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UGENESISE

UGENESISE 1

UGWALO LOKUQALA LUKAMOZISI OLUTHIWA
Ukudalwa komhlaba lomuntu

1 Ekuqaleni uNkulunkulu wadala amazulu lomhlaba.

2 Njalo umhlaba wawungelasimo ungelalutho, lobumnyama babuphezu kokujula;
loMoya kaNkulunkulu wayendiza phezu kwamanzi.

3 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakube khona ukukhanya; kwasekusiba khona
ukukhanya.

4 UNkulunkulu wasebona ukukhanya ukuthi kuhle; uNkulunkulu
wasesehlukanisa phakathi kokukhanya lobumnyama.

5 UNkulunkulu wasebiza ukukhanya ngokuthi yimini, lobumnyama wabubiza
ngokuthi yibusuku. Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lokuqala.

6 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakube khona umkhathi phakathi kwamanzi;
kawehlukanise phakathi kwamanzi lamanzi.

7 UNkulunkulu wasesenza umkhathi, wasesehlukanisa phakathi kwamanzi
angaphansi komkhathi lamanzi aphezu komkhathi; kwasekusiba njalo.

8 UNkulunkulu wasebiza umkhathi ngokuthi ngamazulu. Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa,
njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesibili.

9 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakuqoqelwe amanzi avela ngaphansi kwamazulu
ndawonye, njalo kakubonakale umhlabathi owomileyo; kwasekusiba njalo.

10 UNkulunkulu wasebiza umhlabathi owomileyo ngokuthi ngumhlaba,
lenhlangano yamanzi wayibiza ngokuthi zinlwandle. UNkulunkulu wasebona
ukuthi kuhle.

11 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Umhlaba kawumilise utshani, imibhida ethela
inhlanyelo, isihlahla sesithelo sisenza isithelo ngohlobo lwaso, onhlanyelo yaso
ikuso phezu komhlaba. Kwasekusiba njalo.

12 Umhlaba wasuveza utshani, imibhida ethela inhlanyelo ngohlobo lwayo,
lesihlahla sisenza isithelo, esinhlanyelo yaso ikuso ngohlobo lwaso. UNkulunkulu
wasebona ukuthi kuhle.

13 Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesithathu.

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14 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakube khona izikhanyiso emkhathini wamazulu, ukuze zehlukanise phakathi kwemini lobusuku; njalo zibe yizibonakaliso lezikhathi ezimisiweyo, lensuku leminyaka.

15 Njalo zibe yizikhanyiso emkhathini wamazulu, ukuze zikhanyise emhlabeni. Kwasekusiba njalo.

16 UNkulunkulu wasesenza izikhanyiso ezimbili ezinkulu: Isikhanyiso esikhulu ukuze sibuse imini, lesikhanyiso esincinyane ukuze sibuse ubusuku, kanye lezinkanyezi.

17 UNkulunkulu wasezimisa emkhathini wamazulu, ukuthi zikhanyise emhlabeni,

18 lokuthi zibuse emini lebusuku, lokwehlukanisa phakathi kokukhanya lobumnyama. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle.

19 Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesine.

20 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Amanzi kawagcwale ukunyakazela kwemiphefumulo ephilayo, njalo kakuphaphe inyoni phezu komhlaba emkhathini wamazulu.

21 UNkulunkulu wasedala oququmadevu bolwandle abakhulu, laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esibhinqikayo, amanzi agcwele sona, ngohlobo lwaso, layo yonke inyoni elempiko, ngohlobo lwayo. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle.

22 UNkulunkulu wasekubusisa, esithi: Zalani, lande, njalo ligcwalise amanzi enlwandle, lenyoni kazande emhlabeni.

23 Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesihlanu.

24 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Umhlaba kawuveze izidalwa eziphilayo ngohlobo lwazo, izifuyo lokuhuquzelayo lenyamazana zomhlaba ngenhlobo zazo. Kwasekusiba njalo.

25 UNkulunkulu wasesenza inyamazana zomhlaba ngenhlobo zazo, lezifuyo ngenhlobo zazo, lakho konke okuhuquzelayo komhlaba ngenhlobo zakho. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle.

26 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Asenze abantu ngomfanekiso wethu, ngesimo sethu, njalo babuse phezu kwenhlanzi zolwandle, laphezu kwenyoni zamazulu, laphezu kwezifuyo, laphezu komhlaba wonke, laphezu kwakho konke okuhuquzelayo lokho okuhuquzela emhlabeni.

27 UNkulunkulu wasemdala umuntu ngomfanekiso wakhe; wamdala ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu; owesilisa lowesifazana wabadala.

28 UNkulunkulu wasebabusisa, uNkulunkulu wasesithi kibo: Zalani lande, ligcwalise umhlaba njalo liwehlisele phansi; libuse phezu kwenhlanzi zolwandle, laphezu kwenyoni zamazulu, laphezu kwakho konke okuphilayo okuhuquzela emhlabeni.

29 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Khangelani, ngilinike yonke imibhida ethela inhlanyelo, esebusweni bomhlaba wonke, laso sonke isihlahla, okukuso isithelo sesihlahla esithela inhlanyelo; kini singesokudla.

30 Njalo kuyo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba, lakuyo yonke inyoni yamazulu, lakukho konke okuhuquzela emhlabeni, okukukho umoya ophilayo, lonke uhlaza ngolokudla. Kwasekusiba njalo.

31 UNkulunkulu wasebona konke akwenzileyo; khangela-ke kwakukuhle kakhulu. Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesithupha.

UGENESISE 2

1 Kwasekuqediswa amazulu lomhlaba lalo lonke ibutho lakho.

2 UNkulunkulu wasewuqeda ngosuku lwesikhombisa umsebenzi wakhe abewenza. Waphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa emsebenzini wakhe wonke abewenza.

3 UNkulunkulu wasebusisa usuku lwesikhombisa, walungcwelisa; ngoba ngalo waphumula emsebenzini wakhe wonke, uNkulunkulu awudalayo wawenza.

Isivande seEdeni

4 Lezi zinzalo zamazulu lezomhlaba ekudalweni kwakho, mhla iNKOSI uNkulunkulu isenza umhlaba lamazulu,

5 laso sonke isihlahlakazana sensimu, singakabi khona emhlabeni, layo yonke imibhida yeganga, ingakamili; ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu yayinganisanga izulu emhlabeni, njalo kwakungelamuntu wokulima umhlabathi.

6 Kodwa kwenyuka inkungu ivela emhlabathini, yasithelela ubuso bonke bomhlabathi.

7 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasibumba umuntu ngothuli oluvela emhlabathini, yaphefumulela emakhaleni akhe umoya wempilo; umuntu wasesiba ngumphefumulo ophilayo.

8 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasihlanyela isivande eEdeni ngasempumalanga, yasimbeka khona umuntu eyambumbayo.

9 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasimilisa emhlabeni sonke isihlahla esibukekayo lesilungele ukudla; lesihlahla sempilophakathi kwesivande, lesihlahla solwazi lokuhle lokubi.

10 Kwasekuphuma eEdeni umfula wokuthelela isivande; njalo kusukela lapho wehlukaniswa waba zinhloko ezine.

11 Ibizo lowokuqala yiPishoni; yiwo ozingelezele ilizwe lonke leHavila, lapho okulegolide khona.

12 Legolide lalelolizwe lihle; lapho kulebedola lelitshe i-onikse.

13 Lebizo lomfula wesibili yiGihoni; yiwo ozingelezele ilizwe lonke eleEthiyophiya.

14 Lebizo lomfula wesithathu yiHidekeli; yiwo ogelezela empumalanga kweAsiriya. Lomfula wesine yiYufrathi.

15 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasimthatha umuntu, yambeka esivandeni seEdeni, ukuze asilime asilondoloze.

16 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasimlaya umuntu isithi: Kuso sonke isihlahla sesivande ungadla lokudla;

17 kodwa okwesihlahla solwazi lokuhle lokubi, ungadli kuso, ngoba mhla usidla kuso uzakufa lokufa.

18 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisithi: Kakukuhle ukuthi umuntu abe yedwa. Ngizamenzela umsizi onjengaye.

19 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasibumba ngomhlabathi yonke inyamazana yeganga layo yonke inyoni yamazulu; yakuletha kuAdamu, ukuthi ibone ukuthi angazibiza ngokuthini, njalo loba yikuphi uAdamu azabiza ngakho isidalwa esiphilayo, yilo ibizo laso.

20 UAdamu wasesitha amabizo kuzo zonke izifuyo, lenyonini yamazulu, lakuyo yonke inyamazana yeganga; kodwa uAdamu katholelwanga umsizi onjengaye.

21 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisehlisela phezu kukaAdamu ubuthongo obukhulu, waselala. Yasithatha olunye lwezimbambo zakhe, yavala ngenyama endaweni yalo.

22 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisenza ubambo eyayiluthethe emuntwini lwaba ngowesifazana, yasimusa emuntwini.

23 UAdamu wasesithi: Lo khathesi ulithambo lamathambo ami, lenyama yenyama yami; bazambiza ngokuthi ngowesifazana, ngoba yena ethethwe endodeni.

24 Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina, inamathele kumkayo; njalo bazakuba nyamanye.

25 Bobabili babenqunu-ke, umuntu lomkakhe, futhi bengelanhloni.

UGENESISE 3

Ukuwa komuntu

1 Inyoka yayilobuqili-ke kulayo yonke inyamazana yeganga, eyayiyenzile iNKOSI uNkulunkulu. Yasisithi kowesifazana: Yebo uNkulunkulu watsho yini ukuthi: Kumele lingadli kuso sonke isihlahla sesivande?

2 Owesifazana wasesithi enyokeni: Singadla okwesithelo sezihlahla zesivande;

3 kodwa okwesithelo sesihlahla esiphakathi kwesivande, uNkulunkulu wathi: Lingadli kuso, njalo lingasithinti, hlezi life.

4 Inyoka yasisithi kowesifazana: Kaliyikufa sibili.

5 Ngoba uNkulunkulu uyazi ukuthi mhla lisidla kuso, amehlo enu azavuleka, njalo libe njengoNkulunkulu, lisazi okuhle lokubi.

6 Owesifazana ebona-ke ukuthi isihlahla silungile ukuba yikudla, lokuthi sona siyabukeka emehlweni, lesihlahla sikhwabitheka ukwenza uhlakaniphe, wakha okwesithelo saso, wadla; wasenika lendoda yakhe kanye laye, yasisidla.

7 Asevuleka amehlo abo bobabili, basebesazi ukuthi babenqunu; basebethungela ndawonye amahlamvu omkhiwa, bazenzela amafasikoti.

8 Basebesizwa ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu ihamba esivandeni ekupholeni kosuku; uAdamu lomkakhe basebecatsha ebusweni beNKOSI uNkulunkulu phakathi kwezihlahla zesivande.

9 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasibiza uAdamu, yathi kuye: Ungaphi?

10 Wasesithi: Ilizwi lakho ngilizwe esivandeni, ngesaba, ngoba nginqunu; ngasengicatsha.

11 Yasisithi: Ngubani okutshele ukuthi unqunu? Udlile yini okwesihlahla, engakulaya ngaso ukuthi ungadli okwaso?

12 UAdamu wasesithi: Owesifazana owangipha yena ukuthi abe lami, yena unginike okwesihlahla, ngasengisidla.

13 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisithi kowesifazana: Kuyini lokhu okwenzileyo? Owesifazana wasesithi: Inyoka ingikhohlisile, ngasengisidla.

14 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisithi enyokeni: Njengoba usukwenzile lokhu, uqalekisiwe wena okwedlula sonke isifuyo lokwedlula yonke inyamazana yeganga. Uzahamba ngesisu sakho, njalo udle uthuli insuku zonke zempilo yakho.

15 Njalo ubutha ngizabufaka phakathi kwakho lowesifazana laphakathi kwenzalo yakho lenzalo yakhe. Yona izakuchoboza ikhanda, wena uzayichoboza isithende.

16 Kowesifazana yathi: Ngokwandisa ngizakwandisa ubuhlungu bakho lokuzithwala kwakho; ngobuhlungu uzabeletha abantwana, lokukhanuka kwakho kuzakuba sendodeni yakho, njalo yona izakubusa.

17 Njalo kuAdamu yathi: Njengoba ulalele ilizwi lomkakho, wasusidla okwesihlahla engakulaya ngaso ukuthi: Ungadli okwaso, uqalekisiwe umhlaba ngenxa yakho; ngokukhathazeka uzakudla okwawo insuku zonke zempilo yakho.

18 Njalo uzakumilisela ameva lokhula oluhlabayo, ubususidla imibhida yeganga.

19 Ngesithukuthuku sobuso bakho uzakudla ukudla, uze ubuyele emhlabathini, ngoba wathathwa kuwo; ngoba wena uluthuli, njalo uzabuyela ethulini.

20 UAdamu wasebiza ibizo lomkakhe ngokuthi nguEva, ngoba yena ungunina wabo bonke abaphilayo.

21 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisenzela uAdamu lomkakhe izigqoko zezigogo, yasibagqokisa.

22 INKOSI uNkulunkulu yasisithi: Khangela, umuntu usenjengomunye wethu, esazi okuhle lokubi. Khathesi-ke, hlezi elule isandla sakhe athathe njalo okwesihlahla sempilo, adle aphile kuze kube sephakadeni.

23 Ngakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu yamkhupha esivandeni seEdeni ukuthi alime umhlabathi, lapho athathwa khona.

24 Yasimxotsha umuntu; yabeka empumalanga kwesivande seEdeni amakherubhi lenkemba evuthayo ephenduphendukayo, ukulinda indlela yesihlahla sempilo.

UGENESISE 4

UKhayini loAbela

1UAdamu wasemazi uEva umkakhe; wasethatha isisu, wabeletha uKhayini, wasesithi: Ngizuze indoda eNKOSIni.

2 Wasebuya ebeletha umfowabo uAbela. UAbela wasesiba ngumelusi wezimvu, loKhayini waba ngumlimi womhlabathi.

3 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwezinsuku uKhayini waletha eNKOSIni umnikelo owesithelo somhlabathi.

4 Laye uAbela waseletha okwamazibulo ezimvu zakhe lokwamahwahwa azo; iNKOSI yasinaka uAbela lomnikelo wakhe.

5 Kodwa uKhayini lomnikelo wakhe kayiwunakanga. UKhayini wasethukuthela kakhulu, lobuso bakhe banyukubala.

6 INKOSI yasisithi kuKhayini: Uthukutheleleni, njalo kungani ubuso bakho bunyukubele?

7 Angithi uba usenza kuhle, kuyemukeleka yini? Kodwa uba ungenzi kuhle, isono siyakucathamela emnyango, lokunxwanela kwakhe kukuwe, kodwa wena uzambusa.

8 UKhayini wasekhuluma loAbela umfowabo; kwasekusithi besegangeni, uKhayini wasukela umfowabo uAbela wambulala.

9 INKOSI yasisithi kuKhayini: Ungaphi uAbela umfowenu? Wasesithi: Angazi; ngingumlondolozi womfowethu yini?

10 Yasisithi: Wenzeni? Ilizwi legazi lomfowenu liyakhala kimi livela emhlabathini.

11 Khathesi-ke uqalekisiwe emhlabeni okhamise umlomo wawo ukwemukela igazi lomfowenu esandleni sakho.

12 Nxa ulima umhlabathi, kawusayikukunika amandla awo; uzakuba luzulane lomhambuma emhlabeni.

13 UKhayini wasesithi eNKOSIni: Isijeziso sami sikhulu kulengingakuthwala.

14 Khangela, ungixotshile lamuhla ebusweni bomhlaba, njalo ngizacatshiswa ebusweni bakho; sengizakuba luzulane lomhambuma emhlabeni; njalo kuzakuthi wonke ongificayo uzangibulala.

15 INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Ngakho, loba ngubani obulala uKhayini uzaphindiselwa kasikhombisa. INKOSI yasibeka uphawu kuKhayini, hlezi loba ngubani omficayo ambulale.

Inzalo kaKhayini

16 UKhayini wasesuka ebusweni beNKOSI, wasehlala elizweni leNodi, empumalanga kweEdeni.

17 UKhayini wasemazi umkakhe; wasethatha isisu, wabeletha uEnoki; njalo wayesakha umuzi, wabiza ibizo lomuzi ngebizo lendodana yakhe uEnoki.

18 Kwasekuzalelwa uEnoki uIradi; uIradi wasezala uMehujayeli; uMehujayeli wasezala uMethushayeli; uMethushayeli wasezala uLameki.

19 ULameki wasezithathela abafazi ababili, ibizo lowokuqala lalinguAda, lebizo lowesibili lalinguZila.

20 UAda wasezala uJabali; yena wayenguyise walabo abahlala emathenteni, belezifuyo.

21 Lebizo lomfowabo lalinguJubali, yena wayenguyise wakhe wonke olokwenza lechacho lomhlanga.

22 UZila laye wasezala uThubhali-Khayini, umkhandi wakho konke okusikayo kwethusi lensimbi. Lodadewabo kaThubhali-Khayini wayenguNahama.

23 ULameki wasesithi kubafazi bakhe: Ada loZila, zwanini ilizwi lami, bafazi bakaLameki, bekani indlebe ekukhulumeni kwami; ngoba ngabulala indoda ngenxa yokungilimaza, lomfana ngenxa yokungihluzula.

24 Nxa uKhayini ephindiselwa kasikhombisa, isibili uLameki kamatshumi ayisikhombisa ephindwe kasikhombisa.

Inzalo kaSeti

25 UAdamu wasephinda wamazi umkakhe; wasezala indodana, wasebiza ibizo layo wathi nguSeti; ngoba wathi: UNkulunkulu ungibekele enye inzalo esikhundleni sikaAbela, ngoba uKhayini wambulala.

26 Laye uSeti wasezalelwa indodana, wabiza ibizo layo wathi nguEnosi. Ngalesosikhathi baqala ukubiza ibizo leNKOSI.

UGENESISE 5

Inzalo kaAdamu

1 Lolu lugwalo lwezizukulwana zikaAdamu. Mhla uNkulunkulu edala umuntu, wamenza ngokomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu.

2 Wabadala owesilisa lowesifazana, wasebabusisa, wasebiza ibizo labo wathi ngabantu, mhla bedalwa.

3 UAdamu wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu; wasezala indodana efuzweni lwakhe njengokomfanekiso wakhe, wabiza ibizo layo wathi nguSeti.

4 Lensuku zikaAdamu esezele uSeti zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili; wasezala amadodana lamadodakazi.

5 Zonke-ke insuku zikaAdamu, aziphilayo, zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu, wasesifa.

6 USeti wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lanhlanu; wazala uEnosi.

7 USeti wasephila esezele uEnosi iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

8 Zonke-ke insuku zikaSeti zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye letshumi lambili; wasesifa.

9 UEnosi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye, wazala uKenani.

10 UEnosi wasephila, esezele uKenani, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lanhlanu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

11 Zonke-ke insuku zikaEnosi zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu; wasesifa.

12 UKenani wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, wazala uMahalaleli.

13 UKenani wasephila, esezele uMahalaleli, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amane; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

14 Zonke-ke insuku zikaKenani zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye letshumi, wasesifa.

15 UMahalaleli wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, wazala uJaredi.

16 UMahalaleli wasephila, esezele uJaredi, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amathathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

17 Zonke-ke insuku zikaMahalaleli zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu; wasesifa.

18 UJaredi wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili, wazala uEnoki.

19 UJaredi wasephila, esezele uEnoki, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

20 Zonke-ke insuku zikaJaredi zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili; wasesifa.

21 UEnoki wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, wazala uMethusela.

22 UEnoki wasehamba loNkulunkulu, esezele uMethusela, iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

23 Zonke-ke insuku zikaEnoki zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu.

24 UEnoki wasehamba loNkulunkulu; kasekho, ngoba uNkulunkulu wamthatha.

25 UMethusela wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa, wazala uLameki.

26 UMethusela wasephila, esezele uLameki, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lambili; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

27 Zonke-ke insuku zikaMethusela zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisithupha lesificamunwemunye; wasesifa.

28 ULameki wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lambili, wazala indodana.

29 Wasebiza ibizo layo wathi nguNowa esithi: Lo uzasiduduza ekusebenzeni kwethu lekutshikatshikeni kwezandla zethu, ngenxa yomhlabathi, ewuqalekisileyo iNKOSI.

30 ULameki wasephila, esezele uNowa, iminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

31 Zonke-ke insuku zikaLameki zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa; wasesifa.

32 UNowa waba leminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu, uNowa wasezala uShemu loHamu loJafethi.

UGENESISE 6

Ukwanda kobubi babantu

1 Kwasekusithi abantu sebeqala ukwanda ebusweni bomhlaba, basebezalelwa
amadodakazi,

2 amadodana kaNkulunkulu ebona amadodakazi abantu ukuthi wona ayemahle;
asezithathela abafazi kuwo wonke awakhethayo.

3 INKOSI yasisithi: UMoya wami kawuyikulwisana lomuntu njalonjalo, ngoba laye
eyinyama; kodwa insuku zakhe zizakuba yiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili.

4 Iziqhwaga zazisemhlabeni ngalezonsuku; lemva kwalokho-ke, lapho
amadodana kaNkulunkulu esengenile emadodakazini abantu,
asewazalela abantwana. Wona ayengamaqhawe asendulo, engamadoda alebizo.

5 INKOSI yasibona ukuthi ububi bomuntu bukhulu emhlabeni, lokuthi konke
ukuceba kwemicabango yenhliziyo yakhe kwakukubi kuphela usuku lonke.

6 INKOSI yasizisola ngokuthi yayimenzile umuntu emhlabeni, yasidabuka
enhliziyweni yayo.

7 INKOSI yasisithi: Ngizamchitha umuntu engamdalayo ngimsuse ebusweni
bomhlaba, kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni, kuze kube
kokuhuquzelayo, lenyonini zamazulu; ngoba ngiyazisola ukuthi ngikwenzile.

8 Kodwa uNowa wazuza umusa emehlweni eNKOSI.

UNowa wenza umkhumbi

9 Lezi yizizukulwana zikaNowa. UNowa wayeyindoda
elungileyo epheleleyo esizukulwaneni sakhe; uNowa wahamba loNkulunkulu.

10 UNowa wasezala amadodana amathathu, uShemu, uHamu loJafethi.

11 Umhlaba wonakaliswa-ke phambi kukaNkulunkulu, lomhlaba wagcwaliswa
ngobudlwangudlwangu.

12 UNkulunkulu wasebona umhlaba, khangela-ke wonakalisiwe, ngoba yonke
inyama yonakalise indlela yayo emhlabeni.

13 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa: Ukuphela kwayo yonke inyama sekuze
phambi kwami, ngoba umhlaba ugcwele ubudlwangudlwangu ngenxa yabo;
khangela-ke, ngizabachitha kanye lomhlaba.

14 Zakhele umkhumbi ngezigodo zegofere, wenze izigaba phakathi komkhumbi,
uwuhuqe ngengcino ngaphakathi langaphandle.

15 Nansi indlela ozawenza ngayo; ingalo ezingamakhulu amathathu yibude
bomkhumbi, ingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu yibubanzi bawo, ingalo
ezingamatshumi amathathu yikuphakama kwawo.

16 Iwindi uzalenza emkhunjini, uliqede libe yingalo kusukela phezulu, ufake umnyango womkhumbi ehlangothini lwawo, uwenze ube lesitezi esaphansi, esesibili, lesesithathu.

17 Mina-ke, khangela, ngizakwehlisela uzamcolo wamanzi phezu komhlaba, ukuchitha yonke inyama, okukuyo umoya wempilo, isuke ngaphansi kwamazulu. Konke okusemhlabeni kuzaphela.

18 Kodwa ngizamisa isivumelwano sami lawe; njalo uzangena emkhunjini, wena lamadodana akho lomkakho labafazi bamadodana akho kanye lawe.

19 Lakukho konke okuphilayo, kuyo yonke inyama, okubili kwakho konke, uzakuletha emkhunjini, ukulondoloze kuphila lawe, kuzakuba ngokuduna lokusikazi;

20 enyonini ngohlobo lwayo, lesifuyweni ngohlobo lwaso, lakukho konke okuhuquzelayo komhlaba ngohlobo lwakho, okubili kwakho kuzakuza kuwe, ukulondoloze kuphila.

21 Lawe-ke, zithathele kukho konke ukudla okudliwayo, njalo ukubuthelele kuwe, futhi kuzakuba ngokwakho lokwazo okokudla.

22 Wasekwenza uNowa; njengakho konke uNkulunkulu ayemlaye khona wenza njalo.

UGENESISE 7

Ukufika kukazamcolo

1 INKOSI yasisithi kuNowa: Ngena wena lendlu yakho yonke emkhunjini, ngoba wena ngikubone ulungile phambi kwami kulesisizukulwana.

2 Kuyo yonke inyamazana ehlambulukileyo uzazithathela ngasikhombisa ngasikhombisa, enduna lensikazi yayo; njalo kuyo inyamazana engahlambulukanga ezimbili, enduna lensikazi yayo.

3 Lakuzo inyoni zamazulu ngasikhombisa ngasikhombisa, enduna lensikazi, ukulondoloza inhlanyelo iphila ebusweni bomhlaba wonke.

4 Ngoba kusele insuku eziyisikhombisa, besenginisa izulu emhlabeni, insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, ngibhubhise konke okuphilayo, engakwenzayo, ebusweni bomhlaba.

5 UNowa wasesenza njengakho konke iNKOSI eyamlaya khona.

6 UNowa wayeleminyaka engamakhulu ayisithupha, lapho uzamcolo wamanzi ephezu komhlaba.

7 UNowa wasengena emkhunjini lamadodana akhe lomkakhe labafazi bamadodana akhe kanye laye, ngenxa yamanzi kazamcolo.

8 Kuzo inyamazana ezihlambulukileyo, lakuzo inyamazana ezingahlambulukanga, lakuzo inyoni, lakukho konke okuhuquzelayo phezu komhlaba,

9 ngambili ngambili kweza kuNowa emkhunjini, okuduna lokusikazi, njengoba uNkulunkulu emlayile uNowa.

10 Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku eziyisikhombisa amanzi kazamcolo ayephezu komhlaba.

11 Ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha wempilo kaNowa, ngenyanga yesibili, ngosuku lwetshumi lesikhombisa lwenyanga, ngalolosuku yonke imithombo yokujula okukhulu yaqhekezwa, lamasango empophoma zamazulu avulwa.

12 Izulu laliphezu komhlaba insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane.

13 Ngalolosuku olufananayo uNowa wangena loShemu loHamu loJafethi, amadodana kaNowa, lomkaNowa, labafazi abathathu bamadodana akhe kanye labo, emkhunjini,

14 bona, layo yonke inyamazana ngohlobo lwayo, laso sonke isifuyo ngohlobo lwaso, lakho konke okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzela phezu komhlaba ngohlobo lwakho, lakho konke okuphaphayo ngohlobo lwakho, yonke inyoni yalo lonke uphiko.

15 Zasezingena kuNowa emkhunjini, ngambili ngambili, kuyo yonke inyama, okukuyo umoya wempilo.

16 Lezangenayo, kwangena enduna lensikazi kuyo yonke inyama, njengalokho uNkulunkulu ayemlaye khona; iNKOSI yasimvalela phakathi.

17 Uzamcolo wasesiba semhlabeni insuku ezingamatshumi amane; amanzi asesanda asephakamisa umkhumbi, waze waphakama phezu komhlaba.

18 Amanzi asephakama ngamandla, anda kakhulu phezu komhlaba; lomkhumbi wahamba phezu kobuso bamanzi.

19 Amanzi asephakama ngamandla kakhulukazi emhlabeni, zaze zasitshekelwa zonke intaba eziphakemeyo ezingaphansi kwamazulu wonke.

20 Izingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu amanzi aqonga aphakama ngamandla, lezintaba zasitshekelwa.

21 Yonke-ke inyama yaphela, eyayihamba phezu komhlaba, eyenyoni, leyesifuyo, leyenyamazana, leyakho konke okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzela phezu komhlaba, laye wonke umuntu;

22 konke okulokuphefumula komoya wempilo emakhaleni akho, kwakho konke okusemhlabeni owomileyo, kwafa.

23 Kwachithwa konke okwakukhona, okwakusebusweni bomhlaba, kusukela emuntwini kusiya esifuyweni kusiya kokuhuquzelayo njalo kusiya enyonini yamazulu; kwasekuchithwa emhlabeni; kwasekutshiywa uNowa kuphela, lalokho ayelakho emkhunjini.

24 Lamanzi ayephakama ngamandla phezu komhlaba, okwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu.

UGENESISE 8

Ukuphela kukazamcolo

1UNkulunkulu wasemkhumbula uNowa, lakho konke okuphilayo, laso sonke isifuyo, esasilaye emkhunjini. UNkulunkulu wavunguzisa umoya phezu komhlaba, lamanzi etsha.

2 Kwasekumiswa imithombo yokujula lamasango empophoma zamazulu, lezulu elivela emazulwini lanqandwa.

3 Lamanzi etsha esuka emhlabeni, ehamba ebuyela; amanzi asencipha ekupheleni kwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu.

4 Umkhumbi wasuhlala ngenyanga yesikhombisa, ngosuku lwetshumi lesikhombisa lwenyanga, phezu kwezintaba zeArarathi.

5 Lamanzi aya esetsha kwaze kwaba senyangeni yetshumi; ngeyetshumi ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga kwabonakala ingqonga zezintaba.

6 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane, uNowa wasevula iwindi lomkhumbi ayelenzile,

7 wasethuma iwabayi, lazulazula njalo, aze atsha amanzi emhlabeni.

8 Wasethuma ijuba lisuka kuye, ukubona ukuthi amanzi asemalutshwana yini ebusweni bomhlaba;

9 kodwa ijuba kalitholanga indawo yokuphumula kwengaphansi yonyawo lwalo, ngakho labuyela kuye emkhunjini, ngoba amanzi ayekhona ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. Waseselula isandla sakhe, walithatha, walingenisa kuye emkhunjini.

10 Waselinda futhi ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa; wasephinda elithuma ijuba lisuka emkhunjini.

11 Ijuba laselibuya kuye ngesikhathi santambama, khangela-ke, ihlamvu lomhlwathi elisanda ukuquntwa lalisemlonyeni walo; ngakho uNowa wasesazi ukuthi amanzi asemalutshwana phezu komhlaba.

12 Waselinda futhi ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa; waselithuma ijuba; kalabe lisabuyela kuye futhi.

13 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha lanye, ngenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, amanzi atsha emhlabeni. UNowa wasesusa isifulelo somkhumbi, wabona, khangela-ke, ubuso bomhlaba babomile.

14 Njalo ngenyanga yesibili, ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa lwenyanga, umhlaba wawusuwomile.

15 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kuNowa, esithi:

16 Phuma emkhunjini, wena lomkakho lamadodana akho labafazi bamadodana akho kanye lawe.

17 Konke okuphilayo okulawe, kuyo yonke inyama, eyenyoni leyesifuyo leyakho konke okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzela emhlabeni, phuma lakho; ukuze kuzale kwande emhlabeni, kuzale, kwande phezu komhlaba.

18 UNowa wasephuma, lamadodana akhe, lomkakhe, labafazi bamadodana akhe kanye laye.

19 Yonke inyamazana, konke okuhuquzelayo, layo yonke inyoni, konke okuhamba emhlabeni, ngenhlobo zakho, kwaphuma emkhunjini.

20 UNowa waseyakhela iNKOSI ilathi; wathatha kuso sonke isifuyo esihlambulukileyo, lakuyo yonke inyoni ehlambulukileyo, wanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwelathi.

21 INKOSI yasisizwa uqhatshi olumnandi; iNKOSI yasisithi enhliziyweni yayo: Kangisayikuphinda ngiqalekise umhlaba ngenxa yomuntu, ngoba ukuceba kwenhliziyo yomuntu kubi kusukela ebutsheni bakhe; futhi kangisayikuphinda ngitshaye konke okuphilayo njengalokhu ngenzile.

22 Ngazo zonke izinsuku zomhlaba, ukuhlanyela lokuvuna, lamakhaza lokukhudumala, lehlobo lobusika, lemini lobusuku, kakuyikuphela.

UGENESISE 9

Isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu loNowa

1UNkulunkulu wasebusisa uNowa lamadodana akhe, wathi kibo: Zalani lande ligcwalise umhlaba.

2 Lokwesatshwa kwenu lokuqhuqhwa kwenu kuzakuba phezu kwayo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba laphezu kwayo yonke inyoni yamazulu; kukho konke okuhamba emhlabeni lakuzo zonke inhlanzi zolwandle; zinikelwe ezandleni zenu.

3 Konke okuhambayo okuphilayo kuzakuba yikudla kini; njengombhida oluhlaza ngilinikile konke.

4 Kodwa inyama lempilo yayo, igazi layo, kalisoze likudle.

5 Njalo sibili, igazi lenu, elempilo yenu, ngizalibiza; esandleni sayo yonke inyamazana ngizalibiza; lesandleni somuntu, lesandleni somfowabo womunye lomunye ngizabiza umphefumulo womuntu.

6 Ochitha igazi lomuntu, ngomuntu lizachithwa igazi lakhe; ngoba ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu.

7 Ngakho lina, zalani, lande, lizale ngokwengezelelweyo emhlabeni, lande kuwo.

8 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kuNowa lakumadodana akhe kanye laye, esithi:

9 Mina-ke, khangelani, ngiyamisa isivumelwano sami lani lenzalo yenu emva kwenu,

10 laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esilani, esenyoni lesesifuyo, lesayo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba lani; kusukela kubo bonke abaphume emkhunjini, kusiya kuyo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba.

11 Njalo ngizamisa isivumelwano sami lani; njalo kakusayikubhujiswa yonke inyama ngamanzi kazamcolo; ukuze kungasabi khona uzamcolo ukubhubhisa umhlaba.

12 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Lokhu kuyisibonakaliso sesivumelwano engisinika phakathi kwami lani laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esilani, kuze kube yizizukulwana laphakade.

13 Ngizamisa umchilowamakhosikazi wami emayezini; uzakuba yisibonakaliso sesivumelwano phakathi kwami lomhlaba.

14 Kuzakuthi nxa ngibuyisa amayezi phezu komhlaba, umchilowamakhosikazi uzabonwa eyezini;

15 khona ngizakhumbula isivumelwano sami, esiphakathi kwami lani laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo sayo yonke inyama; lamanzi kawasayikuba nguzamcolo ukubhubhisa yonke inyama.

16 Lomchilowamakhosikazi uzakuba semayezini, njalo ngizawubona ukukhumbula isivumelwano esilaphakadephakathi kukaNkulunkulu laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo, sayo yonke inyama esemhlabeni.

17 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa: Lokhu kuyisibonakaliso sesivumelwano engisimise phakathi kwami layo yonke inyama esemhlabeni.

Amazwi kaNowa kumadodana akhe

18 Amadodana kaNowa aphumayo-ke emkhunjini ayengoShemu loHamu loJafethi; njalo uHamu nguyise kaKhanani.

19 Laba bobathathu ngamadodana kaNowa; lomhlaba wonke wasatshalaliswa ngokuvela kubo.

20 UNowa waseqala ukuba ngumlimi, wahlanyela isivini.

21 Wasenatha okwewayini, wadakwa; njalo waba nqunu phakathi kwethente lakhe.

22 UHamu, uyise kaKhanani, wasebona ubunqunu bukayise, wasetshela abafowabo ababili phandle.

23 OShemu loJafethi basebethatha isembatho, basibeka emahlombe abo bobabili, bahamba nyovane, bagubuzela ubunqunu bukayise; lobuso babo babusemuva ukuze bangaboni ubunqunu bukayise.

24 UNowa wasevuka ewayinini lakhe, wakwazi lokho indodana yakhe encinyane ekwenze kuye.

25 Wasesithi: Kaqalekiswe uKhanani, uzakuba yisigqili sezigqili kubafowabo.

26 Wasesithi: Ibusisiwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaShemu, loKhanani abe yisigqili sakhe.

27 UNkulunkulu amqhelise uJafethi, njalo ahlale emathenteni kaShemu, loKhanani abe yisigqili sakhe.

28 Emva kukazamcolo uNowa wasephila iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amahlanu.

29 Zonke-ke insuku zikaNowa zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amahlanu; wasesifa.

UGENESISE 10

Inzalo yamadodana kaNowa

1 Njalo lezi yizizukulwana zamadodana kaNowa: UShemu, uHamu loJafethi. Kwasekuzalwa amadodana kubo emva kukazamcolo.

2 Amadodana kaJafethi: UGomeri loMagogi loMadayi loJavani loThubhali loMesheki loTirasi.

3 Lamadodana kaGomeri: UAshikenazi loRifathi loTogarma.

4 Lamadodana kaJavani: UElisha loTarshishi, amaKiti lamaDodani.

5 Kwehlukaniswa kusukela kubo izihlenge zezizwe emazweni abo, ngulowo lalowo ngokolimi lwakhe, langokosendo lwabo, ezizweni zabo.

6 Lamadodana kaHamu: UKushi loMizirayimi loPuti loKhanani.

7 Lamadodana kaKushi: USeba loHavila loSabitha loRama loSabitheka. Lamadodana kaRahama: UShebhaloDedani.

8 UKushi wasezala uNimrodi; yena waqala ukuba liqhawe emhlabeni.

9 Yena waba ngumzingeli olamandla phambi kweNKOSI; ngakho kuthiwa: NjengoNimrodi, umzingeli olamandla phambi kweNKOSI.

10 Lokuqala kombuso wakhe yiBabeli leEreki leAkadi leKaline elizweni leShinari.

11 Kwaphuma kulelolizwe uAshuri, wasesakha iNineve leRehobothi-Ire leKala,

12 leReseni phakathi kweNineve leKala; lo ngumuzi omkhulu.

13 UMizirayimi wasezala amaLudi lamaAnami lamaLehabi lamaNafethuhi

14 lamaPatrusi lamaKaseluhi - lapho okwavela khona amaFilisti - lamaKafitori.

15 UKhanani wasezala uSidoni izibulo lakhe, loHethi,

16 lomJebusi lomAmori lomGirigashi

17 lomHivi lomArki lomSini

18 lomArvadi lomZemari lomHamathi; lemva kwalokho usendo lwamaKhanani lwahlakazeka.

19 Umngcele wamaKhanani wasusukela eSidoni usiya eGerari uze ufike eGaza, usiya eSodoma leGomora leAdima leZeboyimi kuze kufike eLasha.

20 La ngamadodana kaHamu, ngokosendo lwawo, langendimi zawo, emazweni awo, ezizweni zawo.

21 UShemu laye wasezalelwa amadodana; unguyise wamadodana wonke akaEberi, umfowabo kaJafethi, omkhulu.

22 Amadodana kaShemu: UElamu loAshuri loArpakishadi loLudi loAramu.

23 Lamadodana kaAramu: U-Uzi loHuli loGetheri loMashi.

24 UArpakishadi wasezala uShela; uShela wasezala uEberi.

25 Kwasekuzalelwa uEberi amadodana amabili, ibizo lomunye nguPelegi, ngoba ensukwini zayo umhlaba wehlukaniswa; lebizo lomfowabo nguJokithani.

26 UJokithani wasezala uAlimodadi loShelefi loHazamavethi loJera

27 loHadoramu loUzali loDikila

28 loObali loAbhimayeli loShebha

29 loOfiri loHavila loJobabi; bonke labo ngamadodana kaJokithani.

30 Indawo yokuhlala kwabo isukela eMesha lapho usiya eSefari, intaba yempumalanga.

31 La ngamadodana kaShemu, ngokosendo lwabo langendimi zabo, emazweni abo ngokwezizwe zabo.

32 Lolu lusendo lwamadodana kaNowa ngezizukulwana zawo ezizweni zawo; kwasekusehlukaniswa kulaba izizwe emhlabeni emva kukazamcolo.

UGENESISE 11

Umphotshongo weBabeli

1 Umhlaba wonke-ke wawulolimi lunye, lamazwi manye.

2 Kwasekusithi ekuhambeni kwabo bevela empumalanga bafica igceke elizweni leShinari, basebehlala khona.

3 Basebesithi ngulowo lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe: Wozani, asenzeni izitina sizitshise lokuzitshisa; lesitina saba lilitshe kubo, lengcino yaba ludaka kubo.

4 Basebesithi: Wozani, asizakheleni umuzi lomphotshongo osihloko sawo sisemazulwini, besesizenzela ibizo, hlezi sihlakazeke ebusweni bomhlaba wonke.

5 INKOSI yasisehla ukubona umuzi lomphotshongo abantwana babantu abawakhayo.

6 INKOSI yasisithi: Khangela, yisizwe sinye, njalo balolimi lunye bonke, njalo yikho abaqala ukukwenza; khathesi-ke akulalutho olungabehlula abamisa ukulwenza.

7 Wozani, asehle, siphambanise lapho ulimi lwabo, ukuze bangezwa, ngulowo lalowo ulimi lomakhelwane wakhe.

8 Ngakho iNKOSI yabahlakazela ebusweni bomhlaba wonke besuka lapho; basebesima ukwakha umuzi.

9 Ngalokho kwabizwa ibizo lawo ngokuthi iBabeli, ngoba lapho iNKOSI yaphambanisa ulimi lomhlaba wonke; kusukela lapho iNKOSI yabahlakaza kubo bonke ubuso bomhlaba.

Inzalo kaShemu

10 Lezi yizizukulwana zikaShemu. UShemu wayeleminyaka elikhulu, wasezala uArpakishadi, iminyaka emibili emva kukazamcolo.

11 UShemu wasephila, esezele uArpakishadi, iminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

12 UArpakishadi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, wazala uShela.

13 UArpakishadi wasephila, esezele uShela, iminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

14 UShela wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala uEberi.

15 UShela wasephila, esezele uEberi, iminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

16 UEberi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lane, wazala uPelegi.

17 UEberi wasephila, esezele uPelegi, iminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

18 UPelegi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala uRewu.

19 UPelegi wasephila, esezele uRewu, iminyaka engamakhulu amabili
layisificamunwemunye; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

20 URewu wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili, wazala uSerugi.

21 URewu wasephila, esezele uSerugi, iminyaka engamakhulu amabili
lesikhombisa; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

22 USerugi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala uNahori.

23 USerugi wasephila, esezele uNahori, iminyaka engamakhulu amabili; wazala
amadodana lamadodakazi.

24 UNahori wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye,
wazala uTera.

25 UNahori wasephila, esezele uTera, iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi
ayisificamunwemunye; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

26 UTera wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, wazala uAbrama,
uNahori loHarani.

Inzalo kaTera

27 Lalezi yizizukulwana zikaTera. UTera wazala uAbrama, uNahori loHarani;
uHarani wasezala uLothi.

28 UHarani wasesifa phambi kukayise uTera, elizweni lokuzalwa kwakhe, eUri
yamaKhaladiya.

29 OAbrama loNahori basebezithathela abafazi; ibizo lomkaAbrama nguSarayi,
lebizo lomkaNahori nguMilka, indodakazi kaHarani, uyise kaMilka loyise kaIska.

30 Kodwa uSarayi wayeyinyumba; wayengelamntwana.

31 UTera wasethatha uAbrama indodana yakhe, loLothi indodana kaHarani,
indodana yendodana yakhe, loSarayi umalokazana wakhe, umkaAbrama
indodana yakhe; basebesuka labo eUri yamaKhaladiya, ukuya elizweni
leKhanani; basebefika eHarani, bahlala khona.

32 Lensuku zikaTera zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amabili lanhlanu; uTera
wasefela eHarani.

UGENESISE 12

Ukubizwa kukaAbrama

1 INKOSI yasisithi kuAbrama: Suka wena elizweni lakini lezihlotsheni zakho
lemzini kayihlo, uye elizweni engizakutshengisa lona.

2 Ngizakwenza-ke ube yisizwe esikhulu, ngikubusise, ngenze ibizo lakho libe
likhulu, njalo ube yisibusiso.

3 Njalo ngizababusisa abakubusisayo, labakuqalekisayo ngibaqalekise; lakuwe kuzabusiswa zonke insapho zomhlaba.

4 UAbrama wasehamba njengoba iNKOSI ikhulumile kuye, loLothi wahamba laye. Njalo uAbrama wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu ekusukeni kwakhe eHarani.

5 UAbrama wasethatha uSarayi umkakhe, loLothi indodana yomfowabo, lempahla yabo yonke ababeyiqoqile, lemiphefumulo ababeyizuzile eHarani; basebesuka ukuya elizweni leKhanani; bafika elizweni leKhanani.

6 UAbrama wasedabula ilizwe waze wafika endaweni yeShekema, esihlahleni se-okhi seMore. LamaKhanani ayekhona elizweni ngalesosikhathi.

7 INKOSI yasibonakala kuAbrama, yathi: Kunzalo yakho ngizanika lelilizwe. Waseyakhela lapho iNKOSI ilathi eyayibonakale kuye.

8 Waseqhubeka esuka lapho waya entabeni empumalanga yeBhetheli, wamisa ithente lakhe, iBhetheli isentshonalanga leAyi empumalanga. Waseyakhela lapho iNKOSI ilathi, wabiza ibizo leNKOSI.

9 UAbrama wasesuka wahamba eqhubeka esiya eningizimu.

UAbrama useGibhithe

10 Kwasekusiba khona indlala elizweni. UAbrama wasesehlela ngaseGibhithe ukuthi ahlale khona njengowezizwe, ngoba indlala yayinzima elizweni.

11 Kwasekusithi esesondela ukungena eGibhithe wathi kuSarayi umkakhe: Khangela-ke, ngiyazi ukuthi ungowesifazana omuhle obukekayo.

12 Njalo kuzakuthi lapho amaGibhithe ekubona, azakuthi: Lo ngumkakhe; abesengibulala, kodwa wena akugcine uphila.

13 Ake uthi ungudadewethu, ukuze kube kuhle kimi ngenxa yakho, lomphefumulo wami uphile ngenxa yakho.

14 Kwasekusithi lapho uAbrama esefikile eGibhithe, amaGibhithe ambona owesifazana, ukuthi muhle kakhulu.

15 Iziphathamandla zikaFaro lazo zambona, zambabaza phambi kukaFaro. Owesifazana waselethwa endlini kaFaro.

16 Wasemphatha kuhle uAbrama ngenxa yakhe; njalo waba lezimvu lezinkabi labobabhemi lezinceku lezincekukazi labobabhemikazi lamakamela.

17 Kodwa iNKOSI yamhlupha uFaro ngezinhlupheko ezinkulu, lendlu yakhe, ngendaba kaSarayi umkaAbrama.

18 UFaro wasembiza uAbrama, wathi: Kuyini lokhu okwenze kimi? Kungani ungangitshelanga ukuthi ungumkakho?

19 Utsholoni ukuthi ungudadewenu, ngize ngimthathe ukuba ngumkami? Ngakho khangela-ke umkakho; mthathe uhambe.

20 UFaro waselaya amadoda ngaye; asemxotsha lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho.

UGENESISE 13

Ukwehlukana kukaAbrama loLothi

1UAbrama wasesenyuka eGibhithe, yena lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho loLothi kanye laye, waya eningizimu.

2 Njalo uAbrama wayenothile kakhulu, ngezifuyo, ngesiliva, langegolide.

3 Wasehamba kuzinhambo zakhe esuka eningizimu, waze wafika eBhetheli, endaweni lapho ithente lakhe elalikhona kuqala, phakathi kweBhetheli leAyi;

4 endaweni yelathi ayelenzile khona kuqala; uAbrama wasebiza ibizo leNKOSI lapho.

5 LoLothi laye, owayehamba loAbrama, wayelezimvu lezinkomo lamathente.

6 Njalo ilizwe lalingebathwale ukuthi bahlale ndawonye, ngoba impahla yabo yayinengi, ukuthi babengeke bahlala ndawonye.

7 Kwasekusiba khona ukuxabana phakathi kwabelusi bezifuyo zikaAbrama labelusi bezifuyo zikaLothi. Ngalesosikhathi amaKhanani lamaPerizi ayehlala elizweni.

8 UAbrama wasesithi kuLothi: Kakungabi khona-ke ukuxabana phakathi kwami lawe, laphakathi kwabelusi bami labelusi bakho, ngoba singamadoda osendo.

9 Ilizwe lonke kaliphambi kwakho yini? Yehlukana-ke lami; uba usiya kwesokhohlo, ngizakuya kwesokunene; kodwa uba kwesokunene, ngizakuya kwesokhohlo.

10 ULothi wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona lonke igceke leJodani ukuthi lalithelelwe kuhle lonke. INKOSIingakachithi iSodoma leGomora, lalinjengensimu yeNKOSI, njengelizwe leGibhithe, nxa usiya eZowari.

11 ULothi wasezikhethela lonke igceke leJodani; uLothi wasesiya empumalanga; basebezehlukanisa omunye komunye.

12 UAbrama wahlala elizweni leKhanani, uLothi wasehlala emizini yemagcekeni, wamisa ithente lakhe eduze leSodoma.

13 Kodwa abantu beSodoma babebabi babeyizoni phambi kweNKOSI kakhulu.

14 INKOSI yasisithi kuAbrama emva kokuthi uLothi esehlukaniswe laye: Phakamisa-ke amehlo akho, ukhangele endaweni lapho okhona, ngasenyakatho langaseningizimu langasempumalanga langasentshonalanga,

15 ngoba ilizwe lonke olibonayo ngizalinika wena, lakunzalo yakho kuze kube nininini.

16 Njalo ngizakwenza inzalo yakho ibe njengothuli lomhlaba, kuze kuthi uba umuntu engabala uthuli lomhlaba, izabalwa lenzalo yakho.

17 Sukuma uhambe udabule ilizwe, ebudeni balo lebubanzini balo, ngoba ngizalinika wena.

18 UAbrama wasesusa amathente wafika wahlala ezihlahleni zama-okhi zeMamre, eziseHebroni, wakhela lapho iNKOSI ilathi.

UGENESISE 14

UAbrama ukhulula uLothi

1Kwasekusithi ensukwini zikaAmrafeli inkosi yeShinari, uAriyoki inkosi yeElasari, uKedolawoma inkosi yeElamu, loTidali inkosi yezizwe,

2 balwa impi loBera inkosi yeSodoma, loBirisha inkosi yeGomora, uShinabi inkosi yeAdima, loShemebere inkosi yeZeboyimi, lenkosi yeBhela, eliyiZowari.

3 Bonke labo bahlangana esigodini iSidima esiluLwandle lweTshwayi.

4 Babemkhonzile uKedolawoma okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, kodwa ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu bavukela.

5 Langomnyaka wetshumi lane kweza uKedolawoma, lamakhosi ayelaye, batshaya amaRefa eAshiterothi-Karnayimi, lamaZuzi eHamu, lamaEmi egcekeni leKiriyathayimi,

6 lamaHori entabeni yeSeyiri, kuze kube eEliparani eliseduze lenkangala.

7 Basebebuyela bafika eEnimishipati eliyiKadeshi, batshaya ilizwe lonke lamaAmaleki, njalo lamaAmori ayehlala eHazazoni-Tamari.

8 Kwasekuphuma inkosi yeSodoma lenkosi yeGomora, lenkosi yeAdima lenkosi yeZeboyimi, lenkosi yeBhela eliyiZowari, bahlomisa impi bemelene labo esigodini iSidima,

9 emelane loKedolawoma inkosi yeElamu, loTidali inkosi yezizwe, loAmrafeli inkosi yeShinari, loAriyoki inkosi yeElasari; amakhosi amane emelane lamakhosi amahlanu.

10 Lesigodi seSidima sasilemigodigodi yengcino, lenkosi yeSodoma leyeGomora abaleka, awela khona; lasalayo abalekela entabeni,

11 asethatha yonke impahla yeSodoma leyeGomora, lokudla kwabo bonke, ahamba.

12 Amthatha loLothi lempahla yakhe, indodana yomfowabo kaAbrama, asehamba, ngoba wayehlala eSodoma.

13 Kwasekusiza owayephunyukile, wamlandisela uAbrama umHebheru, owayehlala ezihlahleni zama-okhi zeMamre umAmori, umfowabo kaEshikoli lomfowabo kaAneri ababelesivumelwano loAbrama.

14 Kwathi uAbrama esezwile ukuthi umfowabo uthunjiwe, wahlomisa ayebafundisile, bezelwe endlini yakhe, abangamakhulu amathathu letshumi lesificaminwembili, waxotshana lawo waze wafika koDani.

15 Wasezehlukanisa emelane lawo ebusuku, yena lenceku zakhe, wawatshaya, waxotshana lawo waze wafika eHoba, ekwesokhohlo seDamaseko.

16 Wasebuyisa yonke impahla, njalo loLothi umfowabo lempahla yakhe, labesifazana labo labantu.

UMelkizedeki ubusisa uAbrama

17 Inkosi yeSodoma yasiphuma ukumhlangabeza, esebuyile ekutshayeni uKedolawoma lamakhosi ayelaye, esigodini iShave, esiyisigodi senkosi.

18 UMelkizedeki inkosi yeSalema waseletha isinkwa lewayini; njalo yena ngumpristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke.

19 Wasembusisa wathi: Kabusiswe uAbrama nguNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, uMnini wamazulu lomhlaba.

20 Kabusiswe-ke uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke onikele izitha zakho esandleni sakho. Wasemnika okwetshumi kwakho konke.

21 Inkosi yeSodoma yasisithi kuAbrama: Nginika abantu, kodwa uzithathele impahla.

22 UAbrama wasesithi eNKOSIni yeSodoma: Ngiphakamise isandla sami eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, uMnini wamazulu lomhlaba,

23 ngithi kangiyikuthatha kusukela kumucu kusiya emchilweni wenyathela, kukho konke olakho! Hlezi uthi: Mina ngimnothisile uAbrama.

24 Ngaphandle kwalokho kuphela akudlileyo amajaha, lesabelo samadoda ahambe lami, uAneri, uEshikoli loMamre, bona kabathathe isabelo sabo.

UGENESISE 15

Isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu loAbrama

1 Emva kwalezizinto ilizwi leNKOSI leza kuAbrama ngombono, lisithi: Ungesabi Abrama, ngiyisihlangu sakho, umvuzo wakho omkhulu kakhulu.

2 UAbrama wasesithi: Nkosi Jehova, uzangiphani? Njengoba lokhe ngingelamntwana; lomphathi wendlu yami ungoweDamaseko uEliyezeri.

3 UAbrama wasesithi: Khangela, kimi kawuphanga nzalo; njalo khangela, ozelwe endlini yami uzakuba yindlalifa yami.

4 Khangela-ke ilizwi leNKOSI laba kuye lisithi: Lo kayikudla ilifa lakho, kodwa ozaphuma emibilini yakho, yena uzakudla ilifa lakho.

5 Wasemkhuphela phandle wathi: Khangela-ke emazulwini, ubale izinkanyezi uba ungazibala. Wasesithi kuye: Izakuba njalo inzalo yakho.

6 Wasekholwa eNKOSIni. Yasimbalela lokhu kube yikulunga.

7 Yasisithi kuye: NgiyiNKOSI, eyakukhupha eUri yamaKhaladiya ukukunika ilizwe leli libe yilifa lakho.

8 Wasesithi: Nkosi Jehova, ngizakwazi ngani ukuthi lizakuba yilifa lami?

9 Yasisithi kuye: Ngithathela ithokazi elileminyaka emithathu, lesibhuzikazi esileminyaka emithathu, lenqama eleminyaka emithathu, lejuba, lephuphu lenkwilimba.

10 Wasesisa kuyo zonke lezizinto, wazidabula phakathi, wabeka leyo laleyongxenye yazo ikhangelene lenye; kodwa inyoni kazidabulanga.

11 Inyoni ezidla inyama zasezisehlela phezu kwezidumbu, uAbrama wasezixotshela khatshana.

12 Kwasekusithi ilanga selitshona, ubuthongo obukhulu bajuma uAbrama; khangela-ke, uvalo lomnyama omkhulu lwehlela phezu kwakhe.

13 Yasisithi kuAbrama: Yazi lokwazi ukuthi inzalo yakho izakuba yisihambi elizweni elingeyisilo layo, njalo bazabasebenzela, besebebahlupha iminyaka engamakhulu amane.

14 Kodwa lesizwe abazasisebenzela ngizasigweba; lemva kwalokho bazaphuma lempahla enengi.

15 Kodwa wena uzakuya kuboyihlo ngokuthula, uzangcwatshwa ekuluphaleni okuhle.

16 Isizukulwana sesine sizabuya-ke lapha; ngoba isono samaAmori kasikapheleli.

17 Kwasekusithi ilanga selitshonile sekumnyama, khangela-ke, imbawula ethunqayo lesihlanti somlilo esadabula phakathi kwalezozingxenye.

18 Ngalolosuku iNKOSI yenza isivumelwano loAbrama isithi: Enzalweni yakho nginikele lelilizwe, kusukela emfuleni weGibhithe kuze kube semfuleni omkhulu, umfula iYufrathi,

19 amaKeni lamaKenizi lamaKadimoni

20 lamaHethi lamaPerizi lamaRefa

21 lamaAmori lamaKhanani lamaGirigashi lamaJebusi.

UGENESISE 16

UHagari loIshmayeli

1USarayi umkaAbrama wayengamzaleli-ke abantwana; wayelencekukazi umGibhithekazi, lebizo layo linguHagari.

2 USarayi wasesithi kuAbrama: Khangela-ke, iNKOSI ingivalile ukuze ngingazali; ake ungene encekwini yami, mhlawumbe ngingakhiwa ngayo. UAbrama waselalela ilizwi likaSarayi.

3 Ngakho uSarayi umkaAbrama wamthatha uHagari umGibhithekazi incekukazi yakhe, ekupheleni kweminyaka elitshumi uAbrama esehlale elizweni leKhanani, wasemnika uAbrama indoda yakhe ukuthi abe ngumkakhe.

4 Wasengena kuHagari, wasethatha isisu. Esebonile ukuthi uzithwele, inkosikazi yakhe yasideleleka emehlweni akhe.

5 USarayi wasesithi kuAbrama: Ububi bami buphezu kwakho. Mina nginike incekukazi yami esifubeni sakho, ithe isibonile ukuthi izithwele, ngiyadeleleka emehlweni ayo. INKOSI kayahlulele phakathi kwami lawe.

6 UAbrama wasesithi kuSarayi: Khangela, incekukazi yakho isesandleni sakho. Yenza kuyo lokho okuhle emehlweni akho. USarayi waseyiphatha kubi, yasibaleka ebusweni bakhe.

7 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasiyifica emthonjeni wamanzi enkangala, emthonjeni endleleni eya eShuri.

8 Yasisithi: Hagari, ncekukazi kaSarayi, uvela ngaphi, uya ngaphi? Yasisithi: Ngibalekela ubuso bukaSarayi inkosikazi yami.

9 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasisithi kuyo: Buyela enkosikazini yakho, ubusuzehlisela ngaphansi kwezandla zayo.

10 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yathi kuyo futhi: Ngizakwandisa kakhulu inzalo yakho ukuze ingabalwa ngenxa yobunengi.

11 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasisithi kuyo: Khangela, uzithwele, futhi uzazala indodana, njalo uzayitha ibizo layo uthinguIshmayeli, ngoba iNKOSI izwile ukuhlupheka kwakho.

12 Yona-ke izakuba ngumuntu ongubabhemi ongathambanga, isandla sayo simelane labo bonke, lesandla sabo bonke simelane layo; izahlala phambi kobuso babafowabo bonke.

13 Waseyitha iNKOSI eyakhuluma laye ibizo lokuthi: Wena Nkulunkulu wokubona. Ngoba wathi: Lapha lami ngimkhangele yini ongibonayo?

14 Ngakho umthombo wabizwa ngokuthi iBeri-Lahayi-Royi; khangela, uphakathi kweKadeshi leBeredi.

15 UHagari wasemzalela uAbrama indodana; uAbrama wasesitha ibizo lendodana yakhe, uHagari ayizalayo, wathinguIshmayeli.

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16 Njalo uAbrama wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesithupha mhla uHagari emzalela uAbrama uIshmayeli.

UGENESISE 17

Ukusoka kuyisibonakaliso sesivumelwano

1Kwathi uAbrama eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesificamunwemunye iNKOSIyasibonakala kuAbrama, yathi kuye: NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; hamba phambi kwami, uphelele.

2 Njalo ngizakwenza isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami lawe, ngizakwandisa kakhulukazi.

3 UAbrama wasesiwa ngobuso bakhe, uNkulunkulu wasekhuluma laye, esithi:

4 Mina ngokwami, khangela, isivumelwano sami silawe; futhi uzakuba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi.

5 Lebizo lakho kalisayikubizwa ngokuthi Abrama, kodwa ibizo lakho lizakuba nguAbrahama, ngoba ngikwenze uyise wexuku lezizwe.

6 Ngizakwenza uzale kakhulukazi, ngizakwenza izizwe, lamakhosi azaphuma kuwe.

7 Njalo ngizamisa isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami lawe lenzalo yakho emva kwakho ezizukulwaneni zayo, kube yisivumelwano esilaphakade, sokuthi ngibe nguNkulunkulu kuwe lakuyo inzalo yakho emva kwakho.

8 Ngizanika-ke wena lenzalo yakho emva kwakho ilizwe ohlala kilo njengowezizwe, ilizwe lonke leKhanani, libe yimfuyo elaphakade; njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu kibo.

9 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuAbrahama: Wena-ke uzagcina isivumelwano sami, wena lenzalo yakho emva kwakho ezizukulwaneni zayo.

10 Lesi yisivumelwano sami elizasigcina phakathi kwami lani lenzalo yakho emva kwakho; sonke isilisa sisokwe kini.

11 Lizasoka inyama yejwabu lenu; kuzakuba yisibonakaliso sesivumelwano phakathi kwami lani.

12 Lendodana yensuku eziyisificaminwembili izasokwa phakathi kwenu, sonke isilisa ezizukulwaneni zenu, ozelwe endlini, lothengwe ngemali lakuye wonke oyisizwe, ongayisuye wenzalo yakho.

13 Ozelwe endlini yakho lothengwe ngemali yakho kumele asokwe. Lesivumelwano sami sizakuba senyameni yenu, sibe yisivumelwano esilaphakade.

14 Lesilisa esingasokwanga, esinyama yejwabu lingasokwanga, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke esizweni sawo, weqile isivumelwano sami.

15 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuAbrahama: NgoSarayi umkakho, ungabizi ibizo lakhe uthi nguSarayi, ngoba uSaralibizo lakhe.

16 Njalo ngizambusisa, ngikunike indodana evela lakuye; yebo ngizambusisa abesesiba yizizwe, amakhosi ezizwe azavela kuye.

17 UAbrahama wasesiwa ngobuso bakhe, wahleka, wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: Oleminyaka elikhulu uzazalelwa yini? Kambe loSara oleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye uzazala?

18 UAbrahama wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Kungathi uIshmayeli angaphila phambi kwakho!

19 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Hatshi, uSara umkakho uzakuzalela indodana; uzayitha ibizo uthi nguIsaka; njalo ngizamisa isivumelwano sami laye, sibe yisivumelwano esilaphakade kunzalo yakhe emva kwakhe.

20 Mayelana loIshmayeli ngikuzwile-ke; khangela, ngimbusisile, njalo ngizamenza abe lenzalo, ngimandise kakhulukazi; uzazala iziphathamandla ezilitshumi lambili, njalo ngizamenza isizwe esikhulu.

21 Kodwa isivumelwano sami ngizasimisa loIsaka, uSara azakuzalela yena ngalesisikhathi esimisiweyo ngomnyaka ozayo.

22 Wasecina ukukhuluma laye, uNkulunkulu wenyuka esuka kuAbrahama.

23 UAbrahama wasethatha uIshmayeli indodana yakhe labo bonke ababezelwe endlini yakhe labo bonke ababethengwe ngemali yakhe, sonke isilisa phakathi kwabendlu kaAbrahama, wasoka inyama yejwabu labo, ngalona lolosuku, njengalokho uNkulunkulu akutshoyo kuye.

24 LoAbrahama wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesificamunwemunye ekusokweni kwakhe inyama yejwabu lakhe.

25 UIshmayeli-ke indodana yakhe wayeleminyaka elitshumi lantathu ekusokweni kwakhe inyama yejwabu lakhe.

26 Ngalona lolosuku uAbrahama wasokwa loIshmayeli indodana yakhe.

27 Lamadoda wonke omuzi wakhe, ayezelwe endlini layethengwe ngemali kowezizwe, asokwa kanye laye.

UGENESISE 18

Ukuzalwa kukaIsaka kuyathenjiswa

1 INKOSI yasibonakala kuye ema-okhini eMamre, wathi ehlezi emnyango wethente ekutshiseni kosuku,

2 wasephakamisa amehlo akhe wabona, khangela-ke amadoda amathathu emi phambi kwakhe; esewabonile wagijima ukuwahlangabeza esuka emnyango wethente, wakhothamela emhlabathini,

3 wasesithi: Nkosi, uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, ngicela ungadluli usuke encekwini yakho.

4 Ake kulethwe amanzi amalutshwana, beseligeza inyawo zenu, liphumule ngaphansi kwesihlahla.

5 Ngizaletha-ke ucezu lwesinkwa, beseliqinisa inhliziyo yenu, beselisedlula, ngoba yikho ledlule encekwini yenu. Asesithi: Ngokunjalo yenza njengokutsho kwakho.

6 UAbrahama wasephangisa esiya ethenteni kuSara, wasesithi: Phangisa! Amaseya amathathu empuphu ecolekileyo! Xova, wenze amaqebelengwana.

7 UAbrahama wasegijimela enkomeni, wathatha ithole elibuthakathaka njalo elihle, walinika ijaha; laphangisa ukulilungisa.

8 Wasethatha amasi lochago, lethole abelilungisile, wakubeka phambi kwawo; wema eduze lawo ngaphansi kwesihlahla, asesidla.

9 Asesithi kuye: Ungaphi uSara umkakho? Wasesithi: Khangela, ethenteni.

10 Yasisithi: Isibili ngizabuya kuwe ngalesisikhathi sempilo; khangela, uSara umkakho uzakuba lendodana. USara wakuzwa esemnyango wethente elalingemva kwayo.

11 UAbrahama loSara basebebadala sebelensuku ezinengi; kwasekuphelile kuSara okwendlela yabafazi.

12 USara wasehlekela ngaphakathi, esithi: Sengigugile, ngingaba lenjabulo, lenkosi yami isindala yini?

13 INKOSI yasisithi kuAbrahama: Kungani uSara ehleka, esithi: Isibili lami ngizazala mina sengimdala yini?

14 Kukhona into enzima kakhulu eNKOSIni yini? Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo ngizabuya kuwe, ngalesisikhathi sempilo, njalo uSara uzakuba lendodana.

15 USara wasephika esithi: Kangihlekanga, ngoba wayesesaba. Kodwa wathi: Hatshi, ngoba uhlekile.

UAbrahama ukhulekela iSodoma

16 Amadoda asesukuma esuka lapho akhangela phansi eSodoma; uAbrahama wasehamba lawo ewaphelekezela.

17 INKOSI yasisithi: Mina ngingamfihlela uAbrahama yini engikwenzayo?

18 Ngoba isibili uAbrahama uzakuba yisizwe esikhulu esilamandla; lazo zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiswa kuye.

19 Ngoba ngimazile, ukuze alaye abantwana bakhe lendlu yakhe emva kwakhe, besebegcina indlela yeNKOSIukuze benze ukulunga lokwahlulela, ukuze iNKOSI imehlisele uAbrahama lokho ekutshoyo ngaye.

20 INKOSI yasisithi: Ngoba isikhalo seSodoma leGomora sikhulu, langoba isono sabo sinzima kakhulu,

21 ngizakwehla-ke besengibona ukuthi njengokwesikhalo sayo esesifike kimi, benzile ngokupheleleyo; kodwa uba kungenjalo ngizakwazi.

22 Amadoda esefulathele lapho, asesiya eSodoma; kodwa uAbrahama wayelokhu emile phambi kweNKOSI.

23 UAbrahama wasesondela, wathi: Kambe uzambhubhisa lolungileyo kanye lomubi?

24 Mhlawumbe kukhona abalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu phakathi komuzi; kambe uzabhubhisa ungaxoleli indawo ngenxa yabalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu abakuwo?

25 Kakube khatshana lawe ukwenza into enjalo, ukubulala olungileyo kanye lomubi lokuthi olungileyo abe njengomubi; kakube khatshana lawe; umahluleli womhlaba wonke kayikwenza ukulunga yini?

26 INKOSI yasisithi: Uba ngithola eSodoma abalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu phakathi komuzi, ngizaxolela yonke indawo ngenxa yabo.

27 UAbrahama wasephendula wathi: Khangela-ke, ngizimisele ukukhuluma eNkosini, lanxa ngiluthuli lomlotha.

28 Mhlawumbe kuzasweleka abahlanu kubo abalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu; uzabhubhisa umuzi wonke ngenxa yabahlanu yini? Yasisithi: Kangiyikuwubhubhisa uba ngithola khona abangamatshumi amane lanhlanu.

29 Waseqhubeka elokhu ekhuluma kuyo wathi: Mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona abangamatshumi amane. Yasisithi: Kangiyikukwenza ngenxa yabangamatshumi amane.

30 Wasesithi: Ngicela iNkosi ingathukutheli lapho ngikhuluma. Mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona abangamatshumi amathathu. Yasisithi: Kangiyikukwenza uba ngithola khona abangamatshumi amathathu.

31 Wasesithi: Khangela-ke, ngizimisele ukukhuluma eNkosini; mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona abangamatshumi amabili. Yasisithi: Kangiyikuwubhubhisa ngenxa yabangamatshumi amabili.

32 Wasesithi: Ngicela iNkosi ingathukutheli, ngizakhuluma khathesi kuphela; mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona abalitshumi. Yasisithi: Kangiyikuwubhubhisa ngenxa yabalitshumi.

33 INKOSI yasihamba isiqedile ukukhuluma kuAbrahama; uAbrahama wasebuyela endaweni yakhe.

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Ukubhujiswa kweSodoma leGomora

1 Ingilosi ezimbili zasezifika eSodoma sekuhlwile. LoLothi wayehlezi esangweni leSodoma. Kwathi uLothi ezibona, wasukuma ukuzihlangabeza, wathi mbo ngobuso emhlabathini;

2 wasesithi: Khangelani-ke makhosi ami, ngicela liphendukele endlini yenceku yenu, lilale ubusuku, ligeze inyawo zenu, beselivuka ngovivi, lihambe indlela yenu. Zathi-ke: Hatshi, kodwa sizalala endleleni.

3 Wasezincenga kakhulu zaze zaphendukela kuye zangena endlini yakhe; wazenzela ukudla, wapheka isinkwa esingelamvubelo, zasezisidla.

4 Zingakalali, amadoda omuzi, amadoda eSodoma, azingelezela indlu, kusukela komutsha kusiya komdala, bonke abantu bevela ephethelweni lomuzi.

5 Asembiza uLothi athi kuye: Angaphi amadoda afike kuwe ebusuku? Akhuphele phandle kithi ukuze siwazi.

6 ULothi wasephumela kuwo emnyango, wavala umnyango ngemva kwakhe.

7 Wathi: Ngiyacela bazalwane, lingenzi okubi.

8 Khangelani-ke, ngilamadodakazi amabili, angakazi indoda; ake ngilikhuphele wona, beselisenza kuwo njengokuhle emehlweni enu; kodwa kulamadoda lingenzi lutho, ngoba yikho engene emthunzini wophahla lwami.

9 Kodwa athi: Xekela le. Athi njalo: Yena lo yedwa wafika engowezizwe, kambe ngeqiniso angaba ngumahluleli? Khathesi sizakwenza okubi kuwe okwedlula wona. Acindezela kakhulu indoda uLothi, asondela ukuze afohloze isivalo.

10 Kodwa lawomadoda elula isandla sawo, amngenisa uLothi kuwo endlini, avala umnyango.

11 Asetshaya amadoda ayesemnyango wendlu ngobuphofu, kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu, aze adinwa yikudinga umnyango.

12 Amadoda asesithi kuLothi: Useselobani lapha? Umkhwenyana lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho, laye wonke olaye emzini, mkhuphe kulindawo,

13 ngoba sizabhubhisa lindawo, ngoba isikhalo sabo sikhulu phambi kweNKOSI; njalo iNKOSI isithumile ukuthi siyibhubhise.

14 ULothi wasephuma, wakhuluma labakhwenyana bakhe ababezathatha amadodakazi akhe, wathi: Sukumani liphume kulindawo; ngoba iNKOSI izabhubhisa umuzi. Kodwa waba njengosomayo emehlweni abakhwenyana bakhe.

15 Kwathi emadabukakusa, ingilosi zamcindezela uLothi, zisithi: Suka, uthathe umkakho lamadodakazi akho womabili atholakalayo, hlezi ubhujiswe ebubini bomuzi.

16 Kodwa esazilazila, amadoda abamba isandla sakhe, lesandla somkakhe, lesandla samadodakazi akhe womabili, ngoba iNKOSI ilomusa kuye, asemkhupha, ambeka ngaphandle komuzi.

17 Kwasekusithi esebakhuphele ngaphandle, yathi: Baleka ngenxa yempilo yakho, ungakhangeli ngemva kwakho, ungemi egcekeni lonke; balekela entabeni hlezi ubhujiswe.

18 ULothi wasesithi kuwo: Kakungabi njalo, Nkosi yami.

19 Khangela-ke, inceku yakho ithole umusa emehlweni akho, ukhulisile isihawu sakho, osenze kimi, ukugcina uphila umphefumulo wami; kodwa mina ngingeke ngiphephele entabeni, hlezi ububi bunamathele kimi, besengisifa.

20 Khangela-ke, lumuzi useduze ukubalekela kuwo; futhi umncinyane. Ngicela ngibalekele kuwo (kambe kawumncinyane?) lomphefumulo wami uphile.

21 Yasisithi kuye: Khangela, ngibemukele ubuso bakho lakulolu udaba, ukuze ngingawuchithi umuzi okhulume ngawo.

22 Phangisa, balekela kuwo; ngoba ngingeze ngenza ulutho uze ufike kuwo. Ngakho babiza ibizo lomuzingokuthi yiZowari.

23 Ilanga laseliphumile phezu komhlaba lapho uLothi engena eZowari.

24 INKOSI yasinisa phezu kweSodoma laphezu kweGomora isibabule lomlilo, kuvela eNKOSIni kuvela emazulwini.

25 Yasibhubhisa leyomizi legceke lonke, labo bonke ababehlala emizini, lokuhlumayo komhlaba.

26 Kodwa umkakhe wakhangela emuva engemuva kwakhe, wasesiba yinsika yetshwayi.

27 UAbrahama wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, waya endaweni lapho ayemi khona phambi kweNKOSI.

28 Wasekhangela phansi ngaseSodoma leGomora langasemhlabathini wonke wegceke, wabona, njalo khangela, intuthu yathunqa emhlabeni njengentuthu yesithando.

29 Kwasekusithi uNkulunkulu esebhubhisile imizi yegceke uNkulunkulu wamkhumbula uAbrahama, wamkhokhela uLothi emkhupha phakathi kwencithakalo, mhla ebhubhisa imizi ayehlala kuyo uLothi.

UMowabi loAmoni

30 ULothi wasesenyuka esuka eZowari, wahlala entabeni, lamadodakazi akhe womabili laye, ngoba wayesesaba ukuhlala eZowari; wahlala obhalwini, yena lamadodakazi akhe womabili.

31 Endala yasisithi kwencinyane: Ubaba usemdala, njalo kakulandoda emhlabeni ukungena kithi, ngokwendlela yomhlaba wonke.

32 Woza simnathise ubaba iwayini, silale laye sigcine iphila inzalo evela kubaba.

33 Asemnathisa uyise iwayini ngalobobusuku; endala yasingena yalala loyise, futhi kakwazanga ekulaleni kwayo lekusukeni kwayo.

34 Kwasekusithi ngosuku olulandelayo endala yathi kwencinyane: Khangela, bengilele lobaba ngobusuku obedlulileyo; asimnathise iwayini langalobubusuku, ubusungena ulale laye, ukuze sigcine iphila inzalo evela kubaba.

35 Asemnathisa uyise iwayini langalobobusuku; lencinyane yasukuma yalala laye, futhi kakwazanga ekulaleni kwayo lekusukeni kwayo.

36 Ngokunjalo amadodakazi womabili kaLothi athatha izisu kuyise.

37 Endala yasizala indodana, yayitha ibizo yathi nguMowabi; lowo nguyise wamaMowabi kuze kube lamuhla.

38 Lencinyane layo yazala indodana, yayitha ibizo yathi nguBenami; lowo nguyise wabantwana bakoAmoni kuze kube lamuhla.

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UAbrahama loAbhimeleki

1UAbrahama wasesuka lapho waya elizweni leningizimu, wahlala phakathi kweKadeshi leShuri wahlala njengowezizwe eGerari.

2 UAbrahama wasesithi ngoSara umkakhe: Ungudadewethu. UAbhimeleki inkosi yeGerari wathuma-ke, wathatha uSara.

3 Kodwa uNkulunkulu weza kuAbhimeleki ephutsheni ebusuku, wathi kuye: Khangela, ufile ngenxa yowesifazana omthetheyo, ngoba uganile endodeni.

4 Kodwa uAbhimeleki wayengasondelanga kuye. Ngakho wathi: Nkosi, uzabhubhisa lesizwe esilungileyo yini?

5 Kayisuye yini othe kimi: Ungudadewethu? Laye uqobo wasesithi: Ungumnewethu. Ngobuqotho benhliziyo yami langobuhlophe bezandla zami ngikwenzile lokhu.

6 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye ephutsheni: Lami sengazile ukuthi ngobuqotho benhliziyo yakho ukwenzile lokhu; lami futhi ngikuvimbele ukuze ungoni kimi; ngenxa yalokhu kangikuvumelanga ukuthi umthinte.

7 Ngakho-ke buyisela umfazi wendoda, ngoba ingumprofethi; njalo izakukhulekela ukuze uphile; kodwa uba ungambuyiseli, yazi ukuthi isibili uzakufa wena labo bonke abangabakho.

8 UAbhimeleki wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wabiza zonke inceku zakhe, wakhuluma wonke la amazwi endlebeni zazo; njalo amadoda esaba kakhulu.

9 UAbhimeleki wasembiza uAbrahama, wathi kuye: Wenzeni kithi? Ngoneni kuwe ukuthi ungilethele mina lombuso wami isono esikhulu? Wenze kimi izenzo ezingafanelanga ukwenziwa.

10 UAbhimeleki wasesithi kuAbrahama: Uboneni, uze wenze into le?

11 UAbrahama wasesithi: Ngoba ngacabanga ukuthi: Isibili ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kakukho kulindawo; njalo bazangibulala ngenxa yomkami.

12 Kanti-ke isibili ungudadewethu, uyindodakazi kababa, kodwa kasiyo indodakazi kamama; wasesiba ngumkami.

13 Kwasekusithi mhla uNkulunkulu engizulisa ngisuka endlini kababa ngasengisithi kuye: Lo ngumusa ozawenza kimi, kuzo zonke indawo esizafika kuzo, uthi ngami: Ungumnewethu.

14 UAbhimeleki wasethatha izimvu lezinkomo lezinceku lezincekukazi, wapha uAbrahama, wambuyisela uSara umkakhe.

15 UAbhimeleki wasesithi: Khangela, ilizwe lami liphambi kwakho; hlala lapho okuhle khona emehlweni akho.

16 LakuSara wathi: Khangela, ngimnikile umnewenu inhlamvu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane; khangela, uyisisibekelo samehlo kuwe, kuye wonke olawe, labo bonke, njalo ukhuziwe.

17 UAbrahama wasekhuleka kuNkulunkulu; uNkulunkulu wasemsilisa uAbhimeleki lomkakhe lencekukazi zakhe, ukuze bazale.

18 Ngoba iNKOSI yayizivalile ngokupheleleyo izizalo zonke zabendlu kaAbhimeleki ngenxa kaSara umkaAbrahama.

UGENESISE 21

Ukuzalwa kukaIsaka

1 INKOSI yasimhambela uSara njengokukhuluma kwayo, njalo iNKOSI yenza kuSara njengoba yayitshilo.

2 USara wasethatha isisu, wamzalela indodana uAbrahama ebudaleni bakhe, ngesikhathi esimisiweyouNkulunkulu abesitshilo kuye.

3 UAbrahama wasesitha ibizo lendodana yakhe, eyazalelwa yena, uSara amzalela yona, wathi nguIsaka.

4 UAbrahama wasesoka uIsaka indodana yakhe isilensuku eziyisificaminwembili, njengoba uNkulunkulu wamlaya.

5 Njalo uAbrahama wayeleminyaka elikhulu lapho ezalelwa uIsaka indodana yakhe.

6 USara wasesithi: UNkulunkulu ungenzele uhleko, wonke ozwayo uzahleka lami.

7 Wathi futhi: Ngubani obengatsho kuAbrahama ukuthi: USara uzamunyisa abantwana? Ngoba ngimzalele indodana ebudaleni bakhe.

UHagari loIshmayeli basenkangala

8 Umntwana wakhula, walunyulwa. UAbrahama wasesenza idili elikhulu mhla uIsaka elunyulwa.

9 USara wasebona indodana kaHagari umGibhithekazi ayeyizalele uAbrahama ikloloda.

10 Ngakho wathi kuAbrahama: Xotsha lesisigqilikazi lendodana yaso; ngoba indodana yalesisigqilikazi kayiyikudla ilifa kanye lendodana yami, kanye loIsaka.

11 Lalelilizwi laba libi kakhulu emehlweni kaAbrahama, ngenxa yendodana yakhe.

12 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuAbrahama: Kakungabi kubi emehlweni akho, ngenxa yomfana langenxa yesigqilikazi sakho; konke uSara azakutsho kuwe, lalela ilizwi lakhe, ngoba kuIsaka inzalo yakho izabizwa.

13 Kodwa lendodana yesigqilikazi ngizayenza ibe yisizwe, ngoba iyinzalo yakho.

14 Ngakho uAbrahama wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, wathatha isinkwa lesigxingi samanzi, wakunika uHagari, ekubeka emahlombe akhe, lomntwana, wamyekela wahamba. Wasehamba wazula enkangala iBherishebha.

15 Amanzi esephelile esigxingini waphosela umntwana phansi kwesinye sezihlahlakazana.

16 Wasehamba wahlala phansi maqondana laye, esuka kuye khatshanyana, okungaba yikutshoka ngedandili; ngoba wathi: Kangingaboni ukufa komntwana. Wahlala maqondana laye, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhala inyembezi.

17 UNkulunkulu wasesizwa ilizwi lomfana. Yasimemeza ingilosi kaNkulunkulu kuHagari isemazulwini, yathi kuye: Ulani, Hagari? Ungesabi, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulizwile ilizwi lomfana lapho akhona.

18 Sukuma, uphakamise umfana, umbambe ngesandla sakho; ngoba ngizamenza abe yisizwe esikhulu.

19 UNkulunkulu wasevula amehlo akhe, njalo wabona umthombo wamanzi; wahamba, wagcwalisa isigxingi ngamanzi, wamnathisa umfana.

20 Njalo uNkulunkulu waba lomfana, wakhula, wahlala enkangala, waba ngumtshoki.

21 Wahlala enkangala iParani; unina wasemthathela umfazi elizweni leGibhithe.

Isivumelwano sikaAbrahama loAbhimeleki

22 Kwasekusithi ngalesosikhathi uAbhimeleki loFikoli, induna yebutho yakhe, wakhuluma kuAbrahama wathi: UNkulunkulu ulawe kukho konke okwenzayo.

23 Ngakho-ke funga kimi lapha ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi kawuyikungikhohlisa mina kumbe indodana yami kumbe izizukulwana zami; njengomusa engikwenzele wona, yenza kimi, lelizweni ohlala kilo njengowemzini.

24 UAbrahama wasesithi: Mina ngizafunga.

25 Kodwa uAbrahama wamsola uAbhimeleki ngenxa yomthombo wamanzi ebeziwuphangile izinceku zikaAbhimeleki.

26 UAbhimeleki wasesithi: Angazi owenze le into; njalo lawe kawungitshelanga, futhi lami kangizwanga ngakho, ngaphandle kwalamuhla.

27 UAbrahama wasethatha izimvu lenkomo, wazinika uAbhimeleki; njalo bobabili benza isivumelwano.

28 UAbrahama wabeka amawundlukazi omhlambi ayisikhombisa wodwa.

29 UAbhimeleki wasesithi kuAbrahama: Ayini lapha lamawundlukazi ayisikhombisa owabeke wodwa?

30 Wasesithi: Ngoba uzakwemukela esandleni sami amawundlukazi ayisikhombisa, ukuze abe yibufakazi kimi bokuthi lumthombo ngiwugebhile.

31 Ngakho wabiza leyondawo ngokuthi yiBherishebha, ngoba lapho bafunga bobabili.

32 Ngakho benza isivumelwano eBherishebha. UAbhimeleki wasesukuma, loFikoli induna yakhe yebutho, babuyela elizweni lamaFilisti.

33 Wasehlanyela isihlahla setamarisiki eBherishebha wabiza khona ibizo leNKOSI, uNkulunkulu olaphakade.

34 UAbrahama wasehlala njengowezizwe elizweni lamaFilisti insuku ezinengi.

UGENESISE 22

UAbrahama ulaywa ukwenza umhlatshelo ngoIsaka

1 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto uNkulunkulu wamlinga uAbrahama, wathi kuye: Abrahama! Wathi: Khangela ngilapha.

2 Wasesithi: Thatha-ke indodana yakho, eyodwa eyakho, oyithandayo, uIsaka, uye elizweni leMoriya; uyinikele khona ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwenye yezintaba engizakutshela yona.

3 UAbrahama wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wabophela isihlalo kubabhemi wakhe, wathatha kanye laye ababili kumajaha akhe, loIsaka indodana yakhe. Wabanda inkuni zomnikelo wokutshiswa, wasukuma waya endaweni ayemtshele yona uNkulunkulu.

4 Kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu uAbrahama waphakamisa amehlo akhe wayibona indawo isekhatshana.

5 UAbrahama wasesithi emajaheni akhe: Salani lina lapha lobabhemi, mina lomfana sisaya laphayana njalo sizakhonza, sibuye kini futhi.

6 UAbrahama wasethatha inkuni zomnikelo wokutshiswa, wazethesa uIsaka indodana yakhe; wathatha esandleni sakhe umlilo lengqamu; basebehamba bobabili ndawonye.

7 UIsaka wasekhuluma kuAbrahama uyise wathi: Baba! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha, mntanami. Wasesithi: Khangela, umlilo lenkuni; kodwa lingaphi iwundlu lomnikelo wokutshiswa?

8 UAbrahama wasesithi: UNkulunkulu uzazibonela yena iwundlu lomnikelo wokutshiswa, mntanami. Bahamba-ke bobabili ndawonye.

9 Basebefika endaweni uNkulunkulu ayemtshele yona; uAbrahama wasesakha khona ilathi; wabeka kuhle inkuni; esembophile uIsaka indodana yakhe, wambeka elathini phezu kwenkuni.

10 UAbrahama waseselula isandla sakhe, wathatha ingqamu ukuze ayihlabe indodana yakhe.

11 Kwasekumemeza kuye ingilosi yeNKOSI isemazulwini yathi: Abrahama, Abrahama! Wathi: Khangela ngilapha.

12 Yasisithi: Ungeluleli isandla sakho emfaneni, ungenzi lutho kuye, ngoba khathesi ngiyazi ukuthi wena uyamesaba uNkulunkulu, lokhu ungayigodlanga indodana yakho eyodwa kimi.

13 UAbrahama wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona, khangela-ke, inqama emuva ibanjiwe esixukwini ngezimpondo zayo. UAbrahama wasehamba wayithatha inqama, wayinikela ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa esikhundleni sendodana yakhe.

14 UAbrahama wasesitha ibizo laleyondawo wathi uJehova-jire, njengoba kutshiwo lalamuhla ukuthi: Entabeni yeNKOSI kuzanakekelwa.

15 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasimemeza uAbrahama ngokwesibili isemazulwini,

16 yathi: Ngizifungile, itsho iNKOSI, ukuthi njengoba wenzile le into ungayigodlanga indodana yakho, eyakho eyodwa,

17 qotho ngizakubusisa lokukubusisa, ngiyandise lokuyandisa inzalo yakho njengenkanyezi zamazulu, lanjengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle; lenzalo yakho izakuba ngumnikazi wesango lezitha zayo,

18 lenzalweni yakho zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiswa, ngoba ulalele ilizwi lami.

19 UAbrahama wasebuyela emajaheni akhe; basebesukuma, bahamba ndawonye eBherishebha; uAbrahama wasehlala eBherishebha.

Inzalo kaNahori

20 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto kwabikwa kuAbrahama ukuthi: Khangela, uMilka laye umzalele uNahori umfowenu abantwana,

21 uUzi izibulo lakhe, loBuzi umfowabo, loKemuweli uyise kaAramu,

22 loKesedi, loHazo, loPilidashi, loJidilafi, loBethuweli,

23 uBethuweli wasezala uRebeka; laba abayisificaminwembili uMilka wabazalela uNahori, umfowabo kaAbrahama.

24 Lomfazi wakhe omncane obizo lakhe linguRewuma, laye wazala uTeba loGahama loTahashi loMahaka.

UGENESISE 23

Ukufa kukaSara; uAbrahama uthenga ingcwaba

1Njalo impilo kaSara yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa; yiyo iminyaka yempilo kaSara.

2 USara wasefela eKiriyathi-Arba okuyiHebroni elizweni leKhanani. UAbrahama wasesiza ukumkhalela uSara lokumlilela.

3 UAbrahama wasesukuma ebusweni bofileyo wakhe, wakhuluma kumadodana kaHethi, esithi:

4 Ngingowezizwe lowemzini ngilani; nginikani indawo yami yokungcwabela phakathi kwenu ukuze ngimngcwabe ofileyo wami ngimsuse phambi kwami.

5 Amadodana kaHethi asemphendula uAbrahama, athi kuye:

6 Sizwe, nkosi yami! Uyisikhulu esilamandla phakathi kwethu; ngcwaba ofileyo wakho kwelihle lamangcwaba ethu; kakho phakathi kwethu ozakugodlela ingcwaba lakhe ukuthi ungamngcwabi ofileyo wakho.

7 UAbrahama wasesukuma, wakhothamela abantu balelolizwe, phambi kwamadodana kaHethi.

8 Wasekhuluma labo esithi: Uba kungentando yenu ukuthi ngimngcwabe ofileyo
wami ngimsuse phambi kwami, ngizweni, lingincengele kuEfroni indodana
kaZohari

9 ukuze anginike ubhalu lweMakaphela alalo, olusemngceleni wesiqinti sakhe,
angiphe lona ngemali egcweleyo, lube yindawo yami yokungcwabela phakathi
kwenu.

10 UEfroni wayehlezi-ke phakathi kwamadodana kaHethi, njalo uEfroni umHethi
wamphendula uAbrahama endlebeni zamadodana kaHethi, lezabo bonke
abangena esangweni lomuzi wakhe, esithi:

11 Hatshi, nkosi yami, ngizwe; isiqinti ngiyakunika, lobhalu olukuso ngiyakunika;
phambi kwamehlo amadodana abantu bami ngiyakunika lona; ngcwaba ofileyo
wakho.

12 UAbrahama wasekhothamela phansi phambi kwabantu balelolizwe.

13 Wasekhuluma kuEfroni endlebeni zabantu belizwe esithi: Kodwa
nxa kunguwe, ake ungilalele; ngizanika imali yesiqinti; yemukele kimi,
besengingcwaba ofileyo wami khona.

14 UEfroni wasemphendula uAbrahama esithi kuye:

15 Nkosi yami, ngizwe; isiqinti samashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amane, siyini
phakathi kwami lawe? Ngakho ngcwaba ofileyo wakho.

16 UAbrahama wasemlalela uEfroni; uAbrahama wasemlinganisela uEfroni isiliva
ayekhulume ngaso endlebeni zamadodana kaHethi, amashekeli esiliva
angamakhulu amane avunywa kumthengisi.

17 Ngakho isiqinti sikaEfroni esiseMakaphela esasiqondane leMamre, isiqinti
lobhalu olukuso, lazo zonke izihlahla ezisesiqintini lezizingelezele umngcele
waso, kwaqiniseka

18 kuAbrahama kube yimpahla phambi kwamehlo amadodana kaHethi phakathi
kwabo bonke abangena esangweni lomuzi wakhe.

19 Lemva kwalokho uAbrahama wamngcwaba uSara umkakhe obhalwini
lwesiqinti seMakaphela maqondana leMamre, okuyiHebroni elizweni leKhanani.

20 Isiqinti lobhalu olukuso kwaqiniseka kuAbrahama kube yindawo yakhe
yokungcwabela kuvela kumadodana kaHethi.

UGENESISE 24

UIsaka uganwa nguRebeka

1 UAbrahama wayesemdala eselensuku ezinengi; leNKOSI yayimbusisile kukho
konke.

2 UAbrahama wasesithi encekwini yakhe, endala yendlu yakhe, ebusa phezu kwakho konke alakho: Ake ubeke isandla sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami,

3 ukuze ngikufungise ngeNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamazulu loNkulunkulu womhlaba, ukuthi kawuyikuyithathela indodana yami umfazi emadodakazini amaKhanani, engihlala phakathi kwawo;

4 kodwa uzakuya elizweni lakithi lezihlotsheni zami, uyithathele umfazi indodana yami uIsaka.

5 Inceku yasisithi kuye: Mhlawumbe owesifazana angafuni ukungilandela kulelilizwe, ngingayibuyisela lokuyibuyisela yini indodana yakho elizweni owaphuma kulo?

6 UAbrahama wasesithi kuye: Qaphela ukuthi ungayibuyiseli khona indodana yami.

7 INKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamazulu, eyangithatha endlini kababa lelizweni lokuzalwa kwami, eyakhuluma kimi, eyafunga kimi isithi: Ngizalinika inzalo yakho lelilizwe; yona izathuma ingilosi yayo phambi kwakho, ukuze uyithathele khona umfazi indodana yami.

8 Kodwa uba owesifazana engafuni ukukulandela, uzakuba ukhululekile kulesisifungo sami; kuphela ungayibuyiseli indodana yami khona.

9 Inceku yasibeka isandla sayo ngaphansi kwethangazi likaAbrahama inkosi yayo, yafunga kuye ngaloludaba.

10 Njalo inceku yasithatha amakamela alitshumi kuwo amakamela enkosi yayo, yahamba, lakho konke okuhle kwenkosi yayo kwakusesandleni sayo, yasisukuma yaya eMesopotamiya emzini kaNahori.

11 Yasiguqisa amakamela ngaphandle komuzi emthonjeni wamanzi ngesikhathi santambama, ngesikhathi sokuphuma kwabakhi bamanzi besifazana.

12 Yasisithi: NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, ake ungiphumelelise lamuhla, uyenzele umusa inkosi yami uAbrahama.

13 Khangela, ngimi emthonjeni wamanzi, kuphuma amadodakazi amadoda omuzi ukukha amanzi.

14 Njalo kuzakuthi intombazana engizakuthi kuyo: Ake ukhothamise imbiza yakho ukuze nginathe, ibisisithi: Natha, lamakamela akho ngizawanathisa; yiyo oyimisele inceku yakho uIsaka; ngalokho-ke ngizakwazi ukuthi uyenzele umusa inkosi yami.

15 Kwasekusithi ingakaqedi ukukhuluma, khangela-ke, uRebeka waphuma, owazalelwa uBethuweli indodana kaMilka, umkaNahori umfowabo kaAbrahama, njalo elembiza ehlombe lakhe.

16 Njalo inkazana yayikhangeleka kuhle kakhulu, intombi emsulwa, okungelandoda eyaziyo; yasisehlela emthonjeni, yagcwalisa imbiza yayo, yenyuka.

17 Inceku yasigijima ukuyihlangabeza yathi: Ake unginathise amanzi amalutshwana embizeni yakho.

18 Yasisithi: Natha, nkosi yami. Yaphangisa yehlisela imbiza yayo esandleni sayo, yayinathisa.

19 Isiqedile ukuyinathisa yathi: Ngizakhelela lamakamela akho aze aqede ukunatha.

20 Yasiphangisa yathululela isigxingi sayo emkolweni wokunathela, yabuya yagijimela emthonjeni ukuyakukha, yakhelelela amakamela ayo wonke.

21 Indoda yasiyikhangelisisa ithule ukuze yazi ukuthi iNKOSI iyiphumelelisile indlela yayo kumbe hatshi.

22 Kwasekusithi amakamela eseqedile ukunatha, indoda yasithatha icici legolide, osisindo salo sasiyingxenyeyeshekeli, lamasongo amabili ezandleni zayo, isisindo sawo saba ngamashekeli alitshumi egolide.

23 Yasisithi: Uyindodakazi kabani? Ake utsho. Kukhona indawo yethu yini endlini kayihlo ukuthi silale?

24 Yasisithi kuyo: Ngiyindodakazi kaBethuweli indodana kaMilka owayizalela uNahori.

25 Yathi kuyo futhi: Silakho konke amahlanga lokudla kwezinyamazana okunengi, lendawo yokulala.

26 Indoda yasikhothama, yakhonza iNKOSI,

27 yasisithi: Ibusisiwe iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, engayekelanga umusa wayo lobuqotho bayo enkosini yami; mina-ke, ngisendleleni, iNKOSI ingikhokhelele endlini yabafowabo benkosi yami.

28 Intombi yasigijima, yazisa indlu kanina indaba ezinje.

29 Njalo uRebeka wayelomnewabo obizo lakhe lalinguLabani; uLabani wasegijimela phandle endodeni emthonjeni.

30 Kwasekusithi esebonile icici lamasongo ezandleni zikadadewabo, esezwile amazwi kaRebeka udadewabo okuthi: Itsho njalo indoda kimi; wasesiya endodeni, khangela-ke, yayimi ngasemakameleni emthonjeni.

31 Wasesithi: Ngena wena obusisiweyo weNKOSI; umeleni ngaphandle? Ngoba mina sengilungisile indlu lendawo yamakamela.

32 Indoda yasisiza endlini, yakhulula amakamela, wasenika amakamela amahlanga lokudla kwenyamazana, lamanzi okugeza inyawo zayo lenyawo zamadoda ayelayo.

33 Kwasekubekwa ukudla phambi kwayo; kodwa yathi: Kangiyikudla ngize ngikhulume indaba zami. Wasesithi: Khuluma.

34 Yasisithi: Ngiyinceku kaAbrahama.

35 Futhi iNKOSI iyibusisile kakhulu inkosi yami, yaze yaba nkulu. Yayinika izimvu lezinkomo, lesiliva legolide, lezinceku lezincekukazi, lamakamela labobabhemi.

36 Njalo uSara inkosikazi yenkosi yami uyizalele inkosi yami indodana emva kokuba esemdala; yasiyinika konke elakho.

37 Inkosi yami yasingifungisa isithi: Ungayithatheli indodana yami umfazi kumadodakazi amaKhanani, engihlala elizweni lawo;

38 kodwa uzakuya endlini kababa lezihlotsheni zami, ubusuyithathela indodana yami umfazi.

39 Ngasengisithi enkosini yami: Mhlawumbe owesifazana kayikungilandela.

40 Yasisithi kimi: INKOSI, engihamba phambi kwayo, izathuma ingilosi yayo lawe, izaphumelelisa indlela yakho, njalo uzayithathela indodana yami umfazi ezihlotsheni zami lendlini kababa.

41 Emva kwalokho uzakhululeka esifungweni sami uba uye ezihlotsheni zami njalo uba bengakuniki yena, uzakhululeka-ke esifungweni sami.

42 Kuthe ngifika emthonjeni lamuhla, ngathi: NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, uba-ke uphumelelisa indlela yami, engihamba ngayo;

43 khangela, ngimi emthonjeni wamanzi; njalo kakuthi intombi ezaphuma ukukha lengizakuthi kuyo: Ake unginathise amanzi amalutshwana esigxingini sakho;

44 ibisisithi kimi: Natha lawe, futhi ngizakhelelela lamakamela akho; kayibe nguye owesifazana iNKOSI emmisele indodana yenkosi yami.

45 Ngingakaqedi ukukhuluma enhliziyweni yami, khangela-ke, uRebeka waphuma lesigxingi sisehlombe lakhe; wehlela emthonjeni, wakha. Ngasengisithi kuye: Akunginathise.

46 Wasephangisa, wethula isigxingi kuye wathi: Natha, futhi ngizanathisa lamakamela akho. Ngasenginatha, wasenathisa lamakamela.

47 Ngasengimbuza ngathi: Uyindodakazi kabani? Wasesithi: Indodakazi kaBethuweli, indodana kaNahori uMilka amzalela yona; ngasengifaka icici emakhaleni akhe lamasongo ezandleni zakhe.

48 Ngasengikhothama, ngakhonza iNKOSI, ngabusisa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, engikhokhele endleleni elungileyo ukuthi indodakazi yomfowabo wenkosi yami ngiyithathele indodana yayo.

49 Khathesi-ke uba lizayenzela inkosi yami umusa lobuqotho, ngitshelani; uba-ke kungenjalo, ngitshelani, ukuze ngiphendukele ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo.

