

UJoshuwa

UTHIXO Ulaya UJoshuwa

¹ Ngemva kokufa kukaMosi inceku KATHIXO, UTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, umsekeli kaMosi: ² “UMosi inceku yami usefile. Ngakho-ke, wena labantu bonke laba, lungiselelani ukuchapha umfula uJodani liye elizweni esengizalinika lona, abako-Israyeli. ³ Ngizalinika zonke izindawo lapho elizanyathela khona ngezinyawo zenu njengokuthembisa engakwenza kuMosi. ⁴ Ilizwe lenu lizasukela enkangala yeLebhanoni lasemfuleni omkhulu uYufrathe, ilizwe lonke lamaHithi, lize liyekhawula olwandle olukhulu entshonalanga. ⁵ Kakulamuntu ozenelisa ukumelana lani zonke insuku zokuphila kwenu. Njengoba ngangiloMosi, ngizakuba lawe; kangisoze ngikutshiye, kangisoze ngikudele. ⁶ Qina ube lesibindi ngenxa yokuthi uzakhokhela abantu laba ukuze bayethatha ilizwe elilifa labo engafunga kubokhokho babo ukuthi ngizabanika lona.

⁷ Qina ube lesibindi. Ugcine yonke imithetho owayiphiwa nguMosi inceku yami, ungaze waphambuka kuyo uye kwesokunene kumbe kwesokhohlo ukuze uphumelele kuzozonke izindawo ozakuya kuzo. ⁸ INcwadi yoMthetho le kayingasuki emlonyeni wakho, cabanga ngayo emini lebusuku ukuze unanzelele ukugcina

konke okulotshwe kuyo. Ngokwena njalo uza-phumelela. ⁹ Angikulayanga na? Qina ube lesibindi, ungethuki njalo ungalahli ithemba, ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho uzakuba lawe loba kungaphi lapho oya khona.”

¹⁰ Ngakho-ke uJoshuwa walaya iziphathamandla zabantu wathi: ¹¹ “Dabulani phakathi kwezihonqo litshele abantu ukuthi, ‘Lungisani imiphako yenu. Ensukwini ezintathu kusukela lamhla lizachapha uJodani lapha ukuze lingene liyethatha ilizwe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu!’ ”

¹² UJoshuwa wathi kwabakoRubheni, labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sikaManase, ¹³ “Khumbulani umlayo uMosi inceku KATHIXO alinika wona owokuthi: ‘UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphumuza ngokulinika ilizwe leli.’ ¹⁴ Amakhosikazi enu, abantwabenu lezifuyo zenu zingahlala elizweni elalinikwa nguMosi empumalanga yeJodani, kodwa ibutho lenu lonke, lihlome liphelele, kumele lichaphe ngaphambi kwabafowenu. Kuzamele lincedise abafowenu, ¹⁵ UTHIXO aze abaphumuze, njengalokho alenzele khona lina, labo baze bathathe ilizwe lelo UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu abanika lona. Ngemva kwalokho selingabuyela liyehlala elizweni lenu, uMosi inceku KATHIXO alinika lona ngempumalanga yeJodani.”

¹⁶ Baphendula uJoshuwa bathi, “Konke osilaya khona sizakwenza, lalapho osithuma khona sizahamba. ¹⁷ Njengalokhu salalela uMosi ngokupheleleyo, lawe sizakulalela. Sifisa ukuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho abe lawe njengoba

wayeloMosi. ¹⁸ Yiloba ngubani ohlamukela ilizwi lakho njalo engalaleli lokho okutshoyo, lalokho oyabe ukulaya, kumele abulawe. Kumele uqine ube lesibindi!”

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URahabi Lezinhloli

¹ UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wasethumela inhloli ezimbili ngasese zisuka eShithima. Wathi kuzo, “Hambani liyehlola ilizwe lakhona, ikakhulu iJerikho.” Ngakho zahamba zayangena endlini yesifebe esithiwa nguRahabi, zahlala khona.

² Inkosi yaseJerikho yatshelwa ukuthi “Khangela! Abanye abantu bako-Israyeli bafike lapha ebusuku ukuzohlola ilizwe lethu.”

³ Ngakho inkosi yaseJerikho yathumela ilizwi kuRahabi yathi, “Khupha amadoda angene endlini yakho, ngoba alande ukuzohlola ilizwe lonke.”

⁴ Kodwa owesifazane wayethethe amadoda womabili wawafihla. Wasesithi, “Liqiniso amadoda afikile kimi, kodwa bengingazi ukuthi abevela ngaphi. ⁵ Kusihlwa, sesifikile isikhathi sokuvala isango ledolobho, amadoda asuke azihambela. Kangikwazi ukuthi aqonde ngaphi. Axhumeni masinyane. Engxenye lingawafica.”

⁶ (Kodwa wayebakhweze phezu kophahla wabafihla ngaphansi kwezinqwaba zesikusha ayesichaye ophahleni). ⁷ Ngakho amadoda aphuma ijumo elandela inhloli emgwaqweni oya ezibukweni leJodani, njalo athi esanda kuphuma isango lavalwa.

⁸ Inhloli zathi zingakalali ngalobobusuku, wakhwela phezu kophahla ⁹ wasesithi kuzo, “Ngiyazi ukuthi uTHIXO uselinike lelilizwe lokuthi sonke sesehlelwe yikwesaba okukhulu ngenxa yenu, okwenza ukuthi bonke abahlala kulelizwe babelomhedehede wokulesaba. ¹⁰ Sesizwile ukuthi uTHIXO walenzela amanzi oLwandle Olubomvu atsha ngesikhathi liphuma eGibhithe, lalokho elakwenza kuSihoni lo-Ogi amakhosi amabili ama-Amori empumalanga yeJodani elawatshaya lawaqothula. ¹¹ Sathi sikuzwa lokho inhliziyo zethu zahle zaphela amandla njalo wonke umuntu kazabe esaba lesibindi ngenxa yenu ngoba uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu unguNkulunkulu ophezulu ezulwini laphansi emhlabeni.

¹² Ngakho-ke ngicela ukuthi lifunge kimi ngoTHIXO ukuthi lizakuba lomusa emulini yami ngoba lami ngitshengise umusa kini. ¹³ Nginikani isiqiniseko sokuthi lizaphephisa impilo kababa lomama, abanewethu labodadewethu labo bonke abangababo, njalo lizasisindisa ekufeni.”

¹⁴ Amadoda amthembisa athi, “Ukuphila kwethu yikuphila kwenu! Ungayekela ukuveza lokho esikwenzayo sizakwenzela umusa lokwethembeka lapho uTHIXO esesipha ilizwe.”

¹⁵ Ngakho-ke wabehlisela phansi ngentambo baphuma ngefasitela kalokho indlu ayehlala kuyo yayingumduli munye lalowo owawugombolozele idolobho. ¹⁶ Wayethe kubo, “Qondani emaqaqeni ukwenzela ukuthi abaxhuma umzila wenu bangaze balifica. Licatshe khonale okwen-

suku ezintathu baze baphenduke beseliqhubeka ngendlela yenu.”

¹⁷ Amadoda athi kuye, “Isifungo osifungise sona sizakuba yize ¹⁸ ngaphandle kokuthi nxa sesingena kulelizwe sifice ubophele leliqhele elibomvu ewindini osikhuphe ngalo, njalo usulethe uyihlo lonyoko, abafowenu lemuli yakho yonke endlini yakho. ¹⁹ Nxa umuntu angaphuma phandle kwendlu yakho abesesiya esitaladeni, igazi lakhe lizakuba sekhandela lakhe: kawusoze ube ngumlandu wethu. Kuye wonke oyabe ephakathi kwendlu kanye lawe, igazi lakhe lizakuba sekhandela lethu nxa angavele athintwe. ²⁰ Kodwa ungavele uveze lokhu esikwenzayo, sizabe sesikhululiwe esifungweni osifungise sona.”

²¹ Waphendula wathi, “Ngiyavuma, kakube njengokutsho kwenu.”

Ngakho wavalelisana labo basebezihambela. Wasebophela iqhele elibomvu ewindini.

²² Bathi besuka lapho baqonda emaqaqeni lapho abahlala khona okwensuku ezintathu ababebaxhuma baze badela ukubadinga emgwaqweni wonke, basebebuyela bengababonanga. ²³ Ngakho-ke amadoda womabili aphindela emuva. Ehla emaqaqeni, achapha umfula, afika kuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni amtshela konke okwakwenzakele kuwo. ²⁴ Athi kuJoshuwa, “UTHIXO ngeqiniso uphe ilizwe lonke ezandleni zethu; bonke abantu bayathuthumela ngokwesaba, ngenxa yethu.”

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Ukuchapha UJodani

¹ Ekuseni kakhulu uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli basuka eShithima baqonda eJodani lapho abamisa khona izihonqo zabo bengakachaphi. ² Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu iziphathamandla zangena phakathi kwezihonqo, ³ zinika imilayo ebantwini zisithi, “Lapho libona umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu labaphristi abangabaLevi belithwele kuzamele litshiye izindawo zenu lililandele. ⁴ Ngakho lizakwazi ukuthi lilandele yiphi indlela, njengoba lingakaze libe kuwonalo umango. Kodwa kumele ligcine ibanga elingaba yizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezimbili phakathi kwenu lomtshokotsho; lingasondeli phansi kwalo.”

⁵ UJoshuwa wathi ebantwini, “Zihlambululeni ngoba kusasa UTHIXO uzakwenza izimanga phakathi kwenu.”

⁶ UJoshuwa wathi kubaphristi, “Thathani umtshokotsho wesivumelwano beselikhokhela phambi kwabantu.” Ngakho bawuthatha basebehamba phambi kwabo.

⁷ UTHIXO wasesithi kuJoshuwa, “Lamhla ngizaqalisa ukukuphakamisa emehlweni abako-Israyeli bonke ukuze babone ukuthi ngilawe njengoba ngangiloMosi. ⁸ Tshela abaphristi abathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano uthi, ‘Lingafika okhunjini lwamanzi kaJodani, lingene liyekuma phakathi komfula.’”

⁹ UJoshuwa wathi kwabako-Israyeli, “Wozani lapha lizolalela amazwi KATHIXO uNkulunkulu

wenu. ¹⁰ Lokhu yikho okuzakwenza ukuthi lazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu ophilayo uphakathi kwenu njalo ngempela uzaxotsha phambi kwenu amaKhenani, amaHithi, amaHivi, amaPherizi, amaGigashi, ama-Amori lamaJebusi. ¹¹ Khangelani, umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi womhlaba wonke lizangena phakathi kweJodani phambi kwenu. ¹² Ngakho-ke, khethani amadoda alitshumi lambili esuka ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli, oyedwa esizwaneni esisodwa. ¹³ Kuzakuthi masinyazana abaphristi abathwele umtshokotsho KATHIXO, iNkosi yomhlaba wonke, sebengene eJodani, amanzi omfula ogelezayo azakwehlukani swa abesesima abe yinqwaba.”

¹⁴ Ngakho kwathi abantu sebesuke ezihonqweni ukuze bayechapha uJodani, abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano bahamba phambili. ¹⁵ UJodani wayehlala egcwele ngezikhathi zonke zokuvuna. Kukanti kwathi abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho befika eJodani inyawo zabo zazithinta amanzi, ¹⁶ amanzi ayevelela ngaphezulu ema ukugeleza. Abuthana aba yinqwaba ema khatshana laphaya, malungana ledolobho elithiwa yi-Adamu duzane leZarethani kukanti amanzi ayegelezela phansi ngekuyeni olwandle lwe-Arabha (okutsho uLwandle Lwetswayi) ahle ehlukani swa ngokupheleleyo. Ngakho-ke abantu bachaphela ngaphetsheya malungana leJerikho. ¹⁷ Abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO bema bathi mpo emhlabathini owomileyo phakathi

kweJodani, ngesikhathi abantu bonke bako-Israyeli bechapha isizwe sonke saze saqeda ukuchapha emhlabathini owomileyo.

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¹ Kwathi isizwe sonke sesimchaphile uJodani, UTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa, ² “Khetha amadoda alitshumi lambili phakathi kwabantu, yileyo imele isizwana sako-Israyeli, ³ ubusubatshele ukuthi bathathe amatshe alitshumi lambili phakathi laphakathi kweJodani kusukela lapho okwakumi khona abaphristi, beseliwathwala liwabeke endaweni elizalala kuyo lamuhla ebusuku.”

⁴ Ngakho-ke uJoshuwa wabiza amadoda alitshumi lambili ayewakhethe phakathi kwabako-Israyeli, eyodwa ivela esizwaneni. ⁵ Wasesithi kuwo, “Hambani phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu liye phakathi laphakathi kweJodani. Omunye lomunye wenu kumele athwale ilitshe ehlombe lakhe, kusiya ngenani lezizwana zako-Israyeli, ⁶ ukuze kube luphawu phakathi kwenu. Kwelizayo nxa abantwana benu belibuza besithi, ‘Kanti amatshe la atshoni?’ ⁷ Libatshele ukuthi ukugeleza kweJodani kwamiswa phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO. Kwathi lapho umtshokotsho uchapha iJodani, amanzi omfula uJodani ehlukaniswa. Amatshe la azakuba yisukhumbuzo ebantwini bako-Israyeli nini lanini.”

⁸ Ngakho-ke abako-Israyeli benza njengokulaya kukaJoshuwa. Bathatha amatshe alitshumi

lambili phakathi laphakathi kweJodani, kusiya ngenani lezizwana zako-Israyeli, njengokulaywa kukaJoshuwa NGUTHIXO; basebewathwalela ezi-hongweni zabo lapho abafika bawabeka khona phansi. ⁹ UJoshuwa wamisa amatshe alitshumi lambili ayekade ephakathi laphakathi kweJodani, endaweni lapho abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano abafika bema khona njalo lokhu ekhonapho kuze kube lamhlanje.

¹⁰ Abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho baqhubeka bemi phakathi kweJodani abantu baze baqeda konke UTHIXO ayekulaye uJoshuwa, njengokuqondiswa kukaJoshuwa nguMosi. Abantu bedlula ngokuphangisa ¹¹ njalo bathi bonke sebechaphile, umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO labaphristi beza kwelinye icele abantu bekhangele. ¹² Amadoda akoRubheni, akoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase achapha ehlo mile phambi kwabako-Israyeli njengokuqondisa kukaMosi. ¹³ Abantu abaphose bafike kunkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane ababehlomele impi bachapha phambi KUKATHIXO besiya emagcekeni eJerikho ukuyakulwa impi.

¹⁴ Ngalelolanga UTHIXO waphakamisa uJoshuwa emehlweni abo bonke abako-Israyeli; njalo bamhlonipha okwempilo yakhe yonke, njengoba babehloniphe uMosi.

¹⁵ UTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa, ¹⁶ “Laya abaphristi abathwele umtshokotsho woBufakazi bakhuphuke baphume eJodani.”

17 Ngakho uJoshuwa walaya abaphristi wathi, “Phumani phakathi kweJodani.”

18 Abaphristi baphuma emfuleni bethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO. Bonela ukunyathela umhlabathi owomileyo amanzi eJodani ahle abuyela endaweni yawo, ageleza okomfula ogcweleyo njengakuqala.

19 Ngelanga letshumi enyangeni yakuqala abantu basuka eJodani bayamisa izihonqo eGiligali emngceleni ongempumalanga yeJerikho.

20 UJoshuwa wamisa amatshe alitshumi ayethethwe phakathi kweJodani eGiligali. 21 Wakhuluma kwabako-Israyeli wathi, “Kwelizayo nxa izizukulwane zenu zingabuza abazali bazo zisithi, ‘Amatshe la atshoni?’

