

I IMILANDO

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

Kumadodana kaNowa

- 1** U-Adamu, uSethi, u-Enoshi,
² uKhenani, uMahalaleli, uJaredi,
³ u-Enokhi, uMethusela, uLameki,
uNowa.
⁴ Amadodana kaNowa yila:
 nguShemu, loHamu loJafethi.

AbakaJafethi

- ⁵ Amadodana kaJafethi yila:
 nguGomeri, loMagogi,
 loMadayi, loJavani, loThubhali,
 loMesheki kanye loThirasi.
⁶ Amadodana kaGomeri yila:
 ngu-Ashikhenazi, loRifathi
 kanye loThogama.
⁷ Amadodana kaJavani yila:
 ngu-Elisha, loThashishi,
 loKhithimu kanye loRodanimi.

AbakaHamu:

- ⁸ Amadodana kaHamu yila:
 nguKhushi, loMizirayimi,
 loPhuthi kanye loKhenani.
⁹ Amadodana kaKhushi yila:
 nguSebha, loHavila, loSabhitha,
 loRama kanye loSabhitheka.
 Amadodana kaRama yila:
 NguShebha loDedani.
¹⁰ UKhushi wayenguyise
 kaNimrodi, yena owakhula waba
 liqhawe elilamandla emhlabeni.
¹¹ UMizirayimi wayenguyise
 wamaLudi, ama-Anami,
 amaLehabi lamaNafithuhi,
 ¹² lamaPhathirusi, lamaKhasiluhi,
 lamaKhafithori lapha
 okwadabuka khona lamaFilisti.

¹³ UKhenani wayenguyise kaSidoni
 izibulo lakhe, lamaHithi, ¹⁴ lamaJebusi,
 lama-Amori, lamaGirigashi, ¹⁵ lamaHivi,
 lama-Akhi, lamaSini, ¹⁶ lama-Avade
 lama-Zemari lamaHamathi.

AbakaShemu

- ¹⁷ Amadodana kaShemu yila:
 ngu-Elamu, lo-Ashuri, lo-
 Afashadi, lo-Ludi kanye lo-
 Arama.
Amadodana ka-Arama yila:
 ngu-Uzi, loHuli, loGetheri kanye
 loMesheki.
¹⁸ U-Afashadi nguyise
 kaShela,
 uShela nguyise ka-Ebheri.
¹⁹ Amadodana amabili ayezalwa ngu-
Ebheri yila:
 omunye wayenguPhelegi, ngoba
 ngezinsuku zakhe umhlaba
 wawudabuke phakathi;
 umfowabo kwakuthiwa
 nguJokithani.
²⁰ UJokithani wayenguyise
 ka-Alimadadi, loShelefi,
 loHazamavethi, loJera,
 ²¹ loHadoramu, lo-Uzali, loDikila
 ²² u-Obhali, u-Abhimayeli,
 uShebha, ²³ u-Ofiri, uHavila
 kanye loJobabi. Bonke laba
 babengamadodana kaJokithani.

- ²⁴ UShemu, lo-Afashadi loShela,
 ²⁵ lo-Ebheri, loPhelegi, loRewu
 ²⁶ loSerugi, loNahori, loThera
 ²⁷ kanye lo-Abhrama
 (u-Abhrahama).

Abaka-Abhrahama

- ²⁸ Amadodana ka-Abhrahama yila:
 ngu-Isaka lo-Ishmayeli.

Abenzalo kaHagari

- ²⁹ Laba babeyinzalo yabo:

uNebhayothi izibulo lika-Ishmayeli, uKhedari, lo-Adibheli, loMibhisamu, ³⁰loMishima, loDuma, loMasa, loHadadi, loThema, ³¹loJethuri, loNafishi kanye loKhedema. La yiwo ayengamadodana ka-Ishmayeli.

Abenzalo KaKhethura

³²Amadodana azalwa nguKhethura, umfazi ka-Abhrahama oweceleni, yila: nguZimrani, loJokishani, loMedani, loMidiyani, lo-Ishibhaki kanye loShuwa.

Amadodana kaJokishani yila: nguShebha loDedani.

³³Amadodana kaMidiyani yila: ngu-Efa, lo-Eferi, loHanokhi, lo-Abhida kanye lo-Elida. Bonke laba babeyinzalo kaKhethura.

Abenzalo KaSara

³⁴U-Abhrahama wayenguyise ka-Isaka. Amadodana ka-Isaka yila: ngu-Esawu lo-Israyeli.

Amadodana ka-Esawu

³⁵Amadodana ka-Esawu yila: ngu-Elifazi, loRehuweli, loJewushi, loJalamu kanye loKhora.

³⁶Amadodana ka-Elifazi yila: nguThemani, lo-Omari, loZefo, loGathamu kanye loKhenazi; ekaThimina kungu-Amaleki.

³⁷Amadodana kaRehuweli yila: nguNahathi, loZera, loShama kanye loMiza.

Abantu BeSeyiri E-Edomi

³⁸Amadodana kaSeyiri yila: nguLothani, loShobhali, loZibheyoni, lo-Ana, loDishoni, lo-Ezeri kanye loDishani.

³⁹Amadodana kaLothani yila:

nguHori loHomani. UThimina engudadewabo kaLothani.

⁴⁰Amadodana kaShobhali yila: ngu-Alivani, loManahathi, lo-Ebhali, loShefo kanye lo-Onami.

Amadodana kaZibheyoni yila: ngu-Ayiya lo-Ana.

⁴¹Indodana ka-Ana yile: nguDishoni.

Amadodana kaDishoni yila: nguHemidani, lo-Eshibhani, lo-Ithirani kanye loKherani.

⁴²Amadodana ka-Ezeri yila: nguBhilihani, loZahavani kanye lo-Akhani.

Amadodana kaDishani yila: ngu-Uzi lo-Arani.

Ababusi Be-Edomi

⁴³La ngamakhosi abusa e-Edomi kungakabi lenkosi yako-Israyeli ebusayo:

nguBhela indodana kaBheyori, idolobho lakhe lalithiwa yiDinihabha.

⁴⁴Ekufeni kukaBhela, uJobabi indodana kaZera oweBhozira wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.

⁴⁵Ekufeni kukaJobabi, uHushamu owayevela elizweni lamaThemani wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.

⁴⁶Ekufeni kukaHushamu, uHadedi indodana kaBhedadi owanqoba uMidiyani elizweni lamaMowabi, wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. Idolobho lakhe lalithiwa yi-Avithi.

⁴⁷Ekufeni kukaHadadi, uSamila owayevela eMasirekha wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.

⁴⁸Ekufeni kukaSamila, uShawuli owayevela eRehobothi ngasemfuleni

uYufra the wathatha umbuso
waba yinkosi.

⁴⁹ Ekufeni kukaShawuli, uBhali-Hanani
indodana ka-Akhibhori wathatha
umbuso waba yinkosi.

⁵⁰ Ekufeni kukaBhali-Hanani, uHadadi
wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
Idolobho lakhe lalithiwa
yiPhawu, umkakhe
enguMehethabheli
indodakazi kaMathiredi
indodakazi kaMe-Zahabhi.

⁵¹ UHadadi laye wafa.
Izinduna zase-Edomi
kwakuyilezi:
nguThimina, lo-Aliva, loJethethi,
⁵² lo-Oholibhama, lo-Ela,
loPhinoni, ⁵³ loKhenazi,
loThemani, loMibhizari,
⁵⁴ loMagidiyeli kanye lo-Iramu.
Laba yibo ababeyizinduna ze-
Edomi.

Amadodana ka-Israyeli

2 Amadodana ka-Israyeli yila:

NguRubheni, loSimiyoni, loLevi,
loJuda, lo-Isakhari, loZebhuluni,
² loDani, loJosefa, loBhenjamini,
loNafthali, loGadi kanye lo-Asheri.

AbakaJuda

Kumadodana kaHezironi

³ Amadodana kaJuda yila:
ngu-Eri, lo-Onani kanye loShela.
Laba bobathathu wabazala
lowesifazana ongumKhenani,
indodakazi kaShuwa. U-Eri,
izibulo likaJuda, wayeyisigangi
phambi kukaJehova, ngalokho
uJehova wambulala. ⁴ UThamari,
umalokazana kaJuda wamzalela
uPherezi loZera. UJuda
wayelamadodana amahlanu.

⁵ Amadodana kaPherezi yila:

nguHezironi loHamuli.

⁶ Amadodana kaZera yila:
nguZimri, lo-Ethani, loHemani,
loKhalikholi kanye loDarida.
Bonke babebahlanu.

⁷ Indodana kaKharimi yile:
ngu-Akhari, owaletha inhlupheko
ko-Israyeli ngesiphambeko
asenza ngalokho
okuqalekisiweyo.

⁸ Indodana ka-Ethani yile:
ngu-Azariya.

⁹ Amadodana azalwa nguHezironi yila:
nguJerameli, loRama kanye
loKhalebi.

Kusukela kuRama Indodana kaHezironi

¹⁰ URama wayenguyise ka-Aminadabi,
njalo u-Aminadabi enguyise
kaNahashoni, umkhokheli
wabantu bakoJuda.
¹¹ UNahashoni wayenguyise
kaSalimoni, uSalimoni enguyise
kaBhowazi. ¹² UBhowazi
enguyise ka-Obhedi, u-
Obhedi enguyise kaJese.

¹³ UJese wayenguyise ka-Eliyabi izibulo
lakhe; indodana yesibili kungu-
Abhinadabi, eyesithathu
kunguShimeya, ¹⁴ eyesine
kunguNethaneli, eyesihlanu
kunguRadayi, ¹⁵ eyesithupha
kungu-Ozemu, eyesikhombisa
kunguDavida. ¹⁶ Odadewabo
kwakunguZeruya lo-Abhigeli.
Amadodana amathathu kaZeruya
kwakungu-Abhishayi, loJowabi
kanye lo-Asaheli. ¹⁷ U-Abhigeli
wayengunina ka-Amasa, oloyise
okwakuthiwa nguJetheri
um-Ishmayeli.

UKhalebi Indodana kaHezironi

¹⁸ UKhalebi indodana
kaHezironi wayelabantwana
abazala kumkakhe u-Azubha

- (lakuJeriyothi). Amadodana ka-Azubha ayeyila: nguJesheri, loShobabi, kanye lo-Adoni. ¹⁹ Ekufeni kuka-Azubha, uKhalebi wathatha u-Efrathi, owamzalela uHuri. ²⁰ UHuri wayenguyise ka-Uri, njalo u-Uri enguyise kaBhezaleli.
- ²¹ Muva, uHezironi wembatha lendodakazi kaMakhiri uyise kaGileyadi ayemthethe eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha ubudala bakhe), yena wamzalela uSegubi. ²² USegubi wayenguyise kaJayiri, owayephethe imizi engamatshumi amabili lantathu eGileyadi. ²³ (Kodwa uGeshuri lo-Arama bathumba iHavothi-Jayiri, kanye leKhenathi lezindawana eziyimizana eseduzane , imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha.) Bonke laba babeyisizukulwane sikaMakhiri uyise kaGileyadi.
- ²⁴ Ngemva kokufa kukaHezironi eKhalebi Efuratha, u-Abhija umkaHezironi wamzalela u-Ashuri uyise kaThekhoya.
- UJerameli Indodana KaHezironi*
- ²⁵ Amadodana kaJerameli izibulo likaHezironi yila: nguRama izibulo lakhe, loBhuna, lo-Oreni, lo-Ozeni kanye lo-Ahija.
- ²⁶ UJerameli wayelomunye umfazi owayethiwa ngu-Athara unina ka-Onami.
- ²⁷ Amadodana kaRama izibulo likaJerameli yila: nguMahazi, loJamini kanye lo-Ekheri.
- ²⁸ Amadodana ka-Onami yila: nguShamayi loJada. Amadodana kaShamayi yila: nguNadabi lo-Abhishuri.
- ²⁹ Umka-Abhishuri kwakungu-Abhihayili, owamzalela u-Ahibhani loMolidi.
- ³⁰ Amadodana kaNadabi yila: nguSeledi lo-Aphayimi. USeledi wafa engelabantwana.
- ³¹ Indodana ka-Aphayimi yile: ngu-Ishi, uyise kaSheshani. USheshani wayenguyise ka-Ahilayi.
- ³² Amadodana kaJada, umfowabo kaShamayi yila: nguJetheri loJonathani. UJetheri wafa engelabantwana.
- ³³ Amadodana kaJonathani yila: nguPhelethi loZaza. Laba babeyinzalo kaJerameli.
- ³⁴ USheshani wayengelawo amadodana, wayelamadodakazi wodwa. Wayelesisebenzi saseGibhithe esasithiwa nguJariha.
- ³⁵ USheshani wendisela isisebenzi sakhe lesi esinguJariha, indodakazi yakhe eyamzalela u-Athayi.
- ³⁶ U-Athayi wayenguyise kaNathani, uNathani enguyise kaZabadi,
- ³⁷ uZabadi enguyise ka-Efilali, u-Efilali enguyise ka-Obhedi,
- ³⁸ u-Obhedi enguyise kaJehu, uJehu enguyise ka-Azariya,
- ³⁹ u-Azariya enguyise kaHelezi, uHelezi enguyise ka-Eleyasa,
- ⁴⁰ u-Elayasa enguyise kaSisimayi, uSisimayi enguyise kaShalumu,

⁴¹ uShalumu enguyise kaJekhamiya,
uJekhamiya enguyise ka-
Elishama.

Abosendo LukaKhalebi

⁴² Amadodana kaKhalebi umfowabo
kaJerameli yila:

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

⁴³ Amadodana kaHebhroni yila:
nguKhora, loThaphuwa,
loRekhemu loShema. ⁴⁴ UShema
wayenguyise kaRahama,
uRahama yena enguyise
kaJokheyama. URekhemu
wayenguyise kaShamayi.

⁴⁵ Indodana kaShamayi kunguMawoni,
uMawoni wayenguyise kaBhethi
Zuri.

⁴⁶ Umfazi weceleni kaKhalebi u-Efa
wayengunina kaHarani, loMoza
kanye loGazezi. UHarani
wayenguyise kaGazezi.

⁴⁷ Amadodana kaJahidayi yila:
nguRegemi, loJothamu,
loGeshani, loPhelethi, lo-Efa
kanye loShahafi.

⁴⁸ UMahakha umfazi weceleni
kaKhalebi wayengunina
kaShebheri loThirihana.

⁴⁹ Nguye njalo owazala uShahafi uyise
kaMadimana kanye loSheva
uyise kaMakhibhena loGibheya.
Indodakazi kaKhalebi
kwakungu-Akhisa. ⁵⁰ Yibo laba
abenzalo kaKhalebi.

Amadodana kaHuri izibulo lika-Efratha
yila:

nguShobhali uyise kaKhiriya
Jeyarimi, ⁵¹ loSalima uyise
kaBhethilehema, loHarefi uyise
kaBhethi Gaderi.

⁵² Inzalo kaShobhali uyise kaKhiriya
Jeyarimi yile:

nguHarowe, ingxenye
yamaManahethi, ⁵³ labosendo
lukaKhiriya Jeyarimi
kungama-Ithira lamaPhuthi
lamaShumathi lamaMishirayi.
Kulapho okwakudabuka khona
amaZorathi lama-Eshithawoli.

⁵⁴ Abenzalo kaSelima yilaba:
nguBhethilehema umNethofi,
u-Athirothi Bhethi, uJowabi,
ingxenye yamaManahathi,
amaZori, ⁵⁵ losendo lwabalobi
ababehlala eJabhezi:
AmaThirathi lamaShimeyathi
lamaSukhathi. Laba
babengamaKheni
beyinzalo kaHamathi ukhokho
wama-Rekhabi.

Amadodana kaDavida

3 Nanka amadodana kaDavida

awazala eHebhroni:

ngu-Amnoni izibulo lakhe,
kuyindodana ka-Ahinowama
owaseJezereli;
Owesibili, uDanyeli indodana ka-
Abhigeli owaseKhameli;
² owesithathu, ngu-Abhsalomi
indodana kaMahakha indodakazi
kaThalimayi inkosi yaseGeshuri;
owesine, u-Adonija indodana
kaHagithi; ³ owesihlanu,
uShafathiya indodana ka-
Abhithali; owesithupha,
u-Ithereyamu amzuza ku-Egla,
umkakhe. ⁴ Abayisithupha laba
uDavida wabazalela eHebhroni,
lapho abusa khona okweminyaka
eyisikhombisa lezinyanga
eziyisithupha.

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

nguShamuwa, loShobabi,
loNathani loSolomoni.
Amadodana amane la wawazala
loBhathishebha indodakazi ka-
Amiyeli. ⁶Kwaba khona njalo
u-Ibhari, lo-Elishuwa,
lo-Elifelethi, ⁷loNega, loNefegi
loJafiya, ⁸lo-Elishama,
lo-Eliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi,
beyisifica munye, bonke. ⁹Bonke
laba babengamadodana
kaDavida, ngaphandle
kwamadodana akhe awazala
labafazi bakhe beceleni.
Udadewabo wamadodana
wayenguThamari.

Amakhosi AkoJuda

- ¹⁰Indodana kaSolomoni
kwakunguRehobhowami,
indodana yakhe kungu-Abhija,
indodana yakhe kungu-Asa,
indodana yakhe
kunguJehoshafathi,
¹¹indodana yakhe
kunguJehorami, indodana yakhe
kungu-Ahaziya, indodana yakhe
kunguJowashi,
¹²indodana yakhe kungu-
Amaziya, indodana yakhe kungu-
Azariya, indodana yakhe
kunguJothamu,
¹³indodana yakhe kungu-Ahazi,
indodana yakhe
kunguHezekhiya,
indodana yakhe kunguManase,
¹⁴indodana yakhe kungu-Amoni,
indodana yakhe kunguJosiya.
¹⁵Amadodana kaJosiya yila:
nguJohanani izibulo,
uJehoyakhimu indodana yesibili,
uZedekhiya eyesithathu,
uShalumi eyesine.
¹⁶Abasala behlala esikhundleni
sikaJehoyakhimu yilaba:
nguJehoyakhini indodana yakhe

loZedekhiya.

Ukuzalwa KoMndlunkulu Ngemva Kokuthunjwa

- ¹⁷Abosendo lukaJehoyakhini
owayethunjiwe yilaba:
uSheyalithiyeli indodana yakhe,
¹⁸uMalikhiramu, loPhedaya,
loShenazari, loJekhamiya,
loHoshama, kanye loNedabhiya.
¹⁹Amadodana kaPhedaya yila:
nguZerubhabheli loShimeyi.
Amadodana kaZerubhabheli yila:
NguMeshulami loHananiya.
UShelomithi engudadewabo.
²⁰Babekhona njalo abanye
abahlanu: uHashuba, u-Oheli,
uBherekhiya, uHasadiya,
loJushabi-Hesedi.
²¹Abosendo lukaHananiya yilaba:
nguPhelathiya loJeshaya, kanye
lamadodana kaRefaya, ka-
Arinani, ka-Obhadiya kanye
lokaShekhaniya:
²²Abosendo lukaShekhaniya yilaba:
nguShemayiya lamadodana akhe:
uHatushi, lo-Igali, loBhariya,
loNeyariya kanye loShafathi,
beyisithupha.
²³Amadodana kaNeyariya yila:
ngu-Eliyahenayi, loHizikhiya, lo-
Azirikhamu – bebathathu.
²⁴Amadodana ka-Eliyohenayi yila:
nguHodaviya, lo-Eliyashibi,
loPhelaya, lo-Akhubi,
loJohanani, loDelaya
kanye lo-Anani, beyisikhombisa.

