonke.

²⁰ Emihleni yakhe u-Edomi wahlubuka phansi kwesandla sakwaJuda, wazibekela inkosi.

²¹ UJoramu wayesewelela eSayiri, nazo zonke izinqola zakhe zinaye; wavuka ebusuku, wamchitha u-Edomi omhaqileyo nxazonke, nezinduna zezinqola, kepha abantu babalekela ematendeni abo.

²² Wahlubuka-ke u-Edomi phansi kwesandla sakwaJuda kuze kube namuhla. Khona lahlubuka neLibina ngasona lesi sikhathi.

²³ Ezinye izindaba zikaJoramu nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na?

²⁴ UJoramu wayeselala koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kaDavide; u-Ahaziya indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

²⁵ Ngomnyaka weshumi nambili kaJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli u-Ahaziya indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakwaJuda waba yinkosi.

²⁶ U-Ahaziya waba yinkosi eneminyaka engamashumi amabili nambili, wabusa umnyaka eJerusalema; igama likanina lalingu-Athaliya, indodakazi ka-Omri inkosi yakwa-Israyeli.

²⁷ Wahamba ngendlela yendlu ka-Ahabi, wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova njengokwenza kwendlu ka-Ahabi, ngokuba wayengumkhwenyana wendlu ka-Ahabi.

²⁸ Wahamba noJoramu, indodana ka-Ahabi, ukuba alwe noHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu eRamoti Gileyadi; ama-Aramu amlimaza uJoramu.

²⁹ Inkosi uJoramu yabuyela ukwelashwa eJizreyeli emanxebeni ayo ayemlimaze wona ama-Aramu eRama ekulweni kwayo noHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu. U-Ahaziya, indodana kaJehoramu, inkosi yakwaJuda, wehlela ukumbona uJoramu, indodana ka-Ahabi eJizreyeli, ngokuba wayegula.

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U-Elisha umprofethi wabiza enye yamadodana abaprofethi, wathi kuyo: “Khwica, uphathe lo mfuma wamafutha esandleni sakho, uye eRamoti Gileyadi.

² Ekufikeni kwakho khona, wofuna uJehu indodana kaJehoshafati kaNimishi, ungene,

umsukumise phakathi kwabafowabo, umyise ekamelweni elingaphakathi.

³ Bese wuthatha umfuma wamafutha, uwathele ekhanda lakhe, uthi: 'Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: "Ngikugcobile ube yinkosi kwa-Israyeli." ' Bese wuvula umnyango, ubaleke, ungalibali."

⁴ Yayisihamba leyo nsizwa, insizwa engumprofethi, yaya eRamoti Gileyadi.

⁵ Ekufikeni kwayo, bheka, izinduna zempi zazihlezi; yathi: "Nginendaba kuwe nduna." Wathi uJehu: "Kubani phakathi kwethu sonke na?" Yathi-ke: "Kuwena nduna."

⁶ Yasukuma, yangena endlini; yathela amafutha ekhanda lakhe, yathi kuye: "Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'Ngikugcobile ube yinkosi yabantu bakaJehova kwa-Israyeli.

⁷ Uyakuchitha indlu ka-Ahabi inkosi yakho ukuba ngiphindisele igazi lezinceku zami abaprofethi negazi lezinceku zonke zikaJehova esandleni sika-Izebeli.

⁸ Yonke indlu ka-Ahabi iyakubhubha; ngiyakunquma ku-Ahabi wonke umlisa, omncane nomkhulu.

⁹ Ngiyakwenza indlu ka-Ahabi ibe njengendlu kaJerobowamu indodana kaNebati nanjengendlu kaBahasha indodana ka-Ahiya.

¹⁰ Izinja ziyakumudla u-Izebeli esiqeshini sezwe laseJizreyeli; akuyikubakho muntu wokummbela.' " Yayisivula umnyango, yabaleka.

¹¹ UJehu waphumela ezincekwini zenkosi yakhe; enye yathi kuye: "Konke kusalungile na? Luzeleni lolo hlanya kuwe na?" Wathi kuzo: "Nina niyamazi lowo muntu nakukhulumileyo."

¹² Kepha zathi: "Amanga; ake usitshele." Wayesethi: "Wakhuluma kimi ukuthi nokuthi, ethi: 'Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Sengikugcobile ube yinkosi kwa-Israyeli.' "

¹³ Zase zishesha, zathatha, kwaba yileyo naleyo ingubo yayo, zazibeka phansi kwakhe esikhwelweni, zabetha icilongo, zathi: "UJehu uyinkosi."

¹⁴ UJehu, indodana kaJehoshafati, kaNimishi, wamenzela ugobe uJoramu — uJoramu wayelinda eRamoti Gileyadi, yena naye wonke u-Israyeli ngenxa kaHazayeli, inkosi yase-Aramu;

¹⁵ kepha inkosi uJoramu yayibuyele eJizreyeli ukuba yelashwe emanxebeni ayo eyayilinyazwe wona ngama-Aramu ekulweni kwayo noHazayeli, inkosi yase-Aramu, uJehu wathi: "Uma kungumqondo wenu lokhu, makungabaleki muntu, aphume emzini, aye ukubika eJizreyeli."

¹⁶ UJehu wayesekhwela inqola, waya eJizreyeli, ngokuba uJoramu wayelele lapho. U-Ahaziya, inkosi yakwaJuda, wayehlele ukumbona uJoramu.

¹⁷ Umlindi owayemi embhoshongweni waseJizreyeli wabona iviyo likaJehu lisafika, wathi: "Ngibona iviyo." UJoramu wathi: "Zithathele owehashi umthume ukubahlangabeza ngokuthi: 'Kusahleziwe kahle na?' "

¹⁸ Owehashi wayesehamba ukumhlangabeza, wathi: "Isho kanje inkosi, ithi: 'Kusahleziwe kahle na?' " UJehu wathi: "Unandabani nokuhlala kahle na? Buyela emva kwami." Wayesebika umlindi, ethi: "Isithunywa safika kubo, kepha asibuyanga."

¹⁹ Wayesethuma owehashi wesibili owaya kubo, wathi: "Isho kanje inkosi, ithi: 'Kusahleziwe kahle na?' " Wathi uJehu: "Unandabani nokuhlala kahle na? Buyela emva kwami."

²⁰ Umlindi wabika wathi: "Sifikile kubo, kepha asibuyi; ukuqhuba kufana nokuqhuba kukaJehu indodana kaNimishi; ngokuba uqhuba kungathi uyahlanya."

²¹ Wayesethi uJoramu: "Bophela." Babophela-ke inqola yakhe. UJoramu inkosi yakwa-Israyeli no-Ahaziya inkosi yakwaJuda baphuma, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngenqola yakhe, baphuma ukumhlangabeza uJehu, bamfumana esiqeshini sezwe likaNaboti waseJizreyeli.

- ²² Kwathi uJoramu esembonile uJehu, wathi: “Kusahleziwe kahle, Jehu, na?” Wathi: “Ukuhlala kahle kuni, kuse kuningi ukufeba nokulumba kukanyoko u-Izebeli, na?”
- ²³ UJoramu wayesephenduka wabaleka, wathi ku-Ahaziya: “Ngugobe, Ahaziya!”
- ²⁴ UJehu wayesensala umnsalo ngamandla akhe onke, wamcibishela uJoramu phakathi kwamahlombe akhe, umcibisholo waphuma ngasenhliziyweni yakhe, wawela phansi enqoleni yakhe.
- ²⁵ Wayesethi kuBidikari, induna yakhe: “Mthathe, umntshinge esiqeshini sezwe likaNaboti waseJizreyeli, ngokuba khumbula ukuthi, lapho mina nawe sasigibela sobabili emva kuka-Ahabi uyise, uJehova wamthwesa lolu daba
- ²⁶ lokuthi: ‘Impela ngibone izolo igazi likaNaboti negazi lamadodana akhe, usho uJehova; ngiyakukuphindisela kulesi siqephu, usho uJehova.’ Ngalokho mthathe, umntshinge kulesi siqephu njengezwi likaJehova.”
- ²⁷ U-Ahaziya, inkosi yakwaJuda, esebone lokho wabaleka ngendlela yendlu yasensimini. Kepha uJehu wamlandela, wathi: “Mbulaleni naye enqoleni yakhe.” Benze njalo-ke ngasemmangweni waseGuri ongaseJibileyamu. Wabalekela eMegido, wafela khona.
- ²⁸ Izinceku zakhe zamyisa ngenqola eJerusalema, zambela ethuneni lakhe kanye nawoyise emzini kaDavide.
- ²⁹ Ngomnyaka weshumi nanye kaJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi u-Ahaziya waba yinkosi kwaJuda.
- ³⁰ UJehu esefikile eJizreyeli, u-Izebeli wakuzwa, wagqaba amehlo akhe, wahlobisa ikhanda lakhe, walunguza efasiteleni.
- ³¹ UJehu esengena esangweni wathi: “Kusahleziwe kahle wena Zimri, mbulali wenkosi yakho, na?”
- ³² Waphakamisela ubuso bakhe ngasefasiteleni, wathi: “Ubani onami na? Ngubani?” Kwase kulunguza kuye izinduna ezimbili noma ezintathu.
- ³³ Wathi: “Mphonseni phansi.” Zamphonsa; igazi lakhe lasaphazeka odongeni nasemahhashini; wamnyathela phansi kwezinyawo zakhe.
- ³⁴ Wangena, wadla, waphuza; wayesethi: “Mbhekeni lo mqalekiswa kazi, nimmbele, ngokuba uyindodakazi yenkosi.”
- ³⁵ Baya ukumbela, kepha abafumananga lutho kuye, kuphela inhloko, nezinyawo, nezintende zezandla.
- ³⁶ Babuya, bamtshela. Wathi: “Nanti izwi likaJehova owalikhuluma ngesandla senceku yakhe u-Eliya waseThishibi, ethi: Esiqeshini sezwe laseJizreyeli izinja ziyakuyidla inyama ka-Izebeli;
- ³⁷ isidumbu sika-Izebeli siyakuba njengomquba ebusweni bomhlaba esiqeshini sezwe laseJizreyeli ukuba bangasho ukuthi: ‘Nangu u-Izebeli.’ ”

ISAHLUKO 10

U-Ahabi wayenamadodana angamashumi ayisikhombisa eSamariya. UJehu waloba izincwadi, wazithuma eSamariya ezinduneni zaseJizreyeli kumalunga nakubondli bakwa-Ahabi, wathi:

- ² “Manje njengalokhu le ncwadi ifika kinina, lokhu amadodana enkosi yenu ekini, kukhona futhi kini izinqola namahhashi, kanye nomuzi obiyelweyo, nezikhali,
- ³ ziboneleni enhle nefaneleyo kumadodana enkosi yenu, niyibeke esihlalweni sobukhosi sikayise, nilwele indlu yenkosi yenu.”

