

JOSHUWA

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ISAPHLUKO 1

Kwathi emva kokufa kukaMose inceku kaJehova, uJehova wakhuluma kuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, isikhonzi sikaMose, wathi:

² “UMose inceku yami ufile; ngalokho suka uwele leli Jordani, wena nalaba bantu bonke, niye ezweni engibanika lona abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

³ Zonke izindawo ayakunyathela kuzo amathe onyawo lwenu ngininikile zona, njengalokho ngakhuluma kuMose.

⁴ Kusukela ehlane nakuleli Lebanoni kuze kufike emfuleni omkhulu, umfula u-Ewufathe, lonke izwe lamaHeti, nakuze kube seLwandle Olukhulu ngasentshonalanga, kuyakuba ngumkhawulo wenu.

⁵ Akuyikubakho muntu ongema phambi kwakho zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakho; njengalokho nganginaye uMose, kanjalo ngiyakuba nawe; angiyikukuyeka, angiyikukushiya.

⁶ “Qina, ume isibindi, ngokuba uyakwenza ukuba laba bantu badle izwe engalifungela oyise ukubanika lona.

⁷ Qina kuphela, ume isibindi kakhulu, uqaphele ukwenza ngokomthetho wonke akuyala ngawo uMose inceku yami, ungaphambuki kuwo ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo ukuba ube nempumelelo nomaphi lapho uya khona.

⁸ Le ncwadi yomthetho mayingasuki emlonyeni wakho, kepha wozindla ngayo imini nobusuku ukuba uqaphele ukwenza njengakho konke okulotshwe kuyo, ngokuba lapho uyakuhlamlamela indlela yakho, uphumelele kahle.

⁹ Angikuyalile na? Qina, ume isibindi, ungesabi, ungabi naluvalo, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho unawe nomaphi lapho uya khona.”

¹⁰ UJoshuwa wayeseyala izinduna zabantu, ethi:

¹¹ “Dabulani phakathi kwekamu, niyale abantu, nithi: ‘Zilungiseleni umphako, ngokuba emva kwezinsuku ezintathu niyakuwela leli Jordani, ningene ukuba nilidle izwe uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu aninika lona ukuba nilizuze.’ ”

¹² UJoshuwa wakhuluma kwabakwaRubeni, nabakwaGadi, nakuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwaManase, wathi:

¹³ “Khumbulani izwi aniyala ngalo uMose inceku kaJehova, ethi: ‘UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uyakuniphumuza, aninike leli zwe.’

¹⁴ Omkenu, nabantwana benu, nezinkomo zenu bayakuhlala ezweni uMose aninika lona ngaphesheya kweJordani; kepha nina niyakuwela phambi kwabafowenu nihlomile, nonke nina maqhawe anamandla, nibasize,

¹⁵ uJehova aze aphumuze abafowenu njengani, nabo badle izwe uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu abanika lona, andukuba nibuyeke ezweni lefa lenu aninika lona uMose inceku kaJehova ngaphesheya kweJordani ngasempumalanga, nilidle.”

¹⁶ Bamphendula uJoshuwa, bathi: “Konke osiyale ngakho siyakukwenza; nomaphi lapho usithuma khona, siyakuya khona.

¹⁷ Njengalokho samlalela kukho konke, kanjalo siyakulalela wena; kepha, kuphela uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, makabe kuwe njengalokho wayenoMose.

¹⁸ Yilowo nalowo oyakuhlubuka ezwini lakho, angalaleli amazwi akho kukho konke omyala ngakho, uyakubulawa; qina kuphela, ume isibindi.”

ISAHLUKO 2

UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wathuma ngasese eseShithimi amadoda amabili abe yizinhlozi, wathi: “Hambani nibone izwe neJeriko.” Basuka, bafika endlini yesifebe esigama laso linguRahabi, balala khona.

² Inkosi yaseJeriko yatshelwa; kwathiwa: “Bheka, kwafika lapha ebusuku amadoda abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuba ahlale izwe.”

³ Inkosi yaseJeriko yathumela kuRahabi, yathi: “Khipha lawo madoda afikile kuwe, angena endlini yakho, ngokuba ezile ukuzohlola izwe lonke.”

⁴ Owesifazane wayesethatha lawo madoda omabili, wawathukusa, wathi: “Kunjalo; amadoda afika kimi, kepha ngangingazi ukuthi avelaphi;

⁵ kwathi ngesikhathi sokuvalwa kwesango lapho sekumnyama, amadoda aphuma; angazi ukuthi ayaphi lawo madoda; sheshani niwaxoshe, ngokuba niyakuwafica.”

⁶ Kepha wayewenyusele ophahleni, wawashumeka ezinhlangeni zefilakisi abezihlelele ophahleni.

⁷ Abantu bawaxosha endleleni eya eJordani emazibukweni; sebephumile abawaxosha, bavala isango.

⁸ Engakalali, wenyukela kuwo ophahleni;

⁹ wathi kumadoda: “Ngiyazi ukuthi uJehova uninikile izwe, nokuthi sehlelwe ngukunesaba, nokuthi bonke abakhileyo ezweni baphela amandla phambi kwenu.

¹⁰ Ngokuba sizwile ukuthi uJehova womisa amanzi oLwandle Olubomvu phambi kwenu ekuphumeni kwenu eGibthe nokuthi wenzani kuwo amakhosi amabili ama-Amori ayengaphesheya kweJordani, oSihoni no-Ogi, enawaqothulayo.

¹¹ Sathi sikuzwa lokho, izinhliziyi zethu zaphela amandla, akwabe kusabakho sibindi kumuntu phambi kwenu, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu unguNkulunkulu ezulwini phezulu nasemhlabeni phansi.

¹² Ngalokho ake nifunge manje uJehova kimi, njengokuba nginenzele umusa, ukuba nani niyenzele indlu kababa umusa, ningiphe uphawu oluqinisileyo,

¹³ nisindise ubaba, nomame, nabafowethu, nawodadewethu, nabo bonke abanabo, nophule imiphefumulo yethu ekufeni.”

¹⁴ Athi amadoda kuye: “Mayife imiphefumulo yethu esikhundleni senu; uma ningavezi obala le ndaba yethu, siyakunenzela umusa neqiniso lapho uJehova esinika izwe.”

¹⁵ Wayesewehlisa ngentambo ngasefasiteleni, ngokuba indlu yakhe yayingasogangeni lomuzi, wahlala ngasogangeni.

¹⁶ Wathi kuwo: “Khuphukelani entabeni, funa abanixoshayo banifike, nicashe khona izinsuku ezintathu, ukuze abanixoshayo babuye, andukuba nihambe indlela yenu.”

- ¹⁷ Ayesethi amadoda kuye: “Thina asinacala ngaleso sifungo sakho osifungise sona,
¹⁸ uma ekufikeni kwethu ezweni ungabophi le ntambo ebomvu efasiteleni osehlixe ngalo, uzibuthela endlini yakho uyihlo, nonyoko, nabaqowenu, nabendlu bonke bakayihlo.
¹⁹ Kuyakuthi yilowo nalowo ophumela ngaphandle kweminyango yendlu yakho, igazi lakhe libe sekhandakhe, thina singabi nacala; kodwa lowo okuwe endlini, igazi lakhe liyakuba sekhandakhe, uma sibekwa isandla kuye.
²⁰ Kepha uma uveza obala le ndaba yethu, asiyikuba nacala ngesifungo sakho osifungise sona.”
²¹ Wathi: “Makube njengamazwi enu.” Wayesewamukisa ahamba; wabopha intambo ebomvu efasiteleni.
²² Asuka aya entabeni, ahlala khona izinsuku ezintathu, baze babuya abawaxoshayo; abaxoshayo babewafuna indlela yonke, abaze bawafumana.
²³ Ayesebuya lawo madoda omabili, ehla entabeni, awela, afika kuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, amtshelela konke okuwehleleyo.
²⁴ Athi kuJoshuwa: “UJehova unikile ezandleni zethu izwe lonke; bonke abakhileyo ezweni baphela amandla phambi kwethu.”

ISAHLUKO 3

- U**Joshuwa wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, basuka eShithimi, bafika eJordani, yena nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, balala khona ebusuku bengakaweli.
² Kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezintathu izinduna zadabula phakathi kwekamu.
³ Zayala abantu, zathi: “Nxanibona umphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu nabapristi bamaLevi bewuthwala, niyakusuka endaweni yenu, niwulandele.
⁴ Nokho kuyakuba khona ibanga phakathi kwenu nawo, lingangezingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili ngokulinganisa, ningasondeli kuwo, ukuba nazi indlela eniyakuhamba ngayo, ngokuba anidlulanga ngale ndlela phambili.”
⁵ UJoshuwa wathi kubantu: “Zingcweliseni, ngokuba kusasa uJehova uyakwenza izimangaliso phakathi kwenu.”
⁶ UJoshuwa wakhuluma kubapristi, wathi: “Phakamisani umphongolo wesivumelwano, niwele phambi kwabantu.” Baphakamisa-ke umphongolo wesivumelwano, bahamba phambi kwabantu.
⁷ UJehova wathi kuJoshuwa: “Namuhla ngizakuqala ukukukhulisa emehlweni abo bonke abakwa-Israyeli ukuba bazi ukuthi njengalokho nganginoMose, kanjalo ngiyakuba nawe.
⁸ Wobayala abapristi abathwala umphongolo wesivumelwano, uthi: ‘Nxasenifikile onqenqemeni lwamanzi aseJordani, niyakuma ngaseJordani.’ ”
⁹ UJoshuwa wathi kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli: “Sondelani lapha, nizwe amazwi kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.”
¹⁰ Wathi uJoshuwa: “Niyakwazi ngalokhu ukuthi uNkulunkulu ophilayo uphakathi kwenu nokuthi uyakuxosha nokuxosha phambi kwenu amaKhanani, namaHetii, namaHivi, namaPherizi, namaGirigashi, nama-Amori, namaJebusi.
¹¹ Bhekani, umphongolo wesivumelwano seNkosi yomhlaba wonke uwela iJordani phambi kwenu.
¹² Ngalokho zithatheleni manje amadoda ayishumi nambili ezizweni zakwa-Israyeli, indoda ibenye ngesizwe.
¹³ Kuyakuthi lapho amathe ezinyawo zabapristi abathwala umphongolo kaJehova, iNkosi

yomhlaba wonke, eyakuma emanzini aseJordani, amanzi aseJordani anqamuke, amanzi avela ngenhla, eme nqwabanye.”

¹⁴ Kwathi lapho abantu besuka ematendeni abo ukuba bawele iJordani, abapristi abathwala umphongolo wesivumelwano bephambi kwabantu,

¹⁵ nalapho abathwala umphongolo sebefikile eJordani, izinyawo zabapristi abathwala umphongolo zicwilile onqenqemeni lwamanzi aseJordani eligcwele phezu kwalo lonke ugu lwalo izinsuku zonke zokuvuna,

¹⁶ ayesema amanzi avela ngenhla, afukuka aba nqwabanye kude kakhulu ngase-Adamu, umuzi oseceleni kweSaretani; lawo ewuka eya ngaseLwandle lwase-Araba, uLwandle Lukasawoti, anqamuka impela; abantu base bewela maqondana neJeriko.

¹⁷ Abapristi abathwala umphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova bema baqina emhlabathini owomileyo ngaphakathi neJordani, abantu bonke bawela emhlabathini owomileyo, saze sawela iJordani isizwe sonke saphelela.

ISAHLUKO 4

Kwathi lapho isizwe sonke sesiwele iJordani saphelela, uJehova wakhuluma kuJoshuwa, wathi:

² “Zithatheleni amadoda ayishumi nambili, indoda ibenye ngesizwe,

³ niwayale nithi: ‘Zikhipheleni lapha phakathi kweJordani, endaweni lapho izinyawo zabapristi zazimi khona ziqinile, amatshe ayishumi nambili, niwele nawo, niwabeke endaweni eniyakulala kuyo ebusuku.’ ”

⁴ UJoshuwa wayesebiza lawo madoda ayishumi nambili ayewakhethile kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, indoda inye ngesizwe.

⁵ UJoshuwa wathi kuwo: “Welani phambi komphongolo kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, niye phakathi kweJordani, netshathe, kube yilowo nalowo itshe ehlombe lakhe njengokomumo wezizwe zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli

⁶ ukuba lokho kube yisikhumbuzo phakathi kwenu, kuze kuthi lapho abantwana benu bebuza ngesikhathi esizayo, bethi: ‘Ayini lawa matshe kini na?’

⁷ anothi kubo: ‘Kungokuba amanzi aseJordani enqamuka phambi komphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova; ekuweleni kwawo iJordani amanzi aseJordani anqamuka; lawa matshe ayakuba yisikhumbuzo kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli kuze kube phakade.’ ”

⁸ Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benza-ke njengalokho uJoshuwa ebayalile, bakhipha amatshe ayishumi nambili phakathi kweJordani, njengalokho uJehova ekhulumile kuJoshuwa, njengokomumo wezizwe zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli; bawela nawo, baya endaweni yokulala, bawabeka khona.

⁹ UJoshuwa wamisa amatshe ayishumi nambili phakathi neJordani, endaweni lapho izinyawo zabapristi abathwala umphongolo zazimi khona; akhona kuze kube namuhla.

¹⁰ Abapristi abathwala umphongolo babemi phakathi neJordani, kwaze kwaphelela konke uJehova amyale ngakho uJoshuwa ukuba akukhulume kubantu njengakho konke uMose abemyale ngakho uJoshuwa; abantu bashesha bawela.

¹¹ Kwathi lapho bonke abantu sebewelile baphelela, umphongolo kaJehova wawela kanye nabapristi emehlweni abantu.

¹² Abantwana bakwaRubeni, nabantwana bakwaGadi, nenxenye yesizwe sakwaManase bawela behlomile phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, njengalokho uMose ebekhulumile kubo;

¹³ kwawela phambi kukaJehova kungathi abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane

behlomele ukulwa ukuba baphume impi, baye emathafeni aseJeriko.

¹⁴ Ngalolo suku uJehova wamkhulisa uJoshuwa emehlweni abo bonke abakwa-Israyeli; bamesaba njengalokho babemesaba uMose izinsuku zonke zokuhamba kwakhe.

¹⁵ UJehova wakhuluma kuJoshuwa, wathi:

¹⁶ “Yala abapristi abathwala umphongolo wesivumelwano ukuba benyuke eJordani.”

¹⁷ UJoshuwa wayala-ke abapristi, wathi: “Yenyukani eJordani.”

¹⁸ Kwathi lapho abapristi abathwala umphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova sebenyuke phakathi kweJordani, amathe ezinyawo zabapristi esefike emhlabathini owomileyo, amanzi aseJordani abuyela endaweni yawo, aphuphuma lonke ugu njengakuqala.

¹⁹ Abantu benyuka eJordani ngolweshumi lwenyanga yokuqala, bamisa eGiligali emkhawulweni wangasempumalanga kwaseJeriko.

²⁰ Lawo matshe ayishumi nambili abawakhipha eJordani wawamisa eGiligali.

²¹ Wakhuluma kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wathi: “Nxa abantwana benu beyakubuza oyise ngesikhathi esizayo, bethi: ‘Ayini lawa matshe na?’

²² anobazisa abantwana benu, nithi: ‘U-Israyeli wawela leli Jordani emhlabathini owomileyo,’

²³ ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu wawamisa amanzi aseJordani phambi kwenu, naze nawela, njengalokho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu wenza eLwandle Olubomvu, alomisa phambi kwethu, saze sawela,

²⁴ ukuba abantu bonke bomhlaba bazi isandla sikaJehova ukuthi sinamandla, nesabe uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu kuze kube phakade.”