22 Kumele libatshela ukuthi ‘Abako-Israyeli bachapha uJodani emhlabathini owomileyo!’

23 Ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu womisa umfula uJodani phambi kwenu laze lachapha. UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu wenza kuJodani lokho akwenza oLwandle Olubomvu aze alomise phambi kwethu saze sachapha sonke. 24 Wenza lokhu ukuze abantu bonke bomhlaba bakwazi ukuthi isandla SIKATHIXO silamandla lokuthi lihlale limesaba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.”

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1 Kwathi amakhosi ama-Amori ayebusa entshonalanga kweJodani lamakhosi wonke amaKhenani ayebusa ezigcawini ezisekela ulwandle esizwa ukuthi UTHIXO wayomise njani uJodani phambi kwabako-Israyeli baze bachapha, inhliziyo zawo zathuthumela aswela izibindi zokumelana labako-Israyeli.

Ukusokwa LePhasika EGiligali

² Ngalesosikhathi uTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa, “Khanda izingqamu ezibukhali ubususoka abako-Israyeli njalo.” ³ Ngakho-ke uJoshuwa wakhanda izingqamu ezibukhali wasesoka abako-Israyeli eGibhiya Haralothi.

⁴ Lokhu wakwenzela ukuthi: Bonke labo abaphuma eGibhithe, wonke amadoda ayengabuthelwa empini afela enkangala esemangweni wokusuka eGibhithe. ⁵ Bonke abantu abaphumayo babesokiwe, kodwa bonke abantu ababezalelwe enkangala phakathi kohambo lokusuka eGibhithe babengasokwanga.

⁶ Abako-Israyeli babezulazule enkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, amadoda wonke ayefanele ukubuthelwa empini ngesikhathi esuka eGibhithe aze afa, njengoba engazange amlalele uTHIXO. Ngoba uTHIXO wayefunge waqinisa kubo wathi ayengasoze alibone ilizwe ayelithembise okhokho babo ukuthi bazalinikwa, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. ⁷ Ngakho wondla amadodana ezikhundleni zawo, njalo yiwo la asokwa nguJoshuwa. Ayelokhu engakasokwa ngoba kungazange kube lethuba lokubasoka endleleni.

⁸ Kwathi isizwe sonke sesisokiwe, sahlala ezihonqweni baze baphola.

⁹ UTHIXO wasesithi kuJoshuwa, “Lamuhla ngise use ihlazo laseGibhithe kini.” Yikho indawo leyo lokhu ibizwa ngokuthi yiGiligali kuze kube lamhlanje.

¹⁰ Kusihlwa ngelanga letshumi lane kuleyo nyanga, bathi belokhu besamise izihonqo zabo

eGiligali emagecekeni eJerikho, abako-Israyeli bagcina iPhasika. ¹¹ Ngokusa olwalandela usuku lwePhasika badla okunye kwesivuno sabo ababekuvunile: isinkwa esingelamvubelo lamabele akhanzingiweyo. ¹² Imana yema ukukhithika ngelanga elalandela lelo abadla ngalo ukudla okwakavela emhlabathini; ngakho kwakungasela mana yabako-Israyeli, kodwa ngalowomnyaka badla okwelizwe leKhenani.

Ukuwa KweJerikho

¹³ Kwathi uJoshuwa esondele eJerikho, wakhangela wabona indoda eyayimi phambi kwakhe ilomhedla esandleni sayo, uJoshuwa wasondela kuyo wayibuza wathi “Ungowakithi kumbe ungowezitha zethu?”

¹⁴ Yaphendula yathi “Angikho ndawo, kodwa njengomlawuli webutho LIKATHIXO sengifikile.” UJoshuwa wathi mbo phansi ngobuso edumisa waseyibuza esithi, “Kambe iNkosi yami ilombiko bani wenceku yayo?”

¹⁵ Umlawuli wamabutho KATHIXO waphendula wathi, “Khulula izicathulo zakho ngoba indawo omi kuyo ingcwele.” UJoshuwa wenza njalo.

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¹ IJerikho yayivalwe ngci ngenxa yabako-Israyeli. Akulamuntu owayephuma loba owayengena.

² Ngakho uTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa, “Khangela, senginikele iJerikho, inkosi yayo kanye lamabutho ayo ezandleni zakho. ³ Hambani libhode idolobho kanye

lamadoda wonke ahlomileyo. Kwenzeni lokhu okwensuku eziyisithupha. ⁴ Abaphristi abayisikhombisa kabathwale amacilongo enziwe ngempondo zengama phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano. Ngosuku lwesikhombisa libhode idolobho kasikhombisa, abaphristi bevuthela amacilongo. ⁵ Nxa lingabezwa sebetshaya amacilongo bedonsa, abantu bonke kabahlabe umkhosi; umduli wedolobho uzadilika abantu bahle bangene, yilowo lalowo aqonde phambili.”

⁶ Ngakho uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wabiza abaphristi wathi kubo, “Thathani umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO kuthi abaphristi abayisikhombisa bahambe phambi kwawo bethwele amacilongo.” ⁷ Waselaya abantu esithi, “Akuhanjwe! Hambani libhode idolobho, amabutho ahlomileyo ehamba phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO.”

⁸ Kwathi uJoshuwa esekhulume labantu, abaphristi abayisikhombisa ababethwele amacilongo ayisikhombisa phambi KUKATHIXO bahamba phambili bevuthela amacilongo, njalo umtshokotsho wesivumelwano ubalandela. ⁹ Amabutho ayehlomile ahamba phambi kwabaphristi ababevuthela amacilongo, njalo amabutho angemuva ayelandela umtshokotsho. Ngasonke lesisikhathi amacilongo ayekhala. ¹⁰ Kodwa uJoshuwa wayelaye abantu wathi, “Lingaze lahlaba umkhosi wempini, lingakhwezi amazwi enu, lingakhulumi lutho kuze kufike isikhathi engizalitshela ngaso ukuthi limemeze. Beselihlaba-ke umkhosi.” ¹¹ Ngakho

umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO bawuthwala babhoda lawo idolobho kanye. Abantu babuyela ezihonqweni bayalala.

¹² UJoshuwa wavuka kusesele ngelanga elilandelayo njalo abaphristi bathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO.

¹³ Abaphristi abayisikhombisa ababethwele amacilongo ayisikhombisa bahamba phambili bekhokhele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, bevuthela amacilongo. Amadoda ayehlomile ayehamba phambi kwabo njalo amabutho angemuva ayelandela umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, kukanti-ke amacilongo aqhubeka ekhala. ¹⁴ Ngosuku lwesibili babhoda idolobho kanye basebebuyela ezihonqweni. Bakwenza lokhu okwensuku eziyisithupha.

¹⁵ Ngelanga lesikhombisa bavuka emad-abukakusa babhoda idolobho kasikhombisa ngendlela efanayo, ngaphandle kokuthi ngalelolanga babhoda kasikhombisa.

¹⁶ Ngokwesikhombisa, kwathi abaphristi bekhalisa amacilongo, uJoshuwa walaya abantu wathi, "Memezani! Ngoba UTHIXO useliphile idolobho. ¹⁷ Idolobho lakho konke okukulo kuzakwahlukaniselwa UTHIXO. URahabi isifebe lalabo ahlala labo endlini yakhe yibo abazasindiswa ngenxa yokuthi wafihla inhloli esazithumayo. ¹⁸ Kodwa xwayani izinto ezahlukaniselwe ukubhujiswa, ukwenzela ukuthi lingazehlisele ukubhujiswa ngokuthatha okunye kwalezozinto. Lokho kungenza ukuthi izihonqo zako-Israyeli zehlelwe luhlupho njalo zitshabalaliswe. ¹⁹ Sonke isiliva, igolide

lezinto zonke ezenziwe ngethusi langensimbi ezingcwele ziletheni KUTHIXO njalo kumele zifakwe esiphaleni sakhe sengcebo.”

²⁰ Kwathi amacilongo ekhala abantu bahlaba umkhosi; ekukhaleni kwecilongo, abantu se-behlaba umkhosi omkhulu, umduli wabhidlika, ngakho wonke umuntu wangena phakathi balithatha idolobho. ²¹ Idolobho balehlukanisela UTHIXO basebecakaza ngenkamba yonke into ephilayo eyayihlala kulo, amadoda labesifazane, abatsha labadala, inkomo, izimvu labobabhemi.

²² UJoshuwa wakhuluma emadodeni amabili ayeke athunywa njengezinhloli zelizwe wathi, “Yanini endlini yesifebe liyesikhupha lezihlobo zaso zonke ligcwalise isifungo elasenza kuso.” ²³ Ngakho amadoda ayahambe ukuyahlola angena akhupha uRahabi, uyise lonina labanewabo lazozonke izihlobo zakhe. Bakhupha imuli yonke bayifaka endaweni eyayingaphandle kwezihonqo zako-Israyeli.

²⁴ Basebetshisa idolobho lonke lakho konke okwakuphakathi kwalo, kodwa befake isiliva legolide lezinto ezilungiswe ngethusi lensimbi esiphaleni sengcebo yendlu KATHIXO. ²⁵ Kodwa uJoshuwa waphephisa uRahabi isifebe lemuli yakhe labo bonke abangabakhe ngenxa yokuthi wafihla amadoda ayethunywe nguJoshuwa ukuba zinhloli eJerikho, futhi ulokhu ehlala phakathi kwabako-Israyeli kuze kube lamhlanje.

²⁶ Ngalesosikhathi uJoshuwa wenza isifungo esiqinileyo esithi, “Iqalekisiwe phambi KUKATHIXO indoda ezimisela ukwakha kutsha lelidolobho laseJerikho:

Ngempilo yezibulo lakhe lendodana
uzakwenza izisekelo;
ngempilo yecinathunjana
uzalungisa amasango alo.”

²⁷ UTHIXO wayeloJoshuwa, udumo lwakhe lwanda elizweni lonke.

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Isono Sika-Akhani

¹ Kodwa abako-Israyeli bephula umthetho ngokuphathelane lengcebo eyayehlukaniselwe UTHIXO; u-Akhani indodana kaKhami, indodana kaZabhidi, indodana kaZera, owesizwana sako-Juda, wathatha ezinye zakhona. Ngakho ulaka LUKATHIXO lwavutha kwabako-Israyeli.

² UJoshuwa wasethumela amadoda esuka eJerikho esiya e-Ayi eseduzane leBhethi-Aveni ngempumalanga yeBhetheli wathi kubo: “Hambani liyehlola lelolizwe.” Ngakho amadoda aphuma ayalihlola ilizwe.

³ Bathi bephindela kuJoshuwa bafika bathi, “Akudingeki ukuthi lonke ibutho liyelwisana le-Ayi. Thumela amadoda azinkulungwane ezimbili kumbe ezintathu nje ukuze ayoyithumba njalo ungaze wadinisa ibutho lonke, ngenxa yokuthi lelolobho lilabantu abalutshwana.”

⁴ Amadoda angaba zinkulungwane ezintathu asuka ahamba kodwa ehlulwa ngamadoda e-Ayi, wona ⁵ abulala amadoda angamatshumi amathathu lesithupha. Baxotsha abako-Israyeli besuka esangweni ledolobho baze bayabatshiya

enkwalini bababulalela ekwehleni. Bathi beziswa lokhu abantu baba lokwesaba okukhulu, baphelelwa ngamandla.

⁶ UJoshuwa wadabula izigqoko zakhe wathi mbo phansi ngobuso phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, wala elokhu enjalo kwaze kwahlwa. Abadala bako-Israyeli labo benza njalo, basebezithela ngothuli emakhanda abo. ⁷ UJoshuwa wasesithi, “Maye, THIXO Wobukhosi, wabachaphiselani iJodani lababantu ukuzabanikela ezandleni zama-Amori ukuze asibhubhise? Ngabe sasuthiseka ngokuzihlalela kwelinye iphetsheya leJodani! ⁸ Maye, Thixo kuyini engingakutsho, njengoba u-Israyeli esebhuqwe yizitha zakhe? ⁹ AmaKhenani labanye abantu belizwe bazakuzwa ngalokhu besebesihanga besule ibizo lethu emhlabeni. Pho kuyini ozakwenzela ibizo lakho elikhulu kangaka na?”

¹⁰ UTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa, “Sukuma. Kuyini okwenzayo uthe mbo ngobuso bakho? ¹¹ Abako-Israyeli bonile; bephule isivumelwano sami engabalaya ukuthi basigcine. Sebethe ezinye izinto ezahlukaniselwe mina; bebile, baqamba amanga, sebezifake empangweni yabo. ¹² Yikho abako-Israyeli bengeke bamelana lezitha zabo; bayabafulathela bebaleka ngoba sebeyinto efanele ukubhujiswa. Kangisoze ngibe lani ngaphandle kokuthi lichithe lokho okwakwehlukaniselwe ukubhujiswa.

¹³ Hamba ungcwelise abantu. Ubatshole uthi, ‘Zingcweliseni ukulungiselela kusasa; ngoba lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli ukuthi: Lokho okwahlukaniselwe

UTHIXO kuphakathi kwenu, lina bako-Israyeli. Kalingeke limelane lezitha zenu ngaphandle kokuba selikukhuphile.

¹⁴ Ekuseni kumele lisondeze isizwana ngesizwana. Isizwana esikhethwa NGUTHIXO kuzamele sisondele phambili usendo ngosendo; usendo oluzakhethwa NGUTHIXO luzasondela imuli ngemuli; imuli ezakhethwa NGUTHIXO iza-sondela umuntu ngamunye. ¹⁵ Lowo ozafunyanwa elezinto ezahluhaniselwe UTHIXO uzatshiswa ngomlilo, lakho konke alakho. Wephule isivumelwano SIKATHIXO njalo wenze into elihlazo phakathi kuka-Israyeli.’”

¹⁶ Kusesele ngelanga elilandelayo uJoshuwa wenza u-Israyeli wasondela ngezizwana, inkatho yadla koJuda. ¹⁷ Insendo zakoJuda zasondela, inkatho yadla abakoZera. Wasondeza insendo zakoZera ngezimuli. Inkatho yadla uZabhidi. ¹⁸ UJoshuwa wasondeza imuli kaZabhidi indoda yinye ngayinye, inkatho yadla u-Akhani indodana kaKhami, indodana kaZabhidi, indodana kaZera owesizwana sakoJuda.

¹⁹ UJoshuwa wathi ku-Akhani, “Ndodana yami, dumisa UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, umuphe udumo. Ngitshela lokho okwenzileyo, ungaze wangifihlela.”

²⁰ U-Akhani waphendula wathi, “Liqiniso! Ngonile phambi KUKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli. Nanku engikwenzileyo:

²¹ Ngathi ngibona phakathi kwempango ingubo enhle yaseBhabhiloni, lamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amabili lomgqala wegolide olesisindo samashekeli angamatshumi

amahlanu ngakuhawukela, ngakuthatha. Ngakumbela phansi ethenteni lami, isiliva singaphansi.”

²² UJoshuwa wathuma izithunywa, zagijima zaya ethenteni lakhe, zakufumana kufihlilwe ethenteni lakhe, isiliva singaphansi. ²³ Bathatha izinto ezazisethenteni, baziletha kuJoshuwa lebantwini bonke bako-Israyeli, bazichaya phambi KUKATHIXO.

²⁴ UJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli bathatha u-Akhani indodana kaZera lesiliva, ingubo, lomgqala wegolide, lamadodana lamadodakazi akhe, lenkomo zakhe, obabhemi kanye lezimvu, ithente lakhe lakho konke ayelakho bakusa esiHotsheni se-Akhori. ²⁵ UJoshuwa wathi, “Kungani usilethele uhlupho olungaka? UTHIXO uzakwehlisela uhlupho lamhlanje.”

Bonke abako-Israyeli bamkhanda ngamatshe, njalo bathi sebeqedile ukukhanda labanye ngamatshe babatshisa. ²⁶ Babuthelela inqwaba yamatshe amakhulu phezu kuka-Akhani alokhu ekhona lalamhlanje. Ukuvutha kolaka LUKATHIXO kwahle kwaphela. Ngakho leyondawo lalamhlanje ilokhu isabizwa ngokuthi yisiGodi sika-Akhori.