- ⁴ Kepha besaba kakhulu impela, bathi: “Bheka, amakhosi amabili awemanga phambi kwakhe; pho, thina singema kanjani na?”
- ⁵ Umphathi wendlu nomphathi womuzi kanye namalunga nabondli bathumela kuJehu, bathi: “Siyizinceku zakho, siyakwenza konke oyakusitshela khona; asiyikwenza muntu abe yinkosi; yenza okuhle emehlweni akho.”
- ⁶ Wayeseloba incwadi yesibili kubo, ethi: “Uma ninami, nilalela izwi lami, thathani amakhanda alaba bantu, amadodana enkosi yenu, nize kimi eJizreyeli ngalesi sikhathi kusasa.” Amadodana enkosi engabantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa ayekwabakhulu bomuzi ababewondla.
- ⁷ Kwathi incwadi isifikile kubo, bawathatha amadodana enkosi, bawabulala, abantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa, babeka amakhanda awo emaqomeni, bawathuma kuye eJizreyeli.
- ⁸ Kwafika isithunywa, samtshela ukuthi: “Balethile amakhanda amadodana enkosi.” Wathi: “Wabekeni abe yizingqaba ezimbili ngasesikheleni sesango kuze kube sekuseni.”
- ⁹ Kwathi ekuseni waphuma, wema, wathi kubantu bonke: “Nina nilungile; bhekani, mina ngenzele inkosi yami ugobe, ngayibulala, kepha ngubani ogence bonke laba na?”
- ¹⁰ Qaphelani manje ukuthi akuyikwela phansi lutho lwezwi likaJehova alikhulumayo uJehova ngendlu ka-Ahabi; uJehova wenzile lokho akukhulumayo ngesandla senceku yakhe u-Eliya.”
- ¹¹ UJehu wayesebulala bonke abaseleyo bendlu ka-Ahabi eJizreyeli, nabo bonke abakhulu bakhe, nabazana naye, nabapristi bakhe, waze wangamshiyela noyedwa owasalayo.
- ¹² Wayesesuka, wahamba waya eSamariya; kwathi esendlini yokugunda kwabelusi endleleni,
- ¹³ uJehu wafumana abafowabo baka-Ahaziya inkosi yakwaJuda, wathi: “Nina ningobani na?” Bathi: “Singabafowabo baka-Ahaziya; siyehla ukubingelela abantwana benkosi nabantwana benkosikazi.”
- ¹⁴ Wathi: “Babambeni besaphila.” Babathatha besaphila, bababulala ngasemgodini wendlu yokugunda, abantu abangamashumi amane nambili; kashiyanga muntu kubo.
- ¹⁵ Esesukile khona wafumana uJehonadaba indodana kaRekabi eza ukumhlangabeza; wambingelela, wathi kuye: “Inhliziyo yakho ilungelene nenhliziyo yami njengeyami ilungelene neyakho na?” Wathi uJehonadaba: “Yebo.” Wathi uJehu: “Uma kunjalo, nginike isandla sakho.” Wamnika isandla sakhe, wamkhwelisa enqoleni yakhe.
- ¹⁶ Wayesethi: “Hamba nami, ubone ukushisekela kwami uJehova.” Base bemkhwelisa enqoleni yakhe.
- ¹⁷ Esefike eSamariya wabulala bonke abaseleyo baka-Ahabi eSamariya, waze wamqeda njengezwi likaJehova alikhuluma ku-Eliya.
- ¹⁸ UJehu wabutha bonke abantu, wathi kubo: “U-Ahabi wamkhonza uBali kancane, kepha uJehu uyakumkhonza kakhulu.
- ¹⁹ Ngelokho ngibizele bonke abaprofethi bakaBali, zonke izinceku zakhe, nabo bonke abapristi bakhe, kungasali muntu, ngokuba nginomhlatselo omkhulu kuBali; bonke abafunyaniswa bengekho abayikuphila.” Kepha uJehu wakwenza ngobuqili ukuba abhubhise izinceku zikaBali.
- ²⁰ Wayesethi uJehu: “Mngcweliseleni uBali umhlangano womkhosi.” Bawumemezela-ke.
- ²¹ UJehu wathumela ku-Israyeli wonke; zonke izinceku zikaBali zafika, akwaze kwasala muntu ongafikanga; zangena endlini kaBali, indlu kaBali yagcwala yathi swi, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekugcineni.

- ²² Wathi kumphathi wekamelo lezambatho: “Zikhiphele zonke izinceku zikaBali izambatho.” Wazikhiphela izambatho.
- ²³ Wayesengena uJehu noJehonadaba indodana kaRekabi endlini kaBali; wathi ezincekwini zikaBali: “Cingani, nibone ukuba kungabikho kini lapha noyedwa wezinceku zikaJehova, izinceku zikaBali kuphela.”
- ²⁴ Bangena ukunikela ngemihlatshelo nangeminikelo yokushiswa. UJehu wayezimisele ngaphandle abantu abangamashumi ayisishiyagalombili, wathi: “Uma kuphunyuka umuntu walaba bantu engibaletha ezandleni zenu, kuyakuba ngokuphila ngokuphila.”
- ²⁵ Kwathi eseqedile ukunikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa, uJehu wathi kubalindi nasezinduneni: “Ngenani, nibabulale, kungaphumi muntu.” Bababulala ngosiko lwenkemba. Abalindi nezinduna babantshinga phandle, bangena ekamelweni eliphakathi lendlu kaBali.
- ²⁶ Bakhapha izinsika ezazisendlini kaBali, bazishisa.
- ²⁷ Babhidliza insika kaBali, badiliza indlu kaBali, bazenza izindlu zendle kuze kube namuhla.
- ²⁸ UJehu wamchitha-ke uBali kwa-Israyeli.
- ²⁹ Kepha akasukanga ekulandeleni izono zikaJerobowamu indodana kaNebati onisa ngazo u-Israyeli, namathole egolide ayeseBethele nakwaDani.
- ³⁰ UJehova wathi kuJehu: “Ngenxa yokuba wenze kahle ngokufeza okulungile emehlweni ami, futhi wenze kuyo indlu ka-Ahabi njengakho konke okwakusenhliziyweni yami, amadodana akho ezizukulwane ezine ayakuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sika-Israyeli.”
- ³¹ Kodwa uJehu akagcinanga ukuhamba emthethweni kaJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngayo yonke inhliziyoyakhe, kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobowamu onisa ngazo u-Israyeli.
- ³² Ngalezo zinsuku uJehova waqala ukunqinda elakwa-Israyeli; uHazayeli wabachitha emikhawulweni yonke yakwa-Israyeli,
- ³³ kusukela eJordani ngasempumalanga, lonke izwe lakwaGileyadi, abakwaGadi, nabakwaRubeni, nabakwaManase, kusukela e-Aroweri elingasemfuleni i-Arinoni, elakwaGileyadi neBashani.
- ³⁴ Ezinye izindaba zikaJehu, nakho konke akwenzayo, nawo onke amandla akhe, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?
- ³⁵ UJehu wayeselala koyise, bammbela eSamariya. UJehowahazi, indodana yakhe, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
- ³⁶ Isikhathi uJehu abusa ngaso kwa-Israyeli, eSamariya saba yiminyaka engamashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili.

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U-Athaliya unina ka-Ahaziya esebonile ukuthi indodana yakhe ifile, wasuka wachitha yonke imbewu yenkosi.

² Kepha uJehosheba indodakazi yenkosi uJoram, udadewabo ka-Ahaziya, wamthatha uJowashi indodana ka-Ahaziya, wameba phakathi kwamadodana enkosi abulawayo, yena nomzanyana wakhe, ekamelweni lokulala; bamfihla ebusweni buka-Athaliya, waze wangabulawa.

³ Wayenaye ethukusiwe endlini kaJehova iminyaka eyisithupha; u-Athaliya wabusa ezweni.

- ⁴ Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uJehoyada wathumela walanda izinduna zamakhulu zamaKhari nezabalindi, wazingenisa kuye endlini kaJehova, wenza isivumelwano nazo, wazifungisa endlini kaJehova, wazibonisa indodana yenkosi.
- ⁵ Waziyala wathi: “Nansi into eniyakuyenza: abesithathu kini abangena ngesabatha bayakuba ngabalindi bendlu yenkosi,
- ⁶ abesithathu babe sesangweni laseSuri, abesithathu babe sesangweni emva kwabalindi, niyilinde nokuyilinda indlu, nidedelane.
- ⁷ Amaviyo enu amabili, bonke abaphuma ngesabatha, ayakulinda indlu kaJehova enkosini.
- ⁸ Niyakuyizungeza inkosi nxazonke, yilowo nalowo abe nezikhali zakhe esandleni sakhe; ongena phakathi kwezinhla makabulawe; yibani nenkosi ekuphumeni kwayo nasekungeneni kwayo.”
- ⁹ Izinduna zamakhulu zenza njengakho konke ukuyala kukaJehoyada umpristi, zathatha, kwaba yileyo naleyo abantu bayo ababeyakungena ngesabatha kanye nababeyakuphuma ngesabatha, zeza kuJehoyada umpristi.
- ¹⁰ Umpristi wanikela ezinduneni zamakhulu imikhonto nezihlangu okwakungokwenkosi uDavide, kusendlini kaJehova.
- ¹¹ Abalindi bema, kwaba yilowo nalowo enezikhali zakhe esandleni sakhe, kusukela ohlangothini lokunene lwendlu kuze kube sohlangothini lwesokhohlo lwendlu, ngase-altare nasendlini nxazonke zenkosi.
- ¹² Wayeseyikhipha indodana yenkosi, wayifaka umqhele, wayinika ubufakazi, bayibeka inkosi, bayigcoba; bashaya ihlombe, bathi: “Mana njalo, nkosi.”
- ¹³ U-Athaliya esezwa ukumemeza kwabalindi nokwabantu waya kubantu endlini kaJehova,
- ¹⁴ wabuka, bheka, inkosi yayimi ngasensikeni njengomthetho, izikhulu nabamacilongo bengasenkosini; bonke abantu bezwe bathokoza, bakhalisa amacilongo. U-Athaliya wayeseklebhula izingubo zakhe, wamemeza ngokuthi: “Ngugobe! Ngugobe!”
- ¹⁵ UJehoyada, umpristi, wayala izinduna zamakhulu ezazibekwe phezu kwempi, wathi kuzo: “Mkhipheni endlini, nimngenise phakathi kwezinhla; omlandelayo nimbulale ngenkemba; ngokuba umpristi wathi: ‘Makangabulawa endlini kaJehova.’ ”
- ¹⁶ Base bemdedela nxazombili, wahamba ngendlela yokungena kwamahhashi endlini yenkosi; wabulawa khona.
- ¹⁷ UJehoyada wenza isivumelwano phakathi kukaJehova nenkosi nabantu ukuba babe ngabantu bakaJehova, naphakathi kwabantu nenkosi.
- ¹⁸ Bonke abantu bezwe baya endlini kaBali, bayibhidliza; ama-altare akhe nezithombe zakhe bakuphahlaza kakhulu, babulala uMathani, umpristi kaBali, phambi kwama-altare. Umpristi wamisela indlu kaJehova ababonisi.
- ¹⁹ Wayesethatha izinduna zamakhulu, namaKhari, nabalindi, nabo bonke abantu bezwe; bayehlisa inkosi endlini kaJehova, baya endlini yenkosi ngendlela yesango labalindi. Yahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi.
- ²⁰ Bonke abantu bezwe bathokoza, umuzi wazola; bambulala u-Athaliya ngenkemba endlini yenkosi.
- ²¹ UJehowashi wayeneminyaka eyisikhombisa ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa.

Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kaJehu uJehowashi waba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amane eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguSibiya waseBerith Sheba.

² UJehowashi wenza okulungile emehlweni kaJehova izinsuku zakhe zonke uJehoyada umpri amfundisa ngazo.

³ Nokho izindawo eziphakemeyo azisuswanga; abantu babesahlaba, besashisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo.

⁴ UJehowashi wathi kubapristi: “Lonke isiliva lezinto ezingcwele elingeniswa endlini kaJehova, imali eyamukelekayo, imali yilowo nalowo muntu alinganiselwe yona, nemali yonke okuvela enhliziyweni yomuntu ukuba ayilethe endlini kaJehova,

⁵ makuthathwe ngabapristi, kube yilowo nalowo kumngane wakhe, balungise izimfa zendlu, yonke indawo lapho kungafumaniseka khona ufa.”

⁶ Kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nantathu wenkosi uJehowashi abapristi babengakazilungisi izimfa zendlu.

⁷ Inkosi uJehowashi yayisibiza uJehoyada umpri nabanye abapristi, yathi kubo: “Anilungisi ngani izimfa zendlu na? Ngelokho ningabe nisathatha imali yabangane benu, kepha niyinkelele izimfa zendlu.”

⁸ Abapristi bavuma ukuba bangabe besamukela imali kubantu, futhi bangazilungisi izimfa zendlu.

⁹ UJehoyada, umpri, wayesethatha umphongolo, wabhobozwa imbobo esivalweni sawo, wawubeka eceleni kwe-altare ngakwesokunene lapho umuntu engena endlini kaJehova; abapristi abalinda umbundu bafaka khona yonke imali eyalethwa endlini kaJehova.

¹⁰ Kwathi lapho bebona ukuthi ikhona imali eningi emphongolweni, umbhali wenkosi nompri omkhulu benyuka, bayibopha, bayibala imali eyafunyanwa endlini kaJehova.

¹¹ Banika imali elinganisiweyo ezandleni zabasebenzayo, bengababonisi bendlu kaJehova, bakhokhela ababazi nabakhi ababesebenza endlini kaJehova,

¹² nabakha ngamatshe, nababaza amatshe, nokuthenga imithi namatshe abaziweyo ukulungisa izimfa zendlu kaJehova, yebo, konke okwakhishelwa indlu ukuyilungisa.

¹³ Kodwa indlu kaJehova ayenzelwanga izindebe zesiliva, nezizenze, nezitsha, namacilongo, nazo zonke izinto zegolide, nezinto zesiliva ngemali eyalethwa endlini kaJehova,

¹⁴ ngokuba bayinika abasebenzayo, balungisa ngayo indlu kaJehova.

¹⁵ Ababalelananga nabantu imali abayibeka ezandleni zabo ukunika abasebenzayo, ngokuba babethembekile ekuphatheni kwabo.

¹⁶ Imali yeminikelo yamacala, nemali yeminikelo yezono yayingangeniswa endlini kaJehova, yayingeyabapristi.

¹⁷ Khona uHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu wenyuka walwa neGati, walithatha; uHazayeli wabhekisa ubuso bakhe ukwenyukela eJerusalema.

