

1 KASAMUWELI

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ISAHLUKO 1

Ke kaloku kwakukho ndoda ithile yaseRama, umTsofi, yakweleentaba lakwaEfrayim, egama belinguElikana, unyana kaYeroham, unyana kaElihu, unyana kaTohu, unyana kaTsufi, wakwaEfrayim.

² Yayinabafazi ababini; igama lomnye lalinguHana, igama lowesibini linguPenina; uPenina ke wayenabantwana, uHana yena engenabantwana.

³ Indoda leyo ibinyuka ivela emzini wayo iminyaka ngeminyaka, iye kunqula, ibingelele kuYehova wemikhosi eShilo. Babekhona ke oonyana bakaEli ababini, ooHofeni noPinehasi, ababingeleli bakaYehova.

⁴ Kwathi ngemini awabingelela ngayo uElikana, wamnika uPenina umkakhe, noonyana bakhe bonke, neentombi zakhe, izabelo.

⁵ Ke uHana wamnika isabelo sabantu ababini, ngokuba ebemthanda uHana; ke uYehova ebesivalile isizalo sakhe.

⁶ Waza umkhweleteli wakhe wamana emchunuba, ukuze ade acunuke; ngokuba uYehova ebesivalile isizalo sakhe.

⁷ Wenjenjalo uElikana iminyaka ngeminyaka, xa wenyukayo ukuya endlwini kaYehova; wenjenjalo uPenina ukumqumbisa; uHana walila, akadla.

⁸ Wathi uElikana umyeni wakhe kuye, Hana, ulilelani na? Yini na ukuba ungadli? Yini na ukuba ibe mbi intliziyo yakho? Andilungile na kuwe ngaphezu koonyana abalishumi?

⁹ Wesuka uHana emveni kokuba bedlile eShilo, emveni kokuba besele. Ke kaloku uEli umbingeleli wayeleli esilalweni ngasemgubasini webhotwe likaYehova.

¹⁰ Wawukakra umphefumlo kaHana, wathandaza kuYehova, wasitsho isililo.

¹¹ Wabhambathisa ngesibhambathiso, wathi, Yehova wemikhosi, ukuba uthe wazikhangela ukuzikhangela oku iintsizi zomkhonzazana wakho, wandikhumbula, akwamlibala umkhonzazana wakho, wamnika umkhonzazana wakho umntwana oyindoda: ndomnika uYehova yonke imihla yobomi bakhe; isitshetshe sokucheba asiyi kusondezwa entlokweni yakhe.

¹² Kwathi, ekuthandazeni kwakhe uzungu phambi koYehova, uEli wawugqala umlomo wakhe.

¹³ Ke yena uHana wayethethela entliziweni yakhe, kubebezela imilebe yomlomo wakhe yodwa, ilizwi lakhe lingavakali; uEli waba uyanxila.

¹⁴ Wathi uEli kuye, Koda kube nini na unxila? Yisuse iwayini yakho kuwe.

¹⁵ Waphendula uHana, wathi, Hayi, nkosi yam, ndingumfazi omoya unobunzima,

andiselanga wayini nasiselo sinxiliso; ndiphalaza umphefumlo wam phambi koYehova.

¹⁶ Musa ukumbalela umkhonzazana wakho ekuthini yintombi yetshijolo; ngokuba unangoku ndithethe ngobuninzi bokukhalaza kwam nokuqunjiswa kwam.

¹⁷ Waphendula uEli, wathi, Hamba unoxolo; uThixo kaSirayeli makakunike isicelo sakho osicelileyo kuye.

¹⁸ Wathi ke yena, Umkhonzazana wakho lo makababalwe nguwe. Wahamba indlela yakhe umfazi lowo, wadla, ababa samatsha ubuso bakhe.

¹⁹ Bavuka kusasa ngengomso, baqubuda phambi koYehova, babuya, bangena endlwini yabo eRama. UElikana wamazi uHana umkakhe; uYehova wamkhumbula.

²⁰ Kwathi ukufezeka kwemila, wamitha uHana, wazala unyana, wamthiya igama elinguSamuweli, esithi, Kungokuba ndamcelayo kuYehova.

²¹ Yenyuka indoda leyo inguElikana nendlu yayo yonke, ukuba ibingelele kuYehova umbingelelo womnyaka, inesibhambathiso sayo.

²² Ke yena uHana akanyukanga; ngokuba wathi kwindoda yakhe, Kokha kulunyulwe umntwana, ndandule ke ukumzisa abonakale phambi koYehova, alale khona kude kuse ephakadeni.

²³ Wathi uElikana indoda yakhe kuye, Yenza okulungileyo emelweni akho; lala ude umlumle; ke uYehova makalimise ilizwi lakhe. Walala ke umfazi, wanyisa unyana wakhe wada wamlumla.

²⁴ Wenyuka naye, akuba emlumle, eneenkunzi ezintathu ezintsha, ne-efa yomgubo, nentsuba yewayini, wamsa endlwini kaYehova eShilo, umntwana lowo esemncinane.

²⁵ Bayixhela inkunzi entsha, bamsa umntwana kuEli.

²⁶ Wathi, Camagu, nkosi yam! Uleli nje umphefumlo wakho, nkosi yam, ndingulaa mfazi wayemi kuwe apha, ethandaza kuYehova.

²⁷ Ndandithandazela lo mntwana; undinikile ke uYehova isicelo sam endandisicela kuye;

²⁸ nam ndiya kumenza oceliweyo kuYehova; yonke imihla yokubakho kwakhe, woba ngoceliweyo kuYehova. Wamnqula khona uYehova.

ISAHLUKO 2

Wathandaza uHana, wathi, Intliziyo yam idlamkile ngoYehova, Uphondo lwam luphakanyisiwe nguYehova. Uvulekile umlomo wam kakhulu ngazo iintshaba zam; Ngokuba ndivuyele usindiso lwakho.

² Akukho uyingcwele njengoYehova; Ngokuba akukho namnye ngaphandle kwakho; Akukho liwa linjengoThixo wethu.

³ Musani ukukwandisa ukuthetha izinto eziphakamileyo, izinto eziphakamileyo, Kungaphumi ntetho yakuhlakanipha emlonyeni wenu; Ngokuba uYehova nguThixo owazi konke, Yena nguMlinganisi wezenzo eziyincamisa.

⁴ Izaphetha zamagorha zaphukile, Abakhubeki babhinqiswe amandla.

⁵ Abahluthiyo baziqeshisela isonka, Abalambileyo baza kuphela ukulamba, Ade nongazaliyo azale isixhenxe, Onabantwana abaninzi antshwenye.

⁶ UYehova uyabulala, adlise ubomi; Uhlisela kwelabafileyo, abuye anyuse.

⁷ UYehova uyahlwempuza, atyebise; Uthoba, abuye aphakamise.

⁸ Uvusa eluthulini abasweleyo, Aphakamise amahlwempu ezaleni, Ukuba awahlalise namanene; Uwabela ilifa elisihlalo sozuko; Ngokuba zezikaYehova iintsika zehlabathi, Walimisa phezu kwazo elimiweyo.

- ⁹ linyawo zabakhe benceba uya kuzigcina, Abangendawo badake ebumnyameni; Ngokuba indoda ayeyisi ngamandla.
- ¹⁰ UYehova yena—baya kuqhiphuka umbilini ababambana naye. Uya kududumisa phezu kwabo emazulwini; UYehova uya kuzigweba iziphelo zehlabathi, Amnike ukumkani wakhe amandla, Aluphakamise uphondo lomthanjiswa wakhe.
- ¹¹ Wesuka uElikana, waya endlwini yakhe; ke umntwana ebelungiselela kuYehova phambi kukaEli umbingeleli.
- ¹² Ke kaloku oonyana bakaEli babengamatshijolo, bengamazi uYehova.
- ¹³ Kwanesilunga sababingeleli esiphuma ebantwini, akubon' ukuba umntu ubingelela umbingelelo, kwaza kweza umfana wakwambingeleli, xa iphekiweyo inyama, enefolokhwe emazinyo mathathu esandleni sakhe,
- ¹⁴ wahlaba nokuba kuselukhambeni, nokuba kuseketileni, nokuba kukungxawu, nokuba kusembizeni: ibisithi yonke into ephume nefolokhwe azithabathele umbingeleli kwangayo. Benjenjalo kumaSirayeli onke abesiza eShilo apho.
- ¹⁵ Kananjalo kungekaqhunyiselwa ngamanqatha, ubesithi umfana wakwambingeleli, eze kumntu obingelelayo, athi, Ethe inyama, yoselwe umbingeleli; kuba akayi kwamkela nyama iphekiweyo kuwe, mayibe yekrwada.
- ¹⁶ Athi umntu lowo akuthi kuye, Kuya kuqhunyiselwa inene ngamanqatha kwangoku, wandule ke uzithabathele, njengoko umphefumlo wakho unqwenela ngako: athi yena, Hayi, ndinike ngoku; ukuba akundiniki, ndoyithabatha ngamandla.
- ¹⁷ Saba sikhulu kunene isono samadodana phambi koYehova; ngokuba abantu bawudela umnikelo kaYehova.
- ¹⁸ Waye uSamuweli elungiselela phambi koYehova, eyinkwenkwe ebhinqe iefodi yelinen emhlophe.
- ¹⁹ Unina ubemenzela ingubo yokwaleka, anyuke nayo, ayise kuye iminyaka ngeminyaka ekunyukeni kwakhe nendoda yakhe, ukuza kubingelela umbingelelo womnyaka.
- ²⁰ UEli wamsikelela uElikana nomkakhe, wathi, UYehova makakunike imbewu ngalo mfazi esikhundleni soceliweyo, owacelwa kuYehova. Bahamba bagoduka.
- ²¹ UYehova wamvelela uHana; wamitha, wazala oonyana abathathu, neentombi ezimbini. Yakhula inkwenkwe enguSamuweli ikuYehova.
- ²² Ke kaloku uEli ubeselemdala kakhulu; wayiva yonke into ababeyenza oonyana bakhe kumaSirayeli onke, kwanokuba babelala nabafazi ababekhonza emnyango wentente yokuhlangana.
- ²³ Wathi kubo, Yini na ukuba nenze izinto ezinjengezi? Kuba izenzo zenu ezibi ndiziva ngaba bantu bonke.
- ²⁴ Hayi, nyana bam; ngokuba asiludaba luhle olu ndiluvayo mna; nibanga ukuba abantu bakaYehova bagqithise.
- ²⁵ Ukuba umntu uthe wona umntu, uThixo uyamlamlela; ke ukuba umntu uthe wona kuYehova, ngubani na oya kumlamlela? Abaliphulaphula izwi likayise; kuba uYehova ubefuna ukubabulala.
- ²⁶ Ke inkwenkwe, uSamuweli, yaya ikhula ngokukhula, ithandeka kuYehova nakubantu.
- ²⁷ Kweza umntu kaThixo kuEli, wathi kuye, Utsho uYehova ukuthi, Kanene ndazityhila na kwindlu kayihlo, beseYiputa endlwini kaFaro?
- ²⁸ Ndamnyula na ezizweni zonke zakwaSirayeli, ukuba abe ngumbingeleli kum, anyuke esibingelelweni sam, aqhumisele ngeziqhumiso, anxibe iefodi phambi kwam? Ndayinika yonke indlu kayihlo konke ukudla kwasemlilweni koonyana bakaSirayeli?
- ²⁹ Yini na ke ukuba niwunyathelele phantsi umbingelelo wam nomnikelo wam wokudla,

endiwise umthetho ngawo ekhayeni lam, usuke ubazukise oonyana bakho ngaphezu kwam, ukuze nidityebise ngelona ngqatha leminikelo yonke yamaSirayeli, abantu bam?

³⁰ Ngoko utsho uYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli, ukuthi, Ndatsho okunene ukuthi, Indlu yakho nendlu kayihlo yohamba phambi kwam kude kuse ephakadeni; kungoku utsho uYehova ukuthi, Oko makube lee kum; ngokuba ondizukisayo ndiya kumzukisa, abandideleyo bacukucezwe.

³¹ Yabona, imihla iyeza, endiya kuyinqumla ingalo yakho, nengalo yendlu kayihlo, kungabikho ngwevu endlwini kayihlo;

³² ukubone ukubandezelwa kwekhaya lam ezintweni zonke uThixo aya kuwenzela okulungileyo ngazo amaSirayeli; kungabikho ngwevu endlwini yakho imihla yonke.

³³ Ke andiyi kunqumla mntu wonke wakwakho esibingelelweni sam, ukuze amehlo akho aphele, nomphefumlo wakho uthe; kufe kungamadoda konke ukwanda kwendlu yakho.

³⁴ Nguwo lo umqondiso kuwe, oya kubafikela oonyana bakho bobabini, uHofeni noPinehasi: baya kufa bobabini ngamhla mnye.

³⁵ Ndiya kuzivelisela umbingeleli othembekileyo, oya kwenza njengoko kusentliziweni yam, nasemphefumleni wam; ndimakhele indlu eqinileyo, ahambe phambi komthanjiswa wam yonke imihla.

³⁶ Kothi, lowo useleyo endlwini yakho, eze azigobe kuye ngenxa yeqhosha lesilivere nesuntswana lesonka, athi, Khawundifake komnye umsebenzi wobubingeleli, ukuze ndidle iqhekeza lesonka.

ISAHLUKO 3

Ke kaloku umntwana uSamuweli wayelungiselela kuYehova phambi koEli. Ilizwi likaYehova laliswelekile ngaloo mihla; kwakungekho mbono utyhilekileyo.

² Kwathi ngaloo mihla, elele uEli endaweni yakhe, amehlo akhe eqale ukuba norhatyazo ukuba angabi nakubona,

³ singekacinywa isibane sikaThixo, uSamuweli elele ebhotweni likaYehova, apho ibikhona ityeya kaThixo,

⁴ uYehova wambiza uSamuweli; wathi yena, Ndilapha.

⁵ Wabalekela kuEli, wathi, Ndilapha; ngokuba undibizile. Wathi yena, Andikubizanga; buya uye kulala. Waya walala.

⁶ Waqokela uYehova wambiza uSamuweli. Wavuka uSamuweli, waya kuEli, wathi, Ndilapha; ngokuba undibizile. Wathi yena, Andikubizanga, nyana wam; buya uye kulala.

⁷ Ke uSamuweli ebengekamazi uYehova, libe lingekatyhileki kuye ilizwi likaYehova.

⁸ Waqokela uYehova wambiza uSamuweli okwesithathu. Wavuka weza kuEli, wathi kuye, Ndilapha; ngokuba undibizile. Waqonda uEli ukuba uYehova umbizile umntwana.

⁹ Wathi uEli kuSamuweli, Hamba uye kulala; kothi, ukuba uthe wakubiza, uthi, Thetha, Yehova, ngokuba esiva umkhonzi wakho. Waya uSamuweli, walala endaweni yakhe.

¹⁰ Weza uYehova, wema, wabiza njengezinye izihlandlo, wathi, Samuweli, Samuweli. Wathi uSamuweli, Thetha, ngokuba esiva umkhonzi wakho.

¹¹ Wathi uYehova kuSamuweli, Uyabona, ndenza into kwaSirayeli eya kubetha zithi nzwiiindlebe zombini zabantu bonke abaya kuyiva.

¹² Ngaloo mini ndiyakumvelisela uEli yonke into endiyithethileyo ngokusingisele kwindlu yakhe; ndiqalile, ndiya kugqiba.

¹³ Ndimxelele ukuba ndiyayigweba indlu yakhe kudekuse ephakadeni, ngenxa

yobugwenxa abaziyo; ngokuba baziqalekisa oonyana bakhe, akabangxolisa.

¹⁴ Ngoko ndiyifungele indlu kaEli, ndathi, Inene ubugwenxa bendlu kaEli abuyi kucanyagushelwa ngambingelelo, nangamnikelo wakudla, naphakade.

¹⁵ Walala uSamuweli kwada kwasa, wazivula ke iingcango zendlu kaYehova. USamuweli woyika ukumxelela uEli umbono lowo.

¹⁶ UEli wambiza uSamuweli, wathi, Samuweli, nyana wam.

¹⁷ Wathi yena, Ndilapha. Wathi, Liyintoni na ilizwi elo alithethileyo kuwe? Musa ukukha undifihlele. Makenjenje uThixo kuwe, aqokele ukwenjenje, ukuba uthe wandifihlela lizwi, emazwini onke awathethileyo kuwe.

¹⁸ USamuweli wamxelela amazwi onke, akamfihlela nto. Wathi ke yena, NguYehova; makenze oko kulungileyo emehlweni akhe.

¹⁹ Wakhula uSamuweli; uYehova waba naye, akwawa phantsi nalinnye ilizwi emazwini akhe onke emhlabeni.

²⁰ Onke amaSirayeli, ethabathele kwaDan esa eBher-shebha, azi ukuba uSamuweli ngumprofeti othembekileyo kaYehova.

²¹ Waqokela uYehova wabonakala eShilo; ngokuba uYehova wazityhila kuSamuweli eShilo ngelizwi likaYehova.

IS AHLUKO 4

Ilizwi likaSamuweli laya kumaSirayeli onke. Aphuma amaSirayeli, eya kuwahlangabeza amaFilisti alwe nawo; amisa iintente ngase-Ebhenezere, amaFilisti amisa eAfeki.

² Aza amaFilisti akha uluhlu lokulwa namaSirayeli. Idabi lanwenwezela, abulawa amaSirayeli phambi kwamaFilisti. Kwabulawa eluhlwini ethafeni apho amadoda akumawaka amane.

³ Beza abantu eminqubeni, athi amadoda amakhulu akwaSirayeli, Yini na ukuba uYehova asibulale namhla phambi kwamaFilisti? Masiye kuthabatha ityeya yomnqophiso kaYehova eShilo, ibe kuthi, ize phakathi kwethu, isisindise esandleni seentshaba zethu.

⁴ Bathumela ke abantu eShilo; bayithabatha khona ityeya yomnqophiso kaYehova wemikhosi, ohleli phezu kweekerubhi; babekhona bobabini oonyana bakaEli, uHofeni noPinehasi, benetyeya yomnqophiso kaThixo.

⁵ Kwathi, xa ifikayo ityeya yomnqophiso kaYehova eminqubeni, aduma kakhulu onke amaSirayeli, umhlaba wathi ndi.

⁶ Asiva amaFilisti isandi sokuduma kwawo, athi, Sesani na esi sandi sokuduma kungaka eminqubeni yamaHebhere? Azi ke ukuba ityeya kaYehova ifikile eminqubeni.

⁷ Oyika amaFilisti, kuba ebesithi, UThixo ufikile eminqubeni. Athi, Yeha ke thina! Ngokuba akuzanga kube nje ngaphambili.

⁸ Yeha ke thina! Ngubani na oya kusihlangula esandleni saba thixo babungangamsha bungaka? Ngaba thixo aba babulala amaYiputa ngezibetho zonke entlango.

⁹ Yomelelani, nibe ngamadoda, nina maFilisti, hleze nikhonze kumaHebhere, njengokuba ekhonze kuni wona. Yibani ngamadoda, nilwe.

¹⁰ Alwa ke amaFilisti, awabulala amaSirayeli; asaba ke wona, waya elowo ententeni yakhe; abulawa kakhulu kunene. Kwawa kumaSirayeli amawaka angamashumi amathathu angumqikela.

¹¹ Kwathinjwa netyeya yomnqophiso kaThixo; bafa oonyana bobabini bakaEli, uHofeni noPinehasi.

- ¹² Kwabaleka indoda yakwaBhenjamin, ivela emkhosini, yafika eShilo kwangaloo mini, iingubo zayo zikrazukile, inomhlaba entloko.
- ¹³ Yafika; nanko uEli ehleli esihlalweni ecaleni kwendlela, ebonisela; ngokuba ibigubha intliziyo yakhe ngenxa yetyeya kaThixo. Yafika indoda leyo, yawuxelela umzi; wasitsho isililo wonke umzi.
- ¹⁴ Waliva uEli izwi lesililo, wathi, Lelani na eli lizwi lale ntlokoma? Indoda leyo yakhawuleza, yeza yamxelela uEli.
- ¹⁵ Ke kaloku uEli ebeminyaka imashumi asithoba anesibhozo ezelwe, amehlo akhe enorhatyazo, engenakubona.
- ¹⁶ Yathi indoda leyo kuEli, Ndingulo uvela emkhosini mna, ndisabe emkhosini namhlanje. Wathi yena, Kuhle ntoni na, nyana wam?
- ¹⁷ Waphendula umbiki, wathi, Asabile amaSirayeli phambi kwamaFilisti, kananjalo babulewe kakhulu abantu, kananjalo oonyana bakho bobabini bafile, ooHofeni noPinehasi; ityeya kaThixo ithinjiwe.
- ¹⁸ Kwathi, akukhankanya ityeya kaThixo, wawa esihlalweni sakhe, eqethuka ngomva ngasecaleni kwesango, waphuka ilungu lentamo, wafa; ngokuba indoda leyo ibiselilixhego; inzima. Yayiwalawula amaSirayeli iminyaka emashumi mane.
- ¹⁹ Ke kaloku umolokazana wayo, umkaPinehasi, ebemithi, eza kuzala. Wathi akuziva iindaba zokuthinjwa kwetyeya kaThixo, nezokufa koyise wendoda nokwendoda yakhe, waguqa, wazala; ngokuba yamfikela inimba.
- ²⁰ Ngexesha lokufa kwakhe, abafazi ababemi phezu kwakhe bathetha, bathi, Musa ukoyika, ngokuba uzele unyana. Akaphendula, akakhathala koko.
- ²¹ Wathi umntwana ngulkabhode, esithi, Uzuko lumkile kwaSirayeli, ngenxa yokuthinjwa kwetyeya kaThixo, nangenxa yoyise wendoda, nendoda yakhe.
- ²² Wathi, Uzuko lumkile kwaSirayeli; kuba ityeya kaThixo ithinjiwe.