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Ukutshabalaliswa Kwe-Ayi

¹ UTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa, “Ungesabi, ungalahli ithemba. Thatha ibutho lonke uhambe

uyehlasela i-Ayi, ngoba senginikele inkosi yase-Ayi, abantu bayo, idolobho layo lelizwe layo ezandleni zakho. ² Khonale uzakwenza owakwenza eJerikho lenkosini yakhona, kodwa lingazithathela impahla zonke eliyabe lizithumbile lezifuyo kube ngokwenu. Cathamani ngemva kwedolobho.”

³ Ngakho uJoshuwa lebuthe lonke baphuma bayahlasela i-Ayi. Wakhetha amabutho azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu ayez-ingcitshi ukwedlula amanye ekulweni, wase-wathuma ebusuku. ⁴ Wawalaya wathi, “Lalelisisani, kumele licathame ngemva kwedolobho. Lingaze laya khatshana lalo. Lonke kumele lihlale liqaphele. ⁵ Mina lalabo engizabe ngilabo sizaqhubeka siqonde edolobheni, kuthi nxaamadoda ephuma ukusihlasela njengalokho akwenza kuqala, sizawabalekela. ⁶ Bazaxotshana lathi size sibahugele khatshana ledolobho, ngoba bazakuthi, ‘Bayasibalekela njengalokhu abakwenza kuqala.’ Ngakho nxa sesibabalekela, ⁷ lina lizavuka lapho eliyabe licathame khona beselithumba idolobho. UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzalinekela ezandleni zenu. ⁸ Nxa selilithumbile idolobho, lithungeleni ngomlilo. Yenzani lokho okulaywe nguTHIXO. Wobani leqiniso lokuthi lilandela iziqondiso zami.”

⁹ UJoshuwa wasebalaya ukuthi bahambe, basebesiya endaweni okwakumele bacathame kuyo phakathi kweBhetheli le-Ayi, entshonalanga ye-Ayi kodwa uJoshuwa waqeda ubusuku lobo elabantu.

¹⁰ Ekuseni ngelanga elilandelayo uJoshuwa

waqoqa amabutho akhe, kwathi yena labadala bako-Israyeli bahamba phambi kwabo besiya e-Ayi. ¹¹ Iviyo lonke lalabo ayelabo lahamba laya edolobheni lafika lema phambi kwabo. Bamisa izihonqo enyakatho ye-Ayi, isigodi siphakathi kwabo ledolobho. ¹² UJoshuwa wayethethe amadoda aphosa afike kunkulungwane ezinhlanu wawacathamisa phakathi kweBhetheli le-Ayi entshonalanga yedolobho. ¹³ Benza ukuthi amabutho aye ezikhundleni zawo zonke ezaziphakathi kwezihonqo enyakatho yedolobho lendaweni yokucathamela eyayisentshonalanga yalo. Ngalobobusuku uJoshuwa waya esigodini.

¹⁴ Inkosi yase-Ayi yathi ibona lokhu yona lawo wonke amadoda akulelodelobho aphanga aphuma kusesele ekuseni ukuze ayehlangana lo-Israyeli empini kweyinye indawo ekhangelane le-Arabha. Kodwa yayingazi ukuthi kwakulamabutho ayeyicathamele ngemva kwedolobho. ¹⁵ UJoshuwa labantu bonke bako-Israyeli bathambela ukubuyiselwa emuva, babalekela enkangala. ¹⁶ Wonke amadoda e-Ayi atshelwa ukuthi abaxotshe, basebexotshana loJoshuwa badonselwa khatshana ledolobho. ¹⁷ Kakukho lendoda eyodwa eyasala e-Ayi kumbe eBhetheli engazanga ixotshane labako-Israyeli.

¹⁸ UTHIXO wasesithi kuJoshuwa, “Phakamisa umkhonto osandleni ukhombela e-Ayi, ngenxa yokuthi idolobho leli ngizalunikela ezandleni zakho.” Ngakho uJoshuwa wakhombela e-Ayi ngomkhonto wakhe. ¹⁹ Wathi esanda kwenza lokhu, amadoda ayecathamele ukuhlasela

aphakama masinyane ezindaweni ayekuzo agijimela phambili. Angena edolobheni alithumba, aphanga alithungela ngomlilo.

²⁰ Amadoda e-Ayi anyemukula abona intuthu eyayisuka edolobheni iqonga emayezini kodwa aswela ukuthi azabalekela ngaphi ngoba abako-Israyeli ababebalekele enkangala basebephe-ndukele labo ababebaxotsha. ²¹ Kwathi uJoshuwa labako-Israyeli bonke bebona ukuthi labo ababecatheme basebethumbe idolobho lokuthi intuthu yayiqonga emayezini ivela edolobheni, batshibilika baqalisa ukuhlasela amadoda ase-Ayi. ²² Amadoda ayecatheme lawo aphuma edolobheni abahlasela, okwenza ukuthi babe phakathi laphakathi, inxa zombili zilabako-Israyeli. Abako-Israyeli babatshaya bababhuqa akwaze kwasala muntu owaphunyukayo. ²³ Kodwa bathatha inkosi yase-Ayi iphila basebeyiletha kuJoshuwa.

²⁴ Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebeqedile ukubulala wonke amadoda ase-Ayi emagcekeni enkangala lapho ababewaxotshela khona, njalo wonke esegwazwe ngenkemba, bonke abako-Israyeli babuyela e-Ayi babulala abantu bonke abakulelo dolobho. ²⁵ Amadoda labesifazane abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili bafa ngalelolanga, bonke kungabantu be-Ayi, ²⁶ ngoba uJoshuwa kazange ehlise isandla sakhe esiphethe umkhonto ngawo baze babhujiswa bonke abantu ababehlala e-Ayi. ²⁷ Kodwa abako-Israyeli bathatha zonke izifuyo lempango yonke eyayithunjwe kulelodolobho njengokulaywa kukaJoshuwa NGUTHIXO.

²⁸ UJoshuwa watshisa i-Ayi wayenza yaba lunxiwa oluyinqwaba, indawo engelakuhlalwa muntu kuze kube lamhlanje. ²⁹ Walengisa inkosi yase-Ayi esigodweni wayitshiya kwaze kwaba ntambama. Ekutshoneni kwelanga uJoshuwa walaya ukuthi bethule isidumbu sayo basiphosele esangweni ledolobho. Babuthelala inqumbi yamatshe phezu kwaso, njalo lokhu kunjalo kuze kube lamhlanje.

Ukuvuselelwa Kwesivumelwano ENtabeni Yase-Ebhali

³⁰ UJoshuwa wasesakhela UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli i-alithari e-Ebhali. ³¹ Njengokulaya okwenziwa nguMosi inceku KATHIXO kwabako-Israyeli, walakha njengokulaywa okulotshwe eNcwadini yoMthetho kaMosi i-alithari lamatshe angabazwanga, okungazanga kusetshenziswe nsimbi phezu kwawo. Kulo banikela kuTHIXO iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula. ³² Lapho, phambi kwabako-Israyeli uJoshuwa waloba ematsheni umthetho kaMosi ayewubhalile. ³³ Bonke abako-Israyeli, abezizweni labayinzalo yalelolizwe, labadala babo, iziphathamandla labahluleli babemi emaceleni womabili omtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO bekhangelane lalabo ababelithwele, abaphristi, ababengabaLevi. Ingxenye yabantu yema phambi kwentaba yeGerizimu kwathi eyinye ingxenye yema phambi kwentaba ye-Ebhali, njengokulaya kukaMosi inceku KATHIXO owayelaye ukuthi kubusiswe abantu bako-Israyeli.

³⁴ Emva kwalokho uJoshuwa wafunda wonke amazwi omthetho, izibusiso leziqalekiso, njengokulotshwa okwenziwe eNcwadini yeMithetho. ³⁵ Kakulalizwi elalaywa nguMosi elingazanga lifundwe nguJoshuwa phambi kombuthano wonke wako-Israyeli kugoqela abesifazane labantwana labezizweni ababehlala phakathi kwabo.

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Ubuqili BamaGibhiyoni

¹ Kwathi amakhosi wonke ayebusa ngentshonalanga yeJodani, layeselizweni lamaqaqa, layesewatheni lwamaqaqa angentshonalanga, layesekele uLwandle oLukhulu kusiyafika eLebhanoni, amakhosi amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi esizwa ngalezizinto ² ahlangana ukuze alwisane uJoshuwa labako-Israyeli.

³ Kodwa kwathi ngesikhathi abantu beGibhiyoni sebezwe konke uJoshuwa ayekwenze eJerikho le-Ayi, ⁴ benza ubuqili: Bahamba njengamanxusa ayelabobabhemi ababethwele amasaka adabukileyo lezigxingi zewayini ezindala ezazidabuke zangcinwa. ⁵ Amadoda ayegqoke amanyathela ayedabukile njalo exaxelwe, begqoke lezigqoko ezigugileyo. Zonke izinkwa ababezithwele njengomphako zazomile njalo zikhuntile. ⁶ Baya kuJoshuwa esihonqweni seGiligali bathi kuye lakwabako-Israyeli, “Sivela

elizweni elikude; ngakho yenzani isivumelwano lathi.”

⁷ Abako-Israyeli baphendula amaHivi bathi, “Kodwa mhlawumbe lihlala eduzane lathi, pho singasenza kanjani isivumelwano lani?”

⁸ Bathi kuJoshuwa “Siyizinceku zenu.”

Kodwa uJoshuwa wababuza wathi, “Lingobani njalo livela ngaphi?”

⁹ Baphendula bathi, “Izinceku zakho zivela elizweni elikude njalo zikhangwe yindumela KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. Ngoba sesezwa imibiko eminengi ngaye: konke akwenza eGibhithe, ¹⁰ lakho konke akwenza emakhosini amabili ama-Amori empumalanga yeJodani, uSihoni inkosi yeHeshibhoni lo-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani owayebusa e-Ashitharothi. ¹¹ Abadala bethu labo bonke abakhileyo elizweni lakithi bathi kithi, ‘Thwalani umphako wohambo lwenu; lihambe liyehlangana labo lithi kubo, “Sizinceku zenu: yenzani isivumelwano lathi.”’

¹² Isinkwa sethu lesi sasifudumala ngesikhathi sisifaka emigodleni yethu sisesemakhaya nge-
langu esasuka ngalo sisiza kini. Kodwa-ke khangelani ukuthi sesome njalo sakhunta njani.

¹³ Izigxingi lezi zewayini esazigcwalisisayo zazizintsha, kodwa-ke khangelani ukuthi sezidabuke njani. Izigqoko lamanyathela ethu sekudatshulwe yibude bomango.”

¹⁴ Abako-Israyeli bahlola imiphako yabo kodwa-ke kabasabuzanga kuTHIXO. ¹⁵ Ngakho uJoshuwa wenza isivumelwano sokuthula labo wabavumela ukuthi bahlale, njalo

abathungameli bebandla bavumelana lalokhu ngesifungo.

¹⁶ Sekwedlule insuku ezintathu benze isivumelwano lamaGibhiyoni, abako-Israyeli bezwa ukuthi lababantu babengomakhelwana, ababehlala eduzane labo. ¹⁷ Abako-Israyeli baya emadolobheni abo ayebalisa iGibhiyoni, iKhefira, iBherothi leKhiriyaathi-Jeyarimi. ¹⁸ Kodwa abako-Israyeli kabazange babahlasele ngenxa yokuthi abathungameli bebandla babefunge NGOTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli.

Ibandla lonke lakhonona ngabadala bebandla; ¹⁹ kodwa bona bonke baphendula bathi, “Sibanike isifungo sethu NGOTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli njalo asingeke sabathinta khathesi. ²⁰ Lokhu yikho esizakwenza kubo: Sizabayekela bahlale, ukuze ulaka lungezi kithi ngenxa yokwephula isifungo esasenza phambi kwabo.” ²¹ Baqhubeka bathi, “Bayekeleni bahlale, kodwa bazakuba ngababandi benkuni labakhi bamanzi abazasebenzela uzulu wonke.” Ngakho-ke isivumelwano sabakhokheli sagcinwa.

²² UJoshuwa wabiza wonke amaGibhiyoni wathi kuwo, “Kungani lisikhohlisile ngokuthi, ‘Sihlala khatshana lani, lina lihlala eduzane lathi kangaka?’ ²³ Seliqalekisiwe: kalisoze liyekele ukuba ngababandi benkuni labakhi bamanzi lisebenzela indlu kaNkulunkulu wami.”

²⁴ Baphendula uJoshuwa bathi, “Izincedu zakho zatshelwa mgceke ukuthi uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu walaya njani inceku yakhe uMosi ukuthi alinike ilizwe lonke lokuthi litshabalalise

bonke ababakhele kulo lina lingakafiki. Ngakho-ke sesabela impilo zethu ngenxa yenu, yikho okwenze senza lokhu. ²⁵ Sesizinikele ezandleni zenu. Yenzani kithi konke elikubona kufanele njalo kuqondile kini.”

²⁶ Ngakho-ke uJoshuwa wabasindisa esandleni sika-Israyeli, njalo kabasababulalanga. ²⁷ Ngalelolanga wenza ukuthi amaGibhiyoni abe ngababandi benkuni labakhi bamanzi be-sebenzela uzulu njalo besebenza e-alithareni LIKATHIXO endaweni eyayikhethwe NGUTHIXO. Yikho abayikhona kuze kube lamhlanje.

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Ilanga Lima Mpo

¹ U-Adoni-Zedekhi inkosi yaseJerusalema wezwa ukuthi uJoshuwa wayesethumbe i-Ayi wayitshabalalisa, njengalokho akwenza eJerikho lenkosini yayo, lokuthi abantu baseGibhiyoni babenze isivumelwano sokuthula labako-Israyeli njalo sebehlala labo. ² Yena labantu bakhe besaba kakhulu ngalokhu, ngenxa yokuthi iGibhiyoni kwakulidolobho eliqakatheke kakhulu, njengelinye lamadolobho esikhosini; lalikhulu kule-Ayi, njalo amadoda alo wonke ayezingwazi ezilamandla. ³ Ngakho u-Adoni-Zedekhi inkosi yaseJerusalema wakhaliza kuHohamu inkosi yaseHebhroni, kuPhiramu inkosi yaseJamuthi, kuJafiya inkosi yaseLakhishi lakuDebhiri inkosi yase-Egiloni. ⁴ Wathi kubo, “Wozani lizongincedisa ukuhlasela iGibhiyoni ngenxa yokuthi yenze isivumelwano sokuthula loJoshuwa labako-Israyeli.”

⁵ Ngakho amakhosi womahlanu ama-Amori, aseJerusalema, eHebhroni, eJamuthi, eLakhishi lase-Egiloni abambana. Aphuma lamabutho awo wonke ayihonqolozela iGibhiyoni ayihlasela.

⁶ AmaGibhiyoni athumela ilizwi kuJoshuwa ezihonqweni zaseGiligali athi: “Ungalahli izinceku zakho. Woza ngapha kithi ngokuphangisa uzo-sisiza! Sincede, ngoba wonke amakhosi ama-Amori abusa emazweni asemaqaqeni asebam-bene ukuze alwisane lathi.”

⁷ Ngakho uJoshuwa wasuka eGiligali, wenyuka kanye lebuthe lakhe lonke, elaligoqela wonke amadoda ayekwazi ukulwa. ⁸ UTHIXO wathi ku-Joshuwa, “Ungabesabi; sengibanikele esandleni sakho. Kakho loyedwa ozakwenelisa ukumelana lawe.”