¹⁸ UJehowashi, inkosi yakwaJuda, wathatha zonke izinto ezingcwele, ezingcwelisiwe ngoJehoshafati noJehoram no-Ahaziya oyise, amakhosi akwaJuda, nezinto zakhe ezingcwelisiwe, nalo lonke igolide elafunyanwa engcebeni endlini kaJehova nasendlini yenkosi, wakuthuma kuHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu; wayesesuka eJerusalema.

¹⁹ Ezinye izindaba zikaJowashi nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na?

²⁰ Izinceku zakhe zasuka, zenza ugobe, zambulala uJowashi endlini yaseMilo ekwehleleni eSila.

²¹ UJozakari, indodana kaShimeyati, noJehozabadi indodana kaShomeri, izinceku zakhe, bambulala, wafa; bammbela koyise emzini kaDavide. U-Amasiya, indodana yakhe, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

ISAHLUKO 13

Ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nantathu kaJowashi indodana ka-Ahaziya inkosi yakwaJuda uJehowahazi indodana kaJehu waba yinkosi kwa-Israyeli eSamariya, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa.

² Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, walandela izono zikaJerobowamu, indodana kaNebati, onisa ngazo u-Israyeli, kasukanga kuzo.

³ Intukuthelo kaJehova yavuthela u-Israyeli, wabanikela esandleni sikaHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu nasesandleni sikaBeni Hadadi indodana kaHazayeli sonke lesi sikhathi.

⁴ UJehowahazi wakhuleka kuJehova, uJehova wamuzwa, ngokuba wabona ukucindezelwa kuka-Israyeli ukuthi inkosi yase-Aramu yayibacindezela.

⁵ UJehova wanika u-Israyeli umsindisi, baphuma phansi kwesandla sama-Aramu; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahlala ematendeni abo njengakuqala.

⁶ Nokho abasukanga ezonweni zendlu kaJerobowamu onisa ngazo u-Israyeli, kepha bahamba kuzo; naye u-Ashera wasala eSamariya.

⁷ Ngokuba akashiyanga abantu kuJehowahazi, kuphela abamahhashi abangamashumi ayisihlanu, nezinqola eziyishumi, nemigundatshani eyizinkulungwane eziyishumi, ngokuba inkosi yase-Aramu yabachitha, yabenza baba njengothuli ekubhuleni.

⁸ Ezinye izindaba zikaJehowahazi, nakho konke akwenzayo, namandla akhe, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?

⁹ UJehowahazi wayeselala koyise; bammbela eSamariya; uJowashi indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

¹⁰ Ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesikhombisa kaJowashi, inkosi yakwaJuda, uJehowashi, indodana kaJehowahazi, waba yinkosi kwa-Israyeli eSamariya, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesithupha.

¹¹ Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, kasukanga kuzo zonke izono zikaJerobowamu indodana kaNebati onisa ngazo u-Israyeli, kodwa wahamba kuzo.

¹² Ezinye izindaba zikaJowashi, nakho konke akwenzayo, namandla akhe alwa ngawo no-Amasiya inkosi yakwaJuda, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?

¹³ UJowashi wayeselala koyise; uJerobowamu wahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi; uJowashi wembelwa eSamariya namakhosi akwa-Israyeli.

¹⁴ U-Elisha esegula ngesifo afa ngaso, uJowashi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli wehlela kuye, wamkhalela wathi: “Baba, Baba, nqola ka-Israyeli nabamahhashi bakhe!”

¹⁵ U-Elisha wathi kuye: “Thatha umnsalo nemicibisholo.” Wathatha-ke umnsalo nemicibisholo.

¹⁶ Wathi enkosini yakwa-Israyeli: “Beka isandla sakho emnsalweni.” Yabeka-ke isandla sayo. U-Elisha wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwezandla zenkosi.

¹⁷ Wathi: “Vula ifasitele ngasempumalanga.” Yalivula. Wayesethi u-Elisha: “Cibishela.” Yacibishela-ke. Wathi: “Ngumcibisholo kaJehova wokusindisa, umcibisholo wokusindiswa kuma-Aramu, ngokuba uyakubulala ama-Aramu e-Afeki, uwaqede.”

¹⁸ Wayesethi: “Thatha imicibisholo.” Yayithatha-ke. Wathi enkosini yakwa-Israyeli: “Shaya

emhlabathini.” Yashaya kathathu, yayeka.

¹⁹ Lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu wayithukuthela, wathi: “Uma ubushaye kahlanu noma kayisithupha, wawulahlulile i-Aramu waze waliqeda, kepha manje uyakuhlula i-Aramu kathathu kuphela.”

²⁰ Wayesefa u-Elisha, bammela. Amaviyo akwaMowabi angenela izwe ngasekwethwaseni komnyaka.

²¹ Kwathi lapho besammela umuntu othile, bheka, babona iviyo; bamhlala umuntu ethuneni lika-Elisha. Lowo muntu wanele ukuthinta nje amathambo ka-Elisha, waphila, wema ngezinyawo zakhe.

²² UHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu wayecindezele u-Israyeli zonke izinsuku zikaJehowahazi.

²³ Kodwa uJehova wayenomusa kubo, wayenesihe kubo, wabanakekela ngenxa yesivumelwano sakhe no-Abrahama no-Isaka noJakobe, akathandanga ukubachitha, futhi wayengakabalahli ebusweni bakhe.

²⁴ UHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu wafa; uBeni Hadadi indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

²⁵ UJehowashi indodana kaJehowahazi wabuye waphuca esandleni sikaBeni Hadadi indodana kaHazayeli leyo mizi ayaphucile esandleni sikaJehowahazi uyise ngokulwa. UJowashi wamahlula kathathu, wabuyisa imizi yakwa-Israyeli.

ISAPHLUKO 14

Ngomnyaka wesibili kaJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli u-Amasiya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakwaJuda waba yinkosi.

² Wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguJehohadini waseJerusalema.

³ Wenza okulungile emehlweni kaJehova, kungenjengoDavide uyise kodwa; wenza njengakho konke uJowashi uyise akwenzileyo.

⁴ Kepha izindawo eziphakemeyo azisuswanga; abantu babesahlaba, besashisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo.

⁵ Kwathi lapho umbuso usugqinisiwe esandleni sakhe, wazibulala izinceku zakhe ezaziyibulele inkosi uyise.

⁶ Kepha abantwana bababulali akababulalanga njengokulotshiweyo encwadini yomthetho kaMose njengokuyala kukaJehova ngokuthi: “Oyise abayikubulawa ngenxa yabantwana, nabantwana abayikubulawa ngenxa yawoyise, kepha yilowo nalowo uyakufa ngesakhe isono.”

⁷ Wabulala ku-Edomi esiGodini sikaSawoti abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi, wathatha iSela ngokulwa, waliqamba igama lokuthi iJokiteyeli kuze kube namuhla.

⁸ Khona u-Amasiya wathuma izithunywa kuJehowashi indodana kaJehowahazi kaJehu, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, wathi: “Woza sibhekane ubuso nobuso.”

⁹ UJehowashi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli wathumela ku-Amasiya inkosi yakwaJuda, wathi: “Isihlahla somkhaya saseLebanoni sathumela kumsedari waseLebanoni, sathi: ‘Nika indodana yami indodakazi yakho ibe ngumkayo.’ Kwadlula isilo sasendle saseLebanoni, sanyathela phansi isihlahla somkhaya.

¹⁰ Umchithile impela u-Edomi; inhliziyi yakho ikuphakamisile; dumiseka ngakho, uhlale ekhaya; uzilebelani ukuba uwe wena, noJuda ekanye nawe, na?”

¹¹ Kepha u-Amasiya akalalelanga. Wayesenyuka uJehowashi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli; yena

no-Amasiya inkosi yakwaJuda babhekana ubuso nobuso eBeti Shemeshi elingelakwaJuda.

12 UJuda wahlulwa phambi kuka-Israyeli; babaleka, kwaba yilowo nalowo etendeni lakhe.

13 UJehowashi, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, wambamba u-Amasiya inkosi yakwaJuda, indodana kaJehowashi, ka-Ahaziya, eBeti Shemeshi, wafika eJerusalema, wadiliza ugange lwaseJerusalema, kusukela eSangweni lakwa-Efrayimi kuze kube seSangweni laseGumbini, izingalo ezingamakhulu amane.

14 Wathatha lonke igolide nesiliva, nazo zonke izitsha ezafunyanwa endlini kaJehova nasengcebeni endlini yenkosi, nabayisibambiso, wabuyela eSamariya.

15 Ezinye izindaba zikaJehowashi azenzayo, namandla akhe, nempi yakhe no-Amasiya inkosi yakwaJuda, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?

16 UJehowashi wayeselala koyise, wembelwa eSamariya namakhosi akwa-Israyeli; uJerobowamu indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

17 U-Amasiya, indodana kaJowashi, inkosi yakwaJuda, wayeseekhona emva kokufa kukaJehowashi indodana kaJehowahazi, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, iminyaka eyishumi nanhlanu.

18 Ezinye izindaba zika-Amasiya angithi zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na?

19 Bamenzela ugobe eJerusalema; wabalekela eLakishi, kepha bathumela bamlanda eLakishi, bambulala khona.

20 Bamthwala ngamahhashi; wembelwa eJerusalema koyise emzini kaDavide.

21 Bonke abantu bakwaJuda bathatha u-Azariya owayeneminyaka eyishumi nesithupha, bambeka inkosi esikhundleni sikayise u-Amasiya.

22 Wakha i-Elati, walibuyisela kuJuda, inkosi isilele koyise.

23 Ngomnyaka weshumi nanhlanu ka-Amasiya indodana kaJowashi, inkosi yakwaJuda, uJerobowamu indodana kaJowashi, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, waba yinkosi eSamariya, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amane nanye.

24 Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, kasukanga ezonweni zonke zikaJerobowamu, indodana kaNebati, onisa ngazo u-Israyeli.

25 Wabuyisa umkhawulo wakwa-Israyeli kusukela ekuyeni eHamati kuze kube seLwandle lwase-Araba; njengezwi likaJehova, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, alikhulumayo ngesandla senceku yakhe uJona indodana ka-Amithayi, umprofethi waseGati Heferi.

26 Ngokuba uJehova wabona ukuhlupheka kuka-Israyeli ukuthi kwakumunyu kakhulu, abancane nabakhulu baphela amandla, kungekho omsizayo u-Israyeli.

27 UJehova akashongo ukuthi uyakwesula igama lika-Israyeli phansi kwezulu, kepha wabasindisa ngesandla sikaJerobowamu indodana kaJowashi.

28 Ezinye izindaba zikaJerobowamu, nakho konke akwenzayo, namandla akhe, nokulwa kwakhe, nokubuyisela kwakhe ku-Israyeli iDamaseku neHamati elalingelakwaJuda, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?

29 UJerobowamu wayeselala koyise, amakhosi abakwa-Israyeli; uZakariya waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

ISAHLUKO 15

Ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nesikhombisa kaJerobowamu inkosi ka-Israyeli u-Azariya indodana ka-Amasiya inkosi yakwaJuda waba yinkosi.

² Wayeneminyaka eyishumi nesithupha ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu nambili eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguJekoliya waseJerusalema.

³ Wenza okulungile emehlweni kaJehova njengakho konke akwenzileyo uyise u-Amasiya.

⁴ Nokho izindawo eziphakemeyo azisuswanga; abantu babesahlaba, besashisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo.

⁵ UJehova wayishaya inkosi, yaba ngonochoko kwaze kwafika usuku lokufa kwayo, yahlala endlini eyahlukanisiweyo. UJothamu, indodana yenkosi, wayephezu kwendlu ahlulela abantu bezwe.

⁶ Ezinye izindaba zika-Azariya nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na?

⁷ U-Azariya wayeselala koyise; bammbela koyise emzini kaDavide; uJothamu, indodana yakhe, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

⁸ Ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili ka-Azariya inkosi yakwaJuda, uZakariya, indodana kaJerobowamu, wayeyinkosi kwa-Israyeli eSamariya izinyanga eziyisithupha.

⁹ Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova njengalokho benzile oyise, kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobowamu, indodana kaNebati, onisa ngazo u-Israyeli.

¹⁰ UShalumi, indodana kaJabeshi, wamenzela ugobe, wamgenca phambi kwabantu, wambulala, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

¹¹ Ezinye izindaba zikaZakariya, bheka, zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli.

¹² Yilelo izwi likaJehova alikhuluma kuJehu ngokuthi: “Amadodana akho kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesine ayakuhlala esihlalweni sakwa-Israyeli.” Kwaba njalo.

¹³ UShalumi indodana kaJabeshi waba yinkosi ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalolunye ka-Uziya inkosi yakwaJuda, wabusa inyanga eSamariya.