50 Khona oLabani loBethuweli baphendula, bathi: Le into ivela eNKOSIni; kasilakutsho lutho kuwe, olubi kumbe oluhle.

51 Khangela, uRebeka uphambi kwakho; mthathe uhambe, ukuze abe ngumkandodana yenkosi yakho, njengoba iNKOSI ikhulumile.

52 Kwasekusithi inceku kaAbrahama isizwile amazwi abo yakhothamela emhlabathini phambi kweNKOSI.

53 Inceku yasikhupha imiceciso yesiliva, lemiceciso yegolide, lezembatho, yakunika uRebeka, yabanika lomnewabo lonina impahla eziligugu.

54 Basebesidla banatha, yona lamadoda ayelayo, balala; bavuka ekuseni, yasisithi: Ngiyekelani ngiye enkosini yami.

55 Kodwa umnewabo lonina bathi: Kayihlale lathi intombazana izinsuku loba ezilitshumi, emva kwalokho uhambe.

56 Yasisithi kubo: Lingangibambeleli, lokhu iNKOSI iphumelelisile indlela yami; ngiyekelani ngihambe ukuze ngiye enkosini yami.

57 Basebesithi: Asiyibize intombi, sizwe emlonyeni wayo.

58 Basebembiza uRebeka, bathi kuye: Uzahamba lalindoda yini? Wasesithi: Ngizahamba.

59 Basebemyekela ehamba uRebeka udadewabo lomlizane wakhe, lenceku kaAbrahama lamadoda ayo.

60 Basebembusisa uRebeka, bathi kuye: Wena dadewethu, woba zinkulungwane zezigidi, lenzalo yakho ibe ngumnikazi wesango labayizondayo!

61 URebeka wasesukuma lamantombazana akhe, bagada amakamela, balandela indoda; inceku yasimthatha uRebeka, yahamba.

62 UIsaka wasefika lapho abavelela khona emthonjeni iLahayi-Royi, njalo wayehlala elizweni leningizimu.

63 UIsaka wasephuma ukuyazindla ensimini sekuntambama; waphakamisa amehlo akhe wabona, khangela-ke, amakamela ayesiza.

64 LoRebeka waphakamisa amehlo akhe; esembonile uIsaka waziwisa ekamelweni.

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65 Wasesithi encekwini: Ngubani lindoda ehamba emasimini ukusihlangabeza? Inceku yasisithi: Yinkosi yami. Wasethatha isimbombozo, wazigubuzela.

66 Inceku yasilandisa kuIsaka zonke indaba ezenzileyo.

67 UIsaka wasemngenisa ethenteni likaSara unina, wamthatha uRebeka, waba ngumkakhe, wamthanda. UIsaka waseduduzwa emva kokufa kukanina.

UGENESISE 25

Amadodana kaAbrahama kuKetura; ukufa kukaAbrahama

1UAbrahama wasebuya wathatha umfazi, lebizo lakhe linguKetura.

2 Wasemzalela uZimrani loJokishani loMedani loMidiyani loIshibaki loShuwa.

3 UJokishani wasezala uShebha loDedani. Lamadodana kaDedani ayengamaAshuri lamaLetushi lamaLewumi.

4 Njalo amadodana kaMidiyani ayengoEfa loEferi loHanoki loAbida loElidaha. Wonke la ngamadodana kaKetura.

5 UAbrahama wasemupha uIsaka konke ayelakho.

6 Kodwa kumadodana abafazi abancane uAbrahama ayelabo uAbrahama wawanika izipho; wawasusa kuIsaka indodana yakhe, esaphila, wawathuma empumalanga elizweni lempumalanga.

7 Lalezi zinsuku zeminyaka yempilo kaAbrahama ayiphilayo, iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu.

8 UAbrahama wasephela, wafa eseluphele kuhle emdala enele, wabuthelwa ezizweni zakibo.

9 UIsaka loIshmayeli amadodana akhe basebemngcwaba obhalwini lweMakaphela, esiqintini sikaEfroni indodana kaZohari umHethi, esiqondene leMamre,

10 isiqinti uAbrahama asithenga ebantwaneni bakaHethi; lapho uAbrahama wangcwatshwa loSara umkakhe.

11 Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaAbrahama, uNkulunkulu wambusisa uIsaka indodana yakhe; uIsaka wasehlala emthonjeni iLahayi-Royi.

Inzalo kaIshmayeli

12 Lalezi yizizukulwana zikaIshmayeli indodana kaAbrahama, uHagari umGibhithekazi, incekukazi kaSara, amzalela uAbrahama.

13 Lala ngamabizo amadodana kaIshmayeli ngamabizo awo njengokuzalwa kwawo; izibulo likaIshmayeli nguNebayothi, loKedari loAdibeli loMibisama

14 loMishima loDuma loMasa,

15 uHadadi loTema, uJeturi, uNafishi loKedema;

16 la ngamadodana kaIshmayeli, njalo la ngamabizo awo ngemizana yawo langezinqaba zawo, iziphathamandla ezilitshumi lambili ngezizwe zawo.

17 Njalo le yiminyaka yempilo kaIshmayeli, iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa; wasephela, wafa, wabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo.

18 Basebehlala kusukela eHavila kusiya eShuri ephambi kweGibhithe, ekuhambeni usiya eAsiriya; wahlalaphambi kobuso babafowabo bonke.

Ukuzalwa kukaEsawu loJakobe

19 Lalezi yizizukulwana zikaIsaka indodana kaAbrahama; uAbrahama wazala uIsaka.

20 UIsaka wayeseleminyaka engamatshumi amane mhla ethatha uRebeka, indodakazi kaBethuweli umSiriya wePadani-Arama, udadewabo kaLabani umSiriya, ukuba ngumkakhe.

21 UIsaka wasemncengela umkakhe eNKOSIni, ngoba wayeyinyumba; iNKOSI yasincengeka ngaye, kwaze kwathi uRebeka umkakhe wathatha isisu.

22 Abantwana babedubana-ke ngaphakathi kwakhe; wasesithi: Uba kunjalo, kungani nginje? WasesiyabuzaiNKOSI.

23 INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Izizwe ezimbili zisesizalweni sakho, izizwe ezimbili zizakwehlukana emibilini yakho. Njalo esinye isizwe sizakuba lamandla kulesinye isizwe, futhi omkhulu uzakhonza omncinyane.

24 Kwathi sezigcwalisekile insuku zakhe zokubeletha, khangela-ke, amaphahla esiswini sakhe.

25 Kwasekuphuma owokuqala ebomvana, yena wonke enjengesembatho soboya; ngakho bamutha ibizo lakhebathi nguEsawu.

26 Njalo emva kwalokho kwaphuma umfowabo, lesandla sakhe sibambelele esithendeni sikaEsawu; basebebiza ibizo lakhe uJakobe. LoIsaka wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha ekuzalweni kwabo.

27 Abafana basebekhula; uEsawu wasesiba ngumzingeli ohlakaniphileyo, umuntu weganga; loJakobe umuntu obekekileyo ehlala emathenteni.

28 Njalo uIsaka wayemthanda uEsawu ngoba wadla inyama yenyamazana yakhe; kodwa uRebeka wathanda uJakobe.

29 Kwathi uJakobe esephekile ukudla okuphekiweyo, kwasekufika uEsawu evela egangeni, ekhathele.

30 UEsawu wasesithi kuJakobe: Ake ungivumele ngiginye kokubomvu lokho okubomvu, ngoba ngikhathele. Ngalokhu babiza ibizo lakhe ngokuthi uEdoma.

31 UJakobe wasesithi: Ngithengisela lamuhla ilungelo lobuzibulo bakho.

32 UEsawu wasesithi: Khangela, sengizakufa; njalo liyini kimi ilungelo lobuzibulo?

33 UJakobe wasesithi: Funga kimi lamuhla. Wasefunga kuye, wathengisa ilungelo lobuzibulo bakhe kuJakobe.

34 UJakobe wasenika uEsawu isinkwa lokudla okuphekiweyo kwamalentili; wasesidla wanatha, wasukuma wahamba; ngalokho uEsawu wadelela ilungelo lobuzibulo bakhe.

UGENESISE 26

UIsaka useGerari leBherishebha

1Kwasekusiba khona indlala elizweni, ngaphandle kwendlala yakuqala eyayikhona ensukwini zikaAbrahama. UIsaka wasesiya kuAbhimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti, eGerari.

2 INKOSI yasibonakala kuye, yathi: Ungehleli eGibhithe, hlala elizweni engizakutshela lona;

3 hlala njengowezizwe kulelilizwe, futhi ngizakuba lawe ngikubusise; ngoba ngizanika wena lenzalo yakho wonke lamazwe, ngiqinise isifungo engasifunga kuAbrahama uyihlo.

4 Ngizakwandisa inzalo yakho njengenkanyezi zamazulu, ngizanika inzalo yakho lamazwe wonke; lenzalweni yakho zizabusiswa izizwe zonke zomhlaba;

5 ngalokhu ukuthi uAbrahama walalela ilizwi lami, wagcina ukulaya kwami, imilayo yami, izimiso zami lemithetho yami.

6 UIsaka wahlala-ke eGerari.

7 Amadoda aleyondawo asebuza ngomkakhe. Wasesithi: Ungudadewethu; ngoba wesaba ukuthi: Umkami. Hlezi amadoda aleyondawo angibulale ngenxa kaRebeka, ngoba wayekhangeleka kuhle.

8 Kwasekusithi esehlale khona isikhathi eside, uAbhimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti walunguza phansi ngewindi, wabona, khangela-ke, uIsaka wayedlala loRebeka umkakhe.

9 UAbhimeleki wasembiza uIsaka, wathi: Isibili, khangela, ungumkakho; utsho ngani ukuthi: Ungudadewethu? UIsaka wasesithi kuye: Ngoba ngathi, hlezi ngife ngenxa yakhe.

10 UAbhimeleki wasesithi: Kuyini lokhu okwenze kithi? Bekulula ukuthi omunye wabantu alale lomkakho; ubususibeka icala.

11 UAbhimeleki waselaya wonke umuntu, esithi: Othinta lindoda lomkayo uzabulawa isibili.

12 UIsaka wasehlanyela kulelolizwe, wathola ngalowomnyaka okuphindwe kalikhulu; iNKOSI yasimbusisa.

13 Lowomuntu waba mkhulu, waqhubeqhubeka waba mkhulu waze waba mkhulu kakhulu.

14 Njalo wayelemfuyo yezimvu lemfuyo yezinkomo lenceku ezinengi; ngakho amaFilisti aba lomhawu ngaye.

15 Lemithombo yonke izinceku zikayise ezaziyigebhile ensukwini zikaAbrahama uyise, amaFilisti ayeyivalile, ayigcwalisa ngenhlabathi.

16 UAbhimeleki wasesithi kuIsaka: Suka kithi, ngoba ulamandla kakhulu kulathi.

17 UIsaka wasesuka lapho, wamisa inkamba esigodini seGerari, wahlala khona.

18 UIsaka wabuya waphanda imithombo yamanzi ababeyigebhile ensukwini zikaAbrahama uyise, ngoba amaFilisti ayeyivalile emva kokufa kukaAbrahama. Wayibiza amabizo ngamabizo uyise ayewabizile.

19 Izinceku zikaIsaka zasezigebha esihotsheni, zathola khona umthombo wamanzi agobhozayo.

20 Njalo abelusi beGerari babangisana labelusi bakaIsaka, besithi: Amanzi ngawethu. Ngakho wabiza ibizo lomthombo iEseki, ngoba baphikisana laye.

21 Zasezigebha omunye umthombo, lalowo-ke bawubanga. Wasebiza ibizo lawo iSitina.

22 Waseqhubeka wasuka lapho, wagebha omunye umthombo, kodwa lowo kabawubanganga. Wasewubiza ibizo lawo iRehobothi, wathi: Ngoba iNKOSI isisenzele indawo, futhi sizakuba lesithelo elizweni.

23 Wasesenyuka lapho waya eBherishebha.

24 INKOSI yasibonakala kuye ngalobobusuku yathi: NginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama uyihlo. Ungesabi ngoba ngilawe, ngizakubusisa ngiyandise inzalo yakho ngenxa kaAbrahama inceku yami.

25 Wasesakha khona ilathi, wabiza ebizweni leNKOSI, wamisa khona ithente lakhe, lenceku zikaIsaka zagebha khona umthombo.

Isivumelwano sikaIsaka loAbhimeleki

26 UAbhimeleki wasesiya kuye evela eGerari loAhuzathi umngane wakhe loFikoli induna yebutho lakhe.

27 UIsaka wasesithi kubo: Lizeleni kimi, lokhu liyangizonda, lingixotshile kini?

28 Basebesithi: Sesibonile lokubona ukuthi iNKOSI ilawe. Ngakho sathi: Ake kube khona isifungo phakathi kwethu, phakathi kwethu lawe, asenze isivumelwano lawe,

29 sokuthi ungasenzeli okubi, njengoba singakuthintanga, njengoba sikwenzele okuhle kuphela, sakuyekela wahamba ngokuthula; wena khathesi ungobusisiweyo weNKOSI.

30 Wasebenzela idili, basebesidla banatha.

31 Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, bafungisana omunye komunye; uIsaka wasebayekela bahamba, basuka kuye ngokuthula.

32 Kwasekusithi ngalolosuku izinceku zikaIsaka zafika, zambikela mayelana lomthombo ezaziwugebhile, zathi kuye: Sithole amanzi.

33 Wawubiza ngokuthi yiShebha; ngakho ibizo lomuzi liyiBherishebha kuze kube lamuhla.

34 Kwasekusithi uEsawu eseleminyaka engamatshumi amane wathatha umfazi uJudithi indodakazi kaBeri umHethi, loBasemathi indodakazi kaEloni umHethi.

35 Lalaba baba lusizi lwawo umoya kuIsaka loRebeka.

UGENESISE 27

UJakobe uzizuzela isibusiso kuIsaka

1Kwasekusithi uIsaka esemdala lamehlo akhe esefiphele engasaboni, wabiza uEsawu indodana yakhe enkulu, wathi kuye: Ndodana yami! Wasesithi kuye: Khangela ngilapha.

2 Wasesithi: Khangela-ke, sengimdala, angilwazi usuku lokufa kwami.

3 Ngakho khathesi, ake uthathe izikhali zakho, isikhwama sakho semitshoko ledandili lakho, uphume uye egangeni ungizingelele inyama yenyamazana,

4 ungilungisele ukudla okumnandi njengengikuthandayo, ukulethe kimi ukuthi ngidle, ukuze umphefumulo wami ukubusise ngingakafi.

5 URebeka wasesizwa lapho uIsaka ekhuluma loEsawu indodana yakhe. UEsawu wasesiya egangeni ukuyazingela inyama yenyamazana ukuze ayilethe.

6 URebeka wasekhuluma kuJakobe indodana yakhe, esithi: Khangela, ngizwile uyihlo ekhuluma kuEsawu umnewenu, esithi:

7 Ngilethela inyama yenyamazana, ungilungisele ukudla okumnandi ukuthi ngidle, ngikubusise phambi kweNKOSIngingakafi.

8 Ngakho khathesi, ndodana yami, lalela ilizwi lami kulokhu engikulaya khona.

9 Ake uye emhlanjini, ungithathele lapho amazinyane amabili amahle ezimbuzi, ngizawenzela uyihlo ukudla okumnandi njengalokho akuthandayo;

10 uzakusa-ke kuyihlo ukuthi adle, ukuze akubusise engakafi.

11 UJakobe wasesithi kuRebeka unina: Khangela, uEsawu umnewethu uyindoda elihwanqa, kodwa ngiyindoda ebutshelezi.

12 Mhlawumbe ubaba uzangiphulula, besengisiba emehlweni akhe njengomhleka usulu, njalo ngizilethele isiqalekiso kungabi-ke yisibusiso.

13 Unina wasesithi kuye: Isiqalekiso sakho kasibe phezu kwami, ndodana yami; kuphela lalela ilizwi lami, uhambe ungithathele wona.

14 Wasehamba, wawathatha, wawaletha kunina; unina waselungisa ukudla okumnandi njengalokho uyise akuthandayo.

15 URebeka wasethatha izigqoko ezinhle zikaEsawu indodana yakhe enkulu, ayelazo endlini, wagqokisa uJakobe indodana yakhe encinyane;

16 lezikhumba zamazinyane ezimbuzi wazifaka ezandleni zakhe lebutshelezini bentamo yakhe.

17 Wasenika ukudla okumnandi lesinkwa ayekulungisile esandleni sikaJakobe indodana yakhe.

18 Wasesiza kuyise wathi: Baba! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha; ungubani ndodana yami?

19 UJakobe wasesithi kuyise: NginguEsawu izibulo lakho; ngenze njengoba ungitshelile; ake uvuke uhlale, udle okwenyama yenyamazana yami, ukuze umphefumulo wakho ungibusise.

20 UIsaka wasesithi endodaneni yakhe: Kungani uyithole masinyane kangaka, ndodana yami? Wasesithi: Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho yenze ukuthi ize phambi kwami.

21 UIsaka wasesithi kuJakobe: Ake usondele ukuze ngikuphulule, ndodana yami, ukuthi uyindodana yami uEsawu uqobo, kumbe hatshi.

22 UJakobe wasesondela kuIsaka uyise; wasemphulula wathi: Ilizwi liyilizwi likaJakobe, kodwa izandla ziyizandla zikaEsawu.

23 Kodwa kamazanga ngoba izandla zakhe zaziloboya njengezandla zomnewabo uEsawu; ngakho wambusisa.

24 Wasesithi: Uyindodana yami uEsawu uqobo? Wasesithi: Nginguye.

25 Wasesithi: Sondeza kimi ukuze ngidle okwenyama yenyamazana yendodana yami, ukuze umphefumulo wami ukubusise. Waseyisondeza kuye, wasesidla; waseletha kuye iwayini, wasenatha.

26 Uyise uIsaka wasesithi kuye: Ake usondele, ungange, ndodana yami.

27 Wasesondela, wamanga; wasenuka iphunga lezembatho zakhe, wambusisa wathi: Khangela, iphunga lendodana yami linjengephunga lensimu iNKOSI eyibusisileyo.

28 Ngakho uNkulunkulu akunike okwamazolo amazulu lokokuvunda komhlaba, lenala yamabele lewayini elitsha.

29 Abantu kabakukhonze, lezizwe zikukhothamele. Bana yinkosi yabafowenu, lamadodana kanyoko akukhothamele. Okuqalekisayo kaqalekiswe, lokubusisayo kabusiswe!

30 Kwasekusithi uIsaka eseqedile ukubusisa uJakobe, kwathi uJakobe esanda ukuphuma phambi kukaIsaka uyise, uEsawu umnewabo wafika evela ekuzingeleni kwakhe.

31 Laye futhi walungisa ukudla okumnandi, wakusa kuyise; wathi kuyise: Ubaba kavuke, adle okwenyama yenyamazana yendodana yakhe, ukuze umphefumulo wakho ungibusise.

32 UIsaka uyise wasesithi kuye: Ungubani? Wasesithi: Ngiyindodana yakho, izibulo lakho uEsawu.

33 UIsaka wasethuthumela ngokuthuthumela okukhulukazi, wathi: Pho, ngubani ozingele inyama yenyamazana wayiletha kimi, ngasengisidla okwayo yonke ungakafiki? Ngimbusisile, yebo uzabusiswa.

34 Kwathi uEsawu esezwe amazwi kayise, wakhala ngokukhala okukhulu lokubabayo isibili, wathi kuyise: Ngibusisa lami njalo, baba!

35 Wasesithi: Umfowenu ufike ngenkohliso, wathatha isibusiso sakho.

36 Wasesithi: Kasikuthi babiza ibizo lakhe ngokuthi nguJakobe, ukuthi ungiqile lezizikhathi ezimbili? Ilungelo lobuzibulo bami ulithethe, khangela-ke, khathesi uthethe isibusiso sami. Wathi futhi: Kawungigcinelanga mina isibusiso?

37 UIsaka wasephendula wathi kuEsawu: Khangela, ngimbekile abe yinkosi phezu kwakho, labo bonke abafowabo ngimnikile babe zinceku; ngimsekele ngamabele lewayini elitsha; pho, ngingabe ngisakwenzelani, ndodana yami?

38 UEsawu wasesithi kuyise: Ulesibusiso esisodwa yini, baba? Ngibusisa lami njalo, baba. UEsawu waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhala inyembezi.

39 UIsaka uyise wasephendula wathi kuye: Khangela, umuzi wakho uzakuba khatshana lokuvunda komhlaba lakhatshana lamazolo amazulu avela phezulu.

40 Njalo uzaphila ngenkemba yakho, uzakhonza umfowenu. Kodwa kuzakuthi lapho usuphunyuka, uzakwephula ijogwe lakhe entanyeni yakho.

41 UEsawu wasemzonda uJakobe ngenxa yesibusiso uyise ayembusise ngaso. UEsawu wasesithi enhliziyweni yakhe: Insuku zokulilela ubaba sezisondele, khona ngizambulala umnawami uJakobe.

42 Kwathi uRebeka etshelwa amazwi kaEsawu indodana yakhe enkulu, wathuma wabiza uJakobe indodana yakhe encinyane, wathi kuye: Khangela, uEsawu umnewenu uyaziduduza ngawe ukuthi akubulale.

43 Ngakho khathesi, ndodana yami, lalela ilizwi lami; sukuma uzibalekele uye kuLabani umfowethu eHarani,

44 njalo uhlale laye insuku ezinlutshwana, ize idede intukuthelo yomnewenu,

45 kuze kuthi ulaka lomnewenu ludede kuwe, futhi akhohlwe lokho okwenze kuye; besengithuma ngikulande khona; kungani ngizalahlekelwa layini lobabili ngosuku lunye?

46 URebeka wasesithi kuIsaka: Nginengekile yimpilo ngenxa yamadodakazi kaHethi; uba uJakobe ethatha umfazi kumadodakazi kaHethi anjengala, emadodakazini alelilizwe, ngiphilelani?

UGENESISE 28

UIsaka uthuma uJakobe eHarani

1UIsaka wasebiza uJakobe, wambusisa, wamlaya wathi kuye: Ungathathi umfazi kumadodakazi eKhanani.

2 Sukuma uye ePadani-Arama, endlini kaBethuweli uyise kanyoko, uzithathele khona umfazi kumadodakazi kaLabani umalumakho.

3 Njalo uNkulunkulu uSomandla akubusise, akwenze ube lenzalo akwandise, ukuze ube ngumbuthano wezizwe;

4 abesekupha isibusiso sikaAbrahama, kuwe lenzalweni yakho kanye lawe, ukuze udle ilifa lelizwe lapho ohlala khona njengowezizwe, uNkulunkulu alinika uAbrahama.

5 UIsaka wasethuma uJakobe waya ePadani-Arama kuLabani indodana kaBethuweli umSiriya, umfowabo kaRebeka unina kaJakobe loEsawu.

6 UEsawu wasebona ukuthi uIsaka umbusisile uJakobe, wamthuma ePadani-Arama ukuze azithathele khona umfazi, lapho embusisa wamlaya esithi: Ungathathi umfazi kumadodakazi eKhanani;

7 lokuthi uJakobe walalela oyise lonina, waya ePadani-Arama.

8 UEsawu wasebona ukuthi amadodakazi eKhanani ayemabi emehlweni kaIsaka uyise.

9 Ngakho uEsawu waya kuIshmayeli, wazithathela uMahalathi indodakazi kaIshmayeli, indodana kaAbrahama, udadewabo kaNebayothi, abe ngumkakhe phezu kwabafazi ayelabo.

Iphupho likaJakobe eseBhetheli

10 UJakobe wasephuma eBherishebha waya eHarani.

11 Wafika endaweni, achitha khona ubusuku ngoba ilanga lalitshonile. Wasethatha ilitshe ematsheni aleyondawo, wenza umqamelo wakhe, walala kuleyondawo.

12 Waphupha, khangela-ke, ilele limisiwe emhlabeni, isihloko salo sifinyelela emazulwini, khangela-ke, ingilosi zikaNkulunkulu zisenyuka zisehla kulo.

13 Khangela-ke, iNKOSI yema phezu kwalo, yathi: NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama uyihlo loNkulunkulu kaIsaka; ilizwe olele kulo, ngizakunika lona, lenzalo yakho;

14 njalo inzalo yakho izakuba ngangothuli lomhlaba, uzasabalalela entshonalanga lempumalanga lenyakatho leningizimu; njalo zizabusiswa kuwe zonke insendo zomhlaba, lasenzalweni yakho.

15 Khangela-ke, ngilawe, ngizakulondoloza zonke indawo lapha oya khona, ngikubuyise kulelilizwe; ngoba kangiyikukutshiya ngize ngikwenze lokho engikhulume ngakho kuwe.

16 Kwathi uJakobe ephaphama ebuthongweni bakhe, wathi: Isibili iNKOSI ikulindawo, mina-ke bengingakwazi.

17 Wasesesaba wathi: Yesabeka kangakanani lindawo! Kayisilutho ngaphandle kokuthi yindlu kaNkulunkulu, laleli lisango lamazulu.

18 UJakobe wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wathatha ilitshe alenza laba ngumqamelo wakhe, walimisa laba yinsika, wathela amagcobo phezu kwesihloko salo.

19 Wasebiza ibizo laleyondawo iBhetheli; kodwa-ke kuqala ibizo lomuzi laliyiLuzi.

20 UJakobe wasethembisa isithembiso esithi: Uba uNkulunkulu ezakuba lami, angilondoloze kulindlela engiyihambayo, angiphe isinkwa sokudla, lesembatho sokwembatha,

21 njalo ngibuyele ngokuthula endlini kababa, khona iNKOSI izakuba nguNkulunkulu wami,

22 lelitshe leli engilimise ukuthi libe yinsika lizakuba yindlu kaNkulunkulu; kukho konke ozangipha khona, isibili ngizakunika okwetshumi.

UGENESISE 29

Ukubonana kukaJakobe lezihlobo zakhe

1UJakobe wasephakamisa inyawo zakhe, waya elizweni labantwana bempumalanga.

2 Wasebona, khangela-ke, umthombo emmangweni, khangela-ke lapho, imihlambi emithathu yezimvu yayilele kuwo, ngoba kulowomthombo banathisa imihlambi; kwakukhona ilitshe elikhulu emlonyeni womthombo.

3 Njalo yonke imihlambi yabuthelwa khona, sebeligiqile ilitshe lisuka emlonyeni womthombo banathisa izimvu, basebebuyisela ilitshe emlonyeni womthombo endaweni yalo.

4 UJakobe wasesithi kibo: Bazalwane bami, livela ngaphi? Basebesithi: Sivela eHarani.

5 Wasesithi kibo: Liyamazi yini uLabani indodana kaNahori? Basebesithi: Siyamazi.

6 Wasesithi kibo: Uyaphila yini? Basebesithi: Uphilile; khangela-ke, uRasheli indodakazi yakhe, uyeza lezimvu.

7 Wasesithi: Khangelani, kusesemini enkulu, kayisiso isikhathi sokuthi izifuyo zibuthaniswe; nathisani izimvu, lihambe lizidlise.

8 Basebesithi: Singeke, kuze kubuthaniswe imihlambi yonke, bagiqe-ke ilitshe lisuke emlonyeni womthombo; khona sizanathisa izimvu.

9 Esakhuluma labo, uRasheli wafika lezimvu, ezingezikayise, ngoba wayengumelusikazi.

10 Kwasekusithi uJakobe ebona uRasheli indodakazi kaLabani umalumakhe lezimvu zikaLabani umalumakhe, uJakobe wasondela, waligiqa ilitshe lisuke emlonyeni womthombo, wazinathisa izimvu zikaLabani umalumakhe.

11 UJakobe wasemanga uRasheli, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhala izinyembezi.

12 UJakobe wasemazisa uRasheli ukuthi ungumfowabo kayise lokuthi uyindodana kaRebeka. Wasegijima, wamazisa uyise.

13 Kwasekusithi uLabani esezwile umbiko kaJakobe indodana kadadewabo, wagijima ukuyamhlangabeza, wamgona, wamanga, wamngenisa endlini yakhe. UJakobe waselandisela uLabani zonke lezizinto.

14 ULabani wasesithi kuye: Isibili ulithambo lami lenyama yami. Wahlala laye inyanga yonke.

UJakobe uthatha uLeya loRasheli

15 ULabani wasesithi kuJakobe: Njengoba ungumfowethu, usuzangisebenzela mahala yini? Ngitshela ukuthi umholo wakho uzakuba yini?

16 Njalo uLabani wayelamadodakazi amabili, ibizo lenkulu linguLeya lebizo lencinyane linguRasheli.

17 Kodwa uLeya wayelamehlo abuthakathaka, kodwa uRasheli wayemuhle ngesimo, njalo wayemuhle ngokukhangeleka.

18 UJakobe wasemthanda uRasheli. Wathi: Ngizakusebenzela iminyaka eyisikhombisa ngoRasheli indodakazi yakho encane.

19 ULabani wasesithi: Kungcono ukuthi ngimnike wena kulokuthi ngimnike enye indoda; hlala lami.

20 UJakobe wasemsebenzela uRasheli iminyaka eyisikhombisa; yaba emehlweni akhe njengensuku ezinlutshwana, ngenxa yokumthanda kwakhe.

21 UJakobe wasesithi kuLabani: Ngipha umkami, ngoba insuku zami sezigcwalisekile, ukuthi ngingene kuye.

22 ULabani wasebuthanisa wonke amadoda aleyondawo, wenza idili.

23 Kwasekusithi kusihlwa wathatha uLeya indodakazi yakhe wamusa kuye, wasengena kuye.

24 ULabani wasemnika uZilipa incekukazi yakhe, kuLeya indodakazi yakhe, abe yincekukazi.

25 Kwasekusithi ekuseni, khangela-ke, nguLeya; ngakho wathi kuLabani: Kuyini lokhu okwenze kimi? Kangimsebenzelanga uRasheli kuwe yini? Pho, ungikhohliseleni?

26 ULabani wasesithi: Kakwenziwa njalo endaweni yakithi ukupha omncinyane ngaphambi kwengqabutho.

27 Gcwalisa iviki yalo, besesikunika lalowayana, ngomsebenzi ozawusebenza lami futhi eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa.

28 UJakobe wasesenza njalo; wagcwalisa iviki yalo; wasemnika uRasheli indodakazi yakhe ukuba ngumkakhe.

29 ULabani wasenika uRasheli indodakazi yakhe uBiliha incekukazi yakhe, abe yincekukazi kuye.

30 UJakobe wasengena lakuRasheli; wamthanda njalo uRasheli kuloLeya, wasesebenza laye futhi eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa.

Abantwana abazalelwa uJakobe

31 Lapho iNKOSI isibona ukuthi uLeya wayezondwa, yavula isizalo sakhe, kodwa uRasheli wayeyinyumba.

32 ULeya wasethatha isisu, wazala indodana, wayitha ibizo layo uRubeni, ngoba wathi: Ngoba iNKOSI ibonile inhlupheko yami; ngakho khathesi indoda yami izangithanda.

33 Wasebuya wathatha isisu, wazala indodana, wathi: Njengoba iNKOSI izwile ukuthi ngiyazondwa, inginike lale; wayitha ibizo layo uSimeyoni.

34 Wasebuya wathatha isisu, wazala indodana; wathi: Khathesi ngalesisikhathi indoda yami izazihlanganisa lami, ngoba ngiyizalele amadodana amathathu; ngalokhu wabiza ibizo layo uLevi.

35 Wasebuya wathatha isisu, wazala indodana; wathi: Ngalesisikhathi ngizadumisa iNKOSI; ngakho wayitha ibizo layo uJuda; wasesima ukuzala.

UGENESISE 30

1 Kwathi uRasheli esebonile ukuthi wayengamzaleli uJakobe, uRasheli waba lomona ngodadewabo, wathi kuJakobe: Nginika abantwana, kodwa nxa kungenjalo ngife.

2 Ngakho lwavutha ulaka lukaJakobe kuRasheli, wathi: Ngisesikhundleni
sikaNkulunkulu okwenqabele isithelo sesizalo yini?

3 Wasesithi: Khangela, incekukazi yami uBiliha, ngena kuye, ukuze azalele
emadolweni ami, ukuze lami ngakhiwe kuye.

4 Wasemnika uBiliha incekukazi yakhe abe ngumkakhe; uJakobe wasengena
kuye.

5 UBiliha wasethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe indodana.

6 URasheli wasesithi: UNkulunkulu ungahlulele, njalo uzwile ilizwi lami,
wanginika indodana. Ngakho wayitha ibizo layo uDani.

7 UBiliha incekukazi kaRasheli wasebuya ethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe
indodana yesibili.

8 URasheli wasesithi: Ngibindene lokubindana okulamandla lodadewethu, njalo
ngehlula; ngakho wayitha ibizo layo uNafithali.

9 Kwathi uLeya esebonile ukuthi usemi ukuzala, wathatha uZilipa incekukazi
yakhe, wamnika uJakobe abe ngumkakhe.

10 UZilipa incekukazi kaLeya wasemzalela uJakobe indodana.

11 ULeya wasesithi: Kuyeza ibutho. Wayitha ibizo layo uGadi.

12 UZilipa incekukazi kaLeya wasemzalela uJakobe indodana yesibili.

13 ULeya wasesithi: Kungokwentokozo yami, ngoba amadodakazi azakuthi
ngilentokozo. Wayitha ibizo layo uAsheri.

14 URubeni wasehamba ngensuku zokuvuna ingqoloyi, wafica amamandrake
ensimini, wawaletha kuLeya unina. URasheli wasesithi kuLeya: Ake ungiphe
emamandrakeni endodana yakho.

15 Wasesithi kuye. Kuyinto encinyane yini ukuthi uthethe indoda yami?
Usuzathatha lamamandrake endodana yami yini? URasheli wasesithi: Ngakho
uzalala lawe ngalobubusuku ngenxa yamamandrake endodana yakho.

16 Kwathi uJakobe esebuya evela emasimini kusihlwa, uLeya waphuma
ukumhlangabeza, wathi: Kimi uzangena, ngoba ukukuqatsha
ngikuqatshile ngamamandrake endodana yami. Waselala laye ngalobobusuku.

17 UNkulunkulu wasemuzwa uLeya; wasethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe
indodana yesihlanu.

18 ULeya wasesithi: UNkulunkulu unginikile umvuzo wami, ngoba ngayinika
indoda yami incekukazi yami; waseyitha ibizo layo uIsakari.

19 ULeya wasephinda ethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe indodana yesithupha.

20 ULeya wasesithi: UNkulunkulu unginikile mina isipho esihle; khathesi indoda yami izahlala lami, ngoba ngiyizalele amadodana ayisithupha, waseyitha ibizo layo uZebuluni.

21 Emva kwalokhu wasezala indodakazi, wayitha ibizo layo uDina.

22 UNkulunkulu wasemkhumbula uRasheli, uNkulunkulu wasemuzwa, wavula isizalo sakhe.

23 Wasethatha isisu, wazala indodana, wathi: UNkulunkulu ususile ihlazo lami.

24 Waseyitha ibizo layo uJosefa, esithi: INKOSI kayengeze kimi enye indodana.

Inotho kaJakobe

25 Kwasekusithi uRasheli esemzele uJosefa, uJakobe wathi kuLabani: Ngiyekela ngihambe ukuze ngiye endaweni yakithi, lelizweni lakithi.

26 Ngipha omkami labantwana bami engibasebenzele kuwe ukuze ngihambe, ngoba wena uyazi umsebenzi wami engikusebenzele wona.

27 ULabani wasesithi kuye: Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlweni akho; sengibonile ngokukhangela ukuthi iNKOSIingibusisile ngenxa yakho.

28 Wathi futhi: Ngimisela iholo lakho, njalo ngizakupha.

29 Wasesithi kuye: Wena yazi ukuthi ngikusebenzele njani lokuthi izifuyo zakho bezinjani lami.

30 Ngoba okulutshwana owawulakho mandulo kwami, kwanda kakhulu kwaba yinkithinkithi; iNKOSI ikubusisile ekufikeni kwami; pho-ke, ngizayisebenzela nini lami indlu yami?

31 Wasesithi: Ngizakuphani? UJakobe wasesithi: Kawuyikunginika lutho, uba uzangenzela le into; ngizabuya ngeluse izimvu zakho ngizilinde.

32 Ngizadabula phakathi komhlambi wonke wakho lamuhla, ngehlukanise lapho yonke imvu elamabala lelamachatha, layo yonke imvu ensundu phakathi kwezimvu, lezilamabala lezilamachatha ezimbuzini, zibe liholo lami.

33 Njalo ukulunga kwami kuzangifakazela ngosuku oluzayo, uba usiza mayelana leholo lami, phambi kwakho; konke okungelamabala lamachatha ezimbuzini, lokunsundu emawundlwini, kuyabe kuntshontshiwe uba kukimi.

34 ULabani wasesithi: Khangela, ye, kakube njengelizwi lakho.

35 Wasezehlukanisa mhlalokho impongo ezingamaqamule lezilamabala lazo zonke izibhuzikazi ezilamabala lezilamachatha, lakho konke okulokumhlophe, lakho konke okunsundu emawundlwini, wakunikela esandleni samadodana akhe.

36 Wabeka ummango wensuku ezintathu phakathi kwakhe loJakobe. UJakobe waseselusa imihlambi eseleyo kaLabani.

37 UJakobe wasezithathela ingatsha ezimanzi zephophula leze-alimondi lezingelamaxolo, webula kuzo imizila emhlophe, wembula okumhlophe okwakusezingatsheni.

38 Wasefaka ingatsha ayezebulile emigelweni lemikolweni yokunathela yamanzi maqondana lemihlambi, lapho imihlambi efika khona ukunatha; yamitha ekufikeni kwayo ukuzanatha.

39 Kwathi imihlambi isimithi ezingatsheni, imihlambi yazala amaqamule, alamabala lalamachatha.

40 UJakobe wasesehlukanisa amawundlu; wakhangelisa ubuso bomhlambi kwezingamaqamule lazo zonke ezinsundu zomhlambi kaLabani; wabeka imihlambi yakhe yodwa, engayibeki emhlanjini kaLabani.

41 Kwasekusithi loba nini eziqinileyo zomhlambi sezimitha, uJakobe wafaka izingatsha phambi kwamehlo omhlambi emigelweni, ukuze zidabule phakathi kwezingatsha.

42 Kodwa nxa umhlambi ububuthakathaka kazifakanga; ngalokhu ebuthakathaka yaba ngekaLabani, leqinileyo ngekaJakobe.

43 Lendoda yaqhamuka yaba nkulu kakhulu, yaba lemihlambi eminengi lezincekukazi lezinceku lamakamela labobabhemi.

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UJakobe ubalekela uLabani

1Wasesizwa amazwi amadodana kaLabani esithi: UJakobe uthethe konke okukababa; langalokho okwakungokukababa wenza lonke loludumo.

2 UJakobe wasebona ubuso bukaLabani, futhi khangela, babunganjengamandulo kuye.

3 INKOSI yasisithi kuJakobe: Buyela elizweni laboyihlo lezihlotsheni zakho; njalo ngizakuba lawe.

4 UJakobe wasethuma wababiza oRasheli loLeya emadlelweni emhlanjini wakhe,

5 wathi kibo: Ngiyabona ubuso bukayihlo ukuthi kabunjengamandulo kimi; kodwa uNkulunkulu kababa ube lami.

6 Futhi lina liyazi ukuthi ngamandla ami wonke ngimsebenzele uyihlo.

7 Kodwa uyihlo ungikhohlisile, waphendula iholo lami okwezikhathi ezilitshumi, kanti uNkulunkulu kamvumelanga ukwenza okubi kimi.

8 Kwathi esitsho njalo: Ezilamabala zizakuba liholo lakho, khona umhlambi wonke wazala ezilamabala. Kwathi esitsho njalo: Ezingamaqamule zizakuba liholo lakho, khona umhlambi wonke wazala ezingamaqamule.

9 Ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu uthethe izifuyo zikayihlo, wanginika.

10 Kwasekusithi, ngesikhathi umhlambi umitha, ngaphakamisa amehlo ami ngabona ephutsheni, khangela-ke, izimpongo ezikhwela umhlambi zazingamaqamule, zilamabala, lezizinala.

11 Ingilosi kaNkulunkulu yasisithi kimi ephutsheni: Jakobe! Ngathi: Khangela ngilapha.

12 Yasisithi: Ake uphakamise amehlo akho ubone, zonke impongo ezikhwela umhlambi zingamaqamule, zilamabala lezizinala; ngoba ngibonile konke uLabani akwenze kuwe.

13 NginguNkulunkulu weBhetheli lapho owagcoba khona insika, owathembisa khona isithembiso kimi. Khathesi, vuka, uphume kulelilizwe, ubuyele elizweni lokuzalwa kwakho.

14 ORasheli loLeya baphendula bathi kuye: Siselesabelo lelifa endlini kababa yini?

15 Kasibalwa njengabezizwe kuye yini? Ngoba wasithengisa, futhi wadla lokudla imali yethu.

16 Ngoba inotho yonke uNkulunkulu ayemuke ubaba ingeyethu leyabantwana bethu; khathesi-ke, konke uNkulunkulu akutsho kuwe, kwenze.

17 UJakobe wasesukuma, wakhweza amadodana akhe labomkakhe emakameleni;

18 waqhuba izifuyo zakhe zonke, layo impahla yakhe yonke abeyizuzile, izifuyo ayelazo, ayezizuze ePadani-Arama, ukuze aye kuIsaka uyise elizweni leKhanani.

19 Njalo uLabani esehambile ukuyagunda izimvu zakhe, uRasheli weba izithombe uyise ayelazo.

20 UJakobe wasuka enyenya engananzelelwe kuLabani umSiriya, ngoba kamazisanga ukuthi uyabaleka.

21 Wasebaleka, yena lakho konke ayelakho, wasukuma, wachapha umfula, wakhangelisa ubuso bakhe entabeni yeGileyadi.

22 Kwasekusaziswa uLabani ngosuku lwesithathu ukuthi uJakobe ubalekile.

23 Wasethatha abafowabo kanye laye, waxotshana laye ibanga lensuku eziyisikhombisa, wamfica entabeni yeGileyadi.

24 UNkulunkulu wasesiza kuLabani umSiriya ephutsheni lebusuku, wathi kuye: Ziqaphele, hlezi ukhulume loJakobe okuhle kumbe okubi.

25 ULabani wasemfica uJakobe. Njalo uJakobe wayemise ithente lakhe entabeni; uLabani laye kanye labafowabo bamisa entabeni yeGileyadi.

26 ULabani wasesithi kuJakobe: Wenzeni, ukuthi usuke unyenye nginganzelele, uthathe amadodakazi ami ngamandla njengabathunjiweyo ngenkemba?

27 Ubalekeleni ngasese, unginyenyela, ungangazisanga, ukuthi ngabe ngikuvalelise ngokuthokoza langengoma, ngesigubhu langechacho?

28 Njalo kawungivumelanga ukuthi ngange amadodana ami lamadodakazi ami. Khathesi wenze ubuthuthangokwenza lokho.

29 Kusemandleni esandla sami ukwenza okubi kini; kodwa uNkulunkulu kayihlo ukhulumile kimi ebusuku obudlulileyo wathi: Ziqaphele ukuthi ungakhulumi loJakobe okuhle kumbe okubi.

30 Khathesi-ke, ukuhamba uhambile, ngoba ngokukhanuka ukhanukile indlu kayihlo; webeleni onkulunkulu bami?

31 UJakobe wasephendula wathi kuLabani: Ngoba ngesaba, ngoba wathi: Hlezi ungihluthunele amadodakazi akho.

32 Lowo ozathola kuye onkulunkulu bakho kangaphili; phambi kwabafowethu zinanzelelele okungokwakho okukimi, uzithathele. Ngoba uJakobe wayengazi ukuthi uRasheli wayebebile.

33 ULabani wasengena ethenteni likaJakobe lethenteni likaLeya, lethenteni lezincekukazi ezimbili, kodwa katholanga. Waphuma ethenteni likaLeya, wangena ethenteni likaRasheli.

34 Kodwa uRasheli wayethethe izithombe, wazifaka esikhwameni sesihlalo sekamela, wahlala phezu kwazo. ULabani waphumputha ithente lonke kodwa katholanga.

35 Wasesithi kuyise: Kalungavuthi ulaka emehlweni enkosi yami ukuthi ngingesukume phambi kwakho, ngoba indlela yabesifazana ikimi. Wabhudula, kodwa kazitholanga izithombe.

36 UJakobe wasethukuthela, waphikisana loLabani; uJakobe waphendula wathi kuLabani: Isiphambeko sami siyini, isono sami siyini, ukuthi ungixotshe ngokutshiseka?

37 Njengoba usubambabambe kuyo impahla yami yonke, utholeni okwayo impahla yonke yendlu yakho? Ibeke lapha phambi kwabafowethu labafowenu ukuze baqume phakathi kwethu sobabili.

38 Iminyaka le engamatshumi amabili ngangilawe; izimvukazi zakho lezibhuzikazi zakho kaziphunzanga, lezinqama zemihlambi yakho kangizidlanga.

39 Ezadatshulwayo kangizilethanga kuwe, mina ngazihlawula; esandleni sami wazibiza, zebiwe emini loba zebiwe ebusuku.

40 Nganginjalo emini imbalela yangidla, lamakhaza ebusuku, ubuthongo babaleka emehlweni ami.

41 Iminyaka le engamatshumi amabili bengisemzini wakho, ngakusebenzela okweminyaka elitshumi lane ngenxa yamadodakazi akho amabili, leminyaka

eyisithupha ngenxa yomhlambi wakho; njalo waphendula iholo lami okwezikhathi ezilitshumi.

42 Ngaphandle kokuthi uNkulunkulu kababa, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama loKwesaba kukaIsaka ubengelami, isibili khathesi ubuzangixotsha ngize. Inhlupheko zami lomtshikatshika wezandla zami uNkulunkulu ubonile, wakusola izolo ebusuku.

Isivumelwano sikaJakobe loLabani

43 ULabani wasephendula wathi kuJakobe: Amadodakazi angamadodakazi ami, lamadodana angamadodana ami, lomhlambi ngumhlambi wami, lakho konke okubonayo kungokwami; lemadodakazini ami ngizakwenzani kuwo lamuhla, loba kubantwana bawo abawazeleyo?

44 Khathesi-ke, woza, asenze isivumelwano, mina lawe, njalo sibe yibufakazi phakathi kwami lawe.

45 UJakobe wasethatha ilitshe, walimisa laba yinsika.

46 UJakobe wasesithi kubafowabo: Buthani amatshe. Basebethatha amatshe, benza inqumbi; badla khona phezu kwenqumbi.

47 ULabani waseyibiza ngokuthi yiJegari-Sahadutha, kodwa uJakobe wayibiza ngokuthi yiGaledi.

48 ULabani wasesithi: Linqwaba iyibufakazi phakathi kwami lawe lamuhla. Ngakho bayitha ibizo layo iGaledi,

49 leMizipa, ngoba wathi: INKOSI kayilinde phakathi kwami lawe, lapho singabonani omunye lomunye.

50 Uba uhlupha amadodakazi ami, njalo uba uthatha abafazi phezu kwamadodakazi ami, kakulamuntu olathi, bona, uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi phakathi kwami lawe.

51 ULabani wasesithi kuJakobe: Khangela linqwaba, khangela-ke lensika engiyiphosileyo phakathi kwami lawe.

52 Linqwaba kayibe yibufakazi, lensika kayibe yibufakazi, bokuthi mina kangiyikuyidlula linqwaba ngiye kuwe, lawe kawuyikuyidlula linqwaba lalinsika uze kimi ngokubi.

53 UNkulunkulu kaAbrahama loNkulunkulu kaNahori, kahlulele phakathi kwethu, uNkulunkulu kayise wabo. UJakobe wasefunga ngoKwesaba kayise uIsaka.

54 UJakobe wasehlaba umhlatshelo entabeni, wabiza abafowabo ukuthi badle isinkwa; basebesidla isinkwa, balala entabeni.

55 ULabani wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wanga amadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe, wawabusisa; uLabani wasehamba wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

UGENESISE 32

UJakobe uzilungiselela ukuhlangana loEsawu

1 UJakobe wasehamba indlela yakhe, lengilosi zikaNkulunkulu zamhlangabeza.

2 UJakobe ezibona wasesithi: Leli libutho likaNkulunkulu. Wayitha ibizo laleyondawo iMahanayimi.

3 UJakobe wasethuma izithunywa phambi kwakhe kuEsawu umnewabo, elizweni iSeyiri, ilizwe lakoEdoma.

4 Wasezilaya esithi: Likhulume kanje enkosini yami uEsawu lithi: Itsho njalo inceku yakho uJakobe ithi: KoLabani bengihlala njengowezizwe ngalibala kuze kube khathesi;

5 njalo ngilezinkabi labobabhemi, izimvu lezinceku lezincekukazi; sengithumele ukubika enkosini yami ukuthi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho.

6 Izithunywa zasezibuyela kuJakobe zathi: Sifikile kumnewenu, kuEsawu, laye uyeza ukukuhlangabeza lamadoda angamakhulu amane laye.

7 UJakobe wasesesaba kakhulu, wakhathazeka. Wehlukanisa abantu ababelaye lezimvu lezinkomo lamakamela, kwaba ngamaqembu amabili;

8 ngoba wathi: Uba uEsawu efika kwelinye iqembu alitshaye, iqembu eliseleyo lizaphepha.

9 UJakobe wathi futhi: Nkulunkulu kababa uAbrahama, loNkulunkulu kababa uIsaka, NKOSI owathi kimi: Buyela elizweni lakini lezihlotsheni zakho, njalo ngizakwenzela okuhle;

10 kangiwufanele wonke umusa lakho konke ukuthembeka okwenzele inceku yakho; ngoba ngilodondolo lwami ngachapha le iJodani, khathesi-ke sengingamaqembu amabili.

11 Ake ungophule esandleni somnewethu, esandleni sikaEsawu; ngoba ngiyamesaba, hlezi afike angitshaye, unina phezu kwabantwana.

12 Wena-ke wathi: Ukwenza okuhle ngizakwenzela okuhle, njalo ngizayenza inzalo yakho ibe njengetshebetshebe lolwandle elingelakubalwa ngenxa yobunengi.

13 Waselala lapho ngalobobusuku; wathatha kulokho okwafika esandleni sakhe, isipho sikaEsawu umfowabo,

14 izibhuzikazi ezingamakhulu amabili lempongo ezingamatshumi amabili, izimvukazi ezingamakhulu amabili lenqama ezingamatshumi amabili,

15 amakamela enyisayo angamatshumi amathathu lamathole awo, amankomokazi angamatshumi amane, lamajongosi alitshumi, obabhemikazi abangamatshumi amabili lamathole abobabhemi alitshumi.

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16 Wasezinikela esandleni senceku zakhe umhlambi ngomhlambi wodwa, wathi
ezincekwini zakhe: Dlulani phambi kwami, libeke ibanga phakathi komhlambi
lomhlambi.

17 Waselaya eyokuqala esithi: Nxa uEsawu umnewethu ehlangana lawe, ekubuza
esithi: Ungokabani? Njalo uya ngaphi? Ngezikabani-ke lezi eziphambi kwakho?

18 Ubususithi: Ngezenceku yakho ngezikaJakobe, yisipho esithunyelwa enkosini
yami uEsawu; khangela-ke, laye uqobo ungemva kwethu.

19 Waselaya leyesibili leyesithathu labo bonke ababelandela imihlambi esithi:
Njengalelilizwi lizakhuluma kuEsawu, lapho limthola;

20 lithi futhi: Khangela, inceku yakho uJakobe ingemva kwethu. Ngoba uthe:
Ngizathoba ubuso bakhe ngesipho esihamba phambi kwami, langemva kwalokho
ngizabona ubuso bakhe; mhlawumbe uzakwemukela ubuso bami.

21 Lesipho sahamba phambi kwakhe; kodwa yena walala lobobusuku enkambeni.

UJakobe ubindana loNkulunkulu

22 Wasesukuma ngalobobusuku, wathatha omkakhe bobabili lencekukazi
ezimbili labantwana bakhe abalitshumi lanye, wachapha izibuko leJaboki.

23 Wabathatha, wabachaphisa isifudlana, wachaphisa lokho ayelakho.

24 UJakobe watshiywa yedwa; njalo indoda yabindana laye kwaze kwaba
semadabukakusa.

25 Kodwa isibonile ukuthi kayimehluli, yathinta isikhoxo senyonga yakhe,
isikhoxo senyonga kaJakobe saqhuzuka ebindana layo.

26 Yasisithi: Ngiyekela ngihambe ngoba sekusemadabukakusa. Kodwa wathi:
Kangiyikukuyekela uhambe ngaphandle kokuthi ungibusise.

27 Yasisithi kuye: Ungubani ibizo lakho? Wasesithi: UJakobe.

28 Yasisithi: Ibizo lakho kalisayikuthiwa nguJakobe, kodwa uIsrayeli, ngoba
ulwile loNkulunkulu labantu, wanqoba.

29 UJakobe wasebuza wathi: Ake utsho ibizo lakho. Yasisithi: Kungani ubuza ibizo
lami? Yambusisa lapho.

30 UJakobe waseyitha ibizo lendawo iPeniyeli, ngoba ngibonile uNkulunkulu
ubuso ngobuso, njalo impilo yami isindisiwe.

31 Njalo ilanga lamphumela esedlula iPenuyeli; wayeqhula enyongeni yakhe.

32 Ngakho abantwana bakoIsrayeli kabawudli umsipha womthambo
osesikhoxweni senyonga kuze kube lamuhla, ngoba wathinta isikhoxo senyonga
kaJakobe esisemsipheni womthambo wenyonga.

UGENESISE 33

Ukubuyisana kukaJakobe loEsawu

1 UJakobe wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona, khangela-ke, uEsawu esiza
lamadoda angamakhulu amane kanye laye. Wasesehlukanisa abantwana
phakathi kukaLeya loRasheli lencekukazi zombili.

2 Wasebeka izincekukazi labantwana bazo ngaphambili, loLeya labantwana
bakhe ngemuva, loRasheli loJosefa ekucineni.

3 Yena uqobo wasesedlula phambi kwabo, wakhothamela
emhlabathini kasikhombisa waze wafika eduze lomnewabo.

4 UEsawu wasegijima ukumhlangabeza, wamgona, wawela entanyeni yakhe,
wamanga; basebekhala inyembezi.

5 Wasephakamisa amehlo akhe wabona abesifazana labantwana, wathi: Ngobani
laba olabo? Wasesithi: Abantwana uNkulunkulu ngomusa ayinike bona inceku
yakho.

6 Zasezisondela incekukazi, zona labantwana bazo, bakhothama.

7 Laye uLeya wasesondela labantwana bakhe, bakhothama; emva kwalokho
uJosefa wasondela loRasheli, bakhothama.

8 Wasesithi: Uqondeni ngaleli iqembu lonke engihlangene lalo? Wasesithi:
Ukuthola umusa emehlweni enkosi yami.

9 UEsawu wasesithi: Ngilokunengi, mfowethu; okwakho kakube ngokwakho.

10 UJakobe wasesithi: Hayi bo! Uba khathesi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho,
yemukela isipho sami esivela esandleni sami; ngoba yikho ngibone ubuso
bakho kunjengokuthi ngibone ubuso bukaNkulunkulu, njalo wathokoza ngami.

11 Ake wemukele isipho sami esilethwa kuwe; ngoba uNkulunkulu ungiphile
ngomusa, njalo ngoba ngilakho konke. Wasemncenga, waze wasemukela.

12 Wasesithi: Asisuke sihambe, njalo ngizahamba phambi kwakho.

13 Kodwa wathi kuye: Inkosi yami iyazi ukuthi abantwana babuthakathaka,
lokuthi izimvu lezinkomo engilazo ziyenyisa; uba-ke beziqhuba ngamandla
usuku olulodwa, umhlambi wonke uzakufa.

14 Inkosi yami ake yedlule phambi kwenceku yayo; mina-ke ngizaqhubeka kuhle
kuhle, ngokuhambakomsebenzi ophambi kwami, langokuhamba kwabantwana,
ngize ngifike enkosini yami eSeyiri.

15 UEsawu wasesithi: Ake ngibeke kuwe abanye babantu abalami. Wasesithi:
Kungani lokhu? Kangithole umusa emehlweni enkosi yami.

16 UEsawu wasebuyela ngendlela yakhe ngalolosuku, waya eSeyiri.

17 Njalo uJakobe waqhubeka waya eSukothi, wazakhela indlu, wenzela izifuyo
zakhe izibaya ezilophahla; ngakho wayitha ibizo lendawo iSukothi.

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18 UJakobe wasefika evikelekile emzini weShekema, oselizweni leKhanani, ekuveleni kwakhe ePadani-Arama; wamisa inkamba phambi komuzi.

19 Njalo ingxenye yesiqinti amisela kuyo amathente akhe wayithenga esandleni samadodana kaHamori uyise kaShekema, ngezinhlamvu zemali ezilikhulu.

20 Wasemisa khona ilathi, walibiza ngokuthi yiEli-Elohe-Israyeli.

UGENESISE 34

UDina woniwa nguShekema

1UDina indodakazi kaLeya, ayizalela uJakobe, wasephuma ukuyabona amadodakazi elizwe.

2 Njalo uShekema indodana kaHamori umHivi, isiphathamandla selizwe, sambona, samthatha, salala laye, samona.

3 Inhliziyo yaso yasinamathela kuDina indodakazi kaJakobe, sayithanda intombi, sakhuluma kunhliziyo yentombi.

4 UShekema wasekhuluma kuHamori uyise esithi: Ngithathela lintombi ibe ngumkami.

5 UJakobe wasesizwa ukuthi usemngcolisile uDina indodakazi yakhe; lamadodana akhe ayesezifuyweni egangeni; njalo uJakobe wathula aze afika.

6 UHamori uyise kaShekema wasephuma waya kuJakobe ukuze akhulume laye.

7 Kwathi amadodana kaJakobe efika evela egangeni esezwile, amadoda adabuka, athukuthela kakhulu ngoba wayenze ubuphukuphuku koIsrayeli ngokulala lendodakazi kaJakobe, okungafanele kwenziwe ngokunjalo.

8 UHamori wasekhuluma labo esithi: UShekema indodana yami, inhliziyo yakhe iyayilangatha indodakazi yenu; ake limnike yona ibe ngumkakhe.

9 Njalo yendiselanani lathi, lisiphe amadodakazi enu, lani lizithathele amadodakazi ethu.

10 Hlalani-ke lathi, lelizwe lizakuba phambi kwenu; hlalani lithengiselane kulo, lifuye kulo.

11 UShekema wasesithi kuyise wentombi lakubanewabo: Angithole umusa emehlweni enu; lalokho elizakutsho kimi ngizanika.

12 Yandisani kakhulu kimi ilobolo lesipho, njalo ngizakupha njengoba litshilo kimi; kodwa ngiphani intombi ibe ngumkami.

13 Amadodana kaJakobe asephendula uShekema loHamori uyise ngobuqili, athi, ngenxa yokuthi ubesemngcolisile uDina udadewabo,

14 athi kubo: Asilakuyenza lindaba, ukunika udadewethu indoda elejwabu, ngoba kulihlazo kithi.

15 Kodwa ngalokhu singalivumela, uba libe njengathi, ukuthi wonke owesilisa wakini asokwe,

16 sizalinika-ke amadodakazi ethu, lathi amadodakazi enu sizithathele, njalo sihlale lani sibe yisizwe sinye.

17 Kodwa uba lingasilaleli lisokwe, sizathatha indodakazi yethu, sihambe.

18 Lamazwi abo aba mahle emehlweni kaHamori, lemehlweni kaShekema indodana kaHamori.

19 Njalo ijaha kaliphuzanga ukwenza lindaba, ngoba yayilentokozo endodakazini kaJakobe; yayilodumo kulendlu yonke kayise.

20 UHamori wasefika, loShekema indodana yakhe, esangweni lomuzi wabo, basebekhuluma kumadoda omuzi wabo, besithi:

21 Lamadoda alokuthula lathi; ngakho kabahlale elizweni bathengiselane kulo; ngoba ilizwe, khangelani, libanzi inhlangothi zombili phambi kwawo; amadodakazi abo sizawathatha abe ngomkethu, lamadodakazi ethu sizawanika wona.

22 Kulokhu kuphela amadoda azavumelana lathi, ukuhlala lathi, ukuba yisizwe sinye, nxa wonke owesilisa wethu esokiwe, njengalokhu esokiwe wona.

23 Inkomo zawo lempahla yawo lazo zonke izifuyo zawo kaziyikuba ngezethu yini? Kuphela asiwavumele, ahlale-ke lathi.

24 Basebelalela uHamori loShekema indodana yakhe, bonke abaphuma ngesango lomuzi wakhe; basebesokwa, wonke owesilisa, bonke abaphuma ngesango lomuzi wakhe.

25 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithathu beselobuhlungu, amadodana amabili kaJakobe, oSimeyoni loLevi, abanewabo bakaDina, ngulowo lalowo wathatha inkemba yakhe, awujuma umuzi, abulala wonke owesilisa.

26 Asebabulala oHamori loShekema indodana yakhe ngobukhali benkemba, amkhupha uDina endlini kaShekema, aphuma.

27 Amadodana kaJakobe ehlela phezu kwasebebulewe, awuphanga umuzi, ngoba babemngcolisile udadewabo.

28 Athatha izimvu zabo lenkomo zabo labobabhemi babo lalokho okwakusemzini lalokho okwakusegangeni,

29 lenotho yabo yonke, labantwana babo bonke abancinyane, labomkabo, athumba abaphanga, lakho konke okwakusendlini.

30 UJakobe wasesithi kuSimeyoni loLevi: Lingihluphile, ngokungenza ukuthi ngibe levumba phakathi kwabakhileyo belizwe, phakathi kwamaKhanani

lamaPerizi; njalo ngimlutshwana, futhi bazangihlanganyela bangitshaye, ngibe sengichitheka mina lendlu yami.

31 Basebesithi: Amenze yini udadewethu njengesifebe?

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UNkulunkulu ubusisa uJakobe eBhetheli

1UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuJakobe: Sukuma, yenyukela eBhetheli, uhlale khona; umenzele lapho ilathi uNkulunkulu owabonakala kuwe mhla ubaleka ebusweni bukaEsawu umnewenu.

2 UJakobe wasesithi kundlu yakhe lakubo bonke ababelaye: Susani onkulunkulu bezizwe abaphakathi kwenu, lizihlambulule, lintshintshe izembatho zenu.

3 Asisukume senyukele eBhetheli, ngimenzele khona uNkulunkulu ilathi owangiphendula ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwami, njalo waba lami endleleni engahamba kuyo.

4 Basebenika uJakobe bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe ababesesandleni sabo, lamacici ayesezindlebeni zabo; uJakobe wasekufihla ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi eliseShekema.

5 Basebehamba; lokwesabeka kukaNkulunkulu kwakuphezu kwemizi eyayibazingelezele, njalo kabawaxotshanga amadodana kaJakobe.

6 UJakobe wasefika eLuzi, eselizweni leKhanani, eyiBhetheli, yena labantu bonke ababelaye.

7 Wasesakha khona ilathi, wayibiza indawo ngokuthi iEli-Bhetheli, ngoba lapho uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuye ekubalekeleni ubuso bomnewabo.

8 Njalo uDebora umlizane kaRebeka wafa, wangcwatshwa ezansi kweBhetheli ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi, ngakho wayitha ibizo layo iAloni-Bakuthi.

9 UNkulunkulu wasebuya wabonakala kuJakobe evela ePadani-Arama, wambusisa.

10 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye: Ibizo lakho nguJakobe; ibizo lakho kalisayikuthiwa nguJakobe, kodwa uIsrayeli kuzakuba libizo lakho. Wabiza ibizo lakhe ngokuthi uIsrayeli.

11 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye: NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; zala wande; isizwe, yebo ibandla lezizwe kuzavela kuwe; lamakhosi azaphuma ekhalweni lwakho.

12 Lelizwe engalinika uAbrahama loIsaka ngizalinika wena, lenzalweni yakho emva kwakho ngizayinika ilizwe.

13 UNkulunkulu wasesenyuka esuka kuye endaweni lapho ayekhuluma laye khona.

14 UJakobe wasemisa insika endaweni lapho ayekhuluma laye khona, insika yelitshe. Wathululela phezu kwayo umnikelo wokunathwayo, wathela phezu kwayo amagcobo.

15 UJakobe waseyitha ibizo lendawo, lapho uNkulunkulu ayekhulume laye khona, iBhetheli.

Ukufa kukaRasheli

16 Basebehamba besuka eBhetheli; kwathi kusesengummango ukuya eEfrathi, uRasheli wabeletha, wayelobunzima ekubeletheni.

17 Kwasekusithi ekubeletheni kwakhe nzima, umbelethisi wathi kuye: Ungesabi, ngoba lalo uzakuba yindodana yakho.

18 Kwasekusithi umphefumulo wakhe usuphuma, ngoba esesifa, wayitha ibizo layo uBenoni; kodwa uyise wayibiza ngokuthi nguBhenjamini.

19 URasheli wasesifa, wangcwatshwa endleleni eya eEfrathi, eyiBhethelehema.

20 UJakobe wasemisa insika phezu kwengcwaba lakhe; le yinsika yengcwaba likaRasheli kuze kube lamuhla.

21 UIsrayeli wasehamba, wamisa ithente lakhe ngaphambili komphotshongo weEderi.

22 Kwasekusithi uIsrayeli ehlala kulelolizwe, uRubeni waya walala loBiliha umfazi omncinyane kayise; uIsrayeli wasekuzwa.

Amadodana kaJakobe lokufa kukaIsaka

Amadodana kaJakobe-ke ayelitshumi lambili;

23 amadodana kaLeya: Izibulo likaJakobe, uRubeni, loSimeyoni loLevi loJuda loIsakari loZebuluni;

24 amadodana kaRasheli: OJosefa loBhenjamini;

25 lamadodana kaBiliha, incekukazi kaRasheli: ODani loNafithali;

26 lamadodana kaZilipa, incekukazi kaLeya: OGadi loAsheri; la ngamadodana kaJakobe azalelwa yena ePadani-Arama.

27 UJakobe wasefika kuIsaka uyise eMamre, eKiriyathi-Arba, eyiHebroni, lapho uAbrahama ahlala khona njengowezizwe, loIsaka.

28 Lensuku zikaIsaka zaziyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili.

29 UIsaka wasehodoza, wafa, wabuthelwa ezizweni zakibo, emdala, enele ngensuku. Amadodana akhe uEsawu loJakobe asemngcwaba.

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Inzalo kaEsawu

1Lezi-ke yizizukulwana zikaEsawu, onguEdoma.

2 UEsawu wathatha abafazi bakhe kumadodakazi eKhanani, uAda indodakazi kaEloni umHethi, loAholibama indodakazi kaAna, indodakazi kaZibeyoni umHivi,

3 loBasemathi indodakazi kaIshmayeli udadewabo kaNebayothi.

4 UAda wasemzalela uEsawu uElifazi; uBasemathi wasezala uRehuweli;

5 uAholibama wasezala uJewushi loJalama loKora; la ngamadodana kaEsawu awazalelwa elizweni leKhanani.

6 UEsawu wasethatha omkakhe lamadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe, layo yonke imiphefumulo yendlu yakhe, lenkomo zakhe lezifuyo zakhe zonke lempahla yakhe yonke ayeyizuzile elizweni leKhanani, wasesiya kwelinyeilizwe esuka ebusweni bukaJakobe umfowabo.

7 Ngoba imfuyo yabo yayinkulu okungangokuthi bangehlale ndawonye, lelizwe abebehlala kulo njengabemzini, lalingebathwale ngenxa yezifuyo zabo.

8 UEsawu wasehlala entabeni iSeyiri; uEsawu nguEdoma.

9 Lezi-ke yizizukulwana zikaEsawu, uyise wabakoEdoma, entabeni iSeyiri;

10 la ngamabizo amadodana kaEsawu, uElifazi indodana kaAda umkaEsawu, uRehuweli indodana kaBasemathi umkaEsawu.

11 Lamadodana kaElifazi ayengoThemani, uOmari, uZefo, loGatama, loKenazi.

12 Njalo uTimina wayengumfazi omncane kaElifazi indodana kaEsawu, wamzalela uElifazi uAmaleki; la ngamadodana kaAda umkaEsawu.

13 Lala ngamadodana kaRehuweli, oNahathi loZera, uShama loMiza; la ngamadodana kaBasemathi umkaEsawu.

14 Njalo la ngamadodana kaAholibama indodakazi kaAna, indodakazi kaZibeyoni umkaEsawu; wasemzalela uEsawu uJewushi loJalama loKora.

15 Lezi yizinduna zamadodana kaEsawu; amadodana kaElifazi izibulo likaEsawu: Induna uThemani, induna uOmari, induna uZefo, induna uKenazi,

16 induna uKora, induna uGatama, induna uAmaleki; lezi zinduna zikaElifazi elizweni leEdoma; la ngamadodana kaAda.

17 Futhi la ngamadodana kaRehuweli indodana kaEsawu: Induna uNahathi, induna uZera, induna uShama, induna uMiza; lezi zinduna zikaRehuweli elizweni leEdoma; la ngamadodana kaBasemathi umkaEsawu.

18 Njalo la ngamadodana kaAholibama, umkaEsawu: Induna uJewushi, induna uJalama, induna uKora; lezi zinduna zikaAholibama, indodakazi kaAna, umkaEsawu.

19 La ngamadodana kaEsawu, futhi lezi zinduna zawo; unguEdoma.

Inzalo kaSeyiri

20 La ngamadodana kaSeyiri umHori, abahlali belizwe: ULotani loShobhali loZibeyoni loAna

21 loDishoni loEzeri loDishani; laba bayizinduna zamaHori, amadodana kaSeyiri elizweni leEdoma.

22 Lamadodana kaLotani ayengoHori loHemama; lodadewabo kaLotani wayenguTimina.

23 Lala ngamadodana kaShobhali: UAlivani loManahathi loEbhali, uShefo loOnama.

24 Lala ngamadodana kaZibeyoni: Bobabili uAya loAna; nguAna owafica imithombo etshisayo enkangala eselusa obabhemi bakaZibeyoni uyise.

25 Lala ngamadodana kaAna: UDishoni; loAholibama wayeyindodakazi kaAna.

26 Lala ngamadodana kaDishoni: UHemidani loEshibhani loJitirani loKerani.

27 La ngamadodana kaEzeri: UBilihani loZahavana loAkani.

28 Lala ngamadodana kaDishani: U-Uzi loArani.

29 Lezi zinduna zamaHori: Induna uLotani, induna uShobhali, induna uZibeyoni, induna uAna,

30 induna uDishoni, induna uEzeri, induna uDishani; lezi zinduna zamaHori, ngezinduna zabo elizweni leSeyiri.

Amakhosi elizwe lakoEdoma

31 Lala ngamakhosi abusa elizweni leEdoma, inkosi ingakabusi abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

32 UBhela indodana kaBeyori wasebusa eEdoma, lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiDinihaba.

33 UBhela wasesifa, uJobabi indodana kaZera weBhozira wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

34 UJobabi wasesifa, uHushama owelizweni lamaThemani wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

35 UHushama wasesifa; uHadadi indodana kaBedadi, owatshaya uMidiyani egcekeni lakoMowabi, wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe; lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiAvithi.

36 UHadadi wasesifa; uSamila weMasireka wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

37 USamila wasesifa; uShawuli weRehobothi emfuleni wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

38 UShawuli wasesifa; uBhali-Hanani indodana kaAkhibhori wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

39 UBhali-Hanani indodana kaAkhibhori wasesifa; uHadari wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe; lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiPawu; lebizo lomkakhe lalinguMehethabheli, indodakazi kaMatiredi, indodakazi kaMezahabhi.

40 Njalo la ngamabizo ezinduna zakoEsawu ngezizukulwana zazo, ngendawo zazo, ngamabizo azo: Induna uTimina, induna uAliva, induna uJethethi,

41 induna uAholibama, induna uEla, induna uPinoni,

42 induna uKenazi, induna uThemani, induna uMibhizari,

43 induna uMagidiyeli, induna uIrama; lezi zinduna zeEdoma, njengokwezindawo zazo zokuhlala, elizweni lelifa lazo; lo nguEsawu, uyise kaEdoma.

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Amaphupho kaJosefa

1UJakobe wasehlala elizweni uyise ayehlala kilo njengowezizwe, ilizwe leKhanani.

2 Lezi zindaba zezizukulwana zikaJakobe. UJosefa, eleminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa, wayeselusa umhlambi labafowabo, wayengumfana, elamadodana kaBiliha, lamadodana kaZilipa, omkayise; uJosefa waseletha kuyise imibiko emibi ngabo.

3 Njalo uIsrayeli wayemthanda uJosefa kulawo wonke amadodana akhe, ngoba wayeyindodana yobudala bakhe; wamenzela isigqoko esilemibalabala.

4 Kwathi abafowabo sebebonile ukuthi uyise uyamthanda kulabo bonke abafowabo, bamzonda, babengelakukhuluma kuye ngokuthula.

5 UJosefa wasephupha iphupho, walazisa abafowabo; ngakho baqhubeka bemzonda kakhulu.

6 Wasesithi kibo: Ake lizwe leliphupho engiliphuphileyo.

7 Khangelani-ke, besibopha izithungo phakathi kwensimu, njalo khangelani, isithungo sami sema saqonda futhi, khangelani-ke, izithungo zenu zazingelezela, zasikhothamela isithungo sami.

8 Abafowabo basebesithi kuye: Kanti ukubusa uzasibusa, ukulawula uzasilawula yini? Ngakho baqhubeka bemzonda kakhulu, ngenxa yamaphupho akhe langenxa yamazwi akhe.

9 Wasebuya futhi waphupha elinye iphupho, walilandisela abafowabo, wathi: Khangelani, ngiphuphe futhi iphupho; khangelani-ke, ilanga lenyanga lenkanyezi ezilitshumi lanye zingikhothamela.

10 Waselandisela uyise labafowabo. Uyise wasemsola wathi kuye: Liyini
leliphupho oliphuphileyo? Ukuza sizakuza, mina lonyoko labafowenu,
sikhothamele emhlabathini phambi kwakho yini?

11 Abafowabo-ke baba lomona ngaye, kodwa uyise waligcina lelilizwi.

Ukuthengiswa kukaJosefa

12 Abafowabo basebesiyalagisa umhlambi kayise eShekema.

13 UIsrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Abafowenu kabalagisi eShekema yini? Woza,
ngikuthume kibo. Wasesithi kuye: Khangela ngilapha.

14 Wasesithi kuye: Hamba-ke, ubone ukuthi baphila kuhle yini abafowenu,
lokuthi uyaphila umhlambi, ungibuyisele ilizwi. Wasemthuma esuka esigodini
iHebroni wasefika eShekema.

15 Indoda yamfica, ngoba khangela wayezula egangeni; indoda yasimbuza yathi:
Udingani?

16 Wasesithi: Ngidinga abafowethu; ake ungazise ukuthi balagise ngaphi.

17 Indoda yasisithi: Basukile lapha, ngoba ngibezwile besithi: Asiye eDothani.
UJosefa wasebalandela abafowabo, wabathola eDothani.

18 Basebembona esekhatshana. Njalo engakasondeli kubo, bamenzela ugobe
lokuthi bambulale.

19 Bakhulumisana besithi: Khangela, lo umphuphi uyeza;

20 khathesi-ke, wozani simbulale, simphosele komunye wemigodi, besesisithi:
Isilo esibi simdlile. Khona sizabona ukuthi amaphupho akhe azakuba yini.

21 URubeni wasekuzwa, wamophula esandleni sabo, wathi: Asingatshayi impilo.

22 URubeni wasesithi kubo: Lingachithi igazi, mphoseleni kulumgodi
osenkangala, lingeluleli isandla kuye; ukuze amkhulule esandleni sabo, ukuze
ambuyisele kuyise.

23 Kwasekusithi uJosefa esefikile kubafowabo, bamhlubula uJosefa isigqoko
sakhe, isigqoko esilemibalabala, ayesigqokile;

24 basebemthatha, bamphosela emgodini; kodwa umgodi wawungelalutho,
kungelamanzi kuwo.

25 Basebehlala phansi ukudla isinkwa. Baphakamisa amehlo abo babona,
khangela-ke, udwendwe lwamaIshmayeli luvela eGileyadi, lamakamela awo
ethwele isinongo lenhlaka lemure, ehamba ukukwehlisela eGibhithe.

26 UJuda wasesithi kubafowabo: Yinzuzo bani uba simbulala umfowethu, sifihle
igazi lakhe?

27 Wozani, simthengise kumaIshmayeli, lesandla sethu kasingabi phezu kwakhe, ngoba umgumfowethu, inyama yethu. Abafowabo basebelalela.

28 Kwasekudlula amaMidiyani angabathengiselani; basebemdonsa bamphakamisa uJosefa emgodini, bathengisa uJosefa kumaIshmayeli ngenhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amabili. Amusa-ke eGibhithe.

29 Kwathi uRubeni ebuyela emgodini, khangela-ke, uJosefa wayengekho emgodini, wadabula izembatho zakhe.

30 Wasebuyela kubafowabo wathi: Umfana kakho; mina-ke, ngizakuya ngaphi?

31 Basebethatha isigqoko sikaJosefa, bahlaba izinyane lembuzi, bagxamuza isigqoko egazini.

32 Basebethumela isigqoko esilemibalabala, basisa kuyise, bathi: Lokhu sikuficile; akunanzelele ukuthi lesi yisigqoko sendodana yakho yini, loba hatshi.

33 Wasinanzelela wathi: Yisigqoko sendodana yami! Isilo esibi simdlile, isibili udatshulwe uJosefa.

34 UJakobe wasedabula izembatho zakhe, wafaka isaka ekhalweni lwakhe, wayililela indodana yakhe insuku ezinengi.

35 Njalo wonke amadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe asukuma ukumduduza, kodwa wala ukududuzwa, wathi: Ngoba ngizakwehlela engcwabeni endodaneni yami ngilila. Uyise wamlilela njalo.

36 AmaMidiyani asemthengisa eGibhithe kuPotifa, umphathi kaFaro, induna yabalindi.

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Amadodana kaJuda

1Kwasekusithi ngalesosikhathi uJuda wehla esuka kubafowabo, waphambukela endodeni yeAdulamu, obizo layo linguHira.

2 UJuda wasebona lapho indodakazi yendoda umKhanani, obizo lakhe linguShuwa; wayithatha wangena kuyo.

3 Yasithatha isisu, yazala indodana; waseyitha ibizo layo uEri.

4 Yasiphinda ithatha isisu, yazala indodana; yayitha ibizo layo uOnani.

5 Yasisengezelela futhi yazala indodana, yayitha ibizo layo uShela; kodwa wayeseKezibi ekuyizaleni kwayo.

6 UJuda wasemthathela uEri izibulo lakhe umfazi, njalo ibizo lakhe linguTamari.

7 Kodwa uEri, izibulo likaJuda, wayemubi emehlweni eNKOSI; iNKOSI yasimbulala.

8 UJuda wasesithi kuOnani: Ngena kumkamfowenu, wenze kuye imfanelo yomfowabo wendoda, umvusele umfowenu inzalo.

9 UOnani wayesazi-ke ukuthi inzalo kayiyikuba ngeyakhe. Kwasekusithi lapho engena kumkamfowabo, wayichithela emhlabathini, ukuze angamniki umfowabo inzalo.

10 Kwasekusiba kubi emehlweni eNKOSI lokho akwenzayo; ngakho yambulala laye.

11 UJuda wasesithi kuTamari umalokazana wakhe: Hlala ungumfelokazi endlini kayihlo, aze akhule uShela indodana yami; ngoba wathi: Hlezi laye afe njengabafowabo. UTamari wasehamba wahlala endlini kayise.

UJuda loTamari

12 Emva kwensuku ezinengi yafa indodakazi kaShuwa, umkaJuda. UJuda eseziduduzile, wenyukela kubagundi bezimvu zakhe eThiminathi, yena lomngane wakhe uHira umAdulamu.

13 Kwasekusaziswa kuTamari ukuthi: Khangela, uyihlozala wenyukela eThiminathi ukugunda izimvu zakhe.

14 Wasekhulula izembatho zobufelokazi bakhe, wazimbomboza ngesimbombozo, wazigoqela, wahlala esangweni iEnayima, elisendleleni eya eThiminathi; ngoba wabona ukuthi uShela wayesekhulile, njalo wayengamnikwanga ukuba ngumkakhe.

15 Lapho uJuda esembonile, wacabanga ukuthi uliwule, ngoba embomboze ubuso bakhe.

16 Wasephambukela kuye endleleni wathi: Woza-ke, ngingene kuwe; ngoba wayengazi ukuthi ngumalokazana wakhe. Wasesithi: Uzanginikani ukuze ungene kimi?

17 Wasesithi: Mina ngizathumela izinyane lembuzi elivela emhlanjini. Wasesithi: Uzanginika isibambiso uze ulithumele yini?

18 Wasesithi: Sibambiso bani engizakunika sona? Wasesithi: Indandatho elophawu lwakho, lentambo yakho, lodondolo lwakho olusesandleni sakho. Wasemupha, wangena kuye; wasethatha isisu sakhe.

19 Wasesukuma wahamba, wakhulula isimbombozo sakhe, wafaka izembatho zobufelokazi bakhe.

20 UJuda wasethumela izinyane lembuzi ngesandla somngane wakhe umAdulamu ukuze athathe isibambiso esandleni sowesifazana; kodwa kamtholanga.

21 Wasebuza amadoda endawo yakowesifazana esithi: Lingaphi iwule elaliseEnayima endleleni? Asesithi: Kakuzanga kube khona iwule lapha.

22 Wasebuyela kuJuda wathi: Kangilitholanga, futhi lamadoda endawo athi: Kakuzanga kube khona iwule lapha.

23 UJuda wasesithi: Kalizithathele, hlezi sideleleke; khangela, ngithumele lelizinyane, kodwa wena kawumtholanga.

24 Kwasekusithi phose emva kwenyanga ezintathu kwaziswa kuJuda ukuthi: UTamari umalokazana wakhe ufebile, futhi khangela-ke, ulesisu sokufetshwa. UJuda wasesithi: Mkhupheni atshiswe.

25 Esekhutshiwe, yena wathumela kuyisezala, esithi: Ngoniwe yindoda engumnini walezizinto. Wathi futhi: Ake uhlolisise ukuthi ngezikabani lezizinto, indandatho elophawu lezintambo lodondolo.

26 UJuda wasezivuma wathi: Ulungile kulami, ngakho njengoba ngingamnikanga uShela indodana yami. Njalo kabanga esamazi futhi.

27 Kwasekusithi esikhathini sokubeletha kwakhe, khangela-ke, amaphahla ayesesiswini sakhe.

28 Kwasekusithi ekubeletheni kwakhe, elinye lakhupha isandla; umbelethisi wasithatha, wabopha intambo ebomvu esandleni salo, esithi: Lo uzaphuma kuqala.

29 Kodwa kwathi lifinyeza isandla salo, khangela-ke umfowabo waphuma; wasesithi: Ufohle njani? Ukufohla kakube phezu kwakho. Wasemutha ibizo lakhe uPerezi.

30 Emva kwalokhu kwasekuphuma umfowabo owayelentambo ebomvu esandleni sakhe; wasemutha ibizo lakhe uZera.

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UJosefa lomkaPotifa

1 UJosefa wasesehliselwa eGibhithe; njalo uPotifa, umphathi kaFaro, induna yabalindi, indoda engumGibhithe, wamthenga esandleni samaIshmayeli, ababemehlisele khona.

2 Njalo iNKOSI yayiloJosefa, waze waba ngumuntu ophumelelayo; wayesendlini yenkosi yakhe, umGibhithe.

3 Inkosi yakhe yasibona ukuthi iNKOSI ilaye, lokuthi konke akwenzayo iNKOSI yakuphumelelisa esandleni sakhe.

4 UJosefa wasethola umusa emehlweni ayo, wayisebenzela; njalo yamenza waba ngumphathi wendlu yayo, lakho konke eyayilakho yakunikela esandleni sakhe.

5 Kwasekusithi kusukela esikhathini eyamenza ngaso umphathi wendlu yayo, lakho konke eyayilakho, iNKOSIyabusisa indlu yomGibhithe ngenxa kaJosefa; lesibusiso seNKOSI saba phezu kwakho konke eyayilakho, endlini lensimini.

6 Yasitshiya konke eyayilakho esandleni sikaJosefa; yayingazi lutho lwayo, ngaphandle kokudla eyayikudla. Futhi uJosefa wayemuhle ngesimo, ekhangeleka kuhle.

7 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto, inkosikazi yenkosi yakhe yaphakamisela amehlo ayo kuJosefa; yathi: Lala lami.

8 Kodwa wala, wathi enkosikazini yenkosi yakhe: Khangela, inkosi yami kayikwazi okulami endlini, njalo konke elakho ikunikela esandleni sami;

9 kakho omkhulu kulami endlini le; njalo kayingigodlelanga lutho, ngaphandle kwakho, ngalokhu ukuthi ungumkayo; njalo ngingenza njani lobububi obukhulu, ngone kuNkulunkulu?

10 Kwasekusithi ekukhulumeni kwakhe kuJosefa insuku ngensuku, kazange amlalele, ukulala laye, lokuba laye.

11 Kwasekusithi ngosuku oluthile wangena endlini ukuyakwenza umsebenzi wakhe, njalo kwakungekho owamadoda endlu lapho endlini,

12 yasimbamba ngesembatho sakhe isithi: Lala lami. Kodwa watshiya isembatho sakhe esandleni sayo, wabaleka, waphumela phandle.

13 Kwasekusithi isibonile ukuthi utshiyile isembatho sakhe esandleni sayo, wabalekela phandle,

14 yabiza amadoda endlu yayo, yakhuluma kuwo isithi: Bonani, usilethele indoda engumHebheru ukudlala ngathi; uze kimi ukuze alale lami, ngamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu;

15 kwasekusithi esezwile ukuthi ngiphakamise ilizwi lami ngakhala, watshiya isembatho sakhe eceleni kwami, wabaleka, waphumela phandle.

16 Yasisibeka isembatho sakhe eceleni kwayo, yaze yafika inkosi yakhe ekhaya.

17 Njalo yakhuluma kuyo njengalamazwi isithi: Inceku engumHebheru, osilethele yona, izile kimi ukuze idlale ngami;

18 kwasekusithi sengiphakamise ilizwi lami ngakhala, yatshiya isembatho sayo eceleni kwami, yabalekela phandle.

19 Kwasekusithi inkosi yakhe isizwe amazwi omkayo, ewakhulume kuyo, esithi: Njengalamazwi inceku yakho yenze kimi, ulaka lwayo lwavutha.

20 Inkosi kaJosefa yasimthatha yamfaka entolongweni, indawo lapho izibotshwa zenkosi ezazibotshelwa khona; wasesiba lapho entolongweni.

21 Kodwa iNKOSI yaba loJosefa, yelulela umusa kuye, yasimupha umusa emehlweni enduna yentolongo.

22 Induna yentolongo yanikela-ke esandleni sikaJosefa zonke izibotshwa ezazisentolongweni; lakho konke ezazikwenza lapho, wayengumenzi.

23 Induna yentolongo kayisakhangelanga lutho olwalusesandleni sakhe, ngoba iNKOSI yayilaye; lalokho akwenzayo iNKOSI yakuphumelelisa.

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UJosefa uchasisa amaphupho

1 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto umphathinkezo wenkosi yeGibhithe lomphekizinkwa bona enkosini yabo, enkosini yeGibhithe.

2 Ngakho uFaro wabathukuthelela abathenwa bakhe ababili, induna yabaphathinkezo lenduna yabaphekizinkwa.

3 Wazinikela esitokisini, endlini yenduna yabalindi, entolongweni, indawo lapho uJosefa ayebotshelwe khona.

4 Induna yabalindi yasimlaya uJosefa ukuba lazo, wazisebenzela; njalo zaba lensuku esitokisini.

5 Zombili zaseziphupha amaphupho, ngamunye iphupho lakhe, ngabusuku bunye, ngamunye njengengcazelo yephupho lakhe, umphathinkezo lomphekizinkwa ababengabenkosi yeGibhithe ababebotshiwe entolongweni.

6 UJosefa wasengena kibo ekuseni, wababona, khangela-ke, benyukumele.

7 Wasebabuza abathenwa bakaFaro ababelaye esitokisini endlini yenkosi yakhe, esithi: Kungani ubuso benu budanile lamuhla?

8 Basebesithi kuye: Siphuphile iphupho, njalo kakho umchasisi walo. UJosefa wasesithi kubo: Ingcazelo kayisizo zikaNkulunkulu yini? Ake lingilandisele wona.

9 Induna yabaphathinkezo yalandisa iphupho layo kuJosefa, yathi kuye: Ephutsheni lami, khangela-ke, kwakukhona ivini phambi kwami;

10 evinini-ke kwakukhona ingatsha ezintathu; njalo kwakungathi liyahluma, impoko zalo zaphuma, amahlukuzo alo athela izithelo zevini ezivuthiweyo.

11 Njalo inkezo kaFaro yayisesandleni sami; ngasengithatha izithelo zevini, ngazikhamela enkezweni kaFaro, nganika inkezo esandleni sikaFaro.

12 UJosefa wasesithi kuyo: Le yingcazelo yalo. Ingatsha ezintathu ziyizinsuku ezintathu;

13 kusesephakathi kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaphakamisa ikhanda lakho, akubuyisele esikhundleni sakho; njalo uzanika inkezo kaFaro esandleni sakhe, njengendlela yakuqala lapho wawungumphathinkezo wakhe.

14 Kodwa ungikhumbule lawe, lapho uhlezi kuhle, ake ungenzele umusa, ungibike kuFaro, ungikhuphe kulindlu.

15 Ngoba ngebiwa lokwebiwa elizweni lamaHebheru, lalapha futhi kangenzanga lutho ukuze bangifake emgodini.

16 Lapho induna yabaphekizinkwa ibona ukuthi uchasise kuhle, yathi kuJosefa: Lami bengisephutsheni; khangela-ke, bekukhona izitsha ezintathu zilezinkwa ezimhlophe ekhanda lami;

17 njalo esitsheni esingaphezulu kwakukhona okokudla konke kukaFaro, umsebenzi obhakiweyo; njalo inyoni zakudla lokho esitsheni esisekhanda lami.

18 UJosefa wasephendula wathi: Le yingcazelo yalo. Izitsha ezintathu ziyizinsuku ezintathu;

19 kusesephakathi kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaphakamisa ikhanda lakho lisuke kuwe, akulengise esihlahleni; inyoni zizakudla inyama yakho ziyisuse kuwe.

20 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithathu, usuku lokuzalwa kukaFaro, wenzela inceku zakhe zonke idili; waphakamisa ikhanda lenduna yabaphathinkezo lekhanda lenduna yabaphekizinkwa phakathi kwenceku zakhe.

21 Wayibuyisela induna yabaphathinkezo ekuphatheni kwayo inkezo; yasinika inkezo esandleni sikaFaro.

22 Kodwa wayilengisa induna yabaphekizinkwa, njengoba uJosefa ezichasisele.

23 Kodwa induna yabaphathinkezo kayimkhumbulanga uJosefa, kodwa yamkhohlwa.

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UJosefa uchasisa amaphupho kaFaro

1Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka emibili egcweleyo uFaro waphupha; khangela-ke, emi emfuleni.

2 Khangela-ke, emfuleni kwakhuphuka amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, ekhangeleka emahle, enonile enyameni; adla emihlangeni.

3 Khangela-ke, amanye amankomokazi ayisikhombisa akhuphuka emfuleni emva kwawo, ekhangeleka kubi, ecakile enyameni; ema eduze lamankomokazi ekhunjini lomfula.

4 Amankomokazi akhangeleka kubi acakileyo enyameni adla amankomokazi akhangeleka kuhle anonileyo. UFaro wasephaphama.

5 Walala futhi, waphupha ngokwesibili; khangela-ke, kwakhahlela izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ehlangeni linye, ezigcweleyo zilungile.

6 Khangela-ke, izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezicakileyo, zihangulwe ngumoya wempumalanga, zakhahlela emva kwazo.

7 Izikhwebu ezicakileyo zaginya izikhwebu eziphelelelyo ezigcweleyo. UFaro wasephaphama, khangela-ke, kwakuliphupho.

8 Kwasekusithi ekuseni umoya wakhe wakhathazeka; wathumela wabiza izangoma zonke zeGibhithe lazo zonke izazi zayo. UFaro wazilandisela iphupho lakhe; kodwa kwakungekho ongamchasisela wona uFaro.

9 Induna yabaphathinkezo yasikhuluma kuFaro isithi: Lamuhla ngiyakhumbula amacala ami.

10 UFaro wazithukuthelela inceku zakhe, wanginikela esitokisini, endlini yenduna yabalindi, mina lenduna yabaphekizinkwa;

11 njalo saphupha iphupho ngabusuku bunye, mina layo. Saphupha, ngamunye njengengcazelo yephupho lakhe.

12 Kwakukhona lapho kanye lathi ijaha umHebheru, inceku yenduna yabalindi; sayilandisela yasichasisela amaphupho ethu, yachasisa ngamunye njengephupho lakhe.

13 Kwasekusithi njengokusichasisela kwayo kwaba njalo; mina wangibuyisela esikhundleni sami, yena wamlengisa.

14 UFaro wasethumela wabiza uJosefa; bamkhupha emgodini ngokuphangisa; esephucile wafaka ezinye izigqoko, wangena kuFaro.

15 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Ngiphuphile iphupho, kodwa kakho olichasisayo; njalo mina ngizwile ngawe ukuthi: Usizwa iphupho, uyalichasisa.

16 UJosefa wasemphendula uFaro esithi: Kakukho kimi. UNkulunkulu uzaphendula impilakahle kaFaro.

17 UFaro wasekhuluma kuJosefa wathi: Ephutsheni lami, khangela, ngangimi ekhunjini lomfula;

18 njalo khangela, kwakhuphuka emfuleni amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, anonileyo enyameni, akhangeleka emahle, adla emihlangeni.

19 Khangela-ke, amanye amankomokazi ayisikhombisa akhuphuka emva kwawo, ayangekileyo, akhangeleka emabi kakhulu, acakileyo enyameni; angizanga ngiwabone anjengawo ngobubi elizweni lonke leGibhithe.

20 Kwathi amankomokazi acakileyo lamabi adla amankomokazi ayisikhombisa okuqala anonileyo.

21 Lapho esengene esiswini sawo, kakubonakalanga ukuthi angenile esiswini sawo, ngoba ekhangeleka kubi njengakuqala. Ngasengiphaphama.

22 Ngasengibona ephutsheni lami, khangela-ke, izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa zikhahlela ehlangeni linye, zigcwele zilungile;

23 njalo khangela, izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezitshwabheneyo, ezicakileyo, ezihangulwe ngumoya wempumalanga zakhahlela emva kwazo.

24 Njalo izikhwebu ezicakileyo zaginya izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezilungileyo. Njalo ngakulandisela izangoma; kodwa kwakungekho esangichasiselayo.

25 UJosefa wasesithi kuFaro: Iphupho likaFaro linye. Lokho uNkulunkulu akwenzayo, umazisile uFaro.

26 Amankomokazi ayisikhombisa alungileyo ayiminyaka eyisikhombisa; lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezilungileyo ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa. Iphupho linye.

27 Njalo amankomokazi acakileyo lamabi akhuphuka emva kwawo ayiminyaka eyisikhombisa; lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezicakileyo ezihangulwe ngumoya wempumalanga zizakuba yiminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala.

28 Le yinto engiyikhulume kuFaro ukuthi: Lokho uNkulunkulu akwenzayo, ukutshengisile kuFaro.

29 Khangela, kuyeza iminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala enkulu elizweni lonke leGibhithe.

30 Kuzavela iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala emva kwayo; izakhohlakala-ke inala yonke elizweni leGibhithe; njalo indlala izaliqeda ilizwe.

31 Njalo inala kayiyikwaziwa elizweni ngenxa yaleyondlala emva kwalokho, ngoba izakuba nzima kakhulu.

32 Njalo ukuthi iphupho liphindwe kabili kuFaro, kungoba into le imisiwe nguNkulunkulu, futhi uNkulunkulu uyaphangisa ukukwenza.

33 Khathesi-ke uFaro kakhangele indoda eqedisisayo lehlakaniphileyo, ayibeke phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe.

34 UFaro kenze lokhu, abeke ababonisi phezu kwelizwe, athathe ingxenye yesihlanu yelizwe leGibhithe eminyakeni eyisikhombisa yenala.

35 Kababuthe konke ukudla kwaliminyaka elungileyo ezayo, njalo kababuthelele amabele ngaphansi kwesandla sikaFaro, kube yikudla emizini, bawagcine.

36 Njalo ukudla kuzakuba yisiphala selizwe okweminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala ezakuba khona elizweni leGibhithe, ukuze ilizwe lingabhujiswa yindlala.

Ukuphakanyiswa kukaJosefa

37 Njalo into le yabanhle emehlweni kaFaro lemehlweni ezinceku zakhe zonke.

38 UFaro wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Singamthola yini onjengaye, indoda okuyo uMoya kaNkulunkulu?

39 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Njengalokhu uNkulunkulu ekwazisile konke lokhu, kakho oqedisisayo lohlakaniphileyo njengawe.

40 Wena uzakuba phezu kwendlu yami, njalo emlonyeni wakho bonke abantu bami bazabuswa; kuphela esihlalweni sobukhosi ngizakuba mkhulu kulawe.

41 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Khangela, ngikubekile phezu kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe.

42 UFaro wasekhupha indandatho yakhe elophawu lwakhe esandleni sakhe, wayifaka esandleni sikaJosefa, wamgqokisa izigqoko zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, wamgaxa iketane legolide entanyeni.

43 Wamhambisa enqoleni yesibili ayelayo; njalo bamemeza phambi kwakhe besithi: Guqani! Ngokunjalo wambeka phezu kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe.

44 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: NginguFaro; kodwa ngaphandle kwakho kakho ozaphakamisa isandla sakhe loba unyawo lwakhe elizweni lonke leGibhithe.

45 UFaro wasebiza ibizo likaJosefa ngokuthi uZafenathi-Paneya. Wamnika uAsenathi, indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi weOni, ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. UJosefa wasephuma wadabula elizweni leGibhithe.

46 Njalo uJosefa wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu mhla esima phambi kukaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe. UJosefa wasephuma esuka ebusweni bukaFaro, wadabula ilizwe lonke leGibhithe.

47 Umhlaba wathela ngezandla ezigcweleyo eminyakeni eyisikhombisa yenala.

48 Waseqoqa konke ukudla kweminyaka eyisikhombisa eyayiselizweni leGibhithe, wabeka ukudla emizini; ukudla kwensimu ezingelezele lowo lalowomuzi wakubeka kuwo.

49 UJosefa wasebuthelela amabele njengetshebetshebe lolwandle, aba manengi kakhulu, waze wayekela ukubala, ngoba ayengelanani.

50 Wasezalelwa uJosefa amadodana amabili, ungakafiki umnyaka wendlala, amzalela wona uAsenathi indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi weOni.

51 UJosefa wasebiza ibizo lezibulo wathi nguManase, wathi: Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungenze ukuthi ngikhohlwe konke ukuhlupheka kwami lendlu yonke kababa.

52 Lebizo leyesibili walibiza wathi nguEfrayimi, wathi: Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungenze ukuthi ngibe lezithelo elizweni lokuhlupheka kwami.

53 Kwasekuphela iminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala eyayiselizweni leGibhithe.

54 Kwasekuqala ukufika iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala, njengoba uJosefa wayetshilo. Kwasekusiba khona indlala emazweni wonke, kodwa elizweni lonke leGibhithe kwakukhona isinkwa.

55 Kwathi ilizwe leGibhithe lonke selilamba, abantu bakhala ngesinkwa kuFaro. UFaro wasesithi kuwo wonke amaGibhithe: Yanini kuJosefa, lenze lokho alitshela khona.

56 Kwathi sekulendlala ebusweni belizwe lonke, uJosefa wavula zonke iziphala, wathengisela amaGibhithe; indlala-ke yaba lamandla elizweni leGibhithe.

57 Lonke ilizwe lafika eGibhithe kuJosefa ukuthenga, ngoba indlala yayilamandla emhlabeni wonke.

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Abafowabo bakaJosefa baya eGibhithe

1 UJakobe esebonile ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibhithe, uJakobe wathi emadodaneni akhe: Kungani likhangelana?

2 Wathi futhi: Khangelani, sengizwile ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibhithe; yehlani liye khona, lisithengele khona, ukuze siphile, singafi.

3 Abafowabo bakaJosefa abalitshumi basebesehla ukuthenga amabele eGibhithe.

4 Kodwa uBhenjamini, umfowabo kaJosefa, uJakobe kamthumanga labafowabo, ngoba wathi: Hlezi ehlelwe yingozi.

5 Amadodana kaIsrayeli asefika ukuthenga phakathi kwababesiza, ngoba indlala yayikhona elizweni leKhanani.

6 Njalo uJosefa wayengumbusi phezu kwelizwe; wathengisela abantu bonke belizwe; bafika-ke abafowabo bakaJosefa, bamkhothamela ngobuso emhlabathini.

7 UJosefa esebabonile abafowabo, wabazi, kodwa wazitshaya owemzini kubo, wakhuluma labo izinto ezilukhuni wathi kubo: Livela ngaphi? Bathi: Elizweni leKhanani, ukuthenga ukudla.