⁹ Ngemva kokuhamba okobusuku bonke besuka eGiligali, uJoshuwa wabajuma. ¹⁰ UTHIXO wenza ukuthi basanganiseke phambi kuka-Israyeli, wabehlula ngokunqoba okukhulu eGibhiyoni. Abako-Israyeli baxotshana labo emgwaqweni oya eBhethi-Horoni, baxhumana labo baze bayafika e-Azekha leMakheda. ¹¹ Lapho bebalekela abako-Israyeli emgwaqweni osuka eBhethi-Horoni usiya e-Azekha, UTHIXO wehlisa isiqhotho esikhulu sivela emkhathini, njalo in-engi labo lafa libulawa yisiqhotho ukwedlula ababulawa zinkemba zabako-Israyeli.

¹² Ngalelolanga UTHIXO wanikela ngalo ama-Amori kwabako-Israyeli, uJoshuwa wathi kuUTHIXO phambi kwabako-Israyeli:
“We langa, mana uthi mpo ngaphezu kweGibhiyoni,

lawe nyanga, mana ngaphezu kweSigodi se-Ayijaloni.”

¹³ Ngakho ilanga lema lathi mpo, lenyanga yema, isizwe saze saphindisela ngokupheleleyo ezitheni zaso, njengoba kulotshiwe oGwalweni lukaJasha.

Ilanga lema phakathi laphakathi kwesibhakabhaka laphuza ukutshona okosuku lonke. ¹⁴ Kakuzange kube losuku olwafana lalo ngaphambili kumbe kuze kube lamhlanje, usuku lapho UTHIXO alalela khona umuntu. Ngeqiniso UTHIXO wayelwela u-Israyeli!

¹⁵ Ngakho uJoshuwa waphindela labo bonke abako-Israyeli ezihonqweni zaseGiligali.

Ukubulawa Kwamakhosi Amahlanu Ama-Amori

¹⁶ Amakhosi lawo womahlanu abaleka ay-acatsha ebhalwini lwaseMakheda. ¹⁷ Kwathi uJoshuwa esetshelwe ukuthi amakhosi womahlanu ayetholakale ecatshile ebhalwini lwe-Makheda, ¹⁸ wathi, “Giqani amatshe amakhulu liwafake emlonyeni wobhalu, beselisithi amanye amadoda alinde. ¹⁹ Kodwa lingemi! Xotshani izitha zenu, lingazivumeli ukuthi zifike emadolobheni azo, ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu esezinikele ezandleni zenu.”

²⁰ Ngakho uJoshuwa labako-Israyeli bababhubhisa baphosa baphela bonke kodwa abalutshwana abasalayo banelisa ukufika emadolobheni abo ayeziqaba. ²¹ Ibutho lonke lenelisa ukuphenduka ngokuthula kuJoshuwa

esihonqweni seMakheda, njalo kakho owake wakhuluma okubi ngabako-Israyeli.

²² UJoshuwa wathi, “Vulani umlomo wobhalu beseliletha amakhosi womahlanu eze kimi.”

²³ Ngakho bakhupha amakhosi womahlanu ebhalwini, inkosi yaseJerusalema, eyeHebhroni, yeJamuthi, eyeLakhishi kanye leyase-Egiloni.

²⁴ Bathi sebelethe amakhosi la kuJoshuwa, wabiza wonke amadoda ako-Israyeli wasesithi kubo bonke abalawuli bamabutho ababeze laye, “Wozani lapha lizofaka inyawo zenu entanyeni zala amakhosi.” Ngakho beza phambili basebefaka inyawo zabo entanyeni zawo.

²⁵ UJoshuwa wathi kubo, “Lingesabi; lingadangali qinani libe lezibindi. Lokhu yikho okuzakwenziwa NGUTHIXO kuzozonke izitha elizalwisana lazo.” ²⁶ Ngakho uJoshuwa wawabulala amakhosi la wawalengisa ensikeni ezinhlanu, alenga lapho kwaze kwahlwa.

²⁷ Ekutshoneni kwelanga uJoshuwa walaya ukuthi bawethule bawaphose ebhalwini lapho ayekade ecatshe khona. Emlonyeni wobhalu bafaka amatshe amakhulu alokhu ekhona lanamhlanje.

Ukunqotshwa Kwamadobho Aseningizimu

²⁸ Ngalelolanga uJoshuwa wathumba iMakheda. Wahlasela idolobho kanye lenkosi yalo ngenkemba, wabhubhisa wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo. Kakho owatshiywa ephila. Wenza enkosini yeMakheda lokho ayekwenze enkosini yaseJerikho.

²⁹ Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye basuka eMakheda baya eLibhina

balihlasela. ³⁰ UTHIXO waphinda wanikela lelodolobho lenkosi yalo esandleni sika-Israyeli. UJoshuwa wahlasela ngenkamba idolobho laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo. Kakho owatshiywa ephila lapho. Wenza enkosini yalo lokho ayekwenze enkosini yeJerikho.

³¹ Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ayelabo bahamba besuka eLibhina besiya eLakhishi; balihanqa basebelihlasela.

³² UTHIXO wanikela iLakhishi ku-Israyeli, uJoshuwa wayithatha ngelanga lesibili. Idolobho laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo wakuhlasela ngenkamba, njengalokho ayekwenze eLibhina. ³³ Kunjalo-nje uHorumu inkosi yaseGezeri yayize ukuzoncedisa iLakhishi kodwa uJoshuwa wayehlula ndawonye lebutlo layo, kakho owatshiywa ephila.

³⁴ Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye basuka eLakhishi baya edolobheni le-Egiloni; basebelihanqa balihlasela.

³⁵ Balithumba ngalelolanga, balihlakaza ngenkamba basebehubhisa wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo, njengalokho ababekwenze eLakhishi.

³⁶ Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye bahamba besuka e-Egiloni baya eHebhroni bayihlasela.

³⁷ Balithumba lelodolobho ngenkamba ndawonye lamakhosi alo, imizana yalo laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo, kakho owatshiywa ephila. Njengalokho abakwenza e-Egiloni, balitshalalisa laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo.

³⁸ Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ayelabo baphenduka bahlasela iDebhiri. ³⁹ Bathumba lelidolobho, inkosi lemizi yalo, bayihlasela ngenkemba. Bonke abantu ababephakathi kwalo babhujiswa baphela. Kakho owatshiywa ephila. Benza eDebhiri lenkosini yakhona lokho abakwenza eLibhina lenkosini yakhona kanye leHebhroni.

⁴⁰ Ngakho uJoshuwa wasinqoba sonke isabelo, okugoqela ilizwe lamaqaqa, iNegebi, emawatheni ezintaba entshonalanga lemithozukweni yezintaba ndawonye lamakhosi alapho wonke. Kakho owatshiywa ephila. Wabhubhisa bonke abebephefumula, njengoba UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wayebalayile. ⁴¹ UJoshuwa wabanqoba kusukela eKhadeshi Bhaneya kusiya eGaza lakuso sonke isabelo seGosheni kusiya eGibhiyoni. ⁴² Wonke amakhosi la lamazwe awo athunjwa nguJoshuwa ekuhlaseleni kunye, ngenxa yokuthi UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, walwela u-Israyeli.

⁴³ Ngakho uJoshuwa waphindela laye wonke u-Israyeli ezihonqweni zaseGiligali.

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Ukunqotshwa Kwamakhosi Asenyakatho

¹ Kwathi uJabhini inkosi yeHazoni isizwa lokhu yathumela ilizwi kuJobhabhi inkosi yeMadoni lasemakhosini eShimroni le-Akhishafi, ² lasemakhosini enyakatho ayesezintabeni ze-Arabha eningizimu yeKhinerehi emawatheni

amaqaqa entshonalanga kanye laseNafothi Dori entshonalanga; ³ lakumaKhenani empumalanga lentshonalanga; lakuma-Amori, amaHithi, amaPherizi lamaJebusi elizweni elilamaqaqa; kanye lakumaHivi ngaphansi kweHemoni esabelweni seMizipha. ⁴ Baphuma lamabutho abo wonke lenani elikhulu lamabhiza lezinqola, ibutho elikhulu, ubunengi lingangetshebetshebe okhunjini lolwandle. ⁵ Wonke amakhosi la abambana asesakha izihongo ndawonye eManzini aseMeromi, ukulwa labako-Israyeli.

⁶ UTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa, “Ungabesabi, ngoba ngalesisikhathi kusasa ngizabanikela bonke kwabako-Israyeli sebefile. Uzaquma imisipha yamabhiza abo njalo utshise izihongo zabo.”

⁷ Ngakho uJoshuwa lebuthe lakhe lonke bahlangana labo mathupha eManzini eMeromi wasebahlasela, ⁸ UTHIXO wabanikela esandleni sika-Israyeli. Babanqoba, baxotshana labo baze babafikisa eSidoni Enkulu kusiya eMisirefothi-Mayimi, leSigodini seMizipha empumalanga kwaze kwasala kungelamuntu ophilayo. ⁹ UJoshuwa wenza kibo lokho ayekulaywe nguTHIXO: Waquma imisipha yamabhiza abo njalo watshisa izinqola zabo.

¹⁰ Ngalesosikhathi uJoshuwa waphenduka wabuyela emuva wathumba iHazori wasehlasela inkosi yakuleyo ndawo ngenkemba. (IHazori yayiyisigodlo sayo yonke imibuso leyo.) ¹¹ Wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwayo wabhujiswa ngenkemba. Bababhuhisa

baphela, abaze batshiya lutho oluphefumulayo, watshisa iHazori ngokwayo.

¹² UJoshuwa wathumba wonke amadolobho esikhosini lamakhosi awo wawahlasela ngenkamba. Wawabhubhisa wonke,

njengokulaya kukaMosi inceku KATHIXO.

¹³ Kukanti-ke u-Israyeli kazange atshise loba yiwaphi amadolobho ayakhelwe emadundulwini ngaphandle kweHazori, eyatshiswa nguJoshuwa. ¹⁴ Abako-Israyeli bathatha zaba ngezabo zonke impahla ababezithumbile okwakugoqela izifuyo zamadolobho la bahamba lakho kodwa bonke abantu bababhubhisa ngenkamba baphela du, bengatshiyi lutho oluphefumulayo. ¹⁵ Njengoba UTHIXO walaya inceku yakhe uMosi, uMosi laye walaya uJoshuwa, uJoshuwa wakwenza lokho: katshiyanga lutho lungenziwanga ezintweni zonke UTHIXO owazilaya uMosi.

¹⁶ Ngakho uJoshuwa wathatha ilizwe lonke: ilizwe lamaqaqa, yonke iNegebi, isabelo sonke seGosheni, amawatha asentshonalanga, i-Arabha, lezintaba zako-Israyeli lamawatha azo, ¹⁷ kusukela entabeni yeHalakhi, ephakama ngokuya eSeyiri, kusiya eBhali-Gadi esiGodini seLebhanoni ngaphansi kwentaba iHemoni. Wathumba wonke amakhosi awo, wawehlula, wawabulala. ¹⁸ UJoshuwa walwa impi lawo wonke amakhosi okwesikhathi eside. ¹⁹ Ngaphandle kwamaHivi ayehlala eGibhiyoni, kalikho idolobho loba elilodwa elenza isivumelwano sokuthula labako-Israyeli, kwabawathumba empini. ²⁰ Ngoba

KWAKUNGUTHIXO owenza inhliziyo zawo zaba lukhuni zafuna ukulwa impi lo-Israyeli, ukwenzela ukuthi enelise ukubachitha baphele, ebabhubhisa okungelazwelo, njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.

²¹ Ngalesosikhathi uJoshuwa waphuma wawabhubhisa ama-Anakhi elizweni lamaqaqa: kusukela eHebhroni, eDebhiri le-Anabhi, kusukela elizweni lonke lamaqaqa akoJuda. UJoshuwa wabhubhisa wababhuqa bona kanye lamadolobho abo. ²² Akula ma-Anakhi asala esabelweni sabako-Israyeli; ngaphandle kweGaza iGathi le-Ashidodi lapho okwasila abanye bakhona.

²³ Ngakho uJoshuwa wathumba ilizwe lonke njengoba UTHIXO walaya uMosi, waselinika abako-Israyeli njengelifa kusiya ngokwahlukaniswa kwezizwana zabo. Ngakho-ke ilizwe laphumula ekulweni izimpi.

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Uluhlu Lwamakhosi Ehlulwayo

¹ La ngamakhosi amazwe anqotshwa ngabako-Israyeli njalo alezabelo ezathunjwa empumalanga yeJodani, kusukela eDongeni lwase-Arinoni kusiya entabeni yaseHemoni, okugoqela lonke icele langempumalanga ye-Arabha:

² USihoni inkosi yama-Amori, wayebusa eHeshibhoni.

Wayebusa kusukela e-Aroweri emaphethelweni oDonga lwase-Arinoni, kusukela phakathi laphakathi kodonga kusiya fika emfuleni uJabhoki, oyiwo umngcele wama-Amoni. Lokhu kwakugoqela ingxenye yeGiliyadi.

³ Wayebusa njalo empumalanga ye-Arabha kusukela olwandle lweKhinerehi kusiya fika olwandle lwe-Arabha (uLwandle lweTswayi) kusiya eBhethi-Jeshimothi, eningizimu phansanyana kwemithezuko yasePhisiga:

⁴ Lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, omunye wamaRefayi okucina owayebusa e-Ashitharothi le-Edreyi.

⁵ Wabusa eNtabeni yaseHemoni, eSalekha, iBhashani yonke kusiya emngceleni wabantu beGeshuri leMahakhathi, lengxenye yeGiliyadi kusiya emngceleni kaSihoni inkosi yeHeshibhoni.

⁶ UMosi inceku KATHIXO, labako-Israyeli babanqoba. UMosi inceku KATHIXO wanika ilizwe labo abakoRubheni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase ukuthi libe ngelabo.

⁷ La yiwo amakhosi elizwe lelo uJoshuwa labako-Israyeli abalithumbayo eceleni elisentshonalanga yeJodani, kusukela eBhali-Gadi esiGodini seLebhanoni kusiya eNtabeni yeHalakhi ekhangele eSeyiri (amazwe abo uJoshuwa wawanika njengelifa ezizwaneni

zako-Israyeli kusiya ngezigaba zezizwana zabo, ⁸ indawo elamaqaqa, amawatha asentshonalanga, i-Arabha, lemithezukweni yezintaba, inkangala leNegebi, amazwe amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaPherizi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi):

La ayengamakhosi:

- ⁹ inkosi yeJerikho, eyodwa
- inkosi ye-Ayi (eduze leBhetheli), eyodwa
- ¹⁰ inkosi yeJerusalema, eyodwa
- inkosi yeHebhroni, eyodwa
- ¹¹ inkosi yeJamuthi, eyodwa
- inkosi yeLakhishi, eyodwa
- ¹² inkosi ye-Egiloni, eyodwa
- inkosi yeGezeri, eyodwa
- ¹³ inkosi yeDebhiri, eyodwa
- inkosi yeBhethi-Gaderi, eyodwa
- ¹⁴ inkosi yeHoma, eyodwa
- inkosi ye-Aradi, eyodwa
- ¹⁵ inkosi yeLibhina, eyodwa
- inkosi ye-Adulami, eyodwa
- ¹⁶ inkosi yeMakheda, eyodwa
- inkosi yeBhetheli, eyodwa
- ¹⁷ inkosi yeThaphuwa, eyodwa
- inkosi yeHeferi, eyodwa
- ¹⁸ inkosi ye-Afekhi, eyodwa
- inkosi yeLasharoni, eyodwa
- ¹⁹ inkosi yeMadoni, eyodwa
- inkosi yeHazoni, eyodwa
- ²⁰ inkosi yeShimron Meroni, eyodwa
- inkosi ye-Akhishafi, eyodwa

- ²¹ inkosi yeThanakhi, eyodwa
 inkosi yeMegido, eyodwa
²² inkosi yeKhedeshi, eyodwa
 inkosi yeJokhinyamu eseKhameli, eyodwa
²³ inkosi yeDori (eNafothi Dori), eyodwa
 inkosi yeGoyimi eseGiligali, eyodwa
²⁴ inkosi yeThiza, eyodwa.

Amakhosi angamatshumi amathathu
 lanye esewonke.