ISAHLUKO 5

Kwathi onke amakhosi ama-Amori ayengaphesheya kweJordani ngasentshonalanga, nawo onke amakhosi amaKhanani ayengaselwandle esezwa ukuthi uJehova womise amanzi aseJordani phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli saze sawela, izinhliziyi zabo zaphela amandla, kungabe kusaba khona sibindi ngenxa yabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

² Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wathi kuJoshuwa: “Zenzele omese bensengetsha, ubuye usoke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngokwesibili.”

³ UJoshuwa wazenzela omese bensengetsha, wabasika abantwana bakwa-Israyeli eDulini Lamajwabu.

⁴ Nasi isizathu uJoshuwa abasoka ngaso: bonke abantu abaphuma eGibithe ababengabesilisa, onke amadoda empi, bafa ehlane ngasendleleni, sebephumile eGibithe.

⁵ Ngokuba bonke abantu abaphuma babesokiwe, kepha bonke abantu abazalwa ehlane ngasendleleni ekuphumeni kwabo eGibithe babengabasokanga.

⁶ Ngokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahamba iminyaka engamashumi amane ehlane, saze saphela isizwe sonke, yiwo amadoda empi aphuma eGibithe, lokhu engalalelanga izwi likaJehova, afunga kuwo uJehova ukuthi akayikuwabonisa izwe uJehova alifungela oyise ethi uyakusinika lona, izwe elivame ubisi nezinyosi.

⁷ Abantwana bawo abavusa esikhundleni sawo bona uJoshuwa wabasoka, ngokuba babengabangasokile, lokhu bengabasokanga endleleni.

⁸ Kwathi sebeqedile ukusoka abantu bonke, bahlala ezindaweni zabo ekamu, baze baphola.

⁹ UJehova wayesethi kuJoshuwa: “Namuhla ngilethulile kini ihlazo laseGibithe.” Ngalokho

igama laleyo ndawo lathiwa iGiligali kuze kube namuhla.

¹⁰ Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bamisa eGiligali, bagcina iphasika ngosuku lweshumi nane lwenyanga ngakusihlwa emathafeni aseJeriko.

¹¹ Badla ezithelweni zezwe ngolwangakusasa emva kwephasika, amaqebelengwane angenamvubelo notshwele ngalona lolo suku.

¹² Imana lanqamuka ngangomuso, nxa sebedla ezithelweni zezwe; abakwa-Israyeli ababe besaba nemana futhi, kepha base bedla ezithelweni zezwe laseKhanani ngalowo mnyaka.

¹³ Kwathi uJoshuwa esengaseJeriko, waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona, bheka, nanso indoda malungana naye enenkemba yayo ihoshiwe esandleni sayo; uJoshuwa waya kuyo, wathi kuyo: “Uvuna thina noma izitha zethu na?”

¹⁴ Yathi: “Qha, ngifikile njengesikhulu sebandla likaJehova.” UJoshuwa wayesewa ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhuleka, wathi kuyo: “Ithini inkosi yami encekwini yayo na?”

¹⁵ Isikhulu sebandla likaJehova sathi kuJoshuwa: “Khumula isicathulo sakho onyaweni lwakho, ngokuba indawo omi kuyo ingcwele.” UJoshuwa wenze njalo-ke.

ISAHLUKO 6

IJeriko lalivalile amasango alo ngenxa yabantwana bakwa-Israyeli; kwakungaphumi muntu, kungangeni muntu.

² UJehova wathi kuJoshuwa: “Bheka, nginikele esandleni sakho iJeriko, nenkosi yalo, namaqhawe anamandla.

³ Niyakuhaqa umuzi, onke amadoda empi, niwuzungeze umuzi kanye. Uyakwenze njalo izinsuku eziyisithupha.

⁴ Abapristi abayisikhombisa bayakuthwala amacilongo ayisikhombisa ejubili phambi komphongolo; ngosuku lwesikhombisa niyakuwuzungeza umuzi kasikhombisa, abapristi babethe amacilongo.

⁵ Kuyakuthi lapho bekhalisa kade uphondo lwejubili nalapho nilizwa izwi lecilongo, bonke abantu bakhamuluke ngokukhamuluka okukhulu, ugange lomuzi luwele phansi endaweni yalo, abantu bakhuphuke, yilowo nalowo aqonde phambili nje.”

⁶ UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wabiza abapristi, wathi kubo: “Phakamisani umphongolo wesivumelwano, abapristi abayisikhombisa bathwale amacilongo ayisikhombisa ejubili phambi komphongolo kaJehova.”

⁷ Kubantu wathi: “Dlulani, niwuzungeze umuzi, abahlomileyo badlule phambi komphongolo kaJehova.”

⁸ Kwathi lapho uJoshuwa esekhulumile kubantu, abapristi abayisikhombisa bethwele amacilongo ayisikhombisa ejubili phambi kukaJehova badlula, babetha amacilongo, umphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova wabalandela.

⁹ Abahlomileyo bahamba phambi kwabapristi ababetha amacilongo, nesigaba sasemuva sawulandela umphongolo, bebetha amacilongo besahamba.

¹⁰ UJoshuwa wayala abantu, wathi: “Aniyikukhamuluka; ningalizwakalisi izwi lenu, kungaphumi gama emlonyeni wenu, kuze kufike usuku engiyakuthi ngalo kini: ‘Khamulukani!’ Bese nikhamuluka.”

¹¹ Wayesenza ukuba umphongolo kaJehova uzungeze umuzi, wawuhaqa kanye; base befika ekamu, balala ubusuku ekamu.

¹² UJoshuwa wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, abapristi bathatha umphongolo kaJehova.

- ¹³ Abapristi abayisikhombisa, bethwele amacilongo ayisikhombisa ejubili phambi komphongolo kaJehova, bahamba njalo bewabetha amacilongo; abahlomileyo bahamba phambi kwabo, nesigaba sasemuva sawulandela umphongolo kaJehova, bebetha amacilongo besahamba.
- ¹⁴ Ngosuku lwesibili bawuzungeza umuzi kanye, babuyela ekamu; benze njalo izinsuku eziyisithupha.
- ¹⁵ Kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa bavuka ukuntwela kokusa, bawuzungeza umuzi ngandlelanye kasikhombisa; ngalolo suku kuphela bawuzungeza umuzi kasikhombisa.
- ¹⁶ Kwathi ngokwesikhombisa abapristi sebebethile amacilongo, uJoshuwa wathi kubantu: “Khamulukani, ngokuba uJehova uninikile umuzi.
- ¹⁷ Umuzi uyakwahlukaniselwa uJehova, wona nakho konke okukuwo; uRahabi isifebe kuphela uyakusinda, yena nabo bonke abakuye endlini, ngokuba wazithukusa izithunywa esazithumayo.
- ¹⁸ Kodwa zigcineni nina kukho okuqalekisiweyo, funa lapho senikuqalekisiweyo nithathe kukho okuqalekisiweyo, nilenze ikamu libe ngeliqalekisiweyo, nilihluphe.
- ¹⁹ Kepha lonke isiliva, negolide, nezitsha zethusi nezensimbi kungcwele kuJehova; kuyakungena endlini yengcebo kaJehova.”
- ²⁰ Abantu base bekhamuluka, amacilongo abethwa; kwathi lapho abantu bezwe ukukhala kwecilongo, abantu bakhamuluka ngokukhamuluka okukhulu, ugange lwawela phansi endaweni yalo, abantu benyukela emzini, yilowo nalowo waqonda phambili nje, bawuthatha umuzi.
- ²¹ Baqalekisa konke okusemzini, isilisa nesifazane, abasha nabadala, nezinkabi, nezimvu, nezimbongolo, ngosiko lwenkempa.
- ²² UJoshuwa wathi kulawo madoda amabili ayelihlolile izwe: “Ngenani endlini yesifebe, nikhiphe kuyo owesifazane nabo bonke anabo, njengalokho namfungela.”
- ²³ Izinsizwa ezaziyizinhlozi zangena, zamkhipha uRahabi, noyise, nonina, nabafofawo, nabo bonke anabo, zakhipha bonke abomuzi wakhe, zababeka ngaphandle kwekamu lakwa-Israyeli.
- ²⁴ Bawushisa umuzi ngomlilo, nakho konke okukuwo; isiliva kuphela, negolide, nezitsha zethusi nezensimbi bakufaka endlini yengcebo endlini kaJehova.
- ²⁵ Kepha uRahabi isifebe, nabendlu kayise, nabo bonke anabo, uJoshuwa wabasindisa; uhlala phakathi kuka-Israyeli kuze kube namuhla, lokhu wathukusa izithunywa uJoshuwa azithuma ukuba zihlale iJeriko.
- ²⁶ UJoshuwa wabafungisa ngaleso sikhathi, wathi: “Makaqalekisiwe phambi kukaJehova umuntu osuka akhe lo muzi waseJeriko; uyakubeka isisekelo sawo ngokulahlekelwa yizibulo lakhe, amise amasango awo ngokulahlekelwa ngomncinyane wakhe.”
- ²⁷ UJehova wayenaye uJoshuwa; udumo lwakhe lwalukhona ezweni lonke.

ISAHLUKO 7

Kepha abantwana bakwa-Israyeli beqa ngokuqalekisiweyo, lokhu u-Akani kaKarmi kaZabidi kaZera, owesizwe sakwaJuda, ethatha kukho okuqalekisiweyo; intukuthelo kaJehova yabavuthela abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

² UJoshuwa wathuma amadoda, asuka eJeriko aya e-Ayi eliseceleni kweBeti Aveni ngasempumalanga kwaseBethela, wakhuluma kuwo, wathi: “Khuphukani, nilihlale izwe.” Amadoda akhuphuka ahlola i-Ayi.

³ Abuyela kuJoshuwa, athi kuye: “Mabangakhuphuki bonke abantu; makuhambe

amadoda kungathi izinkulungwane ezimbili noma ezintathu, alichithe i-Ayi; ungabakhathazi bonke abantu ngokuya khona, ngokuba bayingcosana nje.”

⁴ Kwase kukhuphukela khona abantu abayizinkulungwane ezintathu, kepha babaleka phambi kwamadoda ase-Ayi.

⁵ Amadoda ase-Ayi abulala abantu abangamashumi amathathu nesithupha, abaxosha esuka phambi kwesango aze afika eShebarimi, ababulala emthambekeni; izinhliziyi zabantu zaphela amandla, zaba njengamanzi.

⁶ UJoshuwa waziklebhula izingubo zakhe, wawa ngobuso emhlabathini phambi komphongolo kaJehova kwaze kwahlwa, yena namalunga akwa-Israyeli; bathela uthuli emakhanda abo.

⁷ UJoshuwa wathi: “Maye, Nkosi Nkulunkulu! Ubaweliseleni iJordani nakanye laba bantu ukuba usinikele esandleni sama-Amori, usibhubhise, na? Sengathi nga saneliswa ukuhlala ngaphesheya kweJordani!

⁸ O Nkosi, ngiyakuthini, lapha abakwa-Israyeli sebefulathele izitha zabo na?

⁹ Ngokuba amaKhanani nabo bonke abakhileyo ezweni bayakukuzwa, basihaqe, banqume igama lethu emhlabeni; uyakwenzela ntoni igama lakho elikhulu na?”

¹⁰ UJehova wathi kuJoshuwa: “Sukuma; uweleni kanje ngobuso bakho na?

¹¹ U-Israyeli wonile, yebo, beqile isivumelwano sami engabayala ngaso, yebo, bathathile nakukho okuqalekisiweyo, futhi bebile, baqambile amanga, bakubeka kweyabo impahla.

¹² Ngalokho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abanakuma phambi kwezitha zabo, bayafulathela izitha zabo, ngokuba sebeqalekisiwe; angisayikuba nani, uma ningachithi okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwenu.

¹³ “Suka ungcwelise abantu, uthi: ‘Zingcweliseleni ingomuso, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli usho kanje, uthi: Kukhona okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwakho, Israyeli; awunakuma phambi kwezitha zakho, ningakakususi okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwenu.

¹⁴ “ ‘Kusasa niyakusondezwa ngezizwe zakini; kuyakuthi isizwe asithathayo uJehova sisondele ngeminden; umnden; awuthathayo uJehova uyakusondela ngezindlu; indlu ayithathayo uJehova iyakusondela ngabantu.

¹⁵ Kuyakuthi othathwayo enokuqalekisiweyo ashiswe ngomlilo, yena nakho konke anakho, ngokuba eqile isivumelwano sikaJehova nangokuba esebenzile ubuwula kwa-Israyeli.’ ”

¹⁶ UJoshuwa wayesevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wasondeza u-Israyeli ngezizwe zakubo; isizwe sakwaJuda sathathwa.

¹⁷ Wayesondeza iminden; yakwaJuda; wathatha umnden; wakwaZera, wawusondeza umnden; wakwaZera ngabantu, kwathathwa uZabidi.

¹⁸ Wayisondeza indlu yakhe ngabantu; u-Akani kaKarmi kaZabidi kaZera, owesizwe sakwaJuda, wathathwa.

¹⁹ UJoshuwa wayesethi ku-Akani: “Ndodana yami, ake umnike uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli inkazimulo, uvume kuye, ungitshele okwenzileyo, ungangifihleli.”

²⁰ U-Akani wamphendula uJoshuwa, wathi: “Kuyiqiniso, ngonile kuJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngenza ukuthi nokuthi.

²¹ Ngabona empangweni ingubo enhle yaseShineyari, namashekeli angamakhulu amabili esiliva, nesigaxa segolide esinesisindo esingamashekeli angamashumi ayisihlanu, ngakufisa, ngakuthatha; bheka, kuthukusiwe emhlabathini phakathi kwetende lami, nesiliva liphansi kwakho.”

²² UJoshuwa wayesethuma izithunywa, zagijimela etenden; bheka kwakuthukusiwe

etendeni lakhe, isiliva liphansi.

²³ Zakukhipha phakathi kwetende, zakuyisa kuJoshuwa nakubo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, bakubeka phansi phambi kukaJehova.

²⁴ UJoshuwa nabo bonke abakwa-Israyeli benaye bamthatha u-Akani indodana kaZera, nesiliva, nengubo, nesigaxa segolide, namadodana akhe, namadodakazi akhe, nezinkabi zakhe, nezimbongolo zakhe, nezimvu zakhe, netende lakhe, nakho konke anakho, bakukhuphulela esigodini sase-Akori.

²⁵ UJoshuwa wayesethi: “Usihlupheleni na? UJehova uzakukuhlupha namuhla.” Bonke abakwa-Israyeli bamkhanda ngamatshe; babashisa ngomlilo, babakhanda ngamatshe.

²⁶ Bamisa phezu kwakhe inqwaba yamatshe; isekhona nanamuhla; uJehova waphenduka entukuthelweni yake enkulu. Ngalokho igama laleyo ndawo laqanjwa ngokuthi isigodi sase-Akori kuze kube namuhla.

ISAHLUKO 8

UJehova wathi kuJoshuwa: “Ungesabi, ungabi naluvalo; suka nabo bonke abantu bempi, ukhuphuke uye e-Ayi; bheka, nginikele esandleni sakho inkosi yase-Ayi, nabantu bayo, nomuzi wayo, nezwe layo;

² uyakwenza kulo i-Ayi nenkosi yalo njengalokho wenza kulo iJeriko nenkosi yalo; impango yalo kuphela nezinkomo zalo niyakuziphangela khona. Wuqamekele umuzi emva kwawo.”

³ UJoshuwa wasuka kanye nabo bonke abantu bempi ukuba akhuphukele e-Ayi; uJoshuwa wakhetha amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu amaqhawe anamandla, wawathuma ebusuku.

⁴ Wawayala ngokuthi: “Bhekani, niyakuwuqamekela umuzi, emva komuzi, ningayi kude kakhulu nomuzi, nihlale nilungele nonke.