Abanye Abosendo LukaJuda

- 4** Abosendo lukaJuda kuyilaba:
NguPherezi, loHezironi,
loKhami, loHuri loShobhali.
²UReyaya indodana kaShobhali
wayenguyise kaJahathi,

- uJahathi onguyise ka-Ahumayi kanye loLahadi. Laba babengabosendo lwamaZorathi.
- ³ La ayengamadodana ka-Ethami: uJezereli, lo-Ishima kanye lo-Idibhashi. Udadewabo kwakuthiwa nguHazeleliphoni.
- ⁴ UPhenuweli wayenguyise kaGedori, lo-Ezeri uyise kaHusha. Laba kungabosendo lukaHuri, izibulo lika-Efuratha uyise kaBhethilehema.
- ⁵ U-Ashuri uyise kaThekhowa wayelabafazi ababili, uHela loNahara.
- ⁶ UNahara wamzalela u-Ahuzami, loHeferi, loThemeni kanye loHahashithari. Laba kwakungabosendo lukaNahara.
- ⁷ Amadodana kaHela yila: nguZerethi, loZohari, lo-Ethinani, ⁸ loKhozi owayenguyise ka-Anubi loHazobhebha kanye labosendo luka-Ahareheli indodana kaHarumi.
- ⁹ UJabhezi wayelodumo kulabafowabo. Unina wayemuthe lelibizo lokuthi Jabhezi, ngoba esithi “Ngamzala kabuhlungu.”
- ¹⁰ UJabhezi wakhuleka kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wathi: “Sengathi ungangibusisa uqhelise ilizwe lami! Isandla sakho kasibe lami, ungivikele ebubini, ngingehlelwa yibuhlungu.” UNkulunkulu wamnika lokho ayekucela.
- ¹¹ UKhelubi, umfowabo kaShuha, wayenguyise kaMehiri, owayenguyise ka-Eshithoni. ¹² U-Eshithoni wayenguyise kaBhethi Rafa, loPhaseya kanye loThehina uyise ka-Iri Nahashi. Laba babengabantu bakaRekha.
- ¹³ Amadodana kaKhenazi yila: ngu-Othiniyeli loSeraya. Amadodana ka-Othiniyeli yila: nguHathathi loMeyonothayi. ¹⁴ UMeyonathayi wayenguyise ka-Ofira. USeraya wayenguyise kaJowabi owayengukhokho wesizwe samaGe Harashimi. Babizwa ngalelibizo ngoba babeyizingcitshi.
- ¹⁵ Amadodana kaKhalebi indodana kaJefune yila: ngu-Iru, lo-Ela kanye loNahamu. Indodana ka-Ela yile: nguKhenazi.
- ¹⁶ Amadodana kaJehaleleli yila: nguZifi, loZifa, loThiriya kanye lo-Asareli.
- ¹⁷ Amadodana ka-Ezira yila: nguJetheri, loMeredi, lo-Eferi kanye loJaloni. Omunye wabafazi bakaMeredi wazala uMiryamu, loShamayi kanye lo-Ishibha uyise ka-Eshithemowa. ¹⁸ (Umkakhe ongumJudakazi wamzalela uJeredi uyise kaGedori, uHebheri uyise kaSokho, loJekuthiweli uyise kaZanowa.) Laba kwakungabantwana baka-Bhithiya indodakazi kaFaro, eyayendele kuMeredi.
- ¹⁹ Amadodana omkaHodiya, udadewabo kaNahama, uyise kaKheyila owaseGami, lo-Eshithemowa waseMahakhathi.
- ²⁰ Amadodana kaShimoni yila: ngu-Amnoni, loRina, loBheni-Hanani kanye loThiloni. Abosendo luka-Ishi yilaba: nguZohethi loBheni-Zohethi.
- ²¹ Amadodana kaShela indodana kaJuda yila: ngu-Eri uyise kaLekha, loLahada uyise kaMaresha labantwana babeluki bamalembu amahle

eBhethi Ashibheya. ²² UJokhimu, lamadoda aseKhozeba, uJowashi loSarafi, owabusa amaMowabi loJashubi Lehemu. (Lokhu kutholakala emibhalweni yasendulo).

²³ Laba kwakungababumbi ababehlala eNethayimi leGedera; behlala khona besebenzela inkosi.

USimiyoni

²⁴ Abosendo lukaSimiyoni yilaba: nguNemuweli, loJamini, loJaribi, loZera kanye loShawuli; ²⁵ uShalumi wayeyindodana kaShawuli, uMibhisamu indodana yakhe loMishima indodana yakhe.

²⁶ Abosendo lukaMishima yilaba: nguHamuweli indodana yakhe, loZakhuri indodana yakhe loShimeyi indodana yakhe.

²⁷ UShimeyi wayelamadodana alitshumi lesithupha lamadodakazi ayisithupha, kodwa abafowabo babengelabantwana abanengi, ngakho usendo lwabo lonke aluzanga lwande njengabantu bakaJuda.

²⁸ Babehlala eBherisheba, eMolada, eHazari Shuwali, ²⁹ eBhiliha, e-Ezema, eTholadi, ³⁰ eBhethuweli, eHoma, eZikhilagi, ³¹ eBhethi Makhbothi, eHazari Susimi, eBhethi Bhiri laseShaharayimi. Yiyo eyayiyimizi yabo kwaze kwabusa uDavida. ³² Imizana eyayikhonapho kwakuyi-Ethamu, i-Ayini, iRimoni, iThokheni le-Ashani – imizi emihlanu, ³³ layo yonke imizana eyayiseduzane kwale imizi kuze kuyefika eBhahalathi. Lezi yizo izindawo abahlaliswa khona. Bagcina imibhalo yosendo lwabo.

³⁴ UMeShobabi loJamuleki, loJosha indodana ka-Amaziya

³⁵ loJoweli, loJehu indodana ka-

Joshibhiya, indodana kaSeraya, indodana ka-Asiyeli

³⁶ kanye lo-Eliyohenayi, loJahakhobha loJeshohaya lo-Asaya lo-Adiyeli loJesimiyeli loBhenayiya, ³⁷ kanye loZiza indodana kaShifi, indodana ka-Aloni, indodana kaJedayiya, indodana kaShimiri, indodana kaShemayiya.

³⁸ Amadoda aqanjweyo ngamabizo ngaphezulu ayengabakhokheli bosendo lwakwabo. Izimuli zabo zanda kakhulu, ³⁹ zaqhela zayakwakha langaphandle kweGedori okuya ngempumalanga yesihotsha bedinga amadlelo emihlambi yabo. ⁴⁰ Bafumana umhlaba ovundileyo olamadlelo amahle, obanzi ophilileyo njalo uthule. Kwakuke kwahlala amanye amaHamu khonapho.

⁴¹ Amadoda alamabizo abhaliweyo afika ngezinsuku zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. Bahlasela amaHamu emizini yawo kanye lamaMewani ayelapho bawabhuqa du, njengoba kubonakala lalamuhla. Basebezihlalela besakha khonapho, ngoba

kwakulamadlelo emihlambi yabo. ⁴² Abangamakhulu amahlanu alaba abakaSimiyoni, bekhokhelwa nguPhelathiya, uNeyariya loRefaya lo-Uziyeli amadodana ka-Ishi, bahlasela ilizwe lamaqaqa laseSeyiri.

⁴³ Babulala ama-Ameleki ayephunyukile asala, njalo sebehlale kulindawo kuze kube lamuhla.

URubheni

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

nguHanoki, loPhalu, loHezironi kanye loKhami.

⁴ Abenzalo kaJoweli yilaba :

nguShemayiya indodana yakhe,
loGogi indodana yakhe,
loShimeyi indodana yakhe,
⁵ loMikha indodana yakhe,
loReyaya indodana yakhe,
loBhali indodana yakhe, ⁶ kanye
loBhera indodana yakhe, lowo
uThigilathi-Phileseri inkosi yase-
Asiriya eyamthumba yamusa
elizweni. UBhera
wayengumkhokheli
wabakoRubheni.

⁷ Izihlobo zabo ngosendo lwabo, njengokulotshwe emibhalweni yosendo yilezi:

nguJeyiyeli induna, loZekhariya, kanye ⁸ loBhela indodana ka-Azazi, indodana kaShema, indodana kaJoweli. Bakha bahlala emmangweni osuka e-Aroweri kusiya eNebho laseBhali Meyoni.
⁹ Empumalanga babehlezi emmangweni ofika emaphethelweni enkangala etshaya khonale eMfuleni uYufathe, ngoba izifuyo zabo zasezandile eGileyadi.

¹⁰ Ngezinsuku zokubusa kukaSawuli balwa impi lamaHagari; bawanqoba basebhlala emizaneni yawo emmangweni wonke ongempumalanga yeGileyadi.

UGadi

¹¹ AbakaGadi babehlala phansi kwabo eBhashani, kuze kuyefika eSalekha:

¹² UJoweli wayeyinduna, uShafama emlandela, besekusiza uJanayi loShafathi, ngaseBhashani.

¹³ Izihlobo zabo, ngokuzalana kwabo, yilezi:

nguMikhayeli, loMeshulama, loShebha, loJorayi, loJakhani, loZiya kanye lo-Ebheri, beyisikhombisa sebendawonye.

¹⁴ Laba babengamadodana ka-Abhihayili indodana kaHuri, indodana kaJerowa, indodana kaGileyadi, indodana kaMikhayeli, indodana kaJeshishayi, indodana kaJahido, indodana kaBhuzi. ¹⁵ U-Ahi indodana ka-Abhidiyeli, indodana kaGuni, wayeyinhloko yemuli yakwabo.

¹⁶ AbakaGadi babehlala eGileyadi, eBhashani lezizaneni yakhona, kanye lasemadlweni aseSharoni kuze kuyefika emaphethelweni awo.

¹⁷ Bonke laba balotshwa emibhalweni yosendo ngezinsuku zokubusa kukaJothamu inkosi yakoJuda loJerobhowami inkosi yako-Israyeli.

¹⁸ AbakoRubheni, labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase babelamadoda ayeselungele ukubuthwa ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha amadoda ayeseqwahele esenelisa ukuphatha

ihawu ahlome ngenkamba, atshoke ngemitshoko, ayesevele afundela ukulwa empini.¹⁹ Bahlasela uHagari loJethuri loNafishi loNodabi.²⁰ Bahlonyulelwa ekulweni kwabo labo, njalo uNkulunkulu wanikela uHagari labanye bakhe ezandleni zabo, ngoba bakhuleka kuNkulunkulu empini. Wayiphendula imikhuleko yabo, ngoba bamethemba.²¹ Bathumba izifuyo zakoHagiri – amakamela ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu, izimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu labobabhemi abayizinkulungwane ezimbili. Bathumba njalo abantu abayizinkulungwane ezilikhulu,²² abanye abanengi babulawa, ngoba le kwakuyimpi kaNkulunkulu. Bona bahlala kulelolizwe kwaze kwaba yisikhathi bethunjwa.

Ingxenye Yesizwana SikaManase

²³ Abantu ababeyingxenye yesizwana sikaManase babebanengi; bahlala elizweni kusukela eBhashani kusiya eBhali-Hemoni, kusitsho iSeniri (iNtaba yaseHemoni).²⁴ Laba yibo ababeyizinhloko zezimuli: u-Eferi, lo-Ishi, lo-Eliyeli, lo-Aziriyeli, loJeremiya, loHodaviya, kanye loJahidiyeli. Babengamadoda empi alezibindi, amadoda adumileyo, njalo beyizinhloko zezimuli zabo.²⁵ Kodwa bona babengathembekanga kuNkulunkulu waboyise basebekhonza onkulunkulu bezizwe uNkulunkulu wabo ababhuhisa kulawomazwe bengakahlali khona.²⁶ Ngakho uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wadunga umoya kaPhuli inkosi yase-Asiriya (okuyikuthi, Thigilathi-Phileseri inkosi yase-Asiriya), owathumba abakoRubheni, labakoGadi kanye lengxenye yesizwana sikaManase. Wabathatha wabasa eHala, leHabori,

leHara lasemfuleni uGozani, lapho abakhona lalamuhla.

ULevi

6 Amadodana kaLevi yila:

nguGeshoni, loKhohathi, kanye loMerari.

² Amadodana kaKhohathi yila:

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

³ Abantwana baka-Amramu yilaba:

ngu-Aroni, loMose kanye loMiryamu.

Amadodana ka-Aroni yila: nguNadabi, lo-Abhihu lo-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari.

⁴ U-Eliyazari wayenguyise kaFinehasi, uFinehasi enguyise ka-Abhishuwa,

⁵ u-Abhishuwa enguyise kaBukhi,

uBukhi enguyise ka-Uzi,

⁶ u-Uzi enguyise kaZeraya,

uZeraya enguyise kaMerayothi,

⁷ uMerayothi enguyise ka-Amariya,

u-Amariya enguyise ka-Ahithubi,

⁸ u-Ahithubi enguyise ka-Zadoki,

uZadoki enguyise ka-Ahimahazi,

⁹ u-Ahimahazi enguyise ka-

Azariya,

u-Azariya enguyise kaJehanani,

¹⁰ uJehanani enguyise ka-Azariya

(nguye lo owayengumphristi

ethempelini elakhiwa

nguSolomoni eJerusalema).

¹¹ U-Azariya enguyise ka-

Amariya,

u-Amariya enguyise

ka-Ahithubi,

¹² u-Ahithubi enguyise kaZadoki,

u-Zadoki enguyise ka-Shalumu,

¹³ uShalumu enguyise

kaHilikhiya,

- u-Hilikhiya enguyise ka-Azariya,
¹⁴ u-Azariya enguyise kaSeraya,
 uSeraya enguyise kaJehozadaki.
¹⁵ UJehozadaki wathunjwa lapho uJehova
 athumba abakoJuda labaseJerusalema
 ngesandla sika-Nebhukhadinezari.
- ¹⁶ Amadodana kaLevi yila:
 nguGeshoni, loKhohathi kanye
 loMerari.
- ¹⁷ Nanka amabizo amadodana
 kaGeshoni:
 nguLibhini loShimeyi,
- ¹⁸ Amadodana kaKhohathi yila:
 ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari,
 loHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli.
- ¹⁹ Amadodana kaMerari yila:
 nguMahili loMushi.
 Laba babelusendo lwabaLevi behlelwe
 ngoluhlu lwaboyise:
- ²⁰ AbakaGeshoni yilaba:
 nguLibhini indodana yakhe,
 loJehathi indodana yakhe,
 loZima indodana yakhe, ²¹ loJowa
 indodana yakhe, lo-Ido indodana
 yakhe, loZera indodana yakhe
 kanye loJeyatherayi indodana
 yakhe.
- ²² Abosendo lukaKhohathi yilaba:
 ngu-Aminadabi indodana yakhe,
 loKhora indodana yakhe, lo-Asiri
 indodana yakhe, ²³ lo-Elikhana lo-
 Abhiyasafi indodana yakhe lo-
 Asiri indodana yakhe,
²⁴ loThahathi indodana yakhe, lo-
 Uriyeli indodana yakhe, lo-Uziya
 indodana yakhe kanye loShawuli
 indodana yakhe.
- ²⁵ Abosendo luka-Elikhana yilaba:
 ngu-Amasayi, lo-Ahimothi,
²⁶ lo-Elikhana indodana yakhe,
 loZofayi indodana yakhe,
 loNahathi indodana yakhe,
²⁷ lo-Eliyabi indodana yakhe,
 loJerohamu indodana yakhe, lo-

- Elikhana indodana yakhe kanye
 loSamuyeli indodana yakhe.
²⁸ Amadodana kaSamuyeli yila:
 nguJoweli izibulo lo-Abhija
 indodana yesibili.
- ²⁹ Abosendo lukaMerari yilaba:
 nguMahili, loLibhini indodana
 yakhe, loShimeyi indodana
 yakhe, lo-Uza indodana yakhe,
³⁰ lo-Shimeya indodana yakhe,
 loHagiya indodana yakhe kanye
 lo-Asaya indodana yakhe.

Abahlabeleli BaseThempelini

- ³¹ Laba yibo abakhethwa nguDavida
 ukuphatha ukuhlabelela endlini
 kaJehova ngemva kokubekwa
 kwebhokisi lesivumelwano khona.
³² Bakhonza ngokuhlabelela phambi
 kwebhokisi lesivumelwano, iThente
 lokuHlanganela, uSolomoni waze wakha
 ithempeli likaJehova eJerusalema. Benza
 inkonzo yabo ngendlela okwakuqoqwe
 ngayo.
- ³³ Bona ababekhethelwe lowomsebenzi
 kanye lamadodana abo yilaba:
 Kwabendlu kaKhohathi yilaba:
 nguHemani umhlabeleli,
 indodana kaJoweli,
 indodana kaSamuyeli
³⁴ indodana ka-Elikhana,
 indodana kaJerohamu,
 indodana ka-Eliyeli, indodana
 kaThowa,
³⁵ indodana kaZufi, indodana ka-
 Elikhana,
 indodana kaMahathi, indodana
 ka-Amasayi,
³⁶ indodana ka-Elikhana,
 indodana kaJoweli,
 indodana ka-Azariya, indodana
 kaZefaniya
³⁷ indodana kaThahathi, indodana
 ka-Asiri,
 indodana ka-Ebhiyasafi,
 indodana kaKhora,

- ³⁸ indodana ka-Izihari,
indodana kaKhohathi, indodana
ka Levi, indodana ka-Israyeli.
- ³⁹ U-Asafi umkhula kaHemani
owasebenza laye ngasesandleni
sakhe sokudla:
U-Asafi indodana kaBherekhiya,
indodana kaShimeya, ⁴⁰ indodana
kaMikhayeli, indodana
kaBhahaseya, indodana
kaMalikhija,
⁴¹ indodana ka-Ethini, indodana
kaZera,
indodana ka-Adaya,
⁴² indodana ka-Ethani, indodana
kaZima, indodana kaShimeyi,
⁴³ indodana kaJahathi,
indodana kaGeshoni, indodana
kaLevi;
- ⁴⁴ kanti njalo kubakhula babo amaMerari
kwesenxele isandla sakhe yilaba:
ngu-Ethani indodana kaKhishi,
indodana ka-Abhidi,
indodana kaMaluki, ⁴⁵ indodana
kaHashabhiya,
indodana ka-Amaziya, indodana
kaHilikhuya,
⁴⁶ indodana ka-Amizi, indodana
kaBhani, indodana kaShemeri,
⁴⁷ indodana kaMahili,
indodana kaMushi, indodana
kaMerari,
indodana kaLevi.
- ⁴⁸ Abafowabo kubaLevi babephiwe
yonke eminye imisebenzi
ethabanikeleni, endlini kaNkulunkulu.
- ⁴⁹ Kodwa u-Aroni labosendo lwakhe yibo
ababesethula iminikelo yokutshiswa e-
alithareni kanye lase-alithareni lempepha
lakho konke okwakusenziwa eNdaweni
eNgcwele kakhulu, becelela
u-Israyeli umusa, njengalokhu uMosi
inceku kaNkulunkulu yayitshilo.
- ⁵⁰ Laba ngabosendo luka-Aroni:
- ngu-Eliyazari indodana yakhe,
loFinehasi indodana yakhe, lo-
Abhishuwa indodana yakhe,
⁵¹ loBhukhi indodana yakhe, lo-
Uzi indodana yakhe, loZerahiya
indodana yakhe,
⁵² loMerayothi indodana yakhe,
lo-Amariya indodana yakhe, lo-
Ahithubi indodana yakhe,
⁵³ loZadoki indodana yakhe kanye
lo-Ahimazi indodana yakhe.
- ⁵⁴ Imizi ababehlezi kiyo kuselizweni
ababeliphiwe (yimizi eyayiphiwe
abosendo luka-Aroni beyinzalo
kaKhohathi, ngoba isabelo sakuqala
sasingesabo) yile:
- ⁵⁵ Babephiwe iHebhroni koJuda
lamadlelo akhona. ⁵⁶ Kodwa
amasimu lemizana
eyayiseduzane ledolobho
kwaphiwa uKhalebi indodana
kaJefune.
- ⁵⁷ Ngakho abosendo luka-Aroni
baphiwa iHebhroni (umuzi
wokuphephela), leLibhina,
leJathiri, le-Eshithemowa,
⁵⁸ leHileni, leDebhiri, ⁵⁹ le-Ashani,
leJuta leBethi Shemeshi,
ndawonye lamadlelo akhona.
- ⁶⁰ Esizwaneni sikaBhenjamini
baphiwa iGibheyoni, leGebha,
le-Alemethi le-Anathothi, kanye
lamadlelo akhona.
Imizi eyaphiwa amaKhohathi
yayilitshumi lantathu.
- ⁶¹ Abaseleyo bamaKhohathi baphiwa
imizi elitshumi beyingxenye yendlu
yesizwana sikaManase.
- ⁶² Abosendo lukaGeshoni, indlu ngendlu,
baphiwa imizi elitshumi lemithathu
ezizwaneni zaku-Isakhari, ko-Asheri
lakoNafthali, kanye lengxenye
yesizwana sikaManase esiseBhashani.
- ⁶³ Abosendo lukaMerari, indlu ngendlu,
baphiwa imizi elitshumi lambili

esizwaneni sikaRubheni, lesikaGadi
lesikaZebhuluni.