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Ilizwe Elisazathunjwa

¹ UJoshuwa esemdala njalo eseluphele kakhulu, uTHIXO wathi kuye, “Usuluphele kakhulu, njalo lokhu usasalelwe yilizwe elikhulu kakhulu okumele ulithumbe.

² Nanti ilizwe elisaseleyo:

zonke izabelo zamaFilistiya lamaGeshuri:

³ kusukela emfuleni uShihori empumalanga yeGibhithe kusiya esabelweni se-Ekroni enyakatho, lonke libaliswa njengelamaKhenani lanxa libanjwe ngababusi beFilistiya abahlanu eGaza, e-Ashidodi, e-Ashikheloni, eGathi le-Ekroni ilizwe lama-Avi; ⁴ kusukela eningizimu, lonke ilizwe lamaKhenani, kusukela eMeyara yamaSidoni kusiyafika e-Afekhi, isabelo sama-Amori,

⁵ indawo yamaGebhali;

layo yonke iLebhanoni ngempumalanga, kusukela eBhali-Gadi ngaphansi kweNtaba yeHemoni kusiya eLebho Hamathi.

⁶ Bonke abakhele ezabelweni ezisezintabeni kusukela eLebhanoni kusiya eMisirefothi-Mayimi, okutsho wonke amaSidoni, mina ngokwami ngizabaxotsha phambi kwabako-Israyeli. Wobani leqiniso lokuthi lelizwe labelwe abako-Israyeli ukuze libe yilifa labo njengokulilaya kwami, ⁷ njalo lilabe njengelifa phakathi kwezizwana eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase.”

Ukwabiwa Kwelizwe Elisempumalanga YeJodani

⁸ Eyinye ingxenye yakoManase, eyako-Rubheni leyakoGadi yayizuze ilifa eyalinikwa nguMosi empumalanga yeJodani njengalokho inceku KATHIXO eyayibaphe lona.

⁹ Lasuka e-Aroweri emaphethelweni oDonga lwe-Arinoni lasedolobheni eliphakathi kodonga, njalo ligoqela amagceke eMedebha kusiyafika eDibhoni, ¹⁰ lamadolobho wonke kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owabusa eHeshibhoni, kusiyafika emngceleni wama-Amoni.

¹¹ Laligoqela iGiliyadi, isabelo sabantu baseGeshuri leMahakhathi, leNtaba yonke yeHemoni leBhashani yonke kusiyafika eSalekha, ¹² okutsho ukuthi, umbuso wonke ka-Ogi eBhashani, yena owabusa e-Ashitharothi le-Edreyi njalo

wayengomunye wamaRefayi ayelokhu esaphila. UMosi wayebanqobile wathatha ilizwe labo. ¹³ Kodwa abako-Israyeli kabazange babaxotshe abantu beGeshuri leMahakhathi, yikho lokhu behlala phakathi kwabako-Israyeli kuze kube lamhlanje.

¹⁴ Kodwa abesizwana sabaLevi kazange abanike ilifa, njengoba iminikelo eyayisenziwa ngomlilo KUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli iyilifa labo njengokubathembisa kwakhe.

¹⁵ Lokhu yikho uMosi akunika isizwana sakoRubheni, usendo lunye ngalunye:

¹⁶ Isigaba esisuka e-Aroweri emaphethelweni oDonga lwe-Arinoni, lokusuka edolobheni eliphakathi koDonga lawo wonke amagceke adabula eMedebha ¹⁷ kusiya eHeshibhoni lawo wonke amadolobho asemagcekeni agoqela iDibhoni, iBhamothi-Bhali, iBhethi-Bhali-Meyoni, ¹⁸ iJahazi, iKhedemothi, iMefahathi, ¹⁹ iKhiriyathayimi, iSibhima, iZerethi-Shahari eqaqeni olusesigodini, ²⁰ iBhethi-Pheyori, lemithezuko yasePhisiga, leBhethi-Jeshimothi, ²¹ wonke amadolobho asemagcekeni lombuso wonke kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhoni. UMosi wayemehlule yena lezinduna zamaMidiyani, u-Evi, uRekhemu, uZuri, uHuri, loRebha, wonke engamakhosana amanyane loSihoni owayehlala kulelolizwe.

²² Phezu kwalabo ababulawa empini abako-

Israyeli babebulele ngenkemba uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori, owayeyisanuse.

²³ Umngcele wamaRubheni wawusokhunjini lweJodani. Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa labakoRubheni, usendo lunye ngalunye:

²⁴ Lokhu yikho uMosi akupha isizwana sakoGadi usendo lunye ngalunye:

²⁵ Isabelo seJazeri, amadolobho wonke eGiliyadi lengxenye yelizwe lama-Amoni kusiya e-Aroweri, eduzane leRabha; ²⁶ lokusuka eHeshibhoni kusiya eRamathi Mizipha leBhethonimi, lokusuka eMahanayimi kusiya esigabeni seDebhiri; ²⁷ esigodini iBhethi-Haramu, iBhethi-Nimra, iSukhothi leZafoni lawo wonke umbuso kaSihoni inkosi yeHeshibhoni (icele elisempumalanga yeJodani, isabelo esisekucineni kolwandle lweKhinerehi).

²⁸ Amadolobho la ndawonye lemizana yawo ayeyilifa labakoGadi; usendo lunye ngalunye.

²⁹ Lokhu yikho uMosi ayekunike ingxenye yesizwana sakoManase, okutsho ingxenye yemuli eyayiyinzalo ka-Manase, usendo lunye ngalunye:

³⁰ Umango owawusuka eMahanayimi ugoqela iBhashani, wonke umbuso ka-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, yonke imizana yeJayiri eBhashani, amadolobho angamatshumi

ayisithupha, ³¹ ingxenye yeGiliyadi, le-Ashitharothi le-Edreyi (amadolobho obukhosi ka-Ogi eBhashani).

Lokhu kwakungokwezizukulwane zika-Makhiri indodana kaManase, kungokwengxenye yamadodana kaMakhiri usendo lunye ngalunye.

³² Leli yilo ilifa uMosi ayelabile lapho esasemagcekeni eMowabi ngaphetsheya kweJodani empumalanga yeJerikho. ³³ Kodwa esizwaneni sabaLevi, uMosi kazange asabele ilifa; uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli, nguye ilifa labo njengokubathembisa kwakhe.

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Ukwabiwa Komhlaba ENTshonalanga YeJodani

¹ Lezi yizo izindawo abako-Israyeli abazamukela njengelifa elizweni laseKhenani, u-Eliyazari umphristi, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni lezinhloko zezizwana zako-Israyeli abazabela zona. ² Ilifa labo labiwa ngokwenza inkatho ezizwaneni eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenye, njengokulaya KUKATHIXO ngoMosi. ³ UMosi wayenike izizwe ezimbili lengxenye ilifa lazo empumalanga yeJodani, kodwa wayengabelanga abaLevi ilifa phakathi kwazo, ⁴ ngoba amadodana kaJosefa ayeyizizwana ezimbili, esikaManase lesika-Efrayimi. AbaLevi kabazuzanga sabelo ngaphandle kwamadolobho

okuhlala lamadlelo emihlambi yezimvu leyenkomo. ⁵ Ngakho abako-Israyeli behlukanisa umhlaba, njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.

IHebhroni Inikwa UKhalebi

⁶ Amadoda akoJuda aya kuJoshuwa eGiligali, uKhalebi indodana kaJefune umKhenizi wathi kuye, “Uyakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO wathini ku-Mosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu eKhadeshi Bhaneya ngawe lami. ⁷ Ngangileminyaka engamatshumi amane lapho uMosi inceku KATHIXO yangithuma ngisuka eKhadeshi Bhaneya ukuyahlola ilizwe. Ngaletsha kuye umbiko owawuphathe-lane lemibono yami, ⁸ kodwa abazalwane engahamba labo benza ukuthi inhliziyi zabantu zithuthumele ngokwesaba. Mina, lanxa kunjalo, ngalandela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wami ngenhliziyi yami yonke. ⁹ *Ngakho ngalelolanga uMosi wafunga kimi wathi, ‘Umhlabathi lowo onyathelwe yizinyawo zakho uzakuba yilifa lakho labantwabakho kuze kube nini lanini, ngenxa yokuthi ulandele UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wami ngenhliziyi yakho yonke.’

¹⁰ Ngakho-ke, njengoba UTHIXO wayethembisile, usengigcine ngiphila okweminyaka engamatshumi amane lanhlanu kusukela ngezikhathi lapho akhuluma lokhu kuMosi, u-Israyeli esazulazula enkangala. Ngakho nanku sengilapha lamuhla, sengileminyaka yokuzalwa engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu! ¹¹ Lokhu ngisaqinile lanamuhla njengelanga uMosi angithuma ngalo; lokhu ngiselamandla

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okuyakulwa impi khathesi okufanana lalokho engangiyikho khona ngalesosikhathi. ¹² Ngakho nginika lelizwe lamaqaqa engalithenjiswa NGUTHIXO ngalelolanga. Wena ngokwakho wezwa ngalesosikhathi ukuthi ama-Anakhi ayekhona lapho njalo amadolobho awo ayemakhulu ehonqolozelwe, kodwa ngokuncediswa NGUTHIXO, ngizawaxotsha njengokutsho kwakhe.”

¹³ Ngakho UJoshuwa wabusisa uKhalebi indodana kaJefune, wamnika iHebhroni yaba yilifa lakhe. ¹⁴ Ngakho iHebhroni yaba lilifa likaKhalebi indodana kaJefune umKhenizi kusukela ngalesosikhathi ngenxa yokuthi walandela UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. ¹⁵ (IHebhroni yayithiwa yiKhiriya Aribha ibizwa ngo-Abhe owayeyindoda eyayiyisikhulu esesabekayo phakathi kwama-Anakhi).

Ngakho ilizwe laba lokuphumula ekulweni izimpi.

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Isabelo SikaJuda

¹ Isabelo sesizwe sikaJuda, usendo lunye ngalunye sasiqhele sehla sayafika elizweni le-Edomi, sisiyakhawula eNkangala yeZini eningizimu kude le.

² Umngcele wabo weningizimu wawuqalisela ethekwini oluseningizimu emaphethelweni oLwandle lweTswayi, ³ uchaphela

eningizimu yoMkhandlu weNkume,
 uqhubeka usiya eZini, usiyaphutsha
 eningizimu yeKhadeshi Bhaneya.
 Wasusedlula eHezironi usiyafika e-
 Adari wabhoda unquma wayaphutsha
 ususeKhakha. ⁴ Wasusedlula usiya
 e-Azimoni usiyaxhumana lesiHotsha
 saseGibhithe, uphelela olwandle. Lo yiwo
 umngcele wabo waseningizimu.

⁵ Umngcele wempumalanga luLwandle
 lweTswayi kuze kufike lapho okuthela
 khona iJodani.

Umngcele weningizimu waqalela okhunjini
 lolwandle ekuqaleni kweJodani, ⁶ wakhwela
 usiya eBhethi-Hogla, wabuye waqhubeka
 usiya Bhethi-Arabha uqonda eLitsheni
 likaBhohani indodana kaRubheni.
⁷ Umngcele wasuqansa usiya eDebhiri
 usuka esigodini sika-Akhoru, wasujika usiya
 enyakatho ukhangela eGiligali ekhangela
 loMkhandlu ka-Adumimu eningizimu
 yodonga. Waqhubeka usiya emanzini
 ase-Eni Shemeshi wasufika e-Eni Rogeli.
⁸ Wasuqonda esigodini seBheni-Hinomu
 emthekweni wangeningizimu yedolobho
 lamaJebusi (okutsho iJerusalema).
 Usuka lapho waqansa phezu koqaga
 entshonalanga yesigodi seHinomu ekucineni
 kwangenyakatho yesigodi seRefayi. ⁹ Usuka
 engqongeni yoqaga, umngcele waqonda
 emthonjeni wamanzi aseNefuthowa,
 wasuphutsha emadolobheni eNtabeni ye-
 Efroni wasusehla usiya eBhala (okutsho

iKhiriyaṯhi-Jeyarimi). ¹⁰ Wasujika usiya entshonalanga usuka eBhala usiya entabeni yeSeyiri, wedlula emthezukweni wangenyakatho yentaba iJeyarimi (okutsho iKhesaloni) waqhubeka usiya eBhethi-Shemeshi uchaphela eThimina. ¹¹ Waqonda emthezukweni wenyakatho owe-Ekroni, wajika ukhangele eShikheroni, wedlule usiya eNtabeni yeBhala wafika eJabhiniyeli. Umngcele waphelela olwandle.

¹² Umngcele wangentshonalanga likhumbi loLwandle oLukhulu.

Le yiyo imingcele eyayigombolozele abantu bakoJuda usendo lunye ngalunye.

¹³ Njengokulaya KUKATHIXO kuye, uJoshuwa wanika uKhalebi indodana kaJefune ingxenye eseJuda, iKhiriyaṯhi Aribha, okutsho iHebhroni (u-Abha wayengukhokho ka-Anakhi). ¹⁴ Esuka eHebhroni uKhalebi waxotsha ama-Anakhi amathathu abalisa uSheshayi, u-Ahimani loThalimayi abantwana baka-Anakhi. ¹⁵ Esuka lapho wahamba ehlasela abantu ababehlala eDebhiri (okwakuthiwa yiKhiriyaṯhi-Sefa). ¹⁶ UKhalebi wathi, “Ngizakwendisela indodakazi yami u-Akhisa endodeni ezahlasela ithumbe iKhiriyaṯhi-Sefa.” ¹⁷ U-Othiniyeli indodana kaKhenazi, umfowabo kaKhalebi, wayithumba; ngakho uKhalebi wendisela indodakazi yakhe u-Akhisa kuye.

¹⁸ Ngelinye ilanga u-Akhisa wafika ku-

Othiniyeli wamkhuthaza ukuthi acele insimu kuyise. Lapho esehlile kubabhemi wakhe, uKhalebi wambuza wathi, “Kuyini engingakwenzela khona?”

¹⁹ Waphendula wathi, “Ngicela ungenzele umusa obalulekileyo. Njengoba unginike umhlaba eNegebi, ngicela unginike lemithombo yamanzi.” Ngakho uKhalebi wamnika imithombo eyayingaphezulu leyayingaphansi.

²⁰ Leli lilifa lesizwe sikaJuda ngezinsendo zaso:

²¹ Amadolobho aseningizimu kwesizwe sikaJuda eNegebi ekuyeni emngceleni we-Edomi ayeyila:

IKhabhizeli, i-Ederi, iJaguri, ²² iKhina, iDimona, i-Adada, ²³ iKhedeshi, iHazori, i-Ithinani, ²⁴ iZifi, iThelemu, iBheyalothi, ²⁵ iHazori-Hadatha, iKheriyothi Hezironi (okutsho iHazori), ²⁶ i-Amamu, iShema, iMolada, ²⁷ iHazari-Gada, iHeshimoni, iBhehethi Phelethi, ²⁸ iHazari-Shuwali, iBherishebha, iBhiziyothiya, ²⁹ iBhala, i-Iyimu, i-Ezema, ³⁰ i-Elitholadi, iKhesili, iHoma ³¹ iZikhilagi, iMadimana, iSansana, ³² iLebhayothi, iShilihimu, i-Ayini leRimoni, esewonke kwakungamadolobho angamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye lemizana yawo.

³³ Emawatheni asentshonalanga kwakulamadolobho la:
i-Eshithawoli, iZora, i-Ashina, ³⁴ iZanowa,

i-Eni-Ganimu, iThaphuwa, i-Enamu,
³⁵ iJamuthi, i-Adulami, iSokho, i-Azekha,
³⁶ iShaharayimu, i-Adithayimu leGedera
 (kumbe iGederothayimu) amadolobho
 alitshumi lane lemizi yawo.