⁵ Mina nabantu bonke abanami siyakusondela emzini; kuyakuthi lapho bephuma ukusihlasela njengakuqala, sibaleke phambi kwabo.

⁶ Bayakuphuma, basilandele, size sibasuse emzini, ngokuba bayakusho ukuthi: ‘Babaleka phambi kwethu njengakuqala,’ bese sibaleka phambi kwabo;

⁷ niyakusuka ekuqamekeleni, niwudle umuzi, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uyakuwunikela esandleni senu.

⁸ Kuyakuthi lapho seniwuthathile umuzi, nithungele umuzi ngomlilo, nenze njengezwi likaJehova; bhekani, senginiyalile.”

⁹ UJoshuwa wayesebathuma, baya ukuyoqamekela, bahlala phakathi kweBethele ne-Ayi ngasentshonalanga kwase-Ayi; uJoshuwa walala lobo busuku phakathi kwabantu.

¹⁰ UJoshuwa wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, wabutha abantu, wakhuphuka, yena namalunga akwa-Israyeli, phambi kwabantu, waya e-Ayi.

¹¹ Bonke abantu bempi ayenabo bakhuphuka, basondela, baya phambi komuzi, bamisa ngasenyakatho kwase-Ayi; kwakukhona isigodi phakathi kwakhe ne-Ayi.

¹² Wathatha amadoda kungathi izinkulungwane eziyisihlanu, wawaqamekelisa phakathi kweBethele ne-Ayi ngasentshonalanga komuzi.

¹³ Sebehleliwe abantu, lonke ibandla elalingasenyakatho komuzi nabaqamekeleyo babo ababengasentshonalanga komuzi, uJoshuwa waya ngalobo busuku phakathi kwesigodi.

¹⁴ Kwathi inkosi yase-Ayi ikubona lokho, ashesha avuka ekuseni amadoda omuzi, aphuma ukuhlasela u-Israyeli, yona nabantu bayo, endaweni enqunyiweyo ngaphambi kwehlane; yayingazi nokho ukuthi babekhona abayiqamekeleyo ngasemva komuzi.

- ¹⁵ UJoshuwa nabo bonke abakwa-Israyeli benza kungathi bahluliwe phambi kwabo, babaleka ngendlela eya ehlane.
- ¹⁶ Bonke abantu basemzini babizwa ukuba babaxoshe; bamxosha uJoshuwa, basuswa emzini.
- ¹⁷ Akusalanga muntu e-Ayi naseBethele ongaphumanga ukubaxosha abakwa-Israyeli, bawushiya umuzi ugengelezile, babaxosha abakwa-Israyeli.
- ¹⁸ UJehova wathi kuJoshuwa: “Yelulela umkhonto osesandleni sakho ngase-Ayi, ngokuba ngiyakulinikela esandleni sakho.” UJoshuwa welulela-ke umkhonto osesandleni sakhe ngasemzini.
- ¹⁹ Abaqamekeleyo bashesha basuka endaweni yabo, bagijima lapho eselula isandla sakhe, bangena emzini, bawuthatha; bawuthungela ngomlilo masinyane.
- ²⁰ Lapho amadoda ase-Ayi ebheka emva kwabo, abona, bheka, umusi womuzi wenyukela ngasezulwini; ayengenamandla ukubaleka ngalapha noma ngalapha, lapho abantu ababebalekele ngasehlane sebephendukela ababaxoshayo.
- ²¹ Ngokuba nxa uJoshuwa nabo bonke abakwa-Israyeli bebona ukuthi abaqamekeleyo bawuthathile umuzi nokuthi umusi womuzi wenyuka, base bebuyela emuva, bawabulala amadoda ase-Ayi.
- ²² Labo abanye baphuma emzini ukuba babahlasele baze babe phakathi kuka-Israyeli, abanye ngalapha, abanye ngalapha, bababulala, kwaze kwangasala muntu owaphunyuka, wabaleka.
- ²³ Inkosi yase-Ayi bayibamba isaphila, bayiyisa kuJoshuwa.
- ²⁴ Kwathi lapho u-Israyeli eseqedile ukubulala bonke abakhileyo e-Ayi endle ehlane, lapho ebebaxoshele khona, bese bewa bonke ngosiko lwenkemba baze baqedwa, bonke abakwa-Israyeli babuyela e-Ayi, balichitha ngosiko lwenkemba.
- ²⁵ Bonke abawa ngalolo suku, abesilisa nabesifazane, babeyizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, abantu bonke base-Ayi.
- ²⁶ UJoshuwa akabuyisanga isandla sakhe awelula ngaso umkhonto, engakaqothuli bonke abakhileyo e-Ayi.
- ²⁷ Izinkomo kuphela nempango yalowo muzi u-Israyeli waziphangela khona, njengezwi likaJehova amyala ngalo uJoshuwa.
- ²⁸ UJoshuwa wayeselishisa i-Ayi, walenza laba yiduma lenxiwa kuze kube phakade; liyincithakalo kuze kube namuhla.
- ²⁹ Inkosi yase-Ayi wayiphanyeka emthini kwaze kwahlwa; ukushona kwelanga uJoshuwa wabayala ukuba behlise isidumbu sayo emthini, basintshinga ngasesikhaleni sesango lomuzi, wamisa phezu kwaso inqwaba enkulu yamatshe ekhona nanamuhla.
- ³⁰ Khona uJoshuwa wamakhela uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli i-altare entabeni yase-Ebali,
- ³¹ njengalokho uMose inceku kaJehova wayala abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, njengokulotshiweyo encwadini yomthetho kaMose, i-altare lamatshe angabaziwe, angaphakanyiselwanga muntu insimbi; banikela phezu kwalo ngeminikelo yokushiswa kuJehova, banikela ngeminikelo yokuthula.
- ³² Waloba khona ematsheni impinda yomthetho kaMose ayilobayo phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
- ³³ Bonke abakwa-Israyeli namalunga abo, nezinduna zabo, nabahluleli babo babemi ngalapha nangalapha komphongolo phambi kwabapristi bamaLevi abathwala umphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova, abafokazi nabokuzalwa ekhaya, inxenye yabo ibhekene nentaba yaseGerizimu, inxenye yabo ibhekene nentaba yase-Ebali, njengalokho uMose

inceku kaJehova ebeyalile, ukuba babusise abantu bakwa-Israyeli kuqala.

³⁴ Ngasemuva wafunda onke amazwi omthetho, isibusiso nesiqalekiso, njengakho konke okulotshiwe encwadini yomthetho.

³⁵ Akwabakho zwi kukho konke akuyalayo uMose, angalifundanga uJoshuwa phambi kwebandla lonke lakwa-Israyeli, nabesifazane, nabantwana, nabafokazi ababehamba phakathi kwabo.

ISAHLUKO 9

Kwathi lapho onke amakhosi ayengaphesheya kweJordani, ezintabeni, nasemathafeni, nasogwini lonke loLwandle Olukhulu olubhekene neLebanoni, amaHetu, nama-Amori, namaKhanani, namaPherizi, namaHivi, namaJebusi, esezwa lokho,

² abuthana ndawonye ukuba alwe noJoshuwa no-Israyeli nganhliziyonye.

³ Kepha bathi ukuba abakhileyo eGibeyoni bezwa lokho uJoshuwa ayekwenzile kulo iJeriko ne-Ayi,

⁴ nabo benza ubuqili, bahamba bazenzisa kwangathi bayizithunywa, babeka amasaka agugileyo ezimbongolweni zabo, nezimvaba zewayini ezigugileyo neziklebhukileyo, ebesezithungiwe,

⁵ nezicathulo ezigugileyo eziciciyelweyo zisezinyaweni zabo, bembethe nezingubo ezigugileyo; isinkwa sonke somphako wabo sasomile, sikhuntile.

⁶ Baya kuJoshuwa ekamu laseGiligali, bathi kuye nakumadoda akwa-Israyeli: “Sivela ezweni elikude; ngalokho manenze manje isivumelwano nathi.”

⁷ Amadoda akwa-Israyeli athi kumaHivi: “Mhlawumbe nakhile phakathi kwethu; singenza kanjani isivumelwano nani na?”

⁸ Bathi kuJoshuwa: “Siyizinceku zakho.” UJoshuwa wathi kubo: “Ningobani, futhi nivelaphi na?”

⁹ Bathi kuye: “Izinceku zakho zivela ezweni elikude kakhulu ngenxa yegama likaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, ngokuba siluzwile udumo lwakhe, nakho konke akwenzayo eGibithe,

¹⁰ nakho konke akwenza kuwo amakhosi omabili ama-Amori ayengaphesheya kweJordani, uSihoni inkosi yaseHeshiboni no-Ogi inkosi yaseBashani, eyayise-Ashitaroti.

¹¹ Amalunga ethu nabo bonke abakhileyo ezweni lakithi bakhuluma kithi, bathi: ‘Phathani ezandleni zenu umphako wendlela, niye nibahlangabeze, nithi kubo: “Siyizinceku zenu; manenze isivumelwano nathi.” ’

¹² Lesi sinkwa somphako wethu sasithatha sisashisa ezindlini zethu ngosuku esaphuma ngalo ukuba siye kini; kepha manje, bhekani, sesomile, sikhuntile;

¹³ lezi zimvaba zewayini esazigcwalisa zazizintsha; bhekani, seziklebhukile; lezi zingubo zethu nezicathulo zethu sezigugile ngenxa yendlela ende kakhulu.”

¹⁴ Amadoda ayesethatha emphakweni wabo engabuzanga umlomo kaJehova.

¹⁵ UJoshuwa wabethembisa ukuthula, wenza isivumelwano nabo ukuba baphile; izikhulu zenhlango zafunga kubo.

¹⁶ Kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezintathu sebesenzile isivumelwano nabo, bezwa ukuthi bangabakhelwane babo nokuthi bahlala phakathi kwabo.

¹⁷ Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli base besuka, bafika emizini yabo ngosuku lwesithathu; imizi yabo yayiyiGibeyoni, neKefira, neBeroti, neKiryati Jeharimi.

¹⁸ Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ababachithanga, ngokuba izikhulu zenhlango zazifungile kubo uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Yonke inhlangano yakhonona ngezikhulu.

¹⁹ Zonke izikhulu zase zithi kuyo yonke inhlango: “Sifungile kubo uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli; ngalokho asinakubathinta manje.

²⁰ Siyakwenza lokho kubo, sibayeke baphile, funa sehlelwe lulaka ngenxa yesifungo esasifunga kubo.”

²¹ Izikhulu zase zithi kubo: “Mabayekwe baphile; baba ngabagawuli bemithi nabakhi bamanzi kuyo yonke inhlango njengalokho izikhulu zazibatshelile.”

²² UJoshuwa wababiza, wakhuluma kubo, wathi: “Nisikhohliseni ngokuthi: ‘Sikude kakhulu nani,’ lokhu nakhile phakathi kwethu, na?

²³ Ngalokho seniqalekisiwe, akuyikunqamuka ukuvela kini izigqila, abagawuli bemithi nabakhi bamanzi kuyo indlu kaNkulunkulu wami.”

²⁴ Bamphendula uJoshuwa, bathi: “Kungokuba izinceku zakho zatshelwa nokutshelwa ukuthi uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho wayala inceku yakhe uMose ukuba aninike izwe lonke, achithe bonke abakhileyo ezweni phambi kwenu; ngalokho sesaba kakhulu ngokuphila kwethu ngenxa yenu, sakwenza lokho.

²⁵ Bheka, manje sesisesandleni sakho; okuhle nokulungile emehlweni akho ukuba ukwenze kithi, kwenze.”

²⁶ Wayesenze njalo kubo, wabophula esandleni sabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, baze bangababulali.

²⁷ UJoshuwa wabenza ngalolo suku abagawuli bemithi nabakhi bamanzi kuyo inhlango nakulo i-altare likaJehova kuze kube namuhla endaweni abeyakuyikhetha.

ISAHLUKO 10

Kwathi lapho u-Adoni Sedeki inkosi yaseJerusalema esezwile ukuthi uJoshuwa uthathile i-Ayi, waliqeda nya njengalokho ebezile kulo iJeriko nenkosi yalo, wayenze njalo kulo i-Ayi nenkosi yalo nokuthi abakhileyo eGibeyoni bezile ukuthula no-Israyeli, baba phakathi kwabo,

² besaba kakhulu, ngokuba iGibeyoni lalingumuzi omkhulu njengomunye wemizi yamakhosi nangokuba lalikhulu kune-Ayi, onke amadoda alo engamaqhawe.

³ Ngalokho u-Adoni Sedeki inkosi yaseJerusalema wathumela kuHohamu inkosi yaseHebroni, nakuPiramu inkosi yaseJarimuthi, nakuJafiya inkosi yaseLakishi, nakuDebiri inkosi yase-Egiloni, wathi:

⁴ “Khuphukelani kimi, ningisize sichithe iGibeyoni, ngokuba lenzile ukuthula noJoshuwa nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.”

⁵ Ngalokho amakhosi ayisihlanu ama-Amori, inkosi yaseJerusalema, nenkosi yaseHebroni, nenkosi yaseJarimuthi, nenkosi yaseLakishi, nenkosi yase-Egiloni, ahlango, akhuphuka, wona nawo onke amabandla awo, amisa malungana neGibeyoni, alwa nalo.

⁶ Amadoda aseGibeyoni athumela kuJoshuwa ekamu laseGiligali, athi: “Ungayekethisi isandla sakho ezincekwini zakho; shesha ukhuphukele kithi usisindise, usisize, ngokuba onke amakhosi ama-Amori akhile ezintabeni asihlanganyele.”

⁷ UJoshuwa wayesekhuphuka eGiligali, yena nabo bonke abantu bempi kanye naye, nawo onke amaqhawe anamandla.

⁸ UJehova wathi kuJoshuwa: “Ungabesabi, ngokuba ngibanikele ezandleni zakho; akuyikubakho muntu wabo ongema phambi kwakho.”

⁹ UJoshuwa wabafikela ngokuzumayo; wakhuphuka eGiligali ubusuku bonke.

