

Ugwalo Lwakuqala LwemiLando

*Kulondwa Imbali Kusukela Ku-Adamu Kusiya
Ku-Abhrahama*

Emadodaneni kaNowa

- ¹ U-Adamu, uSethi, u-Enoshi,
² uKhenani, uMahalaleli, uJaredi,
³ u-Enoki, uMethuzela, uLameki,
uNowa.

⁴ Amadodana kaNowa ayeyila: uShemu,
uHamu loJafethi.

AbakaJafethi

- ⁵ Amadodana kaJafethi ayeyila:
uGomeri, uMagogi, uMadayi, uJavani,
uThubhali, uMesheki loThirasi.
⁶ Amadodana kaGomeri ayeyila:
uAshikhenazi, uRifathi kanye loThogarima.
⁷ Amadodana kaJavani ayeyila:
uElisha, uThashishi, uKhithimi loRodan-
imu.

AbakaHamu:

- ⁸ Amadodana kaHamu ayeyila:
uKhushi, uMizirayimi, uPhuthi loKhenani.
⁹ Amadodana kaKhushi ayeyila:
uSebha, uHavila, uSabhitha, uRahama loS-
abhitheka.
Amadodana kaRahama ayeyila:
uShebha loDedani.

- 10 UKhushi wayenguyise
kaNimrodi, owakhula waba liqhawe elila-
mandla emhlabeni.
- 11 UMizirayimi wayenguyise
wamaLudi, ama-Anami, amaLehabhi,
amaNafithuhi, ¹² amaPhathrosi,
lamaKhasiluhi (okwadabuka khona
amaFilistiya) lamaKhafithori.
- 13 UKhenani wayenguyise
kaSidoni izibulo lakhe, amaHithi,
¹⁴ amaJebusi, ama-Amori, amaGigashi,
¹⁵ amaHivi, ama-Arikhi, amaSini, ¹⁶ ama-
Avadi, amaZemari kanye lamaHamathi.

AbakaSemi

- 17 Amadodana kaShemu ayeyila:
u-Elamu, u-Ashuri, u-Afazadi, uLudi lo-
Aramu.
- Amadodana ka-Aramu ayeyila:
u-Uzi, uHuli, uGetha loMesheki.
- 18 U-Afazadi wayenguyise kaShela,
uShela wazala u-Ebha.
- 19 Amadodana amabili ayezalwa ngu-Ebha
ayeyila:
Omunye wayenguPhelegi, ngoba ngezinsuku
zakhe umhlaba wawudabuke phakathi;
umfowabo kwakuthiwa nguJokithani.
- 20 UJokithani wayenguyise
ka-Alimodadi, uShelefi, uHazarimavethi,
uJera, ²¹ uHadoramu, u-Uzali, uDikila,
²² u-Obhali, u-Abhimayeli, uShebha, ²³ u-
Ofiri, uHavila kanye loJobhabhi. Bonke
laba babengamadodana kaJokithani.

- 24 UShemu, u-Afazadi uShela,
 25 u-Ebha, uPhelegi, uRewu
 26 uSerugi, uNahori, uThera
 27 lo-Abhrama (u-Abhrahama).

Imuli Ka-Abhrahama

- 28 Amadodana ka-Abhrahama ayeyila:
 u-Isaka lo-Ishumayeli.

Abenzalo KaHagari

- 29 Laba babeyinzalo yabo:
 uNebhayothi izibulo lika-Ishumayeli,
 uKhedari, u-Adibheli, uMibhisamu,
 30 uMishima, uDuma, uMasa, uHadadi,
 uThema, 31 uJethuri, uNafishi kanye
 loKhedema.
 La yiwo ayengamadodana ka-
 Ishumayeli.

Abenzalo KaKhethura

- 32 Amadodana azalwa nguKhethura, umfazi
 ka-Abhrahama oweceleni, ayeyila:
 uZimirani, uJokishani, uMedani, uMidiyani,
 u-Ishibhaki loShuwa.
 Amadodana kaJokishani ayeyila:
 uShebha loDedani.
 33 Amadodana kaMidiyani ayeyila:
 u-Efa, u-Eferi, uHanokhi, u-Abhida lo-Elida.
 Bonke laba babeyizizukulwane
 zikaKhethura.

Abenzalo KaSara

- 34 U-Abhrahama wayenguyise ka-Isaka.
 Amadodana ka-Isaka ayeyila:
 u-Esawu lo-Israyeli.

Amadodana Ka-Esawu

- 35 Amadodana ka-Esawu ayeyila:
u-Elifazi, uRuweli, uJewushi, uJalamu
loKhora.
- 36 Amadodana ka-Elifazi ayeyila:
uThemani, u-Omari, uZefi, uGathamu
loKhenazi;
ekaThimina kungu-Amaleki.
- 37 Amadodana kaRuweli ayeyila:
uNahathi, uZera, uShama loMiza.

Abantu BeSeyiri E-Edomi

- 38 Amadodana kaSeyiri ayeyila:
uLothani, uShobhali, uZibhiyoni, u-Ana, uD-
ishoni, u-Ezeri loDishani.
- 39 Amadodana kaLothani ayeyila:
uHori loHomami. UThimina wayengudade-
wabo kaLothani.
- 40 Amadodana kaShobhali ayeyila:
u-Alivani, uManahathi, u-Ebhali, uShefo lo-
Onami.
Amadodana kaZibhiyoni ayeyila:
u-Ayiya lo-Ana.
- 41 Indodana ka-Ana yayingu:
uDishoni.
Amadodana kaDishoni ayeyila:
uHemirani, u-Eshibhani, u-Ithirani
loKherani.
- 42 Amadodana ka-Ezeri ayeyila:
uBhilihani, uZavani lo-Akhani.
Amadodana kaDishoni ayeyila:
u-Uzi lo-Arani.

Ababusi Be-Edomi

- ⁴³ La ayengamakhosi abusa e-Edomi
kungakabusi inkosi yako-Israyeli:

- uBhela indodana kaBheyyori, idolobho lakhe lalibizwa ngokuthi yiDinihabha.
- ⁴⁴ UBhela esefile, uJobhabhi indodana kaZera waseBhozira wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
- ⁴⁵ UJobhabhi esefile, uHushamu waselizweni lamaThemani wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
- ⁴⁶ UHushamu esefile, uHadadi indodana kaBhedadi owanqoba uMidiyani elizweni laseMowabi, wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. Idolobho lakhe lalibizwa ngokuthi yi-Avithi.
- ⁴⁷ UHadadi esefile, uSamila waseMasirekha wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
- ⁴⁸ USamila esefile, uShawuli waseRehobhothi phezu komfula wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
- ⁴⁹ UShawuli esefile, uBhali-Hanani indodana ka-Akhibhori wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
- ⁵⁰ UBhali-Hanani esefile, uHadadi wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. Idolobho lakhe labizwa ngokuthi yiPawu, njalo ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMehethabheli indodakazi kaMathiredi, indodakazi kaMe-Zahabhi.
- ⁵¹ UHadadi laye wafa.

Izinduna zase-Edomi kwakuyilezi:

uThimina, u-Aliva, uJethethi, ⁵² u-Oholibhama, u-Ela, uPhinoni, ⁵³ uKhenazi, uThemani, uMibhizari, ⁵⁴ uMagidiyeli lo-Iramu.

Lezi kwakuzinduna ze-Edomi.

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Amadodana Ka-Israyeli

¹ Amadodana ka-Israyeli ayeyila: uRubheni, uSimiyoni, uLevi, uJuda, u-Isakhari, uZebhuluni, ² uDani, uJosefa, uBhenjamini, uNafithali, uGadi lo-Asheri.

AbakaJuda

Emadodaneni KaHezironi

- ³ Amadodana kaJuda yila:
 ngu-Eri, lo-Onani kanye loShela. Laba bobathathu wabazala lowesifazane ongumKhenani, indodakazi kaShuwa.
 U-Eri, izibulo likaJuda, wayeyisigangi phambi KUKATHIXO, ngalokho UTHIXO wambulala.
- ⁴ UThamari, umalukazana kaJuda wamzalela uPherezi loZera.
 UJuda wayelamadodana amahlanu.
- ⁵ Amadodana kaPherezi yila:
 nguHezironi loHamuli.
- ⁶ Amadodana kaZera yila:
 nguZimri, lo-Ethani, loHemani, loKhalikholi kanye loDarida. Bonke babebahlanu.
- ⁷ Indodana kaKhami yile:
 ngu-Akhari, owaletha inhlupheko ko-Israyeli ngesiphambeko asenza ngalokho okungcwelisiweyo.
- ⁸ Indodana ka-Ethani yile:
 ngu-Azariya.
- ⁹ Amadodana azalwa nguHezironi yila:

nguJerameli, loRamu kanye loKhalebi.

Kusukela KuRama Indodana KaHezironi

¹⁰ URamu wayenguyise ka-Aminadabi, njalo u-Aminadabi enguyise kaNahashoni, umkhokheli wabantu bakoJuda.

¹¹ UNahashoni wayenguyise kaSalimoni, uSalimoni enguyise kaBhowazi.

¹² UBhowazi enguyise ka-Obhedi, u-Obhedi enguyise kaJese.

¹³ UJese wayenguyise ka-Eliyabi izibulo lakhe; indodana yesibili kungu-Abhinadabi, eyesithathu kunguShimeya, ¹⁴ eyesine kunguNethaneli, eyesihlanu kunguRadayi, ¹⁵ eyesithupha kungu-Ozemu, eyesikhombisa kunguDavida.

¹⁶ Odadewabo kwakunguZeruya lo-Abhigeli. Amadodana amathathu kaZeruya kwakungu-Abhishayi, loJowabi kanye lo-Asaheli.

¹⁷ U-Abhigeli wayengunina ka-Amasa, oloyise okwakuthiwa nguJetha um'Ishumayeli.

UKhalebi Indodana KaHezironi

¹⁸ UKhalebi indodana kaHezironi wayelabantwana abazala kumkakhe u-Azubha (laku-Jeriyothi). Amadodana ka-Azubha ayeyila: nguJesheri, loShobhabi, kanye lo-Adoni.

¹⁹ Ekufeni kuka-Azubha, uKhalebi wathatha u-Efrathi, owamzalela uHuri.

- 20 UHuri wayenguyise ka-Uri, njalo u-Uri enguyise kaBhezaleli.
- 21 Muva, uHezironi wembatha lendodakazi kaMakhiri uyise kaGiliyadi (ayemthethe eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha ubudala bakhe), yena wamzalela uSegubi.
- 22 USegubi wayenguyise kaJayiri, owayephethe imizi engamatshumi amabili lantathu eGiliyadi.
- 23 (Kodwa uGeshuri lo-Aramu bathumba iHavothi-Jayiri, kanye leKhenathi lezin-dawana eziyimizana eseduzane, imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha.)
Bonke laba babeyisizukulwane sika-Makhiri uyise kaGiliyadi.
- 24 Ngemva kokufa kukaHezironi eKhalebi-Efratha, u-Abhija umkaHezironi wamzalela u-Ashuri uyise kaThekhowa.

UJerameli Indodana KaHezironi

- 25 Amadodana kaJerameli izibulo likaHezironi yila:
nguRamu izibulo lakhe, loBhuna, lo-Oreni, lo-Ozemu kanye lo-Ahija. 26 UJerameli wayelomunye umfazi owayethiwa ngu-Athara unina ka-Onami.
- 27 Amadodana kaRamu izibulo likaJerameli yila:
nguMazi, loJamini kanye lo-Ekheri.
- 28 Amadodana ka-Onami yila:
nguShamayi loJada.
Amadodana kaShamayi yila:

- nguNadabi lo-Abhishuri. ²⁹ Umka-Abhishuri kwakungu-Abhihayili, owamzalela u-Ahibhani loMolodi.
- ³⁰ Amadodana kaNadabi yila: nguSeledi lo-Aphayimi. USeledi wafa engelabantwana.
- ³¹ Indodana ka-Aphayimi yile: ngu-Ishi, uyise kaSheshani. USheshani wayenguyise ka-Ahilayi.
- ³² Amadodana kaJada, umfowabo kaShamayi yila: nguJetha loJonathani. UJetha wafa engelabantwana.
- ³³ Amadodana kaJonathani yila: nguPhelethi loZaza.
Laba babeyinzalo kaJerameli.
- ³⁴ USheshani wayengelawo amadodana, wayelamadodakazi wodwa. Wayelesisebenzi saseGibhithe esasithiwa nguJariha. ³⁵ USheshani wendisela isisebenzi sakhe lesi esinguJariha, indodakazi yakhe eyamzalela u-Athayi.
- ³⁶ U-Athayi wayenguyise kaNathani, uNathani enguyise kaZabhadi,
- ³⁷ uZabhadi enguyise ka-Efilali, u-Efilali enguyise ka-Obhedi,
- ³⁸ u-Obhedi enguyise kaJehu, uJehu enguyise ka-Azariya,
- ³⁹ u-Azariya enguyise kaHelezi, uHelezi enguyise ka-Eleyasa,
- ⁴⁰ u-Eleyasa enguyise kaSisimayi, uSisimayi enguyise kaShalumi,

41 uShalumi enguyise kaJekhamiya,
uJekhamiya enguyise ka-Elishama.

Abosendo LukaKhalebi

42 Amadodana kaKhalebi umfowabo kaJer-
ameli yila:

uMesha izibulo lakhe, onguyise kaZifi,
lendodana yakhe uMaresha, uyise
kaHebhroni.

43 Amadodana kaHebhroni yila:

nguKhora, loThaphuwa, loRekhemu
loShema.

44 UShema wayenguyise kaRahama,
uRahama yena enguyise kaJokheyama.

URekhemu wayenguyise kaShamayi.

45 Indodana kaShamayi kunguMawoni,
uMawoni wayenguyise kaBhethi Zuri.

46 Umfazi weceleni kaKhalebi u-Efa wayengun-
ina

kaHarani, loMoza kanye loGazezi.

UHarani wayenguyise kaGazezi.

47 Amadodana kaJahidayi yila:

nguRegemi, loJothamu, loGeshani,
loPhelethi, lo-Efa kanye loShafi.

48 UMahakha umfazi weceleni kaKhalebi
wayengunina

kaShebheri loThirihana.

49 Nguye njalo owazala uShafi uyise kaMadi-
mana kanye

loSheva uyise kaMakhibhena loGibhiya.

Indodakazi kaKhalebi kwakungu-Akhisa.

50 Yibo laba abenzalo kaKhalebi.

Amadodana kaHuri izibulo lika-Efrathi yila:

nguShobhali uyise kaKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi,
⁵¹ loSalima uyise kaBhethilehema,
 loHarefi uyise kaBhethi-Gaderi.

⁵² Inzalo kaShobhali uyise kaKhiriyathi-
 Jeyarimi yile:

nguHaro, ingxenye yamaManahathi,
⁵³ labosendo lukaKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi
 kungama-Ithira lamaPhuthi lamaShu-
 mathi lamaMishirayi. Kulapho
 okwakudabuka khona amaZorathi lama-
 Eshithawoli.

⁵⁴ Abenzalo kaSalima yilaba:

nguBhethilehema, umNethofa, u-Athirothi-
 Bhethi-Jowabi, ingxenye yamaManahathi,
 amaZori, ⁵⁵ losendo lwabalobi ababehlala
 eJabhezi: AmaThirathi lamaShimeya
 lamaSukhathi. Laba babengamaKheni
 beyinzalo kaHamathi ukhokho
 wamaRekhabi.

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Amadodana KaDavida

¹ Nanka amadodana kaDavida awazala
 eHebhroni:

Izibulo lakhe lalingu-Amnoni indodana ka-
 Ahinowama owaseJezerili;

owesibili, uDanyeli indodana ka-Abhigeli
 waseKhameli;

² owesithathu, ngu-Abhisalomu indodana
 kaMahakha indodakazi kaThalimayi inkosi
 yaseGeshuri;

owesine, u-Adonija indodana kaHagithi;

³ owesihlanu, uShefathiya indodana ka-Abhithali; owesithupha, u-Ithireyamu amzuza ku-Egila, umkakhe.

⁴ Abayisithupha laba uDavida wabazalela eHebhroni, lapho abusa khona okweminyaka eyisikhombisa lezinyanga eziyisithupha.

UDavida wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lemithathu, ⁵ njalo la yiwo amadodana awazalela khona:

uShamuwa, uShobabi, uNathani loSolomoni. Amadodana amane la wawazala loBhathishebha indodakazi ka-Amiyeli.

⁶ Njalo kwaba lo-Ibhari, u-Elishama, u-Elifelethi, ⁷ uNoga, uNefegi, uJafiya, ⁸ u-Elishama, u-Eliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi, beyisificamunwemunye bonke.

⁹ Bonke laba babengamadodana ka-Davida, ngaphandle kwamadodana akhe awazala labafazi bakhe bece-
leni. Udadewabo wamadodana la wayenguThamari.

Amakhosi AkoJuda

¹⁰ Indodana kaSolomoni kwakunguRehob-
howami,
indodana yakhe kungu-Abhija,

- indodana yakhe kungu-Asa,
indodana yakhe kunguJehoshafathi,
¹¹ indodana yakhe kunguJehoramamu,
indodana yakhe kungu-Ahaziya,
indodana yakhe kunguJowashi,
¹² indodana yakhe kungu-Amaziya,
indodana yakhe kungu-Azariya,
indodana yakhe kunguJothamu,
¹³ indodana yakhe kungu-Ahazi,
indodana yakhe kunguHezekhiya,
indodana yakhe kunguManase,
¹⁴ indodana yakhe kungu-Amoni,
indodana yakhe kunguJosiya.
¹⁵ Amadodana kaJosiya yila:
nguJohanani izibulo,
uJehoyakhimi indodana yesibili,
uZedekhiya eyesithathu,
uShalumi eyesine.
¹⁶ Abasala behlala esikhundleni sikaJehoy-
akhimi yilaba:
nguJekhoniya indodana yakhe
loZedekhiya.

Usendo Lwesikhosini Emva Kokuthunjwa

- ¹⁷ Abosendo lukaJekhoniya owayethunjiwe yi-
laba:
uSheyalithiyeli indodana yakhe,
¹⁸ uMalikhramu, loPhedaya, loShenazari,
loJekhamiya, loHoshama, kanye
loNedabhiya.
¹⁹ Amadodana kaPhedaya yila:
nguZerubhabheli loShimeyi.
Amadodana kaZerubhabheli yila:

nguMeshulami loHananiya. UShelomithi engudadewabo. ²⁰ Babekhona njalo abanye abahlanu: uHashubha, u-Oheli, uBherekhiya, uHasadiya, loJushabi-Hesedi.

²¹ Abosendo lukaHananiya yilaba: nguPhelathiya loJeshaya, kanye lamadodana kaRefaya, ka-Anani, ka-Obhadaya kanye lokaShekhaniya.

²² Abosendo lukaShekhaniya yilaba: nguShemaya lamadodana akhe: uHathushi, lo-Igali, loBhariya, loNeyariya kanye loShafathi, beyisithupha.

²³ Amadodana kaNeyariya yila: ngu-Eliyonayi, loHezekhiya, lo-Azirikhamu, bebathathu.

²⁴ Amadodana ka-Eliyonayi yila: nguHodaviya, lo-Eliyashibi, loPhelaya, lo-Akhubi, loJohanani, loDelaya kanye lo-Anani, beyisikhombisa.

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Abanye Abosendo LukaJuda

¹ Abosendo lukaJuda kuyilaba: NguPherezi, loHezironi, loKhami, loHuri loShobhali.

² UReyaya indodana kaShobhali wayenguyise kaJahathi, uJahathi onguyise ka-Ahumayi kanye loLahadi. Laba babengabosendo lwa-maZorathi.

³ La ayengamadodana ka-Ethamu:

uJezerili, lo-Ishima kanye lo-Idibhashi. Udadewabo kwakuthiwa nguHazeleli-
phoni. ⁴ UPhenuweli wayenguyise
kaGedori, lo-Ezeri uyise kaHusha.

Laba kungabosendo lukaHuri, izibulo lika-
Efrathi uyise kaBhethilehema.

⁵ U-Ashuri uyise kaThekhowa wayelabafazi
ababili, uHela loNara.

⁶ UNahara wamazalela u-Ahuzami, loHeferi,
loThemeni kanye loHahashithari. Laba
kwakungabosendo lukaNara.

⁷ Amadodana kaHela yila:

nguZerethi, loZohari, lo-Ethinani, ⁸ loKhozi
owayenguyise ka-Anubi loHazobhebha
kanye labosendo luka-Ahareheli indodana
kaHarumi.