ISAHLUKO 5

AmaFilisti ayithabatha ityeya kaThixo, esuka nayo e-Ebhenezere, aya nayo eAshdode.

- ² Ayithabatha amaFilisti ityeya kaThixo, aya nayo endlwini kaDagon, ayimisa ecaleni koDagon.
- ³ Bavuka kusasa ngengomso abaseAshdode, nanko uDagon ewile ngobuso emhlabeni phambi kwetyeya kaYehova. Bamthabatha uDagon, babuya bammisa endaweni yakhe.
- ⁴ Bavuka kusasa ngengomso, nanko uDagon ewile ngobuso emhlabeni phambi kwetyeya kaYehova, intloko kaDagon nezandla zakhe zozibini zinqumkile, zisembundwini womnyango, kusele isikhondo sodwa.
- ⁵ Ngenxa yoko ababingeleli bakaDagon, nabo bonke abangenayo endlwini kaDagon, abanyatheli embundwini womnyango wendlu kaDagon eAshdode unanamhla.
- ⁶ Saba nzima isandla sikaYehova phezu kwabaseAshdode, sabaphanzisa, sababetha ngamathumba, iAshdode ke nemida yayo.
- ⁷ Akubona amadoda aseAshdode ukuba kunjalo, athi, Ityeya yoThixo kaSirayeli mayingahlali kuthi; ngokuba isandla sakhe sinzima phezu kwethu, naphezu koDagon uthixo wethu.
- ⁸ Athumela ahlanganisela kuwo zonke izikhulu zamaFilisti, athi, Siyithini na ityeya yoThixo kaSirayeli? Zathi, Mayijike iye eGati. Ayijika ke ityeya yoThixo kaSirayeli.
- ⁹ Kwathi emveni kokujikwa kwayo, isandla sikaYehova saba phezu kwaloo mzi,

sasisaqunge esikhulu kunene; wababulala abantu baloo mzi, kwathabathela kwabancinane kwesa kwabakhulu, bathi gqobhogqobho amathumba.

¹⁰ Bayithumela ityeya kaThixo e-Ekron. Kwathi, xa ifikayo ityeya kaThixo e-Ekron, bakhala abase-Ekron, besithi, Bayijikele kuthi ityeya yoThixo kaSirayeli, ukuba isibulale thina nabantu bakowethu.

¹¹ Bathumela, bazihlanganisa zonke izikhulu zamaFilisti, bathi, Yimkiseni ityeya yoThixo kaSirayeli, ibuyele endaweni yayo, ingasibulali thina, nabantu bakowethu; ngokuba ukuqungaunga kokufa bekukho kuwo wonke umzi, besinzima kunene isandla sikaThixo khona.

¹² Abantu abangafanga babethwa ngamathumba; kwenyuka kwaya ezulwini ukuzibika komzi.

ISAHLUKO 6

Ityeya kaYehova yaba semhlabeni wamaFilisti iinyanga ezisixhenxe.

² AmaFilisti abiza ababingeleli nabavumisi, esithi, Siyithini na ityeya kaYehova? Saziseni into esingayigodusa nayo, iye endaweni yayo.

³ Bathi, Ukuba iyagoduswa ityeya yoThixo kaSirayeli, musani ukuyigodusa ilambatha; ukuyibuyisela kuye, noyibuyisela inedini letyala. Niya kuphiliswa; kuya kwandula ukwazeka kuni, ukuba bekungani na ukuba isandla sakhe singesuki kuni.

⁴ Athi, Liyintoni na idini letyala esolibuyisela kuye? Bathi, Lingamathumba egolide amahlanu, neempuku zegolide ezintlanu, ngokwenani lezikhulu zamaFilisti; ngokuba sinye isibetho kuni nonke, nakwizikhulu zenu.

⁵ Ize niyenze imifanekiso yamathumba enu, nemifanekiso yeempuku zenu ezilonakalisayo ilizwe, nimzukise uThixo kaSirayeli; mhlawumbi wosenza lula isandla sakhe kuni, nakoothixo benu, nakwilizwe lenu.

⁶ Yini na ukuba niziqaqadekise iintliziyo zenu, njengokuba aziqaqadekisayo iintliziyo zawo amaYiputa noFaro? Akuthanga na, akuzenza izenzo ezincamisayo kuwo, amaYiputa awandulula amaSirayeli, emka ke?

⁷ Thabathani ngoko, nenze inqwelo entsha, nithabathe iimazi ezimbini ezintsha ezanyisayo, ezingazanga zibekwe dyokhwe, nizibophe enqwelweni, niwanqande amathole azo kuzo, aye ekhaya.

⁸ Noyithabatha ke ityeya kaYehova, niyibeke enqwelweni; neempahla zegolide enizibuyisela kuye, ezilidini letyala, nizibeke etyeyeni ecaleni layo, niyindulule ihambe.

⁹ Nize nikhangele: ukuba ithe yenyuka ngendlela yomda wayo, yaya eBhete-shemeshe, woba nguyee osenzele obu bubi bukhulu; ke ukuba kuthe akwabo njalo, sothi sazi ukuba asibethwe sisandla sakhe, sihlalelwe sisihlo.

¹⁰ Enjenjalo amadoda; athabatha iimazi ezintsha ezanyisayo zambini, azibopha enqwelweni, awavalela amathole azo ekhaya.

¹¹ Ayibeka ityeya kaYehova enqwelweni, netyeya ineempuku zegolide nemifanekiso yamathumba awo.

¹² Iimazi ezintsha zathi ngqo ngendlela, ngendlela yaseBhete-shemeshe, zahamba ngomendo, zihamba zinxakama, azanxaxhela ekunene nasekhohlo; izikhulu zamaFilisti zizilandela, zida zaya emdeni waseBhete-shemeshe.

¹³ AbaseBhete-shemeshe babevuna ingqolowa entilini; bawaphakamisa amehlo abo, bayibona ityeya, bavuya bakuyibona.

¹⁴ Inqwelo yafika entsimini kaYoshuwa waseBhete-shemeshe, yema khona. Bekukho

ilitye elikhulu khona. Bayicanda imithi yenqwelo, bazinyusa iimazi ezintsha ezo zalidini elinyukayo kuYehova.

¹⁵ AbaLevi bayithula ityeya kaYehova, netyeya ebinayo inempahla yegolide, bazibeka elityeni elo likhulu. Amadoda aseBhete-shemeshe ke anyusa amadini anyukayo, abingelela imibingelelo ngaloo mini kuYehova.

¹⁶ Zabona izikhulu ezihlanu zamaFilisti, zabuyela e-Ekron kwangaloo mini.

¹⁷ Ngawo la amathumba egolide awawabuyiselayo amaFilisti kuYehova, alidini letyala: elaseAshdode lalilinye, elaseGaza lalilinye, elaseAshkelon lalilinye, elaseGati lalilinye, elase-Ekron lalilinye;

¹⁸ kunye neempuku zegolide ngokwenani lemizi yonke yamaFilisti yezikhulu ezihlanu, kuthabathela emizini enqatyisiweyo, kuse kwimizana yabasemaphandleni; kuse etyeni elikhulu, abayimisa kulo ityeya kaYehova, lilingqina unanamhla entsimini kaYoshuwa waseBhete-shemeshe.

¹⁹ Wabetha emadodeni aseBhete-shemeshe, ngokuba ayikhangakhangelayo ityeya kaYehova; wabulala ebantwini abo amadoda angamashumi asixhenxe emadodeni angamawaka angamashumi amahlanu. Benza isijwili abantu, ngokuba uYehova ebabulele abantu ngobulalo olukhulu.

²⁰ Athi amadoda aseBhete-shemeshe, Ngubani na onako ukuma phambi koYehova, lo Thixo uyingcwele? Uya kunyuka aye kubani na, ukusuka kwakhe kuthi?

²¹ Athuma abathunywa kubemi baseKiryati-yeharim, esithi, AmaFilisti ayibuyisile ityeya kaYehova; yihlani, nize kuyinyusela kuni.

ISAHLUKO 7

Eza amadoda aseKiryati-yeharim, ayinyusa ityeya kaYehova, ayizisa endlwini ka-Abhinadabhi, endluni, angcwalisa uElazare, unyana wakhe, ukuba ayigcine ityeya kaYehova.

² Kwathi, ihleli eKiryati-yeharim apho ityeya, zanda iintsuku, zayiminyaka emashumi mabini; yamlandela uYehova ngesimema yonke indlu kaSirayeli.

³ Wathi ke uSamuweli kwindlu yonke kaSirayeli, Ukuba nibuyela kuYehova ngentliziyo yenu yonke, basuseni ke phakathi kwenu oothixo bolunye uhlanga nooAshtaroti, nizimise iintliziyo zenu kuYehova, nikhonze yena yedwa: wonihlangula ke esandleni samaFilisti.

⁴ Oonyana bakaSirayeli babasusa ke ooBhahali nooAshtaroti, bakhonza uYehova yedwa.

⁵ Wathi uSamuweli, Wahlanganiseleni eMizpa onke amaSirayeli, ndinithandazele kuYehova.

⁶ Ahlanganiselana eMizpa, akha amanzi, awaphalaza phambi koYehova, azila ukudla ngaloo mini, athi khona, Sonile kuYehova. Wabalawula uSamuweli oonyana bakaSirayeli eMizpa.

⁷ Eva amaFilisti ukuba oonyana bakaSirayeli bahlanganiselene eMizpa, zenyuka izikhulu zamaFilisti, zawaphumela amaSirayeli. Beva oonyana bakaSirayeli, bawoyika amaFilisti.

⁸ Bathi oonyana bakaSirayeli kuSamuweli, Musa ukuyeka ukusikhalela kuYehova uThixo wethu, asisindise esandleni samaFilisti.

⁹ USamuweli wathabatha itakane elanyayo, walinyusa lalidini elinyukayo lonke liphola kuYehova. Wakhala uSamuweli kuYehova ngenxa yamaSirayeli; uYehova wamphendula.

¹⁰ Kwathi, xa uSamuweli alinyusayo idini elinyukayo, amaFilisti asondela, esiza kulwa namaSirayeli. UYehova wadudumisa ngezwi elikhulu loo mini kumaFilisti, wawaqungaqunga; abulawa phambi kwamaSirayeli.

- ¹¹ Aphuma amadoda akwaSirayeli eMizpa, awasukela amaFilisti, awabulala, esa phantsi kweBhete-kare.
- ¹² USamuweli wathabatha ilitye, walimisa phakathi kweMizpa neShen, wathi igama lalo yiEbenezere; wathi, Kude kwaba lapha uYehova esinceda.
- ¹³ Athotywa ke amaFilisti, akaba saphinda eze emdeni wakwaSirayeli; sachasana namaFilisti isandla sikaYehova yonke imihla kaSamuweli.
- ¹⁴ Yabuyiselwa kumaSirayeli imizi leyo abeyithimbile amaFilisti kumaSirayeli, ithabathela e-Ekron yesa eGati; nemida yayo ayihla ngula amaSirayeli esandleni samaFilisti. Laxola ke phakathi kwamaSirayeli nama-Amori.
- ¹⁵ USamuweli waye engumlawuli kumaSirayeli yonke imihla yobomi bakhe;
- ¹⁶ ehamba iminyaka ngeminyaka, ejikeleza eBheteli, naseGiligali, naseMizpa, ewalawula amaSirayeli kwezo ndawo zonke;
- ¹⁷ ebuyela eRama, ngokuba yayikhona indlu yakhe. Wawalawula nakhona amaSirayeli, wakha isibingelelo kuYehova khona.

ISAHLUKO 8

Kwathi, xenikweni uSamuweli alixhego, wabamisa oonyana bakhe baba ngabagwebi kumaSirayeli.

- ² Igama lonyana wakhe wamazibulo lalinguYoweli, igama lowesibini lalinguAbhiya; bengabagwebi eBher-shebha.
- ³ Oonyana bakhe abahambanga ngendlela yakhe, banabela inzuzo embi, bamkela izicengo, basijika isigwebo.
- ⁴ Aza ahlanganisana onke amadoda amakhulu akwaSirayeli, eza kuSamuweli eRama, athi kuye, Uyabona,
- ⁵ waluphele wena, oonyana bakho abahambi ngendlela yakho; simisele ngoko ukumkani wokusilawula, njengeentlanga ezi zonke.
- ⁶ Laba libi elo zwi emehlweni kaSamuweli, xa bathi, Sinike ukumkani wokusilawula. Wathandaza uSamuweli kuYehova.
- ⁷ Wathi uYehova kuSamuweli, Liphulaphule izwi labantu entweni yonke abayithethayo kuwe; ngokuba ingenguwe abamgibileyo, bagibe mna, ukuze ndingabi ngukumkani kubo.
- ⁸ Ngokwezenzo zonke abazenzileyo, kuselokwemini endabanyusayo eYiputa kwada kwaba namhla, bandishiya, bakhonza thixo bambi, benjenjalo namhla nakuwe.
- ⁹ Liphulaphule ngoko izwi labo; kodwa uze ubaqononondise kakuhle, ubaxelele isiko aya kuphatha ngalo ukumkani oya kuba ngukumkani wabo.
- ¹⁰ Wabaxelela ke uSamuweli abo bantu babebiza ukumkani kuye onke amazwi kaYehova.
- ¹¹ Wathi, Lilo eli isiko lokumkani oya kuba ngukumkani kuni: Oonyana benu uya kubathabatha abamisele yena ezinqwelweni zakhe zokulwa, nasemahasheni akhe akhwelwayo, babaleke phambi kwenqwelo yakhe;
- ¹² abamisele yena babe ngabathetheli bamawaka, nabathetheli bamashumi ngamahlanu, balime amasimi akhe, bavune ukutya kwakhe, benze iimpahla zakhe zemfazwe neempahla zenqwelo yakhe.
- ¹³ Iintombi zenu wozithabatha zibe ngabaqholikazi, nabapheki, nabosi bezonka.
- ¹⁴ Amasimi enu wowathabatha, nezidiliya zenu, nezinquma zenu ezona zilungileyo, azinike abakhonzi bakhe;
- ¹⁵ nesishumi sembewu yenu asibize, nesezidiliya zenu, asinike ababusi bakhe

nabakhonzi bakhe.

¹⁶ Abakhonzi benu uya kubathabatha, nabakhonzazana benu, namadodana enu, namaesile enu, enze umsebenzi wakhe;

¹⁷ isishumi sempahla yenu emfutshane asibize; nina nibe ngabakhonzi bakhe.

¹⁸ Niya kukhala ngaloo mini ngokumkani wenu enazinyulelayo, anganiphenduli uYehova ngaloo mini.

¹⁹ Abavuma abantu ukuliphulaphula ilizwi likaSamuweli; bathi, Hayi, inene, masibe nokumkani;

²⁰ nathi sibe njengeentlanga ezi zonke, asilawule ukumkani wethu, aphume phambi kwethu, alwe iimfazwe zethu.

²¹ Waweve uSamuweli onke amazwi abantu, wawathetha ezindlebeni zikaYehova.

²² Wathi uYehova kuSamuweli, Liphulaphule izwi labo, ubenzele ukumkani. Wathi uSamuweli kumadoda akwaSirayeli, Hambani niye elowo emzini wakhe.

ISAHLUKO 9

Kwakukho ndoda yakwaBhenjamin, igama lalinguKishe, unyana ka-Abhiyeli, unyana kaTserore, unyana kaBhekorati, unyana ka-Afiya, unyana womBhenjamin, indoda esisityebi.

² Yayinonyana ogama linguSawule, umfo omtsha, omhle, ebekungekho mfo phakathi koonyana bakaSirayeli umhle kunaye; ethabathela emagxeni akhe anyuse, ubemde kubantu bonke.

³ Ke kaloku uKishe, uyise kaSawule, walahlekelwa ziimazi zakhe zamaesile. Wathi uKishe kuSawule unyana wakhe, Khawuthabathe omnye kubafana ahambe nawe, usuke uye kuzifuna iimazi zamaesile.

⁴ Wacanda kweleentaba lakwaEfrayim, wacanda nasezweni laseShalisha; abazifumana. Wacanda nasezweni laseShahalim, azabakho; wacanda nasezweni lakwaBhenjamin, abazifumana.

⁵ Bakufika ezweni lakwaTsufi, uSawule wathi kumfana obenaye, Hamba sibuye, hleze ubawo azincame iimazi zamaesile, abe nesithukuthezi ngathi.

⁶ Wathi ke yena kuye, Uyabona ke, kulo mzi kukho umntu kaThixo; ngumntu ozukileyo; konke akuthethayo kuyenzeka ngenene. Makhe siye khona ke, mhlawumbi angasibonisa indlela yethu esohamba ngayo.

⁷ Wathi uSawule kumfana lowo, Yabona, sihamba nje, siya kumnika ntoni na umntu lowo? Kuba isonka siphelile empahleni yethu; akukho sipho singasisa kumntu kaThixo. Into esinayo yintoni na?

⁸ Waphinda umfana wamphendula uSawule, wathi, Nanku kufumaneke esandleni sam isahlulo sesine seshekele yesilivere; ndosinika umntu kaThixo, asibonise indlela yethu.

⁹ Ngaphambili, kwaSirayeli, umntu xa aya kubuza kuThixo ubesithi, Hamba siye kwimboni; ngokuba onguprofeti namhla bekusithiwa yimboni ngenxa engaphambili.

¹⁰ Wathi uSawule kumfana lowo, Lihle ilizwi lakho; hamba siye. Bahamba baya kuloo mzi, apho umntu kaThixo wayekhona.

¹¹ Bathi benyuka eqhineni lomzi, baqubisana nomthinjana, uphuma usiya kukha amanzi; bathi kuwo, Ikho na apha imboni?

¹² Wabaphendula, wathi, Ikho, nantso phambi kwenu; khawulezani ngoku, kuba ifike namhlanje kulo mzi, ngokuba abantu banombingelelo namhla esigangeni;

- ¹³ xa ningena kulo mzi, noyifumana ingekenyuki iye kudla esigangeni; kuba abayi kudla abantu ingekafiki; ngokuba usikelelwa yiyo umbingelelo, baze badle emveni koko abamenyiweyo; nyukani ngoku, ngokuba noyifumana ngoku. Benyuka ke baya kuloo mzi.
- ¹⁴ Bakubona ukuba bayangena kuloo mzi, nanko uSamuweli ephuma equbisana nabo, eza kunyuka aye esigangeni.
- ¹⁵ Ke kaloku uYehova wayeyityhilele indlebe kaSamuweli ngosuku olungaphambi kokuza kukaSawule, esithi,
- ¹⁶ Ngeli xesha ngomso, ndiya kuthumela kuwe indoda yasezweni lakwaBhenjamin, ukuze uyithambise, ibe yinganga yabantu bam amaSirayeli, ibasindise abantu bam esandleni samaFilisti; ngokuba ndibabonile abantu bam; kuba ukukhala kwabo kufikile kum.
- ¹⁷ USamuweli wambona uSawule. UYehova wamphendula, wathi, Nantso loo ndoda ndibe ndithethe kuwe ngayo. Yiyo eya kuphatha ubukhosi phezu kwabantu bam.
- ¹⁸ Wasondela uSawule kuSamuweli esangweni, wathi, Khawundixelele, iphi na apha indlu yemboni?
- ¹⁹ USamuweli wamphendula uSawule, wathi, Ndim imboni; nyuka phambi kwam uye esigangeni, nidle nam namhla, ndikundulule ngomso, ndikuxelele konke okusentliziyweni yakho.
- ²⁰ Ke iimazi zamaesile esekuntsuku ntathu namhla zikulahlekile, musa ukuyibekela kuzo intliziyo yakho; ngokuba zifunyenwe. Kokukabani na konke okunqwenelekayo kwaSirayeli? Asikokwakho na, nokwendlu yonke kayihlo?
- ²¹ Waphendula uSawule, wathi, AndingumBhenjamin yini na, wesizwe esincinanana kwaSirayeli? Nomzalwane wakowethu awuphantsi na emizalwaneni yonke yesizwe sakwaBhenjamin? Yini na ukuba uthethe ilizwi elinje kum?
- ²² USamuweli wamthabatha uSawule nomfana lowo, wabangenisa egumbini, wabanika indawo yobukhulu phakathi kwabamenyiweyo abo, bengamadoda akumashumi amathathu.
- ²³ Wathi uSamuweli kumpheki, Ethe isabelo endakunikayo, ndathi kuwe, Sibeke.
- ²⁴ Wawuzisa umlenze lowo nento ephezu kwawo, wabeka phambi koSawule. Wathi uSamuweli, Nantso into endikubekeleyo, ibekiwe phambi kwakho, yidla; ngokuba ibigcinelwe wena, ukuba ibe yeyeli xesha, kususela koko ndathi, Ndibamemile abantu. Wadla uSawule noSamuweli ngaloo mini.
- ²⁵ Behla esigangeni apho, beza phakathi komzi; wathetha noSawule phezu kwendlu.
- ²⁶ Bavuka kusasa; kwathi, xa kunyuka isifingo, uSamuweli wamemeza kuSawule phezu kwendlu, esithi, Vuka, ndikugoduse. Wavuka uSawule; baphuma baya phandle bobabini, yena noSamuweli.
- ²⁷ Behlile, baya ekupheleni komzi, wathi uSamuweli kuSawule, Yitsho kumfana lo agqithele phambi kwethu (wagqitha ke); khawume wena ngoku, ndikuvisile ilizwi likaThixo.