¹⁴ UMenahemu, indodana kaGadi, wenyuka eTirisa, wafika eSamariya, wagenca uShalumi, indodana kaJabeshi, eSamariya, wambulala, wabusa esikhundleni sakhe.

¹⁵ Ezinye izindaba zikaShalumi nogobe lwakhe alwenzayo, bheka, kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli.

¹⁶ Ngaleso sikhathi uMenahemu wachitha iThifisa, nakho konke okwakukulo, nemikhawulo yalo, kusukela eTirisa; ngokuba bengamvulelanga, ngalokho walichitha; nabo bonke abesifazane abakhulelweyo abakulo wabaqqa.

¹⁷ Ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalolunye ka-Azariya inkosi yakwaJuda uMenahemu indodana kaGadi waba yinkosi kwa-Israyeli, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi eSamariya.

¹⁸ Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, kasukanga zonke izinsuku zakhe ezonweni zikaJerobowamu indodana kaNebati onisa ngazo u-Israyeli.

¹⁹ Kwafika ukuhlasela izwe uPhuli inkosi yase-Asiriya; uMenahemu wamnika uPhuli amatalenta ayinkulungwane esiliva ukuba isandla sakhe sibe naye ukuwuqinisa umbuso esandleni sakhe.

²⁰ UMenahemu wakhiphisa u-Israyeli imali, bonke abantu abacebileyo, kwaba yilowo nalowo amashekeli angamashumi ayisihlanu esiliva ukuwanika inkosi yase-Asiriya. Yayisibuyela emuva inkosi yase-Asiriya, ayihlalanga khona ezweni.

- ²¹ Ezinye izindaba zikaMenahemu nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli na?
- ²² UMenahemu wayeselala koyise; uPhekaya waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
- ²³ Ngomnyaka wamashumi ayisihlanu ka-Azariya inkosi yakwaJuda, uPhekaya, indodana kaMenahemu, waba yinkosi kwa-Israyeli eSamariya, wabusa iminyaka emibili.
- ²⁴ Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobowamu indodana kaNebati onisa ngazo u-Israyeli.
- ²⁵ UPheka, indodana kaRemaliya, induna yakhe wamenzela ugobe, wamgenca eSamariya enqabeni yendlu yenkosi kanye no-Arigobi no-Ariye; wayenabantu bakwaGileyadi abangamashumi ayisihlanu; wambulala, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
- ²⁶ Ezinye izindaba zikaPhekaya nakho konke akwenzayo, bheka, kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli.
- ²⁷ Ngomnyaka wamashumi ayisihlanu nambili ka-Azariya inkosi yakwaJuda uPheka indodana kaRemaliya waba yinkosi kwa-Israyeli eSamariya, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amabili.
- ²⁸ Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobowamu indodana kaNebati onisa ngazo u-Israyeli.
- ²⁹ Emihleni kaPheka inkosi yakwa-Israyeli kwafika uThigilati Phileseri inkosi yase-Asiriya, wathatha i-Ijoni, ne-Abela Beti Mahakha, neJanowa, neKedeshi, neHasori, neGileyadi, neGalile, lonke izwe lakwaNafetali, wabathumbela e-Asiriya.
- ³⁰ UHosheya, indodana ka-Ela, wamenzela ugobe uPheka indodana kaRemaliya, wamgenca, wambulala, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili kaJothamu indodana ka-Uziya.
- ³¹ Ezinye izindaba zikaPheka nakho konke akwenzayo, bheka, kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli.
- ³² Ngomnyaka wesibili kaPheka indodana kaRemaliya, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, uJothamu indodana ka-Uziya, inkosi yakwaJuda, waba yinkosi.
- ³³ Wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlano ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesithupha eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguJerusha, indodakazi kaSadoki.
- ³⁴ Wenza okulungile emehlweni kaJehova, wenza njengakho konke akwenzileyo uyise u-Uziya.
- ³⁵ Nokho izindawo eziphakemeyo azisuswanga; abantu babesahlaba, besashisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo. Wakha isango lasenhla endlini kaJehova.
- ³⁶ Ezinye izindaba zikaJothamu nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na?
- ³⁷ Ngalezo zinsuku uJehova waqala ukuthuma kuJuda uResini, inkosi yase-Aramu noPheka indodana kaRemaliya.
- ³⁸ UJothamu wayeselala koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kaDavide; u-Ahazi, indodana yakhe, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

ISAHLUKO 16

Ngomnyaka weshumi nesikhombisa kaPheka indodana kaRemaliya u-Ahazi indodana kaJothamu, inkosi yakwaJuda, waba yinkosi. 16:1 2 IziKr. 28:1.

² U-Ahazi wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa

iminyaka eyishumi nesithupha eJerusalema; akenzanga okulungile emehlweni kaJehova, uNkulunkulu wakhe, njengoDavide uyise.

³ Kepha wahamba ngendlela yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli, yebo, wadabulisa nendodana yakhe emlilweni njengezinengiso zabezizwe uJehova abaxosha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli. 16:3 Lev. 18:21; Dut. 18:10; 2 AmaKh. 8:18.

⁴ Wahlababa, washisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo, nasemagqumeni, naphansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza.

⁵ Ngaleso sikhathi uResini, inkosi yase-Aramu, noPheka indodana kaRemaliya, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, benyukela eJerusalema ukulwa nalo; bamvimbezela u-Ahazi, kepha babengenakumahlula.

⁶ Ngaleso sikhathi uResini inkosi yase-Aramu wabuyisela i-Elati e-Aramu, waxosha abaJuda e-Elati; ama-Aramu afika e-Elati, ahlala khona kuze kube namuhla.

⁷ U-Ahazi wathuma izithunywa kuThigilati Phileseri inkosi yase-Asiriya ngokuthi: “Mina ngiyinceku yakho nendodana yakho: yenyuka, ungisindise esandleni senkosi yase-Aramu nasesandleni senkosi yakwa-Israyeli angivukelayo.”

⁸ U-Ahazi wathatha isiliva negolide elafunyanwa endlini kaJehova nasengcebeni endlini yenkosi, walithuma enkosini yase-Asiriya laba yisipho.

⁹ Inkosi yase-Asiriya yamlalela; inkosi yase-Asiriya yenyuka ukuhlasela iDamaseku, yalithatha, yathumbela abantu balo eKhiri, yambulala uResini.

¹⁰ Inkosi u-Ahazi yaya eDamaseku ukumhlangabeza uThigilati Phileseri inkosi yase-Asiriya, yabona i-altare elaliseDamaseku; inkosi u-Ahazi yathumela ku-Uriya, umpristi, isimo se-altare nesifanekiso salo njengokwenziwa kwalo konke.

¹¹ U-Uriya, umpristi, wayesakha i-altare: njengakho konke inkosi u-Ahazi ebikuthumile iseDamaseku walenze njalo u-Uriya umpristi, yaze yabuya inkosi u-Ahazi eDamaseku.

¹² Inkosi isibuyile eDamaseku, inkosi yalibona i-altare; inkosi yasondela e-altare, yenyukela kulo.

¹³ Yashisa umnikelo wayo wokushiswa nomnikelo wayo wempuphu, yathulula umnikelo wayo wokuphuzwa, yafafaza igazi leminikelo yokuthula e-altare.

¹⁴ Kepha i-altare lethusi elaliphambi kukaJehova, yalisusa ngaphambi kwendlu phakathi kwe-altare nendlu kaJehova, yalibeka ohlangothini lwasenyakatho lwe-altare layo.

¹⁵ Inkosi u-Ahazi yamyala u-Uriya umpristi ngokuthi: “Shisa e-altare elikhulu umnikelo wokushiswa wasekuseni, nomnikelo wempuphu wakusihlwa, nomnikelo wokushiswa wenkosi, nomnikelo wayo wempuphu kanye nomnikelo wokushiswa wabo bonke abantu bezwe, nomnikelo wabo wempuphu, neminikelo yabo yokuphuzwa, ulifafaze ngalo lonke igazi lomnikelo wokushiswa nalo lonke igazi lomhlatshe; kodwa i-altare lethusi liyakuba ngelami ukubuza ngalo.”

¹⁶ U-Uriya umpristi wenza njengakho konke inkosi u-Ahazi eyale ngakho.

¹⁷ Inkosi u-Ahazi yanquma izindini zezinge, yasusa kuzo umcengezi wokugeza, yehlisa ulwandle ezinkabini zethusi ezaziphansi kwawo, yawubeka endaweni egandayiwe ngamatshe.

¹⁸ Indlela esibekelweyo yesabatha ababeyakhe endlini nendawo yokungena yenkosi engaphandle yakuphambukisela endlini kaJehova ngenxa yenkosi yase-Asiriya.

¹⁹ Ezinye izindaba zika-Ahazi azenzayo angithi zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na?

²⁰ U-Ahazi wayeselala koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kaDavide; uHezekiya indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

ISAHLUKO 17

Ngomnyaka weshumi nambili ka-Ahazi inkosi yakwaJuda uHosheya indodana ka-Ela waba yinkosi eSamariya kwa-Israyeli, wabusa iminyaka eyisihyagalolunye.

² Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova, nokho kungenjengamakhosi akwa-Israyeli ayephambi kwakhe.

³ Kwenyuka ukulwa naye uShalimaneseri inkosi yase-Asiriya; uHosheya waba yisikhonzi sakhe, wathela intela kuye.

⁴ Inkosi yase-Asiriya yafumana ugobe kuHosheya, ngokuba wayethume izithunywa kuSo inkosi yaseGibithe, engasenyusi ntela enkosini yase-Asiriya njengokwenza kwakhe imihla ngemihla; ngalokho inkosi yase-Asiriya yamvalela, yambopha etilongweni.

⁵ Inkosi yase-Asiriya yayisenyuka, yadabula izwe lonke, yenyukela eSamariya, yalivimbezela iminyaka emithathu.

⁶ Ngomnyaka wesishiyagalolunye kaHosheya, inkosi yase-Asiriya yalithatha iSamariya, yathumbela u-Israyeli e-Asiriya, yababeka eHala, naseHabori ngasemfuleni waseGozani, nasemizini yamaMede.

⁷ Kwaba njalo, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babonile kuJehova uNkulunkulu wabo owabakhuphula ezweni laseGibithe esandleni sikaFaro inkosi yaseGibithe, besaba abanye onkulunkulu,

⁸ bahamba ngezimiso zabezizwe uJehova abaxosha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli nezamakhosi akwa-Israyeli azenzileyo.

⁹ Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benza ngasese izinto ezingalungile kuJehova uNkulunkulu, bazakhela izindawo eziphakemeyo emizini yabo yonke ngasemibhoshongweni yabalindi nasemizini ebiyelweyo.

¹⁰ Bazimisela izinsika nawo-Ashera emagqumeni onke aphakemeyo naphansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza,

¹¹ bashisa khona impepho ezindaweni zonke eziphakemeyo njengokwenza kwabezizwe uJehova abaxosha phambi kwabo, benza izinto ezimbi ukumcunula uJehova,

¹² bakhonza izithombe uJehova ashilo ngazo kubo ukuthi: “Aniyikwenza le nto.”

¹³ Nokho uJehova wayexwayisile o-Israyeli noJuda ngesandla sabo bonke abaprofethi nababoni ukuthi: “Phendukani ezindleleni zenu ezimbi, nigcine imiyalo yami nezimiso zami njengawo wonke umthetho engayala ngawo oyihlo nengawuthuma kini ngesandla sezinceku zami abaprofethi.”

¹⁴ Kepha abalalelanga; benza lukhuni intamo yabo njengentamo yawoyise abangakholwanga nguJehova uNkulunkulu wabo.

¹⁵ Badelela izimiso zakhe, nesivumelwano sakhe asenzayo nawoyise, nezixwayiso abaxwayisa ngazo, balandela okuyize, benza okuyize, balandela abezizwe ababebazungeza, uJehova abayale ngabo ukuthi abayikwenza njengabo.

¹⁶ Bashiya yonke imiyalo kaJehova uNkulunkulu wabo, bazenzela izithombe ezibunjiweyo, amathole amabili, benza no-Ashera, bakhuleka kulo lonke ibandla lasezulwini, bakhonza uBali.

¹⁷ Badabulisa amadodana abo namadodakazi abo emlilweni, babhula, benza imilingo, bazithengisela ukwenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova ukumcunula.

¹⁸ Ngalokho uJehova wathukuthelela u-Israyeli, wabasusa ebusweni bakhe; akusalanga muntu, isizwe sakwaJuda kuphela.

¹⁹ Naye uJuda akagcinanga imiyalo kaJehova uNkulunkulu wabo, kepha wahamba ngezimiso zakwa-Israyeli azenzileyo.