8 UJosefa wasebazi abafowabo, kodwa bona kabamazanga.

9 UJosefa wasekhumbula amaphupho awaphupha ngabo, wathi kibo: Lizinhloli, ukuzabona ubunqunu belizwe lizile.

10 Basebesithi kuye: Hatshi, nkosi yami; kodwa inceku zakho zize ukuthenga ukudla.

11 Thina sonke singamadodana andodanye; singabaqotho, inceku zakho kazisizo inhloli.

12 Wasesithi kubo: Hatshi, kodwa ukuzabona ubunqunu belizwe lizile.

13 Basebesithi: Thina, izinceku zakho, siyizelamani ezilitshumi lambili, amadodana andodanye elizweni leKhanani; khangela-ke, icinathunjana likubaba lamuhla, enye kayisekho.

14 UJosefa wasesithi kubo: Yikho lokho engikutsho kini, ukuthi: Lizinhloli.

15 Kulokhu lizahlolwa; ngempilo kaFaro! kalisoze liphume lapha, ngaphandle kokuthi kufike umfowenu olicinathunjana lapha.

16 Thumani omunye wenu, amlande umfowenu; kodwa lina lizabotshwa, ukuze kuhlolwe amazwi enu, ukuthi iqiniso likini yini; kodwa uba hatshi, impilo kaFaro! lizinhloli.

17 Wasebafaka esitokisini insuku ezintathu.

18 UJosefa wasesithi kubo ngosuku lwesithathu: Yenzani lokhu ukuze liphile. Ngiyamesaba uNkulunkulu.

19 Uba lingabaqotho, kabotshwe omunye wabafowenu endlini yokulondolozwa kwenu, kodwa lina hambani, libuyele lamabele endlala ezindlu zenu,

20 lilethe umnawenu olicinathunjana kimi; khona amazwi enu ezaqiniswa, ukuze lingafi. Basebesenza njalo.

21 Basebekhulumisana besithi: Isibili silecala ngomfowethu, ngoba sabona usizi lomphefumulo wakhe, nxa wasincenga, kodwa kasilalelanga; ngenxa yalokho sehlelwe yikuhlupheka lokhu.

22 URubeni wasebaphendula wathi: Kangitshongo yini ukuthi: Lingoni kumfana? Kodwa kalilalelanga. Ngakho legazi lakhe, khangelani, liyabizwa.

23 Njalo bona babengazi ukuthi uJosefa uyezwa, ngoba kwakulomtoliki phakathi kwabo.

24 Njalo wabafulathela, wakhala inyembezi; wasetshibilikela kubo, wakhuluma kubo; wasethatha uSimeyoni kubo, wambopha phambi kwamehlo abo.

25 UJosefa waselaya ukuthi bagcwalise amasaka abo ngamabele, lokuthi babuyisele imali yabo, ngulowo lalowo esakeni lakhe, lokuthi babanike umphako wendlela; basebesenza njalo kubo.

26 Basebesethwesa obabhemi babo amabele abo, basuka lapho.

27 Kwathi omunye evula isaka lakhe ukuze anike ubabhemi wakhe ukudla endlini yezihambi, wabona imali yakhe, ngoba khangela, yayisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe.

28 Wasesithi kubafowabo: Imali yami ibuyiselwe; futhi khangelani, isesakeni lami. Inhliziyo yabo yasisehluleka, bathuthumela, omunye komunye besithi: Kuyini lokhu uNkulunkulu akwenze kithi?

29 Basebebuyela kuJakobe uyise elizweni leKhanani, bamazisa konke abahlangene lakho, besithi:

30 Indoda, umbusi walelolizwe, wasihalada, wasithatha njengenhloli zelizwe.

31 Kodwa sathi kuye: Singabaqotho; kasisizo izinhloli;

32 sasiyizelamani ezilitshumi lambili, amadodana kababa; enye kayisekho, lecinathunjana lamuhla likubaba elizweni leKhanani.

33 Lendoda, umbusi welizwe, wathi kithi: Ngalokhu ngizakwazi ukuthi lingabaqotho; tshiyani omunye wabafowenu kimi, lithathele indlala yezindlu zenu, lihambe,

34 lilethe umnawenu olicinathunjana kimi; khona ngizabona ukuthi kalisizo izinhloli kodwa lingabaqotho, ngilinike umfowenu, lithengiselane elizweni.

35 Kwasekusithi sebethulula amasaka abo, khangela-ke, isikhwama semali salowo lalowo sisesakeni lakhe. Lapho bebona izikhwama zemali yabo, bona loyise, besaba.

36 UJakobe uyise wasesithi kubo: Liyangemuka abantwana; uJosefa kasekho loSimeyoni kakho, loBhenjamini lizamthatha; zonke lezizinto zimelane lami.

37 URubeni wasekhuluma kuyise esithi: Bulala ababili kumadodana ami, uba ngingambuyisi kuwe; mnikele esandleni sami, futhi mina ngizambuyisela kuwe.

38 Kodwa wathi: Indodana yami kayiyikwehla lani, ngoba umfowabo ufile, futhi yena usele yedwa; uba esehlelwa yingozi endleleni elihamba kuyo, lizakwehlisela engcwabeni izimvu zami ngosizi.

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Abafowabo bakaJosefa babuyela eGibhithe loBhenjamini

1 Indlala yasisiba nzima elizweni.

2 Kwasekusithi sebeqedile ukudla ababebuye lakho eGibhithe, uyise wathi kubo: Buyelani, lisithengele ukudla okulutshwana.

3 UJuda wasekhuluma kuye wathi: Leyondoda yasiqonqosela yathi: Kalisoze libubone ubuso bami ngaphandle kokuthi umnawenu libe laye.

4 Uba uthuma umnawethu lathi, sizakwehla siyekuthengela ukudla,

5 kodwa uba ungamthumi, kasiyikwehla, ngoba leyondoda yathi kithi: Kalisoze libubone ubuso bami ngaphandle kokuthi umnawenu lilaye.

6 UIsrayeli wasesithi: Lenzelani okubi kimi ngokuyazisa leyondoda ukuthi liselomnawenu?

7 Basebesithi: Leyondoda yabuzisisa mayelana lathi langezihlobo zethu, isithi: Uyihlo usaphila yini? Lilomnawenu yini? Sayilandisela ngalawomazwi; ukwazi sasikwazi yini ukuthi izakuthi: Yehlani lomnawenu?

8 UJuda wasesithi kuIsrayeli uyise: Thuma umfana lami; besesisukuma sihambe, ukuze siphile singafi, lathi, lawe, labantwanyana bethu.

9 Mina ngizakuba yisibambiso sakhe; uzambiza esandleni sami; uba ngingambuyisi kuwe ngimbeke phambi kwakho, ngizakuba lecala kuwe zonke izinsuku.

10 Isibili uba besingalibalanga, qotho ngabe khathesi sesibuyile kabili.

11 UIsrayeli uyise wasesithi kubo: Uba kunjalo khathesi, yenzani lokhu; thathani okwezithelo ezikhethiweyo zelizwe ezitsheni zenu, liyehlisele leyondoda isipho, inhlaka eyingcosana, loluju oluyingcosana, isinongo,lemure, imkelu yepistakiyo, lama-alimondi;

12 lithathe imali iphindwe kabili esandleni senu; futhi imali eyabuyiselwayo emlonyeni wamasaka enuliyibuyisele esandleni senu, mhlawumbe kwaba yisiphosiso.

13 Lithathe futhi umfowenu, lisukume, libuyele kuleyondoda.

14 UNkulunkulu uSomandla kaliphe isihawu phambi kwaleyondoda, ukuze alikhululele omunye umfowenu loBhenjamini. Mina-ke, uba ngemukwa abantwana, ngiyemukwa.

15 Amadoda asethatha lesosipho, athatha imali ephindwe kabili esandleni sawo loBhenjamini; asukuma ehlela eGibhithe, ema phambi kukaJosefa.

16 Kwathi uJosefa embona uBhenjamini elabo, wathi kumphathi wendlu yakhe: Ngenisa lamadoda endlini, uhlabe isifuyo, ulungise, ngoba lamadoda azakudla lami emini.

17 Indoda yenza njengoba uJosefa etshilo, lendoda yawangenisa amadoda endlini kaJosefa.

18 Amadoda asesesaba, ngoba engeniswe endlini kaJosefa; athi: Singenisiwe ngenxa yemali eyabuyiselwa emasakeni ethu kuqala, ukuze asijume ehlele phezu kwethu, asithathe sibe yizigqili, labobabhemi bethu.

19 Asesondela endodeni eyayingumphathi wendlu kaJosefa, akhuluma kuyo emnyango wendlu,

20 athi: Mayuyu nkosi yami! Sehla lokwehla kuqala ukuthenga ukudla.

21 Kwasekusithi sesifike endlini yezihambi, savula amasaka ethu, khangela-ke, imali yalowo lalowo yayisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe, imali yethu ngesisindo sayo; siyibuyisile esandleni sethu.

22 Sehle lenye imali layo esandleni sethu, ukuthenga ukudla. Kasazi ukuthi ngubani ofake imali yethu emasakeni ethu.

23 Wasesithi: Ukuthula kakube kini, lingesabi. UNkulunkulu wenu loNkulunkulu kayihlo ulinikile inotho emasakeni enu. Imali yenu yeza kimi. Wasemkhuphela kubo uSimeyoni.

24 Indoda yasiwangenisa amadoda endlini kaJosefa, yawanika amanzi; asegeza inyawo zawo; yasinika obabhemi bawo ukudla.

25 Aselungisa isipho waze wafika uJosefa emini, ngoba ayezwile ukuthi bazakudla isinkwa lapho.

26 Kwathi uJosefa esefikile endlini, amlethela endlini isipho esasisesandleni sawo, amkhothamela emhlabathini.

27 Wasewabuza impilo wathi: Uyaphila uyihlo yini, ixhegu elalikhuluma ngalo? Lisaphila yini?

28 Asesithi: Inceku yakho ubaba isekhona, isaphila. Asekhothamela phansi amkhonza.

29 Wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona uBhenjamini umfowabo, indodana kanina, wathi: Nguye lo umnawenu omncinyane yini elakhuluma ngaye kimi? Wathi futhi: UNkulunkulu kabe lomusa kuwe, ndodana yami.

30 UJosefa wasephangisa, ngoba imibilini yakhe yatshisekela umfowabo; wadinga indawo yokukhala inyembezi; wangena ekamelweni eliphakathi, wakhala inyembezi khona.

31 Esegezile ubuso bakhe, waphuma; esezibambile wathi: Fakani isinkwa.

32 Bamfakela yedwa, lawo wodwa, lamaGibhithe, ayesidla laye, wodwa, ngoba amaGibhithe ayengedle isinkwa lamaHebheru, ngoba lokho kwakuyisinengiso kumaGibhithe.

33 Asehlala phambi kwakhe, izibulo njengobuzibulo balo, lecinathunjana njengobucinathunjana balo; amadoda asemangala enye kwenye.

34 Wasewabela kulokhu okwakuphambi kwakhe; kodwa isabelo sikaBhenjamini saphindwa kahlanu okwedlula isabelo sawo wonke. Anatha asenatha kakhulu laye.

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UJosefa uyabalinga abafowabo

1Waselaya umphathi wendlu yakhe esithi: Gcwalisa amasaka amadoda ngokudla, okulingene abangakuthwala, ufake imali yalowo lalowo emlonyeni wesaka lakhe.

2 Lenkezo yami, inkezo yesiliva, ifake emlonyeni wesaka lecinathunjana kanye lemali yamabele alo. Wenza-ke njengelizwi likaJosefa, ayelikhulumile.

3 Ekuseni sekusile, amadoda avunyelwa ukuhamba, wona labobabhemi bawo.

4 Wona aphuma emzini, ayengakhatshana, uJosefa wasesithi kumphathi wendlu yakhe: Sukuma xotshana lamadoda; lapho usuwaficile uzakuthi kuwo: Liphindiseleleni okuhle ngokubi?

5 Le kayisiyo enatha kuyo inkosi yami, lehlahlula ngayo sibili yini? Lenze okubi ngelikwenzileyo.

6 Wasewafica, wakhuluma kuwo la amazwi.

7 Asesithi kuye: Inkosi yethu ikhulumelani amazwi anje? Kakube khatshana lezinceku zakho ukwenza into enje.

8 Khangela, imali esayifica emlonyeni wamasaka ethu sayibuyisela kuwe ivela elizweni leKhanani. Pho, besingeba njani isiliva loba igolide endlini yenkosi yakho?

9 Lowo owezinceku zakho etholwa kuye, kafe, lathi futhi sizakuba yizigqili zenkosi yethu.

10 Wasesithi: Khathesi-ke, kakube njalo njengamazwi enu; lowo ezatholwa kuye uzakuba yisigqili sami, kodwa lina libe msulwa.

11 Basebephangisa, njalo ngulowo lalowo wethulela isaka lakhe emhlabathini, ngulowo lalowo wasevula isaka lakhe.

12 Waphenya eqala kwenkulu wacina ngecinathunjana; njalo inkezo yatholwa esakeni likaBhenjamini.

13 Asedabula izembatho zawo; ileyo laleyo yethwesa ubabhemi wayo, asebuyela emzini.

14 Njalo uJuda wafika labafowabo endlini kaJosefa; ngoba wayesesekhona, bawela emhlabathini phambi kwakhe.

15 UJosefa wasesithi kubo: Yisenzo bani elisenzileyo? Belingazi yini ukuthi indoda enjengami ingahlahlula sibili?

16 UJuda wasesithi: Sizakuthini enkosini yethu? Sizakhulumani? Loba sizazilungisisa njani? UNkulunkulu uthole ububi benceku zakho; khangela, siyizigqili zenkosi yethu, thina sonke kanye laye inkezo etholwe esandleni sakhe.

17 Kodwa wathi: Kakube khatshana lami ukwenza lokho. Indoda esandleni sayo okutholwe inkezo, nguye ozakuba yisigqili sami; kodwa lina yenyukani ngokuthula liye kuyihlo.

18 UJuda wasesondela kuye wathi: Uxolo nkosi yami! Ake uvumele inceku yakho ikhulume ilizwi endlebeni zenkosi yami, lolaka lwakho lungayivutheli inceku yakho, ngoba unjengoFaro kanye.

19 Inkosi yami yabuza inceku zayo isithi: Liloyihlo kumbe umfowenu yini?

20 Sasesisithi enkosini yami: Silobaba olixhegu, lomfana wobuxhegu, omncinyane, lomnewabo ufile, njalo yena usele yedwa kunina, loyise uyamthanda.

21 Wasusithi ezincekwini zakho: Mehliseleni kimi ukuze ngibeke ilihlo lami phezu kwakhe.

22 Sasesisithi enkosini yami: Umfana angetshiye uyise; uba emtshiya uyise, uzakufa uyise.

23 Wasusithi ezincekwini zakho: Uba umnawenu olicinathunjana engehli lani, kaliyikubona ubuso bami futhi.

24 Kwasekusithi sesenyukele kunceku yakho ubaba, samazisa amazwi enkosi yami.

25 Ubaba wasesithi: Buyelani, lisithengele ukudla okulutshwana.

26 Sasesisithi: Singeke sehle; uba umnawethu olicinathunjana elathi singehla, ngoba singebone ubuso baleyondoda uba umnawethu olicinathunjana singelaye.

27 Inceku yakho ubaba yasisithi kithi: Lina liyazi ukuthi umkami wangizalela amadodana amabili;

28 njalo omunye waphuma kimi, ngasengisithi: Isibili udatshuliwe lokudatshulwa; njalo kangimbonanga kuze kube khathesi.

29 Uba lithatha lalo limsusa ebusweni bami, esehlelwe yingozi, lizakwehlisela-ke izimvu zami engcwabeni ngosizi.

30 Khathesi-ke, lapho ngibuyela kunceku yakho ubaba, lomfana singelaye, njengoba umphefumulo wakhe ubotshelwe emphefumulweni wakhe,

31 kuzakuthi-ke, nxa ebona ukuthi umfana kakho, uzakufa; njalo inceku zakho zizakwehlisela izimvu zenceku yakho ubaba engcwabeni ngosizi.

32 Ngoba inceku yakho yaba yisibambiso somfana kubaba esithi: Uba ngingambuyiseli kuwe, ngizakuba lecala kubaba zonke izinsuku.

33 Khathesi-ke, ake inceku yakho isale esikhundleni somfana, ibe yisigqili senkosi yami, lomfana enyuke kanye labafowabo.

34 Ngoba ngingenyukela njani kubaba, umfana ngingelaye, hlezi ngibone okubi okuzafica ubaba?

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UJosefa uyaziveza kubafowabo

1UJosefa-ke wayengelakuzibamba phambi kwabo ababemi laye, wamemeza wathi: Khuphani wonke umuntu asuke kimi. Futhi kwakungelamuntu owayemi laye lapho uJosefa eziveza kubafowabo.

2 Wasephakamisa ilizwi lakhe ngokukhala, aze ezwa amaGibhithe, yezwa lendlu kaFaro.

3 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo: NginguJosefa. Ubaba usaphila yini? Kodwa abafowabo kabaze bamphendula, ngoba besanganisekile phambi kwakhe.

4 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo: Ake lisondele kimi. Basondela-ke. Wasesithi: NginguJosefa umfowenu elamthengisa waya eGibhithe.

5 Khathesi-ke, lingadabuki, lingazithukutheleli, ukuthi langithengisa lapha, ngoba uNkulunkulu wangithuma phambi kwenu ukulondoloza impilo.

6 Ngoba liminyaka emibili indlala iphakathi kwelizwe; njalo kuseleminyaka emihlanu okungayikulinywa kuvunwe ngayo.

7 Njalo uNkulunkulu wangithuma phambi kwenu ukulimisela insali emhlabeni, lokuligcina liphila ngokukhulula okukhulu.

8 Khathesi-ke, lina alingithumelanga lapha, kodwa uNkulunkulu; wasengimisa ngaba nguyise kaFaro, lenkosi yendlu yakhe yonke, lombusi elizweni lonke leGibhithe.

9 Phangisani lenyukele kubaba, lithi kuye: Itsho njalo indodana yakho uJosefa: UNkulunkulu ungimise inkosi yeGibhithe lonke; yehlela kimi, ungaphuzi;

10 uzahlala elizweni leGosheni, ube seduze lami, wena labantwana bakho labantwana babantwabakho, lezimvu zakho lenkomo zakho, lakho konke olakho.

11 Njalo ngizakondla lapho, ngoba isekhona iminyaka emihlanu yendlala, hlezi ube ngumyanga, wena lendlu yakho lakho konke olakho.

12 Khangelani-ke, amehlo enu ayabona, lamehlo omfowethu uBhenjamini, ukuthi umlomo wami ukhuluma kini.

13 Bikelani ubaba lonke udumo lwami eGibhithe, lakho konke elikubonileyo, liphangise lehlisele ubaba lapha.

14 Wasewela entanyeni kaBhenjamini umfowabo, wakhala inyembezi; loBhenjamini wakhala inyembezi entanyeni yakhe.

15 Wasebanga bonke abafowabo, wakhala inyembezi phezu kwabo. Njalo emva kwalokhu abafowabo baxoxa laye.

16 Kwathi lelilizwi lizwakala endlini kaFaro lisithi, abafowabo bakaJosefa bafikile, kwaba kuhle emehlweni kaFaro lemehlweni enceku zakhe.

17 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Tshela abafowenu uthi: Yenzani lokhu, yethwesani inyamazana zenu, lihambe liye elizweni leKhanani,

18 lithathe uyihlo lemizi yenu, libuye kimi; besengilinika okuhle kwelizwe leGibhithe, beselisidla amanono elizwe.

19 Wena-ke usulayiwe; yenzani lokhu, zithatheleni elizweni leGibhithe izinqola zabantwanyana benu labomkenu, lithwale uyihlo libuye.

20 Futhi ilihlo lenu lingakhathaleli impahla zenu, ngoba okuhle kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe kungokwenu.

21 Asesenza njalo amadodana kaIsrayeli; uJosefa wasewanika izinqola njengokulaya kukaFaro, wabanika umphako wendlela.

22 Wabanika bonke, kwaba ngulowo lalowo izembatho zokuntshintsha; kodwa uBhenjamini wamnika inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamakhulu amathathu, lezembatho zokuntshintsha ezinhlanu.

23 Wasethumela kuyise kanje, obabhemi abalitshumi, bethwele okwezinto ezinhle zeGibhithe, labobabhemikazi abalitshumi bethwele amabele lezinkwa lokudla kwendlela kukayise.

24 Wasebathuma abafowabo bahamba. Wathi kibo: Lingaxabani endleleni.

25 Basebesenyuka besuka eGibhithe, bafika elizweni leKhanani, kuJakobe uyise.

26 Bambikela besithi: UJosefa usaphila, njalo ungumbusi elizweni leGibhithe lonke. Inhliziyo yakhe yasiphela amandla, ngoba wayengabakholwa.

27 Basebemtshela wonke amazwi kaJosefa ayewatshilo kibo. Kwathi esezibonile izinqola uJosefa ayezithume ukumthwala, umoya kaJakobe uyise wavuseleleka.

28 UIsrayeli wasesithi: Kwanele, uJosefa indodana yami usaphila; ngizahamba ngimbone ngingakafi.

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UJakobe uya eGibhithe

1UIsrayeli wasesuka lakho konke ayelakho, wafika eBherishebha, wanikela imihlatshelo kuNkulunkulu kayise uIsaka.

2 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kuIsrayeli emibonweni yebusuku esithi: Jakobe, Jakobe! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha.

3 Wasesithi: NginguNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kayihlo; ungesabi ukwehlela eGibhithe, ngoba ngizakumisa ube yisizwe esikhulu khona;

4 mina ngizakwehlela eGibhithe lawe, njalo lami isibili ngizakwenyusa; futhi uJosefa uzabeka isandla sakhe phezu kwamehlo akho.

5 UJakobe wasesukuma evela eBherishebha. Lamadodana kaIsrayeli amthwala uJakobe uyise labantwanyana bawo labomkawo ezinqoleni uFaro ayezithumile ukumthwala.

6 Basebethatha izifuyo zabo lempahla zabo ababezizuzile elizweni leKhanani, bafika eGibhithe, uJakobe lenzalo yakhe yonke laye,

7 amadodana akhe, lamadodana amadodana akhe kanye laye, lamadodakazi akhe, lamadodakazi amadodana akhe; layo yonke inzalo yakhe wayiletha laye eGibhithe.

Inzalo kaJakobe

8 Njalo la ngamabizo amadodana kaIsrayeli afika eGibhithe: UJakobe lamadodana akhe. Izibulo likaJakobe: URubeni.

9 Lamadodana kaRubeni: OHanoki, loPalu, loHezironi, loKarimi.

10 Lamadodana kaSimeyoni: OJemuweli loJamini loOhadi loJakini loZohari, loShawuli indodana yomKhananikazi.

11 Lamadodana kaLevi: OGerishoni, uKohathi loMerari.

12 Lamadodana kaJuda: OEri loOnani loShela loPerezi loZera; kodwa uEri wafa, loOnani, elizweni leKhanani. Lamadodana kaPerezi ayengoHezironi loHamuli.

13 Lamadodana kaIsakari: OThola loPuva loYobi loShimroni.

14 Lamadodana kaZebuluni: OSeredi loEloni loJaleli.

15 La ngamadodana kaLeya awazalela uJakobe ePadani-Arama loDina indodakazi yakhe; yonke imiphefumulo yamadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe yayingamatshumi amathathu lantathu.

16 Njalo amadodana kaGadi: UZifiyoni loHagi, uShuni loEziboni, uEri loArodi loAreli.

17 Lamadodana kaAsheri: OJimna loIshiva loIshivi loBeriya loSera udadewabo. Lamadodana kaBeriya: OHeberi loMalikiyeli.

18 La ngamadodana kaZilipa, uLabani amnika yena uLeya indodakazi yakhe, njalo la wawazalela uJakobe, imiphefumulo elitshumi lesithupha.

19 Amadodana kaRasheli umkaJakobe: OJosefa loBhenjamini.

20 Kwasekuzalelwa uJosefa elizweni leGibhithe oManase loEfrayimi, amzalela bona uAsenathi indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi weOni.

21 Lamadodana kaBhenjamini: OBhela loBekeri loAshibeli, uGera loNamani, uEhi loRoshi, uMupimi loHupimi loAridi.

22 La ngamadodana kaRasheli azalelwa uJakobe; yonke imiphefumulo ilitshumi lane.

23 Lamadodana kaDani: UHushimi.

24 Lamadodana kaNafithali: OJazeli loGuni loJezeri loShilema.

25 La ngamadodana kaBiliha, uLabani amnika yena uRasheli indodakazi yakhe, wasemzalela la uJakobe; yonke imiphefumulo iyisikhombisa.

26 Yonke imiphefumulo eyafika loJakobe eGibhithe, evela ekhalweni lwakhe, ngaphandle kwabafazi bamadodana kaJakobe, yonke imiphefumulo ingamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha.

27 Lamadodana kaJosefa awazalelwa eGibhithe ayimiphefumulo emibili. Yonke imiphefumulo yendlu kaJakobe eyafika eGibhithe yayingamatshumi ayisikhombisa.

UJakobe labantwana bakhe eGibhithe

28 Wasethuma uJuda phambi kwakhe kuJosefa, ukuthi akhokhele phambi kwakhe esiya eGosheni; basebefika elizweni leGosheni.

29 UJosefa wasebopha inqola yakhe, wenyukela eGosheni ukuhlangabeza uIsrayeli uyise; wazibonakalisa kuye, wawela entanyeni yakhe, wakhala inyembezi isikhathi eside entanyeni yakhe.

30 UIsrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Khathesi kangife, lokhu sengibonile ubuso bakho, ngoba usaphila.

31 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo lakundlu kayise: Ngizakwenyuka ngibike kuFaro ngithi kuye: Abafowethu lendlu kababa ababeselizweni leKhanani sebefikile kimi;

32 lamadoda angabelusi bezimvu, ngoba abengamadoda afuyileyo; njalo alethe izimvu zawo lenkomo zawo lakho konke alakho.

33 Njalo kuzakuthi lapho uFaro elibiza esithi: Iyini imisebenzi yenu?

34 Lizakuthi-ke: Izinceku zakho zingamadoda okufuya, kusukela ebutsheni bethu kuze kube khathesi, thina sonke labobaba; ukuze lihlale elizweni leGosheni; ngoba wonke umelusi wezimvu uyanengeka kumaGibhithe.

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1UJosefa wasesiza wambikela uFaro wathi: Ubaba labafowethu lezimvu zabo lenkomo zabo lakho konke abalakho bavele elizweni leKhanani, khangela-ke, baselizweni leGosheni.

2 Wasethatha ingxenye yabafowabo, amadoda amahlanu, wawamisa phambi kukaFaro.

3 UFaro wasesithi kubafowabo: Iyini imisebenzi yenu? Basebesithi kuFaro: Izinceku zakho zingabelusi bezimvu, thina sonke labobaba.

4 Bathi futhi kuFaro: Sizehlala njengabezizwe elizweni; ngoba kakuladlelo lemihlambi inceku zakho ezilayo, ngoba indlala inzima elizweni leKhanani. Khathesi-ke, inceku zakho ake zihlale elizweni leGosheni.

5 UFaro wasekhuluma kuJosefa esithi: Uyihlo labafowenu sebeze kuwe.

6 Ilizwe leGibhithe liphambi kwakho; hlalisa uyihlo labafowenu ebuhleni belizwe, kabahlale elizweni leGosheni; futhi uba usazi ukuthi kukhona phakathi kwabo amadoda azingcitshi, uwabeke abe zinduna zezifuyo phezu kwengilakho.

7 UJosefa waseletha uJakobe uyise, wammisa phambi kukaFaro; uJakobe wasembusisa uFaro.

8 UFaro wasesithi kuJakobe: Mangaki amalanga eminyaka yempilo yakho?

9 UJakobe wasesithi kuFaro: Amalanga eminyaka yobuhambuma bami ayiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu; abemalutshwana emabi

amalanga eminyaka yempilo yami, futhi kawafinyelelanga emalangeni eminyaka yempilo yabobaba ensukwini zobuhambuma babo.

10 UJakobe wasebusisa uFaro, waphuma esuka ebusweni bukaFaro.

11 UJosefa wabahlalisa oyise labafowabo, wabapha isabelo elizweni leGibhithe, ebuhleni belizwe kulalo lonke, emkhonweni iRamesesi njengoba uFaro elayile.

12 UJosefa wasebondla oyise labafowabo lendlu yonke kayise ngesinkwa, ngokomlomo wabantwanyana.

Indlala eGibhithe

13 Njalo kwakungelakudla elizweni lonke, ngoba indlala yayinzima kakhulu; lelizwe leGibhithe lelizwe leKhanani aphela amandla ngendlala.

14 UJosefa wasebutha yonke imali eyatholakala elizweni leGibhithe lelizweni leKhanani, yamabele ababewathenga; uJosefa waseletha imali endlini kaFaro.

15 Kwathi imali isiphelile elizweni leGibhithe lelizweni leKhanani, wonke amaGibhithe eza kuJosefa esithi: Siphe ukudla; ngoba sizafelani phambi kwakho? Ngoba isiphelile imali.

16 UJosefa wasesithi: Lethani izifuyo zenu; njalo ngizalinika ngezifuyo zenu, uba imali isiphelile.

17 Basebeletha izifuyo zabo kuJosefa; uJosefa wasebanika ukudla ngamabhiza langemfuyo yezimvu langemfuyo yenkomo langabobabhemi. Wasebondla ngokudla ngezifuyo zabo zonke ngalowomnyaka.

18 Kwathi usuphelile lowomnyaka, beza kuye ngomnyaka wesibili, bathi kuye: Kasiyikuyifihlela inkosi yethu ukuthi, njengoba imali isiphelile, lemfuyo yezifuyo isingeyenkosi yethu, kakukho okuseleyo phambi kwenkosi yethu, ngaphandle kwemizimba yethu lamasimu ethu.

19 Sizafelani phambi kwamehlo akho, thina sonke lamasimu ethu? Sithenge lamasimu ethu ngokudla, thina-ke lamasimu ethu sibe zinceku zikaFaro; njalo siphe inhlanyelo ukuze siphile singafi, lokuthi umhlabathi ungalobi.

20 UJosefa wasemthengela uFaro ilizwe lonke leGibhithe, ngoba amaGibhithe athengisa ngulowo lalowo insimu yakhe, ngoba indlala yayilamandla phezu kwabo; lelizwe laba ngelikaFaro.

21 Njalo mayelana labantu, wabasusa baya emizini, kusukela ekupheleni komunye umngcele weGibhithe kusiya ekupheleni komunye wayo.

22 Kuphela ilizwe labapristi kalithenganga, ngoba abapristi balesabelo kuFaro, badla isabelo sabo uFaro ayebanika sona; ngakho kabathengisanga ilizwe labo.

23 UJosefa wasesithi ebantwini: Khangelani, lamuhla ngilithengele uFaro lelizwe lenu; khangelani kulenhlanyelo yenu njalo lizahlanyela ensimini.

24 Kuzakuthi-ke esivunweni limnike uFaro ingxenye yesihlanu, lengxenye ezine zibe ngezenu, kube yinhlanyelo yensimu lokudla kwenu lokwabasemizini yenu, lokudla kwabantwanyana benu.

25 Basebesithi: Usindise impilo yethu; asithole umusa emehlweni enkosi yami, njalo sizakuba yizigqili zikaFaro.

26 UJosefa wasekumisa kwaba ngumthetho kuze kube lamuhla, phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, ukuthi ingxenye yesihlanu izakuba ngekaFaro; ngaphandle kwelizwe labapristi lodwa elingeyisilo likaFaro.

Isifiso sokucina sikaJakobe

27 UIsrayeli wasehlala elizweni leGibhithe, elizweni leGosheni; bazizuzela imfuyo kulo, bazala, banda kakhulu.

28 UJakobe wasephila elizweni leGibhithe iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa; ngakho insuku zikaJakobe, iminyaka yempilo yakhe, yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amane lesikhombisa.

29 Kwathi sekusondele insuku zikaIsrayeli ukuthi afe, wabiza indodana yakhe uJosefa, wathi kuye: Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, ake ubeke isandla sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami, ungenzele umusa leqiniso; ngicela ungangingcwabi eGibhithe;

30 kodwa akuthi ngilale labobaba, ngakho uzangithwala ungisuse eGibhithe, ungingcwabe engcwabeni labo. Wasesithi: Mina ngizakwenza njengokwelizwi lakho.

31 Wasesithi: Funga kimi. Wasefunga kuye. UIsrayeli wasekhothamela phezu kwesihloko sombheda.

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UJakobe ubusisa uJosefa lamadodana akhe

1Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto kwathiwa kuJosefa: Khangela, uyihlo uyagula. Wasethatha amadodana akhe amabili laye, uManase loEfrayimi.

2 Kwasekubikwa kuJakobe ukuthi: Khangela, indodana yakho uJosefa iyeza kuwe. UIsrayeli waseziqinisa wahlala embhedeni.

3 UJakobe wasesithi kuJosefa: UNkulunkulu uSomandla wabonakala kimi eLuzi elizweni leKhanani, wangibusisa,

4 wathi kimi: Khangela, ngizakwenza uzale ngikwandise ngikwenze ube yizizwe ezinengi, nginike inzalo yakho emva kwakho lelilizwe, libe yimfuyo elaphakade.

5 Khathesi-ke, amadodana akho amabili, owawazalelwa elizweni leGibhithe ngingakafiki kuwe eGibhithe, angawami; uEfrayimi loManase njengoRubeni loSimeyoni bazakuba ngabami.

6 Kodwa izizukulwana zakho ozazizala emva kwabo zizakuba ngezakho; ngebizo labafowabo zizabizwa elifeni lazo.

7 Mina-ke, ekusukeni kwami ePadani, uRasheli wafa elami elizweni leKhanani, endleleni, kuselomangwana ukuya eEfrathi, ngasengimngcwaba khona endleleni yeEfrathi, eyiBhethelehema.

8 UIsrayeli wasebona amadodana kaJosefa wathi: Ngobani laba?

9 UJosefa wasesithi kuyise: Bangamadodana ami, uNkulunkulu anginika wona lapha. Wasesithi: Ake uwalethe kimi ngiwabusise.

10 Njalo amehlo kaIsrayeli ayefiphele ngenxa yobudala, engelakubona. Wasewasondeza kuye, wawanga, wawagona.

11 UIsrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Ngangingacabanganga ukuthi ngingabona ubuso bakho, kodwa khangela, uNkulunkulu ungibonise lenzalo yakho.

12 UJosefa wasewakhupha emadolweni akhe, wakhothama ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini.

13 UJosefa wasebathatha bobabili, uEfrayimi ngesandla sakhe sokunene ngakwesokhohlo sikaIsrayeli, loManase ngesandla sakhe sokhohlo ngakwesokunene sikaIsrayeli, wabasondeza kuye.

14 Kodwa uIsrayeli welula isandla sakhe sokunene, wasibeka ekhanda likaEfrayimi, lanxa engomncinyane, lesandla sakhe sokhohlo ekhanda likaManase, eqondisa izandla zakhe esazi, ngoba uManase wayelizibulo.

15 Wasembusisa uJosefa wathi: UNkulunkulu abahamba phambi kwakhe obaba oAbrahama loIsaka, uNkulunkulu owangondla kusukela ebukhoneni bami kuze kube lamuhla,

16 ingilosi engihlenge kokubi konke, ibusise abafana; njalo ibizo lami libizwe kubo, lebizo labobaba oAbrahama loIsaka; bande babebanengi phakathi komhlaba.

17 Kwathi uJosefa esebonile ukuthi uyise ubeke isandla sakhe sokunene ekhanda likaEfrayimi, kwaba kubi emehlweni akhe; wasibamba isandla sikayise ukuze asisuse ekhanda likaEfrayimi asise ekhanda likaManase.

18 UJosefa wasesithi kuyise: Hayi njalo, baba, ngoba lo ulizibulo; beka isandla sakho sokunene ekhanda lakhe.

19 Kodwa uyise wala wathi: Ngiyazi, ndodana yami, ngiyazi; laye uzakuba yisizwe, laye uzakuba mkhulu; kanti lanxa kunjalo umfowabo omncinyane uzakuba mkhulu kulaye, lenzalo yakhe izakuba yikugcwala kwezizwe.

20 Wasebabusisa ngalolosuku esithi: Ngawe uIsrayeli uzabusisa, esithi: UNkulunkulu kakumise njengoEfrayimi lanjengoManase. Wasebeka uEfrayimi phambi kukaManase.

21 UIsrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Khangela, ngiyafa; kodwa uNkulunkulu uzakuba lawe, njalo uzalibuyisela elizweni laboyihlo.

22 Futhi mina ngikunikile isabelo esisodwa okwedlula abafowenu, engasithatha esandleni samaAmori ngenkemba yami langedandili lami.

UGENESISE 49

UJakobe ubusisa amadodana akhe

1UJakobe wasebiza amadodana akhe wathi: Buthanani ukuze ngilazise okuzalehlela ensukwini ezizayo.

2 Buthanani, lizwe madodana kaJakobe, limlalele uIsrayeli uyihlo.

3 Rubeni, ulizibulo lami, amandla ami, lokuqala kokuqina kwami, ukuphelela kwesithunzi, lokuphelela kwamandla.

4 Uphuphuma njengamanzi, kawuyikuba ngopheleleyo, ngoba ukhwele embhedeni kayihlo, wasuwona; wakhwela embhedeni wami.

5 USimeyoni loLevi bayizelamani; inkemba zabo ziyizikhali zokuphanga.

6 Umphefumulo wami ungangeni emphakathini wabo wangasese, udumo lwami lungahlangani emhlanganweni wabo; ngoba ngolaka lwabo babulala umuntu, langokuzithokozisa baquma izinkabi umsipha.

7 Kaluqalekiswe ulaka lwabo ngoba lulamandla, lentukuthelo yabo ngoba ilesihluku. Ngizabehlukanisa koJakobe, ngibahlakaze koIsrayeli.

8 Juda, wena, abafowenu bazakudumisa; isandla sakho sizakuba sentanyeni yezitha zakho; amadodana kayihlo azakukhothamela.

9 UJuda ungumdlwane wesilwane; wenyukile empangweni, ndodana yami, uguqile, ulele njengesilwane, lanjengesilwane esisikazi; ngubani ozamsukumisa?

10 Intonga yobukhosi kayiyikusuka kuJuda, lomnikumthetho phakathi kwenyawo zakhe, aze afike uShilo, njalo izizwe zizamlalela.

11 Ubophela ithole lakhe likababhemi evinini, lethole likababhemikazi wakhe evinini elihle. Uwatsha isigqoko sakhe ewayinini, lesembatho sakhe egazini lezithelo zevini.

12 Amehlo akhe azakuba nsundu ngewayini, lamazinyo akhe mhlophe ngochago.

13 UZebuluni uzahlala ethekwini lolwandle, abe litheku lemikhumbi, lomngcele wakhe uzakuba ngaseSidoni.

14 UIsakari ungubabhemi olamathambo alamandla, oqutha phakathi kwemithwalo emibili.

15 Wathi ebona indawo yokuphumula ukuthi inhle, lelizwe ukuthi liyabukeka, wagobisa amahlombe akhe ukuze athwale, waba yinceku esibhalweni.

16 UDani uzakwahlulela abantu bakhe, njengesinye sezizwe zakoIsrayeli.

17 UDani uzakuba yinyoka endleleni, inhlangwana emkhondweni, eluma izithende zebhiza, ukuze umgadi walo awe nyovane.

18 Ngilindele usindiso lwakho, NKOSI.

19 UGadi, iviyo lizamhlasela, kodwa yena uzahlasela ezithendeni.

20 Kuvela kuAsheri, ukudla kwakhe kuzanona, uzaveza izibiliboco zenkosi.

21 UNafithali uyimpala ethukululiweyo, eveza amazwi amahle.

22 UJosefa ulugatsha oluthelayo, ugatsha oluthelayo emthonjeni, ingatsha zikhwela phezu komduli.

23 Abatshoki basebemphatha kabuhlungu, bamtshoka, bamzonda.

24 Kodwa idandili lakhe lahlala liqinile, lengalo zezandla zakhe zaqiniswa ngezandla zikaSomandla kaJakobe, okuvela khona umelusi, ilitshe likaIsrayeli,

25 ngoNkulunkulu kayihlo ozakusiza, langoSomandla ozakubusisa ngezibusiso zamazulu ezivela phezulu, izibusiso zokujula okulele phansi, izibusiso zamabele lesizalo,

26 izibusiso zikayihlo ziyedlula izibusiso zabokhokho bami, kuze kube sengqongeni zamaqaqa aphakade; zizakuba phezu kwekhanda likaJosefa, laphezu kwenkanda yalowo owehlukaniswe kubafowabo.

27 UBhenjamini uyimpisi edabulayo; ekuseni izakudla ekujimbileyo, lakusihlwa izakwehlukanisa impango.

28 Bonke labo bayizizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakoIsrayeli; futhi lokho yikho uyise akukhuluma kubo ebabusisa; ngulowo lalowo ngesibusiso sakhe wababusisa.

29 Wasebalaya wathi kubo: Sengibuthelwa ebantwini bakithi; lingingcwabe labobaba obhalwini olusensimini kaEfroni umHethi,

30 obhalwini olusensimini yeMakaphela eqondane leMamre, elizweni leKhanani, uAbrahama owaluthenga lensimu kuEfroni umHethi ibe yindawo yethu yokungcwabela.

31 Lapho bangcwaba oAbrahama loSara umkakhe; lapho bangcwaba oIsaka loRebeka umkakhe; lalapho ngangcwaba uLeya,

32 insimu, lobhalu olukiyo, kwathengwa emadodaneni kaHethi.

33 Kwathi uJakobe eseqedile ukulaya amadodana akhe, waqoqela inyawo zakhe embhedeni, waphela, wabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo.

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Ukungcwatshwa kukaJakobe

1UJosefa wasewela phezu kobuso bukayise, wakhala inyembezi phezu kwakhe, wamanga.

2 UJosefa waselaya inceku zakhe abelaphi ukuthi baqhole uyise ngomuthi; labelaphi bamqhola uIsrayeli ngomuthi.

3 Zagcwaliseka kuye insuku ezingamatshumi amane, ngoba ngokunjalo zazigcwaliseka insuku zabaqholwe ngomuthi. LamaGibhithe amlilela insuku ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa.

4 Kwathi sezidlulile insuku zokumkhalela, uJosefa wakhuluma lendlu kaFaro esithi: Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlweni enu, ake likhulume endlebeni zikaFaro, lisithi:

5 Ubaba wangifungisa esithi: Khangela, ngiyafa; engcwabeni engazigebhela lona elizweni leKhanani, lapho ungingcwabe. Khathesi-ke, ake ngenyuke ngiyengcwaba ubaba, besengibuya.

6 UFaro wasesithi: Yenyuka uyengcwaba uyihlo njengokukufungisa kwakhe.

7 UJosefa wasesenyuka ukuyangcwaba uyise, kwenyuka kanye laye zonke izinceku zikaFaro, abadala bendlu yakhe, labo bonke abadala belizwe leGibhithe,

8 lendlu yonke kaJosefa, labafowabo, lendlu kayise; kuphela abantwana babo abancinyane lezimvu zabo lenkomo zabo bakutshiya elizweni leGosheni.

9 Kwasekusenyuka kanye laye konke izinqola labagadi bamabhiza, kwaba liviyo elinzima kakhulu.

10 Kwathi sebefike esizeni seAtadi, eliphetsheya kweJodani, balila khona, isililo esikhulu lesinzima kakhulu, bamenzela uyise isililo insuku eziyisikhombisa.

11 Kwathi abakhileyo belizwe, amaKhanani, bebona ukulila esizeni seAtadi, bathi: Lesi yisililo esinzima samaGibhithe. Ngakho basebesitha ibizo laso iAbeli-Mizirayimi, eliphetsheya kweJodani.

12 Amadodana akhe asemenzela njalo njengalokhu ewalayile;

13 ngoba amadodana akhe amthwalela elizweni leKhanani, amngcwaba obhalwini lwensimu yeMakaphela, uAbrahama aluthenga lensimu, lube yindawo yakhe yokungcwabela, kuEfroni umHethi, eqondane leMamre.

14 UJosefa wasebuyela eGibhithe, yena labafowabo labo bonke abenyuka laye ukuyangcwaba uyise, esemngcwabile uyise.

15 Kwathi abafowabo bakaJosefa sebebonile ukuthi uyise usefile bathi: Mhlawumbe uJosefa uzasizonda, ngoqotho asiphindisele ububi bonke esabenza kuye.

16 Basebenika isilayezelo kuJosefa besithi: Uyihlo walaya engakafi, esithi:

17 Lizakutsho kanje kuJosefa lithi: Ngiyakucela, akuxolele isiphambeko sabafowenu lesono sabo, ngoba bakwenzela okubi; khathesi-ke ake uxolele isiphambeko sezinceku zikaNkulunkulu kayihlo. UJosefa wasekhala inyembezi nxa bekhuluma kuye.

18 Labafowabo labo beza, bawa phansi phambi kwakhe, bathi: Khangela, siyizinceku zakho.

19 Kodwa uJosefa wathi kibo: Lingesabi, ngoba kanti ngisendaweni kaNkulunkulu yini?

20 Kodwa lina laceba okubi kimi, uNkulunkulu waceba ngokuhle, ukuze enze njengalamuhla, ukuze alondoloze abantu abanengi bephila.

21 Khathesi-ke lingesabi; mina ngizalondla lina labantwanyana benu. Wasebaduduza, wakhuluma labo ngomusa.

Ukufa kukaJosefa

22 UJosefa wasehlala eGibhithe, yena lendlu kayise. Njalo uJosefa waphila iminyaka elikhulu letshumi.

23 UJosefa wasebona abantwana bakaEfrayimi abesizukulwana sesithathu; labantwana bakaMakiri indodana kaManase bazalelwa emadolweni kaJosefa.

24 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo: Ngiyafa, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzalihambela isibili, alenyuse kulelilizwe alise elizweni alifungela oAbrahama, uIsaka loJakobe.

25 UJosefa wafungisa amadodana kaIsrayeli esithi: UNkulunkulu uzalihambela isibili, njalo lizakwenyusa amathambo ami asuke lapha.

26 UJosefa wasesifa, eleminyaka elikhulu letshumi; basebemqhola ngomuthi, wafakwa ebhokisini eGibhithe.

UEKSODUSI

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UGWALO LWESIBILI LUKAMOZISI OLUTHIWA

Ukuhlupheka kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli eGibhithe

1 La-ke ngamabizo amadodana kaIsrayeli afika eGibhithe loJakobe; afika, ileyo
laleyo lomuzi wayo,

2 uRubeni, uSimeyoni, uLevi, loJuda,

3 uIsakari, uZebuluni, loBhenjamini,

4 uDani, loNafithali, uGadi, loAsheri.

5 Njalo yonke imiphefumulo eyaphuma ekhalweni lukaJakobe
yayiyimiphefumulo engamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Kodwa uJosefa
wayeseGibhithe.

6 UJosefa wasesifa labo bonke abafowabo, lalesosizukulwana sonke.

7 Njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazalana, baba banengi, banda, baba lamandla
kakhulukazi, ilizwe laze lagcwaliswa yibo.

8 Kwasekuvela inkosi entsha phezu kweGibhithe eyayingamazi uJosefa.

9 Yasisithi esizweni sayo: Khangela, isizwe sabantwana bakoIsrayeli sinengi, futhi
silamandla kulathi.

10 Wozani, asisihlakanipheleni, hlezi sande, njalo kuzakuthi lapho kusehla impi,
laso sihlangane lezitha zethu, silwe simelene lathi, senyuke sisuke elizweni.

11 Ngakho bamisa phezu kwaso izinduna zesibhalo ukusihlupha ngemithwalo
yabo. Njalo samakhela uFaro imizi eyiziphala, iPithoma leRamesesi.

12 Kodwa kwathi ekusihlupheni kwaso kwang'khona sisanda, kwang'khona
sisabalala. Ngakho banengwa ngabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

13 Njalo amaGibhithe abasebenzisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngochuku,

14 aze enza impilo zabo zababa ngomsebenzi onzima, ngodaka langezitina,
langawo wonke umsebenzi emasimini; ngomsebenzi wabo wonke, ababenza
bawenza ngodlakela.

15 Inkosi yeGibhithe yasikhuluma lababelethisi amaHebherukazi, obizo
lowokuqala lalinguShifira, lebizo lowesibili lalinguPhuwa,

16 yasisithi: Nxa libelethisa amaHebherukazi, lapho libabona ezihlalweni
zokubeletha, uba kuyindodana, liyibulale; kodwa uba kuyindodakazi, iyekeleni
iphila.

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17 Kodwa ababelethisi babemesaba uNkulunkulu, kabenzanga njengalokho yakhuluma kubo inkosi yeGibhithe, kodwa babayekela abafana baphila.

18 Inkosi yeGibhithe yasibiza ababelethisi, yathi kubo: Liyenzeleni linto ukuthi liyekele abafana baphile?

19 Ababelethisi basebesithi kuFaro: Ngoba amaHebherukazi kawanjengabafazi bamaGibhithe; ngoba alamandla, umbelethisi engakafiki kuwo, asebelethile.

20 Ngalokhu uNkulunkulu wabenzela ababelethisi okuhle, labantu banda, baba lamandla kakhulu.

21 Kwasekusithi, ngoba ababelethisi bamesaba uNkulunkulu, wabakhela imizi.

22 UFaro waselaya isizwe sakhe sonke esithi: Yonke indodana ezalwayo liyiphosele emfuleni, kodwa yonke indodakazi liyiyekele iphile.

UEKSODUSI 2

Ukuzalwa kukaMozisi

1Kwasekusuka indoda yendlu yakoLevi, yathatha indodakazi yakoLevi.

2 Owesifazana wasethatha isisu, wazala indodana; eseyibonile ukuthi inhle, wayifihla inyanga ezintathu.

3 Kwathi engaselakuyifihla wayithathela isitsha semizi, wasibhada ngengcino langethara, wafaka umntwana kuso, wasibeka emihlangeni ekhunjini lomfula.

4 Udadewabo wasezimisa khatshana ukuze azi okuzakwenziwa kuye.

5 Kwasekusehla indodakazi kaFaro ukuyageza emfuleni; lamantombazana ayo ahamba eceleni komfula. Isibonile isitsha phakathi kwemihlanga, yathuma incekukazi yayo yasithatha.

6 Kwathi isivula, yabona umntwana, khangela-ke, umfanyana wakhala inyembezi. Yasimhawukela yathi: Lo ngomunye wabafana bamaHebheru.

7 Udadewabo wasesithi endodakazini kaFaro: Ngihambe yini ngiyekubizela umfazi omunyisayo kumaHebherukazi ukuze akumunyisele umfana?

8 Indodakazi kaFaro yasisithi kuye: Hamba. Intombi yasihamba, yabiza unina womfana.

9 Indodakazi kaFaro yasisithi kuye: Thatha uhambe lalo umntwana, ungimunyisele yena; njalo mina ngizakupha iholo lakho. Owesifazana wasemthatha umntwana, wammunyisa.

10 Umfana esekhulile, wamletha endodakazini kaFaro, wasesiba yindodana yayo. Yasisitha ibizo layo yathinguMozisi, yathi: Ngoba ngamkhupha emanzini.

Ukubaleka kukaMozisi

11 Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku, uMozisi esekhulile, waphuma waya kubafowabo, wakhangela imithwalo yabo; futhi wabona umGibhithe etshaya umHebheru kubafowabo.

12 Wathalaza ngapha langapha; esebonile ukuthi kakulamuntu, wamtshaya umGibhithe, wamfihla etshebetshebeni.

13 Waphuma langosuku lwesibili, khangela-ke, amaHebheru amabili esilwa; wasesithi kowonileyo: Umtshayelani umakhelwane wakho?

14 Wasesithi: Ngubani okubeke ube yisiphathamandla lomahluleli phezu kwethu? Wena uzimisele ukungibulala yini njengalokho ubulele umGibhithe? UMozisi wasesesaba wathi: Isibili udaba luyaziwa.

15 Kwathi uFaro eseluzwile udaba, wadinga ukumbulala uMozisi. Kodwa uMozisi wabalekela ubuso bukaFaro, wahlala elizweni leMidiyani; wahlala emthonjeni.

16 Njalo umpristi weMidiyani wayelamadodakazi ayisikhombisa; eza ukukha, agcwalisa imikolo ukunathisa umhlambi kayise.

17 Kwasekufika abelusi, bawaxotsha; kodwa uMozisi wasukuma, wawasiza wanathisa umhlambi wawo.

18 Lapho efika kuRehuweli uyise, wathi: Kungani libuye masinyane kangaka lamuhla?

19 Asesithi: Indoda engumGibhithe isophulile esandleni sabelusi; futhi yasikhela lokusikhela, yanathisa umhlambi.

20 Wasesithi emadodakazini akhe: Kambe ingaphi? Kanti liyitshiyeleni indoda? Ibizeni, ukuze idle isinkwa.

21 UMozisi wasevuma ukuhlala lendoda; wasemnika uMozisi uZipora indodakazi yakhe.

22 Wasezala indodana; wayitha ibizo layo uGereshoma, ngoba wathi: Ngangingowemzini elizweni lemzini.

23 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezinsuku ezinengi, inkosi yeGibhithe yafa. Labantwana bakoIsrayeli babubula ngenxa yobugqili, bakhala; lokukhala kwabo kwenyukela kuNkulunkulu ngenxa yobugqili.

24 UNkulunkulu wasesizwa ukububula kwabo, uNkulunkulu wakhumbula isivumelwano sakhe loAbrahama, loIsaka, njalo loJakobe.

25 UNkulunkulu wasebona abantwana bakoIsrayeli, uNkulunkulu wabazi.

UEKSODUSI 3

Ukubizwa kukaMozisi

1UMozisi wayeselusa-ke umhlambi kaJetro uyisezala, umpristi weMidiyani;
waqhuba umhlambi waya ngaphambili kwenkangala waze wafika entabeni
kaNkulunkulu, eHorebe.

2 Njalo ingilosi yeNKOSI yabonakala kuye elangabini lomlilo liphuma phakathi
kwesihlahla; wasebona, khangela-ke, isihlahla sivutha umlilo, kodwa isihlahla
sasingapheli.

3 UMozisi wasesithi: Ngizaphambuka-ke ngibone lo umbono omkhulu, ukuthi
kungani isihlahla singatshi.

4 Kwathi iNKOSI isibonile ukuthi uphambukile ukuyabona, uNkulunkulu wambiza
ephakathi kwesihlahla, wathi: Mozisi, Mozisi! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha.

5 Wasesithi: Ungasondeli lapha; khupha amanyathela akho enyaweni zakho,
ngoba indawo omi kuyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele.

6 Wathi futhi: NginguNkulunkulu kayihlo, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama,
uNkulunkulu kaIsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe. UMozisi wasefihla ubuso bakhe,
ngoba esesaba ukukhangela uNkulunkulu.

7 INKOSI yasisithi: Isibili ngibonile ukuhlupheka kwesizwe sami esiseGibhithe,
ngizwile ukukhala kwabo ngenxa yabaqhubi besibhalo babo; ngoba ngiyazazi
insizi zabo;

8 njalo ngehlile ukusikhulula ezandleni zamaGibhithe, lokusenyusa kulelolizwe,
ngisise elizweni elihle elibanzi, siye elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju, siye
endaweni yamaKhanani lamaHethi lamaAmori lamaPerizi lamaHivi lamaJebusi.

9 Khathesi-ke, khangela, ukukhala kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli sekufikile kimi;
njalo lami ngibonile ucindezelo amaGibhithe abacindezela ngalo.

10 Khathesi-ke, woza, ngizakuthuma kuFaro ukuze ukhuphe isizwe sami,
abantwana bakoIsrayeli, eGibhithe.

11 Kodwa uMozisi wathi kuNkulunkulu: Ngingubani mina ukuthi ngiye kuFaro,
lokuthi ngikhuphe abantwana bakoIsrayeli eGibhithe?

12 Wasesithi: Isibili ngizakuba lawe; lalokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe
sokuthi mina ngikuthumile; lapho ususikhuphile isizwe eGibhithe, lizamkhonza
uNkulunkulu kulintaba.

13 UMozisi wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Khangela, nxa ngifika kubantwana
bakoIsrayeli ngisithi kubo: UNkulunkulu waboyihlo ungithumile kini; bazakuthi
kimi: Ungubani ibizo lakhe? Ngizathini kubo?

14 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuMozisi: NGINGUYE ENGINGUYE. Wathi futhi:
Uzakutsho njalo kubantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi: UNGINGUYE ungithumile kini.

15 UNkulunkulu wasesithi njalo kuMozisi: Uzakutsho njalo kubantwana
bakoIsrayeli ukuthi: INKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama,

uNkulunkulu kaIsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe ungithumile kini; leli libizo lami kuze kube nininini, njalo lesi yisikhumbuzo sami kusizukulwana kusiya kusizukulwana.

16 Hamba, ubuthanise abadala bakoIsrayeli, uthi kubo: INKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyihlo ibonakele kimi, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, kaIsaka, lokaJakobe, isithi: Ngokulihambela ngilihambele, lalokho elikwenziwe eGibhithe;

17 futhi ngathi ngizalenyusa enhluphekweni yeGibhithe, ngilise elizweni lamaKhanani lelamaHethi lelamaAmori lelamaPerizi lelamaHivi lelamaJebusi, liye elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju.

18 Njalo bazalalela ilizwi lakho. Futhi uzakuya, wena labadala bakoIsrayeli, enkosini yeGibhithe, lithi kuyo: INKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, ihlangene lathi; khathesi-ke, ake usiyekele sihambe ummango wensuku ezintathu siye enkangala ukuze sihlabele iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu.

19 Kodwa mina ngiyazi ukuthi inkosi yeGibhithe kayiyikuliyekela lihambe, ngitsho langesandla esilamandla.

20 Ngakho ngizakwelula isandla sami ngilitshaye iGibhithe ngezimangaliso zami zonke engizazenza phakathi kwalo; njalo emva kwalokho izaliyekela lihambe.

21 Njalo ngizanika lesisizwe umusa emehlweni amaGibhithe. Kuzakuthi-ke mhla lisukayo, kaliyikusuka lingelalutho,

22 kodwa wonke owesifazana uzacela kumakhelwane wakhe, lakuye ohlezihleziyo endlini yakhe, izinto zesiliva, lezinto zegolide, lemvunulo; lizazifaka emadodaneni enu lemadodakazini enu; lizawaphanga amaGibhithe.

UEKSODUSI 4

1UMozisi wasephendula wathi: Kodwa khangela, kabayikungikholwa, kabayikulilalela ilizwi lami; ngoba bazakuthi: INKOSI kayibonakalanga kuwe.

2 INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Kuyini lokho okusesandleni sakho? Wasesithi: Yintonga.

3 Yasisithi: Iphosele emhlabathini. Waseyiphosela emhlabathini, yasisiba yinyoka. UMozisi waseyibalekela.

4 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Yelula isandla sakho, uyibambe ngomsila. Waselula isandla sakhe, wayithi xhaka; yasisiba yintonga esandleni sakhe,

5 ukuze bakholwe ukuthi ibonakele kuwe iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyise, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, uNkulunkulu kaIsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe.

6 INKOSI yasisithi njalo kuye: Ake ufake isandla sakho esifubeni sakho. Wasesifaka isandla sakhe esifubeni sakhe; esesikhuphile, khangela-ke, isandla sakhe sasesilobulephero njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo.

7 Yasisithi: Buyisela isandla sakho esifubeni sakho. Wasesibuyisela isandla sakhe esifubeni sakhe; esesikhuphile esifubeni sakhe, khangela-ke, sasesiphenduke saba njengenyama yakhe.

8 Njalo kuzakuthi uba bengakukholwa, bengalaleli ilizwi lesibonakaliso sokuqala, bazakholwa ilizwi lesibonakaliso sokucina.

9 Kuzakuthi-ke, uba bengakholwa lalezizibonakaliso ezimbili, bengalaleli ilizwi lakho, uzakukha okwamanzi omfula, uwathele emhlabathini owomileyo; njalo kuzakuthi amanzi ozawakha emfuleni azakuba ligaziemhlabathini owomileyo.

10 UMozisi wasesithi eNKOSIni: Uxolo, Nkosi yami, kangisiso sikhulumi, ngitsho kusukela endulo, ngitsho kusukela usukhulume lenceku yakho; ngoba kunzima emlonyeni wami njalo kunzima olimini.

11 INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Ngubani owenzela umuntu umlomo? Kumbe ngubani owenza isimungulu, kumbe isacuthe, kumbe obonayo, kumbe isiphofu? Kakusimi yini iNKOSI?

12 Khathesi-ke hamba, njalo mina ngizakuba lomlomo wakho, ngikufundise lokho ozakukhuluma.

13 Kodwa wathi: Uxolo, Nkosi yami, akuthume ngesandla salowo ozamthuma.

14 Lwaseluvutha ulaka lweNKOSI kuMozisi, yasisithi: Angithi uAroni umLevi ngumnewenu? Ngiyazi ukuthi angakhuluma kuhle. Njalo khangela-ke, uzaphuma ukukuhlangabeza; nxa ekubona, uzathaba enhliziyweni yakhe.

15 Njalo uzakhuluma kuye, ufake amazwi emlonyeni wakhe; mina-ke ngizakuba lomlomo wakho lomlomo wakhe, ngizalifundisa lokho elizakwenza.

16 Yena-ke uzakhuluma esizweni esikhundleni sakho, kuzakuthi abe ngumlomo kuwe, wena ube njengoNkulunkulu kuye.

17 Njalo uzathatha lintonga esandleni sakho, ozakwenza izibonakaliso ngayo.

UMozisi ubuyela eGibhithe

18 UMozisi wasehamba wabuyela kuJetro uyisezala, wathi kuye: Ake ungiyekele ngihambe, ngibuyele kubafowethu abaseGibhithe, ngibone ukuthi basaphila yini. UJetro wasesithi kuMozisi: Hamba ngokuthula.

19 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi eMidiyani: Hamba, ubuyele eGibhithe; ngoba wonke amadoda asafa, ayedinga umphefumulo wakho.

20 UMozisi wasethatha umkakhe lamadodana akhe, wabakhwelisa phezu kukababhemi, wabuyela elizweni leGibhithe. UMozisi wasethatha intonga kaNkulunkulu esandleni sakhe.

21 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Ekuhambeni kwakho ubuyela eGibhithe, bona ukuthi, zonke izimangalisoengizibeke esandleni sakho, uzenze phambi kukaFaro.

Kodwa ngizakwenza inhliziyo yakhe ibe lukhuni ukuze angasiyekeli isizwe sihambe.

22 Njalo uzakuthi kuFaro: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Indodana yami, izibulo lami, nguIsrayeli;

23 njalo sengithe kuwe: Yekela indodana yami ihambe ukuthi ingikhonze; kodwa walile ukuyiyekela ihambe, khangela, ngizabulala indodana yakho, izibulo lakho.

24 Kwasekusithi esendleleni, endlini yezihambi, iNKOSI yahlangana laye, yadinga ukumbulala.

25 UZipora wasethatha insengetshe, waquma ijwabu lendodana yakhe, walithintisa inyawo zakhe wathi: Isibili ungumyeni wegazi kimi.

26 Yasimyekela. Ngalesosikhathi wathi: Umyeni wegazi, ngenxa yokusoka.

27 INKOSI yasisithi kuAroni: Hamba, uyehlangabeza uMozisi enkangala. Wahamba-ke, wahlangana laye entabeni kaNkulunkulu, wamanga.

28 UMozisi wasemtshela uAroni wonke amazwi eNKOSI eyayimthumile, lazo zonke izibonakaliso eyayimlaye zona.

29 OMozisi loAroni basebehamba, babuthanisa bonke abadala babantwana bakoIsrayeli.

30 UAroni wasekhuluma amazwi wonke iNKOSI eyayiwakhulume kuMozisi, wenza izibonakaliso phambi kwamehlo abantu.

31 Abantu basebekholwa; bezwa ukuthi iNKOSI ihambele abantwana bakoIsrayeli, lokuthi ibonile inhlupheko yabo, bakhothama, bakhonza.

UEKSODUSI 5

UMozisi loAroni baphambi kukaFaro

1Emva kwalokho-ke uMozisi loAroni bahamba bathi kuFaro: Itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli: Bayekele abantu bami bahambe, bangigcinele umkhosi enkangala.

2 Kodwa uFaro wathi: Ingubani iNKOSI ukuthi ngilalele ilizwi layo, ngiyekele uIsrayeli ahambe? Kangiyazi iNKOSI, futhi kangiyikumyekela uIsrayeli ahambe.

3 Basebesithi: UNkulunkulu wamaHebheru uhlangane lathi; ake usiyekele sihambe uhambo lwensuku ezintathu enkangala, siyihlabele iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, hlezi isehlele ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo kumbe ngenkemba.

4 Kodwa inkosi yeGibhithe yathi kubo: Kungani, Mozisi loAroni, lisusa abantu emisebenzini yabo? Yanini emithwalweni yenu!

5 UFaro wasesithi: Khangelani, abantu belizwe sebebanengi, kanti liyabaphumuza emithwalweni yabo.

6 Ngalolosuku uFaro waselaya abaqhubi besibhalo besizwe lezinduna zaso, esithi:

7 Lingabe lisabanika abantu amahlanga okwenza izitina njengamandulo; kabahambe bona bayezibuthela amahlanga;

8 lenani lezitina abalenze mandulo lizabamisela lona, lingaphunguli kulo; ngoba bayavilapha; yikho bekhala besithi: Siyekeleni siyehlabela uNkulunkulu wethu.

9 Yenzani umsebenzi ube nzima kakhulu phezu kwamadoda, ukuze basebenze kuwo, bangalaleli amazwi enkohliso.

10 Abaqhubi besibhalo babantu baphuma, lezinduna zabo, bakhuluma ebantwini besithi: Utsho njalo uFaro: Kangiyikulinika amahlanga;

11 hambani lina, lizithathele amahlanga lapho elingawathola khona; kodwa umsebenzi wenu kakuyikuphungulwa lutho kuwo.

12 Abantu basebehlakazeka elizweni lonke leGibhithe ukuze babuthe izidindi zibe ngamahlanga.

13 Abaqhubi besibhalo babahaluzelisa besithi: Qedani imisebenzi yenu, umlandu wosuku ngosuku lwawo, njengamhla kulamahlanga.

14 Njalo izinduna zabantwana bakoIsrayeli, abaqhubi besibhalo bakaFaro abababekela zona, zatshaywa, kuthiwa: Kaliqedanga ngani umsebenzi wenu omisiweyo wokwenza izitina njengamandulo, layizolo lalamuhla?

15 Izinduna zabantwana bakoIsrayeli zasezisiza, zakhala kuFaro zathi: Wenzelani kanje ezincekwini zakho?

16 Amahlanga kawanikwa inceku zakho, kanti bathi kithi: Yenzani izitina. Khangela-ke, inceku zakho ziyatshaywa; kodwa icala ngelabantu bakho.

17 Kodwa wathi: Lina lingamavila, lingamavila; ngalokhu lithi: Siyekeleni siyehlabela iNKOSI.

18 Khathesi-ke hambani, lisebenze; kodwa amahlanga kaliyikuwanikwa, kanti lizaletha inani lezitina.

19 Izinduna zabantwana bakoIsrayeli zasezibona ukuthi zazisebubini, nxa kuthiwa: Kaliyikuphungula ezitineni zenu, umlandu wosuku ngosuku lwawo.

20 Zasezihlangana loMozisi loAroni ababemi ukubahlangabeza ekuphumeni kwabo kuFaro;

21 zasezisithi kubo: INKOSI ilibone yahlulele; ngoba lenze iphunga lethu libe livumba emehlweni kaFaro lemehlweni enceku zakhe; linike inkemba esandleni sabo ukuze basibulale.

22 UMozisi wasebuyela eNKOSIni wathi: Nkosi, wenzeleni okubi kulesisizwe? Kungani ungithumile?

23 Ngoba selokhu ngaya kuFaro ukukhuluma ebizweni lakho, wenzile okubi kulesisizwe; futhi kawusikhululanga lokusikhulula isizwe sakho.

UEKSODUSI 6

1 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Khathesi uzabona engizakwenza kuFaro; ngoba ngesandla esilamandla uzabayekela bahambe, langesandla esilamandla uzabaxotsha elizweni lakhe.

UMozisi ubizwa ngokwesibili

2 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kuMozisi wathi kuye: NgiyiNKOSI;

3 njalo ngabonakala kuAbrahama, kuIsaka, lakuJakobe njengoNkulunkulu uSomandla; kodwa ngebizo lamilokuthi uJehova ngangingaziwa kubo.

4 Njalo lami ngamisa isivumelwano sami labo ukubapha ilizwe leKhanani, ilizwe lobuhambuma babo, ababehlala kulo njengabezizwe.

5 Futhi lami ngizwile ukububula kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, amaGibhithe abagcine ebugqilini; njalo ngikhumbule isivumelwano sami.

6 Ngakho-ke tshono kubantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi: NgiyiNKOSI; njalo ngizalikhupha lisuke ngaphansi kwemithwalo yamaGibhithe; ngilikhulule ebugqilini bawo, ngilihlenge ngengalo eyeluliweyo langezigwebo ezinkulu.

7 Njalo ngizazithathela lina libe yisizwe, ngizakuba kini nguNkulunkulu; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu, olikhupha lisuke ngaphansi kwemithwalo yamaGibhithe;

8 njalo ngizalingenisa elizweni engaphakamisa isandla sami ngalo ukulinika uAbrahama, uIsaka loJakobe, ngilinike lona libe yilifa; mina, iNKOSI.

9 UMozisi wasekhuluma ngokunjalo kubantwana bakoIsrayeli; kodwa kabamlalelanga uMozisi ngenxa yokukhathazeka komoya langenxa yobugqili obunzima.

10 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi,

11 Ngena ukhulume kuFaro, inkosi yeGibhithe, ukuthi ayekele abantwana bakoIsrayeli basuke elizweni lakhe.

12 Kodwa uMozisi wakhuluma phambi kweNKOSI esithi: Khangela, abantwana bakoIsrayeli kabangilalelanga; pho-ke uFaro angangizwa njani, engingowendebe ezingasokanga?

13 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni yabapha umlayo ngabantwana bakoIsrayeli langoFaro inkosi yeGibhithe ukukhupha abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe.

Inzalo kaMozisi lenzalo kaAroni

14 Laba bazinhloko zezindlu zaboyise; amadodana kaRubeni, izibulo likaIsrayeli: OHanoki loPalu, oHezironi loKarimi; laba bazinsapho zikaRubeni.

15 Lamadodana kaSimeyoni: OJemuweli loJamini loOhadi loJakini loZohari loShawuli indodana yomKhananikazi; laba bazinsapho zikaSimeyoni.

16 Njalo la ngamabizo amadodana kaLevi ngezizukulwana zawo: OGerishoni loKohathi loMerari; leminyaka yempilo kaLevi yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa.

17 Amadodana kaGerishoni: OLibini loShimeyi ngezinsapho zawo.

18 Njalo amadodana kaKohathi: OAmramu loIzihari loHebroni loUziyeli; leminyaka yempilo kaKohathi yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lantathu.

19 Njalo amadodana kaMerari: OMahli loMushi. Laba bazinsapho zamaLevi ngezizukulwana zabo.

20 UAmramu wasethatha uJokebedi udadewaboyise, waba ngumkakhe. Wasemzalela uAroni loMozisi. Leminyaka yempilo kaAmramu yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa.

21 Njalo amadodana kaIzihari: OKora loNefegi loZikiri.

22 Lamadodana kaUziyeli: OMishayeli loElizafani loSithiri.

23 UAroni wasezithathela uElisheba indodakazi kaAminadaba, udadewabo kaNashoni, waba ngumkakhe. Wasemzalela uNadabi loAbihu, uEleyazare loIthamari.

24 Njalo amadodana kaKora: OAsiri loElkana loAbhiyasafa; laba bazinsapho zabakoKora.

25 UEleyazare indodana kaAroni wasezithathela enye yamadodakazi kaPutiyeli, yaba ngumkakhe. Yasimzalela uPhinehasi. Yizo lezi inhloko zaboyise bamaLevi ngezinsapho zazo.

26 Lo nguAroni loMozisi iNKOSI eyathi kubo: Khuphani abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe ngamabutho abo.

27 Yibo labo ababekhuluma kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe ukukhupha abantwana bakoIsrayeli eGibhithe; lo nguMozisi loAroni.

INkosi iyabalaya oMozisi loAroni

28 Kwasekusithi mhla iNKOSI ikhuluma kuMozisi elizweni leGibhithe,

29 INKOSI yakhuluma kuMozisi isithi: Mina ngiyiNKOSI; khuluma kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe konke engikukhuluma kuwe.

30 UMozisi wasesithi phambi kweNKOSI: Khangela, ngingowendebe ezingasokanga; ngakho uFaro angangizwa njani?

UEKSODUSI 7

1 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Bona, ngikwenze waba njengoNkulunkulu kuFaro;
loAroni umnewenu uzakuba ngumprofethi wakho.

2 Wena uzakhuluma konke engikulaya khona; loAroni umnewenu uzakhuluma
kuFaro ukuthi ayekele abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphume elizweni lakhe.

3 Kodwa mina ngizakwenza inhliziyo kaFaro ibe lukhuni,
ngandise izibonakaliso zami lezimangaliso zami elizweni leGibhithe.

4 Kodwa uFaro kayikulilalela; njalo ngizabeka isandla sami phezu kweGibhithe,
ngikhuphe amabutho ami, isizwe sami, abantwana bakoIsrayeli, elizweni
leGibhithe, ngezigwebo ezinkulu.

5 Njalo amaGibhithe azakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, lapho ngiselula isandla sami
phezu kweGibhithe, ngikhuphe abantwana bakoIsrayeli phakathi kwawo.

6 OMozisi loAroni basebesenza njengoba iNKOSI yabalaya; benza njalo.

7 UMozisi wayeseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, loAroni
wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lantathu lapho bekhuluma
kuFaro.

Isimangaliso esenziwa ngentonga kaAroni

8 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni, isithi:

9 Nxa uFaro ekhuluma lani esithi: Zenzeleni isimangaliso; uzakuthi kuAroni:
Thatha intonga yakho, uyiphosele phansi phambi kukaFaro, izaba yinyoka.

10 UMozisi loAroni basebengena kuFaro, benza njalo njengoba iNKOSI ilayile;
uAroni wasephosela phansi intonga yakhe phambi kukaFaro laphambi kwenceku
zakhe, yasisiba yinyoka.

11 UFaro wasebiza laye izazi labathakathi; labalumbi beGibhithe labo benza njalo
ngamalumbo abo.

12 Ngoba ngulowo lalowo waphosela phansi intonga yakhe, zaba zinyoka; kodwa
intonga kaAroni yaginya intonga zabo.

13 Kodwa inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni, okokuthi kabalalelanga, njengokutsho
kweNKOSI.

Inhlupheko yokuqala: Amanzi aphenduka abe ligazi

14 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Inhliziyo kaFaro inzima, uyala ukuyekela isizwe
sihambe.

15 Yana kuFaro ekuseni; khangela, uzaphuma esiya emanzini, ume uqondane laye
ekhunjini lomfula, lentonga eyaphenduka yaba yinyoka ithathe esandleni sakho.

16 Uzakuthi kuye: INKOSI uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru ingithume kuwe isithi: Yekela isizwe sami sihambe, singikhonze enkangala; kodwa khangela, kawulalelanga kuze kube khathesi.

17 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngalokhu uzakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI; khangela, ngizatshaya ngentonga esesandleni sami phezu kwamanzi asemfuleni, njalo azaphenduka abe ligazi.

18 Lenhlanzi ezisemfuleni zizakufa, lomfula ube levumba; lamaGibhithe azadinwa yikunatha amanzi emfuleni.

19 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Tshono kuAroni uthi: Thatha intonga yakho, welule isandla sakho phezu kwamanzi eGibhithe, phezu kwemifula yabo, phezu kwezifula zabo, laphezu kweziziba zabo, laphezu kwamachibi wonke amanzi abo, ukuze abe ligazi. Kuzakuba legazi elizweni lonke leGibhithe, lezitsheni zezihlahla lezamatshe.

20 UMozisi loAroni basebesenza njalo, njengokulaya kweNKOSI; wasephakamisa intonga, watshaya amanzi ayesemfuleni phambi kwamehlo kaFaro laphambi kwamehlo ezinceku zakhe; lawo wonke amanzi ayesemfuleni aphendulwa aba ligazi.

21 Lenhlanzi ezisemfuleni zafa; lomfula waba levumba, kwaze kwathi amaGibhithe ehluleka ukuwanatha amanzi emfuleni; njalo kwakulegazi elizweni lonke leGibhithe.

22 Labalumbi beGibhithe benza njalo ngamalumbo abo, kwaze kwathi inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni, njalo kabalalelanga, njengokutsho kweNKOSI.

23 UFaro wasetshibilika waya endlini yakhe njalo kayibekanga inhliziyo yakhe lakulokhu.

24 LamaGibhithe wonke agebha amanzi okunatha inhlangothi zonke zomfula, ngoba babengelakunatha emanzini omfula.

25 Lensuku eziyisikhombisa zagcwaliseka emva kokuthi iNKOSI isitshaye umfula.

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Inhlupheko yesibili: Amaxoxo

1INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Yana kuFaro uthi kuye: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Yekela abantu bami bahambe ukuze bangikhonze.

2 Uba-ke usala ukubayekela bahambe, khangela, ngizatshaya yonke imingcele yakho ngamaxoxo.

3 Njalo umfula uzanyakazela ngamaxoxo, azakhuphuka, angene endlini yakho, lekamelweni lakho lokulala, laphezu kombheda wakho, lendlini yenceku zakho, laphezu kwesizwe sakho, lemaziko akho, lemiganwini yakho yokuxovela ukudla;

4 lamaxoxo azakhuphukela kuwe, lesizweni sakho lezincekwini zakho zonke.

5 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Tshono kuAroni uthi: Yelula isandla sakho ngentonga yakho phezu kwemifula, phezu kwezifula, laphezu kwezeziba, wenze amaxoxo akhuphukele elizweni leGibhithe.

6 UAroni waseselula isandla sakhe phezu kwamanzi eGibhithe; lamaxoxo akhuphuka, asibekela ilizwe leGibhithe.

7 Labalumbi benza njalo ngamalumbo abo, benza amaxoxo akhuphukela elizweni leGibhithe.

8 UFaro wasebabiza oMozisi loAroni wathi: Ncengani iNKOSI ukuthi isuse amaxoxo kimi lesizweni sami; njalo ngizayekela isizwe sihambe ukuthi bahlabele iNKOSI.

9 UMozisi wasesithi kuFaro: Woba lodumo ngaphezu kwami. Ngizakuncengela nini lenceku zakho, lesizwe sakho, ukuchitha amaxoxo asuke kuwe lendlini zakho, asale emfuleni kuphela?

10 Wasesithi: Kusasa. Wathi-ke: Njengelizwi lakho, ukuze wazi ukuthi kakho onjengeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu.

11 Njalo amaxoxo azasuka kuwe lezindlini zakho lezincekwini zakho lesizweni sakho, asale emfuleni kuphela.

12 UMozisi loAroni basebephuma kuFaro. UMozisi wakhala eNKOSIni ngenxa yamaxoxo eyayiwabekile phezu kukaFaro.

13 INKOSI yenza-ke njengelizwi likaMozisi; amaxoxo asesifa ephuma ezindlini, emagumeni lemasimini.

14 Basebewabuthelela inqwaba ngenqwaba; lelizwe laba levumba.

15 Kodwa uFaro ebona ukuthi sekungcono, wenza inhliziyo yakhe yaba nzima, ukuthi kabalalelanga, njengokutsho kweNKOSI.

Inhlupheko yesithathu: Imiyane

16 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Tshono kuAroni uthi: Yelula intonga yakho, utshaye uthuli lomhlaba, ukuze lube yimiyane elizweni lonke leGibhithe.

17 Basebesenza njalo; ngoba uAroni welula isandla sakhe silentonga yakhe, watshaya uthuli lomhlaba; lemiyane yaba khona ebantwini lezifuyweni; lonke uthuli lwaba yimiyane elizweni lonke leGibhithe.

18 Labalumbi benza njalo ngamalumbo abo ukuveza imiyane, kodwa babengeke. Ngakho imiyane yaba sebantwini lezifuyweni.

19 Labalumbi bathi kuFaro: Lokhu kungumunwe kaNkulunkulu. Kodwa inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni, kazabezwa, njengokutsho kweNKOSI.

Inhlupheko yesine: Izibawu

20 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Vuka ekuseni kakhulu, uzimise phambi kukaFaro;
khangela uphuma esiya emanzini, njalo uthi kuye: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Yekela
abantu bami bahambe bangikhonze.

21 Ngoba uba ungasiyekeli isizwe sami sihambe, khangela ngizathumela
umtshitshi wezibawu kuwe lezincekwini zakho lesizweni sakho lendlini zakho;
lezindlu zamaGibhithe zizagcwala umtshitshi wezibawu futhi lomhlabathi
ezikuwo.

22 Kodwa ngalolosuku ngizakwehlukanisa ilizwe leGosheni esihlala kulo isizwe
sami, ukuthi kungabi khona lapho umtshitshi wezibawu, ukuze wazi ukuthi
ngiyiNKOSI phakathi kwelizwe.

23 Njalo ngizamisa umehluko phakathi kwesizwe sami lesizwe sakho; kusasa
kuzakuba lesibonakaliso lesi.

24 INKOSI yasisenza njalo; kwasekufika umtshitshi onzima wezibawu endlini
kaFaro lezindlini zezinceku zakhe lelizweni lonke leGibhithe; ilizwe lonakala
ngenxa yomtshitshi wezibawu.

25 UFaro wasebabiza oMozisi loAroni, wathi: Hambani, lihlabele uNkulunkulu
wenu kulelilizwe.

26 Kodwa uMozisi wathi: Kakulunganga ukwenza njalo, ngoba sizahlabela
eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wethu okunengekayo kwamaGibhithe; khangela, uba
sihlaba okunengekayo kwamaGibhithe phambi kwamehlo awo,
kawayikusikhanda ngamatshe yini?

27 Sizahamba ummango wensuku ezintathu enkangala, sihlabele-ke
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu njengoba izakutsho kithi.

28 UFaro wasesithi: Mina ngizaliyekela lihambe ukuthi lihlabele
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu enkangala; kodwa lingayi khatshana kakhulu;
lingincengele.

29 UMozisi wasesithi: Khangela, ngiyasuka kuwe, ngizayincenga iNKOSI ukuze
umtshitshi wezibawu usuke kuFaro, ezincekwini zakhe, lesizweni sakhe kusasa;
kuphela uFaro angaphindi akhohlise ngokungayekeli isizwe sihambe, sihlabele
iNKOSI.

30 UMozisi wasephuma kuFaro, wayincenga iNKOSI.

31 INKOSI yasisenza njengelizwi likaMozisi; yasusa umtshitshi wezibawu kuFaro,
ezincekwini zakhe lesizweni sakhe; kakusalanga lesisodwa.

32 Kodwa uFaro wenza inhliziyo yakhe yaba nzima langalesisikhathi, kayekelanga
isizwe sihambe.

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Inhlupheko yesihlanu: Isifo sezifuyo

1INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Yana kuFaro uthi kuye: Itsho njalo iNKOSI,
uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, ithi: Yekela abantu bami bahambe ukuthi
bangikhonze.

2 Ngoba uba usala ukubayekela bahambe, ulokhu ubabambile,

3 khangela, isandla seNKOSI sizakuba phezu kwezifuyo zakho ezisegangeni, phezu
kwamabhiza, phezu kwabobabhemi, phezu kwamakamela, phezu kwenkomo
laphezu kwezimvu, umatshayabhuqe wesifo onzima kakhulu.

4 Kodwa iNKOSI izakwenza umehluko phakathi kwezifuyo zakoIsrayeli lezifuyo
zeGibhithe, kuze kuthi kakuyikufa lutho kukho konke okwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli.

5 INKOSI yasimisa isikhathi esimisiweyo, isithi: Kusasa iNKOSI izakwenza linto
elizweni.

6 INKOSI yayenza-ke linto kusisa; lazo zonke izifuyo zeGibhithe zafa; kodwa
kakufanga lesisodwa ezifuyweni zabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

7 UFaro wasethuma, khangela-ke, kakufanga ngitsho lesisodwa ezifuyweni
zakoIsrayeli. Kodwa inhliziyo kaFaro yaba nzima, kasiyekelanga isizwe sihambe.

Inhlupheko yesithupha: Amathumba

8 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi lakuAroni: Zithatheleni izandla zenu ezigcweleyo
zomlotha weziko, njalo uMozisi awutsahazele emazulwini phambi kwamehlo
kaFaro.

9 Njalo uzakuba luthuli olucolekileyo phezu kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe, njalo
luzakuba phezu kwabantu laphezu kwezifuyo lube lithumba eliphihlika
amathuthuva elizweni lonke leGibhithe.

10 Basebethatha umlotha weziko, bema phambi kukaFaro; uMozisi
wasewutsahazela emazulwini, waba lithumba eliphihlika amathuthuva
ebantwini lezifuyweni.

11 Njalo abalumbi babengeme phambi kukaMozisi ngenxa yamathumba; ngoba
amathumba ayephezu kwabalumbi laphezu kwawo wonke amaGibhithe.

12 Kodwa iNKOSI yayenza yaba lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, njalo kazabezwa,
njengokutsho kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

Inhlupheko yesikhombisa: Isiqhotho

13 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Vuka ekuseni kakhulu, uzimise phambi kukaFaro
uthi kuye: Itsho njalo iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wamaHebheru ithi: Yekela isizwe sami
sihambe bangikhonze.

14 Ngoba ngalesisikhathi ngizathumela zonke inhlupheko zami enhliziyweni
yakho laphezu kwenceku zakho laphezu kwesizwe sakho, ukuze wazi ukuthi
kakho onjengami emhlabeni wonke.

15 Ngoba khathesi ngizaselula isandla sami ukuze ngikutshaye lesizwe sakho
ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ubusuchitheka usuke emhlabeni.

16 Kodwa isibili ngalokhu ngikumisile ukuze ngikutshengise amandla ami lokuze
ibizo lami lilandiswe emhlabeni wonke.

17 Usaziphakamisa umelana labantu bami, ukuthi ungabayekeli bahambe yini?

18 Khangela, kusasa ngalesisikhathi ngizanisa isiqhotho esinzima kakhulu,
esingazanga sibe khona esinjalo eGibhithe kusukela ngosuku lisekelwa kuze
kube khathesi.

19 Khathesi-ke thuma, ubuthe izifuyo zakho lakho konke olakho ensimini; wonke
umuntu layo yonke inyamazana okuficwa ensimini okungabuthelwanga ekhaya,
nxa isiqhotho siwela phezu kwakho, kuzakufa.

20 Lowo olesabayo ilizwi leNKOSI phakathi kwenceku zikaFaro wenza izisebenzi
zakhe lezifuyo zakhe zibalekele ezindlini;

21 kodwa lowo ongabekanga inhliziyo yakhe elizwini leNKOSI watshiya izisebenzi
zakhe lezifuyo zakhe ensimini.

22 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Yelulela isandla sakho emazulwini, ukuze kube
khona isiqhotho elizweni lonke leGibhithe, phezu kwabantu laphezu
kwezinyamazana laphezu kwemibhida yonke yensimu elizweni leGibhithe.

23 UMozisi waseselulela intonga yakhe emazulwini; iNKOSI yasiletha imidumo
lesiqhotho; lomlilo wehlela emhlabeni; leNKOSI yanisa isiqhotho elizweni
leGibhithe.

24 Kwasekusiba khona isiqhotho, lomlilo uzixubanise esiqhothweni; okunzima
kakhulu; okungazanga kube khona okunjengakho elizweni lonke leGibhithe
selokhu laba yisizwe.

25 Isiqhotho sasesitshaya elizweni lonke leGibhithe konke okusegangeni,
kusukela ebantwini kusiya ezinyamazaneni; lesiqhotho satshaya wonke umbhida
weganga, sephula sonke isihlahla seganga.

26 Kuphela elizweni leGosheni lapho ababekhona abantwana bakoIsrayeli
kwakungekho isiqhotho.

27 UFaro wasethuma wabiza uMozisi loAroni, wathi kubo: Ngonile
ngalesisikhathi; iNKOSI ilungile, kanti mina labantu bami sibabi.

28 Ncengani iNKOSI, ngoba sekwanele, ukuze kungabi lemidumo elamandla
lesiqhotho; besengiliyekela lihambe, lingabe lisahlala.

29 UMozisi wasesithi kuye: Nxa sengiphumile emzini, ngizachaya izandla zami
eNKOSIni; kuzaphela imidumo lesiqhotho kasisayikuba khona, ukuze wazi ukuthi
umhlaba ungoweNKOSI.

30 Kodwa wena lenceku zakho, ngiyazi ukuthi kalikayesabi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu.

31 Kwasekutshaywa ifilakisi lebhali; ngoba ibhali yayisesikwetshini, lefilakisi yayisithela amaluba.

32 Kodwa ingqoloyi lespelite kakutshaywanga, ngoba kwakungakavuthwa.

33 UMozisi wasephuma emzini evela kuFaro, wachaya izandla zakhe eNKOSIni; kwasekusima imidumo lesiqhotho, lezulu kalabe lisathululeka emhlabeni.

34 Kwathi uFaro esebonile ukuthi izulu lesiqhotho lemidumo sekumile, wengezelela ukona, wayenza yaba nzima inhliziyo yakhe, yena lenceku zakhe.

35 Njalo inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni, kazabayekela abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahambe, njengalokhu iNKOSIyayitshilo ngesandla sikaMozisi.

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Inhlupheko yesificaminwembili: Isikhonyane

1INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Yana kuFaro, ngoba mina ngenze inhliziyo yakhe yaba nzima lenhliziyo yenceku zakhe, ukuze ngenze lezizibonakaliso zami phambi kwakhe,

2 lokuthi ulandise endlebeni zendodana yakho lendodana yendodana yakho ukuthi ngenze kabuhlungu kumaGibhithe lezibonakaliso zami engizenze phakathi kwawo, ukuze lazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

3 UMozisi loAroni basebesiya kuFaro, bathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, ithi: Koze kube nini usala ukuzithoba phambi kwami? Yekela isizwe sami sihambe, bangikhonze.

4 Ngoba uba usala ukuyekela isizwe sami sihambe, khangela, kusasa ngizaletha isikhonyane emngceleni wakho,

5 njalo sizasibekela ubuso bomhlaba ukuze ungawuboni umhlaba, sizakudla insalela yokwaphephayo, okwalisalelayo esiqhothweni, sidle sonke isihlahla esikhulela wena ensimini.

6 Sizagcwalisa izindlu zakho lezindlu zezinceku zakho zonke lezindlu zawo wonke amaGibhithe, oyihlo abangazanga basibone laboyise baboyihlo, kusukela ngosuku ababakhona emhlabeni kuze kube lamuhla. Wasetshibilika, waphuma kuFaro.

7 Lenceku zikaFaro zathi kuye: Koze kube nini lo esiba ngumjibila kithi? Yekela amadoda ahambe, akhonze iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wawo; kawukazi yini ukuthi iGibhithe isichithekile?

8 UMozisi loAroni babuyiselwa kuFaro; wasesithi kubo: Hambani likhonze iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu. Ngobani kanye labo abazahamba?

9 UMozisi wasesithi: Sizahamba labatsha bethu labadala bethu, lamadodana ethu lamadodakazi ethu, lezimvu zethu lenkomo zethu sizahamba, ngoba silomkhosi weNKOSI.

10 Wasesithi kubo: INKOSI ibe lani ngokunjalo, njengoba ngizaliyekela lihambe labantwanyana benu! Bonani ngoba kulokubi phambi kwenu.

11 Kungabi njalo! Hambani khathesi, madoda, liyikhonze iNKOSI, ngoba yikho elikudingayo. Basebebaxotsha ebusweni bukaFaro.

12 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Yelula isandla sakho phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, ngenxa yesikhonyane, ukuze senyukele phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, sidle wonke umbhida welizwe lakho konke isiqhotho esikutshiyileyo.

13 UMozisi waseyelula intonga yakhe phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe; iNKOSI yasiqhuba umoya wempumalanga elizweni, lonke lolosuku lobusuku bonke; kwasekusithi ekuseni, umoya wempumalanga wenyusa isikhonyane.

14 Isikhonyane sasesisenyukela phezu kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe, sehlela emngceleni wonke weGibhithe, esinzima kakhulu. Phambi kwaso akuzange kube khona isikhonyane esinjalo njengaso, futhi kakuyikuba khona esinjalo emva kwaso.

15 Ngoba sasibekela ubuso belizwe lonke, kwaze kwafiphazwa ilizwe; sadla wonke umbhida welizwe laso sonke isithelo sezihlahla isiqhotho esasitshiyayo; kakusalanga lutho oluluhlaza esihlahleni, lombhida weganga, elizweni lonke leGibhithe.

16 UFaro wasephangisa ukubabiza oMozisi loAroni, wathi: Ngonile eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wenu lakini.

17 Khathesi-ke ake lithethelele isono sami okwalesisikhathi kuphela, liyincenge iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ukuthi isuse kimi lokhu ukufa kuphela.

18 Wasephuma kuFaro, wayincenga iNKOSI.

19 INKOSI yasiphendula umoya wentshonalanga olamandla kakhulu owenyusa isikhonyane, wasiphosela oLwandle oluBomvu; kakusalanga sikhonyane lesisodwa kuwo wonke umngcele weGibhithe.

20 Kodwa iNKOSI yayenza lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, kazabayekela abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahambe.

Inhlupheko yesificamunwemunye: Umnyama ophumputhekayo

21 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Yelulela isandla sakho emazulwini, ukuze kube khona umnyama phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, ngitsho umnyama ophumputhekayo.

22 UMozisi waseselulela isandla sakhe emazulwini; kwasekusiba khona umnyama wobumnyama elizweni lonke leGibhithe insuku ezintathu.

23 Kababonananga, futhi kakusukumanga muntu endaweni yakhe okwensuku ezintathu; kodwa kubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli kwakukhona ukukhanya emizini yabo.

24 UFaro wasembiza uMozisi wathi: Hambani likhonze iNKOSI, kuphela izimvu zenu lenkomo zenu kuzagcinwa, labantwanyana benu bazahamba lani.

25 Kodwa uMozisi wathi: Lawe ubonika imihlatshelo leminikelo yokutshiswa ezandleni zethu, esizayenzela iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wethu.

26 Njalo lezifuyo zethu zizahamba kanye lathi, kakuyikusala emuva isondo; ngoba sizathatha kuzo ukukhonza iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, ngoba kasikwazi esizakhonza ngakho iNKOSI size sifike khona.

27 Kodwa iNKOSI yenza lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, njalo kafunanga ukubayekela bahambe.

28 UFaro wasesithi kuye: Suka kimi, uziqaphele, ungaboni ubuso bami futhi; ngoba mhla ubona ubuso bami uzakufa.

29 UMozisi wasesithi: Ukhulume ngokuqonda, kangisayikubona futhi ubuso bakho.

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Ukuxwayisa ngenhlupheko yetshumi: Ukufa kwamazibulo

1INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Ngisezakwehlisela kuFaro lakulo iGibhithe inhlupheko eyodwa; emva kwalokho uzaliyekela lihambe lisuke lapha; ekuliyekeleni kwakhe lihambe uzalixotsha lokulixotsha lisuka lapha ngokupheleleyo.

2 Ake ukhulume endlebeni zabantu, ukuthi bacele, ngulowo kumakhelwane wakhe, lalowo owesifazana kumakhelwane wakhe, izinto zesiliva lezinto zegolide.

3 INKOSI yasinika abantu umusa emehlweni amaGibhithe. Futhi indoda uMozisi waba mkhulu kakhulu elizweni leGibhithe emehlweni enceku zikaFaro lemehlweni esizwe.

4 UMozisi wasesithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI ithi: Phose phakathi kobusuku ngizaphuma ngiye phakathi kweGibhithe;

5 Lawo wonke amazibulo elizweni leGibhithe azakufa, kusukela kuzibulo likaFaro elizahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, kuze kube kuzibulo lencekukazi engemva kwelitshe lokuchola, lamazibulo wonke ezifuyo.

6 Njalo kuzakuba khona isililo esikhulu elizweni lonke leGibhithe, esingazanga sibe khona esinjengaso, lesingayikuba khona futhi esinjengaso.

7 Kodwa ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli inja kayiyikunyikinya ulimi lwayo, kusukela emuntwini kusiya ezifuyweni, ukuze lazi ukuthi iNKOSI iyehlukanisa phakathi kweGibhithe loIsrayeli.

8 Lazo zonke izinceku zakho lezi zizakwehlela kimi, zingikhothamele zisithi: Phuma wena lesizwe sonke esikulandelayo. Langemva kwalokho ngizaphuma. Wasephuma kuFaro ekuvutheni kolaka.

9 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: UFaro kayikulizwa, ukuze zande izimangaliso zami elizweni leGibhithe.

10 OMozisi loAroni basebesenza zonke lezizimangaliso phambi kukaFaro, kodwa iNKOSI yenza inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni, kazabayekela abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphume elizweni lakhe.

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Ukumiswa komkhosi wephasika

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni elizweni leGibhithe, isithi:

2 Le inyanga kayibe kini yinhloko yezinyanga, ibe kini ngeyokuqala yenyanga zomnyaka.

3 Khulumani kunhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli lithi: Ngolwetshumi lwalinyanga bazazithathela ngulowo iwundlu, ngokwezindlu zaboyise, iwundlu ngendlu.

4 Uba-ke indlu incinyane kakhulu ewundlwini, kakuthi yena athathe lomakhelwane wakhe, oseduze lendlu yakhe, njengobunengi bemiphefumulo; ngulowo njengokudla kwakhe, lizabalela iwundlu.

5 Lizakuba lezinyane elingelasici, eliduna, elilomnyaka owodwa; lithatheni ezimvini loba ezimbuzini.

6 Njalo lizaligcina kuze kufike usuku lwetshumi lane lwaleyonyanga, njalo ibandla lonke lenhlangano yakoIsrayeli izalihlaba kusihlwa.

7 Bazathatha-ke okwegazi, bakufake emigubazini yomibili lekhothameni, ezindlini abazalidlela kuzo.

8 Njalo bazakudla inyama ngalobobusuku, yosiwe ngomlilo, lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, lemibhida ebabayo bazayidla.

9 Lingadli okwalo kuluhlaza kumbe kuphekiwe lokuphekwa ngamanzi, kodwa yosiwe ngomlilo; inhloko yalo lemilenze yalo, kanye lemibilini yalo.

10 Njalo lingatshiyi lutho kulo kuze kube sekuseni, kodwa okusalayo kulo kuze kube sekuseni lizakutshisa ngomlilo.

11 Ngokunjalo-ke lizalidla, inkalo zenu zibotshiwe, izicathulo zenu zisenyaweni zenu, lendondolo zenu zisezandleni zenu; lizalidla ngokuphangisa; kuliphasika leNKOSI.

12 Ngoba ngizadabula phakathi kwelizwe leGibhithe ngalobubusuku, ngitshaye wonke amazibulo elizweni leGibhithe, kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni, ngizakwenza izigwebo kubo bonke onkulunkulu beGibhithe; mina ngiyiNKOSI.

13 Legazi lizakuba kini yisibonakaliso ezindlini lapho elikhona; nxa ngibona igazi ngizadlula phezu kwenu, njalo kungehleli kini inhlupheko yokuchitha, mhla ngitshaya ilizwe leGibhithe.

14 Njalo lolusuku luzakuba kini yisikhumbuzo; njalo lizalugcina lube ngumkhosi eNKOSIni; lizalugcina ezizukulwaneni zenu ngokomthetho wanininini.

15 Insuku eziyisikhombisa lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo. Yebo ngosuku lokuqala lizakhupha imvubelo ezindlini zenu; ngoba wonke odla okuvutshelweyo kusukela kusuku lokuqala kuze kufike usuku lwesikhombisa, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke koIsrayeli.

16 Njalo ngosuku lokuqala kuzakuba khona inhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele, langosuku lwesikhombisa lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; kungenziwa msebenzi ngazo, kuphela lokho wonke umphefumulo okudlayo, lokho kodwa kungenziwa yini.

17 Ngakho gcinani izinkwa ezingelamvubelo; ngoba ngalona lolosuku ngikhuphile amabutho enu elizweni leGibhithe. Ngakho lizagcina lolosuku ezizukulwaneni zenu ngesimiso saphakade.

18 Kweyokuqala, osukwini lwetshumi lane lwenyanga kusihlwa lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo, kuze kufike usuku lwamatshumi amabili lanye lwenyanga kusihlwa.

19 Insuku eziyisikhombisa kakungaficwa imvubelo ezindlini zenu; ngoba wonke odla okuvutshelweyo lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke kunhlangano yakoIsrayeli, loba engowemzini loba engowokuzalwa elizweni.

20 Lingadli lutho oluvutshelweyo; emizini yenu yonke lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo.

21 UMozisi wasebiza bonke abadala bakoIsrayeli, wathi kubo: Hudulani lizithathele amawundlu ngokwensapho zenu, lihlabe iphasika,

22 lithathe ilixha lehisope, liligxamuze egazini elisemganwini, lininde ekhothameni lemigubazini emibilingegazi elisemganwini; lina-ke, kakungaphumi muntu endlini yakhe kuze kube sekuseni.