ISAPHLUKO 10

USamuweli wathabatha igutyana leoli, wamgalela entloko, wamanga, wathi, Inene, uYehova ukuthambisile ukuba ube yinganga yelifa lakhe.

² Ekumkeni kwakho kum namhla, uya kufumana amadoda amabini ngasengcwabeni likaRakeli, emdeni wakwaBhenjamin, eTseletsa; aya kuthi kuwe, Zifunyenwe iimazi zamaesile obuye kuzifuna. Yabona, ukuyekile uyihlo ukuthetha ngeemazi zamaesile ezo; unesithukuthezi ngani, esithi, Ndiya kuthini na ngonyana wam.

³ Ugqithile apho, woqhubela phambili, ufike kumoki weTabhore, uhlangane khona

namadoda amathathu enyuka esiya kuThixo eBheteli, enye ithwele amatakane amathathu, enye ithwele iintenda zezonka ezithathu, enye ithwele intsuba yewayini.

⁴ Okubuza ukuphila kwakho, akunike izonka ezibini; uzithabathe ezandleni zawo.

⁵ Emveni koko uya kufika eGibheha kaThixo, apho kukhoyo ikampu yamaFilisti; kuthi, xa ufikileyo emzini apho, uthane nqiphu negqiza labaprofeti, lisihla livela esigangeni, phambi kwalo ingumrhubhe, nengqongqo, nogwali, nohadi, beprofeta.

⁶ UMoya kaThixo wokufikela ngamandla, uprofete ndawonye nabo, uguquke ube mntu wumbi.

⁷ Kothi, xa ithe yafika kuwe loo miqondiso, uzenzele njengoko siya kufumana ngako isandla sakho; ngokuba uThixo unawe;

⁸ uhle uye phambi kwam eGiligali. Yabona, ndiyehla, ndiza kuwe, ukuze ndinyuse amadini anyukayo, ndibingelele imibingelelo yoxolo. Wolinda imihla esixhenxe ndide ndize kuwe, ndikwazise oko uya kukwenza.

⁹ Wathi uSawule, akuthi khwitshi ukuba emke kuSamuweli, uThixo wamguqula, wanantliziyo yimbi. Yafika yonke loo miqondiso kwangayo loo mini.

¹⁰ Bafika eGibheha apho, nalo igqiza labaprofeti limkhawulela; wamfikela ngamandla uMoya kaThixo, waprofeta phakathi kwabo.

¹¹ Kwathi, bakumbona bonke ababemazi ngaphambili, eprofeta ndawonye nabaprofeti, bathi abantu omnye komnye, Uhliwe yintoni na unyana kaKishe? Ukubaprofeti noSawule na?

¹² Waphendula umntu wakhona, wathi, Ngubani na uyise wabo? Ngenxa yoko kwabakho umzekeliso wokuthi, Ukubaprofeti noSawule na?

¹³ Wagqiba ukuprofeta, waya esigangeni.

¹⁴ Wathi uyisekazi kaSawule kuye, nakumfana lowo, Beniye phi na? Wathi, Besifuna iimazi zamaesile; sakubona ukuba asizifumani, saya kuSamuweli.

¹⁵ Wathi uyisekazi kaSawule, Khawundixelele ukuba utheni na uSamuweli kuni.

¹⁶ Wathi uSawule kuyisekazi, Usixelele ukuba zifunyenwe iimazi zamaesile. Ke ngobukumkani, abethethe ngabo uSamuweli, akamxelelanga nto.

¹⁷ Ke kaloku uSamuweli wabahlabela umkhosi abantu;

¹⁸ beza kuYehova eMizpa. Wathi koonyana bakaSirayeli, Utsho uYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli, ukuthi, Ndawanyusa mna amaSirayeli eYiputa, ndanihlangula esandleni samaYiputa, nasesandleni sezikumkani zonke ezanixinayo.

¹⁹ Namhla ke nimcekisile nina uThixo wenu, owanisindisayo ebubini benu bonke, nasekubandezelweni konke, nathi kuye, Simisele ukumkani phezu kwethu. Kaloku ke zimiseni phambi koYehova ngokwezizwe zenu, nangokwamawaka enu.

²⁰ Wazisondeza ke uSamuweli zonke izizwe zakwaSirayeli, kwathatyathwa isizwe sakwaBhenjamin.

²¹ Wazisondeza isizwe sakwaBhenjamin ngokwemizalwane yaso, kwathatyathwa umzalwane wakwaMatri, kwathatyathwa ke uSawule unyana kaKishe. Bamfuna, abamfumana.

²² Babuya babuza kuYehova, bathi, Uselefikile na umntu? Wathi uYehova, Nanko ezimele yena phantsi kwempahla.

²³ Babaleka, bamthabatha apho. Wema phakathi kwabantu, wamde kubantu bonke, ethabathela emagxeni anyuse.

²⁴ Wathi uSamuweli kubantu bonke, Niyambona na lo unyuliweyo nguYehova; ukuba akukho unjengaye ebantwini bonke? Baduma bonke abantu, bathi, Makadle ubomi ukumkani!

²⁵ USamuweli walithetha ebantwini isiko lobukumkani, walibhala encwadini, wayibeka phambi koYehova. USamuweli wabandulula abantu bonke; baya elowo endlwini yakhe.

²⁶ Naye uSawule waya endlwini yakhe eGibheha; lahamba naye iqela elinobukroti, elintliziyo zichukunyisiweyo nguThixo.

²⁷ Ke bona abangamatshijolo bathi, wothini na ukusisindisa lo? Bamdela; abamzisela mnikelo. Yena wanga akeva.

ISAHLUKO 11

Ke kaloku wenyuka uNahashe, umAmon, wayingqinga iYabheshe yaseGiliyadi. Athi onke amadoda aseYabheshe kuNahashe, Simisele umnqophiso, sikukhonze.

² Wathi kuwo uNahashe umAmon, Ndiya kunimisela umnqophiso wokuthi, ndinikrukre nonke iliso lasekunene, ndikubeke oko phezu kwamaSirayeli onke, kube sisingcikivo.

³ Athi kuye amadoda amakhulu aseYabheshe, Siyeke iintsuku ezisixhenxe, sithume abathunywa emideni yonke yakwaSirayeli; sithi, ukuba akubangakho usisindisayo, siphume size kuwe.

⁴ Bafika abathunywa eGibheha yakwaSawule, bawathetha loo mazwi ezindlebeni zabantu; baliphakamisa bonke abantu izwi labo, balila.

⁵ Nanko uSawule, ehamba emva kweenkomo, evela ezindle; wathi uSawule, Banantoni na abantu, belila nje? Bamxelela ke amazwi amadoda aseYabheshe.

⁶ UMoya kaYehova wamfikela ngamandla uSawule ekuwaveni kwakhe la mazwi, wavutha umsindo wakhe kunene.

⁷ Wathabatha iinkomo zambini, wazityatya, wathumela emideni yonke yakwaSirayeli ngesandla sabathunywa, esithi, Ongathanga aphume alandele uSawule, alandele uSamuweli, ziya kwenjiwa nje iinkomo zakhe. Abantu bafikelwa kukunkwantya nguYehova, baphuma njengandoda-nye.

⁸ Wababala eBhezeki; oonyana bakaSirayeli bangamawaka angamakhulu amathathu, namadoda akwaYuda angamawaka angamashumi amathathu.

⁹ Bathi kubathunywa abafikileyo, Yitshoni kumadoda aseYabheshe yaseGiliyadi ukuthi, Ngomso ukufudumala kwelanga, niya kukhululwa. Bemka abathunywa, bawaxelela amadoda aseYabheshe; avuya ke.

¹⁰ Athi amadoda aseYabheshe, Ngomso siya kuphuma size kuni; nenze kuthi ngako konke okulungileyo emehlweni enu.

¹¹ Kwathi ngengomso uSawule wabamisa abantu bazizihlele ezithathu, bafika phakathi kwempi ngomlindo wokusa, bawabulala ama-Amon yada yafudumala imini. Kwathi aseleyo aphantaliswa; akwasala kuwo nokuba abe mabini ndaweni-nye.

¹² Bathi abantu kuSamuweli, Ngoobanina abo babesithi, USawule uya kuba ngukumkani kuthi na? Waziseni loo madoda, siwabulale.

¹³ Wathi uSawule, Makungabulawa mntu namhla; ngokuba namhla uYehova wenze usindiso kwaSirayeli.

¹⁴ Wathi uSamuweli ebantwini, Hambani, siye eGiligali, sibusungule khona ubukumkani.

¹⁵ Baya ke bonke abantu eGiligali; bamenza ukumkani uSawule phambi koYehova eGiligali apho; wabingelela apho imibingelelo yoxolo phambi koYehova. Bavuya kunene apho ooSawule namadoda onke akwaSirayeli.

ISAHLUKO 12

Wathi uSamuweli kumaSirayeli onke, Yabonani, ndiliphulaphule izwi lenu ngako konke enakuthethayo kum, ndanimisela ukumkani.

² Kaloku nanko ukumkani ehamba phambi kwenu. Ke mna ndaluphele, ndiyingwevu; nabo oonyana bam benani. Mna ndibambe phambi kwenu kwasebuncinaneni bam unanamhla.

³ Nanku ndikho; ngqinani ngam phambi koYehova, naphambi komthanjiswa wakhe: ndathabatha nkomo kabani na? ndathabatha esile likabani na? ndacudisa bani na? ndavikiva bani na? ndathabatha esandleni sikabani na ucamagusho lokumfamekisa amehlo am? ndonibuyisela.

⁴ Athi, Akusicudisanga, akusivikivanga, akuthabathanga nto sandleni samntu.

⁵ Wathi kubo, UYehova ulingqina ngani, nomthanjiswa wakhe ulingqina namhla, ukuba anifumananga nto sandleni sam. Bathi, Ulingqina.

⁶ Wathi uSamuweli ebantwini, NguYehova owenza ooMoses noAron; owenyusa ooyihlo ezweni laseYiputa.

⁷ Kaloku ke yimani, ndimangalelane nani phambi koYehova ngayo yonke imisebenzi yobulungisa kaYehova, ayenzileyo kuni nakooyihlo.

⁸ Xenikweni uYakobi waya eYiputa, bakhala ooyihlo kuYehova: uYehova wathuma ooMoses noAron, babakhupha ooyihlo eYiputa, bababeka kule ndawo.

⁹ Bamlibala uYehova uThixo wabo; wathengisa ngabo esandleni sikaSisera, umthetheli-mkhosi waseHatsore, nasesandleni samaFilisti, nakwesokumkani wakwaMowabhi, balwa nabo.

¹⁰ Bakhala kuYehova, bathi, Sonile, ngokuba samlahlayo uYehova, sakhonza ooBhahali nooAshtaroti; kaloku ke sihlangule esandleni seentshaba zethu, sikukhonze.

¹¹ UYehova wathuma ooYerubhahali, noBhedan, noYifeta, noSamuweli, wanihlangula esandleni seentshaba zenu ngeenxa zonke, nahlala nonwabile.

¹² Kwathi nakubona uNahashe, ukumkani woonyana baka-Amon, esiza kulwa nani, nathi kum, Hayi, masilawulwe ngukumkani, uYehova uThixo wenu engukumkani wenu.

¹³ Nanko ke ukumkani enimnyulileyo, enimbizileyo; yabonani, uYehova unimisele ukumkani.

¹⁴ Anaba beniya kumoyika uYehova, nimkhonze, niliphulaphule ilizwi lakhe, ningawuphikisi umlomo kaYehova, nithane mbende noYehova uThixo wenu, nina nokumkani onilawulayo, ukuze kulunge.

¹⁵ Ke ukuba anithanga niliphulaphule izwi likaYehova, ukuba nithe nawuphikisa umlomo kaYehova, isandla sikaYehova sonichasa, njengokuba sachasa ooyihlo.

¹⁶ Nangoku yimani, niyibone le nto inkulu, ayenzayo uYehova phambi kwenu.

¹⁷ Akuvunwa ingqolowa yini na namhla? Ndiya kunqula uYehova ahlise iindudumo nemvula; nazi, nibone ukuba ububi benu bukhulu enibenzileyo phambi koYehova ngokubiza ukumkani.

¹⁸ USamuweli wanqula uYehova; waza uYehova wahlisa iindudumo nemvula ngaloo mini. Bonke abantu bamoyika kunene uYehova noSamuweli.

¹⁹ Bathi bonke abantu kuSamuweli, Bathandazele abakhonzi bakho kuYehova uThixo wakho, ukuze singafi; ngokuba ezonweni zethu songeze ububi bokubiza ukumkani.

²⁰ Wathi uSamuweli ebantwini, Musani ukoyika. Nina nibenzile bonke obo bubi; noko ke musani ukutyeka ekumlandeleni uYehova; mkhonzeni uYehova ngentliziyo yenu yonke.

²¹ Ize ningatyeki; ngokuba ningaba nilandela izinto ezililize, ezingenakunyusa, ezingenakuhlangula, ngokuba zililize.

- ²² Kuba uYehova akayi kubashiya abantu bakhe, ngenxa yegama lakhe elikhulu; ngokuba kwakholeka kuYehova ukunenza abantu bakhe.
- ²³ Kananjalo makube lee kum ukuthi ndone kuYehova ngokuyeka ukunithandazela; ndoniyalela indlela elungileyo ethe tye.
- ²⁴ Kodwa moyikeni uYehova, nimkhonze ngenyaniso, ngentliziyo yenu yonke; ngokuba kuboneni okukhulu anenzele khona.
- ²⁵ Ke ukuba niphikele ukwenza, nithe nenza okubi, nocinywa, nina kwanokumkani wenu.

ISAHLUKO 13

USawule ebeneminyaka ezelwe, akuba ngukumkani, waba ngukumkani kumaSirayeli iminyaka emibini.

² USawule wazinyulela amawaka amathathu kumaSirayeli; amawaka amabini ayenoSawule eMikmas nakweleentaba laseBheteli, iwaka elinye laye linoYonatan eGibheha yakwaBhenjamin. Abantu abaseleyo wabandulula, baya elowo ententeni yakhe.

³ UYonatan wayoyisa ikampu yamaFilisti eseGebha, eva amaFilisti. USawule wavuthela ngesigodlo ezweni lonke, esithi, Makeve amaHebhere.

⁴ AmaSirayeli onke eva kusithiwa, USawule uyoyisile ikampu yamaFilisti; kananjalo amaSirayeli azinukisile kumaFilisti. Abantu bahlatyelwa umkhosi, beza bamlandela uSawule baya eGiligali.

⁵ AmaFilisti azihlanganisela ukulwa namaSirayeli: iinqwelo zokulwa zaba ngamashumi omathathu amawaka, nabamahashe bangamawaka amathandathu, abantu bangangentlabathi eselunxwemeni lolwandle ukuba baninzi; anyuka ke amisa iintente eMikmas phambi kweBhetaven.

⁶ Abona amadoda akwaSirayeli ukuba abandezelekile (kuba abantu bebefingiwe), abantu bazimela emiqolombeni, nasezimfanteni, nasezingxondorheni, nasemiweweni, nasemihadini.

⁷ Ke kaloku kwawela amaHebhere eYordan, aya ezweni lakwaGadi nelaseGiliyadi. Ke yena uSawule ebeseseGiligali; abantu bonke bamlandela begubha.

⁸ Walinda iintsuku zasixhenxe, ngokwexesha elibe limisiwe nguSamuweli, akafika uSamuweli eGiligali; bamphalala abantu bemka kuye.

⁹ Wathi uSawule, Zisani kum idini elinyukayo nemibingelelo yoxolo. Wenyusa idini elinyukayo.

¹⁰ Kwathi, xa agqibileyo ukulinyusa idini elinyukayo, nanko uSamuweli efika; waphuma uSawule waya kumkhawulela, ukuba ambulise.

¹¹ Wathi uSamuweli, Yintoni le uyenzileyo? Wathi uSawule, Kungokuba bendibona abantu bendiphalala, besimka kum, nawe ungafiki ngexesha elibe limisiwe, namaFilisti ehlanganiselana eMikmas;

¹² ndathi, Kaloku amaFilisti aya kuda ehle eze kum eGiligali, ndingambongozanga uYehova; ndazinyanzela, ndalinyusa idini elinyukayo.

¹³ Wathi uSamuweli kuSawule, Wenze ngobudenge; akuwugcinanga umthetho kaYehova uThixo wakho awakuwiselayo; ngokuba uYehova ange ebuzinzisile kaloku ubukumkani bakho kwaSirayeli, kude kuse ephakadeni.

¹⁴ Ke ngoko ubukumkani bakho abusayi kuma. UYehova uzifunele indoda engantliziyo yakhe; wayimisa uYehova ukuba ibe yinganga yabantu bakhe; ngokuba akukugcinanga oko uYehova akuwisele umthetho ngako.

- ¹⁵ Wesuka uSamuweli wenyuka, wemka eGiligali, waya eGibheha yakwaBhenjamin. USawule wababala abantu abafunyenwe benaye, bengamadoda akumakhulu amathandathu.
- ¹⁶ USawule, noYonatan unyana wakhe, nabantu abafunyenwe benabo, bahlala eGibheha yakwaBhenjamin. AmaFilisti amisa iintente eMikmas.
- ¹⁷ Kwaphuma amatutu emkhosini wamaFilisti, engamaqela amathathu: elinye iqela labheka ngendlela yaseOfra ezweni lakwaShuwali;
- ¹⁸ elinye iqela labheka endleleni yaseBhete-horon; elinye iqela labheka endleleni yasemdeni ovelela umfula weTsebhoyim, uye entlango.
- ¹⁹ Ke bekungekho mkhandi ezweni lonke lakwaSirayeli; ngokuba amaFilisti ebesithi, Aya kuze amaHebhere enze amakrele neentshuntshe.
- ²⁰ AmaSirayeli onke abesihla aye kumaFilisti, alole elowo isikhali sakhe, nesitshetshe sepuluwa yakhe, nezembe lakhe, negaba lakhe,
- ²¹ zakuba nezikhewu iintlangothi zamagaba, nezezitshetshe zeepuluwa, nezeefolokhwe, nezamazembe, nezokubaza iimviko.
- ²² Kwathi ke ngomhla wokulwa, akwafunyanwa krele nantshuntshe esandleni sabantu bonke ababenoSawule noYonatan; ke kuSawule noYonatan unyana wakhe bezikho.
- ²³ Kwaphuma amaFilisti ekampini, aya engxingweni yaseMikmas.