- ²⁰ UJehova wala yonke inzalo ka-Israyeli, wayihlupha, wayinikela esandleni sabaphangi, waze wayilahla ebusweni bakhe.
- ²¹ Ngokuba wahlwitha u-Israyeli endlini kaDavide; bambeka uJerobowamu indodana kaNebati inkosi; uJerobowamu wamqubula u-Israyeli ukuba angamlandeli uJehova, wamonisa ngesono esikhulu.
- ²² Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahamba ezonweni zonke zikaJerobowamu azenzayo, abasukanga kuzo,
- ²³ uJehova waze wamsusa u-Israyeli ebusweni bakhe njengokukhuluma kwakhe ngesandla sazo zonke izinceku zakhe abaprofethi. Wayesethunjwa u-Israyeli ezweni lakubo, wayiswa e-Asiriya kuze kube namuhla.
- ²⁴ Inkosi yase-Asiriya yalanda abantu eBabele, naseKhutha, nase-Ava, naseHamati, naseSefarivayimi, yabahlalisa emizini yaseSamariya esikhundleni sabantwana bakwa-Israyeli; badla iSamariya, bahlala emizini yalo.
- ²⁵ Kwathi ekuqaleni kokuhlala kwabo khona abamesabanga uJehova; ngalokho uJehova wathuma izingonyama phakathi kwabo, zabulala abanye kubo.
- ²⁶ Base bekhuluma enkosini yase-Asiriya, bethi: “Abezizwe obasusileyo wabahlalisa emizini yaseSamariya abawazi umthetho kaNkulunkulu wezwe; ngalokho uthumile izingonyama phakathi kwabo; bheka, ziyababulala, ngokuba abawazi umthetho kaNkulunkulu wezwe.”
- ²⁷ Inkosi yase-Asiriya yayisiyala ngokuthi: “Yisani khona omunye wabapristi enibathumbile lapho, ahambe ahlale khona, abafundise umthetho kaNkulunkulu wezwe.”
- ²⁸ Wayesefika omunye wabapristi ababebathumbile eSamariya, wahlala eBethela, wabafundisa ukumesaba uJehova.
- ²⁹ Kodwa zonke izizwe zazenzele onkulunkulu bazo, zababeka ezindlini zezindawo eziphakemeyo ezazenziwe ngamaSamariya, kwaba yileso naleso sizwe emizini esasihlezi kuyo.
- ³⁰ Abantu baseBabele benza uSukoti Benoti, abantu baseKhuti benza uNerigali, abantu baseHamati benza u-Ashima,
- ³¹ ama-Avi enza oNibihazi noTharithaki, amaSefarivayimi ashisa abantwana bawo ngomlilo ko-Adirameleki no-Anameleki, onkulunkulu bamaSefarivayimi.
- ³² Kepha babemkhonza noJehova, bazenzela phakathi kwabo abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo ababahlabela ezindlini zezindawo eziphakemeyo.
- ³³ Bamesaba uJehova, bakhonza nawonkulunkulu babo njengomthetho wezizwe ababesuswe phakathi kwazo.
- ³⁴ Kuze kube namuhla benza njengemithetho yakuqala: abamesabi uJehova, abenzi njengezimiso, nezimemezelo zabo, nomthetho wabo, nemiyalo yabo uJehova ayala ngayo abantwana bakwaJakobe amutha u-Israyeli,
- ³⁵ uJehova enza nabo isivumelwano, wabayala wathi: “Aniyikwesaba abanye onkulunkulu, ningakhothameli kubo, ningabakhonzi, ningabahlabei;
- ³⁶ kepha uJehova owanikhuphula ezweni laseGibithe ngamandla amakhulu nangengalo eyeluliweyo yena niyakumesaba, kuyena niyakukhothamela, nimhlabele yena;
- ³⁷ izimiso nezimemezelo nomthetho nemiyalo anilobela khona yikho eniyakukugcina ukuba nikwenze; ningesabi abanye onkulunkulu;
- ³⁸ aniyikukhohlwa isivumelwano engisenzile nani, ningesabi abanye onkulunkulu;
- ³⁹ kepha niyakwesaba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu; yena uyakunophula esandleni sazo zonke izitha zenu.”
- ⁴⁰ Nokho abalalelanga, kodwa benza njengemithetho yabo yakuqala.

⁴¹ Zesaba-ke lezo zizwe uJehova, kepha zakhonza izithombe zazo ezibaziweyo, kanjalo nabantwana bazo nabantwana babantwana bazo; njengalokho benzile oyise, benze njalo nabo kuze kube namuhla.

ISAHLUKO 18

Kwathi ngomnyaka wesithathu kaHosheya indodana ka-Ela, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, uHezekiya indodana ka-Ahazi inkosi yakwaJuda waba yinkosi.

² Wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye eJerusalema; igama likanina lalingu-Abi indodakazi kaZakariya.

³ Wenza okulungile emehlweni kaJehova njengakho konke akwenzileyo uDavide uyise.

⁴ Wasusa izindawo eziphakemeyo, wadiliza izinsika, wanquma o-Ashera, wachitha inyoka yethusi ayeyenzile uMose, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babeshisa impepho kuyo kwaze kwaba ngalezo zinsuku; yabizwa ngokuthi uNehushitani.

⁵ Wamethemba uJehova uNkulunkulu wakwa-Israyeli kwaze kwangabakho onjengaye phakathi kwawo onke amakhosi akwaJuda nakuwo ayengaphambi kwakhe.

⁶ Ngokuba wabambeleva kuJehova, akasukanga ekumlandeleni, kepha wagcina imiyalo yakhe uJehova ayala ngayo uMose.

⁷ UJehova wayenaye; nomaphi lapho eya khona, waphumelela; wayihlubuka inkosi yase-Asiriya, kayikhonzanga.

⁸ Wachitha amaFilisti kwaze kwaba seGaza nemikhawulo yalo, imibhoshongo yabalindi nemizi ebiyelweyo.

⁹ Kwathi ngomnyaka wesine wenkosi uHezekiya owawungumnyaka wesikhombisa kaHosheya indodana ka-Ela, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, uShalimaneseri inkosi yase-Asiriya wenyuka walivimbezela iSamariya.

¹⁰ Ngasekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu balithatha; ngomnyaka wesithupha kaHezekiya owawungumnyaka wesishiyagalolunye kaHosheya inkosi yakwa-Israyeli iSamariya lathathwa.

¹¹ Inkosi yase-Asiriya yathumbela u-Israyeli e-Asiriya, yababeka eHala naseHabori ngasemfuleni waseGozani nasemizini yamaMede,

¹² ngokuba abalalelanga izwi likaJehova uNkulunkulu wabo, kepha beqa isivumelwano sakhe; konke ayala ngakho uMose inceku kaJehova kabavumanga ukukulalela nokukwenza.

¹³ Ngomnyaka weshumi nane wenkosi uHezekiya, uSaneheribi inkosi yase-Asiriya wenyuka wahlasela yonke imizi ebiyelweyo yakwaJuda, wayithatha.

¹⁴ UHezekiya inkosi yakwaJuda wathumela enkosini yase-Asiriya eLakishi, wathi: "Ngonile; buya kimi; okubeka kimi ngiyakukwenza." Inkosi yase-Asiriya yamnqumela uHezekiya inkosi yakwaJuda amatalenta angamakhulu amathathu esiliva namatalenta angamashumi amathathu egolide.

¹⁵ UHezekiya wamnika lonke isiliva elalifunyanwa endlini kaJehova nasengcebeni endlini yenkosi.

¹⁶ Ngaleso sikhathi uHezekiya wanquma izivalo zethempeli likaJehova nezinsika uHezekiya inkosi yakwaJuda ayezinamekile, wakunika inkosi yase-Asiriya.

¹⁷ Inkosi yase-Asiriya yathuma oTharithani, noRabi Sarisi, noRabi Shake ukuba basuke eLakishi, baye enkosini uHezekiya eJerusalema, benempi enkulu. Benyuka bafika eJerusalema. Sebenyukile bafika, bema ngasemseleni wechibi lasenhla elingasendleleni

yeNsimu yoMhlanzi.

- 18** Bayibiza inkosi, kwaphumela kubo u-Eliyakimi indodana kaHilikiya owayephezu kwendlu, noShebina umbhali, noJowa indodana ka-Asafa, umabhalana.
- 19** Wathi kubo uRabi Shake: “Ake nisho kuHezekiya, nithi: ‘Isho kanje inkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya, ithi: Yithemba lini leli olethembayo na?’
- 20** Wena uyakhuluma, kepha kungamazwi angawomlomo nje lana ngesu nangamandla okulwa. Pho, wethemba bani, lokhu ungihlubukile, na?
- 21** Manje bheka, wethemba udondolo lwalo mhlanga ofecekileyo oyiGibithe; kepha uma umuntu ezimelela ngalo, luyakungena esandleni sakhe, lusihlabe; unjalo uFaro inkosi yaseGibithe kubo bonke abamethembayo.
- 22** Kepha uma nithi kimi: “Siyamethemba uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu,” akusiye yini ozindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo nama-altare akhe akususile uHezekiya, wathi kuJuda nakulo iJerusalema: “Niyakukhuleka phambi kwaleli altare eJerusalema,” na?
- 23** “ ‘Ngalokho ake uvumelane nenkosi yami, inkosi yase-Asiriya, ngiyakukunika amahhashi ayizinkulungwane ezimbili, uma ungabeka izinkweli kuwo.
- 24** Pho, ungaphindisela emuva kanjani nenduna eyodwa ezincekwini ezincane zenkosi yami na? Nokho wethemba iGibithe ukuthola khona izinqola nabamahhashi.
- 25** Manje ngenyukele yini ngaphandle kukaJehova kule ndawo ukuba ngiyichithe na? UJehova wathi kimi: “Yenyukela kulelo zwe, ulichithe.” ’ ’ ”
- 26** Base bethi u-Eliyakimi indodana kaHilikiya noShebina noJowa kuRabi Shake: “Ake ukhulume ezincekwini zakho ngesi-Aramu, ngokuba siyaluzwa, ungakhulumi kithi ngolimi lwabaJuda ezindlebeni zabantu abasogangeni.”
- 27** Kepha uRabi Shake wathi kubo: “Inkosi yami ingithumile yini enkosini yakho nakuwena ukukhuluma lawa mazwi na? Hhayi kulaba bantu yini abahlezi ogangeni ukuba badle amasimba abo, baphuze umshobingo wabo kanye nani, na?”
- 28** Wayesema uRabi Shake, wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu ngolimi lwabaJuda, wakhuluma wathi: “Zwanini amazwi enkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya.
- 29** Isho kanje inkosi, ithi: ‘Maningakhohliswa nguHezekiya, ngokuba akayikuba namandla okunophula esandleni sami;
- 30** futhi uHezekiya makanganenzi nethembe uJehova ngokuthi: “UJehova uyakusophula nokusophula, nalo muzi awuyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya.” ’
- 31** “Ningamlaleli uHezekiya, ngokuba inkosi yase-Asiriya isho kanje, ithi: ‘Yenzani ukuthula nami, niphumele kimi, nidle, kube yilowo nalowo emvinini wakhe, kube yilowo nalowo emkhiwaneni wakhe, niphuze, kube yilowo nalowo amanzi omthombo wakhe,
- 32** ngize ngifike, nginiyise ezweni elinjengezwe lakini, izwe lamabele nelewayini, izwe lesinkwa nelezivini, izwe leminqumo nezinyosi, ukuba niphile, ningafi.’ Futhi ningamlaleli uHezekiya, lapho eniyenga ngokuthi: ‘UJehova uyakusophula.’
- 33** Abanye onkulunkulu bezizwe bake bophula nokophula yini izwe lakubo esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya na?
- 34** Baphi onkulunkulu baseHamati nase-Aripadi na? Baphi onkulunkulu baseSefarivayimi, nabaseHena, nabase-Iva, na? Balophulile iSamariya esandleni sami na?
- 35** Ngobani phakathi kwabo bonke onkulunkulu bamazwe abophule izwe lakubo esandleni sami ukuba uJehova alophule iJerusalema esandleni sami na?”
- 36** Kepha abantu bathula, abamphendulanga ngazwi, ngokuba umyalo wenkosi wathi: “Ningamphenduli.”

³⁷ Base befika u-Eliyakimi indodana kaHilikiya owayephezu kwendlu, noShebina umlobi, noJowa indodana ka-Asafa, umabhalana, kuHezekiya, izingubo zabo ziklebhukile, bamlandisa amazwi kaRabi Shake.

ISAHLUKO 19

Kwathi inkosi uHezekiya ikuzwile lokho, yaklebhula izingubo zayo, yazembesa indwangu yamasaka, yangena endlini kaJehova.