⁹ UJabhezi wayelodumo kulabafowabo. Unina
wayemuphe lelibizo lokuthi Jabhezi, ngoba esithi
“Ngamazala kabuhlungu.” ¹⁰ UJabhezi wakhuleka
kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wathi: “Sengathi un-
gangibusisa uqhelise ilizwe lami! Isandla sakho
kasibe lami, ungivikele ebubini, ngingehlelwa
yibuhlungu.” UNkulunkulu wamnika lokho
ayekucela.

¹¹ UKhelubi, umfowabo kaShuha, wayenguyise
kaMehiri, owayenguyise ka-Eshithoni. ¹² U-
Eshithoni wayenguyise kaBhethi-Rafa,
loPhaseya kanye loThehina uyise ka-Iri
Nahashi. Laba babengabantu bakaRekha.

¹³ Amadodana kaKhenazi yila:

- ngu-Othiniyeli loSeraya.
 Amadodana ka-Othiniyeli yila:
 nguHathathi loMeyonothayi.
¹⁴ UMeyonathayi wayenguyise ka-Ofira.
 USeraya wayenguyise kaJowabi,
 owayengukhokho wesizwe samaGe-
 Harashimi. Babizwa ngalelibizo ngoba
 babezingcitshi.
- ¹⁵ Amadodana kaKhalebi indodana kaJefune
 yila:
 ngu-Iru, lo-Ela kanye loNamu.
 Indodana ka-Ela yile:
 nguKhenazi.
- ¹⁶ Amadodana kaJehaleleli yila:
 nguZifi, loZifa, loThiriya kanye lo-Asareli.
- ¹⁷ Amadodana ka-Ezra yila:
 nguJetha, loMeredi, lo-Eferi kanye loJaloni.
 Omunye wabafazi bakaMeredi wazala
 uMiriyemu, loShamayi kanye lo-
 Ishibha uyise ka-Eshithemowa. ¹⁸ Laba
 kwakungabantwana bakaBhithiya
 indodakazi kaFaro, eyayendele kuMeredi.
- Umkakhe ongumJudakazi wamzalela uJeredi
 uyise kaGedori, uHebheri uyise kaSokho,
 loJekuthiweli uyise kaZanowa.
- ¹⁹ Amadodana omkaHodiya, udadewabo kaNa-
 hama,
 uyise kaKheyila owaseGami, lo-
 Eshithemowa waseMahakhathi.
- ²⁰ Amadodana kaShimoni yila:
 ngu-Amnoni, loRina, loBheni-Hanani kanye
 loThiloni.
 Abosendo luka-Ishi yilaba:

nguZohethi loBheni-Zohethi.

- ²¹ Amadodana kaShela indodana kaJuda yila:
 ngu-Eri uyise kaLekha, loLada uyise kaMare-
 sha labantwana babeluki bamalembu
 amahle eBhethi-Ashibheya.
- ²² UJokhimu, lamadoda aseKhozeba,
 uJowashi loSarafi, owabusa amaMowabi
 loJashubi Lehemu. (Lokhu kutholakala
 emibhalweni yasendulo). ²³ Laba
 kwakungababumbi ababehlala
 eNethayimi leGedera; behlala khona
 besebenzela inkosi.

USimiyoni

- ²⁴ Abosendo lukaSimiyoni yilaba:
 nguNemuweli, loJamini, loJaribhi, loZera
 kanye loShawuli;
- ²⁵ uShalumi wayeyindodana kaShawuli,
 uMibhisamu indodana yakhe loMishima
 indodana yakhe.
- ²⁶ Abosendo lukaMishima yilaba:
 nguHamuweli indodana yakhe, loZakhuri
 indodana yakhe loShimeyi indodana
 yakhe.
- ²⁷ UShimeyi wayelamadodana alitshumi
 lesithupha lamadodakazi ayisithupha, kodwa
 abafowabo babengelabantwana abanengi,
 ngakho usendo lwabo lonke aluzanga
 lwande njengabantu bakaJuda. ²⁸ Babehlala
 eBherishebha, eMolada, eHazari-Shuwali,
²⁹ eBhiliha, e-Ezema, eTholadi, ³⁰ eBhethuweli,
 eHoma, eZikhilagi, ³¹ eBhethi-Makhabhothi,

eHazari Susimi, eBhethi-Bhiri laseShaharayimu. Yiyo eyayiyimizi yabo kwaze kwabusa uDavida.
³² Imizana eyayilapho kwakuyi-Ethamu, i-Ayini, iRimoni, iThokheni le-Ashani, imizi emihlanu
³³ layo yonke imizana eyayiseduzane lalimizi kuze kuyefika eBhalathi. Lezi yizo izindawo abahlaliswa khona.

Bagcina imibhalo yosendo lwabo.

³⁴ UMeshobabi loJamuleki,
 loJoshua indodana ka-Amaziya ³⁵ loJoweli,
 loJehu indodana kaJoshibhiya, indodana
 kaSeraya, indodana ka-Asiyeli
³⁶ kanye lo-Eliyonayi, loJakhobha, loJeshohaya,
 lo-Asaya, lo-Adiyeli, loJesimiyeli, loBhenaya,
³⁷ kanye loZiza indodana kaShifi, indodana
 ka-Aloni, indodana kaJedaya, indodana
 kaShimiri, indodana kaShemaya.

³⁸ Amadoda aqanjiweyo ngamabizo
 ngaphezulu ayengabakhokheli
 bosendo lwakwabo.

Izimuli zabo zanda kakhulu, ³⁹ zaqhela zayak-wakha langaphandle kweGedori okuya ngempumalanga yesihotsha bedinga amadlelo emihlambi yabo. ⁴⁰ Bathola umhlaba ovundileyo olamadlelo amahle, obanzi ophilileyo njalo uthule. Kwakuke kwahlala amanye amaHamu khonapho.

⁴¹ Amadoda alamabizo abhaliweyo afika ngezinsuku zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda.

Bahlasela amaHamu emizini yawo kanye lamaMewuni ayelapho bawabhuqa du, njengoba kubonakala lalamuhla. Basebezihlalela besakha khonapho, ngoba kwakulamadlelo emihlambi yabo. ⁴² Abangamakhulu amahlanu alaba abakaSimiyoni, bekhokhelwa nguPhelathiya, uNeyariya loRefaya lo-Uziyeli amadodana ka-Ishi, bahlasela ilizwe lamaqaqa laseSeyiri. ⁴³ Babulala ama-Amaleki ayephunyukile asala, njalo sebehlale kulindawo kuze kube lamuhla.

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URubheni

¹ Amadodana kaRubheni izibulo lika-Israyeli (wayelizibulo, kodwa kwathi esengcolise umbheda kayise owomtshado, amalungelo akhe njengezibulo aphiwa amadodana kaJosefa indodana ka-Israyeli, ngakho kasalotshwanga emibhalweni yosendo njengelungelo lokuzalwa kwakhe, ² lanxa uJuda wayelamandla amakhulu kulabo bonke abafowabo njalo enguye owazala umbusi, ilungelo lobuzibulo laya kuJosefa). ³ Amadodana kaRubheni izibulo lika-Israyeli ayeyila:

nguHanokhi, loPhalu, loHezironi kanye loKhami.

⁴ Abenzalo kaJoweli yilaba: nguShemaya indodana yakhe, loGogi indodana yakhe,

- loShimeyi indodana yakhe, ⁵ loMikha indodana yakhe,
 loReyaya indodana yakhe, loBhali indodana yakhe,
⁶ kanye loBhera indodana yakhe, lowo uThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya eyamthumba yamusa ezizweni. UBhera wayengumkhokheli wabakoRubheni.
⁷ Izihlobo zabo ngosendo lwabo, njengokulotshwe emibhalweni yosendo yilezi:
 nguJeyiyeli induna, loZakhariya, kanye
⁸ loBhela indodana ka-Azazi, indodana kaShema, indodana kaJoweli.

Bakha bahlala emangweni osuka e-Aroweri kusiya eNebho laseBhali-Meyoni.
⁹ Empumalanga babehlezi emangweni ofika emaphethelweni enkangala etshaya khonale eMfuleni uYufathe, ngoba izifuyo zabo zasezandile eGiliyadi.

¹⁰ Ngezinsuku zokubusa kukaSawuli balwa impi lamaHagari; bawanqoba basebhlala emizaneni yawo emangweni wonke ongempumalanga yeGiliyadi.

UGadi

- ¹¹ AbakaGadi babehlala phansi kwabo eBhashani, kuze kuyefika eSalekha:
¹² UJoweli wayeyinduna, uShafamu emlandela, besekusiza uJanayi loShafathi, ngaseBhashani.
¹³ Izihlobo zabo, ngokuzalana kwabo, yilezi:

nguMikhayeli, loMeshulami, loShebha, lo-Jorayi, loJakhani, loZiya kanye lo-Ebha, beyisikhombisa sebendawonye.

14 Laba babengamadodana ka-Abhihayili indodana kaHuri, indodana kaJarowa, indodana kaGiliyadi, indodana kaMikhayeli, indodana kaJeshishayi, indodana kaJahido, indodana kaBhuzi.

15 U-Ahi indodana ka-Abhidiyeli, indodana kaGuni, wayeyinhloko yemuli yakwabo.

16 AbakaGadi babehlala eGiliyadi, eBhashani lemizaneni yakhona, kanye lasemadlelweni ase-Sharoni kuze kuyefika emaphethelweni awo.

17 Bonke laba balotshwa emibhalweni yosendo ngezinsuku zokubusa kukaJothamu inkosi yako-Juda loJerobhowamu inkosi yako-Israyeli.

18 AbakoRubheni, labakoGadi lengxenyeye yesizwana sakoManase babelamadoda ayeselungele ukubuthwa azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha (44,760) amadoda ayeseqwahele esenelisa ukuphatha ihawu ahlome ngenkemba, atshoke ngemitshoko, ayesevele afundela ukulwa empini. 19 Bahlasela uHagari loJethuri loNafishi loNodabi. 20 Bahlonyulelwa ekulweni kwabo labo, njalo uNkulunkulu wanikela uHagari labanye bakhe ezandleni zabo, ngoba bakhuleka kuNkulunkulu empini. Wayiphendula imikhuleko yabo, ngoba bamethemba.

21 Bathumba izifuyo zakoHagiri ezibalisa

amakamela azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu, izimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu labobabhemi abazinkulungwane ezimbili. Bathumba njalo abantu abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu, ²² abanye abanengi babulawa, ngoba le kwakuyimpi kaNkulunkulu. Bona bahlala kulelolizwe kwaze kwaba yisikhathi bethunjwa.

Ingxenye Yesizwana SikaManase

²³ Abantu ababeyingxenye yesizwana sikaManase babebanengi; bahlala elizweni kusukela eBhashani kusiya eBhali-Hemoni, kusitsho iSeniri (iNtaba yaseHemoni).

²⁴ Laba yibo ababezinhloko zezimuli: u-Eferi, lo-Ishi, lo-Eliyeli, lo-Aziriyeli, loJeremiya, loHodaviya, kanye loJahidiyeli. Babengamadoda empi alezibindi, amadoda adumileyo, njalo bezinhloko zezimuli zabo. ²⁵ Kodwa bona babengathembekanga kuNkulunkulu waboyise basebekhonza onkulunkulu bezizwe uNkulunkulu wabo ababhubhisa kulawomazwe bengakahlali khona. ²⁶ Ngakho uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wadunga umoya kaPhuli inkosi yase-Asiriya (okuyikuthi, Thigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya), owathumba abakoRubheni, labakoGadi kanye lengxenye yesizwana sikaManase. Wabathatha wabasa eHala, leHabhori, leHara lasemfuleni uGozani, lapho abakhona lalamuhla.

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ULevi

¹ Amadodana kaLevi yila:

nguGeshoni, loKhohathi, kanye loMerari.

² Amadodana kaKhohathi yila:

ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari, loHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli.

³ Abantwana baka-Amramu yilaba:

ngu-Aroni, loMosi kanye loMiriyeemu.

Amadodana ka-Aroni yila:

nguNadabi, lo-Abhihu lo-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari.

⁴ U-Eliyazari wayenguyise kaFinehasi,

uFinehasi enguyise ka-Abhishuwa,

⁵ u-Abhishuwa enguyise kaBhukhi,

uBhukhi enguyise ka-Uzi,

⁶ u-Uzi enguyise kaZerahiya,

uZerahiya enguyise kaMerayothi,

⁷ uMerayothi enguyise ka-Amariya,

u-Amariya enguyise ka-Ahithubi,

⁸ u-Ahithubi enguyise kaZadokhi,

uZadokhi enguyise ka-Ahimazi,

⁹ u-Ahimazi enguyise ka-Azariya,

u-Azariya enguyise kaJohanani,

¹⁰ uJohanani enguyise ka-Azariya;

nguye lo owayengumphristi ethempelini

elakhiwa nguSolomoni eJerusalema.

¹¹ U-Azariya enguyise ka-Amariya,

u-Amariya enguyise ka-Ahithubi,

¹² u-Ahithubi enguyise kaZadokhi,

uZadokhi enguyise kaShalumi,

¹³ uShalumi enguyise kaHilikhiya,

uHilikhiya enguyise ka-Azariya,

¹⁴ u-Azariya enguyise kaSeraya,

uSeraya enguyise kaJozadaki.

15 UJozadaki wathunjwa lapho uTHIXO
athumba abakoJuda labaseJerusalema
ngesandla sikaNebhukhadineza.

16 Amadodana kaLevi yila:

nguGeshoni, loKhohathi kanye loMerari.

17 Nanka amabizo amadodana kaGeshoni:

nguLibhini loShimeyi.

18 Amadodana kaKhohathi yila:

ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari, loHebhroni kanye
lo-Uziyeli.

19 Amadodana kaMerari yila:

nguMahili loMushi.

Laba babelusendo lwabaLevi behlelwe
ngoluhlu lwaboyise:

20 AbakaGeshoni yilaba:

nguLibhini indodana yakhe, loJahathi indo-
dana yakhe,

loZima indodana yakhe, ²¹ loJowa indodana
yakhe,

lo-Ido indodana yakhe, loZera indodana
yakhe kanye

loJeyatherayi indodana yakhe.

22 Abosendo lukaKhohathi yilaba:

ngu-Aminadabi indodana yakhe, loKhora
indodana yakhe,

lo-Asiri indodana yakhe, ²³ lo-Elikhana

lo-Ebhiyasafi indodana yakhe lo-Asiri indo-
dana yakhe,

²⁴ loThahathi indodana yakhe, lo-Uriyeli in-
dodana yakhe,

lo-Uziya indodana yakhe kanye loShawuli indodana yakhe.

²⁵ Abosendo luka-Elikhana yilaba: ngu-Amasayi, lo-Ahimothi,

²⁶ lo-Elikhana indodana yakhe, loZofayi indodana yakhe,

loNahathi indodana yakhe, ²⁷ lo-Eliyabi indodana yakhe,

loJerohamu indodana yakhe, lo-Elikhana indodana yakhe kanye

loSamuyeli indodana yakhe.

²⁸ Amadodana kaSamuyeli ayeyila:

uVashini izibulo

lo-Abhija indodana yesibili.

²⁹ Abosendo lukaMerari yilaba:

nguMahili, loLibhini indodana yakhe,

loShimeyi indodana yakhe, lo-Uza indodana yakhe,

³⁰ loShimeya indodana yakhe, loHagiya indodana yakhe kanye

lo-Asaya indodana yakhe.

Abahlabeleli BaseThempelini

³¹ Laba yibo abakhethwa nguDavida ukuphatha ukuhlabelela endlini KATHIXO ngemva kokubekwa kwebhokisi lesivumelwano khona.

³² Bakhonza ngokuhlabelela phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano, iThente lokuHlanganela, uSolomoni waze wakha ithempeli LIKATHIXO eJerusalem. Benza inkonzo yabo ngendlela okwakuqoqwe ngayo.

³³ Bona ababekhethelwe lowomsebenzi kanye lamadodana abo yilaba:

Kwabendlu kaKhohathi yilaba:

nguHemani umhlabeleli,

indodana kaJoweli, indodana kaSamuyeli

³⁴ indodana ka-Elikhana, indodana kaJerohamu,

indodana ka-Eliyeli, indodana kaThowa,

³⁵ indodana kaZufi, indodana ka-Elikhana,

indodana kaMahathi, indodana ka-Amasayi,

³⁶ indodana ka-Elikhana, indodana kaJoweli,

indodana ka-Azariya, indodana kaZefaniya

³⁷ indodana kaThahathi, indodana ka-Asiri,

indodana ka-Ebhiyasafi, indodana kaKhora,

³⁸ indodana ka-Izihari, indodana kaKhohathi,

indodana kaLevi, indodana ka-Israyeli.

³⁹ U-Asafi umkhula kaHemani owasebenza laye ngasesandleni sakhe sokudla:

U-Asafi indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana kaShimeya,

⁴⁰ indodana kaMikhayeli, indodana kaBhaseya,

indodana kaMalikhija, ⁴¹ indodana ka-Ethini,

indodana kaZera, indodana ka-Adaya,

⁴² indodana ka-Ethani, indodana kaZima,

indodana kaShimeyi, ⁴³ indodana kaJahathi,

indodana kaGeshoni, indodana kaLevi;

⁴⁴ kanti njalo kubakhula babo amaMerari kwenxolelele isandla sakhe yilaba:

ngu-Ethani indodana kaKhishi, indodana ka-
 Abhidi,
 indodana kaMaluki, ⁴⁵ indodana kaHashab-
 hiya,
 indodana ka-Amaziya, indodana
 kaHilikhiya,
⁴⁶ indodana ka-Amizi, indodana kaBhani,
 indodana kaShemeri, ⁴⁷ indodana kaMahili,
 indodana kaMushi, indodana kaMerari,
 indodana kaLevi.

⁴⁸ Abafowabo kubaLevi babephiwe
 yonke eminye imisebenzi ethabanikeleni,
 endlini kaNkulunkulu. ⁴⁹ Kodwa u-Aroni
 labosendo lwakhe yiyo ababesethula iminikelo
 yokutshiswa e-alithareni kanye lase-alithareni
 lempepha lakho konke okwakusenziwa
 eNdaweni eNgcwele kakhulu, becelela u-
 Israyeli umusa, njengalokhu uMosi inceku
 kaNkulunkulu yayitshilo.

⁵⁰ Laba ngabosendo luka-Aroni:
 ngu-Eliyazari indodana yakhe, loFinehasi
 indodana yakhe,
 lo-Abhishuwa indodana yakhe, ⁵¹ loBhukhi
 indodana yakhe,
 lo-Uzi indodana yakhe, loZerahiya indodana
 yakhe,
⁵² loMerayothi indodana yakhe, lo-Amariya
 indodana yakhe,
 lo-Ahithubi indodana yakhe, ⁵³ loZadokhi
 indodana yakhe kanye
 lo-Ahimazi indodana yakhe.

- 54 Imizi ababehlezi kiyo kuselizweni ababeliphiwe (yimizi eyayiphiwe abosendo luka-Aroni beyinzalo kaKhohathi, ngoba isabelo sakuqala sasingesabo) yile:
- 55 Babephiwe iHebhroni koJuda lamadlelo akhona. 56 Kodwa amasimu lemizana eyayiseduzane ledolobho kwaphiwa uKhalebi indodana kaJefune. 57 Ngakho abosendo luka-Aroni baphiwa iHebhroni (umuzi wokuphephela), leLibhina, leJathiri, le-Eshithemowa, 58 leHileni, leDebhiri, 59 le-Ashani, leJuta leBhethi-Shemeshi, ndawonye lamadlelo akhona.
- 60 Esizwaneni sikaBhenjamini baphiwa iGibhiyoni, leGebha, le-Alemethi le-Anathothi, kanye lamadlelo akhona.
Imizi eyaphiwa amaKhohathi yayilitshumi lantathu.
- 61 Abaseleyo bamaKhohathi baphiwa imizi elitshumi beyingxenye yendlu yesizwana sika-Manase.
- 62 Abosendo lukaGeshoni, indlu ngendlu, baphiwa imizi elitshumi lemithathu ezizwaneni zako-Isakhari, ko-Asheri lakoNafithali, kanye lengxenye yesizwana sika-Manase esiseBhashani.
- 63 Abosendo lukaMerari, indlu ngendlu, baphiwa imizi elitshumi lambili esizwaneni sikaRubheni, lesikaGadi lesikaZebhuluni.
- 64 Ngakho yiyo imizi lamadlelo ayo eyaphiwa abaLevi ngama-Israyeli.

⁶⁵ Esizwaneni sakoJuda, lesakoSimiyoni loBhenjamini baphiwa imizi esike yaqanjwa.

⁶⁶ Amanye amaKhohathi aphiwa imizi elizweni lesizwana sika-Efrayimi.

⁶⁷ Elizweni lamaqaqa lika-Efrayimi baphiwa iShekhemu (umuzi wokuphephela) leGezeri, ⁶⁸ leJokhimeyamu, leBhethi-Horoni, ⁶⁹ leAyijaloni leGathi-Rimoni, kanye lamadlelo akhona.