⁶⁴Ngakho yiyo imizi lamadlelo ayo
eyaphiwa abaLevi ngama-Israyeli.

⁶⁵Esizwaneni sakoJuda, lesakoSimiyoni
loBhenjamini baphiwa imizi esike
yaqanjwa.

⁶⁶Amanye amaKhohathi aphiwa imizi
elizweni lesizwana sika-Efrayimi.

⁶⁷Elizweni lamaqaqa lika-
Efrayimi baphiwa iShekemu
(umuzi wokuphephela) leGezeri,

⁶⁸leJokhimeyamu, leBhethi
Haroni, ⁶⁹lo-Ayijaloni leGathi
Rimoni, kanye lamadlelo akhona.

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

⁷¹AmaGeshoni azuza lezizindawo:
Kwabosendo lwengxenye
yesizwana sikaManase
bazuza i-Golani eBhashani kanye
le-Ashitharothi, ndawonye
lamadlelo akhona;

⁷²esizwaneni sika-Isakhari
bazuza iKhedeshi, leDabhera,
⁷³leRamothi le-Anema lamadlelo
akhona;

⁷⁴esizwaneni sika-Asheri
bazuza iMashali, le-Abhidoni,

⁷⁵leHukhokhi leRehobi, kanye lamadlelo
akhona;

⁷⁶esizwaneni sikaNafthali bazuza
iKhedeshi eGalile, leHamoni,
leKhiriyathayimi kanye
lamadlelo akhona.

⁷⁷AmaMerari (insalela yabaLevi)
aphiwa kanje:

esizwaneni sikaZebhuluni
azuza iJokhineyami, iKhatha,
iRimono leThabhozi, kanye
lamadlelo akhona;

⁷⁸esizwaneni sikaRubheni ngaphetsheya
kweJodani ngempumalanga

yeJerikho azuza iBhezeri
enkangala, leJahiza,

⁷⁹leKhedemothi kanye
leMefahathi lamadlelo akhona;

⁸⁰lasesizwaneni sikaGadi
azuza iRamothi eGileyadi,
leMahanayimi,

⁸¹leHeshibhoni leJazeri, kanye
lamadlelo akhona.

U-Isakhari

7 Amadodana ka-Isakhari yila:

nguThola, loPhuwa, loJashubi
loShimroni – ngobune babo.

² Amadodana kaThola yila:

ngu-Uzi, loRefaya, loJeriyele,
loJahamali, lo-Ibhisamu
loSamuyeli – bonke beyizinhloko
zezindlu zabo. Ngezinsuku
uDavida esabusa, abosendo
lukaThola abangamadoda
aselindele impi ngoluhlu
lokuzalana kwabo,
babengamadoda
ayezinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lambili
lamakhulu ayisithupha.

³ Indodana ka-Uzi kungu:

Izrahiya.
Amadodana ka-Izrahiya yila:
nguMikhayeli, lo-Obhadiya,
loJoweli lo-Ishiya.
Ngobuhlanu babo babeyizinduna.
⁴ Ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo,
babelamadoda ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu
lesithupha ayeselungele ukuthi
angaphuma ayekulwa impi,
ngoba babelabafazi labantwana
abanengi.

⁵ Abayizihlobo abesilisa abasebefanele
ukuthi bangaya empini
bengabosendo
luka-Isakhari, ngoluhlu
lokuzalana kwabo,

sebendawonye
babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi aficamibili
lesikhombisa.

UBhenjamini

⁶ Amadodana kaBhenjamini amathathu
yila:

nguBhela, loBhekheri
loJediyayeli.

⁷ Amadodana kaBhela yila:

ngu-Eziboni, lo-Uzi, lo-Uziyeli,
loJerimothi lo-Iri – bebahlanu
ndawonye, beyizinhloko zezindlu
zabo. Bona-ke ngoluhlu losendo
lwabo babelamadoda ayelungele
ukulwa empini
ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lambili
lamatshumi amathathu alabantu
abane.

⁸ Amadodana kaBhekheri yila:

nguZemira, loJowashi, lo-
Eliyezeri, lo-Eliyonayi, lo-Omiri,
loJeremothi, lo-Abhija, lo-
Anathothi kanye lo-Alemethi.
Wonke la kwakungamadodana
kaBhekheri. ⁹ Imbali yoluhlu
lwezimuli zababeyizinhloko
zemindeneni ibalisa ukuthi
babengabantu
abayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili
lamakhulu amabili amadoda
empi.

¹⁰ Indodana kaJediyeli kwakungu:

Bhilihani.
Amadodana kaBhilihani yila:
nguJewushi, loBhenjamini, lo-
Ehudi, loKhenana, loZethani,
loThashishi kanye lo-Ahishahari.
¹¹ Wonke lamadodana kaJediyeli
ayeyizinhloko zezindlu zawo.
Kwakulamadoda ayesefanele
ukubuthwa ayekulwa empini

ayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lesikhombisa,
lamakhulu amabili.

¹² AmaShuphi lamaHuphi
ayengawosendo luka-Iri,
lamaHushi engawosendo luka-
Aheri.

UNafthali

¹³ Amadodana kaNafthali yila:
nguJazyeli, loGuni, loJezereli
kanye loShaluma, abosendo
lukaBhiliha.

UManase

¹⁴ Abosendo lukaManase yilaba:
ngu-Asiriyeli amzala lomfazi
weceleni ongum-Arama. Wazala
uMakhiri uyise kaGileyadi.

¹⁵ UMakhiri wathatha umfazi
ozalwa ngamaHuphi
lamaShuphi. Udadewabo
kwakunguMahakha.
Omunye owosendo
kwakunguZelofehadi owazala
amankazana kuphela.
¹⁶ UmkaMakhiri uMahakha
wazala indodana yathiwa
nguPhereshi. Umfowabo yena
wethiwa ibizo elithi Shereshi,
njalo amadodana akhe
kwakungu-Ulamu loRakhemu.

¹⁷ Indodana ka-Ulamu kungu:

Bhedani.
La ngamadodana kaGileyadi,
indodana kaMakhiri, indodana
kaManase. ¹⁸ Udadewabo
uHamolekethi wazala u-Ishodi,
lo-Abhiyezeri loMahla.

¹⁹ Amadodana kaShemida yila:
ngu-Ahiyani, loShekemi, loLikhi
kanye lo-Aniyami.

U-Efrayimi

²⁰ Abosendo luka-Efrayimi yilaba:

nguShuthela, loBheredi indodana yakhe, loThahathi indodana yakhe, lo-Eleyada indodana yakhe, loThahathi indodana yakhe, ²¹ loZabhadhi indodana yakhe kanye loShuthela indodana yakhe. U-Ezeri lo-Eliyadi babulawa ngababezalwa eGathi, baze bayethumba izifuyo zabo. ²² Uyise u-Efrayimi wabalilela okwezinsuku ezinengi, izihlobo zakhe zeza zizomduduza. ²³ Walala njalo lomkakhe wakhulelwa, wazala indodana ayitha ibizo elithi Bheriya, kuyikutshengisa ukuthi kwakonakele phakathi kwemuli. ²⁴ Indodakazi yakhe kwakunguShera owakha iBhethi Horoni yaPhansi leyaPhezulu kanye le-Uzeni Shera. ²⁵ URefa wayeyindodana yakhe, loReshefi indodana yakhe, loThela indodana yakhe, loThahani indodana yakhe, ²⁶ loLadani indodana yakhe, lo-Amihudi indodana yakhe, lo-Elishama indodana yakhe, ²⁷ loNuni indodana yakhe kanye loJoshuwa indodana yakhe. ²⁸ Amazwe lemizi yabo yayihlanganise iBhetheli lemizana eseduzane, iNaharani empumalanga, iGezeri lemizana yayo kusiya entshonalanga, iShekemu lemizana kusiyafika e-Aya lemizana yayo. ²⁹ Emingceleni yakwelakoManase kuleBethi Shani, leThahanakhi, leMegido, kanye leDori lemizana yakhona. Ababehlala kulimizi ngabosendo lukaJosefa indodana ka-Israyeli.

U-Asheri

³⁰ Amadodana ka-Asheri yila:

ngu-Imina, lo-Ishiva, lo-Ishivi kanye loBheriya. Udadewabo kunguSera.

³¹ Amadodana kaBheriya yila: nguHebheri loMalikhiyeli uyise kaBhirizayithi.

³² UHebheri wayenguyise kaJafilethi, loShomeri loHothamu kanye lodadewabo uShuwa.

³³ Amadodana kaJafilethi yila: nguPasaki, loBhimihali kanye lo-Ashivathi. Laba kwakungamadodana kaJafilethi.

³⁴ Amadodana kaShomeri yila: ngu-Ahi, loRohiga, loHubha kanye lo-Arama.

³⁵ Amadodana omfowabo uHelemu yila: nguZofa, lo-Imina, loSheleshi kanye lo-Amali.

³⁶ Amadodana kaZofa yila: nguSuwa, loHarineferi, loShuwali, loBheri, lo-Imra,

³⁷ loBhezari, loHodi, loShama, loShalisha, lo-Ithirani kanye loBhera.

³⁸ Amadodana kaJetheri yila: nguJefune, loPhisipha kanye lo-Ara.

³⁹ Amadodana ka-Ula yila: ngu-Ava, loHaniyeli kanye loRiziya.

⁴⁰ Bonke laba babe ngabosendo luka-Asheri beyizinhloko zendlu ngendlu, amadoda akhethiweyo, amabutho alesibindi njalo bengabakhokheli abalokuhlakanipha. Inani lamadoda ayesefanele ukubuthwa aye empini, kusiya ngoluhlu losendo lwakwabo, kwakuyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesithupha.

Usendo LukaSawuli umBhenjamini

8 UBhenjamini wayenguyise kaBhela izibulo lakhe,

- lo-Ashibheli indodana yesibili,
lo-Ahara eyesithathu,
² loNoha eyesine loRafa indodana yesihlanu.
- ³ Amadodana kaBhela ayeyila:
ngu-Adari, loGera, lo-Abhihudi,
⁴ lo-Abhishuwa, loNamani, lo-Ahowa, ⁵ loGera, loShefufani kanye loHuramu.
- ⁶ Laba ngabosendo luka-Ehudi, ababeyizinhloko zezindlu zalabo ababehlala eGebha abaxotshelwa eManahathi:
⁷ KunguNamani, lo-Ahiya, kanye loGera owabaxotshayo njalo enguyise ka-Uza lo-Ahihudi.
- ⁸ Kulamadodana azalwa nguShaharayimi eMowabi ngemva kokwehlukana labafazi bakhe oHushimi loBhahara. ⁹ Emfazini wakhe uHodeshi wayelabantwana laba: uJobaba, loZibiya, loMesha, loMalikhami, ¹⁰ loJewuzi, loSakhiya kanye loMirima. Yiwo amadodana akhe, ayeyizinhloko zezindlu zawo. ¹¹ KuHushimi wazala u-Abhithubi lo-Eliphali.
- ¹² Amadodana ka-Eliphali yila:
ngu-Ebheri, loMishami, loShemedi (nguye owakha i-Ono leLodi lemizana eseduzane layo), ¹³ kanye loBheriya loShema, bona beyizinhloko zezindlu zalabo ababehlala e-Ayijaloni abayibo njalo abaxotsha ababehlala eGathi.
¹⁴ U-Ahiyo, loShashaki, loJeremothi, ¹⁵ loZebhadiya, lo-Aradi, lo-Ederi, ¹⁶ loMikhayeli, lo-Ishipha kanye loJoha bengamadodana kaBheriya.
¹⁷ UZebhadiya, loMeshulami, loHizikhi, loHebheri,
¹⁸ lo-Ishimerayi, lo-Iziliya, loJobabi kungamadodana ka-Eliphali.
- ¹⁹ UJakhimi, loZikhiri, loZabhidi, ²⁰ lo-Eliyenayi, loZilethayi, lo-Eliyeli, ²¹ lo-Adaya, loBheraya kanye loShimirathi kungamadodana kaShimeyi.
- ²² U-Ishiphani, lo-Ebheri, lo-Eliyeli, ²³ lo-Abhidoni, loZikhiri loHanani,
²⁴ loHananiya, lo-Elamu lo-Anithothija,
²⁵ lo-Ifideya loPhenuweli bengamadodana kaShashaki.
- ²⁶ UShamisherayi, loShehariya, lo-Athaliya, ²⁷ loJareshiya, lo-Elija, kanye loZikhiri kungamadodana kaJerohamu.
- ²⁸ Bonke laba babeyizinhloko zezindlu, izinduna kusiya ngoluhlu losendo lwabo, njalo babehlala eJerusalema.
- ²⁹ UJeyeli uyise kaGibheyoni wayehlala eGibheyoni.
Ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMahakha, ³⁰ njalo indodana yakhe eyayilizibulo lakhe kwakungu-Abhidoni, eselanywa nguZuri, loKhishi, loBhali, loNeri, loNadabi, ³¹ loGedori, lo-Ahiyo, loZekheri ³² kanye loMikhilothi, owayenguyise kaShimeya. Laba labo babehlala phansi kwezihlobo zabo eJerusalema.
- ³³ UNeri enguyise kaKhishi enguyise kaJonathani, loMalikhi-Shuwa, lo-Abhinadabi kanye lo-Eshi-Bhali.
- ³⁴ Indodana kaJonathani:
kunguMeribhi-Bhali yena enguyise kaMikha.
- ³⁵ Amadodana kaMikha yila:
nguPhuthoni, loMeleki, loThareya kanye lo-Ahazi. ³⁶ U-Ahazi enguyise kaJehoyada, uJehoyada enguyise ka-Alemethi, lo-Azimavethi kanye loZimri, njalo uZimiri enguyise kaMoza. ³⁷ UMoza enguyise kaBhineya, loRafa eyindodana yakhe, lo-Eleyasa indodana

- yakhe kanye lo-Ezeli indodana yakhe.
- ³⁸ U-Azeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha, nanka amabizo awo:
 ngu-Azirikhamu, loBhokheru, lo-Ishmayeli, loSheyariya, lo-Obhadiya loHanani. Wonke la aye ngamadodana ka-Azeli.
- ³⁹ Amadodana omfowabo u-Eshekhi yila:
 ngu-Alamu izibulo lakhe, loJewushi indodana yesibili kanye lo-Elifelethi eyesithathu.
- ⁴⁰ Amadodana ka-Ulamu ayengamaqhawe alezibindi ayezintshantshu zemitshoko. Babelamadodana amanengi lamadodana amadodana abo – ikhulu elilamatshumi amahlanu sebendawonye.
 Bonke laba babeyinzalo kaBhenjamini.

9 Bonke abako-Israyeli babelotshiwe eluhlwini logwalo lokuzalana kwabo lwamakhosi ako-Israyeli.

Abantu eJerusalema

AbakoJuda bathunjwa basiwa eBhabhiloni ngenxa yokungathembeki kwabo. ² Abokuqala ukwakha kutsha elizweni labo bahlala emizini yabo babengabantu bako-Israyeli, abaphristi, abaLevi lezinceku zethempelini.

³ AbakoJuda, abakoBhenjamini kanye labako-Efrayimi loManase ababehlala eJerusalema yilaba:

⁴ Ngu-Uthayi indodana ka-Amihudi, indodana ka-Omiri, indodana ka-Imiri, indodana ka-Bhani, owosendo lukaPherezi indodana kaJuda.

⁵ KwabakoShiloni ngu-Asaya izibulo lamadodana akhe.

⁶ KwabakoZera:

nguJeyuweli. Abantu bakoJuda babengamakhulu ayisithupha alamatshumi afica munye.

⁷ KwabakoBhenjamini:

nguSalu indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaHodaviya, indodana kaHasenuwa; ⁸ lo-Ibheneya indodana kaJerohamu; lo-Ela indodana ka-Uzi, indodana kaMikhiri; loMeshulani indodana kaShefathiya, indodana kaReweli, indodana ka-Ibhiniya.

⁹ Abantu bakoBhenjamini, ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo njengokulotshiweyo, babe ngamakhulu aficamunye lamatshumi amahlanu lesithupha. Bonke laba kwakungamadoda ayizinhloko zezindlu zawo.

¹⁰ Abaphristi yilaba:

nguJedayiya; loJehoyaribi; kanye loJakhini;

¹¹ lo-Azariya indodana kaHilikhiya, indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaZadoki, indodana kaMerayothi, indodana ka-Ahithubi, isikhulu esasiphethe indlu kaNkulunkulu;

¹² lo-Adaya indodana kaJerohamu, indodana kaPashuri, indodana kaMalikhija; loMahasayi indodana ka-Adiyeli, indodana kaJahizera, indodana kaMeshulamu, indodana kaMeshilemithi, indodana ka-Imeri,

¹³ Abaphristi ababeyizinhloko zezindlu zabo babeyinkulungwane eyodwa elamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha. Babengamadoda alolwazi, belomlandu wokuphatha umsebenzi endlini kaNkulunkulu.

¹⁴ AbaLevi yilaba:

nguShemayiya indodana
kaHashubi, indodana ka-
Azirikhamu, indodana
kaHashabhiya, ongumMerari;
¹⁵ loBhakhikhakhari, loHereshi,
loGolali kanye loMathaniya
indodana kaMikha, indodana
kaZikhiri, indodana ka-Asafi;
¹⁶ lo-Obhadiya indodana
kaShemayiya, indodana kaGalali,
indodana kaJeduthuni, kanye
loBherekhiya indodana ka-Asa,
indodana ka-Elikhana,
owayehlala emizini
yamaNethofathi.