23 Ngoba iNKOSI izadabula ukutshaya amaGibhithe; nxa ibona igazi ekhothameni lemigubazini yomibili, iNKOSIizadlula phezu komnyango, ingavumeli umchithi ukuthi angene ezindlini zenu ukutshaya.

24 Njalo lizagcina le into, kube yisimiso kini lakubantwana benu kuze kube phakade.

25 Njalo kuzakuthi lapho lifika elizweni iNKOSI ezalinika lona njengokukhuluma kwayo, lizagcina linkonzo.

26 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho abantwana benu besithi kini: Iyini linkonzo elilayo?

27 Lizakuthi-ke: Lo ngumhlatshelo wephasika leNKOSI, eyedlula phezu kwezindlu zabantwana bakoIsrayeli eGibhithe mhla itshaya amaGibhithe, wophula izindlu zethu. Njalo abantu bakhothama bakhonza.

28 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebehamba, bayakwenza njengalokhu iNKOSI yayibalayile oMozisi loAroni, benza njalo.

Ukubulawa kwamazibulo amaGibhithe

29 Kwasekusithi phakathi kobusuku iNKOSI yatshaya wonke amazibulo elizweni leGibhithe, kusukela kuzibulo likaFaro elalizahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi kuze kube kuzibulo lesibotshwa esasisentolongweni, lamazibulo wonke ezifuyo.

30 UFaro wasesukuma ebusuku, yena lenceku zakhe zonke lamaGibhithe wonke. Kwasekusiba khona isililo esikhulu eGibhithe, ngoba kwakungekho ndlu lapho okwakungelamufi khona.

31 Wasebiza oMozisi loAroni ebusuku, wathi: Sukumani, liphume phakathi kwabantu bami, lonke lina labantwana bakoIsrayeli, lihambe liyekhonza iNKOSI njengokutsho kwenu.

32 Thathani lani izimvu zenu lenkomo zenu njengokutsho kwenu, lihambe; futhi lingibusise lami.

33 Njalo amaGibhithe ayebakhuthaza abantu ebahaluzelisa ukuthi baphume elizweni, ngoba athi: Sonke sifile.

34 Abantu-ke bathatha inhlama yabo ingakavutshelwa, betshata imiganu yabo yokuxovela ibotshelwe ezembathweni zabo.

35 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza njengelizwi likaMozisi; bacela kumaGibhithe izinto zesiliva lezinto zegolide lezigqoko.

36 INKOSI yasibapha abantu umusa emehlweni amaGibhithe, aze abanika izicelo zabo. Basebewaphundla amaGibhithe.

AmaIsrayeli asuka eGibhithe

37 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesuka eRamesesi besiya eSukothi; amadoda angaba zinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ahamba ngenyawo, ngaphandle kwabantwana.

38 Kwasekusenyuka labo lexuku lenhlobonhlobo, lezimvu lezinkomo, lezifuyo ezinengi kakhulu.

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39 Basebebhaka izinkwa ezingelamvubelo ngenhlama abayikhupha eGibhithe, ngoba ingavutshelwanga, ngoba baxotshwa eGibhithe, ngoba babengelakulibala, futhi bengazilungiselelanga umphako.

40 Isikhathi sokuhlala-ke kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli abasihlala eGibhithe sasiyiminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu.

41 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu, kwathi ngalona lolosuku wonke amabutho eNKOSI aphuma elizweni leGibhithe.

42 Kuyibusuku bemilindo eNKOSIni ngokubakhupha elizweni leGibhithe; lobu yibusuku beNKOSI bemilindo yabo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli ezizukulwaneni zabo.

Imithetho yephasika

43 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi loAroni: Lesi yisimiso sephasika. Kakho owezizwe ongalidla;

44 kodwa sonke isigqili sawo wonke umuntu, esathengwa ngemali, nxa usisokile, ngalesosikhathi sizakudla kulo.

45 Owezizwe loqatshiweyo bangadli kulo.

46 Lizadlelwa endlini yinye; ungakhupheli phandle kwendlu okwenyama, ungephuli thambo lalo.

47 Inhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli izakwenza lokhu.

48 Uba owemzini ohlala lani njengowezizwe egcinela iNKOSI iphasika, kabasokwe bonke abesilisa laye, abesesondela-ke aligcine, uzakuba njengowokuzalwa elizweni; kodwa kakho ongasokwanga ozalidla.

49 Umlayo munye uzakuba kowokuzalwa elizweni lakowemzini ohlala phakathi kwenu njengowezizwe.

50 Bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza njengalokhu iNKOSI yayibalayile oMozisi loAroni; benza njalo.

51 Kwasekusithi ngalona lolosuku iNKOSI yabakhupha abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe ngamabutho abo.

UEKSODUSI 13

Amazibulo ehlukaniselwa iNKOSI; umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Ngingcwelisela lonke izibulo, elivula loba yisiphi isizalo phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, elomuntu lelenyamazana, lingelami.

3 UMozisi wasesithi ebantwini: Khumbulani lolusuku eliphume ngalo eGibhithe,
endlini yobugqili; ngoba ngamandla esandla iNKOSI ilikhuphile lapha. Njalo
kakungadliwa isinkwa esilemvubelo.

4 Ngalolusuku liyaphuma ngenyanga kaAbhibhi.

5 Njalo kuzakuthi lapho iNKOSI isikungenisile elizweni lamaKhanani lamaHethi
lamaAmori lamaHivi lamaJebusi, afunga kuboyihlo ukukunika lona, ilizwe
eligeleza uchago loluju, uzagcina linkonzo ngalinyanga.

6 Insuku eziyisikhombisa uzakudla izinkwa ezingelamvubelo, langosuku
lwesikhombisa kuzakuba khona umkhosi eNKOSIni.

7 Izinkwa ezingelamvubelo zizadliwa ngensuku eziyisikhombisa; njalo
kakuyikubonwa kuwe okuvutshelweyo lemvubelo kayiyikubonwa kuwe kuwo
wonke umngcele wakho.

8 Njalo uzatshela indodana yakho ngalolosuku usithi: Ngenxa yalokho
iNKOSI eyakwenza kimi ekuphumeni kwami eGibhithe.

9 Futhi kuzakuba kuwe luphawu phezu kwesandla sakho lesikhumbuzo phakathi
laphakathi kwamehlo akho, ukuze umlayo weNKOSI ube semlonyeni wakho;
ngoba ngesandla esilamandla iNKOSI ikukhuphile eGibhithe.

10 Ngakho uzagcina lesisimiso ngesikhathi saso esimisiweyo iminyaka
ngeminyaka.

11 Njalo kuzakuthi lapho iNKOSI isikungenisile elizweni lamaKhanani,
njengokufunga kwayo kuwe lakuboyihlo, isikunike lona,

12 uzakwehlukanisela iNKOSI konke okuvula isizalo; lalo lonke izibulo lomqegu
wezifuyo olazo, amaduna azakuba ngaweNKOSI.

13 Lalo lonke izibulo likababhemi uzalihlenga ngewundlu; kodwa uba
ungalihlengi, uzalephula intamo; lalo lonke izibulo lomuntu phakathi
kwamadodana akho uzalihlenga.

14 Njalo kuzakuthi lapho indodana yakho ikubuza ngesikhathi esizayo isithi:
Kuyini lokhu? Uzakuthi kuyo: Ngamandla esandla iNKOSI yasikhupha eGibhithe,
endlini yobugqili.

15 Ngoba kwathi uFaro ezenza lukhuni ukuthi asiyekele sihambe, iNKOSI yabulala
lonke izibulo elizweni leGibhithe, kusukela kuzibulo lomuntu kusiya kuzibulo
lezifuyo; ngakho ngiyahlabela iNKOSI konke okuvula isizalo okuduna; kodwa
lonke izibulo lamadodana ami ngiyalihlenga.

16 Njalo kuzakuba luphawu phezu kwesandla sakho lamafilakteriyu phakathi
laphakathi kwamehlo akho, ngoba ngamandla esandla iNKOSI yasikhupha
eGibhithe.

Ukuhamba kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli besiya eLwandle lweMihlanga

17 Kwasekusithi uFaro eseyekele abantu bahambe, uNkulunkulu kabakhokhelanga ngendlela yelizwe lamaFilisti, lanxa yayiseduze; ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi: Hlezi abantu bazisole nxa bebona impi, babuyele eGibhithe.

18 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wababhodisa abantu ngendlela yenkangala yoLwandle oluBomvu. Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenyuka besuka elizweni leGibhithe behlomile.

19 UMozisi wasethatha amathambo kaJosefa wahamba lawo, ngoba wayebafungisile lokubafungisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli esithi: Isibili uNkulunkulu uzalihambela; futhi kalibokwenyusa lapha amathambo ami lihambe lawo.

20 Basebesuka eSukothi, bamisa inkamba eEthama, ekucineni kwenkangala.

21 INKOSI yasihamba phambi kwabo emini ngensika yeyezi ukubakhokhela endleleni, lebusuku ngensika yomlilo ukubakhanyisela, ukuze bahambe emini lebusuku.

22 Kayiyisusanga insika yeyezi emini, lensika yomlilo ebusuku, phambi kwabantu.

UEKSODUSI 14

Ukuchithwa kwamaGibhithe oLwandle oluBomvu

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshela abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi baphenduke, bamise inkamba phambi kwePi-Hahirothi, phakathi kweMigidoli lolwandle, phambi kweBhali-Zefoni, maqondana layo limise inkamba elwandle.

3 Njalo uFaro uzakuthi ngabantwana bakoIsrayeli: Badidekile elizweni, inkangala ibavalele.

4 Njalo ngizayenza lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, ukuthi axotshane labo, ngibe sengidunyiswa kuFaro lebuthweni lakhe lonke, ukuze amaGibhithe azi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI. Basebesenza njalo.

5 Kwathi sekubikiwe enkosini yeGibhithe ukuthi abantu babalekile, inhliziyo kaFaro lenhliziyo yenceku zakhe yaguquka mayelana labantu, basebesithi: Kuyini lokho esikwenzileyo, ukuthi siyekele uIsrayeli ahambe angasisebenzeli?

6 Wasebophela inqola yakhe, wathatha abantu bakhe laye.

7 Wasethatha inqola ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ezikhethiweyo lazo zonke inqola zeGibhithe lenduna eziphezu kwazo zonke.

8 INKOSI yasiyenza lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, wasexotshana labantwana bakoIsrayeli, kodwa abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphuma ngesandla esiphakemeyo.

9 Kodwa amaGibhithe asexotshana labo, amabhiza wonke, izinqola zikaFaro, labagadi bakhe bamabhiza, lebutho lakhe, abafica bemise inkamba elwandle, eceleni kwePi-Hahirothi phambi kweBhali-Zefoni.

10 Kwathi uFaro esesondele, abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphakamisa amehlo abo, khangela-ke, amaGibhithe ehamba ebalandela, basebesesaba kakhulu. Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebekhala eNKOSIni;

11 bathi kuMozisi: Kungoba kwakungekho mangcwaba yini eGibhithe ukuthi usithethe ukuze sifele enkangala? Kuyini lokhu okwenze kithi, ukusikhupha eGibhithe?

12 Kayisilo leli ilizwi esalikhuluma kuwe eGibhithe sisithi: Siyekele ukuthi sisebenzele amaGibhithe? Ngoba bekuzakuba ngcono kithi ukuthi sisebenzele amaGibhithe kulokuthi sifele enkangala.

13 UMozisi wasesithi ebantwini: Lingesabi; manini liqine, libone usindiso lweNKOSI ezalenzela lona lamuhla; ngoba amaGibhithe eliwabonayo lamuhla, kalisayikuwabona futhi kuze kube laphakade.

14 INKOSI izalilwela, lina-ke lizathula.

15 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Ukhalelani kimi? Tshela abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi baqhubekele phambili.

16 Wena-ke, phakamisa intonga yakho, welulele isandla sakho phezu kolwandle uludabule, ukuze abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahambe phakathi kolwandle emhlabathini owomileyo.

17 Mina-ke, khangela, ngizayenza lukhuni inhliziyo yamaGibhithe ukuze angene ngemva kwabo. Njalo ngizadunyiswa ngoFaro langebutho lakhe lonke, ngezinqola zakhe, langabagadi bamabhiza bakhe.

18 Njalo amaGibhithe azakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI sengidunyiswe ngoFaro, ngezinqola zakhe langabagadi bamabhiza bakhe.

19 Njalo ingilosi kaNkulunkulu eyayihamba phambi kwebutho lakoIsrayeli yasuka yayahamba ngemva kwabo; lensika yeyezi yasuka phambi kwabo, yema ngemva kwabo,

20 yasisiza phakathi kwebutho lamaGibhithe lebutho lakoIsrayeli. Njalo yayiliyezi lobumnyama, kodwa yakhanyisa ubusuku, okokuthi elinye kalisondelanga kwelinye ubusuku bonke.

21 UMozisi waseselulela isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle; iNKOSI yalwenza ulwandle lwahamba ngomoya olamandla wempumalanga ubusuku bonke, yenza ulwandle lwaba ngumhlabathi owomileyo; amanzi asesehlukaniswa.

22 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebengena olwandle emhlabathini owomileyo; njalo amanzi aba ngumduli kubo ngakwesokunene sabo langakwesokhohlo sabo.

23 AmaGibhithe asexotshana labo, angena ngemva kwabo, wonke amabhiza kaFaro, inqola zakhe labagadi bamabhiza bakhe, phakathi kolwandle.

24 Kwasekusithi ngomlindo wokusa, iNKOSI yakhangela phansi ebuthweni lamaGibhithe isensikeni yomlilo leyeyezi, yalidunga ibutho lamaGibhithe;

25 yakhupha amavili ezinqola zawo ukuze zihambe nzima, aze athi amaGibhithe: Asibalekele ubuso bukaIsrayeli, ngoba iNKOSI iyabalwela imelene lamaGibhithe.

26 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Yelulela isandla sakho phezu kolwandle ukuze amanzi abuyele phezu kwamaGibhithe, phezu kwenqola zawo laphezu kwabagadi bawo bamabhiza.

27 UMozisi waseselulela isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle; ulwandle lwaselubuyela endaweni yalo eyejwayelekileyo emadabukakusa; amaGibhithe asebalekela kulo; iNKOSI yasiwathintithela amaGibhithe phakathi kolwandle.

28 Amanzi asebuyela, asibekela izinqola labagadi bamabhiza, lebutho lonke likaFaro elalingene olwandle ngemva kwabo; kakusalanga loyedwa kubo.

29 Kodwa abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahamba phezu komhlabathi owomileyo phakathi kolwandle; njalo amanzi aba ngumduli kubo ngakwesokunene sabo langakwesokhohlo sabo.

30 Ngokunjalo iNKOSI yamsindisa uIsrayeli ngalolosuku esandleni samaGibhithe; njalo uIsrayeli wabona amaGibhithe efile ekhunjini lolwandle.

31 UIsrayeli wasebona amandla amakhulu iNKOSI eyawenzayo kumaGibhithe. Abantu basebeyesaba iNKOSI, bakholwa eNKOSIni, lakuMozisi inceku yayo.

UEKSODUSI 15

Ihubo likaMozisi

1Khona oMozisi labantwana bakoIsrayeli bahlabelela lelihubo eNKOSIni; bakhuluma bathi:

Ngizahlabelela iNKOSI, ngoba iphakeme isibili. Ibhiza lomgadi walo ikuphosele olwandle.

2 INKOSI ingamandla lehubo lami, isibe kimi lusindiso, lo nguNkulunkulu wami, ngakho ngizamdumisa, unguNkulunkulu kababa, ngakho ngizamphakamisa.

3 INKOSI yindoda yempi, iNKOSI libizo layo.

4 Inqola zikaFaro lebutho lakhe ikuphosele olwandle, lokhetho lwezinduna zakhe lwacwiliswa oLwandle oluBomvu.

5 Inziki zabasibekela; behlela ekujuleni njengelitshe.

6 Isandla sakho sokunene, NKOSI, sidunyisiwe ngamandla; isandla sakho sokunene, NKOSI, sisiphahlazile isitha.

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7 Njalo ngobukhulu bokuphakama kwakho uchithile abakuvukelayo; uthumele ulaka lwakho oluvuthayo, lwabaqeda njengezidindi.

8 Langokuvuthela kwamakhala akho amanzi abuthelelwa; impophoma zema njengenqumbi; izinziki zajiya enhliziyweni yolwandle.

9 Isitha sathi: Ngizaxotsha, ngifice, ngehlukanise impango; isiloyiso sami sizasutha bona, ngizahwatsha inkemba yami, isandla sami sizababhubhisa.

10 Waphephetha ngomoya wakho, ulwandle lwabasibekela; batshona njengomnuso emanzini alamandla.

11 Ngubani onjengawe, NKOSI, phakathi kwabonkulunkulu? Ngubani onjengawe olodumo ebungcweleni, owesabekayo ezindunyisweni, esenza izimangaliso?

12 Welulile isandla sakho sokunene, umhlaba wabaginya.

13 Ukhokhele ngomusa wakho lesisizwe osihlengileyo; wasihola ngamandla akho endaweni yakho yokuhlala yobungcwele bakho.

14 Izizwe zizwile, ziyathuthumela; umhelo ubabambile abahlali beFilisti.

15 Ngalesosikhathi izinduna zeEdoma zizasanganiseka, iziphathamandla zakoMowabi, ukuthuthumela kwazibamba, bonke abahlali beKhanani bazancibilika.

16 Ukwethuka lokwesaba kuzabehlela; ngobukhulu bengalo yakho bazathula njengelitshe, size sichaphe isizwe sakho, NKOSI, size sichaphe isizwe osithengileyo.

17 Uzabangenisa, ubahlanyele entabeni yelifa lakho, indawo oyenzileyo, NKOSI, ukuthi uhlale kuyo, indawo engcwele eziyimisileyo izandla zakho, Nkosi.

18 INKOSI izabusa kuze kube phakade lanininini.

19 Ngoba ibhiza likaFaro langena olwandle lenqola yakhe labagadi bakhe bamabhiza, iNKOSI yasibuyisela amanzi olwandle phezu kwabo, kodwa abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahamba emhlabathini owomileyo phakathi kolwandle.

20 UMiriyamu umprofethikazi, udadewabo kaAroni, wasethatha isigujana esandleni sakhe; bonke abesifazana basebephuma ngemva kwakhe, lezigujana lemigido.

21 UMiriyamu wasebaphendula wathi:

Hlabelelani iNKOSI, ngoba inqobe ngodumo. Ibhiza lomgadi walo ikuphosele olwandle.

Amanzi ababayo eMara

22 UMozisi wasemkhokhela uIsrayeli eqhubeka esuka eLwandle oluBomvu, baphuma baya enkangala yeShuri; bahamba insuku ezintathu enkangala, kabatholanga manzi.

23 Kwathi lapho befika eMara babengelakuwanatha amanzi eMara, ngoba ayebaba; ngakho ibizo layo lathiwa yiMara.

24 Abantu basebekhonona bemelene loMozisi besithi: Sizanathani?

25 Wasekhala eNKOSIni. INKOSI yasimtshengisa isihlahla, asiphosela emanzini, amanzi asesiba mnandi. Yabamisela khona isimiso lesimiselo, lalapho yabalinga,

26 yasisithi: Uba lilalela lokulalela ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, lenze okulungileyo emehlweni ayo, libeke indlebe emilayweni yayo, ligcine zonke izimiso zayo, kangiyikwehlisela phezu kwenu lasinye sezifo engazehlisela phezu kwamaGibhithe; ngoba ngiyiNKOSI elelaphayo.

27 Basebefika eElimi lapho okwakukhona imithombo elitshumi lambili yamanzi, lezihlahla zelala ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa; basebemisa inkamba khona emanzini.

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UNkulunkulu unika amaIsrayeli imana

1Basebesuka eElimi, lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli yafika enkangala yeSini, ephakathi kweElimi leSinayi, ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yesibili emva kokuphuma kwabo elizweni leGibhithe.

2 Lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli yakhonona imelana loMozisi loAroni enkangala.

3 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesithi kubo: Kungathi ngabe safa ngesandla seNKOSI elizweni leGibhithe lapho sasihlezi embizeni zenyama, lapho sadla isinkwa sasutha; ngoba lisikhuphele kulinkangala ukuze libulale lelibandla lonke ngendlala.

4 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Khangela, ngizalinisela isinkwa sivela emazulwini; labantu bazaphuma ukubutha isabelo sosuku ngosuku lwaso, ukuze ngibalinge ukuthi bazahamba ngomlayo wami yini kumbe hayi.

5 Kuzakuthi-ke ngosuku lwesithupha bazalungisa lokho abakulethileyo, njalo kuzabe kuphindwe kabili kulokho abakubuthayo insuku ngensuku.

6 UMozisi loAroni basebesithi kubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli: Kusihlwa, khona lizakwazi ukuthi iNKOSIilikhuphile elizweni leGibhithe;

7 njalo kusisa, khona lizabona inkazimulo yeNKOSI, ngoba izwile ukukhonona kwenu limelene leNKOSI. Thina-ke siyini ukuthi lisikhononele?

8 UMozisi wasesithi: Lapho iNKOSI ilinika inyama yokudla kusihlwa, lesinkwa ekuseni, ukuze lisuthe, kungoba iNKOSI izwile ukukhonona kwenu elikukhonona limelene layo. Ngoba thina siyini? Ukukhonona kwenu kakumelananga lathi, kodwa kumelene leNKOSI.

9 UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Tshono kunhlangano yonke yabantwana
bakoIsrayeli uthi: Sondelani phambi kweNKOSI, ngoba izwile ukukhonona kwenu.

10 Kwasekusithi uAroni esakhuluma kunhlangano yonke yabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, bakhangela ngasenkangala, khangela-ke, inkazimulo
yeNKOSI yabonakala eyezini.

11 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

12 Sengizwile ukukhonona kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli; batshele uthi: Kusihlwa
lizakudla inyama, lekuseni lisuthe isinkwa, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

13 Kwasekusithi ntambama kwenyuka izagwaca, zasibekela inkamba; lakusisa
kwakulomlalela wamazolo uzingelezele inkamba.

14 Kwathi umlalela wamazolo usuwenyukile, khangela-ke, phezu kobuso
benkangala into eyisigaqa encinyane, incinyane njengongqwaqwane
emhlabathini.

15 Kwathi abantwana bakoIsrayeli bezibona bathi omunye komunye: Kuyini
lokhu? Ngoba babengazi ukuthi kuyini. UMozisi wasesithi kubo: Kuyisinkwa
iNKOSI elinike sona ukuze lidle.

16 Le yinto iNKOSI elilaye ngayo yathi: Ngulowo lalowo kabuthe kuyo okulingene
ukudla kwakhe, i-omeri ngekhanda, njengenani lemiphefumulo yenu, ngulowo
uzathathela abasethenteni lakhe.

17 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza njalo, babutha, omunye okunengi
lomunye okulutshwana.

18 Sebelinganise nge-omeri, lowo owayebuthe okunengi kabanga lokusalayo,
lowayebuthe okulutshwana kaswelanga; babutha, ngulowo lalowo okulingene
ukudla kwakhe.

19 UMozisi wasesithi kubo: Kakungabi lamuntu otshiya kukho kuze kube
sekuseni.

20 Kodwa kabamlalelanga uMozisi; kodwa abanye batshiya kukho kwaze kwaba
sekuseni, kwasekuphethuza impethu, kwaba levumba. Ngakho uMozisi
wabathukuthelela.

21 Bakubutha ukusa ngokusa, ngulowo lalowo okulingene ukudla kwakhe; lapho
ilanga selitshisa, kwancibilika.

22 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithupha babutha isinkwa esiphindwe kabili, ama-
omeri amabili ngamunye. Njalo zonke izinduna zenhlangano zeza zamtshela
uMozisi.

23 Wasesithi kuzo: Lokhu yikho iNKOSI ekutshiloyo: Kusasa yikuphumula, isabatha elingcwele leNKOSI. Bhakani elizakubhaka, lipheke elizakupheka, konke lokho okuseleyo lizibekele kugcinwe kuze kube sekuseni.

24 Basebekubeka kwaze kwaba sekuseni njengokulaya kukaMozisi. Njalo kakubanga levumba, kwakungelampethu kukho.

25 UMozisi wasesithi: Dlanini lokhu lamuhla, ngoba lamuhla kulisabatha leNKOSI; lamuhla kaliyikukuthola egangeni.

26 Lizakubutha insuku eziyisithupha; kodwa ngosuku lwesikhombisa, isabatha, kakuyikuba khona kulo.

27 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesikhombisa abanye babantu baphuma ukubutha, kodwa kabakutholanga.

28 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Koze kube nini lisala ukugcina imilayo yami lemithetho yami?

29 Bonani, ngoba iNKOSI ilinikile isabatha, ngakho ilinika ngosuku lwesithupha isinkwa sensuku ezimbili; hlalani kube ngulowo lalowo endaweni yakhe, kakungaphumi muntu endaweni yakhe ngosuku lwesikhombisa.

30 Ngakho abantu baphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa.

31 Indlu yakoIsrayeli yasibiza ibizo lakho ngokuthi yimana; njalo kwakunjengenhlanyelo yekhoriyanderi emhlophe, lokunambitheka kwayo kwakunjengezinkwana eziyizipatalala eziloluju.

32 UMozisi wasesithi: Le yinto iNKOSI elaye ngayo ukuthi: Gcwalisani i-omeri ngayo igcinelwe izizukulwana zenu, ukuze zibone isinkwa engalinika sona ukuthi lidle enkangala ekulikhupheni kwami elizweni leGibhithe.

33 UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Thatha inqayi eyodwa, ufake kuyo i-omeri eligcwele imana, uyibeke phambi kweNKOSI, igcinelwe izizukulwana zenu.

34 Njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi, uAroni wayibeka phambi kobufakazi ukuze igcinwe.

35 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli-ke badla imana iminyaka engamatshumi amane baze bafika elizweni elakhiweyo. Badla imana baze bafika emngceleni welizwe leKhanani.

36 I-omeri-ke ingokwetshumi kwe-efa.

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Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basola uMozisi ngamanzi

1 Inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli yasuka enkangala yeSini, ngamalombolombo abo, ngokomlayo weNKOSI, bamisa inkamba eRefidimi; kodwa kwakungelamanzi okunatha abantu.

2 Ngakho abantu bamsola uMozisi bathi: Sinike amanzi, sinathe. UMozisi
wasesithi kubo: Lingisolelani? Liyilingelani iNKOSI?

3 Abantu basebesomela amanzi lapho, abantu bangunguna kuMozisi bathi:
Wasenyuselani eGibhithe ukuze usibulale thina labantwana bethu lezifuyo zethu
ngokoma?

4 UMozisi wasekhala eNKOSIni esithi: Ngizakwenzani kulababantu? Sekukancane
ukuthi bangikhande ngamatshe.

5 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Dlula phambi kwabantu, uthathe kanye lawe
kubadala bakoIsrayeli, lentonga yakho owatshaya umfula ngayo, ithathe
ngesandla sakho, uhambe.

6 Khangela, ngizakuma lapho phambi kwakho phezu kwedwala eHorebe; njalo
uzatshaya idwala, kuphume-ke kulo amanzi ukuze abantu banathe. UMozisi
wasesenza njalo phambi kwamehlo abadala bakoIsrayeli.

7 Wasebiza ibizo lendawo ngokuthi yiMasa lokuthi yiMeriba ngenxa yokusola
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli langenxa yokuyilinga kwabo iNKOSI besithi:
INKOSI iphakathi kwethu yini loba hatshi?

Ukulwa kwabo loAmaleki

8 Kwasekufika uAmaleki, walwa loIsrayeli eRefidimi.

9 UMozisi wasesithi kuJoshuwa: Sikhethele amadoda, uphume uyekulwa
loAmaleki; kusasa ngizakuma engqongeni yoqaqa, lentonga kaNkulunkulu
izakuba sesandleni sami.

10 UJoshuwa wasesenza njengokutsho kukaMozisi kuye, walwa loAmaleki.
OMozisi, uAroni loHuri basebesenyukela engqongeni yoqaqa.

11 Kwasekusithi lapho uMozisi ephakamisa isandla sakhe, uIsrayeli waba
lamandla; kodwa lapho wehlisa isandla sakhe, uAmaleki waba lamandla.

12 Kodwa izandla zikaMozisi zaba nzima, ngakho bathatha ilitshe, balibeka
ngaphansi kwakhe, ukuthi ahlale kulo. OAroni loHuri basebesekela izandla
zakhe, omunye engapha lomunye engale, ukuze izandla zakhe ziqine lize litshone
ilanga.

13 UJoshuwa wasemchitha uAmaleki labantu bakhe ngobukhali benkemba.

14 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Bhala lokhu egwalweni kube yisikhumbuzo,
ukubeke ezindlebeni zikaJoshuwa ukuthi ngokwesula ngizakwesula
ukukhunjulwa kukaAmaleki ngaphansi kwamazulu.

15 UMozisi wasesakha ilathi, wabiza ibizo lalo ngokuthi: UJehova-nisi;

16 wathi: Ngoba isandla sisesehlalweni sobukhosi seNKOSI, iNKOSI izakuba lempi
imelene loAmaleki kusukela kusizukulwana kusiya kusizukulwana.

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UJetro uhambela uMozisi

1Kwathi uJetro umpristi weMidiyani, uyisezala kaMozisi, esezwile konke uNkulunkulu ayemenzele khona uMozisi loIsrayeli isizwe sakhe, ukuthi iNKOSI yayimkhuphile uIsrayeli eGibhithe,

2 uJetro uyisezala kaMozisi wathatha uZipora umkaMozisi emva kokumbuyisela kwakhe,

3 kanye lamadodana akhe amabili; obizo lenye lalinguGereshoma, ngoba wathi: Ngangingowemzini elizweni lemzini;

4 lebizo lenye linguEliyezeri, ngoba uNkulunkulu kababa wayelusizo lwami, wangikhulula enkembeni kaFaro.

5 UJetro uyisezala kaMozisi wasesiza lamadodana akhe lomkakhe kuMozisi enkangala, entabeni kaNkulunkululapho ayemise khona inkamba.

6 Wasesithi kuMozisi: Mina, uyihlozala, uJetro, ngiza kuwe lomkakho lamadodana akhe amabili elaye.

7 UMozisi wasephuma ukumhlangabeza uyisezala, wakhothama, wamanga. Basebebuzana impilakahle; bangena ethenteni.

8 UMozisi wasemlandisela uyisezala ngakho konke iNKOSI eyayikwenzile kuFaro lakumaGibhithe ngenxa kaIsrayeli, yonke inhlupheko eyabehlela endleleni, lokuthi iNKOSI yayibakhulule.

9 UJetro wasethokoza ngakho konke okuhle iNKOSI eyayikwenzele uIsrayeli, ukuthi yayimkhulule esandleni samaGibhithe.

10 UJetro wasesithi: Ibusisiwe iNKOSI elikhulule esandleni samaGibhithe lesandleni sikaFaro; eyakhulula lesisizwe ngaphansi kwesandla samaGibhithe.

11 Khathesi sengisazi ukuthi iNKOSI inkulu kulabo bonke onkulunkulu, ngoba endabeni abazigabisa ngayo yayiphezu kwabo.

12 UJetro uyisezala kaMozisi wasethathela uNkulunkulu umnikelo wokutshiswa lemihlatshelo; kwasekusiza uAroni labo bonke abadala bakoIsrayeli ukudla isinkwa loyisezala kaMozisi phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

Ukubekwa kwabahluleli

13 Kwasekusithi kusisa uMozisi wahlala ukwahlulela abantu; njalo abantu bema phambi kukaMozisi kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwahlwa.

14 Kwathi lapho uyisezala kaMozisi esekubonile konke akwenzela abantu wathi: Iyini linto oyenza ebantwini? Uhlalelani wedwa, labantu bonke bemi kuwe kusukela ekuseni kuze kuhlwe?

15 UMozisi wasesithi kuyisezala: Ngoba abantu beza kimi ukubuza kuNkulunkulu.

16 Nxa belendaba, beza kimi, njalo ngahlulele phakathi komuntu lomakhelwane wakhe, ngibazise izimiso zikaNkulunkulu lemithetho yakhe.

17 Uyisezala kaMozisi wasesithi kuye: Into oyenzayo kayinhle.

18 Isibili uzazidlakaza, wena-ke lalababantu abalawe; ngoba linto inzima kakhulu kuwe, kawulakukwenza wedwa.

19 Khathesi lalela ilizwi lami; ngizakweluleka, njalo uNkulunkulu abe lawe. Wena kawube ngowabantu phambi kukaNkulunkulu, wena ulethe izindaba kuNkulunkulu,

20 ubafundise izimiso lemithetho, ubazise indlela abamele bahambe ngayo, lomsebenzi abamele bawenze.

21 Futhi wena ubone phakathi kwabo bonke abantu amadoda alamandla, amesabayo uNkulunkulu, amadoda eqiniso, azonda inzuzo engalunganga, uwabeke phezu kwabo, induna zezinkulungwane, induna zamakhulu, induna zamatshumi amahlanu, lenduna zamatshumi;

22 ukuthi zahlulele abantu ngaso sonke isikhathi; kodwa kuzakuthi lonke udaba olukhulu zizaluletha kuwe, kodwa lonke udaba oluncinyane zizalwahlulela zona, ukuze kube lula kuwe, njalo zizathwalisana lawe.

23 Uba usenza linto, loNkulunkulu ekulawula, uzakuba lamandla okuma, njalo labo bonke lababantu bazabuyela endaweni yabo ngokuthula.

24 UMozisi waselilalela ilizwi likayisezala, wenza konke ayekutshilo.

25 UMozisi wasekhetha amadoda alamandla kuye wonke uIsrayeli, wawabeka inhloko phezu kwabantu, induna zezinkulungwane, induna zamakhulu, induna zamatshumi amahlanu lenduna zamatshumi.

26 Zasezibahlulela abantu ngaso sonke isikhathi; zaletha kuMozisi indaba ezinzima, kodwa lonke udaba oluncinyane zalwahlulela zona.

27 UMozisi wasemyekela wahamba uyisezala; waya elizweni lakibo.

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AmaIsrayeli afika eSinayi

1 Ngenyanga yesithathu emva kokuphuma kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe, ngalelolanga bafika enkangala yeSinayi.

2 Sebesukile eRefidimi, bafika enkangala yeSinayi, bamisa inkamba enkangala; uIsrayeli wamisa-ke inkamba khona phambi kwentaba.

3 UMozisi wasesenyukela kuNkulunkulu. INKOSI yasimemeza kuye esentabeni isithi: Uzakutsho njalo kuyo indlu kaJakobe, ubatshele abantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi:

4 Lina libonile lokho engikwenze kumaGibhithe, lokuthi ngalithwala phezu kwempiko zenkozi, ngaliletha kimi.

5 Ngakho-ke uba lilalela lokulalela ilizwi lami, ligcine isivumelwano sami, khona lizakuba yimfuyo ekhethekileyo kimi kulazo zonke izizwe; ngoba umhlaba wonke ungowami;

6 njalo lizakuba ngumbuso wabapristi lesizwe esingcwele kimi. Yiwo lamazwi ozawatsho kubantwana bakoIsrayeli.

7 UMozisi wasesiza wabiza abadala babantu, wabeka phambi kwabo wonke la amazwi iNKOSI emlaye wona.

8 Bonke abantu basebephendula kanyekanye bathi: Konke iNKOSI ekukhulumileyo sizakwenza. UMozisi wasebuyisela amazwi abantu eNKOSIni.

9 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Khangela, ngizakuza kuwe eyezini elinzima ukuze abantu bezwe nxa ngikhuluma lawe, lokuthi bakholwe kuwe kuze kube nininini. UMozisi wasebikela iNKOSI amazwi abantu.

10 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Hamba uye ebantwini, ubangcwelise lamuhla lakusasa, bawatshe izembatho zabo,

11 babe sebelungele usuku lwesithathu; ngoba ngosuku lwesithathu iNKOSI izakwehla phambi kwamehlo abantu bonke phezu kwentaba yeSinayi.

12 Uzabamisela abantu umngcele inhlangothi zonke uthi: Ziqapheleni ukukhwela entabeni, lokuthinta ewatheni layo. Wonke othinta intaba uzabulawa lokubulawa;

13 Kakulasandla esizayithinta, kodwa sibili uzakhandwa ngamatshe loba sibili uzatshokwa; loba inyamazana loba umuntu, kakuyikuphila. Lapho uphondo lwenqama lukhala isikhathi eside bazakwenyukela entabeni.

14 UMozisi wasesehla entabeni waya ebantwini, wangcwelisa abantu, njalo bawatsha izembatho zabo.

15 Wathi ebantwini: Lungelani usuku lwesithathu; lingasondeli kowesifazana.

16 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithathu sekusile, kwakulemidumo lemibane leyezi elinzima phezu kwentaba, lelizwi lophondo olulamandla amakhulu; kwaze kwathi bonke abantu ababesenkambeni bathuthumela.

17 UMozisi wasebakhupha abantu enkambeni ukuyamhlangabeza uNkulunkulu; basebesima ngaphansi kwentaba.

18 Intaba yonke-ke yeSinayi yathunqa intuthu, ngoba iNKOSI yehlela phezu kwayo ngomlilo; njalo intuthu yayo yenyuka njengentuthu yesithando; intaba yonke yasizamazama kakhulu.

19 Kwathi ilizwi lophondo liqhubeka lisiba lamandla amakhulu, uMozisi wakhuluma; njalo uNkulunkulu wamphendula ngelizwi.

20 INKOSI yasisehlela entabeni yeSinayi, engqongeni yentaba; iNKOSI yambizela uMozisi engqongeni yentaba; uMozisi wenyuka-ke.

21 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Yehla, ubaxwayise abantu hlezi bafohlele eNKOSIni ukubona, njalo abanengi babo bawe.

22 Labapristi labo abasondela eNKOSIni kabazingcwelise hlezi iNKOSI ibadumele.

23 UMozisi wasesithi eNKOSIni: Abantu bangenyukele entabeni yeSinayi, ngoba wena usixwayisile usithi: Misa umngcele wentaba, uyingcwelise.

24 INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Hamba wehle, ubuye wenyuke, wena loAroni elawe; kodwa abapristi labantu kabangafohli benyukele eNKOSIni, hlezi ibadumele.

25 UMozisi wasesehlela ebantwini, wabatshela.

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Imithetho elitshumi

1UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma wonke la amazwi esithi:

2 NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili.

3 Ungabi labanye onkulunkulu phambi kwami.

4 Ungazenzeli isithombe esibaziweyo loba yiwuphi umfanekiso wokusemazulwini phezulu, loba wokusemhlabeni phansi, loba wokusemanzini ngaphansi komhlaba;

5 ungakukhothameli, ungakukhonzi; ngoba mina iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakho, nginguNkulunkulu olobukhwele, ngiphindisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana, kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesithathu lesesine sabangizondayo,

6 kodwa ngibenzela umusa abayizinkulungwane zabangithandayo lezabagcina imilayo yami.

7 Ungaliphathi ngeze ibizo leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho; ngoba iNKOSI kayiyikumyekela engelacala ophatha ibizo layo ngeze.

8 Khumbula usuku lwesabatha, ukulugcina lube ngcwele.

9 Insuku eziyisithupha uzasebenza, uwenze wonke umsebenzi wakho;

10 kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa lulisabatha leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho; ungenzi loba yiwuphi umsebenzi ngalo, wena lendodana yakho lendodakazi yakho, inceku yakho lencekukazi yakho lezifuyo zakho lowemzini wakho ophakathi kwamasango akho.

11 Ngoba ngensuku eziyisithupha iNKOSI yenza amazulu lomhlaba lolwandle lakho konke okukukho, yasiphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa; ngalokhu iNKOSI yalubusisa usuku lwesabatha, yalungcwelisa.

12 Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko, ukuze insuku zakho zelulwe elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona.

13 Ungabulali.

14 Ungafebi.

15 Ungebi.

16 Unganiki ubufakazi bamanga ngomakhelwane wakho.

17 Ungafisi indlu kamakhelwane wakho, ungafisi umkamakhelwane wakho, lenceku yakhe, lencekukazi yakhe, lenkabi yakhe, lobabhemi wakhe, njalo loba yini ekamakhelwane wakho.

Ukwesaba kwabantu

18 Bonke abantu basebebona imidumo lemibane lelizwi lophondo, lentaba ithunqa. Kwathi abantu bekubona bathuthumela, bema khatshana;

19 bathi kuMozisi: Khuluma wena lathi, njalo sizakuzwa; kodwa uNkulunkulu kangakhulumi lathi hlezi sife.

20 UMozisi wasesithi ebantwini: Lingesabi; ngoba uNkulunkulu ufikile ukuze alilinge, lokuze ukwesabeka kwakhe kube phambi kwenu, ukuze lingoni.

21 Abantu bema-ke khatshana; kodwa uMozisi wasondela emnyameni onzima lapho uNkulunkulu ayekhona.

Umthetho omayelana lelathi

22 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Uzakutsho njalo kubantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi: Lina selibonile ukuthi ngikhulume lani ngisemazulwini.

23 Kaliyikwenza kanye lami onkulunkulu besiliva, njalo onkulunkulu begolide kaliyikuzenzela.

24 Ngenzela ilathi lenhlabathi, unikele phezu kwalo iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa leminikelo yakho yokuthula, izimvu zakho lenkabi zakho. Kuyo yonke indawo lapho engilenza ibizo lami ukuthi likhunjulwe khona ngizakuza kuwe ngikubusise.

25 Kodwa uba ungenzela ilathi lamatshe, awuyikulakha ngamatshe abaziweyo; ngoba nxa uphakamisela kulo insimbi yakho yokubaza, uyalingcolisa.

26 Awuyikukhwela phezu kwelathi lami ngezikhwelo, ukuze ubunqunu bakho bungembulwa phezu kwalo.

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Imithetho yokuphatha izigqili

1 Lezi yizahlulelo ozazibeka-ke phambi kwabo.

2 Uba uthenga isigqili esingumHebheru, sizasebenza iminyaka eyisithupha, kodwa ngowesikhombisa sizaphuma sikhululekile ngesihle.

3 Uba safika sisodwa, sizaphuma sisodwa; uba sithethe, umkaso uzaphuma laso.

4 Uba inkosi yaso yasinika umfazi, asizalele amadodana kumbe amadodakazi, umfazi labantwana bakhe bazakuba ngabenkosi yakhe, njalo sizaphuma sisodwa.

5 Kodwa uba isigqili sisitsho lokutsho ukuthi: Ngiyayithanda inkosi yami, umkami labantwana bami, kangiyikuphuma ngikhululekile;

6 inkosi yaso izasiletha kubahluleli, ibisisiletha emnyango loba emgubazini, njalo inkosi yaso izabhoboza indlebe yaso ngosungulo, siyisebenzele-ke kuze kube nininini.

7 Njalo uba umuntu ethengisa indodakazi yakhe ukuze ibe yisigqilikazi, kayiyikuphuma njengalokhu izigqili ziphuma.

8 Uba singayithokozisi inkosi yaso ezimisele sona, izasenza sihlengwe; kayiyikuba lamandla okusithengisa esizweni semzini, njengoba esiphethe ngenkohliso.

9 Kodwa uba esimisela indodana yayo, izakwenza kuso njengelungelo lamadodakazi.

10 Uba ezithathela omunye, ukudla kwaso, isigubuzelo saso lokuhlala kwaso ndawonye kayiyikukunciphisa.

11 Kodwa uba ingasenzeli lezizinto ezintathu, sizaphuma ngesihle ngaphandle kwemali.

Imithetho emayelana labalimazayo lababulalayo

12 Otshaya umuntu aze afe, uzabulawa lokubulawa.

13 Kodwa uba ebengamcathamelanga, kodwa uNkulunkulu ekwenze wahlangana lesandla sakhe, ngizakumisela indawo ukuthi abalekele kuyo.

14 Kodwa uba umuntu esukela umakhelwane wakhe ambulale ngobuqili, uzamsusa elathini lami ukuze afe.

15 Otshaya uyise kumbe unina, uzabulawa lokubulawa.

16 Loweba umuntu, amthengise, loba eficwa esandleni sakhe, uzabulawa lokubulawa.

17 Othuka uyise kumbe unina, uzabulawa lokubulawa.

18 Njalo nxa amadoda esilwa, enye itshaye enye ngelitshe kumbe ngenqindi, kodwa ingafi kodwa ilale embhedeni,

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19 uba ilulama itotobe phandle ngodondolo lwayo, leyo eyitshayileyo izakhululwa. Kodwa izahlawulela isikhathi sokungasebenzi kwayo, izayelaphisa lokuyelaphisa.

20 Uba-ke umuntu etshaya isigqili sakhe kumbe isigqilikazi sakhe ngenduku size sife ngaphansi kwesandla sakhe, sizaphindiselwa lokuphindiselwa.

21 Kanti nxa silulama usuku kumbe insuku ezimbili, kayikuphindiselwa, ngoba siyimali yakhe.

22 Njalo nxa amadoda esilwa, atshaye owesifazana okhulelweyo aze aphume umntwana wakhe, kodwa kungelangozi yokufa, izahlawuliswa lokuhlawuliswa, njengokubeka kwendoda yomfazi phezu kwayo, izahlawulanjengokumiswe ngabahluleli.

23 Kodwa uba kulengozi yokufa, uzanika umphefumulo ngomphefumulo,

24 ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo,

25 ukutshiswa ngokutshiswa, inxeba ngenxeba, umvimvinya ngomvimvinya.

26 Uba-ke umuntu etshaya ilihlo lesigqili sakhe kumbe ilihlo lesigqilikazi sakhe alibulale, uzasiyekela sihambe sikhululekile ngenxa yelihlo laso.

27 Uba-ke etshaya izinyo lesigqili kumbe izinyo lesigqilikazi likhumuke, uzasiyekela sihambe sikhululekile ngenxa yezinyo laso.

Imithetho emayelana lezinkabi ezihlabayo

28 Njalo uba inkabi ihlaba owesilisa kumbe owesifazana abesesifa, inkabi izakhandwa lokukhandwa ngamatshe, lenyama yayo ingadliwa; kodwa umnininkabi uzayekelwa.

29 Kodwa uba inkabi ibijwayele ukuhlaba mandulo, njalo kufakaziwe kumniniyo, kodwa engayilondolozanga, ibisibulala owesilisa kumbe owesifazana, leyonkabi izakhandwa ngamatshe, lomniniyo laye abulawe.

30 Uba inhlawulo ibekwa phezu kwakhe, uzanika imbadalo yokuhlengwa komphefumulo wakhe, njengakho konke okubekwe phezu kwakhe.

31 Loba ihlaba indodana kumbe ihlaba indodakazi, kuzakwenziwa kuye njengomthetho lo.

32 Nxa inkabi ihlaba inceku kumbe incekukazi, uzanika amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amathathu enkosini yayo, lenkabi ikhandwe ngamatshe.

33 Njalo uba umuntu evula umgodi, loba uba umuntu egebha umgodi angawusibekeli, kuwele kuwo inkabi kumbe ubabhemi,

34 umninimgodi uzahlawula, abuyisele imali kumniniyo, kodwa efileyo izakuba ngeyakhe.

35 Njalo uba inkabi yomuntu ilimaza inkabi yomakhelwane wakhe ize ife, bazathengisa inkabi ephilayo, behlukaniselane imali yayo, behlukaniselane efileyo futhi.

36 Kumbe uba kusaziwa ukuthi inkabi ibijwayele ukuhlaba mandulo, kodwa umniniyo engayilondolozanga, uzabhadala lokubhadala inkabi ngenkabi, kodwa efileyo izakuba ngeyakhe.

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Imithetho yempahla eyebiweyo lenikelwe ukulondolozwa

1Uba umuntu eseba inkabi loba imvu, ayihlabe kumbe ayithengise, uzahlawula inkabi ezinhlanu ngenkabi, lezimvu ezine ngemvu.

2 Uba isela lificwa lifohlela, litshaywe lize life, kakulacala legazi kuye.

3 Uba ilanga seliphumile phezu kwalo, ulecala legazi. Lifanele ukubhadala lokubhadala; uba lingelalutho, limele lithengiswe ngenxa yokweba kwalo.

4 Uba okwebiweyo kuficwa lokuficwa esandleni salo kuphila, loba inkabi loba ubabhemi kumbe imvu, lizabuyisela kuphindwe kabili.

5 Nxa umuntu edlisa insimu kumbe isivini, angenise izifuyo zakhe zidle ensimini yomunye, uzabuyisela ngokuhle kwensimu yakhe langokuhle kwesivini sakhe.

6 Uba kuqhamuka umlilo, ulumathe emeveni kuze kutshe inqumbi yamabele loba amabele amileyo loba insimu, othungele umlilo uzahlawula lokuhlawula.

7 Uba umuntu enika umakhelwane wakhe imali loba impahla ukuze akulondoloze, njalo kwebiwe endlini yalowomuntu, uba isela litholwa lizabuyisela kuphindwe kabili.

8 Uba isela lingatholwa, umninindlu uzasondezwa kubahluleli ukuthi kafakanga yini isandla sakhe empahleni yomakhelwane wakhe.

9 Ngalo lonke udaba lwecala, ngenkabi, ngobabhemi, ngemvu, ngesembatho, ngakho konke okulahlekileyo, umuntu atsho ngakho ukuthi ngokwakhe, udaba lwabo bobabili luzakuza kubahluleli; lowo abahluleli abamlahlayo uzabuyisela kuphindwe kabili kumakhelwane wakhe.

10 Uba umuntu enikela kumakhelwane wakhe ubabhemi loba inkabi loba imvu kumbe isifuyo nje ukuthi akulondoloze, besekusifa loba kulimala kumbe kuthunjwe, kungelamuntu obonayo,

11 isifungo seNKOSI sizakuba phakathi kwabo bobabili, ukuthi kelulanga isandla empahleni kamakhelwane wakhe; njalo umniniyo uzasemukela, kayikubuyisela.

12 Kodwa uba yebiwe lokwebiwa kuye, uzamhlawula umniniyo.

13 Uba idatshuliwe lokudatshulwa, kayilethe ibe yibufakazi, kayikubuyisela edatshuliweyo.

14 Uba-ke umuntu eseboleka ulutho kumakhelwane wakhe, beselulimala loba
lusifa umninilo engelalo, uzahlawula lokuhlawula.

15 Uba umninilo elalo, kayikuhlawula; uba beluqatshiwe, lulande ukuqatshwa
kwalo.

Imithetho emayelana lamanye amacala

16 Uba-ke indoda iyenga intombi emsulwa engakhombanga, ilale layo, izayilobola
lokuyilobola ibe ngumkayo.

17 Uba uyise esala lokwala ukumnika yona, uzabhadala imali njengelobolo
lezintombi ezimsulwa.

18 Lingayekeli umthakathikazi ukuthi aphile.

19 Wonke olala lenyamazana uzabulawa lokubulawa.

20 Ohlabela onkulunkulu ngaphandle kweNKOSI kuphela uzatshabalaliswa.

21 Njalo ungamcindezeli owezizwe, ungamhluphi, ngoba lalingabezizwe elizweni
leGibhithe.

22 Lingacindezeli lawuphi umfelokazi kumbe intandane.

23 Uba ubacindezela lokubacindezela, yebo, uba bekhala lokukhala kimi,
ngizakuzwa lokuzwa ukukhala kwabo,

24 ulaka lwami luzavutha, ngilibulale ngenkemba, labomkenu babe ngabafelokazi
labantwana benu intandane.

25 Uba useboleka abantu bami imali abangabayanga abalawe, ungaziphathi
njengombolekisi kubo, ungabeki inzalo phezu kwabo.

26 Uba uthatha lokuthatha isembatho sikamakhelwane wakho sibe yisibambiso,
sibuyisele kuye lingakatshoni ilanga;

27 ngoba siyisigubuzelo sakhe sodwa, siyisembatho sakhe esikhumbeni sakhe;
uzalala phakathi kwani? Kuzakuthi-ke lapho ekhala kimi, ngizamuzwa, ngoba
ngilomusa.

28 Lingathuki onkulunkulu, lingaqalekisi induna yabantu bakini.

29 Lingaphuzisi isivuno senu esigcweleyo lomhluzi wenu wezithelo. Uzangipha
izibulo emadodaneni akho.

30 Wenze njalo ngenkabi yakho langemvu yakho; kuzakuba lonina insuku
eziyisikhombisa; ngosuku lwesificaminwembili unginike khona.

31 Lizakuba ngabantu abangcwele kimi; ngakho lingadli inyama edatshulwe
egangeni yizilo, iphoseleni inja.

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Imithetho yokulunga leyobumnene

1 Ungawuphathi umbiko wamanga, ungafaki isandla sakho lomubi ukuze ube
ngumfakazi wobubi.

2 Ungalandeli abanengi ngezinto ezimbi, ungafakazi ecaleni ukuze weyamele
kwabanengi uliphambule.

3 Lomyanga ungamzweli ecaleni lakhe.

4 Uba uhlangana lenkabi yesitha sakho loba ubabhemi waso kuduha,
uzakubuyisela lokukubuyisela kuso.

5 Uba ubona ubabhemi walowo okuzondayo elele ngaphansi komthwalo wakhe,
uyekele ukumkhulula, uzamkhulula lokumkhulula laye.

6 Kawuyikuphambula ukwahlulelwa komyanga wakho ecaleni lakhe.

7 Bana khatshana lendaba yamanga, ungabulali ongelacala lolungileyo, ngoba
kangiyikumlungisisa okhohlakeleyo.

8 Njalo kawuyikwemukela isivalamlomo, ngoba isivalamlomo siphumputhekisa
ababonayo, sonakalise amazwi abalungileyo.

9 Futhi kawuyikumcindezela owezizwe; ngoba lina liyayazi imizwa yowezizwe,
ngoba lalingabezizwe elizweni leGibhithe.

Imithetho yesabatha leyemikhosi emithathu

10 Njalo iminyaka eyisithupha uzahlanyela isiqinti sakho, ubuthe isivuno saso.

11 Kodwa ngowesikhombisa uzasilalukisa sibe lifusi, ukuze abayanga besizwe
sakho badle, lalokho okuseleyo inyamazana zeganga zikudle. Wenze njalo
ngesivini sakho lemihlwathi yakho.

12 Insuku eziyisithupha uzakwenza umsebenzi wakho, njalo ngosuku
lwesikhombisa uphumule, ukuze kuphumule inkabi yakho labobabhemi bakho,
kuvuselele-ke indodana yencekukazi yakho lowezizweni.

13 Lezintweni zonke esengizitshilo kini qaphelani, lebizo labanye onkulunkulu
lingaliphathi, kaliyikuzwakala emlonyeni wakho.

14 Kathathu ngomnyaka uzangigcinela umkhosi.

15 Umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo uzawugcina, insuku eziyisikhombisa udle
isinkwa esingelamvubelo njengokukulaya kwami, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo
senyanga kaAbhibhi; ngoba kuyo waphuma eGibhithe; kabayikubonakala phambi
kwami bengaphethe lutho.

16 Lomkhosi wesivuno, izithelo zokuqala zomsebenzi wakho, owuhlanyeleyo
ensimini; lomkhosi wokubutha ekupheleni komnyaka, lapho usubuthile
umsebenzi wakho ensimini.

17 Kathathu ngomnyaka bonke abesilisa bakho bazabonakala phambi kweNkosi uJehova.

18 Kawuyikunikela igazi lomhlatshelo wami kanye lesinkwa esilemvubelo. Lamafutha omkhosi wami angalali kuze kuse.

19 Ikhethelo lezithelo zokuqala zensimu yakho uzaliletha endlini yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho. Ungapheki izinyane echagweni lukanina.

Ingilosi yeNkosi ithunywa ukuze ikhokhele amaIsrayeli

20 Khangela, ngithuma ingilosi phambi kwakho ukuze ikulondoloze endleleni, ikuse endaweni engiyilungisileyo.

21 Uqaphele phambi kwayo, ulalele ilizwi layo; ungayicunuli, ngoba kayiyikuthethelela iziphambeko zenu; ngoba ibizo lami liphakathi kwayo.

22 Kodwa uba ulalela lokulalela ilizwi layo, wenze konke engikutshoyo, sengizakuba yisitha sezitha zakho, ngiphambane labaphambana lawe.

23 Ngoba ingilosi yami izahamba phambi kwakho, ikungenise kumaAmori lamaHethi lamaPerizi lamaKhanani lamaHivi lamaJebusi. Njalo ngizababhubhisa.

24 Ungakhothameli onkulunkulu babo, ungabakhonzi, ungenzi njengemisebenzi yabo; kodwa ubachithe lokubachitha, ubhidlize lokubhidliza izinsika zabo eziyizithombe.

25 Lizakhonza-ke iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu; njalo izabusisa ukudla kwakho lamanzi akho, njalo ngisuse isifo phakathi kwakho.

26 Kakuyikuba khona okuphunzayo lokuyinyumba elizweni lakho. Ngizaphelelisa inani lensuku zakho.

27 Ngizathumela ukwesabeka kwami phambi kwakho, ngiphambanise bonke abantu ozafika kubo, ngenze izitha zakho zonke zikunike isiphundu.

28 Ngizathumela olonyovu phambi kwakho abazaxotsha amaHivi, amaKhanani lamaHethi phambi kwakho.

29 Kangiyikubaxotsha phambi kwakho ngomnyaka owodwa, hlezi ilizwe libe ngamanxiwa, lenyamazana zeganga zikwandele.

30 Ngizabaxotsha phambi kwakho kancinyane kancinyane, uze wande, udle ilifa lelizwe.

31 Njalo ngizamisa imingcele yakho kusukela eLwandle oluBomvu kuze kufike elwandle lwamaFilisti, njalo kusukela enkangala kuze kufike emfuleni; ngoba ngizanikela esandleni sakho abakhileyo belizwe; uzabaxotsha phambi kwakho.

32 Ungenzi isivumelwano labo labonkulunkulu babo.

33 Kabayikuhlala elizweni lakho, hlezi bakwenze ukuthi wone kimi; uba ukhonza onkulunkulu babo, ngeqiniso kuzakuba yisifu kuwe.

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Ukumiswa kwesivumelwano

1 Yasisithi kuMozisi: Yenyukela eNKOSIni, wena loAroni, uNadabi loAbihu, labangamatshumi ayisikhombisa kubadala bakoIsrayeli, likhonze likhatshana.

2 Njalo uMozisi yedwa uzasondela eNkosini, kodwa bona kabayikusondela; labantu kabayikwenyuka laye.

3 UMozisi wasesiza wabatshela abantu wonke amazwi eNKOSI lokwahlulela konke; bonke abantu baphendula ngalizwi linye bathi: Wonke amazwi eNKOSI ewakhulumileyo sizawenza.

4 UMozisi wasebhala wonke amazwi eNKOSI. Wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, wakha ilathi phansi kwentaba, lensika ezilitshumi lambili, ngokwezizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakoIsrayeli.

5 Wathuma amajaha abantwana bakoIsrayeli, anikela iminikelo yokutshiswa, ahlabela iNKOSI iminikelo yokuthula yamajongosi.

6 UMozisi wasethatha ingxenye yegazi, wayifaka emiganwini; lengxenye yegazi wayifafaza phezu kwelathi.

7 Wasethatha incwadi yesivumelwano, wayibala ezindlebeni zabantu. Basebesithi: Konke iNKOSI ekutshiloyo sizakwenza silalele.

8 UMozisi wasethatha igazi, walifafaza phezu kwabantu, wathi: Khangelani igazi lesivumelwano iNKOSI esenze lani mayelana lawo wonke la amazwi.

9 Basebesenyuka oMozisi loAroni, uNadabi loAbihu, labangamatshumi ayisikhombisa kubadala bakoIsrayeli,

10 basebebona uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli, langaphansi kwenyawo zakhe kwakukhona okunjengomsebenziwamasafire agandelweyo, lanjengamazulu uqobo ngokucwengeka.

11 Kodwa kaselulanga isandla sakhe kuzo iziphathamandla zabantwana bakoIsrayeli. Sebembonile-ke uNkulunkulu badla banatha.

UMozisi usentabeni yeSinayi

12 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Yenyukela kimi entabeni, ube khona; njalo ngizakunika izibhebhe zamatshe lomlayo lemithetho, engikubhalileyo ukubafundisa.

13 Wasukuma-ke uMozisi, lenceku yakhe uJoshuwa; uMozisi wasesenyukela entabeni kaNkulunkulu.

14 Wasesithi ebadaleni: Silindeleni lapha size sibuye kini; khangelani-ke uAroni loHuri balani; olezindaba kasondele kubo.

15 UMozisi wasesenyukela entabeni, leyezi lasibekela intaba.

16 Njalo inkazimulo yeNKOSI yahlala entabeni yeSinayi; leyezi layisibekela insuku eziyisithupha; yasimbiza uMozisi ngosuku lwesikhombisa iphakathi kweyezi.

17 Njalo ukubonakala kwenkazimulo yeNKOSI kwakunjengomlilo oqothulayo, engqongeni yentaba, emehlweni abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

18 UMozisi wasengena phakathi kweyezi, wenyukela entabeni; njalo uMozisi waba sentabeni insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane.

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Ukunikela umnikelo eNkosini

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Khuluma kubantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi bangithathele umnikelo; uzathatha umnikelo wami kuye wonke umuntu, onhliziyo yakhe imenza avume.

3 Njalo yilo umnikelo ozawuthatha kubo: Igolide, lesiliva, lethusi,

4 lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, lokubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, loboya bembuzi,

5 lezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zezinqama, lezikhumba zikamantswane, lesihlahla sesinga,

6 amafutha esibane, amakha amafutha okugcoba, lawempepha ethunqayo elephunga elimnandi,

7 amatshe athiwa ngama-onikse, lamatshe okubekwa e-efodini lesembathweni sesifuba.

8 Njalo kabangenzele indawo engcwele ukuze ngihlale phakathi kwabo.

9 Njengakho konke engizakutshengisa khona, isibonelo sethabhanekele, lesibonelo sempahla yalo yonke, lenze njalo-ke.

Umtshokotsho wesivumelwano

10 Njalo bazakwenza umtshokotsho ngesihlahla sesinga; ubude bawo bube zingalo ezimbili lengxenye, lobubanzi bawo yingalo lengxenye, lokuphakama kwawo yingalo lengxenye.

11 Uwuhuqe-ke ngegolide elicwengekileyo, uwuhuqe ngaphakathi langaphandle, wenze phezu kwawo umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke.

12 Uwubumbele ngokuncibilikisa futhi amasongo amane egolide, uwafake emagumbini omane awo, ukuze amasongo amabili abe kolunye uhlangothi lwawo, lamasongo amabili abe kolunye uhlangothi lwawo.

13 Njalo uzakwenza imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, uyihuqe ngegolide,

14 uyifake imijabo emasongweni enhlangothini zomtshokotsho, ukuthwala umtshokotsho ngayo.

15 Imijabo izakuba semasongweni omtshokotsho, ayiyikukhutshwa kuwo.

16 Ubusufaka emtshokotshweni ubufakazi engizakunika bona.

17 Njalo uzakwenza isihlalo somusa ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ubude baso bube zingalo ezimbili lengxenye, ububanzi baso yingalo lengxenye.

18 Ubususenza amakherubhi amabili ngegolide, uzawenza ngomsebenzi okhandiweyo, avele emaphethelweni womabili esihlalo somusa.

19 Wenze elinye ikherubhi livele ephethelweni lwaloluhlangothi, lelinye ikherubhi livele ephethelweni lolunye uhlangothi, uzakwenza amakherubhi evela esihlalweni somusa emaphethelweni womabili aso.

20 Lamakherubhi azakwelula impiko zawo ngaphezulu, ambomboze isihlalo somusa ngempiko zawo, lobuso bawo bukhangelane; ubuso bamakherubhi buzakhangela isihlalo somusa.

21 Njalo uzasibeka isihlalo somusa ngaphezulu, phezu komtshokotsho, ufake emtshokotshweni ubufakazi engizakunika bona.

22 Ngizahlangana-ke lawe lapho, ngikhulume lawe ngingaphezu kwesihlalo somusa, ngiphakathi kwamakherubhi amabili aphezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi, konke engizakulaya khona kubantwana bakoIsrayeli.

Itafula lezinkwa zokubukiswa

23 Uzakwenza futhi itafula ngesihlahla sesinga; ubude balo bube zingalo ezimbili, lobubanzi balo yingalo, lokuphakama kwalo yingalo lengxenye.

24 Uzalihuqa-ke ngegolide elicwengekileyo, wenze kulo umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke.

25 Uzakwenza kulo inhlangothi zonke ibhanti elingangobubanzi besandla, ulenzele ibhanti lalo umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke.

26 Ulenzele futhi amasongo amane egolide, uwafake amasongo emagunjini amane asenyaweni zalo zozine.

27 Amasongo azakuba ngasebhantini ukuze abe zindawo zemijabo, ukuthwala itafula.

28 Njalo uzakwenza imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, uyihuqe ngegolide, ukuze itafula lithwalwe ngayo;

29 wenze futhi imiganu yalo lenkezo zalo lezitsha zalo lenditshi zalo abathela ngazo, uzenze ngegolide elicwengekileyo.

30 Uzabeka-ke etafuleni izinkwa zokubukiswa phambi kwami njalonjalo.

Uluthi lwesibane lwegolide

31 Uzakwenza njalo uluthi lwesibane ngegolide elicwengekileyo; uluthi lwesibane luzakwenziwa ngomsebenzi okhandiweyo, isidindi salo, lezinti zalo, imbizana zalo, induku zalo, lamaluba alo, kuvele kulo.

32 Njalo izinti eziyisithupha zizaphuma enhlangothini zalo; izinti ezintathu zoluthi lwesibane kolunye uhlangothi, lezinti ezintathu zoluthi lwesibane kolunye uhlangothi.

33 Imbizana ezintathu ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba esihlahla se-alimondi kolunye uluthi, isiduku leluba; lembizana ezintathu ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba esihlahla se-alimondi kolunye uluthi, isiduku leluba; kube njalo ezintini eziyisithupha eziphuma oluthini lwesibane.

34 Oluthini lwesibane kube khona imbizana ezine ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba esihlahla se-alimondi, iziduku zalo lamaluba alo;

35 kube lesiduku ngaphansi kwezinti ezimbili ezivela kulo, lesiduku ngaphansi kwezinti ezimbili ezivela kulo, futhi isiduku ngaphansi kwezinti ezimbili ezivela kulo, njengezinti eziyisithupha eziphuma oluthini lwesibane.

36 Iziduku zazo lezinti zazo zizavela kulo, lonke lube ngumsebenzi munye okhandiweyo wegolide elicwengekileyo.

37 Uzakwenza futhi izibane zalo eziyisikhombisa, njalo bazalumathisa izibane zalo, bazazenza zikhanyise ehlangothini oluphambi kwalo.

38 Njalo indlawu zalo lemiganu yalo yomlotha kuzakuba ligolide elicwengekileyo.

39 Kalwenziwe ngethalenta legolide elicwengekileyo, kanye lazo zonke lezizinto.

40 Nanzelela-ke ukuthi uzenze njengomfanekiso wazo, owatshengiswa wona entabeni.

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Ithabhanekele

1Uzakwenza-ke ithabhanekele ngamakhetheni alitshumi elembu elicolekileyo elenziwe ngentambo ephothiweyo lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, ngamakherubhi; uzawenza enziwe ngumuntu oyingcitshi.

2 Ubude bekhetheni elilodwa bube zingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili, lobubanzi bekhetheni elilodwa zingalo ezine; wonke amakhetheni alingane.

3 Amakhetheni amahlanu azahlanganiswa, elinye lelinye; lamakhetheni amahlanu azahlanganiswa, elinye lelinye.

4 Uzakwenza-ke izihitshela ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka emphethweni welinye ikhetheni, ekucineni kwenhlangano, njalo ngokufananayo wenze emphethweni wekhetheni ekucineni, kunhlangano yesibili.

5 Wenze izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu kwelinye ikhetheni, lezihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu uzazenza emphethweni wekhetheni elikunhlangano yeyesibili; izihitshela zikhangelane.

6 Njalo wenze ingwegwe zegolide ezingamatshumi amahlanu, uhlanganise amakhetheni elinye lelinye ngengwegwe, ukuze kube lethabhanekele elilodwa.

7 Wenze futhi amakhetheni ngoboya bembuzi abe lithente phezu kwethabhanekele; uzalenza ngamakhetheni alitshumi lanye.

8 Ubude bekhetheni elilodwa zingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu, lobubanzi bekhetheni elilodwa zingalo ezine; amakhetheni alitshumi lanye alingane.

9 Njalo uzahlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu abe wodwa, lamakhetheni ayisithupha abe wodwa; lekhetheni lesithupha uzalipheqa phambi kwethente ngaphambili.

10 Wenze-ke izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu emphethweni wekhetheni, ekucineni kwenhlangano, lezihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu emphethweni wekhetheni elihlanganisa elesibili.

11 Wenze futhi ingwegwe zethusi ezingamatshumi amahlanu, uzifake ingwegwe ezihitsheleni, uhlanganise ithente libe linye.

12 Njalo okuseleyo okwedluleleyo kwamakhetheni ethente, ingxenye yekhetheni eseleyo, izalengela ehlangothini olungemuva kwethabhanekele.

13 Njalo ingalo ngapha lengalo langapha kulokho okuseleyo ebudeni bamakhetheni ethente, izalengela emaceleni ethabhanekele ngapha langapha ukulisibekela.

14 Uzalenzela ithente isembeso sezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zezinqama, lesembeso sezikhumba zikamantswane phezulu.

15 Njalo uzakwenza amapulanka ethabhanekele ngesihlahla sesinga, ame,

16 ubude bamapulanka buzakuba zingalo ezilitshumi, lobubanzi bepulanka linye bube yingalo lengxenye yengalo.

17 Ipulanka elilodwa lizakuba lemisuka emibili, ihlanganisiwe omunye komunye; wenze njalo kuwo wonke amapulanka ethabhanekeleni.

18 Uzalenzela-ke ithabhanekele amapulanka, amapulanka angamatshumi amabili ehlangothini lweningizimu olukhangele eningizimu;

19 wenze njalo izisekelo ezingamatshumi amane zesiliva ngaphansi kwamapulanka angamatshumi amabili, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka

linye zibe ngezemisuka yalo yomibili, lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwelinye ipulanka zibe ngezemisuka yalo yomibili,

20 njalo amapulanka angamatshumi amabili ehlangothini lwesibili lwethabhanekele, uhlangothi lwenyakatho,

21 lezisekelo zawo ezingamatshumi amane zesiliva, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwelinye ipulanka.

22 Njalo wenze amapulanka ayisithupha ehlangothini olungemuva kwethabhanekele ngentshonalanga,

23 njalo uzakwenza lamapulanka amabili awengonsi zethabhanekele ehlangothini olungemuva,

24 njalo abe mabili ngaphansi, azaphelela langaphezulu ndawonye, esongweni elilodwa; kuzakuba njalo ngawo womabili, abe ngawengonsi zombili.

25 Njalo azakuba ngamapulanka ayisificaminwembili, lezisekelo zawo zesiliva, izisekelo ezilitshumi lesithupha, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka elinye, lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwelinye ipulanka.

26 Uzakwenza njalo imithando ngesihlahla sesinga, emihlanu ibe ngeyamapulanka akolunye uhlangothi lwethabhanekele,

27 lemithando emihlanu ibe ngeyamapulanka akolunye uhlangothi lwethabhanekele, lemithando emihlanu ibe ngeyamapulanka ehlangothini lwethabhanekele, ehlangothini olusemuva ngentshonalanga;

28 lomthando waphakathi, phakathi kwamapulanka, uzadabula kusukela ekucineni kusiya ekucineni.

29 Njalo uzawahuqa amapulanka ngegolide, uwenze amasongo awo ngegolide, abe zindawo zemithando; uyihuqe imithando ngegolide.

30 Uzalimisa-ke ithabhanekele njengomfanekiso walo owawutshengiswa entabeni.

31 Uzakwenza leveyili ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo elentambo ephothiweyo, kube ngumsebenzi wengcitshi, lamakherubhi;

32 uzalilengisa-ke ensikeni ezine zesinga, ezihuqwe ngegolide, lengwegwe zalo zegolide, phezu kwezisekelo ezine zesiliva.

33 Njalo uzalilengisa iveyili phansi kwezingwegwe, ukuze ungenise lapho, ngaphakathi kweveyili, umtshokotsho wobufakazi; leliveyili lizalehlukanisela phakathi kwengcwele lengcwele yezingcwele.

34 Uzabeka-ke isihlalo somusa phezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi engcweleni yezingcwele,

35 njalo ubeke itafula ngaphandle kweveyili, loluthi lwesibane maqondana letafula ehlangothini lwethabhanekele ngaseningizimu, ubeke itafula ehlangothini lwenyakatho.

36 Uzakwenza isilenge somnyango wethente ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu langelembu elicolekileyo elilentambo ephothiweyo, umsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi.

37 Usenzele-ke isilenge insika ezinhlanu zesinga, uzihuqe ngegolide; ingwegwe zazo zibe ngezegolide, uzibumbele ngokuncibilikisa izisekelo ezinhlanu zibe ngezethusi.

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Ilathi eleminikelo yokutshiswa

1Uzakwenza-ke ilathi ngesihlahla sesinga, ubude bube zingalo ezinhlanu, ububanzi bube zingalo ezinhlanu, ilathi lilingane inhlangothi zozine, ukuphakama kwalo kube zingalo ezintathu.

2 Njalo uzakwenza impondo zalo phezu kwengonsi zalo zozine, impondo zalo zizavela kulo; ubusulihuqa ngethusi.

3 Njalo wenze izimbiza zokususa umlotha walo, lamafotsholo alo, lemiganu yalo yokufafaza, lamafologwe alo enyama, lezitsha zalo zokuthwala umlilo, uzenze zonke izinto zalo ngethusi.

4 Ulenzele-ke iziko lethusi elenziwe njengembule, wenze phezu kwembule amasongo amane ethusi engonsini zalo zozine;

5 usibeke ngaphansi komphetho welathi phansi, ukuze imbule lifinyelele phakathi kwelathi.

6 Ulenzele ilathi imijabo, imijabo yesihlahla sesinga, uyihuqe ngethusi;

7 lemijabo ifakwe emasongweni, imijabo izakuba-ke enhlangothini zombili zelathi, ekulithwaleni.

8 Ulenze ngamapulanka ligubheke, njengalokho wakutshengisa entabeni, bazalenza njalo.

Iguma lethabhanekele

9 Njalo uzakwenza iguma lethabhanekele, libe sehlangothini olungeningizimu lamakhetheni elembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo, ubude bohlangothi lunye bube zingalo ezilikhulu;

10 lensika zawo ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo zazo ezingamatshumi amabili zibe ngezethusi, ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho zazo zibe ngezesiliva.

11 Ngokunjalo-ke ehlangothini olungenyakatho ebudeni, amakhetheni azakuba zingalo ezilikhulu ebudeni, lensika zawo ezingamatshumi amabili

lezisekelo zazo ezingamatshumi amabili zibe ngezethusi, ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho zazo zibe ngezesiliva.

12 Lebubanzini beguma, ehlangothini olusentshonalanga, kuzakuba khona amakhetheni azingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, insika zawo zibe litshumi lezisekelo zazo zibe litshumi.

13 Lobubanzi beguma ehlangothini olungempumalanga ngasempumalanga bube zingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu.

14 Lamakhetheni olunye uhlangothi azakuba zingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu, insika zawo zibentathu, lezisekelo zazo zibentathu;

15 lakolunye uhlangothi amakhetheni abe zingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu, insika zawo zibentathu lezisekelo zazo zibentathu.

16 Emnyango weguma kuzakuba-ke lesilenge esizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, esilokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo, kube ngumsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi; insika zaso zibe zine lezisekelo zazo zibe zine.

17 Zonke insika ezizingelezele iguma zizabotshwa ngesiliva, ingwegwe zazo zibe ngezesiliva lezisekelo zazo zibe ngezethusi.

18 Ubude beguma bube zingalo ezilikhulu, lobubanzi bube zingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu inhlangothi zombili, lokuphakama kube zingalo ezinhlanu zelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo, lezisekelo zazo ngezethusi.

19 Zonke izinto zethabhanekele emsebenzini walo wonke, lezikhonkwane zalo zonke, lazo zonke izikhonkwane zeguma zizakuba ngezethusi.

20 Wena uzabalaya-ke abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuze bakulethele amafutha acengekileyo emihlwathi agigelwe isibane, ukuze enze isibane sivuthe njalonjalo.

21 Ethenteni lenhlangano ngaphandle kweveyili eliphambi kobufakazi, uAroni lamadodana akhe bazasilondoloza kusukela kusihlwa kuze kube sekuseni phambi kweNKOSI; kuzakuba yisimiso saphakade ezizukulwaneni zabo, ngenxa yabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

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Izembatho zabapristi

1Wena-ke sondeza kuwe uAroni umnewenu lamadodana akhe kanye laye, phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuze bangisebenzele njengabapristi, uAroni, uNadabi loAbihu, uEleyazare loIthamari, amadodana kaAroni.

2 Umenzele-ke uAroni umnewenu izembatho ezingcwele, ezobukhosi lezokucecisa.

3 Wena-ke khuluma labo bonke abahlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo, engibagcwalise ngomoya wenhlakanipho, ukuze benze izembatho zikaAroni zokumehlukanisela ukungisebenzela njengompristi.

4 Lalezi yizembatho abazazenza; isembatho sesifuba le-efodi, lebhatshi, lesigqoko esilamabala, iqhiye, lebhanti; bamenzele uAroni umnewenu izembatho ezingcwele, lezamadodana akhe, ukuze angisebenzele njengompristi.

5 Bona-ke kabathathe igolide lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu.

6 Basebesenza i-efodi ngegolide, okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, okubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo, umsebenzi wengcitshi.

7 Sizakuba lezichibi ezimbili zamahlombe, zihlangane emaceleni aso womabili, ukuze sihlanganiswe.

8 Ibhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi lakhe, elikuye, lizakuba njengomsebenzi walo, liyinto yinye, ngegolide, okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, lokubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo.

9 Njalo uzathatha amatshe amabili ama-onikse, ubaze kuwo amabizo amadodana kaIsrayeli,

10 ayisithupha kumabizo awo phezu kwelinye ilitshe, lamabizo ayisithupha aseleyo phezu kwelinye ilitshe, njengokuzalwa kwawo.

11 Njengomsebenzi wombazi wamatshe, njengokubazwa kwendandatho elophawu, uzawabaza amatshe womabili, ngamabizo amadodana kaIsrayeli, uwenze amiswe ezisekelweni zegolide ezitshiliweyo.

12 Njalo uzabeka amatshe womabili ezichibini zamahlombe ze-efodi, amatshe esikhumbuzo ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli; loAroni uzathwala amabizo abo emahlombe akhe womabili phambi kweNKOSI, kube yisikhumbuzo.

13 Wenze lezisekelo ezitshiliweyo zegolide,

14 lamaketane amabili egolide elicwengekileyo, uwenze ukuthi abe njengamagoda, umsebenzi ophothiweyo, amaketane aphothiweyo uwabophele ezisekelweni ezitshiliweyo zegolide.

15 Ubususenza isembatho sesifuba sokwahlulela, kube ngumsebenzi wengcitshi, uyenze njengomsebenzi we-efodi, ngegolide, okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, lokubomvu, langelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo uzasenza.

16 Kasilingane inhlangothi zozine, siphindwe kabili, ubude baso bube yikwelulwa kweminwe, lobubanzi baso bube yikwelulwa kweminwe.

17 Njalo uhlele kuso inhlelo zamatshe, imizila emine yamatshe; umzila wesardiyusi, itopazi le-emeraldi, umzila wokuqala.

18 lomzila wesibili ube lerubi, isafire, lendayimana,

19 lomzila wesithathu ube lejasinte, i-agate, le-ametiste,

20 lomzila wesine ube lebherule, le-onikse, lejaspi; amatshe la azasekelwa ngegolide ezisekelweni zawo ezitshiliweyo.

21 Lamatshe azakuba lamabizo amadodana kaIsrayeli, alitshumi lambili, lamabizo awo; njengokubazwa kwendandatho elophawu, yilelo lalelo lebizo lalo; azakuba ngawezizwe ezilitshumi lambili.

22 Wenze-ke esembathweni sesifuba amaketane aphothiweyo omsebenzi wegoda egolide elicwengekileyo,

23 wenze futhi phezu kwesembatho sesifuba amasongo amabili egolide, uwafake amasongo amabili emaceleni womabili esembatho sesifuba.

24 Ufake amaketane amabili egolide aphothiweyo emasongweni amabili emaceleni esembatho sesifuba;

25 kodwa izihloko zombili zamaketane womabili aphothiweyo uzifake ezisekelweni ezimbili ezitshiliweyo, uzibeke ezichibini ze-efodi, phambili kwayo kanye.

26 Uzakwenza njalo amasongo amabili egolide, uwafake emaceleni womabili esembatho sesifuba, emphethweni waso ongaphakathi kwe-efodi.

27 Wenze futhi amasongo amabili egolide, uwafake ezichibini ezimbili ze-efodi, ngaphansi ngaphambili kwaso, eduze kokuhlangana kwazo, phezu kwebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi.

28 Bazabophela-ke isembatho sesifuba ngamasongo aso emasongweni e-efodi ngentambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, ukuze sibe phezu kwebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi, njalo isembatho sesifuba singakhumuki e-efodini.

29 Njalo uAroni uzathwala amabizo abantwana bakoIsrayeli esembathweni sesifuba sokwahlulela phezu kwenhliziyo yakhe, nxa engena endaweni engcwele, kube yisikhumbuzo phambi kweNKOSI njalonjalo.

30 Uzafaka-ke esembathweni sesifuba sokwahlulela iUrimi leThumimi, njalo kube phezu kwenhliziyo kaAroni, nxa engena phambi kweNKOSI; ngakho uAroni uzakuthwala ukwahlulelwa kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli phezu kwenhliziyo yakhe phambi kweNKOSI njalonjalo.

31 Uzakwenza ibhatshi lonke le-efodi ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka;

32 njalo sibe lesikhala sekhanda ngaphakathi kwaso, isikhala sibe lomphetho osizingelezeleyo, umsebenzi owelukiweyo, sibe njengesikhala sebhatshi lensimbi, ukuze singadabuki.

33 Lemiphethweni yaso wenze amapomegranati ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, emiphethweni yaso osizingelezeleyo, lamabhera egolide phakathi kwawo asizingelezeleyo,

34 ibhera legolide lepomegranati, ibhera legolide lepomegranati, emiphethweni yebhatshi kuzingelezele.

35 UAroni kasembathele-ke ukukhonza, lokukhenceza kwaso kuzwakale lapho engena endaweni engcwele phambi kweNKOSI, lalapho ephuma, ukuze angafi.

36 Uzakwenza njalo incence ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ubaze kuyo ukubazwa kwendandatho elophawu: UBUNGCWELE ENKOSINI.

37 Uyifake phezu kwentambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, ukuze ibe phezu kweqhiye, ibe ngaphambili kweqhiye.

38 Izakuba sebunzini likaAroni, ukuze uAroni athwale ububi bezinto ezingcwele, abantwana bakoIsrayeli abazazingcwelisa, kuzo zonke izipho zabo ezingcwele; njalo izahlala isebunzini lakhe, ukuze bemukeleke phambi kweNKOSI.

39 Uzakweluka njalo isigqoko ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu elilamabala, wenze leqhiye ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lebhanti, umsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi.

40 Wenzele-ke amadodana kaAroni izigqoko, uwenzele amabhanti, lezingowane uwenzele, kube ngokobukhosi lokuceca.

41 Umgqokise zona uAroni umnewenu lamadodana akhe kanye laye, ubagcobe, ubehlukanise, ubangcwelise ukuze bangisebenzele njengabapristi.

42 Ubenzele labokabhudula bangaphansi belembu elicolekileyo okusibekela inyama yobunqunu, aqale ekhalweni afike emathangazini;

43 njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe bawagqoke lapho bengena ethenteni lenhlangano kumbe lapho besondela elathini ukukhonza endaweni engcwele, hlezi bathwale ububi, bafe. Kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade kuye lakuyo inzalo yakhe emva kwakhe.

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Ukugcotshwa kukaAroni lamadodana akhe

1Yile-ke into ozayenza kubo ukubehlukanisa ukuthi bangisebenzele njengabapristi. Thatha ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, lenqama ezimbili ezingelasici,

2 lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, lamaqebelengwana angelamvubelo ahlanganiswe lamafutha, lezinkwana eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo ezinindwe ngamafutha, uzenze ngempuphu ecolekileyo yengqoloyi;

3 ukufake esitsheni esisodwa, ukusondeze ngesitsha, kanye lejongosi lenqama ezimbili.

4 Usondeze uAroni lamadodana akhe emnyango wethente lenhlangano, ubagezise ngamanzi;

5 uthathe izembatho, ugqokise uAroni isigqoko, lebhatshi le-efodi, le-efodi, lesembatho sesifuba, umbophe ngebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi,

6 umthwalise iqhiye ekhanda lakhe, umthwalise umqhele ongcwele phezu kweqhiye.

7 Uthathe amafutha okugcoba, uwathele ekhanda lakhe, umgcobe.

8 Usondeze lamadodana akhe, uwagqokise izigqoko.

9 Ubabophe ngamabhanti, uAroni lamadodana akhe, ubabophele izingowane, lobupristi bube ngobabo ngesimiso saphakade. Ubehlukanise-ke uAroni lamadodana akhe.

10 Uzasondeza ijongosi phambi kwethente lenhlangano; njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo enhlokweni yejongosi;

11 ubusulihlaba ijongosi phambi kweNKOSI emnyango wethente lenhlangano,

12 uthathe okwegazi lejongosi, ulifake empondweni zelathi ngomunwe wakho, uthululele lonke igazi esisekelweni selathi.

13 Uzathatha idanga lonke, lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, lezinso zombili, lamahwahwa aphezu kwazo, ukutshise elathini.

14 Kodwa inyama yejongosi lesikhumba salo lomswane walo ukutshise ngomlilo ngaphandle kwenkamba; kungumnikelo wesono.

15 Ubusuthatha inqama ibenye; njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo phezu kwenhloko yenqama.

16 Ubusuyihlaba inqama, uthathe igazi layo, ulifafaze elathini uligombolozele.

17 Uyiqume inqama ngeziqa zayo, ugezise imibilini yayo lemilenze yayo, ukubeke phezu kweziqa zayo laphezu kwenhloko yayo,

18 utshise inqama yonke elathini. Kungumnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni, kuluqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

19 Uzathatha inqama yesibili; uAroni lamadodana akhe babesebebeka izandla zabo phezu kwenhloko yenqama.

20 Uyihlabe-ke inqama, uthathe okwegazi layo, ulifake eqwangeni lwendlebe kaAroni, leqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yamadodana akhe, lesithupheni sesandla sabo sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwabo lokunene, ufafaze igazi elathini uligombolozele.

21 Uthathe okwegazi eliselathini lokwamafutha okugcoba, ukufafaze phezu kukaAroni, laphezu kwezembatho zakhe, laphezu kwamadodana akhe, laphezu kwezembatho zamadodana akhe kanye laye, ukuze abe ngcwele lezembatho zakhe, lamadodana akhe lezembatho zamadodana akhe kanye laye.

22 Uthathe enqameni amahwahwa, lomsila ononileyo, ledanga, lamahwahwa esibindi, lezinso zombili, lamahwahwa aphezu kwazo, lomlenze wokunene, ngoba iyinqama yokwehlukaniswa;

23 lesinkwa esiyindilinga esisodwa, leqebelengwana elilodwa elesinkwa esilamafutha, lesinkwana esiyisipatalala esisodwa, esitsheni sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo esiphambi kweNKOSI,

24 ukubeke konke ezandleni zikaAroni lezandleni zamadodana akhe, ukuzunguze ukuze kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI.

25 Ukuthathe ezandleni zabo, ukutshise phezu kwelathi phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa, ukuze kube luqhatshi olumnandi phambi kweNKOSI; kungumnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

26 Uzathatha isifuba senqama yokwehlukaniswa engekaAroni, usizunguze sibe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI, njalo sibe yisabelo sakho.

27 Uzasingcwelisa isifuba somnikelo wokuzunguzwa lomlenze womnikelo wokuphakanyiswa ozunguzwayo lophakanyiswayo, okwenqama yokwehlukaniswa, okwalokho okungokukaAroni lokwalokho okungokwamadodana akhe;

28 njalo kuzakuba ngokukaAroni lokwamadodana akhe, kube yisimiso saphakade kuvela kubantwana bakoIsrayeli; ngoba kungumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa; kuzakuba ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa ovela kubantwana bakoIsrayeli, eminikelweni yabo yokuthula; umnikelo wabo wokuphakanyiswa eNKOSIni.

29 Lezembatho ezingcwele zikaAroni zizakuba ngezamadodana akhe emva kwakhe, ukuze agcotshwe embethe zona, lokuze ehlukaniswe embethe zona.

30 Insuku eziyisikhombisa umpristi endaweni yakhe, ovela kumadodana akhe, uzazembatha, nxa engena ethenteni lenhlangano ukukhonza endaweni engcwele.

31 Uzathatha-ke inqama yokwehlukaniswa, upheke inyama yayo endaweni engcwele.

32 Njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe bazakudla inyama yenqama lesinkwa esisesitsheni emnyango wethente lenhlangano,

33 badle lezozinto okwenziwa ngazo inhlawulo yokuthula, ukubehlukanisa, ukubangcwelisa; kodwa owemzini angazidli ngoba zingcwele.

34 Njalo uba kusala okwenyama yokwehlukaniswa kumbe okwesinkwa kuze kuse, tshisa okuseleyo ngomlilo; kungadliwa, ngoba kungcwele.

35 Uzakwenza njalo-ke kuAroni lakumadodana akhe njengakho konke engikulaya khona; insuku eziyisikhombisa uzabehlukanisa.

36 Insuku ngensuku unikele ijongosi lomnikelo wesono wenhlawulo yokuthula; uhlambulule ilathi lapho ulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula, uligcobe ukuze ulingcwelise.

37 Ulenzele ilathi inhlawulo yokuthula insuku eziyisikhombisa, ulingcwelise, lelathi lizakuba yingcwelengcwele; konke okulithintayo ilathi kuzakuba ngcwele.

Iminikelo yensuku ngensuku

38 Yilokhu-ke ozakunikela phezu kwelathi: Amawundlu amabili alomnyaka owodwa insuku ngensuku njalonjalo.

39 Elinye iwundlu uzalinikela ekuseni, lelinye iwundlu ulinikele kusihlwa,

40 lokwetshumi kwempuphu ecolekileyo kuxubene lengxenye yesine yehini yamafutha agigiweyo, lengxenye yesine yehini yewayini kube ngumnikelo wokunathwayo, welinye iwundlu.

41 Lelinye iwundlu ulinikele kusihlwa, wenze kulo njengomnikelo wokudla wekuseni, lanjengomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo, kube luqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

42 Uzakuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa njalonjalo ezizukulwaneni zenu, emnyango wethente lenhlangano phambi kweNKOSI, lapho engizahlangana khona lani, ukukhuluma lawe lapho.

43 Lalapho ngizahlangana labantwana bakoIsrayeli, njalo kungcweliswe yinkazimulo yami.

44 Njalo ngizangcwelisa ithente lenhlangano lelathi, ngizangcwelisa loAroni lamadodana akhe, ukuze bangisebenzele njengabapristi.

45 Ngizahlala phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngibe nguNkulunkulu kubo.

46 Bazakwazi-ke ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo, eyabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukuze ngihlale phakathi kwabo; ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo.

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Ilathi lokutshisela impepha

1Uzakwenza lelathi lokutshisela impepha, ulenze ngesihlahla sesinga.

2 Ubude balo bube yingalo, lobubanzi balo ingalo, lilingane inhlangothi zozine; lokuphakama kwalo kube zingalo ezimbili; impondo zalo zizavela kulo.

3 Njalo ulihuqe ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ingaphezulu yalo, lenhlangothi zalo ezilizingelezeleyo, lempondo zalo; wenze kulo umqolo wegolide olizingelezeleyo.

4 Wenze njalo amasongo amabili egolide, ngaphansi komqolo walo, enhlangothini ezimbili zalo; wenze enhlangothini zalo zombili; azakuba zindawo zemijabo ezokulithwala ngayo.

5 Njalo wenze imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, uyihuqe ngegolide.

6 Uzalibeka phambi kweveyili elingasemtshokotshweni wobufakazi, phambi kwesihlalo somusa esiphezu kobufakazi, lapho engizahlangana khona lawe.

7 Njalo uAroni atshisele kulo impepha elephunga elimnandi ukusa ngokusa, eselungise izibane uzayitshisa;

8 lapho uAroni elumathisa izibane kusihlwa, ayitshise; yimpepha eqhubekayo phambi kweNKOSI ezizukulwaneni zenu.

9 Linganikeleli kulo impepha engejwayelekanga kumbe umnikelo wokutshiswa kumbe umnikelo wokudla; njalo lingatheli kulo umnikelo wokunathwayo.

10 UAroni uzakwenza inhlawulo yokuthula empondweni zalo kanye ngomnyaka, ngegazi lomnikelo wesono wezinhlawulo zokuthula; kanye ngomnyaka uzakwenza inhlawulo yokuthula kulo ezizukulwaneni zenu; liyingcwelengcwele eNKOSIni.

Imali yenhlawulo yokuthula

11 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi yathi:

12 Lapho uthatha inani lonke labantwana bakoIsrayeli, njengokubalwa kwabo, bazanika ngulowo lalowo ihlawulo ngomphefumulo wakhe eNKOSIni, nxa ubabala; ukuze kungabi lenhlupheko phakathi kwabo, nxa ubabala.

13 Bazanika lokhu, wonke odlulela kwababaliweyo, ingxenye yeshekeli, njengokweshekeli lendlu engcwele - ishekeli lingamagera angamatshumi amabili - ingxenye yeshekeli ngumnikelo eNKOSIni.

14 Wonke odlulela kwababaliweyo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, anikele umnikelo weNKOSI.

15 Abanothileyo bangadlulisi, labayanga banganciphisi ingxenye yeshekeli, lapho linikela umnikelo weNKOSI, ukwenzela imiphefumulo yenu inhlawulo yokuthula.

16 Uzathatha imali yenhlawulo zokuthula ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, uyinikele inkonzo yethente lenhlangano, ukuthi ibe yisikhumbuzo sabantwana bakoIsrayeli phambi kweNKOSI, ukwenzela imiphefumulo yenu inhlawulo yokuthula.

17 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi yathi:

18 Uzakwenza lenditshi yethusi yokugezela elonyawo lwayo lwethusi, ukugezela kuyo; uyibeke phakathi laphakathi kwethente lenhlangano lelathi, uthele kuyo amanzi,

19 njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe bagezele kuyo izandla zabo lenyawo zabo.

20 Nxa bengena ethenteni lenhlangano bazageza ngamanzi, ukuze bangafi, loba besondela elathini ukukhonza, ukutshisa umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

21 Ngakho bazageza izandla zabo lenyawo zabo ukuze bangafi; njalo kuzakuba kubo yisimiso esilaphakade, kuye lakunzalo yakhe ezizukulwaneni zabo.

Amagcobo lempepha

22 INKOSI yakhuluma futhi kuMozisi yathi:

23 Wena-ke, zithathele amakha aqakathekileyo, imure elizigelezelayo elingamashekeli angamakhulu amahlanu,lekinamoni elilephunga elimnandi ingxenye yalokho, elingamashekeli angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, lekalamu elilephunga elimnandi elingamashekeli angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu,

24 lekhasiya elingamashekeli angamakhulu amahlanu ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, lamafutha omhlwathialihini;

25 wenze lokhu kube ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba, amakha axutshanisiweyo njengokwenza komenzi wamakha; azakuba ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba.

26 Uzagcoba ngawo ithente lenhlangano lomtshokotsho wobufakazi,

27 letafula lezitsha zalo zonke, loluthi lwesibane lezitsha zalo, lelathi lempepha,

28 lelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitsha zalo zonke, lenditshi yokugezela lonyawo lwayo;

29 ukungcwelise ukuze kube yingcwelengcwele; loba yini okukuthintayo kuzakuba ngcwele.

30 Ugcobe laye uAroni lamadodana akhe, ubangcwelise ukuze bangisebenzele njengabapristi.

31 Ukhulume kubantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi: Lokhu kuzakuba kimi ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba ezizukulwaneni zenu;

32 angabothelwa emzimbeni womuntu; njalo lingawenzi anjengawo ngokwenziwa kwawo; angcwele, azakuba ngcwele kini.

33 Loba ngubani owenza anjengawo, loba ewafaka kowemzini, uzaqunywa asuke ebantwini bakibo.

34 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Zithathele amakha amnandi, isitakete leonika legalibanu, amakha amnandi lenhlaka ecengekileyo, kube yizabelo ezilinganayo;

35 wenze kube yimpepha, amakha axutshanisiweyo njengokwenza komenzi wamakha, itshwayiwe, icengekile, ingcwele;

36 uchole okwayo kucolisiseke, ubeke okwayo phambi kobufakazi ethenteni lenhlangano, lapho engizahlangana khona lawe; izakuba yingcwelengcwele kini.

37 Kodwa impepha ozayenza, lingazenzeli yona njengokwenziwa kwayo; izakuba ngcwele kuwe, yenzelwe iNKOSI.

38 Loba ngubani ozakwenza enjengayo ukuyinuka, uzaqunywa asuke ebantwini bakibo.

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Ukubizwa kukaBhezaleli loOholiyaba

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi yathi:

2 Bona, ngibizile ngebizo uBhezaleli indodana kaUri indodana kaHuri owesizwe sakoJuda;

3 ngimgcwalisile ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu, ekuhlakanipheni lekuqedisiseni lelwazini lakuyo yonke imisebenzi yobungcitshi,

4 ukuthi aqambe imisebenzi yobungcitshi, asebenze ngegolide langesiliva langethusi,

5 ekubazeni amatshe ukuwafaka, lekubazeni izigodo, ukwenza yonke imisebenzi yobungcitshi.

6 Mina-ke, khangela, nginike uOholiyaba indodana kaAhisamaki owesizwe sakoDani kanye laye; lenhliziyweni yakhe wonke ohlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo ngifake inhlakanipho, ukuthi benze konke engikulaye khona,

7 ithente lenhlangano, lomtshokotsho wobufakazi, lesihlalo somusa esiphezu kwawo, lempahla yonke yethente,

8 letafula lezitsha zalo, loluthi lwesibane olucwengekileyo lezitsha zalo zonke, lelathi lempepha,

9 lelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitsha zalo zonke, lenditshi yokugezela lonyawo lwayo,

10 lezembatho ezifekethisiweyo, lezembatho ezingcwele zikaAroni umpristi, lezembatho zamadodana akhe, ukusebenza njengabapristi,

11 lamafutha okugcoba, lempepha emnandi yendawo engcwele; benze njengakho konke engikulaye khona.

Ukugcinwa kwamasabatha

12 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

13 Wena-ke, tshela abantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi: Isibili lizagcina amasabatha ami; ngoba lokhu kuyisibonakaliso phakathi kwami lani ezizukulwaneni zenu, ukwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI elingcwelisayo.

14 Ngakho gcinani isabatha, ngoba lingcwele kini; olonayo uzabulawa lokubulawa; ngoba wonke owenza umsebenzi ngalo, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo.

15 Insuku eziyisithupha kwenziwe umsebenzi, kodwa ngosuku lwesikhombisa kulisabatha lokuphumula, lingcwele eNKOSIni; wonke owenza umsebenzi ngesabatha uzabulawa lokubulawa.

16 Ngakho abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazagcina isabatha, balilondoloze isabatha ezizukulwaneni zabo, libe yisivumelwano esilaphakade.

17 Liyisibonakaliso phakathi kwami labantwana bakoIsrayeli kuze kube nini lanini; ngoba ngensuku eziyisithupha iNKOSI yenza amazulu lomhlaba, kodwa ngosuku lwesikhombisa yaphumula, yavuselelwa.

18 Wasemnika uMozisi, eseqedile ukukhuluma laye entabeni yeSinayi, izibhebhe ezimbili zobufakazi, izibhebhe zamatshe, zibhalwe ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu.

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Ithole legolide

1Abantu sebebonile ukuthi uMozisi uphuzile ukwehla entabeni, abantu babuthana kuAroni bathi kuye: Sukuma, usenzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu; ngoba uMozisi lo, indoda eyasikhuphula elizweni leGibhithe, kasazi ukuthi yehlelwe yini.

2 UAroni wasesithi kubo: Qamulani amacici egolide asendlebeni zabomkenu, zamadodana enu, lezamadodakazi enu, liwalethe kimi.

3 Bonke abantu basebeqamula amacici egolide ayesendlebeni zabo, bawaletha kuAroni.

4 Wawemukela ezandleni zabo, walibumba ngesikhali sokukhanda, wawenza aba lithole elibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. Basebesithi: Laba ngonkulunkulu bakho, Israyeli, abakukhuphule elizweni leGibhithe.

5 UAroni eselibonile wakha ilathi phambi kwalo; uAroni wamemezela wathi: Kusasa kuzakuba khona umkhosi weNKOSI.

6 Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa, basondeza iminikelo yokuthula; abantu bahlala phansi ukudla lokunatha, basebesukuma ukudlala.