³⁷ IZenani, iHadasha, iMigidali-Gadi,
³⁸ iDiliyeni, iMizipha, iJokhitheyeli,
³⁹ iLakhishi, iBhozikhathi, i-Egiloni,
⁴⁰ iKhabhoni, iLahimasi, iKhithilishi
⁴¹ iGederothi, iBhethi-Dagoni, iNahama
 leMakheda, amadolobho alitshumi
 lesithupha lemizi yawo.

⁴² ILibhina, i-Etheri, i-Ashani, ⁴³ i-Ifitha, i-
 Ashina, iNezibhi, ⁴⁴ iKheyila, i-Akhizibhi
 leMaresha, amadolobho ayisificamunwe-
 munye lemizi yawo.

⁴⁵ I-Ekroni, lemizana eyigqagqeleyo;
⁴⁶ entshonalanga ye-Ekroni, wonke
 ayeseduzane le-Ashidodi, ndawonye
 lemizana yawo; ⁴⁷ i-Ashidodi lemizana
 eyigqagqeleyo leGaza, imizana
 eyigqagqeleyo kusiya fika esiHotsheni
 saseGibhithe lekhunjini loLwandle
 oLukhulu.

⁴⁸ Elizweni lamaqaga kwakule:

iShamiri, iJathiri, iSokho, ⁴⁹ iDana,
 iKhiriyaathi-Sana (okutsho iDebhiri), ⁵⁰ i-
 Anabhi, i-Eshithemo, i-Animi, ⁵¹ iGosheni,
 iHloni leGilo, amadolobho alitshumi
 lanye lemizana yawo.

⁵² I-Arabhu, iDuma, i-Eshani, ⁵³ iJanimu,
 iBhethi-Thaphuwa, i-Afeka, ⁵⁴ iHumtha,
 iKhiriyaathi Aribha (okutsho iHebhroni)

leZiwori, amadolobho ayisificamunwemu-nye lemizana yawo.

⁵⁵ IMawoni, iKhameli, iZifi, iJutha, ⁵⁶ iJezerili, iJokideyamu, iZanowa, ⁵⁷ iKhayini, iGibhiya leThimina, amadolobho alitshumi lemizana yawo.

⁵⁸ IHalihuli, iBhethi Zuri, iGedori, ⁵⁹ iMaharathi, iBhethi-Anothi le-Elithekhoni, amadolobho ayisithupha lemizana yawo.

⁶⁰ IKhiriyathi-Bhali (okutsho ukuthi iKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi) leRabha, amadolobho amabili lemizana yawo.

⁶¹ Enkangala:

IBhethi-Arabha, iMidini, iSekhakha, ⁶² iNibhishani, iDolobho letswayi le-Eni-Gedi, amadolobho ayisithupha lemizana yawo.

⁶³ UJuda wehluleka ukususa amaJebusi ayehlala eJerusalema; lanamuhla amaJebusi lokhu ehlala lapho labantu bakoJuda.

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Isabelo Sika-Efrayimi LoManase

¹ Isabelo sikaJosefa saqala eJodani, empumalanga yamanzi eJerikho, sakhwela sisuka lapho sisiya enkangala singena elizweni lamaqaqa eBhetheli. ² Sadabula sisuka eBhetheli (okutsho iLuzi) sachaphela esabelweni sama-Arikhithi e-Atharothi, ³ sehlela entshonalanga esabelweni samaJafilethi sisiyabamba ekhunjini

lweBhethi-Horoni, sibuye siqonde eGezeri, sisiyaphelela olwandle.

⁴ Ngakho uManase lo-Efrayimi, izizukulwane zikaJosefa, bemukela ilifa labo.

⁵ Leli kwakulilizwe lika-Efrayimi ngokosendo lwakhe:

Umngcele welifa labo wawusuka e-Atharothi-Ada empumalanga usiya eBhethi-Horoni Ephezulu ⁶ waqhubeka usiya olwandle. Usuka eMikhimethathi enyakatho wajika empumalanga usiya eThahanathi-Shilo, usedlula eJanowa empumalanga. ⁷ Wasusehlela phansi usuka eJanowa usiya e-Atharothi leNara, wagudla iJerikho wayaphutshela kuJodani. ⁸ Usuka eThaphuwa umngcele waya entshonalanga eDongeni lweKhana wayaphelela olwandle. Leli kwakuyilifa lesizwana sako-Efrayimi, usendo lunye ngalunye.

⁹ Wawugogela njalo wonke amadolobho lemizana yawo eyayehlukaniselwe abako-Efrayimi phakathi kwelifa labakoManase.

¹⁰ Kabazange bawadudule amaKhenani ayehlala eGezeri; kuze kube lamhla amaKhenani ahlala phakathi kwabantu bako-Efrayimi kodwa besenziswa umsebenzi wesibhalo.

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¹ Lesi kwakuyisabelo sesizwana sikaManase njengezibulo likaJosefa. UMakhiri izibulo lika-Manase, ukhokho wamaGiliyadi, wathatha iGiliyadi leBhashani ngenxa yokuthi amaMakhire ayengamaqhawe amakhulu. ² Ngakho isabelo lesi sasingesabantu bonke bakoManase, insendo zika-Abhiyezeri, uHelekhi, u-Asiriyeli, uShekhemu, uHeferi loShemida. Lezi ngezinye izizukulwane zesilisa zikaManase indodana kaJosefa ngokwensendo zazo.

³ UZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi, indodana kaGiliyadi, indodana kaMakhiri indodana kaManase, wayengelamadodana kodwa wayelamadodakazi wodwa, amabizo awo kwakunguMahila, uNowa, uHogila, uMilikha loThiza. ⁴ Aya ku-Eliyazari umphristi, loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni kanye labakhokheli athi, “UTHIXO walaya uMosi ukuthi asabele ilifa kanye labanewethu.” Ngakho uJoshuwa wabanika ilifa ndawonye labanewabo bakayise, kulandelwa umlayo KATHIXO. ⁵ Isabelo sikaManase sasigoqela iziqinti ezilitshumi zomhlabathi emhlubulweni weGiliyadi leBhashani empumalanga yeJodani, ⁶ ngenxa yokuthi amadodakazi esizwana sikaManase athola ilifa kanye labafowabo. IGiliyadi yayingeyezizukulwana zikaManase.

⁷ Ilizwe likaManase lalisukela e-Asheri lisiya eMikhimethathi empumalanga kweShekhemu. Umngcele wawudabula usiya usiyagoqela abantu ababehlala e-

Eni-Thaphuwa. ⁸ (UManase wayelomhlaba elizweni leThaphuwa, kodwa iThaphuwa ngokwayo, emngceleni kaManase, yayingeyama-Efrayimi.) ⁹ Umngcele waqhubeka eningizimu usiya oDongeni lweKhana. Kwakulamadolobho ka-Efrayimi ayakhelwe phakathi kwamadolobho kaManase, kodwa umngcele kaManase wawulicele langenyakatho lodonga njalo uphelela olwandle. ¹⁰ Eningizimu ilizwe lalingelika-Efrayimi, enyakatho lingelikaManase. Ilizwe likaManase lalifika olwandle njalo lingcelezelane lo-Asheri enyakatho kanye lo-Isakhari empumalanga.

¹¹ Phakathi kuka-Isakhari lo-Asheri uManase wayeloBhethi-Shani, u-Ibhiliyami labantu beDori, abe-Endo, abeThanakhi leMegido, ndawonye lemizana ababakhelane layo (owesithathu eluhlwini kwakunguNafothi).

¹² Kodwa-ke abakoManase kabenelisanga ukuthatha amadolobho la ngoba amaKhenani ayezimisele ukuhlala kuleyondawo. ¹³ Lanxa kunjalo, kwathi abako-Israyeli sebelamandla amakhulu, benza amaKhenani izigqili zabo kodwa kababaxotshanga kokuphela.

¹⁴ Abantu bakoJosefa bathi kuJoshuwa, “Kungani lisinike isabelo esisodwa kuphela lengxenyeyodwa yelifa na? Singabantu abanengi kakhulu njalo uTHIXO usibusise kakhulu.”

¹⁵ UJoshuwa wabaphendula wathi; “Nxa libanengi kakhulu, njalo nxa ilizwe lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi lilincinyane kini, ngenani eguswini liye-

centa umhlaba ube ngowenu elizweni lamaPher-izi lelamaRefayi.”

¹⁶ Abantu bakoJosefa baphendula bathi, “Ilizwe lamaqaqa kaliseneli njalo amaKhenani wonke ahlala emagcekeni alezingqola zensimbi, bonke abaseBhethi-Shani lemizana yakhona lalabo ababehlala esigodini seJezerili.”

¹⁷ Kodwa uJoshuwa wakhuluma labendlu kaJosefa, ku-Efrayimi loManase wathi, “Libanengi njalo lilamandla amakhulu kakhulu. Kalisoze libe lesabelo esisodwa kuphela, ¹⁸ kodwa lelizwe lamaqaqa aliligusu. Licenteni lize liyefika lapho eliphelela khona kube ngelenu; lanxa amaKhenani elezingqola zensimbi njalo lanxa elamandla, lingawaxotsha.”

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Ukwabiwa Kwelizwe Elalisele

¹ Ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli labuthana eS-hilo laselimisa ithente lokuhlangana khonapho. Ilizwe lalethwa ngaphansi kombuso wabo, ² kodwa kwakulokhu kulezizwana zako-Israyeli eziyisikhombisa ezazingakemukeli ilifa lazo.

³ Ngakho uJoshuwa wathi kwabako-Israyeli, “Lizakuma okwesikhathi esingakanani lingakathathi ilizwe UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu alinike lona na? ⁴ Khethani amadoda amathathu esizweni sinye ngasinye. Ngizawathuma ukuthi ayehlola ilizwe abeseloba ngesimo salo, kusiya ngelifa lesizwana ngasinye. Azaphenduka kimi. ⁵ Lizakwaba umhlaba ube yizigaba eziyisikhombisa. UJuda uzaqhubeka

eselizweni lakhe eningizimu njalo indlu kaJosefa iselizweni layo enyakatho. ⁶ Ngemva kokuba selibhale izimo zezigaba eziyisikhombisa zelizwe, lizilethe kimi lapha njalo ngizalenzela inkatho phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu. ⁷ Kodwa abaLevi kabayikuzuza lutho phakathi kwenu, ngoba umsebenzi wobuphristi kuTHIXO yilifa labo. Njalo uGadi, uRubheni lengxenye yesizwe sikaManase se bathola ilifa labo eceleni elingasempumalanga yeJodani. UMosini inceku KATHIXO wabanika lona.”

⁸ Kwathi amadoda engena indlela esiyahlola umhlaba, uJoshuwa wawalaya wathi, “Hambani liyehlola umhlaba beselibhala isimo sawo. Emva kwalokho beseliphenduka kimi, khona ngizalenzela inkatho lapha eShilo phambi KUKATHIXO.”

⁹ Ngakho amadoda asuka adabula phakathi kwelizwe. Abhala isimo salo emqulwini, idolobho ngedolobho, ezigabeni eziyisikhombisa, asephindela kuJoshuwa esihonqweni seShilo.

¹⁰ UJoshuwa wawenzela inkatho eShilo phambi KUKATHIXO, njalo lapho wabela ilizwe kwabako-Israyeli kusiya ngokwehlukani swa kwezizwana zabo.

Isabelo SikaBhenjamini

¹¹ Inkatho yakuqala yawela esizwaneni sakoBhenjamini ngensendo zaso. Ilizwe labo elabiwayo laliphakathi kwezizwana zakoJuda loJosefa:

¹² Eceleni elisenyakatho umngcele wabo wawuqalisela kuJodani, usedlula

emthezukungweni wangenyakatho yeJerikho usiya entshonalanga elizweni elilamaqaqa, uthutshela enkangala yeBhethi-Aveni. ¹³ Usuka lapho wawuchaphela emthezukungweni weningizimu weLuzi (okutsho iBhetheli) usehlela e-Atharothi-Ada eqaqeni eliseningizimu ngaphansi kweBhethi-Horoni.

¹⁴ Usuka eqaqeni elikhangelane leBhethi-Horoni eningizimu ulandela icele elisentshonalanga wasuthutshela eKhiriyaathi-Bhali (okutsho iKhiriyaathi-Jeyarimi) idolobho labantu bakoJuda. Leli kwakulicele elisentshonalanga.

¹⁵ Icele leningizimu laliqalisela emaphethelweni asentshonalanga kweKhiriyaathi-Jeyarimi, njalo umngcele waba semthonjeni wamanzi eNefuthowa. ¹⁶ Umngcele wehla waya ewatheni lentaba ekhangelane leSigodi seBheni-Hinomu, enyakatho yeSigodi seRefayi. Waqhubeka usehla eSigodini seHinomu ulandela umthezuko wedolobho lamaJebusi usiya e-Eni Rogeli.

¹⁷ Wasubhoda usiya enyakatho, waya e-Eni Shemeshi, waqhubeka usiya eGelilothi ekhangele uMkhandlu we-Adumimu, wehla phansi usiya elitsheni likaBhohani indodana kaRubheni. ¹⁸ Waqhubeka

ukhangele enyakatho, emthezukungweni weBhethi Arabha usehla ungena e-Arabha.

¹⁹ Wasusiyisa emthezukungweni ongasenyakatho eBhethi-Hogla wasuphumela ewatheni elingenyakatho koLwandle lweTswayi lapho

okuthela khona iJodani eningizimu. Lo kwakungumngcele oseningizimu.

²⁰ IJodani yenza umngcele eceleni langempumalanga.

Le kwakuyimingcele eyayiphawula ilifa lensendo zikaBhenjamini emaceleni wonke.

²¹ Isizwana sikaBhenjamini, usendo ngosendo sasilamadolobho alandelayo:

IJerikho, iBhethi-Hogla, i-Emeki Khezizi, ²² iBhethi-Arabha, iZemarayimu, iBhetheli, ²³ i-Avimu, iPhara, i-Ofira, ²⁴ iKhefa-Amoni, i-Ofini leGebha, amadolobho alitshumi lambili kanye lemizana yawo.

²⁵ IGibhiyoni, iRama, iBherothi, ²⁶ iMizipha, iKhefira, iMoza, ²⁷ iRekhemu, i-Iphiyeli, iTharala, ²⁸ iZela, iHayelefi, idolobho lama-Jebusi (okuyikuthi iJerusalema), iGibhiya leKhiriya, amadolobho alitshumi lane kanye lemizana yawo.

Leli kwakuyilifa likaBhenjamini lensendo zakhe.

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Isabelo SikaSimiyoni

¹ Inkatho yesibili yawela esizwaneni sikaSimiyoni ngensendo zaso. Ilifa labo laliphakathi kwelizwe likaJuda.

² Laligoqela:

iBherishebha (noma Shebha), iMolada,
³ iHazari-Shuwali, iBhala, i-Ezema, ⁴ i-
 Elitholadi, iBhethuli, iHoma, ⁵ iZikhilagi,
 iBhethi-Makhabhothi, iHazari-Susa,
⁶ iBhethi-Lebhawothi leSharuheni,
 amadolobho alitshumi lantathu lemizana
 yawo;
⁷ i-Ayini, iRimoni, i-Etheri le-Ashani,
 amadolobho amane lemizana yawo,
⁸ layo yonke imizana eyakhelene lalawo
 madolobho kusiyafika eBhalathi-Bheri
 (iRama eseNegebi).

Leli kwakuyilifa lesizwana sikaSimiyoni
 ngensendo zaso. ⁹ Ilifa
 labakoSimiyoni lathathwa kungxenye
 kaJuda ngenxa yokuthi isigaba
 sakoJuda sasisikhulu kakhulu.
 Ngakho abakoSimiyoni bathola ilifa
 labo phakathi kwelizwe lakoJuda.