ISAHLUKO 14

- K**wathi ngamhla uthile, uYonatan unyana kaSawule wathi kumfana ophatha iintonga zakhe, Hamba siphumele, siye ekampini yamaFilisti ephesheya phaya. Akamxelela uyise.
- ² USawule ke wayehleli ekupheleni kweGibheha phantsi komrharnate oseMigron. Abantu ababenaye babekumakhulu amathandathu amadoda,
- ³ enoAhiya, unyana ka-Ahitubhi, umkhuluwa kalkabhodi, unyana kaPinehasi, unyana kaEli, umbingeleli kaYehova eShilo, enxibe iefodi. Bebungazi abantu ukuba uYonatan uyile.
- ⁴ Ezingxingweni, abefuna ukuphumela kuzo uYonatan, aye ekampini yamaFilisti, bekukho itsolo lengxondorha ngapha; kukho itsolo lengxondorha ngaphaya; igama lelinye libe linguBhotsetse, igama lelinye linguSene.
- ⁵ Okunye ukutsola bekuyintsika ngasentla malunga neMikmas, okunye kungasezantsi malunga neGibheha.
- ⁶ Wathi ke uYonatan kumfana lowo uphatha iintonga zakhe, Hamba siphumele, siye ekampini yaba bangalukileyo; mhlawumbi uYehova wosisebenzela; ngokuba akukho sithintelo kuYehova ukuba asindise ngabaninzi nangabambalwa.
- ⁷ Wathi umphathi weentonga zakhe kuye, Yenza konke okusentliziweni yakho; singa phaya; yabona, ndinawe ngokwentliziyo yakho.
- ⁸ Wathi uYonatan, Yabona, siyaphumela, siya kulaa madoda, siya kuzibonakalisa kuwo.
- ⁹ Ukuba athe kuthi, Hlalani, side size kuni; siya kuma kuloo ndawo yethu, singenyuki siye kuwo.
- ¹⁰ Ukuba athe, Nyukani nize kuthi: sonyuka, ngokuba uYehova uwanikele esandleni sethu; lowo woba ngumqondiso kuthi.
- ¹¹ Bazibonakalisa bobabini ekampini yamaFilisti; athi amaFilisti, Nanga amaHebhere ephuma emingxunyeni abezimele kuyo.
- ¹² Abaphendula amadoda asekampini ooYonatan nomphathi weentonga zakhe, athi,

Nyukani nize kuthi, sinibonise. Wathi uYonatan kumphathi weentonga zakhe, Nyuka emva kwam; ngokuba uYehova uwanikele esandleni samaSirayeli.

13 Wenyuka uYonatan, ekhasa ngezandla neenyawo, umphathi weentonga zakhe esemva kwakhe. Awa phambi koYonatan; nomphathi weentonga zakhe esemva kwakhe ebulala.

14 Kwathi, ukuxabela kokuqala awaxabela ngako uYonatan nomphathi weentonga zakhe, kwaxatyelwa amadoda angathi amashumi mabini, esiqingatheni sendima eyiakile yentsimi.

15 Kwabakho umothuko emkhosini, nasezindle, nasebantwini bonke; ikampu namatutu bothuka nabo; wanyikima umhlaba; yaba sisothuso esivela kuThixo.

16 Bakhangela ababonisi bakaSawule, baseGibheha yakwaBhenjamin, nantso ingxokolo inyibilika; yaye ichithana yodwa.

17 Wathi uSawule ebantwini ababenaye, Khanibale, nibone ukuba ngubani na ongekhoyo kuthi. Babala; yini? akakho uYonatan nomphathi weentonga zakhe.

18 Wathi usawule kuAhiya, Zisa apha ityeya kaThixo; ngokuba ityeya kaThixo ibinoonyana bakaSirayeli ngaloo mini.

19 Kwathi, esathetha uSawule kumbingeleli, ingxokozelo yempi yamaFilisti yaya ikhula. Wathi uSawule kumbingeleli, Sibuyise umva isandla sakho.

20 Bahlanganisana uSawule nabantu bonke ababenaye, baya kulwa; nalo ikrele lomntu limi kummelwane wakhe, isisaqunge esikhulu.

21 Ke kaloku athi namaHebhere abekumaFilisti njengaphambili, abenyuke ngeenxa zonke, eza nawo emkhosini, esuka aphamba nawo, angakumaSirayeli la abenoSawule noYonatan.

22 Kwanamadoda onke akwaSirayeli, abezimele kweleentaba lakwaEfrayim, eva ukuba amaFilisti asabile, awalandela athana mbende nawo ekulweni.

23 UYehova wawasindisa ke amaSirayeli ngaloo mini. Ukulwa kwegqitha eBhetaven.

24 Amadoda akwaSirayeli ayeminyekile kukudinwa ngaloo mini. USawule wabafungisa abantu, esithi, Uqalekisiwe odla isonka kungekahlwi, ndide ndiziphindezelele ezintshabeni zam. Bonke abantu abadla nento.

25 Lonke ilizwe leza ehlathini; kwaye kukho ubusi phezu komhlaba.

26 Bafika abantu ehlathini, nanko kuvuza ubusi. Akwabakho usa isandla emlonyeni wakhe; ngokuba abantu babesoyika isifungo.

27 Ke uYonatan ubengamvanga uyise, ukubafungisa kwakhe abantu, wesa incam yentonga ebisesandleni sakhe, wayifaka enqatheni lobusi, wasibuyisela emlonyeni wakhe isandla sakhe; aqabuka amehlo akhe.

28 Yaphendula indoda yasebantwini, yathi, Uyihlo ubafungisile wabafungisa abantu, esithi, Uqalekisiwe odla isonka, namhlanje. Babethe ncithi abantu liphango.

29 Wathi uYonatan, Ubawo ulihlisele ishwangusha ilizwe; khanikhangele, amehlo am aqabukile, ngokuba ndive le ntwana yobusi.

30 Ukuba babethe abantu badla, besidla namhla emaxhobeni eentshaba zabo abawafumeneyo, ngelubeke phi na ke ukugqithisela ukuba lukhulu ngoku uxabelo kumaFilisti?

31 Bawaxabela ngaloo mini amaFilisti, bathabathela eMikmas besa eAyalon; betyhafile kunene abantu.

32 Baziphosa abantu emaxhobeni, bathabatha impahla emfutshane, neenkomo, namathole eenkomo, baxhelela emhlabeni, abantu bayidla inegazi.

33 Waxelelwa uSawule, kwathiwa, Uyabona, abantu bayona kuYehova ngokuyidla inegazi. Wathi, Nitshinizile; qengqelani kum ilitye elikhulu ngoku.

- ³⁴ Wathi uSawule, Yithini saa phakathi kwabantu, nithi kubo, Zisani kum elowo inkomo yakhe, elowo igusha yakhe, nixhelele apha, nidle; ningoni kuYehova ngokuyidla inegazi. Bonke abantu bazisa elowo inkomo yakhe ngesandla sakhe ngobo busuku, baxhelela khona.
- ³⁵ USawule wakha isibingelelo kuYehova, waqala ngaso ukwakha isibingelelo kuYehova.
- ³⁶ Wathi uSawule, Masihle siwaphuthume amaFilisti ebusuku, siwaphange kude kuse ngomso, singashiya mntu kuwo. Bathi, Yenza konke okulungileyo emehlweni akho. Wathi umbingeleli, Masisondele kuThixo apha.
- ³⁷ USawule wabuza kuThixo, esithi, Ndihle ndiwalandele na amaFilisti? Wowanikela na esandleni samaSirayeli? Akamphendula loo mini.
- ³⁸ Wathi uSawule, Yizani apha, nonke nina zibonda zabantu, nazi, nibone ukuba sikwini na esi sono namhlanje?
- ³⁹ Ngokuba ehleli nje uYehova osindise amaSirayeli, nokuba sibe sikuYonatan unyana wam, ubeya kufa. Akwabakho umphendulayo ebantwini bonke.
- ⁴⁰ Wathi kumaSirayeli onke, Yibani ngelinye icala nina, ndibe ngelinye icala, mna noYonatan unyana wam. Bathi abantu kuSawule, Yenza okulungileyo emehlweni akho.
- ⁴¹ Wathi uSawule kuYehova, Thixo kaSirayeli, velisa inyaniso. Kwathatyathwa ke uYonatan noSawule, basinda abantu.
- ⁴² Wathi uSawule, Yenzani amaqashiso kum noYonatan unyana wam. Kwathatyathwa ke uYonatan.
- ⁴³ Wathi uSawule kuYonatan, Ndixelele, yintoni na le nto uyenzileyo? UYonatan wamxelela, wathi, Ndisuke ndeva intwana yobusi ngencam yentonga ebisesandleni sam; nanku ndiya kufa.
- ⁴⁴ Wathi uSawule, UThixo makenjenje kum, aqokele ukwenjenje; inene, ukufa uya kufa, Yonatan.
- ⁴⁵ Bathi abantu kuSawule, Afe na uYonatan, owenze olu lusindiso lukhulu kwaSirayeli? Makube lee oko! Ehleli nje uYehova, akusayi kuwa nonwele lwentloko yakhe emhlabeni; ngokuba usebenzisene noThixo namhla. Bamkhulula ke abantu uYonatan, akafa.
- ⁴⁶ Wenyuka uSawule ekuwalandeleni amaFilisti; athi amaFilisti aya kuloo ndawo yawo.
- ⁴⁷ Wabuthabatha ke uSawule ubukumkani bakwaSirayeli; walwa ngeenxa zonke neentshaba zakhe zonke, amaMowabhi, noonyana baka-Amon, namaEdom nookumkani baseTsobha, namaFilisti; wathi, ezindaweni zonke abheka kuzo, wawatyela.
- ⁴⁸ Wavelisa amandla, wawaxabela ama-Amaleki, wawahlanguka amaSirayeli esandleni sabo babewaphanga.
- ⁴⁹ Ke kaloku oonyana bakaSawule bebengooYonatan, noIshevi, noMalekishuwa. Ke amagama eentombi zakhe zombini ngawo la: igama leyamazibulo nguMerabhi, igama lenci nguMikali.
- ⁵⁰ Igama lomkaSawule belinguAhinowam, intombi ka-Ahimahatse. Igama lomthetheli womkhosi wakhe belinguAbhinere, unyana kaNere, uyisekazi kaSawule.
- ⁵¹ Uyise kaSawule ubenguKishe; uNere, uyise ka-Abhinere, wayengunyana ka-Abhiyeli.
- ⁵² Kwaye kunzima ukulwa namaFilisti yonke imihla kaSawule; ngoko uSawule ubesithi akubona indoda eligorha nokuba yiyiphi, nendoda enobukroti nokuba yiyiphi, ayithabathele kuye.

Wathi uSamuweli kuSawule, UYehova wandithuma ukuba ndikuthambise ube ngukumkani kubantu bakhe, kumaSirayeli. Waphulaphule ke ngoko amazwi kaYehova.

² Utsho uYehova wemikhosi, ukuthi, Ndikukhangele konke awakwenzayo ama-Amaleki kumaSirayeli, okokuba awathintelayo endleleni ekunyukeni kwawo eYiputa.

³ Yiya ngoko, uwaxabele ama-Amaleki, nikusingele phantsi konke anako, ningawacongi; uze ubulale, uthabathela kwindoda use kwinkazana, uthabathela kolunyulweyo use kowanyayo, uthabathela kwinkomo use kwimvu, uthabathela kwinkamela use kwiesile.

⁴ Wababiza ke abantu, wababala eTelayim; amabini amakhulu amawaka omqikela; alishumi lamawaka amadoda akwaYuda.

⁵ USawule wafika kumzi wama-Amaleki walalela esihlanjeni.

⁶ Wathi uSawule kumaKenji, Hambani nihle, nimke kuma-Amaleki, hleze ndiniquke nawo; nina nabenzela inceba bonke oonyana bakaSirayeli ekunyukeni kwabo eYiputa. Emka ke amaKenji kuma-Amaleki.

⁷ USawule wawaxabela ama-Amaleki, wathabathela eHavila wada waya eShure, ekhangeleni neYiputa.

⁸ Wambamba uAgagi ukumkani wama-Amaleki ehleli, wabasingela phantsi bonke abantu ngohlangothi lwekrele.

⁹ USawule nabantu bamsindisa uAgagi, neyona ilungileyo impahla emfutshane, neenkomo, neyalekelwayo, neemvana, izinto zonke ezilungileyo abavuma ukuzisingela phantsi zona; ke yonke impahla edelekileyo, egxugxileyo, bayisingela phantsi.

¹⁰ Lafika ilizwi likaYehova kuSamuweli, lisithi,

¹¹ Ndiyazohlwaya ngenxa yokuba ndimenzile uSawule ukumkani; ngokuba ebuyile ekundilandeleni, akalifeza ilizwi lam. Wavutha ngumsindo uSamuweli, wakhala kuYehova ubusuku bonke.

¹² Wavuka kusasa uSamuweli, waya kukhawulela uSawule kusasa. Waxelelwa uSamuweli kwathiwa, USawule uzeeKarme; nanko ezimisele isikhumbuzo, ejike weggitha, wehla waya eGiligali.

¹³ USamuweli waya kuSawule; uSawule wathi kuye, Mawusikelelwe nguYehova; ndilifezile ilizwi likaYehova.

¹⁴ Wathi uSamuweli, Liyintoni na eli lizwi lempahla emfutshane lisezindlebeni zam, noku kukhonya kweenkomo ndikuvayo?

¹⁵ Wathi uSawule, Zezi bavela nazo kuma-Amaleki; ngokuba abantu bayisindisile eyona ilungileyo impahla emfutshane neenkomo, ukuze babingelele kuYehova uThixo wakho; ezinye sazisingela phantsi.

¹⁶ Wathi uSamuweli kuSawule, Yeka, ndikuxelele akuthethileyo uYehova kum ngobu busuku. Wathi kuye, Thetha.

¹⁷ Wathi uSamuweli, Akubanga yintloko yezizwe zakwaSirayeli yini na, uzeyile wena? Wakuthambisa uYehova ukuba ngukumkani kumaSirayeli.

¹⁸ UYehova wakuthuma ngendlela, wathi, Hamba uye kutshabalalisa aboni abo ama-Amaleki; ulwe nawo ude uwagqibe.

¹⁹ Yini na ke ukuba ungaliphulaphuli ilizwi likaYehova, usuke uziphose emaxhobeni, wenze okubi emehlweni kaYehova?

²⁰ Wathi uSawule kuSamuweli, Hayi, ndiliphulaphule ilizwi likaYehova, ndahamba ngendlela abendithume ngayo uYehova, ndamzisa uAgagi ukumkani wama-Amaleki, ndawatshabalalisa ama-Amaleki.

²¹ Besuka abantu bathabatha emaxhobeni: impahla emfutshane, neenkomo, neyona

inentlahla kwizinto ezisingelwe phantsi, ukuze babingelele kuYehova, uThixo wakho, eGiligali.

²² Wathi uSamuweli, UYehova unonelele amadini anyukayo nemibingelelo, ngangokuba enonelele ukuphulaphulwa kwezwi likaYehova, yini na? Yabona, ukuphulaphula kulungile ngaphezu kombingelelo, nokubaza iindlebe kulungile ngaphezu kwamanqatha eenkunzi zeegusha.

²³ Ngokuba ukuba neenkani kusisono esinjengokuvumisa, ubungqola bunjengenkonzo yezithixo nemilondekhaya. Ngenxa yokuba ulicekisile ilizwi likaYehova, naye ukucekisile ukuba ungabi kumkani.

²⁴ Wathi uSawule kuSamuweli, Ndonile; ngokuba ndigqithile emthethweni kaYehova naselizwini lakho; kuba bendisoyika abantu, ndaphulaphula izwi labo.

²⁵ Khawusixolele ngoko isono sam; buya nam, ndiye ndimnqule uYehova.

²⁶ Wathi uSamuweli kuSawule, Andiyi kubuya nawe; ngokuba ulicekisile ilizwi likaYehova, naye uYehova ukucekisile, ukuba ungabi kumkani kumaSirayeli.

²⁷ Wathi akuthi guququ uSamuweli ukuba emke, wabamba isondo lengubo yakhe yokwaleka, lakrazuka.

²⁸ Wathi uSamuweli kuye, UYehova ukukrazule kuwe namhla ubukumkani bakwaSirayeli, wabunika ummelwane wakho olungileyo kunawe.

²⁹ Kananjalo uQele-likwaSirayeli akaxoki, akazohlwayi; ngokuba akangumntu ukuba azohlwaye.

³⁰ Wathi yena, Ndonile; wosewundizukisa phambi kwamadoda amakhulu abantu bakowethu, naphambi kwamaSirayeli, ubuye nam, ndimnqule uYehova, uThixo wakho.

³¹ Wabuya ke uSamuweli, walandela uSawule; uSawule wamnqula uYehova.

³² Wathi uSamuweli, Mziseni apha kum uAgagi, ukumkani wama-Amaleki. Waya uAgagi kuye echwayithile. Wathi uAgagi, Inene, bugqithile ubukrakra bokufa.

³³ Wathi uSamuweli, Njengokuba ikrele lakho labahluthayo abafazi abantwana babo, uya kwenjiwa njalo unyoko phakathi kwabafazi, ukuhluthwa abantwana. USamuweli wamxhaxha uAgagi phambi koYehova eGiligali.

³⁴ Waya uSamuweli eRama; uSawule wenyuka waya endlwini yakhe eGibheha yakwaSawule.

³⁵ USamuweli akabuyanga abonane noSawule, kwada kwayimini yokufa kwakhe; kuba uSamuweli wamlilela uSawule. Wazohlwaya uYehova ngenxa yokuba ebemenze uSawule ukumkani kwaSirayeli.

ISAHLUKO 16

Wathi uYehova kuSamuweli, Uya kumlilela kude kube nini na uSawule, ndimcekisile nje ukuba angabi kumkani kumaSirayeli? Zalisa isigodlo sakho ngeoli, uhambe; ndiya kukuthumela kuYese waseBhetelehem; ngokuba ndizibonele ukumkani koonyana bakhe.

² Wathi uSamuweli, Ndothini na ukuya? USawule uya kuva, andibulale. Wathi uYehova, Thabatha ithokazi lenkomo uye nalo, uthi, Ndize kubingelela kuYehova.

³ Ummemele embingelelweni uYese; ndokwazisa mna into owoyenza, undithambisele endiya kuthetha kuwe ngaye.

⁴ Wakwenza uSamuweli akuthethileyo, waya eBhetelehem. Othuka ke amadoda amakhulu omzi, eza kumkhawulela, athi, Uza uxolile na?

⁵ Wathi, Ndixolile; ndize kubingelela kuYehova; zingcwaliseni, nize nam embingelelweni.

Wamngcwalisa uYese noonyana bakhe, wabamemela embingelelweni.

⁶ Kwathi, ekuzeni kwabo, wabona uEliyabhi, wathi, Inene, uphambi koYehova umthanjiswa wakhe.

⁷ Wathi uYehova kuSamuweli, Musa ukukhangela imbonakalo yakhe, nokuphakama kwesithomo sakhe, ngokuba ndimcekisile. Andikhangeli njengokukhangela komntu; ngokuba umntu ukhangela umphandle, uYehova ukhangela intliziyo.

⁸ UYese wabiza uAbhinadabhi, wamgqithisa phambi koSamuweli. Wathi, Nalo uYehova akamnyulanga.

⁹ UYese wagqithisa uShama. Wathi, Nalo uYehova akamnyulanga.

¹⁰ UYese wagqithisa ke oonyana bakhe abasixhenxe phambi koSamuweli. Wathi uSamuweli kuYese, Aba uYehova akabanyulanga.

¹¹ Wathi uSamuweli kuYese, Awonke na amakhwenkwe akho? Wathi, Kusasele encinane; nantso isalusa impahla emfutshane. Wathi uSamuweli kuYese, Thumela iye kubizwa; ngokuba asiyi kuhlala esidlweni, ide ifike apha.

¹² Wathumela wayizisa. Yaye ingqombo, emahle amehlo ayo, intle nembonakalo yayo. Wathi uYehova, Suka ume, umthambise; ngokuba nguye lo.

¹³ USamuweli wathabatha isigodlo seoli, wamthambisa esesazulwini sabakhuluwa bakhe. UMoya kaYehova wamfikela ngamandla uDavide, ukususela kuloo mini. Wesuka ke uSamuweli, waya eRama.

¹⁴ Ke uMoya kaYehova wemka kuSawule; wadandathekiswa ngumoya ombi ophuma kuYehova.

¹⁵ Bathi abakhonzi bakaSawule kuye, Yabona, udandathekiswa ngumoya ombi ophuma kuThixo.

¹⁶ Inkosi yethu mayithethe, abakhonzi bakho abaphambi kwakho baye kufuna indoda ekwaziyo ukubetha uhadi; kuthi, wakuba phezu kwakho umoya ombi ophuma kuThixo, ilubethe ngesandla sayo, kulunge kuwe.

¹⁷ Wathi uSawule kubakhonzi bakhe, Khanindikhangelele indoda ebetha kamnandi, niyizise kum.

¹⁸ Waphendula omnye umfana wathi, Yabona, ndibone unyana kaYese waseBhetelehem okwaziyo ukubetha; ligorha elinobukroti, indoda yokulwa, iciko lokuthetha, umfo omhle; uYehova unaye.

¹⁹ USawule wathuma abathunywa kuYese, wathi, Mthumele eze kum uDavide, unyana wakho, osempahleni emfutshane.

²⁰ UYese wathabatha iesile, kubotshelwe izonka kulo, nentsuba yewayini, netakane lalinye lebhokhwe, wathumela ngoDavide unyana wakhe kuSawule.

²¹ Weza uDavide kuSawule, wema phambi kwakhe; wamthanda kakhulu, waba ngumphathi weentonga zakhe.

²² Wathumela uSawule kuYese, esithi, Makeme phambi kwam uDavide; kuba ubabalwe ndim.