¹⁷ Abalindi bamasango yilaba:

nguShulumi, lo-Akhubi,
loThalimoni, lo-Ahimani
labafowabo loShalumu induna
yabo, ¹⁸ eyayilinda iSango
likaJehova empumalanga, kuze
kuba lamuhla. Abalindi
bamasango bakoLevi yilaba:
¹⁹ nguShaluma indodana kaKore,
indodana ka-Ebhiyasafi,
indodana ka-Khora, lababelinda
amasango ndawonye
bengabendlunye (amaKhora)
beyibo ababefanele bananzelele
iminyango yeThempeli njengoba
oyise babevele belinda
iminyango yendlu kaJehova.

²⁰ Ekadeni owayephethe abalindi
bamasango kwakunguFinehasi
indodana ka-Eliyazari njalo
inkosi yayimbusisile.

²¹ UZekharia indodana
kaMeshelemya wayengumlindi
sango lokungena eThenteni
lokuHlanganela.

²² Sebebonke labo ababekhethiwe ukuba
ngabalindimasango ezindaweni
eziqakathekileyo babe ngamakhulu
amabili aletshumi lambili.

Babelotshwe ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo
emizini yabo. Abalindi bamasango
babefakwe kulezizindawo
zokwethembeka nguDavida loSamuyeli
umboni. ²³ Bona kanye lenzalo yabo
babephethe ukugcinakala kwamasango
endlu kaJehova indlu ethiwa iThente.

²⁴ Abalindimasango laba
babesenhlangothini zozine:
empumalanga, entshonalanga, enyakatho
laseningizimu. ²⁵ Abafowabo ababehlezi
labo emizini yabo babefanele
babevelinda labo bezophisana
okwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa ihlandla
ngalinye. ²⁶ Abalindimasango abakhulu,
abangabaLevi, ngobune babo babefanele
bagcine izindlu lenotho esendlini
kaNkulunkulu. ²⁷ Babelala belindile
ubusuku bonke besendlini
kaNkulunkulu, ngoba babefanele
bayilinde; njalo yibo ababelezihluthulelo
beyivula ngokusa izinsuku zonke.

²⁸ Abanye babo babegcina izitsha
zenkonzo ezazisetshenziswa
ethempelini; babezibala zingena babuye
bazibale njalo seziphuma. ²⁹ Abanye
njalo babegcine impahla yendlini lakho
konke okwakusendlini engcwele, kanye
lokugcina ifulawa lewayini, lamafutha,
imphepha leziyoliso. ³⁰ Kodwa abanye
abaphristi babesebenza ukhulunganisa
iziloyiso. ³¹ UmLevi obizwa ngokuthi
nguMathithiya, indodana elizibulo
likaShaluma umKhora, wayephiwe
umlandu wokubumba isinkwa
sornikelo. ³² Abanye abazalwane
bamaKhohathi babephethe umsebenzi
ngamaSabatha wonke owokubumba
isinkwa esokubekwa etafuleni.

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

³⁴ Bonke laba babeyizinhloko zezindlu zenzalo kaLevi, izinduna njengokulotshiwewo eluhlwini losendo lwabo, njalo babehlala eJerusalema.

Okulotshiwewo NgoLuhlu Lwendlu kaSawuli

- ³⁵ UJeyiyeli uyise kaGibheyoni wayehlala eGibheyoni. Umkakhe wayethiwa nguMahakha, ³⁶ njalo indodana yakhe elizibulo kwakungu-Abhidoni eselanywa nguZuri, kuze uKhishi, loBhali, loNeri, loNadabi, ³⁷ loGedori, lo-Ahiyo, loZekhariya kanye loMikhilothi. ³⁸ UMikhilothi wayenguyise kaShimeyamu. Laba labo babehlala eJerusalema eduze lezihlobo zabo.
- ³⁹ UNeri wayenguyise kaKhishi, uKhishi enguyise kaSawuli, uSawuli enguyise kaJonathani, loMalikhi-Shuwa, lo-Abhinadabi kanye lo-Eshi-Bhali.
- ⁴⁰ Indodana kaJonathani kwakungu Meri-Bhali, yena enguyise kaMikha.
- ⁴¹ Amadodana kaMikha yila: nguPhithoni, loMeleki, loThehireya kanye lo-Ahazi. ⁴² U-Ahazi enguyise kaJada, uJada enguyise ka-Alemethi, lo-Azimavethi loZimri, yena uZimri enguyise kaMoza. ⁴³ UMoza wayenguyise kaBhineya; uRefaya eyindodana yakhe, lo-Eleyasa indodana yakhe lo-Azeli indodana yakhe.
- ⁴⁴ U-Azeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha, amabizo awo eyila: u-Azirikhamu, loBhokheru, lo-Ishimayeli. LoSheyariya, lo-Obhadiya kanye loHamani. Laba babe ngamadodana ka-Azeli.

Ukuzibulala kukaSawuli

10 AmaFilisti alwa labako-Israyeli; abako-Israyeli babaleka, abanengi babo babulawelwa eNtabeni yaseGilibhowa. ² AmaFilisti axotshana loSawuli kanye lamadodana akhe, abulala amadodana akhe uJonathani, lo-Abhinadabi kanye loMaliki-Shuwa. ³ Kwaba lokulwa okwesabekayo lapho uSawuli ayengakhona kwaze kwathi abalwa ngemitshoko sebemxhumile, bamlimaza. ⁴ USawuli wathi encekwini yakhe yokumthwalela izikhali, “Hwatsha inkemba yakho ungiqedisele, ngoba kungenzeka ukuthi bangifice laba abangasokanga, bangenze ihlazo.”

Kodwa umphathi wezikhali zakhe wathuthumela ngokwesaba ukukwenza lokho, ngakho uSawuli wathatha inkemba yakhe waziwisela phezu kwayo. ⁵ Umphathizikhali ebona ukuthi uSawuli wayesefile, laye waziwisela phezu kwenkemba yakhe, wafa. ⁶ Ngakho kwaba yikufa kukaSawuli kanye lamadodana akhe, bonke abendlu yakhe bafa ndawonye. ⁷ Bonke abako-Israyeli ababesigodini bebona ukuthi ibutho selibalekile lokuthi uSawuli kanye lamadodana akhe basebefile, baphuma bafulathela amadolobho abo babaleka. AmaFilisti afika angena azihlalela kulawomadolobho. ⁸ Ngosuku olulandelayo, amaFilisti esesiyakhuthuza izidumbu zabafileyo, afumana uSawuli lamadodana akhe abafela eNtabeni yaseGilibhowa. ⁹ Bamkhuthuza baze baquma bathatha ikhanda lakhe lezikhali zakhe, basebethuma izigijimi kulo lonke elamaFilisti ukuthi ziyobikela izithombe labantu bakibo. ¹⁰ Izikhali zakhe bazifaka ethempelini labonkulunkulu babo kwathi ikhanda lakhe balibeka ethempelini likaDagoni.

¹¹ Abantu bonke baseJabeshi Gileyadi sebezwile konke amaFilisti ayekwenzile kuSawuli, ¹² wonke amaqhawe alezibindi ahamba ayathatha isidumbu sikaSawuli lezamadodana akhe aya lazo eJabeshi. Basebengcwaba amathambo abo ngaphansi kwesihlahla esikhulu eJabeshi, bazila izinsuku eziyisikhombisa.

¹³ USawuli wafa ngoba wayengathembekanga kuJehova; kaligcinanga ilizwi likaJehova wakhe waze wayadinga ukuqondiswa yizangoma, ¹⁴ esikhundleni sokukhuleka kuJehova uNkulunkulu. Ngakho uJehova wamenza wafa wathatha ubukhosi wabunika uDavida indodana kaJese.

UDavida Uba Yinkosi Yako-Israyeli

11 Bonke abako-Israyeli baya kuDavida eHebhroni bafika bathi: “Thina siyizihlobo zakho. Esikhathini esedluleyo, ²lanxa uSawuli eseseyinkosi, nguwe owawuvele ukhokhela u-Israyeli empini. Njalo uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho wathi kuwe, ‘Wena uzakuba ngumalusi wabantu bami u-Israyeli, uzakuba ngumbusi wabo.’ ”

³ Ekufikeni kwabadala bako-Israyeli bonke kuDavida inkosi eHebhroni, wenza isivumelwano labo eHebhroni phambi kukaJehova, bamgcoba uDavida ukuba abe yinkosi ka-Israyeli, njengesithembiso sikaJehova asenza ngoSamuyeli.

UDavida Unqoba iJerusalema

⁴ UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli baya eJerusalema (kusitsho iJebusi). AmaJebusi ayehlala khona ⁵athi kuDavida, “Ungeke ungene lapha.” Kodwa lanxa kunjalo, uDavida wayithumba inqaba yaseZiyoni, uMuzi kaDavida.

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

⁷ UDavida wasehlala enqabeni, yikho yathiwa ibizo lokuthi nguMuzi kaDavida. ⁸ Wakha idolobho nxa zonke kusukela emawatheni kuze kuyefinyelela emidulini ehonqolozeleyo, ngaleso-sikhathi uJowabi esakha evuselela umuzi. ⁹ UDavida waqhubeka njalo waba lamandla, ngoba uJehova uSomandla wayelaye.

Amaqhawe KaDavida

¹⁰ Lezi yizinduna zamaqhawe kaDavida – ezazimsekele ngokuqinileyo embusweni, kanye laye wonke u-Israyeli, ukuba abe yinkosi, njengokuthembisa kukaJehova. ¹¹ Lolu yiluhlu lwalalwo maqhawe kaDavida:

uJoshobheyamu, umHakhimoni, waye ngumlawuli wezikhulu; ekulweni kwakhe wadla amadoda angamakhulu amathathu ngomkhonto adibana lawo ngasikhathi sinye.

¹² Yena elandelwa ngu-Eliyazari indodana kaDodayi umAhozi omunye wamaqhawe amathathu. ¹³ Wayekade eloDavida ePhasi Damimi, ekuhlomeni kwamaFilisti elungiselela ukudibana empini. Endaweni ethile kwakulensimu yebhali, lapho amabutho abaleka khona ebalekela amaFilisti. ¹⁴ Kodwa bona bema bajama phakathi kwensimu. Bayivikela bawabulala amaFilisti, uJehova wabapha ukunqoba okukhulu.

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

¹⁶ Ngalesosikhathi uDavida wayesenqabeni, iviyo lamabutho

amaFilisti laliseBethlehemema. ¹⁷UDavida womela amanzi okunatha wasesithi, “Kungathi kungaba lomuntu ongangikhela amanzi wona atholakala esangweni laseBethlehemema!”

¹⁸Ngakho abathathu laba badabula phakathi kweviyo lamaFilisti bayakukha amanzi eduzane lesango

laseBethlehemema bayawanika uDavida. Kodwa wala ukuwanatha, wakhetha ukuwathululela phambi kukaJehova.

¹⁹Wasesithi, “UNkulunkulu kangangivumeli ukukwenza lokhu! Kufanele yini ukuthi nginathe igazi lalababantu abanikele impilo yabo engozini bewaletha?” Ngalokho wala ukuwanatha. Lezizinto zenziwa yilawo maqhawe amathathu.

²⁰U-Abhishayi umfowabo kaJowabi nguye owaba ngumlawuli wamaqhawe amathathu. Wagiya ngomkhonto wakhe phezu kwabangamakhulu amathathu, ababulalayo, ngakho wazuza ubuqhawe njengalaba abaThathu ababengamaqhawe. ²¹Waba lodumo oluphindwe kabili phezu kwalaba abaThathu waze waba ngumlawuli wabo, loba engazange abe phakathi kwabo.

²²UBhenayiya indodana kaJehoyada wayeliqhawe elilesibindi evela eKhabizeli engumuntu owenza izimanga ezinkulu. Wabulala amaqhawe amaMowabi amabili ayezintshantshu ekulweni. Wake wangena emgodini wabulala isilwane mhla kulongoqwane.

²³Wabulala umGibhithe owayemude okwezingalo eyisikhombisa njalo eqatha. Lanxa umGibhithe wayephethe umkhonto esandleni kwakungani uphethe usungulo lokuthunga, uBhenayiya waqondana laye ngenduku. Wahluthuna umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe wabulala ngawo umkhonto wakhe. ²⁴Zazingako iziga zikaBhenayiya indodana kaJehoyada.

Yikho laye wayelendumela efanana leyamadoda amathathu. ²⁵Yena-ke wayehlonitshwa kakhulu ukwedlula bonke abangamatshumi amathathu, kodwa kasabalwanga kwabaqakathekileyo abaThathu. UDavida wamenza umlawuli wabalindi bakhe.

²⁶Amaqhawe ayelamandla yila:
 ngu-Asaheli umfowabo kaJowabi, lo-Elihanani indodana kaDodo oweBethlehemema,
²⁷loShamothi umHarori, loHelezi umPheloni,
²⁸lo-Ira indodana ka-Ikheshi ovela eThekhowa, lo-Abhiyezeri owe-Anathothi,
²⁹loSibhekhayi umHushathi, lo-Ilayi um-Ahoi,
³⁰loMaharayi umNethofathi loHeledi indodana kaBhahana umNethofathi,
³¹lo-Ithayi indodana kaRibhayi owaseGibheya koBhenjamini, loBhenayiya umPhirathoni,
³²loHurayi owasezindongeni zaseGhashi, lo-Abhiyeli um-Aribhathi,
³³lo-Azimavethi umBhaharumi, lo-Eliyaba umShalibhoni,
³⁴amadodana kaHashemi umGizoni, loJonathani indodana kaShageye umHarari,
³⁵lo-Ahiyamu indodana kaSakhari umHarari, lo-Elifali indodana ka-Uri,
³⁶loHefa indodana kaMekherathi, lo-Ahija umPheloni,
³⁷loHezironi umKhameli, loNarayi indodana ka-Ezibhayi,
³⁸loJoweli umfowabo kaNathani, loMibhari indodana kaHagiri,
³⁹loZelexhi um-Amoni, loNaharayi umBherothi, owayethwala izikhali zikaJowabi indodana kaZeruya,

⁴⁰ lo-Ira um-Ithiri,
 loGarebhi um-Ithiri,
⁴¹ lo-Uriya umHithi,
 loZabhadi indodana ka-Ahilayi,
⁴² lo-Adina indodana ka-Shiza
 owakoRubheni, owayeyinduna
 yakoRubheni, kanye
 labangamatshumi amathathu
 ababelaye,
⁴³ loHanani indodana
 kaMahakha, loJoshafathi
 umMithini,
⁴⁴ lo-Uziya um-Ashitherathi,
 loShama loJehiyeli amadodana
 kaHothamu um-Aroweri,
⁴⁵ loJediyayeli indodana
 kaShimiri, umfowabo uJoha
 umThizi,
⁴⁶ lo-Eliyeli umMahavi,
 loJeribhayi loJoshaviya
 amadodana ka-Elinahamu, lo-
 Ithima waseMowabi,
⁴⁷ lo-Eliyeli, lo-Obhedi kanye
 loJahasiyeli waseMezobha.

Amabutho Alandela UDavida Egangeni

12 La ngamabutho ayeloDavida
 eZikhilagi, ngesikhathi engavunyelwa
 ukubonakala kuSawuli indodana
 kaKhishi (kwakungamaqhawe
 ayemhlomulele empini; ² ayehlome
 ngemitshoko bezingcitshi ekutshokeni
 lokutshaya ngezavutha loba bejikijela
 ngesokudla loba ngesenxele;
 babeyizihlobo zikaSawuli bengabesizwe
 sikaBhenjamini):

³ U-Ahiyezeri induna yabo
 loJowashi amadodana
 kaShemaha owaseGibheya;
 loJeziyeli loPhelethi amadodana
 ka-Azimavethi; loBherakha,
 loJehu um-Anathothi, ⁴ kanye lo-
 Ishimaya umGibheyoni, indoda
 eyayilamandla amakhulu
 kwabangamatshumi amathathu,

engumkhokheli
 wabangamatshumi amathathu,
 loJeremiya, loJahaziyeli,
 loJohanani, loJozabhadi
 umGederathi, ⁵ lo-Eluzayi,
 loJerimothi, loBheyaliya,
 loShemariya kanye loShefathiya
 umHarufi, ⁶ lo-Elikhana, lo-
 Ishiya, lo-Azareli, loJowezeri
 loJashobheyamu amaKhora;
⁷ kanye loJowela loZebhadiya
 amadodana kaJerohamu
 waseGedori.

⁸ Abanye abakoGadi babalekela
 kuDavida enqabeni yakhe enkangala.
 Babe ngamabutho alezibindi, belungele
 ukulwa njalo bekwazi ukuphatha ihawu
 lomkhonto. Ubuso babo babuyibuso
 bezilwane, njalo belesiqubu
 njengamagogo ezintabeni.

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

¹⁰ uMishimana engowesine, uJeremiya
 engowesihlanu,

¹¹ u-Athayi engowesithupha,
 u-Eliyeli engowesikhombisa,

¹² uJohanani engowesificamibili,
 u-Elizabethi
 engowesificamunye,

¹³ uJeremiya engumsekeli wetshumi
 kanye loMakhabanayi
 owayengowetshumi lanye.

¹⁴ Amadoda akoGadi ayengabalawuli
 bamabutho, kuthi omncinyane wabo
 wayengamelana labalikhulu kodwa
 omkhulu wabo engamelana
 labayinkulungwane. ¹⁵ Yiwo la amadoda
 achapha uJodani ngenyanga yakuqala
 umfula ugcewele uphuphuma
 emakhunjini awo wonke, yibo njalo
 abaxotsha bonke ababehlala ezihotsheni,
 empumalanga kanye lasentshonalanga.

¹⁶ Amanye amadoda akoBhenjamini
 lamanye ayevela koJuda lawo alandela

uDavida khonale enqabeni yakhe.

¹⁷UDavida waphuma ukuba ayewahlangabeza wathi kuwo: “Nxa lingilandela ngokuthula, lizongiphathisa njengabangane, ngizimisele ukuhlanganyela kanye lani. Kodwa nxa lidinga ukunginikela ezitheni zami, mina ngimsulwa, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho kakubone lokho, alijejise.”

¹⁸Ngakho uMoya wasesehlela ku-Amasayi, umlawuli wabangamatshumi amaThathu, wathi:

“Singabakho thina, wena Davida!
Sikanye lawe wena ndodana kaJese!
Impumelelo, impumelelo kuwe,
njalo impumelelo kulabo abaphathisana lawe!
Ngoba uNkulunkulu wakho uzakusiza.”

Ngakho uDavida wabamukela wabenza abakhokheli bamaviyo amabutho ayehlasela.

¹⁹ Amanye amadoda akoManase abalekela kuDavida ekuhambeni kwakhe lamaFilisti esiyahlasela uSawuli. (Yena kanye lamabutho akhe kasazange ancedise amaFilisti, ngoba ngemva kokubuzisisana, ababusi bawo bathi kaxotshwe. Bathi bona: “Uyingozi kithi, ngoba angasiphendukela abuyele enkosini yakhe uSawuli.”) ²⁰UDavida wathi esiya eZikhilagi, nanka amadoda abaleka koManase amlandela: ngu-Adina, loJozabhadi, loJediyayeli, loMikhayeli, loJozabhadi, lo-Elihu kanye loZilethayi ababengabalawuli benkulungwane koManase. ²¹Bancedisa uDavida ekulweni lamaviyo abahlaseli, ngoba bonke babengamabutho alezibindi, njalo basebengabalawuli phakathi kwamabutho akhe. ²²Izinsuku zonke, ukusa kwamalanga, kwakutheleka abantu bezoncedisa

uDavida, waze waba lebuthe elikhulu, njengebuthe likaNkulunkulu.