⁷⁰ Engxenyeni yesizwana sikaManase abako-Israyeli, banika insalela yamaKhohathi, i-Aneri leBhileyamu kanye lamadlelo akhona.

⁷¹ AmaGeshoni azuza lezindawo:

Kwabosendo lwengxenye yesizwana sikaManase bazuza iGolani eBhashani kanye le-Ashitharothi, ndawonye lamadlelo akhona;

⁷² esizwaneni sika-Isakhari bazuza iKhedeshi, leDabherathi, ⁷³ leRamothe le-Anema lamadlelo akhona;

⁷⁴ esizwaneni sika-Asheri bazuza iMashali, le-Abhidoni, ⁷⁵ leHukhokhi leRehobhi, kanye lamadlelo akhona;

⁷⁶ esizwaneni sikaNafithali bazuza iKhedeshi eGalile, leHamoni, leKhiriyaithayimi kanye lamadlelo akhona.

⁷⁷ AmaMerari (insalela yabaLevi) aphiwa kanje:

esizwaneni sikaZebhuluni azuza iJokhinyamu, iKhatha, iRimoni leThabhothi, kanye lamadlelo akhona;

- ⁷⁸ esizwaneni sikaRubheni ngaphetsheya kwe-Jodani ngempumalanga yeJerikho azuza iB-hezeri enkangala, leJahazi, ⁷⁹ leKhedemothi kanye leMefahathi lamadlelo akhona;
- ⁸⁰ lasesizwaneni sikaGadi azuza iRamothe eGiliyadi, leMahanayimi, ⁸¹ leHeshibhoni, leJazeri, kanye lamadlelo akhona.

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U-Isakhari

- ¹ Amadodana ka-Isakhari yila:
nguThola, loPhuwa, loJashubi loShimroni, bonke babebane.
- ² Amadodana kaThola yila:
ngu-Uzi, loRefaya, loJeriyeli, loJahamali, lo-Ibhisamu loSamuyeli, bonke bezinhloko zezindlu zabo. Ngezinsuku uDavida esabusa, abosendo lukaThola abangamadoda aselindele impi ngoluhlu lokuza-lana kwabo, babengamadoda ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lam-bili lamakhulu ayisithupha (22,600).
- ³ Indodana ka-Uzi kungu:
Izrahiya.
- Amadodana ka-Izrahiya yila:
nguMikhayeli, lo-Obhadaya, loJoweli lo-Ishiya. Ngobuhlanu babo babezinduna.
- ⁴ Ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo, babelamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesithupha (36,000) ayeselungele ukuthi angaphuma ayekulwa impi, ngoba babelabafazi labantwana abanengi.

⁵ Abayizihlobo abesilisa abasebefanele ukuthi bangaya empini bengabosendo luka-Isakhari, ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo, sebendawonye babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembali lesikhombisa (87,000).

UBhenjamini

⁶ Amadodana kaBhenjamini amathathu yila: nguBhela, loBhekheri loJediyeli.

⁷ Amadodana kaBhela yila: ngu-Ezibhoni, lo-Uzi, lo-Uziyeli, loJerimothi lo-Iri, babebahlanu bonke, bezinhloko zezindlu zabo. Bona-ke ngoluhlu losendo lwabo babelamadoda ayelungele ukulwa empini azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamatshumi amathathu lane (22,034).

⁸ Amadodana kaBhekheri yila: nguZemira, loJowashi, lo-Eliyezeri, lo-Eliyonayi, lo-Omri, loJeremothi, lo-Abhija, lo-Anathothi kanye lo-Alemethi. Wonke la kwakungamadodana kaBhekheri. ⁹ Imbali yoluhlu lwezimuli zababezinhloko zemindeni ibalisa ukuthi babengabantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu amabili amadoda empi (20,200).

¹⁰ Indodana kaJediyeli kwakunguBhilihani.

Amadodana kaBhilihani yila:

nguJewushi, loBhenjamini, lo-Ehudi, loKhenana, loZethani, loThashishi kanye

lo-Ahishahari. ¹¹ Wonke lamadodana kaJediyeli ayeyizinhloko zezindlu zawo. Kwakulamadoda ayesefanele ukubuthwa ayekulwa empini azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesikhombisa, lamakhulu amabili (17,200).

- ¹² AmaShuphimu lamaHuphimu ayengawosendo luka-Iri, lamaHushimu engawosendo luka-Aheri.

UNafithali

- ¹³ Amadodana kaNafithali yila: nguJaziyeli, loGuni, loJezeri kanye loShalumi, abosendo lukaBhiliha.

UManase

- ¹⁴ Abosendo lukaManase yilaba: ngu-Asiriyeli amzala lomfazi weceleni ongum'Aramu. Wazala uMakhiri uyise kaGiliyadi. ¹⁵ UMakhiri wathatha umfazi ozalwa ngamaHuphimu lamaShuphimu. Udadewabo kwakunguMahakha. Omunye owosendo kwakunguZelofehadi owazala amankazana kuphela. ¹⁶ UmkaMakhiri uMahakha wazala indodana yathiwa nguPhereshi. Umfowabo yena wethiwa ibizo elithi Shereshi, njalo amadodana akhe kwakungu-Ulamu loRakhemu.

- ¹⁷ Indodana ka-Ulamu kungu: Bhedani.

La ngamadodana kaGiliyadi, indodana ka-Makhiri, indodana kaManase.

- ¹⁸ Udadewabo uHamolekheti wazala u-Ishodi, lo-Abhiyezeri loMahila.

- ¹⁹ Amadodana kaShemida yila:

ngu-Ahiyani, loShekhemu, loLikhi kanye lo-Aniyami.

U-Efrayimi

- ²⁰ Abosendo luka-Efrayimi yilaba:
 nguShuthela, loBheredi indodana yakhe,
 loThahathi indodana yakhe, lo-Eleyada indodana yakhe,
 loThahathi indodana yakhe, ²¹ loZabhadi indodana yakhe kanye
 loShuthela indodana yakhe.
 (U-Ezeri lo-Eliyadi babulawa ngababezalwa eGathi, baze bayethumba izifuyo zabo. ²² Uyise u-Efrayimi wabalilela okwensuku ezinengi, izihlobo zakhe zabuya ukuzomduduza. ²³ Walala njalo lomkakhe wakhulelwa, wazala indodana ayitha ibizo elithi Bheriya, kuyikutshengisa ukuthi kwakonakele phakathi kwemuli. ²⁴ Indodakazi yakhe kwakunguShera owakha iBhethi-Horoni yaPhansi leyaPhezulu kanye le-Uzeni-Shera.)
- ²⁵ URefa wayeyindodana yakhe, loReshefi indodana yakhe,
 loThela indodana yakhe, loThahani indodana yakhe,
- ²⁶ loLadani indodana yakhe, lo-Amihudi indodana yakhe,
 lo-Elishama indodana yakhe, ²⁷ loNuni indodana yakhe
 kanye loJoshuwa indodana yakhe.

28 Amazwe lemizi yabo yayihlanganisa iBhetheli lemizana eseduzane, iNaharani empumalanga, iGezeri lemizana yayo kusiya entshonalanga, iShekhemu lemizana yayo kusiyafika e-Aya lemizana yayo. 29 Emingceleni yakwelakoManase kuleBhethi-Shani, leThanakhi, leMegido, kanye leDori lemizana yakhona. Ababehlala kulimizi ngabosendo lukaJosefa indodana ka-Israyeli.

U-Asheri

- 30 Amadodana ka-Asheri yila:
 ngu-Imna, lo-Ishiva, lo-Ishivi kanye loBheriya. Udadewabo kunguSera.
- 31 Amadodana kaBheriya yila:
 nguHebheri loMalikhiyeli uyise kaBhirizayithi.
- 32 UHebheri wayenguyise kaJafilethi, loShomeri loHothamu kanye lodadewabo uShuwa.
- 33 Amadodana kaJafilethi yila:
 nguPasaki, loBhimihali kanye lo-Ashivathi.
 Laba kwakungamadodana kaJafilethi.
- 34 Amadodana kaShomeri yila:
 ngu-Ahi, loRohiga, loHubha kanye lo-Aramu.
- 35 Amadodana omfowabo uHelemu yila:
 nguZofa, lo-Imna, loSheleshi kanye lo-Amali.
- 36 Amadodana kaZofa yila:
 nguSuwa, loHarineferi, loShuwali, loBheri, lo-Imra, 37 loBhezere, loHodi, loShama, loShilisha, lo-Ithirani kanye loBhera.

- ³⁸ Amadodana kaJetha yila:
 nguJefune, loPhisipha kanye lo-Ara.
³⁹ Amadodana ka-Ula yila:
 ngu-Ara, loHaniyeli kanye loRiziya.

⁴⁰ Bonke laba babengabosendo luka-Asheri bezinhloko zendlu ngendlu, amadoda akhethiweyo, amabutho alesibindi njalo bengabakhokheli abalokuhlakanipha. Inani lamadoda ayesefanele ukubuthwa aye empini, kusiya ngoluhlu losendo lwakwabo, kwakuzinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesithupha (26,000).

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Usendo LukaSawuli UmBhenjamini

- ¹ UBhenjamini wayenguyise
 kaBhela izibulo lakhe,
 lo-Ashibheli indodana yesibili, lo-Ahara eyesithathu,
² loNoha eyesine loRafa indodana yesihlanu.
³ Amadodana kaBhela ayeyila:
 u-Adari, uGera, u-Abhihudi, ⁴ u-Abhishuwa,
 uNamani, u-Ahowa, ⁵ uGera, uShefufani
 kanye loHuramu.
⁶ Laba ngabosendo luka-Ehudi, ababezinhloko zezindlu zalabo ababehlala eGebha abaxotshelwa eManahathi:
⁷ KunguNamani, lo-Ahija, kanye loGera owabaxotshayo njalo enguyise ka-Uza, lo-Ahihudi.

- 8 Kulamadodana azalwa nguShaharayimi eMowabi ngemva kokwehlukana labafazi bakhe oHushimi loBhara. ⁹ Emfazini wakhe uHodeshi wayelabantwana laba: uJobhabhi, loZibhiya, loMesha, loMalikhami, ¹⁰ loJewuzi, loSakhiya kanye loMirima. Yiwo amadodana akhe, ayeyizinhloko zezindlu zawo. ¹¹ KuHushimi wazala u-Abhithubi lo-Eliphali.
- ¹² Amadodana ka-Eliphali ayeyila:
 u-Ebheri, uMishami, uShemedi (nguye owakha i-Ono leLodi lemizana eseduzane layo), ¹³ kanye loBheriya loShema, bona bezinhloko zezindlu zalabo ababehlala e-Ayijaloni abayibo njalo abaxotsha ababehlala eGathi.
- ¹⁴ U-Ahiyo, uShashaki, uJeremothi,
¹⁵ uZebhadiya, u-Aradi, u-Ederi,
¹⁶ uMikhayeli, u-Ishipha kanye loJoha bengamadodana kaBheriya.
- ¹⁷ UZebhadiya, uMeshulami, uHizikhi, uHebheri, ¹⁸ u-Ishimerayi, u-Iziliya, loJobhabhi kungamadodana ka-Eliphali.
- ¹⁹ UJakhimi, uZikhiri, uZabhidi, ²⁰ u-Eliyenayi, uZilethayi, u-Eliyeli, ²¹ u-Adaya, uBheraya kanye loShimirathi kungamadodana kaShimeyi.
- ²² U-Ishiphani, u-Ebheri, u-Eliyeli, ²³ u-Abhidoni, uZikhiri uHanani, ²⁴ uHananiya, u-Elamu, u-Anithothija, ²⁵ u-Ifideya loPhenuweli bengamadodana kaShashaki.
- ²⁶ UShamisherayi, uShehariya, u-Athaliya,
²⁷ uJareshiya, u-Elija, kanye loZikhiri kunga-

madodana kaJerohamu.

²⁸ Bonke laba babezinhloko zezindlu, izinduna kusiya ngoluhlu losendo lwabo, njalo babehlala eJerusalema.

²⁹ UJeyiyeli uyise kaGibhiyoni wayehlala eGibhiyoni.

Ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMahakha, ³⁰ njalo indodana yakhe elizibulo kwakungu-Abhidoni, eselanywa nguZuri, loKhishi, loBhali, loNeri, loNadabi, ³¹ loGedori, loAhiyo, loZekheri ³² kanye loMikhilothi, owayenguyise kaShimeya. Laba labo babehlala eJerusalema eduze lezihlobo zabo.

³³ UNeri wayenguyise kaKhishi, uKhishi enguyise kaSawuli, uSawuli enguyise kaJonathani, loMalikhi-Shuwa, lo-Abhinadabi kanye lo-Eshi-Bhali.

³⁴ Indodana kaJonathani: kwakunguMeri-Bhali yena enguyise kaMikha.

³⁵ Amadodana kaMikha ayeyila: uPhithoni, uMeleki, uThareya kanye lo-Ahazi.

³⁶ U-Ahazi wayenguyise kaJehoyada, uJehoyada enguyise ka-Alemethi, lo-Azimavethi loZimri, njalo uZimri enguyise kaMoza.

³⁷ UMoza wayenguyise kaBhineya, loRafa eyindodana yakhe, lo-Eleyasa indodana yakhe kanye lo-Azeli indodana yakhe.

³⁸ U-Azeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha, amabizo awo eyila:

u-Azirikhamu, loBhokheru, lo-Ishumayeli,
loSheyariya, lo-Obhadaya kanye loHanani.
Wonke la ayengamadodana ka-Azeli.

- ³⁹ Amadodana omfowabo u-Eshekhi ayeyila:
u-Ulamu izibulo lakhe, uJewushi indodana
yesibili kanye lo-Elifelethi eyesithathu.
⁴⁰ Amadodana ka-Ulamu ayengamaqhawe
alezibindi ayezintshantshu zemitshoko.
Babelamadodana amanengi lamadodana
amadodana abo, babelikhulu elilamat-
shumi amahlanu sebendawonye (150).
Bonke laba babeyinzalo kaBhenjamini.

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¹ Bonke abako-Israyeli babelotshiwe eluhlwini
logwalo lokuzalana kwabo lwamakhosi ako-
Israyeli. AbakoJuda bathunjwa basiwa eBhab-
hiloni ngenxa yokungathembeki kwabo.

Abantu EJerusalema

- ² Abokuqala ukwakha kutsha
elizweni labo bahlala emizini
yabo babengabantu bako-Israyeli,
abaphristi, abaLevi lezinceku
zethempelini.
- ³ AbakoJuda, abakoBhenjamini kanye
labako-Efrayimi loManase ababehlala
eJerusalema yilaba:
- ⁴ Ngu-Uthayi indodana ka-Amihudi, indodana
ka-Omri, indodana ka-Imri, indodana kaB-
hani, owosendo lukaPherezi indodana ka-
Juda.

⁵ KwabakoShilo
ngu-Asaya izibulo lamadodana akhe.

⁶ KwabakoZera:
nguJuweli.

Abantu bakoJuda babengamakhulu
ayisithupha alamatshumi ayisifica-
munwemunye (690).

⁷ KwabakoBhenjamini:
nguSalu indodana kaMeshulami, indodana ka-
Hodaviya, indodana kaHasenuwa;

⁸ lo-Ibhineya indodana kaJerohamu;
lo-Ela indodana ka-Uzi, indodana kaMikhiri;
loMeshulami indodana kaShefathiya, indo-
dana kaRuweli, indodana ka-Ibhiniya.

⁹ Abantu bakoBhenjamini, ngoluhlu
lokuzalana kwabo njengoku-
lotshiweyo, babengamakhulu
ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi
amahlanu lesithupha (956). Bonke
laba kwakungamadoda ayizinhloko
zezindlu zawo.

¹⁰ Abaphristi yilaba:
nguJedaya; loJehoyaribhi; kanye loJakhini;

¹¹ lo-Azariya indodana kaHilikhuya, indodana
kaMeshulami, indodana kaZadokhi, indo-
dana kaMerayothi, indodana ka-Ahithubi,
isikhulu esasiphethe indlu kaNkulunkulu;

¹² lo-Adaya indodana kaJerohamu, indodana
kaPhashuri, indodana kaMalikhija;
loMasayi indodana ka-Adiyeli, indodana ka-
Jahizera, indodana kaMeshulami, indodana

kaMeshilemithi, indodana ka-Imeri.

¹³ Abaphristi ababezinhloko zezindlu zabo babeyinkulungwane eyodwa elamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha (1,760). Babengamadoda alolwazi, belomlandu wokuphatha umsebenzi endlini kaNkulunkulu.

¹⁴ AbaLevi yilaba:

nguShemaya indodana kaHashubhi, indodana ka-Azirikhamu, indodana kaHashabhiya, ongum'Merari;

¹⁵ loBhakhibhakhari, loHereshi, loGalali kanye loMathaniya indodana kaMikha, indodana kaZikhiri, indodana ka-Asafi;

¹⁶ lo-Obhadaya indodana kaShemaya, indodana kaGalali, indodana kaJeduthuni, kanye loBherekhiya indodana ka-Asa, indodana ka-Elikhana, owayehlala emizini yamaNethofa.

¹⁷ Abalindi bamasango yilaba:

nguShalumi, lo-Akhubi, loThalimoni, lo-Ahimani labafowabo loShalumi induna yabo, ¹⁸ eyayilinda iSango leNkosi empumalanga, kuze kube lamuhla. Abalindi bamasango bakoLevi yilaba:

¹⁹ nguShalumi indodana kaKhore, indodana ka-Ebhiyasafi, indodana kaKhora, lababelinda amasango ndawonye bengabendlunye (amaKhora) beyibo ababefanele bananzelele iminyango yeThempeli njengoba oyise babevele belinda iminyango yendlu

KATHIXO.

²⁰ Ekadeni owayephethe abalindi bamasango kwakunguFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari njalo UTHIXO wayelaye.

²¹ UZakhariya indodana kaMeshelemiya wayengumlindisango lokungena eThenteni lokuHlanganela.

²² Sebebonke labo ababekhethiwe ukuba ngabalindimasango ezindaweni eziqakathekileyo babengamakhulu amabili aletshumi lambili (212). Babelotshwe ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo emizini yabo.

Abalindi bamasango babefakwe kulezizindawo zokwethembeka nguDavida loSamuyeli umboni. ²³ Bona kanye lenzalo yabo babephethe ukugcinakala kwamasango endlu KATHIXO indlu ethiwa iThente. ²⁴ Abalindimasango laba

babesenhlangothini zozine: empumalanga, entshonalanga, enyakatho laseningizimu.

²⁵ Abafowabo ababehlezi labo emizini yabo babefanele babebelinda labo bezophisana okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ihlandla ngalinye. ²⁶ Abalindimasango abakhulu,

abangabaLevi, ngobune babo babefanele bagcine izindlu lenotho esendlini kaNkulunkulu.

²⁷ Babelala belindile ubusuku bonke besendlini kaNkulunkulu, ngoba babefanele bayilinde; njalo yibo ababelezihluthulelo beyivula ngokusa insuku zonke.

²⁸ Abanye babo babegcina izitsha zenkonzo ezazisetshenziswa ethempelini; babezibala

zingena babuye bazibale njalo seziphuma.
²⁹ Abanye njalo babegcine impahla yendlini lakho konke okwakusendlini engcwele, kanye lokugcina ifulawa lewayini, lamafutha, impepha leziyoliso. ³⁰ Kodwa abanye abaphristi babesebenza ukhlanganisa iziyoliso. ³¹ UmLevi obizwa ngokuthi nguMathithiya, indodana elizibulo likaShalumi umKhora, wayephiwe umlandu wokubumba isinkwa somnikelo. ³² Abanye abazalwane bamaKhohathi babephethe umsebenzi ngamaSabatha wonke owokubumba isinkwa esokubekwa etafuleni.

³³ Labo ababengabahlabeleli, bezinhloko zezindlu zabaLevi, babehlala ezindlini phakathi kwethempeli bengaphiwanga eminye imisebenzi ngoba babephathekile kowabo emini lebusuku.

³⁴ Bonke laba babezinhloko zezindlu zenzalo kaLevi, izinduna njengokulotshiweyo eluhlwini losendo lwabo, njalo babehlala eJerusalema.

Okulotshiweyo NgoLuhlu Lwendlu KaSawuli

³⁵ uJeyiyeli uyise kaGibhiyoni wayehlala eGibhiyoni.

Ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMahakha, ³⁶ njalo indodana yakhe elizibulo kwakungu-Abhidoni eselanywa nguZuri, loKhishi, loBhali, loNeri, loNadabi, ³⁷ loGedori, lo-Ahiyo, loZakhariya kanye loMikhilothi. ³⁸ UMikhilothi wayenguyise kaShimeyamu. Laba labo babehlala eJerusalema eduze lezihlobo zabo.