²³ Kwathi, wakufika umoya ombi kaThixo kuSawule, uDavide wathabatha uhadi, wabetha ngesandla sakhe; kwee qabu kuSawule, kwalunga kuye, wemka kuye umoya ombi.

ISAHLUKO 17

Ke kaloku amaFilisti ayihlanganisa imikhosi yawo ukuba alwe, ayihlanganisela eSoko ekwaYuda, amisa phakathi kweSoko neAzeka, e-Efesedamim.

² USawule namadoda akwaSirayeli ahlanganisana, amisa entilini kaEla, akha uluhlu lokulwa ukuba awahlangabeze amaFilisti.

³ AmaFilisti ema ngasentabeni ngapha, amaSirayeli ema ngasentabeni ngapha, umfula uphakathi kwawo.

⁴ Kwaphuma empini yamaFilisti indoda efuna undikho, egama linguGoliyati waseGati, ebude buziikubhite ezintandathu ezinomolulo weminwe;

⁵ enesigcina-ntloko sobhedu entloko, yambethe ingubo yentsimbi; ubunzima bengubo yentsimbi buziishekele zobhedu ezimawaka mahlanu;

⁶ eneentsekelezane zobhedu emilenzeni, nomkhonto wobhedu phakathi kwamagxa ayo;

⁷ uluthi lwentshuntshe yayo belungangomthi wabaluki; intsimbi yentshuntshe yayo ibiziishekele ezimakhulu mathandathu esinyithi; kuhamba umphathi wekhaka phambi kwayo.

⁸ Yema, yamemeza kwizintlu zakwaSirayeli, yathi kuzo, Yini na ukuba niphume nakhe uluhlu lokulwa? Andinguye na umFilisti, naye nina ningabakhonzi bakaSawule? Zikhetheleni indoda, ihle ize kum.

⁹ Ukuba ithe yanako ukulwa nam, yandibulala, soba ngabakhonzi kuni; ukuba ndithe ndayeyisa mna, ndayibulala, noba ngabakhonzi kuthi, nisikhonze.

¹⁰ Wathi umFilisti, Mna ndiyazingcikiva namhla izintlu zakwaSirayeli; ndikhupheleni indoda silwe sobabini.

¹¹ OoSawule namaSirayeli onke baweva amazwi alo mFilisti, bathi qhiphu umbilini, boyika kunene.

¹² Ke uDavide waye engunyana waloo mEfrata waseBhetelehem yakwaYuda, ugama linguYese, unyana basibhozo; ubeyindoda eyalupheleyo ngemihla kaSawule, emdala kakhulu phakathi kwamanye amadoda.

¹³ Babeye ekulweni oonyana abathathu bakaYese abakhulu, bemlandela uSawule. Amagama oonyana bakhe abathathu ababeye kulwa nguEliyabhi owamazibulo, emva kwakhe nguAbhinadabhi, owesithathu nguShama.

¹⁴ UDavide ubengomncinane; abakhulu bobathathu babelandele uSawule.

¹⁵ UDavide ubesiya abuye kuSawule, ukuba aluse impahla emfutshane kayise eBhetelehem.

¹⁶ UmFilisti lowo weza kusasa nangokuhlwa, wema imihla emashumi mane.

¹⁷ Wathi uYese kuDavide unyana wakhe, Khawuphathele abakhuluwa bakho iefa yamakhweba la, nezonka ezi zilishumi, ugidime uye emkhosini kubakhuluwa bakho,

¹⁸ use nezonka zamasi ezi zilishumi kumthetheli-waka, ubavelele abakhuluwa bakho, ubuze ukuphila kwabo, uthabathe isibambiso kubo.

¹⁹ USawule ke, kwanabo, namadoda onke akwaSirayeli, ayesentilini kaEla, esilwa namaFilisti.

²⁰ Wavuka kusasa uDavide ngengomso, wayishiya impahla emfutshane nomgcini, wathabatha, wahamba, njengoko wamwiselayo uYese umthetho, wafika eluthangweni lweenqwelo zokulwa, umkhosi uphuma usiya kuma eluhlwini, uhlaba umkhosi.

²¹ AmaSirayeli namaFilisti akha izintlu, uluhlu lukhangelene noluhlu.

²² UDavide wayishiya impahla yakhe esandleni somgcini wempahla, wabaleka waya eluhlwini; wafika, wababuza abakhuluwa bakhe ukuphila kwabo.

²³ Akubon' ukuba uyathetha nabo, nantso inyuka indoda efuna undikho, umFilisti

waseGati, egama linguGoliyati, ivela ezintlwini zamaFilisti, yathetha kwalaa mazwi; weva ke uDavide.

24 Onke amadoda akwaSirayeli, akuyibona indoda leyo, asaba ebusweni bayo, oyika kunene.

25 Athi amaSirayeli, Niyibonile na le ndoda inyukayo? Kuba inyuka isiza kungcikiva amaSirayeli; yothi indoda ethe yayibulala, ityetyiswe ngukumkani ngobutyebi obukhulu, ayinike intombi yakhe, ayenze indlu kayise ikhululeke kwaSirayeli.

26 Wathetha uDavide kumadoda abemi ngakuye, wathi, Yothiwani na indoda embuleleyo lo mFilisti, yayisusa ingcikivo kwaSirayeli? Ngokuba ungubani na umFilisti, le nto ingalukileyo, ukuba ade angcike izintlu zikaThixo ophilileyo?

27 Bathetha abantu kuye ngokwela lizwi, bathi, Uya kwenjiwa nje umntu ombuleleyo.

28 Wayekuva uEliyabhi, umkhuluwa wakhe, ukuthetha kwakhe namadoda. Wavutha umsindo kaEliyabhi kuDavide, wathi, Uhleleni na? Uyishiye nabani na laa mpahla imfutshane imbalwa entlango? Ndiyakwazi mna ukukhukhumala kwakho, nobubi bentliziyo yakho; ngokuba uhle uze kubonela ukulwa.

29 Wathi uDavide, Ndenzeni ngoku? Bendibuza nje kodwa.

30 Wee guququ, wabheka komnye obemi ngakuye, wathetha kwaela lizwi. Abantu babuya bamphendula kwangelaa lizwi lokuqala.

31 Aviwa amazwi awawathethayo uDavide, axelwa phambi koSawule, wamthabatha.

32 Wathi uDavide kuSawule, Makungathambi ntliziyo yamntu ngenxa yakhe; umkhonzi wakho lo uya kuya alwe nalo mFilisti.

33 Wathi uSawule kuDavide, Akunakuya kulo mFilisti ulwe naye; ngokuba usemncinane, abe yena eyindoda eqhele ukulwa kwasebuncinaneni bakhe.

34 Wathi uDavide kuSawule, Umkhonzi wakho lo ebesalusa impahla emfutshane kayise, kwafika ingonyama nebhere, yathabatha ixhwane emhlambini;

35 ndaphuma, ndayilandela, ndayibetha, ndalihlangula ixhwane emlonyeni wayo. Yesuka phezu kwam, ndayibamba ngodevu lwayo, ndayibetha, ndayibulala.

36 Umkhonzi wakho wayibetha ingonyama kwanebhere; lo mFilisti ungalukileyo uya kuba njengenye kuzo ke, ngokuba ungcike izintlu zikaThixo ophilileyo.

37 Wathi uDavide, UYehova owandihlangulayo ethupheni lengonyama nasethupheni lebhere, nguye oya kundihlangula esandleni salo mFilisti. Wathi uSawule kuDavide, Hamba ke, abe nawe uYehova.

38 USawule wamambathisa uDavide ngezakhe iingubo, wambeka isigcina-ntloko sobhedu entloko, wamfaka ingubo yentsimbi.

39 UDavide walibhinqa ikrele ngaphezu kweengubo zakhe, wazama ukuhamba ngazo; ngokuba ebengekazilingi. Wathi uDavide kuSawule, Andinako ukuhamba nezi zinto, ngokuba andizilinganga. UDavide wazihluba.

40 Wathabatha intonga yakhe esandleni sakhe, wanyula amatye amahlanu abuthelezi emlanjaneni, wawafaka empahleni yabalusi abenayo, eyingxowa, ephethe inkwitshi yakhe esandleni sakhe, weza kumFilisti lowo.

41 UmFilisti wahamba, waya esondela kuDavide, nendoda ephatha ikhaka lakhe ihamba phambi kwakhe.

42 UmFilisti wondela, wambona uDavide, wamdela; ngokuba ebesengumfana oyingqombo, emhle imbonakalo.

43 Wathi umFilisti kuDavide, Ndiyinja na, ukuba uze kum uneentonga? UmFilisti wamtshabhisa uDavide ngoothixo bakhe.

44 Wathi umFilisti kuDavide, Yiza kum apha, ndiyinike iintaka zezulu namarhamncwa

asendle inyama yakho.

⁴⁵ Wathi uDavide kumFilisti, Wena uza kum unekrele, nentshuntshe, nomkhonto; ke mna ndiza kuwe egameni likaYehova wemikhosi, uThixo wezintlu zakwaSirayeli omngcikovileyo.

⁴⁶ Namhlanje uYehova uya kukunikela esandleni sam, ndikubulale, ndikunqumle intloko, namhla ndizinike iintaka zezulu namarhamncwa omhlaba izidumbu zomkhosi wamaFilisti, wazi wonke umhlaba ukuba amaSirayeli anaye uThixo;

⁴⁷ Iazi lonke eli bandla, ukuba akungakrele, akungantshuntshe ukusindisa kukaYehova; ngokuba imfazwe yekaYehova; woninikela ke esandleni sethu.

⁴⁸ Kwathi, xa asukayo umFilisti, ehamba esondela, esiya kumhlangabeza uDavide, wakhawuleza uDavide, wabalekela eluhlwini, esiya kumhlangabeza umFilisti.

⁴⁹ UDavide wafaka isandla sakhe engxoweni, warhola ilitye khona, wasawula, watsho kumFilisti ebunzi; latshona ilitye ebunzini lakhe, wawa ngobuso bakhe emhlabeni.

⁵⁰ UDavide wameyisa ke umFilisti ngenkwitshi nangelitye, watsho kumFilisti, wambulala, kungekho krele esandleni sikaDavide.

⁵¹ Wagidima uDavide, waya wema phezu komFilisti, walithabatha ikrele lakhe, walirhola esingxobeni salo, wambulala, wamnqumla intloko. Abona ke amaFilisti ukuba lifile igorha lawo, asaba.

⁵² Asuka amadoda akwaSirayeli nawakwaYuda, aduma, awasukela amaFilisti kwada kwayiwa emfuleni, kwesa emasangweni ase-Ekron. Awa amaFilisti angxwelerhiweyo endleleni yaseShaharayim, kwesa naseGati, kwesa nase-Ekron.

⁵³ Babuya oonyana bakaSirayeli ekuwasukeleni ngokushushu amaFilisti, baziphanga iintente zawo.

⁵⁴ UDavide wayithabatha intloko yomFilisti, wayisa eYerusalem; impahla yakhe wayibeka ententeni yakhe.

⁵⁵ Xa uSawule ebembona uDavide, ephuma esiya kumhlangabeza umFilisti, wathi kuAbhinere, umthetheli-mkhosi, Wa, Abhinere, ngunyana kabani na lomfana? Wathi uAbhinere, Uhleli nje umphefumlo wakho, kumkani, andazi.

⁵⁶ Wathi ukumkani, Buza ukuba ingunyana kabani na le ndodana.

⁵⁷ Xa uDavide wabuyayo ekumbulaleni umFilisti, uAbhinere wamthabatha, wamzisa phambi koSawule, ephethe ngesandla intloko yomFilisti.

⁵⁸ Wathi uSawule kuye, Ungunyana kabani na, mfanandini? Wathi uDavide, Ndingunyana womkhonzi wakho, uYese waseBhetelehem.

ISAHLUKO 18

Kwathi, xa agqibileyo ukuthetha kuSawule, umphefumlo kaYonatan wabophana nomphefumlo kaDavide; uYonatan wamthanda njengomphefumlo wakhe.

² USawule wamthabatha ngaloo mini, akamvumela ukuba abuyele endlwini kayise.

³ Benza umnqophiso ooYonatan noDavide, ngokumthanda kwakhe njengomphefumlo wakhe.

⁴ UYonatan wazihluba ingubo yokwaleka abenayo, wayinika uDavide, neengubo zakhe zokulwa, kwesa nakwikrele lakhe, nakwisaphetha sakhe, nakumbhinqo wakhe.

⁵ Waphuma uDavide, waya apho wathunywa khona nguSawule, wenza ngengqiqo. USawule wammisa phezu kwamadoda okulwa; walunga emehlweni abantu bonke, nasemehlweni abakhonzi bakaSawule.

- ⁶ Kwathi ekufikeni kwabo, ekubuyeni kukaDavide ekumbulaleni umFilisti, baphuma abafazi emizini yonke yakwaSirayeli, bevuma ingoma, bengqungqa, besiza kumkhawulela uSawule ukumkani ngeengqongqo, nangovuyo, nangeetriyangile.
- ⁷ Bavuma abafazi abaqambayo, bathi, USawule ubulele amawaka akhe, UDavide ubulele amawaka akhe angamashumi.
- ⁸ USawule wavutha kunene ngumsindo, lalibi emehlweni akhe elo lizwi; wathi, UDavide bamnike amawaka alishumi, mna bandinike amawaka nje; sekusele ukuthi ubukumkani bube bobakhe.
- ⁹ USawule wahlala emgxeleshile uDavide, kususela kuloo mini.
- ¹⁰ Kwathi ngengomso, umoya ombi kaThixo wamfikela ngamandla uSawule, wageza endlwini; uDavide ebetha uhadi ngesandla sakhe njengemihla; intshuntshe isesandleni sikaSawule.
- ¹¹ USawule wabinza ngentshuntshe, wathi, Ndiya kumqhama nodonga uDavide. UDavide waphesha izihlandlo zazibini phambi kwakhe.
- ¹² USawule wamoyika uDavide, ngokuba uYehova ebenaye, emkile kuSawule.
- ¹³ USawule wamsusa kuye, wammisa wangumthetheli wakhe wewaka; waphuma engena phambi kwabantu.
- ¹⁴ UDavide wenza ngengqiqo ezindleleni zakhe zonke, uYehova waye enaye.
- ¹⁵ Wabona uSawule ukuba unengqiqo enkulu, wanxunguphala bubuso bakhe;
- ¹⁶ ke onke amaSirayeli namaYuda ebemthanda uDavide, ngokuba ebephuma engena phambi kwawo.
- ¹⁷ Wathi uSawule kuDavide, Nantso intombi yam enkulu, uMerabhi; ndiya kunika ibe ngumkakho; kodwa yiba ngumfo onobukroti kum, ulwe iimfazwe zikaYehova. USawule ebesithi, Makungafiki esam isandla kuye, makufike esamaFilisti isandla kuye.
- ¹⁸ Wathi uDavide kuSawule, Ndingubani na, ayintoni na amakowethu, iyini imizalwane kabawo kwaSirayeli, ukuba ndibe ngumyeni kukumkani?
- ¹⁹ Kwathi ngexesha lokuba uMerabhi, intombi kaSawule, anikwe uDavide, wasuka wanikwa uAdriyeli waseMehola, ukuba abe ngumkakhe.
- ²⁰ UMikali, intombi kaSawule, yamthanda uDavide. Waxelelwa uSawule, yalunga loo nto emehlweni akhe.
- ²¹ Wathi uSawule, Ndiya kumnika yona ibe ngumgibe kuye, sibe kuye isandla samaFilisti. Wathi uSawule kuDavide, Uya kuba ngumyeni kum namhla ngandlela mbini.
- ²² USawule wabawisela abakhonzi bakhe umthetho, wathi, Thethani ngasese kuDavide, nithi, Yabona, ukumkani ukunanzile, bonke abakhonzi bakhe bayakuthanda; ke ngoko yiba ngumyeni kukumkani.
- ²³ Bawathetha abakhonzi bakaSawule loo mazwi ezindlebeni zikaDavide. Wathi uDavide, Yinto elula na emehlweni enu ukuba ngumyeni kukumkani, ndiyindoda elihlwempu nje, ndilula nje?
- ²⁴ Abakhonzi bakaSawule bamxelela, besithi, UDavide uthethe wenjenje.
- ²⁵ Wathi uSawule, Yitshoni kuDavide ukuthi, Ukumkani akananze khazi; lingaba likhulu leenyama zokwaluswa zamaFilisti, ukuba aziphindezelele ezintshabeni zokumkani. Ke uSawule ubecinga ukumwisa uDavide ngesandla samaFilisti.
- ²⁶ Abakhonzi bakhe bamxelela uDavide loo mazwi; yalunga loo nto emehlweni kaDavide, ukuba abe ngumyeni kukumkani. Ke kaloku imihla ibingekazaliseki.
- ²⁷ Wesuka uDavide, waya yena namadoda akhe, wabulala kumaFilisti amadoda angamakhulu amabini. UDavide wazizisa iinyama zokwaluswa zawo, wazinika ukumkani

zingangoko zingako, ukuba abe ngumyeni kukumkani. USawule wamnika ke uMikali intombi yakhe, yangumkakhe.

²⁸ Wakubona uSawule, wakwazi ukuba uYehova ebenoDavide. UMikali intombi kaSawule ubemthanda.

²⁹ USawule wamoyika okunye uDavide; uSawule waba lutshaba kuDavide imihla yonke.

³⁰ Baphuma abathetheli bamaFilisti; kwathi, bakuphuma, uDavide wenza ngengqiqo ngaphezu kwabakhonzi bonke bakaSawule. Lanconywa kunene igama lakhe.

ISAHLUKO 19

Wathetha uSawule kuYonatan unyana wakhe, nakubakhonzi bakhe bonke, ukuba bambulale uDavide.

² Ke uYonatan, unyana kaSawule, ube emthanda kunene uDavide. UYonatan wamxelela uDavide, esithi, USawule ubawo ufuna ukukubulala; ngoko uze ukhe uzigcine kusasa, uhlale endaweni esese, uzimele.

³ Mna ndiya kuphuma, ndime ngasecaleni likabawo endle, apho ukhona, ndithethe kubawo ngawe, ndikubone oko aya kukuthetha, ndikuxelele.

⁴ UYonatan wathetha okulungileyo ngoDavide kuSawule uyise, wathi kuye, Makangoni ukumkani kumkhonzi wakhe uDavide; ngokuba akonanga kuwe; kuba izenzo zakhe zithe zalunga kunene kuwe;

⁵ umphefumlo wakhe wawenza isichenge, wambulala umFilisti, uYehova wawenzela amaSirayeli onke usindiso olukhulu; wabona nawe wavuya. Yini na ke ukuba wone kwigazi elimsulwa, umbulale uDavide kungekho sizathu?

⁶ Waliphulaphula uSawule izwi likaYonatan, wafunga uSawule, wathi, Ehleli nje uYehova, akayi kubulawa.

⁷ UYonatan wambiza uDavide; uYonatan wamxelela la mazwi onke. UYonatan wamzisa uDavide kuSawule; waba phambi kwakhe, njengangaphambili.

⁸ Yabuya yabakho imfazwe; waphuma uDavide, walwa namaFilisti, wawabulala kakhulu; asaba phambi kwakhe.

⁹ Umoya ombi kaYehova wamfikela uSawule, ehleli endlwini yakhe, intshuntshe yakhe isesandleni sakhe, uDavide ebetha uhadi ngesandla.

¹⁰ USawule wafuna ukumqhama nodonga uDavide ngentshuntshe. Wathi nyebelele ebusweni bukaSawule; watsho yangena intshuntshe eludongeni. Wasaba uDavide, wasinda ngobo busuku.

¹¹ USawule wathumela abathunywa endlwini kaDavide ukuba bamlinde, bambulale kusasa. UMikali, umkakhe, wamxelela uDavide, esithi, Ukuba uthe akwawusindisa umphefumlo wakho kwangobu busuku, wobulawa ngomso.

¹² UMikali wamhlisa uDavide ngefestile. Wahamba wabaleka, wasinda.

¹³ UMikali wayithabatha imilonde-khaya, wayilalisa elukhukweni, wabeka nomluko woboya beebhokhwe entlokweni yayo, wayigubungela ngengubo.

¹⁴ USawule wasusa abathunywa ukuba bamthabathe uDavide. Wathi yena, Uyafa.

¹⁵ USawule wasusa abathunywa ukuba baye kumkhangela uDavide, esithi, Nyukani, nize naye kum ngokhuko, ndimbulale.

¹⁶ Bangena abathunywa, O! yimilonde-khaya le iselukhukweni, nomluko woboya beebhokhwe entlokweni yayo.

¹⁷ Wathi uSawule kuMikali, Yini na ukuba wenjenje ukundikhohlisa, ulundulule uthsaba

Iwam lusinde. Wathi uMikali kuSawule, Wathi yena kum, Ndiyeke ndimke, yini na ukuba ndikubulale?