- ¹⁰ UJehova wabangquzula ngaphambi kuka-Israyeli, wabaceka ngokuceka okukhulu ngaseGibeyoni, wabaxosha ngendlela ekhuphukela eBeti Horoni, wababulala kwaze kwaba se-Azeka naseMakheda.
- ¹¹ Kwathi besabalekela u-Israyeli behla eBeti Horoni, uJehova wawisa phezu kwabo amatshe amakhulu, ehla ezulwini, baze bafika e-Azeka, bafa; babe baningi abafa ngesichotho kunababulawa ngu-Israyeli ngenkemba.
- ¹² UJoshuwa wayesekhuluma kuJehova mhla uJehova enikela ama-Amori phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wathi ebusweni babakwa-Israyeli: “Langa, yima eGibeyoni, nawe nyanga, esigodini sase-Ajaloni.”
- ¹³ Lase lima ilanga, nenyanga yahlala, abantu baze baziphindisela ezitheni zabo. Akulotshiwe yini lokho eNcwadini Yolungileyo na? Ilanga lema phakathi nomkhathi, alisheshanga ukushona kungathi usuku lonke.
- ¹⁴ Aluzange lube khona usuku olunjengalo ngaphambi kwalo noma ngasemva kwalo lokuba uJehova alilalele izwi lomuntu, ngokuba uJehova wamlwela u-Israyeli.
- ¹⁵ UJoshuwa wabuyela ekamu laseGiligali, bonke abakwa-Israyeli benaye.
- ¹⁶ Lawo makhosi omahlanu abaleka, acasha emhumeni waseMakheda.
- ¹⁷ Kwabikwa kuJoshuwa ukuthi: “Lawo makhosi omahlanu afunyanisiwe ecashile emhumeni waseMakheda.”
- ¹⁸ UJoshuwa wathi: “Gingqelani amatshe amakhulu emlonyeni womhume, nibeke amadoda ngakuwo ukuba awalinde;
- ¹⁹ kepha ningemi nina; xoshani izitha zenu, nibulale ezingasemuva, ningazivumeli ukuba zingene emizini yazo, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzinikele esandleni senu.”
- ²⁰ Kwathi lapho uJoshuwa nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli sebeqedile ukubaceka ngokuceka okukhulu kakhulu baze baqedwa, insali yabo nokho isingenile emizini ebiyelweyo,
- ²¹ bonke abantu babuyela ekamu kuJoshuwa eMakheda ngokuthula, akwabakho onyakazisa ulimi lwakhe ngomuntu wabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
- ²² Wayesethi uJoshuwa: “Vulani umlomo womhume, nikhiphele kimi lawo makhosi omahlanu emhumeni.”
- ²³ Benze njalo-ke; bawakhiphela kuye lawo makhosi omahlanu emhumeni: inkosi yaseJerusalema, nenkosi yaseHebroni, nenkosi yaseJarimuthi, nenkosi yaseLakishi, nenkosi yase-Egiloni.
- ²⁴ Kwathi lapho bekiphela kuJoshuwa lawo makhosi, uJoshuwa wabiza onke amadoda akwa-Israyeli, wathi ezinduneni zamadoda empi ezazihamba naye: “Sondelani, nibeke izinyawo zenu ezintanyeni zalawa makhosi.” Zasondela-ke, zabeka izinyawo zazo ezintanyeni zawo.
- ²⁵ UJoshuwa wathi kuzo: “Ningesabi, ningabi naluvalo; qinani, nime isibindi, ngokuba uJehova uyakwenza kanjalo kuzo zonke izitha zenu enilwa nazo.”
- ²⁶ Ngasemuva uJoshuwa wawagenca, wawabulala, wawaphanyeka emithini eyisihlanu, alenga emithini kwaze kwahlwa.
- ²⁷ Kwathi ngesikhathi sokushona kwelanga uJoshuwa wayala, bawehlisa emithini, bawaphonsa emhumeni lapho ebecashe khona, babeka amatshe amakhulu emlonyeni womhume; akhona nanamuhla.
- ²⁸ UJoshuwa wathatha iMakheda ngalolo suku, walichitha ngosiko lwenkemba kanye nenkosi yalo, wabaqothula nabo bonke abakulo, akashiyanga noyedwa owasalayo; wenza-ke kuyo inkosi yaseMakheda njengalokho ebenzile kuyo inkosi yaseJeriko.
- ²⁹ UJoshuwa wasuka eMakheda nabo bonke abakwa-Israyeli benaye, waya eLibina, walwa neLibina;

- ³⁰ uJehova walinikela nalo nenkosi yalo esandleni sakwa-Israyeli, walichitha ngosiko lwenkemba nabo bonke abakulo, akashiyanga noyedwa owasala phakathi kwalo; wenza-ke kuyo inkosi yalo njengalokho ebenzile kuyo inkosi yaseJeriko.
- ³¹ UJoshuwa wasuka eLibina nabo bonke abakwa-Israyeli benaye, waya eLakishi, wamisa malungana nalo, walwa nalo;
- ³² uJehova wanikela iLakishi esandleni sakwa-Israyeli, walithatha ngosuku lwesibili, walichitha ngosiko lwenkemba kanye nabo bonke ababekulo njengakho konke abekwenzile kulo iLibina.
- ³³ Khona kwakhuphuka uHorumu inkosi yaseGezeri ukuba asize iLakishi; kepha uJoshuwa wambulala nabantu bakhe, akaze amshiyela noyedwa owasalayo.
- ³⁴ UJoshuwa wasuka eLakishi, bonke abakwa-Israyeli benaye, waya e-Egiloni; bamisa malungana nalo, balwa nalo.
- ³⁵ Balithatha ngalolo suku, balichitha ngosiko lwenkemba; nabo bonke ababekulo wabaqothula ngalolo suku njengakho konke abekwenzile kulo iLakishi.
- ³⁶ UJoshuwa wakhuphuka e-Egiloni, bonke abakwa-Israyeli benaye, waya eHebroni, balwa nalo.
- ³⁷ Balithatha, balichitha ngosiko lwenkemba kanye nenkosi yalo, nayo yonke imizi yalo, nabo bonke ababekulo; akashiyanga noyedwa owasalayo njengakho konke abekwenzile kulo i-Egiloni, waliqothula nabo bonke abakulo.
- ³⁸ UJoshuwa wabuyela nabo bonke abakwa-Israyeli eDebiri, walwa nalo;
- ³⁹ walithatha kanye nenkosi yalo nayo yonke imizi yalo, bayichitha ngosiko lwenkemba. Baqothula bonke ababekulo, akashiyanga noyedwa owasalayo; njengalokho ebenzile kulo iHebroni, wenze njalo kulo iDebiri nakuyo inkosi yalo, njengalokho ebenzile nakulo iLibina nakuyo inkosi yalo.
- ⁴⁰ Wachitha-ke uJoshuwa izwe lonke, izintaba, neNingizimu, namathafa, nemithambeka, namakhosi onke alo; akashiyanga noyedwa owasalayo, kepha waqothula konke okuphefumulayo njengokuyala kukaJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.
- ⁴¹ UJoshuwa wabachitha kusukela eKadeshi Barineya kuze kufike eGaza, nezwe lonke laseGosheni kuze kufike eGibeyoni.
- ⁴² Onke lawo makhosi nezwe lawo uJoshuwa wakuthatha ngasikhathi sinye, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli walwela u-Israyeli.
- ⁴³ UJoshuwa wabuyela ekamu laseGiligali, bonke abakwa-Israyeli benaye.

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Kwathi lapho uJabini inkosi yaseHasori ekuzwa lokho, wathumela kuJobabi inkosi yaseMadoni, nakuyo inkosi yaseShimroni, nakuyo inkosi yase-Akishafu,

² nakuwo amakhosi angasenyakatho ezintabeni, nase-Araba ngaseningizimu kwaseKinereti, nasemathafeni, nasezintabeni zaseDori ngasentshonalanga,

³ nakuwo amaKhanani ngasempumalanga nangasentshonalanga, nakuwo ama-Amori, namaHetu, namaPherizi, namaJebusi ezintabeni, namaHivi ngaphansi kweHermoni ezweni laseMiswa.

⁴ Aphuma wona nawo onke amabandla awo enawo, abantu abaningi, bengangesihlabathi esisogwini lolwandle ngobuningi, namahhashi nezinqola eziningi kakhulu.

⁵ Onke lawo makhosi ahlalanga, eza amisa ndawonye ngasemanzini aseMerome ukuba alwe no-Israyeli.

- ⁶ UJehova wathi kuJoshuwa: “Ungesabi ngenxa yabo, ngokuba kusasa ngalesi sikhathi ngizakubanikela bonke bebulewe ngaphambi kuka-Israyeli; wena uyakunquma amahhashi abo imisipha, uzishise izinqola zabo ngomlilo.”
- ⁷ Wayesefika uJoshuwa nabo bonke abantu bempi benaye, babazuma ngasemanzini aseMerone, babadumela.
- ⁸ UJehova wabanikela esandleni sakwa-Israyeli, babanqoba, babaxosha kwaze kwaba seSidoni Elikhulu, naseMisirefoti Mayimi, nasesigodini saseMispa ngasempumalanga, bababulala, abaze bamshiyela noyedwa owasalayo.
- ⁹ UJoshuwa wenza kubo njengokumyala kukaJehova: wanquma amahhashi abo imisipha, wazishisa izinqola zabo ngomlilo.
- ¹⁰ UJoshuwa wabuya ngaleso sikhathi, wathatha iHasori, wabulala inkosi yalo ngenkemba, ngokuba iHasori laliyinhloko yayo yonke leyo mibuso kuqala.
- ¹¹ Bachitha bonke ababekulo ngosiko lwenkemba, babaqothula, akusalanga noyedwa ophefumulayo; walishisa iHasori ngomlilo.
- ¹² Yonke imizi yalawo makhosi nawo onke amakhosi ayo uJoshuwa wakuthatha, wakuchitha ngosiko lwenkemba, wakuqothula njengokuyala kukaMose inceku kaJehova.
- ¹³ Kepha imizi eyayimi emagqumeni ayo u-Israyeli akashisanga namunye kuyo ngaphandle kweHasori kuphela; lowo uJoshuwa wawushisa.
- ¹⁴ Impango yonke yale mizi nezinkomo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli baziphangela khona; kepha bachitha bonke abantu ngosiko lwenkemba baze babaqeda; abashiyanga noyedwa ophefumulayo.
- ¹⁵ Njengalokho uJehova ebemyalile uMose inceku yakhe, kanjalo uMose wamyalala uJoshuwa; noJoshuwa wenze njalo; akayekanga into neyodwa kukho konke uJehova amyalala ngakho uMose.
- ¹⁶ UJoshuwa wathatha-ke lonke lelo zwe, izintaba, neNingizimu yonke, nalo lonke izwe laseGosheni, namathafa, ne-Araba, nezintaba zakwa-Israyeli, namathafa akhe,
- ¹⁷ kusukela entabeni yaseHalaki kwenyukela eSeyiri, yebo, naseBali Gadi esigodini saseLebanoni ngaphansi kwentaba yaseHermoni; onke amakhosi abo wawathatha, wawagenca, wawabulala.
- ¹⁸ UJoshuwa walwa isikhathi eside nawo onke lawo makhosi.
- ¹⁹ Akwabakho muzi owenza ukuthula nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngaphandle kwamaHivi akhileyo eGibeyoni; bayinqoba yonke ngokulwa.
- ²⁰ Ngokuba kwavela kuJehova ukwenza lukhuni izinhliziyi zabo ukuba bahlangabezane no-Israyeli ngokulwa, ukuze abaqothule, angabahawukeli, kepha abachithe, njengalokho uJehova ebemyalile uMose.
- ²¹ UJoshuwa wafika ngaleso sikhathi, wanquma ama-Anaki ezintabeni eHebroni, naseDebiri, nase-Anabi, nasezintabeni zakwaJuda, nasezintabeni zakwa-Israyeli, uJoshuwa wawaqothula kanye nemizi yawo.
- ²² Akusalanga noyedwa kuwo ama-Anaki ezweni labantwana bakwa-Israyeli; asala eGaza kuphela, naseGati, nase-Ashidodi.
- ²³ Wathatha-ke uJoshuwa izwe lonke njengakho konke uJehova abekukhulumile kuMose; uJoshuwa walinika u-Israyeli libe yifa lakhe ngokwezabelo zabo nezizwe zabo. Izwe lase liphumula ekulweni.

- L**awa angamakhosi ezwe anqotshwa ngabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, belidla izwe lawo ngaphesheya kweJordani ngasempumalanga, kusukela esigodini sase-Arinoni kuze kube sentabeni yaseHermoni, nalo lonke i-Araba ngasempumalanga:
- ² uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori owayehlala eHeshiboni, ebusa kusukela e-Aroweri eliseceleni kwesigodi sase-Arinoni, naphakathi nesigodi, nenxenye yakwaGileyadi, kuze kube semfuleni iJaboki, umkhawulo wabantwana bakwa-Amoni,
- ³ ne-Araba kuze kufike elwandle lwaseKinereti ngasempumalanga, kuze kube seLwandle lwase-Araba, uLwandle Lukasawoti, ngasempumalanga endleleni eya eBeti Jeshimoti nangaseningizimu ngaphansi kwemithambeka yasePisiga;
- ⁴ futhi izwe lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBashani, owensali yamaRefa, owahlala e-Ashitaroti nase-Edireyi,
- ⁵ ebusa entabeni yaseHermoni, naseSaleka, nakulo lonke iBashani kuze kube semkhawulweni wamaGeshuri nowamaMahakhati, nenxenye yakwaGileyadi, umkhawulo kaSihoni inkosi yaseHeshiboni.
- ⁶ UMose inceku kaJehova nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli babebabulele; uMose inceku kaJehova wabanika lona abakwaRubeni, nabakwaGadi, nenxenye yesizwe sakwaManase, laba yifa labo.
- ⁷ Lawa angamakhosi ezwe anqotshwa nguJoshuwa nangabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngaphesheya kweJordani ngasentshonalanga, kusukela eBali Gadi esigodini saseLebanoni kuze kufike entabeni yaseHalaki eyenyukela eSeyiri, uJoshuwa walinika izizwe zakwa-Israyeli libe yifa ngokwezabelo zabo
- ⁸ ezintabeni, nasemathafeni, nase-Araba, nasemithambekeni, nasehlane, naseningizimu: amaHetu, nama-Amori, namaKhanani, namaPherizi, namaHivi, namaJebusi:
- ⁹ inkosi yaseJeriko: inye; inkosi yase-Ayi elingaseceleni kweBethela: inye;
- ¹⁰ inkosi yaseJerusalema: inye; inkosi yaseHebroni: inye;
- ¹¹ inkosi yaseJarimuthi: inye; inkosi yaseLakishi: inye;
- ¹² inkosi yase-Egiloni: inye; inkosi yaseGezeri: inye;
- ¹³ inkosi yaseDebiri: inye; inkosi yaseGederi: inye;
- ¹⁴ inkosi yaseHorma: inye; inkosi yase-Aradi: inye;
- ¹⁵ inkosi yaseLibina: inye; inkosi yase-Adulamu: inye;
- ¹⁶ inkosi yaseMakheda: inye; inkosi yaseBethela: inye;
- ¹⁷ inkosi yaseTaphuwa: inye; inkosi yaseHeferi: inye;
- ¹⁸ inkosi yase-Afeki: inye; inkosi yaseLasharoni: inye;
- ¹⁹ inkosi yaseMadoni: inye; inkosi yaseHasori: inye;
- ²⁰ inkosi yaseShimroni Meroni: inye; inkosi yase-Akishafu: inye;
- ²¹ inkosi yase Thahanaki: inye; inkosi yaseMegido: inye;
- ²² inkosi yaseKedeshi: inye; inkosi yaseJokineyamu eKarmeli: inye;
- ²³ inkosi yaseDori egqumeni laseDori: inye; inkosi yaseGoyimi eGiligali: inye;
- ²⁴ inkosi yaseTirisa: inye; onke amakhosi ayengamashumi amathathu nanye.

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UJoshuwa wayesemdala eneminyaka eminingi; uJehova wathi kuye: “Usumdala uneminyaka eminingi, kepha kusasele izwe elikhulu kakhulu eliyakudliwa.