Isabelo SikaZebhuluni

¹⁰ Inkatho yesithathu yawela uZebhu-
 luni lensendo zakhe:
 Umngcele welifa labo wawufika eSaridi.
¹¹ Waqonda entshonalanga wadabula usiya
 eMarala, wathinta iDabheshethi, waqhela
 usiya odongeni eduze leJokhinyamu.
¹² Wajikela empumalanga usuka eSaridi
 ukhangele empumalanga elizweni
 likaKhisilothi-Thabhothi njalo waqhela
 usiya eDabherathi ukhwela usiya eJafiya.
¹³ Waqhubeka ukhangele empumalanga
 usiya eGathi-Heferi le-Ethi Khazini;
 wathutshela eRimoni wasujikela eNeya.

- ¹⁴ Lapho umngcele wabhoda enyakatho usiya eHanathoni wakhawula eSigodini se-Ifitha Eli.
- ¹⁵ Kwakukhona njalo iKhathathi, iNahalali, iShimroni, i-Idala leBhethilehema. Kwakulamadolobho alitshumi lambili lemizana yawo.
- ¹⁶ Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa likaZebhuluni lensendo.

Isabelo Sika-Isakhari

- ¹⁷ Inkatho yesine yawela u-Isakhari ngensendo zakhe. ¹⁸ Ilizwe labo laligoqela:
- iJezerili, iKhesulothi, iShunemi, ¹⁹ iHafarayimi, iShiyoni, i-Anaharathi, ²⁰ iRabhithi, iKhishiyoni, i-Ebhezi ²¹ iRemethi, i-Eni-Ganimu, i-Eni-Hada leBhethi-Phazezi.
- ²² Umngcele wawugudla iThabho, iShahazuma leBhethi-Shemeshi wasukhawula eJodani.
- Kwakulamadolobho alitshumi lesithupha lemizana yawo.
- ²³ Amadolobho la lemizi yawo kwakuyilifa lesizwana sika-Isakhari lensendo zakhe.

Isabelo Sika-Asheri

- ²⁴ Inkatho yesihlanu yawela esizwaneni sika-Asheri ngensendo zakhe.
- ²⁵ Ilizwe labo laligoqela:
- iHelikhathi, iHali, iBhetheni, i-Akhishafi,
²⁶ i-Alameleki, i-Amadi leMishali.
 Entshonalanga umngcele wagudla
 iKhameli leShihori-Libhinathi. ²⁷ Wajikela

empumalanga ukhangele eBhethi-Dagoni, ugudla iZebhuluni leSigodi se-Ifitha Eli, waqonda enyakatho usiya eBhethi-Emekhi leNeyiyeli, usedlula eKhabhuli kwesenxele. ²⁸ Waya e-Abhidoni, eRehobhi, eHamoni leKhana usiyafika eSidoni enkulu. ²⁹ Umngcele waphinda wajika ukhangele eRama wasusiya edolobheni eliyinqaba eleThire, wajika ukhangele iHosa wathutshela olwandle olusesabelweni se-Akhizibhi, ³⁰ i-Uma, i-Afekhi leRehobhi.

Kwakulamadolobho angamatshumi amabili lambili lemizana yawo.

³¹ Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayey-ilifa lesizwana sika-Asheri lensendo zakhe.

Isabelo SikaNafithali

³² Inkatho yesithupha yawela uNafithali ngensendo zakhe:

³³ Umgcele wasuka eHelefi kanye lesihlahla som'Okhi eZananimi usedlula e-Adami Nekhebi leJabhiniyeli usiya eLakhumi njalo uphelela eJodani. ³⁴ Umngcele wadabula entshonalanga phakathi kwe-Azinothi-Thabhoori wayaphuma ususeHukhokhi. Wagudla iZebhuluni eningizimu, i-Asheri entshonalanga kweJuda usiya empumalanga yeJodani.

³⁵ Amadolobho ayelezingaba yiZidimu, iZ-eri, iHamathi, iRakhathi, iKhinerehi, ³⁶ i-Adama, iRama, iHazoni, ³⁷ iKhedeshi, i-Edreyi, i-Eni-Hazo, ³⁸ iYironi, iMigidali-Eli, iHoremu, iBhethi-Anathi leBhethi-Shemeshi.

Kwakulamadolobho alitshumi lesificamunwe-munye lemizana yawo.

³⁹ Amadolobho la lemizana yawo kwakuyilifa lesizwana sikaNafithali ngensendo zakhe.

Isabelo SikaDani

⁴⁰ Inkatho yesikhombisa yawela isizwana sikaDani ngensendo zakhe.

⁴¹ Ilizwe lelifa labo laligoqela:

iZora, i-Eshithawoli, i-Iri Shemeshi, ⁴² iShayalabhini, i-Ayijaloni, i-Ithila, ⁴³ i-Eloni, iThimina, i-Ekroni, ⁴⁴ i-Elithekhe, iGibhethoni, iBhalathi, ⁴⁵ iJehudi, iBhene-Bherakhi, iGathi-Rimoni, ⁴⁶ iMe-Jarikhoni leRakhoni lendawo ekhangele iJopha.

⁴⁷ (Kwathi abakoDani sebenqotshiwe bathathelwa ilizwe labo, basuka bayahlasela iLeshemu ngenkamba, bayithumba. Bahlala eLeshemu bayibiza ngokuthi yiDani, ibizo likakhokho wabo.)

⁴⁸ Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa lesizwe sikaDani ngensendo zakhe.

Isabelo SikaJoshuwa

⁴⁹ Bathi sebeqede ukwabelana umhlaba ngendlela eyayiphawulwe yinkatho, abako-Israyeli banika uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni ilifa phakathi kwabo, ⁵⁰ njengokulaya KUKATHIXO. Bamnika idolobho ayelicelile, iThimnathi-Sera elizweni lamaqaga ko-Efrayimi. Wakha idolobho wahlala khona.

51 La yiwo amazwe u-Eliyazari umphristi, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni labakhokheli bonke lensendo zezizwana zako-Israyeli abazehlukanisela wona ngenkatho eShilo phambi KUKATHIXO entubeni yethente lokuhlangana. Ngakho-ke baqeda ukwaba umhlaba.

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Amadolobho Okuphephela

¹ UTHIXO wasesithi kuJoshuwa: ² “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi baphawule amadolobho okuphephela njengokulilaya engakwenza ngoMosi, ³ ukuze wonke umuntu obulala omunye ngengozi hatshi ngabomo abalekele kulo ukuze aphephe esandleni somphindiseli wegazi. ⁴ Lapho ebalekela kwelinye lala amadolobho, kumele eme esangweni ledolobho abesitsho ukuthi ukhala ngani ebadaleni balelodobho. Abadala sebezamamukelake edolobheni labo besebemnika indawo yokuhlala phakathi kwabo. ⁵ Nxa umphindiseli wegazi emlandela, akumelanga bamnikele lowo owetheswa umlandu ngoba kambulalanga ngabomo kumbe ngenhliziyo embi. ⁶ Usezahlala kulelodobho kuze kufike isikhathi sokuthonisiswa phambi kwebandla njalo kuze kufe umphristi omkhulu oyabe ephethe umsebenzi ngalesosikhathi. Lapho usengabuyela ngakibo, edolobheni abaleka kulo.”

⁷ Ngakho behlukanisa iKhedeshi eseGalile elizweni lamaqaqa koNafithali, iShekhemu elizweni lamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi leKhiriyaathi Aribha (okutsho iHebhroni) elizweni lamaqaqa koJuda. ⁸ Empumalanga yeJodani leJerikho baphawula iBhezeri enkangala esemagcekeni esizwaneni sikaRubheni, iRamothi eseGiliyadi esizwaneni sikaGadi, leGolani eseBhashani esizwaneni sikaManase. ⁹ Iloba ngubani owako-Israyeli kumbe omunye owezizweni ohlala phakathi kwabo owabulala omunye umuntu ngengozi wayengabalekela emadolobheni aqanjweyo, aphephe ekubulaweni ngumphindiseli wegazi engakamiswa phambi kwebandla ukuba athonisiswe.

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Amadolobho AbaLevi

¹ Abakhokheli bezimuli zabaLevi balanda u-Eliyazari umphristi, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, labakhokheli bezinye izimuli ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli ² eShilo eseKhenani bathi kubo, “UTHIXO walaya ngoMosi wathi lisinike amadolobho okuhlala, alamadlelo ezifuyo zethu.”

³ Ngakho njengoba UTHIXO wayelayile, abako-Israyeli banika abaLevi amadolobho alandelayo lamadlelo kuvela elifeni labo:

- 4 Inkatho yakuqala yawela amaKhohathi ngensendo zawo. AbaLevi ababeyizizukulwane zika-Aroni umphristi babelwa amadolobho alitshumi lantathu ezizwaneni zakoJuda, ezakoSimiyoni lezakoBhenjamini.
- 5 Izizukulwane zonke zikaKhohathi zabelwa amadolobho alitshumi kuzinsendo zezizwana zako-Efrayimi, ezakoDani lengxenye yakoManase.
- 6 Izizukulwane zikaGeshoni zabelwa amadolobho alitshumi lantathu kuzinsendo zezizwana zako-Isakhari, ezako-Asheri, ezakoNafithali lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase eBhashani.
- 7 Izizukulwane zikaMerari ngensendo zazo zathola amadolobho alitshumi lambili ezizwaneni zakoRubheni, ezakoGadi lezakoZebhuluni.

8 Ngakho abako-Israyeliabela abalevi amadolobho lamadlelo awo, njen-gokulaya KUKATHIXO ngoMosi.

- 9 Ezizwaneni zakoJuda lezakoSimiyoni amadolobho abwayo nanka ngamabizo awo
- 10 Amadolobho la anikwa izizukulwane zika-Aroni ezazivela kuzinsendo zamaKhohathi phakathi kwabaLevi ngoba inkatho yakuqala yawela kuzo:
- 11 Bazinika iKhiriya Aribha (okutsho iHebhroni) emadlelweni akulowomango elizweni lamaqaqa koJuda (u-Abhayengukhokho ka-Anakhi). 12 Kodwa amasimu lemizana okwakuseduzane ledolobho babekunike uKhalebi indodana

kaJefune ukuba kube ngokwakhe.
¹³ Ngakho izizukulwane zika-Aroni umphristi bazinika iHebhroni (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala), iLibhina, ¹⁴ iJathiri, i-Eshithemowa ¹⁵ iHoloni, iDebhiri, ¹⁶ i-Ayini, iJutha leBhethi-Shemeshi, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho ayisificamunwemunye esuka ezizwaneni lezi zombili.

¹⁷ Esizweni sakoBhenjamini bazinika iGibhiyoni, iGebha, ¹⁸ i-Anathothi le-Alimoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo kwaba ngamadolobho amane.

¹⁹ Wonke amadolobho abaphristi, izizukulwane zika-Aroni, ayelitshumi lantathu ndawonye lamadlelo awo.

²⁰ Ezinye zonke insendo zikaKhohathi phakathi kwabaLevi zabelwa amadolobho esizwaneni sako-Efrayimi.

²¹ Elizweni elilamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi zanikwa iShekhemu (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala) leGezeri, ²² iKhibhizayimi leBhethi-Horoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, kwaba ngamadolobho amane.

²³ Esizwaneni sakoDani zathola, i-Elithekhe, iGibhethoni, ²⁴ i-Ayijaloni leGathi-Rimoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, kwaba ngamadolobho amane.

²⁵ Kungxenye yesizwe sakoManase zathola

iThanakhi leGathi-Rimoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, kwakungamadolobho amabili.

²⁶ Wonke la amadolobho alitshumi lamadlelo awo anikwa kuzozonke insendo zamaKhohathi.

²⁷ Insendo zamaLevi ezeGeshoni zanikwa:

kungxenye yesizwana sakoManase,

iGolani eseBhashani (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala) leBheshithera, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amabili;

²⁸ esizwaneni sika-Isakhari, iKhishiyoni, iDabherathi, ²⁹ iJamuthi le-Eni-Ganimu, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane;

³⁰ esizwaneni sika-Asheri, iMishali, i-Abhidoni, ³¹ iHelikhathi leRehobhi, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane;

³² kusukela esizwaneni sakoNafithali, iKhedeshi eseGalile (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala), iHamothi-Dori leKhathani, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amathathu.

³³ Wonke amadolobho ensendo zamaGeshoni ayelitshumi lantathu, ndawonye lamadlelo awo.

³⁴ Insendo zamaMerari (okutsho bonke abaLevi) zanikwa kanje esizwaneni sikaZebhuluni, ijokhinyamu, iKhatha, ³⁵ iDimina leNahalali

ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane.

³⁶ Esizwaneni sakoRubheni, iBhezeri, iJahazi, ³⁷ iKhedemothi leMefahathi ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane.

³⁸ Esizwaneni sakoGadi, iRamothi eseGiliyadi (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala), iMahanayimi, ³⁹ iHeshibhoni leJazeri ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane esewonke.

⁴⁰ Wonke amadolobho abelwa insendo zamaMerari, eyingxenye yonke eseleyo yabaLevi, ayelitshumi lambili.

⁴¹ Amadolobho abaLevi elizweni eliphansi kwabako-Israyeli ayengamatshumi amane lasificaminwembili mibili esewonke ndawonye lamadlelo awo. ⁴² Linye ngalinye lamadolobho la lalilamadlelo aligombolozeyo. Konke kwakunjalo ngawo wonke la amadolobho.

⁴³ Ngakho uTHIXO wanika abako-Israyeli wonke umhlaba ayefunge ukuwunika okhokho babo, bawuthatha bakha khonapho. ⁴⁴ UTHIXO wabapha ukuphumula ehlangothini zonke, njengokufunga ayekwenze kubokhokho babo. Akulasitha lesisodwa esenelisa ukumelana labo; uTHIXO wanikela zonke izitha zabo kubo. ⁴⁵ Asikho lesisodwa sazo zonke izithembiso ezinhle zIKATHIXO endlini ka-Israyeli esingagcwalisekanga; zonke zagcwaliseka.

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Izizwana ZeMpumalanga Ziphindela Ekhaya

¹ UJoshuwa wamema abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenywe yesizwe sikaManase ² wathi kubo, “Selenze konke uMosi inceku KATHIXO eyakulayayo, njalo lingilalele kukho konke engililaye ngakho. ³ Okwesikhathi eside khathesi, kuze kube lamuhla, kalizange lihlamukele abafowenu kodwa lenze umsebenzi lowo UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinike wona. ⁴ Njengoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu wanika abafowenu ukuphumula njengokuthembisa kwakhe, buyelani emakhaya enu elizweni uMosi inceku KATHIXO alinika lona ngaphetsheya kweJodani. ⁵ Kodwa linanzelele kakhulu ukuthi lilondoloza umlayo lomthetho uMosi inceku KATHIXO alinika wona: Ukuthanda UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuhamba ezindleleni zakhe zonke, ukulalela imilayo yakhe, ukubambelela kuye lokumsebenzela ngenhliziyo yenu yonke lomphefumulo wenu wonke.”

⁶ UJoshuwa wasebabusisa wathi kabahambe; yikho basebesiya emizini yabo. ⁷ Ingxenywe yesizwana sakoManase uMosi wayeyinike ilizwe eBhashani, kwathi eyinye ingxenywe yesizwana uJoshuwa wayeyinike indawo lapho okwakwakhele abafowabo eJodani. Kwathi uJoshuwa esethe kabahambe emakhaya, wababusisa ⁸ wathi, “Buyelani emakhaya enu lenotho yenu enengi, lilemihlambi emikhulu yezifuyo, lilesiliva, igolide ithusi lensimbi, lamalembu amanengi, beselisabelana labafowenu lokho elakuthumba ezitheni zenu.”

⁹ Ngakho abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase batshiya abako-Israyeli eShilo eseKhenani babuyela eGiliyadi, ilizwe labo, ababelizuze kulandela umlayo KATHIXO awethula ngoMosi.