Abanye Balandela uDavida e-Hebhroni

²³Nanka amanani amadoda ayehlomele impi eza kuDavida eHebhroni ezomncedisa ukuthatha umbuso kaSawuli, njengokutsho kukaJehova:

²⁴amadoda ayevela koJuda – ehlome ngamahawu lemikhonto ayezinkulungwane eziyi-6 800 ehlomele ukulwa impi;

²⁵abakaSimiyoni, amabutho ayelungele ukuhlasela beyizi-7 100

²⁶amadodana akoLevi eyizi-4 600, ²⁷kubalwa loJehoyada, umkhokheli wabendlu ka-Aroni yena owayelezi-3 700 ²⁸kanye loZadoki, ibutho elaliseselijaha lilesibindi, lilezikhulu zendlu yakwabo ezingamatshumi amabili lambili;

²⁹amadoda akoBhenjamini, abakibo kaSawuli beyizi- 3000 abanengi babo kuyilabo ababesele bethembekile kuSawuli kuze kufike lesisikhathi;

³⁰amadoda ako-Efrayimi, amadoda ayelezibindi, edumile ezizwaneni zawo, eyizi-20 800

³¹amadoda ayevela kungxenye yesizwana sikaManase, bekhethwe ngamabizo abo ukuba beze bazobeka uDavida ubukhosi abeyinkosi, babeyizi-18 000;

³²amadoda ayevela ko-Isakhari, ayezwisisa umumo waleso sikhathi njalo esazi ukuthi u-Israyeli kumele enzeni. Kwakuyizinduna ezingamakhulu amabili, kanye lezihlobo zazo ezingaphansi kwazo;

³³amadoda ayevela koZebhuluni, amabutho ayezingwazi empini ngezikhali zemihlobo

etshiyeneyo, eza ukuzancedisa uDavida ngokuzinikela okungalakuthandabuza, eyizi-50 000;

- ³⁴ amadoda ayevela koNafthali kwakuyizikhulu eziyinkulungwane eyodwa, kanye lamadoda ayephethe amahawu lemikhonto ayizi-37 000;
- ³⁵ amadoda ayevela koDani, ezimisele ukulwa empini, eyizi-28 600;
- ³⁶ amadoda ayevela ko-Asheri, amabutho ayevele ekwejayele ukulwa empini njalo ezimisele ukulwa, ayeyizi-40 000;
- ³⁷ njalo ngempumalanga yeJodani, amadoda akoRubheni, koGadi lakungxenywe yesizwana sikaManase, ababehlome ngemihlobohlobo yezikhali, babeyizi-120 000.
- ³⁸ Bonke laba babengamabutho azinikeleyo ukungena laloba yisiphi isigaba. Ngamabutho aya eHebhroni ezimisele ukufika abeke uDavida esihlalweni sobukhosi abe yinkosi ka-Israyeli jikelezi. Abanye bonke abako-Israyeli babengqondonye befisa ukwethesa uDavida ubukhosi. ³⁹ Wonke lamadoda athatha izinsuku ezintathu eloDavida, esidla njalo enatha, njengoba izimuli zawo zaziwalungisele umphako.
- ⁴⁰ Konke labomakhelwane babo, ababevela kude khonale kubo-Isakhari, kuboZebhuluni lakuboNafthali beza bethwele ukudla ngabobabhemi, amakamela, izimbongolo langezinkabi. Kwakulefulawa enengi, amakhekhe omkhiwane, amakhekhe erezini, iwayini, amafutha, izinkomo lezimvu, ngoba kwakulokujabula ko-Israyeli.

*Ukubuyiselwa Kwebhokisi
Lesivumelwano*

13 UDavida wacebisana lezikhulu

zakhe zonke, abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu.

² Wasesithi kuwo wonke umbuthano wako-Israyeli: “Nxa likubona kulungile njalo nxa kuyintando kaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, asithumeleni ilizwi eduze lakhatshana kubo bonke abafowethu kuwo wonke amazwe ako-Israyeli, kanye lakubaphristi labaLevi abalabo khonale emadolobheni abo lasemadlweni abo, sibaxusa ukuthi beze bazohlanganyela kanye lathi.

³ Asibuyiseni ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wethu kithi, ngoba asizange sibuze kulo ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaSawuli.” ⁴ Bonke ababebuthene bavumelana ukukwenza lokho, ngoba bonke abantu bakubona kufanele ukukwenza lokho.

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

⁷ Balisusa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova uNkulunkulu endlini ka-Abhinadabi ngenqola entsha, eyayiqondiswa ngu-Uza lo-Ahiyo.

⁸ UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli babejabula bezithokozisa ngamandla abo wonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ngezingoma betshaya lamachacho, lezingungu, lezigubhu, lamacilongo.

⁹Bathi befika esizeni sokubhulela eKhidoni, u-Uza welula isandla sakhe ezama ukuzinzisa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova, ngoba inkabi zazikhubekile. ¹⁰Ulaka lukaJehova lwavutha ku-Uza, wamtshaya wafa ngoba wayebeke isandla sakhe phezu kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova. Ngakho wahle wafa khonapho phambi kukaJehova.

¹¹Ngakho uDavida wathukuthela ngoba ulaka lukaJehova lwavutha ku-Uza, kuze kube lalamuhla indawo leyo ibizwa ngokuthi Pherezi Uza.

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

UDavida Labendlu Yakhe

14 Ngalesosikhathi uHiramu inkosi

yaseThire wathumela izigijimi kuDavida, ndawonye lezigodo zomsedari, ababazi bamatshe kanye lababazi ukuthi bayemakhela isigodlo.

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

³EJerusalem uDavida wathatha abanye abafazi wazala amanye amadodana lamadodakazi. ⁴Nanka amabizo abantwana abazalelwa khonale: NguShamuwa, loShobabi, loNathani,

loSolomoni, ⁵lo-Ibhari, lo-Elishuwa, lo-Eliphelethi, ⁶loNoga, loNefegi, loJafiya, ⁷lo-Elishama, loBheyeliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi.

UDavida Unqoba AmaFilisti

⁸AmaFilisti athi esizwa ukuthi uDavida usegcotshwe ukuba yinkosi yalo lonke elako-Israyeli, aphuma wonke ehlome ephelele esiyamzingela, kodwa uDavida wakuzwa lokho wahle waphuma yena ukuyawahlangebeza.

⁹AmaFilisti aphuma ukuyahlasela iSigodi saseRefayimi; ¹⁰ngakho uDavida wabuza kuNkulunkulu wathi: “Ngihambe ngiyewahlasela amaFilisti na? Uzawanikela kimi na?”

UJehova wamphendula wathi, “Hamba, ngizawanikela kuwe.”

¹¹Ngakho uDavida waya eBhali Pherazimi lapho awehlulela khona amaFilisti. Wasesithi: “Njengamanzi akhukhulayo uNkulunkulu uzikhukhulile izitha zami ngesandla sakhe.” Ngakho leyondawo yasibizwa ngokuthi yiBhali-Pherazimi. ¹²AmaFilisti ayebaleke atshiya onkulunkulu bawo khonale, uDavida wathi kabatshiswe ngomlilo.

¹³AmaFilisti aphinda njalo ukuhlasela isigodi, ¹⁴ngakho uDavida wabuza kuNkulunkulu njalo, uNkulunkulu wamphendula wathi, “Ungasuki uqonde phambili kodwa bazungeleze ubusubahlasela uvelela ezihlahleni zamalala. ¹⁵Kuzakuthi lapho usizwa izisinde zabahambayo ezihlahleni zebhalisamu, uphume uhlasele, ngoba lokho kuzabe kusitsho ukuthi uNkulunkulu usehambe phambi kwakho ukuyanqoba amabutho amaFilisti.”

¹⁶Ngakho uDavida wenza njengokulaywa kwakhe nguNkulunkulu, wawatshaya amaFilisti kusukela eGibheyoni kusiya eGezeri.

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

Ukulethwa Kwebhokisi Lesivumelwano EJerusalema

15 Ngemva kokuba uDavida esakhile ezakhe izindlu eMzini kaDavida, wakha indawo yebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, walimisela ithente kuleyondawo.

² UDavida wasesithi: “Kakho ozathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwabaLevi ngoba uJehova wabakhethela ukuthwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova lokumkhonza kuze kube nininini.”

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

⁴ Wahlanganisa abosendo luka-Aroni labaLevi ngezindlu zabo:

⁵ Kwabendlu kaKhohathi,
kungu-Uriyeli umkhokheli
lezihlobo ezilikhulu lamatshumi
amabili;

⁶ kwabendlu kaMerari,
kungu-Asaya umkhokheli
lezihlobo ezingamakhulu amabili
lamatshumi amabili;

⁷ kwabendlu kaGeshoni,
kunguJoweli umkhokheli
lezihlobo ezilikhulu labantu
abangamatshumi amathathu;

⁸ kwabendlu ka-Elizafani,
kunguShemayiya umkhokheli
lezihlobo ezingamakhulu
amabili;

⁹ kwabendlu kaHebhroni,
kungu-Eliyeli umkhokheli
lezihlobo ezingamatshumi afica
mibili;

¹⁰ kwabendlu ka-Uziyeli,

kungu-Aminadabi umkhokheli
lezihlobo ezilikhulu labantu
abalitshumi lababili.

¹¹ UDavida wasenxusa abaphristi uZadoki lo-Abhiyatha kanye lo-Uriyeli, lo-Asaya, loJoweli, loShemayiya, lo-Eliyeli lo-Abhinadabi abaLevi.

¹² Wasesithi kubo, “Lina liyizinhlolo zezindlu zabaLevi, zihlambululeni lina kanye lezihlobo zenu ukuze liyethatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, lililethe endaweni engiyilungisele lona.

¹³ UJehova wasithukuthelela ngenxa yokuthi, lina abaLevi, ayisini elathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova kuqala. Asizanga sibuze kuJehova ukuthi kwakumele senzeni njengokulaya kwakhe.” ¹⁴ Ngakho abaphristi labaLevi bazihlambulula ukuze bathwale ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. ¹⁵ Yikho abaLevi bathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova ngezibambo zezigodo emahlombe abo, njengokulaya kukaMose kulandelwa ilizwi likaJehova.

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

¹⁷ AbaLevi bakhetha uHamani indodana kaJoweli; kubafowabo, u-Asafi indodana kaBherekhiya; lakubafowabo amaMerari, u-Ethani indodana kaKhushaya; ¹⁸ kanye labafowabo ngokulandelana ngezikhundla: uZekhariya, loJahaziyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, lo-Uni, lo-Eliyabi, loBhenayiya, loMahaseya, loMathithiya, lo-Elifelehu, loMikhineya, lo-Obhedi-Edomi kanye loJeyiyeli abalindi bamasango.

¹⁹ Abahlabeleli uHemani lo-Asafi kanye lo-Ethani babezatshaya izigubhu

zethusi; ²⁰ loZekhariya, lo-Aziyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, lo-Uni, lo-Eliyabi, loMahaseya kanye lo-Bhenayiya babezatshaya imihubhe, ²¹ loMathithiya, lo-Elifelehu, loMikhineya, lo-Obhedi-Edomi, loJehiyeli kanye lo-Azaziya babezatshaya imiqangala, njengokuqondiswa kwabo, ²² uKhenaniya umkhokheli kubaLevi wayengumhlabelisi; wayephethe lapha ngoba wayeligabazi.

²³ UBherekhiya lo-Elikhana babengabalindi bamasango ebhokisi lesivumelwano, ²⁴ loShebhaniya, loJoshafathi loNethaneli, lo-Amasayi, loZekhariya, loBhenayiya kanye lo-Eliyezeri bengabaphristi bokuvuthela icilongo phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. U-Obhedi-Edomi loJehiya labo babengabalindi beminyango yebhokisi lesivumelwano.

²⁵ Ngakho uDavida labadala bako-Israyeli labalawuli bamaxuku enkulungwane bahamba ukuyathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi, bahamba ngokujabula. ²⁶ Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayebasizile abaLevi ababethwele ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova, benza umhlathshelo wezinkunzi eziyisikhombisa lezinqama eziyisikhombisa. ²⁷ UDavida labo bonke abaLevi ababethwele ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova labahlabeleli loKhenaniya umkhokheli wabahlabeleli babegqoke izigqoko zelembu lelineni elihle, uDavida wayegqoke lesigqoko semahlombe selineni elihle. ²⁸ Ngakho abako-Israyeli ngobunengi babo baletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova ngomdumo omkhulu, bevuthela izimpondo zezinqama betshaya lamacilongo, lezigubhu lamachacho lemihubhe.

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

Ibhokisi Lesivumelwano SikaJehova Libekwa Ethenteni

16 Balithwala ibhokisi

lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu bayalingenisa ethenteni uDavida ayelilungiselele lona, banikela ngemihlatshelo yokutshiswa leyobudlelwano phambi kukaNkulunkulu. ² UDavida eseqedile ukunikela ngemihlatshelo yokutshiswa langeyobudlelwano, wabusisa abantu ngebizo likaJehova. ³ Wababela bonke abako-Israyeli, abesilisa labesifazana, yilowo lalowo isinkwa, leqatha lenyama, lesinkwa sezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo. ⁴ Wakhetha abanye abaLevi ukukhonza phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano bedumisa uJehova, bebonga uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. ⁵ Induna kwakungu-Asafi, uZekhariya engumsekeli, kulandela uJeyiyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, loMathithiya, lo-Eliyabi, loBhenayiya, lo-Obhedi-Edomi kanye loJeyiyeli. Babezatshaya amachacho lemihubhe, u-Asafi etshaya izigubhu, ⁶ abaphristi uBhenayiya loJahoziyeli bengabokuvuthela amacilongo phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu.

Ihubo Lokubonga KukaDavida

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

⁸ Bongani uJehova, litshumayele

- ibizo lakhe,
lizazise phakathi kwabantu
izenzo zakhe.
- ⁹Hlabelani indumiso kuye
limhubele amahubo;
likhulume ngezenzo zakhe
ezimangalisayo.
- ¹⁰Jabulani ebizweni lakhe elingcwele;
kazithokoze izinhliziyi zabo
abafuna uJehova.
- ¹¹Funani uJehova lamandla akhe,
limdinge yena njalonjalo.
- ¹²Khumbulani izenzo zakhe
ezimangalisayo azenzayo,
izimangaliso azenzayo,
lezahlulelo azikhulumayo,
- ¹³lina nzalo kaIsrayeli inceku yakhe,
lina madodana kaJakhobe
bakhethiweyo bakhe.
- ¹⁴Yena unguJehova uNkulunkulu wethu;
izahlulelo zakhe zigcwele wonke
umhlaba.
- ¹⁵Uyakhumbula isivumelwano sakhe
kuze kube nininini,
ilizwi alitsho waliqinisa kuzo
izizukulwana eziyinkulungwane,
- ¹⁶isivumelwano asenza lo-Abrahama,
isifungo asenza lo-Isaka,
- ¹⁷wasiqinisa kuJakhobe saba yisimiso,
laku-Israyeli saba yisivumelwano
esingapheliyo,
- ¹⁸wathi; “Ngizakunika ilizwe
laseKhenani libe yisabelo sakho
esiyilifa lakho.”
- ¹⁹Bathi beseselinani elincinyane,
elincinyane impela njalo
beyizihambi kulo,
- ²⁰bezula ezizweni ngezizwe
besuka komunye umbuso besiya
komunye.
- ²¹Kavumelanga muntu
ukubahlupha; wakhuza
amakhosi ngenxa yabo,
- ²²wathi: “Lingathinti abagcotshiweyo
bami, lingalimazi abaphrofethi
bami.”
- ²³Hlabelani kuJehova lina, mhlaba
wonke,
limemezele insindiso yakhe
izinsuku ngezinsuku.
- ²⁴Fakazani ubukhosi bakhe phakathi
kwezizwe,
lemisebenzi yakhe emangalisayo
phakathi kwabantu bonke.
- ²⁵Ngoba umkhulu uJehova, ufanele
ukudunyiswa kakhulu,
uyesabeka ukwedlula
onkulunkulu bonke.
- ²⁶Ngoba bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe
bayizithombe;
kodwa uJehova wadala amazulu.
- ²⁷Inkazimulo lobukhosi kukuye.
Amandla lentokozo kusendaweni
yakhe yokuhlala.
- ²⁸Mnikeni uJehova, lina zizukulwana
zezizwe.
Mnikeni uJehova udumo
lamandla.
- ²⁹Mnikeni uJehova udumo olufanele
ibizo lakhe.
Lethani umnikelo lize phambi
kwakhe.
Mkhonzeni uJehova, lembethe
okungcwele,
- ³⁰lithuthumele phambi kwakhe, mhlaba
wonke;
umhlaba ugxilile ungeke
wagudluzwa.
- ³¹Kawathokoze amazulu, lomhlaba
ujabule,
kabathi phakathi kwabezizwe,
“UJehova uyabusa.”
- ³²Kaluhlokome ulwandle lakho konke
okukulo. Lamaganga athabe
lakho konke okukuwo.
- ³³Ngakho izihlahla zasendle
zizahlabela ngentokozo
phambi kukaJehova, ngoba uyeza
ukwehlulela umhlaba.

³⁴ Bongani uJehova ngoba ulungile.
Uthando lwakhe olungapheliyo
lumi kokuphela.

³⁵ Celani lithi:
“Sikhulule, O Nkulunkulu
mkhululi wethu,
usibuthe usikhulule phakathi
kwezizwe, ukuba sibonge ibizo
lakho elingcwele,
ukuze sijabule ngokukudumisa.

³⁶ Kabongwe uJehova, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli, kusukela endulo kuze
kuba nininini.

Bonke abantu bathi: “Ameni.
Kabongwe uJehova!”

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

³⁹ UDavida watshiya uZadoki umphristi
kanye labanye abaphristi phambi
kwehabanikeli likaJehova endaweni
ephakemayo yokukhonzela eGibheyoni

⁴⁰ ukunikela kuJehova imihlatshelo
yokutshiswa e-alithareni ngezikhathi
zonke, ekuseni lantambama,
njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni
kaJehova, awupha abako-Israyeli.

⁴¹ Abanye abasala labo babengoHemani
loJeduthuni labanye bonke balabo
ababekhehiwe beqanjwa ngamabizo
ukuba badumise uJehova, “ngoba
uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube
nininini.” ⁴² UHemani loJeduthuni
babengabokuvuthela amacilongo
lokutshaya izigubhu lamanye amachacho

ezingoma ezingcwele. Amadodana
kaJeduthuni ayehlala esangweni.

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

Isithembiso SikaNkulunkulu KuDavida

17 UDavida eshlezi esigodlweni
sakhe wasesithi kuNathani umphrofethi,
“Uyabona, mina ngihlezi esigodlweni
esakhiwa ngomsedari, kodwa ibhokisi
lesivumelwano sikaJehova lingaphansi
kwethente.”

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

³ Ngalobobusuku ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
leza kuNathani, lisithi:

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

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

⁷ “Ngakho tshela inceku yami uDavida
ukuthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova
uSomandla: Ngakuthatha emadlelweni
ekwaluseni izimvu, ukuze ube ngumbusi
wabantu bami abako-Israyeli. ⁸ Ngibe
ngilawe lapho obuhamba khona,
ngizinqobile zonke izitha zakho phambi
kwakho. Ngalokho ibizo lakho
ngizalenza libe lodumo olufana lamabizo
amadoda adume kakhulu emhlabeni.

⁹ Njalo ngizalungisela abantu bami bako-

Israyeli indawo engeyabo ngibafake khona labo babe lekhaya labo lapho abangayikuhlutshwa khona. Abantu abangangileyo abasayikubacindezela futhi, njengalokhu abakwenza kuqala¹⁰ lalokhu asebephikelele ukukwenza kusukela ngibeka abakhokheli bami bako-Israyeli. Ngizazinqoba zonke izitha zakho.