² “Leli liyizwe elisasele: amazwe onke amaFilisti nawo onke amaGeshuri,

- ³ kusukela eSihori elingaphambi kweGibithe kuze kube semkhawulweni wase-Ekroni ngasenyakatho, elibalelwa kumaKhanani, amakhosi ayisihlanu amaFilisti: amaGaza, nama-Ashidodi, nama-Ashikeloni, namaGiti, nama-Ekroni, nama-Avi,
- ⁴ lonke izwe lamaKhanani ngaseningizimu neMehara elingelamaSidoni kuze kufike e-Afeki nasemkhawulweni wama-Amori,
- ⁵ nezwe lamaGebali nalo lonke iLebanoni ngasempumalanga, kusukela eBali Gadi ngaphansi kwentaba yaseHermoni kuze kufike ekuyeni eHamati,
- ⁶ bonke abakhileyo ezintabeni, kusukela eLebanoni kuze kube seMisirefoti Mayimi, onke amaSidoni; mina ngiyakuwaxosha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wena-ke ulabele abakwa-Israyeli ngenkatho, libe yifa njengokukuyala kwami.
- ⁷ Ngalokho yahlukanisa leli zwe libe yifa lezizwe eziyisishiyagalolunye nelenxenye yesizwe sakwaManase.”
- ⁸ Kanye naye abakwaRubeni nabakwaGadi balamukela ifa abanika lona uMose ngaphesheya kweJordani ngasempumalanga, njengalokho inceku kaJehova uMose yabanika:
- ⁹ kusukela e-Aroweri eliseceleni kwesigodi sase-Arinoni, nomuzi ophakathi nesigodi, nalo lonke ithafa laseMedeba kuze kufike eDiboni,
- ¹⁰ nayo yonke imizi kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori owabusa eHeshiboni, kuze kube semkhawulweni wabantwana bakwa-Amoni,
- ¹¹ neGileyadi nomkhawulo wamaGeshuri nowamaMahakhathi, nayo yonke intaba yaseHermoni, nalo lonke iBashani kuze kufike eSaleka,
- ¹² nawo wonke umbuso ka-Ogi eBashani owayebusa e-Ashitaroti nase-Edireyi, owayesele kuyo insali yamaRefa; uMose wabanqoba, wabaxosha.
- ¹³ Kepha abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abawaxoshanga amaGeshuri namaMahakhathi, kodwa oGeshuri noMahakha bahlala phakathi kuka-Israyeli kuze kube namuhla.
- ¹⁴ Isizwe sakwaLevi kuphela akasinikanga fa; iminikelo kaJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yomlilo iyifa lakhe njengokukhuluma kwakhe kuye.
- ¹⁵ UMose wanika isizwe sabantwana bakwaRubeni ngemindeni yabo.
- ¹⁶ Umkhawulo wabo wasuka e-Aroweri eliseceleni kwesigodi sase-Arinoni, nomuzi ophakathi nesigodi, nalo lonke ithafa ngaseMedeba,
- ¹⁷ neHeshiboni nayo yonke imizi yalo yasethafeni, iDiboni, neBamoti Bali, neBeti Bali Mehoni,
- ¹⁸ neJahasi, neKedemoti, neMefahati,
- ¹⁹ neKiryatayimi, neSibima, neSereti Shahari entabeni yasesigodini,
- ²⁰ neBeti Peyori, nemithambeka yasePisiga, neBeti Jeshimoti,
- ²¹ nayo yonke imizi yasethafeni, nawo wonke umbuso kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori owayebusa eHeshiboni, ambulalayo uMose kanye nezikhulu zakwaMidiyani, o-Evi, noRekemi, noSuri, noHure, noReba, izikhulu zikaSihoni ezazakhe kulelo zwe.
- ²² UBileyamu indodana kaBeyori, umbhuli, naye bambulala abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngenkemba phakathi kwabanye ababulawa yibo.
- ²³ Umkhawulo wabantwana bakwaRubeni wawuyiJordani nogu lwalo. Lelo laliyifa labantwana bakwaRubeni ngemindeni yabo, imizi nemizana yabo.
- ²⁴ UMose wanika isizwe sakwaGadi, abantwana bakwaGadi, ngemindeni yaso.
- ²⁵ Umkhawulo wabo wawuyiJazeri, nayo yonke imizi yakwaGileyadi, nenxenye yezwe labantwana bakwa-Amoni, kuze kufike e-Aroweri elingaphambi kweRaba,
- ²⁶ kusukela eHeshiboni kuze kufike eRamati Mispa naseBethonimi, kusukela

eMahanayimi kuze kufike emkhawulweni weDebiri;

²⁷ nasesigodini: iBeti Haramu, neBeti Nimra, neSukoti, neSafoni, insali yombuso kaSihoni inkosi yaseHeshiboni, iJordani nogu lwalo, kuze kufike ekupheleni kolwandle lwaseKinereti phesheya kweJordani ngasempumalanga.

²⁸ Lelo laliyifa labantwana bakwaGadi ngemindeni yabo, imizi nemizana yabo.

²⁹ UMose wanika inxenye yesizwe sakwaManase: kwaba ngokwenxenye yesizwe sabantwana bakwaManase ngemindeni yabo.

³⁰ Umkhawulo wabo wasuka eMahanayimi: lonke iBashani, wonke umbuso ka-Ogi inkosi yaseBashani, nayo yonke imizi yeJayire eseBashani, imizi engamashumi ayisithupha,

³¹ nenxenye yakwaGileyadi, ne-Ashitaroti, ne-Edireyi, imizi yombuso ka-Ogi eBashani; lokho kwaba ngokwabantwana bakwaMakiri indodana kaManase, inxenye yabantwana bakwaMakiri ngemindeni yabo.

³² Lawo angamafa uMose awabela emathafeni akwaMowabi phesheya kweJordani, ngaseJeriko ngasempumalanga.

³³ Kepha isizwe sakwaLevi uMose akasinikanga fa; uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uyifa labo njengokukhuluma kwakhe kubo.

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Lawa angamafa abawathathayo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezweni laseKhanani abababela wona u-Eleyazare umpristi, noJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, nezinhloko zawoyise bezizwe zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli,

² ngenkatho yefa labo, njengalokho uJehova ebeyalile ngesandla sikaMose ngezizwe eziyisishiyagalolunye nangenxenye yesizwe.

³ Ngokuba uMose wayezinikile izizwe ezimbili nenxenye yesizwe ifa ngaphesheya kweJordani, kepha amaLevi akawanikanga ifa phakathi kwabo.

⁴ Ngokuba abantwana bakwaJosefa babe yizizwe ezimbili, oManase no-Efrayimi; abawanikanga amaLevi isabelo ezweni, kuphela imizi ukuhlala kuyo, namadlelo ayo ezinkomo zawo, neyemfuyo yawo.

⁵ Njengalokho uJehova amyala uMose, benze njalo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, bahlukanisa izwe.

⁶ AbakwaJuda basondela kuJoshuwa eGiligali; uKalebi indodana kaJefune, umKhenizi, wathi kuye: “Uyalazi wena izwi uJehova alikhuluma kuMose umuntu kaNkulunkulu ngami nangawe eKadeshi Barineya.

⁷ Ngangineminyaka engamashumi amane lapho uMose, inceku kaJehova, wangithuma ngisuka eKadeshi Barineya ukuba ngihlole izwe, ngabuyisela izwi kuye njengokusenhliziyweni yami.

⁸ Kepha abafowethu abakhuphuka nami baqeda amandla enhliziyi yabantu, kodwa mina ngamlandela uJehova uNkulunkulu wami ngokupheleleyo.

⁹ UMose wafunga ngalolo suku, wathi: ‘Impela izwe unyawo lwakho olunyathele kulo liyakuba yifa lakho nelabantwana bakho kuze kube phakade, ngokuba umlandele uJehova uNkulunkulu wami ngokupheleleyo.’

¹⁰ “Manje bheka, uJehova ungisindisile njengokusho kwakhe le minyaka engamashumi amane nanhlanu, selokhu uJehova akhuluma leli zwi kuMose, u-Israyeli esahamba ehlane; bheka, manje sengineminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nanhlanu namuhla.

¹¹ Ngisenamandla namuhla njengasosukwini uMose angithuma ngalo; njengamandla ami

ngaleso sikhathi anjalo amandla ami manje ekulweni, ekuphumeni nasekungeneni.

¹² Ngalokho nginike manje le ntaba uJehova akhuluma ngayo ngalolo suku, ngokuba wezwa wena ngalolo suku ukuthi ama-Anaki ayelapho enemizi emikhulu ebiyelweyo; mhlawumbe uJehova uyakuba nami, ngiwaxoshe njengokukhuluma kukaJehova.”

¹³ UJoshuwa wambusisa, wamnika uKalebi indodana kaJefune iHebroni libe yifa lakhe.

¹⁴ Ngalokho iHebroni laba yifa likaKalebi indodana kaJefuni, umKhenizi, kuze kube namuhla, ngokuba wamlandela uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngokupheleleyo.

¹⁵ Igama leHebroni laliyiKiryati Araba kuqala ngomuntu owayemkhulu kuwo ama-Anaki. Izwe lase liphumula ekulweni.

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Isabelo sesizwe sabantwana bakwaJuda ngeminden i yabo sasingasemkhawulweni wakwa-Edomi nasehlane laseSini ngaseningizimu, ngasekupheleni kweningizimu.

² Umkhawulo wabo waseningizimu wasuka ekupheleni koLwandle Lukasawoti, ethekwini elibheka ngaseningizimu,

³ waphuma waya ngaseningizimu kommango wase-Akarabimi, wadlula waya eSini, wakhuphuka ngaseningizimu kwaseKadeshi Barineya, wadlula ngaseHesironi, wenyukela e-Adari, wajika waya eKaraka;

⁴ wadlula waya e-Asimoni, waya emfuleni waseGibithe; ukuphuma komkhawulo kwakungaselwandle; lowo uyakuba ngumkhawulo wenu waseningizimu.

⁵ Umkhawulo wasempumalanga wawuluLwandle Lukasawoti kuze kufike ekugcineni kweJordani. Umkhawulo wasohlangothini lwasenyakatho wasuka ethekwini lolwandle ngasekugcineni kweJordani;

⁶ umkhawulo wenyukela eBeti Hogila, wadlula ngasenyakatho kweBeti Araba; umkhawulo wakhuphukela etsheni likaBohanu indodana kaRubeni;

⁷ umkhawulo wenyukela eDebiri usuka esigodini sase-Akori ngasenyakatho, ubheka ngaseGiligali elibhekana nommango wase-Adumimi elingaseningizimu komfula; umkhawulo wawusudlula, waya emanzini asemthonjeni waseShemeshi; ukuphuma kwawo kwakungasemthonjeni waseRogeli;

⁸ wawusukhuphuka umkhawulo esigodini sendodana kaHinomu ngaseceleni kweJebusi ngaseningizimu, eliyiJerusalema; umkhawulo wenyukela esiqongweni sentaba engaphambi kwesigodi sikaHinomu ngasentshonalanga ngasekugcineni kwesigodi samaRefa ngasenyakatho;

⁹ umkhawulo wawususuka esiqongweni sentaba, waya emthonjeni wamanzi aseNefitowa, waphuma waya emizini yasentabeni yase-Efroni; umkhawulo wasuka waya eBahala eliyiKiryati Jeharimi;

¹⁰ umkhawulo wajika usuka eBahala ngasentshonalanga, waya entabeni yaseSeyiri, wadlula waya eceleni kwentaba yaseJeharimi ngasenyakatho, eliyiKesaloni, wehlela eBeti Shemeshi, wadlula ngaseThimna;

¹¹ umkhawulo wawusuphuma, waya eceleni kwe-Ekroni ngasenyakatho; umkhawulo wasuka waya eShikeroni, wadlula waya entabeni yaseBahala, waphuma eJabineyeli; ukuphuma komkhawulo kwakuselwandle.

¹² Umkhawulo wasentshonalanga wawuluLwandle Olukhulu nogu lwalo. Lokho kungumkhawulo wabantwana bakwaJuda nxazonke ngeminden i yabo.

¹³ Wamnika uKalebi indodana kaJefune isabelo phakathi kwabantwana bakwaJuda njengesiyalezo sikaJehova kuJoshuwa, umuzi ka-Araba uyise ka-Anaki, oyiHebroni.

- ¹⁴ UKalebi waxosha khona amadodana amathathu ka-Anaki, oSheshayi, no-Ahimani, noTalmayi, abantwana bakwa-Anaki.
- ¹⁵ Wasuka lapho, wenyukela kwabakhileyo eDebiri; igama leDebiri laliyiKiriyati Seferi kuqala.
- ¹⁶ UKalebi wathi: “Onqoba iKiriyati Seferi, alithathe, yena ngiyakumnika u-Akisa indodakazi yami abe ngumkakhe.”
- ¹⁷ U-Otheniyeli indodana kaKenazi umfowabo kaKalebi walithatha; wayesemnika u-Akisa indodakazi yakhe abe ngumkakhe.
- ¹⁸ Kwathi ekufikeni kwakhe wamnxusa ukuba acele insimu kuyise; wehla embongolweni yakhe; uKalebi wathi kuye: “Ukhala ngani?”
- ¹⁹ Wathi: “Ngiphe isipho; lokhu unginike izwe laseningizimu, ngiphe nemithombo yamanzi.” Wamupha imithombo yasenhla nemithombo yasenzansi.
- ²⁰ Leli liyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwaJuda ngeminden i yabo.
- ²¹ Imizi esekupheleni kwesizwe sabantwana bakwaJuda ngasemkhawulweni wakwa-Edomi ngaseningizimu yayiyiKabiseyeli, ne-Edere, neJaguri,
- ²² neKina, neDimona, ne-Adada,
- ²³ neKedeshi, neHasori, ne-Itinani,
- ²⁴ neZifi, neTeleme, neBehaloti,
- ²⁵ neHasori Hadatha, neKeriyote Hesironi eliyiHasori,
- ²⁶ ne-Amamu, neShema, neMolada,
- ²⁷ neHasari Gada, neHeshimoni, neBeti Pheleti,
- ²⁸ neHasari Shuwali, neBeri Sheba, neBiziyotiya,
- ²⁹ neBahala, ne-Ijimi, ne-Eseme,
- ³⁰ ne-Elitoladi, neKesili, neHorma,
- ³¹ neSikilagi, neMadimana, neSanisana,
- ³² neLebawoti, neShilehimi, ne-Ayini, neRimoni, yonke imizi ingamashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye nemizana yayo.
- ³³ Emathafeni: i-Eshitawoli, neSora, ne-Ashina,
- ³⁴ neZanowa, ne-Eni Ganimi, neTaphuwa, ne-Enamu,
- ³⁵ neJarimuthi, ne-Adulamu, neSoko, ne-Azeka,
- ³⁶ neShaharayimi, ne-Aditayimi, neGedera, neGederotayimi, imizi iyishumi nane nemizana yayo.
- ³⁷ I-Senani, neHadasha, neMigidali Gadi,
- ³⁸ neDilani, neMispa, neJokiteyeli,
- ³⁹ neLakishi, neBosikati, ne-Egiloni,
- ⁴⁰ neKaboni, neLahimamu, neKitilishi,
- ⁴¹ neGederoti, neBeti Dagoni, neNahama, neMakheda, imizi iyishumi nesithupha nemizana yayo.
- ⁴² ILibina, ne-Etere, ne-Ashani,
- ⁴³ neJifita, ne-Ashina, neNesibe,
- ⁴⁴ neKeyila, ne-Akizibi, neMaresha, imizi iyisishiyagalolunye nemizana yayo.
- ⁴⁵ I-Ekroni nemizi yalo nemizana yalo;
- ⁴⁶ kusukela e-Ekroni kuze kufike elwandle, yonke eyayiseceleni kwe-Ashidodi nemizana yayo.

- ⁴⁷ I-Ashidodi nemizi yalo nemizana yalo; iGaza nemizi yalo nemizana yalo, kuze kufike emfuleni waseGibithe, naseLwandle Olukhulu nogu lwalo.
- ⁴⁸ Ezintabeni: iShamiri, neJatiri, neSoko,
- ⁴⁹ neDana, neKiriyati Sana eliyiDebiri,
- ⁵⁰ ne-Anabi, ne-Eshitemo, ne-Animi,
- ⁵¹ neGosheni, neHoloni, neGilo, imizi iyishumi nanye nemizana yayo.
- ⁵² I-Araba, neDuma, ne-Eshani,
- ⁵³ neJanimi, neBeti Taphuwa, ne-Afeka,
- ⁵⁴ neHumitha, neKiriyati Araba eliyiHebroni, neSiyori, imizi iyisishiyagalolunye nemizana yayo.
- ⁵⁵ IMahoni, neKarmeli, neZifi, neJutha,
- ⁵⁶ neJizreyeli, neJokideyamu, neZanowa,
- ⁵⁷ neKayini, neGibeya, neThimna, imizi iyishumi nemizana yayo.
- ⁵⁸ IHalihuli, neBeti Suri, neGedori,
- ⁵⁹ neMaharati, neBeti Anoti, ne-Elitekoni, imizi iyisithupha nemizana yayo.
- ⁶⁰ IKiriyati Bali eliyiKiriyati Jeharimi, neRaba, imizi mibili nemizana yayo.
- ⁶¹ Ehlane: iBeti Araba, neMidini, neSekaka,
- ⁶² neNibishani, noMuzi kaSawoti, ne-Eni Gedi, imizi iyisithupha nemizana yayo.
- ⁶³ AmaJebusi ayakhe eJerusalema abantwana bakwaJuda babengenakuwaxosha, kepha amaJebusi ahlala nabantwana bakwaJuda eJerusalema kuze kube namuhla.