¹⁰ Bathi sebefike eGelithothi eduzane leJodani elizweni leKhenani, abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase bakha i-alithari elikhulu eduzane leJodani. ¹¹ Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebezwe ukuthi sebakhe i-alithari emngceleni weKhenani eGelithothi duzane leJodani eceleni lako-Israyeli, ¹² umphakathi wonke wako-Israyeli wabuthana eShilo ukulungiselela ukulwa labo empini.

¹³ Ngakho abako-Israyeli bathuma uFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi elizweni leGiliyadi kuRubheni, uGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase. ¹⁴ Waphelekezelwa zinduna ezilitshumi, inye ngayinye ivela phakathi kwezizwe zonke zako-Israyeli njalo iyinhloko yesigaba semuli yensendo zako-Israyeli.

¹⁵ Ekuyeni kwabo eGiliyadi, kuRubheni loGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase bathi kubo: ¹⁶ “Umphakathi wonke KATHIXO uthi: ‘Kungani lisuke langathembeki kuNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli ngale indlela? Kungani lilahle uNkulunkulu lizakhela i-alithari njengokumhlamukela khathezi. ¹⁷ Kambe ukona kukaPheyori kakwanelanga kithi na? Kuze kube lamhla kasikazihlambululi esonweni leso, lanxa umkhuhlane wake wahlasela isizwe SIKATHIXO! ¹⁸ Selibalekela uTHIXO na?

Nxa lingahlamukela uTHIXO lamhla, kusasa uzazondela isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli: ¹⁹ Nxa umhlaba elilawo ungcolisiwe wozani emhlabeni KATHIXO lapho ithabanikeli LIKATHIXO elimi khona beselisabelana umhlaba lathi. Kodwa lingahlamukeli uTHIXO kumbe thina ngokuzakhela i-alithari lenu, ngaphandle kwe-alithari LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu. ²⁰ Lapho u-Akhani indodana kaZera aze angathembeki ezintweni ezingcwelisiweyo, isijeziso kasehlelanga isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli yini? Kayisuye yedwa owafela isono sakhe.’”

²¹ Ngakho uRubheni, uGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase baphendula abakhokheli bezin-
sendo zako-Israyeli bathi: ²² “USomandla, uN-
kulunkulu uTHIXO! USomandla uNkulunkulu
uTHIXO! Uyazi! Njalo u-Israyeli kabe lol-
wazi! Nxa lokhu bekuyikuhlamukela kumbe
ukuqholozela uTHIXO, lingasisindisi lamhlanje.
²³ Nxa sazakhela i-alithari lethu ukwenzela
ukubalekela uTHIXO lokunikela ngeminikelo
yokutshiswa leminikelo yamabele, kumbe uku-
nikela ngeminikelo yokuthula kulo, uTHIXO
ngokwakhe kasijezise.

²⁴ Hatshi! Sakwenza sisesaba ukuthi kwelinye
ilanga izizukulwane zenu zingathi kwezethu,
‘Lilani LoTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli?
²⁵ UTHIXO sewenza iJodani ibe ngumngcele
phakathi kwethu lani lina maRubheni lamaGadi!
Kalilasabelo kuTHIXO.’ Ngakho izizukulwane
zenu zingenza ukuthi ezethu ziyekele ukwesaba
uTHIXO.

²⁶ Yikho sathi, ‘Kasilungiseni sakhe i-alithari,

kodwa hatshi eleminikelo yokutshiswa kumbe imihlatshelo.’ ²⁷ Ngeyinye indlela, kuzakuba yibufakazi phakathi kwethu lani lezizukulwane ezizalandela, ukuthi sizekhonza uTHIXO endlini yakhe engcwele ngeminikelo yokutshiswa, iminikelo yethu kanye leyokuthula. Ngakho kwelakusasa izizukulwane zenu kazisoze zithi kwezethu, ‘Kalilasabelo kuTHIXO.’

²⁸ Njalo sathi, ‘Bangavele batsho lokhu kithi kumbe kuzizukulwane zethu, sizaphendula sithi: Khangelani emfanekisweni we-alithari LIKATHIXO, elakhiwa ngobaba, hatshi eleminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshele, kodwa njengobufakazi phakathi kwethu lani.’

²⁹ Kukhatshana kithi ukuthi sihlamukele uTHIXO simfulathele lamhla ngokwakha i-alithari leminikelo yokutshiswa, iminikelo yamabele lemihlatshele, ngaphandle kwe-alithari LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu elimi phambi kwethabanikeli lakhe.”

³⁰ Kwathi uFinehasi umphristi labakhokheli besizwe, abakhokheli bezinsendo zako-Israyeli, sebezwe okwakutshiwo nguRubheni, uGadi lo-Manase bathokoza. ³¹ UFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi, wathi kuRubheni, uGadi loManase, “Lamhla siyazi ukuthi uTHIXO ulathi, ngenxa yokuthi kalizange liyekele ukwethembeka phambi kuKATHIXO kuloludaba. Khathesi selihlengle abako-Israyeli esandleni siKATHIXO.”

³² UFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi, labakhokheli babuyela eKhenani bevela emhlanganweni wabo labakoRubheni labako-Gadi eGiliyadi basebebika kwabako-Israyeli.

³³ Bathokoza ukuzwa umbiko basebedumisa uNkulunkulu. Kabasakhulumanga njalo ngokuya empini yokubalwisa ukwenzela ukutshalalisa ilizwe lapho abakoRubheni labakoGadi ababehlala khona.

³⁴ Njalo abakoRubheni labakoGadi banika ialithari lelibizo: UBufakazi Phakathi Kwethu ukuthi uTHIXO unguNkulunkulu.

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UJoshuwa Uvaelisa Abakhokheli

¹ Ngemva kwesikhathi eside njalo uTHIXO esephumuze abako-Israyeli kuzozonke izitha zabo ezazibagombolozele, uJoshuwa ngalesosikhathi esekhulile eseleminyaka eminengi, ² wabiza bonke abako-Israyeli, abadala babo, abakhokheli babo, abahluleli babo leziphathamandla zabo wathi kubo: “Sengimdala njalo sengiluphele kakhulu. ³ Lina ngokwenu selikubonile konke lokho uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu akwenzileyo kuzozonke lezi izizwe esenzela lina; nguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu owalilwelayo. ⁴ Khumbulani ukuthi ngalabela njani ukuba kube yilifa lenu lezizwana zenu wonke umhlaba wezizwe ezasalayo, izizwe engazingobayo, phakathi kweJodani loLwandle Olukhulu entshonalanga. ⁵ UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ngokwakhe uzabaxotsha endleleni yenu. Uzabasusa lina lingakafiki, njalo lina lizathatha umhlaba wabo, njengokuthembisa KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu.

⁶ Qinani kakhulu; linanzelele ukuthi lilalela konke okulotshwe eGwalweni lwemiThetho

kaMosi, lingaphambukelanga kwesokudla kumbe esenxele. ⁷ Lingaze lazisondeza ezizweni lezi eziphakathi kwenu; lingaze labiza amagama abonkulunkulu bazo kumbe lifunge ngabo. Akumelanga ukuthi libasebenzele lokubakhothamela. ⁸ Kodwa kumele libambebelele kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu njengalokhu eselikwenze kwaze kwaba khathesi.

⁹ UTHIXO usezixotshile phambi kwenu izizwe ezilamandla; kuze kube lamhla kakho owenelisa ukumelana lani. ¹⁰ Oyedwa wenu uyenelisa ukwehlula abantu abayinkulungwane eyodwa ngenxa yokuthi uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uyalilwela njengokuthembisa kwakhe. ¹¹ Ngakho-ke nanzelelani ukuthi liyamthanda UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.

¹² Kodwa lingabaleka beselisiba lobungane lalabo abasindileyo phakathi kwezizwe lezi ezizasala phakathi kwenu njalo lingavumelana lokuthathana lokudlelana lazo, ¹³ lapho lingaba leqiniso lokuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu kasoze azixotshe izizwe phambi kwenu. Kodwa-ke zizakuba yimijibila lezithiyo kini, zizakuba yiziswebhu emihlane yenu lameva emehlweni enu, lize libhujiswe elizweni leli elihle UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona.

¹⁴ Khathesi sengizahamba ngendlela yomhlaba wonke. Liyazi ngezinhliziyo zenu lemiphefumulo ukuthi kasikho isithembiso lasinye esihle phakathi kwalezo elazinikwa nguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu esehlulekayo. Zonke izithembiso sezagcwaliswa; kasikho lesisodwa esehlulekayo. ¹⁵ Kodwa njengoba

zonke izithembiso ezinhle ZIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu seziphumelele, kunjalo UTHIXO uzalilethela bonke ububi alethusela ngabo, aze alibhubhise elizweni leli elihle alinike lona. ¹⁶ Lingephula isivumelwano SIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, owalilayayo ngaso liyokhonza abanye onkulunkulu libakhothamele, ulaka LUKATHIXO luzavutha kini, njalo lizabhubha ngokuphangisa elizweni elihle alinike lona.”

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Ukuvuselelwa Kwesivumelwano EShekhemu

¹ Ngakho uJoshuwa wabuthanisa zonke izizwana zako-Israyeli eShekhemu. Wamema bonke abadala, abakhokheli, abahluleli leziphathamandla zako-Israyeli, njalo bazethula phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

² UJoshuwa wathi ebantwini bonke, “UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Kudala okhokho benu, okugoqela uThera uyise ka-Abhrahama loNahori, babehlala ngaphetsheya koMfula njalo bekhonza abanye onkulunkulu.

³ Kodwa ngathatha uyihlo u-Abhrahama elizweni elingaphetsheya koMfula ngamkhokhelela eKhenani ngamnika izizukulwane ezinengi. Ngamnika u-Isaka,

⁴ njalo u-Isaka ngamnika uJakhobe lo-Esawu. Nganika ilizwe lonke elilamaqaga eleSeyiri ku-Esawu, kodwa uJakhobe lamadodana akhe baya eGibhithe.

⁵ Ngasengithuma uMosi lo-Aroni, njalo ngajezisa amaGibhithe ngalokho

engakwenza khonale ngasengilikhupha khona. ⁶ Ekukhupheni kwami okhokho benu eGibhithe, beza olwandle njalo amaGibhithe axotshana labo ngezingola lamabhiza baze bayafika eLwandle Olubomvu. ⁷ Kodwa bakhala kuTHIXO befuna uncedo yena waseletha umnyama phakathi kwenu lamaGibhithe; waletha ulwandle phezu kwabo wabembesa ngalo. Lazibonela ngamehlo enu lokho engakwenza kumaGibhithe. Laselihlala enkangala okwesikhathi eside.

⁸ Ngaliletha elizweni lama-Amori ayehlala em-pumalanga yeJodani. Balwisana lani, kodwa mina ngabanikela ezandleni zenu. Ngababhuh-hisa phambi kwenu njalo laselithatha ilizwe labo. ⁹ Lapho uBhalaki indodana kaZiphori inkosi yaseMowabi, alungiselela ukulwisana lo-Israyeli, wathumela uBhalamu indodana kaB-heyori ukuthi aliqalekise. ¹⁰ Kodwa ngala uku-lalela uBhalamu, ngakho walibusisa njalonjalo mina ngasengilihlenga esandleni sakhe.

¹¹ Laselichapha uJodani leza eJerikho. Izakhamizi zeJerikho zalwisana lani njengalokho okwenziwa ngama-Amori, amaPherizi, amaKhenani, amaHithi, amaGigashi, amaHivi lamaJebusi, kodwa ngabanikela ezandleni zenu. ¹² Ngathumela olonyovu phambi kwenu, olwabaxotsha phambi kwenu kanye lamakhosi amabili ama-Amori. Kalizange likwenze ngenkemba yenu langedandili lenu. ¹³ Ngakho ngalinika ilizwe elingazanga liliginqele lamadolobho elingazange liwakhe;

njalo lihlala phakathi kwawo njalo lisidla ezivinini zama-oliva elingazihlanyelanga.’

¹⁴ Ngakho mesabeni UTHIXO limkhonze ngokuthembeka konke. Lahlani onkulunkulu ababekhonzwa ngokhokho benu ngaphetsheya koMfula laseGibhithe, likhonze UTHIXO.

¹⁵ Kodwa nxa ukukhonza UTHIXO kukhanya kungathandeki kini, khethani phakathi kwenu namhlanje lowo elizamkhonza, kumbe ngonkulunkulu okhokho benu ababebakhonza ngaphetsheya koMfula kumbe onkulunkulu bama-Amori, lawo elihlala elizweni lawo. Kodwa mina lendlu yami sizakhonza UTHIXO.”

¹⁶ Abantu basebephendula besithi, “Akube khatshana lathi ukuthi silahle UTHIXO ukuze sikhonze abanye onkulunkulu!

¹⁷ KWAKUNGU¹⁷THIXO uNkulunkulu wethu ngokwakhe owasikhuphayo thina kanye labobaba eGibhithe sisuka elizweni lobugqili, wasesenza izimanga ezinkulu emehlweni ethu. Wasivikela kulolonke uhambo lwethu lakuzo zonke izizwe.

¹⁸ Njalo UTHIXO wazixotsha phambi kwethu zonke izizwe, okugoqela ama-Amori ayehlala elizweni. Lathi sizamkhonza UTHIXO ngoba unguNkulunkulu wethu.”

¹⁹ UJoshuwa wathi ebantwini, “Kalenelisi ukumkhonza UTHIXO. UnguNkulunkulu ongcwele;

unguNkulunkulu olobukhwele. Kasoze alixolele ekuhlamukeni kwenu lezonweni zenu.

²⁰ Nxa lingatshiya UTHIXO beselikhonza abanye onkulunkulu bezizweni uzaliphendukela alehlisele umonakalo aliqede du, yena ubelungile.”

21 Kodwa abantu bathi kuJoshuwa, “Hatshi! Sizamkhonza UTHIXO.”

22 UJoshuwa wathi, “Yini elizifakazelayo ukuthi selikhethe ukukhonza UTHIXO.

” Baphendula bathi, “Yebo singofakazi.”

23 UJoshuwa wathi kubo, “Ngakho-ke lahlani bonke onkulunkulu bezizweni abaphakathi kwenu beselinikela inhliziyu zenu kuTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli.”

24 Abantu bathi kuJoshuwa, “Sizamkhonza UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu simlalele.”

25 Ngalelolanga uJoshuwa wenzela abantu isivumelwano, njalo wabenzela imithetho lemilayo khonapho eShekhemu. 26 UJoshuwa waloba konke lokhu oGwalweni lwemiThetho kaNkulunkulu. Wasethatha ilitshe elikhulu walimisa phansi kwesihlahla som’Okhi eduzane lendawo engcwele KATHIXO.

27 Wathi ebantwini bonke, “Khangelani! Ilitshe leli lizakuba yibufakazi kithi sonke. Selizwile wonke amazwi akhulunywe nguTHIXO kithi. Lizakuba ngofakazi wokulilahla nxa lingakhulumi iqiniso kuNkulunkulu.”

28 UJoshuwa wasetshela abantu ukuba bahambe, yilowo esiya elifeni lakhe.

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29 Ngemva kwezinto lezi, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku KATHIXO wafa eseleminyaka elikhulu letshumi. 30 Njalo bamngcwaba elizweni alizuza njengelifa, eThimnathi-Sera elizweni elilamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi enyakatho yentaba yeGashi.

³¹ Abako-Israyeli bamkhonza uTHIXO ngezinsuku zokuphila kukaJoshuwa labadala kulaye ababesele bephila njalo bebone zonke izinto uTHIXO ayezenzele abako-Israyeli.

³² Njalo amathambo kaJosefa, abako-Israyeli ababesuke lawo eGibhithe, angcwatshelwa eShekhemu esiqintini somhlaba leso uJakhobe asithenga ngenhlamvu ezilikhulu zesiliva emadodaneni kaHamori, uyise kaShekhemu. Leli laba yilifa lezizukulwane zikaJosefa.

³³ U-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni wafa wasengcwatshelwa eGibhiya, eyayabelwe indodana yakhe uFinehasi elizweni lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi.

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