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- ⁴⁰ Indodana kaJonathani kwakunguMeri-Bhali, yena enguyise kaMikha.
- ⁴¹ Amadodana kaMikha ayeyila:
uPhithoni, uMeleki, uThareya kanye lo-Ahazi.
- ⁴² U-Ahazi wayenguyise kaJada, uJada enguyise ka-Alemethi, lo-Azimavethi loZimri, yena uZimri enguyise kaMoza. ⁴³ UMoza wayenguyise kaBhineya; uRefaya eyindodana yakhe, lo-Eleyasa indodana yakhe kanye lo-Azeli indodana yakhe.
- ⁴⁴ U-Azeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha, amabizo awo eyila:
u-Azirikhamu, loBhokheru, lo-Ishumayeli. LoSheyariya, lo-Obhadaya kanye loHanani. Laba babengamadodana ka-Azeli.

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Ukuzibulala KukaSawuli

¹ AmaFilistiya alwa lo-Israyeli; abako-Israyeli babaleka, njalo abanengi bafela eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. ² AmaFilistiya axotshana kanzima lo-Sawuli kanye lamadodana akhe, abulala amadodana akhe uJonathani, lo-Abhinadabi kanye loMalikhi-Shuwa. ³ Impi yatshisa macele wonke kuSawuli, njalo kwathi abatshoki bemitshoko sebemxhumile, bamlimaza.

⁴ USawuli wathi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe, “Hwatsha inkemba yakho ungwaze, hlezi abantu laba abangasokanga bafike bangigwaze bangenze ihlazo.”

Kodwa umphathi wezikhali zakhe wesaba, akaze akwenza lokho, ngakho uSawuli wathatha inkemba yakhe waziwisela phezu kwayo. ⁵ Kwathi umphathi wezikhali ebona ukuthi uSawuli wayesefile, laye waziwisela phezu kwenkemba yakhe, wafa. ⁶ Ngakho uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu bafa, labo bonke abendlu yakhe bafa ndawonye.

⁷ Kwathi bonke abako-Israyeli ababesigodini bebona ukuthi ibutho lalibalekile lokuthi uSawuli kanye lamadodana akhe basebefile, batshiya imizi yabo babaleka. AmaFilistiya afika ahlala kuyo.

⁸ Ngelanga elalandelayo, amaFilistiya esefikile ukuba akhuthuze abafileyo, afica uSawuli lamadodana akhe befile eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. ⁹ Bamkhuthuza baze bamquma ikhanda lakhe balithatha kanye lezikhali zakhe, basebethuma izithunywa kulolonke ilizwe lamaFilistiya ukuthi zimemezele lindaba ezithombeni zabo lebantwini bakibo. ¹⁰ Abeka izikhali zakhe ethempelini labonkulunkulu babo kwathi ikhanda lakhe balibeka ethempelini likaDagoni.

¹¹ Abantu bonke baseJabheshi Giliyadi sebezwire ngokwakwenziwe ngamaFilistiya kuSawuli, ¹² wonke amaqhawe alezibindi ahamba ayathatha isidumbu sikaSawuli lezamadodana akhe aya lazo eJabheshi. Basebengcwaba an-

athambo abo ngaphansi kwesihlahla esikhulu eJabheshi, bazila insuku eziyisikhombisa.

¹³ USawuli wafa ngoba wayengathembekanga kuTHIXO; kaligcinanga ilizwi LIKATHIXO wakhe waze wayadinga ukuqondiswa yizangoma, ¹⁴ esikhundleni sokukhuleka kuTHIXO. Ngakho uTHIXO wamenza wafa wathatha ubukhosi wabunika uDavida indodana kafese.

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UDavida Uba Yinkosi Yako-Israyeli

¹ Bonke abako-Israyeli baya kuDavida eHebhroni bafika bathi: “Thina siyinyama yakho legazi lakho. ² Esikhathini esedlulayo, lanxa uSawuli eseseyinkosi, wena nguwe owawukhokhela u-Israyeli emkhankasweni wezimpi. Njalo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho wathi kuwe, ‘Wena uzakuba ngumelusi wabantu bami u-Israyeli, njalo uzakuba ngumbusi wabo.’”

³ Kwathi abadala bonke bako-Israyeli sebefikile enkosini uDavida eHebhroni, wenza isivumelwano labo eHebhroni phambi kuKATHIXO, basebegcoba uDavida ukuba abe yinkosi ko-Israyeli, njengesithembiso siKATHIXO asenza ngoSamuyeli.

UDavida Unqoba IJerusalema

⁴ UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli baya eJerusalema (kusitsho iJebusi). AmaJebusi ayehlala khona ⁵ athi kuDavida, “Kawuyikun-gena lapha.” Kodwa lanxa kunjalo, uDavida

wayithumba inqaba yaseZiyoni, uMuzi ka-Davida.

⁶ UDavida wayethe, “Ozakhokhela ekuhlaseleni amaJebusi uzakuba nguMlawuli omkhulu wempi.” UJowabi indodana kaZeruya nguye owaqala ukuya khona, ngakho wazuza ubukhokheli.

⁷ UDavida wasehlala enqabeni, yikho yathiwa ibizo lokuthi nguMuzi kaDavida. ⁸ Wakha idol-obho inxa zonke kusukela emadundulwini kuze kuyefinyelele emidulini ehonqolozelayo, ngalesosikhathi uJowabi esakha evuselela umuzi.

⁹ UDavida waqhubeka njalo esiba lamandla, ngoba uTHIXO uSomandla wayelaye.

Amaqhawe KaDavida

¹⁰ Lezi zinduna zamaqhawe kaDavida ezazimsekele ngokuqinileyo embusweni kanye laye wonke u-Israyeli, ukuba abe yinkosi, njen-gokuthembisa KUKATHIXO. ¹¹ Lolu yiluhlu lwalawo maqhawe kaDavida:

UJashobheyamu, umHakhimoni, wayengum-lawuli wezikhulu; waphakamisela amadoda angamakhulu amathathu umkhonto wakhe, ababulalayo ekuhlaseleni kunye.

¹² Yena elandelwa ngu-Eliyazari indodana kaDodo um’Ahozi omunye wamaqhawe amathathu. ¹³ WayeloDavida ePhasi Damimi, ekuhlomeni kwamaFilistiya elungiselela ukudibana empini. Endaweni ethile kwakulensimu yebhali, amabutho abaleka ebalekela amaFilistiya. ¹⁴ Kodwa bona bema bajama phakathi kwensimu. Bayivikela

bawabulala amaFilistiya, uTHIXO wabapha ukunqoba okukhulu.

¹⁵ Izinduna ezintathu kwezingamatshumi amathathu zaya edwaleni kuDavida ebhalwini lwase-Adulami, ngalesosikhathi amanye amaFilistiya ayebuthene eSigodini saseRefayi.

¹⁶ Ngalesosikhathi uDavida wayesengqabeni, iviyo lamabutho amaFilistiya laliseBhethilehema.

¹⁷ UDavida womela amanzi wasesithi, “Oh, sengathi kungaba lomuntu ongangikhela amanzi okunatha emthonjeni osezude lesango laseBhethilehema!”

¹⁸ Ngakho abathathu laba badabula phakathi kweviyo lamaFilistiya bayakukha amanzi eduzane lesango laseBhethilehema bayawanika uDavida.

Kodwa wala ukuwanatha, wakhetha ukuwathululela phambi KUKATHIXO.

¹⁹ Wasesithi, “UNkulunkulu kangangivumeli ukukwenza lokhu! Kufanele yini ukuthi nginathe igazi lalababantu abanikele impilo yabo engozini bewaletha?” Ngoba babeka impilo zabo engozini bewaletha, uDavida kawanathanga.

Lezi zaziyizenzo zobuqhawe zalawomabutho womathathu.

²⁰ U-Abhishayi umfowabo kaJowabi wayeyinduna yabaThathu labo. Waphakamisela umkhonto wakhe phezu kwabangamakhulu amathathu, ababulalayo, ngakho waba lodumo njengabaThathu. ²¹ Waba lodumo oluphindwe kabili phezu kwalaba abaThathu waze waba ngumlawuli wabo, loba engazange abe phakathi kwabo.

22 UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayeliqhawe elilesibindi laseKhabhizeli, elenza izenzo zobuqhawe obukhulu. Wabulala amaqhawe amaMowabi amabili ayezintshantshu ekulweni. Wake wangenena emgodini wabulala isilwane mhla kulongqwaqwane. 23 Wabulala umGibhithe owayemude okwezingalo eyisikhombisa njalo eqatha. Lanxa umGibhithe wayephethe umkhonto esandleni kwakungani uphethe umkhonto onjengogodo lomaluki, uBhenayiya waqondana laye ngenduku. Wahluthuna umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe wambulala ngawo umkhonto wakhe. 24 Lezi zaziyizenzo zobuqhawe zikaBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, laye futhi wayedume njengamaqhawe amathathu. 25 Wayehlonitshwa kakhulu ukwedlula bonke abangamatshumi amathathu, kodwa wayengabalwa kanye labaThathu. UDavidida wambeka ukuba abe ngumphathi wabalindi bakhe.

26 Amaqhawe ayelamandla ayeyila:

u-Asaheli umfowabo kaJowabi,
u-Elihanani indodana kaDodo waseBhethilehema,

27 uShamothi umHarori,
uHelezi umPheloni,

28 u-Ira indodana ka-Ikheshi waseThekhowa,
u-Abhiyezeri wase-Anathothi,

29 uSibhekhayi umHushathi,
u-Ilayi um'Ahoi,

- 30 uMaharayi umNethofathi,
 uHeledi indodana kaBhana umNethofa,
 31 u-Ithayi indodana kaRibhayi owaseGibhiya
 koBhenjamini,
 uBhenaya umPhirathoni,
 32 uHurayi wasezindongeni zaseGashi,
 u-Abhiyeli um'Aribhathi,
 33 u-Azimavethi umBhaharumi,
 u-Eliyaba umShalibhoni,
 34 amadodana kaHashemi umGizoni,
 uJonathani indodana kaShageye umHarari,
 35 u-Ahiyamu indodana kaSakhari umHarari,
 u-Elifali indodana ka-Uri,
 36 uHeferi indodana kaMekherathi,
 u-Ahija umPheloni,
 37 uHeziro umKhameli,
 uNarayi indodana ka-Ezibhayi,
 38 uJoweli umfowabo kaNathani,
 uMibhari indodana kaHagiri,
 39 uZelekhi um'Amoni,
 uNaharayi umBherothi, owayethwala izikhali
 zikaJowabi indodana kaZeruya,
 40 u-Ira um'Ithira,
 uGarebhi um'Ithiri,
 41 u-Uriya umHithi,
 uZabhadi indodana ka-Ahilayi,
 42 lo-Adina indodana kaShiza owakoRub-
 heni, owayeyinduna yakoRubheni, kanye
 labangamatshumi amathathu ababelaye,
 43 loHanani indodana kaMahakha,
 loJoshafathi um'Mithini,
 44 lo-Uziya um'Ashitherathi,

loShama loJeyiyeli amadodana kaHothamu
 um'Aroweri,
⁴⁵ loJediyeli indodana kaShimiri,
 umfowabo uJoha umThizi,
⁴⁶ lo-Eliyeli um'Mahavi,
 loJeribhayi loJoshaviya amadodana ka-
 Elinamu,
 lo-Ithima waseMowabi,
⁴⁷ lo-Eliyeli, lo-Obhedi kanye loJasiyeli wase-
 Mezobha.

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Amabutho Alandela UDavida Egangeni

¹ La ngamabutho ayeloDavida
 eZikhilagi, ngesikhathi engavunyelwa
 ukubonakala kuSawuli indodana
 kaKhishi (kwakungamaqhawe
 ayemhlomulele empini; ² ayehlome
 ngemitshoko, ezingcitshi ekutshokeni
 lokutshaya ngezavutha loba ejikijela
 ngesokudla loba ngesenzele;
 ayeyizihlobo zikaSawuli engawesizwe
 sikaBhenjamini):

³ U-Ahiyezeri induna yawo loJowashi amado-
 dana kaShemaha owaseGibhiya;
 loJeziyeli loPhelethi amadodana ka-
 Azimavethi;
 loBherakha, loJehu um'Anathothi, ⁴ kanye
 lo-Ishimaya umGibhiyoni, indoda eyayila-
 mandla amakhulu kwabangamatshumi am-
 athathu, engumkhokheli wabangamatshumi
 amathathu,

loJeremiya, loJahaziyeli, loJohanani, loJozabhadi umGederathi, ⁵ lo-Eluzayi, loJerimothi, loBheliya, loShemariya kanye loShefathiya umHarufi,

⁶ lo-Elikhana, lo-Ishiya, lo-Azareli, loJowezeri loJashobheyamu amaKhora;

⁷ kanye loJowela loZebhadiya amadodana ka-Jerohamu waseGedori.

⁸ Abanye abakoGadi babalekela kuDavida enqabeni yakhe enkangala. Babengamabutho alezibindi, belungele ukulwa njalo bekwazi ukuphatha ihawu lomkhonto. Ubuso babo babungobezilwane, njalo belesiqubu njengamagogo ezintabeni.

⁹ U-Ezeri wayeyinduna, u-Obhadaya engumsekeli womlawuli, u-Eliyabi engowesithathu,

¹⁰ uMishimana engowesine, uJeremiya engowesihlanu,

¹¹ u-Athayi engowesithupha, u-Eliyeli engowesikhombisa,

¹² uJohanani engowesificaminwembili, u-Elizabethi engowesificamunwemunye,

¹³ uJeremiya engumsekeli wetshumi kanye lo-Makhabhanayi owayengowetshumi lanye.

¹⁴ Amadoda akoGadi ayengabalawuli bamabutho, kuthi omncinyane wabo wayengamelana labalikhulu kodwa omkhulu wabo engamelana labayinkulungwane. ¹⁵ Yiwo la amadoda achapha uJodani ngenyanga yakuqala umfula

ugcwele uphuphuma emakhunjini awo wonke, yibo njalo abaxotsha bonke ababehlala ezihotsheni, empumalanga kanye lasentshonalanga.

¹⁶ Amanye amadoda akoBhenjamini lamanye ayevela koJuda lawo alandela uDavida khonale enqabeni yakhe. ¹⁷ UDavida waphuma ukuba ayewahlangabeza wathi kuwo: “Nxa lingilandela ngokuthula, lizongiphathisa njengabangane, ngizimisele ukuhlanganyela kanye lani. Kodwa nxa lidinga ukunginikela ezitheni zami, mina ngimsulwa, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho kakubone lokho, alijezeise.”

¹⁸ Ngakho uMoya wasesehlela ku-Amasayi, umlawuli wabangamatshumi amaThathu, wathi: “Singabakho thina, wena Davida!

Sikanye lawe wena ndodana kaJese!

Impumelelo, impumelelo kuwe,

njalo impumelelo kulabo abaphathisana lawe!

Ngoba uNkulunkulu wakho uzakusiza.”

Ngakho uDavida wabamukela wabenza abakhokheli bamaviyo amabutho ayehlasela.

¹⁹ Amanye amadoda akoManase abalekela kuDavida ekuhambeni kwakhe lamaFilistiya esiyahlasela uSawuli. (Yena kanye lamabutho akhe kasazange ancedise amaFilistiya, ngoba ngemva kokubuzisisana, ababusi bawo bathi kaxotshwe. Bathi bona: “Uyingozi kithi, ngoba angasiphendukela abuyele enkosini yakhe uSawuli.”) ²⁰ UDavida wathi esiya eZikhilagi, nanka amadoda abaleka koManase amlandela: ngu-Adina, loJozabhadi, loJediyeli, loMikhayeli, loJozabhadi, lo-Elihu kanye loZilethayi

ababengabalawuli benkulungwane koManase.
²¹ Bancedisa uDavida ekulweni lamaviyo abahlaseli, ngoba bonke babengamabutho alezibindi, njalo basebengabalawuli phakathi kwamabutho akhe. ²² Insuku zonke, ukusa kwamalanga, kwakutheleka abantu bezoncedisa uDavida, waze waba lebuthe elikhulu, njengebuthe likaNkulunkulu.

Abanye Balandela UDavida EHbhroni

²³ Nanka amanani amadoda ayehlomele impi eza kuDavida eHbhroni ezoncedisa ukuthatha umbuso kaSawuli, njengokutsho KUKATHIXO:

- ²⁴ amadoda ayevela koJuda ehlome ngamahawu lemikhonto ayezinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili (6,800) ehlomele ukulwa impi;
- ²⁵ abakaSimiyoni, amabutho ayelungele ukuhlasele babezinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lekhulu (7,100),
- ²⁶ amadoda akoLevi ayezinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha (4,600), ²⁷ kubalwa loJehoyada, umkhokheli wabendlu ka-Aroni babezinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisikhombisa (3,700) zamadoda ²⁸ kanye loZadokhi, ibutho elaliseselijaha lilesibindi, lilezikhulu zendlu yakwabo ezingamatshumi amabili lambili (22);
- ²⁹ amadoda akoBhenjamini, labakibo kaSawuli babezinkulungwane ezintathu (3,000), ababesele bethembekile kuSawuli kuze

kufike lesisikhathi yibo ababebanengi kulelonani;

- 30 amadoda ako-Efrayimi, amadoda ayelezibindi, edumile ezizwaneni zawo, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili (20,800),
- 31 amadoda ayevela kungxenye yesizwana sikaManase, ekhethwe ngamabizo awo ukuba azobeka uDavida ukuthi abe yinkosi, ayezinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili (18,000);
- 32 amadoda ayevela ko-Isakhari, ayezwisisa umumo walesosikhathi njalo esazi ukuthi u-Israyeli kumele enzeni. Kwakuzinduna ezingamakhulu amabili (200) kanye lezihlobo zazo ezazingaphansi kwazo;
- 33 amadoda ayevela koZebhuluni, amabutho ayezingwazi empini, ngezikhali zemihlobo etshiyeneyo, eza ukuzancedisa uDavida ngokuzinikela okungalakuthandabuza, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu (50,000);
- 34 amadoda ayevela koNafithali kwakuyizikhulu eziyinkulungwane eyodwa (1,000), kanye lamadoda ayephethe amahawu lemikhonto ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa (37,000);
- 35 amadoda ayevela koDani, ezimisele ukulwa empini, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili lamakhulu ayisithupha (28,600);
- 36 amadoda ayevela ko-Asheri, amabutho

ayevele ekwejayele ukulwa empini njalo ezimisele ukulwa, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane (40,000);

³⁷ njalo ngempumalanga yeJodani, amadoda akoRubheni, koGadi lakungxenywe yesizwana sikaManase, ayehlome ngemihlobohlobo yezikhali, ayezinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili (120,000).

³⁸ Bonke laba babengamabutho azinikeleyo ukungena laloba yisiphi isigaba.

Ngamabutho aya eHebhroni ezimisele ukufika abeke uDavida esihlalweni sobukhosi abe yinkosi ka-Israyeli. Abanye bonke abako-Israyeli babengqondonye befisa ukwethesa uDavida ubukhosi. ³⁹ Wonke lamadoda athatha insuku ezintathu eloDavida, esidla njalo enatha, njengoba izimuli zawo zaziwalungisele umphako. ⁴⁰ Konke labomakhelwane babo, ababevela kude khonale ku-Isakhari, loZebhuluni lakuNafithali beza bethwele ukudla ngabobabhemi, amakamela, imbongolo langenkabi. Kwakulefulawa enengi, amakhekhe omkhiwane, amakhekhe erezini, iwayini, amafutha, inkomo lezimvu, ngoba kwakulokujabula ko-Israyeli.

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Ukubuyiselwa Kwebhokisi Lesivumelwano

¹ UDavida wacebisana lezikhulu zakhe zonke, abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu. ² Wasesithi kuwo wonke

umbuthano wako-Israyeli: “Nxa likubona kulungile njalo nxa kuyintando KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu, asithumeleni ilizwi eduze lakhatshana kubo bonke abafowethu kuwo wonke amazwe ako-Israyeli, kanye lakubaphristi labaLevi abalabo khonale emadolobheni abo lasemadlelweni abo, sibanxusa ukuthi beze bazohlanganyela kanye lathi. ³ Asibuyiseni ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wethu kithi, ngoba asizange sibuze kulo ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaSawuli.” ⁴ Bonke ababebuthene bavumelana ukukwenza lokho, ngoba bonke abantu bakubona kufanele ukukwenza lokho.

⁵ Ngakho uDavida wahlanganisa ama-Israyeli wonke, kusukela eMfuleni uShihori eGibhithe kusiya eLebho Hamathi, ukuyathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu eKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi. ⁶ UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye baya eBhala yakoJuda (iKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi) ukuthi baye khonale bayebuya lebhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu, osesihlalweni sobukhosi ephahlwe ngamaKherubhi, ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO elibizwa ngaleloBizo.