ISAHLUKO 16

- I**sabelo sabantwana bakwaJosefa sasuka eJordani ngaseJeriko emanzini aseJeriko ngasempumalanga, ihlane elenyuka eJeriko ezintabeni ukuya eBethele;
- ² saphuma eBethele, saya eLuze, sadlula saya emkhawulweni wama-Araki ngase-Atharoti;
- ³ sehlela ngasentshonalanga emkhawulweni wamaJafeleti kuze kube semkhawulweni weBeti Horoni laseNzansi naseGezeri; ukuphuma kwaso kwakuselwandle.
- ⁴ Abantwana bakwaJosefa, oManase no-Efrayimi, base belidla ifa labo.
- ⁵ Umkhawulo wabantwana bakwa-Efrayimi ngemindeni yabo wawunje: umkhawulo wefa labo ngasempumalanga wawuyi-Atharoti Adari kuze kube seBeti Horoni laseNhla;
- ⁶ umkhawulo waphuma ngasentshonalanga ngaseMikemetha ngasenyakatho; umkhawulo wawusujika ngasempumalanga, waya eTawanati Shilo, walidlula ngasempumalanga kwaseJanowa;
- ⁷ wehla eJanowa, waya e-Atharoti naseNahara, wafika eJeriko, waphumela eJordani.
- ⁸ Kusukela eTaphuwa umkhawulo waya ngasentshonalanga, wafika emfudlaneni iKhana; ukuphuma kwawo kwakuselwandle. Lelo liyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwa-Efrayimi ngemindeni yabo
- ⁹ kanye nemizi eyahlukaniselwa abantwana bakwa-Efrayimi phakathi kwefa labantwana bakwaManase, yonke imizi nemizana yayo.
- ¹⁰ Kodwa abawaxoshanga amaKhanani ahlala eGezeri, kepha amaKhanani ahlala phakathi kuka-Efrayimi kuze kube namuhla, aba yizinceku zokusebenza.

ISAHLUKO 17

Lesi siyisabelo sesizwe sakwaManase, ngokuba wayeyizibulo likaJosefa. UMakiri-ke, izibulo likaManase, uyise kaGileyadi, wathola elakwaGileyadi neBashani, lokhu eyindoda yempi.

² Abanye abantwana bakwaManase babelwa nabo ngemindeni yabo: abantwana bakwa-Abiyezeri, nabantwana bakwaHeleki, nabantwana bakwa-Asiriyeli, nabantwana bakwaShekemi, nabantwana bakwaHeferi, nabantwana bakwaShemida; labo babe ngabantwana besilisa bakwaManase indodana kaJosefa ngemindeni yabo.

³ Kepha uSelofehadi kaHeferi kaGileyadi kaMakiri kaManase wayengenamadodana, enamadodakazi odwa; lawa angamagama amadodakazi: oMahela, noNowa, noHogila, noMilka, noTirisa.

⁴ Asondela phambi kuka-Eleyazare umpristi, naphambi kukaJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, naphambi kwezikhulu, athi: “UJehova wamyala uMose ukuba asinike ifa phakathi kwabafowethu.” Wayesewanika ifa phakathi kwabafowabo bakayise njengesiyalezo sikaJehova.

⁵ UManase wabelwa izabelo eziyishumi ngaphandle kwelakwaGileyadi neBashani ngaphesheya kweJordani,

⁶ ngokuba amadodakazi kaManase aba nefa phakathi kwamadodana akhe; izwe lakwaGileyadi laba ngelamanye amadodana kaManase.

⁷ Umkhawulo kaManase wasuka kwa-Asheri, waya eMikemetha elingaphambi kweShekemi; umkhawulo wawusuya ngakwesokunene kwabakhileyo e-Eni Taphuwa.

⁸ Izwe laseTaphuwa lalingelikaManase, kepha iTaphuwa elisemkhawulweni kaManase lalingelabantwana bakwa-Efrayimi.

⁹ Umkhawulo wehlela emfudlaneni iKhana ngaseningizimu komfula; leyo mizi yayingeka-Efrayimi phakathi kwemizi kaManase; umkhawulo kaManase wawungasenyakatho komfula; ukuphuma kwawo kwakuselwandle;

¹⁰ okwaseningizimu kwakungokuka-Efrayimi, okwasenyakatho kwakungokukaManase, ulwandle lwalungumkhawulo wakhe; bafinyelela kwa-Asheri ngasenyakatho nakwa-Isakare ngasempumalanga.

¹¹ Kwa-Isakare nakwa-Asheri uManase wabelwa iBeti Sheyani kanye nemizana yalo, neJibileyamu kanye nemizana yalo, nabakhileyo eDori kanye nemizana yalo, nabakhileyo e-Eni Dori kanye nemizana yalo, nabakhileyo eThahanaki kanye nemizana yalo, nabakhileyo eMegido kanye nemizana yalo eyizimpakama ezintathu.

¹² Kodwa abantwana bakwaManase babengenakunqoba leyo mizi; kepha amaKhanani ayethanda ukuhlala kulelo zwe.

¹³ Kwathi lapho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli sebeqinile, bawasebenzisa amaKhanani, abawaxoshanga ngokupheleleyo.

¹⁴ Abantwana bakwaJosefa bakhuluma kuJoshuwa, bathi: “Unginikeleni isabelo sibe sinye nje nesinqamu sibe sinye kuphela, kube yifa lami, lokhu ngiyisizwe esikhulu, njengokuba uJehova ungibusisile kuze kube manje, na?”

¹⁵ UJoshuwa wathi kubo: “Uma uyisizwe esikhulu, khuphukela ehlathini, uzicabele khona ezweni lamaPherizi nakwelamaRefa, lokhu izintaba zakwa-Efrayimi ziminyene kuwe.”

¹⁶ Bathi abantwana bakwaJosefa: “Izintaba azisanele; onke amaKhanani ahlala ezweni lesigodi anezinqola zensimbi, wona aseBeti Sheyani kanye nemizana yalo nawo asesiGodini saseJizreyeli.”

¹⁷ UJoshuwa wayesekhuluma kuyo indlu kaJosefa, naku-Efrayimi, nakuManase, ethi: “Uyisizwe esikhulu, unamandla amakhulu; awuyikuba nasabelo esisodwa nje;

¹⁸ kepha izintaba ziyakuba ngezakho; noma ziyihlathi, woligawula; namaphethelo alo mawabe ngawakho, ngokuba uyakuwaxosha amaKhanani, nakuba enezinqola zensimbi nakuba enamandla.”

ISAHLUKO 18

Yonke inhlangothi yabantwana bakwa-Israyeli yabuthana eShilo, yamisa khona itende lokuhlangana; izwe lanqotshwa phambi kwabo.

² Kwasala phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezingakabelwa ifa lazo.

³ UJoshuwa wathi kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli: “Niyakuyekethisa kuze kube nini ukuya ukulidla izwe uJehova uNkulunkulu wawoyihlo aninike lona na?

⁴ Zimiseleni amadoda amathathu izizwe ngezizwe; ngiyakuwathuma ukuba asuke ahambe ezweni, alilobe njengamafa azo, aze afike kimi.

⁵ Ayakwahlukanisa izabelo eziyisikhombisa: uJuda uyakuhlala emkhawulweni wakhe ngaseningizimu, indlu kaJosefa ihlale emkhawulweni wayo ngasenyakatho.

⁶ Anoloba izwe kube yizabelo eziyisikhombisa, nikulethe lapha kimi, nginenzele inkatho lapha phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu.

⁷ Ngokuba amaLevi awanasabelo phakathi kwenu, lokhu ubupristi bukaJehova buyifa lawo; oGadi noRubeni nenxenye yesizwe sakwaManase sebamukela ifa labo ngaphesheya kweJordani ngasempumalanga abanika lona uMose inceku kaJehova.”

⁸ Amadoda ayesesuka, ahamba; uJoshuwa wayala abahambayo ukuba balobe izwe, wathi: “Sukani nihambe ezweni, nililobe, nibuyele kimi, nginenzele inkatho phambi kukaJehova eShilo.”

⁹ Ayesehamba amadoda, adabula izwe, aliloba ngemizi, kwaba yizabelo eziyisikhombisa encwadini; afika kuJoshuwa ekamu laseShilo.

¹⁰ UJoshuwa wawenzela inkatho eShilo phambi kukaJehova; uJoshuwa wababela khona abantwana bakwa-Israyeli izwe njengezabelo zalo.

¹¹ Inkatho yadla isizwe sabantwana bakwaBenjamini ngemindeni yabo; umkhawulo wesabelo sabo waphuma phakathi kwabantwana bakwaJuda nabantwana bakwaJosefa.

¹² Umkhawulo wabo ngasohlangothini lwasenyakatho waphuma eJordani; umkhawulo wenyuka eceleni kweJeriko ngasenyakatho, wakhuphukela ezintabeni ngasentshonalanga; ukuphuma kwawo kwakungasehlane laseBeti Aveni.

¹³ Umkhawulo wasuka lapho, waya eLuze eceleni kweLuze eliyiBethele ngaseningizimu; umkhawulo wawusehlela e-Atharoti Adari ngasentabeni engaseningizimu kwaseBeti Horoni laseNzansi.

¹⁴ Umkhawulo wasuka, wajika ngasohlangothini lwasentshonalanga ngaseningizimu, kusukela entabeni ephambi kweBeti Horoni ngaseningizimu; ukuphuma kwawo kwakungaseKiryati Bali eliyiKiryati Jeharimi, umuzi wabantwana bakwaJuda; lokho kwakuluhlangothi lwasentshonalanga.

¹⁵ Uhlangothi lwaseningizimu lwasuka ekupheleni kweKiryati Jeharimi, umkhawulo waphuma waya ngasentshonalanga emthonjeni wamanzi aseNefitowa;

¹⁶ umkhawulo wawusehlela ngasekupheleni kwentaba engaphambi kwesigodi sendodana kaHinomu esiyisigodi samaRefa ngasenyakatho; wehlela esigodini sikaHinomu eceleni kwamaJebusi ngaseningizimu, wehlela e-Eni Rogeli;

¹⁷ wasuka enyakatho, waphuma e-Eni Shemeshi, waya eGeliloti elibhekene nommango wase-Adumimi, wehlela etsheni likaBohanu indodana kaRubeni;

- ¹⁸ wadlula waya eceleni elibhekene ne-Araba ngasenyakatho, wehlela e-Araba;
- ¹⁹ umkhawulo wadlula, waya eceleni kweBeti Hogila ngasenyakatho, ukuphuma komkhawulo kwakungasethekweni lasenyakatho koLwandle Lukasawoti ngasekugcineni kweJordani ngaseningizimu; lokho kwakungumkhawulo waseningizimu.
- ²⁰ IJordani lalingumkhawulo walo ngasohlangothini lwasempumalanga. Lokho kwakuyifa labantwana bakwaBenjamini njengemikhawulo yabo nxazonke ngemindeni yabo.
- ²¹ Imizi yesizwe sabantwana bakwaBenjamini ngemindeni yabo yayiyiJeriko, neBeti Hogila, ne-Emeki Kesis,
- ²² neBeti Araba, neSemarayimi, neBethela,
- ²³ ne-Avimi, nePhara, ne-Ofira,
- ²⁴ neKefari Amoni, ne-Ofini, neGeba, imizi iyishumi nambili nemizana yayo;
- ²⁵ iGibeyoni, neRama, neBeyeroti,
- ²⁶ neMispa, neKefira, neMosa,
- ²⁷ neRekemi, ne-Iripeyeli, neTarala,
- ²⁸ neSela, ne-Elefi, neJebusi eliyiJerusalema, neGibeyati, neKiriyati, imizi iyishumi nane nemizana yayo. Lokho kwakuyifa labantwana bakwaBenjamini ngemindeni yabo.

ISAHLUKO 19

Inkatho yesibili yadla uSimeyoni, isizwe sabantwana bakwaSimeyoni ngemindeni yabo; ifa labo laliphakathi kwefa labantwana bakwaJuda.

- ² Ifa labo laliyiBeri Sheba, neSheba, neMolada,
- ³ neHasari Shuwali, neBala, ne-Eseme,
- ⁴ ne-Elitoladi, neBethuli, neHorma,
- ⁵ neSikilagi, neBeti Marikaboti, neHasari Susa,
- ⁶ neBeti Lebawoti, neSharuheni, imizi iyishumi nantathu nemizana yayo;
- ⁷ i-Ayini, neRimoni, ne-Etere, ne-Ashani, imizi mine nemizana yayo,
- ⁸ nayo yonke imizana eyayinxazonke zaleyo mizi kuze kube seBalati Beri, iRama laseNingizimu. Lokho kwakuyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwaSimeyoni ngemindeni yabo.
- ⁹ Ifa labantwana bakwaSimeyoni lavela esabelweni sabantwana bakwaJuda, ngokuba isabelo sabantwana bakwaJuda sasisikhulu kubo; ngalokho abantwana bakwaSimeyoni babenefa phakathi kwefa labo.
- ¹⁰ Inkatho yesithathu yadla abantwana bakwaZebuloni ngemindeni yabo; umkhawulo wefa labo wafika eSaridi;
- ¹¹ umkhawulo wabo wenyukela ngasentshonalanga kuze kube seMarala, wafinyelela naseDabesheti, wafinyelela nasemfuleni ongasempumalanga kwaseJokineyamu,
- ¹² wajika wasuka eSaridi ngasempumalanga, lapho kuphuma khona ilanga, kuze kube semkhawulweni waseKisiloti Thabori, waphuma waya eDaberati, wenyukela eJafiya;
- ¹³ kusukela lapho wadlula waya ngasempumalanga eGati Heferi, nase-Eti Kasini, waphuma waya eRimoni elifika naseNeya;
- ¹⁴ umkhawulo wawusujika ngasenyakatho kwalo, waya eHanathoni; ukuphuma kwawo kwakungasesigodini saseJifitayeli;
- ¹⁵ neKathati, neNahalali, neShimroni, neJidala, neBetlehema, imizi iyishumi nambili nemizana yayo.
- ¹⁶ Lokho kwakuyifa labantwana bakwaZebuloni ngemindeni yabo, leyo mizi kanye

nemizana yayo.

¹⁷ Inkatho yesine yadla u-Isakare, abantwana bakwa-Isakare ngemindeneni yabo.

¹⁸ Umkhawulo wabo wawuyiJizreyeli, neKesuloti, neShunemi,

¹⁹ neHafarayimi, neShiyoni, ne-Anaharati,

²⁰ neRabiti, neKishiyoni, ne-Ebesi,

²¹ neRemeti, ne-Eni Ganimi, ne-EniHada, neBeti Phasesi;

²² umkhawulo wafinyelela eThabori, naseShahasuma, naseBeti Shemeshi; ukuphuma komkhawulo wabo kwakuseJordani, imizi iyishumi nesithupha nemizana yayo.