² Yathuma u-Eliyakimi owayephezu kwendlu, noShebina umbhali, namalunga abapristi, bembeswe izindwangu zamasaka, ku-Isaya umprofethi, indodana ka-Amose.

³ Bathi kuye: “Usho kanje uHezekiya, uthi: ‘Lolo suku lungusuku losizi nolokusolwa nolokudelelwa, ngokuba abantwana sebefikile ekuzalweni, kepha amandla okubeletha awakho.

⁴ Mhlawumbe uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho uyakuzwa onke amazwi kaRabi Shake othunywe yinkosi yase-Asiriya, inkosi yakhe, ukweyisa uNkulunkulu ophilayo, asole amazwi uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho awezwileyo; ngalokho phakamisela insali esafunyanwayo umkhuleko wakho.’ ”

⁵ Izinceku zenkosi uHezekiya sezifikile ku-Isaya,

⁶ u-Isaya wathi kuzo: “Niyakusho kanje enkosini yenu, nithi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Ungesabi lawo mazwi owezwileyo, izinceku zenkosi yase-Asiriya ezingithuke ngawo.

⁷ Bhekani, ngiyakubeka umoya kuyo, izwe amahemuhemu, ibuyele ezweni lakubo, ngiyiwise ngenkamba ezweni lakubo.’ ”

⁸ Wayesebuya uRabi Shake, wafumana inkosi yase-Asiriya ilwa neLibina, ngokuba wayezwile ukuthi isukile eLakishi.

⁹ Kepha isizwile ngoTirahaka inkosi yaseKushe ukuthi: “Bheka, uphumile ukulwa nawe, yabuye yathuma izithunywa kuHezekiya, yathi:

¹⁰ ‘Niyakukhuluma kanje kuHezekiya inkosi yakwaJuda, nithi: “UNkulunkulu wakho omethembayo makangakukhohlisi ngokuthi iJerusalema aliyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya.”

¹¹ Bheka, wena uzwile okwenziwe ngamakhosi ase-Asiriya kuwo onke amazwe ngokuwachitha; pho, wena uyakophulwa na?

¹² Onkulunkulu balezo zizwe ezachithwa ngobaba, iGozani, neHarana, neResefi, nabantwana base-Edene abaseThelasari, bazophula na?

¹³ Iphi inkosi yaseHamati, nenkosi yase-Aripadi, nenkosi yomuzi waseSefarivayimi, naseHena, nase-Iva, na?’ ”

¹⁴ UHezekiya wayamukela incwadi esandleni sezithunywa, wayifunda; uHezekiya wayesenyukela endlini kaJehova, wayeneka phambi kukaJehova.

¹⁵ UHezekiya wakhuleka phambi kukaJehova, wathi: “Jehova Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ohlezi phezu kwamakherubi, wena unguNkulunkulu, wena wedwa, wemibuso yonke yomhlaba, wena wenzile izulu nomhlaba.

¹⁶ Beka, Jehova, indlebe yakho, uzwe; vula amehlo akho, Jehova, ubone, uzwe amazwi kaSaneheribi athume ukweyisa ngawo uNkulunkulu ophilayo.

¹⁷ “Yiqiniso, Jehova; amakhosi ase-Asiriya achithile izizwe namazwe azo,

¹⁸ alahlile onkulunkulu bawo emlilweni, ngokuba babengesibo onkulunkulu, babe ngumsebenzi wezandla zomuntu kuphela, umuthi namatshe; ngalokho abachithile.

¹⁹ Manje, Jehova Nkulunkulu wethu, ake usisindise esandleni sakhe ukuba yonke imibuso

yomhlaba yazi ukuthi wena Jehova unguNkulunkulu, yebo, wena wedwa.”

²⁰ U-Isaya indodana ka-Amose wathumela kuHezekiya, wathi: “Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Lokho okukhuleke kimi ngoSaneheribi inkosi yase-Asiriya ngikuzwile.’

²¹ Nanti izwi uJehova alikhulumile ngaye: “ ‘Ikudelele yakuhleka usulu intombi, indodakazi yaseSiyoni; ikunikinele ikhanda indodakazi yaseJerusalema.

²² Weyise bani, wathuka bani, na? Uphakamisele bani izwi lakho, wabhekisa phezulu amehlo akho, na? NgoNgcwele ka-Israyeli!

²³ Ngesandla sezithunywa zakho uyijivazile inkosi, wathi: “Ngobuningi bezingqola zami ngenyuke mina phezulu ezintabeni ngaphakathi kweLebanoni; ngigawula imisedari yalo emide nemisayipuresi yalo ekhethekileyo ngangena endaweni yalo yokugcina nasehlathini lalo eliminyeneyo.

²⁴ Ngemba, ngaphuza amanzi angaziwayo; ngomisa ngamathe onyawo lwami yonke imifula yaseGibithe.”

²⁵ “ ‘Awuzwanga ukuthi kade ngakuhlela na? Emihleni yasendulo ngakunquma; manje sengikulethile ukuba uchithe imizi ebiyelweyo, ibe yizingqaba.

²⁶ Abakhe kuyo babe namandla amancane, besaba, bajabha; baba njengotshani basendle, nembali notshani obuluhlaza, nokuluhlaza ezimpahleni zezindlu, namabele ahamukile engakakhuli.

²⁷ “ ‘Kepha ukuhlala kwakho, nokuphuma kwakho, nokungena kwakho ngiyakwazi, nokubhovumula kwakho ngami.

²⁸ Ngenxa yokubhovumula kwakho ngami, nangokuba ukuzidla kwakho kwenyukele ezindlebeni zami, ngiyakubeka ingwegwe yami emakhaleni akho netomu lami emlonyeni wakho, ngikubuyise ngendlela oweza ngayo.’

²⁹ “Lokhu kuyakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe: Niyakudla ngalo mnyaka okuzikhulelayo, nangomnyaka wesibili isihlabane, nangomnyaka wesithathu hlwanyelani, nivune, nitshale izivini, nidle izithelo zazo.

³⁰ Abasindileyo bendlu yakwaJuda abaseleyo bayakubuye bagxile phansi, bathele izithelo phezulu.

³¹ Ngokuba kuyakuphuma eJerusalema insali nasentabeni yaseSiyoni abayakusinda; ukushisekela kukaJehova kuyakufeza lokho.

³² “Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova ngenkosi yase-Asiriya, uthi: “ ‘Ayiyikungena kulo muzi, ayiyikucibishela mcibisholo khona; ayiyikubhekisa kuwo isihlangu, ayiyikunqwabela iduli ngakuwo.

³³ Indlela eyafika ngayo, iyakubuya ngayo; ayiyikungena kulo muzi, usho uJehova.

³⁴ Ngiyakuwuvikela lo muzi ukuba ngiwusindise ngenxa yami nangenxa yenceku yami uDavide.’ ”

³⁵ Kwathi ngalobo busuku kwaphuma ingelosi kaJehova, yabulala ekamu labase-Asiriya abayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi ayishiyagalombili nanhlanu; sekuvukwa ngakusasa, bheka, kwakuyizidumbu zodwa ezifileyo.

³⁶ Wayesesuka uSaneheribi inkosi yase-Asiriya, wahamba, wabuya, wahlala eNineve.

³⁷ Kwathi ekhuleka endlini kaNisiroki unkulunkulu wakhe, o-Adirameleki noSareseri bambulala ngenkemba, babalekela ezweni lase-Ararati. U-Esari Hadoni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ngalezo zinsuku uHezekiya wagula, wayephansi kokufa. Kwafika kuye u-Isaya umprofethi, indodana ka-Amose, wathi kuye: “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Yalela indlu yakho, ngokuba uyakufa, awuyikusinda.”

² Wayesephendulela ubuso bakhe odongeni, wakhuleka kuJehova, wathi:

³ “Ngiyacela, Jehova: ake ukhumbule ukuthi ngihambile phambi kwakho ngeqiniso nangenhliziyo epheleleyo, ngenzile okuhle emehlweni akho.” Wayesekhala uHezekiya ngokukhala okukhulu.

⁴ Kwathi u-Isaya engakaphumi emzini ongaphakathi, izwi likaJehova lafika kuye, lathi:

⁵ “Buya, uthi kuHezekiya umholi wabantu bami: ‘Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu kaDavide uyihlo, uthi: Ngizwile umkhuleko wakho, ngibonile izinyembezi zakho; bheka, ngiyakukuphilisa; ngosuku lwesithathu uyakwenyukela endlini kaJehova.

⁶ Ngiyakwenezela ezinsukwini zakho iminyaka eyishumi nanhlanu, ngikophule wena nalo muzi esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya; ngiyakuwuvikela lo muzi ngenxa yami nangenxa yenceku yami uDavide.’ ”

⁷ Wathi u-Isaya: “Landani isigaxa samakhiwane.” Basilanda, basibeka ethumbeni, wasinda.

⁸ Wayesethi uHezekiya ku-Isaya: “Siyakuba yini isibonakaliso sokuthi uJehova uyangiphilisa nokuthi ngiyakwenyukela endlini kaJehova ngosuku lwesithathu na?”

⁹ Wathi u-Isaya: “Lesi siyakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe esivela kuJehova sokuthi uJehova uyakukwenza lokho akukhulumileyo: isithunzi siyakuya phambili izinyathelo eziyishumi, noma siyakubuya izinyathelo eziyishumi na?”

¹⁰ UHezekiya wathi: “Kulula kuso isithunzi ukuba selule izinyathelo eziyishumi; qha, isithunzi masibuye izinyathelo eziyishumi.”

¹¹ U-Isaya umprofethi wakhala kuJehova, wasibuyisa isithunzi izinyathelo eziyishumi ebesizehlile ezinyathelweni zika-Ahazi.

¹² Ngaleso sikhathi uMerodaki Baladani indodana kaBaladani, inkosi yaseBabele, wathuma abanezincwadi nesipho kuHezekiya, ngokuba wayezwile ukuthi uHezekiya kade egula.

¹³ UHezekiya wabalalela, wababonisa yonke indlu yengcebo yakhe, isiliva, negolide, namakha, namafutha amahle, nendlu yezikhali zakhe, nakho konke okwafunyanwa engcebani yakhe; akubangakho nto endlini yakhe nasembusweni wakhe wonke angababonisanga yona.

¹⁴ Wayesefika u-Isaya umprofethi enkosini uHezekiya, wathi kuye: “Batheni labo bantu; beze kuwe bevelaphi na?” Wathi uHezekiya: “Bavela ezweni elikude eBabele.”

¹⁵ Wayesethi: “Baboneni endlini yakho na?” UHezekiya wathi: “Babone konke okusendlini yami; akukho nto phakathi kwengcebo yami engingababonisanga yona.”

¹⁶ U-Isaya wathi kuHezekiya: “Yizwa izwi likaJehova:

¹⁷ Bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, lapho konke okusendlini yakho nalokho oyihlo abakubekelele khona kuze kube namuhla kuyakuyiswa eBabele; akuyikusala lutho, usho uJehova.

¹⁸ Nasemadodaneni akho ayakuphuma kuwe, oyakuwazala, bayakuwathatha abe yizinceku endlini yobukhosi yenkosi yaseBabele.”

¹⁹ Wayesethi uHezekiya ku-Isaya: “Lihle izwi likaJehova olikhulumileyo.” Wathi futhi: “Akunjalo, uma kuyakuba khona ukuthula nokulondeka emihleni yami, na?”

²⁰ Ezinye izindaba zikaHezekiya, nawo onke amandla akhe, nokwenza kwakhe ichibi nomsele, nokungenisa kwakhe amanzi emzini, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba

zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na?

21 UHezekiya wayeselala koyise. UManase indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

ISAHLUKO 21

UManase wayeneminyaka eyishumi nambili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu nanhlanu eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguHefisiba.

2 Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova njengezinengiso zabezizwe uJehova abaxosha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

3 Wabuye wakha izindawo eziphakemeyo uHezekiya uyise azichithile; wamisela uBali ama-altare, wenza u-Ashera njengokwenza kuka-Ahabi inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, wakhuleka kulo lonke ibandla lasezulwini, walikhonza.

4 Wakha ama-altare endlini kaJehova, uJehova asho ngayo ukuthi: “Ngiyakubeka igama lami eJerusalema.”

5 Wakhela nalo lonke ibandla lasezulwini ama-altare emagcekeni omabili endlu kaJehova.

6 Wadabulisa indodana yakhe emlilweni, wahlola imihlola, wenza imilingo, wamisa abanamadlozi, nabathakathi, wenza okubi okuningi emehlweni kaJehova, waze wamcunula.