¹⁸ Ebalekile uDavide, wasinda, waya kuSamuweli eRama, wamxelela konke abekwenzile uSawule kuye. Wahamba yena noSamuweli, bahlala eNayoti.

¹⁹ Waxelelwa uSawule, kusithiwa, Nanko uDavide eNayoti ngaseRama.

²⁰ USawule wasusa abathunywa bokumbamba uDavide. Babona ibandla labaprofeti beprofeta, noSamuweli emi engumongameli wabo. UMoya kaThixo wabafikela abathunywa bakaSawule, baprofeta kananjalo nabo.

²¹ Waxelelwa uSawule, wasusa abanye abathunywa, baprofeta kananjalo nabo. Waphinda uSawule wasusa abathunywa bengabesithathu, baprofeta kananjalo nabo.

²² Waya naye eRama, wafika kwiqula elikhulu eliseSeku, wabuza, wathi, Baphi na ooSamuweli noDavide? Kwathiwa, Nabaya eNayoti ngaseRama.

²³ Waya khona eNayoti ngaseRama, uMoya kaThixo wamfikela naye; wahamba ehamba eprofeta, wada wafika eNayoti ngaseRama.

²⁴ Wazihluba naye iingubo zakhe, waprofeta naye phambi koSamuweli, wawa phantsi eze yonke loo mini, nobo busuku bonke. Ngenxa yoko kwathiwa, Ukubaprofeti noSawule na?

ISAHLUKO 20

Wabaleka uDavide eNayoti ngaseRama, weza, wathi phambi koYonatan, Ndenze ntoni na? Buyini na ubugwenxa bam? Siyini na isono sam phambi koyihlo, ukuba angxamele umphefumlo wam nje?

² Wathi yena kuye, Makube lee oko; akuyi kufa. Uyabona, ubawo akenzi nenkulu into, nencinane into, angayityhileli indlebe yam; ubawo uyifihleleni na ke le nto kum? Akunjalo.

³ Wafunga phezu koko uDavide, wathi, Uyihlo uyazi kakuhle ukuba undibabale; uthi, Makangakwazi oku uYonatan, hleze abe buhlungu. Inene, ehleli nje uYehova, uhleli nje umphefumlo wakho, ngathi sisithuba esinye sokunyathela esiphakathi kwam nokufa.

⁴ Wathi uYonatan kuDavide, Into oyithethayo umphefumlo wakho, ndiya kuyenza.

⁵ Wathi uDavide kuYonatan, Uyabona, iya kuthwasa inyanga ngomso; ndifanele ukuhlala nokumkani, ndidle; ndindulule, ndiye kuzifihla endle, kude kuhlwe ngosuku lwesithathu.

⁶ Ukuba uyihlo uthe wandifuna, wothi wena, Ucele kum wandibongoza uDavide, ukuba agidime aye eBhetelehem emzini wakowabo; ngokuba kukho umbingelelo weminyaka ngeminyaka apho, owenzelwa umzi wonke wakowabo.

⁷ Ukuba uyihlo uthe, Kulungile: koba kuluxolo kumkhonzi wakho. Ke ukuba uthe wavutha kakhulu ngumsindo, yazi ukuba ugqibe kwelobubi.

⁸ Ngoko ke uze umenzele inceba umkhonzi wakho; ngokuba umngenise emnqophisweni kaYehova umkhozi wakho lo nawe. Ke ukuba buthe bakho kum ubugwenxa, ndibulale wena ngokwakho; yini na ukuba undise kuyihlo?

⁹ Wathi uYonatan, Makube lee kuwe; ukuba ndithe ndazi kakuhle ukuba ubawo ugqibe kwelokuba ufikelwe bububi, ndibe ndingekuxeleli na?

¹⁰ Wathi uDavide kuYonatan, Hi, ukuba uyihlo ukuphendule kalukhuni, ndoxelelwa ngubani na?

¹¹ Wathi uYonatan kuDavide, Hamba, siphume siye ezindle. Baphuma bobabini baya ezindle.

¹² Wathi uYonatan kuDavide, Yehova, Thixo kaSirayeli! Xa ndithe ndamgocagoca ubawo malunga neli xesha ngomso nangomsomnye, kwabonakala ukuba kulungile kuDavide,

ndaza andathumela kuwe, ndiyityhilele indlebe yakho:

13 makenjenje uYehova kuYonatan, makaqokele ukwenjenje. Xa kuthe kwalunga kubawo ukuba akwenze ububi, ndoyityhilela indlebe yakho, ndikundulule, uhambe unoxolo; uYehova makabe nawe, njengokuba ebenobawo.

14 Wanga ungathi, ukuba ndisaphilile, undenzele inceba kaYehova;

15 ungathi, ndakufa, uyingumle inceba yakho endlwini yam nanini, ungenjenjalo nasekuzinqamleni kukaYehova iintshaba zikaDavide zonke ngazinye, ebusweni bomhlaba.

16 Wanqophisana ke uYonatan nendlu kaDavide, esithi, UYehova makakubuze ke oku esandleni seentshaba zikaDavide.

17 Waphinda uYonatan ukumfungisa uDavide ngokumthanda kwakhe; ngokuba ebemthanda njengomphefumlo wakhe.

18 UYonatan wathi kuye, Ngomso iya kuthwasa inyanga; uya kubuzwa, ngokuba isihlalo sakho siya kuba sodwa.

19 Ngomhla wesithathu uze uhle kamsinya, uye kuloo ndawo wawuzifihle kuyo ngemini yomsebenzi lowa, uhlale ecaleni lelitye le-Ezeli;

20 ndizitolele ecaleni lalo iintolo zontathu, ndinge ndizixunela etekenini.

21 Yabona, ndiya kumthuma umfana, ndithi, Yiya, uzithabathe iintolo. Ukuba ndithe kumfana, Nanzi iintolo, zinganeno kwakho, zithabathe: woza wena; ngokuba koba kuluxolo kuwe, akukho nto, ehleli nje uYehova.

22 Ke ukuba ndithe kwindodana leyo, Nanzo iintolo zingaphaya kwakho: hamba, ngokuba uYehova woba ukundulule.

23 Ke ilizwi eliya silithethileyo mna nawe, yabona, uYehova uphakathi kwam nawe kude kuse ephakadeni.

24 Wazimela ke uDavide ezindle. Yathwasa inyanga; wahlala ukumkani esidlweni ukuba adle.

25 Wahlala ukumkani esihlalweni sakhe njengezinye izihlandlo, esihlalweni saseludongeni. Wesuka wema uYonatan. Wahlala uAbhinere ecaleni likaSawule, yayodwa, indawo kaDavide.

26 Akathetha nto uSawule ngaloo mini; ngokuba ebesithi, Uhlelwe yinto; akahlambulukile, inene, akahlambulukile.

27 Kwathi ngengomso, iselithwasile nenyanga ngosuku lwesibini, ayaba namntu indawo kaDavide. Wathi uSawule kuYonatan, unyana wakhe, Yini na ukuba angezi kudla unyana kaYese nayizolo nanamhla?

28 UYonatan wamphendula uSawule, wathi, UDavide ucele kum, wandibongoza ukuba aye eBhetelehem;

29 wathi, Khawundiyeke ndiye; ngokuba kukho umbingelelo wemizalwane yakowethu ekhaya; ke yena umkhuluwa wam undiwisele umthetho; kaloku ukuba undibabale, makhe ndigidime, ndibone umkhuluwa wam. Kungenxa yoko angezanga etafileni yokumkani.

30 Wavutha ke umsindo kaSawule kuYonatan, wathi kuye, Nyana wegwenxakazi eligwilikileyo, andazi yini na ukuba unyana kaYese umnyulele ukuba abe lihlazo lakho, nehlazo lobuze bonyoko?

31 Kuba yonke imihla, unyana kaYese aya kudla ubomi ngayo emhlabeni, akuyi kuqiniseka wena nobukumkani bakho. Thumela ngoko, umzise kum, ngokuba engumntwana wokufa.

32 UYonatan wamphendula uSawule uyise, wathi kuye, Yini na ukuba abulawe? ufa ngani na?

- ³³ USawule wabinza ngentshuntshe ukuba atsho kuye. Wazi uYonatan, ukuba uyise ugqibe kwelokuba ambulale uDavide.
- ³⁴ UYonatan wesuka ke etafileni evutha ngumsindo; akadla kudla ngomhla wesibini wenyanga; ngokuba ubebuhlungu ngoDavide, kuba uyise ubemhlazisile.
- ³⁵ Kwathi ngengomso, waphuma uYonatan waya ezindle, ukuba ahlangane noDavide, enomfana omncinane.
- ³⁶ Wathi kumfana, Khawubaleke, uzithathe iintolo endizixunayo. Umfana wabaleka; ke yena wazixuna iintolo, ukuze zigqithe kuye.
- ³⁷ Wafika umfana kuloo ndawo belukuyo utolo abeluxunile uYonatan. Wamemeza uYonatan kumfana, wathi, Nalo ngaphaya kwakho utolo.
- ³⁸ Wamemeza uYonatan kumfana, wathi, Khawuleza, ngxama, musa ukuma. Umfana wakwaYonatan waluchola utolo, waluzisa enkosini yakhe.
- ³⁹ Umfana ubengazi nto. NguYonatan noDavide ababeyazi loo nto.
- ⁴⁰ UYonatan wayinikela impahla yakhe umfana lo abenaye, wathi kuye, Hamba uyise ekhaya. Waya umfana lowo.
- ⁴¹ Wesuka uDavide, evela ecaleni langasezantsi, wawa ngobuso emhlabeni, waqubuda izihlandlo zozithathu; bangana, balilelana, wada uDavide watsho kakhulu.
- ⁴² Wathi uYonatan kuDavide, Hamba unoxolo; makume esikufungele igama likaYehova thina sobabini, sisithi, UYehova makabe phakathi kwam nawe, naphakathi kwembewu yam nembewu yakho, kude kuse ephakadeni. Wesuka ke wahamba. Ke uYonatan waya ekhaya.

ISAHLUKO 21

- U**Davide waya eNobhi kuAhimeleki, umbingeleli. UAhimeleki wamkhawulela uDavide egubha, wathi kuye, Yini na ukuba uze wedwa, kungekho ndoda ihamba nawe.
- ² Wathi uDavide kuAhimeleki, umbingeleli, Ukumkani undiwisele umthetho ngento, wathi kum, Makungabikho mntu wazi ni yani ngale nto ndikuthumayo, ndikuwiseleyo umthetho ngayo; ke abafana ndibayalele ekuthini nasekuthini.
- ³ Kaloku kukho ntoni na phantsi kwesandla sakho? Ndinike esandleni izonka zibe zihlanu, nokuba yintoni efumanekayo.
- ⁴ Umbingeleli wamphendula uDavide, wathi kuye, Akukho sonka sisesabantu bonke phantsi kwesandla sam; sesingcwele sodwa izonka esikhoyo; ukuba abafana bathe kodwa bazigcina kubafazi.
- ⁵ UDavide wamphendula umbingeleli, wathi kuye, Inene abafazi bathintelekile ukuza kuthi ezi ntsuku zontathu; ekuphumeni kwam ibingcwele impahla yabafana; nokuba ibiyindlela yabantu bonke, yosuka ingcwaliswe yimpahla le namhla.
- ⁶ Umbingeleli wamnika ke esingcwele; ngokuba bekungekho zonka khona ezingezizo zokubonisa, ezibe zisuswe phambi koYehova, ukuba kumiswe izonka ezishushu ngemini yokuthatyathwa kwazo.
- ⁷ Ke kaloku kwaye kuvalelwe khona indoda yakubakhonzi bakaSawule ngaloo mini phambi koYehova, egama belinguDowegi umEdom, inganga yabalusi bakaSawule.
- ⁸ Wathi uDavide kuAhimeleki, Akukho ntshuntshe nakrele na apha phantsi kwesandla sakho? Kuba ikrele lam kwaneentonga zam andiziphathanga; ngokuba umcimbi kakumkani ungxamisekile.
- ⁹ Wathi umbingeleli, Ikrele likaGoliyati umFilisti, owambulala entilini kaEla, nali lisongelwe

engutyeni emva kwe-efodi. Ukuba uyalithabatha, lithabathe; ngokuba akukho limbi. Wathi uDavide, Akukho linjengalo, ndinike lona.

¹⁰ Wesuka uDavide, wabaleka ngaloo mini ebusweni bukaSawule, waya kuAkishe ukumkani waseGati.

¹¹ Bathi abakhonzi baka-Akishe kuye, Asinguye na lo uDavide, ukumkani welizwe? Asinguye na lo babevuma ngaye ekungqungqeni, besithi, USawule ubulele amawaka akhe, UDavide ubulele amawaka akhe angamashumi?

¹² UDavide wawagcina loo mazwi entliziyweni yakhe, woyika kunene ebusweni buka-Akishe, ukumkani waseGati.

¹³ Waziphambanisa ingqondo phambi kwabo, wazigezisa esandleni sabo, wakrwela ezingcangweni zesango, wavuzisa uluchwe ezindeveni zakhe.

¹⁴ Wathi uAkishe kubakhonzi bakhe, Khangelani, nantsi le ndoda isisihiba; yini na ukuba niyizise kum?

¹⁵ Ndiswele izihiba yini na ukuba nizise lo, abhudele phezu kwam? Wongena yini na lo endlwini yam?

ISAHLUKO 22

Wemka ke uDavide apho, wazisindisela emqolombeni waseAdulam. Beva abakhuluwa bakhe nendlu kayise yonke, behla baya kuye khona.

² Abuthelana kuye onke amadoda axinekileyo, namadoda onke anamatyala, namadoda onke anezikrokro; waba ngumthetheli wawo. Aba kuye amadoda akumakhulu amane.

³ UDavide wemka khona, waya eMizpa kwaMowabhi, wathi kukumkani wakwaMowabhi, Makhe baphume ubawo noma, bahlale nani, ndide ndazi into aya kundenzela yona uThixo.

⁴ Wabazisa phambi kokumkani wakwaMowabhi; bahlala naye yonke imihla abesemboniselweni uDavide.

⁵ Wathi uGadi, umprofeti, kuDavide, Uze ungahlali emboniselweni; hamba uye ezweni lakwaYuda. Wahamba ke uDavide, waya ehlathini leHerete.

⁶ Weva uSawule ukuba uyaziwa uDavide, namadoda abenaye. USawule ebehleli eGibheha phantsi komtamariske osemangweni, intshuntshe yakhe isesandleni sakhe, abakhonzi bakhe bonke bemi ngakuye.

⁷ Wathi uSawule kubakhonzi bakhe ababemi ngakuye, Khanive, nyana bakaBhenjamin, unyana kaYese woninika amasimi nezidiliya nonke niphela yini na; anenze abathetheli-mawaka nabathetheli-makhulu nonke niphela yini na;

⁸ ukuba nje nonke niphela nindicebe, kungabikho namnye uyityhilelayo indlebe yam ukunqophisana konyana wam nonyana kaYese, kungabikho namnye kuni ubuhlungu ngenxa yam, ayityhilele indlebe yam ukuba unyana wam umvusile umkhonzi wam, ukuba andilalele, njengoko kunjalo namhla?

⁹ Waphendula uDowegi umEdom, obemiswe phezu kwabakhonzi bakaSawule, wathi, Ndimbonile unyana kaYese efika eNobhi, kuAhimeleki, unyana ka-Ahitubhi.

¹⁰ Waza yena wambuzela kuYehova, wamnika umphako, wamnika nekrele likaGoliyati umFilisti.

¹¹ Wathumela ukumkani, wambiza uAhimeleki unyana ka-Ahitubhi, umbingeleli, nendlu yonke kayise. Ababingeleli ababeseNobhi beza bonke kukumkani.

¹² Wathi uSawule, Khawuve, nyana ka-Ahitubhi. Wathi yena, Ndilapha, nkosi yam.

- ¹³ Wathi uSawule kuye, Yini na ukuba nindicebe, wena nonyana kaYese, umnike isonka nekrele, umbuzele kuThixo, ukuba asuke andilalele, njengoko kunjalo namhla.
- ¹⁴ UAhimeleki wamphendula ukumkani, wathi, Ngubani ke kubakhonzi bakho bonke othembeke njengoDavide, umyeni kukumkani, onokungena ephakathini lakho, ozukileyo endlwini yakho?
- ¹⁵ Ndiyaqala yini na namhla ukumbuzela kuThixo? Makube lee oko kum; ukumkani makangamthwalisi lutho umkhonzi wakhe lo, nendlu yonke kabawo ngokuba umkhonzi wakho lo akazi lutho kuyo yonke le nto, nokuba loluncinane, nokuba lolukhulu.
- ¹⁶ Wathi ukumkani, Uya kufa ufe, Ahimeleki, wena nendlu yonke kayihlo.
- ¹⁷ Wathi ukumkani kwizigidimi zakhe ezibe zimi ngakuye, Jikani, nibabulale ababingeleli bakaYehova; kuba nesabo isandla sinoDavide, nangokuba babesazi oko wabalekayo yena, abayityhilela indlebe yam. Abavuma abakhonzi bokumkani ukusa isandla sabo, baxabele kubabingeleli bakaYehova.
- ¹⁸ Wathi ukumkani kuDowegi, Jika wena, uxabele kubabingeleli. Wajika ke uDowegi umEdom, waxabela yena kubabingeleli, wabulala ngaloo mini amashumi asibhozo anamahlanu amadoda enxibe iefodi yelinen emhlophe.
- ¹⁹ NeNobhi, umzi wababingeleli, wayitshabalalisa ngohlangothi lwekrele, ethabathela kwindoda ase kumfazi, ethabathela kwiintsapho ase kwiintsana, neenkomo, namaesile, neegusha, ngohlangothi lwekrele.
- ²⁰ Kwasinda unyana wamnye ka-Ahimeleki unyana ka-Ahitubhi, ogama belinguAbhiyatare; owabaleka walandela uDavide.
- ²¹ UAbhiyatare wamxelela uDavide, ukuba uSawule ubabulele ababingeleli bakaYehova.
- ²² Wathi uDavide kuAbhiyatare, Bendisazi kwangaloo mini, ukuba, ekho nje uDowegi umEdom, uya kumxelela kakade uSawule. Ndim obulalise imiphefumlo yonke yendlu kayihlo.
- ²³ Hlala nam, musa ukoyika; ngokuba ofuna umphefumlo wam ufuna umphefumlo wakho; ngokuba ugcinakele, unam nje.

IS AHLUKO 23

- K**waxelwa kuDavide, kwathiwa, Nanga amaFilisti esilwa neKehila; ayazidywida izanda.
- ² UDavide wabuza kuYehova, wathi, Ndiye na ndiwachithe la maFilisti? Wathi uYehova kuDavide, Yiya uwachithe amaFilisti, uyisindise iKehila.
- ³ Athi amadoda akwaDavide kuye, Nanku thina sisoyika, sikwaYuda apha. Sobeka phi na, xa sithe saya eKehila, ezintlwini zamaFilisti?
- ⁴ Waphinda uDavide, wabuza kuYehova kanjalo. Wamphendula uYehova, wathi, Suka uhle, uye eKehila; ngokuba ndiya kuwanikela amaFilisti esandleni sakho.
- ⁵ Waya ke uDavide namadoda akwakhe eKehila, walwa namaFilisti, wayiqhuba imfuyo yawo, wawabulala kakhulu. Wabasindisa ke uDavide abemi beKehila.
- ⁶ Kwathi, ekubalekeni kuka-Abhiyatare, unyana ka-Ahimeleki, kuDavide eKehila, wehla ene-efodi esandleni sakhe.
- ⁷ Kwaxelwa kuSawule, ukuba uDavide ufikile eKehila. Wathi uSawule, UThixo umlahlele esandleni sam; ngokuba uzivalele ngokungena emzini oneengcango nemivalo.
- ⁸ USawule wababizela ndawonye emfazweni bonke abantu, ukuba behle baye eKehila, bangqinge uDavide namadoda akhe.
- ⁹ Wazi uDavide ukuba uSawule umenzela ububi, wathi kuAbhiyatare umbingeleli, Zisa

iefodi leyo.

10 Wathi uDavide, Yehova, Thixo kaSirayeli, uvile ngenene umkhonzi wakho, ukuba uSawule ufuna ukuza eKehila, ukuba awonakalise lo mzi ngenxa yam.

11 Abemi beKehila bondinikela na esandleni sakhe? Wohla na uSawule, njengoko avileyo umkhonzi wakho? Yehova, Thixo kaSirayeli, khawumxelele umkhonzi wakho. Wathi uYehova, Uya kuhla.

12 Wathi uDavide, Abemi beKehila bondinikela na mna namadoda am esandleni sikaSawule? Wathi uYehova, Bokunikela.

13 Wesuka uDavide namadoda akhe, bekumakhulu amathandathu amadoda, baphuma eKehila, bahamba apho bangahamba khona. Waxelelwa uSawule ukuba uDavide usabile eKehila; wayeka, akaphuma.