⁷ Balisusa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu endlini ka-Abhinadabi ngenqola entsha, eyayiqondiswa ngu-Uza lo-Ahiyo. ⁸ UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli babejabula bezithokozisa ngamandla abo wonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ngezingoma betshaya lamachacho, lezingungu, lezigubhu, lamacilongo.

⁹ Bathi befika esizeni sokubhulela eKhidoni, u-Uza welula isandla sakhe ezama ukuzinzisa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, ngoba inkabi

zazikhubekile. ¹⁰ Ulaka LUKATHIXO lwavutha ku-Uza, wamtshaya wafa ngoba wayebeke isandla sakhe phezu kwebhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO. Ngakho wahle wafa khonapho phambi KUKATHIXO.

¹¹ Ngakho uDavida wathukuthela ngoba ulaka LUKATHIXO lwavutha ku-Uza, njalo kuze kube lalamuhla indawo leyo ibizwa ngokuthi yiPherezi Uza.

¹² UDavida wamesaba uNkulunkulu ngalolosuku waze wabuza wathi: “Pho ngingaliletha njani kimi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu?” ¹³ Kasazange alithathe ibhokisi lesivumelwano ukuze libe kuye eMzini ka-Davida. Kodwa-ke walisa eceleni endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi umGithi. ¹⁴ Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lahlala kwabendlu ka-Obhedi-Edomi endlini yakhe okwezinyanga ezintathu, yikho UTHIXO wabusisa indlu yakhe lakho konke okwakungokwakhe.

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UDavida Labendlu Yakhe

¹ Ngalesosikhathi uHiramu inkosi yaseThire wathumela izithunywa kuDavida, ndawonye lezigodo zomsedari, ababazi bamatshe kanye lababazi ukuthi bayemakhela isigodlo.

² UDavida wahle wakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO usembekile ukuba abe yinkosi ka-Israyeli lokuthi umbuso wakhe uphakanyisiwe kakhulu ngenxa yabantu bakhe bako-Israyeli.

³ EJerusalema uDavida wathatha abanye abafazi wazala amanye amadodana

lamadodakazi. ⁴ Nanka amabizo abantwana abazalelwa khona: uShamuwa, uShobabi, uNathani, uSolomoni, ⁵ u-Ibhari, u-Elishuwa, u-Eliphelethi, ⁶ uNoga, uNefegi, uJafiya, ⁷ u-Elishama, uBheyeliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi.

UDavida Unqoba AmaFilistiya

⁸ AmaFilistiya athi esizwa ukuthi uDavida usegcotshwe ukuba yinkosi yalo lonke elako-Israyeli, aphuma wonke ehlome ephelele esiyamzingela, kodwa uDavida wakuzwa lokho wahle waphuma yena ukuyawahlangebeza. ⁹ AmaFilistiya ayesefikile njalo ukuyahlasela eSigodini saseRefayi; ¹⁰ ngakho uDavida wabuza kuNkulunkulu wathi: “Ngihambe ngiyewahlasela amaFilistiya na? Uzawanikela kimi na?”

UTHIXO wamphendula wathi, “Hamba, ngizawanikela kuwe.”

¹¹ Ngakho uDavida lamabutho akhe aya eBhali Pherazimi lapho awehlula khona. Wathi: “Njengamanzi efohla, uNkulunkulu ufohlele ezitheni zami ngesandla sami.” Ngakho leyondawo yasibizwa ngokuthi yiBhali Pherazimi. ¹² AmaFilistiya ayebaleke atshiya onkulunkulu bawo khonale, uDavida wathi kabatshiswe ngomlilo.

¹³ AmaFilistiya aphinda njalo ukuhlasela isigodi, ¹⁴ ngakho uDavida wabuza kuNkulunkulu njalo, uNkulunkulu wamphendula wathi, “Ungasuki uqonde phambili kodwa bazingeleze ubusubahlasela uvelela ezihlahleni zebhalisamu. ¹⁵ Kuzakuthi lapho usizwa izisinde zabahambayo ezihlahleni zebhalisamu,

uphume uhlasele, ngoba lokho kuzabe kusitsho ukuthi uNkulunkulu usehambe phambi kwakho ukuyangoba amabutho amaFilistiya.”

¹⁶ Ngakho uDavida wenza njengokulaywa kwakhe nguNkulunkulu, njalo bawacakazela phansi amaFilistiya umango wonke kusukela eGibhiyoni kusiya eGezeri.

¹⁷ Yikho udumo lukaDavida lwanda lwafinyelela kuwo wonke amazwe, uTHIXO wenza izizwe zonke zimesabe.

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Ukulethwa Kwebhokisi Lesivumelwano EJerusalema

¹ Ngemva kokuba uDavida esakhile ezakhe izindlu eMzini kaDavida, wakha indawo yebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, walimisela ithente kuleyondawo. ² UDavida wasesithi: “Kakho ozathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwabaLevi ngoba uTHIXO wabakhethela ukuthwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaTHIXO lokumkhonza kuze kube nininini.”

³ UDavida wasehlanganisa bonke abako-Israyeli eJerusalema ukuze balethe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaTHIXO endaweni ayeyilungisele lona.

⁴ Wahlanganisa abosendo luka-Aroni labaLevi ngezindlu zabo:

⁵ Kwabendlu kaKhohathi, kwakungu-Uriyeli umkhokheli lezihlobo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili (120);

- ⁶ kwabendlu kaMerari,
kwakungu-Asaya umkhokheli lezihlobo
ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
amabili (220);
- ⁷ kwabendlu kaGeshoni,
kwakunguJoweli umkhokheli lezihlobo ezi-
likhulu labantu abangamatshumi am-
athathu (130);
- ⁸ kwabendlu ka-Elizafani,
kwakunguShemaya umkhokheli lezihlobo
ezingamakhulu amabili (200);
- ⁹ kwabendlu kaHebhroni,
kwakungu-Eliyeli umkhokheli lezihlobo
ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili (80);
- ¹⁰ kwabendlu ka-Uziyeli,
kwakungu-Aminadabi umkhokheli lezihlobo
ezilikhulu labantu abalitshumi lambili
(112).

¹¹ UDavida wasenxusa abaphristi uZadokhi lo-
Abhiyathari kanye lo-Uriyeli, lo-Asaya, loJow-
eli, loShemaya, lo-Eliyeli lo-Abhinadabi abaLevi.
¹² Wasesithi kubo, “Lina lizinhloko zezindlu
zabaLevi, zihlambululeni lina kanye lezihlobo
zenu ukuze liyethatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano
SIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, lililethe
endaweni engiyilungisele lona. ¹³ UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wethu wasithukuthelela ngenxa
yokuthi lina abaLevi, ayisini elathwala ibhok-
isi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO kuqala. Asizanga
sibuze kuTHIXO ukuthi kwakumele senzeni njen-
gokulaya kwakhe.” ¹⁴ Ngakho abaphristi la-
baLevi bazihlambulula ukuze bathwale ibhok-
isi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-

Israyeli. ¹⁵ Yikho abaLevi bathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO ngezibambo zezigodo emahlombe abo, njengokulaya kukaMosi kulan-delwa ilizwi LIKATHIXO.

¹⁶ UDavid watshela abakhokheli babaLevi ukuthi bakhethe abafowabo ukuthi babe ngabahlabeleli ukuze bahlabelele izingoma ezimnandi, betshaya amachacho lezigubhu lemihubhe.

¹⁷ AbaLevi bakhetha uHemani indodana ka-Joweli; kubafowabo, u-Asafi indodana kaB-herekhuya; lakubafowabo amaMerari, u-Ethani indodana kaKhushaya; ¹⁸ kanye labafowabo ngokulandelana ngezikhundla: uZakhariya, lo-Jahaziyeli, loShemiramothi, loJeyiyeli, lo-Uni, lo-Eliyabi, loBhenaya, loMaseya, loMathithiya, lo-Elifelehu, loMikhineya, lo-Obhedi-Edomi kanye loJehiyeli abalindi bamasango.

¹⁹ Abahlabeleli uHemani lo-Asafi kanye lo-Ethani babezatshaya izigubhu zethusi; ²⁰ loZakhariya, lo-Aziyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, lo-Uni, lo-Eliyabi, loMaseya kanye loBhenaya babezatshaya imihubhe, ngokuhambelana *le-alamothi* ²¹ loMathithiya, lo-Elifelehu, loMikhineya, lo-Obhedi-Edomi, loJeyiyeli kanye lo-Azaziya babezatshaya imiqangala, njengokuqondiswa kwabo *yishiminithi*, ²² uKhenaniya umkhokheli kubaLevi wayengumhlabeleli; wayephethe lapha ngoba wayeligabazi.

²³ UBherekhuya lo-Elikhana babengabalindi bamasango ebhokisi lesivumelwano, ²⁴ loShebhaniya, loJoshafathi loNethaneli,

lo-Amasayi, loZakhariya, loBhenaya kanye lo-Eliyezari bengabaphristi bokuvuthela icilongo phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. U-Obhedi-Edomi loJehiya labo babengabalindi beminyango yebhokisi lesivumelwano.

²⁵ Ngakho uDavida labadala bako-Israyeli labalawuli bamaxuku enkulungwane bahamba ukuyathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi, bahamba ngokujabula.

²⁶ Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayebasizile abakoLevi ababethwele ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, benza umhlatshelo wenkunzi eziyisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa. ²⁷ UDavida labo bonke abaLevi ababethwele ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO labahlabeleli loKhenaniya umkhokheli wabahlabeleli babegqoke izigqoko zelembu lelineni elihle, uDavida wayegqoke lesigqoko semahlombe selineni elihle.

²⁸ Ngakho abako-Israyeli ngobunengi babo baletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO ngomdumo omkhulu, bevuthela impondo zenqama betshaya lamacilongo, lezigubhu lamachacho lemihubhe.

²⁹ Ekungeneni kwebhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO eMzini kaDavida, uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli wayebukele elunguze ngefasisela. Wathi ebona inkosi uDavida izithokozisa igida, wayeyisa ngenhliziyo yakhe.

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Ibhokisi Lesivumelwano SikaThixo Libekwa Ethenteni

1 Balithwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu bayalingenisa ethenteni uDavida ayelilungiselele lona, banikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa leyobudlelwano phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 2 UDavida

eseqedile ukunikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa langeyobudlelwano, wabusisa abantu ngebizo LIKATHIXO. 3 Wababela bonke abako-Israyeli, abesilisa labesifazane, yilowo lalowo isinkwa, lekhekhe lezithelo kanye lekhekhe lamavini awonyisiweyo.

4 Wakhetha abanye abaLevi ukukhonza phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO bedumisa UTHIXO, bebonga uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: 5 Induna kwakungu-Asafi, uZakhariya engumsekeli, kulandela uJeyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, loMathithiya, lo-Eliyabi, loBhenaya, lo-Obhedi-Edomi kanye loJeyiyeli. Babezatshaya amachacho lemihubhe, u-Asafi etshaya izigubhu, 6 abaphristi uBhenaya loJahaziyeli bengabokuvuthela amacilongo phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu.

Ihubo Lokubonga KukaDavida

7 Ngalolosuku uDavida wamisa ukuba u-Asafi labanye bakhe bahlabelele lelihubo bebonga UTHIXO:

8 Bongani UTHIXO, memezani ibizo lakhe,

lizazise phakathi kwabantu izenzo zakhe.

9 Hlabelelani kuye, hlabelelani indumiso kuye;

likhulume ngezenzo zakhe zonke ezimangal-
isayo.

10 Jabulani ebizweni lakhe elingcwele;

- kazithokoze inhliziyo zabo abamdingayo
 UTHIXO.
- 11 Dingani UTHIXO lamandla akhe,
 limdinge yena njalonjalo.
- 12 Khumbulani izenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo
 azenzayo,
 izimangaliso azenzayo, lezahlulelo azikhu-
 lumayo,
- 13 lina zizukulwane zika-Israyeli inceku yakhe,
 lina madodana kaJakhobe, abakhethiweyo
 bakhe.
- 14 Yena UNGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu;
 izahlulelo zakhe zigcwele wonke umhlaba.
- 15 Uyakhumbula isivumelwano sakhe nini lanini,
 ilizwi lomlayo wakhe, okwezizukulwane ez-
 izinkulungwane,
- 16 isivumelwano asenza lo-Abhrahama,
 isifungo asenza lo-Isaka,
- 17 wasiqinisa kuJakhobe saba yisimiso,
 laku-Israyeli saba yisivumelwano esingaphe-
 liyo,
- 18 wathi “Ngizalinika ilizwe laseKhenani
 njengesabelo selifa lenu.”
- 19 Kwathi lisesebalutshwana,
 bebalutshwana kakhulu, beyizihambi kulo,
- 20 bezula kuzizwe ngezizwe
 besuka komunye umbuso besiya komunye.
- 21 Kavumelanga loba ngubani ukubancindezela;
 wawakhuza amakhosi ngenxa yabo,
- 22 “Lingabathinti abagcotshiweyo bami;

lingahlukuluzi abaphrofethi bami.”

- 23 Hlabelani kuTHIXO lina, mhlaba wonke,
limemezele insindiso yakhe insuku ngezin-
suku.
- 24 Fakazani ngobukhosi bakhe ezizweni zonke,
lemisebenzi yakhe emangalisayo phakathi
kwabantu bonke.
- 25 Ngoba umkhulu uTHIXO, ufanele ukudunyiswa
ngokuphindiweyo;
kumele esatshwe ngaphezu kwabonku-
lunkulu bonke.
- 26 Ngoba bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bay-
izithombe;
kodwa uTHIXO wadala amazulu.
- 27 Inkazimulo lobukhosi kuphambi Kwakhe
Amandla lentokozo kusendaweni yakhe
yokuhlala.
- 28 Mnikeni uTHIXO, lina zizukulwane zezizwe.
Mnikeni uTHIXO ubukhosi lamandla.
- 29 Mnikeni uTHIXO udumo olufanele ibizo lakhe.
Lethani umnikelo libuye phambi kwakhe.
Mkhonzeni uTHIXO enkazimulweni yobungcwele
bakhe;
- 30 thuthumelani phambi kwakhe mhlaba
wonke!
Umhlaba ugxilile, ngeke ugudluzwe.
- 31 Amazulu kawathokoze, lomhlaba ujabule,
kabathi phakathi kwabezizwe, “UTHIXO
uyabusa.”
- 32 Ulwandle kaluhlokome lakho konke okukulo,

amasimu kawathakazelele lakho konke okukuwo.

³³ Lapho-ke izihlahla zonke zeganga zizahlabela ngentokozo phambi KUKATHIXO, ngoba uyeza ukuzakwahlulela umhlaba.

³⁴ Bongani UTHIXO ngoba ulungile.

Uthando lwakhe olungapheliyo lumi kokuphela.

³⁵ Celani lithi: “Sisindise, Oh Nkulunkulu Mkhululi wethu, usiqoqe usikhulule phakathi kwezizwe, ukuze silibonge ibizo lakho elingcwele, sijabule ekukudumiseni.”

³⁶ Kabongwe UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kusukela endulo kuze kube nininini.

Bonke abantu bathi: “Ameni. Kabongwe UTHIXO!”

³⁷ UDavida wasetshiya o-Asafi labakhula bakhe ukuba bagcine ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, bakhonze njalo benze konke okufanele kwenziwe lapho ngezinsuku zonke. ³⁸ Abanye abatshiya lapho ukuze bakhonze labo ngo-Obhedi-Edomi labakhula bakhe, ababengamatshumi ayisithupha lasificaminwembili. U-Obhedi-Edomi indodana kaJeduthuni, kanye loHosa babengabalindi bamasango.

³⁹ UDavida watshiya uZadokhi umphristi kanye labanye abaphristi phambi kwethabanikeli LIKATHIXO endaweni ephakemeyo yokukhonzela eGibhiyoni ⁴⁰ ukunikela KUETHIXO iminikelo yokutshiswa e-alithareni

ngezikhathi zonke, ekuseni lantambama, njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni KATHIXO, awupha abako-Israyeli. ⁴¹ Abanye abasala labo babengoHemani loJeduthuni labanye bonke balabo ababekhethiwe beqanjwa ngamabizo ukuba badumise uTHIXO, “ngoba uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube nininini.” ⁴² UHemani loJeduthuni babengabokuvuthela amacilongo lokutshaya izigubhu lamanye amachacho ezingoma ezingcwele. Amadodana kaJeduthuni ayehlala esangweni.

⁴³ Abanye bonke basuka, ngulowo lalowo waqonda emzini wakhe, uDavida wabuyela emzini wakhe ukuyabusisa abendlu yakhe.

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Isithembiso SikaNkulunkulu KuDavida

¹ UDavida esehlezi esigodlweni sakhe wasesithi kuNathani umphrofethi, “Uyabona, mina ngihlezi esigodlweni esakhiwa ngomsedari, kodwa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sIKATHIXO lingaphansi kwethente.”

² UNathani wathi kuDavida, “Konke okusengqondweni yakho, kwenze, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulawe.”

³ Ngalobobusuku ilizwi likaNkulunkulu leza kuNathani, lisithi:

⁴ “Hamba uyetshela inceku yami uDavida uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO: Ayisuwe ozangakhela indlu yokuhlala kuyo. ⁵ Angikahlali endlini kusukela mhla ngakhulula abako-Israyeli eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla. Sengibhode ngisuka

kulelithente ngaya kuleliyana, ngisuka endaweni ethile yokuhlala ngisiya kweyinye. ⁶ Konke lapho engihambe khona labako-Israyeli, kambe kukhona lapho engike ngathi kubakhokheli babo engabalaya ukuthi beluse abantu bami, “Kungani lingangakhelanga indlu yemisedari na?”

⁷ Ngakho tshela inceku yami uDavida ukuthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla: Ngakuthatha emadlelweni ekweluseni izimvu, ukuze ube ngumbusi wabantu bami abako-Israyeli. ⁸ Ngibe ngilawe lapho obuhamba khona, ngizingobile zonke izitha zakho phambi kwakho. Ngalokho ibizo lakho ngizalenza libe lodumo olufana lamabizo amadoda adume kakhulu emhlabeni. ⁹ Njalo ngizalungisela abantu bami bako-Israyeli indawo engeyabo ngibafake khona labo babe lekhaya labo lapho abangayikuhlutshwa khona. Abantu abangangileyo abasayikubancindezela futhi, njengalokhu abakwenza kuqala ¹⁰ lalokhu asebephikelele ukukwenza kusukela esikhathini engamisa ngaso abakhokheli ebantwini bami u-Israyeli. Ngizazingoba zonke izitha zakho.

Ngiyaqinisa kuwe ukuthi UTHIXO uzakwakhela indlu: ¹¹ Kuzakuthi nxa insuku zakho seziphelile ususiya kubokhokho bakho, ngizakwenza inzalo yakho ithathe isikhundla sakho, omunye wamadodana akho, njalo ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe. ¹² Lowo nguye ozangakhela indlu yami, ngakho ngizamisa

isihlalo sombuso wakhe kuze kube nininini.
¹³ Ngizakuba nguyise, yena abe yindodana yami. Angiyikususa uthando lwami kuye, njengalokhu engakwenza kulowo owakwandulelayo. ¹⁴ Ngizambeka yena endlini yami lasembusweni wami kuze kube nininini, lombuso wakhe uzakuma kokuphela.’”

¹⁵ UNathani wabikela uDavida amazwi wonke esambulelo.

Umkhuleko KaDavida

¹⁶ Ngakho inkosi uDavida wangena wahlala phambi KUKATHIXO, wasesithi,

“Ngingubani mina, awu THIXO Nkulunkulu wami, bayini abendlu yami, lokho okwenze waze wangibeka kulesi isimo? ¹⁷ Kanti njalonje lakho kubuye kukhanye kungathi kakwenelanga emehlweni akho, Oh Nkulunkulu, usukhulume ngelizayo ngendlu yenceku yakho. Ungiphethe Nkulunkulu wami, awu THIXO Nkulunkulu wami, kungathi ngingomunye wabaphakemeyo kakhulu.

¹⁸ Kambe kuyini okunye uDavida angakutsho kuwe ngokuhlonipha okwenze encekwini yakho? Ngoba wena uyayazi inceku yakho, ¹⁹ Oh THIXO. Ngenxa yenceku yakho, njalo langentando yakho, uyenzile into le enkulu, waziveza obala lezizithembiso ezinkulu kangaka.