7 Wabeka isithombe esibaziweyo sika-Ashera asenzileyo endlini asho ngayo uJehova kuDavide nakuSolomoni indodana yakhe ukuthi: “Kule ndlu naseJerusalema engilikhethile ezizweni zonke zakwa-Israyeli ngiyakubeka igama lami kuze kube phakade;

8 futhi angisayikuzulisa izinyawo zika-Israyeli, zisuke ezweni engalinika oyise, uma beyakugcina kuphela ukwenza njengakho konke engibayale ngakho nanjengawo wonke umthetho eyabayala ngawo inceku yami uMose.”

9 Kepha abalalelanga; uManase wabaphambukisa baze benza okubi kunabezizwe abachithayo uJehova phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

10 UJehova wayesekhuluma ngezinceku zakhe abaprofethi, wathi:

11 “Ngokuba uManase inkosi yakwaJuda enzile lezi zinengiso, enze kabi kunakho konke ukwenza kwama-Amori ayephambi kwakhe, wonisa noJuda ngezithombe zakhe,

12 ngalokho usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Bheka, ngiletha okubi phezu kweJerusalema naphezu kukaJuda ngangokuthi bonke abakuzwayo, izindlebe zabo zombili ziyakunkeneza ngakho.

13 Ngiyakwelula phezu kweJerusalema umucu wokulinganisa waseSamariya, nomthofu wokumisa indlu ka-Ahabi; ngiyakwesula iJerusalema njengalokho umuntu esula isitsha, esesula asigumbuqe.

14 Ngiyakushiya insali yefa lami, ngiyinikele esandleni sezitha zayo, ibe yimpango nento ebanjiweyo yazo zonke izitha zayo;

15 ngokuba yenzile okubi emehlweni ami, ingicunulile kusukela osukwini oyise abaphuma ngalo eGibithe kuze kube namuhla.”

16 Futhi uManase wachitha kakhulu igazi elingenacala, waze wagcwalisa iJerusalema kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekugcineni, ngaphandle kwesono sakhe onisa ngaso uJuda ngokwenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova.

17 Ezinye izindaba zikaManase, nakho konke akwenzayo, nesono sakhe ona ngaso, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na?

18 UManase wayeselala koyise, wembelwa ensimini yendlu yakhe, insimu ka-Uza; u-

Amoni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

¹⁹ U-Amoni wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nambili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka emibili eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguMeshulemeti, indodakazi kaHarusi waseJothiba.

²⁰ Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova njengalokho enzile uManase uyise.

²¹ Wahamba ngezindlela zonke uyise ahamba ngazo, wakhonza izithombe azikhonzayo uyise, wakhuleka kuzo;

²² washiya uJehova uNkulunkulu wawoyise, kahambanga ngendlela kaJehova.

²³ Izinceku zika-Amoni zamenzela ugobe, zayibulala inkosi endlini yayo.

²⁴ Kepha abantu bezwe bababulala bonke ababeyenzela inkosi u-Amoni ugobe; abantu bezwe bambeka uJosiya indodana yakhe inkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

²⁵ Ezinye izindaba zika-Amoni azenzayo angithi zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na?

²⁶ Wembelwa ethuneni lakhe ensimini ka-Uza; uJosiya indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

ISAHLUKO 22

UJosiya wayeneminyaka eyisishiyagalombili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nanye eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguJedida indodakazi ka-Adaya waseBosikati.

² Wenza okulungile emehlweni kaJehova, wahamba ngendlela yonke kaDavide uyise, kachezukulanga ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo.

³ Kwathi ngomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili wenkosi uJosiya inkosi yathuma uShafani indodana ka-Asaliya kaMeshulamu, umbhali, endlini kaJehova, yathi:

⁴ “Yenyukela kuHilikiya umpristi omkhulu ukuba abale imali eyiswe endlini kaJehova, iqoqwe ngabalindimnyango kubantu,

⁵ bayibeke esandleni sezisebenzi eziphethe indlu kaJehova, bakhokhele ngayo abasebenza umsebenzi wasendlini kaJehova ukulungisa izimfa zendlu,

⁶ ababazi, nabakhi, nabakha ngamatshe, nokuthenga imithi namatshe abaziweyo ukulungisa indlu.

⁷ Nokho akubalelwananga nabo ngemali eyabekwa esandleni sabo, ngokuba babethembekile ekuphatheni kwabo.”

⁸ UHilikiya, umpristi omkhulu, wathi kuShafani umbhali: “Ngifumene incwadi yomthetho endlini kaJehova.” UHilikiya wanika uShafani leyo ncwadi, wayifunda.

⁹ UShafani umbhali waya enkosini, waletha umbiko enkosini, wathi: “Izinceku zakho zithululile imali eyafunyanwa endlini, zayibeka esandleni sezisebenzi eziphethe indlu kaJehova.”

¹⁰ UShafani umbhali wayitshela inkosi, wathi: “UHilikiya umpristi unginike incwadi.” UShafani wayifunda phambi kwenkosi.

¹¹ Kwathi lapho inkosi isizwile amazwi encwadi yomthetho, yaziklebhula izingubo zayo.

¹² Inkosi yayala uHilikiya umpristi, no-Ahikamu indodana kaShafani, no-Akibori indodana kaMikhaya, noShafani umbhali, no-Asaya inceku yenkosi, ithi:

¹³ “Hambani ningibuzele kuJehova, mina nabantu, naye wonke uJuda ngamazwi ale ncwadi efunyenweyo, ngokuba inkulu intukuthelo kaJehova esivuthelayo, ngokuba obaba abalalelanga amazwi ale ncwadi ukwenza njengakho konke okulotshiwe ngathi.”

¹⁴ Base behamba uHilikiya umpristi, no-Ahikamu, no-Akibori, noShafani, no-Asaya, baya kuHulida umprofethikazi, umkaShalumi, indodana kaThikiva kaHarihasi, umgcinizingubo — wahlala eJerusalema enxenyeni yesibili — bakhuluma kuye.

¹⁵ Wathi kubo: “Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Tshelani umuntu onithume kimi ukuthi:

¹⁶ Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Bhekani, ngiyakwehlisela okubi phezu kwale ndawo naphezu kwabakhileyo kuyo, onke amazwi aleyo ncwadi eyifundile inkosi yakwaJuda,

¹⁷ ngokuba bangishiyile, bashisela abanye onkulunkulu impepho baze bangicunula ngawo wonke umsebenzi wezandla zabo; intukuthelo yami iyakuvuthela le ndawo, ayiyikucinywa.’

¹⁸ Kepha enkosini yakwaJuda eyanithuma ukubuza kuJehova niyakusho kuyo kanje, nithi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Maqondana namazwi owezwileyo,

¹⁹ ngenxa yokuba inhliziyo yakho yayithambile wazithoba phambi kukaJehova, lapho wezwa lokho engakukhuluma ngale ndawo nangabakhileyo kuyo ukuthi kuyakuba yincithakalo nesiqalekiso, waklebhula izingubo zakho, wakhala phambi kwami, mina ngikuzwile, usho uJehova.

²⁰ Ngelokho bheka, ngiyakukubuthela koyihlo ubuthelwe ethuneni lakho ngokuthula, angaboni amehlo akho konke okubi engiyakukwehlisela phezu kwale ndawo.’ ” Babuyisela enkosini leli zwi.

ISAHLUKO 23

Inkosi yathumela, babuthela kuyo onke amalunga akwaJuda nawaseJerusalema.

² Inkosi yenyukela endlini kaJehova, bonke abantu bakwaJuda nabo bonke abakhileyo eJerusalema benayo, kanye nabapristi nabaprofethi, yebo, abantu bonke, abancane nabakhulu, yafunda ezindlebeni zabo onke amazwi encwadi yesivumelwano ebifunyenwe endlini kaJehova.

³ Inkosi yema ngasensikeni, yenza isivumelwano phambi kukaJehova ukumlandela uJehova nokugcina imiyalo yakhe, nobufakazi bakhe, nezimiso zakhe ngenhliziyo yonke nangomphefumulo wonke ukuqinisa amazwi alesi sivumelwano alotshwe kule ncwadi; bonke abantu basivuma isivumelwano.

⁴ Inkosi yayisiyala uHilikiya umpristi omkhulu, nabapristi besigaba sesibili, nabalindimnyango ukukhipha ethempelini likaJehova zonke izinto ezazenzelwe oBali, no-Ashera, nebandla lonke lasezulwini, yazishisa ngaphandle kweJerusalema emasimini aseKidroni, yayisa umlotha wazo eBethete.

⁵ Yabasusa abapristi bezithombe amakhosi akwaJuda abamisele ukushisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo emizini yakwaJuda nanxazonke zeJerusalema, kanye nabashisa impepho kuBali nakulo ilanga nenyanga nezinkanyezi nalo lonke ibandla lasezulwini.

⁶ Yakhipha u-Ashera endlini kaJehova, yamkhiphela phandle kweJerusalema, yamyisa ngasemfudlaneni iKidroni, yamshisa ngasemfudlaneni iKidroni, yamcolisisa waba yincushuncushu, yayiphonsa incushuncushu yakhe emathuneni abantu nje.

⁷ Yadiliza izindlu zezifebe zethempeli ezazisendlini kaJehova, lapho abesifazane bemelukela khona u-Ashera amatende.

⁸ Yakhipha bonke abapristi emizini yakwaJuda, yangcolisa izindawo eziphakemeyo, lapho abapristi bebeshise khona impepho, kusukela eGeba kuze kube seBeri Sheba; yadiliza izindawo eziphakemeyo zasemasangweni asesikhaleni sesango likaJoshuwa

umphathimuzi, ezazingakwesokhohlo somuntu ngasesangweni lomuzi.

⁹ Kodwa abapristi basezindaweni eziphakemeyo babengenyukeli e-altare likaJehova eJerusalema, kepha badla isinkwa esingenamvubelo phakathi kwabafowabo.

¹⁰ Yangcolisa iThofeti elisesigodini sabantwana bakwaHinomu ukuba kungabikho muntu odabulisa indodana yakhe noma indodakazi yakhe emlilweni kuMoloki.

¹¹ Yasusa namahhashi amakhosi akwaJuda anikele ngawo kulo ilanga ngasendleleni yokungena endlini kaJehova ngasekamelweni likaNathani Meleki induna yasePariwarimi, yashisa izinqola zelanga ngomlilo.

¹² Ama-altare ayesophahleni lwekamelu eliphezulu lika-Ahazi, elenziwe ngamakhosi akwaJuda, nama-altare enziwe nguManase emagcekeni omabili endlu kaJehova inkosi yawadiliza, yasuka yagijima, yalahla uthuli emfudlaneni iKidroni.

¹³ Izindawo eziphakemeyo ezaziphambi kweJerusalema, ngakwesokunene kweNtaba Yokonakala, uSolomoni inkosi yakwa-Israyeli ayezakhele u-Ashitaroti isinengiso samaSidoni, noKemoshi isinengiso sakwaMowabi, noMilkomu isinengiso sabantwana bakwa-Amoni, inkosi yazingcolisa.

¹⁴ Yaphahlaza izinsika, yanquma o-Ashera, yagcwalisa izindawo zabo ngamathambo abantu.

¹⁵ I-altare elaliseBethele, nendawo ephakemeyo eyenziwe nguJerobowamu indodana kaNebati owonisa u-Israyeli, nalelo altare kanye nendawo ephakemeyo yakudiliza, yayishisa indawo ephakemeyo, yayicolisisa yaba yincushuncushu, yashisa no-Ashera.

¹⁶ UJosiya waphenduka, wabona amathuna ayelapho entabeni; wathumela wakhipha amathambo emathuneni, wawashisa e-altare, walingcolisa njengezwi likaJehova alimemeza lowo muntu kaNkulunkulu owamemezela lezi zinto.

¹⁷ Wayesethi: “Yitshe lini leli engilibonayo na?” Abantu bomuzi bamtshela bathi: “Yithuna lalowo muntu kaNkulunkulu owavela kwaJuda, wamemezela lezi zindaba osuzenzile nge-altare laseBethele.”

¹⁸ Wathi: “Myekeni; mawanganyakaziswa muntu amathambo akhe.” Base beyeka amathambo akhe kanye namathambo alowo mprofethi owavela eSamariya.

¹⁹ Nazo zonke izindlu zezindawo eziphakemeyo ezazisemizini yaseSamariya, ezenziwa ngamakhosi akwa-Israyeli acunula ngazo, uJosiya wazisusa, wenza kuzona njengazo zonke izenzo azenzileyo eBethele.

²⁰ Wabulala ema-altare bonke abapristi basezindaweni eziphakemeyo ababe lapho, washisa amathambo abantu phezu kwawo, wabuyela eJerusalema.

²¹ Inkosi yayisiyala bonke abantu ngokuthi: “Yenzelani uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu iphasika njengokulotshiwe kule ncwadi yesivumelwano.”