7 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Hamba wehle, ngoba abantu bakho owabakhuphula elizweni leGibhithebonakalisile;

8 baphambukile masinyane endleleni engabalaya ngayo; bazenzele ithole elibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, balikhonza, balihlabela, bathi: Laba ngonkulunkulu bakho, Israyeli, abakukhuphule elizweni leGibhithe.

9 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Ngibabonile lababantu, khangela-ke, bangabantu abantamo zilukhuni.

10 Khathesi-ke ngiyekela ukuze ulaka lwami lubavuthele, ngibaqede; kodwa wena ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esikhulu.

11 Kodwa uMozisi wancenga ubuso beNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe wathi: Kungani, NKOSI, ulaka lwakho lubavuthela abantu bakho owabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe ngamandla amakhulu langesandla esiqinileyo?

12 Kungani amaGibhithe ezakhuluma athi: Wabakhuphela ububi ukubabulala ezintabeni, lokubaqeda ebusweni bomhlaba? Phenduka ekuvutheni kolaka lwakho, uzisole ngobubi obumelene labantu bakho.

13 Khumbula uAbrahama, uIsaka loIsrayeli, inceku zakho, owazifunga wena kizo wathi kuzo: Ngizakwandisa inzalo yenu njengezinkanyezi zamazulu, lalelilizwe lonke engikhulume ngalo, ngizalipha inzalo yenu, njalo bazalidla ilifa lalo kuze kube nininini.

14 INKOSI yasizisola ebubini eyayisithi izabenza ebantwini bayo.

15 UMozisi wasetshibilika wehla entabeni, lezibhebhe ezimbili zobufakazi esandleni sakhe; izibhebhe zazibhalwe inhlangothi zazo zombili; zibhalwe ngapha langapha.

16 Lezibhebhe zazingumsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, lombhalo wawungumbhalo kaNkulunkulu, ubazwe ezibhebheni.

17 Kwathi uJoshuwa esezwile umsindo wabantu beklabalala, wathi kuMozisi: Kulomsindo wempi enkambeni.

18 Kodwa wathi: Kakusumsindo wokuklabalala kokunqoba, njalo kakusumsindo wokuklabalala kokunqotshwa; ngizwa umsindo wokuhlabelela.

19 Kwasekusithi esesondele enkambeni walibona ithole lokugida; ulaka lukaMozisi lwaseluvutha, wasezilahla izibhebhe ezandleni zakhe, waziphahlazela phansi kwentaba.

20 Wathatha ithole ababelenzile, walitshisa emlilweni, walichola laze lacoleka, walivuvuzela emanzini, wabanathisa wona abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

21 UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Abantu laba benzeni kuwe ukuze ubehlisele isono esikhulu kangaka?

22 UAroni wasesithi: Kalungavuthi ulaka lwenkosi yami; wena uyabazi abantu ukuthi batshekele ebubini.

23 Ngoba bathi kimi: Senzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu; ngoba uMozisi lo, indoda eyasikhuphula elizweni leGibhithe, kasazi ukuthi yehlelwe yini.

24 Ngasengisithi kubo: Loba ngubani olegolide, kabaliqamule. Basebenginika lona. Ngasengiliphosela emlilweni, kwasekuphuma lelithole.

25 Kwathi uMozisi esebonile abantu ukuthi babengabambeki (ngoba uAroni wabayekela bangabambeki ukuze bayangeke kwababengabavukela),

26 uMozisi wasesima esangweni lenkamba, wathi: Loba ngubani ongoweNKOSI, keze kimi! Kwasekubuthana kuye wonke amadodana kaLevi.

27 Wasesithi kuwo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ithi: Ngulowo lalowo kahlome inkemba yakhe ethangazini lakhe, adabule aphenduke esuka esangweni esiya esangweni enkambeni, langulowo lalowo abulale umfowabo, langulowo lalowo umngane wakhe, langulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe.

28 Amadodana kaLevi asesenza njengelizwi likaMozisi; njalo kwawa ebantwini ngalolosuku abantu abangabazinkulungwane ezintathu.

29 UMozisi wasesithi: Lizehlukanisele iNKOSI lamuhla, ngoba ngulowo lalowo ubemelene lendodana yakhe amelane lomfowabo, ukuze aphe isibusiso phezu kwenu lamuhla.

30 Kwasekusithi kusisa uMozisi wathi ebantwini: Lina lenze isono esikhulu; khathesi sengizakwenyukela eNKOSIni; mhlawumbe ngingenza inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono senu.

31 UMozisi wasebuyela eNKOSIni wathi: Maye! Lababantu bonile isono esikhulu, bazenzele onkulunkulu begolide.

32 Khathesi-ke, uba uthethelela isono sabo - kodwa uba kungenjalo, ake ungesule egwalweni lwakho olubhalileyo.

33 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Owonileyo kimi ngizamesula egwalweni lwami.

34 Kodwa hamba-ke, ukhokhele abantu baye lapho engikhulume lawe ngakho; khangela, ingilosi yami izahamba phambi kwakho. Kanti mhla ngiphindisela ngizaphindisela isono sabo phezu kwabo.

35 INKOSI yasibatshaya abantu ngoba babenze ithole, uAroni ayelenzile.

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Abantwana bakoIsrayeli balaywa ukuthi basuke eSinayi

1INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Hamba wenyuke lapha wena labantu owabenyusa elizweni leGibhithe, uye elizweni engalifungela uAbrahama, uIsaka loJakobe ngisithi: Inzalo yakho ngizayinika lona.

2 Njalo ngizathuma ingilosi phambi kwakho, ngixotshe amaKhanani, amaAmori, lamaHethi, lamaPerizi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi.

3 Uye elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju; ngoba kangiyikwenyuka phakathi kwakho, ngoba uyisizwe esintamo lukhuni, hlezi ngikuqede endleleni.

4 Kwathi abantu sebezwile lelilizwi elibi, balila; njalo kakulamuntu owafaka
izigqizo zakhe;

5 ngoba iNKOSI yayithe kuMozisi: Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi:
Lingabantu abantamo zilukhuni; ngisenyuka ngiphakathi kwakho ngokucwayiza
kwelihlo, ngizakuqeda. Ngakho-ke khupha izigqizo zakho kuwe ukuze ngazi
engizakwenza kuwe.

6 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebezihlubula izigqizo zabo kusukela entabeni
yeHorebe.

Ithente lenhlangano

7 UMozisi wasethatha ithente walimisa ngaphandle kwenkamba, khatshana
lenkamba; walibiza ngokuthi lithente lenhlangano. Kwasekusithi wonke odinga
iNKOSI waphuma waya ethenteni lenhlangano elalingaphandle kwenkamba.

8 Kwasekusithi lapho uMozisi ephuma ukuya ethenteni, bonke abantu basukume,
beme kube ngulowo lalowo emnyango wethente lakhe; bakhangele emva
kukaMozisi aze angene ethenteni;

9 njalo kwakusithi lapho uMozisi esengene ethenteni, insika yeyezi yehle, ime
emnyango wethente; ibisikhuluma loMozisi.

10 Lapho bonke abantu beyibona insika yeyezi imi emnyango wethente, bonke
abantu basukume bakhonze, kube ngulowo lalowo emnyango wethente lakhe.

11 INKOSI yakhuluma-ke kuMozisi ubuso ngobuso, njengomuntu ekhuluma
lomngane wakhe. Wasebuyela enkambeni, kodwa uJoshuwa inceku yakhe,
indodana kaNuni, ijaha, kasukanga phakathi kwethente.

INKOSI ithembisa ukuhamba loMozisi

12 UMozisi wasesithi eNKOSIni: Khangela, uthi kimi: Yenyusa lababantu; kodwa
wena kawungazisanga ozamthuma lami. Kanti wena uthe: Ngiyakwazi ngebizo,
futhi uthole umusa emehlweni ami.

13 Ngakho-ke ngicela, uba ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, ake ungazise indlela
yakho, ukuze ngikwazi, ukuze ngithole umusa emehlweni akho; ukhumbule futhi
ukuthi lesisizwe singabantu bakho.

14 Wasesithi: Ubukhona bami buzahamba lawe, ngikuphumuze.

15 Wasesithi kuye: Uba ubukhona bakho bungahambi lami, ungasenyusi lapha.

16 Ngoba kuzakwaziwa-ke ngani ukuthi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, mina
labantu bakho? Kakusikho yini ekuhambeni kwakho lathi? Ngakho
sizakwehlukaniswa, mina labantu bakho, kubo bonke abantu abasebusweni
bomhlaba.

17 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Lale into oyitshoyo ngizayenza, ngoba uthole umusa
emehlweni ami, njalo ngiyakwazi ngebizo.

18 Wasesithi: Ake ungitshengise inkazimulo yakho.

19 Yasisithi: Mina ngizadlulisa bonke ubuhle bami phambi kwakho, ngimemezele ibizo leNKOSI phambi kwakho. Ngizahawukela lowo engizamhawukela, ngibe lomusa kulowo engizakuba lomusa kuye.

20 Yathi futhi: Ungebone ubuso bami; ngoba kakho umuntu ongangibona, aphile.

21 INKOSI yasisithi: Khangela, kulendawo ngakimi lapho ozakuma khona edwaleni;

22 kuzakuthi-ke lapho inkazimulo yami isedlula, ngizakufaka esikhexeni sedwala, ngikusibekele ngesandla sami ngize ngidlule;

23 besengisusa isandla sami ubusubona ingemuva yami; kodwa ubuso bami kabuyikubonwa.

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Ezinye izibhebhe zamatshe ezimbili

1INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Zibazele izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezakuqala; ngibe sengibhala phezu kwezibhebhe amazwi ayesezibhebheni zakuqala owaziphahlazayo.

2 Ubusulungile ekuseni, wenyukele entabeni yeSinayi ekuseni, ume phambi kwami lapho engqongeni yentaba.

3 Njalo kungenyukeli muntu kanye lawe, futhi kungabonakali lamuntu entabeni yonke; njalo izimvu lezinkomo zingadli phambi kwaleyontaba.

4 Wasebaza izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezakuqala; uMozisi wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wenyukela entabeni yeSinayi, njengoba iNKOSI imlayile, wathatha esandleni sakhe izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe.

5 INKOSI yasisehla eyezini, yema laye lapho, yamemeza ibizo leNKOSI.

6 INKOSI yasisedlula phambi kwakhe, yamemeza yathi: INKOSI, INKOSI, uNkulunkulu, elesihawu elomusa, ephuza ukuthukuthela, levame ububele lobuqotho,

7 egcinela abayizinkulungwane umusa, ethethelela ububi lesiphambeko lesono, engayikuyekela lokuyekelaolecala, ephindisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana laphezu kwabantwana babantwana kuze kubesesizukulwaneni sesithathu lesesine.

8 UMozisi wasephangisa, wakhothamela emhlabathini, wakhonza.

9 Wathi: Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, Nkosi, akuthi iNkosi ihambe phakathi kwethu, ngoba yisizwe esintamo lukhuni, uthethelele ububi bethu lesono sethu, usithathe sibe yilifa lakho.

10 Yasisithi: Khangela, ngenza isivumelwano; phambi kwabantu bonke ngizakwenza izimangaliso ezingazange zidalwe emhlabeni wonke laphakathi kwezizwe zonke; labo bonke abantu ophakathi kwabo bazabona umsebenzi weNKOSI, ngoba kuyesabeka engizakwenza lawe.

11 Zigcinele lokho engikulaya khona lamuhla; khangela ngizaxotsha phambi kwakho amaAmori lamaKhanani lamaHethi lamaPerizi lamaHivi lamaJebusi.

12 Ziqaphelisele ukuthi ungenzi isivumelwano labakhileyo elizweni oya kulo, hlezi kube ngumjibila phakathi kwakho.

13 Kodwa amalathi abo lizawadiliza, lensika zabo eziyizithombe lizaziphahlaza, lezixuku zabo lizazigamula;

14 ngoba kawuyikukhonza omunye unkulunkulu; ngoba iNKOSI, ebizo layo linguBukhwele, inguNkulunkulu olobukhwele.

15 Hlezi wenze isivumelwano labakhileyo elizweni, nxa bephinga ngokulandela onkulunkulu babo, behlabele onkulunkulu babo, lomunye akunxuse, njalo udle okomhlatshelo wakhe;

16 uwathathele amadodana akho kumadodakazi abo; nxa amadodakazi abo ephinga ngokulandela onkulunkulu bawo, enze lamadodana akho ukuthi aphinge ngokulandela onkulunkulu bawo.

17 Ungazenzeli onkulunkulu ababunjwe ngokuncibilikisa.

18 Umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo uwugcine; insuku eziyisikhombisa udle isinkwa esingelamvubelo njengokukulaya kwami, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo senyanga kaAbhibhi, ngoba ngenyanga kaAbhibhi waphuma eGibhithe.

19 Konke okuvula isizalo kungokwami, lalo lonke izibulo eliduna elezifuyo, inkomo kumbe imvu.

20 Kodwa izibulo likababhemi ulihlenge ngezinyane; uba-ke ungalihlengi ulephule intamo. Lonke izibulo lamadodana akho uzalihlenga; njalo kungabonakali muntu phambi kwami engaphethe lutho.

21 Uzasebenza insuku eziyisithupha, kodwa ngosuku lwesikhombisa uphumule, ngesikhathi sokulima lekuvuneni uzaphumula.

22 Uzagcina umkhosi wamaviki, izithelo zokuqala zesivuno sengqoloyi, lomkhosi wokubuthelela ekuthwaseni komnyaka.

23 Kathathu ngomnyaka wonke owesilisa uzabonakala phambi kweNkosi uJehova, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

24 Ngoba ngizaxotsha izizwe phambi kwakho, ngiqhelise imingcele yakho; njalo kakuyikuba lamuntu ofisa ilizwe lakho nxa usenyuka ukuyabonakala phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, kathathu ngomnyaka.

25 Unganikeli igazi lomhlatshelo wami kanye lokulemvubelo; futhi kakungasali kuze kuse umhlatshelo womkhosi wephasika.

26 Ikhethelo lezithelo zokuqala zensimu yakho ulilethe endlini yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho. Ungapheki izinyane echagweni lukanina.

27 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Zibhalele la amazwi, ngoba ngokutsho kwalamazwi ngenzile isivumelwano lawe loIsrayeli.

28 Njalo wayelapho leNKOSI insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane; kadlanga sinkwa kanathanga manzi. Yasibhala ezibhebheni amazwi esivumelwano, imilayo elitshumi.

UMozisi wehla entabeni

29 Kwasekusithi uMozisi esehla entabeni yeSinayi, lezibhebhe zombili zobufakazi zazisesandleni sikaMozisi esehla entabeni, uMozisi wayengazi ukuthi isikhumba sobuso bakhe sasikhazimula ekhuluma laye.

30 Kwathi uAroni labo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli bebona uMozisi, khangela-ke, isikhumba sobuso bakhe sakhazimula, basebesesaba ukusondela kuye.

31 UMozisi wasebabiza; loAroni lazo zonke induna zenhlangano babuyela kuye; uMozisi wasekhuluma labo.

32 Njalo emva kwalokho basondela bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli; wasebalaya konke iNKOSI eyayikukhulume laye entabeni yeSinayi.

33 Kwathi uMozisi eseqedile ukukhuluma labo, wafaka isimbombozo ebusweni bakhe.

34 Kodwa lapho uMozisi engena phambi kweNKOSI ukukhuluma layo, wasisusa isimbombozo aze aphume; esephumile wakhuluma kubantwana bakoIsrayeli lokho akulayiweyo,

35 labantwana bakoIsrayeli babona ubuso bukaMozisi, ukuthi isikhumba sobuso bukaMozisi sakhazimula. UMozisi wabuyisela isimbombozo ebusweni bakhe, aze angene ukuyakhuluma laye.

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Umthetho wesabatha

1UMozisi wasebuthanisa inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, wathi kubo: La ngamazwi iNKOSIewalayileyo ukuthi liwenze.

2 Insuku eziyisithupha kuzakwenziwa umsebenzi, kodwa ngosuku lwesikhombisa kuzakuba yibungcwele kini, isabatha lokuphumula eNKOSIni; loba ngubani owenza umsebenzi ngalo uzabulawa.

3 Lingabasi umlilo ngosuku lwesabatha kuyo yonke imizi yenu.

Ukunikela umnikelo eNKOSIni

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4 UMozisi wasekhuluma kunhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli esithi: Yile into iNKOSI eyilayileyo isithi:

5 Thathani phakathi kwenu umnikelo ube ngoweNKOSI; loba ngubani olenhliziyo evumayo kawulethe, umnikelo weNKOSI, igolide lesiliva lethusi,

6 lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, loboya bembuzi,

7 lezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zezinqama, lezikhumba zikamantswane, lezihlahla zesinga,

8 lamafutha ezibane, lamakha amafutha okugcoba lempepha elephunga elimnandi,

9 lamatshe ama-onikse, lamatshe okubekwa awe-efodi lawesembatho sesifuba.

10 Labo bonke abalenhliziyo ehlakaniphileyo phakathi kwenu kabeze benze konke iNKOSI ekulayileyo;

11 ithabhanekele, ithente lalo, lesifulelo salo, ingwegwe zalo, lamapulanka alo, imithando yalo, insika zalo, lezisekelo zalo;

12 umtshokotsho, lemijabo yawo, isihlalo somusa, leveyili lesembeso;

13 itafula, lemijabo yalo, lezitsha zalo zonke, lezinkwa zokubukiswa;

14 loluthi lwesibane sesikhanyiso, lezitsha zalo, lezibane zalo, lamafutha esikhanyiso;

15 lelathi lempepha, lemijabo yalo, lamafutha okugcoba, lempepha elephunga elimnandi, lesilenge somnyango emnyango wethabhanekele;

16 ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, lesihlengo sethusi elilaso, imijabo yalo, lazo zonke izitsha zalo, inditshi yokugezela lonyawo lwayo;

17 amakhetheni eguma, insika zalo, lezisekelo zazo, lesilenge sesango leguma;

18 izikhonkwane zethabhanekele, lezikhonkwane zeguma, lentambo zazo;

19 izembatho ezifekethisiweyo zokukhonza endaweni engcwele, izembatho ezingcwele zikaAroni umpristi, lezembatho zamadodana akhe, ukusebenza njengabapristi.

Abantu banikela umnikelo wabo

20 Lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli yaphuma phambi kukaMozisi.

21 Beza-ke, wonke onhliziyo yakhe eyamvusayo, laye wonke omoya wakhe owamenza wavuma, baletha umnikelo eNKOSIni emsebenzini wethente lenhlangano lowenkonzo yonke yalo lowezembatho ezingcwele.

22 Beza-ke abesilisa kanye labesifazana, bonke abavumayo ngenhliziyo, baletha iziceco lamacici lendandatho lamasongo, zonke izinto zegolide; laye wonke owazunguza umnikelo wokuzunguzwa wegolide eNKOSIni.

23 Laye wonke okwatholakala kuye okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu loboya bembuzi lezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zenqama lezikhumba zikamantswane bakuletha.

24 Wonke owanikela umnikelo wokuzunguzwa wesiliva lowethusi bakuletha kungumnikelo wokuzunguzwa weNKOSI; laye wonke okwatholakala kuye izihlahla zesinga ezawo wonke umsebenzi wenkonzo baziletha.

25 Labo bonke abesifazana ababehlakaniphile ngenhliziyo baphotha ngezandla zabo, baletha okuphothiweyo, okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, okubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu.

26 Labo bonke abesifazana abanhliziyo zabo zabavusa enhlakanipheni baphotha uboya bembuzi.

27 Lezinduna zaletha amatshe ama-onikse lamatshe okubekwa, awe-efodi lawesembatho sesifuba,

28 lamakha lamafutha awesibane, lawamafutha okugcoba, lawempepha elephunga elimnandi.

29 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bawuletha umnikelo wesihle eNKOSIni. Bonke abesilisa labesifazana abanhliziyo zabo zabenza bavuma ukulethela wonke umsebenzi iNKOSI eyayiwulayile ukuthi wenziwe ngesandla sikaMozisi.

Ukubizwa kukaBhezaleli loOholiyaba

30 UMozisi wasesithi ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli: Bonani, iNKOSI imbizile ngebizo uBhezaleli indodana kaUri, indodana kaHuri owesizwe sakoJuda;

31 imgcwalisile ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu enhlakanipheni, ekuqedisiseni, lelwazini, lemisebenzini yobungcitshi yonke,

32 lokuthi acebe ubungcitshi ukusebenza ngegolide langesiliva langethusi,

33 lekubazeni amatshe okufakwa, lekubazeni izigodo, ukusebenza emisebenzini yonke yeminwe ngobungcitshi.

34 Ifakile laye enhliziyweni yakhe ukufundisa, yena loOholiyaba indodana kaAhisamaki owesizwe sakoDani.

35 Ibagcwalisile ngokuhlakanipha kwenhliziyo, ukwenza wonke umsebenzi wombazi, lowengcitshi, lowomfeketisi ngenalithi, ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka langokuyibubende, ngokubomvu langelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lowomeluki; besenza wonke umsebenzi beceba ubungcitshi.

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Ukwakhiwa kwethabhanekele

1UBhezaleli loOholiyaba basebesenza, lawo wonke amadoda ahlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo okukuwo iNKOSIifake ukuhlakanipha lokuqedisisa ukwazi ukwenza wonke umsebenzi wenkonzo yendawo engcwele, njengakho konke iNKOSI eyayikulayile.

2 UMozisi wasebiza uBhezaleli loOholiyaba layo yonke indoda ehlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo iNKOSI efake inhlakanipho enhliziyweni yayo, wonke onhliziyo yakhe eyamvusela ukusondela emsebenzini ukuwenza;

3 basebesemukela kuMozisi wonke umnikelo, abantwana bakoIsrayeli ababewulethele umsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu engcwele ukuwenza ngawo. Bona-ke babesaletha kuye iminikelo yesihle ukusa ngokusa.

4 Bonke abahlakaniphileyo ababesenza wonke umsebenzi wendlu engcwele basebesiza, ngulowo lalowo evela emsebenzini wakhe, abawenzayo.

5 Basebekhuluma kuMozisi besithi: Abantu baletha okunengi kakhulu okwedlula okwanele ukusetshenzwakomsebenzi iNKOSI elaye ukuthi wenziwe.

6 UMozisi waselaya ukuthi bedlulise ilizwi enkambeni lisithi: Kakungabi lendoda kumbe umfazi owenza futhi umsebenzi ngomnikelo wendlu engcwele. Ngalokhu abantu banqatshelwa ukuthi balethe;

7 ngoba okokusetshenziswa kwakwanele kubo, ukuwenza umsebenzi wonke, kwaze kwasala.

8 Labo bonke abahlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo phakathi kwalabo ababesenza umsebenzi wethabhanekele benza amakhetheni alitshumi; ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, ngamakherubhi wawenza, umsebenzi wengcitshi.

9 Ubude bekhetheni elilodwa babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili, lobubanzi bekhetheni elilodwa babuzingalo ezine; wonke amakhetheni ayelesilinganiso sinye.

10 Wasehlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu elinye lelinye, wahlanganisa amanye amakhetheni amahlanu elinye lelinye.

11 Wenza izihitshela ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka emphethweni wekhetheni elinye, ekucineni ekuhlanganeni; wenze njalo emphethweni wekhetheni elisekucineni, ekuhlanganeni kwelesibili.

12 Wenza izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu kwelinye ikhetheni, wenza lezihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu emphethweni wekhetheni, elisekuhlanganeni kwelesibili; izihitshela zazikhangelene, esinye lesinye.

13 Wenza ingwegwe zegolide ezingamatshumi amahlanu, wahlanganisa amakhetheni, elinye lelinye ngengwegwe; ngalokhu kwaba lithabhanekele linye.

14 Wenza amakhetheni ngoboya bembuzi abe lithente phezu kwethabhanekele; wawenza amakhetheni alitshumi lanye.

15 Ubude bekhetheni elilodwa babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu, lobubanzi bekhetheni elilodwa babuzingalo ezine; amakhetheni alitshumi lanye ayeyisilinganiso sinye.

16 Wahlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu wodwa, lamakhetheni ayisithupha wodwa.

17 Wenza izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu emphethweni wekhetheni elisekucineni ekuhlanganeni, lezihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu wazenza emphethweni wekhetheni elihlanganisa elesibili.

18 Wenza ingwegwe zethusi ezingamatshumi amahlanu, ukuhlanganisa ithente, ukuze libe linye.

19 Wenza isifulelo sethente ngezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zenqama, lesifulelo ngezikhumba zikamantswane phezulu.

20 Wenza amapulanka ethabhanekele ngesihlahla sesinga, amiyo;

21 ubude bepulanka babuzingalo ezilitshumi, lobubanzi bepulanka ngalinye babuyingalo lengxenye.

22 Ipulanka elilodwa lalilemisuka emibili, ihlangana omunye komunye; wenze njalo kuwo wonke amapulanka ethabhanekele.

23 Wenza amapulanka ethabhanekele, amapulanka angamatshumi amabili ehlangothini lweningizimu ngaseningizimu;

24 wenza izisekelo ezingamatshumi amane zesiliva ngaphansi kwamapulanka angamatshumi amabili, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye zibe ngezemisuka yalo yomibili, lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwelinye ipulanka zibe ngezemisuka yalo yomibili;

25 wenza amapulanka angamatshumi amabili ehlangothini lwesibili lwethabhanekele, ehlangothini lwenyakatho,

26 lezisekelo zawo ezingamatshumi amane zesiliva, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye, lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwelinye ipulanka.

27 Wenza amapulanka ayisithupha ehlangothini lwethabhanekele ngentshonalanga,

28 lamapulanka amabili wawenzela izingonsi zethabhanekele ngasemuva;

29 ayengamaphahla ngaphansi ehlangene, ephelele phezulu, ngesongo linye; wenze njalo kuwo womabili, ezingonsini zombili.

30 Njalo kwakulamapulanka ayisificaminwembili lezisekelo zawo zesiliva, izisekelo ezilitshumi lesithupha, izisekelo ezimbili, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye.

31 Wenza imithando ngesihlahla sesinga, emihlanu eyamapulanka ehlangothini olunye lwethabhanekele

32 lemithando emihlanu eyamapulanka kolunye uhlangothi lwethabhanekele, lemithando emihlanu eyamapulanka ethabhanekele, ehlangothini olungemuva ngasentshonalanga.

33 Wenza umthando waphakathi udabule phakathi kwamapulanka, kusukela ekucineni kusiya ekucineni.

34 Wahuqa amapulanka ngegolide, wenza amasongo awo ngegolide, azindawo zemithando, wayihuqa imithando ngegolide.

35 Wenza iveyili ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka langokuyibubende langokubomvu langelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo, walenza laba ngumsebenzi wengcitshi lamakherubhi.

36 Walenzela insika ezine ngesinga, wazihuqa ngegolide; ingwegwe zazo zazingezegolide; wazibumbela ngokuncibilikisa izisekelo ezine zesiliva.

37 Wenza isilenge somnyango wethente ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo, umsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi;

38 lensika zalo ezinhlanu lengwegwe zazo; wazihuqa izihloko zazo lezibopho zazo ngegolide; lezisekelo zazo ezinhlanu zazingezethusi.

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Ukwenziwa komtshokotsho wesivumelwano

1UBhezaleli wasewenza umtshokotsho ngesihlahla sesinga, ubude bawo babuzingalo ezimbili lengxenye, lobubanzi bawo babuyingalo lengxenye, lokuphakama kwawo kwakuyingalo lengxenye.

2 Wawuhuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo ngaphakathi langaphandle, wawenzela umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke.

3 Wawubumbela ngokuncibilikisa futhi amasongo amane egolide enyaweni zawo zozine, kuze kuthi amasongo amabili ayekolunye uhlangothi lamasongo amabili kolunye uhlangothi.

4 Wenza imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, wayihuqa ngegolide.

5 Wayifaka imijabo emasongweni enhlangothini zomtshokotsho ukuthwala umtshokotsho.

6 Wenza isihlalo somusa ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ubude baso babuzingalo ezimbili lengxenye, lobubanzi baso babuyingalo lengxenye.

7 Wenza amakherubhi amabili ngegolide, wawenza ngomsebenzi okhandiweyo, avela emaphethelweni womabili esihlalo somusa,

8 elinye ikherubhi livela ephethelweni lwaloluhlangothi, lelinye ikherubhi livela ephethelweni lolunye uhlangothi; wawenza amakherubhi amabili evela esihlalweni somusa evela emaphethelweni womabili aso.

9 Amakherubhi elula impiko ezimbili ngaphezulu, embomboza isihlalo somusa ngempiko zawo, lobuso bawo babukhangelene; ubuso bamakherubhi babukhangele isihlalo somusa.

Ukwenziwa kwetafula

10 Njalo wenza itafula ngesihlahla sesinga, ubude balo babuzingalo ezimbili, lobubanzi balo babuyingalo, lokuphakama kwalo kwakuyingalo lengxenye.

11 Walihuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo, walenzela umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke.

12 Walenzela ibhanti elilingana lobubanzi besandla inhlangothi zonke, wenzela ibhanti lalo umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke.

13 Walibumbela ngokuncibilikisa amasongo amane egolide, wawafaka amasongo ezingonsini ezine ezazisenyaweni zozine zalo.

14 Eduze lebhanti kwakulamasongo, indawo zemijabo yokuthwala itafula.

15 Wenza lemijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, wayihuqa ngegolide, ukuthwala itafula

16 Wazenza izitsha ezaziphezu kwetafula, imiganu yalo lenkezo zalo lenditshi zalo lezitsha zokuthulula, ngegolide elicwengekileyo.

Ukwenziwa koluthi lwesibane

17 Wenza uluthi lwesibane ngegolide elicwengekileyo; ngomsebenzi okhandiweyo walwenza uluthi lwesibane, isisekelo salo, lesiqu salo, imbizana zalo, iziduku zalo, lamaluba alo, kwakuvela kulo.

18 Lengatsha eziyisithupha ziphuma enhlangothini zalo, ingatsha ezintathu zoluthi lwesibane kolunye uhlangothi lwalo lengatsha ezintathu zoluthi lwesibane kolunye uhlangothi lwalo.

19 Egatsheni olunye kwakulembizana ezintathu ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba e-alimondi, isiduku leluba; lembizana ezintathu ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba e-alimondi kolunye ugatsha, isiduku leluba; kwakunjalo ngengatsha eziyisithupha eziphuma eluthini lwesibane.

20 Njalo kwakukhona eluthini lwesibane imbizana ezine ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba e-alimondi, iziduku zalo lamaluba alo;

21 kwakukhona-ke isiduku ngaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili ezivela kulo, lesiduku ngaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili ezivela kulo, lesiduku ngaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili ezivela kulo, kuzo ingatsha eziyisithupha eziphuma kulo.

22 Iziduku zazo lezingatsha zazo zazivela kulo; konke okwalo kwakungumsebenzi munye okhandiweyo wegolide elicwengekileyo.

23 Wasesenza izibane zalo eziyisikhombisa, lezindlawu zalo, lemiganu yalo yomlotha, ngegolide elicwengekileyo.

24 Walenza ngethalenta legolide elicwengekileyo, lazo zonke izitsha zalo.

Ukwenziwa kwelathi lempepha

25 Njalo wenza ilathi lempepha ngesihlahla sesinga; ubude balo babuyingalo lobubanzi balo babuyingalo, lilingana inhlangothi zozine; lokuphakama kwalo kwakuzingalo ezimbili; impondo zalo zazivela kulo.

26 Walihuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ingaphezulu lemiduli yalo inhlangothi zonke lempondo zalo; walenzela-ke umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke.

27 Waselenzela amasongo amabili egolide, ngaphansi komqolo walo, ezingonsini ezimbili zalo, enhlangothini ezimbili zalo, ukuba yindawo yemijabo yokulithwala.

28 Wayenza imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, wayihuqa ngegolide.

29 Wenza amafutha angcwele okugcoba, lempepha ecwengekileyo yamakha alephunga elimnandi, njengokwenza komenzi wamakha.

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Ukwenziwa kwelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa

1Wenza-ke ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa ngesihlahla sesinga; ubude balo babuzingalo ezinhlanu, lobubanzi balo babuzingalo ezinhlanu, lilingana inhlangothi zozine, lokuphakama kwalo kwakuzingalo ezintathu.

2 Wenza impondo zalo engonsini zalo zozine; impondo zalo zazivela kulo; walihuqa ngethusi.

3 Wenza zonke izinto zelathi, izimbiza lamafotsholo lemiganu yokufafaza lamafologwe lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo; zonke izinto zalo wazenza ngethusi.

4 Walenzela ilathi isihlengo sethusi esenziwe njengembule, ngaphansi komphetho walo, sehla saze safinyelela phakathi kwalo.

5 Wabumba ngokuncibilikisa amasongo amane engonsini zozine zesihlengo sethusi, abe zindawo zemijabo.

6 Wayenza imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, wayihuqa ngethusi.

7 Wayifaka imijabo emasongweni enhlangothini zelathi ukuze lithwalwe ngayo; walenza lagubheka ngamapulanka.

8 Wenza inditshi yokugezela ngethusi, lonyawo lwayo ngethusi, ngezibuko zabesifazana ababuthanayo, ababuthana emnyango wethente lenhlangano.

Ukwenziwa kweguma lethabhanekele

9 Wenza leguma; ehlangothini oluseningizimu ngaseningizimu kwakukhona amakhetheni eguma ayengawelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo, izingalo ezilikhulu;

10 insika zawo ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo zawo ezingamatshumi amabili zazingezethusi, ingwegwe zensika lezibopho zazo zazingezesiliva.

11 Lehlangothini olungenyakatho ingalo ezilikhulu; insika zawo ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo zawo ezingamatshumi amabili zazingezethusi; ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho zazo zazingezesiliva.

12 Lehlangothini olusentshonalanga kwakukhona amakhetheni azingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lensika zawo ezilitshumi lezisekelo zawo ezilitshumi; ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho zazo zazingezesiliva.

13 Lehlangothini olusempumalanga ngasempumalanga ingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu.

14 Amakhetheni kwelinye icele ayezingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu, insika zawo ezintathu lezisekelo zawo ezintathu.

15 Lakwelinye icele, kwakukhona ngapha langapha komnyango weguma amakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu, insika zawo ezintathu lezisekelo zawo ezintathu.

16 Wonke amakhetheni eguma inhlangothi zonke ayengawelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo.

17 Lezisekelo zensika zazingezethusi, ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho zazo zingezesiliva; ukuhuqwa kwezihloko zazo kwakungesiliva, lazo zonke insika zeguma zazilesibopho sesiliva.

18 Lesilenge somnyango weguma sasingumsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi, ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo; ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama ebubanzini kwakuzingalo ezinhlanu, kuvumelane lamakhetheni eguma.

19 Insika zawo ezine lezisekelo zawo ezine zingezethusi, ingwegwe zawo zingezesiliva, lokuhuqwa kwezihloko zawo lezibopho zawo kungesiliva.

20 Lazo zonke izikhonkwane zethabhanekele lezeguma inhlangothi zonke zazingezethusi.

Impahla eyachithwayo ngomsebenzi wonke

21 Leli linani lezinto zethabhanekele, ithabhanekele lobufakazi, ezabalwayo njengokulaya kukaMozisi, umsebenzi wamaLevi, ngesandla sikaIthamari indodana kaAroni umpristi.

22 UBhezaleli indodana kaUri indodana kaHuri owesizwe sakoJuda wasekwenza konke njengalokho iNKOSIibimlayile uMozisi;

23 njalo kanye laye kwakuloOholiyaba indodana kaAhisamaki owesizwe sakoDani, umbazi wamatshe, lengcitshi, lomfeketishi ngenalithi ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu.

24 Lonke igolide elasetshenziswa emsebenzini, kuwo wonke umsebenzi wendlu engcwele, ngitsho igolide lomnikelo wokuzunguzwa, lalingamathalenta angamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye lamashekeli angamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele.

25 Lesiliva sababalwayo benhlangano sasingamathalenta alikhulu lamashekeli ayinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele;

26 kwaba libheka ngekhanda linye, ingxenye yeshekeli, njengokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, kuye wonke odlulela kwababaliweyo, kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu; abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu eziyisithupha lantathu lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu.

27 Njalo kwakulamathalenta alikhulu esiliva ukubumba ngokuncibilikisa izisekelo zendlu engcwele lezisekelo zeveyili, izisekelo ezilikhulu ngamathalenta alikhulu, ithalenta ngesisekelo.

28 Lokwamashekeli ayinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu wenza ingwegwe zensika, wahuqa inhloko zazo wazenzela izibopho.

29 Lethusi lomnikelo wokuzunguzwa lalingamathalenta angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lamashekeli azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amane.

30 Wenza ngalo izisekelo zomnyango wethente lenhlangano, lelathi lethusi, lesihlengo sethusi elalilaso, lezinto zonke zelathi,

31 lezisekelo zeguma inhlangothi zonke, lezisekelo zesango leguma, lazo zonke izikhonkwane zethabhanekele, lezikhonkwane zonke zeguma inhlangothi zonke.

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Ukwenziwa kwezembatho zabapristi

1Langokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu benza izembatho zomsebenzi zokusebenza endaweni engcwele; benza njalo izembatho ezingcwele ezazingezikaAroni, njengalokhu iNKOSI ibimlayile uMozisi.

2 Wasesenza i-efodi ngegolide, ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, lokubomvu, langelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo.

3 Basebekhanda izicantalala zegolide, bazisika zaba yizincingwana ukuzisebenzisa phakathi kokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka laphakathi kokuyibubende laphakathi kokubomvu laphakathi kwelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu; umsebenzi wengcitshi.

4 Basenzela izichibi zamahlombe ukusihlanganisa; sahlanganiswa emaceleni aso womabili.

5 Lebhanti le-efodi lakhe elelukwe ngobungcitshi elikulo, liyinto yinye, njengomsebenzi walo, ngegolide, ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka langokuyibubende lokubomvu langelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo, njengalokhu iNKOSI ibimlayile uMozisi.

6 Balungisa njalo amatshe e-onikse, bawabeka ukuze azingelezelwe ngezinto ezitshiliweyo zegolide, abazwa njengokubazwa kwendandatho elophawu, ngamabizo abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

7 Wasewabeka phezu kwezichibi ze-efodi, abe ngamatshe esikhumbuzo ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

8 Wenza isembatho sesifuba ngomsebenzi wengcitshi, njengomsebenzi we-efodi, ngegolide, ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo.

9 Sasilingana inhlangothi zozine, benza isembatho sesifuba saphindwa, ubude baso babungangokwelulwa kweminwe, lobubanzi baso babungangokwelulwa kweminwe, siphindiwe.

10 Basebefaka kuso imizila emine yamatshe; umzila wesardiyusi, itopazi le-emeraldi; umzila wokuqala;

11 lomzila wesibili, i-emeraldi, isafire lendayimana;

12 lomzila wesithathu, ijasinte, i-agate le-ametiste;

13 lomzila wesine, ibherule, i-onikse lejaspi; ayezingelezelwe ngezinto ezitshiliweyo zegolide lapho afakwe khona.

14 Lalawomatshe ayengokwamabizo amadodana kaIsrayeli, alitshumi lambili, njengamabizo awo, njengokubazwa kwendandatho elophawu, ilelo lalelo ngokwebizo lawo, ngokwezizwe ezilitshumi lambili.

15 Benza njalo esembathweni sesifuba amaketane, umsebenzi ophothiweyo, ngegolide elicwengekileyo.

16 Benza izinto ezimbili ezitshiliweyo ngegolide lamasongo amabili egolide, bafaka amasongo amabili emaceleni womabili esembatho sesifuba,

17 bafaka amaketane amabili egolide emasongweni amabili emaceleni esembatho sesifuba.

18 Izihloko ezimbili zamaketane womabili bazifaka ezintweni ezimbili ezitshiliweyo zegolide, bazifaka ezichibini ze-efodi ngaphambili kwaso kanye.

19 Benza lamasongo amabili egolide, bawafaka emaceleni womabili esembatho sesifuba, emphethweni waso, oseceleni kwe-efodi ngaphakathi.

20 Benza njalo amasongo amabili egolide, bawafaka ezichibini ezimbili ze-efodi, ngaphansi, ngaphambili kwaso, maqondana lekuhlanganeni kwaso, phezu kwebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi.

21 Basebebophela isembatho sesifuba ngamasongo aso emasongweni e-efodi ngentambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, ukuze sibe phezu kwebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi, ukuze isembatho sesifuba singakhumuki e-efodini; njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

22 Wasesenza ibhatshi le-efodi ngomsebenzi owelukiweyo, lonke ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka;

23 lesikhala sebhatshi sasiphakathi laphakathi kwaso, njengesikhala sebhatshi lensimbi; isikhala sasilomphetho osizingelezeleyo ukuze singadabuki.

24 Lemiphethweni yebhatshi benza amapomegranati ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, kuphothiwe.

25 Benza lamabhera egolide elicwengekileyo, bafaka amabhera phakathi laphakathi kwamapomegranati emiphethweni yebhatshi inhlangothi zonke, phakathi laphakathi kwamapomegranati,

26 ibhera lepomegranati, ibhera lepomegranati, emiphethweni yebhatshi kuzingeleze, ukusebenza, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

27 Basebebenzela oAroni lamadodana akhe izigqoko ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lomsebenzi owelukiweyo,

28 leqhiye yelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lezingowane ezinhle zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, labokabhudula bangaphansi belembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo,

29 lebhanti lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, umsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

30 Benza lencence yomqhele ongcwele ngegolide elicwengekileyo, babhala phezu kwayo umbhalo, ngokubazwa kwendandatho elophawu ukuthi: UBUNGCWELE ENKOSINI.

31 Babophela kuyo intambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka ukuze ibotshelwe eqhiyeni ngaphezulu; njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

Izinto zethabhanekele ziyalethwa

32 Waphela-ke umsebenzi wonke wethabhanekele lethente lenhlangano; njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli bakwenza njengakho konke iNKOSI eyakulaya kuMozisi; benza njalo.

33 Basebeletha ithabhanekele kuMozisi, ithente, lazo zonke impahla zalo, ingwegwe zalo, amapulanka alo, imithando yalo, lensika zalo, lezisekelo zalo,

34 lesifulelo sezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zezinqama, lesifulelo sezikhumba zikamantswane, leveyili lesembeso,

35 umtshokotsho wobufakazi lemijabo yawo lesihlalo somusa,

36 itafula, zonke izitsha zalo, lezinkwa zokubukiswa,

37 uluthi lwesibane olucwengekileyo, izibane zalo, izibane ezihleliweyo, lezitsha zalo zonke, lamafutha esibane,

38 lelathi legolide, lamafutha okugcoba, lempepha elephunga elimnandi, lesilenge somnyango wethente,

39 ilathi lethusi, lesihlengo sethusi elalilaso, imijabo yalo, lazo zonke izitsha zalo, inditshi yokugezela lonyawo lwayo,

40 amakhetheni eguma, insika zalo, lezisekelo zalo, lesilenge sesango leguma, intambo zalo, lezikhonkwane zalo, lempahla yonke yomsebenzi wethabhanekele, wethente lenhlangano,

41 izembatho zomsebenzi zokusebenza endaweni engcwele, izembatho ezingcwele zikaAroni umpristi, lezembatho zamadodana akhe ukuze basebenze njengabapristi.

42 Njengakho konke iNKOSI eyakulaya uMozisi, ngokunjalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli benza umsebenzi wonke.

43 UMozisi wasebona umsebenzi wonke, khangela-ke babewenze njengokulaya kweNKOSI, babenze njalo; uMozisi wasebabusisa.

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Ukumiswa kwethabhanekele lokungcweliswa kwalo

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Ngosuku lwenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, uzamisa ithabhanekele, ithente lenhlangano,

3 ubusufaka lapho umtshokotsho wobufakazi, umbomboze umtshokotsho ngeveyili.

4 Ungenise itafula, uhlele okuhlelwayo phezu kwalo; ungenise uluthi lwesibane, ulumathise izibane zalo.

5 Ubeke ilathi legolide lempepha phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi, ulengise isilenge somnyango wethabhanekele.

6 Ubeke ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa phambi komnyango wethabhanekele wethente lenhlangano,

7 ubeke inditshi yokugezela phakathi kwethente lenhlangano lelathi, uthele amanzi lapho.

8 Umise iguma inhlangothi zonke, ulengise isilenge sesango leguma.

9 Uthathe amafutha okugcoba, ugcobe ithabhanekele lakho konke okukulo, ulingcwelise lempahla yalo yonke, njalo lizakuba ngcwele.

10 Njalo ugcobe ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitsha zalo zonke, ulingcwelise ilathi, njalo ilathi lizakuba yingcwelengcwele.

11 Njalo ugcobe inditshi yokugezela lonyawo lwayo, uyingcwelise.

12 Usondeze uAroni lamadodana akhe emnyango wethente lenhlangano, ubagezise ngamanzi.

13 Ugqokise uAroni izembatho ezingcwele, umgcobe, umngcwelise, ukuze angisebenzele njengompristi.

14 Usondeze amadodana akhe, uwagqokise izigqoko,

15 uwagcobe njengalokhu ugcobe uyise, ukuze angisebenzele njengabapristi; kuzakuthi-ke ukugcotshwa kwabo kuzakuba kubo yibupristi obuphakade kuzizukulwana zabo.

16 UMozisi wenza njengakho konke iNKOSI eyayimlaye khona; wenza njalo.

17 Kwasekusithi ngenyanga yokuqala ngomnyaka wesibili ngolokuqala lwenyanga ithabhanekele lamiswa.

18 UMozisi wasemisa ithabhanekele; wabeka phansi izisekelo zalo, wamisa amapulanka alo, wafaka imithando yalo, wamisa insika zalo.

19 Wendlala ithente phezu kwethabhanekele, wabeka isifulelo sethente phezu kwalo phezulu, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

20 Wathatha wafaka ubufakazi emtshokotshweni, wafaka imijabo emtshokotshweni, wafaka isihlalo somusa ngaphezu komtshokotsho phezulu.

21 Wangenisa umtshokotsho ethabhanekeleni, wamisa iveyili lesembeso wambomboza umtshokotsho wobufakazi, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

22 Wasefaka itafula ethenteni lenhlangano, eceleni kwethabhanekele ngenyakatho ngaphandle kweveyili,

23 wahlela isinkwa ngohlelo phezu kwalo phambi kweNKOSI, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

24 Wafaka uluthi lwesibane ethenteni lenhlangano, maqondana letafula, eceleni kwethabhanekele ngeningizimu.

25 Walumathisa izibane phambi kweNKOSI, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

26 Wafaka ilathi legolide ethenteni lenhlangano phambi kweveyili,

27 watshisa kulo impepha elephunga elimnandi, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

28 Walengisa isilenge somnyango wethabhanekele.

29 Wabeka ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa emnyango wethabhanekele lethente lenhlangano, wanikela kulo umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

30 Wabeka inditshi yokugezela phakathi kwethente lenhlangano lelathi, wathela lapho amanzi okugeza.

31 UMozisi loAroni lamadodana akhe bagezela kuyo izandla zabo lenyawo zabo;

32 ekungeneni kwabo ethenteni lenhlangano lekusondeleni kwabo elathini bageza, njengokulaya kweNKOSIkuMozisi.

33 Wasemisa iguma lazingelezela ithabhanekele lelathi, walengisa isilenge sesango leguma. UMozisi wasewuqeda umsebenzi.

Iyezi laliphezu kwethabhanekele

34 Iyezi laselisibekela ithente lenhlangano, lenkazimulo yeNKOSI yagcwalisa ithabhanekele.

35 Ngakho uMozisi wayengelakungena ethenteni lenhlangano, ngoba iyezi lahlala phezu kwalo lenkazimulo yeNKOSI yagcwalisa ithabhanekele.

36 Lalapho iyezi lisenyuswa lisuka ethabhanekeleni, abantwana bakoIsrayeli baqhubekela phambili enhambeni zabo zonke,

37 kodwa lapho iyezi lingenyuswanga kabahambanga kuze kufike usuku lokwenyuswa kwalo.

38 Ngoba iyezi leNKOSI laliphezu kwethabhanekele emini, lomlilo wawuphezu kwalo ebusuku, phambi kwamehlo endlu yonke yakoIsrayeli, enhambeni zabo zonke.

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UGWALO LWESITHATHU LUKAMOZISI OLUTHIWA
Iminikelo yokutshiswa

1 INKOSI yasimbiza uMozisi yakhuluma kuye isethenteni lenhlangano yathi:

2 Khuluma kubantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Nxa umuntu wakini esondeza umnikelo eNKOSIni, lizasondeza umnikelo wenu ovela ezifuyweni, ovela enkomeni, loba ovela ezimvini.

3 Uba umnikelo wakhe ungumnikelo wokutshiswa ovela enkomeni, uzanikela iduna elingelasici, alinikele emnyango wethente lenhlangano, ngokuthanda kwakhe, phambi kweNKOSI.

4 Uzabeka isandla sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo wokutshiswa, njalo wemukelelwe yena, ukumenzela inhlawulo yokuthula.

5 Uzalihlaba ijongosi phambi kweNKOSI; lamadodana kaAroni, abapristi, azanikela igazi, afafaze igazi elathini inhlangothi zonke, elisemnyango wethente lenhlangano.

6 Uzahlinza umnikelo wokutshiswa, awusike ngeziqa zawo.

7 Njalo amadodana kaAroni umpristi azafaka umlilo elathini, ahlele inkuni phezu komlilo.

8 Amadodana kaAroni, abapristi, azahlela-ke izitho, inhloko lamahwahwa, phezu kwenkuni ezisemlilweni ophezu kwelathi.

9 Kodwa imibilini yalo lemilenze yalo uzakugezisa ngamanzi; njalo umpristi uzakutshisa konke elathini, kubengumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo oloqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni.

10 Njalo uba umnikelo wakhe uvela emhlanjini, owezimvu loba owembuzi, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, uzasondeza iduna elingelasici;

11 uzalihlabela eceleni kwelathi ngenyakatho, phambi kweNKOSI; njalo amadodana kaAroni, abapristi, azafafaza igazi lalo elathini inhlangothi zonke.

12 Uzalisika ngeziqa zalo, lenhloko yalo lamahwahwa alo; lompristi uzakuhlela phezu kwenkuni ezisemlilweni ophezu kwelathi.

13 Kodwa uzagezisa imibilini lemilenze ngamanzi; lompristi uzakunikela konke, akutshise elathini; kungumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo oloqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni.

14 Uba-ke umnikelo wakhe eNKOSIni ungumnikelo wokutshiswa owezinyoni, uzanikela umnikelo wakhe uvela emajubeni loba amaphuphu enkwilimba.

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15 Umpristi alisondeze elathini, atshuphune inhloko yalo, alitshise elathini, legazi lalo likhanyelwe eceleni kwelathi,

16 asuse isidlelo salo lensiba zalo, akulahle eceleni kwelathi ngempumalanga, endaweni yomlotha,

17 aliqhaqhe ngempiko zalo, angalehlukanisi; umpristi alitshise-ke elathini, phezu kwenkuni ezisemlilweni; kungumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo oloqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni.

ULEVI 2

Iminikelo yokudla

1Lalapho umuntu enikela eNKOSIni umnikelo wokudla, umnikelo wakhe uzakuba ngowempuphu ecolekileyo; abesethela amafutha phezu kwawo, abeke inhlaka kuwo,

2 awulethe kumadodana kaAroni, abapristi, acuphe kuwo isandla sakhe esigcweleyo impuphu yawo ecolekileyo lokwamafutha awo, kanye lenhlaka yawo yonke; lompristi atshise isikhumbuzo sawo elathini, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, oloqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni.

3 Lokuseleyo komnikelo wokudla kuzakuba ngokukaAroni lokwamadodana akhe; kuyingcwelengcweleeminikelweni yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo.

4 Nxa uletha-ke umnikelo womnikelo wokudla ophekwe eziko, kawube ngowamaqebelengwana angelamvubelo empuphu ecolekileyo ahlanganiswe lamafutha, loba izinkwana eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo ezinindwe ngamafutha.

5 Uba-ke umnikelo wakho ungumnikelo wokudla ophekwe ngomganu oyincence, uzakuba ngowempuphu ecolekileyo engelamvubelo, ixubene lamafutha.

6 Uwuhlephune ube yizihlephu, uthele amafutha kuzo; kungumnikelo wokudla.

7 Uba-ke umnikelo wakho ungumnikelo wokudla ophekwe ngembiza, kuzakwenziwa ngempuphu ecolekileyo kanye lamafutha.

8 Njalo uzaletha umnikelo wokudla owenziwe ngalezizinto eNKOSIni; nxa ulethwa kumpristi, uzawuletha elathini.

9 Umpristi uzathatha emnikelweni wokudla isikhumbuzo sawo, asitshise elathini; singumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, oloqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni.

10 Lokuseleyo komnikelo wokudla kuzakuba ngokukaAroni lokwamadodana akhe; kuyingcwelengcwele eminikelweni yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo.

11 Kakulamnikelo wokudla elizawuletha eNKOSIni ozakwenziwa ngemvubelo, ngoba kawuyikutshisa langayiphi imvubelo loba ngaluphi uluju umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

12 Umnikelo wezithelo zokuqala lizawunikela eNKOSIni, kodwa kawuyikutshiswa elathini kube luqhatshi olumnandi.

13 Lawo wonke umnikelo womnikelo wakho wokudla uzawutshwaya ngetshwayi; njalo ungavumeli ukuthi itshwayi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wakho lisweleke emnikelweni wakho wokudla; kanye leminikelo yakho yonke uzanikela itshwayi.

14 Uba-ke unikela umnikelo wokudla wezithelo zokuqala eNKOSIni, uzanikela kube ngumnikelo wokudla ezithelweni zakho zokuqala amabele amatsha ayizikhwebu ezosiweyo, amabele achotshoziweyo ezikhwebu ezintsha;

15 uthele amafutha kuwo, ubeke inhlaka phezu kwawo; kungumnikelo wokudla.

16 Umpristi uzatshisa-ke isikhumbuzo sawo, okwamabele achotshoziweyo awo lokwamafutha awo, layo yonke inhlaka yawo; kungumnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

ULEVI 3

Iminikelo yokuthula

1Uba-ke umnikelo wakhe ungumhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, nxa enikela okwenkomo, ingabe iduna kumbe insikazi, uzawunikela ungelasici phambi kweNKOSI.

2 Uzabeka isandla sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo wakhe, awuhlabe emnyango wethente lenhlangano; amadodana kaAroni angabapristi azafafaza-ke igazi phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke.

3 Uzanikela okuvela kuwo umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo, idanga, lamahwahwa wonke asemibilini,

4 lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso.

5 Njalo amadodana kaAroni azawatshisa elathini phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa ophezu kwenkuni eziphezu komlilo; kungumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo oloqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni.

6 Uba-ke umnikelo wakhe ongumhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula eNKOSIni ungowomhlambi, iduna kumbe insikazi, uzawunikela ungelasici.

7 Uba enikela iwundlu, libe ngumnikelo wakhe, uzalinikela phambi kweNKOSI,

8 abeke isandla sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo wakhe, awuhlabe phambi kwethente lenhlangano; amadodana kaAroni azafafaza-ke igazi lawo phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke.

9 Uzanikela okuvela kuwo umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo, amahwahwa awo, umsila wonke ononileyo ewuquma eduze lomgogodla, ledanga, lamahwahwa wonke asemibilini,

10 lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso.

11 Umpristi uzakutshisa-ke elathini, kuyikudla komnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

12 Uba-ke umnikelo wakhe uyimbuzi, uzawunikela phambi kweNKOSI,

13 abeke isandla sakhe enhlokweni yayo, ayihlabe phambi kwethente lenhlangano; amadodana kaAroni azafafaza-ke igazi layo phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke.

14 Uzanikela okuvela kiyo umnikelo wakhe, umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo, idanga, lamahwahwa wonke asemibilini,

15 lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso.

16 Njalo umpristi uzakutshisa elathini, kuyikudla komnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, kube luqhatshi olumnandi. Wonke amahwahwa ngaweNKOSI.

17 Yisimiso saphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu, emizini yenu yonke, sokuthi lingadli ngitsho amahwahwa lagazi.

ULEVI 4

Iminikelo yesono

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Khuluma ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Uba umphefumulo usona ngokungazi umelana loba yiyiphi imilayo yeNKOSI, engafanele ukwenziwa, wenze okumelene lomunye wayo,

3 uba umpristi ogcotshiweyo esona, kube licala ebantwini, uzanikela ngesono sakhe asonileyo ijongosi ithole lenkomo elingelasici, eNKOSIni, libe ngumnikelo wesono.

4 Uzaletha ijongosi emnyango wethente lenhlangano phambi kweNKOSI, abeke isandla sakhe enhlokweni yejongosi, alihlabe ijongosi phambi kweNKOSI.

5 Njalo umpristi ogcotshiweyo uzathatha okwegazi lejongosi, alilethe ethenteni lenhlangano.

6 Umpristi uzagxamuza-ke umunwe wakhe egazini, afafaze okwegazi kasikhombisa phambi kweNKOSI, phambi kweveyili lendlu engcwele.

7 Njalo umpristi uzafaka okwegazi empondweni zelathi lempepha elephunga elimnandi phambi kweNKOSI, elisethenteni lenhlangano, athululele lonke igazi lejongosi kungaphansi yelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, elisemnyango wethente lenhlangano.

8 Lawo wonke amahwahwa ejongosi lomnikelo wesono uzawasusa kulo, idanga, lawo wonke amahwahwa asemibilini,

9 lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso,

10 njengalokhu kususwa kiyo inkabi yomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula. Umpristi uzakutshisa elathini lomnikelo wokutshiswa.

11 Kodwa isikhumba sejongosi, lenyama yalo yonke, lenhloko yalo, lemilenze yalo, lemibilini yalo, lomswane walo,

12 yebo, ijongosi lonke uzalikhuphela ngaphandle kwenkamba, alise endaweni ehlambulukileyo, lapho okuthululelwa khona umlotha, alitshise phezu kwenkuni ngomlilo. Lizatshiselwa lapho okuthululelwa khona umlotha.

13 Uba-ke inhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli isona ngokungazi, lendaba ifihlwe emehlweni ebandla, benze ulutho olumelene loba yiwuphi wemilayo yeNKOSI, okungafanele ukwenziwa, njalo babe lecala,

14 lapho isono abasone bemelene lawo sesisaziwa, ibandla lizanikela ijongosi ithole lenkomo, libe ngumnikelo wesono, lililethe phambi kwethente lenhlangano.

15 Njalo abadala benhlangano bazabeka izandla zabo enhlokweni yejongosi phambi kweNKOSI, lejongosi lizahlatshwa phambi kweNKOSI.

16 Umpristi ogcotshiweyo uzaletha-ke okwegazi lejongosi ethenteni lenhlangano,

17 lompristi uzagxamuza umunwe wakhe egazini, afafaze kasikhombisa phambi kweNKOSI, phambi kweveyili,

18 afake okwegazi empondweni zelathi eliphambi kweNKOSI, elisethenteni lenhlangano, athululele lonke igazi kungaphansi yelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, elisemnyango wethente lenhlangano.

19 Uzathatha-ke kilo wonke amahwahwa alo, awatshise elathini.

20 Enze kulo ijongosi, njengakwenze kulo ijongosi lomnikelo wesono, enze njalo kulo. Umpristi abenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, njalo bazathethelelwa.

21 Njalo uzalikhuphela ijongosi ngaphandle kwenkamba, alitshise njengalokho walitshisa ijongosi lokuqala; kungumnikelo wesono webandla.

22 Nxa induna isona, yenza ngokungazi okumelene loba yiwuphi wemilayo yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wayo, okungafanele ukwenziwa, njalo ibe lecala,

23 kumbe isono sayo esone imelene lawo sisaziswa kuyo, izaletha umnikelo wayo,
izinyane lembuzi, iduna elingelasici,

24 ibeke isandla sayo enhlokweni yembuzi, iyihlabe endaweni lapho
okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa phambi kweNKOSI; kungumnikelo
wesono.

25 Umpristi abesethatha okwegazi lomnikelo wesono ngomunwe wakhe, alifake
empondweni zelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, athululele igazi lawo kungaphansi
yelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa.

26 Lawo wonke amahwahwa awo uzawatshisa elathini njengamahwahwa
omhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula. Ngalokho umpristi uzayenzela inhlawulo
yokuthula ngesono sayo, njalo ithethelelwe.

27 Uba-ke loba ngubani wabantu belizwe esona ngokungazi, ngoba esenza
okumelene loba yiwuphi wemilayo yeNKOSI, okungafanele ukwenziwa, aze abe
lecala,

28 kumbe isono sakhe asonileyo sisaziswa kuye, uzaletha umnikelo wakhe,
izinyane lembuzi, isibhuzikazi esingelasici, ngesono sakhe asonileyo.

29 Uzabeka-ke isandla sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo wesono, awuhlabe umnikelo
wesono endaweni yomnikelo wokutshiswa.

30 Njalo umpristi uzathatha okwegazi lawo ngomunwe wakhe, alifake
empondweni zelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, athululele lonke igazi lawo
kungaphansi yelathi.

31 Lawo wonke amahwahwa awo uzawasusa, njengalokhu amahwahwa esuswa
kuwo umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, lompristi awatshise elathini abe
liphunga elimnandi eNKOSIni. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo
yokuthula, abesethethelelwa.

32 Kodwa uba eletha iwundlu lomnikelo wakhe libe ngumnikelo wesono, uzaletha
elisikazi elingelasici,

33 abeke isandla sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo wesono, awuhlabe ube
ngumnikelo wesono, endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo
wokutshiswa.

34 Njalo umpristi uzathatha okwegazi lomnikelo wesono ngomunwe wakhe,
alifake empondweni zelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, athululele lonke igazi lawo
kungaphansi yelathi.

35 Lawo wonke amahwahwa awo uzawasusa njengalokhu amahwahwa ewundlu
esuswa kuwo umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, lompristi awatshise elathini
phezu kweminikelo yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela
inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sakhe asonileyo, njalo uzathethelelwa.

ULEVI 5

1Umphefumulo, uba usona-ke usuzwe ilizwi lesifungo, njalo ube ngumfakazi, kumbe ukubonile loba ukwazi, uba ungakukhulumi, uzathwala ububi bawo.

2 Loba uba umphefumulo uthinta loba yiyiphi into engcolileyo, loba iyisidumbu senyamazana engcolileyo, loba isidumbu sesifuyo esingcolileyo, kumbe isidumbu salokho okuhuquzelayo okungcolileyo, lanxa kufihliwe kuye, kube kanti ungcolile ulecala.

3 Loba uba uthinta ukungcola komuntu, loba kuyini ukungcola kwakhe angcola ngakho, njalo kufihliwe kuwo, lapho usukwazi uzakuba lecala.

4 Loba uba umphefumulo ufunga, ukhuluma ngamawala ngendebe zawo ukwenza okubi loba ukwenza okuhle, loba kuyini umuntu angakhuluma ngakho ngamawala ngesifungo, njalo kufihliwe kuwo, lapho usukwazi uzakuba lecala kokunye kwalokho.

5 Kuzakuthi-ke nxa ulecala kwenye yalezizinto, uvume ngalokho okonileyo,

6 ulethe umnikelo wawo wecala eNKOSIni ngesono sawo osonileyo, ensikazi emhlanjini, iwundlu loba izinyane lembuzi, kube ngumnikelo wesono, umpristi abesewenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sawo.

7 Kodwa uba isandla sawo singafinyeleli okwanela imvu, ungaletha eNKOSIni ngecala lawo olonileyo amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili, elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono lelinye libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

8 ubusuwaletha kumpristi ozanikela elingelomnikelo wesono kuqala, atshuphule inhloko yalo entanyeni yalo, kodwa angakwehlukanisi,

9 afafaze okwegazi lomnikelo wesono ehlangothini lwelathi, legazi eliseleyo likhanyelwe kungaphansi yelathi; kungumnikelo wesono.

10 Elesibili uzalenza libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa njengokwesimiso, lompristi amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sakhe asonileyo, njalo uzathethelelwa.

11 Kodwa uba isandla sawo singafinyeleli emajubeni amabili loba emaphuphini enkwilimba amabili, lowo owonileyo angaletha umnikelo wakhe okwetshumi kwe-efa yempuphu ecolekileyo ube ngumnikelo wesono; angabeki mafutha phezu kwayo, angabeki nhlaka phezu kwayo, ngoba ingumnikelo wesono.

12 Njalo uzayiletha kumpristi, umpristi acuphe-ke kuyo isandla sakhe esigcweleyo kube yisikhumbuzo sayo, akutshise elathini, phezu kweminikelo yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo; kungumnikelo wesono.

13 Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sakhe asonileyo lakuyiphi yalezizinto, njalo uzathethelelwa. Njalo kuzakuba ngokompristi, njengomnikelo wokudla.

Iminikelo yecala

14 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

15 Uba umphefumulo uphambeka ngesiphambeko wone ungazi umelana lezinto ezingcwele zeNKOSI, uzaletha umnikelo wawo wecala eNKOSIni, inqama engelasici emhlanjini, elesilinganiso sakho sentengo samashekeli esiliva ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, kube ngumnikelo wecala.

16 Lalokho okonileyo okumelene lento engcwele uzakubuyisela, wengezelele kukho ingxenye yesihlanu yakho, oyinike umpristi, lompristi awenzele inhlawulo yokuthula ngenqama yomnikelo wecala, njalo uzathethelelwa.

17 Uba-ke umphefumulo usona, wenze okumelene lomunye wayo yonke imilayo yeNKOSI, okungafanele ukwenziwa, lanxa ungakwazi, kube kanti ulecala, njalo uzathwala ububi bawo.

18 Uzaletha-ke kumpristi inqama engelasici evela emhlanjini, elesilinganiso sakho sentengo, kube ngumnikelo wecala, lompristi uzawenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngokuphambanisa kwawo ophambanisa ngakho ungakwazi, njalo uzathethelelwa.

19 Kungumnikelo wecala; ngeqiniso ulecala eNKOSIni.

ULEVI 6

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Uba umphefumulo usona, uphambeke isiphambeko eNKOSIni ukhohlise umakhelwane wawo mayelana lalokho okunikelwa kuwo ukuthi ukulondoloze, loba mayelana lesibambiso sesandla, loba ngokuphangiweyo, loba umcindezele umakhelwane wawo,

3 kumbe uthola lokho okwakulahlekile, uqambe amanga ngakho, ufunge amanga, loba kukuphi kwazo zonke lezo izinto umuntu azenzayo, one ngakho,

4 kuzakuthi-ke ngoba onile elecala, uzabuyisela impango ayiphangileyo, loba lokho owakuzuza ngokucindezela, loba lokho okwanikelwa kuye ukuthi akulondoloze, loba lokho okwakulahlekile akutholileyo,

5 kumbe kukho konke afunge amanga ngakho; uzakubuyisa ngesiqokoqela sakho, engezelele kukho ingxenye yesihlanu yakho, amnike lowo engeyakhe ngosuku lomnikelo wakhe wecala.

6 Njalo uzaletha umnikelo wakhe wecala eNKOSIni, inqama engelasici emhlanjini, elesilinganiso sakho sentengo, kube ngumnikelo wecala, ayise kumpristi,

7 njalo umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNKOSI, njalo uzathethelelwa, loba kukuphi kwakho konke akwenzileyo alecala ngakho.

Eminye imilayo ngeminikelo

8 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

9 Laya uAroni lamadodana akhe uthi: Lo ngumlayo womnikelo wokutshiswa. Kungumnikelo wokutshiswa ngenxa yokutshisa phezu kwelathi ubusuku bonke kuze kuse, lomlilo welathi uzabhebha kulo.

10 Umpristi-ke uzagqoka isembatho sakhe selembu elicolekileyo, lokabhudula wakhe wangaphansi welembu elicolekileyo uzamfaka emzimbeni wakhe, athathe umlotha umlilo usuqede umnikelo wokutshiswa elathini, awubeke eceleni kwelathi.

11 Abesekhulula izembatho zakhe, embathe ezinye izembatho, akhuphele umlotha ngaphandle kwenkamba endaweni ehlambulukileyo.

12 Lomlilo ophezu kwelathi uzabhebha kulo, ungacitshwa; njalo umpristi uzabasa inkuni phezu kwalo ukusa ngokusa, abeke kuhle umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwalo, atshise kulo amahwahwa eminikelo yokuthula.

13 Umlilo uzabhebha njalonjalo elathini, ungacitshi.

14 Lalo ngumlayo womnikelo wokudla. Amadodana kaAroni azawunikela phambi kweNKOSI, phambi kwelathi.

15 Njalo uzacupha okwayo isandla sakhe esigcweleyo, emputshini ecolekileyo yomnikelo wokudla, lemafutheni awo, lenhlaka yonke ephezu komnikelo wokudla, akutshise elathini, uqhatshi olumnandi, isikhumbuzo sawo, eNKOSIni.

16 Lokuseleyo kuwo uAroni lamadodana akhe bazakudla, kuzadliwa kungelamvubelo endaweni engcwele, lokhu bazakudla egumeni lethente lenhlangano.

17 Kakuyikubhakwa ngemvubelo. Kuyisabelo sabo engisinike kuminikelo yami eyenziwe ngomlilo; kuyingcwelengcwele, njengomnikelo wesono lanjengomnikelo wecala.

18 Bonke abesilisa ebantwaneni bakaAroni bazakudla. Kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu, esivela eminikelweni yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo; wonke okuthintayo uzakuba ngcwele.

19 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

20 Lo ngumnikelo kaAroni lamadodana akhe abazawunikela eNKOSIni ngosuku lokugcotshwa kwakhe; okwetshumi kwe-efa lempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wokudla njalonjalo, ingxenye yayo ekuseni lengxenye yayo kusihlwa.

21 Uzakwenzelwa emganwini oyincence ngamafutha. Uzawuletha uxutshanisiwe, unikele ngencezu ezibhakiweyo zomnikelo wokudla, zibe luqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni.

22 Lompristi wamadodana akhe, ogcotshiweyo esikhundleni sakhe, uzakwenza. Kuyisimiso saphakade eNKOSIni. Uzatshiswa ngokupheleleyo.

23 Wonke-ke umnikelo wokudla wompristi uzatshiswa ngokupheleleyo, ungadliwa.

24 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

25 Tshono kuAroni lakumadodana akhe uthi: Lo ngumlayo womnikelo wesono. Endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa umnikelo wesono uzahlatshwa khona phambi kweNKOSI; uyingcwelengcwele.

26 Umpristi owunikelela isono uzawudla; uzadlelwa endaweni engcwele, egumeni lethente lenhlangano.

27 Konke okuthinta inyama yawo kuzakuba ngcwele; lofafaza okwegazi lawo esigqokweni, lokhu afafaze kikho wena uzakugezisa endaweni engcwele.

28 Njalo imbiza yebumba okuphekelwe kuyo izaphahlazwa; kodwa uba kuphekelwe embizeni yethusi, kayiphalwe ihlanjululwe ngamanzi.

29 Wonke owesilisa kubapristi uzawudla. Kuyingcwelengcwele.

30 Kodwa loba yiwuphi umnikelo wesono okwegazi lawo lingeniswe ethenteni lenhlangano ukwenza inhlawulo yokuthula endaweni engcwele kawuyikudliwa; uzatshiswa ngomlilo.

ULEVI 7

1 Lalo ngumlayo womnikelo wecala. Uyingcwelengcwele.

2 Endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa bazahlabela khona umnikelo wecala, legazi lawo uzalifafaza elathini inhlangothi zonke.

3 Lawo wonke amahwahwa awo uzawanikela, umsila ononileyo, ledanga,

4 lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso;

5 lompristi uzakutshisa elathini kube ngumnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo; kungumnikelo wecala.

6 Wonke owesilisa kubapristi uzawudla; kawudlelwe endaweni engcwele, uyingcwelengcwele.

7 Njengomnikelo wesono unjalo umnikelo wecala; umlayo wayo munye. Umpristi owenza inhlawulo yokuthula ngawo, uzakuba ngowakhe.

8 Umpristi onikela-ke umnikelo wokutshiswa womuntu, isikhumba somnikelo wokutshiswa anikele ngawo sizakuba ngesalowompristi.

9 Lawo wonke umnikelo wokudla obhakwe eziko, lakho konke okulungiswa epaneni loba emganwini oyincence, kuzakuba ngokwalowompristi onikele ngakho.

10 Lawo wonke umnikelo wokudla ovutshwe ngamafutha kumbe owomileyo uzakuba ngowamadodana wonke kaAroni, enye njengenye.

11 Njalo lo ngumlayo womhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula awunikela eNKOSIni.

12 Uba ewunikela ube ngumnikelo wokubonga, uzanikela kanye lomhlatshelo womnikelo wokubonga amaqebelengwana angelamvubelo ahlanganiswe lamafutha, lezinkwana eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo ezinindwe ngamafutha, lamaqebelengwana empuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, ekhanzingiwe.

13 Ngaphandle kwamaqebelengwana uzanikela isinkwa esilemvubelo kube ngumnikelo wakhe, lomhlatshelo womnikelo wokubonga weminikelo yakhe yokuthula.

14 Njalo uzanikela okwawo okukodwa okuvela kuwo wonke umnikelo kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa eNKOSIni; lizakuba ngelalowompristi ofafaza igazi leminikelo yokuthula.

15 Kodwa inyama yomhlatshelo womnikelo wokubonga weminikelo yakhe yokuthula izadliwa ngosuku lokunikela kwakhe, angatshiyi okwayo kuze kube sekuseni.

16 Kodwa uba umhlatshelo womnikelo wakhe uyisithembiso loba umnikelo wesihle, uzadliwa ngosuku anikela ngalo umhlatshelo wakhe, lokuseleyo kuwo kudliwe lakusisa;

17 kodwa okuseleyo enyameni yomhlatshelo ngosuku lwesithathu kuzatshiswa ngomlilo.

18 Njalo uba okwenyama yomhlatshelo weminikelo yakhe yokuthula kudliwa lokudliwa ngosuku lwesithathu, okunikelayo kayikwemukeleka, kakuyikubalelwa kuye; kuzakuba yisinengiso, lomphefumulo odla okwayo uzathwala ububi bawo.

19 Lenyama ethinta into engcolileyo kayiyikudliwa, izatshiswa ngomlilo. Kodwa mayelana lenyama, wonke ohlambulukileyo angadla inyama,

20 kodwa umphefumulo odla inyama yomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, engeyeNKOSI, lokungcola kwawo kuphezu kwawo, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo.

21 Njalo uba umphefumulo uthinta loba yini engcolileyo, ukungcola komuntu, loba inyamazana engcolileyo, kumbe loba yini engcolileyo eyisinengiso, abesesidla okwenyama yomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula engeyeNKOSI, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo.

22 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

23 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Lingadli lakanye amahwahwa enkomo kumbe awemvu kumbe awembuzi.

24 Kodwa amahwahwa esidumbu senyamazana, lamahwahwa enyamazana edatshuliweyo angasetshenziswa loba kuwuphi umsebenzi, kodwa lingawadli lakanye.

25 Ngoba loba ngubani odla amahwahwa enyamazana abanikela ngayo umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo, lowomphefumulo odlayo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo.

26 Futhi lingadli lagazi lakuyiphi imizi yenu, elenyoni loba elenyamazana.

27 Wonke umphefumulo odlayo loba yiliphi igazi, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo.

28 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

29 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Lowo onikela umhlatshelo weminikelo yakhe yokuthula eNKOSIniuzaletha umnikelo wakhe eNKOSIni uvela kumhlatshelo weminikelo yakhe yokuthula.

30 Izandla zakhe zizaletha iminikelo yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo, amahwahwa lesifuba, uzakuletha lesifuba, ukusizunguza sibe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI.

31 Umpristi uzatshisa-ke amahwahwa elathini, kodwa isifuba sibe ngesikaAroni lesamadodana akhe.

32 Lizanika-ke umpristi umlenze wokunene, ube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa ovela emihlatshelweni yeminikelo yenu yokuthula.

33 Lowo phakathi kwamadodana kaAroni onikela igazi leminikelo yokuthula lamahwahwa uzazuza umlenze wokunene ube yisabelo sakhe.

34 Ngoba isifuba sokuzunguzwa lomlenze wokuphakanyiswa ngikuthethe ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, emihlatshelweni yeminikelo yabo yokuthula, ngakunika uAroni umpristi lamadodana akhe, kube yisimiso esilaphakade, okuvela ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli.

35 Lokho kuyisabelo sikaAroni lesabelo samadodana akhe esivela eminikelweni yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo, mhla ebasondeza ukusebenzela iNKOSI njengabapristi,

36 INKOSI eyalaya ngakho ukubanika, ngosuku eyabagcoba ngalo, okuvela ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli. Kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zabo.

37 Lo ngumlayo womnikelo wokutshiswa, womnikelo wokudla, lowomnikelo wesono, lowomnikelo wecala, lowokwehlukaniselwa, lowomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula,

38 INKOSI eyamlaya ngawo uMozisi entabeni yeSinayi, ngosuku alaya ngalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi balethe iminikelo yabo eNKOSIni enkangala yeSinayi.

ULEVI 8

Ukugcotshwa kukaAroni lamadodana akhe

1 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Thatha uAroni lamadodana akhe kanye laye, lezembatho, lamafutha okugcoba, lejongosi lomnikelo wesono, lenqama ezimbili, lesitsha sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo,

3 ubuthanise inhlangano yonke emnyango wethente lenhlangano.

4 UMozisi wasesenza njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuye, lenhlangano yabuthana emnyango wethente lenhlangano.

5 UMozisi wasesithi enhlanganweni: Yiyo le into iNKOSI elaye ukuthi yenziwe.

6 UMozisi wasesondeza uAroni lamadodana akhe, wabagezisa ngamanzi.

7 Wasemgqokisa isigqoko, wambopha ngebhanti, wamgqokisa ibhatshi, wamfaka i-efodi, wambopha ngebhanti le-efodi elelukwe ngobungcitshi, walibophela kuye ngalo.

8 Wamgqokisa isembatho sesifuba, wabeka esembathweni sesifuba iUrimi leThumimi.

9 Wamthwalisa iqhiye ekhanda lakhe; wabeka phezu kweqhiye, ngaphambi kobuso bayo, incence yegolide, umqhele wobungcwele, njengalokhu iNKOSI yayimlayile uMozisi.

10 UMozisi wasethatha amafutha okugcoba, waligcoba ithabhanekele lakho konke okuphakathi kwalo, wakungcwelisa.

11 Wafafaza ngawo phezu kwelathi kasikhombisa, wagcoba ilathi lezitsha zalo zonke, lenditshi yokugezela lonyawo lwayo, ukukungcwelisa.

12 Wathela okwamafutha okugcoba ekhanda likaAroni, wamgcoba, ukumngcwelisa.

13 UMozisi wasesondeza amadodana kaAroni, wawagqokisa izigqoko, wawabopha ngamabhanti, wawathwalisa izingowane, njengalokhu iNKOSI yayimlayile uMozisi.

14 Wasesondeza ijongosi lomnikelo wesono; uAroni lamadodana akhe basebebeka izandla zabo enhlokweni yejongosi lomnikelo wesono.

15 Waselihlaba, uMozisi wasethatha igazi, walifaka ngomunwe wakhe empondweni zelathi inhlangothi zonke, wahlambulula ilathi, wathululela igazi kungaphansi yelathi, walingcwelisa ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula.

16 Wathatha idanga lonke, lamahwahwa esibindi, lezinso zombili lamahwahwa azo, uMozisi wakutshisa elathini.

17 Kodwa ijongosi, lesikhumba salo, lenyama yalo, lomswane walo wakutshisa ngomlilo ngaphandle kwenkamba, njengalokhu iNKOSI yayimlayile uMozisi.

18 Wasesondeza inqama yomnikelo wokutshiswa; uAroni lamadodana akhe basebebeka izandla zabo phezu kwenhloko yenqama.

19 Waseyihlaba, uMozisi wafafaza igazi phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke.

20 Waseyisika inqama ngeziqa zayo, uMozisi watshisa inhloko lezitho lamahwahwa.

21 Wagezisa imibilini lemilenze ngamanzi, uMozisi watshisa inqama yonke elathini, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa oloqhatshi olumnandi, kungumnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo, njengalokho iNKOSI yayimlayile uMozisi.

22 Wasesondeza enye inqama, inqama yokwehlukaniswa; uAroni lamadodana akhe basebebeka izandla zabo phezu kwenhloko yenqama.

23 Waseyihlaba, uMozisi wathatha okwegazi layo, walifaka eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene kaAroni, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene.

24 Wasesondeza amadodana kaAroni, uMozisi wafaka okwegazi eqwangeni lwendlebe yawo yokunene, lesithupheni sesandla sawo sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwawo lokunene; uMozisi wasefafaza igazi phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke.

25 Wasethatha amahwahwa, lomsila ononileyo, ledanga lonke, lamahwahwa esibindi, lezinso zombili lamahwahwa azo, lomlenze wokunene,

26 wakhupha esitsheni sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo esasiphambi kweNKOSI iqebelengwana laba linye elingelamvubelo, leqebelengwana elilodwa lesinkwa esilamafutha, lesinkwana esisodwa esiyisipatalala, wakubeka phezu kwamahwahwa laphezu komlenze wokunene;

27 wakubeka konke ezandleni zikaAroni lezandleni zamadodana akhe, wakuzunguza kwaba ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI.

28 UMozisi wasekuthatha ezandleni zabo, wakutshisa elathini phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa, kwaba yikwehlukaniswa okoqhatshi olumnandi, kungumnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

29 UMozisi wasethatha isifuba, wasizunguza saba ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI; saba yisabelo sikaMozisi senqama yokwehlukaniswa, njengalokho iNKOSI yayimlayile uMozisi.

30 UMozisi wasethatha okwamafutha okugcoba lokwegazi okwakuphezu kwelathi, wakufafaza phezu kukaAroni, phezu kwezembatho zakhe, laphezu kwamadodana akhe, laphezu kwezembatho zamadodana akhe kanye laye.

Wamngcwelisa uAroni, izembatho zakhe, lamadodana akhe, lezembatho zamadodana akhe kanye laye.

31 UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni lemadodaneni akhe: Phekani inyama emnyango wethente lenhlangano, liyidle lapho lezinkwa ezisesitsheni sokwehlukaniswa, njengokulaya kwami ngisithi: UAroni lamadodana akhe bazakudla.

32 Lokuseleyo kwenyama lokwezinkwa lizakutshisa ngomlilo.

33 Njalo kaliyikuphuma ngomnyango wethente lenhlangano, insuku eziyisikhombisa, kuze kufike usuku okuzagcwaliswa ngalo insuku zokwehlukaniswa kwenu, ngoba uzalehlukanisa okwensuku eziyisikhombisa.

34 Njengoba enzile lamuhla iNKOSI ilayile ukukwenza, ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula.

35 Ngakho lizahlala emnyango wethente lenhlangano insuku eziyisikhombisa, imini lebusuku, ligcine imfanelo yeNKOSI ukuze lingafi; ngoba ngilaywe njalo.

36 UAroni lamadodana akhe basebesenza izinto zonke iNKOSI eyazilayayo ngesandla sikaMozisi.

ULEVI 9

UAroni unikela iminikelo

1 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesificaminwembili uMozisi wabiza oAroni lamadodana akhe labadala bakoIsrayeli.

2 Wathi kuAroni: Zithathele ithole, inkonyana yenkomo, libe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, okungelasici, ukusondeze eNKOSIni.

3 Lebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uzakhuluma uthi: Thathani izinyane lembuzi libe ngumnikelo wesono, lethole, lewundlu, abe lomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, abe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa,

4 lenkabi lenqama zibe yiminikelo yokuthula, zihlatshwe phambi kweNKOSI, lomnikelo wokudla oxubene lamafutha; ngoba lamuhla iNKOSI izabonakala kini.

5 Basebethatha lokho uMozisi akulayayo bakuletha phambi kwethente lenhlangano; lenhlangano yonke yasondela, yema phambi kweNKOSI.

6 UMozisi wasesithi: Le into iNKOSI elilaye ngayo lizayenza; lenkazimulo yeNKOSI izabonakala kini.

7 UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Sondela elathini, wenze umnikelo wakho wesono lomnikelo wakho wokutshiswa, uzenzele wena inhlawulo yokuthula lokwabantu; ubususenza umnikelo wabantu, ubenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, njengokulaya kweNKOSI.

8 UAroni wasesondela elathini, walihlaba ithole lomnikelo wesono owawungowakhe.

9 Amadodana kaAroni aseletha igazi kuye, wasegxamuza umunwe wakhe egazini,
walifaka phezu kwempondo zelathi, legazi walithululela kungaphansi yelathi;

10 kodwa amahwahwa, lezinso, lamahwahwa esibindi omnikelo wesono
wakutshisa elathini, njengalokho iNKOSIimlayile uMozisi.

11 Kodwa inyama lesikhumba wakutshisa ngomlilo ngaphandle kwenkamba.

12 Wasehlaba umnikelo wokutshiswa; lamadodana kaAroni amnika igazi,
waselifafaza phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke.

13 Amnika lomnikelo wokutshiswa ngezitho zawo lenhloko; wasekutshisa phezu
kwelathi.

14 Wagezisa imibilini lemilenze, wayitshisa phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa
elathini.

15 Wasesondeza umnikelo wabantu, wathatha impongo yomnikelo wesono
eyayingeyabantu, wayihlaba, wayinikela yaba ngumnikelo wesono,
njengowokuqala.

16 Wasondeza umnikelo wokutshiswa, wawulungisa njengokwesimiso.

17 Wasondeza umnikelo wokudla, wagcwalisa isandla sakhe ngokwawo,
wakutshisa phezu kwelathi, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wekuseni.

18 Wahlaba inkabi lenqama zibe ngumhlatshelo weminikelo
yokuthula owawungowabantu; lamadodana kaAroni amnika igazi, owalifafaza
phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke.

19 Lamahwahwa enkabi lawenqama, umsila ononileyo, ledanga elisibekelayo,
lezinso, lamahwahwa esibindi,

20 asebeka amahwahwa phezu kwezifuba; wasetshisa amahwahwa elathini;

21 kodwa izifuba lomlenze wokunene uAroni wakuzunguza kwaba ngumnikelo
wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI, njengokulaya kukaMozisi.

22 UAroni wasephakamisela isandla sakhe ebantwini, wababusisa. Wehla
ekunikeleni umnikelo wesono lomnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula.

23 UMozisi loAroni basebengena ethenteni lenhlangano; baphuma bababusisa
abantu, lenkazimulo yeNKOSIyabonakala kubo bonke abantu.

24 Kwasekuphuma umlilo uvela phambi kweNKOSI, watshisa phezu kwelathi
umnikelo wokutshiswa lamahwahwa. Bonke abantu bathi bekubona lokhu
bamemeza, bawa ngobuso babo.

ULEVI 10

Isono sikaNadabi loAbihu

1Amadodana kaAroni, oNadabi loAbihu, asethatha ngulowo lalowo umganu wakhe wokutshisela impepha, afaka umlilo kiyo, abeka phezu kwawo impepha, anikela umlilo ongejwayelekanga phambi kweNKOSI, eyayingawalayanga wona.

2 Kwasekuphuma umlilo ovela phambi kweNKOSI, wawaqothula, asefela phambi kweNKOSI.

3 UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Yilokhu iNKOSI eyakukhulumayo isithi: Kulabo abasondela kimi ngizangcweliswa, futhi phambi kwabantu bonke ngizadunyiswa. UAroni wasethula.

4 UMozisi wasebiza uMishayeli loElizafani, amadodana kaUziyeli uyise omncane kaAroni, wathi kibo: Sondelani, libasuse abafowenu phambi kwendlu engcwele, kuze kube ngaphandle kwenkamba.

5 Basondela-ke, babathwala bembethe izigqoko zabo kwaze kwaba ngaphandle kwenkamba, njengokutsho kukaMozisi.

6 UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni lakuEleyazare lakuIthamari, amadodana akhe: Lingembuli amakhanda enu, lingadabuli izembatho zenu, hlezi life, lolaka lwehlele phezu kwenhlangano yonke. Kodwa akuthi abafowenu, indlu yonke kaIsrayeli, balilele ukutshisa iNKOSI ekuphembileyo.

7 Lingaphumi ngomnyango wethente lenhlangano hlezi life, ngoba amafutha okugcoba eNKOSI aphezu kwenu. Benza-ke njengelizwi likaMozisi.

8 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuAroni isithi:

9 Unganathi iwayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, wena lamadodana akho kanye lawe, nxa lingena ethenteni lenhlangano, ukuze lingafi; kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu;

10 lokwehlukanisa phakathi kokungcwele lokungangcwele, laphakathi kokungahlambulukanga lokuhlambulukileyo;

11 lokufundisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli zonke izimiso iNKOSI ezikhulume kubo ngesandla sikaMozisi.

12 UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni lakuEleyazare lakuIthamari, amadodana akhe ayesele: Thathani umnikelo wokudlaoseleyo eminikelweni yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo, liwudle ungelamvubelo eceleni kwelathi, ngoba uyingcwelengcwele;

13 njalo liwudlele endaweni engcwele, ngoba uyimfanelo yakho lemfanelo yamadodana akho, esivela eminikelweni yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo; ngoba ngilaywe njalo.

14 Kodwa isifuba sokuzunguzwa lomlenze wokuphakanyiswa lizakudlela endaweni ehlambulukileyo, wena lamadodana akho, lamadodakazi akho kanye lawe; ngoba kuyisabelo sakho lesabelo samadodana akho; kunikwa kuvela emihlatshelweni yeminikelo yokuthula yabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

15 Umlenze wokuphakanyiswa lesifuba sokuzunguzwa bazakuletha leminikelo yamahwahwa eyenziwe ngomlilo, ukukuzunguza kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI; kuzakuba ngokwakho lokwamadodana akho kanye lawe, kube yisimiso saphakade, njengokulaya kweNKOSI.

16 UMozisi wadingisisa impongo yomnikelo wesono, khangela-ke yayitshisiwe. Ngakho wathukuthelela uEleyazare loIthamari, amadodana kaAroni aseleyo, esithi:

17 Kalidlanga ngani umnikelo wesono endaweni engcwele, ngoba uyingcwelengcwele, futhi ilinikile wona lina ukuze lithwale ububi benhlangano, libenzele inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNKOSI?

18 Khangelani, igazi lawo kalingeniswanga phakathi endaweni engcwele. Ngabe isibili liyidlile endaweni engcwele njengokulaya kwami.

19 UAroni wasesithi kuMozisi: Khangela, lamuhla sebenikele umnikelo wabo wesono lomnikelo wabo wokutshiswa phambi kweNKOSI, kanti izinto ezinje zingehlele! Uba bengidlile umnikelo wesono lamuhla, bekuzakuba kuhle emehlweni eNKOSI yini?

20 Esezwile lokho uMozisi kwaba kuhle emehlweni akhe.

ULEVI 11

Inyamazana ezihlambulukileyo lezingcolileyo

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi kibo:

2 Tshonini ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli lithi: Lezi zinyamazana elingazidla kuzo zonke inyamazana ezisemhlabeni.

3 Konke okwehlukanisa isondo lokwehlukanisa isondo kabili lokwetshisayo phakathi kwenyamazana, lokhu lizakudla.

4 Kodwa lezi kaliyikuzidla kulezo ezetshisayo kumbe kulezo ezehlukanisa isondo: Ikamela, ngoba liyetshisa, kodwa kalehlukanisi amasondo; lingcolile kini.

5 Lembila, ngoba iyetshisa, kodwa kayehlukanisi isondo; ingcolile kini.

6 Lomvundla, ngoba uyetshisa, kodwa kawehlukanisi isondo; ungcolile kini.

7 Lengulube, ngoba iyehlukanisa isondo lokwehlukanisa isondo kube kubili kodwa kayetshisi; ingcolile kini.

8 Lingadli okwenyama yazo, lingathinti isidumbu sazo; zingcolile kini.

9 Lezi lingazidla kuzo zonke ezisemanzini: Zonke ezilempiko lamaxolo, emanzini, enlwandle lemifuleni, lezo lingazidla.

10 Kodwa zonke ezingelampiko lamaxolo enlwandle lemifuleni, phakathi kwazo zonke ezibhinqika emanzini laphakathi kwaso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esisemanzini, ziyisinengiso kini.

11 Yebo, zizakuba yisinengiso kini; lingadli okwenyama yazo; kodwa lizanengwa yisidumbu sazo.

12 Konke okungelampiko lamaxolo emanzini, kuyisinengiso kini.

13 Lezi-ke lizanengwa yizo phakathi kwezinyoni; kaziyikudliwa, ziyisinengiso; ukhozi lelinqe lengqungqulu edla inhlanzi,

14 lomzwazwa, lohelwane ngohlobo lwalo,

15 lonke iwabayi ngohlobo lwalo,

16 lesikhova, lomandukulo, lenkanku, lokhozi ngohlobo lwalo,

17 lesikhova esincinyane, letshayamanzi, lesikhova esikhulu,

18 lesikhova esimhlophe, lewunkwe, lelinqe elikhulu,

19 lengabuzane, ihemu ngohlobo lwalo, lemvenduna, lolulwane.

20 Zonke izibungu ezilempiko ezihamba ngezine ziyisinengiso kini.

21 Kodwa lezi lizazidla ezibungwini ezilempiko ezihamba ngezine ezilemilenze ephezu kwenyawo zazo ezeqa ngayo emhlabeni;

22 lezi lingadla kuzo: Isikhonyane ngohlobo lwaso, lonyelele ngohlobo lwakhe, lediye ngohlobo lwalo, lentethe ngohlobo lwayo.

23 Kodwa zonke izibungu ezilempiko, ezilenyawo ezine, ziyisinengiso kini.

24 Langalezi lizangcoliswa; wonke othinta isidumbu sazo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

25 Njalo wonke ophakamisa okwesidumbu sazo uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

26 Yonke inyamazana eyehlukanisa isondo, kodwa ingehlukanisi isondo kabili, njalo ingetshisi, ingcolile kini; wonke oyithintayo uzangcola.

27 Konke-ke okuhamba ngezidladla zakho, phakathi kwazo zonke inyamazana ezihamba ngezine, zingcolile kini; wonke othinta isidumbu sazo uzangcola kuze kuhlwe.

28 Lothwala isidumbu sazo uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; zingcolile kini.

29 Futhi lezi zizakuba ngezingcolileyo kini, phakathi kwezihuquzelayo ezihuquzelayo emhlabeni; ubuchakide, legundwane, legwababa ngohlobo lwalo,

30 lontulo, lembulumakhasana, lombankwa, lesiqhuza, lonwabu.

31 Lezi zingcolile kini phakathi kwazo zonke ezihuquzelayo; wonke ozithintayo sezifile uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

32 Konke-ke ewela phezu kwakho enye yazo isifile kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, lokwasiphi isitsha sesihlahla, loba isembatho, loba isikhumba, loba isaka, lasiphi isitsha okusetshenzwa ngaso; kuzafakwa emanzini, njalo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; khona kuzahlambuluka.

33 Layo yonke imbiza yebumba ewela phakathi kwayo enye yazo, konke okukiyo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, njalo lizayibulala.

34 Ekudleni konke okudliwayo afike kukho amanzi kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo; lakuphi okunathwayo okunganathwa phakathi kwaloba yiyiphi imbiza enjalo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo.

35 Konke-ke okuwela kukho okwesidumbu sazo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo; iziko loba isitofu, kuzaphohlozwa, kungcolile, futhi kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo kini.

36 Kodwa umthombo loba umgodi aqoqene khona amanzi uzakuba ngohlambulukileyo; kodwa okuthinta izidumbu zazo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo.

37 Njalo uba okwesidumbu sazo kuwela phezu kwenhlanyelo ehlanyelwayo ezahlanyelwa, ihlambulukile;

38 kodwa uba okwamanzi kufakwa enhlanyelweni, lokwesidumbu sazo kuwela phezu kwayo, ingcolile kini.

39 Uba kusifa-ke enyamazaneni eyikudla kini, othinta isidumbu sayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

40 Lodla okwesidumbu sayo uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; lothwala isidumbu sayo uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

41 Lazo zonke ezihuquzelayo ezihuquzela emhlabeni ziyisinengiso; kaziyikudliwa.

42 Konke okuhamba ngesisu, lakho konke okuhamba ngezine, kuze kube yikho konke okulenyawo ezinengi, phakathi kwazo zonke ezihuquzelayo ezihuquzela emhlabeni kaliyikukudla, ngoba kuyisinengiso.

43 Lingazenzi linengeke langakuphi okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzela, lingazingcolisi ngakho ukuthi lingcoliswe yikho.

44 Ngoba ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu. Ngakho zingcweliseni, libe ngcwele, ngoba ngingcwele. Lingazingcolisi langakuphi okuhuquzelayo okuhuquzela emhlabeni.

45 Ngoba ngiyiNKOSI eyalenyusa lisuka elizweni leGibhithe ukuthi ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. Ngakho banini ngcwele, ngoba ngingcwele.

46 Lo ngumlayo wezinyamazana lezinyoni, laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esibhinqika emanzini lakuso sonke isidalwa esihuquzela emhlabeni,

47 ukwehlukanisa phakathi kokungcolileyo lokuhlambulukileyo, laphakathi kokuphilayo okungadliwa lokuphilayo okungadliwayo.

ULEVI 12

Ukuhlanjululwa kwabesifazana emva kokubeletha

1 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Uba owesifazana ekhululeka, abelethe owesilisa, uzakuba ngongcolileyo insuku eziyisikhombisa, njengensuku zokwehlukaniswa kwakhe esemfuleni uzakuba ngongcolileyo.

3 Langosuku lwesificaminwembili inyama yejwabu lakhe izasokwa.

4 Khona ezahlala okwensuku ezingamatshumi amathathu lantathu egazini lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, angathinti lutho olungcwele, angangeni endlini engcwele, zize ziphelele insuku zokuhlanjululwa kwakhe.

5 Kodwa angabeletha owesifazana, uzakuba ngongcolileyo amaviki amabili, njengokwehlukaniswa kwakhe; uzahlala insuku ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha egazini lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe.

6 Lapho sezigcwalisekile insuku zokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, ngendodana loba ngendodakazi, uzaletha iwundlu elilomnyaka owodwa, libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, lephuphu lenkwilimba kumbe ijuba kube ngumnikelo wesono, emnyango wethente lenhlangano, kumpristi,

7 ozakunikela eNKOSIni, amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula; khona ezahlambuluka ekopheni kwegazi lakhe. Lo ngumlayo walowo obeletha owesilisa loba owesifazana.

8 Kodwa uba isandla sakhe singatholi okwanela imvu, uzathatha amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba, okunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa lokunye kube ngumnikelo wesono, lompristi amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, aze ahlambuluke.

Imilayo emayelana lobulephero

1 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi:

2 Umuntu, nxa kukhona esikhumbeni senyama yakhe ithumba loba uqweqwe loba ibala elikhanyayo, njalo esikhumbeni senyama yakhe kube njengesifo sobulephero, khona ezalethwa kuAroni umpristi kumbe kwenye yamadodana akhe angabapristi.

3 Umpristi uzakhangela-ke isifo esikhumbeni senyama; uba uboya esifweni sebuphenduke baba mhlophe, lokubonakala kwesifo sekutshone kulesikhumba

senyama yakhe, kuyisifo sobulephero. Umpristi esemkhangele uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile.

4 Kodwa uba ibala elikhanyayo esikhumbeni senyama yakhe limhlophe, lokubonakala kwalo kungatshoni kulesikhumba, loboya balo bungaphendukanga baba mhlophe, umpristi uzamvalela olesifo insuku eziyisikhombisa.

5 Umpristi uzamkhangela-ke ngosuku lwesikhombisa; uba, khangela, isifo sisemi emehlweni akhe, isifo singaqhelanga esikhumbeni, umpristi uzamvalela ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa.

6 Umpristi uzabuya-ke amkhangele ngosuku lwesikhombisa; uba, khangela, isifo sifiphele, lesifo singaqhelanga esikhumbeni, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi uhlambulukile; luqweqwe. Njalo uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, ahlambuluke.

7 Kodwa uba uqweqwe luqhela kakhulu esikhumbeni emva kokubonakaliswa kwakhe kumpristi ngokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, uzabonakaliswa kumpristi futhi.

8 Uba umpristi ebona ukuthi, khangela, uqweqwe luyaqhela esikhumbeni, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile; kuyibulephero.

9 Isifo sobulephero, uba sisemuntwini, uzalethwa kumpristi.

10 Njalo umpristi uzabona, khangela-ke, kukhona ithumba elimhlophe esikhumbeni, seliphendule uboya baba mhlophe, futhi kulenyama entsha ephilayo ethunjeni,

11 kuyibulephero obudala esikhumbeni senyama yakhe; umpristi uzakutsho-ke ukuthi ungcolile, angamvaleli ngoba engcolile.

12 Uba-ke ubulephero buqhela kakhulu esikhumbeni, lobulephero bugubuzela isikhumba sonke salowo olesifo, kusukela ekhanda lakhe kuze kufike lenyaweni zakhe, njengokubona konke kwamehlo ompristi,

13 umpristi uzabona, khangela-ke, ubulephero bugubuzele inyama yonke yakhe, uzakutsho ukuthi olesifo uhlambulukile; konke kuphendukile kwaba mhlophe; uhlambulukile.