“Ngियाqinisa kuwe ukuthi uJehova uzakwakhela indlu: ¹¹ Kuzakuthi nxa isikhathi sakho sesiphelile ususiya kubokhokho bakho, ngizakhetha phakathi kwenzalo yakho lowo ozathatha isikhundla sakho, omunye wamadodana akho, njalo ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe. ¹² Lowo nguye ozangakhela indlu yami, ngakho ngizamisa isihlalo sombuso wakhe kuze kube nininini. ¹³ Ngizakuba nguyise, yena abe yindodana yami. Angiyikususa uthando lwami kuye, njengalokhu engakwenza kulowo owakwandulelayo. ¹⁴ Ngizambeka yena endlini yami lasembusweni wami kuze kube nininini, lombuso wakhe uzakuma kokuphela.”
¹⁵ UNathani wabikela uDavida amazwi wonke esambulelo.

Umthandazo KaDavida

¹⁶ Ngakho inkosi uDavida wangena wahlala phambi kukaJehova, wasesithi, “Ngingubani mina, hawu Jehova Nkulunkulu wami, bayini abendlu yami, lokho okwenze waze wangibeka kulesi isimo? ¹⁷ Kanti njalonje lakho kubuye kukhanye kungathi kakwenelanga emehlweni akho, O Nkulunkulu, usukhulume ngelizayo ngendlu yenceku yakho. Ungiphethe Nkulunkulu wami, awu Jehova Nkulunkulu wami, kungathi ngingomunye wabaphakemeyo kakhulu. ¹⁸ “Kambe kuyini okunye uDavida angakutsho kuwe ngokuhlonipha okwenze encekwini yakho? Ngoba wena uyayazi inceku yakho, ¹⁹ O Jehova.

Ngenxa yenceku yakho, njalo langokuzithandela, ukwenzile lokhu okukhulu kangaka waziveza obala lezizithembiso ezinkulu kangaka.

²⁰ “Kakho ofanana lawe, O Jehova, njalo kakho omunye uNkulunkulu kodwa nguwe kuphela, njengoba sesizwile ngezethu izindlebe. ²¹ Njalo ngubani ongafanana labantu bakho bako-Israyeli esiyiso sodwa isizwe emhlabeni esiloNkulunkulu owayazikhululela abantu, lokuzenzela ibizo, lokwenza imimangaliso enzima ngokuxotsha izizwe phambi kwabantu bakho, owabakhulula eGibhithe? ²² Wabenza abako-Israyeli baba ngabantu bakho impela kuze kube nininini, njalo wena Jehova usunguNkulunkulu wabo.

²³ “Lakhathesi, Jehova akuthi lesosithembiso owasenza encekwini yakho labendlu yayo sigwaliseke kuze kube nininini. Yenza njengokuthembisa kwakho, ²⁴ kuze kubonakale ukuthi ibizo lakho lizaphakanyiswa kuze kube nininini. Ngakho abantu bazakuthi, ‘UJehova uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngoka-Israyeli uNkulunkulu!’ Kuthi indlu yenceku yakho imiswe phambi kwakho.

²⁵ “Wena Nkulunkulu wami ukuveze obala encekwini yakho ukuthi uzayakhela indlu. Ngalokho inceku yakho isithole ukuqiniswa ekukhulekeni kuwe. ²⁶ Hawu Jehova unguNkulunkulu wena! Usuthembise lezizinto ezinhle encekwini yakho. ²⁷ Ngakho kukuthokozisile ukubusisa indlu yenceku yakho, ukuthi ibe khona phambi kwakho kuze kube nininini ebusweni bakho; ngoba wena, O Jehova, uyibusisile, njalo izabusiswa nini lanini.”

Ukunqoba KukaDavida

18 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi uDavida wahlasela amaFilisti

wawanqoba, wathumba iGathi lemizana eseduzane layo eyayiphethwe ngamaFilisti.

²UDavida wanqoba njalo amaMowabi aba ngaphansi kwakhe athela kuye.

³Kanti njalo, uDavida walwa loHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, kwaze kwafika eHamathi, esiyamisa umbuso wakhe emmangweni olandela uMfula i-Yufrathe. ⁴UDavida wathumba izinqola zakhe zokulwa eziyinkulungwane, abatshayeli bazo abayizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamabutho ahamba phansi ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili. Wawaquma imisila wonke amabhiza ezinqola zokulwa kwasala alikhulu kuphela.

⁵Kwathi ama-Arama aseDamaseko ezoncedisa uHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, uDavida wawatshaya wawabhuqa ama-Arama kwafa ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lambili.

⁶Wenza izinqaba e-Arama embusweni waseDamaseko, ama-Arama aba ngaphansi kombuso wakhe athela kuye. UJehova wanika uDavida ukunqoba kuzo zonke izindawo ayezihlasela.

⁷UDavida wathatha amahawu egolide ayephethwe yizikhulu zikaHadadezeri wawathwalela eJerusalema. ⁸Kwathi eThebha laseKhuni, okwakuyimizi kaHadadezeri, uDavida wathatha khona ithusi elinengi kakhulukhulu, lelo uSolomoni enza ngalo uLwandle lwethusi, izinsika lezinye izimpahla ezabunjwa ngethusi.

⁹Kuthe lapho Towu inkosi yaseHamathi isizwe ukuthi uDavida usenqobe lonke ibutho likaHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, ¹⁰wathumela indodana yakhe uHadorami enkosini uDavida ukuthi iyembingelela emenzela amhlophe ngokunqoba uHadadezeri owayekade esilwa impi loTowu. UHadorami wayethwele

imihlobohlobo yezimpahla zegolide lesiliva kanye lezethusi.

¹¹Inkosi uDavida yazinikela izimpahla lezo kuJehova, njengalokho eyayikwenze izimpahla zegolide lesiliva ezazithunjwe kulezozizwe zama-Edomi lamaMowabi, lama-Amoni, lamaFilisti lama-Amaleki.

¹²U-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya watshaya wabhuqa ama-Edomi ayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi laficamibili eSigodini seSawudo.

¹³Wenza izinqaba e-Edomi, bonke abase-Edomi baba ngaphansi kombuso kaDavida. UJehova wapha uDavida ukunqoba kuzo zonke izindawo ayesiya kuzo.

Iziphathamandla ZikaDavida

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

¹⁵UJowabi indodana kaZeruya wayephethe amabutho; uJehoshafathi indodana ka-Ahiludi engumlobi,

¹⁶uZadoki indodana ka-Ahithubi lo-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abhiyathari bengabaphristi; uShavisha enguNobhala;

¹⁷uBhenayiya indodana kaJehoyada wayephethe ama-Kherethi lamaPhelethi, lamadodana kaDavida ayeyizikhulu ayeseduzane lenkosi embusweni.

Ukunqotshwa Kwama-Amoni Lama-Arama

19 Kwathi emva kwesikhathi, uNahashi inkosi yama-Amoni wafa, ngakho indodana yakhe yathatha isikhundla yaba yinkosi. ²UDavida wasesithi, “Ngizakuba lomusa kuHanuni indodana kaNahashi ngoba uyise wayelomusa kimi.” Ngakho uDavida wathumela izithunywa ukuyakhalela uHanuni ngemfa kayise.

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

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

⁶ Kwathi ama-Amoni esebonile ukuthi asenuka emakheleni kaDavida, uHanuni lama-Amoni bathumela amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane okuqatsha izinqola zokulwa labatshayeli bazo e-Arama Naharayimi, le-Arama-Mahakha laseZobha. ⁷ Baqatsha izinqola zokulwa labatshayeli bazo abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili, banxusa lenkosi uMahakha lamabutho akhe, yona eyeza yazakanisa eMedebha labantu bayo, ama-Amoni lawo eqoqana emadolobheni awo aphuma ukuya empini.

⁸ Uthe ekuzwa lokho uDavida, wathumela uJowabi kanye lamabutho akhe wonke. ⁹ Ama-Amoni asondela esehlome aphelela emangenelweni edolobho lakibo, kanti amakhosi ayenxusiwe ayejamile lawo wodwa egangeni.

¹⁰ UJowabi wabona ukuthi kwakulamaviyo amabutho ngemuva laphambi kwakhe, wakhetha amaqhawe aziwayo ko-Israyeli wawaqondanisa lama-Arama. ¹¹ Amanye amabutho ayesele wathi kawalawulwe ngu-

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

¹⁴ Ngakho uJowabi lamabutho ayelawo wasuka ukuyakulwa lama-Arama, wona ahle abaleka phambi kwakhe. ¹⁵ Kuthe ama-Amoni ebona ukuthi ama-Arama ayabaleka, lawo abalekela umfowabo u-Abhishayi abuyela phakathi kwedolobho. Ngakho uJowabi wasebuyela eJerusalema.

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

¹⁷ UDavida uthe ekuzwa lokhu, waqoqa bonke abako-Israyeli wachapha uJodani, wajamelana labo ngamaviyo ayeqondene laye. UDavida walungiselela amaviyo akhe ukudibana lama-Arama empini, lakanye alwa lawo. ¹⁸ Abaleka ebona u-Israyeli, ngakho uDavida wabulala abatshayeli bezingqola zokulwa abayizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamabutho ahamba ngezinyawo ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane. Waze wabulala loShofaki umlawuli wamabutho akhona.

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

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

Ukuthunjwa KwelaseRabha

²⁰ Kwathi entwasa, ngesikhathi sokuphuma kwezimpi zamakhosi ukuyakulwa, uJowabi wakhokhela amabutho ayehlomile. Watshaya wabhuqa ilizwe lama-Amoni waze wayavimbezela elaseRabha, kodwa uDavida wasala eJerusalema. UJowabi wahlasela eleRabha walitshiya kungamanxiwa. ²UDavida wathatha umqhele owawusekhanda lenkosi yabo isisindo sawo sasilithalenta legolide, uceciswe ngamatshe aligugu, umqhele wasufakwa ekhanda likaDavida. Wathatha impango enengi kakhulu kulelodobho, ³njalo abantu ababelapho wabasusa wabasa lapho ababezasebenza khona gadalala ngamasaha, ngamapiki langamahloka. Lokhu uDavida wakwenza kuwo wonke amadolobho ama-Amoni. Kwathi uDavida ngokwakhe kanye lamabutho akhe wonke babuyela eJerusalema.

Impi LamaFilistii

⁴Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi, kwaqhamuka impi yamaFilisti, eGezeri. Ngalesosikhathi uSibhekhayi umHushathi wabulala uSiphayi, omunye wabosendo lwamaRefayi kwaba yikwehlulwa kwamaFilisti. ⁵Kweyinye impi lamaFilisti, u-Elihanani indodana kaJayiri wabulala uLahimi umfowabo kaGoliyathi umGithi, owayelomkhonto ololuthi olunjengolukameluki. ⁶Kanti kwenye njalo impi, eyalwelwa eGathi, kwakulendoda enkulu kakhulu ileminwe eyisithupha esandleni ngasinye, lamazwane ayisithupha enyaweni ngalunye, sekubalwa konke ndawonye kungamatshumi amabili lane. Laye wayengowendlu kaRafa. ⁷Ngokuchothoza kwakhe abako-Israyeli, uJonathani indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida, wambulala.

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

UDavida Ubala Amabutho Empi

21 USathane wasemelana labako-Israyeli njalo wafuqela uDavida ukuba abale abantu bako-Israyeli. ²Ngakho uDavida wathi kuJowabi kanye labalawuli bamabutho, “Hambani liyebala abantu kusukela eBherisheba kusiya koDani. Libeseliphenduka lizongitshela ukuze ngazi ukuthi bangaki khonale.”

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

⁴Loba kwakunjalo, uJowabi wakhulelwa yilizwi lenkosi, ngakho uJowabi walibhoda lonke elako-Israyeli wasebuyela eJerusalema. ⁵UJowabi wafika wabikela uDavida inani lamadoda ayengalwa empini: Kulo lonke elako-Israyeli kwakulamadoda ayisigidi lezinkulungwane ezilikhulu ayelakho ukuthi angayiphatha inkemba, kubalwa labayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane alamatshumi ayisikhombisa koJuda.

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

⁸Ngakho uDavida wasesithi kuNkulunkulu, “Ngonile kakhulu phambi kwakho ngokwenza lokhu. Ngakho, ngiyakuncenga, susa umlandu

lo encekwini yakho. Ngenze ubuwula obukhulu kakhulu.”

⁹UJehova wakhuluma loGadi, umboni kaDavida, wathi: ¹⁰“Hamba uyetshele uDavida ukuthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova: Ngikunika ukuthi ukhethe phakathi kokuthathu. Khetha okukodwa okumele ngikwehlisele khona mina. ’”

¹¹Ngakho uGadi waya kuDavida wathi kuye, “Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova: ‘Zikhethele wena okufunayo:

¹²iminyaka emithathu yendlala, loba izinyanga ezintathu zokududulwa uxotshwa yizitha zakho, ngenkamba zazo zikukhulela, loba izinsuku ezintathu zokumelana lenkamba kaJehova, kuyikuthi kuyabe kuyisifo elizweni, ingilosi kaJehova iletha incithakalo kulo lonke elako-Israyeli.’ Ngakho, khathesi khetha ukuthi ngifike ngithini kulo ongithumileyo.”

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

¹⁴Ngakho uJehova wathumela isifo ko-Israyeli, kwafa amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ko-Israyeli. ¹⁵Njalo uNkulunkulu wasethumela ingilosi ukuba iyechitha iJerusalema. Kodwa ingilosi ithe isakwenza lokho, uJehova wazisola ngencithakalo eyayizakwenzakala wahle wakhuzo ingilosi eyayizabhubhisa abantu wathi, “Kwanele! Yekela.” Ingilosi kaJehova ngalesosikhathi yayisimi esizeni sika-Arawuna umJebusi.

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

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

¹⁸Ngakho ingilosi kaJehova yathuma uGadi ukuthi ayetshele uDavida ukuthi ayekwakha i-alithare likaJehova esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi. ¹⁹Lakanye uDavida walalela ilizwi elakhitshwa nguGadi ngebizo likaJehova.

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

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

²²UDavida wathi kuye, “Ake ungivumele ngibone isiza sakho sokubhulela amabele ukuze ngakhe i-alithare likaJehova, ukuze isifo esisebantwini simiswe. Ngithengisela sona ngentengo yaso egcweleyo.”

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

²⁴Kodwa uDavida wathi ku-Arawuna, “Hayi, ngifuna ukuthenga ngentengo egcweleyo. Angiyikuthatha okuya kuJehova okungokwakho, angiyikunikela umhlatshele wokutshiswa engingawuthenganga.”

²⁵Ngakho uDavida wanika u-Arawuna amashekeli egolide angamakhulu ayisithupha ethenga leyondawo.

²⁶UDavida wakhela uJehova i-alithare kuleyondawo wanikela imihlatshelo

yokutshiswa leyobudlelwano. Wakhuleka kuJehova, uJehova wamphendula ngomlilo uvela ezulwini phezu kwe-alithare lomnikelo wokutshiswa.

²⁷Ngakho uJehova wakhuluma lengilosi, yona yasibuyisela inkemba yayo esikhwameni sayo. ²⁸Ngalesosikhathi, uDavida esebonile ukuthi uJehova wayemphendule esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi, wanikela iminikelo kuleyondawo. ²⁹Ithabanikeli likaJehova, elalaxhiwe nguMosi enkangala, kanye le-alithare lemihlatshelo yokutshiswa ngalesosikhathi kwakusendaweni ephakemeyo eGibheyoni. ³⁰Kodwa uDavida wehluleka ukuya khona ukuze abuze kuNkulunkulu ngoba wayesesaba inkemba yengilosi kaJehova.

22 UDavida wasesithi, “Indlu

kaJehova uNkulunkulu izakuba khonapha, kanye le-alithare lomnikelo wokutshiswa ka-Israyeli.”

Amalungiselelo Okwakha Ithempeli

²Ngakho uDavida wakhupha ilizwi lokuthi bonke abezizweni abahlala ko-Israyeli babuthaniswe, kwathi phakathi kwabo wakhetha ababazi bamatshe ukuze balungise babaze amatshe okwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu.

³Wabuthanisa insimbi enengi kakhulu yokwenza izipikili zezivalo lezinsimbi zokuhlanganisa, wabuthanisa lethusi elinengi elingelakulinganiswa. ⁴Wadinga lezigodo zomsedari ezinengi ezingelakubalwa, ngoba amaSidoni labaseThire baletha inani lazo elikhulu kakhulu kuDavida.

⁵UDavida wasesithi, “Indodana yami uSolomoni isengumntwana njalo ayikabi lolwazi, ngoba phela indlu ezakwakhelwa uJehova kumele ibe yindlu ebukekayo kakhulu ibe lodumo

lesithunzi emehlweni ezizwe zonke. Ngakho ngizalungiselela ukwakhiwa kwayo.” Yikho uDavida walungiselela ngokujulileyo esaphila.

⁶Wasebiza uSolomoni indodana yakhe, wamlaya ukuthi akhele uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli indlu.

⁷UDavida wathi kuSolomoni: “Ndodana yami, ngangizimisele ukwakhela iBizo likaJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli indlu. ⁸Kodwa ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ‘Wena uchithe igazi elinengi, walwa izimpi ezinengi. Kawuyikwakhela iBizo lami indlu, ngoba uchithe igazi elinengi kakhulu emhlabeni. ⁹Kodwa, uzazala indodana ezakuba ngumuntu othanda ukuthula; ngizayiphumuza ezitheni zayo inxa zonke. Izathiwa nguSolomoni, njalo ngizanika u-Israyeli ukuthula ezinsukwini zokubusa kwakhe.

¹⁰Nguye ozakwakhela iBizo lami indlu. Uzakuba yindodana yami, mina ngizakuba nguyise. Njalo ngizaqinisa ubukhosi bakhe ko-Israyeli kuze kube nininini.’

¹¹“Ndodana yami, uJehova kabe lawe ukuze uphumelele ukwakha indlu kaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, njengokutsho kwakhe ngawe. ¹²Sengathi uJehova angakunika ukuhlakanipha lokuqedisisa, ukuze kuthi lapho ekunika amandla ko-Israyeli, uwulondoloze umlayo kaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho.

¹³Uzaphumelela nxa unanzelela ukugcina izimiso lemithetho uJehova ayinika u-Israyeli ngoMosi. Qina, ube lesibindi. Ungesabi utshaywe luvalo.

¹⁴“Ngayo yonke imizamo yami ngilungisele indlu kaJehova amathalenta egolide ayizinkulungwane ezilikhulu, lamathalenta esiliva ayisigidi, lethusi kanye lensimbi okulesisindo esingelakubalwa, lezigodo kanye lamatshe. Lawe ungengezelela kulokho.

¹⁵Ulezisebenzi ezinengi, ababazi

bamatshe, labakha ngamatshe, lababazi, lezingcitshi zemisebenzi yonke, ¹⁶eyegolide, isiliva, ithusi kanye lensimbi – izingcitshi ezingelakubalwa. Qalisa-ke umsebenzi, uJehova abe lawe.”

¹⁷UDavida waselaya bonke abakhokheli bako-Israyeli ukuba basize uSolomoni indodana yakhe. ¹⁸Wathi kubo, “UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu kakho kini na? Kalinikanga ukuthula nxa zonke na? Ngoba unikele abantu belizwe esandleni sami, lelizwe libuswa nguJehova labantu bakhe. ¹⁹Ngakho nikelani izinhliziyu zenu ekufuneni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu. Qalisani ukwakha indlu kaJehova uNkulunkulu, ukuze ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova lezitsha zikaJehova ezingcwele kungeniswe ethempelini elizakwakhelwa iBizo likaJehova.”