²² Ngokuba iphasika elinjalo lalingagcinwanga kusukela emihleni yabahluleli abahlulela u-Israyeli, nasemihleni yonke yamakhosi akwa-Israyeli, nakweyakwaJuda.

²³ Kepha ngomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili wenkosi uJosiya leli phasika lenzelwa uJehova eJerusalema.

²⁴ Futhi abanamadlozi, nabathakathi, namatherafi, nezithombe, nazo zonke izinengiso ezazibonwa ezweni lakwaJuda naseJerusalema uJosiya wakuqeda ukuba afeze amazwi omthetho alotshwe encwadini uHilikiya umpristi ayifumanayo endlini kaJehova.

²⁵ Kwakungekho nkosi phambi kwakhe eyaphendukela kuJehova ngayo yonke inhliziyi yayo nangawo onke amandla ayo njengawo wonke umthetho kaMose, nangasemva kwakhe akuvelanga enjengaye.

²⁶ Nokho uJehova akabuyanga ekuvutheni kwentukuthelo yakhe enkulu, intukuthelo yakhe eyavuthela ngakho uJuda, ngenxa yakho konke ukucunula uManase ayemcunule

ngakho.

27 UJehova wathi: “Naye uJuda ngiyakumsusa ebusweni bami, njengalokho ngisuse u-Israyeli, ngiwulahle lo muzi engawukhethayo, nendlu engasho ngayo ukuthi igama lami liyakuba khona lapho.”

28 Ezinye izindaba zikaJosiya nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na?

29 Emihleni yakhe uFaro Nekho inkosi yaseGibithe wenyukela enkosini yase-Asiriya ngasemfuleni u-Ewufrathe; inkosi uJosiya yaya ukuhlangabezana naye; wayibulala eMegido, isanele ukumbona nje.

30 Izinceku zayo zayisusa ngenqola eMegido ifile, zayiyisa eJerusalema, zayimbela ethumeni layo. Abantu bezwe bamthatha uJehowahazi indodana kaJosiya, bamgcoba, bambeka inkosi esikhundleni sikayise.

31 UJehowahazi wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nantathu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa izinyanga ezintathu eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguHamuthali, indodakazi kaJeremiya waseLibina.

32 Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova njengakho konke abakwenzileyo oyise.

33 UFaro Nekho wambopha eRibila ezweni laseHamati ukuba angabe esabusa eJerusalema, wathelisa izwe amatalenta ayikhulu esiliva nentalenta legolide.

34 UFaro Nekho wambeka u-Eliyakimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi esikhundleni sikaJosiya uyise, waguqula igama lakhe laba nguJehoyakimi, kepha wamsusa uJehowahazi, waze waya eGibithe, wafela khona.

35 UJehoyakimi wamnika uFaro isiliva negolide, kepha wathelisa izwe ukuba anike imali njengezwi likaFaro. Wakhiphisa abantu bezwe isiliva negolide, kwaba yilowo nalowo njengentela yakhe ukunika uFaro Nekho.

36 UJehoyakimi wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nanye eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguZebida, indodakazi kaPhedaya waseRuma.

37 Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova njengakho konke abakwenzileyo oyise.

ISAHLUKO 24

Emihleni yakhe kwenyuka uNebukadinesari inkosi yaseBabele; uJehoyakimi wayeyinceku yakhe iminyaka emithathu; wayesebuya, wamhlubuka.

2 UJehova wathuma kuye amaviyo amaKaledi, namaviyo ama-Aramu, namaviyo abakwaMowabi, namaviyo abantwana bakwa-Amoni, wawathuma kuJuda ukumchitha njengezwi likaJehova alikhulumayo ngesandla sezinceku zakhe abaprofethi.

3 Impela kwaba khona lokho kwaJuda ngezwi likaJehova ukubasusa ebusweni bakhe ngenxa yezono zikaManase njengakho konke akwenzileyo,

4 nangenxa yegazi elingenacala alichithayo, ngokuba wagcwalisa iJerusalema ngegazi elingenacala, lokhu uJehova akavumanga ukukuthethelela.

5 Ezinye izindaba zikaJehoyakimi nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwaJuda na?

6 UJehoyakimi wayeselala koyise; uJehoyakini indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

7 Inkosi yaseGibithe ayiphindanga futhi ukuphuma ezweni lakubo, ngokuba inkosi yaseBabele yayithathile konke okwakungokwenkosi yaseGibithe, kusukela emfuleni waseGibithe kuze kube semfuleni u-Ewufrathe.

⁸ UJehoyakini wayeneminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalombili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa izinyanga ezintathu eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguNehushita indodakazi ka-Elinathani waseJerusalema.

⁹ Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova njengakho konke akwenzileyo uyise.

¹⁰ Ngaleso sikhathi izinceku zikaNebukadinesari inkosi yaseBabele zenjukela eJerusalema, umuzi wavinjezelwa.

¹¹ UNebukadinesari inkosi yaseBabele weza emzini, izinceku zakhe zisawuvimbezele.

¹² UJehoyakini inkosi yakwaJuda waphuma, waya enkosini yaseBabele, yena nonina, nezinceku zakhe, nezikhulu zakhe, nezinduna zakhe; inkosi yaseBabele yamthatha ngomnyaka wesishiyagalombili wokubusa kwakhe.

¹³ Yakhapha khona yonke ingcebo yendlu kaJehova nengcebo yendlu yenkosi, yahlahlela zonke izinto zegolide uSolomoni inkosi yakwa-Israyeli azenzileyo ethempelini likaJehova njengokukhuluma kukaJehova.

¹⁴ Yathumba lonke iJerusalema, nazo zonke izikhulu, nawo onke amaqhawe anamandla, abathunjwa abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi, nezinyanga zonke zemisebenzi, nabakhandi; akushiywanga muntu ngaphandle kwabantu abayizimpofana bezwe.

¹⁵ Yathumba uJehoyakini, yamyisa eBabele; nonina wenkosi, nabafazi benkosi, nezinduna zayo, nabakhulu bezwe yabamukisa ngokubathumba eJerusalema, yabayisa eBabele.

¹⁶ Onke amadoda anamandla, ayizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, nezinyanga, nabakhandi, abayinkulungwane, bonke bengamaqhawe azilungiselele ukulwa, nabo inkosi yaseBabele yabayisa eBabele ngokubathumba.

¹⁷ Inkosi yaseBabele yambeka uMathaniya, uyisekazi, inkosi esikhundleni sakhe, yaguqula igama lakhe laba nguSedekiya.

¹⁸ USedekiya wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanye ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nanye eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguHamithali, indodakazi kaJeremiya waseLibina.

¹⁹ Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova njengakho konke akwenzileyo uJehoyakimi.

²⁰ Ngokuba kwenzeka lokho eJerusalema nakwaJuda ngenxa yentukuthelo kaJehova, waze wabalahla ebusweni bakhe; uSedekiya wayihlubuka inkosi yaseBabele.

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Kwathi ngomnyaka wesishiyagalolunye wokubusa kwakhe, ngenyanga yeshumi ngolweshumi lwenyanga, uNebukadinesari inkosi yaseBabele wafika, yena nayo yonke impi yakhe, eJerusalema, wamisa malungana nalo; bakha inqaba ngakulo nxazonke.

² Wawusuvinjezelwa umuzi kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka weshumi nanye wenkosi uSedekiya.

³ Ngosuku lwesishiyagalolunye lwenyanga indlala yaba namandla emzini, akubangakho kudla kubantu bezwe.

⁴ Kepha wawusufohlwa umuzi, onke amadoda empi abaleka ebusuku ngendlela yesango phakathi kwezingange zombili ezazingasensimini yenkosi amaKaledi ayekhona nxazonke zomuzi ahamba ngendlela yase-Araba.

⁵ Kodwa impi yamaKaledi yayixosha inkosi, yayifika emathafeni aseJeriko, yonke impi yayo yahlakazeka.

⁶ Ayeseiyibamba inkosi, ayenyusela enkosini yaseBabele eRibila; ayahlulela.

- ⁷ Abulala amadodana kaSedekiya phambi kwamehlo akhe, akhipha amehlo kaSedekiya, ambopha ngamaketanga, amyisa eBabele.
- ⁸ Ngenyanga yesihlanu ngolwesikhombisa lwenyanga okwakungumnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalolunye wenkosi uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, kwafika uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi, inceku yenkosi yaseBabele, eJerusalema.
- ⁹ Washisa indlu kaJehova nendlu yenkosi; nazo zonke izindlu zaseJerusalema, zonke izindlu ezinkulu, wazishisa ngomlilo.
- ¹⁰ Yonke impi yamaKaledi induna yabalindi eyayinayo yadiliza izingange zaseJerusalema nxazonke.
- ¹¹ Abanye abantu ababesele emzini, nabahlubukileyo behlubukela enkosini yaseBabele, nesixuku esiseleyo uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wabathumba.
- ¹² Kepha induna yabalindi yashiya abantu bezwe abayizimpofana ukuba baphathe izivini namasimu.
- ¹³ Izinsika zethusi ezazisendlini yenkosi, nezinqe, nolwandle lwethusi okwakusendlini kaJehova amaKaledi akuhlephula, athuthela ithusi lakho eBabele.
- ¹⁴ Amakhanzi, namafoholo, nezizenze, nezinkezo, nazo zonke izitsha zethusi ababekhonza ngazo akuthatha.
- ¹⁵ Nemicengezi yomlilo, nezitsha, okwegolide lodwa nesiliva lodwa, nalokho induna yabalindi yakuthatha.
- ¹⁶ Izinsika zombili, nolwandle olwalulunye nje, nezinqe uSolomoni ayekwenzele indlu kaJehova, ithusi lazo zonke lezi zinto lalingenakulinganiswa.
- ¹⁷ Ukuphakama kwensika eyodwa kwakuyizingalo eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili; phezu kwayo kwakukhona isihloko sethusi; ukuphakama kwesihloko esisodwa kwakuyizingalo ezintathu; kwakukhona nenetha namapomegranati phezu kwesihloko nxazonke, konke kwakungokwethusi; kwakunjalo nasensikeni yesibili enetheni.
- ¹⁸ Induna yabalindi yathatha uSeraya umpristi omkhulu, noZefaniya umpristi wesibili, nabalindimnyango abathathu;
- ¹⁹ yathatha emzini induna eyayimiswe phezu kwamadoda empi, nabantu abayisihlanu kwababesebusweni benkosi abafunyanwa emzini, nombhali wenduna yempi eyayibala abantu bezwe, nabantu bezwe abangamashumi ayisithupha abafunyanwa emzini.
- ²⁰ UNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wabathatha, wabayisa enkosini yaseBabele eRibila.
- ²¹ Inkosi yaseBabele yabashaya, yababulala eRibila ezweni laseHamati. Wathunjwa kanjalo uJuda ezweni lakubo.
- ²² Abantu abaseleyo ezweni lakwaJuda abashiyiwe nguNebukadinesari inkosi yaseBabele, phezu kwabo wenza uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu kaShafani abe ngumbusi.
- ²³ Zonke izinduna zempi, zona nabantu bazo, sezizwile ukuthi inkosi yaseBabele imenzile uGedaliya umbusi ezweni, zaya kuGedaliya eMisa: u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya, noJohanani indodana kaKhareya, noSeraya indodana kaThanihumeti waseNethofa, noJahazaniya indodana yomMahakha, bona nabantu babo.
- ²⁴ UGedaliya wafunga kubo nakubantu babo, wathi kubo: “Ningesabi izinceku zamaKaledi; hlalani ezweni, niyikhonze inkosi yaseBabele, kuyakuba kuhle kini.”
- ²⁵ Kepha kwathi ngenyanga yesikhombisa wafika u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya ka-Elishama wozalo lwenkosi, abantu abayishumi benaye, wamshaya uGedaliya waze wafa, kanye nabaJuda namaKaledi ayenaye eMisa.
- ²⁶ Abantu bonke, abancane nabakhulu, nezinduna zempi basuka baya eGibithe, ngokuba besaba amaKaledi.

²⁷ Kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesikhombisa wokuthunjwa kukaJehoyakini inkosi yakwaJuda ngenyanga yeshumi nambili ngolwamashumi amabili nesikhombisa lwenyanga, u-Evili Merodaki inkosi yaseBabele, ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe, waphakamisa ikhanda likaJehoyakini inkosi yakwaJuda, wamkhipha etilongweni,

²⁸ wakhuluma kahle kuye, wabeka isihlalo sakhe phezu kwezihlalo zamakhosi ayenaye eBabele.

²⁹ Waguqula izingubo zakhe zasetilongweni; wadla njalo phambi kwakhe zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe.

³⁰ Isabelo sakhe sasiyisabelo esimiyo semihla ngemihla, asiphiwa yinkosi zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe.

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