²³ Lokho kwakuyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwa-Isakare ngemindeneni yabo, imizi kanye nemizana yayo.

²⁴ Inkatho yesihlanu yadla isizwe sabantwana bakwa-Asheri ngemindeneni yabo.

²⁵ Umkhawulo wabo wawuyiHelikati, neHali, neBetheni, ne-Akishafu,

²⁶ ne-Alameleki, ne-Amadi, neMishali; wafinyelela eKarmeli ngasentshonalanga, naseShihori Libinati;

²⁷ wajika ngasempumalanga, waya eBeti Dagoni, wafinyelela kwaZebuloni nasesigodini saseJifitayeli ngasenyakatho ukuya eBeti Emeki naseNeyiyeli, waphumela eKabuli ngakwesokhohlo;

²⁸ ne-Ebironi, neRehobi, neHamoni, neKhana, neSidoni Elikhulu;

²⁹ umkhawulo wajika waya eRama, nasemzini obiyelweyo waseTire; umkhawulo wajika waya eHosa; ukuphuma kwawo kwakuselwandle ngasezweni lase-Akizibi;

³⁰ ne-Uma, ne-Afeki, neRehobi, imizi ingamashumi amabili nemizana yayo.

³¹ Lokho kwakuyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwa-Asheri ngemindeneni yabo, leyo mizi kanye nemizana yayo.

³² Inkatho yesithupha yadla abantwana bakwaNafetali, abantwana bakwaNafetali ngemindeneni yabo.

³³ Umkhawulo wabo wasuka eHelefi, kulo i-oki laseSahananimi, nase-Adami Nekebi, naseJabineyeli, waze wafika eLakumi; ukuphuma kwawo kwakungaseJordani;

³⁴ umkhawulo wawusujika ngasentshonalanga, waya e-Azinoti Thabori; waphuma lapho, waya eHukoki; wafinyelela kwaZebuloni ngaseningizimu, wafinyelela kwa-Asheri ngasentshonalanga nakwaJuda ngaseJordani ngasempumalanga.

³⁵ Imizi ebiyelweyo yayiyiSidimi, neSeri, neHamati, neRakati, neKinereti,

³⁶ ne-Adama, neRama, neHasori,

³⁷ neKedeshi, ne-Edireyi, ne-EniHasori,

³⁸ neJireyoni, neMigidalilyeli, neHoremi, neBeti Anati, neBeti Shemeshi, imizi iyishumi nesishiyagalolunye nemizana yayo.

³⁹ Lokho kwakuyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwaNafetali ngemindeneni yabo, imizi kanye nemizana yayo.

⁴⁰ Inkatho yesikhombisa yadla abantwana bakwaDani ngemindeneni yabo.

⁴¹ Umkhawulo wefa labo wawuyiSora, ne-Eshitawoli, ne-Iri Shemeshi,

⁴² neShahalabini, ne-Ajaloni, neJitila,

⁴³ ne-Eloni, neThimna, ne-Ekroni,

⁴⁴ ne-Eliteke, neGibethoni, neBalati,

⁴⁵ neJehudi, neBene Beraki, neGati Rimoni,

⁴⁶ neMe Jarikhoni, neRakhoni, kanye nomkhawulo malungana neJafo.

⁴⁷ Umkhawulo wabantwana bakwaDani waphuma kuwo; kepha abantwana bakwaDani

bakhuphuka balwa neLeshemu, balithatha, balichitha ngosiko lwenkemba, balidla, bakha kulo, baliqamba iLeshemu ngokuthi iDani ngegama likaDani uyise.

⁴⁸ Lokho kwakuyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwaDani ngemindeni yabo, leyo mizi kanye nemizana yayo.

⁴⁹ Base beqeda ukwabelana izwe libe yifa ngemikhawulo yalo; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bamnika uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni ifa phakathi kwabo;

⁵⁰ ngesiyalezo sikaJehova bamnika umuzi awucelayo, iThimnati Sera, ezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi; wakha umuzi, wahlala kuwo.

⁵¹ Lawo angamafa abawabela ngenkatho u-Eleyazare umpri, noJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, nezinhloko zawoyise bezizwe zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli eShilo phambi kukaJehova ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. Baqeda-ke ukwabela izwe.

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UJehova wakhuluma kuJoshuwa, wathi:

² “Khuluma kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngokuthi: ‘Zimiseleni imizi yokuphephela engakhuluma ngayo kini ngesandla sikaMose

³ ukuba umbulali obulala umuntu ngesiphosiso kungengamabomu abalekele khona, yona ibe yisiphephelo kumphindiseli wegazi.

⁴ “ ‘Obalekelayo komunye waleyo mizi uyakuma ngasesikhaleni sesango lomuzi, akhulume indaba yakhe ezindlebeni zamalunga alowo muzi, angene naye emzini, amuphe indawo ukuba ahlale phakathi kwabo.

⁵ Uma umphindiseli wegazi emxosha, awayikumnikela umbulali esandleni sakhe, ngokuba wambulala umakhelwane wakhe kungengamabomu ebekade engamzondi.

⁶ Uyakuhlala kulowo muzi aze eme phambi kwenhlangano ukuba kuthethwe icala, kuze kufe umpri omkhulu okhona ngalezo zinsuku, andukuba umbulali abuye, afike kowakhe umuzi, nakweyakhe indlu, yebo, kulowo muzi abaleka kuwo.’ ”

⁷ Bangcwelisa iKedeshi laseGalile ezintabeni zakwaNafetali, neShekemi ezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi, neKiryati Araba eliyiHebroni ezintabeni zakwaJuda.

⁸ Pheheya kweJordani ngaseJeriko ngasempumalanga bamisa iBeseri ehlane ethafeni esizweni sakwaRubeni, neRamoti kwaGileyadi esizweni sakwaGadi, neGolani eBashani esizweni sakwaManase.

⁹ Leyo yayiyimizi emiselwe bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli nabafokazi ababegogobele phakathi kwabo, ukuze yilowo nalowo obulele umuntu ngesiphosiso abalekele khona, angafi ngesandla somphindiseli wegazi, aze eme phambi kwenhlangano.

ISAHLUKO 21

Kwasondela izinhloko zawoyise bamaLevi ku-Eleyazare umpri, nakuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, nakuzo izinhloko zawoyise bezizwe zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli,

² bakhuluma kubo eShilo ezweni laseKhanani, bathi: “UJehova wayala ngesandla sikaMose ukuba siphiwe imizi ukuhlala kuyo kanye namadlelo ayo, abe ngawezinkomo zethu.”

³ Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli base bewanika amaLevi efeni labo njengesiyalezo sikaJehova le mizi kanye namadlelo ayo.

⁴ Inkatho yadla imindeni yamaKohati; abantwana bakwa-Aroni umpri ababe ngamaLevi

babelwa esizweni sakwaJuda, nasesizweni sakwaSimeyoni, nasesizweni sakwaBenjamini imizi eyishumi nantathu.

⁵ Abantwana abaseleyo bamaKohati babelwa emindenini yesizwe sakwa-Efrayimi, nasesizweni sakwaDani, nakuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwaManase imizi eyishumi.

⁶ Abantwana bakwaGereshoni babelwa emindenini yesizwe sakwa-Isakare, nasesizweni sakwa-Asheri, nasesizweni sakwaNafetali, nakuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwaManase eBashani imizi eyishumi nantathu.

⁷ Abantwana bakwaMerari ngemindenini yabo babelwa esizweni sakwaRubeni, nasesizweni sakwaGadi, nasesizweni sakwaZebuloni imizi eyishumi nambili.

⁸ Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bawanika amaLevi ngenkatho leyo mizi kanye namadlelo ayo, njengalokho uJehova ebeyalile ngesandla sikaMose.

⁹ Abelwa esizweni sabantwana bakwaJuda nasesizweni sabantwana bakwaSimeyoni lemizi eshiwo lapha ngamagama

¹⁰ yaba ngeyabantwana bakwa-Aroni bemindenini yamaKohati ayengamaLevi; ngokuba inkatho yokuqala yaba ngeyabo.

¹¹ Bawanika umuzi ka-Araba owayenguyise ka-Anaki, oyiHebroni, ezintabeni zakwaJuda, kanye namadlelo awo nxa zonke zawo.

¹² Kepha amasimu omuzi nemizana yawo bamnika khona uKalebi indodana kaJefune kube yifa lakhe.

¹³ Abantwana bakwa-Aroni, umpristi, babanika iHebroni kanye namadlelo alo, umuzi wokuphephela wombulali, neLibina kanye namadlelo alo,

¹⁴ neJatiri namadlelo alo, ne-Eshitemowa namadlelo alo,

¹⁵ neHoloni namadlelo alo, neDebiri namadlelo alo,

¹⁶ ne-Ayini namadlelo alo, neJutha namadlelo alo, neBeti Shemeshi namadlelo alo, imizi eyisishiyagalolunye kulezo zizwe zombili.

¹⁷ Esizweni sakwaBenjamini: iGibeyoni namadlelo alo, neGeba namadlelo alo,

¹⁸ ne-Anathoti namadlelo alo, ne-Alimoni namadlelo alo, imizi mine.

¹⁹ Yonke imizi yabantwana bakwa-Aroni, abapristi, yayiyimizi eyishumi nantathu namadlelo ayo.

²⁰ Imindenini yabantwana bamaKohati amaLevi, abantwana abaseleyo bamaKohati, yabelwa ngenkatho imizi yabo esizweni sakwa-Efrayimi.

²¹ Bayinika iShekemi namadlelo alo ezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi, umuzi wokuphephela wombulali, neGezeri namadlelo alo,

²² neKibisayimi namadlelo alo, neBeti-Horoni namadlelo alo, imizi mine.

²³ Esizweni sakwaDani: i-Elitheke namadlelo alo, neGibethoni namadlelo alo,

²⁴ ne-Ajaloni namadlelo alo, neGati Rimoni namadlelo alo, imizi mine.

²⁵ Kuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwaManase: iThahanaki namadlelo alo, neGati Rimoni namadlelo alo, imizi mibili.

²⁶ Yonke imizi yemindenini yabantwana abaseleyo bamaKohati yayiyishumi namadlelo ayo.

²⁷ Abantwana bakwaGereshoni bemindenini yamaLevi babelwa kuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwaManase iGolanu eBashani namadlelo alo, umuzi wokuphephela wombulali, neBeyeshitera namadlelo alo, imizi mibili.

²⁸ Esizweni sakwa-Isakare: iKishiyoni namadlelo alo, neDaberati namadlelo alo,

²⁹ neJarimuthi namadlelo alo, ne-Eni Ganimi namadlelo alo, imizi mine.

³⁰ Esizweni sakwa-Asheri: iMishali namadlelo alo, ne-Abidoni namadlelo alo,

³¹ neHelikati namadlelo alo, neRehobe namadlelo alo, imizi mine.

- ³² Esizweni sakwaNafetali: iKedeshi laseGalile namadlelo alo, umuzi wokuphephela wombulali, neHamoti Dori namadlelo alo, neKaritani namadlelo alo, imizi mithathu.
- ³³ Yonke imizi yamaGereshoni ngemindeni yawo yayiyimizi eyishumi nantathu namadlelo ayo.
- ³⁴ Imindeni yabantwana bakwaMerari, abaseleyo kumaLevi, yabelwa esizweni sakwaZebuloni iJokineyamu namadlelo alo, neKarita namadlelo alo,
- ³⁵ neDimina namadlelo alo, neNahalali namadlelo alo, imizi mine.
- ³⁶ Esizweni sakwaRubeni: iBeseri namadlelo alo, neJahasi namadlelo alo,
- ³⁷ neKedemoti namadlelo alo, neMefahati namadlelo alo, imizi mine.
- ³⁸ Esizweni sakwaGadi: iRamoti kwaGileyadi namadlelo alo, umuzi wokuphephela wombulali, neMahanayimi namadlelo alo,
- ³⁹ neHeshiboni namadlelo alo, neJazeri namadlelo alo, yonke iyimizi emine.
- ⁴⁰ Yonke imizi yabantwana bakwaMerari ngemindeni yabo, imindeni eseleyo yamaLevi, isabelo sabo sasiyimizi eyishumi nambili.
- ⁴¹ Yonke imizi yamaLevi phakathi kwefa labantwana bakwa-Israyeli yayiyimizi engamashumi amane nesishiyagalombili namadlelo ayo.
- ⁴² Leyo mizi yonke yayinamadlelo ayo nxazonke zayo; kwakunjalo kuyo yonke leyo mizi.
- ⁴³ UJehova wamnika-ke u-Israyeli lonke izwe afunga ukubanika lona oyise, balidla, bakha kulo.
- ⁴⁴ UJehova wabanika ukuphumula nxazonke njengakho konke ayekufungile koyise; kwakungekho muntu kuzo zonke izitha zabo owema phambi kwabo; uJehova wanikela zonke izitha zabo esandleni sabo.
- ⁴⁵ Akuphuthanga lutho kukho konke okuhle uJehova akukhuluma khona kuyo indlu ka-Israyeli; kwenziwa konke.

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- U**Joshuwa wababiza abakwaRubeni, nabakwaGadi, nenxenye yesizwe sakwaManase,
- ² wathi kubo: “Nigcinile konke uMose inceku kaJehova aniyala ngakho, nalalela izwi lami kukho konke enganiyala ngakho;
- ³ anishiyanga abafowenu lezi zinsuku eziningi kuze kube namuhla, kepha nigcinile imfanelo yomyalo kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.
- ⁴ Manje uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ubanikile abafowenu ukuphumula njengalokho ebekhuluma kubo; ngalokho buyani, niye ematendeni enu ezweni lefa lenu aninika lona uMose inceku kaJehova ngaphesheya kweJordani.
- ⁵ Qaphelisisani kuphela ukwenza imiyalo nomthetho aniyala ngakho uMose inceku kaJehova ukuba nimthande uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, nihambe kuzo zonke izindlela zakhe, nigcine imiyalo yakhe, ninamathele kuye, nimkhonze ngayo yonke inhliziyo yenu nangawo wonke umphefumulo wenu.”
- ⁶ UJoshuwa wayesebabusisa, wabamukisa; baya ematendeni abo.
- ⁷ Inxenye yesizwe sakwaManase uMose wayeyabele izwe eBashani, kepha inxenye uJoshuwa wayinika izwe phakathi kwabafowabo phesheya kweJordani ngasentshonalanga. Lapho uJoshuwa esebamukisa ukuba baye ematendeni abo, wababusisa, wakhuluma kubo, wathi:
- ⁸ “Buyelani ematendeni enu nemfuyo eningi: izinkomo eziningi kakhulu, nesiliva, negolide, nethusi, nensimbi, nezingubo eziningi, nabelane impango yezitha zenu nabafowenu.”

⁹ Abantwana bakwaRubeni nabantwana bakwaGadi nenxenye yesizwe sakwaManase babuya, bamuka kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli eShilo eliyizwe laseKhanani ukuba baye ezweni lakwaGileyadi, izwe lefa labo, ababelwa lona njengesiyalezo sikaJehova ngesandla sikaMose;

¹⁰ sebefike eziyingeni zamatshe ngaseJordani ezisezweni laseKhanani abantwana bakwaRubeni nabantwana bakwaGadi nenxenye yesizwe sakwaManase bakha khona i-altare ngaseJordani, liyi-altare elikhulu ukubonakala kwalo.

¹¹ Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bezwa kuthiwa: “Bhekani, abantwana bakwaRubeni nabantwana bakwaGadi nenxenye yesizwe sakwaManase bakhile i-altare malungana nezwe laseKhanani eziyingeni zamatshe ngaseJordani ngaphesheya kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.”

¹² Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli sebezwele lokho, yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-Israyeli yabuthana ngaseShilo ukuba ikhuphuke ilwe nabo.