14 Kodwa mhla kubonakala kuye inyama ebomvu, uzakuba ngongcolileyo.

15 Lapho umpristi esebone inyama ebomvu, uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile; inyama ebomvu ingcolile, iyibulephero.

16 Kumbe uba inyama ebomvu ibuye iphenduke ibe mhlophe, uzakuya kumpristi.

17 Lapho umpristi esembonile ukuthi, khangela, isifo sesiphenduke saba mhlophe, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi uhlambulukile olesifo; uhlambulukile.

18 Inyama layo, nxa kukhona kuyo, esikhumbeni sayo, ithumba, selipholile,

19 lendaweni yethumba kube lokuvuvuka okumhlophe kumbe ibala elikhanyayo elimhlophe libomvana, kuzatshengiswa umpristi.

20 Uba umpristi ezabona ukuthi, khangela, ukubonakala kwakho kutshone kulesikhumba, loboya bakho sebuphenduke baba mhlophe, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile; kuyisifo sobulephero, siphume ethunjeni.

21 Kodwa uba umpristi ezakubona ukuthi, khangela, kakulaboya obumhlophe kukho, lokuthi kakutshonanga kulesikhumba, kodwa kufiphele, umpristi uzamvalela insuku eziyisikhombisa.

22 Uba-ke kuqhela kakhulu esikhumbeni, umpristi atsho ukuthi ungcolile, kuyisifo.

23 Kodwa uba ibala elikhanyayo limi endaweni yalo, lingaqheli, kuyisibavu sethumba; umpristi uzakutsho-ke ukuthi uhlambulukile.

24 Kumbe inyama, uba kukhona esikhumbeni sayo umtshiso womlilo, lokuphola komtshiso kulibala elikhanyayo elimhlophe libomvana kumbe limhlophe.

25 Lapho umpristi eselibonile ukuthi, khangela, uboya bebala elikhanyayo buphenduke baba mhlophe, lokubonakala kwalo litshone kulesikhumba, kuyibulephero, buqhamuke emtshisweni; ngakho umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile; kuyisifo sobulephero.

26 Kodwa uba umpristi eselibona ukuthi, khangela, kakulaboya obumhlophe ebaleni elikhanyayo, lokuthi kalitshonanga kulesikhumba, kodwa lifiphele, umpristi uzamvalela insuku eziyisikhombisa.

27 Langosuku lwesikhombisa umpristi uzambona; uba liqhele kakhulu esikhumbeni, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile; kuyisifo sobulephero.

28 Kodwa uba ibala elikhanyayo limi endaweni yalo, lingaqhelanga esikhumbeni, kodwa lifiphele, kuyikuvuvuka komtshiso; umpristi atsho-ke ukuthi uhlambulukile, ngoba kuyisibavu somtshiso.

29 Njalo nxa owesilisa loba owesifazana elesifo ekhanda loba endevini,

30 lapho umpristi esebonile isifo ukuthi, khangela, ukubonakala kwaso kutshonile kulesikhumba, njalo kulezinwele ezilithanga ezinciphileyo, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile; kuluqweqwe; kuyibulephero bekhanda loba obendevu.

31 Uba-ke umpristi esebone isifo soqweqwe ukuthi, khangela, ukubonakala kwaso kasitshonanga kulesikhumba, lokuthi kakulanwele ezimnyama kuso, umpristi uzamvalela olesifo soqweqwe insuku eziyisikhombisa.

32 Langosuku lwesikhombisa umpristi uzabona isifo; uba, khangela, uqweqwe lungaqhelanga, futhi kungekho kuso inwele ezilithanga, lokubonakala koqweqwe kungatshonanga kulesikhumba,

33 uzaziphuca, kodwa uqweqwe angaluphuci, lompristi uzamvalela oloqweqwe ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa.

34 Langosuku lwesikhombisa umpristi uzabona uqweqwe; uba, khangela, uqweqwe lungaqhelanga esikhumbeni, futhi ukubonakala kwalo kungatshonanga kulesikhumba, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi uhlambulukile, njalo uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, ahlambuluke.

35 Kodwa uba uqweqwe luqhela kakhulu esikhumbeni emva kokuhlanjululwa kwakhe,

36 umpristi uzabe esembonile ukuthi, khangela, uqweqwe seluqhelile esikhumbeni, umpristi kangadingi inwele ezilithanga; ungcolile.

37 Kodwa uba emehlweni akhe uqweqwe lusemi, lenwele ezimnyama sezimilile kulo, uqweqwe selupholile, uhlambulukile; lompristi uzakutsho ukuthi uhlambulukile.

38 Njalo owesilisa loba owesifazana, nxa kukhona esikhumbeni senyama yabo amabala akhanyayo, amabala akhanyayo amhlophe,

39 nxa umpristi ebona ukuthi, khangela, esikhumbeni senyama yabo kulamabala akhanyayo afipheleyo amhlophe, kuyimpunza equbukayo esikhumbeni; uhlambulukile.

40 Lendoda, uba ikhanda layo lingaselanwele, ulempabanga, uhlambulukile.

41 Uba-ke ikhanda layo lingaselanwele eceleni lebunzi layo, ulempabanga ebunzini, uhlambulukile.

42 Kodwa uba kukhona isifo esimhlophe sibomvana empabangeni kumbe empabangeni esebunzini, kuyibulephero obuqubuka ebumpabangeni bayo kumbe empabangeni esebunzini layo.

43 Lapho umpristi esembonile ukuthi, khangela, ukuvuvuka kwesifo kumhlophe kubomvana empabangeni yayo kumbe empabangeni esebunzini layo, njengokubonakala kobulephero esikhumbeni senyama,

44 uyindoda elobulephero, ungcolile; umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile kakhulu; isifo sayo sisekhanda layo.

45 Umlephero, esikuye isifo, izembatho zakhe zizadatshulwa-ke, lekhanda lakhe lembulwe, njalo ambomboze indevu zendebe yakhe yangaphezulu, akhale athi: Ngcolile, ngcolile!

46 Zonke insuku isifo sikuye ungcolile; ungcolile, uzahlala yedwa, indawo yakhe yokuhlala izakuba ngaphandle kwenkamba.

47 Njalo isembatho, nxa isifo sobulephero sikuso, esembathweni soboya bezimvu, loba esembathweni selembu elicolekileyo,

48 loba ezintanjeni eziqondileyo kumbe ezintanjeni eziqumayo zelembu elicolekileyo kumbe ezoboya bezimvu, loba esikhumbeni, kumbe kukuphi okwenziwe ngesikhumba,

49 futhi isifo siluhlazana loba sibomvana esembathweni loba esikhumbeni loba ezintanjeni eziqondileyo loba ezintanjeni eziqumayo kumbe kuyiphi into yesikhumba; kuyisifo sobulephero, njalo kuzatshengiswa umpristi.

50 Umpristi uzakhangela-ke isifo, avalele okulesifo insuku eziyisikhombisa.

51 Akhangele isifo ngosuku lwesikhombisa; uba isifo siqhelile esembathweni loba ezintanjeni eziqondileyo loba ezintanjeni eziqumayo loba esikhumbeni, loba kuwuphi umsebenzi owenziwe ngesikhumba; isifo siyibulephero obuvukuzayo; kungcolile.

52 Ngakho uzatshisa isembatho loba izintambo eziqondileyo loba izintambo eziqumayo zoboya bezimvu loba ezelembu elicolekileyo kumbe loba yiyiphi into yesikhumba okukuyo isifo; ngoba kuyibulephero obuvukuzayo; kuzatshiswa ngomlilo.

53 Kodwa uba umpristi ebona ukuthi, khangela, isifo kasiqhelanga esembathweni kumbe ezintanjeni eziqondileyo kumbe ezintanjeni eziqumayo, kumbe loba kuyiphi into yesikhumba,

54 umpristi uzalaya-ke ukuthi bawatshe lokho esikukho isifo, akuvalele ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa.

55 Kuzakuthi umpristi, sekuwatshiwe, abone isifo ukuthi, khangela, isifo kasiphendukanga ukubonakala kwaso, lesifo kasiqhelanga; kungcolile. Uzakutshisa ngomlilo; kuyikucutheka kohlangothi lwakho lwangemuva loba uhlangothi lwakho lwaphambili.

56 Kodwa uba umpristi ebona ukuthi, khangela, isifo sifiphele emva kokuwatshwa kwaso, uzasidabula esembathweni, loba esikhumbeni, loba ezintanjeni eziqondileyo, kumbe ezintanjeni eziqumayo.

57 Kodwa uba silokhu sibonakala esembathweni loba ezintanjeni eziqondileyo kumbe ezintanjeni eziqumayo kumbe loba kuyiphi into yesikhumba, siyaqhela; uzakutshisa ngomlilo lokho esikukho isifo.

58 Kodwa isembatho kumbe izintambo eziqondileyo loba izintambo eziqumayo kumbe loba yiyiphi into yesikhumba okuwatshileyo, uba isifo sisukile kukho, kuzawatshwa okwesibili, kuzahlambuluka-ke.

59 Lo ngumlayo wesifo sobulephero wesembatho soboya bezimvu kumbe selembu elicolekileyo, loba izintambo eziqondileyo loba izintambo eziqumayo, kumbe loba yiyiphi into yesikhumba, ukutsho ukuthi kuhlambulukile kumbe ukutsho ukuthi kungcolile.

ULEVI 14

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Lo uzakuba ngumlayo womlephero ngosuku lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe: Uzalethwa kumpristi.

3 Umpristi uzaphuma-ke ngaphandle kwenkamba. Uba umpristi ezabona ukuthi, khangela, isifo sobulephero seselaphekile kumlephero,

4 umpristi uzalaya-ke ukuthi kuthathelwe lowo ozahlanjululwa inyoni ezimbili eziphilayo ezihlambulukileyo, lesigodo somsedari, lokubomvu, lehisope;

5 umpristi alaye ukuthi enye inyoni ibulawelwe embizeni yebumba phezu kwamanzi agobhozayo.

6 Inyoni ephilayo, uzayithatha lesigodo somsedari, lokubomvu, lehisope, akugxamuze lenyoni ephilayo egazini lenyoni ehlatshelwe phezu kwamanzi agobhozayo,

7 amfafaze lowo ozahlanjululwa kubulephero kasikhombisa, atsho ukuthi uhlambulukile, ayekele inyoni ephilayo ikhululekile endle.

8 Lalowo ozahlanjululwa uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, aphuce zonke inwele zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, ahlambuluke; emva kwalokho uzangena enkambeni, kodwa ahlale ngaphandle kwethente lakhe insuku eziyisikhombisa.

9 Kuzakuthi-ke ngosuku lwesikhombisa uzaphuca zonke inwele zakhe, ikhanda lakhe lezindevu zakhe lezintshiya zakhe, yebo, aphuce zonke inwele zakhe, awatshe izembatho zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, ahlambuluke.

10 Langosuku lwesificaminwembili uzathatha amawundlu amabili amaduna angelasici, lewundlu elisikazi elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici, lengxenye ezintathu etshumini zempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wokudla, kuxubene lamafutha, lelogi eyodwa yamafutha.

11 Umpristi ohlambululayo uzamisa-ke indoda ezahlanjululwa lezinto phambi kweNKOSI, emnyango wethente lenhlangano.

12 Njalo umpristi uzathatha elinye iwundlu eliduna, alinikele libe ngumnikelo wecala, lelogi yamafutha, akuzunguze kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI;

13 ahlabe iwundlu endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wesono lomnikelo wokutshiswa, endaweni engcwele; ngoba umnikelo wecala ungowompristi njengomnikelo wesono; uyingcwelengcwele.

14 Umpristi uzathatha-ke okwegazi lomnikelo wecala, umpristi uzakufaka eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene.

15 Futhi umpristi uzathatha okwelogi yamafutha, akuthele esandleni sompristi sokhohlo.

16 Njalo umpristi uzagxamuza umunwe wakhe wokunene emafutheni asesandleni sakhe sokhohlo, afafaze okwamafutha kasikhombisa ngomunwe wakhe phambi kweNKOSI.

17 Lokuseleyo kwamafutha asesandleni sakhe umpristi uzafaka eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene, phezu kwegazi lomnikelo wecala;

18 Lokuseleyo kwamafutha asesandleni sompristi uzakufaka ekhanda lalowo ozahlanjululwa. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNKOSI.

19 Umpristi uzanikela-ke umnikelo wesono amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula lowo ozahlanjululwa ekungcoleni kwakhe, lemva kwalokho ahlabe umnikelo wokutshiswa,

20 Njalo umpristi uzanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla elathini. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula, njalo uzahlambuluka.

21 Kodwa-ke uba engumyanga, lesandla sakhe singakufinyeleli, uzathatha iwundlu elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wecala lokuzunguzwa ukumenzela inhlawulo yokuthula, lengxenye eyodwa etshumini lempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha kube ngumnikelo wokudla, lelogi yamafutha,

22 lamajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba, isandla sakhe esingakufinyelela, njalo okunye kube ngumnikelo wesono lokunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa.

23 Langosuku lwesificaminwembili uzakulethela ukuhlanjululwa kwakhe kumpristi, emnyango wethente lenhlangano, phambi kweNKOSI.

24 Umpristi uzathatha-ke iwundlu elomnikelo wecala, lelogi yamafutha; njalo umpristi uzakuzunguza kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI.

25 Ahlabe iwundlu elomnikelo wecala; njalo umpristi athathe okwegazi lomnikelo wecala, akufake eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene;

26 njalo umpristi uzathela okwamafutha esandleni sompristi sokhohlo;

27 umpristi uzafafaza-ke okwamafutha asesandleni sakhe sokhohlo kasikhombisa phambi kweNKOSI ngomunwe wakhe wokunene;

28 njalo umpristi uzafaka okwamafutha asesandleni sakhe eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene, endaweni yegazi lomnikelo wecala.

29 Lokuseleyo kwamafutha asesandleni sompristi uzakufaka ekhanda lalowo ozahlanjululwa, ukumenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNKOSI.

30 Njalo uzanikela elinye lamajuba loba elamaphuphu enkwilimba, kulokho isandla sakhe esifinyelele kukho,

31 lokho isandla sakhe esifinyelele kukho, okunye kube ngumnikelo wesono lokunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, kanye lomnikelo wokudla. Lompristi uzamenzela ohlanjululwayo inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNKOSI.

32 Lo ngumlayo ngalowo esikuye isifo sobulephero, osandla sakhe kasifinyeleli ekuhlanjululweni kwakhe.

33 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi:

34 Lapho selifikile elizweni leKhanani engilinika lona libe yimfuyo, uba ngifake isifo sobulephero endlini yelizwe lelifa lenu,

35 umninindlu uzakuza ambikele umpristi, esithi: Kubonakala kimi kungathi kulesifo endlini.

36 Umpristi uzalaya ukuthi bakhuphe okusendlini, engakafiki umpristi ukubona isifo, ukuze konke okusendlini kungangcoli. Emva kwalokho umpristi uzangena ukukhangela indlu.

37 Lapho ebona isifo, khangela-ke, uba isifo sisemidulini yendlu, silamagodigodi aluhlazana loba abomvana, lokubonakala kwawo kutshonile kulomduli,

38 umpristi uzaphuma endlini aye emnyango wendlu, ayivale indlu insuku eziyisikhombisa.

39 Njalo umpristi uzabuya ngosuku lwesikhombisa; uba ebona ukuthi, khangela, isifo sesiqhelile emidulini yendlu,

40 umpristi uzalaya ukuthi bakhuphe izitina isifo esikuzo, bazilahlele ngaphandle komuzi endaweni engcolileyo,

41 njalo uzakwenza ukuthi indlu iphalwe phakathi inhlangothi zonke, babesebethululela uthuli abaluphalileyo ngaphandle komuzi endaweni engcolileyo.

42 Babesebethatha ezinye izitina, bazifake endaweni yalezozitina, njalo uzathatha olunye udaka ayibhade indlu.

43 Kodwa uba isifo sibuya futhi siqhamuke endlini emva kokukhupha kwakhe izitina, lemva kokuphalwa kwendlu, lemva kokubhadwa,

44 umpristi uzabuya; uba ebona ukuthi, khangela, isifo sesiqhelile endlini, kuyibulephero obuvukuzayo endlini; ingcolile.

45 Njalo uzayidiliza indlu, izitina zayo, lezigodo zayo, lalo lonke udaka lwendlu, akukhuphele ngaphandle komuzi endaweni engcolileyo.

46 Lalowo ongena kuleyondlu zonke izinsuku eseyivalile uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

47 Lalowo olala kuleyondlu uzawatsha izembatho zakhe; lalowo odlela kuleyondlu uzawatsha izembatho zakhe.

48 Kodwa nxa umpristi esengenile lokungena abone ukuthi, khangela, isifo kasiqhelanga endlini emva kokubhadwa kwendlu, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi indlu ihlambulukile, ngoba isifo seselatshiwe.

49 Lokuze indlu ihlambuluke, uzathatha inyoni ezimbili, lesigodo somsedari, lokubomvu, lehisope,

50 abulalele enye inyoni embizeni yebumba phezu kwamanzi agobhozayo,

51 athathe isigodo somsedari lehisope lokubomvu lenyoni ephilayo, akugxamuze egazini lenyoni ebuleweyo lemanzini agobhozayo, afafaze indlu kasikhombisa,

52 ahlambulule indlu ngegazi lenyoni langamanzi agobhozayo langenyoni ephilayo langesigodo somsedari langehisope langokubomvu,

53 ayiyekele inyoni ephilayo iye ngaphandle komuzi endle. Ngakho uzayenzela indlu inhlawulo yokuthula, njalo ihlambuluke.

54 Lo ngumlayo waso sonke isifo sobulephero, lowoqweqwe,

55 lowobulephero besembatho, lowendlu,

56 lowethumba, lowokhwekhwe, lowebala elikhanyayo,

57 ukufundisa mhla kungcolile lamuhla kuhlambulukile. Lo ngumlayo wobulephero.

ULEVI 15

Mayelana lalokho okungcolileyo okuphuma emizimbeni yabantu

1 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi:

2 Tshonini ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli lithi kubo: Ileyo laleyondoda, nxa kulokugobhoza okuphuma enyameni yayo, ngokugobhoza kwayo ingcolile.

3 Lalokhu kuzakuba yikungcola kwayo ngenxa yokugobhoza kwayo. Loba inyama yayo iyagobhoza ngokugobhoza kwayo loba inyama yayo isimile ekugobhozeni kwayo, kuyikungcola kwayo.

4 Wonke umbheda alala kuwo olokugobhoza uzangcola; layo yonke into ahlala kuyo izangcola.

5 Njalo loba ngubani othinta umbheda wakhe uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

6 Lohlala entweni ahlale kuyo olokugobhoza uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

7 Lothinta inyama yalowo olokugobhoza uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

8 Uba-ke olokugobhoza ekhafulela ngamathe ohlambulukileyo, uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

9 Laso sonke isihlalo senyamazana agada kuso olokugobhoza sizangcola.

10 Laloba ngubani othinta loba yini ebingaphansi kwakhe uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; loyithwalayo uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

11 Laloba ngubani olokugobhoza amthintayo engahlambululanga izandla zakhe ngamanzi, uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

12 Lembiza yebumba olokugobhoza ayithintayo izabulawa, laso sonke isitsha sesigodo sizahlanjululwa ngamanzi.

13 Lapho-ke olokugobhoza esehlanjululwe ekugobhozeni kwakhe, uzazibalela insuku eziyisikhombisa zokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, awatshe izembatho zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi agobhozayo, ahlambuluke.

14 Njalo ngosuku lwesificaminwembili uzazithathela amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba, eze phambi kweNKOSI emnyango wethente lenhlangano, akunike umpristi.

15 Umpristi uzanikela-ke elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono lelinye libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNKOSI ngenxa yokugobhoza kwakhe.

16 Indoda, nxa kuphuma-ke kuyo ubudoda bokuhlangana, izageza umzimba wayo wonke ngamanzi, ibe ngengcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

17 Njalo sonke isembatho laso sonke isikhumba obukuso ubudoda bokuhlangana sizawatshwa ngamanzi, sibe ngesingcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

18 Futhi owesifazana indoda elele laye ngobudoda bokuhlangana, bobabili bazageza ngamanzi, babe ngabangcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

19 Njalo owesifazana, nxa kulokugobhoza, ukugobhoza kwakhe enyameni yakhe kuligazi, uzakuba sekwehlukanisweni kwakhe insuku eziyisikhombisa; njalo loba ngubani omthintayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

20 Lakho konke alala kukho ekwehlukanisweni kwakhe kuzangcola; lakho konke ahlala kukho kuzangcola.

21 Njalo loba ngubani othinta umbheda wakhe uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

22 Njalo loba ngubani othinta loba yiyiphi into ahlale kuyo uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

23 Loba-ke ibisembhedeni loba entweni ahlala kuyo, uba eyithinta, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

24 Njalo nxa indoda ilala lokulala laye, ukwehlukaniswa kwakhe kuzakuba kiyo; isizakuba ngengcolileyo insuku eziyisikhombisa, lawo wonke umbheda elala kuwo uzangcola.

25 Njalo owesifazana, uba ukugobhoza kwegazi kugobhoza insuku ezinengi, kungeyisiso isikhathi sokwehlukaniswa kwakhe, kumbe uba kugobhoza okwedlula isikhathi sokwehlukaniswa kwakhe, zonke izinsuku zokugobhoza kokungcola kwakhe, uzakuba njengensuku zokwehlukaniswa kwakhe, abe ngongcolileyo.

26 Wonke umbheda alala kuwo zonke izinsuku zokugobhoza kwakhe uzakuba kuye njengombheda wokwehlukaniswa kwakhe; njalo loba yiyiphi into ahlala kuyo izangcola, njengokungcola kokwehlukaniswa kwakhe.

27 Njalo loba ngubani othinta lezozinto uzakuba ngongcolileyo, awatshe izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

28 Kodwa uba esehlanjululwe ekugobhozeni kwakhe, uzazibalela insuku eziyisikhombisa, lemva kwalokho uzahlambuluka.

29 Langosuku lwesificaminwembili uzazithathela amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba, akulethe kumpristi emnyango wethente lenhlangano.

30 Umpristi uzanikela-ke elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono lelinye libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNKOSI ngenxa yokugobhoza kokungcola kwakhe.

31 Ngalindlela lizakwehlukanisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli lokungcola kwabo, ukuze bangafeli ekungcoleni kwabo, lapho bengcolisa ithabhanekele lami eliphakathi kwabo.

32 Lo ngumlayo walowo olokugobhoza, lowalowo okuphuma kuye ubudoda bokuhlangana, aze angcole ngakho,

33 futhi lowesifazana ogulayo ekwehlukanisweni kwakhe, lalowo ogobhoza ngokugobhoza kwakhe, owesilisa lowesifazana, langendoda elala lowesifazana ongcolileyo.

ULEVI 16

Usuku lokubuyisana

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi emva kokufa kwamadodana amabili kaAroni ekusondeleni kwawo phambi kweNKOSI, asesifa.

2 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Khuluma kuAroni umnewenu ukuthi angangeni langasiphi isikhathi endaweni engcwele ngaphakathi kweveyili, phambi kwesihlalo somusa esiphezu komtshokotsho, ukuze angafi; ngoba ngizabonakala eyezini phezu kwesihlalo somusa.

3 Elalokhu uAroni uzangena endaweni engcwele: elejongosi ithole lenkomo, libe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa.

4 Uzakwembatha isigqoko esingcwele lelembu elicolekileyo, lokabhudula wangaphansi welembu elicolekileyo uzakuba senyameni yakhe, azibophe ngebhanti lelembu elicolekileyo, athandele ngeqhiye yelembu elicolekileyo; lezi yizembatho ezingcwele. Ngakho uzageza umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, azembathe.

5 Lakunhlangano yabantwana bakoIsrayeli uzathatha izimpongo ezimbili zembuzi zibe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa.

6 Njalo uAroni uzanikela ijongosi lomnikelo wesono elingelakhe, azenzele inhlawulo yokuthula lokwendlu yakhe.

7 Athathe impongo ezimbili, azibeke phambi kweNKOSI emnyango wethente lenhlangano.

8 UAroni uzakwenza-ke inkatho phezu kwezimpongo ezimbili, enye inkatho ibe ngeyeNKOSI lenye inkatho ibe ngeyempongo yokususa.

9 UAroni uzasondeza-ke impongo okuphezu kwayo inkatho yeNKOSI, ayenze ibe ngumnikelo wesono;

10 kodwa impongo okuphezu kwayo inkatho yempongo yokususa uzayibeka iphilile phambi kweNKOSI ukwenza inhlawulo yokuthula ngayo, ukuyiyekela ihambe njengempongo yokususa enkangala.

11 Njalo uAroni uzasondeza ijongosi lomnikelo wesono elingelakhe, azenzele inhlawulo yokuthula leyendlu yakhe; ahlabe ijongosi lomnikelo wesono elingelakhe.

12 Athathe umganu wokutshisela impepha ugcwele amalahle omlilo avele elathini phambi kweNKOSI, lezandla zakhe zigcwele impepha elephunga elimnandi echolisisiweyo, akulethe ngaphakathi kweveyili,

13 abeke impepha phezu komlilo phambi kweNKOSI, ukuze iyezi lempepha lisibekele isihlalo somusa esiphezu kobufakazi, ukuze angafi.

14 Athathe okwegazi lejongosi, alifafaze ngomunwe wakhe phezu kwesihlalo somusa empumalanga; langaphambi kwesihlalo somusa uzafafaza okwegazi kasikhombisa ngomunwe wakhe.

15 Abesehlaba impongo yomnikelo wesono engeyabantu, alethe igazi layo
ngaphakathi kweveyili, enze ngegazi layo njengokwenza kwakhe ngegazi
lejongosi, alifafaze phezu kwesihlalo somusa laphambi kwesihlalo somusa.

16 Ngalokho uzakwenzela indawo engcwele inhlawulo yokuthula, ngenxa
yokungcola kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, langenxa yeziphambeko zabo, ezonweni
zabo zonke. Futhi uzalenzela njalo ithente lenhlangano, elihlala labo phakathi
kokungcola kwabo.

17 Kakungabi khona lamuntu ethenteni lenhlangano, ekungeneni kwakhe
ukwenza inhlawulo yokuthula endaweni engcwele aze aphume, esezenzele
inhlawulo yokuthula, leyendlu yakhe, leyebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli.

18 Uzaphumela-ke elathini eliphambi kweNKOSI, alenzele inhlawulo yokuthula,
athathe okwegazi lejongosi lokwegazi lempongo, akufake empondweni zelathi
inhlangothi zonke;

19 afafaze okwegazi phezu kwalo kasikhombisa ngomunwe wakhe, alihlambulule,
alingcwelise ekungcoleni kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

20 Lapho eseqedile ukwenzela indawo engcwele ukubuyisana, lethente
lenhlangano, lelathi, uzasondeza impongo ephilayo;

21 uAroni abeke-ke izandla zakhe zombili enhlokweni yempongo ephilayo, avume
phezu kwayo bonke ububi babantwana bakoIsrayeli, leziphambeko zonke zabo,
lezono zabo zonke, akubeke enhlokweni yempongo, ayiyekele ihambe ngesandla
sendoda efaneleyo, iye enkangala.

22 Impongo izathwala-ke phezu kwayo bonke ububi babo, iye emmangweni
owehlukanisiweyo; njalo izayiyekela impongo iye enkangala.

23 LoAroni uzangena ethenteni lenhlangano, akhulule izembatho zelembu
elicolekileyo abezembethe ekungeneni kwakhe endaweni engcwele, azitshiye
khona,

24 ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi endaweni engcwele, agqoke izembatho
zakhe, aphume, enze umnikelo wakhe wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokutshiswa
wabantu, azenzele yena inhlawulo yokuthula leyabantu.

25 Lamahwahwa omnikelo wesono uzawatshisa elathini.

26 Lalowo oyekele impongo njengempongo yokususa uzawatsha izembatho
zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, emva kwalokho angene enkambeni.

27 Kodwa ijongosi lomnikelo wesono lempongo yomnikelo wesono, ogazi lazo
langeniswa ukwenza inhlawulo yokuthula endaweni engcwele, zizakhitshelwa
ngaphandle kwenkamba; babesebetshisa izikhumba zazo lenyama yazo
lomswane wazo ngomlilo.

28 Lalowo okutshisayo uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, emva kwalokho angene enkambeni.

29 Kuzakuba yisimiso esaphakade kini: Ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngolwetshumi lwenyanga lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu, lingasebenzi lamsebenzi, owokuzalwa elizweni lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwenu.

30 Ngoba ngalolusuku uzalenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ukulihlambulula; kuzo zonke izono zenu phambi kweNKOSIlizahlanjululwa.

31 Kulisabatha lokuphumula kini; njalo lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu; kuyisimiso saphakade.

32 Njalo umpristi ogcotshiweyo, owehlukaniselwe ukusebenza njengompristi esikhundleni sikayise, uzakwenza inhlawulo yokuthula, agqoke izembatho zelembu elicolekileyo, izembatho ezingcwele,

33 enzele inhlawulo yokuthula indawo engcwele ngcwele, lethente lenhlangano, lelathi uzakwenzela inhlawulo yokuthula, labapristi labantu bonke bebandla uzabenzela inhlawulo yokuthula.

34 Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade kini, ukwenzela inhlawulo yokuthula abantwana bakoIsrayeli kanye ngomnyaka ngazo zonke izono zabo. Wenza-ke njengokuba iNKOSI yalaya uMozisi.

ULEVI 17

Imithetho yokuhlaba

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshono kuAroni lakumadodana akhe, lebantwaneni bonke bakoIsrayeli, uthi kubo: Leli yilizwi iNKOSIelaye ngalo isithi:

3 Loba ngubani wendlu kaIsrayeli ohlaba inkabi loba imvu loba imbuzi enkambeni, kumbe ekuhlabela ngaphandle kwenkamba,

4 engakulethanga emnyango wethente lenhlangano ukunikela umnikelo eNKOSIni phambi kwethabhanekele leNKOSI, igazi lizabalelwa lowomuntu, uchithile igazi; ngakho lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke ebantwini bakibo.

5 Ukuze, lapho abantwana bakoIsrayeli beletha imihlatshelo yabo, abayihlabela endle, bayilethe eNKOSIni emnyango wethente lenhlangano, kumpristi, bayihlabe ibe yimihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula eNKOSIni.

6 Njalo umpristi uzafafaza igazi phezu kwelathi leNKOSI emnyango wethente lenhlangano, atshise amahwahwa, abe luqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni.

7 Njalo kabasayikuhlabela amadimoni imihlatshelo yabo, ababephinga ngokuwalandela. Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade kubo ezizukulwaneni zabo.

8 Tshono-ke kubo uthi: Ngulowo lalowo wendlu kaIsrayeli, lakowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, onikela umnikelo wokutshiswa loba umhlatshelo,

9 angawulethi emnyango wethente lenhlangano ukuze awenzele iNKOSI, lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke ebantwini bakibo.

Igazi kalivunyelwa ukudliwa

10 Njalo ngulowo lalowo wendlu kaIsrayeli, lakowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, odla loba yiliphi igazi, ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane lomphefumulo odla igazi, ngiwuqume usuke phakathi kwabantu bawo.

11 Ngoba impilo yenyama isegazini; mina-ke ngilinike lona phezu kwelathi ukwenzela imiphefumulo yenu inhlawulo yokuthula; ngoba kuligazi elenzela umphefumulo inhlawulo yokuthula.

12 Ngakho ngathi ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli: Kakungabi lamphefumulo kini odla igazi; lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwenu kangadli igazi.

13 Njalo ngulowo lalowo ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, lakowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, ozingela inyama yenyamazana kumbe inyoni edliwayo, uzathulula igazi layo, aligqibele ngenhlabathi.

14 Ngoba kuyimpilo yenyama yonke; igazi layo lisempilweni yayo; yikho ngathi ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli: Lingadli igazi loba ngelayiphi inyama, ngoba impilo yayo yonke inyama kuligazi layo; loba ngubani olidlayo uzaqunywa.

15 Futhi wonke umphefumulo odla ingcuba kumbe inyamazana edatshuliweyo phakathi kwabokuzalwa elizweni kumbe phakathi kwabemzini, uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; emva kwalokho uzahlambuluka.

16 Kodwa uba engaziwatshi, engagezi umzimba wakhe, uzathwala ububi bakhe.

ULEVI 18

Ukuhlangana kowesilisa lowesifazana okungavunyelwayo

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

3 Lingenzi njengokwemisebenzi yelizwe leGibhithe lapho elalihlala khona, lingenzi futhi njengokwemisebenzi yelizwe leKhanani engililetha kulo. Lingahambi ngemithetho yabo.

4 Lizakwenza izehlulelo zami ligcine izimiso zami, ukuhamba kuzo. NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

5 Ngakho lizagcina izimiso zami lezehlulelo zami; okuthi uba umuntu ezenza uzaphila ngazo. NgiyiNKOSI.

6 Kakungasondeli lamuntu lakusiphi isihlobo senyama yakhe ukwembula ubunqunu baso. NgiyiNKOSI.

7 Ungembuli ubunqunu bukayihlo lobunqunu bukanyoko; ungunyoko, ungembuli ubunqunu bakhe.

8 Ungembuli ubunqunu bomkayihlo, buyibunqunu bukayihlo.

9 Ubunqunu bukadadewenu, indodakazi kayihlo loba indodakazi kanyoko, ezelwe ekhaya loba ezelwe ngaphandle, ungembuli ubunqunu babo.

10 Ungembuli ubunqunu bendodakazi yendodana yakho, loba bendodakazi yendodakazi yakho, ngoba bayibunqunu bakho.

11 Ubunqunu bendodakazi yomkayihlo ezelwe nguyihlo, ingudadewenu, ungembuli ubunqunu bayo.

12 Ungembuli ubunqunu bukadadewabo kayihlo, ngoba eyisihlobo sikayihlo.

13 Ungembuli ubunqunu bukadadewabo kanyoko, ngoba eyisihlobo sikanyoko.

14 Ungembuli ubunqunu bomfowabo kayihlo; ungasondeli kumkakhe, ngoba enguyihlokazi.

15 Ungembuli ubunqunu bukamalokozana; ungumkandodana yakho, ungembuli ubunqunu bakhe.

16 Ungembuli ubunqunu bomkamfowenu, buyibunqunu bomfowenu.

17 Ungembuli ubunqunu bowesifazana lobendodakazi yakhe; ungathathi indodakazi yendodana yakhe loba indodakazi yendodakazi yakhe, ukwembula ubunqunu bayo; bayizihlobo; kuyinkohlakalo.

18 Ungathathi owesifazana kanye lodadewabo ukumhlupha, ukwembula ubunqunu bakhe kanye laye empilweni yakhe.

19 Ungasondeli kowesifazana ekwehlukanisweni kokungcola kwakhe ukwembula ubunqunu bakhe.

20 Ungalali lomkamakhelwane wakho ukungcola ngaye.

21 Unganiki okwenzalo yakho ukuthi ukudabulisele kuMoleki; ungangcolisi ibizo likaNkulunkulu wakho. NgiyiNKOSI.

22 Ungalali lowesilisa njengokulala lowesifazana; kuyisinengiso.

23 Ungalali laloba yiyiphi inyamazana ukungcola ngayo; futhi owesifazana angemi phambi kwenyamazana ukulala layo; kuyingxube elihlazo.

24 Lingazingcolisi langenye yalezizinto, ngoba ngazo zonke lezizinto izizwe ziyangcoliswa engizixotsha phambi kwenu.

25 Ngalokho ilizwe lingcolile; ngakho ngiphindisela ububi balo phezu kwalo, lelizwe liyabahlanza abahlali balo.

26 Ngakho lina lizagcina izimiso zami lezehlulelo zami, lingenzi okwazo zonke lezizinengiso; owokuzalwa elizweni loba owemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwenu.

27 Ngoba zonke lezizinengiso bazenza abantu balelolizwe ababekhona ngaphambi kwenu, ngakho ilizwe langcola.

28 Ukuze ilizwe lingalihlanzi lapho lilingcolisa, njengalokhu lahlanza isizwe esasikhona ngaphambi kwenu.

29 Ngoba wonke owenza okwalezizinengiso, imiphefumulo ekwenzayo izaqunywa isuke ebantwini bayo.

30 Ngakho lizagcina umlayo wami, ukuze lingenzi okwalezozimiso eziyisinengiso ezenziwa ngaphambi kwenu, ukuthi lingazingcolisi ngazo. NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

ULEVI 19

Imithetho yobungcwele

1 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshono kunhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Banini ngcwele, ngoba mina iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu ngingcwele.

3 Yesabani, ngulowo lalowo, unina loyise. Gcinani-ke amasabatha ami. NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

4 Lingaphendukeli ezithombeni, lingazenzeli onkulunkulu ababunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. NgiyiNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu.

5 Njalo nxa linikela umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula eNKOSIni, liwunikele ukuze lemukeleke.

6 Uzadliwa ngosuku lokunikela kwenu langakusasa; kodwa okuseleyo ngosuku lwesithathu kuzatshiswa ngomlilo.

7 Uba kudliwa lokudliwa ngosuku lwesithathu, kuzakuba yisinengiso; kakuyikwemukeleka.

8 Ngakho okudlayo uzathwala ububi bakhe, ngoba ungcolise okungcwele kweNKOSI; lalowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo.

9 Lalapho livuna isivuno selizwe lakini, ungavuni ngokupheleleyo umngcele wensimu yakho; futhi ungabuthi okuseleyo kwesivuno sakho.

10 Ungakhothozi isivini sakho; futhi ungabuthi okuwileyo kwesivini sakho; uzakutshiyela abayanga labemzini. NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

11 Lingebi, lingaphathi ngenkohliso, lingaqambi manga omunye kumakhelwane wakhe.

12 Lingafungi ngamanga ngebizo lami, loba ungcolise ibizo likaNkulunkulu wakho. NgiyiNKOSI.

13 Ungacindezeli umakhelwane wakho, ungamphangi. Iholo loqatshiweyo lingahlali kuwe ubusuku kuze kube sekuseni.

14 Ungaqalekisi isacuthe, ungafaki isikhubekiso phambi kwesiphofu, kodwa wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho. NgiyiNKOSI.

15 Ungenzi ukungalungi ekwahluleleni; ungemukeli ubuso bomyanga, ungahloniphi ubuso bomkhulu, yahlulela umakhelwane wakho ngokulunga.

16 Ungahambahambi njengomnyundi phakathi kwabantu bakini; ungamelani legazi lomakhelwane wakho. NgiyiNKOSI.

17 Ungazondi umfowenu enhliziyweni yakho; umkhuze lokumkhuza umakhelwane wakho, ungathwali isono ngenxa yakhe.

18 Ungaphindiseli, ungabi lasikhwili labantwana babantu bakini; kodwa thanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. NgiyiNKOSI.

19 Gcinani izimiso zami. Ungavumeli izifuyo zakho zikhwelwe yimihlobo emibili. Ungahlanyeli insimu yakho ngenhlobo ezimbili. Lesigqoko esemihlobo emibili exubeneyo singezi phezu kwakho.

20 Lendoda, nxa ilala ngokwenyama lomfazi, eyisigqilikazi esikhombileyo, esingahlengwanga lokuhlengwa, kumbe singanikwanga inkululeko, kuzakuba lesijeziso. Kabayikubulawa, ngoba sasingakhululwanga.

21 Njalo izaletha umnikelo wayo wecala eNKOSIni, emnyango wethente lenhlangano, inqama ibe ngumnikelo wecala.

22 Njalo umpristi uzayenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngenqama yomnikelo wecala phambi kweNKOSI ngesono sayo esonileyo, izathethelelwa-ke esonweni sayo esonileyo.

23 Lalapho selifikile elizweni, lihlanyele yonke imihlobo yezihlahla zokudla, lizathatha isithelo sazo njengento engasokwanga; iminyaka emithathu sizakuba singasokwanga kini, singadliwa.

24 Kodwa ngomnyaka wesine sonke isithelo sazo sizakuba ngcwele, sibe yindumiso eNKOSIni.

25 Langomnyaka wesihlanu lingadla isithelo sazo, ukuze zilengezelelele isivuno sazo. NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

26 Lingadli lutho olulegazi. Lingenzi imilingo, lingachasisi ngemibono.

27 Lingageli amagumbi ekhanda lenu, ungoni amagumbi endevu zakho.

28 Lingazicabi enyameni yenu ngenxa yofileyo, lingafaki phezu kwenu uphawu lokuzisika. NgiyiNKOSI.

29 Ungangcolisi indodakazi yakho ngokuyenza ibe liwule, hlezi ilizwe liphinge, lelizwe ligcwale inkohlakalo.

30 Gcinani amasabatha ami, lihloniphe indlu yami engcwele. NgiyiNKOSI.

31 Lingaphendukeli kulabo abalamadlozi lakwabalumbayo; lingabadingi ukuze lingcoliswe yibo. NgiyiNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu.

32 Sukumela impunga, uhloniphe ubuso bomdala, wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho. NgiyiNKOSI.

33 Futhi nxa owezizweni ehlala njengowezizwe lawe elizweni lakini, lingamcindezeli.

34 Owezizweni ohlala njengowezizwe lani uzakuba kini njengozalwa elizweni phakathi kwenu, umthande njengalokhu uzithanda wena; ngoba lalingabezizweni elizweni leGibhithe. NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

35 Lingenzi ukungalungi ekwahluleleni, ebudeni, esisindweni, lesilinganisweni.

36 Banini lezikali zokulinganisa ezilungileyo, izilinganiso ezilungileyo, i-efa elilungileyo, lehini elilungileyo. NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe.

37 Ngakho gcinani zonke izimiso zami lezehlulelo zami zonke, lizenze. NgiyiNKOSI.

ULEVI 20

Izijeziso zokona

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshono futhi ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Ngulowo lalowo wabantwana bakoIsrayeli, loba owabezizweni abahlala njengabezizwe koIsrayeli, onikela okwenzalo yakhe kuMoleki, uzabulawa lokubulawa, abantu belizwe bazamkhanda ngamatshe.

3 Mina-ke ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane lalowomuntu, ngimqume asuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo, ngoba enikele okwenzalo yakhe kuMoleki, ukuze angcolise indlu yami engcwele, eyise ibizo lami elingcwele.

4 Uba-ke abantu belizwe befihla lokufihla amehlo abo kulowomuntu nxa enikela okwenzalo yakhe kuMoleki, ukuze bangambulali,

5 mina ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane lalowomuntu njalo bumelane losapho lwakhe, ngimqume labo bonke abaphinga emva kwakhe, ukuthi baphinge belandela uMoleki, basuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo.

6 Umphefumulo, ophendukela-ke kulabo abalamadlozi lakwabalumbayo ukuphinga ubalandela, ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane lalowomphefumulo, ngiwuqume usuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo.

7 Ngakho zingcweliseni libe ngcwele, ngoba ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

8 Njalo gcinani izimiso zami, lizenze. NgiyiNKOSI elingcwelisayo.

9 Ngoba ngulowo lalowo othuka uyise kumbe unina uzabulawa lokubulawa; uthukile uyise kumbe unina; igazi lakhe liphezu kwakhe.

10 Lendoda efeba lomfazi womuntu, efeba lomkamakhelwane wayo, izabulawa lokubulawa, isifebe lesifebekazi.

11 Lendoda elala lomkayise yembule ubunqunu bukayise; bobabili bazabulawa lokubulawa; igazi labo liphezu kwabo.

12 Lendoda elala lomalokazana wayo, bobabili bazabulawa lokubulawa; benze ingxube; igazi labo liphezu kwabo.

13 Lendoda elala lowesilisa njengokulala lowesifazana, bobabili benze isinengiso; bazabulawa lokubulawa; igazi labo liphezu kwabo.

14 Lendoda ethatha umfazi kanye lonina, kuyinkohlakalo. Bazatshiswa ngomlilo, yena labo, ukuze kungabi khona inkohlakalo phakathi kwenu.

15 Lendoda elala lenyamazana, izabulawa lokubulawa, futhi lizayibulala inyamazana.

16 Lowesifazana osondela lakuyiphi inyamazana ukulala layo, uzabulala owesifazana lenyamazana; bazabulawa lokubulawa; igazi labo liphezu kwabo.

17 Lendoda ethatha udadewabo, indodakazi kayise loba indodakazi kanina, ibone ubunqunu bakhe, laye abone ubunqunu bayo, kulihlazo; njalo bazaqunywa emehlweni abantwana babantu bakibo; yembule ubunqunu bukadadewabo; izathwala ububi bayo.

18 Lendoda elala lowesifazana ogulayo, yembule ubunqunu bakhe, inqunule umthombo wakhe, laye wembule umthombo wegazi lakhe, bobabili bazaqunywa basuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo.

19 Njalo ungembuli ubunqunu bukadadewabo kanyoko, loba obukadadewabo kayihlo; ngoba wembule isihlobo sakhe; bazathwala ububi babo.

20 Lendoda elala lomkamfowabo kayise, yembule ubunqunu bomfowabo kayise; bazathwala isono sabo; bafe bengelabantwana.

21 Lendoda ethatha umkamfowabo, kuyikungcola; yembule ubunqunu bukamfowabo; bazakuba ngabangelabantwana.

22 Ngakho gcinani zonke izimiso zami lezehlulelo zonke zami, lizenze, ukuze ilizwe engililetha kulo ukuhlala kulo lingalihlanzi.

23 Njalo lingahambi ngezimiso zesizwe engisixotshayo phambi kwenu; ngoba benze zonke lezizinto; ngakho nganengwa yibo.

24 Kodwa ngathi kini: Lizakudla ilifa lelizwe labo; mina ngizalinika ukuthi lidle ilifa lalo, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, olehlukanise labezizwe.

25 Ngakho yehlukanisani phakathi kwenyamazana ezihlambulukileyo lezingahlambulukanga, laphakathi kwezinyoni ezingahlambulukanga lezihlambulukileyo; lingenzi imiphefumulo yenu inengeke ngezinyamazana loba ngezinyoni loba ngakuphi okuhuquzelayo emhlabathini, engikwehlukanise lani njengokungcolileyo.

26 Njalo lizakuba ngcwele kimi, ngoba mina NKOSI ngingcwele; ngilehlukanisile labezizwe ukuze libe ngabami.

27 Njalo owesilisa loba owesifazana, abalamadlozi loba abalumbayo, bazabulawa lokubulawa, bazabakhanda ngamatshe; igazi labo liphezu kwabo.

ULEVI 21

Ubungcwele babapristi

1INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Tshono kubapristi, amadodana kaAroni, uthi kubo: Kakungabi khona ozingcolisayo ngofileyo phakathi kwabantu bakibo,

2 ngaphandle kwesihlobo sakhe, esiseduze laye, ngonina, langoyise, langendodana yakhe, langendodakazi yakhe, langomfowabo,

3 langodadewabo intombi emsulwa, eseduze laye, engazange ibe ngeyendoda; angazingcolisa ngayo.

4 Kayikuzingcolisa, eyisikhulu phakathi kwabantu bakibo, ukuzingcolisa.

5 Kabayikwenza impabanga ekhanda labo, bangageli igumbi lodevu lwabo, bangacabi inhlanga enyameni yabo.

6 Bazakuba ngcwele kuNkulunkulu wabo, bangeyisi ibizo likaNkulunkulu wabo. Ngoba banikela iminikelo yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo, ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wabo. Ngakho bazakuba ngcwele.

7 Kabayikuthatha owesifazana oyisifebe kumbe ongcolileyo, njalo kabayikuthatha owesifazana olahlwe yindoda yakhe; ngoba ungcwele kuNkulunkulu wakhe.

8 Ngakho uzamngcwelisa, ngoba unikela ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakho. Uzakuba ngcwele kuwe, ngoba mina NKOSI elingcwelisayo ngingcwele.

9 Lendodakazi yaloba nguwuphi umpristi, uba izingcolisa ngokuphinga, iyamngcolisa uyise; izatshiswa ngomlilo.

10 Lompristi omkhulu phakathi kwabafowabo, okuthelwe ekhanda lakhe amafutha okugcoba, lowehlukaniselwa ukuthi embathe izembatho, kayikuvumela ukuthi ikhanda lakhe lembulwe, angadabuli izembatho zakhe;

11 angayi lakusiphi isidumbu, angazingcolisi ngoyise loba ngonina;

12 angaphumi endlini engcwele, angangcolisi indlu engcwele kaNkulunkulu wakhe, ngoba umqhele wamafutha okugcoba kaNkulunkulu wakhe uphezu kwakhe. NgiyiNKOSI.

13 Njalo yena uzathatha umfazi ebuntombini bakhe.

14 Umfelokazi, kumbe olahliweyo, loba isifebe esingcolisiweyo, laba kangabathathi. Kodwa uzathatha intombi emsulwa ebantwini bakibo ibe ngumkakhe,

15 njalo angangcolisi inzalo yakhe phakathi kwabantu bakibo. Ngoba ngiyiNKOSI emngcwelisayo.

16 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

17 Khuluma kuAroni usithi: Loba ngubani owenzalo yakho ezizukulwaneni zabo okulesici kuye kangasondeli ukunikela ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakhe.

18 Ngoba loba nguwuphi umuntu okulesici kuye angasondeli, umuntu oyisiphofu, kumbe oyisiqhuli, kumbe olimele ebusweni, kumbe olesitho eselulekileyo,

19 kumbe umuntu okulokwephuka konyawo kuye, kumbe ukwephuka kwesandla,

20 kumbe olesifumbu, kumbe ongumuthwa, kumbe olomntwana elihlweni lakhe, kumbe olentembuzane, kumbe oloqweqwe olulumayo, loba olimele emasendeni.

21 Kakulamuntu owenzalo kaAroni umpristi okukuye isici ozasondela ukunikela iminikelo yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo; kulesici kuye, angasondeli ukunikela ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakhe.

22 Angadla ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakhe, ezintweni ezingcwelengcwele lezintweni ezingcwele,

23 kodwa angezi kulo iveyili, angasondeli elathini, ngoba kulesici kuye, ukuze angangcolisi izindlu zami ezingcwele. Ngoba ngiyiNKOSI ebangcwelisayo.

24 UMozisi wasekhuluma lokho kuAroni, lakumadodana akhe, lakubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

ULEVI 22

Ubungcwele beminikelo

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshono kuAroni lakumadodana akhe ukuthi bazehlukanise lezinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakoIsrayeli, bangangcolisi ibizo lami elingcwele; ngoba zingcwele kimi: NgiyiNKOSI.

3 Tshono kibo uthi: Loba nguwuphi umuntu ezizukulwaneni zenu owenzalo yenu yonke osondela ezintweni ezingcwele, abantwana bakoIsrayeli abazingcwelisela iNKOSI, nxa ukungcola kwakhe kuphezu kwakhe, lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke phambi kwami. NgiyiNKOSI.

4 Ngulowo lalowo owenzalo kaAroni, ongumlephero, loba olokugobhoza, kangadli ezintweni ezingcwele aze ahlambuluke. Lothinta lakuphi okungcoliswe yisidumbu, kumbe indoda okuphuma kuyo ubudoda bokuhlangana,

5 kumbe loba ngubani othinta loba yiyiphi into ehuquzelayo, angcoliswa yiyo, kumbe umuntu angcoliswa nguye, ngakho konke ukungcola kwakhe,

6 umuntu othinta lokhu uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe, angadli okwezinto ezingcwele ngaphandle kokuthi ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi.

7 Nxa selitshonile ilanga uzahlambuluka; lemva kwalokho angadla okwezinto ezingcwele, ngoba kuyikudla kwakhe.

8 Ingcuba lokudatshuliweyo kangakudli ukuzingcolisa ngakho. NgiyiNKOSI.

9 Ngakho bazagcina umlayo wami, ukuze bangathwali isono ngawo, bafele kuso, sebewungcolisile. NgiyiNKOSIebangcwelisayo.

10 Njalo kakho owemzini ozakudla into engcwele. Ohlala lompristi loyisisebenzi esiqatshiweyo kangadli into engcwele.

11 Kodwa uba umpristi ethenga umuntu eyintengo yemali yakhe, yena angadla okwayo, lozelwe emzini wakhe, bona bangadla okokudla kwakhe.

12 Lendodakazi yompristi, uba isiba ngeyendoda yemzini, yona kayingadli okomnikelo wezinto ezingcwele.

13 Kodwa indodakazi yompristi, nxa ingumfelokazi loba ingelahliweyo ingelanzalo, isibuyele emzini kayisenjengebutsheni bayo, izakudla okokudla kukayise; kanti kakho owemzini ongadla kukho.

14 Njalo nxa umuntu esidla into engcwele ngokungazi, uzakwengezelela kuyo ingxenye yesihlanu yayo, anike umpristi into engcwele.

15 Njalo kabayikungcolisa izinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakoIsrayeli abaziphakamisela iNKOSI,

16 babenze bathwale ububi becala, lapho besidla izinto zabo ezingcwele; ngoba ngiyiNKOSI ebangcwelisayo.

17 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

18 Tshono kuAroni, lakumadodana akhe, lakubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli, uthi kubo: Ngulowo lalowo owendlu kaIsrayeli, lowabezizweni koIsrayeli, ozanikela umnikelo wakhe ngezithembiso zabo zonke, langokweminikelo yabo yonke yesihle, abazayinikela eNKOSIni kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa,

19 ukuze lemukeleke, iduna elingelasici, elezinkomo, elezimvu, loba elembuzi.

20 Linganikeli loba ngakuphi okulesici kukho, ngoba kakuyikwemukeleka kini.

21 Umuntu, nxa enikela-ke umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula eNKOSIni wesithembiso esikhethekileyo loba womnikelo wesihle, enkomeni loba ezimvini, kumele uphelele ukuze wemukeleke, kungabi lasici kuwo.

22 Eziyiziphofu, kumbe ezephukileyo, kumbe eziyizilima, kumbe ezilensumpa, kumbe eziloqweqwe, kumbe ezilamathumba, linganikeli lezi eNKOSIni, futhi linganikeli kulezi umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo eNKOSIni phezu kwelathi.

23 Kodwa inkunzi loba imvu elesitho eselulekileyo kumbe esidundubeleyo lingayinikela ibe ngumnikelo wesihle; kodwa kayiyikwemukeleka ukuba ngeyesithembiso.

24 Njalo linganikeli eNKOSIni okuhluzukileyo kumbe okugxotshiweyo loba okudatshuliweyo loba okuqunyiweyo; lingakwenzi elizweni lakini.

25 Ngokuvela esandleni sowemzini linganikeli isinkwa sikaNkulunkulu wenu okuvela kuzo zonke lezi; ngoba ukonakala kwazo kukuzo, isici sikuzo, kaziyikwemukeleka kini.

26 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

27 Nxa kuzalwa inkunzi loba imvu loba imbuzi, izakuba ngaphansi kukanina insuku eziyisikhombisa. Njalo kusukela kusuku lwesificaminwembili njalo kusiya phambili izakwemukeleka ibe ngumnikelo, umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

28 Kodwa inkomokazi loba imvukazi lingayihlabi lomntwana wayo ngasuku lunye.

29 Njalo nxa lihlabela iNKOSI umhlatshelo wokubonga, lizawuhlaba ukuze lemukeleke.

30 Uzadliwa ngalolosuku, lingatshiyi okwawo kuze kube sekuseni. NgiyiNKOSI.

31 Ngakho gcinani imilayo yami, liyenze. NgiyiNKOSI.

32 Njalo lingeyisi ibizo lami elingcwele, kodwa ngizangcweliswa phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. NgiyiNKOSI elingcwelisayo,

33 eyalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. NgiyiNKOSI.

ULEVI 23

Imikhosi emisiweyo

1 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Imikhosi emisiweyo yeNKOSI elizayimemezela ibe zinhlangano ezibiziweyo ezingcwele, le yimikhosi yami emisiweyo.

3 Umsebenzi uzakwenziwa insuku eziyisithupha; kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa lulisabatha lokuphumula, inhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi; lulisabatha eNKOSIni kuyo yonke imizi yenu.

4 Le yimikhosi emisiweyo yeNKOSI, inhlangano ezibiziweyo ezingcwele elizazimemezela ngesikhathi sazo esimisiweyo.

5 Ngenyanga yokuqala ngolwetshumi lane lwenyanga kusihlwa kuliphasika leNKOSI.

6 Langosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwaleyonyanga kulomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo eNKOSIni; dlanini isinkwa esingelamvubelo insuku eziyisikhombisa.

7 Ngosuku lokuqala lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi.

8 Kodwa lizanikela umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo insuku eziyisikhombisa. Ngosuku lwesikhombisa kuzakuba khona inhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi.

9 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

10 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Lapho selifikile elizweni engilinika lona, livune isivuno salo, lethani isithungo sezithelo zokuqala zesivuno senu kumpristi,

11 njalo azunguze isithungo phambi kweNKOSI ukuze lemukeleke. Umpristi uzasizunguza ngosuku olulandela isabatha.

12 Ngosuku elizunguza ngalo isithungo, nikelani iwundlu elingelasici elilomnyaka owodwa, libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni.

13 Lomnikelo wawo wokudla uzakuba zingxenye ezimbili etshumini zempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, ube ngumnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo, kube luqhatshi olumnandi; lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo uzakuba ngowewayini, ingxenye yesine yehini.

14 Njalo kaliyikudla isinkwa, lamabele akhanzingiweyo, lezikhwebu ezintsha, kuze kufike lona lolosuku, lize lilethe umnikelo kaNkulunkulu wenu. Kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu, kuyo yonke imizi yenu.

15 Njalo lizazibalela kusukela ngosuku olulandela isabatha, kusukela ngosuku elaletha ngalo isithungo somnikelo wokuzunguzwa; kuzakuba ngamasabatha ayisikhombisa apheleleyo,

16 kuze kufike usuku olulandela isabatha lesikhombisa libale insuku ezingamatshumi amahlanu; khona lizanikela umnikelo omutsha wokudla eNKOSIni.

17 Lethani okuvela emizini yenu izinkwa ezimbili zokuzunguzwa; zizakuba zingxenye ezimbili etshumini zempuphu ecolekileyo; zizabhakwa lemvubelo; ziyizithelo zokuqala eNKOSIni.

18 Njalo lizanikela kanye lesinkwa amawundlu ayisikhombisa angelasici alomnyaka owodwa, lejongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, lenqama ezimbili; zizakuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni, kanye lomnikelo wazo wokudla leminikelo yazo yokunathwayo, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, kube luqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni.

19 Lizalungisa njalo izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, lamawundlu amabili alomnyaka owodwa abe ngumhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula.

20 Umpristi uzazizunguza-ke kanye lesinkwa sezithelo zokuqala zibe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI, kanye lamawundlu amabili; zizakuba ngcwele eNKOSIni, zibe ngezompristi.

21 Lizamemezela ngalona lolosuku; kuzakuba yinhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele kini, lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. Kuyisimiso esaphakade kuyo yonke imizi yenu ezizukulwaneni zenu.

22 Lalapho livuna isivuno selizwe lakini, ekuvuneni kwakho ungaqedi emngceleni wensimu yakho; futhi ungabuthi okuseleyo kwesivuno sakho; ukutshiyele umyanga lowemzini. NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

23 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

24 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngolokuqala lwenyanga kuzakuba kini yikuphumula, isikhumbuzo sokutshaywa kwezimpondo, inhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele.

25 Lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi; kodwa nikelani umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

26 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

27 Yebo, ngolwetshumi lwalinyanga yesikhombisa kuzakuba lusuku lwenhlawulo yokuthula; lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu, linikele umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

28 Langalona lolosuku lingenzi lamsebenzi, ngoba kulusuku lwenhlawulo yokuthula, ukulenzela lina inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

29 Ngoba loba yiwuphi umphefumulo ongazithobiyo ngalona lolosuku uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bakibo.

30 Laloba yiwuphi umphefumulo owenza loba yiwuphi umsebenzi ngalona lolosuku ngizawubhubhisa lowomphefumulo usuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo.

31 Lingenzi lamsebenzi. Kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu kuyo yonke imizi yenu.

32 Lisabatha lokuphumula kini; lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu; ngolwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga, ntambama, kusukela kusihlwa kuze kube kusihlwa, lizagcina isabatha lenu.

33 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

34 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwale inyanga yesikhombisa kuzakuba lomkhosi wamadumba insuku eziyisikhombisa eNKOSIni.

35 Ngosuku lokuqala kuzakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi.

36 Insuku eziyisikhombisa lizanikela umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo. Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kuzakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele kini, linikele umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo. Kungumhlangano onzulu, lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi.

37 Le yimikhosi emisiweyo yeNKOSI elizayimemezela ibe zinhlangano ezibiziweyo ezingcwele, ukunikela umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo, umnikelo wokutshiswa, lomnikelo wokudla, umhlatshelo, leminikelo yokunathwayo, kube yilokho lalokho ngosuku lwakho,

38 ngaphandle kwamasabatha eNKOSI, langaphandle kwezipho zenu, langaphandle kwezithembiso zenu zonke, langaphandle kweminikelo yenu yonke yesihle, elayinikela eNKOSIni.

39 Kodwa ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yesikhombisa, lapho selibuthile isivuno selizwe, gcinani umkhosi weNKOSI insuku eziyisikhombisa. Ngosuku lokuqala kuzakuba lokuphumula langosuku lwesificaminwembili kuzakuba lokuphumula.

40 Langosuku lokuqala zithatheleni izithelo zezihlahla ezinhle, izingatsha zezihlahla zelala, lezingatsha zezihlahla ezilamahlamvu aminyeneyo, leminyezane yemifula, lithabe phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu insuku eziyisikhombisa.

41 Lizawugcina ube ngumkhosi eNKOSIni insuku eziyisikhombisa ngomnyaka. Kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu; liwugubhe ngenyanga yesikhombisa.

42 Lizahlala emadumbeni insuku eziyisikhombisa; bonke abazalwa koIsrayeli bazahlala emadumbeni,

43 ukuze izizukulwana zenu zazi ukuthi ngabahlalisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli emadumbeni ekubakhupheni kwami elizweni leGibhithe. NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

44 Ngokunjalo uMozisi wabatshela abantwana bakoIsrayeli imikhosi emisiweyo yeNKOSI.

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Ukulondolozwa kwezibane

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Laya abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi balethe kuwe amafutha emihlwathi acengekileyo agigelwe ukukhanyisa ukuze izibane zivuthe njalonjalo.

3 Ngaphandle kweveyili lobufakazi, ethenteni lenhlangano, uAroni uzazilungisa phambi kweNKOSI njalonjalo, kusukela kusihlwa kuze kube sekuseni; kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu.

4 Uzalungisa izibane eluthini lwesibane olucwengekileyo phambi kweNKOSI njalonjalo.

Izinkwa zokubukiswa

5 Uzathatha-ke impuphu ecolekileyo, ubhake ngayo amaqebelengwana alitshumi lambili; ingxenye ezimbili etshumini kuzakuba liqebelengwana elilodwa.

6 Uwabeke emizileni emibili, ayisithupha emzileni, phezu kwetafula elicwengekileyo phambi kweNKOSI;

7 futhi ubeke kulowo lalowo umzila inhlaka ecengekileyo, ibe yisinkwa sesikhumbuzo, umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

8 Ngalo lonke usuku lwesabatha uzakulungisa phambi kweNKOSI njalonjalo, kuvela ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli,yisivumelwano esilaphakade.

9 Njalo kuzakuba ngokukaAroni lokwamadodana akhe, besebekudlela endaweni engcwele; ngoba kuyingcwelengcwele kuye, okuvela eminikelweni yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo, isimiso esilaphakade.

Imithetho emayelana lokuhlambaza lokubulala

10 Kwasekuphuma indodana yowesifazana umIsrayelikazi, owayeyindodana yendoda engumGibhithe, phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. Lalindodana yomIsrayelikazi lendoda engumIsrayeli balwa enkambeni.

11 Indodana yowesifazana umIsrayelikazi yasihlambaza iBizo, yathuka. Basebemletha kuMozisi. Lebizo likanina lalinguShelomithi, indodakazi kaDibiri, owesizwe sakoDani.

12 Basebemfaka esitokosini, ukuze bachasiselwe ngokomlomo weNKOSI.

13 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi yathi:

14 Khiphela ngaphandle kwenkamba umthuki; labo bonke abamuzwayo kababeke izandla zabo ekhanda lakhe, lenhlangano yonke imkhande ngamatshe.

15 Khuluma-ke ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Ngulowo lalowo othuka uNkulunkulu wakhe uzathwala isono sakhe.

16 Lohlambaza ibizo leNKOSI uzabulawa lokubulawa; inhlangano yonke izamkhanda lokumkhanda ngamatshe. Njengowokuzalwa elizweni uzakuba njalo owemzini, nxa ehlambaza iBizo uzabulawa.

17 Lomuntu nxa etshaya loba yiwuphi umphefumulo womuntu uzabulawa lokubulawa.

18 Lotshaya abulale inyamazana uzayihlawula, impilo ngempilo.

19 Umuntu nxa esipha-ke umakhelwane wakhe isici, njengokwenza kwakhe kuzakwenziwa njalo kuye,

20 ukwephuka ngokwephuka, ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo; njengalokho ephe umuntu isici, kuzakwenziwa njalo kuye.

21 Lotshaya inyamazana ife uzayihlawula; lotshaya umuntu afe uzabulawa.

22 Lizakuba lokwahlulela okukodwa, njengowezizwe uzakuba njalo owokuzalwa elizweni. Ngoba ngiyiNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu.

23 UMozisi wakhuluma-ke ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, ukuthi bamkhuphele ngaphandle kwenkamba umthuki, bamkhande ngamatshe. Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

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Umnyaka wesabatha lowejubili

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi entabeni yeSinayi isithi:

2 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Nxa lifika elizweni engilinika lona, ilizwe lizaphumula, isabatha eNKOSIni.

3 Iminyaka eyisithupha uzahlanyela insimu yakho, leminyaka eyisithupha uthene isivini sakho, ubuthe isithelo saso.

4 Kodwa ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kuzakuba lesabatha lokuphumula kwelizwe, isabatha eNKOSIni. Kawuyikuhlanyela insimu yakho, ungatheni isivini sakho.

5 Kawuyikuvuna umkhukhuzela wesivuno sakho, kaliyikukha izithelo zamavini akho angathenwanga. Uzakuba ngumnyaka wokuphumula welizwe.

6 Njalo isabatha lelizwe lizakuba yikudla kwenu, ngokwakho, lokwenceku yakho, lokwencekukazi yakho, lokoqatshiweyo wakho, lokowemzini wakho ohlala lawe njengowezizwe,

7 lokwezifuyo zakho, lokwenyamazana eziselizweni lakho; konke elikuthelayo kuzakuba yikudla.

8 Uzazibalela-ke amaviki ayisikhombisa eminyaka, iminyaka eyisikhombisa ephindwe kasikhombisa, ukuze insuku zamaviki ayisikhombisa eminyaka zibe yiminyaka engamatshumi amane lesificamunwemunye kuwe.

9 Khona uzadlulisa uphondo lomsindo omkhulu enyangeni yesikhombisa ngolwetshumi lwenyanga; ngosuku lwenhlawulo yokuthula lizadlulisa umsindo wophondo elizweni lonke lakini.

10 Njalo lizangcwelisa lumnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu, limemezele inkululeko elizweni kubo bonke abakhileyo balo. Kuzakuba lijubili kini; lizabuyela, ngulowo lalowo, elifeni lakhe; futhi lizabuyela, ngulowo lalowo, kusapho lwakhe.

11 Umnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu uzakuba ngumnyaka wejubili kini; lingahlanyeli, lingavuni umkhukhuzela wawo, lingakhi ngawo kumavini angathenwanga.

12 Ngoba ulijubili, uzakuba ngcwele kini; lizakudla ensimini okuthelwayo kwayo.

13 Ngomnyaka walelijubili lizabuyela, ngulowo lalowo elifeni lakhe.

14 Uba-ke uthengisa ulutho kumakhelwane wakho loba uthenga esandleni sikamakhelwane wakho, lingacindezelani.

15 Ngokwenani leminyaka emva kwejubili uzathenga kumakhelwane wakho; ngokwenani leminyaka yokuthelwayo uzakuthengisela.

16 Ngobunengi beminyaka uzakwandisa intengo yakho; njalo ngobulutshwana beminyaka uzanciphisa intengo yakho; ngoba ekuthengisela inani lezivuno.

17 Ngakho lingacindezelani, kodwa wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngoba ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

18 Ngakho yenzani izimiso zami, ligcine izehlulelo zami, lizenze, ukuze lihlale elizweni livikelekile.

19 Lelizwe lizathela izithelo zalo, lidle lize lisuthe, lihlale kulo livikelekile.

20 Uba-ke lisithi: Sizakudlani ngomnyaka wesikhombisa? Khangela, kasihlanyeli, kasibuthi isivuno sethu.

21 Khona ngizalaya isibusiso sami kini ngomnyaka wesithupha, ukuze uthele isivuno seminyaka emithathu.

22 Njalo lizahlanyela ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili lidle okwesivuno esidala kuze kufike umnyaka wesificamunwemunye; kuze kufike isivuno sawo lizakudla esidala.

23 Lelizwe kaliyikuthengiswa lanininini, ngoba ilizwe ngelami; ngoba lingabemzini labahlala njengabezizwe lami.

24 Lelizweni lonke lelifa lenu lizavumela uhlengo lwelizwe.

25 Uba umfowenu esiba ngumyanga, athengise okwelifa lakhe, uzafika umhlengi wakhe eyisihlobo sakhe, ahlenge lokho umfowabo akuthengisileyo.

26 Njalo umuntu, uba engelaye umhlengi, kodwa isandla sakhe sifinyelele, athole okwenele uhlengo lwakhe,

27 kabale iminyaka yokuthengiswa kwalo, abuyisele okuseleyo kulowomuntu owamthengisela lona, abuyele elifeni lakhe.

28 Kodwa uba isandla sakhe singatholanga okwenele ukubuyisela kuye, okuthengisiweyo kuzakuba sesandleni sokuthengileyo kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili; kodwa ngejubili kuzaphuma, njalo uzabuyela elifeni lakhe.

29 Umuntu, uba ethengisa-ke indlu yokuhlala emzini olomthangala, ilungelo lohlengo lwayo lizakuba kuze kuphele umnyaka wokuthengiswa kwayo; ilungelo lohlengo lwayo lizakuba ngumnyaka wonke.

30 Kodwa uba ingahlengwanga uze umnyaka wayo wonke ugcwale, leyondlu esemzini olomthangala izamiselwa lowo owayithengayo njalonjalo, ezizukulwaneni zakhe; kayiyikuphuma ngejubili.

31 Kodwa izindlu zemizi engabiyelwanga ngomthangala zizabalwa njengensimu yelizwe; kulohlengo lwayo, njalo izaphuma ngejubili.

32 Mayelana lemizi yamaLevi, izindlu zemizi yelifa lawo, amaLevi azakuba lohlengo lwaphakade.

33 Uba kungohlenga kumaLevi, kuzaphuma ukuthengiswa kwendlu lokomuzi welifa lakhe ngejubili; ngoba izindlu zemizi yamaLevi ziyilifa lawo phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

34 Kodwa insimu yamaphethelo emizi yawo kayiyikuthengiswa, ngoba iyilifa lawo kuze kube nininini.

35 Uba-ke umfowenu esiba ngumyanga, lesandla sakhe sixega kuwe, uzamsekela: Owemzini lohlezi njengowezizwe, ukuze aphile lawe.

36 Ungathathi kuye umvuzo lenzuzo, kodwa wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuze umfowenu aphile lawe.

37 Ungamuphi imali yakho ngenzalo, futhi ungaphi ukudla kwakho ngenzuzo.

38 NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukulinika ilizwe leKhanani, ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu.

39 Uba-ke umfowenu olawe esiba ngumyanga, azithengise kuwe, ungamenzi asebenze njengesigqili;

40 uzakuba lawe njengoqatshiweyo, njengohlala njengowezizwe, asebenze kuwe kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili.

41 Khona ezaphuma kuwe, yena labantwana bakhe laye, abuyele kwabomdeni wakhe, abuyele elifeni laboyise.

42 Ngoba ziyizinceku zami engazikhupha elizweni leGibhithe; kaziyikuthengiswa ngokuthengiswa kwesigqili.

43 Ungambusi nzima, kodwa wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho.

44 Lesigqili sakho lesigqilikazi sakho ozakuba lazo, zizavela ezizweni ezilizingelezeleyo; kuzo lizathenga isigqili kumbe isigqilikazi.

45 Futhi-ke ebantwaneni balabo abahlala njengabemzini abahlala njengabezizwe lani, kubo lingazithenga lakuzizukulwana zabo ezilani, abazizalela elizweni lakini, njalo bazakuba yimfuyo yenu.

46 Njalo lizazenza abafuyi bazo lisenzela abantwana benu emva kwenu ukuze badle ilifa lemfuyo; lizabasebenzisa kuze kube nininini. Kodwa phakathi kwabafowenu, abantwana bakoIsrayeli, kaliyikubusa nzima, omunye phezu komunye.

47 Uba-ke isandla sowezizweni loba sowemzini ohlala lawe sesifinyelele enothweni, lomfowenu olaye abe ngumyanga, azithengise kowemzini, owezizweni ohlala lawe, kumbe kusendo lwesizukulwana sowemzini,

48 esezithengisile kungaba lokuhlengwa kwakhe; omunye wabafowabo angamhlenga,

49 loba umfowabo kayise, loba umtanomfowabo kayise angamhlenga, kumbe isihlobo sakhe segazi emdeni wakhe singamhlenga; uba isandla sakhe sesifinyelele enothweni, angazihlenga.

50 Uzabalisana lowamthengayo, kusukela emnyakeni owazithengisa kuye ngawo kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili; ukuze imali yentengiso yakhe izakuba njengenani leminyaka, njengensuku zoqatshiweyo kuzakuba njalo ngaye.

51 Uba kuseleminyaka eminengi, ngokungayo uzabuyisela uhlengo lwakhe, emalini yokuthengwa kwakhe.

52 Uba-ke kusele iminyaka emilutshwana kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili, uzabalisana laye; njengokweminyaka yakhe uzabuyisela uhlengo lwakhe.

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53 Uzakuba laye njengoqatshiweyo iminyaka ngeminyaka; kayikumbusa nzima phambi kwamehlo akho.

54 Kodwa uba engahlengwanga ngalokhu, uzaphuma ngomnyaka wejubili, yena labantwana bakhe kanye laye.

55 Ngoba kimi abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazinceku, bazinceku zami engazikhupha elizweni leGibhithe. NgiyiNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu.

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Izibusiso zokulalela

1Lingazenzeli izithombe, lingazimiseli isifanekiso esibaziweyo lensika eyisithombe, lingabeki elizweni lakini ilitshe elilemifanekiso ukulikhothamela; ngoba ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

2 Gcinani amasabatha ami, lihloniphe indlu yami engcwele. NgiyiNKOSI.

3 Uba lihamba ngezimiso zami, ligcine imilayo yami, liyenze,

4 khona ngizanika izulu lenu ngesikhathi salo, lelizwe lizaveza isivuno salo, lezihlahla zeganga zithele isithelo sazo.

5 Lesikhathi sokubhula kwenu sizafinyelela esikhathini sokuvuna amavini, lesikhathi sokuvuna amavini sizafinyelela esikhathini sokuhlanyela; njalo lizakudla ukudla kwenu lize lisuthe, lihlale livikelekile elizweni lakini.

6 Njalo ngizanika ukuthula elizweni, lilale futhi kungelamuntu owethusayo, njalo ngisuse inyamazana ezimbi elizweni, lenkemba kayiyikudabula elizweni lakini.

7 Njalo lizaxotsha izitha zenu, zizakuwa-ke phambi kwenu ngenkemba.

8 Labahlanu benu bazaxotsha ikhulu, labalikhulu benu bazaxotsha inkulungwane ezilitshumi; lezitha zenu zizakuwa phambi kwenu ngenkemba.

9 Njalo ngizaphendukela kini, ngilenze ukuthi lizale, ngilandise, ngimise isivumelwano sami lani.

10 Lizakudla-ke okudala okugciniweyo, likhuphe okudala ngenxa yokutsha.

11 Njalo ngizamisa ithabhanekele lami phakathi kwenu, lomphefumulo wami kawuyikunengwa yini.

12 Ngizahambahamba-ke phakathi kwenu, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu, lina libe ngabantu bami.

13 NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukuze lingabi yizigqili zabo; ngephule izikeyi zejogwe lenu, ngenze ukuthi lihambe leluleme.

Lokhu okuzakwenziwa ngenxa yokungalaleli

14 Kodwa uba lingangilaleli, lingayenzi yonke le imilayo,

15 njalo uba lidelela izimiso zami, njalo uba umphefumulo wenu unengwa yizehlulelo zami, ukuze lingenzi yonke imilayo yami, ukwephula isivumelwano sami,

16 lami ngizakwenza lokhu kini: Ngizamisa phezu kwenu ukwesaba okukhulu, isifo esicakisayo, lomkhuhlane, okuqeda amehlo, okwenza impilo iphele. Njalo inhlanyelo yenu lizayihlanyelela ize, ngoba izitha zenu zizayidla.

17 Njalo ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane lani, njalo litshaywe phambi kwezitha zenu. Labalizondayo bazalibusa, libaleke kungelamuntu olixotshayo.

18 Kodwa uba ngalezizinto lingangilaleli, ngizakwengeza ngilijezise kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu,

19 ngephule ukuziphakamisa kwamandla enu, ngenze isibhakabhaka senu sibe njengensimbi, lomhlabathi wenu njengethusi;

20 lamandla enu azachithelwa ize, ngoba ilizwe lenu kaliyikuveza isivuno salo, lezihlahla zelizwe kaziyikuthela isithelo sazo.

21 Uba-ke lihamba ngokuphambene lami, lingafuni ukungilalela, ngizakwengezelela kini inhlupheko kasikhombisa ngokwezono zenu.

22 Ngizathumela phakathi kwenu izilo zeganga ezizalemuka abantwana benu, zichithe izifuyo zenu, zilenze libe balutshwana, lezindlela zenu zibe yinkangala.

23 Njalo uba lingavumi ukuxwayiswa yimi ngalezizinto, kodwa lihamba ngokuphambene lami,

24 lami ngizahamba ngokuphambene lani, lami ngilitshaye kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu.

25 Ngizakwehlisela inkemba phezu kwenu ezaphindisela impindiselo yesivumelwano. Uba libuthana emizini yenu, ngizathumela umatshayabhuqe wesifo phakathi kwenu, njalo linikelwe esandleni sesitha.

26 Lapho ngilephulela udondolo lwesinkwa, abesifazana abalitshumi bazabhaka isinkwa senu eziko elilodwa, babuyise isinkwa senu ngesisindo; njalo lizakudla, kodwa lingasuthi.

27 Kodwa uba lingangilaleli kulokhu, lihambe ngokuphambene lami,

28 lami ngizahamba ngokuphambene lani ngilentukuthelo, lami ngilijezise kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu.

29 Njalo lizakudla inyama yamadodana enu lenyama yamadodakazi enu lizayidla.

30 Njalo ngizachitha indawo zenu eziphakemeyo, ngidilize amalathi enu elanga, ngiphosele izidumbu zenu phezu kwezidumbu zezithombe zenu, lomphefumulo wami unengwe yini.

31 Ngizakwenza-ke imizi yenu ibe lunxiwa, ngidilize izindlu zenu ezingcwele;
kangiyikunuka uqhatshi lwenu olumnandi.

32 Mina-ke ngizachitha ilizwe ukuze izitha zenu ezihlala kulo zikhakhamale ngalo.

33 Njalo ngizalihlakazela ezizweni, ngihwatshe inkemba emva kwenu; lelizwe
lakini lizakuba yincithakalo, lemizi yenu ibe lunxiwa.

34 Khona ilizwe lizathokoza ngamasabatha alo zonke izinsuku zencithakalo,
liselizweni lezitha zenu; khona ilizwe lizaphumula, lithokoze ngamasabatha alo.

35 Zonke insuku zencithakalo lizaphumula, ngoba kaliphumulanga ngamasabatha
enu lisahlala kilo.

36 Mayelana lalabo abaseleyo phakathi kwenu, ngizathuma ubuthakathaka
enhliziyweni zabo emazweni ezitha zabo; lomsindo wehlamvu eliphephukayo
uzabaxotsha, bazabaleka njengomuntu obalekela inkemba, bawe kungelamuntu
obaxotshayo.

37 Bazakhubeka omunye phezu komunye kungathi kuphambi kwenkemba,
kungelamuntu obaxotshayo. Kaliyikuba lakho ukuma phambi kwezitha zenu.

38 Njalo lizabhubha phakathi kwezizwe, lelizwe lezitha zenu lizakulidla.

39 Labaseleyo phakathi kwenu bazacikizeka ebubini babo emazweni ezitha zabo,
yebo lebubini baboyise bazacikizeka kanye labo.

40 Uba bezavuma ububi babo lobubi baboyise, lesiphambeko sabo abaphambeka
ngaso kimi, yebo futhi ukuthi bahambe ngokuphambene lami,

41 lami ngihambe ngokuphambene labo, ngibase elizweni lezitha zabo. Uba
ngalesosikhathi inhliziyo yabo engasokanga izathotshiswa, langalesosikhathi
bemukele ngokuthokoza ukutshaywa ngenxa yobubi babo,

42 khona ngizakhumbula isivumelwano sami loJakobe, yebo lesivumelwano sami
loIsaka, yebo lesivumelwano sami loAbrahama ngisikhumbule, lelizwe
ngilikhumbule.

43 Lelizwe lizatshiywa yibo, lithokoze ngamasabatha alo lisachithekile lingelabo.
Bona bazakwemukela ngokuthokoza ukutshaywa ngenxa yobubi babo, ngoba,
yebo ngoba badelela izehlulelo zami, lomphefumulo wabo wanengwa yizimiso
zami.

44 Kanti-ke lalokhu, lapho beselizweni lezitha zabo, kangiyikubadelela, futhi
kangiyikunengwa yibo ukuze ngibaqothule, ngephule isivumelwano sami labo,
ngoba ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo.

45 Kodwa ngizabakhumbulela isivumelwano sabokhokho babo engabakhupha
elizweni leGibhithe phambi kwamehlo ezizwe, ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu
wabo. NgiyiNKOSI.

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46 Lezi yizimiso lezehlulelo lemilayo iNKOSI ekunikileyo phakathi kwayo labantwana bakoIsrayeli entabeni yeSinayi ngesandla sikaMozisi.

ULEVI 27

Imilayo yezithembiso ezithile

1 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Umuntu, nxa esenza isithembiso esikhethekileyo, njengesilinganiso sakho imiphefumulo izakuba ngeyeNKOSI.

3 Khona isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngesowesilisa, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha, isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele.

4 Kodwa uba kungowesifazana, isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngamashekeli angamatshumi amathathu.

5 Njalo nxa kusukela koleminyaka emihlanu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili, isilinganiso sakho sowesilisa sizakuba ngamashekeli angamatshumi amabili, lakowesifazana amashekeli alitshumi.

6 Njalo nxa kusukela kolenyanga kusiya koleminyaka emihlanu, isilinganiso sakho sowesilisa sizakuba ngamashekeli amahlanu esiliva, njalo kowesifazana isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngamashekeli amathathu esiliva.

7 Uba-ke kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha langaphezulu, uba kungowesilisa, isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngamashekeli alitshumi lanhlanu, lakowesifazana amashekeli alitshumi.

8 Kodwa uba engumyanga kulesilinganiso sakho, uzazimisa phambi kompristi ukuze umpristi amlinganise; njengalokho isandla sowathembisayo singafinyelela kukho umpristi uzamlinganisa.

9 Njalo uba kuyinyamazana abanikela okwayo umnikelo eNKOSIni, konke okwayo anikela ngakho eNKOSIni kuzakuba ngcwele.

10 Kayikuyintshintsha, futhi angenaniseli ngayo, enhle ngembi loba embi ngenhle. Uba-ke usenanisa lokwenanisa inyamazana ngenyamazana, lokhu lalokhukwenaniselana kuzakuba ngcwele.

11 Njalo uba kuyinyamazana loba yiyiphi engcolileyo abanganikeli okwayo ngayo umnikelo eNKOSIni, uzayimisa inyamazana phambi kompristi,

12 umpristi ayilinganise-ke, ukuthi inhle loba imbi; njengesilinganiso sakho, mpristi, izakuba njalo.

13 Kodwa uba eyihlenga lokuyihlenga, uzakwengezelela ingxenye yesihlanu yayo phezu kwesilinganiso sakho.

14 Umuntu, nxa engcwelisa-ke indlu yakhe, ukuthi ibe ngcwele eNKOSIni, umpristi uzayilinganisa, ukuthi inhle loba imbi; njengalokho umpristi ezayilinganisa izakuma njalo.

15 Uba-ke oyingcwelisileyo ezayihlenga indlu yakhe, uzakwengezelela ingxenye yesihlanu yemali yesilinganiso sakho phezu kwayo, njalo izakuba ngeyakhe.

16 Uba-ke umuntu ezangcwelisela iNKOSI okwensimu yelifa lakhe, isilinganiso sakho sizakuba njengokwenhlanyelo yayo. Ihomeri lenhlanyelo yebhali libe ngamashekeli esiliva engamatshumi amahlanu.

17 Uba engcwelisa insimu yakhe kusukela emnyakeni wejubili, njengesilinganiso sakho izakuma.

18 Kodwa uba wangcwelisa insimu yakhe emva kwejubili, umpristi uzambalela imali ngokweminyaka eseleyo kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili, njalo kuzaphungulwa esilinganisweni sakho.

19 Uba-ke owayingcwelisayo eyihlenga lokuyihlenga insimu, uzakwengezelela ingxenye yesihlanu yemali yesilinganiso sakho phezu kwayo, njalo iqiniswe kuye.

20 Kodwa uba engayihlengi insimu, loba uba eseyithengisile insimu komunye umuntu, kayisayikuhlengwa;

21 Kodwa insimu ekuphumeni kwayo ngejubili izakuba ngcwele eNKOSIni, njengensimu eyehlukanisiweyo; ilifa layo libe ngelompristi.

22 Uba-ke eyingcwelisela iNKOSI insimu ayithengileyo, engayisiyo insimu yelifa lakhe,

23 umpristi uzambalela-ke inani lesilinganiso sakho, kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili, abesenika isilinganiso sakho ngalolosuku, into engcwele eNKOSIni.

24 Ngomnyaka wejubili insimu izabuyela kulowo eyathengwa kuye, kulowo ilifa lensimu ebelingelakhe.

25 Njalo sonke isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; amagera angamatshumi amabili azakuba lishekeli.

26 Kodwa izibulo, elizelwe njengengqabutho eNKOSIni elenyamazana, kakho ozalingcwelisa; loba inkabi loba imvu, ngeleNKOSI.

27 Kodwa uba lingelenyamazana engcolileyo, uzalihlenga ngokwesilinganiso sakho, engezelele phezu kwalo ingxenye yesihlanu yalo; kodwa uba lingahlengwanga, lizathengiswa ngokwesilinganiso sakho.

28 Kodwa kakukho into eyehlukanisiweyo, umuntu ayehlukanisele iNKOSI, kukho konke alakho, okuvela emuntwini, loba enyamazaneni, loba okuvela ensimini yelifa lakhe, kakuyikuthengiswa, futhi kakuyikuhlengwa; konke okwehlukanisiweyo kuyingcwelengcwele eNKOSIni.

29 Yonke into eqalekisiweyo, eqalekiswe ebantwini, kayiyikuhlengwa; izabulawa lokubulawa.

Mayelana lokwetshumi

30 Lakho konke okwetshumi kwelizwe, okwenhlanyelo yelizwe, okwesithelo sezihlahla, kungokweNKOSI; kungcwele eNKOSIni.

31 Uba umuntu ehlenga lokuhlenga kokwetshumi kwakhe, uzakwengezelela kukho ingxenye yesihlanu yakho.

32 Mayelana lakho konke okwetshumi kwezinkomo leyezimvu, konke okwedlula ngaphansi kwentonga, okwetshumi kuzakuba ngcwele eNKOSIni.

33 Kayikuhlola phakathi kokuhle lokubi, futhi kayikuntshintsha. Njalo uba ekuntshintsha lokukuntshintsha, ngakho khona lokuntshintshana lakho kuzakuba ngcwele, kakuyikuhlengwa.

34 Leyo yimilayo iNKOSI eyayilaya uMozisi kubantwana bakoIsrayeli entabeni yeSinayi.

AMANANI

AMANANI 1

UGWALO LWESINE LUKAMOZISI OLUTHIWA
Ukubalwa kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli eSinayi

1 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi enkangala yeSinayi ethenteni lenhlangano, ngolokuqala lwenyanga yesibili, ngomnyaka wesibili emva kokuphuma kwabo elizweni leGibhithe, isithi:

2 Thathani inani lonke lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, lenani lamabizo, wonke owesilisa, ngamakhanda abo.

3 Kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini koIsrayeli, lizababala ngamabutho abo, wena loAroni.

4 Kuzakuba lani indoda kuleso lalesosizwe, ileyo laleyo eyinhloko yendlu yaboyise.

5 Lala ngamabizo amadoda azakuma lani. KoRubeni: UElizuri indodana kaShedewuri.

6 KoSimeyoni: UShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi.

7 KoJuda: UNashoni indodana kaAminadaba.

8 KoIsakari: UNethaneli indodana kaZuwari.

9 KoZebuluni: UEliyabi indodana kaHeloni.

10 Kubantwana bakoJosefa, koEfrayimi: UElishama indodana kaAmihudi; koManase: UGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri.

11 KoBhenjamini: UAbidani indodana kaGideyoni.

12 KoDani: UAhiyezeri indodana kaAmishadayi.

13 KoAsheri: UPagiyeli indodana kaOkirani.

14 KoGadi: UEliyasafi indodana kaDehuweli.

15 KoNafithali: UAhira indodana kaEnani.

16 Yibo ababizwayo benhlangano, iziphathamandla zezizwe zaboyise, inhloko zezinkulungwane zakoIsrayeli.

17 OMozisi loAroni basebethatha lawomadoda aqanjwe ngamabizo.

18 Bahlanganisa inhlangano yonke ngolokuqala lwenyanga yesibili; babala ngenhlanga zabo ngensendo zabo ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, ngamakhanda abo.

19 Njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi wababala ngokunjalo enkangala yeSinayi.

20 Njalo abantwana bakoRubeni, izibulo likaIsrayeli, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, ngamakhanda abo, wonke owesilisa kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;

21 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoRubeni, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lesithupha lamakhulu amahlanu.

22 Kubantwana bakoSimeyoni, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, labo ababalwayo, ngokwenani lamabizo, ngamakhanda abo, wonke owesilisa kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;

23 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoSimeyoni, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lesificamunwemunye lamakhulu amathathu.

24 Kubantwana bakoGadi, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;

25 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoGadi, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu.

26 Kubantwana bakoJuda, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;

27 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoJuda, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane lamakhulu ayisithupha.

28 Kubantwana bakoIsakari, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;

29 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoIsakari, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lane lamakhulu amane.

30 Kubantwana bakoZebuluni, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;

31 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoZebuluni, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lesikhombisa lamakhulu amane.

32 Kubantwana bakoJosefa, kubantwana bakoEfrayimi, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;

33 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoEfrayimi, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu amahlanu.

34 Kubantwana bakoManase, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;

35 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoManase, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili lamakhulu amabili.

36 Kubantwana bakoBhenjamini, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;

37 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoBhenjamini, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu lamakhulu amane.

38 Kubantwana bakoDani, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;

39 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoDani, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa.

40 Kubantwana bakoAsheri, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;

41 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoAsheri, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanye lamakhulu amahlanu.

42 Abantwana bakoNafithali, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;

43 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoNafithali, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu lamakhulu amane.

44 Yibo laba ababalwayo, oMozisi loAroni abababalayo, leziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli, amadoda alitshumi lambili, yileso laleso singesendlu yaboyise.

45 Babenjalo bonke ababalwayo babantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngezindlu zaboyise, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini koIsrayeli.

46 Ngakho bonke ababalwayo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lantathu lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu.

AmaLevi azakhonza ethabhanekeleni

47 Kodwa amaLevi, ngezindlu zaboyise, kawabalwanga phakathi kwabo.

48 Ngoba iNKOSI yayikhulume kuMozisi yathi:

49 Kuphela isizwe sakoLevi ungasibali, ungathathi inani lonke laso phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli;

50 kodwa wena, misa amaLevi phezu kwethabhanekele lobufakazi, laphezu kwazo zonke izitsha zalo, laphezu kwakho konke okwalo. Wona azathwala ithabhanekele lazo zonke izitsha zalo; futhi wona azakhonza kulo, amise amathente awo azingelezele ithabhanekele.

51 Lekusukeni kwethabhanekele amaLevi azalidiliza, lekumisweni kwethabhanekele amaLevi azalimisa. Lowemzini osondelayo uzabulawa.

52 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazamisa-ke amathente abo, kube ngulowo lalowo enkambeni yakhe, langulowo lalowo ngophawu lwakhe, ngokwamabutho abo.

53 Kodwa amaLevi azamisa amathente awo azingeleze ithabhanekele lobufakazi, ukuze kungabi lolaka phezu kwenhlangano yabantwana bakoIsrayeli; amaLevi azagcina-ke umlindo wethabhanekele lobufakazi.

54 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza njengakho konke iNKOSI eyayimlaye khona uMozisi, benza njalo.

AMANANI 2

Inkamba leziphathamandla zezizwe

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi:

2 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazamisa amathente abo, kube ngulowo lalowo ngophawu lwakhe, ngokwezibonakaliso zezindlu zaboyise; bazamisa amathente abo bucwadlana lethente lenhlangano inhlangothi zonke.

3 Labo abamisa amathente abo ngempumalanga lapho okuphuma khona ilanga, bangabophawu lwenkamba yakoJuda ngokwamabutho abo, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoJuda sizakuba nguNashoni indodana kaAminadaba;

4 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane lamakhulu ayisithupha.

5 Lalabo abamisa amathente abo eceleni kwakhe ngabesizwe sakoIsakari, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoIsakari sizakuba nguNethaneli indodana kaZuwari;

6 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo balo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lane lamakhulu amane.

7 Isizwe sakoZebuluni: Isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoZebuluni sizakuba-ke nguEliyabi indodana kaHeloni;

8 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo balo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lesikhombisa lamakhulu amane.

9 Bonke ababalwayo benkamba yakoJuda babeyizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lamakhulu amane, ngamabutho abo; bazasuka kuqala.

10 Uphawu lwenkamba yakoRubeni luzakuba ngeningizimu, ngamabutho abo, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoRubeni sizakuba nguElizuri indodana kaShedewuri;

11 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo balo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lesithupha lamakhulu amahlanu.

12 Lalabo abamisa amathente abo eceleni kwakhe ngabesizwe sakoSimeyoni, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoSimeyoni sizakuba nguShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi;

13 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lesificamunwemunye lamakhulu amathathu.

14 Lesizwe sakoGadi: Isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoGadi sizakuba-ke nguEliyasafi indodana kaRehuweli;

15 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu.

16 Bonke ababalwayo benkamba yakoRubeni babeyizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lanye lamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu, ngamabutho abo. Njalo bazakuba ngabesibili ekusukeni.

17 Emva kwalokhu kuzasuka ithente lenhlangano, lenkamba yamaLevi phakathi kwenkamba; njengokumisa kwabo inkamba ngokunjalo bazasuka, kube ngulowo lalowo endaweni yakhe, ngokwempawu zabo.

18 Uphawu lwenkamba yakoEfrayimi ngamabutho abo luzakuba sentshonalanga, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoEfrayimi sizakuba nguElishama indodana kaAmihudi;

19 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu amahlanu.

20 Leceleni kwakhe isizwe sakoManase, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoManase sizakuba nguGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri;

21 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili lamakhulu amabili.

22 Lesizwe sakoBhenjamini; isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoBhenjamini sizakuba-ke nguAbidani indodana kaGideyoni;

23 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu lamakhulu amane.

24 Bonke ababalwayo benkamba yakoEfrayimi babeyizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lesificaminwembili lekhulu, ngamabutho abo. Njalo bazakuba ngabesithathu ekusukeni.

25 Uphawu lwenkamba yakoDani luzakuba ngenyakatho, ngamabutho abo, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoDani sizakuba nguAhiyezeri indodana kaAmishadayi;

26 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa.

27 Labamisa amathente abo eceleni kwakhe kuzakuba yisizwe sakoAsheri, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoAsheri sizakuba nguPagiyeli indodana kaOkirani;

28 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanye lamakhulu amahlanu.

29 Lesizwe sakoNafithali; isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoNafithali sizakuba-ke nguAhira indodana kaEnani;

30 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu lamakhulu amane.

31 Bonke ababalwayo benkamba yakoDani babeyizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lesikhombisa lamakhulu ayisithupha. Bazakuba ngabokucina ekusukeni ngokwempawu zabo.

32 Yibo labo ababalwayo babantwana bakoIsrayeli ngezindlu zaboyise. Bonke ababalwayo bezinkamba ngokwamabutho abo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lantathu lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu.

33 Kodwa amaLevi kawabalwanga phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, njengalokho iNKOSI yayimlayile uMozisi.

34 Njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli benza njengalokho konke iNKOSI eyayimlaye khona uMozisi; ngokunjalo bamisa amathente abo ngokwempawu zabo futhi basuka ngokunjalo, ngulowo lalowo ngosendo lwakhe ngokwendlu kayise.

AMANANI 3

Amadodana kaAroni

1 Lezi-ke yizizukulwana zikaAroni lezikaMozisi, ngosuku iNKOSI eyakhuluma ngalo loMozisi entabeni yeSinayi.

2 Lala ngamabizo amadodana kaAroni; izibulo uNadabi, loAbihu, uEleyazare, loIthamari.

3 La ngamabizo amadodana kaAroni, abapristi abagcotshiweyo, owabehlukanisela ukusebenza njengabapristi.

4 Kodwa uNadabi loAbihu bafa phambi kweNKOSI, lapho benikela umlilo ongejwayelekanga phambi kweNKOSIenkangala yeSinayi. Babengelabantwana. Ngakho uEleyazare loIthamari basebenza njengabapristi phambi kukaAroni uyise.

5 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

6 Sondeza isizwe sakoLevi, usimise phambi kukaAroni umpristi, ukuthi bamsebenzele.

7 Bazagcina imfanelo yakhe lemfanelo yenhlangano yonke phambi kwethente lenhlangano ukwenza inkonzo yethabhanekele.

8 Bazalondoloza yonke impahla yethente lenhlangano, lemfanelo yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuthi benze inkonzo yethabhanekele.

9 Njalo uzanikela amaLevi kuAroni lemadodaneni akhe; aphiwe lokuphiwa kuye bephuma kubantwana bakoIsrayeli.

10 Njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe uzabamisa, bagcine-ke ubupristi babo. Lowemzini osondelayo uzabulawa.

11 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

12 Mina-ke, khangela, ngithethe amaLevi ephuma phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli endaweni yalo lonke izibulo elivula isizalo kubantwana bakoIsrayeli. Ngakho amaLevi azakuba ngawami,

13 ngoba lonke izibulo lingelami ngosuku engatshaya ngalo lonke izibulo elizweni leGibhithe. Ngizehlukanisele lonke izibulo koIsrayeli, kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni; lizakuba ngelami; ngiyiNKOSI.

14 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi enkangala yeSinayi isithi:

15 Bala abantwana bakoLevi ngezindlu zaboyise langensendo zabo; wonke owesilisa kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, uzababala.

16 Ngakho uMozisi wababala ngokomlomo weNKOSI njengokulaywa kwakhe.

17 Lala ayengamadodana kaLevi ngamabizo awo: UGerishoni loKohathi loMerari.

18 Lala ngamabizo amadodana kaGerishoni ngensendo zawo: ULibini loShimeyi.

19 Lamadodana kaKohathi ngensendo zawo: UAmramu loIzihari, uHebroni loUziyeli.

20 Lamadodana kaMerari ngensendo zawo: UMahli loMushi. Lezi zinsendo zamaLevi ngezindlu zaboyise.

21 KuGerishoni kwakulosendo lwamaLibini losendo lwamaShimeyi; lezi zinsendo zamaGerishoni.

22 Ababalwayo babo, ngenani labo bonke abesilisa, kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, ababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu.

23 Insendo zamaGerishoni zizamisa amathente azo ngemva kwethabhanekele ngentshonalanga.

24 Lesiphathamandla sendlu kayise wamaGerishoni sizakuba nguEliyasafi indodana kaLayeli.

25 Lemfanelo yamadodana kaGerishoni ethenteni lenhlangano izakuba lithabhanekele, lethente, isifulelo salo, lesilenge somnyango wethente lenhlangano,

26 lamakhetheni eguma, lesilenge somnyango weguma elingasethabhanekeleni lelingaselathini inhlangothi zonke, lentambo zalo, ngokomsebenzi walo wonke.

27 LakuKohathi kwakulosendo lwamaAmramu, losendo lwamaIzihari, losendo lwamaHebroni, losendo lwamaUziyeli. Lezi zinsendo zamaKohathi.

28 Kunani labo bonke abesilisa, kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, babeyizinkulungwane eziyisificaminwembili lamakhulu ayisithupha, begcina imfanelo yendlu engcwele.