AbaLevi

23 Kwathi uDavida esemdala eseluphele, wabeka uSolomoni indodana yakhe ukuba abe yinkosi ko-Israyeli. ²Wasehlanganisa bonke abakhokheli bako-Israyeli, labaphristi kanye labaLevi. ³AbaLevi abaleminyaka esukela kwengamatshumi amathathu kusiya phezulu babalwa, inani lamadoda laba yizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu laficamibili. ⁴UDavida wasesithi: “Phakathi kwalaba, abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane bazakhangela ukuqhutshwa komsebenzi wethempeli likaJehova kuthi abayizinkulungwane eziyisithupha bazakuba yizikhulu labahluleli. ⁵Abayizinkulungwane ezine bazakuba ngabalindi bamasango kuthi abayizinkulungwane ezine badumise uJehova ngamachacho lezigubhu engizigcinele lowomsebenzi.”

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

AbakaGeshoni

⁷Exukwini labakaGeshoni yilaba:

uLadani loShimeyi.

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

⁹Amadodana kaShimeyi yila: nguShelomothi, loHaziyeleli kanye loHorani, bonke bebathathu.

Laba babeyizinhloko zezindlu zenzalo kaLadani.

¹⁰Lamadodana kaShimeyi yila: nguJahathi, loZiza, loJewushi kanye loBheriya.

Laba kwakungamadodana kaShimeyi, bonke babebane.

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

AmaKhohathi:

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

¹³Amadodana ka-Amramu yila: ngu-Aroni loMosi. U-Aroni wehlukhaniselwa ukunikela izinto ezingcwele kakhulu kuNkulunkulu, ukuze yena lamadodana akhe batshise impepha phambi kukaJehova lokumkhonza lokubusisa ngebizo lakhe kuze kube nininini.

¹⁴Amadodana kaMosi inceku

- kaNkulunkulu abalwa ndawonye labesizwana sikaLevi.
- ¹⁵ Amadodana kaMosi yila:
nguGeshomu lo-Eliyezeri.
- ¹⁶ Abosendo lukaGeshomu:
nguShubayeli engowakuqala.
- ¹⁷ Abosendo luka-Eliyazeri:
nguRehabiya engowakuqala.
U-Eliyezeri kazange abe lamanye amadodana kodwa amadodana kaRehabiya ayemanengi kakhulu.
- ¹⁸ Amadodana ka-Izihari yila:
nguShelomithi engowokuqala.
- ¹⁹ Amadodana kaHebhroni yila:
nguJeriya engowokuqala, lo-Amariya engowesibili,
loJahazyeli engowesithathu kanye loJekhameyamu owesine.
- ²⁰ Amadodana ka-Uziyeli yila:
nguMikha engowakuqala lo-Ishiya owesibili.

AmaMerari

- ²¹ Amadodana kaMerari yila:
nguMahili loMushiya.
Amadodana kaMahili yila:
ngu-Eleyezari loKhishi.
- ²² U-Eliyezari wafa engelamadodana:
wayelamadodakazi wodwa.
Amadodakazi endela kubafowabo amadodana kaKhishi.
- ²³ Amadodana kaMushi yila:
nguMahili, lo-Ederi kanye loJerimothi, bonke bebathathu.
- ²⁴ Laba kwakungabosendo lukaLevi ngezindlu zabo, abayizinhloko zezindlu njengokulotshwa kwamabizo lokubalwa kwabo ngamunye, okutsho ukuthi, abasebenzayo abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ababesebenza ethempelini likaJehova.
- ²⁵ Ngoba uDavida wathi: “Njengoba uJehova, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, enike abantu bakhe ukuthula lokuthi bazahlala

- eJerusalema kuze kube nininini,
²⁶ abaLevi akusafanele bathwale ithabanikeli loba kuyini okusetshenziswa ezinkonzweni zalo.”
- ²⁷ Njengeziyalezelo zikaDavida zokucina, abaLevi babalwa kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu.
- ²⁸ Umsebenzi wabaLevi wawungowokuncedisa inzalo ka-Aroni emsebenzini wethempeli likaJehova: ukugcina amagama akhona; izindlu ezisemaceleni, ukuhlambulula zonke izinto ezingwele lokwenza yonke imisebenzi endlini kaNkulunkulu.
- ²⁹ Babephethe umsebenzi wesinkwa sokwahlukanisela uNkulunkulu ethaleni, ifulawa yomnikelo wamabele, lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, ukuxuba lokupheka isinkwa, lezilinganiso zonke zezisindo lobukhulu bakhona. ³⁰ Njalo babemele beme ngezinyawo ekuseni nsuku zonke ukubonga lokudumisa uJehova. Kwakufanele benze njalo lantambama,
- ³¹ lanxa kunikelwa kuJehova ngeSabatha langokuthwasa kweNyanga iminikelo yomhlatshelo wokutshiswa, lakuwo wonke amadili amisiweyo. Babefanele bamsebenzele uJehova ngazo zonke izikhathi ngenani elilingeneyo langendlela ababeyimiselwe.
- ³² Ngakho abaLevi bawenza umsebenzi wabo weThenteni lokuHlanganela, laseNdaweni eNgcwele, ngaphansi kwabafowabo abayisizukulwana sika-Aroni, emsebenzini wethempeli likaJehova.

Izigaba zabaPhristi

- 24** Lezi yizo izigaba zamadodana ka-Aroni:
Amadodana ka-Aroni ngu-Nadabi, lo-Abhihu, lo-Eliyazari kanye lo-Ithamari.
² Kodwa uNadabi lo-Abhihu bafa uyise engakafi, njalo babengelamadodana;

ngakho u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari yibo ababa ngabaphristi. ³Ngokuphathisana loZadoki owosendo luka-Eliyazari kanye lo-Ahimeleki owosendo luka-Ithamari, uDavida wabehlukanisa ngezigaba kusiya ngemisebenzi ababemele bayenze. ⁴Babebanengi abosendo luka-Eliyazari abakhokheli kulabosendo luka-Ithamari ngakho behlukaniswa bamiswa njengalokhu: kwakusiba ngabalitshumi lesithupha kwabosendo luka-Eliyazari abayizinhloko labaficamibili kusendo luka-Ithamari. ⁵Babakhetha kungelakubandlulula ngokuphosa inkatho, ngoba zazikhona izikhulu zendawo yokuphephela lezikhulu zikaNkulunkulu phakathi kwabosendo luka-Eliyazari laphakathi koluka-Ithamari.

⁶Umlobi uShemayiya indodana kaNethaneli, umLevi, waloba amabizo abo phambi kwenkosi kanye lezikhulu: uZadoki umphristi, lo-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abhiyatha kanye lezinhloko zezimuli zabaphristi labaLevi – kuthathwa imuli eyodwa ku-Eliyazari kuphinde kuthathwe imuli eyodwa ku-Ithamari.

⁷Inkatho yakuqala yadla uJehoyaribhi, eyesibili yadla uJedayiya,

⁸eyesithathu yadla uHarimu, eyesine yadla uSeworimu,

⁹eyesihlanu yadla uMalikhija, eyesithupha yadla uMijamini,

¹⁰eyesikhombisa yadla uHakhozi, eyesificamibili yadla u-Abhija,

¹¹eyesificamunye yadla u-Jeshuwa, eyetshumi yadla uShekhaniya,

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

¹³eyetshumi lantathu yadla uHupha, eyetshumi lane yadla uJeshebheyabi,

¹⁴eyetshumi lanhlalu yadla uBhiliga,

¹⁵eyetshumi lesithupha yadla u-Imeri, eyetshumi lesikhombisa yadla uHeziri,

eyetshumi lesificamibili yadla uHapizezi,

¹⁶eyetshumi lesificamunye yadla uPhethahiya, eyamatshumi amabili yadla uJehezikheli,

¹⁷eyamatshumi amabili lanye yadla uJakhini, eyamatshumi amabili lambili yadla uGamuli,

¹⁸eyamatshumi amabili lantathu yadla uDelaya, eyamatshumi amabili lane yadla uMahaziya.

¹⁹Yizo lezi izigaba ababehlukaniswe ngazo ukuze benze umsebenzi wokukhonza ekungeneni kwabo ethempelini likaJehova, ngezimiso ezenzelwa ukhokho wabo u-Aroni, njengokulaywa kwakhe nguJehova, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

Abanye AbaLevi

²⁰Kwathi-ke ababesele abosendo lukaLevi:

kumadodana ka-Amramu: uShubayeli; emadodaneni kaShubayeli: nguJehedeya.

²¹Kuvela kuRehabhiya, amadodana akhe yila: ngu-Ishiya engowokuqala.

²²Kuma-Izihari: nguShelomothi; kumadodana; kaShelomothi; nguJahathi.

²³Amadodana kaHebhroni yila: nguJeriya owokuqala lo-Amariya owesibili, loJehazyeli owesithathu loJekhameyamu owesine.

²⁴Indodana ka-Uziyeli: nguMikha;

emadodaneni kaMikha ngu-Shamiri.

²⁵Umfowabo kaMikha: ngu-Ishiya; emadodaneni ka-Ishiya: nguZekhariya.

²⁶Amadodana kaMerari: nguMahili loMushi. Indodana kaJahaziya: nguBheni.

²⁷Amadodana kaMerari: Kusuka kuJahaziya: nguBheni, loShehama, loZakhuri kanye lo-Ibhiri.

²⁸Kusuka kuMahili: ngu-Eliyazari, ongazange abe lamadodana.

²⁹Kusukela kuKhishi: indodana kaKhishi: nguJerahimeyeli.

³⁰Njalo lakumadodana kaMushi: nguMohili, lo-Ederi kanye loJerimothi.

Laba kwakungabaLevi, ngezimuli zabo.

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

Abahlabeleli

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

²Emadodaneni ka-Asafi: nguZakhuri, loJosefa, loNethaniya kanye lo-Asarela. Amadodana ka-Asafi ayesesandleni sika-Asafi, yena owayephrofetha esesandleni senkosi.

³NgakuJeduthuni, amadoda akhe yila: nguGedaliya, loZeri, loJeshayiya loShimeyi, loHashabhiya kanye loMathithiya, beyisithupha ndawonye, besesandleni sikayise uJeduthuni, owayephrofetha esebenzisa umhubhe ukubonga lokudumisa uJehova.

⁴NgakuHemani, amadodana akhe yila: nguBhukhiya, loMathaniya, lo-Uziyeli, loShubayeli kanye loJerimothi; nguHananiya, loHanani, lo-Eliyatha, loGidalithi loRomamthi-Ezeri; loJoshibhekhasha, loMalothi, loHothiri kanye loMahaziyothi.

⁵Bonke laba kwakungamadodana kaHemani umboni wenkosi. Bona ebaphiwe ngesithembiso sikaNkulunkulu sokumphakamisa. UNkulunkulu wapha uHemani amadodana alitshumi lane lamadodakazi amathathu.

⁶Wonke lamadoda ayephethwe ngoyise emsebenzini wokuhlabela ethempelini likaJehova, ngezigubhu, amachacho lemihubhe enkonzweni endlini kaNkulunkulu. U-Asafi, loJeduthuni kanye loHemani babephethwe yinkosi.

⁷Bona kanye lezihlobo zabo – bonke bewufundele umsebenzi wokuhlabela njalo bengamagabazi okuhlabela uJehova – babengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi aficamibili labantu abaficamibili. ⁸Abatsha labadala ngokufana, abafundisayo lababefunda, baphosa inkatho yokuphana amazopho.

⁹Izopho lenkatho yakuqala elalingelika-Asafi laya kuJosefa lamadodana akhe kanye lezihlobo zakhe, belitshumi lambili; elesibili laya kuGedaliya, yena kanye lezihlobo lamadodana akhe belitshumi lambili;

¹⁰izopho lesithathu laya keZakhuri, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe, belitshumi lambili;

- ¹¹ izopho lesine laya ku-Iziri,
lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe
belitshumi lambili;
- ¹² izopho lesihlanu laya kuNethaniya,
lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe
belitshumi lambili;
- ¹³ izopho lesithupha laya kuBhukhiya,
lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo,
belitshumi lambili;
- ¹⁴ izopho lesikhombisa laya kuJesarela,
lamadodana akhe lezihlobo,
belitshumi lambili;
- ¹⁵ izopho lesificamibili laya ku-
Jeshayiya,
lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo,
belitshumi lambili;
- ¹⁶ izopho lesificamunye laya
kuMathaniya, lakumadodana akhe
lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- ¹⁷ izopho letshumi laya kuShimeyi,
lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo,
belitshumi lambili;
- ¹⁸ izopho letshumi lanye laya ku-Azareli,
lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo,
belitshumi lambili;
- ¹⁹ izopho letshumi lambili laya
kuHashabhiya, lakumadodana akhe
lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- ²⁰ izopho letshumi lantathu laya
kuShubayeli, lakumadodana akhe
lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- ²¹ izopho letshumi lane laya
kuMathithiya, lakumadodana akhe
lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- ²² izopho letshumi lanhlanu laya
kuJerimothi, lakumadodana akhe
lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- ²³ izopho letshumi lesithupha laya
kuHananiya, lakumadodana akhe
lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- ²⁴ izopho letshumi lesikhombisa laya
kuJoshibhekhasha,
lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo,
belitshumi lambili;
- ²⁵ izopho letshumi lesificamibili laya
kuHanani, lakumadodana akhe

- lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- ²⁶ izopho letshumi lesificamunye laya
kuMalothi, lakumadodana akhe
lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- ²⁷ izopho lamatshumi amabili laya ku-
Eliyatha, lakumadodana akhe
lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- ²⁸ izopho lamatshumi amabili lanye laya
kuHothiri, lakumadodana akhe
lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
- ²⁹ izopho lamatshumi amabili lambili
laya kuGidalithi,
lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo,
belitshumi lambili;
- ³⁰ izopho lamatshumi amabili lantathu
laya kuMahaziyothi,
lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo,
belitshumi lambili;
- ³¹ izopho lamatshumi amabili lane laya
kuRomamthi-Ezeri
lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo,
belitshumi lambili.

Abalindi BamaSango

26 Izigaba zabalindi bamasango:

KwabakoKhora:

- kunguMeshelemiya indodana
kaKhore, omunye wamadodana
ka-Asafi.
- ² UMeshelemiya wayelamadodana
ahlanganisa uZekhariya
eyakuqala loJedayeli eyesibili,
loZebhadiya eyesithathu,
loJathiniyeli eyesine,
- ³ lo-Elamu eyesihlanu,
loJehohanani eyesithupha kanye
lo-Eliyehonayi eyesikhombisa.
- ⁴ U-Obhedi-Edomi laye
wayelamadodana:
kunguShemayiya eyakuqala,
loJehozabhadhi eyesibili,
loJowa eyesithathu, loSakhari
eyesine, loNethaneli eyesihlanu,
- ⁵ lo-Amiyeli eyesithupha, lo-Isakhari
eyesikhombisa, kanye

- loPhewulethayi eyesificamibili.
(Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayembusisile u-Obhedi-Edomi.)
- ⁶ Indodana yakhe uShemayiya layo yayilamadodana, ayengabakhokheli kwabendlu kayise ngoba babengamadoda enelisayo.
- ⁷ Amadodana kaShemayiya wona yila: ngu-Othini, loRafayeli, lo-Obhedi kanye lo-Elizabhadhi; izihlobo zakhe u-Elihu loSemakhiya lazo zazingamadoda ayesenelisa.
- ⁸ Bonke laba babengabosendo luka-Obhedi-Edomi; bona kanye lamadodana abo lezihlobo zabo babengamadoda enelisayo belamandla okwenza umsebenzi – bengabosendo luka-Obhedi-Edomi, bengamatshumi ayisithupha labantu ababili seabendawonye.
- ⁹ UMeshilemiya wayelamadodana lezihlobo, amadoda ayekhaliphile elitshumi laficamibili esendawonye.
- ¹⁰ UHosa ongumMerari wayelamadodana: uShimiri engowakuqala (loba wayengasuye izibulo, uyise wayembeke kulesosikhundla sokuba ngowokuqala),
¹¹ loHilikhiya engowesibili, loThabhaliya engowesithathu kanye loZekharia engowesine. Amadodana lezihlobo zikaHosa seabendawonye babelitshumi labantu abathathu.
- ¹² Izigaba zabalindi bamasango, kusiya ngabakhokheli bazo, zazilomlandu wokwenza umsebenzi ethempelini likaJehova, njengokwakusenziwa yizihlobo zabo. ¹³ Benza inkatho isango

lilinye, kusiya ngemuli, abatsha labadala kufanana.

¹⁴ Izopho leSango leMpumalanga laya kuShelemiya. Basebesenzela inkatho indodana yakhe uZekharia owayengumcebisi okhaliphileyo, inkatho yasimnika izopho leSango leNyakatho.

¹⁵ Inkatho yathi izopho leSango langeZansi liya ku-Obhedi-Edomi, kwathi izopho lokulinda iziphala laya kumadodana akhe. ¹⁶ Izopho leSango leNtshonalanga kanye leSango leShalekheti emgwaqweni ongaphezulu laya kuShuphimi loHosa. Kwalinda abalindi ngabalindi:

¹⁷ Kwakusiba labaLevi abayisithupha ngelanga empumalanga, abane ngelanga enyakatho, abane ezansi ngelanga kuyekuthi esiphaleni kube lababili lakhona ngazo zonke izikhathi.

¹⁸ Phambili ngentshonalanga, kwakulabane emgwaqweni, ababili besegumeni uqobo.

¹⁹ Lezi yizigaba zabalindi bamasango ababengabosendo lukaKhora loMerari.

Abagcinisikhwama Lezinye Izikhulu

²⁰ Abanye babaLevi babepathatha inotho yethempeli likaNkulunkulu leziligugu ezingwele.

²¹ Abosendo lukaLadani, ababe ngamaGeshoni ngoLadani njalo ababeyizinhloko zabakaLadani umGeshoni kwakunguJehiyeli,

²² amadodana kaJehiyeli, loZethami lomfowabo uJoweli. Laba yibo ababephethe inotho yethempeli likaJehova.

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

²⁴ UShubayeli, owosendo lukaGeshomi indodana kaMosi, wayeyisikhulu esasiphethe ezenotho. ²⁵ Izihlobo zakhe ngo-Eliyezeri yilezi: nguRehabhiya indodana yakhe,

loJeshaya indodana yakhe,
 loJoram indodana yakhe,
 loZikhiri indodana yakhe
 loShelomithi indodana yakhe.
²⁶ UShelomithi lezihlobo zakhe
 babephethe zonke ezenotho
 ezingewele ezazinikelwe yinkosi
 uDavida, labayizinhloko zezindlu
 ababengabalawuli
 bezinkulungwane
 labalawuli bamakhulu,
 langabanye abalawuli
 bamabutho. ²⁷ Eyinye impango
 eyayithunjwe ekulweni
 bayinikela ekulungisweni
 kwethempeli likaJehova. ²⁸ Lakho
 konke okwakunikelwe
 nguSamuyeli umboni loSawuli
 indodana kaKhishi, lo-Abhineri
 indodana kaNeri loJowabi
 indodana kaZeruya, lazo zonke
 ezinye ezazinikelwe
 zazisesandleni sikaShelomithi
 kanye lezihlobo zakhe.

²⁹ Kwabaka-Izihari yilaba: UKhenaniya
 lamadodana akhe baphiwa
 umsebenzi ngaphandle
 kwethempeli, beyizikhulu
 labehluleli kwabako-Israyeli.