²⁰ Kakho ofanana lawe, Oh THIXO, njalo kakho omunye uNkulunkulu kodwa nguwe kuphela, njengoba sesizwile ngezethu indlebe. ²¹ Njalo ngubani ongafanana labantu bakho bako-Israyeli esiyiso sodwa isizwe

emhlabeni esiloNkulunkulu owayazikhululela abantu, lokuzenzela ibizo, lokwenza imimangaliso enzima ngokuxotsha izizwe phambi kwabantu bakho, owabakhulula eGibhithe? ²² Wabenza abantu bakho u-Israyeli baba ngabantu bakho kuze kube nini lanini, njalo wena, THIXO, usunguNkulunkulu wabo.

²³ Lakhathesi, THIXO akuthi lesosithembiso owasenza encekwini yakho labendlu yayo sigcwaliseke kuze kube nininini. Yenza njen-gokuthembisa kwakho, ²⁴ kuze kubonakale ukuthi ibizo lakho lizaphakanyiswa kuze kube nininini. Ngakho abantu bazakuthi, 'UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngoka-Israyeli uNkulunkulu!' Kuthi indlu yenceku yakho imiswe phambi kwakho.

²⁵ Wena Nkulunkulu wami ukuveze obala encekwini yakho ukuthi uzayakhela indlu. Ngalokho inceku yakho isithole isibindi sokukhuleka kuwe. ²⁶ Oh THIXO, unguNkulunkulu wena! Usuthembise lezizinto ezinhle encekwini yakho. ²⁷ Ngakho kukuthokozisile ukubusisa indlu yenceku yakho, ukuthi ibe khona phambi kwakho kuze kube nininini ebusweni bakho; ngoba wena, Oh THIXO, uyibusisile, njalo izabusiswa nini lanini."

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Ukunqoba KukaDavida

¹ Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi uDavida wahlasela amaFilistiya wawanqoba, wathumba

iGathi lemizana eseduzane layo eyayiphethwe ngamaFilistiya.

² UDavida wanqoba njalo amaMowabi aba ngaphansi kwakhe athela kuye.

³ Kanti njalo, uDavida walwa loHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, kwaze kwafika eHamathi, esiyamisa umbuso wakhe emangweni olandela uMfula iYufrathe. ⁴ UDavida wathumba izinqola zakhe zokulwa eziyinkulungwane, abatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lam-abutho ahamba phansi azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili. Wawaquma imisila wonke amabhiza ezingola zokulwa kwasala alikhulu kuphela.

⁵ Kwathi ama-Aramu aseDamaseko ezoncedisa uHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, uDavida wawatshaya wawabhuqa ama-Aramu kwafa azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lambili. ⁶ Wenza izinqaba e-Aramu embusweni waseDamaseko, ama-Aramu aba ngaphansi kombuso wakhe athela kuye. UTHIXO wanika uDavida ukunqoba kuzozonke izindawo ayezihlasela.

⁷ UDavida wathatha amahawu egolide ayephethwe yizikhulu zikaHadadezeri wawathwalela eJerusalema. ⁸ Kusukela eThebha laseKhuni, imizi eyayingekaHadadezeri, uDavida wathatha khona ithubi elinengi kakhulu, lelo uSolomoni enza ngalo uLwandle lwethusi, izinsika lezinye impahla ezabunjwa ngethusi.

⁹ Kuthe laphe Towu inkosi yaseHamathi isizwe ukuthi uDavida usenqobe lonke ibutho

likaHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, ¹⁰ wathumela indodana yakhe uHadoramu enkosini uDavida ukuthi iyembingelela emenzela amhlophe ngokunqoba uHadadezeri owayekade esilwa impi loTowu. UHadoramu wayethwele imihloboho yezimpahla zegolide lesiliva kanye lezethusi.

¹¹ Inkosi uDavida yazahlukanisela kuTHIXO, lezo zinto njengalokho eyayikwenze impahla zegolide lesiliva ezazithunjwe kulezozizwe zama-Edomi lamaMowabi, lama-Amoni, lamaFilistiya lama-Amaleki.

¹² U-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya watshaya wabhuga ama-Edomi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembali eSigodini seTswayi.

¹³ Wabeka inkamba zamabutho okulinda e-Edomi, bonke abase-Edomi babangaphansi kombuso kaDavida. UTHIXO wapha uDavida ukunqoba kuzozonke izindawo ayesiya kuzo.

Iziphathamandla ZikaDavida

¹⁴ UDavida wabusa kulolonke elako-Israyeli, esenza okuqondileyo lokulungele abantu bakhe bonke.

¹⁵ UJowabi indodana kaZeruya wayephethe amabutho;

uJehoshafathi indodana ka-Ahiludi engumlobi,

¹⁶ uZadokhi indodana ka-Ahithubi lo-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abhiyathari babengabaphristi;

uShavisha wayengumabhalane;

¹⁷ uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephethe amaKherethi lamaPhelethi,

lamadodana kaDavida ayeyizikhulu ayese-
duzane lenkosi embusweni.

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Ukunqotshwa Kwama-Amoni Lama-Aramu

¹ Kwathi emva kwesikhathi, uNahashi inkosi yama-Amoni wafa, ngakho indodana yakhe yathatha isikhundla yaba yinkosi. ² UDavida wacabanga wathi, “Ngizakuba lomusa kuHanuni indodana kaNahashi ngoba uyise wayelomusa kimi.” Ngakho uDavida wathuma izithunywa ukuyakhalela uHanuni ngoyise.

Izithunywa zikaDavida zithe zifika kuHanuni ukuthi zimkhalele elizweni lama-Amoni, ³ izikhulu zama-Amoni zathi kuHanuni, “Wena nkosi unakana ukuthi uDavida uhlonipha uyihlo ngokuthuma izithunywa zokukukhalela na? Amadoda akhe la kawasizinhlozi ezithunywe ukuzahlola umumo welizwe ukuze ahluthune umbuso na?” ⁴ Ngenxa yalokho uHanuni wabamba izithunywa zikaDavida, waziphuca, waquma izigqoko zazo zafika ezibunu, wasezixotsha.

⁵ Kwathi uDavida esekuzwile lokho wathuma izithunywa ukuba zihlangabeze izithunywa, njengoba zazihlukuluzwe zayangiswa kakhulu. Inkosi yathi, “Lina hlalani eJeriko indevu zenu zize zikhule, libe selisiza ngapha.”

⁶ Kwathi ama-Amoni esebonile ukuthi asenuka emakhaleni kaDavida, uHanuni lama-Amoni bathumela amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane okuqhatsha izinqola zokulwa labatshayeli bazo

e-Aramu Naharayimu, le-Aramu-Mahakha lase-Zobha. ⁷ Baqhatsha izinqola zokulwa labatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili, banxusa lenkosi uMahakha lamabutho akhe, yona eyeza yazakanisa eMedebha labantu bayo, ama-Amoni lawo eqoqana emadolobheni awo aphuma ukuya empini.

⁸ Uthe ekuzwa lokho uDavida, wathumela uJowabi kanye lamabutho akhe wonke.

⁹ Ama-Amoni asondela esehlome aphelela emangenelweni edolobho lakibo, kanti amakhosi ayenxusiwe ayejamile lawo wodwa egangeni.

¹⁰ UJowabi wabona ukuthi kwakulamaviyo amabutho phambi kwakhe langemva kwakhe, ngakho wakhetha amanye amaqhawe athenjiweyo ko-Israyeli wabahlela ukuba bamelane lama-Aramu. ¹¹ Amanye amabutho ayesele wathi kawalawulwe ngu-Abhishayi umfowabo, wona-ke ajamelana lama-Amoni.

¹² UJowabi wasesithi, “Nxa ama-Aramu ezangikhulela, wena uzangihlomulela; kanti-ke nxa ama-Amoni ezakukhulela lami ngizakuhlomulela. ¹³ Qina, kasilwe ngesibindi silwela abantu bakithi lemizi kaNkulunkulu wethu. UTHIXO uzakwenza lokho okufaneleyo njengokubona kwakhe.”

¹⁴ Ngakho uJowabi lamabutho ayelawo wasuka ukuyakulwa lama-Aramu, wona ahle abaleka phambi kwakhe. ¹⁵ Kuthe ama-Amoni ebona ukuthi ama-Aramu ayabaleka, abaleka lawo phambi kuka-Abhishayi umfowabo ka-Jowabi, abuyela phakathi kwedolobho. Ngakho

uJowabi wasebuyela eJerusalema.

¹⁶ Kwathi ama-Aramu esebonile ukuthi ehlulwe ngama-Israyeli, athuma izithunywa zayaphendula ama-Aramu ayengaphetsheya koMfula, kanye loShofaki umlawuli wamabutho kaHadadezeri lamabutho ayekhokhele.

¹⁷ Kwathi uDavida esekutsheliwe lokhu, waqoqa bonke abako-Israyeli, wachapha uJodani, wajamelana labo ngamaviyo ayeqondene laye. UDavida walungiselela amaviyo akhe ukudibana lama-Aramu empini, lakanye alwa lawo. ¹⁸ Abaleka ebona u-Israyeli, ngakho uDavida wabulala abatshayeli bezingola zokulwa abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamabutho ahamba ngezinyawo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane. Waze wabulala loShofaki umlawuli wamabutho akhona.

¹⁹ Kwathi izinceku zikaHadadezeri zibona ukuthi zehlulwe ngabako-Israyeli, zaxolisana lo-Davida, zathela kuye.

Ngakho ama-Aramu awathandanga ukunceda ama-Amoni kusukela lapho.

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Ukuthunjwa KweRabha

¹ Kwathi entwasa, ngesikhathi sokuphuma kwezimpi zamakhosi ukuyakulwa, uJowabi wakhokhela amabutho ayehlomile. Watshaya wabhuqa ilizwe lama-Amoni waze wayavimbezela ilizwe laseRabha, kodwa uDavida wasala eJerusalema. UJowabi wahlasela iRabha wayitshiya ingamanxiwa.

² UDavida wathatha umqhele owawusekhanda lenkosi yabo isisindo sawo sasilithalenta legolide, uceciswe ngamatshe aligugu, umqhele wasufakwa ekhanda likaDavida. Wathatha impango enengi kakhulu kulelodobho, ³ njalo abantu ababelapho wabasusa wabasa lapho ababezasebenza khona gadalala ngamasaha, ngamapiki ensimbi kanye lamahloka. Lokhu uDavida wakwenza kuwo wonke amadolobho ama-Amoni. Kwathi uDavida ngokwakhe kanye lamabutho akhe wonke babuyela eJerusalema.

Impi LamaFilistiya

⁴ Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi, kwaqhamuka impi yamaFilistiya, eGezeri. Ngalesosikhathi uSibhekhayi umHushathi wabulala uSiphayi, omunye wabosendo lwamaRefayi kwaba yikwehlulwa kwamaFilistiya.

⁵ Kweyinye impi lamaFilistiya, u-Elihanani indodana kaJayiri wabulala uLahimi umfowabo kaGoliyathi umGithi, owayelomkhonto ololuthi olunjengolomeluki.

⁶ Kanti njalo kwenye impi, eyalwelwa eGathi, kwakulendoda enkulu kakhulu ileminwe eyisithupha esandleni ngasinye, lamazwane ayisithupha enyaweni ngalunye, sekubalwa konke ndawonye kungamatshumi amabili lane. Laye wayengowosendo lukaRafa. ⁷ Ngokuchothoza kwakhe abako-Israyeli, uJonathani indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida, wambulala.

⁸ Laba ngabosendo lukaRafa eGathi, njalo bafela ezandleni zikaDavida lamabutho akhe.

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UDavida Ubala Amabutho Empi

¹ USathane wasemelana labako-Israyeli njalo wafugela uDavida ukuba abale abantu bako-Israyeli. ² Ngakho uDavida wathi kuJowabi kanye labalawuli bamabutho, “Hambani liyebala u-Israyeli kusukela eBherishebha kusiya koDani. Beseliphenduka lizongitshela ukuze ngazi ukuthi bangaki khonale.”

³ Kodwa uJowabi waphendula wathi, “Sengathi uTHIXO angandisa amabutho akhe ngokuphindwe okwedlula ikhulu. Mhlekezi wami nkosi, kambe kabasibantu benkosi yami bonke laba? Inkosi yami ifunelani ukukwenza lokhu? Kungani ithanda ukwehlisela icala phezu kwabako-Israyeli?”

⁴ Loba kwakunjalo, uJowabi wakhulelwa yilizwi lenkosi, ngakho uJowabi walibhoda lonke elako-Israyeli wasebuyela eJerusalema.

⁵ UJowabi wafika wabikela uDavida inani lamadoda ayengalwa empini: Kulolonke elako-Israyeli kwakulamadoda ayisigidi lezinkulungwane ezilikhulu ayelakho ukuthi angayiphatha inkemba, kubalwa labazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane alamatshumi ayisikhombisa koJuda.

⁶ Kodwa ekubaleni kwakhe uJowabi kazange ahlanganise abaLevi labakaBhenjamini, ngoba umlayo wenkosi wawumnenga. ⁷ Kanti njalo lowomlayo wawuyisono phambi kukaNkulunkulu, lakanye wamjezisa u-Israyeli.

⁸ Ngakho uDavida wasesithi kuNkulunkulu, “Ngonile kakhulu phambi kwakho ngokwenza lokhu. Ngakho, ngiyakuncenga, susa umlandu lo encekwini yakho. Ngenze ubuwula obukhulu kakhulu.”

⁹ UTHIXO wakhuluma loGadi, umboni ka-Davida, wathi: ¹⁰ “Hamba uyetshele uDavida ukuthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: Ngikunika ukuthi ukhethe phakathi kokuthathu. Khetha okukodwa okumele ngikwehlisele khona mina.’”

¹¹ Ngakho uGadi waya kuDavida wathi kuye, “Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: ‘Zikhethele wena okufunayo: ¹² iminyaka emithathu yendlala, loba izinyanga ezintathu zokududulwa uxotshwa yizitha zakho, ngenkemba zazo zikukhulela, loba insuku ezintathu zokumelana lenkemba KATHIXO, kuyikuthi kuyabe kuyisifo elizweni, ingilosi KATHIXO iletha incithakalo kulolonke elako-Israyeli.’ Ngakho, khathesi khetha ukuthi ngifike ngithini kulo ongithumileyo.”

¹³ UDavida wathi kuGadi, “Ngisosizini olukhulu kakhulu; kungangcono ngizinikele ezandleni ZIKATHIXO, ngoba umusa wakhe mkhulu kakhulu; kodwa unganginikeli ezandleni zabantu.”

¹⁴ Ngakho UTHIXO wathumela isifo ko-Israyeli, kwafa amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ko-Israyeli. ¹⁵ Njalo uNkulunkulu wasethumela ingilosi ukuba iyechitha iJerusalema. Kodwa ingilosi ithe isakwenza

lokho, uTHIXO wazisola ngencithakalo eyayiza-kwenzakala wahle wakhuza ingilosi eyayizabhubhisa abantu wathi, “Kwanele! Susa isandla sakho.” Ingilosi KATHIXO ngalesosikhathi yayisimi esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi.

¹⁶ UDavida wakhangela phezulu wabona ingilosi KATHIXO imi phakathi kwezulu lomhlaba, iphethe inkemba esandleni sayo phezulu kwe-Jerusalem. Ngakho uDavida labadala, begqoke amasaka, bawa phansi ngobuso.

¹⁷ UDavida wathi kuNkulunkulu, “Angithi yimi engithe akubalwe amadoda okulwa na? Yimi engonileyo ngadala isono. Laba abasilutho yizimvu ezilandelayo. Benzeni? Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu wami, isandla sakho asiwele phezulu kwami labendlu yami, kodwa akuthi isifo singasali ebantwini bakho.”

UDavida Wakha I-Alithari

¹⁸ Ngakho ingilosi KATHIXO yathuma uGadi ukuthi ayetshela uDavida ukuthi ayekwakha i-alithari LIKATHIXO esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi.

¹⁹ Lakanye uDavida walalela ilizwi elakhitshwa nguGadi ngebizo LIKATHIXO.

²⁰ U-Onani esabhula ingqoloyi, wanyemukula wabona ingilosi; amadodana akhe amane ayelaye acatsha.

²¹ Kwasekufika uDavida, kuthe u-Onani embona, watshiya ukubhula wayakhothamela uDavida elokhu ebuso bukhothamele phansi.

²² UDavida wathi kuye, “Ake ungivumele ngibone isiza sakho sokubhulela amabele ukuze

ngakhe i-alithari LIKATHIXO, ukuze isifo esisebantwini simiswe. Ngithengisela sona ngentengo yaso egcweleyo.”

²³ U-Onani wathi kuDavida, “Sithathe! Inkosi yami kayenze lokho ebona kuyithokozisa. Khangela, mina ngizaletha inkabi zomnikelo wokutshiswa, lemibhulo yokubhula izakuba zinkuni, ingqoloyi izakuba ngumnikelo wamabele. Konke lokhu ngiyakunika.”

²⁴ Kodwa inkosi uDavida yathi ku-Onani, “Hayi, ngifuna ukuthenga ngentengo egcweleyo. Angiyikuthatha okuya kuTHIXO okungokwakho, angiyikunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa engingawuthenganga.”

²⁵ Ngakho uDavida wanika u-Onani amashekeli egolide angamakhulu ayisithupha ethenga leyondawo. ²⁶ UDavida wakhela uTHIXO i-alithari kuleyondawo wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano. Wakhuleka kuTHIXO, uTHIXO wamphendula ngomlilo uvela ezulwini phezu kwe-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa.

²⁷ Ngakho uTHIXO wakhuluma lengilosi, yona yasibuyisela inkemba yayo esikhwameni sayo. ²⁸ Ngalesosikhathi, uDavida esebonile ukuthi uTHIXO wayemphendule esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi, wanikela iminikelo kuleyondawo. ²⁹ Ithabanikeli LIKATHIXO, elalaxhiwe nguMosi enkangala, kanye le-alithari leminikelo yokutshiswa ngalesosikhathi kwakusendaweni ephakemeyo eGibhiyoni.

³⁰ Kodwa uDavida wehluleka ukuya khona

ukuze abuze kuNkulunkulu ngoba wayesesaba inkemba yengilosi KATHIXO.

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¹ UDavida wasesithi, “Indlu KATHIXO uNkulunkulu izakuba khonapha, kanye le-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa ka-Israyeli.”

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² Ngakho uDavida wakhupha ilizwi lokuthi bonke abezizweni abahlala ko-Israyeli babuthaniswe, kwathi phakathi kwabo wakhetha ababazi bamatshe ukuze balungise babaze amatshe okwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu. ³ Wabuthanisa insimbi enengi kakhulu yokwenza izipikili zezivalo lezinsimbi zokuhlanganisa, wabuthanisa lethusi elinengi elingelakulinganiswa. ⁴ Wadinga lezigodo zomседари ezinengi ezingelakubalwa, ngoba amaSidoni labaseThire baletha inani lazo elikhulu kakhulu kuDavida.

⁵ UDavida wasesithi, “Indodana yami uSolomoni isengumntwana njalo ayikabi lolwazi, ngoba phela indlu ezakwakhelwa uTHIXO kumele ibe yindlu ebukekayo kakhulu ibe lodumo lesithunzi emehlweni ezizwe zonke. Ngakho ngizalungiselela ukwakhiwa kwayo.” Yikho uDavida walungiselela ngokujulileyo esaphila.

⁶ Wasebiza uSolomoni indodana yakhe, wamlaya ukuthi akhele uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli indlu. ⁷ UDavida wathi kuSolomoni: “Ndodana yami, ngangizimisele ukwakhela iBizo LIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu wami indlu. ⁸ Kodwa

ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: ‘Wena uchithe igazi elinengi, walwa izimpi ezinengi. Kawuyikwakhela iBizo lami indlu, ngoba uchithe igazi elinengi kakhulu emhlabeni. ⁹ Kodwa, uzazala indodana ezakuba ngumuntu othanda ukuthula; ngizayiphumuza ezitheni zayo inxa zonke. Izathiwa nguSolomoni, njalo ngizanika u-Israyeli ukuthula ensukwini zokubusa kwakhe. ¹⁰ Nguye ozakwakhela iBizo lami indlu. Uzakuba yindodana yami, mina ngizakuba nguyise. Njalo ngizaqinisa ubukhosi bakhe ko-Israyeli kuze kube nininini.’

¹¹ Ndodana yami, UTHIXO kabe lawe ukuze uphumelele ukwakha indlu KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho, njengokutsho kwakhe ngawe. ¹² Sengathi UTHIXO angakunika ukuhlakanipha lokuqedisisa, ukuze kuthi lapho ekunika amandla ko-Israyeli, uwulondoloze umlayo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho. ¹³ Uzaphumelela nxa unanzelela ukugcina izimiso lemithetho UTHIXO ayinika u-Israyeli ngoMosi. Qina, ube lesibindi. Ungesabi utshaywe luvalo.