29 Insendo zamadodana kaKohathi zizamisa amathente azo eceleni kwethabhanekele ngeningizimu.

30 Lesiphathamandla sendlu kayise wensendo zamaKohathi sizakuba nguElizafani indodana kaUziyeli.

31 Lemfanelo yawo izakuba ngumtshokotsho, letafula, loluthi lwesibane, lamalathi, lezitsha zendlu engcwele abakhonza ngazo, lesilenge, layo yonke inkonzo yalo.

32 Njalo umphathi weziphathamandla zamaLevi uzakuba nguEleyazare, indodana kaAroni umpristi; ubuphathibakhe babukwabagcina ukulindwa kwendlu engcwele.

33 KoMerari kwakulusendo lwamaMahli losendo lwamaMushi; lezi zinsendo zamaMerari.

34 Lababalwayo babo, ngenani labo bonke abesilisa, kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, babeyizinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu amabili.

35 Lesiphathamandla sendlu kayise wensendo zakoMerari sizakuba nguZuriyeli indodana kaAbihayili. Bazamisa amathente abo eceleni kwethabhanekele ngenyakatho.

36 Lobuphathi bokulinda bamadodana kaMerari buzakuba ngamapulanka ethabhanekele, lemithando yalo, lensika zalo, lezisekelo zalo, lezitsha zalo zonke, lawo wonke umsebenzi walo,

37 lensika zeguma inhlangothi zonke, lezisekelo zazo, lezikhonkwane zazo, lentambo zazo.

38 Lalabo ababemise amathente abo phambi kwethabhanekele ngempumalanga, phambi kwethente lenhlangano, kwakungoMozisi loAroni lamadodana akhe, belondoloza ukulindwa kwendlu engcwele, kusenzelwa umlindo wabantwana bakoIsrayeli. Lowemzini osondelayo uzabulawa.

39 Bonke ababalwayo bamaLevi, oMozisi loAroni abababalayo, ngokomlayo weNKOSI, ngezinsapho zabo, bonke abesilisa kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili.

Uhlengo lwamazibulo

40 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Bala wonke amazibulo esilisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli, kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, uthathe inani lamabizo abo.

41 Uzangithathela amaLevi (ngiyiNKOSI) endaweni yawo wonke amazibulo phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli; lezifuyo zamaLevi endaweni yamazibulo wonke phakathi kwezifuyo zabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

42 Ngakho uMozisi wabala wonke amazibulo phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuye.

43 Lawo wonke amazibulo esilisa, ngenani lamabizo, kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, kwababaliweyo babo, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu.

44 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

45 Thatha amaLevi endaweni yamazibulo wonke phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, lezifuyo zamaLevi endaweni yezifuyo zabo; lamaLevi azakuba ngawami; ngiyiNKOSI.

46 Mayelana labazahlengwa, abangamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu bamazibulo abantwana bakoIsrayeli, abaphezu kwenani lamaLevi;

47 uzathatha lamashekeli nganhlanu nganhlanu ngekhanda, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele uzawathatha; ishekeli lingamagera angamatshumi amabili.

48 Unike kuAroni lakumadodana akhe imali yabahlengiweyo abasele phakathi kwabo.

49 UMozisi wasethatha imali yohlengo kulabo ababesele phezu kwabahlengwa ngamaLevi.

50 Wayithatha imali kumazibulo abantwana
bakoIsrayeli, amashekeli ayinkulungwane lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi
ayisithupha lanhlanu, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele.

51 UMozisi wasenika uAroni lamadodana akhe imali yabahlengiweyo,
ngokomlomo weNKOSI, njengalokhu iNKOSIimlayile uMozisi.

AMANANI 4

Imisebenzi yamaLevi

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi:

2 Thathani inani lonke lamadodana kaKohathi avela phakathi kwamadodana
kaLevi, ngensendo zawo, ngezindlu zaboyise,

3 kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya koleminyaka
engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke ongena enkonzweni ukwenza umsebenzi
wethente lenhlangano.

4 Lo ngumsebenzi wamadodana kaKohathi ethenteni lenhlangano: Izinto
ezingcwelengcwele.

5 Ekusukeni-ke kwenkamba uAroni lamadodana akhe bazakuza behlise iveyili
lesembeso, basibekele umtshokotsho wobufakazi ngalo,

6 bazabeka phezu kwawo izikhumba zikamantswane, bendlale phezu kwawo
ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lonke, bafake imijabo yawo.

7 Laphezu kwetafula lokubukisa bazakwendlala ilembu eliluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka, babeke phezu kwalo imiganu, lenkezo zempepha, lezitsha,
lenkezo zomnikelo wokunathwayo; lesinkwa esihlezi sikhona sizakuba phezu
kwalo.

8 Laphezu kwalezizinto bazakwendlala ilembu elibomvu, balembese ngesembeso
sezikhumba zikamantswane, bafake imijabo yalo.

9 Bazathatha-ke ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, bembese uluthi lwesibane
sesikhanyiso, lezibane zalo, lendlawu zalo, lemiganu yalo yomlotha, lezitsha
zonke zalo zamafutha abasebenza ngazo kulo.

10 Njalo bazalufaka kanye lezinto zalo zonke esembesweni sezikhumba
zikamantswane, bakugaxe egodweni.

11 Laphezu kwelathi legolide bazakwendlala ilembu eliluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka, balembese ngesembeso sezikhumba zikamantswane, bafake
imijabo yalo.

12 Njalo bazathatha yonke impahla yenkonzo, abakhonza ngayo endlini engcwele,
bayifake elenjini eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, bayembese ngesembeso
sezikhumba zikamantswane, bayigaxe egodweni.

13 Njalo bazasusa umlotha elathini, bendlale phezu kwalo ilembu eliyibubende,

14 babeke phezu kwalo zonke izinto zalo abakhonza ngazo kulo, izitsha zokuthwala umlilo, amafologwe enyama, lamafotsholo, lemiganu yokufafaza, zonke izinto zelathi; bendlale phezu kwalo isembeso sezikhumba zikamantswane, bafake imijabo yalo.

15 Lapho uAroni lamadodana akhe sebeqedile ukwembesa indlu engcwele lempahla zonke zendlu engcwele, ekususweni kwenkamba, emva kwalokho amadodana kaKohathi azakuza ukuthwala, kodwa kawayikuthinta into engcwele hlezi afe. Lezizinto zingumthwalo wamadodana kaKohathi, ethenteni lenhlangano.

16 Ubongameli bukaEleyazare indodana kaAroni umpristi buzakuba ngamafutha esibane, lempepha elephunga elimnandi, lomnikelo wokudla njalonjalo, lamafutha okugcoba; ububonisi ngethabhanekele lonke lakho konke okukilo, endlini engcwele lezitsheni zayo.

17 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi:

18 Lingaqumi insendo zesizwe samaKohathi zisuke phakathi kwamaLevi.

19 Kodwa lokho kwenzeni kuwo, ukuze aphile angafi, ekusondeleni kwawo ezintweni ezingcwelengcwele; uAroni lamadodana akhe bazangena, bawamise lowo lalowo emsebenzini wakhe lemthwalweni wakhe;

20 kodwa kawayikungena ukubona lapho izinto ezingcwele zigoqelwa, hlezi afe.

21 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

22 Thatha inani lonke lamadodana kaGerishoni lawo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngensendo zawo,

23 kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu uzababala; wonke ongena ukukhonza inkonzo, ukuthi enze umsebenzi ethenteni lenhlangano.

24 Lo ngumsebenzi wensendo zamaGerishoni ukukhonza lemthwalweni;

25 bazathwala-ke amakhetheni ethabhanekele, lethente lenhlangano, isembeso salo, lesembeso sezikhumba zikamantswane eziphezu kwalo phezulu, lesilenge somnyango wethente lenhlangano,

26 lamakhetheni eguma, lesilenge somnyango wesango leguma eliseduze lethabhanekele njalo eduze lelathi inhlangothi zonke, lentambo zazo, lempahla yonke yenkonzo yabo, lakho konke okwenzelwe bona; basebenze-ke.

27 Njengokulaya kukaAroni lamadodana akhe uzakuba njalo umsebenzi wonke wamadodana amaGerishoni emthwalweni wabo wonke lenkonzweni yabo yonke. Uzawamisa ukugcina wonke umthwalo wabo.

28 Lo ngumsebenzi wensendo zamadodana amaGerishoni ethenteni lenhlangano; ukugcinwa kwawo kuzakuba ngaphansi kwesandla sikaIthamari indodana kaAroni umpristi.

29 Amadodana kaMerari uzawabala ngensendo zawo ngezindlu zaboyise,

30 kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu uzababala, wonke ongena enkonzweni, ukusebenza umsebenzi wethente lenhlangano.

31 Lalokhu yikugcinwa komthwalo wabo, njengokomsebenzi wabo wonke ethenteni lenhlangano: Amapulanka ethabhanekele, lemithando yalo, lensika zalo, lezisekelo zalo,

32 lensika zeguma inhlangothi zonke, lezisekelo zazo, lezikhonkwane zazo, lezintambo zazo, lempahla yazo yonke, lomsebenzi wazo wonke. Njalo lizaziqamba ngamabizo impahla abafanele ukuzithwala.

33 Lo ngumsebenzi wensendo zamadodana kaMerari, ngokomsebenzi wonke wawo ethenteni lenhlangano, ngaphansi kwesandla sikaIthamari indodana kaAroni umpristi.

34 UMozisi loAroni leziphathamandla zenhlangano basebebala amadodana amaKohathi ngensendo zawo langezindlu zaboyise,

35 kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke ongena enkonzweni, emsebenzini wethente lenhlangano;

36 Lalabo ababalwayo kuwo ngensendo zabo babeyizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amahlanu.

37 Laba ngababalwayo bensendo zamaKohathi, wonke owasebenza ethenteni lenhlangano, oMozisi loAroni abababalayo, ngokomlayo weNKOSI ngesandla sikaMozisi.

38 Lalabo ababalwayo bamadodana kaGerishoni, ngensendo zawo, langezindlu zaboyise,

39 kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke ongena enkonzweni, emsebenzini ethenteni lenhlangano.

40 Lalabo ababalwayo kuwo ngensendo zabo ngezindlu zaboyise babeyizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amathathu.

41 Laba ngababalwayo bensendo zamadodana kaGerishoni, wonke owasebenza ethenteni lenhlangano, oMozisi loAroni abababalayo ngokomlayo weNKOSI.

42 Lalabo ababalwayo bensendo zamadodana kaMerari, ngensendo zawo, ngezindlu zaboyise,

43 kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke ongena enkonzweni, emsebenzini wethente lenhlangano.

44 Lalabo ababalwayo kuwo ngensendo zabo babeyizinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu amabili.

45 Laba ngababalwayo bensendo zamadodana kaMerari, oMozisi loAroni abababalayo, ngokomlayo weNKOSIngesandla sikaMozisi.

46 Bonke ababalwayo, oMozisi loAroni leziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli abababalayo, bamaLevi, ngensendo zabo langezindlu zaboyise,

47 kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke owangena ukusebenza umsebenzi wenkonzo lomsebenzi womthwalo ethenteni lenhlangano,

48 lalabo ababalwayo kubo babeyizinkulungwane eziyisificaminwembili lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili.

49 Ngokomlayo weNKOSI bababala, ngesandla sikaMozisi, ngulowo lalowo ngokomsebenzi wakhe langokomthwalo wakhe; ngakho babalwa nguye, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

AMANANI 5

Abangcolileyo bayakhutshwa enkambeni

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Laya abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi bakhuphe enkambeni wonke umlephero, laye wonke olokugobhoza, laye wonke ongcolileyo ngofileyo.

3 Kusukela kowesilisa kusiya kowesifazana lizabakhupha, kuze kube ngaphandle kwenkamba lizabakhupha, ukuze bangangcolisi izinkamba zabo, engihlala phakathi kwazo.

4 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza njalo, babakhupha baze baba ngaphandle kwenkamba; njengokutsho kweNKOSI kuMozisi, benza njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

Umlayo omayelana lokuhlawula komuntu olecala

5 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

6 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Indoda kumbe umfazi, uba besenza loba yisiphi isono somuntu, ngokuphambeka isiphambeko eNKOSIni, lowomuntu ulecala.

7 Njalo bazavuma isono sabo abasenzileyo, abesehlawula icala lakhe ngokupheleleyo kwalo, engezelele phezu kwalo ingxenye yesihlanu yalo, anike lowo alecala kuye.

8 Kodwa uba lowomuntu engelamhlengi oyisihlobo okungahlawulwa kuso icala, icala lizahlawulwa eNKOSIni kube ngokompristi, ngaphandle kwenqama yenhlawulo yokuthula, azamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngayo.

9 Lawo wonke umnikelo wazo zonke izinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakoIsrayeli, abaziletha kumpristi, uzakuba ngowakhe.

10 Lezinto ezingcwele zawo wonke umuntu zizakuba ngezakhe; lokhu loba ngubani akunika umpristi kuzakuba ngokwakhe.

Umlayo omayelana lobukhwele

11 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

12 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Loba yiyiphi indoda, uba umkayo eduha, ngokungathembeki kuyo enze isenzo sokungathembeki,

13 lendoda ilala laye ngobudoda bokuhlangana, njalo kufihlakale emehlweni endoda yakhe, angabonwa, yena ungcolisiwe, njalo kungelamfakazi omelana laye, futhi yena engabanjwanga,

14 lomoya wobukhwele ufike phezu kwayo, futhi ibe lobukhwele ngomkayo, njalo yena engcolisiwe, loba umoya wobukhwele ufike phezu kwayo, futhi ibe lobukhwele ngomkayo, lanxa yena engangcolanga,

15 indoda izaletha umkayo kumpristi, imlethele umnikelo wakhe, okwetshumi kwe-efa lempuphu yebhali; kayiyikuthela amafutha kuyo, ingabeki inhlaka phezu kwayo, ngoba kungumnikelo wokudla wobukhwele, umnikelo wokudla wesikhumbuzo, ukukhumbuza ububi.

16 Umpristi uzasondeza-ke owesifazana, ammise phambi kweNKOSI.

17 Umpristi athathe amanzi angcwele embizeni yebumba, lompristi athathe okothuli oluphansi ethabhanekeleni, akufake emanzini.

18 Umpristi uzamisa owesifazana phambi kweNKOSI, embule ikhanda lowesifazana, abeke ezandleni zakhe umnikelo wokudla wokukhumbuza, ongumnikelo wokudla wobukhwele. Lesandleni sompristi kuzakuba lamanzi ababayo aletha isiqalekiso.

19 Umpristi uzamfungisa-ke, athi kowesifazana: Uba kungelandoda elele lawe, njalo uba ungaduhelanga ekungcoleni, uphansi kwendoda yakho, khululeka emanzini la ababayo aletha isiqalekiso.

20 Kodwa wena, uba uduhile, uphansi kwendoda yakho, futhi uba ungcolisiwe, lendoda yahlangana lawe, ngaphandle kwendoda yakho,

21 umpristi amfungise owesifazana ngesifungo sesiqalekiso, umpristi athi kuye: INKOSI kayikwenze ube yisiqalekiso lesifungo phakathi kwabantu bakini, lapho iNKOSI isenza ithangazi lakho liwe, lesisu sakho sikhukhumale.

22 Lamanzi la aletha isiqalekiso kawangene emibilini yakho, akwenze isisu sikhukhumale lokwenza ithangazi liwe. Owesifazana abesesithi: Ameni, Ameni.

23 Umpristi uzabhala-ke iziqalekiso lezi egwalweni, azesule ngamanzi ababayo,

24 anathise owesifazana amanzi ababayo aletha isiqalekiso, lamanzi aletha isiqalekiso azangena kuye, abe ngokubabayo.

25 Umpristi uzathatha-ke esandleni sowesifazana umnikelo wokudla wobukhwele, awuzunguze umnikelo wokudla phambi kweNKOSI, awusondeze elathini,

26 umpristi acuphe isandla esigcweleyo somnikelo wokudla, sibe yisikhumbuzo sawo, asitshise elathini, lemva kwalokho amnathise owesifazana amanzi.

27 Esemnathisile amanzi, kuzakuthi uba engcolile, enze ngokungathembeki isenzo sokungathembeki endodeni yakhe, amanzi aletha isiqalekiso esengenile kuye abe ngokubabayo, isisu sakhe sizakhukhumala lethangazi lakhe liwe, lowesifazana uzakuba yisiqalekiso phakathi kwabantu bakibo.

28 Kodwa uba owesifazana engangcolanga, kodwa ehlambulukile, uzakhululeka, uzakwemukela inhlanyelo.

29 Lo ngumlayo wobukhwele, lapho umfazi eduha, ephansi kwendoda yakhe, abesengcoliswa,

30 kumbe indoda, uba umoya wobukhwele ufika phezu kwayo ibe lobukhwele ngomkayo; immise owesifazana phambi kweNKOSI, lompristi enze kuye umlayo lo wonke.

31 Indoda izakhululeka-ke ecaleni, kodwa lowo owesifazana uzathwala icala lakhe.

AMANANI 6

Umlayo omayelana lomNaziri

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Owesilisa loba owesifazana, uba ezehlukanisela ukuthembisa isithembiso somNaziri, ukuze azehlukanisele iNKOSI,

3 uzazehlukanisa lewayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, anganathi iviniga lewayini, leviniga lokunathwayo okulamandla, anganathi lamhluzi wezithelo zevini, angadli izithelo zevini ezimanzi lezomileyo.

4 Zonke insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe kayikudla okolutho olwenziwe ngevini lewayini, kusukela enhlamvini kusiya emakhasini.

5 Zonke insuku zesithembiso sokuzehlukanisela kwakhe impuco kayiyikudlula phezu kwekhanda lakhe; kuze kugcwaliseke insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe iNKOSI uzakuba ngcwele, ayekele izihluthu zenwele zekhanda lakhe zikhule.

6 Zonke insuku azehlukanisele iNKOSI ngazo kayikuya esidunjini.

7 Kayikuzingcolisa ngoyise, langonina, ngomfowabo, langodadewabo, uba befile, ngoba ukwehlukaniselwa uNkulunkulu wakhe kuphezu kwekhanda lakhe.

8 Zonke insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe ungcwele eNKOSIni.

9 Uba-ke ofayo ejunywa masinyane yikufa phansi kwakhe, usengcolise ikhanda lokuzehlukanisela kwakhe, uzaphuca ikhanda lakhe ngosuku lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, uzaliphuca ngosuku lwesikhombisa.

10 Langosuku lwesificaminwembili uzaletha amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba kumpristi emnyango wethente lenhlangano.

11 Lompristi uzanikela enye ibe ngumnikelo wesono, lenye ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, ngoba wonile ngesidumbu. Njalo uzangcwelisa ikhanda lakhe ngalona lolosuku,

12 azehlukanisele iNKOSI insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe, alethe iwundlu elilomnyaka owodwa libe ngumnikelo wecala; kodwa insuku zakuqala zizakuwa, ngoba ukuzehlukanisela kwakhe kungcolisiwe.

13 Lalo ngumlayo womNaziri ngosuku lapho insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe sezigcwalisekile. Uzaletha lokhu emnyango wethente lenhlangano,

14 anikele umnikelo wakhe eNKOSIni, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, lewundlukazi elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici libe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama ibenye engelasici ibe yiminikelo yokuthula,

15 lesitsha sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo, amaqebelengwana empuphu ecolekileyo ehlanganiswe lamafutha, lezinkwana eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo ezinindwe ngamafutha, lomnikelo wazo wokudla leminikelo yazo yokunathwayo.

16 Njalo umpristi uzakusondeza phambi kweNKOSI, anikele umnikelo wakhe wesono lomnikelo wakhe wokutshiswa.

17 Lenqama uzayinikela ibe ngumhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula eNKOSIni kanye lesitsha sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo; lompristi uzanikela umnikelo wakhe wokudla lomnikelo wakhe wokunathwayo.

18 UmNaziri uzaphuca-ke ikhanda lokuzehlukanisela kwakhe emnyango wethente lenhlangano, athathe inwele zekhanda lokuzehlukanisela kwakhe, azifake emlilweni ongaphansi komhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula.

19 Lompristi uzathatha umkhono ophekiweyo wenqama, leqebelengwana elilodwa elingelamvubelo esitsheni, lesinkwana esisodwa esiyisipatalala esingelamvubelo, akubeke ezandleni zomNaziri esephucile ukuzehlukanisela kwakhe,

20 umpristi akuzunguze-ke kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI;
kungcwele kumpristi, kanye lesifuba esizunguziweyo kanye lomlenze
wokuphakanyiswa. Emva kwalokhu umNaziri usenganatha iwayini.

21 Lo ngumlayo womNaziri othembise umnikelo wakhe wokuzehlukanisela
kwakhe eNKOSIni, ngaphandle kwalokho isandla sakhe singafinyelela kukho;
njengesithembiso sakhe asithembisileyo uzakwenza njalo, njengomlayo
wobuNaziri bakhe.

Ukubusiswa kwabantu ngabapristi

22 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

23 Tshono kuAroni lakumadodana akhe uthi: Lizabusisa kanje abantwana
bakoIsrayeli, lisithi kubo:

24 INKOSI kayikubusise, ikulondoloze.

25 INKOSI kayikhanyise ubuso bayo kuwe, ibe lomusa kuwe.

26 INKOSI kayiphakamise ubuso bayo kuwe, ikunike ukuthula.

27 Ngokunjalo bazabeka ibizo lami phezu kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, mina-ke
ngizababusisa.

AMANANI 7

Iminikelo enikelelwa ilathi

1Kwasekusithi ngosuku uMozisi aqeda ngalo ukumisa ithabhanekele, waligcoba,
walingcwelisa, lempahla zalo zonke, lelathi lempahla zalo zonke, wakugcoba,
wakungcwelisa;

2 iziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli, izinhloko zezindlu zaboyise,
ezaziyiziphathamandla zezizwe, ezazisongamela labo ababalwayo, zanikela,

3 zaletha umnikelo wazo phambi kweNKOSI, inqola eziyisithupha
ezembesiweyo lenkabi ezilitshumi lambili; inqola eyodwa ngeziphathamandla
ezimbili, lenkabi ngesisodwa; zazisondeza phambi kwethabhanekele.

4 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

5 Yemukela kuzo, ukuze zibe ngezokusebenza inkonzo yethente lenhlangano,
uzinike amaLevi, kulowo lalowo njengomsebenzi wakhe.

6 Ngakho uMozisi wathatha izinqola lezinkabi, wazinika amaLevi.

7 Inqola ezimbili lenkabi ezine wazinika amadodana kaGerishoni,
njengomsebenzi wawo;

8 lenqola ezine lenkabi eziyisificaminwembili wazinika amadodana kaMerari,
njengomsebenzi wawo, ngesandla sikaIthamari indodana kaAroni umpristi.

9 Kodwa emadodaneni kaKohathi kanikanga lutho, ngoba umsebenzi wendawo
engcwele wawuphezu kwawo, awuthwala emahlombe.

10 Leziphathamandla zanikelela ukwehlukaniselwa kwelathi ngosuku
elagcotshwa ngalo; iziphathamandla zasondeza umnikelo wazo phambi kwelathi.

11 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Isiphathamandla ngasinye ngasinye ngosuku lwaso,
zizanikelela umnikelo wazo wokwehlukaniselwa kwelathi.

12 Owanikela-ke umnikelo wakhe ngosuku lokuqala wayenguNashoni indodana
kaAminadaba, owesizwe sakoJuda.

13 Lomnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo
sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa
wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube
ngumnikelo wokudla;

14 ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;

15 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa
elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

16 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;

17 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu,
impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokhu
kwakungumnikelo kaNashoni indodana kaAminadaba.

18 Ngosuku lwesibili uNethaneli indodana kaZuwari, isiphathamandla
sakoIsakari, wanikela.

19 Wanikela umnikelo wakhe: Umganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo
sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa
wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube
ngumnikelo wokudla;

20 ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;

21 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa
elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

22 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;

23 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu,
impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokhu
kwakungumnikelo kaNethaneli indodana kaZuwari.

24 Ngosuku lwesithathu uEliyabi indodana kaHeloni, isiphathamandla
sabantwana bakoZebuluni:

25 Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla;

26 ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;

27 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

28 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;

29 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaEliyabi indodana kaHeloni.

30 Ngosuku lwesine uElizuri indodana kaShedewuri, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoRubeni:

31 Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla;

32 ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;

33 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

34 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;

35 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaElizuri indodana kaShedewuri.

36 Ngosuku lwesihlanu uShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoSimeyoni:

37 Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla;

38 ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;

39 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

40 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;

41 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi.

42 Ngosuku lwesithupha uEliyasafi indodana kaDehuweli, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoGadi:

43 Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla;

44 ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;

45 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

46 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;

47 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaEliyasafi indodana kaDehuweli.

48 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa uElishama indodana kaAmihudi, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoEfrayimi:

49 Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla;

50 ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;

51 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

52 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;

53 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaElishama indodana kaAmihudi.

54 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili uGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoManase:

55 Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa

wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla;

56 ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;

57 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

58 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;

59 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri.

60 Ngosuku lwesificamunwemunye uAbidani indodana kaGideyoni, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoBhenjamini:

61 Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla;

62 ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;

63 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

64 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;

65 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaAbidani indodana kaGideyoni.

66 Ngosuku lwetshumi uAhiyezeri indodana kaAmishadayi, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoDani:

67 Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla;

68 ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;

69 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

70 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;

71 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaAhiyezeri indodana kaAmishadayi.

72 Ngosuku lwetshumi lanye uPagiyeli indodana kaOkirani, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoAsheri:

73 Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla;

74 ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;

75 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

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77 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaPagiyeli indodana kaOkirani.

78 Ngosuku lwetshumi lambili uAhira indodana kaEnani, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoNafithali:

79 Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla;

80 ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;

81 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;

82 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;

83 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaAhira indodana kaEnani.

84 Lokhu kwakuyikwehlukaniselwa kwelathi ngosuku lokugcotshwa kwalo ngeziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli. Imiganu yesiliva elitshumi lambili, imiganu yokufafaza yesiliva elitshumi lambili, inkezo zegolide ezilitshumi lambili.

85 Lowo lalowo umganu wesiliva wawungamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu; langulowo lalowo umganu wokufafaza wamatshumi ayisikhombisa;

sonke isiliva semiganu sasingamashekeli azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amane, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele.

86 Inkezo zegolide ezilitshumi lambili, zigcwele impepha; yilolo lalolokhezo lwalungamashekeli alitshumi ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; igolide lonke lenkezo lalingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amabili.

87 Zonke izifuyo zomnikelo wokutshiswa zazingamajongosi alitshumi lambili, inqama ezilitshumi lambili, amawundlu alomnyaka owodwa alitshumi lambili, lomnikelo wazo wokudla; lamazinyane embuzi alitshumi lambili omnikelo wesono.

88 Lazo zonke izifuyo zomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula zazingamajongosi angamatshumi amabili lane, inqama ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, impongo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, amawundlu angamatshumi ayisithupha alomnyaka owodwa. Lokhu kwakuyikwehlukaniselwa kwelathi, emva kokugcotshwa kwalo.

89 Lapho uMozisi esengena ethenteni lenhlangano ukukhuluma laye, wezwa ilizwi likhuluma kuye, livela ngaphezu kwesihlalo somusa esiphezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi, livela phakathi kwamakherubhi amabili; wasekhuluma kuye.

AMANANI 8

UAroni umisa izibane

1 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshono kuAroni uthi kuye: Nxa ulumathisa izibane, izibane eziyisikhombisa zizakhanyisa ngaphambili phambi koluthi lwesibane.

3 UAroni wasesenza njalo; ngaphambili phambi koluthi lwesibane walumathisa izibane zalo, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

4 Lalo umsebenzi woluthi lwesibane wawungowegolide elikhandiweyo, kuze kube sesidindini salo kuze kuye emalubeni alo lwalukhandiwe; njengesifanekiso iNKOSI eyamtshengisa sona uMozisi, walwenza njalo uluthi lwesibane.

Ukwehlukaniswa kwamaLevi

5 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

6 Khupha amaLevi phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, uwahlambulule;

7 wenze ngokunjalo kuwo ukuwahlambulula; ufafaze phezu kwawo amanzi okuhlambulula, njalo adlulise impuco emzimbeni wawo wonke, awatshe izigqoko zawo, azihlambulule.

8 Athathe ijongosi ithole lenkomo, lomnikelo walo wokudla, impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, uthathe lelinye ijongosi ithole lenkomo, libe ngumnikelo wesono.

9 Njalo uzasondeza amaLevi phambi kwethente lenhlangano, ubuthanise inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

10 Usondeze amaLevi phambi kweNKOSI, njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazabeka izandla zabo phezu kwamaLevi,

11 loAroni azunguze amaLevi, abe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI, evela ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, ukuze abe ngasebenza umsebenzi weNKOSI.

12 AmaLevi azabeka-ke izandla zawo enhlokweni yamajongosi; unikele elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono, lelinye libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni, ukuwenzela amaLevi inhlawulo yokuthula.

13 Njalo uzawamisa amaLevi phambi kukaAroni laphambi kwamadodana akhe, uwazunguze abe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa eNKOSIni.

14 Ngakho uzakwehlukanisa amaLevi uwakhuphe phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuthi amaLevi abe ngawami.

15 Lemva kwalokho amaLevi azangena ukukhonza ethenteni lenhlangano. Njalo uzawahlambulula, uwazunguze abe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa.

16 Ngoba wona aphiwe lokuphiwa mina ephuma phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. Esikhundleni salokho okuvula sonke isizalo, izibulo laye wonke wabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngizithathele wona.

17 Ngoba lonke izibulo phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli ngelami, phakathi kwabantu laphakathi kwezifuyo. Ngosuku engatshaya ngalo lonke izibulo elizweni leGibhithe ngazingcwelisela wona;

18 sengithethe amaLevi esikhundleni sawo wonke amazibulo phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

19 Ngiwanikile amaLevi njengabaphiweyo kuAroni lakumadodana akhe, ephuma phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukukhonza inkonzo yabantwana bakoIsrayeli ethenteni lenhlangano, lokwenzela abantwana bakoIsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula, ukuze kungabi lenhlupheko phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, nxa abantwana bakoIsrayeli besondela endlini engcwele.

20 UMozisi loAroni lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza kumaLevi njengakho konke iNKOSIeyakulaya uMozisi mayelana lamaLevi; benza njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli kuwo.

21 LamaLevi azihlambulula, awatsha izembatho zawo; uAroni wasewazunguza aba ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNKOSI; loAroni wawenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ukuwahlambulula.

22 Lemva kwalokho amaLevi angena ukwenza inkonzo yawo ethenteni lenhlangano phambi kukaAroni laphambi kwamadodana akhe. Njengalokhu iNKOSI yamlaya uMozisi ngamaLevi, benza njalo kuwo.

Iminyaka yokusebenza kwamaLevi

23 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

24 Yilokhu okuqondene lamaLevi: Kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu langaphezulu azangena ukukhonza inkonzo, enkonzweni yethente lenhlangano.

25 Njalo kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu azaphuma enkonzweni yenkonzo, angabe esasebenza;

26 kodwa azasiza abazalwane bawo ethenteni lenhlangano ukugcina umlindo, kodwa angasebenzi umsebenzi. Uzakwenza njalo kumaLevi kumfanelo zawo.

AMANANI 9

Ukugcina iphasika

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi enkangala yeSinayi, ngomnyaka wesibili emva kokuphuma kwabo elizweni leGibhithe ngenyanga yokuqala, isithi:

2 Futhi abantwana bakoIsrayeli kabagcine iphasika ngesikhathi salo esimisiweyo.

3 Ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga le, kusihlwa, lizaligcina ngesikhathi salo esimisiweyo; ngokwezimiso zalo zonke langokwemithetho yalo yonke liligcine.

4 Ngakho uMozisi wakhuluma kubantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuthi bagcine iphasika.

5 Basebegcina iphasika ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yakuqala, kusihlwa, enkangala yeSinayi; njengakho konke iNKOSI eyamlaya ngakho uMozisi, benza njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

6 Kwakukhona-ke amadoda ayengcolile ngenxa yesidumbu, ukuthi ayengelakugcina iphasika ngalolosuku. Asondela phambi kukaMozisi laphambi kukaAroni ngalolosuku.

7 Lalawomadoda asesithi kubo: Thina singcolile ngenxa yesidumbu; sivinjelelwani ukuze singanikeli umnikelo weNKOSI ngesikhathi sawo esimisiweyo, phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli?

8 UMozisi wasesithi kuwo: Manini, ukuze ngizwe ukuthi iNKOSI izalilayani.

9 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

10 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Uba ngulowo lalowo phakathi kwenu loba owezizukulwana zenu ezangcola ngenxa yesidumbu, loba esekuhambeni khatshana, uzagcina iphasika eNKOSIni.

11 Ngenyanga yesibili, ngosuku lwetshumi lane, kusihlwa, bazaligcina; bazalidla lesinkwa esingelamvubelo lemibhida ebabayo.

12 Kabayikutshiya lutho lwalo kuze kube sekuseni, bangephuli thambo lalo; bazaligcina ngokwezimiso zonke zephasika.

13 Kodwa umuntu ohlambulukileyo, ongekho ekuhambeni, oyekela ukugcina iphasika, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo, ngoba kanikelanga umnikelo weNKOSI ngesikhathi sawo esimisiweyo; lowomuntu uzathwala isono sakhe.

14 Uba-ke owemzini ehlala njengowezizwe kini agcine iphasika eNKOSIni, ngokwesimiso sephasika langokomthetho walo, uzakwenza njalo. Kuzakuba lesimiso esisodwa kini lakowemzini lakowokuzalwa elizweni.

Iyezi elaliphezu kwethabhanekele

15 Langosuku ithabhanekele elamiswa ngalo, iyezi lasibekela ithabhanekele, ithente lobufakazi; lakusihlwa kwakukhona phezu kwethabhanekele njengokubonakala komlilo kwaze kwaba sekuseni.

16 Kwakunjalo isikhathi sonke: Iyezi lalisibekela, njalo kwaba lokubonakala komlilo ebusuku.

17 Kwakusithi lapho iyezi liphakanyiswa lisuka phezu kwethente, langemva kwalokho abantwana bakoIsrayeli basuke; lendaweni lapho iyezi elima khona, abantwana bakoIsrayeli bamisa khona amathente abo.

18 Ngokomlayo weNKOSI abantwana bakoIsrayeli basuka, langokomlayo weNKOSI bamisa amathente abo: Bahlala enkambeni insuku zonke iyezi elalihlala ngazo phezu kwethabhanekele.

19 Lalapho iyezi lihlala isikhathi eside phezu kwethabhanekele insuku ezinengi, abantwana bakoIsrayeli bagcina imfanelo yeNKOSI, kabasukanga.

20 Kwasekusithi lapho iyezi liphezu kwethabhanekele insuku ezinlutshwana; ngokomlayo weNKOSI bahlala enkambeni, futhi ngokomlayo weNKOSI basuka.

21 Kwasekusithi lapho iyezi likhona kusukela kusihlwa kuze kube sekuseni, lapho iyezi liphakanyiswa ekuseni, basuka. Loba kusemini kumbe ebusuku, lapho iyezi liphakanyiswa basuka.

22 Kumbe uba iyezi lalihlala isikhathi eside phezu kwethabhanekele okwensuku ezimbili, loba inyanga, loba umnyaka, lihlezi phezu kwalo, abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahlala enkambeni, kabasukanga. Kodwa lapho liphakanyiswa, basuka.

23 Ngokomlayo weNKOSI bamisa inkamba, langokomlayo weNKOSI basuka. Bagcina imfanelo yeNKOSI ngokomlayo weNKOSI ngesandla sikaMozisi.

AMANANI 10

Impondo zesiliva

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Zenzele impondo ezimbili zesiliva, uzenze zibe ngumsebenzi okhandiweyo;
njalo zizakuba ngezakho ekubizeni inhlangano lekusukeni kwezinkamba.

3 Uba bezivuthela inhlangano yonke izabuthana kuwe emnyango wethente
lenhlangano.

4 Kodwa uba bevuthela olulodwa, iziphathamandla, inhloko zezinkulungwane
zakoIsrayeli zizabuthana kuwe.

5 Lapho lihlaba umkhosi, izinkamba ezimise ngempumalanga zizasuka.

6 Lalapho lihlaba umkhosi ngokwesibili, izinkamba ezimise ngeningizimu
zizasuka. Bazahlaba umkhosi ukuze zisuke.

7 Kodwa ekubuthaniseni ibandla lizavuthela impondo, kodwa lingahlabi
umkhosi.

8 Njalo amadodana kaAroni, abapristi, azavuthela izimpondo. Zizakuba kini
yisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu.

9 Njalo lapho liphuma impi elizweni lakini ukuyakulwa lesitha esilicindezelayo,
lihlabe umkhosi ngezimpondo, njalo likhunjulwe phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu
wenu, lisindiswe ezitheni zenu.

10 Langosuku lwentokozo yenu, lemikhosini yenu emisiweyo, lekuthwaseni
kwenyanga zenu, lizavuthela izimpondo phezu kweminikelo yenu yokutshiswa
laphezu kwemihlatshelo yeminikelo yenu yokuthula, ukuze ibe kini
yisikhumbuzo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wenu. NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

Ukusuka kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli eSinayi

11 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesibili, ngenyanga yesibili, ngolwamatshumi
amabili lwenyanga, iyezi laphakanyiswa lisuka phezu kwethabhanekele
lobufakazi.

12 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesuka enkangala yeSinayi ngokwenhambo zabo;
leyezi lema enkangala yeParani.

13 Basebesuka okokuqala ngokomlayo weNKOSI ngesandla sikaMozisi.

14 Kwasekusuka uphawu lwenkamba yabantwana bakoJuda kuqala ngamabutho
abo; laphezu kwebutho lakhe kwakunguNashoni indodana kaAminadaba.

15 Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoIsakari kwakunguNethaneli
indodana kaZuwari.

16 Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoZebuluni kwakunguEliyabi
indodana kaHeloni.

17 Ithabhanekele laselidilizwa; amadodana kaGerishoni lamadodana kaMerari
asesuka, ethwele ithabhanekele.

18 Kwasekusuka uphawu lwenkamba yakoRubeni ngamabutho abo; laphezu kwebutho lakhe kwakunguElizuri indodana kaShedewuri.

19 Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoSimeyoni kwakunguShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi.

20 Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoGadi kwakunguEliyasafi indodana kaDehuweli.

21 Kwasekusuka amaKohathi ethwele indlu engcwele, labanye bamisa ithabhanekele, engakafiki.

22 Kwasekusuka uphawu lwenkamba yabantwana bakoEfrayimi ngamabutho abo; laphezu kwebutho lakhe kwakunguElishama indodana kaAmihudi.

23 Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoManase kwakunguGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri.

24 Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoBhenjamini kwakunguAbidani indodana kaGideyoni.

25 Kwasekusuka uphawu lwenkamba yabantwana bakoDani; babengabokucina ezinkambeni zonke ngamabutho abo; laphezu kwebutho lakhe kwakunguAhiyezeri indodana kaAmishadayi.

26 Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoAsheri kwakunguPagiyeli indodana kaOkirani.

27 Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoNafithali kwakunguAhira indodana kaEnani.

28 Lokhu yikusuka kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli ngamabutho abo, ekusukeni kwabo.

29 UMozisi wasesithi kuHobabi indodana kaRehuweli umMidiyani, uyisezala kaMozisi: Thina siyasuka siya endaweni iNKOSI eyathi ngayo: Ngizalipha yona. Hamba lathi; sizakwenzela okuhle, ngoba iNKOSI ikhulume okuhle ngoIsrayeli.

30 Wasesithi kuye: Kangiyikuhamba, kodwa-ke ngizakuya elizweni lakithi lezihlotsheni zami.

31 Wasesithi: Ake ungasitshiyi, ngoba uyazi lapho esingamisa khona inkamba enkangala, uzakuba ngamehlo ethu.

32 Kuzakuthi-ke, uba uhamba lathi, yebo, kuzakwenzeka lokho okuhle okungakho iNKOSI ezasenzela okuhle, sizakwenzela okuhle.

33 Basuka-ke entabeni yeNKOSI, uhambo lwensuku ezintathu; lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI wahamba phambi kwabo uhambo lwensuku ezintathu, ukuze ubadingele indawo yokuphumula.

34 Leyezi leNKOSI laliphezu kwabo emini, ekusukeni kwabo enkambeni.

35 Kwasekusithi ekusukeni komtshokotsho, uMozisi wathi: Vuka, NKOSI, kazichitheke-ke izitha zakho, lalabo abakuzondayo kababaleke phambi kwakho.

36 Ekumisweni kwawo wathi: Buyela, NKOSI, kuzinkulungwane ezilitshumi zezinkulungwane zakoIsrayeli.

AMANANI 11

INKOSI ithembisa ukubapha inyama

1Kwasekusithi abantu besola kwakukubi endlebeni zeNKOSI. Kwathi iNKOSI isikuzwile, ulaka lwayo lwavutha, lomlilo weNKOSI wavutha phakathi kwabo, waqothula emngceleni wenkamba.

2 Abantu basebekhala kuMozisi; uMozisi wasekhuleka eNKOSIni, lomlilo wadeda.

3 Ngakho wabiza ibizo laleyondawo iTabera, ngoba umlilo weNKOSI wavutha phakathi kwabo.

4 Ududu lwabantu olwaluphakathi kwabo lwaloyisa isiloyiso; ngakho labantwana bakoIsrayeli baphinde bakhala inyembezi, bathi: Ngubani ozasipha inyama ukuthi sidle?

5 Siyazikhumbula inhlanzi esasizidla ngesihle eGibhithe, amakhomane, lamakhabe, lamaliki, lesandindima, legalikhi.

6 Kodwa khathesi umphefumulo wethu womile, kakulalutho ngitsho, ngaphandle kwale imana phambi kwamehlo ethu.

7 Njalo imana yayinjengenhlanyelo yekhoriyanderi, lokukhangeleka kwayo kwakunjengokukhangelekakwebedola.

8 Abantu bahambahamba bayibutha bayichola ematsheni okuchola, loba bayigiga engigeni, bayipheka ezimbizeni, benza amaqebelengwana ngayo; lokunambitheka kwayo kwakunjengokunambitheka komhluzi wamafutha.

9 Lapho amazolo esehlela phezu kwenkamba ebusuku, imana yehla phezu kwawo.

10 Njalo uMozisi wezwa abantu bekhala inyembezi ngokwensapho zabo, ngulowo lalowo emnyango wethente lakhe. Lolaka lweNKOSI lwavutha kakhulu; futhi kwaba kubi emehlweni kaMozisi.

11 UMozisi wasesithi eNKOSIni: Wenzeleni okubi encekwini yakho? Njalo kungani ngingatholanga umusa emehlweni akho ukuthi ubeke umthwalo walababantu bonke phezu kwami?

12 Mina ngakhulelwa yibo bonke lababantu yini? Kumbe mina ngabazala yini, ukuze uthi kimi: Basingathe esifubeni sakho, njengomlizane owesilisa esingatha umntwana omunyayo, kuze kube selizweni owalifungela oyise?

13 Ngingayithatha ngaphi inyama ukuthi ngibaphe bonke lababantu? Ngoba bayakhala inyembezi kimi besithi: Siphe inyama ukuze sidle.

14 Mina kangilamandla okuthwala bonke lababantu ngedwa, ngoba kunzima kakhulu kimi.

15 Uba-ke usenza njalo kimi, ake ungibulale lokungibulala, uba ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, njalo kangingaboni usizi lwami.

16 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Buthela kimi amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa abadala bakoIsrayeli, owaziyo ngawo ukuthi angabadala babantu lenduna zabo, uwalethe ethenteni lenhlangano ukuze eme khona lawe.

17 Njalo ngizakwehla, ngikhulume lawe khona; ngizagodla okomoya ophezu kwakho ngikufake phezu kwabo; njalo bazathwala kanye lawe umthwalo wabantu, ukuze ungawuthwali wedwa.

18 Tshono-ke ebantwini uthi: Zingcweliseleleni ikusasa, lizakudla inyama; ngoba likhalile inyembezi endlebeni zeNKOSI lisithi: Ngubani ozasipha inyama ukuze sidle? Ngoba kwakukuhle kithi eGibhithe. Ngakho iNKOSIizalipha inyama njalo lidle.

19 Kaliyikudla usuku olulodwa, loba insuku ezimbili, loba insuku ezinhlanu, loba insuku ezilitshumi, kumbe insuku ezingamatshumi amabili,

20 kuze kube yinyanga yonke, ize iphume emakhaleni enu, ilitshiphele, ngenxa yokuthi liyalile iNKOSI ephakathi kwenu, lakhala inyembezi phambi kwayo lisithi: Kanti saphumelani eGibhithe?

21 Kodwa uMozisi wathi: Abantu abahamba ngenyawo engiphakathi kwabo bazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha; wena-ke uthe: Ngizabanika inyama ukuze badle inyanga yonke.

22 Bazahlatshelwa izimvu lezinkomo yini ukuze zibanele? Loba bazabuthelwa yini inhlanzi zonke zolwandle ukuze zibanele?

23 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Isandla seNKOSI sifinyeziwe yini? Khathesi uzabona ukuthi ilizwi lami lizakwenzeka kuwe kumbe hatshi.

24 UMozisi wasephuma, wabatshela abantu amazwi eNKOSI; wabutha amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa ebadaleni babantu, wawamisa ehanqe ithente.

25 INKOSI yasisehla ngeyezi, yakhuluma kuye, yagodla okomoya ophezu kwakhe, yakubeka phezu kwamadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, abadala. Kwasekusithi lapho uMoya ehlala phezu kwabo, baprofetha, kodwa kabakuphindanga.

26 Njalo kwakusele amadoda amabili enkambeni, ibizo lenye lalinguElidadi lebizo lenye linguMedadi; loMoya wahlala phezu kwawo. Njalo ayephakathi kwalabo

ababhaliweyo, kodwa kawaphumanga ukuya ethenteni, njalo aprofetha enkambeni.

27 Kwagijima ijaha labika kuMozisi lathi: UElidadi loMedadi bayaprofetha enkambeni.

28 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku kaMozisi, omunye wabatsha bakhe, wasephendula wathi: Nkosi yami, Mozisi, benqabele.

29 Kodwa uMozisi wathi kuye: Ulobukhwele ngenxa yami yini? Kungathi bonke abantu beNKOSI bangaba ngabaprofethi, ukuze iNKOSI ifake uMoya wayo phezu kwabo!

30 UMozisi wasezibuthela enkambeni, yena labadala bakoIsrayeli.

INKOSI ibapha izagwaca

31 Kwasekusuka umoya ovela eNKOSIni, waletha izagwaca zivela elwandle, wazehlisela phezu kwenkamba, phose uhambo losuku ngapha, njalo phose uhambo losuku ngapha, zizingelezele inkamba, njalo okungaba zingalo ezimbili phezu komhlabathi.

32 Abantu basebesukuma lolosuku lonke, lobusuku bonke, losuku lonke olulandelayo, bebutha izagwaca. Lowo owayelezinlutshwana wayebuthe amahomeri alitshumi; bazichayela zona inhlangothi zonke zenkamba.

33 Inyama isesephakathi kwamazinyo abo ingakahlafunwa, intukuthelo yeNKOSI yabavuthela abantu, njalo iNKOSIyabatshaya abantu ngenhlupheko enkulu kakhulu.

34 Ngakho ibizo laleyondawo lathiwa yiKibirothi-Hathava, ngoba lapho bangcwaba abantu abakhanukayo.

35 Abantu basuka eKibirothi-Hathava baya eHazerothi; bahlala eHazerothi.

AMANANI 12

UMiriyamu loAroni baphikisana loMozisi

1UMiriyamu loAroni basebekhuluma bemelene loMozisi ngenxa yowesifazana umEthiyophiyakazi owayemthethe, ngoba wayethethe umfazi umEthiyophiyakazi.

2 Basebesithi: Kambe, iNKOSI ikhulume ngoMozisi kuphela? Kayikhulumanga langathi? LeNKOSI yakuzwa.

3 Njalo indoda uMozisi yayimnene kakhulu kulabo bonke abantu abaphezu kobuso bomhlaba.

4 Khona iNKOSI yahle yathi kuMozisi lakuAroni lakuMiriyamu: Phumani lobathathu lize ethenteni lenhlangano. Baphuma-ke bona bobathathu.

5 INKOSI yasisehla isensikeni yeyezi, yema emnyango wethente, yabiza uAroni
loMiriyamu; basebephuma bobabili.

6 Yasisithi: Zwanini-ke amazwi ami; uba kukhona umprofethi phakathi kwenu,
mina iNKOSI ngizaziveza kuye ngombono, ngikhulume laye ngephupho.

7 Kodwa inceku yami uMozisi kanjalo, uthembekile endlini yami yonke.

8 Ngikhuluma laye umlomo ngomlomo, langokubona, kungeyisikho
ngemizekeliso; futhi ukhangela isimo seNKOSI. Ngakho kungani belingesabi
ukukhuluma limelene lenceku yami uMozisi?

9 Njalo ulaka lweNKOSI lwabavuthela; yasihamba.

10 Kwathi lapho iyezi lisuka phezu kwethente, khangela,
uMiriyamu wayelobulephero, emhlophe njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo. UAroni
wasemkhangela uMiriyamu, khangela-ke, ulobulephero.

11 UAroni wasesithi kuMozisi: Hawu nkosi yami, akungabeki isono phezu kwethu,
okungaso senze ngobuthutha, lokungaso sonile.

12 Ake angabi njengofileyo, othi nxa ephuma esiswini sikanina ingxenye yenyama
yakhe idliwe.

13 UMozisi wasekhala eNKOSIni esithi: Nkulunkulu, ake umelaphe, ngiyakuncenga.

14 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Uba uyise ubemkhafulele lokumkhafulela ngamathe
ebusweni bakhe, ubengayikuyangeka insuku eziyisikhombisa yini? Kavalelwe
ngaphandle kwenkamba insuku eziyisikhombisa; lemva kwalokho emukelwe.

15 UMiriyamu wasevalelwa ngaphandle kwenkamba insuku eziyisikhombisa;
labantu kabasukanga, waze wemukelwa uMiriyamu.

16 Lemva kwalokho abantu basuka eHazerothi, bamisa inkamba enkangala
yeParani.

AMANANI 13

Izinhloli ezilitshumi lambili zithunywa eKhanani

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Zithumele amadoda ukuthi ahlole ilizwe leKhanani engibapha lona abantwana
bakoIsrayeli; uthume indoda eyodwa yaleso lalesosizwe saboyise, yonke
eyinduna phakathi kwabo.

3 UMozisi wawathuma-ke esuka enkangala yeParani, ngokomlayo weNKOSI;
wonke lawomadoda ayezinhloko zabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

4 Lala ngamabizo awo; owesizwe sakoRubeni, uShamuwa indodana kaZakuri.

5 Owesizwe sakoSimeyoni, uShafati indodana kaHori.

6 Owesizwe sakoJuda, uKalebi indodana kaJefune.

7 Owesizwe sakoIsakari, uIgali indodana kaJosefa.

8 Owesizwe sakoEfrayimi, uHoseya indodana kaNuni.

9 Owesizwe sakoBhenjamini, uPaliti indodana kaRafu.

10 Owesizwe sakoZebuluni, uGadiyeli indodana kaSodi.

11 Owesizwe sakoJosefa, owesizwe sakoManase, uGadi indodana kaSusi.

12 Owesizwe sakoDani, uAmiyeli indodana kaGemali.

13 Owesizwe sakoAsheri, uSethuri indodana kaMikayeli.

14 Owesizwe sakoNafithali, uNabi indodana kaVofisi.

15 Owesizwe sakoGadi, uGewuweli indodana kaMaki.

16 La ngamabizo amadoda uMozisi awathumayo ukuhlola ilizwe. UMozisi wasembiza uHoseya indodana kaNuni ngokuthi nguJoshuwa.

17 UMozisi wasewathuma ukuhlola ilizwe leKhanani, wathi kuwo: Yenyukani lapha liye eningizimu, lenyukele entabeni,

18 libone ilizwe ukuthi linjani, labantu abakhileyo kulo ukuthi balamandla kumbe babuthakathaka, balutshwana kumbe banengi yini,

19 lokuthi linjani ilizwe abahlala kulo, loba lihle loba libi, lokuthi injani imizi abahlala kiyo, loba izinkamba loba izinqaba,

20 lokuthi ilizwe linjani, loba livundile loba lilugwadule, lokuthi lilezihlahla loba hayi. Manini isibindi, lithathe okwesithelo selizwe. Lalesisikhathi kwakuyisikhathi sezithelo zokuqala zevini.

21 Basebesenyuka, balihlola ilizwe kusukela enkangala yeZini kuze kube seRehobi, ekungeneni eHamathi.

22 Benyuka-ke ngeningizimu bafika eHebroni, lapho kwakulaboAhimani, uSheshayi, loTalimayi, abantwana bakaAnaki. IHebroni lakhiwa-ke iminyaka eyisikhombisa kungakabi leZowani eGibhithe.

23 Basebefika esihotsheni seEshikoli; baquma khona ugatsha olulehlukuzo elilodwa lezithelo zevini, baluthwalisana ngesigodo ngababili, lokwamapomegranati lokwemikhiwa.

24 Leyondawo kwathiwa yisihotsha seEshikoli, ngenxa yehlukuzo abantwana bakoIsrayeli abaliqumayo lapho.

25 Basebebuya bevela ekuhloleni ilizwe ekupheleni kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane.

26 Basebehamba bafika kuMozisi lakuAroni lakunhlangano yonke yabantwana
bakoIsrayeli enkangala yeParani, eKadeshi; basebebuyisela umbiko kubo
lakunhlangano yonke, basebebatshengisa isithelo selizwe.

27 Basebembikela bathi: Safika elizweni owasithuma kulo; njalo ngeqiniso,
ligeleza uchago loluju; lalesi yisithelo salo.

28 Kodwa-ke abantu abahlala elizweni balamandla, lemizi ibiyelwe
ngemithangala, mikhulu kakhulu; njalo-ke sibone khona inzalo kaAnaki.

29 AmaAmaleki akhile elizweni leningizimu; lamaHethi lamaJebusi lamaAmori
akhile entabeni; lamaKhanani akhile elwandle leceleni kweJodani.

30 UKalebi wasethulisa abantu phambi kukaMozisi, wathi: Asenyukeni
lokwenyuka, sidle ilifa lalo, ngoba silamandla okulinqoba.

31 Kodwa amadoda ayenyuke laye athi: Kasilamandla okwenyukela kulabobantu,
ngoba balamandla kulathi.

32 Basebeveza umbiko omubi ngelizwe ababelihlolile ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli
besithi: Ilizwe esidabule kulo ukulihlola yilizwe elidla abantu abahlala kulo;
labantu bonke esababona phakathi kwalo bangamadoda amade kakhulu.

33 Lalapho sibone iziqhwaga, amadodana kaAnaki, avela eziqhwageni.
Lemehlweni ethu sasinjengentethe, sasinjalo lemehlweni azo.

AMANANI 14

Abantu bavukela iNkosi

1Lenhlangano yonke yasiziphakamisa, yazwakalisa ilizwi layo; abantu
basebekhala inyembezi ngalobobusuku.

2 Bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebengunguna bemelene loMozisi loAroni;
lenhlangano yonke yathi kubo: Kungathi ngabe safela elizweni leGibhithe, kumbe
kungathi ngabe safela kule inkangala!

3 Njalo kungani iNKOSI isilethe kulelilizwe ukuthi siwe ngenkemba? Omkethu
labantwanyana bethu bazakuba yimpango. Bekungebe ngcono kithi ukubuyela
eGibhithe yini?

4 Basebesithi omunye komunye: Asimiseni inhloko, sibuyele eGibhithe.

5 UMozisi loAroni basebesithi mbo ngobuso babo phambi kwebandla lonke
lenhlangano yabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

6 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni loKalebi indodana kaJefune ababengabalabo
abahlola ilizwe, basebedabula izembatho zabo,

7 bakhuluma kunhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli besithi: Ilizwe
esadabula kulo ukuze silihlole yilizwe elihle kakhulukazi.

8 Uba iNKOSI ithokoza ngathi, izasingenisa kulelilizwe, isinike lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.

9 Kuphela lingayivukeli iNKOSI; futhi lina lingesabi abantu belizwe, ngoba bayikudla kwethu. Umthunzi wabo usukile kubo; leNKOSI ilathi; lingabesabi.

10 Kodwa inhlangano yonke yathi kabakhandwe ngamatshe. Inkazimulo yeNKOSI yasibonakala ethenteni lenhlangano kubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

11 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Koze kube nini lababantu bengidelela? Koze kube nini bengangikholwa, ngazo zonke izibonakaliso engizenze phakathi kwabo?

12 Ngizabatshaya ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngibathathele ilifa, ngikwenze ube yisizwe esikhulu lesilamandla kulabo.

13 UMozisi wasesithi eNKOSIni: Khona amaGibhithe azakuzwa; ngoba wenyuse lababantu phakathi kwawo ngamandla akho.

14 Njalo azatshela abahlali balelilizwe. Bazwile ukuthi wena NKOSI uphakathi kwalababantu, ukuthi wena NKOSIubonwa ubuso ngobuso, lokuthi iyezi lakho lima phezu kwabo, uhamba phambi kwabo usensikeni yeyezi emini lensikeni yomlilo ebusuku.

15 Uba ubulala lababantu njengomuntu oyedwa, izizwe ezizwe ngendumela yakho zizakhuluma zisithi:

16 Ngoba iNKOSI yayingelakho ukungenisa lababantu elizweni eyabafungela lona, ngakho ibabulele enkangala.

17 Khathesi-ke, ngiyancenga, kawabe makhulu amandla eNkosi yami, njengokutsho kwakho usithi:

18 INKOSI iyaphuza ukuthukuthela, njalo inkulu emuseni, ithethelela ububi leziphambeko, kodwa engayikumyekela lokumyekela olecala, iphindisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana kwesesithathu lesesine isizukulwana.

19 Thethelela, ngiyancenga, ububi balababantu njengobukhulu bomusa wakho, lanjengalokho ubathethelele lababantu kusukela eGibhithe kuze kube khathesi.

UNkulunkulu uthi uzatshaya abantwana bakoIsrayeli

20 INKOSI yasisithi: Sengibathethelele njengokwelizwi lakho.

21 Kodwa isibili, njengalokhu ngiphila, umhlaba wonke uzagcwala ngenkazimulo yeNKOSI.

22 ngoba wonke amadoda abone inkazimulo yami lezibonakaliso zami engazenza eGibhithe lenkangala, langilingileyo lezizikhathi ezilitshumi, kawezwanga ilizwi lami,

23 isibili kabayikubona ilizwe engalifungela oyise; futhi kakho owalabo abangideleleyo ozalibona.

24 Kodwa inceku yami uKalebi, ngoba omunye umoya ubulaye, wangilandela ngokupheleleyo; ngakho ngizamngenisa elizweni ayengene kilo; lenzalo yakhe izakudla ilifa lalo.

25 (AmaAmaleki lamaKhanani ahlala-ke esigodini.) Kusasa phendukani, lisuke liziyele enkangala ngendlela yoLwandle oluBomvu.

26 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi:

27 Koze kube nini ngilalinhlangano embi, engingungunelayo? Ngizwile ukungunguna kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli abangunguna ngakho bemelene lami.

28 Tshono kibo uthi: Sibili njengoba ngiphila, kutsho iNKOSI, njengalokhu likhulume endlebeni zami, ngizakwenza njalo kini.

29 Izidumbu zenu zizawela enkangala le, labo bonke ababaliweyo benu, njengokwenani lonke lenu, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, lina abangingunguneleyo;

30 sibili lina kaliyikungena elizweni engiliphakamisele isandla sami ukulihlalisa kulo, ngaphandle kukaKalebi indodana kaJefune loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.

31 Kodwa abantwanyana benu elathi ngabo bazakuba yimpango, ngizabangenisa, bazalazi ilizwe elalilahlayo.

32 Lina-ke, izidumbu zenu zizawela kulinkangala.

33 Labantwana benu bazakuba ngabelusi enkangala iminyaka engamatshumi amane, bathwale ukuphinga kwenu, izidumbu zenu zize ziphele enkangala.

34 Njengokwenani lezinsuku elahlola ngazo ilizwe, insuku ezingamatshumi amane, usuku ngomnyaka, usuku ngomnyaka, lizathwala ububi benu, iminyaka engamatshumi amane, lazi ukufulathela kwami.

35 Mina NKOSI ngikhulumile. Isibili ngizakwenza lokhu kulinhlangano yonke embi ebuthene imelene lami; kulinkangala bazaphela, bafele khona.

36 Njalo amadoda uMozisi awathumayo ukuhlola ilizwe, esephenduka, enza inhlangano yonke yamngungunela ngokuletha umbiko omubi mayelana lelizwe,

37 lamadoda aletha umbiko omubi ngelizwe afa ngenhlupheko phambi kweNKOSI.

38 Kodwa uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni loKalebi indodana kaJefune, kulawomadoda ayeyehlola ilizwe, asala ephila.

39 Njalo uMozisi wakhuluma la amazwi kubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli; abantu basebelila kakhulu.

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli banqotshwa eHorma

40 Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, benyukela engqongeni yentaba, besithi: Khangelani silapha, sizakwenyukela endaweni iNKOSI eyithembisileyo; ngoba sonile.

41 Kodwa uMozisi wathi: Kungani-ke liseqa umlayo weNKOSI? Ngoba kakuyikuphumelela.

42 Lingenyuki, ngoba iNKOSI kayikho phakathi kwenu, ukuze lingatshaywa phambi kwezitha zenu.

43 Ngoba amaAmaleki lamaKhanani alapho phambi kwenu; njalo lizakuwa ngenkemba, ngoba njengoba liphendukile ekulandeleni iNKOSI, iNKOSI kayiyikuba lani.

44 Kodwa ngokuziqhenya benyukela engqongeni yentaba, kodwa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSIloMozisi kawuphumanga phakathi kwenkamba.

45 AmaAmaleki asesehla, lamaKhanani ahlala kulezozintaba, abatshaya, abahlakaza kwaze kwaba seHorma.

AMANANI 15

Imilayo mayelana leminikelo

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Lapho lifika elizweni lokuhlala kwenu, engilinika lona,

3 lisenza umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo, umnikelo wokutshiswa kumbe umhlatshelo, owokugcwalisa isithembiso, loba emnikelweni wesihle, loba emikhosini yenu emisiweyo, ukwenza uqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni, okuvela enkomeni kumbe ezimvini,

4 lowo-ke onikelayo umnikelo wakhe eNKOSIni uzasondeza umnikelo wokudla, ube ngokwetshumi lempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lengxenye yesine yehini yamafutha;

5 lewayini libe ngumnikelo wokunathwayo, ingxenye yesine yehini, uzakulungisa lomnikelo wokutshiswa loba umhlatshelo, owewundlu elilodwa.

6 Kumbe owenqama lizalungisa umnikelo wokudla, ube zingxenye ezimbili etshumini zempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, ingxenye yesithathu yehini;

7 lewayini libe ngumnikelo wokunathwayo, ingxenye yesithathu yehini, uzalinikela libe liphunga elimnandi eNKOSIni.

8 Njalo nxa lilungisa ithole eliduna lenkomo libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kumbe umhlatshelo, owokugcwalisa isithembiso, kumbe iminikelo yokuthula eNKOSIni,

9 uzanikelela-ke ithole lenkomo umnikelo wokudla, ube zingxenye ezintathu etshumini lempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, ingxenye yehini.

10 Linikele iwayini libe ngumnikelo wokunathwayo, ingxenye yehini, kube ngumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo olephunga elimnandi eNKOSIni.

11 Kuzakwenziwa njalo ngaleyonkunzi, loba ngaleyonqama, loba ngewundlu, kumbe ngezinyane.

12 Njengenani elizalilungisa, lizakwenza njalo kuleyo laleyo, ngokwenani lazo.

13 Wonke owokuzalwa elizweni uzazenza njalo lezizinto, ekunikeleni umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo woqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni.

14 Uba-ke owemzini ohlala njengowezizwe lani, kumbe loba ngubani ophakathi kwenu ezizukulwaneni zenu, njalo enikela umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo woqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni, njengoba lisenza uzakwenza njalo.

15 Kuzakuba lesimiso sinye kini abebandla lakowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe, isimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu; njengani uzakuba njalo owemzini phambi kweNKOSI.

16 Kuzakuba lomthetho munye lesimiso sinye kini lakowemzini ohlala lani njengowezizwe.

17 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

18 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Ekungeneni kwenu elizweni engilisa kulo,

19 kuzakuthi nxa lisidla okokudla kwelizwe, linikele umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa eNKOSIni.

20 Ngokokuqala kwenhlama yenu lizanikela iqebelengwana, kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa; njengomnikelo wokuphakanyiswa webala lokubhulela, ngokunjalo lizawuphakamisa.

21 Ngokokuqala kwenhlama yenu lizanika eNKOSIni umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa ezizukulwaneni zenu.

22 Uba-ke liduha, lingenzanga yonke imilayo le iNKOSI eyikhulume kuMozisi,

23 konke iNKOSI elilaye khona ngesandla sikaMozisi kusukela ngosuku iNKOSI eyalaya ngalo kusiya phambili ezizukulwaneni zenu,

24 kuzakuthi-ke uba kwenziwe ngokungazi, kungekho emehlweni enhlangano, inhlangano yonke izanikela ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, kube luqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni, lomnikelo walo wokudla, lomnikelo walo wokunathwayo njengomthetho, lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa, libe ngumnikelo wesono.

25 Umpristi uzakwenzela-ke inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula, bakuthethelelwe, ngoba kuyikungazi, futhi bona bazaletha

umnikelo wabo, umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo, lomnikelo wabo wesono phambi kweNKOSI, ngenxa yesiphambeko sokungazi kwabo.

26 Lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli izakuthethelelwa, lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, ngoba kubo bonke abantu kwakusekungazini.

27 Uba-ke umuntu oyedwa esona ngokungazi, uzasondeza isibhuzikazi esilomnyaka owodwa, sibe ngumnikelo wesono.

28 Lompristi uzawenzela lowomphefumulo owone ngokungazi inhlawulo yokuthula, lapho one ngokungazi phambi kweNKOSI, ukumenzela inhlawulo yokuthula; uzakuthethelelwa-ke.

29 Lizakuba lomlayo munye kwalowo owona ngokungazi, owokuzalwa elizweni phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo.

30 Kodwa umuntu okwenza ngabomo, engowokuzalwa elizweni loba engowemzini, ethuka iNKOSI; njalo lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo.

31 Ngoba edelele ilizwi leNKOSI, wephula umlayo wayo, lowomuntu uzaqunywa lokuqunywa; ububi bakhe buzakuba phezu kwakhe.

Ukubulawa komuntu othile owatheza inkuni ngesabatha

32 Kwathi abantwana bakoIsrayeli besenkangala, bafica umuntu etheza inkuni ngosuku lwesabatha.

33 Labo abamficayo etheza inkuni bamletha kuMozisi lakuAroni lakunhlangano yonke.

34 Bamfaka esitokisini, ngoba kwakungakatshiwo ukuthi kuzakwenziwani kuye.

35 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Lowomuntu kabulawe lokubulawa; inhlangano yonke izamkhanda ngamatshe ngaphandle kwenkamba.

36 Lenhlangano yonke yamkhuphela ngaphandle kwenkamba, yamkhanda ngamatshe waze wafa, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

Mayelana lentshaka zezembatho zabantu

37 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

38 Khuluma ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, ubatshele ukuthi bazenzele izintshaka emagumbini ezembatho zabo, ezizukulwaneni zabo, lokuthi bafake entshakeni yomphetho intambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka.

39 Njalo kuzakuba kini yintshaka ukuze likukhangele, likhumbule yonke imilayo yeNKOSI, liyenze, lingadingi lilandele inhliziyo yenu lilandele amehlo enu, eliphinga ngokukulandela.

40 Ukuze likhumbule lenze yonke imilayo yami, libe ngcwele kuNkulunkulu wenu.

41 NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu eyalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukuba nguNkulunkulu wenu; ngiyiNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu.

AMANANI 16

Umvukela kaKora loDathani loAbiramu

1UKora indodana kaIzihari indodana kaKohathi indodana kaLevi, loDathani loAbiramu amadodana kaEliyabi, loOni indodana kaPelethi, amadodana kaRubeni, basebethatha amadoda.

2 Basebesukuma phambi kukaMozisi, lamadoda abantwana bakoIsrayeli, abangamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, abangabakhokheli benhlangano, abakhethiweyo bomhlangano, amadoda alebizo.

3 Bahlangana bamelana loMozisi bamelana loAroni, bathi kubo: Seledlulise amalawulo! Ngoba inhlangano yonke, bonke bangcwele, leNKOSI iphakathi kwabo. Pho, liziphakamiselani phezu kwebandla leNKOSI?

4 Kwathi uMozisi esekuzwile, wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe phansi.

5 Wasekhuluma kuKora lakuqembu lakhe lonke esithi: Kusisa, khona iNKOSI izatshengisa ukuthi ngubani ongowayo lokuthi ngubani ongcwele, izamsondeza kuyo, lalowo emkhethileyo izamsondeza kuyo.

6 Yenzani lokhu: zithatheleni imiganu yokutshisela impepha, uKora, leqembu lakhe lonke,

7 lifake kiyo umlilo, libeke kiyo impepha phambi kweNKOSI kusasa. Kuzakuthi indoda iNKOSI eyikhethayo, yiyo engcwele. Seledlulise amalawulo, madodana kaLevi!

8 UMozisi wasesithi kuKora: Ake lizwe, madodana kaLevi;

9 kuyinto encinyane kini yini ukuthi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ulehlukanisile lenhlangano yakoIsrayeli ukuze alisondeze kuye ukuthi lenze inkonzo yethabhanekele leNKOSI, lokuthi lime phambi kwenhlangano ukubakhonza?

10 Ukusondezile, labafowenu bonke, amadodana kaLevi, kanye lawe; selifuna lobupristi yini?

11 Ngalokho wena leqembu lakho lonke selihlangene ukumelana leNKOSI. Ngoba uAroni uyini ukuthi limngungunele?

12 UMozisi wasethuma ukubiza uDathani loAbiramu, amadodana kaEliyabi. Kodwa bathi: Kasiyikwenyuka;

13 kuyinto encinyane yini ukuthi wasenyusa sivela elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju ukusibulala enkangala, kanti lawe usuzenza umbusi phezu kwethu?

14 Futhi kawusingenisanga elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju, loba ukusinika ilifa lamasimu lezivini. Amehlo ala amadoda ungawakopola yini? Asiyikwenyuka.

15 UMozisi wasethukuthela kakhulu, wathi eNKOSIni: Unganaki umnikelo wabo. Kangithathanga ubabhemi oyedwa wabo, futhi kangenzanga okubi komunye wabo.

16 UMozisi wasesithi kuKora: Wena leqembu lakho lonke banini phambi kweNKOSI, wena, labo, loAroni, kusasa;

17 Thathani, omunye lomunye umganu wakhe wokutshisela impepha, lifake kuyo impepha, liyisondeze phambi kweNKOSI, kube ngulowo lalowo umganu wakhe wokutshisela impepha, imiganu yokutshisela impepha engamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu; lawe loAroni, ngulowo lalowo umganu wakhe wokutshisela impepha.

18 Basebethatha, ngulowo lalowo umganu wakhe wokutshisela impepha, bafaka umlilo kuyo, babeka impepha kuyo, bema emnyango wethente lenhlangano, loMozisi loAroni.

19 UKora wasebuthanisa inhlangano yonke ukumelana labo emnyango wethente lenhlangano. Inkazimulo yeNKOSIyasibonakala ebandleni lonke.

20 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi:

21 Zehlukaniseni liphume phakathi kwalinhlangano ukuze ngibaqede ngokucwayiza kwelihlo.

22 Basebesithi mbo ngobuso babo phansi bathi: Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wemimoya yayo yonke inyama, kona umuntu oyedwa, ubusuthukuthelela inhlangano yonke yini?

23 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

24 Tshono enhlanganweni uthi: Yenyukani lisuke kunhlangothi zonke zomuzi kaKora, uDathani, loAbiramu.

25 UMozisi wasesukuma, waya kuDathani loAbiramu, labadala bakoIsrayeli bamlandela.

26 Wasekhuluma enhlanganweni esithi: Ake lisuke emathenteni alamadoda amabi, lingathinti lutho olungolwabo, hlezi liphetshulwe ezonweni zabo zonke.

27 Basebesenyuka besuka emzini yaboKora, uDathani loAbiramu enhlangothini zonke; oDathani loAbiramu basebephuma, bema emnyango wamathente abo labomkabo lamadodana abo labantwanyana babo.

28 UMozisi wasesithi: Ngalokhu lizakwazi ukuthi iNKOSI ingithumile ukwenza yonke limisebenzi, lokuthi kakusikho okwengqondo yami.

29 Uba laba besifa njengokufa kwabantu bonke, kumbe behlelwe njengokwehlelwa kwabantu bonke, iNKOSIkayingithumanga.

30 Kodwa uba iNKOSI idala into entsha, ukuthi umhlaba uvule umlomo wawo, ubaginye lakho konke okwabo, behlele emgodini bephila, lizaqedisisa ukuthi lamadoda ayidelele iNKOSI.

31 Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukukhuluma wonke la amazwi, umhlaba owawungaphansi kwabo waqhekezeka,

32 lomhlaba wavula umlomo wawo, wabaginya lezindlu zabo, labo bonke abantu ababengabakaKora, lempahla yabo yonke.

33 Basebetshona emgodini bephila bona lakho konke okwabo; umhlaba wabagqibela, babhubha besuka phakathi kwebandla.

34 UIsrayeli wonke owayebazingelezele wasebaleka ekukhaleni kwabo, ngoba bathi: Hlezi umhlaba usiginye.

35 Kwasekuphuma umlilo eNKOSIni, waqothula amadoda angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ayenikele impepha.

36 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

37 Tshono kuEleyazare, indodana kaAroni umpristi, ukuthi athathe imiganu yokutshisela impepha phakathi kokutsha; uwuchithachithele umlilo laphayana, ngoba ingcwele.

38 Imiganu yokutshisela impepha yalezizoni imelene lemiphefumulo yazo, kabayenze ibe yizicecedu ezibanzi zibe yisisibekelo selathi; ngoba bayinikele phambi kweNKOSI, ngakho ingcwele; njalo izakuba yisibonakaliso ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli.

39 UEleyazare umpristi wasethatha imiganu yethusi yokutshisela impepha ababenikele ngayo abatshisiweyo, basebeyikhanda yaba yizicecedu zokusibekela ilathi,

40 kube yisikhumbuzo ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli ukuze kungabi lowemzini, ongesuye owenzalo kaAroni, osondela ukutshisa impepha phambi kweNKOSI, ukuze angabi njengoKora lanjengexuku lakhe, njengoba iNKOSI yakhuluma kuye ngesandla sikaMozisi.

41 Kodwa kusisa inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli yabasola oMozisi loAroni, isithi: Lina libabulele abantu beNKOSI.

42 Kwasekusithi inhlangano isihlangene imelene loMozisi njalo imelene loAroni, baphendukela ethenteni lenhlangano, khangela-ke iyezi lalilisibekele lenkazimulo yeNKOSI yabonakala.

43 UMozisi loAroni basebesiza ngaphambi kwethente lenhlangano.

44 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

45 Yenyukani lisuke phakathi kwalinhlangano, ukuze ngibaqede njengokucwayiza kwelihlo. Basebesithi mbo ngobuso babo phansi.

46 UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Thatha umganu wokutshisela impepha, ufake kuwo umlilo ovela elathini, ubeke kuwo impepha, uye ngokuphangisa enhlanganweni, ubenzele inhlawulo yokuthula; ngoba ulaka seluphumile lusuka phambi kweNKOSI, inhlupheko isiqalisile.

47 UAroni wasekuthatha njengokutsho kukaMozisi, wagijimela phakathi kwebandla, khangela-ke, inhlupheko yayisiqalisile phakathi kwabantu. Wafaka impepha, wabenzela abantu inhlawulo yokuthula.

48 Wasesima phakathi kwabafileyo labaphilayo. Inhlupheko yasimiswa.

49 Labafayo enhluphekweni babeyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, ngaphandle kwalabo abafa ngendaba kaKora.

50 UAroni wasebuyela kuMozisi emnyango wethente lenhlangano; lenhlupheko yayisimisiwe.

AMANANI 17

Induku kaAroni

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Tshono kubantwana bakoIsrayeli, njalo uthathe induku kulowo lalowo wabo, ngokwendlu kayise, kuzo zonke iziphathamandla zabo, ngokwezindlu zaboyise, induku ezilitshumi lambili. Bhala ibizo laleyo laleyondoda endukwini yayo,

3 ubhale ibizo likaAroni endukwini kaLevi. Ngoba induku eyodwa izakuba ngeyenhloko yendlu yaboyise.

4 Njalo uzazibeka ethenteni lenhlangano phambi kobufakazi, lapho engizahlangana lawe khona.

5 Kuzakuthi-ke induku yendoda engizayikhetha izahluma; njalo ngizathulisa kusuke kimi ukusola kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, abalisola ngakho.

6 UMozisi wasekhuluma ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli; zonke-ke iziphathamandla zabo zamnika izinduku, yabanye kuleso lalesosiphathamandla, njengezindlu zaboyise, induku ezilitshumi lambili; lenduku kaAroni yayiphakathi kwenduku zazo.

7 UMozisi wasezibeka induku phambi kweNKOSI ethenteni lobufakazi.

8 Kwasekusithi kusisa uMozisi wangena ethenteni lobufakazi, khangela-ke, induku kaAroni eyendlu kaLevi yayihlumile, yakhupha amahlumela, yakhahlela impoko, yathela ama-alimondi.

9 UMozisi wasezikhuphela phandle zonke induku zivela phambi kweNKOSI, kubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli; basebekhangela, bathatha ngulowo lalowo induku yakhe.

10 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Buyisela induku kaAroni phambi kobufakazi, igcinwe, ibe yisibonakaliso kwabahlamukayo, ukuze ususe ukusola kwabo kimi, ukuze bangafi.

11 UMozisi wasesenza; njengalokho iNKOSI yamlaya, wenza njalo.

12 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebekhuluma kuMozisi besithi: Khangela, siyafa, siyabhubha, sonke siyabhubha!

13 Wonke osondela lokusondela ethabhanekeleni leNKOSI uzakufa. Sizaphela ngokufa yini?

AMANANI 18

Lokho okunikwa abapristi lamaLevi

1INKOSI yasisithi kuAroni: Wena lamadodana akho lendlu kayihlo kanye lawe lizathwala ububi bendlu engcwele; futhi wena lamadodana akho kanye lawe lizathwala ububi bobupristi benu.

2 Labafowenu, isizwe sakoLevi, isizwe sikayihlo, basondeze-ke lawe ukuze bahlanganiswe lawe, bakusize. Kodwa wena lamadodana akho kanye lawe lizakuba phambi kwethente lobufakazi.

3 Bazagcina umlayo wakho, lemfanelo zethente lonke; kodwa kabayikusondela ezitsheni zendlu engcwele lelathini, ukuze bangafi, labo lani.

4 Bazahlanganiswa lawe, bagcine imfanelo zethente lenhlangano kuyo yonke inkonzo yethente; kodwa owemzini kayikusondela kini.

5 Njalo lizagcina imfanelo zendlu engcwele lemfanelo zelathi, ukuze kungabi kusaba khona ulaka phezu kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

6 Mina-ke, khangelani, ngithethe abafowenu amaLevi bevela phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. Bayisipho kini, baphiwe iNKOSI ukwenza inkonzo yethente lenhlangano.

7 Ngakho wena lamadodana akho kanye lawe lizagcina ubupristi benu kuzo zonke izinto zelathi laphakathi kweveyili, likhonze. Nginike ubupristi benu bube ngumsebenzi wesipho; kodwa owemzini osondelayo uzabulawa.

8 INKOSI yasisithi kuAroni: Mina-ke, khangela, ngikunike ukuphathwa kweminikelo yami yokuphakanyiswa yazo zonke izinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakoIsrayeli; ngiziphe wena, ngenxa yokugcotshwa, lamadodana akho, ngesimiso esilaphakade.

9 Lokhu kuzakuba ngokwakho okuvela ezintweni ezingcwelengcwele, zivela emlilweni; yonke iminikelo yabo, yonke iminikelo yabo yokudla, layo yonke iminikelo yabo yesono, layo yonke iminikelo yabo yecala, abazayibuyisela kimi; izakuba ngengcwelengcwele ibe ngeyakho leyamadodana akho.

10 Lizakudlela engcweleni yezingcwele; wonke owesilisa uzakudla; kuzakuba ngcwele kuwe.

11 Lalokhu ngokwakho: Umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa wesipho sabo, layo yonke iminikelo yokuzunguzwa yabantwana bakoIsrayeli; ngikuphe wena lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho, ngesimiso esilaphakade. Wonke ohlambulukileyo endlini yakho uzakudla.

12 Ikhethelo lonke lamafutha, lekhethelo lonke lewayini elitsha, lelamabele, lengqabutho yalezo abazazinikela eNKOSIni, ngiziphe wena.

13 Izithelo zokuqala zakho konke okuselizweni labo abazakuletha eNKOSIni kuzakuba ngokwakho. Wonke ohlambulukileyo endlini yakho uzakudla.

14 Konke okwehlukanisiweyo koIsrayeli kuzakuba ngokwakho.

15 Konke okuvula isizalo, kwayo yonke inyama abakuletha eNKOSIni, phakathi kwabantu laphakathi kwezifuyo, kuzakuba ngokwakho; kodwa izibulo lomuntu uzalihlenga lokulihlenga, lezibulo lenyamazana engcolileyo uzalihlenga.

16 Lalezo ezizahlengwa uzazihlenga kusukela sezilenyanga, njengesilinganiso sakho, ngemali yamashekeli amahlanu, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, elingamagera angamatshumi amabili.

17 Kodwa izibulo lenkomo, kumbe izibulo lemvu, kumbe izibulo lembuzi, awuyikuwahlenga, angcwele. Uzafafaza igazi lawo phezu kwelathi, utshise amahwahwa awo, abe ngumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, kube luqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni.

18 Lenyama yawo izakuba ngeyakho, njengesifuba esizunguziweyo lanjengomlenze wokunene, kuzakuba ngokwakho.

19 Yonke iminikelo yokuphakanyiswa yezinto ezingcwele abantwana bakoIsrayeli abayinikela eNKOSIni ngiyinike wena lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho kanye lawe, ngesimiso esilaphakade. Kuyisivumelwano setshwayi esilaphakade phambi kweNKOSI kuwe lakunzalo yakho kanye lawe.

20 INKOSI yasisithi kuAroni: Kawuyikudla ilifa elizweni labo, kawuyikuba lesabelo phakathi kwabo; ngiyisabelo sakho lelifa lakho phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

21 Khangela-ke, nginike abantwana bakoLevi konke okwetshumi koIsrayeli kube yilifa, ngomsebenzi wabo abawenzayo, inkonzo yethente lenhlangano.

22 Njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli bangabe besasondela ethenteni lenhlangano hlezi bathwale isono bafe.

23 Kodwa amaLevi azakwenza inkonzo yethente lenhlangano, wona athwale ububi bawo. Kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu; laphakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli kawayikuzuza ilifa.

24 Ngoba okwetshumi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli abakunikela eNKOSIni kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa, ngikunike amaLevi kube yilifa. Ngakho ngitshilo kiwo ukuthi phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli kawayikuzuza ilifa.

25 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

26 Futhi uzakhuluma kumaLevi uthi kuwo: Nxa lithatha ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli okwetshumi engilinike khona, kuvela kubo kube yilifa lenu, lizanikela kokwakho umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNKOSI, kube ngokwetshumi kwalokho okwetshumi.

27 Lomnikelo wenu wokuphakanyiswa uzabalelwa lina, njengamabele ebala lokubhulela lanjengokugcwala kwesikhamelo sewayini.

28 Ngalokhu lani lizanikela umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNKOSI kukho konke okwetshumi kwenu elikwemukelayo ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli; lizanika kokwayo umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNKOSI, kuAroni umpristi.

29 Kuzo zonke izipho zenu lizanikela wonke umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNKOSI; ekhethelweni lonke lazo, ingxenye yayo engcwelisiweyo evela kuyo.

30 Futhi uzakuthi kuwo: Lapho linikela ikhethelo lazo elivela kuzo, kuzabalelwa amaLevi njengesivuno sebala lokubhulela lanjengesivuno sesikhamelo sewayini.

31 Lizakudla lokho endaweni zonke, lina lendlu yenu, ngoba kungumvuzo wenu ngomsebenzi wenu ethenteni lenhlangano.

32 Njalo kaliyikuthwala isono ngenxa yakho, lapho seliphakamisile ikhethelo lakho kukho; kaliyikungcolisa izinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuze lingafi.

AMANANI 19

Ukuhlanjululwa kwalabo abangahlambulukanga

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi:

2 Lesi yisimiso somlayo iNKOSI esimisileyo isithi: Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli ukuthi balethe kini ithokazi elibomvu elipheleleyo okungelasici kulo, okungazange kufakwe ijogwe kulo;

3 njalo lilinike uEleyazare umpristi, alikhuphele-ke ngaphandle kwenkamba, libe selihlatshwa phambi kwakhe.

4 Njalo uEleyazare uzathatha okwegazi lalo ngomunwe wakhe, afafaze kasikhombisa okwegazi lalo maqondana laphambi kwethente lenhlangano.

5 Lethokazi litshiswe phambi kwamehlo akhe; kutshiswe isikhumba salo lenyama yalo legazi lalo kanye lomswane walo.

6 Umpristi uzathatha-ke isigodo somsedari, lehisope, lokubomvu, akuphose phakathi kokutsha kwethokazi.

7 Umpristi usezawatsha izembatho zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe emanzini, emva kwalokho angene enkambeni, njalo umpristi abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

8 Lolitshisileyo uzawatsha izembatho zakhe emanzini, ageze umzimba wakhe emanzini, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

9 Lendoda ehlambulukileyo izabutha umlotha wethokazi, iwubeke ngaphandle kwenkamba endaweni ehlambulukileyo, ukuze ugcinelwe inhlangano yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, kube ngamanzi okwehlukanisa; kuyikuhlanjululwa kwesono.

10 Lobutha umlotha wethokazi uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; njalo kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo.

11 Othinta isidumbu saloba nguwuphi umuntu uzakuba ngongcolileyo insuku eziyisikhombisa.

12 Uzazihlambulula ngawo ngosuku lwesithathu langosuku lwesikhombisa uzahlambuluka; kodwa uba engazihlambululi ngosuku lwesithathu, khona ngosuku lwesikhombisa kayikuhlambuluka.

13 Loba ngubani othinta ofileyo, isidumbu somuntu osefile, angazihlambululi, ungcolisa ithabhanekele leNKOSI; lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke koIsrayeli, ngoba amanzi okwehlukanisa engafafazwanga phezu kwakhe; uzakuba ngongcolileyo, lokungcola kwakhe kusekuye.

14 Lo ngumlayo womuntu nxa efela ethenteni. Konke okungena ethenteni lakho konke okusethenteni kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo insuku eziyisikhombisa.

15 Njalo yonke imbiza evulekileyo engelasisibekelo esibotshelwe phezulu kwayo ingcolile.

16 Laye wonke othinta umuntu obuleweyo ngenkemba, endle, loba ofileyo, loba ithambo lomuntu, loba ingcwaba, uzakuba ngongcolileyo insuku eziyisikhombisa.

17 Ngongcolileyo bazathatha okomlotha walokho okwatshiswayo kokuhlanjululwa kwesono, njalo kuzafakwa phezu kwakho amanzi aphilayo esitsheni.

18 Lendoda ehlambulukileyo izathatha ihisope, iyigxamuze emanzini, ifafaze phezu kwethente, laphezu kwempahla yonke, laphezu kwabantu ababelapho, laphezu kowathinta ithambo, loba obuleweyo, loba ofileyo, loba ingcwaba.

19 Lohlambulukileyo uzafafaza ongcolileyo ngosuku lwesithathu langosuku lwesikhombisa, njalo uzamhlambulula ngosuku lwesikhombisa; awatshe izembatho zakhe, ageze emanzini, ahlambuluke kusihlwa.

20 Kodwa indoda engcolileyo, ingazihlambululi, lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke phakathi kwebandla, ngoba engcolise indlu engcwele yeNKOSI; amanzi okwehlukanisa kawafafazwanga phezu kwakhe, ungcolile.

21 Njalo kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade kubo, ukuthi lowo ofafaza amanzi okwehlukanisa uzawatsha izembatho zakhe; lalowo othinta amanzi okwehlukanisa uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

22 Njalo konke akuthintayo ongcolileyo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo; lomuntu okuthintayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

AMANANI 20

Amanzi akhutshwa edwaleni

1Khona abantwana bakoIsrayeli, inhlangano yonke, bafika enkangala yeZini ngenyanga yokuqala; labantu bahlala eKadeshi. UMiriyamu wasefela lapho, wangcwatshwa khona.

2 Njalo kwakungelamanzi enhlangano; ngakho bahlangana bamelana loMozisi bamelana loAroni.

3 Abantu baphikisana loMozisi bakhuluma besithi: Kungathi ngabe safa ekufeni kwabafowethu phambi kweNKOSI!

4 Lilethelenì ibandla leNKOSI enkangala le ukuze sifele lapha, thina lezifuyo zethu?

5 Lasenyuselani sisuka eGibhithe ukusiletha kulindawo embi? Kakusiyo indawo yenhlanyelo lemikhiwa lamavinilamapomegranati, futhi kakulamanzi okunatha.

6 UMozisi loAroni basebesuka phambi kwebandla, baya emnyango wethente lenhlangano, bathi mbo ngobuso babo phansi. Inkazimulo yeNKOSI yasibonakala kubo.

7 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

8 Thatha intonga, ubuthanise inhlangano, wena loAroni umnewenu, likhulume kulo idwala phambi kwamehlo abo, njalo lizanika amanzi alo; ngalokhu uzabakhuphela amanzi edwaleni, ukuze ulinathise ibandla lezifuyo zabo.

9 UMozisi wasethatha intonga esuka phambi kweNKOSI njengokumlaya kwayo.

10 UMozisi loAroni basebebuthanisa ibandla phambi kwedwala; wasesithi kubo: Zwanini-ke, lina bahlamuki; sizalikhuphela yini amanzi edwaleni leli?

11 UMozisi wasephakamisa isandla sakhe, watshaya idwala kabili ngentonga yakhe; kwasekumpompoza amanzi amanengi, inhlangano yasinatha, lezifuyo zayo.

12 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi lakuAroni: Ngoba lingangikholwanga, ukungingcwelisa emehlweni abantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngakho kaliyikungenisa ibandla leli elizweni engibanike lona.

13 La ngamanzi eMeriba, lapho abantwana bakoIsrayeli abaphikisana khona leNKOSI, yasingcweliswa kubo.

Inkosi yeEdoma ivalela abantwana bakoIsrayeli indlela

14 UMozisi wasethuma izithunywa enkosini yeEdoma zisuka eKadeshi wathi: Utsho njalo umfowenu uIsrayeli: Wena uyazazi zonke inkathazo ezisehleleyo,

15 lokuthi obaba behlela eGibhithe, sasesihlala eGibhithe insuku ezinengi; lamaGibhithe asiphatha kubi labobaba.

16 Sasesikhala eNKOSIni, yasisizwa ilizwi lethu, yathuma ingilosi, yasikhupha eGibhithe; khangela-ke siseKadeshi, umuzi osekucineni komngcele wakho.

17 Ake usiyekele sidabule elizweni lakho. Kasiyikudabula ensimini loba esivinini, futhi kasiyikunatha amanzi omthombo. Sizahamba ngomgwaqo wenkosi, kasiyikuphambukela ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo, size sedlule umngcele wakho.

18 Kodwa uEdoma wathi kuye: Kawuyikudabula kimi, hlezi ngiphume ngenkemba ngimelane lawe.

19 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesithi kuye: Sizahamba ngomgwaqo omkhulu. Uba-ke mina lezifuyo zami sinatha okwamanzi akho, sizawabhadalela; kuphela ngizadabula ngenyawo zami nje.

20 Kodwa wathi: Kawuyikudabula. UEdoma wasephuma wamelana laye elabantu abanengi, langesandla esilamandla.

21 Ngalokhu uEdoma wala ukuvumela uIsrayeli ukudabula emngceleni wakhe. Ngakho uIsrayeli waphambuka wasuka kuye.

Ukufa kukaAroni entabeni yeHori

22 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli, inhlangano yonke, basebesuka eKadeshi, bafika entabeni yeHori.

23 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni entabeni yeHori, emngceleni welizwe leEdoma, isithi:

24 UAroni uzabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo, ngoba kayikungena elizweni engilinike abantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngoba lahlamukela ilizwi lami emanzini eMeriba.

25 Thatha uAroni loEleyazare indodana yakhe, ubenyusele entabeni yeHori,

26 umhlubule uAroni izembatho zakhe, uzifake kuEleyazare indodana yakhe; ngoba uAroni uzabuthelwakwabakibo, afele lapho.

27 UMozisi wenza njengokulaya kweNKOSI. Basebesenyukela entabeni yeHori phambi kwamehlo enhlangano yonke.

28 UMozisi wasemhlubula uAroni izembatho zakhe, wazifaka kuEleyazare indodana yakhe. UAroni wasefela lapho engqongeni yentaba. UMozisi loEleyazare basebesehla entabeni.

29 Lapho inhlangano yonke ibona ukuthi uAroni usephelile, balilela uAroni insuku ezingamatshumi amathathu, indlu yonke kaIsrayeli.

AMANANI 21

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahlaselwa ngamaKhanani

1Kwathi inkosi yeAradi, umKhanani, eyayihlala eningizimu, isizwa ukuthi uIsrayeli uyeza ngendlela yabahloli, yalwa imelene loIsrayeli yathumba abanye kubo.

2 UIsrayeli wathembisa isithembiso eNKOSIni wathi: Uba unikela lokunikela lababantu esandleni sami, ngizatshabalalisa imizi yabo.

3 INKOSI yasisizwa ilizwi likaIsrayeli, yanikela amaKhanani, wawatshabalalisa lemizi yawo; ngakho wabiza ibizo laleyondawo ngokuthi yiHorma.

Inyoka ezilokutshisa

4 Basebesuka entabeni yeHori, ngendlela yoLwandle oluBomvu ukuze baceze ilizwe leEdoma; lomphefumulo wabantu wadinwa endleleni.

5 Abantu basebekhuluma bemelene loNkulunkulu njalo bemelene loMozisi bathi: Lasenyuselani lisikhupha eGibhithe ukuze sifele enkangala? Ngoba kakulasinkwa njalo kakulamanzi, futhi umphefumulo wethu unengwa yilesisinkwa esilula.

6 INKOSI yasithuma inyoka ezilokutshisa phakathi kwabantu, zasezibaluma abantu, njalo kwafa abantu abanengi koIsrayeli.

7 Ngakho abantu beza kuMozisi bathi: Sonile, ngoba sikhulume simelene leNKOSI njalo simelene lawe; khuleka eNKOSIni ukuze isuse izinyoka kithi. UMozisi wasebakhulekela abantu.

8 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Zenzele inyoka elomlilo, uyibeke esigodweni; njalo kuzakuthi wonke olunyiweyo, nxa eyikhangela, uzaphila.

9 UMozisi wasesenza inyoka yethusi, wayibeka esigodweni; kwasekusithi lapho inyoka ilume loba nguwuphi umuntu, uba ekhangele inyoka yethusi, waphila.

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli babhoda ilizwe lakoMowabi

10 Njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli basuka bamisa inkamba eObothi.

11 Basuka eObothi, bamisa inkamba eIye-Abarimi enkangala emaqondana lakoMowabi lapho okuphuma khona ilanga.

12 Basuka lapho, bamisa inkamba esigodini seZeredi.

13 Basuka lapho, bamisa inkamba ngale kweArinoni esenkangala ephuma emingceleni yamaAmori; ngoba iArinoni lingumngcele wakoMowabi, phakathi kweMowabi lamaAmori.

14 Ngakho kuthiwa egwalweni lwezimpi zeNKOSI: IWahebi eseSufa, lezifula zeArinoni,

15 leliwa lezifula elehlela endaweni yeAri, lisekele umngcele wakoMowabi.

16 Basebesuka lapho baya eBeri; lo ngumthombo iNKOSI eyakhuluma ngawo kuMozisi yathi: Buthanisa abantu, ngizabanika-ke amanzi.

17 Khona uIsrayeli wahlabela lingoma ethi:

Mpompoza, mthombo! Hlabelelani kuwo,

18 umthombo ezawugebhayo iziphathamandla, ezawugebhayo izikhulu zabantu, ngomnikumthetho, ngendondolo zazo.

Basebesuka enkangala baya eMathana.

19 Besuka eMathana baya eNahaliyeli; besuka eNahaliyeli baya eBamothi;

20 besuka eBamothi esigodini esisemhlabeni wakoMowabi, engqongeni yePisiga ekhangele inkangala.

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli banqoba uSihoni loOgi

21 UIsrayeli wasethuma izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, esithi:

22 Ake ngidabule elizweni lakho; kasiyikuphambukela emasimini loba ezivinini; kasiyikunatha amanzi omthombo; sizahamba ngomgwaqo wenkosi, size sedlule imingcele yakho.

23 Kodwa uSihoni kamvumelanga uIsrayeli ukudabula umngcele wakhe, kodwa uSihoni wabuthanisa bonke abantu bakhe, waphuma ukumelana loIsrayeli enkangala, wafika eJahazi, walwa emelene loIsrayeli.

24 UIsrayeli wamtshaya ngobukhali benkemba, waba ngumnikazi welizwe lakhe kusukela eArinoni kuze kube seJaboki, kuze kube sebantwaneni bakoAmoni, ngoba umngcele wabantwana bakoAmoni wawuqinile.

25 UIsrayeli wasethatha yonke le imizi; uIsrayeli wasehlala emizini yonke yamaAmori, eHeshiboni layo yonke imizana yalo.

26 Ngoba iHeshiboni yayingumuzi kaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, owayelwe emelene lenkosi yamandulo yakoMowabi, wayethethe ilizwe lonke layo esandleni sayo, kwaze kwafika eArinoni.

27 Ngakho abasebenzisa izaga bathi:

Wozani eHeshiboni! Umuzi kaSihoni kawakhiwe, umiswe.

28 Ngoba umlilo waphuma eHeshiboni, ilangabi emzini kaSihoni, laqothula iAri loMowabi, amakhosi endawo eziphakemeyo zeArinoni.

29 Maye kuwe, Mowabi! Selibhujisiwe, bantu bakaKemoshi! Unikele amadodana akhe aba ngababaleki, lamadodakazi akhe ekuthunjweni kuSihoni, inkosi yamaAmori.

30 Sesibatshokile; iHeshiboni ibhubhile kuze kube seDiboni; sesibachithile kuze kube seNofa, efika eMedeba.

31 UIsrayeli wasehlala elizweni lamaAmori.

32 UMozisi wathuma ukuyahlola iJazeri; basebethumba imizana yalo, baxotsha amaAmori ayehlala khona.

33 Basebephenduka, benyuka ngendlela yeBashani. UOgi inkosi yeBashani wasephuma ukumelana labo, yena labantu bakhe bonke, empini eEdreyi.

34 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Ungamesabi; ngoba ngimnikele esandleni sakho, labantu bakhe bonke, lelizwe lakhe; njalo uzakwenza kuye njengokwenza kwakho kuSihoni inkosi yamaAmori owayehlala eHeshiboni.

35 Basebemtshaya, lamadodana akhe, labantu bakhe bonke, akwaze kwasala ophilayo kuye. Badla ilifa lelizwe lakhe.

AMANANI 22

UBalaki loBalami

1Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesuka, bamisa inkamba emagcekeni akoMowabi, nganeno kweJodani, eJeriko.

2 UBalaki indodana kaZipori wasebona konke uIsrayeli ayekwenze kumaAmori.

3 UMowabi wasesesaba kakhulu ubuso babantu, ngoba babebanengi. UMowabi wasetshaywa luvalo ngenxa yabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

4 UMowabi wasesithi ebadaleni beMidiyani: Khathesi lelibandla lizakhotha konke okusihanqileyo, njengenkabi ikhotha utshani bedlelo. Njalo uBalaki indodana kaZipori wayeyinkosi yakoMowabi ngalesosikhathi.

5 Wasethuma izithunywa kuBalami indodana kaBeyori ePethori eliseduze lomfula welizwe labantwana babantu bakhe, ukumbiza, esithi: Khangela, abantu baphumile eGibhithe. Khangela, basibekele ubuso bomhlaba, futhi sebehlala maqondana lami.

6 Khathesi-ke, ake uze, ngiqalekisela lababantu, ngoba balamandla kulami; mhlawumbe ngingaba lamandla okuthi sibatshaye, lokuthi ngibaxotshe elizweni,

ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lowo ombusisayo ubusisiwe, lalowo omqalekisayo uqalekisiwe.

7 Abadala beMowabi labadala beMidiyani basebehamba belembadalo yokuvumisa esandleni sabo; bafika kuBalami, bakhuluma kuye amazwi kaBalaki.

8 Wasesithi kubo: Lalani lapha lobubusuku, njalo ngizalilethela ilizwi, njengalokhu iNKOSI ezakutsho kimi. Iziphathamandla zakoMowabi zasezihlala loBalami.