³⁰ KwabakaHebhroni yilaba:
 UHashabhiya lezihlobo zakhe ,
 amadoda enelisayo
 ayengamakhulu alitshumi
 layisikhombisa – ayekhangele
 ingxenye ka-Israyeli
 entshonalanga yeJodani kuwo
 wonke umsebenzi kaJehova
 lokuba yizinceku zenkosi.
³¹ AmaHebhroni wona,
 umkhokheli wawo
 kwakunguJeriya kusiya
 ngokulotshwa koluhlu lokuzalana
 kwezimuli zawo. Kwathi
 ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane
 wokubusa kukaDavida
 kwahloliswa kuloluhlu

lwemibhalo, kwafunyanwa
 ukuthi amadoda akhaliphileyo
 phakathi kwamaHebhroni
 ayeseJazeri ngaseGileyadi.
³² UJeriya wayelezihlobo
 ezingamakhulu angamatshumi
 amabili lesikhombisa,
 ezazikhaliphile njalo
 ziyizinhloko zezimuli zazo,
 ngakho inkosi uDavida wazibeka
 ukuthi ziphathe abakoRubheni,
 abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana
 sikaManase kukho konke
 okwakungokukaNkulunkulu
 lokuyizindaba zenkosi.

Amaviyo Empi

27 Nantu uluhlu lwabako-Israyeli –
 izinhloko zezimuli, abalawuli
 bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu,
 ababesebenzela inkosi kulokho
 okuqondane lamaviyo empi ayefanele
 ukuzophisana ngenyanga kuze
 kuyephela umnyaka. Iviyo lilinye
 lalilamadoda ayizinkulungwane
 ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

² Owayephethe iviyo lakuqala,
 ngenyanga yakuqala, kwakungu-
 Jashobheyamu indodana
 kaZabidiyeli. Kwakulamadoda
 ayizinkulungwane
 ezingamatshumi amabili lane
 esigabeni sakhe. ³ Yena
 wayengowosendo lukaPherezi
 njalo eyinduna yezikhulu zonke
 zamabutho okwenyanga
 yakuqala.

⁴ Owayephethe iviyo ngenyanga yesibili
 kwakunguDodayi wako-Ahohi;
 uMikhilothi engumkhokheli
 weviyo lakhe. Kwakulamadoda
 ayizinkulungwane
 ezingamatshumi amabili lane
 eviyweni lakhe.

- ⁵Umlawuli wamabutho wesithathu,
kungokwenyanga yesithathu,
kwakunguBhenayiya indodana
kaJehoyada umphristi.
Wayeyinduna njalo esigabeni
sakhe kwakulamadoda
ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane.
⁶Nguyenalo uBhenayiya
owayeliqhawe phakathi
kwamaTshumi amaThathu njalo
eyinduna yamaTshumi
amaThathu. Indodana yakhe
u-Amizabhadi yayiphethe iviyo
lakhe.
- ⁷Owesine, owezopho lenyanga yesine,
kwakungu-Asaheli umfowabo
kaJowabi; indodana yakhe
uZebhadiya wasala esethatha
isikhundla sakhe.
Kwakulamadoda
ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane
eviyweni lakhe.
- ⁸Owesihlanu, owezopho lenyanga
yesihlanu, kwakungumlawuli
uShamihuthi owako-Izihari.
Kwakulamadoda
ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane
eviyweni lakhe.
- ⁹Owesithupha, owezopho lenyanga
yesithupha, kwakungu-Ira
indodana ka-Ikhesi
waseThekhowa. Kwakulamadoda
ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane
eviyweni lakhe.
- ¹⁰Owesikhombisa, owezopho lenyanga
yesikhombisa, kwakunguHelezi
umPheloni, owako-Efrayimi.
Kwakulamadoda
ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane
eviyweni lakhe.
- ¹¹Owesificamibili, owezopho lenyanga

- yesificamibili,
kwakunguSibhekhayi
umHushathi wakoZerahi.
Kwakulamadoda
ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane
eviyweni lakhe.
- ¹²Owesificamunye, owezopho
lesificamunye, kwakungu-
Abhiyezeri
um-Anathothi
owakoBhenjamini.
Kwakulamadoda
ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane
eviyweni lakhe.
- ¹³Owetshumi, owezopho lenyanga
yetshumi, kwakunguMaharayi
umNethofathi wakoZerahi.
Kwakulamadoda
ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane
eviyweni lakhe.
- ¹⁴Owetshumi lanye, owezopho lenyanga
yetshumi lanye,
kwakunguBhenayiya
umPhirathoni wako-Efrayimi.
Kwakulamadoda
ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane
eviyweni lakhe.
- ¹⁵Owetshumi lambili, owezopho
lenyanga yetshumi lambili,
kwakunguHelidayi
umNethofathi, owemuli ka-
Othiniyeli. Kwakulamadoda
ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane
eviyweni lakhe.

Izikhulu Zezizwana

- ¹⁶Izikhulu ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli
yilezi:
KwabakoRubheni: ngu-Eliyezeri
indodana kaZikhiri;

- kwabakoSimiyoni, nguShabhiya indodana kaMahakha;
- ¹⁷ kwabakoLevi: nguHashabhiya indodana kaKhemuweli; kwabako-Aroni: nguZadoki;
- ¹⁸ kwabakoJuda: ngu-Elihu, umfowabo kaDavida; kwabaka-Isakhari: nguOmiri indodana kaMikhayeli;
- ¹⁹ kwabakoZebhuloni: ngu-Ishimaya indodana ka-Obhadiya; kwabakoNafthali: nguJerimothi indodana ka-Aziriyeli
- ²⁰ kwabako-Efrayimi: nguHosheya indodana ka-Azaziya; kwabayingxenye yesizwana sikaManase: nguJoweli indodana kaPhedaya;
- ²¹ kwabayingxenye yesizwana sikaManase eGileyadi: ngu-Ido indodana kaZekharia; kwabakoBhenjamini: nguJahasiyeli indodana ka-Abhineri;
- ²² kwabakoDani: ngu-Azareli indodana kaJeroshamu. Laba babeyizikhulu ezizwaneni zaku-Israyeli.
- ²³ UDavida kazange abhale phansi inani lamadoda ayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lababengaphansi kwaleyo, ngoba uJehova wayethembise ukuthi wayezakwandisa u-Israyeli abe njongezinkanyezi emkhathini. ²⁴ UJowabi indodana kaZeruya waqalisa ukubala amadoda kodwa kaqedanga. Ulaka lwehlela u-Israyeli ngenxa yalokho kubalwa ngakho inani lelo alibhalwanga encwadini yezindaba zeNkosi uDavida.

Abacebisi BeNkosi

- ²⁵ U-Azimavethi indodana ka-Adiyeli wayephethe iziphala zesikhosini. UJonathani indodana ka-Uziya wayephethe iziphala emaphandleni

- ezabelweni, emadolobheni, emizini kanye lasezilindweni.
- ²⁶ U-Eziri indodana ka-Khelubi wayephethe izisebenzi emaphandleni ezazilima amasimu.
- ²⁷ UShimeyi umRamathi wayephethe izivini. UZabhidi waseShefama wayephethe izithelo zezivini zokwenza iwayini.
- ²⁸ UBhali-Hanani umGederi wayephethe izihlahla zama-oliva lomkhiwane wesikhamore emawatheni ezintatshana zasentshonalanga. UJowashi wayephethe amafutha e-oliva.
- ²⁹ UShithirayi umSharoni wayephethe imihlambi eyayisemadlelweni aseSharoni. UShafathi indodana ka-Adilayi, wayephethe imihlambi ezihotsheni.
- ³⁰ U-Obhili owako-Ishimayeli wayephethe amakamela, uJehideya owakoMeronothi ephethe ezabobabhemi.
- ³¹ UJazizi umHagiri wayephethe ezemihlambi yezimvu. Bonke laba babeyizikhulu ezaziphethe impahla zenkosi uDavida.
- ³² UJonathani, isihlobo sikaDavida, wayengumcebisi, indoda ehlakaniphileyo njalo engumbhali. UJehiyeli indodana kaHakhimoni wayephethe amadodana enkosi.
- ³³ U-Ahithofeli wayengumcebisi wenkosi. UHushayi owako-Arikhi wayengumngane wenkosi.
- ³⁴ UJehoyada indodana kaBhenayiya nguye owathatha isikhundla sika-Ahothofeli kwalendela u-Abhiyathari. UJowabi wayengumlawuli webutho lenkosi.

Amacebo KaDavida Ngokwakiwa KweThempeli

28 UDavida wamema zonke izikhulu zaku-Israyeli zabuthana

eJerusalema: izikhulu zezizwana, abalawuli bamaviyo emsebenzini wenkosi, abalawuli bezinkulungwane kanye labalawuli bamakhulu, lezikhulu ezaziphethe ezezimpahla zenkosi lamadodana ayo, kanye lezikhulu zesigodlweni, amaqhawe labo bonke ababelezibindi empini.

²Inkosi uDavida yasukuma yathi:

“Lalelani, zihlobo labantu bami, bengizimisele ukwakhela ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova indlu yokuhlala njalo kuyisinyathelo senyawo zikaNkulunkulu wethu, ngaze ngenza amalungiselelo okukufeza lokho.

³Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kimi:

‘Awuyikulakhela indlu iBizo lami, ngoba wena ungowempi njalo usuchithe igazi.’

⁴“Kodwa uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wakhetha mina kuyo yonke indlu yakwethu ukuba yinkosi yako-Israyeli kuze kube nininini. Wakhetha uJuda ukuba abe ngumkhokheli, kwathi khona endlini kaJuda wakhetha imuli yakwethu, kwazakuthi emadodaneni kababa kumthokozisile ukungibeka ngibe yinkosi kulo lonke elako-Israyeli.

⁵Kuwo wonke amadodana ami njengoba uJehova engiphe amanengi – umkhethile uSolomoni indodana yami ukuba ahlale esihlalweni sobukhosi esikhosini sombuso kaJehova ko-Israyeli. ⁶Wathi kimi: ‘USolomoni indodana yakho yiyo ezangakhela indlu yami ilungise lamagama ami, ngoba ngimkhethile ukuba abe yindodana yami, lami ngizakuba nguyise. ⁷Ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe kuze kube nininini nxa eqina ekugcineni imilayo yami lemithetho yami njengalokhu okwenzakalayo lamuhla.’

⁸“Ngakho-ke phambi kwakhe wonke u-Israyeli, lebandla likaJehova uNkulunkulu, laphambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu: gcinani linanzelele imilayo

kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze libe lelizwe elihle elizalitshiyela izizukulwane kube yilifa lazo kuze kube nininini.

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

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

¹¹Ngakho uDavida wasenika uSolomoni indodana yakhe umdwebo wesakhiwo sethempeli, lowezindlu zalo, lowezindlu zenotho, lowezindlu zangaphezulu, lowezindlu zangaphakathi, lowendlu yesihlalo somusa. ¹²Wamnika umdwebo wakho konke ayekutshengiswe nguMoya engqondweni yakhe ngamagama ethempeli, lowezindlu eziwazingelezeleyo, lowendlu yenotho yethempeli, lowendlu yenotho yezinto ezingcwele. ¹³Wamtshela langesimo sezigaba zabaphristi lezabaLevi, langawo wonke umsebenzi wasethempelini, langezitsha zonke zenkonzo, ¹⁴langesisindo segolide lazo zonke izitsha zegolide zaleyo laleyo nkonzo, langesisindo sezitsha zesiliva zaleyo laleyo nkonzo: ¹⁵langesisindo sezinti zezibane zegolide kanye lezibane zazo, langesisindo segolide salolo lalololuthi lwesibane lezibane zalo, njengokusetshenziswa kwazo enkonzweni; ¹⁶langesisindo segolide salelo lalelotafula lezinkwa ezahlukaniselwe uNkulunkulu lesisindo sesiliva esamatafula enziwe ngesiliva; ¹⁷isisindo segolide elicengekileyo lezinti, imiganu yokuchelisa lezinkezo zakhona,

lesisindo saleso lalesositsha segolide,
kanye lesaleso lalesositsha sesiliva.

¹⁸Wamtshela langesimo se-alithare
lempepha elenziwe ngegolide
elicengekileyo lesisindo salo,
langomfanekiso wesihlalo
esingamakerubi egolide achaye
amaphiko awo egubuzele ibhokisi
lesivumelwano sikaJehova.

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

²⁰Okunye okwatshiwo nguDavida
kuSolomoni indodana yakhe yikuthi,
“Qina ube lesibindi, njalo uwenze
lumsebenzi. Ungesabi njalo ungalahli
ithemba ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu wami, ulawe.
Kawuyikwehluleka njalo
kayikukufulathela kuze kube
sekupheleni komsebenzi wethempeli
likaJehova. ²¹Izigaba zabaphristi
labaLevi sebelindele wonke umsebenzi
wethempeli likaNkulunkulu, njalo
kuzakuthi bonke abazinikeleyo
bakuphathise ngobungcitshi babo
obupheleleyo kuyo yonke imisebenzi.
Izikhulu labantu bonke zizayamukela
yonke imilayo yakho.”

Izipho Zokwakha Ithempeli

29 Inkosi uDavida yathi ebandleni
lonke: “Indodana yami uSolomoni, yena
kanye osekhethwe nguNkulunkulu,
usesengumfana njalo usesemutsha.
Umsebenzi mkhulu, ngoba lesisakhiwo
sobukhosi ayisiso esomuntu kodwa
ngesikaJehova uNkulunkulu.

²Sengilungiselele ngayo yonke inzuzo
engilayo ukwakhiwa kwethempeli
likaNkulunkulu wami – igolide
lokwenza izinto zegolide, isiliva

sokwenza izinto zesiliva, ithusi
lokwenza izinto zethusi, lensimbi
yokwenza izinto zensimbi, lezigodo
zokwenza izinto zezigodo, kanye
lohlobo lwamatshe e-onikisi, lamatshe
okubekwa, lamatshe okucecisa,
lalemibala, lenhlobonhlobo zonke
zamatshe amahle lamatshe alukhuni
amanengi – konke lokhu ngikubuthelele
ngakunengi. ³Ngaphandle kwalokho,
ngenxa yokutshisekela kwami ithempeli
likaNkulunkulu wami, manje senginikela
inotho yami yegolide lesiliva
ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wami
ngaphezu kwakho konke engikulethileyo
ethempelini leli elingcwele:

⁴ngamathalenta egolide azinkulungwane
ezintathu egolide (igolide lase-Ofiri)
lamathalenta esiliva esicengekileyo
azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa
okokugudula ngalo imiduli yezindlu,
⁵okomsebenzi wegolide lokomsebenzi
wesiliva lokwawo wonke umsebenzi
ozakwenziwa yizingcitshi. Ngakho,
ngubani ofuna ukuzinikela kuJehova
lamuhla?”

⁶Abayizinhloko zezindlu, izikhulu
zezizwana zako-Israyeli, abalawuli
bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu,
lezikhulu ezazikhangele ngokuqhutshwa
komsebenzi wenkosi bapha
ngokuzinikela. ⁷Banikela emsebenzini
wethempeli likaNkulunkulu amathalenta
ayizinkulungwane ezinhlanu
lezinhlamvu zegolide ezizinkulungwane
ezilitshumi, lamathalenta esiliva
ayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi,
amathalenta ethusi ayizinkulungwane
ezilitshumi laficamibili, lamathalenta
ayizinkulungwane ezilikhulu ensimbi.
⁸Loba ngubani owayelamatshe aligugu
wawanikela endlini yenotho yethempeli
likaJehova yona eyayiphethwe
nguJehiyeli umGeshoni. ⁹Abantu baba
lokujabula okukhulu bebona ukuzinikela
kwabakhokheli babo, ngoba banikela

kuJehova ngokukhululeka
langezinhliziyo zabo zonke. UDavida
inkosi laye wajabula kakhulu.

Umkhuleko kaDavida

¹⁰UDavida wamdumisa uJehova phambi
kwebandla lonke esithi:

“Kawudunyiswe, Wena Jehova,
Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukhokho,
kusukela nininini kuze kube
nininini.

¹¹Bungobakho, O Jehova, ubukhulu
lamandla lodumo lobukhosi;
ngoba konke okusezulwini
lokusemhlabeni kungokwakho.
Bungobakho, O Jehova,
ubukhosi;
Uphakeme wena phezu konke.

¹²Inotho lodumo kuvela kuwe;
ungumbusi wazo zonke izinto.
Esandleni sakho kukhona
ukuqina lamandla. Kukuwe
ukuphakamisa lokupha amandla
kubo bonke.

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

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

¹⁵Singabezizweni lezethekeli emehlweni
akho, njengoba labokhokho bethu bonke
babenjalo. Izinsuku zethu emhlabeni
ziyafanana lesithunzi, asisilutho, kalikho
ithemba. ¹⁶O Jehova Nkulunkulu wethu,
lokhu esesikunikele ngobunengi bakho
ekwakhiweni kwethempeli eliyindawo
yeBizo lakho eliNgcwele, kuvela
esandleni sakho, njalo konke kuvele
kungokwakho. ¹⁷Ngiyazi, Nkulunkulu
wami, uhlola inhliziyo njalo
uyabuthanda ubuqotho. Zonke lezizinto
ngizinikele ngokufisa langenhliziyo
yobuqotho. Khathesi ngikhangele

ngentokozo abantu bakho abalapha
ukuthi banikele ngesifiso kuwe. ¹⁸O
Jehova, Nkulunkulu wabobaba
o-Abrahama, lo-Isakha lo-Israyeli,
yenza izinhliziyi zabantu bakho zime
ngalokhu kulangatha, njalo izinhliziyi
zabo zibe kuwe kuze kube nininini.

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

²⁰UDavida wasesithi kulo lonke ibandla,
“Dumisani uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.”
Ngakho bonke bamdumisa uJehova,
uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, bathi
mbo ngobuso phansi, bekhonza
uNkulunkulu, behlonipha inkosi.

USolomoni Ugcotshwa Ubukhosi

²¹Ngosuku olulandelayo banikela
imihlatshelo kuJehova leminikelo
yokutshiswa: izinkunzi
eziyinkulungwane, lezinqama
eziyinkulungwane lamazinyane amaduna
ayinkulungwane, leminikelo
yokunathwayo, layo yonke eminye
imihlatshelo banikela ngokunengi
benikelela bonke abako-Israyeli. ²²Badla
banatha ngokujabula okukhulu
ngalolosuku phambi kukaJehova.

Basebememukela okwesibili
uSolomoni indodana kaDavida,
bangcoba phambi kukaJehova ukuthi
abe ngumbusi kuthi uZadoki abe
ngumphristi. ²³USolomoni wasebusa
embusweni kaJehova uNkulunkulu
esikhundleni sikayise uDavida.

Waphumelela njalo wonke u-Israyeli
wamlalela. ²⁴Izikhulu zonke kanye
lamaqhawe, ndawonye lamadodana
eNkosi uDavida bazinikela ngaphansi
kombuso weNkosi uSolomoni.

²⁵UJehova wamphakamisa kakhulu
uSolomoni wamnika isithunzi phezu
kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli, njalo

wamnika ubukhosi obungazange bube khona esikhosini kwabako-Israyeli.

Ukufa KukaDavida

²⁶UDavida indodana kaJese wayeyinkosi yabo bonke abako-Israyeli.

²⁷Wabusa kwabako-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane – eyisikhombisa eHebhroni kwathi engamatshumi amathathu lantathu eJerusalema. ²⁸Wafa eseluphele eseleminyaka eminengi kakhulu lenotho lodumo; uSolomoni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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