¹³ Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bathuma kubantwana bakwaRubeni nakubantwana bakwaGadi nakuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwaManase ezweni lakwaGileyadi uFinehasi indodana ka-Eleyazare umpristi,

¹⁴ nezikhulu eziyishumi kanye naye, isikhulu sibe sinye ngendlu kayise ezizweni zonke zakwa-Israyeli, yilesi nalesi siyinhloko yendlu kayise phakathi kwemindeni yakwa-Israyeli.

¹⁵ Bafika kubantwana bakwaRubeni nakubantwana bakwaGadi nakuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwaManase ezweni lakwaGileyadi, bakhuluma kubo, bathi:

¹⁶ “Isho kanje yonke inhlangano kaJehova, ithi: ‘Isiphambeko sini enisenzile kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukuba nibuye namuhla ekumlandeleni uJehova ngokuzakhela i-altare, nihlubuke namuhla uJehova.’

¹⁷ Ububi basePeyori buncane yini kithi esingakazihlambululi kubo kuze kube namuhla, noma inhlangano kaJehova yehlelwa yisifo,

¹⁸ ukuba nibuye namuhla ekumlandeleni uJehova na? Kuzakuthi uma nihlubuka namuhla uJehova, athukuthelele yonke inhlangano ka-Israyeli kusasa.

¹⁹ Kepha uma izwe lefa lenu lingcolile, welani, niye ezweni lefa likaJehova, lapho lihlala khona itabernakele likaJehova, nibe nefa phakathi kwethu; kepha ningahlubuki uJehova, ningahlubuki futhi kithi ngokuzakhela i-altare ngaphandle kwe-altare likaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu.

²⁰ U-Akani indodana kaZera akenzanga yini isiphambeko kukho okuqalekisiweyo, yonke inhlangano yakwa-Israyeli yehlelwa yintukuthelo na? Futhi akafanga yedwa lowo muntu ebubini bakhe.’ ”

²¹ Abantwana bakwaRubeni nabantwana bakwaGadi nenxenye yesizwe sakwaManase baphendula, bakhuluma kuzo izinhloko zemindeni yakwa-Israyeli, bathi:

²² “UNkulunkulu, uJehova uNkulunkulu, yebo, uNkulunkulu, uJehova uNkulunkulu, uyakwazi, no-Israyeli futhi uyakukwazi ukuthi uma kwakungokuhlubuka noma kungokuphambuka kuJehova, ungasisindisi namuhla

²³ ngokuthi sizakhele i-altare, sabuya ekumlandeleni uJehova; futhi uma kwakungokuba sinikele phezu kwalo ngeminikelo yokushiswa nangeminikelo yempuphu, nokuba sinikele ngemihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula phezu kwalo, uJehova uqobo makakubize.

²⁴ “Qha, impela senzile lokho ngokunakekela nangesizathu, sathi: Ngesikhathi esizayo abantwana benu bangakhuluma kubantwana bethu ngokuthi: ‘Ninamsebenzi muni noJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli na?’

²⁵ UJehova wenzile iJordani umkhawulo phakathi kwethu nani, nina bantwana

bakwaRubeni nabantwana bakwaGadi; aninasabelo kuJehova;’ abantwana benu bese bebuyisela emuva abantwana bethu ukuba bangabe besamesaba uJehova.

²⁶ “Sase sithi-ke: ‘Masenze silakhe i-altare, lingabi ngelomnikelo wokushiswa nelomhlatselo,’

²⁷ kepha libe ngufakazi phakathi kwethu nani naphakathi kwezizukulwane zethu emva kwethu, ukuze senze inkonzo kaJehova phambi kwakhe ngeminikelo yethu yokushiswa, nangemihlatshelo yethu, nangeminikelo yethu yokuthula, ukuba abantwana benu bangasho kubantwana bethu ngesikhathi esizayo ukuthi: ‘Aninasabelo kuJehova.’

²⁸ “Sathi-ke: ‘Kuyakuthi lapho besho kanjalo kithi nakuzo izizukulwane zethu ngesikhathi esizayo, sisho ukuthi: “Bhekani isifanekiso se-altare likaJehova abalenzayo obaba, lingabi ngeleminikelo yokushiswa nelemihlatshelo; lingufakazi phakathi kwethu nani.” ’

²⁹ “Makube kude nathi ukuba sihlubuke uJehova, sibuye namuhla ekumlandeleni uJehova ngokwakha i-altare leminikelo yokushiswa, neleminikelo yempuphu, nelemihlatshelo, ngaphandle kwe-altare likaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu eliphambi kwetabernakele lakhe.”

³⁰ Kuthe uFinehasi umpristi, nezikhulu zenhlango, izinhloko zemindeni yakwa-Israyeli ezazinaye sezizwile amazwi akhulunywa ngabantwana bakwaRubeni, nangabantwana bakwaGadi, nangabantwana bakwaManase, kwaba kuhle emehlweni abo.

³¹ UFinehasi indodana ka-Eleyazare umpristi wathi kubantwana bakwaRubeni nakubantwana bakwaGadi nakubantwana bakwaManase: “Namuhla siyazi ukuthi uJehova uphakathi kwethu, ngokuba anenzanga lesi siphambeko kuJehova; manje senophulile abantwana bakwa-Israyeli esandleni sikaJehova.”

³² UFinehasi indodana ka-Eleyazare umpristi nezikhulu babuya kubantwana bakwaRubeni nakubantwana bakwaGadi ezweni lakwaGileyadi, bebuyela ezweni laseKhanani kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, bababuyisela izwi.

³³ Leyo nto yaba nhle emehlweni abantwana bakwa-Israyeli; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bambonga uNkulunkulu, ababe besasho ukuthi bayakukhuphuka babahlasele, bachithe izwe ababehlala kulo abantwana bakwaRubeni nabantwana bakwaGadi.

³⁴ Abantwana bakwaRubeni nabantwana bakwaGadi balibiza i-altare ngokuthi: “Lingufakazi phakathi kwethu wokuthi uJehova unguNkulunkulu.”

ISAHLUKO 23

Kwathi emva kwezinsuku eziningi, lapho uJehova esephumuzile u-Israyeli ezitheni zabo zonke nxazonke, uJoshuwa esemdala eneminyaka eminingi,

² uJoshuwa wabiza wonke u-Israyeli, amalunga akhe, nezinhloko zakhe, nabahluleli bakhe, nezinduna zakhe, wathi kubo: “Sengimdala ngineminyaka eminingi;

³ nibonile konke uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu akwenzile kuzo zonke lezi zizwe ngenxa yenu, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu nguyeyi onilweleyo.

⁴ Bhekani, nginabele lezi zizwe eziseleyo zibe yifa lezizwe zenu, kusukela eJordani, kanye nezizwe zonke engizinqumileyo, kuze kufike eLwandle Olukhulu ngasentshonalanga.

⁵ UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uyakuzixosha ngaphambi kwenu, azidungule ebusweni benu, nilidle izwe lazo, njengalokho ebekhuluma uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu kini.

⁶ “Yimani kakhulu isibindi ukugcina nokwenza konke okulotshiwe encwadini yomthetho kaMose, ukuze ningachezuki kukho ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo,

⁷ ukuba ningangeni kulezo zizwe ezisele phakathi kwenu, ningabizi amagama awonkulunkulu bazo, ningabafungi, ningabakhonzi, ningabakhothameli,

⁸ kepha ninamathele kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, njengalokho nenzile kuze kube namuhla.

⁹ “Ngokuba uJehova uxoshile ngaphambi kwenu izizwe ezinkulu ezinamandla, kepha nina, akukho muntu omile phambi kwenu kuze kube namuhla.

¹⁰ Umuntu oyedwa uxoshile inkulungwane, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu nguye onilwelayo, njengalokho ebekhuluma kini.

11 Qaphelisisani ukuba nimthande uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.

¹² “Ngokuba uma nibuyela emuva, ninamathele ensalini yalezo zizwe, zona lezi ezisele phakathi kwenu, niganiselane nazo, ningene kuzo, nazo kini,

13 yazini nokwazi ukuthi uJehova uNkulunkulu akasayikuzixosha lezo zizwe phambi kwenu, kepha zoba lugibe nesihibe kini, nenkalivasi ezinhlangothini zenu, nameva emehlweni enu, nize nibhubhe kuleli zwe elihle uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu aninike lona.

14 “Bhekani, namuhla ngiyahamba indlela yomhlaba wonke; niyazi ezinhliziyweni zenu zonke nasemiphefumulweni yenu yonke ukuthi akuphuthanga nento eyodwa kuzo zonke izinto ezinhle azikhuluma uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ngani; kwenziwa konke kini, akuphuthanga nento eyodwa kukho.

15 Kuyakuthi njengalokho zonke izinto ezinhle zenziwe kini akhuluma ngazo uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu kini, kanjalo uJehova ehlisele phezu kwenu zonke izinto ezimbi, aze anibhubhise kuleli zwe elihle uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu aninike lona.

16 Uma neqa isivumelwano sikaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu akuyala ngaso, niye nikhonze abanye onkulunkulu, nibakhothamele, intukuthelo kaJehova iyakunivuthela, nibhubhe masinyane ezweni elihle aninike lona.”

ISAHLUKO 24

UJoshuwa wabutha zonke izizwe zakwa-Israyeli eShekemi, wabiza amalunga akwa-Israyeli, nezinhloko zakhe, nabahluleli bakhe, nezinduna zakhe, bema phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

² UJoshuwa wathi kubantu bonke: “Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Oyihlo bahlala endulo ngaphesheya koMfula, uThera uyise ka-Abrahama noyise kaNahori, bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu.

³ Ngamthatha uyihlo u-Abrahama ngaphesheya koMfula, ngamhambisa ezweni lonke laseKhanani, ngayandisa inzalo yakhe, ngamupha u-Isaka.

⁴ Ngamupha u-Isaka oJakobe no-Esawu; ngamnika u-Esawu intaba yaseSeyiri ukuba ayidle; uJakobe nabantwana bakhe behlela eGibithe.

⁵ “‘Ngathuma oMose no-Aroni, ngahlupha iGibithe ngalokho engakwenza phakathi kwalo; ngasemuva nganikhipha.

⁶ Ngakhipha oyihlo eGibithe; nafika elwandle; abaseGibithe babaxosha oyihlo ngezinqola nangabamahhashi, baze bafika eLwandle Olubomvu.

⁷ Lapho bekhala kuJehova, wabeka ubumnyama phakathi kwenu nabaseGibithe, waluhambisa ulwandle phezu kwabo, wabasibekela; amehlo enu abona engakwenzayo eGibithe; nahlala ehlane izinsuku eziningi.

⁸ “Nganingenisa ezweni lama-Amori ahlala ngaphesheya kweJordani, alwa nani; ngawanikela esandleni senu, nadla izwe lawo; ngawachitha phambi kwenu.

⁹ Kwase kuvuka uBalaki indodana kaSipori, inkosi yakwaMowabi, walwa no-Israyeli; wathuma wabiza uBileyamu indodana kaBeyori ukuba anigalekise,

- ¹⁰ kepha angithandanga ukumlalela uBileyam, kodwa kakhulu wanibusisa, nganophula esandleni sakhe.
- ¹¹ “ ‘Nase niwela iJordani, nafika eJeriko; amadoda aseJeriko alwa nani, nama-Amori, namaPherizi, namaKhanani, namaHet, namaGirigashi, namaHivi, namaJebusi, ngawanikela esandleni senu.
- ¹² Ngathuma iminyovu phambi kwenu eyawaxosha phambi kwenu amakhosi omabili ama-Amori, kungengankemba yakho noma ngomnsalo wakho.
- ¹³ Nganinika izwe eningakhandlekanga kulo, nemizi eningayakhanga nihlala nokho kuyo; niyadla ezivinini naseminqumeni eningakutshalanga.’
- ¹⁴ “Manje yesabani uJehova, nimkhonze ngobuqotho nangeqiniso, nisuse onkulunkulu ababakhonzayo oyihlo phesheya koMfula naseGibithe, nimkhonze uJehova.
- ¹⁵ Uma kukubi emehlweni enu ukumkhonza uJehova, khethani namuhla ukuthi ngubani eniyakumkhonza, noma onkulunkulu ababakhonzayo oyihlo besengaphesheya koMfula, noma onkulunkulu bama-Amori enihlala ezweni lawo; kepha mina nendlu yami siyakumkhonza uJehova.”
- ¹⁶ Abantu baphendula bathi: “Makube kude nathi ukumshiya uJehova ukuba sikhonze abanye onkulunkulu,
- ¹⁷ ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu nguye owasikhuphula thina nawobaba ezweni laseGibithe, indlu yobugqila, nowazenza lezo zibonakaliso emehlweni ethu, wasilondoloza endleleni yonke esahamba ngayo, naphakathi kwabo bonke abantu esadlula phakathi kwabo.
- ¹⁸ UJehova waxosha phambi kwethu bonke abantu, nama-Amori futhi ayehlala ezweni; ngalokho nathi siyakumkhonza uJehova, ngokuba unguNkulunkulu wethu.”
- ¹⁹ UJoshuwa wathi kubantu: “Aninakumkhonza uJehova, ngokuba unguNkulunkulu ongcwele; unguNkulunkulu onomhawu, akayikuthethelela iziphambeko zenu nezono zenu.
- ²⁰ Uma nimshiya uJehova, nikhonze onkulunkulu babezizwe, uyakuphenduka, anenzele okubi, aniqede esenzenzele okuhle.”
- ²¹ Kepha abantu bathi kuJoshuwa: “Qha, ngokuba siyakumkhonza uJehova.”
- ²² Wayesethi uJoshuwa kubantu: “Nina ningofakazi benu bokuthi nizikhethele uJehova ukuba nimkhonze yena.” Bathi: “Singofakazi.”
- ²³ Wathi: “Susani manje onkulunkulu babezizwe abaphakathi kwenu, nithobele izinhliziyi zenu kuJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.”
- ²⁴ Abantu bathi kuJoshuwa: “UJehova uNkulunkulu wethu siyakumkhonza, sililalele izwi lakhe.”
- ²⁵ UJoshuwa wayesenza isivumelwano nabantu ngalolo suku, wabamisela isimiso nomthetho eShekemi.
- ²⁶ UJoshuwa waloba lawo mazwi encwadini yomthetho kaNkulunkulu, wathatha itshe elikhulu, walimisa lapho phansi kwe-oki elingasendlini engcwele kaJehova.
- ²⁷ Wayesethi uJoshuwa kubo abantu bonke: “Bhekani, leli tshe liyakuba ngufakazi ngathi, ngokuba lizwile onke amazwi kaJehova awakhuluma kithi; ngalokho liyakuba ngufakazi ngani, funa nimpheke uNkulunkulu wenu.”
- ²⁸ UJoshuwa wayesebamukisa abantu, yilowo nalowo waya efeni lakhe.
- ²⁹ Kwathi emva kwalezo zinto uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku kaJehova, wafa eneminyaka eyikhulu neshumi.
- ³⁰ Bammbela emkhawulweni wefa lakhe eThimnati Sera elisezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi ngasenyakatho kwentaba yakwaGhashi.

³¹ U-Israyeli wamkhonza uJehova zonke izinsuku zikaJoshuwa nazo zonke izinsuku zamalunga ayekhona izinsuku ezithile emva kukaJoshuwa, ayeyazi yonke imisebenzi kaJehova ayeyenzele u-Israyeli.

³² Amathambo kaJosefa akhushulwa eGibithe ngabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, bawembela eShekemi esiqeshini sezwe asithengayo uJakobe kumadodana kaHamori uyise kaShekemi ngamakesita ayikhulu, laba ifa labantwana bakwaJosefa.

³³ U-Eleyazare indodana ka-Aroni wafa; bammbela egqumeni likaFinehasi indodana yakhe, abenikiwe lona ezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi.

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