14 Wahlala ke uDavide entlango ezimboniselweni, wahlala ezintabeni entlango yeZifi. USawule wamfuna imihla yonke; uThixo akamnikela esandleni sakhe.

15 Wabona uDavide ukuba uSawule uphume eza kufuna umphefumlo wakhe. UDavide ebesentlango yeZifi entshinyeleni yehlathi.

16 Wesuka uYonatan unyana kaSawule, waya kuDavide entshinyeleni yehlathi. Wasomeleza isandla sakhe kuThixo, wathi kuye,

17 Musa ukoyika, ngokuba isandla sikaSawule ubawo asiyi kukufumana. Wena uya kuba ngukumkani kumaSirayeli, mna ndibe nganeno kwakho; kananjalo uSawule ubawo uyakwazi kakuhle oku.

18 Benza umnqophiso bobabini phambi koYehova. UDavide wahlala entshinyeleni yehlathi apho, uYonatan waya endlwini yakhe.

19 Benyuka abaseZifi, baya kuSawule eGibheha, besithi, UDavide akazizimeze kuthi yini na ezimboniselweni, entshinyeleni yehlathi, endlwini yeHakila esekunene kwenkangala?

20 Kaloku yihla, kumkani, ngokomnqweno wonke womphefumlo wakho ukuhla; kunathi ukumnikela esandleni sokumkani.

21 Wathi uSawule, Nisikelelwe nguYehova; ngokuba ninofefe kum.

22 Khaniye nigqale okunye, nazi, nibone indawo yakhe, apho unyawo lwakhe lukhona, nokuba ngubani na ombone khona; ngokuba kuthiwa kum, Asikuko nokuba unobuqhophololo;

23 nibone nazi iindawo zonke zokuzimela, aya kuzimela kuzo, nibuyele kum niqiqile; ndohamba nani. Kothi, ukuba ukho kweli lizwe, ndimfune ndimfumane phakathi kwamawaka onke akwaYuda.

24 Besuka ke baya eZifi phambi koSawule. UDavide namadoda akhe wayesentlango yeMahon, eArabha, ngasekunene kwenkangala.

25 Wahamba uSawule namadoda akhe ukuya kumfuna. Bamxelela uDavide. Wehla ke waya engxondorheni, wahlala entlango yeMahon. Weva uSawule, wamsukela uDavide entlango yeMahon.

26 Wahamba uSawule ngeli cala lentaba; wahamba uDavide namadoda akhe ngelaa cala lentaba. UDavide wemka buphuthuphuthu, ngokoyika uSawule; ke uSawule namadoda akhe babemrhawula uDavide namadoda akhe, ukuba bababambe.

27 Ke kaloku kwafika umthunywa kuSawule, esithi, Khawuleza uze, ngokuba amaFilisti alingenele ilizwe.

28 Wabuya ke uSawule ekumsukeleni uDavide, waya kuwahlangabeza amaFilisti. Ngenxa yokokwathiwa loo ndawo yiSelahamalekoti.

29 Wenyuka apho uDavide, wahlala ezimboniselweni zase-Engedi.

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Kwathi, xa uSawule wabuyayo ekuwasukeleni amaFilisti, bamxelela besithi, Nanku uDavide entlango yase-Engedi.

² USawule wawathabatha amadoda angamawaka amathathu ahleliweyo kumaSirayeli onke; wayakufuna uDavide namadoda akhe emaweni amagogo.

³ Wafika ezibayeni zempahla emfutshane, ngasendleleni, kukho umqolomba apho. Wangena uSawule, ukuba agubungele iinyawo zakhe. Ke uDavide namadoda akhe babehleli entla emqolombeni.

⁴ Athi amadoda kaDavide kuye, Nantsi imini, athe uYehova kuwe, Yabona, ndiya kulunikela utshaba lwakho esandleni sakho, wenze kulo njengoko kulungileyo emehlweni akho. Wesuka uDavide, wanqamla ngasese isondo lengubo yokwaleka abenayo uSawule.

⁵ Kwathi emveni koko, intliziyo kaDavide yakhathazeka ngenxa yokuba ebelinqamle isondo lengubo kaSawule.

⁶ Wathi kumadoda akhe, Makube lee kum, ngenxa kaYehova, ukuthi ndiyenze loo nto enkosini yam, umthanjiswa kaYehova, ndisise isandla sam kuye; ngokuba ungumthanjiswa kaYehova.

⁷ UDavide wawadubula ngamazwi amadoda akhe; akawavumela ukuba amwele uSawule. Wesuka uSawule emqolombeni, wahamba indlela yakhe.

⁸ Wesuka uDavide emveni koko, waphuma emqolombeni, wamemeza kuSawule, wathi, Nkosi yam, kumkani. Wabheka emva uSawule. Wathoba uDavide ngobuso emhlabeni, waqubuda.

⁹ Wathi uDavide kuSawule, Yini na ukuba uve amazwi abathe, Nanku uDavide efuna ukuba uhlelwe bububi?

¹⁰ Yabona, namhla abonile amehlo akho, ukuba uYehova ebekunikele esandleni sam namhla emqolombeni; kwathiwa mawubulawe. Laba nenceba kuwe iliso lam, ndathi, Andiyi kusa sandla enkosini yam; ngokuba ingumthanjiswa kaYehova.

¹¹ Khangela ke, bawo, nali isondo lengubo yakho yokwaleka, lisesandleni sam; ngokuba, ndingakubulalanga nje ekulinqumleni isondo lengubo yakho yokwaleka, yazi, ubone ukuba esandleni sam akukho bubi nalukreko. Andonanga kuwe, uwuzingela nje umphefumlo wam, ukuba uwuthabathe.

¹² UYehova uya kugweba phakathi kwam nawe, andiphindezelele uYehova kuwe; ke isandla sam asiyi kukuphatha.

¹³ Njengoko litshoyo iqhalo lamanyange ukuthi, Okungendawo kuphuma kwabangendawo; ke isandla sam asiyi kufikelela kuwe.

¹⁴ Uphumelene nabani na kodwa ukumkani wamaSirayeli? Usukela bani na? Usukelainja efileyo, usukela intakumba embala.

¹⁵ UYehova makabe ngumgwebi, agwebe phakathi kwam nawe, abone, abambane ngobambano lwam, andigwebele, ndisinde esandleni sakho.

¹⁶ Kwathi, akugqiba uDavide ukuwathetha la mazwi kuSawule, wathi uSawule, Lilizwi lakho na elo, nyana wam Davide? USawule waliphakamisa izwi lakhe, walila.

¹⁷ Wathi kuDavide, Ilungisa nguwe kunam; ngokuba undenze okulungileyo wena, ndakwenza okubi mna.

¹⁸ Wena uxelile namhla ukuba undenze okulungileyo; kuba uYehova ebendinikele esandleni sakho, akwandibulala.

¹⁹ Xa umntu alufumanayo utshaba lwakhe, wolundulula ngendlela elungileyo yini na? UYehova makabuyekeze kuwe okulungileyo ngenxa yoko undenze ngako namhla.

²⁰ Kaloku yabona, ndiyazi ukuba uya kuba ngukumkani okunene, bume esandleni sakho ubukumkani bakwaSirayeli.

²¹ Ndifungele uYehova ngoko, ukuba akuyi kuyinqamla imbewu yam emveni kwam, nokuba akuyi kuliitshabalalisa igama lam endlwini kabawo.

²² UDavide wamfungela ke uSawule. Wemka uSawule, waya endlwini yakhe. Ke uDavide namadoda akhe benyuka baya emboniselweni.

IS AHLUKO 25

Wafa uSamuweli. Abuthelana onke amaSirayeli, ammbambazelela, amngcwabela endlwini yakhe eRama. Wesuka uDavide, wehla waya entlango yeParan.

² Ke kaloku bekukho indoda eMahon, emsebenzi ubuseKarmeLe. Loo ndoda ke ibisisityebi kakhulu; yayineegusha ezingamawaka amathathu, neebhokhwe eziliwaka. Yayisekuchetyweni kweegusha zayo eKarmeLe.

³ Igama laloo ndoda lalinguNabhali, igama lomkayo linguAbhigali. Umfazi lowo wayenengqondo entle, eyinzwakazi; ke indoda leyo yayiyingcuka, zimbi iintlondi zayo, ingumKalebhi.

⁴ Weva uDavide entlango ukuba uNabhali ucheba iigusha zakhe.

⁵ UDavide wesusa ishumi lamadodana; wathi uDavide kumadodana lawo, Nyukani eKarmeLe niye kuNabhali, nibuze ukuphila kwakhe egameni lam;

⁶ nitsho ukuthi, Hlala kakuhle uphile wena, iphile nendlu yakho, kuphile konke onakho.

⁷ Ndivile kaloku ukuba unabachebi. Ke kaloku abalusi bakho babenathi; asibenzanga nto, abalahlekelwanga nto yonke imihla ababeseKarmeLe.

⁸ Buza kumadodana akho, okuxelela. Makababalwe nguwe la madodana akowethu, ngokuba sifike ngemini elungileyo. Khawubanike abakhonzi bakho, nonyana wakho uDavide, into esithe sayifumana isandla sakho.

⁹ Aya ke amadodana kaDavide, athetha kuNabhali ngokwaloo mazwi onke egameni likaDavide, ahlala phantsi.

¹⁰ UNabhali wabaphendula abakhonzi bakaDavide, wathi, Ngubani na yena uDavide? Ngubani na unyana kaYese? Azi namhla baninzi abakhonzi abakreqayo, elowo enkosini yakhe.

¹¹ Ndingathini na ukuthabatha isonka sam, namanzi am, nento yam exheliweyo, endiyixhelele abachebi bam, ndiyinike amadoda endingawaziyo nokuba avela phi na?

¹² Ajika ke amadodana akwaDavide, ahamba ngendlela yawo, abuya eza amxelela ngokwaloo mazwi onke.

¹³ Wathi uDavide kumadoda akhe, Nxibani elowo ikrele lakhe. Banxiba ke elowo ikrele lakhe. Walinxiba noDavide ikrele lakhe. Kwenyuka uDavide, elandelwa ngamadoda akumakhulu amane; kwahlala amakhulu amabini nempahla.

¹⁴ Ke kaloku uAbhigali, umkaNabhali, waxelelwa yindodana ethile kumadodana akhe, isithi, Yabona, uDavide ususe abathunywa entlango, ukuba beze kusikelela inkosi yethu; yesuka yabadlakavula.

¹⁵ Kanti amadoda lawo ebelungile kunene kuthi; akasonanga, asilahlekelwanga nto ngemihla yonke esibe sihamba nawo, oko besisezindle;

¹⁶ aba ludonga kuthi nasebusuku nasemini, yonke imihla ebe sinawo, sisalusa impahla emfutshane.

¹⁷ Yaziz ngoko, uyibone into oyenzayo; ngokuba kugqitywe kwelobubi ngakwinkosi yethu,

nangakwindlu yayo yonke; ilitshijolo, akusenakuthethwa nayo.

18 Wakhawuleza ke uAbhigali, wathabatha amakhulu amabini ezonka, neentsuba zambini zewayini, neegusha zantlanu sezihlinziwe, neeseha zantlanu zamakhweba, zalikhulu izicumba zeerasintyisi, zamakhulu mabini izicumba zamakhiwane, wazibeka emaesileni.

19 Wathi kumadodana akwakhe, Gqithelani phambi kwam; niyabona, ndiyanilandela. Akayixelela indoda yakhe uNabhali.

20 Kwathi, ekhwele e-esileni, esihla esitheni lentaba, nabo ooDavide namadoda akhe besihla, bemkhawulela, waqubisana nabo.

21 Ke kaloku uDavide ebethe, Ndifumane ndazixokisa ngokwam, ndazigcina zonke izinto zalo entlango, akwalahleka nto entweni yonke eyeyakhe; wandibuyisela ububi esikhundleni sokulungileyo.

22 UThixo makenjenje kwiintshaba zikaDavide, aqokele ukwenjenje, ukuba kude kwasa ngomso ndisalise, kubo bonke anabo, into eyindoda.

23 UAbhigali wambona uDavide, wangxama, wehla e-esileni, wawa ngobuso phambi koDavide, waqubuda emhlabeni.

24 Wawa ke ezinyaweni zakhe, wathi, Mabube kum, kum lo, nkosi yam, ubugwenxa obu. Makhe athethe umkhonzazana wakho ezindlebeni zakho, uwaphulaphule amazwi omkhonzazana wakho.

25 Inkosi yam mayingakhe ikhathale ngulo mntu ulitshijolo, uNabhali ngokuba njengoko linjalo igama lakhe, unjalo yena; nguNabhali igama lakhe, unobudenge; ke mna, mkhonzazana wakho, andiwabonanga amadodana enkosi yam, owawathumayo.

26 Ngoko, nkosi yam, ehleli nje uYehova, uhleli nje umphefumlo wakho, inene, uYehova ukunqandile ukuba ungaphalazi gazi, ungazisindisi ngesandla sakho; ngoko mazibe njengoNabhali iintshaba zakho, nabayifunela ububi inkosi yam.

27 Ngoko le ntsikelelo, ayizisileyo umkhonzazana wakho enkosini yam, mayinikwe amadodana alandela inkosi yam.

28 Khawumxolele umkhonzazana wakho ukreko lwakhe; ngokuba, inene, uYehova uya kuyenzela inkosi yam indlu eqinileyo; ngokuba inkosi yam ilwa iimfazwe zikaYehova; ububi abuyi kufunyanwa kuwe imihla yakho yonke.

29 Xa kuthe kwesuka umntu, wakusukela, wawufuna umphefumlo wakho, wobotshwa umphefumlo wenkosi yam esiqhumeni sabaphilileyo kuYehova uThixo wakho; ke wona umphefumlo weentshaba zakho wowusawula entendeni yenkwitshi.

30 Kuthi, xa uYehova athe wenza kwinkosi yam njengako konke okulungileyo akuthethileyo ngawe; wakumisa wayinganga yamaSirayeli:

31 oko kungabi sisiwiso kuwe, nesikhubekiso sentliziyo yenkosi yam, nokuphalaza igazi elimsulwa, nokuzisindisa kwenkosi yam; ukuba uthe uYehova wenza okulungileyo enkosini yam, womkhumbula umkhonzazana wakho.

32 Wathi ke uDavide kuAbhigali, Makabongwe uYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli, okuthumileyo namhla, wandikhawulela.

33 Mayibongwe imvo yakho, ubongwe wena, ondaleleyo namhla ukuba ndiphalaze igazi, ndizisindise ngesandla sam.

34 Noko ke ehleli nje uYehova, uThixo kaSirayeli, ondithinteleyo andenza nto imbi, ukuba ubungangxamanga uze kundikhawulela, inene, ngekungadanga kuse ngomso kusasele kwaNabhali into eyindoda.

35 UDavide wakwamkela esandleni sakhe oko akuzisileyo kuye; wathi kuye, Nyuka unoxolo, uye endlwini yakho; uyabona, ndiliphulaphule izwi lakho, ndakunonelela.

36 Waya ke uAbhigali kuNabhali, nanko enesidlo endlwini yakhe njengesidlo sokumkani;

intliziyo kaNabhali imnandi, enxila kunene. Akamxelela nto, nokuba yencinane nokuba yenkulu, kwada kwasa ngengomso.

³⁷ Kwathi ngengomso, ukuphuma kwewayini kuNabhali, umkakhe wamxelela loo mazwi; yafa intliziyo yakhe phakathi kwakhe, yaba litye.

³⁸ Kwathi, zakuba seshumini iintsuku, uYehova wambetha uNabhali, wafa.

³⁹ Weva uDavide ukuba uNabhali ufile, wathi, Makabongwe uYehova okuthetheleleyo ukungcikovwa kwam, wandikhulula esandleni sikaNabhali, wamqanda umkhonzi wakhe ebubini, uYehova wabubuyisela ububi bukaNabhali entlokweni yakhe. Wathumela uDavide, wathetha kuAbhigali ukuba amzeke, abe ngumkakhe.

⁴⁰ Baya abakhonzi bakaDavide kuAbhigali eKarmele, bathetha kuye, besithi, UDavide usithume kuwe ukuba akuzeke, ube ngumkakhe.

⁴¹ Wesuka, waqubuda ngobuso emhlabeni, wathi, Nanku umkhonzazana wakho wokuba likhobokazana lokuhlamba iinyawo zabakhonzi benkosi yam.

⁴² Wangxama ke uAbhigali, wesuka, wakhwela e-esileni, elandelwa sisihlanu somthinjana, wabalandela abathunywa bakaDavide, waba ngumkakhe.

⁴³ UDavide wabezeke noAhinowam waseYizereli; baba ngabafazi bakhe bobabini nabo.

⁴⁴ Ke uSawule wayethe uMikali, intombi yakhe, umkaDavide, wamnika uFaliti, unyana kaLayishe waseGalim.

ISAHLUKO 26

Beza abaseZifi kuSawule eGibhela, bathi, UDavide akazifihle endulini yeHakila, ekhangelene nenkangala, yini na?

² Wesuka uSawule, wehla waya entlango yeZifi, enamadoda angamawaka amathathu ahleliweyo akwaSirayeli, eya kufuna uDavide entlango yaseZifi.

³ USawule wamisa endulini yeHakila, ekhangelene nenkangala, ngasendleleni. Ke uDavide wayehleli entlango; wabona ukuba uSawule uyamlandela entlango.

⁴ UDavide wasusa iintlola, wazi ngazo ukuba uSawule uzile okunene.

⁵ Wesuka uDavide, waya kuloo ndawo ebemise kuyo uSawule. Wayibona uDavide indawo alele kuyo uSawule, noAbhinere unyana kaNere, umthetheli womkhosi wakhe; uSawule elele ngaphakathi kothango lweenqwelo zokulwa, abantu bemise iintente ngeenxa zonke kuye.

⁶ Waphendula uDavide, wathi kuAhimeleki umHetu, nakuAbhishayi, unyana kaTseruya, umzalwana kaYowabhi, Ngubani na oya kuhla nam aye kuSawule empini? Wathi uAbhishayi, Mna ndohla nawe.

⁷ Waya uDavide noAbhishayi ebantwini ebusuku. Nanko uSawule elele ubuthongo ngaphakathi kothango lweenqwelo zokulwa, igxunyekiwe intshuntshe yakhe emhlabeni ngasentlokweni yakhe; ke uAbhinere nabantu bakhe belele ngeenxa zonke kuye.

⁸ Wathi uAbhishayi kuDavide, UThixo ulunikele namhla utshaba lwakho esandleni sakho; kaloku makhe ndimqhame nomhlaba ngentshuntshe ngasihlandlo sinye, ndingenzi zibe zibini kuye.

⁹ Wathi uDavide kuAbhishayi, Musa ukumbulala; ngokuba ngubani na ongasa isandla kumthanjiswa kaYehova, aze abe msulwa?

¹⁰ Wathi uDavide, Ehleli nje uYehova, ukuba akathanga uYehova ambulale, mhlawumbi kwafika imini yakhe wafa, mhlawumbi wehla waya emfazweni wabulawa:

¹¹ makube lee kum ngenxa kaYehova ukukha ndise isandla sam kumthanjiswa kaYehova.

Khawuthabathe kaloku intshuntshe engasentlokweni yakhe, neselwa lamanzi, sihambe.

¹² Wayithabatha ke uDavide intshuntshe, neselwa lamanzi, engasentlokweni kaSawule; bemka, kungaboni mntu, kungazi mntu, kungavukanga mntu; ngokuba bonke babelele: kuba babewelwe bubuthongo obukhulu bukaYehova.

¹³ Wawela uDavide, waya phesheya, wema encotsheni yentaba kude, lilikhulu ithuba phakathi kwabo.

¹⁴ Wamemeza uDavide ebantwini nakuAbhinere unyana kaNere, esithi, Akuphenduli na, Abhinere? Waphendula uAbhinere, wathi, Ungubani na wena umemezayo kukumkani?

¹⁵ Wathi uDavide kuAbhinere, Akuyiyo ndoda yini na? Ngubani na onjengawe kwaSirayeli? Yini na ke ukuba ungayigcini inkosi yakho ukumkani? Ngokuba kufike ubani wasebantwini, eza konakalisa ukumkani inkosi yakho.

¹⁶ Asinto ilungileyo le uyenzileyo. Ehleli nje uYehova, ningoonyana bokufa, ningayigcinanga nje inkosi yenu, umthanjiswa kaYehova. Khangela kaloku, iphi na intshuntshe yokumkani, neselwa lamanzi elibe lingasentlokweni yakhe?

¹⁷ Walazi uSawule ilizwi likaDavide, wathi, Lilizwi lakho na elo, nyana wam Davide? Wathi uDavide, Lilizwi lam, nkosi yam kumkani.

¹⁸ Wathi, Yini na le nto inkosi yam imsukelayo umkhonzi wayo? Kuba ndeze ntoni na? Bubi buni na obusesandleni sam?