¹⁴ Ngayo yonke imizamo yami ngilungisele indlu KATHIXO amathalenta egolide azinkulungwane ezilikhulu, lamathalenta esiliva ayisigidi, lethusi kanye lensimbi okulesisindo esingelakubalwa, lezigodo kanye lamatshe. Lawe ungengezelela kulokho. ¹⁵ Ulezisebenzi ezinengi, ababazi bamatshe, labakha ngamatshe, lababazi, lezingcitshi zemisebenzi yonke, ¹⁶ eyegolide, isiliva, ithubu kanye lensimbi, izingcitshi ezingelakubalwa. Qalisa-ke umsebenzi, UTHIXO abe

lawe.”

¹⁷ UDavida waselaya bonke abakhokheli bako-Israyeli ukuba basize uSolomoni indodana yakhe. ¹⁸ Wathi kubo, “UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu kakho kini na? Kalinikanga ukuthula inxa zonke na? Ngoba unikele abantu belizwe esandleni sami, lelizwe libuswa NGUTHIXO labantu bakhe. ¹⁹ Ngakho nikelani inhliziyo zenu ekufuneni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. Qalisani ukwakha indlu KATHIXO uNkulunkulu, ukuze ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO lezitsha ZIKATHIXO ezingcwele kungeniswe ethempelini elizakwakhelwa iBizo LIKATHIXO.”

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AbaLevi

¹ Kwathi uDavida esemdala eseluphele, wabeka uSolomoni indodana yakhe ukuba abe yinkosi ko-Israyeli.

² Wasehlanganisa bonke abakhokheli bako-Israyeli, labaphristi kanye labaLevi. ³ AbaLevi abaleminyaka esukela kwengamatshumi amathathu kusiya phezulu babalwa, inani lamadoda laba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lasificaminwembali.

⁴ UDavida wasesithi: “Phakathi kwalaba, abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane bazakhanga ukuqhutshwa komsebenzi wethempeli LIKATHIXO kuthi abazinkulungwane eziyisithupha bazakuba yizikhulu labahluleli.

⁵ Abazinkulungwane ezine bazakuba ngabalindi bamasango kuthi abazinkulungwane ezine

badumise uTHIXO ngamachacho lezigubhu engizigcinele lowomsebenzi.”

⁶ UDavida wehlukhanisa abaLevi ngamaxuku kusiya ngamadodana kaLevi: uGeshoni, loKhohathi kanye loMerari.

AbakaGeshoni

⁷ Exukwini labakaGeshoni yilaba: uLadani loShimeyi.

⁸ Amadodana kaLadani yila: nguJehiyeli owokuqala, loZethami kanye loJoweli, bonke bebathathu.

⁹ Amadodana kaShimeyi yila: nguShelomothi, loHazyiyeli kanye loHarani, bonke bebathathu. Laba babezinhloko zezindlu zenzalo kaLadani.

¹⁰ Lamadodana kaShimeyi yila: nguJahathi, loZiza, loJewushi kanye loBheriya. Laba kwakungamadodana kaShimeyi, bonke babebane.

¹¹ UJahathi engowakuqala loZiza engowesibili, kodwa uJewushi loBheriya abazange babelamadodana amanengi, ngakho babalwa njengemuli yinye bahle baphiwa umsebenzi bendawonye.

AmaKhohathi

¹² Amadodana kaKhohathi yila: ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari, loHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli, bonke babebane.

¹³ Amadodana ka-Amramu yila: ngu-Aroni loMosi.

U-Aroni wehlukaniselwa ukunikela izinto ezingcwele kakhulu kuTHIXO, ukuze yena lamadodana akhe batshise impepha phambi kuKATHIXO lokumkhonza lokubusisa ngebizo lakhe kuze kube nininini. ¹⁴ Amadodana kaMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu abalwa ndawonye labesizwana sikaLevi.

¹⁵ Amadodana kaMosi yila:
nguGeshomu lo-Eliyezari.

¹⁶ Abosendo lukaGeshomu:
nguShubhayeli engowakuqala.

¹⁷ Abosendo luka-Eliyezari:
nguRehabhiya engowakuqala.

U-Eliyezari kazange abe lamanye amadodana kodwa amadodana kaRehabhiya ayemanengi kakhulu.

¹⁸ Amadodana ka-Izihari yila:
nguShelomithi engowokuqala.

¹⁹ Amadodana kaHebhroni yila:
nguJeriya engowokuqala, lo-Amariya engowesibili,
loJahaziyeli engowesithathu kanye loJekhameyamu owesine.

²⁰ Amadodana ka-Uziyeli yila:
nguMikha engowakuqala lo-Ishiya owesibili.

AmaMerari

²¹ Amadodana kaMerari yila:
nguMahili loMushi.

Amadodana kaMahili yila:
ngu-Eliyezari loKhishi.

- 22 U-Eliyezari wafa engelamadodana: wayelamadodakazi wodwa. Amadodakazi endela kubafowabo, amadodana kaKhishi.
- 23 Amadodana kaMushi yila: nguMahili, lo-Ederi kanye loJerimothi, bonke bebathathu.

24 Laba kwakungabosendo lukaLevi ngezindlu zabo, abazinhloko zezindlu njengokulotshwa kwamabizo lokubalwa kwabo ngamunye, okutsho ukuthi, abasebenzayo abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ababesebenza ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 25 Ngoba uDavida wathi: “Njengoba UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, enike abantu bakhe ukuthula lokuthi bazahlala eJerusalema kuze kube nininini, 26 abaLevi akusafanele bathwale ithabanikeli loba kuyini okusetshenziswa ezinkonzweni zalo.” 27 Njengeziyalezelo zikaDavida zokucina, abaLevi babalwa kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu.

28 Umsebenzi wabaLevi wawungowokuncedisa inzalo ka-Aroni emsebenzini wethempeli LIKATHIXO: ukugcina amagama akhona; izindlu ezisemaceleni, ukuhlambulula zonke izinto ezingcwele lokwenza yonke imisebenzi endlini kaNkulunkulu. 29 Babephethe umsebenzi wesinkwa sokwahlukanisela ethaleni, ifulawa yomnikelo wamabele, lesinkwa

esingelamvubelo, ukuxuba lokupheka isinkwa, lezilinganiso zonke zezisindo lobukhulu bakhona. ³⁰ Njalo babemele beme ngezinyawo ekuseni nsuku zonke ukubonga lokudumisa UTHIXO. Kwakufanele benzenjalo lantambama, ³¹ lalapho kunikelwa iminikelo yokutshiswa KU THIXO ngamaSabatha, emadilini okuThwasa kweNyanga, lakuyo yonke imikhosi emisiweyo. Babefanele bamsebenzele UTHIXO ngazozonke izikhathi ngenani elilingeneyo langendlela ababeyimiselwe.

³² Ngakho abaLevi bawenza umsebenzi wabo weThenteni lokuHlanganela, laseNdaweni eNgcwele, ngaphansi kwabafowabo abayisizukulwana sika-Aroni, emsebenzini wethempeli LIKATHIXO.

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Izigaba ZabaPhristi

¹ Lezi yizo izigaba zamadodana ka-Aroni:

Amadodana ka-Aroni nguNadabi, lo-Abhihu, lo-Eliyazari kanye lo-Ithamari. ² Kodwa uNadabi lo-Abhihu bafa uyise engakafi, njalo babengelamadodana; ngakho u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari yibo ababa ngabaphristi. ³ Ngokuphathisana loZadokhi owosendo luka-Eliyazari kanye lo-Ahimeleki owosendo luka-Ithamari, uDavida wabehlukanisa ngezigaba kusiya ngemisebenzi ababemele bayenze. ⁴ Babebanengi abosendo luka-Eliyazari abakhokheli kulabosendo luka-Ithamari ngakho behlukaniwa bamiswa njengalokhu:

kwakusiba ngabalitshumi lesithupha
 kwabosendo luka-Eliyazari abazinhloko
 labayisificaminwembili kusendo luka-Ithamari.
⁵ Babakhetha kungelakubandlulula ngokuphosa
 inkatho, ngoba zazikhona izikhulu zendawo
 yokuphephela lezikhulu zikaNkulunkulu
 phakathi kwabosendo luka-Eliyazari laphakathi
 koluka-Ithamari.

⁶ Umlobi uShemaya indodana kaNethaneli,
 umLevi, waloba amabizo abo phambi kwenkosi
 kanye lezikhulu: uZadokhi umphristi, lo-
 Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abhiyathari kanye
 lenhloko zezimuli zabaphristi labaLevi,
 kuthathwa imuli eyodwa ku-Eliyazari kuphinde
 kuthathwe imuli eyodwa ku-Ithamari.

⁷ Inkatho yakuqala yadla uJehoyaribhi,
 eyesibili yadla uJedaya,

⁸ eyesithathu yadla uHarimu,
 eyesine yadla uSeworimi,

⁹ eyesihlanu yadla uMalikhija,
 eyesithupha yadla uMijamini,

¹⁰ eyesikhombisa yadla uHakhozi,
 eyesificaminwembili yadla u-Abhija,

¹¹ eyesificamunwemunye yadla uJeshuwa,
 eyetshumi yadla uShekhaniya,

¹² eyetshumi lanye yadla u-Eliyashibi,
 eyetshumi lambili yadla uJakhimi,

¹³ eyetshumi lantathu yadla uHupha,
 eyetshumi lane yadla uJeshebheyabi,

¹⁴ eyetshumi lanhlanu yadla uBhiliga,
 eyetshumi lesithupha yadla u-Imeri,

¹⁵ eyetshumi lesikhombisa yadla uHeziri,

eyetshumi lasificaminwembili mibili yadla
 uHapizezi,
¹⁶ eyetshumi lesificamunwemunye yadla uP-
 hethahiya,
 eyamatshumi amabili yadla uHezekhiyeli,
¹⁷ eyamatshumi amabili lanye yadla uJakhini,
 eyamatshumi amabili lambili yadla uGamuli,
¹⁸ eyamatshumi amabili lantathu yadla uDe-
 laya,
 eyamatshumi amabili lane yadla uMaziya.

¹⁹ Yizo lezi izigaba ababehlukaniswe ngazo
 ukuze benze umsebenzi wokukhonza ekun-
 geneni kwabo ethempelini LIKATHIXO, ngez-
 imiso ezenzelwa ukhokho wabo u-Aroni, njen-
 gokulaywa kwakhe NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-
 Israyeli.

Abanye AbaLevi

²⁰ Kwathi-ke ababesele abosendo
 lukaLevi:

emadodaneni ka-Amramu: uShubhayeli;
 emadodaneni kaShubhayeli: nguJehideya.
²¹ Kuvela kuRehabhiya, amadodana akhe yila:
 ngu-Ishiya engowokuqala.
²² Kuma-Izihari: nguShelomothi;
 emadodaneni kaShelomothi; nguJahathi.
²³ Amadodana kaHebhroni yila:
 nguJeriya owokuqala lo-Amariya owesibili,
 loJahaziyeli owesithathu loJekhameyamu
 owesine.
²⁴ Indodana ka-Uziyeli: nguMikha;
 emadodaneni kaMikha nguShamiri.

- 25 Umfowabo kaMikha: ngu-Ishiya;
emadodaneni ka-Ishiya: nguZakhariya.
- 26 Amadodana kaMerari: nguMahili loMushi.
Indodana kaJahaziya: nguBheno.
- 27 Amadodana kaMerari:
Kusuka kuJahaziya: nguBheno, loShohamu,
loZakhuri kanye lo-Ibhiri.
- 28 Kusuka kuMahili: ngu-Eliyezari, ongazange
abe lamadodana.
- 29 Kusukela kuKhishi: indodana kaKhishi:
nguJerameli.
- 30 Njalo lakumadodana kaMushi: nguMahili,
lo-Ederi kanye loJerimothi.

Laba kwakungabaLevi, ngezimuli zabo.

31 Labo baphosa inkatho, njengalokhu
okwenziwa ngabafowabo abosendo luka-
Aroni, phambi kweNkosi uDavida loZadokhi, u-
Ahimeleki, labayizinhloko zezimuli zabaphristi
kanye lezabaLevi. Imuli yomfowabo omdala
yaphathwa njengemuli yomfowabo omncinyane
kulabo bonke.

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Abahlabeleli

¹ UDavida, elabalawuli bamabutho, wakhetha
abanye bamadodana ka-Asafi, uHemani
loJeduthuni emsebenzini wokuphrofetha,
baphelekezelwa yimihubhe lamachacho
lezigubhu. Nantu uluhlu lwamadoda ayesenza
lowomsebenzi:

- ² Emadodaneni ka-Asafi:
 nguZakhuri, loJosefa, loNethaniya kanye lo-
 Asarela. Amadodana ka-Asafi ayesesand-
 leni sika-Asafi, yena owayephrofetha es-
 esandleni senkosi.
- ³ NgakuJeduthuni, amadodana akhe yila:
 nguGedaliya, loZeri, loJeshaya loShimeyi,
 loHashabhiya kanye loMathithiya,
 beyisithupha ndawonye, besesandleni
 sikayise uJeduthuni, owayephrofetha
 esebenzisa umhubhe ukubonga
 lokudumisa UTHIXO.
- ⁴ NgakuHemani, amadodana akhe yila:
 nguBhukhiya, loMathaniya, lo-Uziyeli,
 loShubhayeli kanye loJerimothi;
 uHananiya, loHanani, lo-Eliyatha,
 loGidalithi loRomamthi-Ezeri;
 loJoshibhekhasha, loMalothi, loHothiri
 kanye loMahaziyothi. ⁵ Bonke laba
 kwakungamadodana kaHemani umboni
 wenkosi. Bona ebaphiwe ngesithembiso
 sikaNkulunkulu sokumphakamisa.
 UNkulunkulu wapha uHemani
 amadodana alitshumi lane lamadodakazi
 amathathu.

⁶ Wonke lamadoda ayephethwe ngoyise em-
 sebenzini wokuhlabela ethempelini LIKATHIXO,
 ngezigubhu, amachacho lemihubhe enkonzweni
 endlini kaNkulunkulu.

U-Asafi, loJeduthuni kanye loHemani
 babengaphansi kwenkosi. ⁷ Bona kanye
 lezihlobo zabo zonke babewufundele
 umsebenzi wokuhlabela njalo bengamagabazi

okuhlabelela uTHIXO, babengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili labantu abayisificaminwembili (288). ⁸ Abatsha labadala ngokufanayo, abafundisayo lababefunda, baphosa inkatho.

- ⁹ Inkatho yakuqala eyayingeka-Asafi yawela kuJosefa lamadodana akhe kanye lezihlobo zakhe, belitshumi lambili;
 eyesibili yawela kuGedaliya, yena kanye lezihlobo lamadodana akhe belitshumi lambili;
¹⁰ eyesithathu yawela kuZakhuri, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe, belitshumi lambili;
¹¹ eyesine yawela ku-Iziri, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe belitshumi lambili;
¹² eyesihlanu yawela kuNethaniya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe belitshumi lambili;
¹³ eyesithupha yawela kuBhukhiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
¹⁴ eyesikhombisa yawela kuJesarela, lamadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
¹⁵ eyesificaminwembili yawela kuJeshayiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
¹⁶ eyesificamunwemunye yawela kuMathaniya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
¹⁷ etetshumi yawela kuShimeyi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
¹⁸ etetshumi lanye yawela ku-Azareli, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;

- 19 eyetshumi lambili yawela kuHashabhiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- 20 eyetshumi lantathu yawela kuShubhayeli, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- 21 eyetshumi lane yawela kuMathithiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- 22 eyetshumi lanhlanu yawela kuJerimothi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- 23 eyetshumi lesithupha yawela kuHananiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- 24 eyetshumi lesikhombisa yawela kuJoshibhekhasha, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- 25 eyetshumi lasificaminwembili yawela kuHanani, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- 26 eyetshumi lesificamunwemunye yawela kuMalothi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- 27 eyamatshumi amabili yawela kuEliyatha, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- 28 eyamatshumi amabili lanye yawela kuHothiri, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- 29 eyamatshumi amabili lambili yawela kuGidalithi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- 30 eyamatshumi amabili lantathu yawela

kuMahaziyothi, lakumadodana akhe
 lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
 31 eyamatshumi amabili lane yawela
 kuRomamthi-Ezeri lakumadodana akhe
 lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili.

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Abalindi BamaSango

¹ Izigaba zabalindi bamasango:

KwabakoKhora:
 kunguMeshelemya indodana kaKhora,
 omunye wamadodana ka-Asafi.
² UMeshelemya wayelamadodana
 ahlanganisa
 uZakhariya eyakuqala loJediyeli eyesibili,
 loZebhadiya eyesithathu, loJathiniyeli eye-
 sine,
³ lo-Elamu eyesihlanu, loJehohanani eye-
 sithupha kanye
 lo-Eliyehonayi eyesikhombisa.
⁴ U-Obhedi-Edomi laye wayelamadodana:
 kunguShemaya eyakuqala, loJehozabhadi
 eyesibili,
 loJowa eyesithathu, loSakhari eyesine,
 loNethaneli eyesihlanu, ⁵ lo-Amiyeli eye-
 sithupha,
 lo-Isakhari eyesikhombisa, kanye
 loPhewulethayi eyesificaminwembili.
 (Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayembusisile u-
 Obhedi-Edomi.)
⁶ Indodana yakhe uShemaya layo yayila-
 madodana, ayengabakhokheli kwabendlu

kayise ngoba babengamadoda enelisayo.

⁷ Amadodana kaShemaya wona yila:

ngu-Othini, loRafayeli, lo-Obhedi kanye lo-Elizabethi;

izihlobo zakhe u-Elihu loSemakhiya lazo zazingamadoda ayesenelisa.

⁸ Bonke laba babengabosendo luka-Obhedi-Edomi; bona kanye lamadodana abo lezihlobo zabo babengamadoda enelisayo belamandla okwenza umsebenzi, bengabosendo luka-Obhedi-Edomi, babengamatshumi ayisithupha lambili (62) sebandawonye.

⁹ UMeshilemiya wayelamadodana lezihlobo, amadoda ayekhaliphile ayelitshumi lasificaminwembali (18) esendawonye.

¹⁰ UHosa ongum'Merari wayelamadodana:

uShimiri engowakuqala (loba wayengasuye izibulo, uyise wayembeke kulesosikhundla sokuba ngowokuqala),

¹¹ loHilikhiya engowesibili, loThabhaliya engowesithathu kanye

loZekhariya engowesine.

Amadodana lezihlobo zikaHosa sebandawonye babelitshumi lantathu (13).

¹² Izigaba zabalindi bamasango, kusiya ngabakhokheli bazo, zazilomlandu wokwenza umsebenzi ethempelini LIKATHIXO, njengokwakusenziwa

- yizihlobo zabo. ¹³ Benza inkatho isango lilinye, kusiya ngemuli, abatsha labadala kufanana.
- ¹⁴ Inkatho yeSango langaseMpumalanga yawela kuShelemiya.
- Basebesenzela inkatho indodana yakhe uZakhariya owayengumcebisi okhaliphileyo, inkatho yeSango langaseNyakatho yawela kuye.
- ¹⁵ Inkatho yeSango langaseZansi lawela ku-Obhedi-Edomi, amadodana akhe kwathiwa kawalinde isiphala.
- ¹⁶ Inkatho yeSango langaseNtshonalanga kanye leSango leShalekhehi emgwaqweni ongaphezulu laya kuShuphimu loHosa.

Kwalinda abalindi ngabalindi:

- ¹⁷ Kwakusiba labaLevi abayisithupha ngelanga empumalanga, abane ngelanga enyakatho, abane ezansi ngelanga kuthi esiphaleni kube lababili lakhona ngazonke izikhathi.
- ¹⁸ Phambili ngentshonalanga, kwakulabane emgwaqweni, ababili besegumeni uqobo.
- ¹⁹ Lezi yizigaba zabalindi bamasango ababengabosendo lukaKhora loMerari.

Abagcinisikhwama Lezinye Izikhulu

- ²⁰ Abanye babaLevi babephatha inotho yethempeli likaNkulunkulu leziligugu ezingcwele.

²¹ Abosendo lukaLadani, ababe ngamaGeshoni ngoLadani njalo ababezinhloko zabakaLadani umGeshoni, kwakunguJehiyeli, ²² amadodana kaJehiyeli, loZethami lomfowabo uJoweli. Laba yibo ababephethe inotho yethempeli LIKATHIXO.

²³ Kuma-Amramu, ama-Izihari, lamaHebhroni lama-Uziyeli babemi ngalindlela:

²⁴ uShubhayeli, owosendo lukaGeshomu indodana kaMosi, wayeyisikhulu esasiphethe ezenotho. ²⁵ Izihlobo zakhe ngo-Eliyezari yilezi: nguRehabhiya indodana yakhe, loJeshaya indodana yakhe, loJoramu indodana yakhe, loZikhiri indodana yakhe loShelomithi indodana yakhe.