¹⁹ Ngoko inkosi yam ukumkani mayikhe iwaphulaphule amazwi omkhonzi wayo. Ukuba nguYehova okuxhokoxileyo ngakum, makasezele umnikelo wokudla; ukuba ngoonyana babantu, mabaqalekiswe phambi koYehova. Ngokuba bandigxothile namhla, ukuba ndingahlangani nelifa likaYehova, bathi, Hamba ukhonze thixo bambi.

²⁰ Ngoko malingaphalali igazi lam emhlabeni, ndikude nobuso bukaYehova; ngokuba kuphume ukumkani wamaSirayeli, weza kufuna intakumba embala, njengosukela isikhwatsha ezintabeni.

²¹ Wathi uSawule, Ndonile; buya, nyana wam Davide; ngokuba andisayi kuba sakwenza nto imbi, ngendawo yokuba umphefumlo wam ubunqabile emehlweni akho namhla. Uyabona, ndenze ngobudenge, ndalahleka ngokukhulukazi.

²² Waphendula uDavide, wathi, Nantsi intshuntshe yokumkani. Makuwele enye indodana iyithabathe.

²³ UYehova uya kuyibuyisela ubulungisa bayo, nokuthembeka kwayo, indoda abekunikele esandleni sayo uYehova namhla; andivumanga ukusa isandla sam kumthanjiswa kaYehova.

²⁴ Yabona, njengoko waba mkhulu umphefumlo wakho emehlweni am namhla, ngokunjalo umphefumlo wam uya kuba mkhulu emehlweni kaYehova, andihlangule ekubandezelweni kwam konke.

²⁵ Wathi uSawule kuDavide, Usikelelwe, nyana wam Davide; uya kwenza weyise; kananjalo uya kufeza kufezeke. Wahamba ke uDavide indlela yakhe; uSawule wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

ISAHLUKO 27

UDavide wathi entliziyweni yakhe, Kaloku ndoza ndibulawe ngenye imini sisandla sikaSawule; akukho nto indilungeleyo; ke mandizisindise, ndizisindisele ezweni lamaFilisti, andincame uSawule, angabi sandifuna emideni yonke yamaSirayeli, ndisinde ke esandleni sakhe.

² Wesuka ke uDavide, wawela yena namadoda angamakhulu amathandathu abenawo,

waya kuAkishe, unyana kaMahoki, ukumkani waseGati.

³ U Davide wahlala noAkishe eGati, yena namadoda akhe, yayileyo yanendlu yayo; uDavide enabafazi bakhe bobabini, uAhinowam waseYizereli, noAbhigali waseKarmele, umkaNabhali.

⁴ Waxelelwa uSawule ukuba uDavide ubalekele eGati, akaba saphinda amfune.

⁵ Wathi uDavide kuAkishe, Ukuba ke ngoku undibabale, ndinike indawo komnye umzi wasezweni, ndihlale khona; yini na ukuba umkhonzi wakho ahlale ndawonye nawe emzini wacomkhulu?

⁶ UAkishe wamnika ngaloo mini iTsikelage. Ngako oko iTsikelage yaba yeyokumkani wakwaYuda unanamhla.

⁷ Inani lemhla, awahlala ngayo uDavide ezweni lamaFilisti, laba ngumnyaka oneenyanga ezine.

⁸ Ke kaloku wenyuka uDavide namadoda akhe, bawangenela amaGeshure, namaGezere, nama-Amaleki; ngokuba abo bebengabemi belizwe elo, bekuhanjwa kulo ukuyiwa eShure, kuyiwe nasezweni laseYiputa, kususela kwakudala.

⁹ UDavide walitshabalalisa elo zwe; akasindisa ndoda namfazi. Wathabatha impahla emfutshane, neenkomo, namaesile, neenkamela, neengubo, wabuya weza kuAkishe.

¹⁰ Wathi uAkishe, Khe nahlasela phi na namhlanje? Wathi uDavide, Sibe singenele elasezantsi lakwaYuda, nelasezantsi lamaYerameli, nelasezantsi lamaKen.

¹¹ UDavide akasindisanga ndoda namfazi, ungamsayo eGati, ngokuthi, Hleze basixele, bathi, Wenjenje uDavide. Lalinjalo ke isiko lakhe yonke imihla abehleli ezweni lamaFilisti.

¹² UAkishe wakholwa nguDavide, wathi, Ugqibile ukuzinukisa ebantwini bakowabo kwaSirayeli; woba ngumkhonzi wam ke ngonaphakade.

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Kwathi ngaloo mihla, amaFilisti ayihlanganisa yonke imikhosi yawo, ukuze aphume umkhosi aye kulwa namaSirayeli. Wathi uAkishe kuDavide, Yazi ngokuqinisekileyo ukuba uya kuphuma nomkhosi wam, wena namadoda akho.

² Wathi uDavide kuAkishe, Kaloku uya kuyazi into eya kwenziwa ngumkhonzi wakho. Wathi uAkishe kuDavide, Ngoko ke ndokumisa ube ngumgcini wentloko yam imihla yonke.

³ Ke kaloku uSamuweli ubeselefile; abemmbambazelele onke amaSirayeli; abemngcwabele eRama, emzini wakhe. USawule ebebagxothile ezweni abaneshologu noosiyazi.

⁴ Ahlanganisana ke amaFilisti, aya amisa eShunem. Wawahlanganisa uSawule amaSirayeli onke, amisa eGilibhowa.

⁵ Wayibona uSawule impi yamaFilisti, woyika; yagubha intliziyo yakhe kunene.

⁶ Wabuza uSawule kuYehova; uYehova akamphendula nangamaphupha, nangeeUrim, nangabaprofeti.

⁷ Wathi uSawule kubakhonzi bakhe, Ndifuneleni inkazana eneshologu, ndiye kuyo, ndibuze kuyo. Bathi kuye abakhonzi bakhe, Nantsiya inkazana eneshologu e-Endore.

⁸ USawule wazenza mntu wumbi, wambatha ngubo zimbi, waya enamadoda amabini. Baya bafika kwinkazana leyo ebusuku. Wathi, Khawundivumisele ngeshologu lakho, undinyusele lowo ndiya kuthetha yena kuwe.

⁹ Yathi inkazana leyo kuye, Yabona uyakwazi nawe akwenzileyo uSawule, ukuba ubanqamle ezweni abaneshologu noosiyazi; yini na ukuba uwuthiyele umphefumlo wam,

ukuze ndibulawe.

¹⁰ USawule wayifungela uYehova, esithi, Ehleli nje uYehova, inene, akuyi kuba natyala ngale ndawo.

¹¹ Yathi inkazana, Ndikunyusele bani na? Wathi, Ndinyusele uSamuweli.

¹² Yambona inkazana uSamuweli, yakhala ngezwi elikhulu. Yatsho inkazana leyo kuSawule, ukuthi, Yini na ukuba undikhohlise? UnguSawule wena.

¹³ Wathi ukumkani kuyo, Musa ukoyika. Ubone ntoni na? Yathi inkazana kuSawule, Ndibona umnyanya unyuka uphuma emhlabeni.

¹⁴ Wathi kuye, Unjani na ukumila kwawo? Yathi inkazana, Kunyuke indoda enkulu, ithe wambu ingubo yokwaleka. Wazi ke uSawule ukuba nguSamuweli lowo. Wathoba ngobuso emhlabeni, waqubuda.

¹⁵ Wathi uSamuweli kuSawule, Yini na ukuba undigungqise, undinyuse? Wathi uSawule, Ndibandezelekile kakhulu; amaFilisti alwa nam, uThixo umkile kum, akasandiphenduli nangabaprofeti nangamaphupha; ndikubizele ukuba undazise into endingayenzayo.

¹⁶ Wathi uSamuweli, Yini na ukuba undibuze, uYehova emkile nje kuwe, waba lutshaba lwakho?

¹⁷ UYehova uzenzele njengoko wakuthethayo ngam: uYehova ubukrazule esandleni sakho ubukumkani, wabunika ummelwane wakho uDavide.

¹⁸ Ngokuba ungaliphulaphulanga izwi likaYehova, ungenzanga njengokuvutha komsindo wakhe kuma-Amaleki, ngenxa yoko uYehova uyenzile le nto kuwe namhla.

¹⁹ Uwanikele uYehova namaSirayeli kunye nawe esandleni samaFilisti. Ngomso wena noonyana bakho niya kuba nam; nomkhosi wamaSirayeli uYehova uya kuwunikela esandleni samaFilisti.

²⁰ Wawa kwaoko uSawule emhlabeni, waqungquluza, woyika kunene ngamazwi kaSamuweli; akwabakho namandla kuye; ngokuba ubengadlanga kudla imini yonke nobusuku bonke.

²¹ Yeza inkazana leyokuSawule, yabona ukuba ukhwankqe kunene. Yathi kuye, Yabona, umkhonzazana wakho uliphulaphule izwi lakho, ndawenza isichenge umphefumlo wam, ndaweve amazwi akho owathethayo kum.

²² Khawuliphulaphule nawe ngoko izwi lomkhonzazana wakho; makhe ndibeke iqhekeza lesonka phambi kwakho, udle, ube namandla xa uhamba indlela.

²³ Akavuma ke; wathi, Andiyi kudla. Bamzama abakhonzi bakhe kwanenkazana leyo. Waliphulaphula izwi labo, wavuka ke emhlabeni, wahlala elukhukweni.

²⁴ Ke kaloku inkazana leyo yayinethole elityetyisiweyo endlwini; yangxama, yalixhela; yathabatha umgubo ocoliweyo, yawuxovula, yosa izonka ezingenagwele ngawo.

²⁵ Yabeka phambi koSawule naphambi kwabakhonzi bakhe. Badla, besuka ke, bahamba ngobo busuku.

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Ayihlanganisa ke amaFilisti yonke imikhosi yawo eAfeki. AmaSirayeli amisa ngasemthonjeni oseYizereli.

² Izikhulu zamaFilisti zadlula zinamakhulu, zinamawaka; uDavide namadoda akhe bedlula ngasemva noAkishe.

³ Bathi abathetheli bamaFilisti, Ayini na la maHebhere apha? Wathi uAkishe kubathetheli bamaFilisti, Lo asinguyena uDavide umkhonzi kaSawule, ukumkani wamaSirayeli,

oseleneemini neminyaka enam? Andifumananga mposiso kuye, kuthabathela kumhla awaphamba ngawo, kwezisa kule mini.

⁴ Abathetheli bamaFilisti baba noburhalarhume ngakuye, bathi kuye abathetheli bamaFilisti, Yibuyise loo ndoda, ibuyele endaweni yayo, apho wayiyalela khona, ingehli nathi iye ekulweni, hleze isichase ekulweni. Angazikholisisa ngantoni na lo enkosini yakhe? Akungeentloko zala madoda yini na?

⁵ Lo asinguye na uDavide, ababevuma ngaye ekungqungqeni, besithi, USawule ubulele amawaka akhe, UDavide ubulele amawaka akhe angamashumi?

⁶ UAkishe wambiza uDavide, wathi kuye, Ehleli nje uYehova, uthe tye wena; kuhle emehlweni am ukuphuma kwakho nokungena kwakho nam emkhosini; ngokuba andifumananga bubi kuwe, kuthabathela kumhla wokuza kwakho kum, kuzise kule mini; ke emehlweni ezikhulu akumhle.

⁷ Ke ngoko buya, uhambe unoxolo, ungenzi bubi emehlweni ezikhulu zamaFilisti.

⁸ Wathi uDavide kuAkishe, Ndenze ntoni na? Ufumene ntoni na kumkhonzi wakho, kuthabathela kumhla wokubakho kwam phambi kwakho, kuzise kule mini, ukuba ndingayi nje, ndilwe neentshaba zenkosi yam ukumkani?

⁹ Waphendula uAkishe wathi kuDavide, Ndiyazi ukuba ulungile emehlweni am njengesithunywa sikaThixo; kodwa abathetheli bamaFilisti bathe, Makangenyuki nathi, aye ekulweni.

¹⁰ Ngoko vuka kusasa ngomso, nabakhonzi benkosi yakho abaze nawe; nivuke kusasa ke ngomso, kwakusathi nwe, nihambe.

¹¹ Bavuka ke kusasa uDavide, yena namadoda akhe, bahamba kwakusasa, babuyela ezweni lamaFilisti. AmaFilisti enyuka ke, aya eYizereli.

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Kwathi, akufika uDavide namadoda akhe eTsikelage ngomhla wesithathu, afika ama-Amaleki elingenele elasezantsi neTsikelage, ayibetha iTsikelage, ayitshisa ngomlilo.

² Abathimba abafazi ababekhona, kodwa akabulala mntu, ukuthabathela komncinane ase komkhulu; aqhuba ahamba ngendlela yawo.

³ Akufika ke uDavide namadoda akhe ekhaya, nalo litshisiwe ngomlilo, bethinjiwe abafazi babo, noonyana babo, neentombi zabo.

⁴ Baliphakamisa ooDavide nabantu ababenaye ilizwi labo, balila, kwada akwabakho mandla kubo okulila.

⁵ Nabafazi bakaDavide bobabini babethinjiwe, uAhinowam waseYizereli, noAbhigali, umkaNabhali, waseKarme.

⁶ Wabandezeleka kunene uDavide; ngokuba abantu babethetha ngokumxuluba ngamatye; kuba umphefumlo wabantu bonke ubukrakra, elowo ngenxa yoonyana bakhe nangenxa yeentombi zakhe. Ke uDavide wazomelezela kuYehova uThixo wakhe.

⁷ Wathi uDavide kuAbhiyatare umbingeleli, unyana ka-Ahimeleki, Khawuzise iefodi kum. UAbhiyatare wayizisa iefodi kuDavide.

⁸ Wabuza uDavide kuYehova, esithi, Ndiwasukele na la matutu? Ndowafumana na? Wathi kuye, Sukela; ngokuba uya kuwafumana okunene; uya kuhlanguka konke.

⁹ Wahamba ke uDavide, yena namadoda angamakhulu amathandathu anawo. Bafika emlanjaneni oyiBhesore, amanye asala khona.

¹⁰ Wasukela uDavide, yena namakhulu amane amadoda; asala ke amakhulu amabini amadoda aphelelweyo, angenakuwela emlanjaneni oyiBhesore.

- ¹¹ Ke kaloku bafumana indoda engumYiputa isendle. Bayizisa kuDavide, bayinika isonka; yadla; bayiseza amanzi;
- ¹² bayinika ke icandelo lesicumba samakhiwane namacandelo amabini esicumba seerasintyisi, yadla. Wabuyela kuyo umoya wayo; kuba ibingadlanga kudla, ingaselanga manzi, iimini ezintathu nobusuku obuthathu.
- ¹³ Wathi uDavide kuyo, Ungumni na? Uvela phi na? Yathi, Ndingumfana ongumYiputa, isicaka sendoda engumAmaleki; indishiyile inkosi yam; kuba ndintsuku ntathu namhla ndisifa.
- ¹⁴ Sibe sithe sangenela elasezantsi lamaKreti nelakwaYuda, nelasezantsi lakwaKalebhi, sayitshisa iTsikelage ngomlilo.
- ¹⁵ Wathi uDavide kuyo, Ungandisa na kuloo matutu? Yathi, Ndifungele uThixo, ukuba akuyi kundibulala, akuyi kundinikela esandleni senkosi yam; ndokusa kuloo matutu.
- ¹⁶ Yamsa ke. Nango ezithe dwe phezu kwelizwe lonke, esidla, esela, eduda ngenxa yalo lonke ixhoba elikhulu, abelithimbile ezweni lamaFilisti, nasezweni lakwaYuda.
- ¹⁷ UDavide wawabulala, eqale ngocolothi kwada kwahlwa ngomhla olandelayo; akwasinda namnye kubo, yaba ngamakhulu amane amadodana odwa abekhwele ezinkameleni, asaba.
- ¹⁸ Wayihlangula uDavide yonke into abeyithimbile ama-Amaleki. Nabafazi bakhe bobabini wabahlangula uDavide;
- ¹⁹ akwasala nanye into kuzo, kuthabathela kwencinane kwesa kwenkulu, kwesa koonyana neentombi; kwathabathela kwixhoba kwesa kwinto yonke abeyithimbile kubo. Yonke into wayibuyisa uDavide.
- ²⁰ Wayithimba yonke impahla emfutshane neenkomo; baqhuba phambi kwaloo mfuyo yakhe, bathi, Lixhoba likaDavide eli.
- ²¹ Wafika ke uDavide kulaa madoda angamakhulu mabini abephelelwe, abengenakumlandela uDavide, awayewashiye emlanjaneni oyiBhesore. Aphuma aya kumkhawulela uDavide aya kubakhawulela abantu ababenaye. UDavide wafika ebantwini, wababuza ukuphila kwabo.
- ²² Apendula onke amadoda obubi namatshijolo akumadoda abehambe noDavide, athi, Ngenxa enokuba bengahambanga nathi, asiyi kubanika nto emaxhobeni esiwahlanguleyo; elowo makaqhube umkakhe, nabantwana bakhe, ahambe.
- ²³ Wathi uDavide, Ningenjenjalo, bazalwana bam, ngento asinikileyo uYehova, wasigcina, wayinikela esandleni sethu impi leyo ibisifikele.
- ²⁴ Ngubani na oya kuniva kweli lizwi? Njengoko sinjalo isabelo sohla aye ekulweni, sinjalo isabelo sosele nempahla; baya kwabelana ngakunye.
- ²⁵ Kwaba njalo, kuthabathela kuloo mini kunyuse, wakumisa kwaba ngummiselo nesiko kwaSirayeli unanamhla.
- ²⁶ Weza uDavide eTsikelage, wathumela inxenye yamaxhoba kumadoda amakhulu akwaYuda, kumakowabo, esithi, Nantso intsikelelo yenu emaxhobeni eentshaba zikaYehova;
- ²⁷ kwawaseBheteli, nakwawaseRamoti esezantsi, nakwawaseYatire,
- ²⁸ nakwawaseArohere, nakwawaseSifimoti, nakwawase-Eshtemowa,
- ²⁹ nakwawaseRakali, nakwawasemizini yamaYerameleli, nakwawasemizini yamaKenani,
- ³⁰ nakwawaseHorma, nakwawaseKorashan, nakwawaseAtaki,
- ³¹ nakwawaseHebron, nasezindaweni zonke apho uDavide abehambahamba khona, yena namadoda akhe.

AmaFilisti ke ayesilwa namaSirayeli; asaba amadoda akwaSirayeli phambi kwamaFilisti, awa angxwelerhiweyo ezintabeni zeGilibhowa.

² AmaFilisti athana mbende noSawule noonyana bakhe; amaFilisti ambulala uYonatan, noAbhinadabhi, noMalekishuwa, oonyana bakaSawule.

³ Kwaba nzima ukulwa kuSawule; bamfumana abatoli, amadoda anesaphetha, wathuthumela kakhulu ngenxa yabatoli.

⁴ Wathi uSawule kumphathi weentonga zakhe, Rhola ikrele lakho, undihlabe ngalo, hleze aba bangalukileyo beze bandihlabe amahlanza, bafekethe ngam. Ke umphathi weentonga zakhe akavumanga; ngokuba ebesoyika kunene. Walithabatha ke uSawule ikrele, wawa phezu kwalo.

⁵ Wabona umphathi weentonga zakhe ukuba ufile uSawule, wawa naye phezu kwekrele lakhe, wafa kunye naye.

⁶ Wafa ke uSawule, noonyana bakhe bobathathu, nomphathi weentonga zakhe, namadoda akhe onke ngaloo mini, ndaweni-nye.

⁷ Abona amadoda akwaSirayeli, abengaphesheya kwentili, nabengaphesheya kweYordan, ukuba asabile amadoda akwaSirayeli, ufile uSawule noonyana bakhe. Ayishiya imizi leyo, asaba; eza amaFilisti, ahlala kuyo.

⁸ Kwathi ngengomso amaFilisti eza kubhunyula ababebulewe. Amfumana uSawule noonyana bakhe bobathathu, bewile ezintabeni zeGilibhowa.

⁹ Amnqumla intloko, aziphanga iintonga zakhe, athumela elizweni lamaFilisti ngeenxa zonke, ukuba kushunyayelwe iindaba ezilungileyo ezindlwini zezithixo zawo nasebantwini.

¹⁰ Azibeka iintonga zakhe ezindlwini zooAshtaroti; awubuthelela umzimba wakhe eludongeni lwaseBhete-shan.

¹¹ Beva abemi baseYabheshe yaseGiliyadi akwenzileyo amaFilisti kuSawule;

¹² esuka onke amadoda anobukroti, ahamba ubusuku bonke, awuthabatha umzimba kaSawule, nemizimba yoonyana bakhe, eludongeni lwaseBhete-shan; eza eYabheshe, ayitshisa khona.

¹³ Awathabatha amathambo abo, awangcwabela phantsi komtamariske eYabheshe; azila ukudla iintsuku zasixhenxe.

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