²⁶ (UShelomithi lezihlobo zakhe babephethe zonke ezenotho ezingcwele ezazinikelwe yinkosi uDavida, labayizinhloko zezindlu ababengabalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu, langabanye abalawuli bamabutho. ²⁷ Eyinye impango eyayithunjwe ekulweni bayinikela ekulungisweni kwethempeli LIKATHIXO.

²⁸ Lakho konke okwakunikelwe nguSamuyeli umboni loSawuli indodana kaKhishi, lo-Abhineri indodana kaNeri loJowabi indodana kaZeruya, lazozonke ezinye ezazinikelwe zazisesandleni sikaShelomithi kanye lezihlobo zakhe.)

²⁹ Kwabaka-Izihari yilaba:

UKhenaniya lamadodana akhe baphiwa umsebenzi ngaphandle kwethempeli, beyizikhulu labehluleli kwabako-Israyeli.

³⁰ KwabakaHebhroni yilaba:

UHashabhiya lezihlobo zakhe, amadoda enelisayo ayengamakhulu alitshumi layisikhombisa ayekhangele ingxenye ka-Israyeli entshonalanga yeJodani kuwo wonke umsebenzi KATHIXO lokuba yizinceku zenkosi. ³¹ AmaHebhroni wona, umkhokheli wawo kwakunguJeriya kusiya ngokulotshwa koluhlu lokuzalana kwezimuli zawo.

Kwathi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane wokubusa kukaDavida kwahlolisiswa kuloluluhlu lwemibhalo, kwafunyanwa ukuthi amadoda akhaliphileyo phakathi kwamaHebhroni ayeseJazeri ngaseGiliyadi. ³² UJeriya wayelezihlobo ezingamakhulu angamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa, ezazikhaliphile njalo zizinhloko zezimuli zazo, ngakho inkosi uDavida wazibeka ukuthi ziphathe abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sikaManase kukho konke okwakungokukaNkulunkulu lokuyizindaba zenkosi.

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Amaviyo Empi

¹ Nantu uluhlu lwabako-Israyeli, inhloko zezimuli, abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli

bamakhulu, ababesebenzela inkosi kulokho okuqondane lamaviyo empi ayefanele ukuzophisana ngenyanga kuze kuyephela umnyaka. Iviyo lilinye lalilamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000).

- 2 Owayephethe iviyo lakuqala, ngenyanga yakuqala, kwakunguJashobheyamu indodana kaZabhidiyeli. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) esigabeni sakhe. ³ Yena wayengowosendo lukaPherezi njalo eyinduna yezikhulu zonke zamabutho okwenyanga yakuqala.
- 4 Owayephethe iviyo ngenyanga yesibili kwakunguDodayi wako-Ahohi; uMikhilothi engumkhokheli weviyo lakhe. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.
- 5 Umlawuli wamabutho wesithathu, owezopho lesithathu, kwakunguBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada umphristi. Wayeyinduna, njalo esigabeni sakhe kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000). ⁶ Nguyenalo uBhenaya owayeliqhawe phakathi kwamaTshumi amaThathu njalo eyinduna yamaTshumi amaThathu. Indodana yakhe u-Amizabhadhi yayiphethe iviyo lakhe.
- 7 Owesine, owezopho lenyanga yesine, kwakungu-Asaheli umfowabo kaJowabi;

indodana yakhe uZebhadiya wasala esethatha isikhundla sakhe. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.

⁸ Owesihlanu, owezopho lenyanga yesihlanu, kwakungumlawuli uShamihuthi owako-Izira. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.

⁹ Owesithupha, owezopho lenyanga yesithupha, kwakungu-Ira indodana ka-Ikheshi waseThekhowa. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.

¹⁰ Owesikhombisa, owezopho lenyanga yesikhombisa, kwakunguHelezi umPheloni, owako-Efrayimi. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.

¹¹ Owesificaminwembili, owezopho lenyanga yesificaminwembili, kwakunguSibhekhayi umHushathi wakoZera. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.

¹² Owesificamunwemunye, owezopho lesificamunwemunye, kwakungu-Abhiyezeri um'Anathothi owakoBhenjamini. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.

¹³ Owetshumi, owezopho lenyanga yetshumi, kwakunguMaharayi umNethofa wakoZera. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezinga-

matshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.

- ¹⁴ Owetshumi lanye, owezopho lenyanga yetshumi lanye, kwakunguBhenaya umPhirathoni wako-Efrayimi. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.
- ¹⁵ Owetshumi lambili, owezopho lenyanga yetshumi lambili, kwakunguHelidayi umNethofa, owemuli ka-Othiniyeli. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.

Izikhulu Zezizwana

¹⁶ Izikhulu ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli yilezi:

- KwabakoRubheni: ngu-Eliyezari indodana kaZikhiri;
- kwabakoSimiyoni, nguShefathiya indodana kaMahakha;
- ¹⁷ kwabakoLevi: nguHashabhiya indodana kaKhemuweli;
- kwabako-Aroni: nguZadokhi;
- ¹⁸ kwabakoJuda: ngu-Elihu, umfowabo ka-Davida;
- kwabaka-Isakhari: ngu-Omri indodana kaMikhayeli;
- ¹⁹ kwabakoZebhuluni: ngu-Ishimaya indodana ka-Obhadaya;
- kwabakoNafithali: nguJerimothi indodana ka-Aziriyeli
- ²⁰ kwabako-Efrayimi: nguHosheya indodana ka-Azaziya;

kwabayingxenye yesizwana sikaManase: ngu-Joweli indodana kaPhedaya;

²¹ kwabayingxenye yesizwana sikaManase eGiliyadi: ngu-Ido indodana kaZakhariya; kwabakoBhenjamini: nguJasiyeli indodana ka-Abhineri;

²² kwabakoDani: ngu-Azareli indodana kaJero-hamu.

Laba babeyizikhulu ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli.

²³ UDavida kazange abhale phansi inani lamadoda ayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lababengaphansi kwaleyo, ngoba UTHIXO wayethembise ukuthi wayezakwandisa u-Israyeli abe njengezinkanyezi emkhathini.

²⁴ UJowabi indodana kaZeruya waqalisa ukubala amadoda kodwa kaqedanga. Ulaka lwehlela u-Israyeli ngenxa yalokho kubalwa ngakho inani lelo alibhalwanga encwadini yezindaba zeNkosi uDavida.

Abacebisi BeNkosi

²⁵ U-Azimavethi indodana ka-Adiyeli wayephethe iziphala zesikhosini.

UJonathani indodana ka-Uziya wayephethe iziphala emaphandleni ezabelweni, emadolobheni, emizini kanye lasezilindweni.

²⁶ U-Eziri indodana kaKhelubi wayephethe izisebenzi emaphandleni ezazilima amasimu.

²⁷ UShimeyi um'Ramathi wayephethe izivini.

UZabhidi waseShefama wayephethe izithelo zezivini zokwenza iwayini.

28 UBhali-Hanani umGederi wayephethe izihlahla zama-oliva lomkhiwane wesikhamore emawatheni ezintatshana zasentshonalanga.

UJowashi wayephethe amafutha e-oliva.

29 UShithirayi umSharoni wayephethe imihlambi eyayisemadlelweni aseSharoni.

UShafathi indodana ka-Adilayi, wayephethe imihlambi ezihotsheni.

30 U-Obhili owako-Ishumayeli wayephethe amakamela,

uJehideya owakoMeronothi ephethe ezabob-abhemi.

31 UJazizi umHagari wayephethe ezemihlambi yezimvu.

Bonke laba babeyizikhulu ezaziphethe impahla zenkosi uDavida.

32 UJonathani, isihlobo sikaDavida, wayengumcebisi, indoda ehlananiphileyo njalo engumbhali.

UJehiyeli indodana kaHakhimoni wayephethe amadodana enkosi.

33 U-Ahithofeli wayengumcebisi wenkosi.

UHushayi owako-Arikhi wayengumngane wenkosi.

34 UJehoyada indodana kaBhenaya nguyeye owathatha isikhundla sika-Ahithofeli kwalandela u-Abhiyathari.

UJowabi wayengumlawuli webutho lenkosi.

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Amacebo KaDavida Ngokwaxhiwa
KweThempeli

¹ UDavida wamema zonke izikhulu zako-Israyeli zabuthana eJerusalema: izikhulu zezizwana, abalawuli bamaviyo emsebenzini wenkosi, abalawuli bezinkulungwane kanye labalawuli bamakhulu, lezikhulu ezaziphethe ezezimpahla lezifuyo zenkosi lamadodana ayo, kanye lezikhulu zesigodlweni, amaqhawe labo bonke ababelezibindi empini.

² Inkosi uDavida yasukuma yathi: “Lalelani, zihlobo labantu bami, bengizimisele ukwakhela ibhokisi lesivumelwano sIKATHIXO, indlu yokuhlala njalo kuyisenabelo sikaNkulunkulu wethu, ngaze ngenza amalungiselelo okukufeza lokho.

³ Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kimi: ‘Awuyikuhlakhele indlu iBizo lami, ngoba wena ungowempi njalo usuchithe igazi.’

⁴ Kodwa uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wakhetha mina kuyo yonke indlu yakwethu ukuba yinkosi yako-Israyeli kuze kube nininini. Wakhetha uJuda ukuba abe ngumkhokheli, kwathi khona endlini kaJuda wakhetha imuli yakwethu, kwazakuthi emadodaneni kababa kumthokozisile ukungibeka ngibe yinkosi kulolonke elako-Israyeli. ⁵ Kuwo wonke amadodana ami njengoba uTHIXO engiphe amanengi, umkhethile uSolomoni indodana yami ukuba ahlale esihlalweni sobukhosi esikhosini sombuso KATHIXO ko-Israyeli. ⁶ Wathi kimi: ‘USolomoni indodana yakho yiyo ezangakhela indlu yami ilungise lamagama ami, ngoba ngimkhethile

ukuba abe yindodana yami, lami ngizakuba nguyise. ⁷ Ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe kuze kube nininini nxa eqina ekugcineni imilayo yami lemithetho yami njengalokhu okwenzakalayo lamuhla.’

⁸ Ngakho-ke phambi kwakhe wonke u-Israyeli, lebandla LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu, laphambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu: gcinani linanzelele imilayo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze libe lelizwe elihle elizalitshiyela izizukulwane kube yilifa lazo kuze kube nininini.

⁹ Njalo wena ndodana yami, Solomoni, mamukele uNkulunkulu kayihlo, umkhonze ngokuzinikela ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langengqondo yokuvuma, ngoba UTHIXO uyihlola yonke inhliziyo kanti uyayazi iminakano lezenzo zonke. Nxa umdinga UTHIXO, uzamthola wena, kodwa nxa umfulathela, uzakufulathela yena kuze kube nininini.

¹⁰ Nanzelela-ke ngoba UTHIXO ukukhethile ukuba umakhele ithempeli libe yindawo yokukhonzela. Qina wenze umsebenzi.”

¹¹ Ngakho uDavida wasenika uSolomoni indodana yakhe umdwebo wesakhiwo sethempeli, lowezindlu zalo, lowezindlu zenotho, lowezindlu zangaphezulu, lowezindlu zangaphakathi, lowendlu yesihlalo somusa.

¹² Wamnika umdwebo wakho konke ayekutshengiswe nguMoya engqondweni yakhe ngamagama ethempeli LIKATHIXO, lowezindlu eziwazingezeleleyo, lowendlu yenotho yethempeli, lowendlu yenotho yezinto ezingcwele. ¹³ Wamtshela langesimo

sezigaba zabaphristi lezabaLevi, langawo wonke umsebenzi wasethempelini LIKATHIXO, langezitsha zonke zenkonzo, ¹⁴ langesisindo segolide lazozonke izitsha zegolide zaleyo laleyo nkonzo, langesisindo sezitsha zesiliva zaleyo laleyo nkonzo: ¹⁵ langesisindo sezinti zezibane zegolide kanye lezibane zazo, langesisindo segolide salolo lalololuthi lwesibane lezibane zalo, lobunzima besiliva balolo lalololuthi lwesibane lezibane zalo, njengokusetshenziswa kwazo enkonzweni; ¹⁶ langesisindo segolide saleyotafula lezinkwa ezahlukaniselwe uNkulunkulu lesisindo sesiliva esamatafula enziwe ngesiliva; ¹⁷ isisindo segolide elicengekileyo lezinti, imiganu yokuchelisa lezinkezo zakhona, lesisindo saleso lalesositsha segolide, kanye lesaleso lalesositsha sesiliva. ¹⁸ Wamtshela langesimo se-alithare lempepha elenziwe ngegolide elicengekileyo lesisindo salo, langomfanekiso wesihlalo esingamakherubhi egolide achaye amaphiko awo egubuzele ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO.

¹⁹ UDavida wasesithi: “Konke lokhu ngilakho kulotshwe ngesandla SIKATHIXO phezu kwami, njalo wanginika ukuzwisisa kukho konke lokhu langokuphelela kwesimo sakhona.”

²⁰ Okunye okwatshiwo nguDavida kuSolomoni indodana yakhe yikuthi, “Qina ube lesibindi, njalo uwenze lumsebenzi. Ungesabi njalo ungalahli ithemba ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wami, ulawe. Kawuyikwehluleka njalo kayikukufulathela kuze kube sekupheleni

komsebenzi wethempeli LIKATHIXO. ²¹ Izigaba zabaphristi labaLevi sebelindele wonke umsebenzi wethempeli likaNkulunkulu, njalo kuzakuthi bonke abazinikeleyo bakuphathise ngobungcitshi babo obupheleleyo kuyo yonke imisebenzi. Izikhulu labantu bonke zizayamukela yonke imilayo yakho.”

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Izipho Zokwakha IThempeli

¹ Inkosi uDavida yathi ebandleni lonke: “Indodana yami uSolomoni, yena kanye osekhethwe nguNkulunkulu, usesengumfana njalo usesemutsha. Umsebenzi mkhulu, ngoba lesisakhiwo sobukhosi ayisiso esomuntu kodwa NGESIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu. ² Sengilungiselele ngayo yonke inzuzo engilayo ukwakhiwa kwethempeli likaNkulunkulu wami, igolide lokwenza izinto zegolide, isiliva sokwenza izinto zesiliva, ithusi lokwenza izinto zethusi, lensimbi yokwenza izinto zensimbi, lezigodo zokwenza izinto zezigodo, kanye lohlobo lwamatshe e-onikisi, lamatshe okubekwa, lamatshe okucecisa, lalemibala, lenhlobonhlobo zonke zamatshe amahle lamatshe alukhuni amanengi, konke lokhu ngikubuthelele ngakunengi. ³ Ngaphandle kwalokho, ngenxa yokutshisekela kwami ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wami, manje senginikela inotho yami yegolide lesiliva ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wami ngaphezu kwakho konke engikulethileyo ethempelini leli elingcwele: ⁴ ngamathalenta egolide azinkulungwane ezintathu egolide (igolide

lase-Ofiri) lamathalenta esiliva esicengekileyo azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa okokugudula ngalo imiduli yezindlu, ⁵ okomsebenzi wegolide lokomsebenzi wesiliva lokwawo wonke umsebenzi ozakwenziwa yizingcitshi. Ngakho, ngubani ofuna ukuzinikela kuTHIXO lamuhla?”

⁶ Abazinhloko zezindlu, izikhulu zezizwana zako-Israyeli, abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu, lezikhulu ezazikhangele ngokuqhutshwa komsebenzi wenkosi bapha ngokuzinikela.

⁷ Banikela emsebenzini wethempeli likaNkulunkulu amathalenta azinkulungwane ezinhlanu lezinhlamvu zegolide ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lamathalenta esiliva azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, amathalenta ethusi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili mibili, lamathalenta azinkulungwane ezilikhulu ensimbi.

⁸ Loba ngubani owayelamatshe aligugu wawanikela endlini yenotho yethempeli LIKATHIXO yona eyayiphethwe nguJehiyeli umGeshoni. ⁹ Abantu baba lokujabula okukhulu bebona ukuzinikela kwabakhokheli babo, ngoba banikela kuTHIXO ngokukhululeka langezinhliziyo zabo zonke. UDauida inkosi laye wajabula kakhulu.

Umkhuleko KaDauida

¹⁰ UDauida wamdumisa uTHIXO phambi kwe-bandla lonke esithi:

“Kawudunyiswe, Wena THIXO,

Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukhokho,

kusukela nininini kuze kube nininini.

¹¹ Bungobakho, Oh THIXO, ubukhulu lamandla

lodumo lobukhosi lenkazimulo,
ngoba konke okusezulwini lokusemhlabeni
kungokwakho.

Bungobakho, Oh THIXO, ubukhosi;
uphakeme wena phezu konke.

¹² Inotho lodumo kuvela kuwe;
ungumbusi wazo zonke izinto.

Esandleni sakho kukhona ukuqina lamandla.
Kukuwe ukuphakamisa lokupha amandla
kubo bonke.

¹³ Siyakubonga khathesi, Nkulunkulu wethu,
silidumisa ibizo lakho elilodumo.

¹⁴ Kodwa mina ngiyini, bayini abantu
bami, ukuthi sinikele ngenhliziyo yonke
na? Konke kuvela kuwe, thina sikunike
kuphela lokho okuvela esandleni sakho.

¹⁵ Singabezizweni lezethekeli emehlweni
akho, njengoba labokhokho bethu bonke
babenjalo. Insuku zethu emhlabeni ziyafanana
lesithunzi, asisilutho, kalikho ithemba. ¹⁶ Oh
THIXO Nkulunkulu wethu, lokhu esesikunikele
ngobunengi bakho ekwakhiweni kwethempeli
eliyindawo yeBizo lakho eliNgcwele, kuvela
esandleni sakho, njalo konke kuvele
kungokwakho.

¹⁷ Ngiyazi, Nkulunkulu
wami, uhlola inhliziyo njalo uyabuthanda
ubuqotho. Zonke lezizinto ngizinikele ngokufisa
langenhliziyo yobuqotho. Khathesi ngikhangele
ngentokozo abantu bakho abalapha ukuthi
banikele ngesifiso kuwe.

¹⁸ Oh THIXO,
Nkulunkulu wabobaba o-Abhrahama, lo-Isaka
lo-Israyeli, yenza inhliziyo zabantu bakho zime
ngalokhu kulangatha, njalo inhliziyo zabo zibe

kuwe kuze kube nininini. ¹⁹ Phana uSolomoni, indodana yami, inhliziyo epheleleyo ukuze agcine imilayo yakho lemithetho yakho lezimiso zakho, lokuthi akhe lesisakhiwo esiyisigodlo mina esengisilungiselele.”

²⁰ UDavida wasesithi kulolonke ibandla, “Dumisani uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.” Ngakho bonke bamdumisa uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, bathi mbo ngobuso phansi, bekhonza uTHIXO, behlonipha lenkosi.

USolomoni Ugcotshwa Ubukhosi

²¹ Ngosuku olulandelayo banikela imihlatshelo kuTHIXO leminikelo yokutshiswa: inkunzi eziyinkulungwane, lenqama eziyinkulungwane lamazinyane amaduna ayinkulungwane, leminikelo yokunathwayo, layo yonke eminye imihlatshelo banikela ngokunengi benikelela bonke abako-Israyeli. ²² Badla banatha ngokujabula okukhulu ngalolosuku phambi kUKATHIXO.

Basebememukela okwesibili uSolomoni indodana kaDavida, bamgcoba phambi kUKATHIXO ukuthi abe ngumbusi, kuthi uZadokhi abe ngumphristi. ²³ USolomoni wasebusa embusweni KATHIXO esikhundleni sikayise uDavida.

Waphumelela njalo wonke u-Israyeli wamlalela.

²⁴ Izikhulu zonke kanye lamaqhawe, ndawonye lamadodana eNkosi uDavida bazinikela ngaphansi kombuso weNkosi uSolomoni.

²⁵ UTHIXO wamphakamisa kakhulu uSolomoni wamnika isithunzi phezu kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli, njalo wamnika ubukhosi obungazange kube khona esikhosini kwabako-Israyeli.

Ukufa KukaDavida

²⁶ UDavida indodana kaJese wayeyinkosi yabo bonke abako-Israyeli. ²⁷ Wabusa kwabako-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane, eyisikhombisa eHebhroni kwathi engamatshumi amathathu lantathu eJerusalema. ²⁸ Wafa eseluphele eseleminyaka eminengi kakhulu lenotho lodumo; uSolomoni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

²⁹ Izehlakalo zombuso weNkosi uDavida kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekupheleni, zilotshiwe egwalweni lwembali kaSamuyeli umboni, egwalweni lwembali kaNathani umphrofethi kanye lasegwalweni lwembali kaGadi umboni. ³⁰ Kubalwa ukubusa kwakhe ngokugcweleyo, amandla lakho konke okwakusenzakala kuye lakwabako-Israyeli leminyane imibuso yawo wonke amanye amazwe.

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