9 UNkulunkulu wasefika kuBalami, wathi: Ngobani lamadoda alawe?

10 UBalami wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: UBalaki, indodana kaZipori, inkosi yakoMowabi, ungithumele esithi:

11 Khangela, abantu baphumile eGibhithe basibekele ubuso bomhlaba; woza khathesi, ungiqalekisele bona; mhlawumbe ngingaba lamandla okulwa labo, ngibaxotshe.

12 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuBalami: Ungahambi labo; ungabaqalekisi labobantu, ngoba babusisiwe.

13 UBalami wasevuka ekuseni, wathi kuziphathamandla zikaBalaki: Yanini elizweni lakini, ngoba iNKOSI iyala ukungivumela ukuhamba lani.

14 Ngakho iziphathamandla zakoMowabi zasukuma, zaya kuBalaki, zathi: UBalami uyala ukuhamba lathi.

15 UBalaki wasebuya wathuma njalo iziphathamandla, ezinengi ezidumileyo kulalezo.

16 Zasezifika kuBalami zathi kuye: Utsho njalo uBalaki indodana kaZipori uthi: Ake ungavinjwa yilutho ukuza kimi.

17 Ngoba ngizakuhlonipha lokukuhlonipha kakhulu, lakho konke ongitshela khona ngizakwenza. Ngakho ake uze, ngiqalekisela lababantu.

18 Kodwa uBalami waphendula wathi encekwini zikaBalaki: Uba uBalaki ebezangipha indlu yakhe igcwele isiliva legolide, bengingayikweqa umlayo weNKOSI uNkulunkulu wami ukwenza okukhulu kumbe okuncinyane.

19 Khathesi-ke, ake lihlale lapha lani lobubusuku, ukuze ngazi ukuthi iNKOSI izakuthini kimi futhi.

20 UNkulunkulu wasesiza kuBalami ebusuku wathi kuye: Uba amadoda efika ukukubiza, sukuma uhambe lawo; kodwa kuphela lelolizwi engizalikhuluma kuwe, lona uzalenza.

21 UBalami wasesukuma ekuseni, wabophela isihlalo kubabhemikazi wakhe, wahamba leziphathamandla zakoMowabi.

22 Ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lwavutha ngoba wahamba; ingilosi yeNKOSI yayakuma endleleni ukuba yisitha esimelane laye. Njalo wayegade ubabhemikazi wakhe, lenceku zakhe ezimbili zilaye.

23 Ubabhemi waseyibona ingilosi yeNKOSI imi endleleni, lenkemba ehwatshiweyo isesandleni sayo; lobabhemikazi waphambuka endleleni, wangena ensimini. UBalami wasemtshaya ubabhemi ukumphendulela endleleni.

24 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasisima endleleni eminyeneyo yezivini, umduli ngapha lomduli ngapha.

25 Lapho ubabhemikazi ebona ingilosi yeNKOSI wazibandezela emdulini, wabandezela unyawo lukaBalami emdulini; wasemtshaya futhi.

26 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasiqhubeka, yema endaweni eminyeneyo, lapho okwakungelandlela yokuphendukela ngakwesokunene kumbe ngakwesokhohlo.

27 Lapho ubabhemikazi ebona ingilosi yeNKOSI, walala ngaphansi kukaBalami. Ulaka lukaBalami lwaseluvutha, wasemtshaya ubabhemi ngenduku.

28 INKOSI yasivula umlomo kababhemikazi, wasesithi kuBalami: Ngenzeni kuwe ukuthi ungitshaye okwalezizikhathi ezintathu?

29 UBalami wasesithi kubabhemikazi: Ngoba ungenze inhlekisa. Kungathi ngabe kulenkemba esandleni sami, ngoba bengizakubulala khathesi.

30 Ubabhemikazi wasesithi kuBalami: Angisuye yini ubabhemi wakho omgade kusukela ngisengowakho kuze kube lamuhla? Ngake ngejwayela ukwenza kanje kuwe yini? Wasesithi: Hatshi.

31 INKOSI yasivula amehlo kaBalami, wasebona ingilosi yeNKOSI imi endleleni, lenkemba yayo ihwatshiwe isesandleni sayo; wakhothama wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe phansi.

32 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasisithi kuye: Umtshayeleni ubabhemikazi wakho okwalezizikhathi ezintathu? Khangela, mina ngiphumile ukumelana lawe, ngoba indlela yakho iphambukile kimi;

33 njalo ubabhemikazi wangibona, waphambuka phambi kwami lezizikhathi ezintathu. Ngaphandle kokuthi ephambukile phambi kwami, ngeqiniso khathesi ngabe ngikubulele lawe, ngamgcina yena ephila.

34 UBalami wasesithi engilosini yeNKOSI: Ngonile, ngoba bengingazi ukuthi umi endleleni ukumelana lami. Ngakho-ke uba kukubi emehlweni akho, ngizabuyela futhi.

35 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasisithi kuBalami: Hamba lalawomadoda; kodwa kuphela ilizwi engizalikhuluma kuwe, yilo ozalikhuluma. UBalami wasehamba leziphathamandla zikaBalaki.

36 UBalaki esezwile ukuthi uBalami uyeza, waphuma ukuyamhlangabeza emzini wakoMowabi, osemngceleni weArinoni, osekucineni komngcele.

37 UBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Kangithumanga yini lokuthuma kuwe ukukubiza? Kungani ungafikanga kimi? Isibili kangilamandla okukunika udumo yini?

38 UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Khangela, ngifikile kuwe. Khathesi ngilamandla isibili okukhuluma loba yini na? Ilizwi uNkulunkulu alifaka emlonyeni wami, yilo engizalikhuluma.

39 UBalami wasehamba loBalaki, basebefika eKiriyathi-Huzothi.

40 UBalaki wasehlaba izinkabi lezimvu, wathumela kuBalami lakuziphathamandla ezazilaye.

41 Kwasekusithi ekuseni uBalaki wamthatha uBalami, wamenyusela endaweni eziphakemeyo zikaBhali, ukuthi abone elapho ukucina kwabantu.

AMANANI 23

1UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Ngakhela lapha amalathi ayisikhombisa, ungilungisele lapha amajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa.

2 UBalaki wenza njengokutsho kukaBalami; uBalaki loBalami basebenikela kulelo lalelo ilathi ijongosi lenqama.

3 UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Mana emnikelweni wakho wokutshiswa, ngizahamba mina; mhlawumbe iNKOSIizafika ukungihlangabeza; lento ezangitshengisa yona ngizakutshela. Wasesiya endaweni ephakemeyo.

4 UNkulunkulu wasehlangana loBalami; wasesithi kuye: Sengilungise amalathi ayisikhombisa, nganikela kulelo lalelo ilathi ijongosi lenqama.

5 INKOSI yasifaka ilizwi emlonyeni kaBalami, yathi: Buyela kuBalaki, ukhulume kanje.

6 Wasebuyela kuye, khangela-ke, wayemi emnikelweni wakhe wokutshiswa, yena lazo zonke iziphathamandla zakoMowabi.

7 Wasephakamisa umzekeliso wakhe, wathi:

UBalaki, inkosi yakoMowabi, ungilandile eSiriya, ezintabeni zempumalanga wathi: Woza, ungiqalekisele uJakobe, woza, umthuke uIsrayeli.

8 Ngingamqalekisa njani uNkulunkulu angamqalekisiyo? Kumbe ngingamthuka njani iNKOSI engamthukanga?

9 Ngoba ngisengqongeni yamadwala ngiyambona, ngisemaqaqeni ngiyamkhangela. Khangela, abantu bazahlala bodwa, kabayikubalelwa phakathi kwezizwe.

10 Ngubani ongabala uthuli lukaJakobe, lenani lengxenye yesine kaIsrayeli? Umphefumulo wami kawufe ukufa kwabalungileyo, lokuphela kwami kube njengokwakhe!

11 UBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Wenzeni kimi? Ngikuthethe ukuze uqalekise izitha zami, kodwa khangela, uzibusisile lokuzibusisa.

12 Wasephendula wathi: Lokho iNKOSI ekufaka emlonyeni wami, kakumelanga ngiqaphele yini ukukukhuluma?

13 UBalaki wasesithi kuye: Ake uze lami siye kwenye indawo lapho ozababona khona; uzabona ukucina kwabo kuphela, ungaboni bonke; njalo ungiqalekisele bona ulapho.

14 Njalo wamthatha wamusa ensimini yeZofimu, engqongeni yePisiga; wakha amalathi ayisikhombisa, wanikela ijongosi lenqama phezu kwalelo lalelo ilathi.

15 Wasesithi kuBalaki: Mana lapha emnikelweni wakho wokutshiswa, njalo mina ngizahlangana layo laphayana.

16 INKOSI yasihlangana loBalami, yafaka ilizwi emlonyeni wakhe, yathi: Buyela kuBalaki, ukhulume kanje.

17 Esefikile kuye, khangela-ke wema emnikelweni wakhe wokutshiswa leziphathamandla zakoMowabi zilaye. UBalaki wasesithi kuye: INKOSI itheni?

18 Wasephakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi:

Sukuma, Balaki, uzwe, ubeke indlebe, ndodana kaZipori.

19 UNkulunkulu kasumuntu ukuthi aqambe amanga, loba indodana yomuntu ukuthi azisole. Utshilo, kanti kayikukwenza? Kumbe ukhulumile, kanti kayikukuqinisa?

20 Khangela, ngemukele ukuthi ngibusise; yebo, ubusisile, njalo ngingeke ngikuguqule.

21 Kakhangelanga ububi kuJakobe, kabonanga isiphambeko kuIsrayeli. INKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe ilaye, lesimemezelo senkosi siphakathi kwakhe.

22 UNkulunkulu wabakhupha eGibhithe, ulokunjengamandla enyathi.

23 Isibili kakulamlingo ongamelana loJakobe, loba ukuvumisa okungamelana loIsrayeli. Ngalesisikhathi kuzatshiwo ngoJakobe langoIsrayeli ukuthi uNkulunkulu akwenzileyo!

24 Khangela, abantu bazasukuma njengesilwane esisikazi, bazisukumise njengesilwane; kabalali baze badle impango, njalo banathe igazi lababuleweyo.

25 UBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Futhi ungabaqalekisi lokubaqalekisa, njalo ungababusisi lokubabusisa.

26 Kodwa uBalami waphendula wathi kuBalaki: Kangikutshelanga yini ngisithi: Konke iNKOSI ekutshoyo, lokho ngizakwenza?

27 UBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Ake uze, ngizakusa kwenye indawo; mhlawumbe kungaqonda emehlweni kaNkulunkulu ukuthi ungiqalekisele bona ulapho.

28 UBalaki wamthatha wamusa uBalami engqongeni yePeyori ekhangele ngasenkangala.

29 UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Ngakhela lapha amalathi ayisikhombisa, ungilungisele lapha amajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa.

30 UBalaki wasesenza njengokutsho kukaBalami, wanikela ijongosi lenqama kulelo lalelo ilathi.

AMANANI 24

1UBalami esebonile ukuthi kuhle emehlweni eNKOSI ukubusisa uIsrayeli, kahambanga njengezinye izikhathi ukuyadinga imilingo; kodwa wakhangelisa ubuso bakhe enkangala.

2 Kwathi uBalami ephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona uIsrayeli ehlezi ngokwezizwe zakhe, loMoya kaNkulunkulu waba phezu kwakhe.

3 Wasephakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi: UBalami indodana kaBeyori uthi, lendoda olihlo layo livulekile ithi,

4 uthi ozwayo amazwi kaNkulunkulu, obonayo umbono kaSomandla, esiwa, njalo kwembulwe amehlo.

5 Mahle kangakanani amathente akho, Jakobe, amakhaya akho, Israyeli!

6 Njengezigodi zisabalele, njengezivande ngasemfuleni, njengezinhlaba iNKOSI ezihlanyeleyo, njengezihlahla zemisedari ngasemanzini!

7 Amanzi azageleza evela embizeni zakhe, lenhlanyelo yakhe izakuba semanzini amanengi, lenkosi yakhe izakuba nkulu kuloAgagi, lombuso wakhe uzaphakama.

8 UNkulunkulu wamkhupha eGibhithe, ulokunjengamandla enyathi, uzakudla izizwe, izitha zakhe, njalo uzakwephula amathambo azo, njalo azitshoke ngemitshoko yakhe.

9 Waqutha, walala phansi njengesilwane, lanjengesilwane esisikazi; ngubani ozamvusa? Okubusisayo abusiswe, lokuqalekisayo aqalekiswe!

10 Njalo ulaka lukaBalaki lwavuthela uBalami, watshaya izandla zakhe, uBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Ngikubize ukuze uqalekise izitha zami, kodwa khangela, uzibusisile lokuzibusisa okwalezizikhathi ezintathu.

11 Khathesi-ke zibalekele uye endaweni yakho. Bengithe ngizakuhlonipha ngodumo, kodwa khangela, iNKOSIikuvimbile kudumo.

12 UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Kangikhulumanga yini lakuzithunywa obuzithume kimi ngisithi:

13 Uba uBalaki ebezangipha indlu yakhe igcwele isiliva legolide, bengingayikweqa umlayo weNKOSI, ukwenza okuhle kumbe okubi okwenhliziyo yami; lokho iNKOSI ekutshoyo yilokho engizakukhuluma?

14 Khathesi-ke, khangela, ngiya ebantwini bakithi; woza ngikucebise ukuthi lababantu bazakwenzani ebantwini bakini ensukwini zokucina.

15 Wasephakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi:

UBalami indodana kaBeyori uthi, lendoda elamehlo avulekileyo ithi,

16 uthi ozwayo amazwi kaNkulunkulu, lowazi ulwazi loPhezukonke, obonayo umbono kaSomandla, esiwa, njalo kuvuleke amehlo.

17 Ngizambona, kodwa hatshi khathesi, ngizamkhangela, kodwa kungeseduze; kuzavela inkanyezi kuJakobe, lentonga yobukhosi izavuka koIsrayeli, itshaye amagumbi akoMowabi, njalo ichithe bonke abantwana bakaShethi.

18 Njalo uEdoma uzakuba yimfuyo, loSeyiri abe yimfuyo yezitha zakhe, kodwa uIsrayeli uzakwenza ngobuqhawe,

19 kuzavela-ke koJakobe umbusi, njalo uzabhubhisa oseleyo emzini.

20 Esebone uAmaleki, waphakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi:

UAmaleki wayengowokuqala wezizwe, kodwa ukucina kwakhe kuyikubhubha okupheleleyo.

21 Esebone amaKeni, waphakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi:

Iqinile indlu yakho, isidleke sakho usimise edwaleni.

22 Kanti-ke uKhayini uzachithwa, aze akuthumbe uAshuri.

23 Wasephakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi: Maye, ngubani ozaphila nxa uNkulunkulu esenza lokhu?

24 Imikhumbi izavela ekhunjini lweKitimi, ihluphe uAshuri, ihluphe uEberi; njalo laye uzabhubha okwesikhathi sonke.

25 UBalami wasesukuma wahamba wabuyela endaweni yakhe; loBalaki laye wahamba ngendlela yakhe.

AMANANI 25

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli badumisa uBhali-Peyori

1UIsrayeli wasehlala eShithimi. Abantu basebeqala ukuphinga lamadodakazi akoMowabi.

2 Asebabizela abantu emihlatshelweni yabonkulunkulu bawo, labantu badla, bakhothamela onkulunkulu bawo.

3 UIsrayeli wasezihlanganisa loBhali-Peyori; lolaka lweNKOSI lwamvuthela uIsrayeli.

4 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Thatha zonke inhloko zabantu, uziphanyeke phambi kweNKOSI maqondana lelanga, ukuze ulaka lweNKOSI oluvuthayo lubuye lusuke koIsrayeli.

5 UMozisi wasesithi kubahluleli bakoIsrayeli: Bulalani, kube ngulowo lalowo amadoda akhe ababezihlanganise loBhali-Peyori.

6 Khangela-ke, umuntu wabantwana bakoIsrayeli weza waletha kubafowabo umMidiyanikazi phambi kwamehlo kaMozisi laphambi kwamehlo enhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, besakhala inyembezi emnyango wethente lenhlangano.

7 Kwathi uPhinehasi, indodana kaEleyazare, indodana kaAroni umpristi, ekubona, wasukuma ephuma phakathi kwenhlangano, wathatha umkhonto esandleni sakhe,

8 waseyilandela indoda yakoIsrayeli ethenteni, wabagwaza bobabili, indoda yakoIsrayeli lowesifazana esiswini sakhe. Yasimiswa inhlupheko kubantwana bakoIsrayeli.

9 Lalabo abafayo ngenhlupheko babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

10 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

11 UPhinehasi, indodana kaEleyazare indodana kaAroni umpristi, uphendule ulaka lwami lusuka ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, ngoba wayelobukhwele ngobukhwele bami phakathi kwabo; ngakho kangibaqothulanga abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngobukhwele bami.

12 Ngakho utsho: Khangela, ngiyamnika isivumelwano sami sokuthula.

13 Njalo uzakuba laso, lenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe, isivumelwano sobupristi obulaphakade, ngenxa yokuthi elobukhwele ngoNkulunkulu wakhe, wabenzela abantwana bakoIsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula.

14 Lebizo lendoda yakoIsrayeli eyatshaywayo, eyatshaywa kanye lomMidiyanikazi, lalinguZimri indodana kaSalu, isiphathamandla sendlu kayise phakathi kwabakoSimeyoni.

15 Ibizo lowesifazana owatshaywayo, umMidiyanikazi, lalinguKozibi indodakazi kaZuri, owayeyinhloko yesizwe sendlu kayise eMidiyani.

16 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

17 Hluphani amaMidiyani, liwatshaye;

18 ngoba aliphethe njengezitha ngobuqili bawo, alikhohlisa ngodaba lukaPeyori langodaba lukaKozibi, indodakazi yesiphathamandla seMidiyani, udadewabo, owatshaywa ngosuku lwenhlupheko ngenxa yodaba lukaPeyori.

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Abantwana bakoIsrayeli babalwa elizweni lakoMowabi

1Kwathi emva kwenhlupheko iNKOSI yakhuluma kuMozisi lakuEleyazare indodana kaAroni umpristi, isithi:

2 Thathani inani lonke lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, ngezindlu zaboyise, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini koIsrayeli.

3 UMozisi loEleyazare umpristi basebekhuluma labo emagcekeni akoMowabi, eJodani eJeriko, besithi:

4 Babale kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi labantwana bakoIsrayeli abaphuma elizweni leGibhithe.

5 URubeni, izibulo likaIsrayeli. Amadodana kaRubeni: UHanoki, okwavela kuye usendo lwabakoHanoki; koPalu, usendo lwabakoPalu;

6 koHezironi, usendo lwabakoHezironi; koKarimi, usendo lwabakoKarimi.

7 Lezi zinsendo zabakoRubeni; lalabo ababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lantathu lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu.

8 Lamadodana kaPalu; uEliyabi.

9 Lamadodana kaEliyabi; oNemuweli loDathani loAbiramu. Yibo oDathani loAbiramu, ababizwa yinhlangano, abaphikisana loMozisi loAroni, eqenjini likaKora, lapho bephikisana leNKOSI.

10 Lomhlaba wavula umlomo wawo, wabaginya loKora ekufeni kwaleloqembu, lapho umlilo waqothula amadoda angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu; asesiba yisibonelo.

11 Kodwa abantwana bakaKora kabafanga.

12 Amadodana kaSimeyoni ngensendo zawo: KoNemuweli, usendo lwabakoNemuweli; koJamini, usendo lwabakoJamini; koJakini, usendo lwabakoJakini;

13 koZera, usendo lwabakoZera; koShawuli, usendo lwabakoShawuli.

14 Lezi zinsendo zabakoSimeyoni; izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamakhulu amabili.

15 Amadodana kaGadi ngensendo zawo: KoZefoni, usendo lwabakoZefoni; koHagi, usendo lwabakoHagi; koShuni, usendo lwabakoShuni;

16 koOzini, usendo lwabakoOzini; koEri, usendo lwabakoEri;

17 koArodi, usendo lwabakoArodi; koAreli, usendo lwabakoAreli.

18 Lezi zinsendo zamadodana kaGadi, njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu amahlanu.

19 Amadodana kaJuda ayengoEri loOnani; oEri loOnani basebefela elizweni leKhanani.

20 Njalo amadodana kaJuda ngensendo zawo yila: KoShela, usendo lwabakoShela; koPerezi, usendo lwabakoPerezi; koZera, usendo lwabakoZera.

21 Lamadodana kaPerezi yila: KoHezironi, usendo lwabakoHezironi; koHamuli, usendo lwabakoHamuli.

22 Lezi zinsendo zikaJuda, njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesithupha lamakhulu amahlanu.

23 Amadodana kaIsakari ngensendo zawo: KoThola, usendo lwabakoThola; koPhuwa, usendo lwabakoPhuwa;

24 koJashubi, usendo lwabakoJashubi; koShimroni, usendo lwabakoShimroni.

25 Lezi zinsendo zikaIsakari, njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lane lamakhulu amathathu.

26 Amadodana kaZebuluni ngensendo zawo: KoSeredi, usendo lwabakoSeredi; koEloni, usendo lwabakoEloni; koJaleli, usendo lwabakoJaleli.

27 Lezi zinsendo zabakoZebuloni, njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lamakhulu amahlanu.

28 Amadodana kaJosefa ngensendo zawo ayengoManase loEfrayimi.

29 Amadodana kaManase: KoMakiri, usendo lwabakoMakiri; uMakiri wasezala uGileyadi; koGileyadi, usendo lwabakoGileyadi.

30 La ngamadodana kaGileyadi: KoIyezeri, usendo lwabakoIyezeri; koHeleki, usendo lwabakoHeleki;

31 lakoAsiriyeli, usendo lwabakoAsiriyeli; lakoShekema, usendo lwabakoShekema;

32 lakoShemida, usendo lwabakoShemida; lakoHeferi, usendo lwabakoHeferi.

33 Njalo uZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi wayengelamadodana, kodwa amadodakazi. Lamabizo amadodakazi kaZelofehadi ayengoMahla, loNowa, uHogila, uMilka, loTiriza.

34 Lezi zinsendo zikaManase, lababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lambili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa.

35 La ngamadodana kaEfrayimi ngensendo zawo: KoShuthela, usendo lwabakoShuthela; koBekeri, usendo lwabakoBekeri; koTahani, usendo lwabakoTahani.

36 Lala ngamadodana kaShuthela: KoErani, usendo lwabakoErani.

37 Lezi zinsendo zamadodana kaEfrayimi, njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili lamakhulu amahlanu. La ngamadodana kaJosefa ngensendo zawo.

38 Amadodana kaBhenjamini ngensendo zawo: KoBhela, usendo lwabakoBhela; koAshibeli, usendo lwabakoAshibeli; koAhiramu, usendo lwabakoAhiramu;

39 koShefufamu, usendo lwabakoShefufamu; koHufamu, usendo lwabakoHufamu.

40 Lamadodana kaBhela ayenguAridi loNamani: KoAridi, usendo lwabakoAridi; koNamani, usendo lwabakoNamani.

41 La ngamadodana kaBhenjamini ngensendo zawo; lababaliweyo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu lamakhulu ayisithupha.

42 La ngamadodana kaDani ngensendo zawo: KoShuhamu, usendo lwabakoShuhamu. Lezi zinsendo zikaDani ngensendo zazo.

43 Zonke insendo zabakoShuhamu, njengababaliweyo babo, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lane lamakhulu amane.

44 Amadodana kaAsheri ngensendo zawo: KoJimna, usendo lwabakoJimna; koIshivi, usendo lwabakoIshivi; koBeriya, usendo lwabakoBeriya.

45 Kumadodana kaBeriya: KoHeberi, usendo lwabakoHeberi; koMalikiyeli, usendo lwabakoMalikiyeli.

46 Lebizo lendodakazi kaAsheri lalinguSera.

47 Lezi zinsendo zamadodana kaAsheri, njengababaliweyo babo; inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu lamakhulu amane.

48 Amadodana kaNafithali ngensendo zawo: KoJazeli, usendo lwabakoJazeli; koGuni, usendo lwabakoGuni;

49 koJezeri, usendo lwabakoJezeri; koShilema, usendo lwabakoShilema.

50 Lezi zinsendo zikaNafithali ngensendo zazo; lababaliweyo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu lamakhulu amane.

51 Laba ngababaliweyo babantwana bakoIsrayeli, inkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lanye lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu.

Ilizwe lehlukaniswa ngenkatho

52 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

53 Kulaba ilizwe lizakwehlukaniswa libe yilifa njengenani lamabizo.

54 Kwabanengi uzakwengeza ilifa labo, lakwabalutshwana uzanciphisa ilifa labo; ngulowo lalowo uzanikwa ilifa lakhe njengababaliweyo bakhe.

55 Loba kunjalo ilizwe lizakwehlukaniswa ngenkatho; ngokwamabizo ezizwe zaboyise bazalidla ilifa.

56 Ngokwenkatho ilifa lalo lizakwehlukaniswa phakathi kwabanengi labalutshwana.

Isizwe sakoLevi

57 Lalaba ngababalwayo bamaLevi ngensendo zawo; koGerishoni, usendo lwabakoGerishoni; koKohathi, usendo lwabakoKohathi; koMerari, usendo lwabakoMerari.

58 Laba zinsendo zabakoLevi; usendo lwabakoLibini, usendo lwabakoHebroni, usendo lwabakoMahli, usendo lwabakoMushi, usendo lwabakoKora. UKohathi wasezala uAmramu.

59 Lebizo lomkaAmramu lalinguJokebedi, indodakazi kaLevi, unina owamzalela uLevi eGibhithe; njalo wamzalela uAmramu oAroni loMozisi loMiriyamu udadewabo.

60 UAroni wazalelwa uNadabi loAbihu, uEleyazare loIthamari.

61 Kodwa uNadabi loAbihu bafa lapho banikela umlilo ongejwayelekanga phambi kweNKOSI.

62 Lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu, bonke abesilisa kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu; ngoba babengabalelwanga phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngoba babenganikwanga ilifa phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

63 Laba ngababalwa nguMozisi loEleyazare umpristi, ababala abantwana bakoIsrayeli emagcekeni akoMowabi eJodani eJeriko.

64 Kodwa phakathi kwalabo kwakungekho muntu wababalwayo nguMozisi loAroni umpristi, lapho bebala abantwana bakoIsrayeli enkangala yeSinayi;

65 ngoba iNKOSI yayithe ngabo: Bazakufa lokufa enkangala. Njalo kakusalanga muntu kubo ngaphandle kukaKalebi indodana kaJefune, loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.

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Isicelo samadodakazi kaZelofehadi

1Kwasekusondela amadodakazi kaZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi indodana kaGileyadi indodana kaMakiri indodana kaManase owensendo zikaManase indodana kaJosefa; njalo la ngamabizo amadodakazi akhe: UMahla, uNowa, loHogila, loMilka, loTiriza.

2 Asesima phambi kukaMozisi, laphambi kukaEleyazare umpristi, laphambi kweziphathamandla, lenhlangano yonke, emnyango wethente lenhlangano, esithi:

3 Ubaba wafela enkangala; kodwa yena wayengekho phakathi kweqembu lalabo ababuthana ukumelana leNKOSI, eqenjini likaKora, kodwa wafa esonweni sakhe, wayengelamadodana.

4 Kungani ibizo likababa likhutshwe phakathi kosendo lwakhe ngoba engelandodana? Siphe ilifa phakathi kwabafowabo bakababa.

5 UMozisi waseluletha udaba lwawo phambi kweNKOSI.

6 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

7 Amadodakazi kaZelofehadi akhulume iqiniso; uzawanika lokuwanika isabelo selifa phakathi kwabafowabo bakayise; uzadlulisela kuwo ilifa likayise.

8 Njalo uzakhuluma ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli usithi: Uba indoda isifa, ingelandodana, lizadlulisela ilifa layo kundodakazi yayo.

9 Njalo uba ingelandodakazi, lizanika abafowabo ilifa layo.

10 Uba-ke ingelabafowabo, lizanika ilifa layo kubafowabo bakayise.

11 Njalo uba uyise engelabafowabo, lizanika ilifa layo esihlotsheni sayo esiseduze layo sosendo lwayo, silidle. Njalo kuzakuba yisimiso sesahlulelo ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

UMozisi ukhetha uJoshuwa ukuba ngumkhokheli

12 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Yenyukela kule intaba yeAbarimi, ubone ilizwe engilinike abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

13 Lapho usulibonile, lawe uzabuthelwa ebantwini bakini, njengoAroni umnewenu wabuthwa;

14 njengokuba lavukela umlayo wami enkangala yeZini, ekuphikisaneni kwenhlangano, ukungingcwelisa phambi kwamehlo abo. La ngamanzi eMeriba eKadeshi enkangala yeZini.

15 UMozisi wasekhuluma eNKOSIni esithi:

16 INKOSI, uNkulunkulu wemimoya yenyama yonke, kayimise indoda enhlanganweni,

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17 engaphuma phambi kwabo, lengangena phambi kwabo, lengabakhokhela baphume, lengabangenisa, ukuze inhlangano yeNKOSI ingabi njengezimvu ezingelamelusi.

18 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Zithathele uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, indoda okukuyo umoya, ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwayo,

19 uyimise phambi kukaEleyazare umpristi laphambi kwenhlangano yonke, uyilaye phambi kwamehlo abo,

20 ubusubeka okodumo lwakho phezu kwayo, ukuze inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli ilalele.

21 Njalo izakuma phambi kukaEleyazare umpristi ozayibuzela njengokwesahlulelo sikaUrimi phambi kweNKOSI; ngomlomo wayo bazaphuma, langomlomo wayo bazangena, yona labantwana bonke bakoIsrayeli kanye layo, ngitsho inhlangano yonke.

22 UMozisi wasesenza njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuye. Wathatha uJoshuwa, wammisa phambi kukaEleyazare umpristi laphambi kwenhlangano yonke,

23 wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe, wamlaya, njengokukhuluma kweNKOSI ngesandla sikaMozisi.

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Iminikelo enikelwa insuku ngensuku, lenikelwa izinyanga ngezinyanga, lenikelwa emikhosini

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Laya abantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Umnikelo wami, isinkwa sami seminikelo eyenziwe ngomlilo, uqhatshi lwami olumnandi, lizakuqaphela ukukunikela kimi ngesikhathi sakho esimisiweyo.

3 Uzakuthi kibo: Lo ngumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo elizawunikela eNKOSIni; amawundlu amabili alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, insuku ngensuku, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa njalonjalo.

4 Elinye iwundlu uzalilungisa ekuseni, lelinye iwundlu ulinikele kusihlwa,

5 lokwetshumi kwe-efa lempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wokudla, kuxubene lengxenye yesine yehini yamafutha agigiweyo.

6 Kungumnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke owamiswa entabeni yeSinayi, ube luqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

7 Lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo uzakuba yingxenye yesine yehini ngewundlu linye; uzathululela eNKOSIni umnikelo wokunathwayo ongowokunathwayo okulamandla endaweni engcwele.

8 Lelinye iwundlu uzalilungisa kusihlwa; njengomnikelo wokudla wekuseni, lanjengomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo uzalinikela, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, oloqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni.

9 Langosuku lwesabatha amawundlu amabili, alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, lengxenye ezimbili zetshumi lempuphu ecolekileyo, kube ngumnikelo wokudla, ixubene lamafutha, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo;

10 kungumnikelo wokutshiswa wamasabatha wonke, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo.

11 Ekuqaleni kwenyanga zenu lizanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni, amajongosi amabili amathole enkomo, lenqama eyodwa, lamawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici,

12 lengxenye ezintathu zetshumi lempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wokudla, ixubene lamafutha, ngejongosi elilodwa; lokubili kwetshumi kwempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wokudla, ixubene lamafutha, ngenqama eyodwa,

13 njalo yilokho lalokho okwetshumi kwempuphu ecolekileyo kuxubene lamafutha kube ngumnikelo wokudla ngewundlu elilodwa; ngumnikelo wokutshiswa oloqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

14 Leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo izakuba yingxenye yehini lewayini ngejongosi, lengxenye yesithathu yehini ngenqama, lengxenye yesine yehini ngewundlu. Lokhu kungumnikelo wokutshiswa wezinyanga zonke ngezinyanga zomnyaka.

15 Futhi kuzalungiswa izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono eNKOSIni, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa ngezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo.

16 Futhi ngenyanga yokuqala ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga kuliphasika leNKOSI.

17 Langosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga le kuzakuba khona umkhosi; kuzadliwa isinkwa esingelamvubelo insuku eziyisikhombisa.

18 Ngosuku lokuqala kuzakuba khona inhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi,

19 kodwa lizanikela umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, umnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni, amajongosi amabili amathole enkomo, lenqama eyodwa, lamawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa; kuzakuba ngokungelasici kini.

20 Lomnikelo wakho wokudla kuzakuba yimpuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha; okuthathu kwetshumi lizakulungisa ngejongosi, lokubili kwetshumi ngenqama,

21 yilokho lalokho okwetshumi uzakulungiselela iwundlu elilodwa, kumawundlu ayisikhombisa;

22 lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula.

23 Lizalungisa lokho ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wekuseni, ongowomnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke.

24 Ngalindlela lizalungisa insuku zonke, okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, ukudla komnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, uqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni; kuzanikelwa ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo.

25 Langosuku lwesikhombisa lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi.

26 Langosuku lwezithelo zokuqala, lapho liletha umnikelo wokudla omutsha eNKOSIni, emavikini enu, lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi.

27 Kodwa lizanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, kube luqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni; amajongosi amabili amathole enkomo, inqama eyodwa, amawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa.

28 Lomnikelo wakho wokudla wempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, okuthathu kwetshumi ngejongosi elilodwa, lokubili kwetshumi ngenqama eyodwa,

29 yilokho lalokho okwetshumi ngewundlu elilodwa, kumawundlu ayisikhombisa;

30 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa, ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula.

31 Lizalungisa lokho ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa ngezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wakho wokudla (kube ngokungelasici kini) leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo.

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1Ngenyanga yesikhombisa, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga, lizakuba-ke lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. Kuzakuba lusuku lokutshaywa kwempondo kini.

2 Njalo lizalungisa umnikelo wokutshiswa, kube luqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni, ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, amawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici.

3 Lomnikelo wakho wokudla wempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, okuthathu kwetshumi ngejongosi, okubili kwetshumi ngenqama,

4 lokwetshumi okukodwa kumawundlu ayisikhombisa;

5 lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula;

6 ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wenyanga, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo, ngokwesimiso sayo, kube luqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNKOSI ngomlilo.

7 Ngosuku lwetshumi lwale inyanga yesikhombisa lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele, njalo lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu; lingenzi lamsebenzi,

8 kodwa linikele umnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni, kube luqhatshi olumnandi, ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, amawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa; azakuba ngangelasici kini.

9 Lomnikelo wakho wokudla wempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, okuthathu kwetshumi ngejongosi, okubili kwetshumi ngenqama eyodwa,

10 yilokho lalokho okwetshumi ngewundlu elilodwa, kumawundlu ayisikhombisa;

11 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wesono wenhlawulo yokuthula, lomnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo.

12 Langosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yesikhombisa lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi, liyigcinele iNKOSI umkhosi insuku eziyisikhombisa,

13 linikele umnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, ube luqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni, amajongosi alitshumi lantathu amathole enkomo, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, azakuba ngangelasici.

14 Lomnikelo wakho wokudla wempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, okuthathu kwetshumi ngejongosi elilodwa, kumajongosi alitshumi lantathu, okubili kwetshumi ngenqama eyodwa, kunqama ezimbili,

15 njalo yilokho lalokho okwetshumi ngewundlu elilodwa, kumawundlu alitshumi lane;

16 lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, umnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo.

17 Langosuku lwesibili: Amajongosi alitshumi lambili amathole enkomo, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici,

18 lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo ngamajongosi, ngezinqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso,

19 lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo.

20 Langosuku lwesithathu: Amajongosi alitshumi lanye, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici,

21 lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo ngamajongosi, ngezinqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso,

22 lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo.

23 Langosuku lwesine: Amajongosi alitshumi, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici,

24 umnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo ngamajongosi, ngezinqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso,

25 lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, umnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo.

26 Langosuku lwesihlanu: Amajongosi ayisificamunwemunye, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici,

27 lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo ngamajongosi, ngezinqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso,

28 lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo.

29 Langosuku lwesithupha: Amajongosi ayisificaminwembili, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici,

30 lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo, ngamajongosi, ngezinqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso,

31 lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, umnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo.

32 Langosuku lwesikhombisa: Amajongosi ayisikhombisa, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici,

33 lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo, ngamajongosi, ngezinqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso,

34 lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, umnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo.

35 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili lizakuba lomhlangano omkhulu; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi,

36 kodwa linikele umnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, uqhatshi olumnandi eNKOSIni: Ijongosi elilodwa, inqama eyodwa, amawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici,

37 umnikelo wakho wokudla, leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo, ngejongosi, ngenqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso,

38 lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo.

39 Lezizinto lizazenzela iNKOSI emikhosini yenu emisiweyo, ngaphandle kwezithembiso zenu, leminikelo yenu yesihle, leminikelo yenu yokutshiswa, leminikelo yenu yokudla, leminikelo yenu yokunathwayo, leminikelo yenu yokuthula.

40 UMozisi wasekhuluma ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli njengakho konke iNKOSI emlaye ngakho uMozisi.

AMANANI 30

Umlayo mayelana lezifungo zabesifazana

1UMozisi wasekhuluma kunhloko zezizwe zabantwana bakoIsrayeli esithi: Yile into iNKOSI elaye ngayo:

2 Nxa indoda ithembisa isithembiso eNKOSIni, loba ifunga isifungo, ukubopha umphefumulo wayo ngesibopho, kayingephuli ilizwi layo; izakwenza njengakho konke okuphuma emlonyeni wayo.

3 Futhi nxa owesifazana ethembisa isithembiso eNKOSIni, azibophe ngesibopho, esesemzini kayise ebutsheni bakhe,

4 loyise esizwa isithembiso sakhe lesibopho sakhe abophe ngaso umphefumulo wakhe, loyise athule kuye, khona zonke izithembiso zakhe zizakuma, laso sonke isibopho abopha ngaso umphefumulo wakhe sizakuma.

5 Kodwa uba uyise emenqabela, ngosuku ezwa ngalo, kakuyikuma lesisodwa sezithembiso zakhe lezibopho zakhe abophe ngazo umphefumulo wakhe; leNKOSI izamthethelela, ngoba uyise emnqabele.

6 Uba-ke elendoda sibili, lezithembiso zakhe ziphezu kwakhe, kumbe ilizwi lokunganangzeleli lomlomo wakhe, abophe ngalo umphefumulo wakhe,

7 lendoda yakhe ikuzwa, yathula kuye ngosuku ezwa ngalo, khona izithembiso zakhe zizakuma, lezibopho abophe ngazo umphefumulo wakhe zizakuma.

8 Kodwa uba indoda yakhe imenqabela ngosuku ekuzwa ngalo, iyasenza ize isithembiso esiphezu kwakhe, lelizwi lokungananzeleli lomlomo wakhe, abophe ngalo umphefumulo wakhe; leNKOSI izamthethelela.

9 Kodwa isithembiso somfelokazi loba esolahliweyo, konke abophe ngakho umphefumulo wakhe, kuzakuma phezu kwakhe.

10 Uba-ke ethembisile endlini yendoda yakhe, loba ebophe umphefumulo wakhe ngesibopho ngesifungo,

11 lendoda yakhe izwile, yathula kuye, ingamenqabelanga, khona zonke izithembiso zakhe zizakuma, laso sonke isibopho abophe ngaso umphefumulo wakhe sizakuma.

12 Kodwa uba indoda yakhe izenza ize sibili ngosuku izizwa, konke okuphuma endebeni zakhe mayelana lezithembiso zakhe lamayelana lesibopho somphefumulo wakhe kakuyikuma; indoda yakhe izenze ize; leNKOSIizamthethelela.

13 Sonke isithembiso laso sonke isifungo sesibopho ukuthobisa umphefumulo, indoda yakhe ingasiqinisa loba indoda yakhe isenze ize.

14 Kodwa uba indoda yakhe ithula lokumthulela insuku ngensuku, abeseqinisa zonke izithembiso zakhe kumbe zonke izibopho zakhe eziphezu kwakhe; iyaziqinisa, ngoba yathula kuye ngosuku lokuzwa kwayo.

15 Kodwa uba izenza ize sibili emva kokuzwa kwayo, izathwala ububi bakhe.

16 Lezi yizimiso iNKOSI eyamlaya zona uMozisi, phakathi kwendoda lomkayo, phakathi kukayise lendodakazi yakhe ebutsheni bayo emzini kayise.

AMANANI 31

Impindiselo yabantwana bakoIsrayeli kumaMidiyani

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Phindisela impindiselo yabantwana bakoIsrayeli kumaMidiyani; emva kwalokho ubuthelwe ebantwini bakini.

3 UMozisi wakhuluma ebantwini esithi: Abanye benu kabahlomele impi ukuze bamelane lamaMidiyani, benze impindiselo yeNKOSI kumaMidiyani.

4 Thumelani empini abayinkulungwane kuleso lalesosizwe, kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli.

5 Kwasekunikelwa kuvela ezinkulungwaneni zakoIsrayeli inkulungwane ngesizwe, inkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili zihlomele impi.

6 UMozisi wasezithumela empini, inkulungwane ngesizwe, zona loPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare umpristi, ukuya empini, belempahla ezingcwele lempondo zokuhlaba umkhosi esandleni sakhe.

7 Basebesilwa bemelene lamaMidiyani, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi, babulala bonke abesilisa.

8 Babulala njalo amakhosi eMidiyani, ngaphandle kwababuleweyo, oEvi loRekemi loZuri loHuri loReba, amakhosi amahlanu eMidiyani; loBalami indodana kaBeyori bambulala ngenkemba.

9 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebethumba abesifazana bamaMidiyani labantwanyana babo, baphanga inkomo zawo zonke, lezimvu zawo zonke, layo yonke inotho yawo.

10 Batshisa ngomlilo yonke imizi ayehlala kiyo, lazo zonke izinqaba zawo.

11 Bathatha yonke impango lakho konke okuthunjiweyo, kwabantu lokwezifuyo,

12 baletha abathunjiweyo lempango lokuthunjiweyo kuMozisi lakuEleyazare umpristi, lakunhlangano yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, enkambeni emagcekeni akoMowabi, aseJodani eJeriko.

13 UMozisi loEleyazare umpristi leziphathamandla zonke zenhlangano basebephuma ukubahlangabeza ngaphandle kwenkamba.

14 UMozisi wasethukuthelela induna zebutho, induna zezinkulungwane lenduna zamakhulu ezazivela ebuthweni lempi.

15 UMozisi wasesithi kuzo: Liyekele yini abesifazana bonke ukuthi baphile?

16 Khangelani, yilaba abenza abantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngeseluleko sikaBalami, ukuthi benze isiphambeko eNKOSIni endabeni yePeyori, kwaze kwaba lenhlupheko phakathi kwenhlangano yeNKOSI.

17 Ngakho-ke bulalani wonke owesilisa ebantwanyaneni, libulale wonke owesifazana owazi indoda ngokulala lendoda;

18 kodwa bonke abantwanyana abesifazana abangazanga indoda ngokulala layo, libayekele baphile, babe ngabenu.

19 Lina-ke, misani inkamba ngaphandle kwenkamba insuku eziyisikhombisa, loba ngubani obulele umuntu, laloba ngubani othinte obuleweyo, lizihlambulule lina labathunjiweyo benu ngosuku lwesithathu langosuku lwesikhombisa,

20 lihlambulule sonke isembatho, layo yonke into eyenziweyo ngesikhumba, lakho konke okwenziweyo ngoboya bembuzi, layo yonke into eyenziweyo ngesihlahla.

21 UEleyazare umpristi wasesithi kumadoda empi ayephume impi: Lesi yisimiso somlayo iNKOSI emlaye ngaso uMozisi:

22 Kuphela igolide, lesiliva, ithusi, insimbi, ithini, lomnuso,

23 yonke into engahlala emlilweni lizayidlulisa emlilweni, ihlambuluke; loba kunjalo izahlanjululwa ngamanzi okwehlukanisa. Lakho konke okungahlali emlilweni lizakudlulisa emanzini.

24 Njalo lizawatsha izembatho zenu ngosuku lwesikhombisa, lihlambuluke, lemva kwalokho lingene enkambeni.

Ukwehlukaniswa kwempango

25 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

26 Thatha inani lonke lempango lokuthunjiweyo, okwabantu lokwezifuyo, wena, loEleyazare umpristi, lenhloko zaboyise zenhlangano;

27 yehlukanisa impango ibe zingxenye ezimbili, phakathi kwabahlanganyela empini baphuma impi lenhlangano yonke.

28 Njalo thelisela iNKOSI umthelo emadodeni empi ayephumele impi, umphefumulo owodwa phakathi kwamakhulu amahlanu, owabantu, lowenkomo, lowabobabhemi, lowezimvu,

29 likuthathe kungxenye yawo eyodwa kwezimbili, njalo ukunike uEleyazare umpristi kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNKOSI.

30 Lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yabantwana bakoIsrayeli thatha isabelo esisodwa kwezingamatshumi amahlanu, esabantu, esezinkomo, esabobabhemi, lesezimvu, kuso sonke isifuyo, ukunike amaLevi alondoloza imfanelo yethabhanekele leNKOSI.

31 UMozisi loEleyazare umpristi basebesenza njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

32 Lempango eyayisele lokuthunjiweyo abantu bempi abakuthumbayo yayiyizimvu ezizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu,

33 lenkomo ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili,

34 labobabhemi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lanye,

35 lemiphefumulo yabantu besifazana abangazanga ukulala lendoda, bonke abantu babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili.

36 Lengxenye, isabelo sababephumele impi, ngenani, yayiyizimvu ezizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu;

37 lomthelo eNKOSIni wezimvu wawungamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu.

38 Lenkomo zazizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesithupha; lomthelo wazo eNKOSIni wawungamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili.

39 Labobabhemi babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lamakhulu amahlanu; lomthelo wabo eNKOSIni wawungamatshumi ayisithupha lanye.

40 Lemiphefumulo yabantu yayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesithupha; lomthelo wayo eNKOSIni wawungabantu abangamatshumi amathathu lambili.

41 UMozisi wasenika umthelo, umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNKOSI, kuEleyazare umpristi, njengalokho iNKOSIyamlaya uMozisi.

42 Lokwengxenye yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, uMozisi ayehlukanise ivela emadodeni ayelwe impi.

43 Lengxenye engeyenhlangano, eyezimvu, yayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu,

44 lenkomo ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesithupha,

45 labobabhemi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lamakhulu amahlanu,

46 lemiphefumulo yabantu abayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesithupha.

47 Lakuyo ingxenye yabantwana bakoIsrayeli uMozisi wathatha isabelo esisodwa kwezingatshumini amahlanu, esabantu lesezifuyo, wakunika amaLevi ayelondoloza imfanelo yethabhanekele leNKOSI, njengokulaya kweNKOSIkuMozisi.

48 Iziphathamandla ezaziphezu kwezinkulungwane zebutho, izinduna zezinkulungwane lezinduna zamakhulu, zasezisondela kuMozisi,

49 zathi kuMozisi: Izinceku zakho sezithethe inani lonke lamadoda empi ayengaphansi kwesandla sethu; njalo kakulamuntu ongekho kithi.

50 Ngakho silethile umnikelo weNKOSI, ngulowo lalowo awutholileyo, izinto zegolide, izigqizo, lamasongo, izindandatho, amacici, lezigqizo zentanyeni, ukwenzela imiphefumulo yethu inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNKOSI.

51 UMozisi loEleyazare umpristi basebesemukela igolide kuzo, zonke izinto ezenziwe ngobungcitshi.

52 Lalo lonke igolide lomnikelo abalinikela eNKOSIni, livela ezinduneni zezinkulungwane lenduneni zamakhululalingamashekeli azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesithupha lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amahlanu.

53 Amadoda empi ayethethe impango, yileyo laleyo engeyayo.

54 UMozisi loEleyazare umpristi basebesemukela igolide enduneni zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu, baliletha ethenteni lenhlangano, kube yisikhumbuzo kubantwana bakoIsrayeli phambi kweNKOSI.

AMANANI 32

Ukuhlaliswa kwabakoRubeni labakoGadi labanye abakoManase

1Mayelana labantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi, babelenkomo ezinengi, ezinengi kakhulu. Sebebone ilizwe leJazeri lelizwe leGileyadi, khangela-ke, indawo yayiyindawo yenkomo.

2 Ngakho abantwana bakoGadi labantwana bakoRubeni beza bakhuluma kuMozisi lakuEleyazare umpristi lakuziphathamandla zenhlangano, besithi:

3 IAtarothi leDiboni leJazeri leNimra leHeshiboni leEleyale leSebamu leNebo leBeyoni,

4 ilizwe iNKOSI eyalitshayayo phambi kwenhlangano yakoIsrayeli, liyilizwe lezinkomo; futhi izinceku zenu zilezinkomo.

5 Basebesithi: Nxa sithole umusa emehlweni akho, ilizwe leli kaliphiwe inceku zakho libe yimfuyo; ungasichaphisi iJodani.

6 UMozisi wasesithi ebantwaneni bakoGadi lebantwaneni bakoRubeni: Abafowenu bazakuya empini, lina-ke lihlale lapha yini?

7 Njalo lizadaniselani inhliziyo yabantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuze bangachaphi ukuya elizweni iNKOSI ebanike lona?

8 Benza njalo oyihlo mhla ngibathuma besuka eKadeshi-Bhaneya ukubona ilizwe.

9 Ekuhambeni kwabo ukuya esihotsheni seEshikoli, balibona ilizwe, badanisa inhliziyo yabantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuze bangangeni elizweni iNKOSI eyayibanike lona.

10 Ulaka lweNKOSI lwaseluvutha ngalolusuku, yasifunga isithi:

11 Isibili kakho kumadoda enyuka esuka eGibhithe, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezuluozalibona ilizwe engalifungela uAbrahama, uIsaka loJakobe, ngoba kabangilandelanga ngokupheleleyo;

12 ngaphandle kukaKalebi indodana kaJefune umKenizi, loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, ngoba balandele iNKOSIngokupheleleyo.

13 Lolaka lweNKOSI lwamvuthela uIsrayeli, yasibazulisa enkangala iminyaka engamatshumi amane, kwaze kwaphela isizukulwana sonke esasenze okubi emehlweni eNKOSI.

14 Khangelani-ke, selivukile esikhundleni saboyihlo, inzalo yabantu abonayo, ukwandisa futhi intukuthelo yeNKOSI evuthela uIsrayeli.

15 Uba liphenduka ekuyilandeleni, izaphinda njalo ibatshiye enkangala; njalo lizabhubhisa bonke lababantu.

16 Basebesondela kuye bathi: Sizakwakha lapha izibaya zezifuyo zethu, lemizi yabantwanyana bethu;

17 kodwa thina sizahloma silungile phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, size sibafikise endaweni yabo, labantwanyana bethu bazahlala emizini evikelekileyo, ngenxa yabahlali belizwe.

18 Kasiyikubuyela emizini yethu, abantwana bakoIsrayeli baze badle, ngulowo lalowo ilifa lakhe.

19 Ngoba kasiyikudla ilifa kanye labo ngaphetsheya kweJodani langaphambili, ngoba ilifa lethu selehlele kithi nganeno kweJodani empumalanga.

20 UMozisi wasesithi kubo: Nxa lisenza linto, nxa lizahamba lihlomele impi phambi kweNKOSI,

21 beselichapha iJodani, wonke ohlomileyo kini, phambi kweNKOSI, ize ixotshe izitha zayo phambi kwayo,

22 lelizwe lehliselwe phansi phambi kweNKOSI, khona emva kwalokho lizabuya, lingabi lacala eNKOSIni lakuIsrayeli; lalelilizwe lizakuba yilifa lenu phambi kweNKOSI.

23 Kodwa nxa lingenzi njalo, khangelani lizabe lonile eNKOSIni; ngakho yazini ukuthi isono senu sizalithola.

24 Zakheleni imizi yabantwanyana benu lezibaya zezimvu zenu, njalo yenzani lokho okuphume emlonyeni wenu.

25 Abantwana bakoGadi labantwana bakoRubeni basebekhuluma kuMozisi besithi: Izinceku zakho zizakwenza njengalokho inkosi yami ilaya.

26 Abantwanyana bethu, omkethu, izimvu zethu, lazo zonke izifuyo zethu kuzakuba lapho emizini yeGileyadi;

27 kodwa inceku zakho zizachapha, ngulowo lalowo ehlomele impi, phambi kukaJehova empini, njengokutsho kwenkosi yami.

28 UMozisi waselayezela ngabo kuEleyazare umpristi, loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, lenhloko zaboyise zezizwe zabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

29 UMozisi wasesithi kubo: Nxa abantwana bakoGadi labantwana bakoRubeni bechapha lani iJodani, wonke ehlomele impi, phambi kweNKOSI, lelizwe lisehliselwa phansi phambi kwenu, khona lizabanika ilizwe leGileyadi libe yimfuyo.

30 Kodwa uba bengachaphi lani behlomile, bazakuba lemfuyo phakathi kwenu elizweni leKhanani.

31 Abantwana bakoGadi labantwana bakoRubeni basebephendula besithi: Lokhu iNKOSI esikutshilo kunceku zakho - sizakwenza njalo.

32 Thina sizachapha sihlomile phambi kweNKOSI siye elizweni leKhanani, ukuze imfuyo yelifa lethu ibe ngeyethu nganeno kweJodani.

33 Njalo uMozisi wabanika, kubantwana bakoGadi lakubantwana bakoRubeni lakungxenye yesizwe sakoManase, indodana kaJosefa, umbuso kaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, lombuso kaOgi inkosi yeBashani, ilizwe lemizi yalo emingceleni, imizi yelizwe inhlangothi zonke.

34 Labantwana bakoGadi bakha iDiboni leAtarothi leAroweri

35 leAtirothi-Shofani leJazeri leJogibeha,

36 leBeti-Nimra leBeti-Harani, imizi evikelweyo, lezibaya zezimvu.

37 Labantwana bakoRubeni bakha iHeshiboni leEleyale leKiriyathayimi

38 leNebo leBhali-Meyoni (sekuguqulwe amabizo) leSibima; basebebiza amabizo emizi abayakhayo ngamanyeamabizo.

39 Labantwana bakoMakiri indodana kaManase baya eGileyadi, bayithumba, bawakhupha amaAmori emfuyweni yawo ayekuyo.

40 UMozisi wasenika uMakiri indodana kaManase iGileyadi, wasehlala kiyo.

41 LoJayiri indodana kaManase wayathumba imizana yayo, wayibiza ngokuthi yiHavothi-Jayiri.

42 LoNoba wayathumba iKenathi, lemizana yayo, wayibiza ngokuthi yiNoba ngebizo lakhe.

AMANANI 33

Inhambo zabantwana bakoIsrayeli

1Lezi zinhambo zabantwana bakoIsrayeli abaphuma elizweni leGibhithe ngamabutho abo, ngesandla sikaMozisi loAroni.

2 UMozisi wasebhala ukuphuma kwabo ngezinhambo zabo ngokomlayo weNKOSI. Lalezi zinhambo zabo njengokuphuma kwabo.

3 Basebesuka eRamesesi ngenyanga yokuqala ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yokuqala; ngakusisa kwephasika abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphuma ngesandla esiphakemeyo phambi kwamehlo awo wonke amaGibhithe,

4 lapho amaGibhithe engcwaba labo iNKOSI eyabatshayayo phakathi kwawo, wonke amazibulo; laphezu kwabonkulunkulu bawo iNKOSI yenza isigwebo.

5 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesuka eRamesesi, bamisa inkamba eSukothi.

6 Basuka eSukothi, bamisa inkamba eEthama elisekucineni kwenkangala.

7 Basuka eEthama, babuyela ePi-Hahirothi ephambi kweBhali-Zefoni, bamisa inkamba phambi kweMigidoli.

8 Basuka ePi-Hahirothi, badabula phakathi kolwandle besiya enkangala; bahamba uhambo lwensuku ezintathu enkangala yeEthama, bamisa inkamba eMara.

9 Basuka eMara, bayafika eElimi; njalo eElimi kwakukhona imithombo yamanzi elitshumi lambili lezihlahla zelala ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa; basebemisa inkamba lapho.

10 Basuka eElimi, bamisa inkamba eLwandle oluBomvu.

11 Basuka eLwandle oluBomvu, bamisa inkamba enkangala yeSini.

12 Basuka enkangala yeSini, bamisa inkamba eDofika.

13 Basuka eDofika, bamisa inkamba eAlushi.

14 Basuka eAlushi, bamisa inkamba eRefidimi lapho okwakungelamanzi khona okuthi abantu banathe.

15 Basebesuka eRefidimi, bamisa inkamba enkangala yeSinayi.

16 Basuka enkangala yeSinayi, bamisa inkamba eKibirothi-Hathava.

17 Basuka eKibirothi-Hathava, bamisa inkamba eHazerothi.

18 Basuka eHazerothi, bamisa inkamba eRithima.

19 Basuka eRithima, bamisa inkamba eRimoni-Perezi.

20 Basuka eRimoni-Perezi, bamisa inkamba eLibhina.

21 Basuka eLibhina, bamisa inkamba eRisa.

22 Basuka eRisa, bamisa inkamba eKehelatha.

23 Basuka eKehelatha, bamisa inkamba entabeni yeSheferi.

24 Basuka entabeni yeSheferi, bamisa inkamba eHarada.

25 Basuka eHarada, bamisa inkamba eMakelothi.

26 Basuka eMakelothi, bamisa inkamba eTahathi.

27 Basuka eTahathi, bamisa inkamba eTera.

28 Basuka eTera, bamisa inkamba eMithika.

29 Basuka eMithika, bamisa inkamba eHashimona.

30 Basuka eHashimona, bamisa inkamba eMoserothi.

31 Basuka eMoserothi, bamisa inkamba eBene-Jakani.

32 Basuka eBene-Jakani, bamisa inkamba eHori-Hagidigadi.

33 Basuka eHori-Hagidigadi, bamisa inkamba eJotibatha.

34 Basuka eJotibatha, bamisa inkamba eAbrona.

35 Basuka eAbrona, bamisa inkamba eEziyoni-Geberi.

36 Basuka eEziyoni-Geberi, bamisa inkamba enkangala yeZini, eyiKadeshi.

37 Basuka eKadeshi, bamisa inkamba entabeni yeHori ekucineni kwelizwe leEdoma.

38 UAroni umpristi wasesenyukela entabeni yeHori ngokomlayo weNKOSI, wafela khona, ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane emva kokuphuma kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe, ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga.

39 Njalo uAroni wayeleminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili lantathu ekufeni kwakhe entabeni yeHori.

40 UmKhanani, inkosi yeAradi, owayehlala eningizimu elizweni leKhanani, wasesizwa ngokuza kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

41 Basebesuka entabeni yeHori, bamisa inkamba eZalimona.

42 Basuka eZalimona, bamisa inkamba ePunoni.

43 Basuka ePunoni, bamisa inkamba eObothi.

44 Basuka eObothi, bamisa inkamba eIye-Abarimi, emngceleni wakoMowabi.

45 Basuka eIyimi, bamisa inkamba eDiboni-Gadi.

46 Basuka eDiboni-Gadi, bamisa inkamba eAlimoni-Dibilathayimi.

47 Basuka eAlimoni-Dibilathayimi, bamisa inkamba entabeni zeAbarimi, phambi kweNebo.

48 Basuka entabeni zeAbarimi, bamisa inkamba emagcekeni akoMowabi eJodani eJeriko;

49 bamisa inkamba eJodani kusukela eBeti-Jeshimothi kusiya eAbeli-Shithimi, emagcekeni akoMowabi.

Imingcele yeKhanani lezigaba zayo

50 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi emagcekeni akoMowabi, eJodani eJeriko, isithi:

51 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Lapho selichaphe iJodani laya elizweni leKhanani,

52 lizaxotsha bonke abakhileyo belizwe libakhuphe emfuyweni yabo phambi kwenu, lichithe yonke imifanekiso yabo, lichithe zonke izithombe zabo ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, liqede zonke indawo zabo eziphakemeyo,

53 lidle ilifa lelizwe, lihlale kilo, ngoba ngilinike ilizwe ukuthi lidle ilifa lalo.

54 Njalo lizakudla ilifa lelizwe ngenkatho ngensendo zenu; kwabanengi lizakwengeza ilifa labo, lakwabalutshwana lizanciphisa ilifa labo. Lapho inkatho ezamphumela khona umuntu, kuzakuba ngokwakhe. Njengezizwe zaboyihlo lizakudla ilifa.

55 Kodwa nxa lingabakhuphi abakhileyo elizweni emfuyweni yabo phambi kwenu, khona kuzakuthi elibatshiyayo babo bazakuba zimvava emehlweni enu babe ngameva ezinhlangothini zenu, balihluphe elizweni elihlala kilo.

56 Kuzakuthi-ke, ngizakwenza kini njengalokhu ebengicabanga ukukwenza kubo.

AMANANI 34

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

2 Laya abantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Lapho lingena elizweni leKhanani, leli lizakuba yilizwe elizawela kini libe yilifa, ilizwe leKhanani, ngokwemingcele yalo.

3 Legumbi lenu leningizimu lizakuba kusukela enkangala yeZini, enhlangothini zeEdoma. Njalo uzakuba ngumngcele wenu weningizimu kusukela ekucineni kolwandle lwetshwayi empumalanga.

4 Umngcele wenu uzajika uvela eningizimu usiya emqansweni weAkirabimi, wedlulele eZini; lokuphuma kwawo kuzavela eningizimu kuye eKadeshi-Bhaneya; uzaphuma uye eHazari-Adari, wedlulele eAzimoni.

5 Lomngcele uzajika uvela eAzimoni uye esifuleni seGibhithe; lokuphuma kwawo kuzakuba selwandle.

6 Mayelana lomngcele wentshonalanga, ulwandle olukhulu luzakuba ngumngcele wenu; lona luzakuba ngumngcele wenu ngentshonalanga.

7 Lalokhu kuzakuba ngumngcele wenu wenyakatho: Kusukela elwandle olukhulu lizazidwebela intaba yeHori;

8 kusukela entabeni yeHori lizadweba umngcele oya ekungeneni kweHamathi, lokuphuma komngcele kuye eZedadi.

9 Lomngcele uzaphuma uye eZifroni, lokuphuma kwawo kuzakuba eHazari-Enani. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wenu wenyakatho.

10 Njalo lizazidwebela umngcele wenu wempumalanga kusukela eHazari-Enani kusiya eShefamu;

11 lomngcele uzakwehla uvela eShefamu uye eRibila empumalanga kweAyini, lomngcele wehle ufike eceleni kolwandle lweKinerethi ngempumalanga.

12 Umngcele uzakwehlela-ke eJodani, lokuphuma kwawo kuzakuba solwandle lwetshwayi. Leli lizakuba yilizwe lenu ngemingcele yalo inhlangothi zonke.

13 UMozisi waselaya abantwana bakoIsrayeli esithi: Leli yilizwe elizakudla ilifa lalo ngenkatho, iNKOSI elaye ngalo ukulinika izizwe eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenye yesizwe.

14 Ngoba isizwe sabantwana bakoRubeni ngezindlu zaboyise, lesizwe sabantwana bakoGadi ngezindlu zaboyise zemukele, lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase yemukele ilifa layo.

15 Izizwe ezimbili lengxenye yesizwe zemukele ilifa lazo nganeno kweJodani, eJeriko, empumalanga, lapho okuphuma khona ilanga.

16 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

17 La ngamabizo amadoda azalabela ilizwe libe yilifa: UEleyazare umpristi loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.

18 Njalo lizathatha isiphathamandla kuleso lalesosizwe ukwehlukanisa ilizwe libe yilifa.

19 Lala ngamabizo amadoda: Esizweni sakoJuda, uKalebi indodana kaJefune.

20 Lesizweni sabantwana bakoSimeyoni, uShemuweli indodana kaAmihudi.

21 Esizweni sakoBhenjamini, uElidadi indodana kaKisiloni.

22 Lesizweni sabantwana bakoDani, isiphathamandla uBuki indodana kaJogili.

23 Ebantwaneni bakoJosefa, esizweni sabantwana bakoManase, isiphathamandla uHaniyeli indodana kaEfodi.

24 Lesizweni sabantwana bakoEfrayimi, isiphathamandla uKemuweli indodana kaShifitani.

25 Lesizweni sabantwana bakoZebuluni, isiphathamandla uElizafani indodana kaParinaki.

26 Lesizweni sabantwana bakoIsakari, isiphathamandla uPalitiyeli indodana kaAzani.

27 Lesizweni sabantwana bakoAsheri, isiphathamandla uAhiyudi indodana kaShelomi.

28 Lesizweni sabantwana bakoNafithali, isiphathamandla uPedaheli indodana kaAmihudi.

29 Yibo labo iNKOSI eyabalaya ukwehlukanisela abantwana bakoIsrayeli ilifa elizweni leKhanani.

AMANANI 35

Imizi yamaLevi

1INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi emagcekeni akoMowabi, eJodani eJeriko, isithi:

2 Laya abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi banike amaLevi okwelifa lemfuyo yabo imizi yokuhlala; futhi linike amaLevi amadlelo emizi inhlangothi zonke zawo.

3 Njalo azakuba lemizi yokuhlala, lamadlelo awo abe ngawenkomo zawo lawempahla zawo lawezifuyo zawo zonke.

4 Lamadlelo emizi elizawanika amaLevi azakuba kusukela emthangaleni womuzi langaphandle izingalo eziyinkulungwane inhlangothi zonke.

5 Njalo lizalinganisa ngaphandle komuzi ingalo ezizinkulungwane ezimbili ehlangothini lwempumalanga, lengalo ezizinkulungwane ezimbili ehlangothini lweningizimu, lengalo ezizinkulungwane ezimbili ehlangothini lwentshonalanga, lengalo ezizinkulungwane ezimbili ehlangothini lwenyakatho, lomuzi ube phakathi. Lokho kuzakuba ngamadlelo awo emizi.

6 Lemizi elizayinika amaLevi izakuba yimizi eyisithupha yokuphephela elizayinika, ukuze umbulali abalekele khona; langaphezu kwayo linike imizi engamatshumi amane lambili.

7 Yonke imizi elizayinika amaLevi izakuba ngamatshumi amane lesificaminwembili, yile lamadlelo ayo.

8 Lemizi elizayinika emfuyweni yabantwana bakoIsrayeli; koleminengi lithathe eminengi, lakolemilutshwana lithathe emilutshwana; ngulowo lalowo njengokwelifa lakhe azalidla, uzanika okwemizi yakhe kumaLevi.

Imizi yokuphephela

9 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:

10 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kibo: Lapho lichapha iJodani lingene elizweni leKhanani,

11 zimiseleni imizi ezakuba yimizi yenu yokuphephela, ukuze umbulali abalekele khona, otshaye umuntu kungeyisikho ngabomo.

12 Njalo izakuba yimizi yenu yokuphephela kumphindiseli, ukuthi umbulali angafi aze eme phambi kwenhlangano ukuthi ahlulelwe.

13 Lemizi elizayinika izakuba yimizi yenu eyisithupha yokuphephela.

14 Lizanika imizi emithathu nganeno kweJodani, linike imizi emithathu elizweni leKhanani, ibe yimizi yokuphephela.

15 Limizi eyisithupha izakuba ngeyokuphephela kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, lakowemzini lakowezizweni phakathi kwabo, ukuze loba ngubani otshaya umuntu kungeyisikho ngabomo abalekele khona.

16 Njalo nxa emtshaya ngesikhali sensimbi afe, ungumbulali; umbulali kabulawe lokubulawa.

17 Njalo nxa emtshaya ngelitshe elisesandleni angafa ngalo, abesesifa, ungumbulali; umbulali kabulawe lokubulawa.

18 Kumbe uba emtshaya ngesikhali sesigodo esisesandleni angafa ngaso, abesesifa, ungumbulali; umbulali kabulawe lokubulawa.

19 Umphindiseli wegazi, yena uzabulala umbulali; lapho ehlangana laye, yena uzambulala.

20 Njalo nxa emsunduza ngokuzonda, loba emjikijela ngokucathama, afe,

21 loba ngobutha emtshaya ngesandla sakhe, afe, lowo otshayayo kabulawe lokubulawa, ungumbulali; umphindiseli wegazi uzabulala umbulali lapho ehlangana laye.

22 Kodwa uba emsunduzile masinyane engelabutha, loba emjikijela loba ngasiphi isikhali engacathamanga,

23 kumbe loba ngaliphi ilitshe, angafa ngalo, engamboni, aliwisele kuye, afe, lanxa engeyisiso isitha sakhe, futhi engadingi ububi bakhe,

24 inhlangano izakwahlulela phakathi komtshayi lomphindiseli wegazi ngokwezahlulelo lezi.

25 Lenhlangano izamophula umbulali esandleni somphindiseli wegazi; lenhlangano imbuyisele emzini wokuphephela kwakhe, lapho abebalekele khona, ahlale kuwo, aze afe umpristi omkhulu owagcotshwa ngamafutha angcwele.

26 Kodwa uba umbulali ephuma nje umngcele womuzi wokuphephela kwakhe, abebalekele khona,

27 umphindiseli wegazi emfica ngaphandle komngcele womuzi wokuphephela kwakhe, umphindiseli wegazi uzabulala umbulali; kayikuba lecala legazi.

28 Ngoba ngabe uhlale emzini wokuphephela kwakhe, aze afe umpristi omkhulu; kodwa emva kokufa kompristi omkhulu umbulali uzabuyela elizweni lemfuyo yakhe.

29 Njalo lezizinto zizakuba ngumthetho wesahlulelo kini, ezizukulwaneni zenu, kuyo yonke imizi yenu.

Umlayo omayelana labafakazayo lenhlawulo

30 Loba ngubani otshaya umuntu, ngomlomo wabafakazi umbulali uzabulawa; kodwa umfakazi oyedwa kayikufakaza ngomuntu ukuthi afe.

31 Futhi kaliyikuthatha inhlawulo ngempilo yombulali ocaleke ngokufa; ngoba uzabulawa lokubulawa.

32 Njalo kaliyikuthatha inhlawulo ngobalekele emzini wokuphephela kwakhe, ukuze abuyele ukuyahlala elizweni, aze afe umpristi.

33 Ngakho kaliyikungcolisa ilizwe elikilo; ngoba ligazi elingcolisa ilizwe; njalo kakuyikwenzelwa ilizwe ukubuyisana ngegazi elichithwe kulo, ngaphandle kwangegazi lolichithileyo.

34 Ngakho lingangcolisi ilizwe elihlala kilo, engihlala phakathi kwalo; ngoba mina iNKOSI ngihlala phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

AMANANI 36

Umlayo omayelana lokwenda kwendlalifa zesifazana

1Kwasekusondela inhloko zaboyise zensendo zabantwana bakoGileyadi indodana kaMakiri indodana kaManase, abosendo lwabantwana bakoJosefa, zakhuluma phambi kukaMozisi laphambi kweziphathamandla, inhloko zaboyise babantwana bakoIsrayeli,

2 zathi: INKOSI yalaya inkosi yami ukuthi iphe abantwana bakoIsrayeli ilizwe njengelifa ngenkatho; futhi inkosi yami yalaywa yiNKOSI ukuthi inike ilifa likaZelofehadi umfowethu kumadodakazi akhe.

3 Uba esendela kwenye yamadodana ezizwe zabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ilifa lawo lizasuswa elifeni labobaba, lengezelelwe elifeni lalesosizwe azakuba ngawaso; ngalokho lizasuswa kunkatho yelifa lethu.

4 Lalapho kuzakuba lijubili labantwana bakoIsrayeli, ilifa lawo lizakwengezelelwa elifeni lalesosizwe azakuba ngawaso; ngalokho ilifa lawo lizasuswa elifeni lesizwe sabobaba.

5 UMozisi waselaya abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngokomlomo weNKOSI esithi: Isizwe sabantwana bakoJosefa sikhulume kuhle.

6 Le yinto iNKOSI eyilayileyo mayelana lamadodakazi kaZelofehadi isithi: Kawendele kulabo abahle emehlweni awo, kodwa kawendele osendweni lwesizwe sikayise.

7 Ngalokho ilifa labantwana bakoIsrayeli kalingabhodi lisuke esizweni liye esizweni, ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazanamathela, ngulowo lalowo elifeni lesizwe saboyise.

8 Layileyo laleyo indodakazi edla ilifa esizweni sabantwana bakoIsrayeli izakwendela komunye wosendo wesizwe sikayise, ukuze abantwana bakoIsrayeli badle ilifa, omunye lomunye ilifa laboyise.

9 Ngalokho ilifa kaliyikubhoda lisuke esizweni liye kwesinye isizwe, ngoba izizwe zabantwana bakoIsrayeli zizanamathela, ngulowo lalowo elifeni lakhe.

10 Njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi enza njalo amadodakazi kaZelofehadi;

11 ngoba uMahla, uTiriza, loHogila, loMilka, loNowa, amadodakazi kaZelofehadi, endela emadodaneni abafowabo bakayise.

12 Endela kunsendo zabantwana bakoManase indodana kaJosefa, lelifa lawo lahlala esizweni sosendo lukayise.

13 Le yimilayo lezahlulelo iNKOSI eyazilaya abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngesandla sikaMozisi emagcekeni akoMowabi eJodani eJeriko.

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UGWALO LWESIHLANU LUKAMOZISI OLUTHIWA

UMozisi ulandisa ngokwenzakalayo ekuhambeni kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli enkangala

1 La ngamazwi uMozisi awakhuluma kuIsrayeli wonke nganeno kweJodani
enkangala, egcekeni eliqondene leSufi, phakathi kweParani leTofeli
leLabani leHazerothi leDizahabi.

2 Kulensuku ezilitshumi lanye kusukela eHorebe ngendlela yentaba yeSeyiri
kusiya eKadeshi-Bhaneya.

3 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane, ngenyanga yetshumi lanye,
ngolokuqala lwenyanga, uMozisi wakhuluma kubantwana bakoIsrayeli
njengakho konke iNKOSI eyamlaya ngakho kubo,

4 esemtshayile uSihoni inkosi yamaAmori owayehlala eHeshiboni, loOgi inkosi
yeBashani owayehlala eAshitarothi eEdreyi.

5 Nganeno kweJodani, elizweni lakoMowabi, uMozisi waqala ukuchasisa lumlayo
esithi:

6 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu yakhuluma kithi eHorebe isithi: Selihlale isikhathi
eseneleyo kulintaba.

7 Phendukani lisuke, liye entabeni yamaAmori, lendaweni ezakhelene lawo,
egcekeni, entabeni, lesihotsheni, leningizimu, lekhunjini lolwandle, ilizwe
lamaKhanani, leLebhanoni, kuze kube semfuleni omkhulu, umfula iYufrathi.

8 Bonani, ngibeke ilizwe phambi kwenu. Ngenani, lidle ilifa lelizwe
iNKOSI eyalifungela oyihlo, oAbrahama, uIsaka, loJakobe, ukubanika lona lenzalo
yabo emva kwabo.

9 Njalo ngakhuluma kini ngalesosikhathi ngisithi: Kangilakulithwala ngingedwa.

10 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ilandisile, khangelani-ke, lamuhla linjengenkanyezi
zamazulu ngobunengi.

11 INKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, kayandise kini, njengoba linjalo,
ngokuphindwe kankulungwane, ilibusise, njengokukhuluma kwayo kini.

12 Ngingedwa ngingathwala njani ubunzima benu lomthwalo wenu lenkani yenu?

13 Zithatheleni amadoda ahlakaniphileyo, azwisisayo, laziwayo ezizweni zenu,
ngiwabeke-ke abe zinhloko zenu.

14 Laselingiphendula lisithi: Ilizwi olikhulumileyo lilungile ukulenza.

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15 Ngasengithatha inhloko zezizwe zenu, amadoda ahlakaniphileyo, aziwayo, ngawabeka aba zinhloko phezu kwenu, induna zezinkulungwane, lenduna zamakhulu, lenduna zamatshumi amahlanu, lenduna zamatshumi, leziphathamandla zezizwe zenu.

16 Ngasengilaya abahluleli benu ngalesosikhathi ngisithi: Zwanini okuphakathi kwabafowenu, lahlulele ngokulunga phakathi komuntu lomfowabo lowezizweni okuye.

17 Lingakhangeli ubuso ekwahluleleni, zwanini omncinyane njengomkhulu; lingesabi ubuso bomuntu, ngoba ukwahlulela kungokukaNkulunkulu. Lendaba elukhuni kini lizayiletha kimi, besengiyizwa.

18 Langalesosikhathi ngalilaya zonke izinto elifanele ukuzenza.

19 Sasesisuka eHorebe, sahamba kuyo yonke leyonkangala enkulu leyesabekayo elayibonayo ngendlela yentaba yamaAmori, njengokusilaya kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, saze safika eKadeshi-Bhaneya.

20 Ngasengisithi kini: Selifikile entabeni yamaAmori iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu ezasinika yona.

21 Bona, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ilinikile ilizwe phambi kwakho; yenyuka udle ilifa lalo, njengokutsho kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyihlo kuwe; ungesabi, ungadideki.

22 Laselisondela kimi lonke lathi: Asithume amadoda phambi kwethu ukuze asihlolele ilizwe, abuyise ilizwi kithi, indlela esizakwenyuka ngayo, lemizi esizangena kuyo.

23 Lendaba yayinhle emehlweni ami; ngakho ngathatha kini amadoda alitshumi lambili, indodanye ngesizwe.

24 Wona aphenduka, enyukela entabeni aze afika esihotsheni seEshikoli, asihlola.

25 Asethatha okwezithelo zelizwe esandleni sabo, azehlisela kithi; abuyisa ilizwi kithi athi: Ilizwe lihle iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wethu esinika lona.

26 Kanti kalifunanga ukwenyuka, kodwa lavukela umlomo weNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu,

27 langunguna emathenteni enu lathi: Ngoba iNKOSI yayisizonda, yasikhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukusinikela esandleni samaAmori ukusibhubhisa.

28 Sizakwenyukela ngaphi? Abafowethu benze inhliziyo yethu iphele amandla besithi: Abantu bakhulu bade kulathi; imizi mikhulu, ibiyelwe ngemithangala efika emazulwini; futhi-ke sibonile khona amadodana amaAnaki.

29 Ngasengisithi kini: Lingatshaywa luvalo, libesabe.

30 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ehamba phambi kwenu, yona izalilwela njengakho konke eyalenzela khona eGibhithe phambi kwamehlo enu,

31 lenkangala, lapho obone khona ukuthi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho yakuthwala njengendoda ithwala indodana yayo, endleleni yonke elahamba ngayo laze lafika kulindawo.

32 Kodwa ngalelilizwi kalikholwanga iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu

33 eyahamba phambi kwenu endleleni, ukulidingela indawo ukuze limise inkamba, ngomlilo ebusuku, ukulitshengisa indlela elizahamba ngayo, langeyezi emini.

34 Kwathi iNKOSI isizwile ilizwi lamazwi enu, yathukuthela yafunga yathi:

35 Isibili kakho kulamadoda alesisizukulwana esibi ozabona ilizwe elihle engafunga ukulinika oyihlo,

36 ngaphandle kukaKalebi indodana kaJefune; yena uzalibona. Njalo ngizanika kuye ilizwe anyathela kulo, lakubantwana bakhe, ngoba ulandele iNKOSI ngokupheleleyo.

37 Lami iNKOSI yangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, isithi: Lawe kawuyikungena khona.

38 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni oma phambi kwakho, yena uzangena khona; mqinise, ngoba yena uzakwenza uIsrayeli adle ilifa lalo.

39 Labantwanyana benu elalisithi bazakuba yimpango, labantwana benu, abangaziyo lamuhla okuhle lokubi, bona bazangena khona; lakubo ngizalinika, bona-ke bazakudla ilifa lalo.

40 Kodwa lina ziphendukeleni, lisuke liye enkangala, indlela yoLwandle oluBomvu.

41 Laseliphendula lisithi kimi: Sonile eNKOSIni; thina sizakwenyuka siyekulwa, njengakho konke iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wethu eyasilaya khona. Selihlomile, ngulowo lalowo isikhali sakhe sempi, lacabanga ukuthi kulula ukwenyukela entabeni.

42 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Tshono kubo: Lingenyuki, lingalwi, ngoba kangikho phakathi kwenu, hlezi litshaywe phambi kwezitha zenu.

43 Ngasengikhuluma kini, kodwa kalilalelanga, lavukela umlomo weNKOSI, laqholoza lenyukela entabeni.

44 Kwathi amaAmori ayehlala entabeni leyo aphuma ukumelana lani, alixotsha njengokwenziwa zinyosi, alihlakaza eSeyiri, kwaze kwaba seHorma.

45 Laselibuya, lakhala inyembezi phambi kweNKOSI, kodwa iNKOSI kayilizwanga ilizwi lenu, kayibekanga indlebe kini.

46 Laselihlala eKadeshi insuku ezinengi, njengensuku elahlala ngazo.

UDUTERONOMI 2

Inkulumo kaMozisi isaqhubeka

1 Sasesiphenduka, sasuka saya enkangala, indlela yoLwandle oluBomvu, njengokutsho kweNKOSI kimi; njalo sayibhoda intaba yeSeyiri insuku ezinengi.

2 INKOSI yasikhuluma kimi isithi:

3 Selibhode intaba le okweneleyo; phendukelani lina enyakatho.

4 Balaye-ke abantu usithi: Lidabula umngcele wabafowenu, abantwana bakaEsawu abahlala eSeyiri. Njalo bazalesaba, ngakho lizinanzelele kakhulu,

5 lingalwi labo; ngoba kangiyikulinika okwelizwe labo, lelingangokunyathela kwangaphansi konyawo, ngoba ngimnikile uEsawu intaba yeSeyiri ibe yilifa.

6 Lizathenga ukudla kubo ngemali ukuze lidle, lithenge kubo lamanzi ngemali ukuze linathe.

7 Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusisile emsebenzini wonke wesandla sakho; iyazi ukuhamba kwakho kulinkangala enkulu. Le iminyaka engamatshumi amane iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ibilawe, kawuswelanga lutho.

8 Uba sisedlula sisuka kubafowethu, abantwana bakaEsawu abahlala eSeyiri, ngendlela yegceke sisuke eElathinjalo sisuka eEziyoni-Geberi, saphenduka, sadlula ngendlela yenkangala yakoMowabi.

9 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Ungahlukuluzi uMowabi, ungalwi labo empini; ngoba kangiyikukunika okwelizwe labo kube yilifa, ngoba ngibanikile abantwana bakaLothi iAri ibe yilifa.

10 Kwakuhlala khona endulo amaEmi, abantu abakhulu, labanengi, labade, njengamaAnaki;

11 babebalwa njengeziqhwaga labo njengamaAnaki, kodwa amaMowabi ababiza ngokuthi ngamaEmi.

12 LamaHori ayehlala eSeyiri endulo, kodwa abantwana bakaEsawu bawakhupha emfuyweni yabo, bawachitha phambi kwabo, bahlala endaweni yawo, njengokwenza kukaIsrayeli elizweni lelifa lakhe, iNKOSI eyabanika lona.

13 Khathesi, sukumani lina lichaphe isifula iZeredi. Ngakho sachapha isifula iZeredi.

14 Lensuku esahamba ngazo sisuka eKadeshi-Bhaneya saze sachapha isifula iZeredi zaziyiminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili, kwaze kwaphela isizukulwana sonke samadoda empi sisuka phakathi kwenkamba, njengokufunga kweNKOSI kuwo.

15 Ngoba isibili isandla seNKOSI sasimelene lawo, ukuwachitha esuka phakathi kwenkamba, aze aphela.

16 Kwasekusithi lapho wonke amadoda empi esephelile esifa esuka phakathi kwabantu,

17 INKOSI yasikhuluma kimi isithi:

18 Lamuhla uzakwedlula iAri, umngcele wakoMowabi,

19 lapho ususondele maqondana labantwana bakoAmoni, ungabahlukuluzi, ungalwi labo, ngoba kangiyikukunika okwelizwe labantwana bakoAmoni kube yilifa, ngoba ngilinike abantwana bakaLothi libe yilifa.

20 Lalelo labalwa njengelizwe leziqhwaga. Iziqhwaga zahlala kulo endulo, kodwa amaAmoni bazibiza ngokuthi ngamaZamuzumu;

21 abantu abakhulu, labanengi, labade, njengamaAnaki; kodwa iNKOSI yabachitha phambi kwabo, babakhupha emfuyweni yabo, bahlala endaweni yabo,

22 njengalokho eyakwenzela abantwana bakaEsawu, ababehlala eSeyiri, lapho yawachitha amaHori esuka phambi kwabo, bawakhupha emfuyweni yabo, bahlala endaweni yawo kuze kube lamuhla.

23 LamaAvi, ayehlala eHazerimi kuze kube seGaza; amaKafitori, aphuma eKafitori, awachitha, ahlala endaweni yawo.

24 Sukumani, lisuke lichaphe isifula iArinoni. Bona, nginikele esandleni sakho uSihoni, inkosi yeHeshiboni, umAmori, lelizwe lakhe; qala ukudla ilifa lalo, ulwe laye empini.

25 Lamuhla ngizaqalisa ukufaka uvalo ngawe lokwesabeka kwakho phezu kobuso bezizwe, ngaphansi kwamazulu wonke, ezizakuzwa umbiko ngawe, zithuthumele, ziqhaqhazele ngenxa yakho.

26 Ngasengithuma izithunywa zisuka enkangala yeKedemothi kuSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni, zilamazwi okuthula, zisithi:

27 Ake ngidabule elizweni lakho; ngizahamba ngomgwaqo kuphela, ngingaphambukeli ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo.

28 Uzangithengisela ukudla ngemali ukuze ngidle, ungiphe amanzi ngemali ukuze nginathe; kuphela ngizadabula ngenyawo zami,

29 njengalokhu abantwana bakaEsawu abahlala eSeyiri lamaMowabi ahlala eAri benza kimi, ngize ngichaphe iJodani, ngingene elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu esinika lona.

30 Kodwa uSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni kasivumelanga ukuthi sidlule kuye; ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho yenza umoya wakhe waba lukhuni, yenza lenhliziyo yakhe yaba lenkani, ukuze imnikele esandleni sakho, njengalamuhla.

31 INKOSI yathi kimi: Bona, sengiqalisile ukunikela phambi kwakho uSihoni
lelizwe lakhe; qalisa ukudla ilifa, ukuze udle ilifa lelizwe lakhe.

32 Kwasekuphuma uSihoni ukumelana lathi, yena labantu bakhe bonke, ukulwa
eJahazi.

33 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu yasimnikela phambi kwethu; sasesimtshaya
lamadodana akhe labantu bakhe bonke.

34 Ngalesosikhathi sasesithumba yonke imizi yakhe, satshabalalisa wonke umuzi,
abesilisa labesifazana labantwanyana; kasitshiyanga insali;

35 sazithumbela izifuyo kuphela, lempango yemizi esayithumbayo.

36 Kusukela eAroweri esekhunjini lwesifula iArinoni, lomuzi osesifuleni, kuze
kube seGileyadi kwakungekho muzi owawuphakeme kakhulu kithi.
INKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu yayinikela yonke phambi kwethu.

37 Kuphela kawusondelanga elizweni labantwana bakoAmoni, endaweni yonke
yesifula iJaboki, lemizini esezintabeni, lakukuphi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu
esenqabela khona.

UDUTERONOMI 3

Inkulumo kaMozisi iyaqhubeka

1Sasesiphenduka sisenyuka ngendlela yeBashani. UOgi inkosi yeBashani
wasephuma ukumelana lathi, yena labantu bakhe bonke, ukulwa eEdreyi.

2 Kodwa iNKOSI yathi kimi: Ungamesabi, ngoba ngizamnikela labantu bakhe
bonke lelizwe lakhe esandleni sakho; njalo uzakwenza kuye njengokwenza
kwakho kuSihoni inkosi yamaAmori owayehlala eHeshiboni.

3 Ngakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu yanikela esandleni sethu loOgi inkosi
yeBashani labo bonke abantu bakhe; sasesimtshaya, kakwaze kwasala lansali
kuye.

4 Sasesithumba yonke imizi yakhe ngalesosikhathi; kwakungelamuzi
esingawuthathanga kibo; imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha, isabelo sonke
seArigobi, umbuso kaOgi eBashani.

5 Yonke limizi yayivikelwe ngemithangala ephakemeyo, amasango lemigoqo,
ngaphandle kwemizana eminengi kakhulu engelamithangala.

6 Sasesiyitshabalalisa, njengokwenza kwethu kuSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni,
satshabalalisa yonke imizi, abesilisa labesifazana labantwanyana.

7 Kodwa zonke izifuyo lempango yemizi, saziphangela.

8 Ngalesosikhathi sasesithatha esandleni samakhosi amabili amaAmori ilizwe,
elalinganeno kweJodani, kusukela esifuleni iArinoni kuze kube sentabeni
yeHermoni.

9 (AmaSidoni ayibiza iHermoni ngokuthi yiSiriyoni, lamaAmori ayibiza ngokuthi yiSeniri.)

10 Yonke imizi yemagcekeni, leGileyadi yonke, leBashani yonke, kuze kube seSaleka leEdreyi, imizi yombuso kaOgi eBashani.

11 Ngoba nguOgi kuphela, inkosi yeBashani, owasalayo kunsali yeziqhwaga; khangela, umbheda wakhe wawungumbheda wensimbi; kawukho yini eRaba yabantwana bakoAmoni? Ubude bawo babuzingalo eziyisificamunwemunye, lobubanzi bawo babuzingalo ezine, ngokwengalo yomuntu.

12 Lalelilizwe sadla ilifa lalo ngalesosikhathi; kusukela eAroweri, elisesifuleni seArinoni, lengxenye yentaba yeGileyadi lemizi yayo ngayipha abakoRubeni labakoGadi.

13 Lokuseleyo kweGileyadi leBashani yonke, umbuso kaOgi, ngakunika kungxenye yesizwe sakoManase; isabelo sonke seArigobi, layo yonke iBashani, eyayithiwa yilizwe leziqhwaga.

14 UJayiri indodana kaManase wathatha isabelo sonke seArigobi, kuze kube semngceleni wamaGeshuri lowamaMahakathi; wayibiza imizi ngebizo lakhe wathi yiBashani-Havothi-Jayiri, kuze kube yilolusuku.

15 Ngasengimnika uMakiri iGileyadi.

16 LakwabakoRubeni lakwabakoGadi nganika kusukela eGileyadi ngitsho kuze kufike esifuleni seArinoni, phakathi laphakathi kwesifula, lomngcele, njalo kuze kube sesifuleni iJaboki, umngcele wabantwana bakoAmoni.

17 Lamagceke, leJodani, lomngcele, kusukela eKinerethi njalo kuze kufike elwandle lwemagcekeni, ulwandle lwetshwayi, ngaphansi kweAshidodi-Pisiga ngasempumalanga.

18 Ngasengililaya ngalesosikhathi ngisithi: INKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ilinikile lelilizwe libe yilifa lenu. Lizachapha lihlomile phambi kwabafowenu, abantwana bakoIsrayeli, wonke amadodana angamaqhawe.

19 Kuphela omkenu labantwanyana benu lezifuyo zenu - ngiyazi ukuthi lilezifuyo ezinengi - kuzahlala emizini yenu engilinike yona,

20 iNKOSI ize ibanike ukuphumula abafowenu njengani, baze bathi labo badle ilifa lelizwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ebaphe lona, ngaphetsheya kweJodani; beselibuyela, ngulowo lalowo elifeni lakhe, engilinike lona.

21 Njalo ngamlaya uJoshuwa ngalesosikhathi ngisithi: Amehlo akho abonile konke iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ekwenze kulawomakhosi amabili; izakwenza njalo iNKOSI kuyo yonke imibuso ozakwedlulela kuyo.

22 Lingabesabi, ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, yona izalilwela.

23 Ngasengiyincenga iNKOSI ngalesosikhathi ngisithi:

24 Nkosi Jehova, wena usuqalile ukutshengisa inceku yakho ubukhulu bakho lesandla sakho esilamandla; ngoba nguwuphi unkulunkulu emazulwini lemhlabeni ongenza njengemisebenzi yakho lanjengamandla akho?

25 Ngicela ngichaphe, ngibone ilizwe elihle elingaphetsheya kweJodani, leyontaba enhle, leLebhanoni.

26 Kodwa iNKOSI yangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, kayingizwanga; iNKOSI yasisithi kimi: Kwenele kuwe; ungabe usaphinda ukukhuluma kimi ngaloludaba.

27 Yenyukela engqongeni yePisiga, uphakamisele amehlo akho ngentshonalanga langenyakatho langeningizimu langempumalanga, ukhangele ngamehlo akho; ngoba kawuyikuchapha le iJodani.

28 Kodwa laya uJoshuwa, umkhuthaze, umqinise; ngoba yena uzachapha phambi kwalababantu, laye abenze badle ilifa lelizwe ozalibona.

29 Sasesihlala esigodini maqondana leBeti-Peyori.

UDUTERONOMI 4

UMozisi ulaya abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi bagcine imilayo

1Khathesi-ke, Israyeli, zwana izimiso lezahlulelo engilifundisa zona, ukuzenza, ukuze liphile, lingene lidle ilifa lelizwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyihlo elinika lona.

2 Kaliyikwengezelela elizwini engililaya lona, lingaphunguli lutho kulo, ukuze ligcine imilayo yeNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu engililaya yona.

3 Amehlo enu abonile iNKOSI eyakwenzayo ngenxa kaBhali-Peyori; ngoba wonke umuntu owalandela uBhali-Peyori, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu yambhubhisa phakathi kwenu;

4 kodwa lina elanamathela eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wenu liyaphila lonke lamuhla.

5 Bonani, ngilifundisile izimiso lezahlulelo, njengokungilaya kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wami, ukuthi lenze njalo phakathi kwelizwe eliya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo.

6 Ngakho zigcineni, lizenze; ngoba lokhu kuyinhlakanipho yenu lokuqedisisa kwenu emehlweni ezizweezizakuzwa zonke lezizimiso zithi: Isibili lesisizwe esikhulu singabantu abahlakaniphileyo labaqedisisayo.

7 Ngoba yisiphi isizwe esikhulu esilabonkulunkulu abaseduze laso njengeNKOSI uNkulunkulu ekumbizeni kwethu konke?

8 Futhi yisiphi isizwe esikhulu esilezimiso lezahlulelo ezilungileyo njengalumlayo wonke engiwubeka phambi kwenu lamuhla?

Ukukhunjulwa kwalokho okwenzakalayo eHorebe

9 Kuphela ziqaphele, ugcine kakhulu umphefumulo wakho, hlezi ukhohlwe izinto
amehlo akho azibonileyo, njalo hlezi zisuke enhliziyweni yakho, zonke izinsuku
zempilo yakho. Njalo uzazise abantwana bakho labantwana babantwana bakho,

10 ukuthi ngosuku owema ngalo phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eHorebe,
lapho iNKOSI yathi kimi: Ngibuthanisela abantu ngibe sengibazwisa amazwi ami,
ukuze bafunde ukungesaba zonke izinsuku abazaziphila emhlabeni, bafundise
njalo abantwana babo.

11 Laselisondela, lema ngaphansi kwentaba, lentaba yayivutha umlilo kwaze
kwaba phakathi kwamazulu,lomnyama, amayezi, lomnyama onzima.

12 INKOSI yasikhuluma kini iphakathi komlilo; lezwa ilizwi lamazwi, kodwa
kalibonanga simo; ilizwi kuphela.

13 Yamemezela kini isivumelwano sayo, eyalilaya ukuthi lisenze, imilayo
elitshumi; njalo yayibhala ezibhebheni zamatshe ezimbili.

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli baxwayiswa ukuthi bangoni

14 INKOSI yasingilaya ngalesosikhathi ukuthi ngilifundise izimiso lezahlulelo,
ukuze lizenze elizweni elidlulela kulo ukudla ilifa lalo.

15 Ngakho-ke qaphelani kakhulu ngenxa yemiphefumulo yenu. Ngoba
kalibonanga lasimo ngosuku iNKOSIikhuluma kini eHorebe iphakathi komlilo,

16 hlezi lizone, lizenzele isithombe esibaziweyo, isimo saloba yiwuphi
umfanekiso, isifanekiso sowesilisa loba sowesifazana,

17 isifanekiso saloba yiyiphi inyamazana esemhlabeni, isifanekiso saloba yiyiphi
inyoni elempiko ephapha emazulwini,

18 isifanekiso saloba yikuphi okuhuquzelayo emhlabeni, isifanekiso saloba
yiyiphi inhlanzi esemanzini ngaphansi komhlaba.

19 Futhi hlezi uphakamisele amehlo akho emazulwini, lapho ubona ilanga
lenyanga lezinkanyezi, ibutho lonke lamazulu, uyengwe, ukukhothamele,
ukukhonze, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekwabele izizwe zonke ngaphansi
kwamazulu wonke.

20 Kodwa lina iNKOSI yalithatha, yalikhupha esithandweni sensimbi, eGibhithe,
ukuze libe kuyo ngabantu belifa, njengalamuhla.

21 Futhi iNKOSI yangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, yafunga ukuthi kangiyikuchapha
iJodani, lokuthi kangiyikungena kulelolizwe elihle iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho
ekunika lona libe yilifa.

22 Ngoba ngizafela kulelilizwe, ngingachaphi iJodani; kodwa lina lizachapha, lidle
ilifa lalelolizwe elihle.

23 Ziqapheleni hlezi likhohlwe isivumelwano seNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu eyasenza lani, lizenzele isithombe esibaziweyo, umfanekiso waloba yikuphi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekwenqabele khona.

24 Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ingumlilo oqothulayo, uNkulunkulu olobukhwele.

25 Lapho uzala abantwana labantwana babantwana, njalo selihlale elizweni isikhathi eside, uba lisonakala, lenze isithombe esibaziweyo, umfanekiso waloba yikuphi, lenze okubi emehlweni eNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ukuze liyithukuthelise,

26 ngibiza amazulu lomhlaba lamuhla ukuze kufakaze kumelene lani ukuthi lizabhubha lokubhubha masinyane lisuka elizweni elichapha iJodani ukuya kilo ukuze libe yilifa lenu; kaliyikwelula insuku zenu phezu kwalo, ngoba lizabhujiswa lokubhujiswa.

27 Njalo iNKOSI izalichithachitha phakathi kwezizwe, lisale libalutshwana ngenani phakathi kwezizwe, lapho iNKOSI ezalixotshela khona.

28 Lapho lizakhonza onkulunkulu, umsebenzi wezandla zabantu, izigodo lamatshe, abangaboniyo, abangezwayo, abangadliyo, labanganukiyo.

29 Kodwa lilapho liyidinge iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, uzayithola uba uyidinga ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke.

30 Lapho usekuhluphekeni, lezizinto zonke zikwehlela, ekupheleni kwezinsuku, uzaphendukela eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho, ulalele ilizwi layo;

31 ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho inguNkulunkulu olomusa, kayiyikukutshiya, kayiyikukubhubhisa, kayiyikukhohlwa isivumelwano saboyihlo, eyasifunga kubo.

32 Ngoba buza-ke ngensuku zamandulo ezazingaphambi kwakho, kusukela osukwini uNkulunkulu adala ngalo umuntu emhlabeni, kusukela komunye umkhawulo wamazulu kuze kube komunye umkhawulo wamazulu, ukuthi kwake kwaba khona yini into enje njengale into enkulu, kumbe kwezwakala enjengayo yini?

33 Abantu bake bezwa yini ilizwi likaNkulunkulu likhuluma livela phakathi komlilo, njengalokhu ulizwile wena, waphila?

34 Futhi uNkulunkulu wake wazama yini ukuyazithathela isizwe phakathi kwesizwe, ngezilingo, ngezibonakaliso, langezimangaliso, langempi, langesandla esilamandla, langengalo eyeluliweyo, langezesabiso ezinkulu, njengakho konke iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu eyalenzela khona eGibhithe phambi kwamehlo akho?

35 Wena wakutshengiswa, ukuze wazi ukuthi uJehova unguNkulunkulu; kakho omunye ngaphandle kwakhe.

36 Esemazulwini wakuzwisa ilizwi lakhe ukukufundisa; lemhlabeni wakutshengisa umlilo wakhe omkhulu, lamazwi akhe wawezwa evela phakathi komlilo.

37 Njalo ngoba wabathanda oyihlo, wakhetha inzalo yabo emva kwabo, wakukhupha eGibhithe ebusweni bakhe ngamandla akhe amakhulu,

38 ukuxotsha elifeni izizwe ezinkulu lezilamandla kulawe phambi kwakho, ukukungenisa, ukukupha ilizwe lazo, libe yilifa, njengalamuhla.

39 Ngakho yazi lamuhla, ukukhumbule enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi iNKOSI inguNkulunkulu emazulwini phezulu, lemhlabeni phansi; kakho omunye.

40 Ngakho uzagcina izimiso zakhe lemilayo yakhe engikulaya yona lamuhla, ukuze kukulungele labantwana bakho emva kwakho, lokuze welule izinsuku phezu kwelizwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, zonke izinsuku.

Ukukhethwa kwemizi emithathu yokuphephela

41 Khona uMozisi wehlukanisa imizi emithathu nganeno kweJodani ngasempumalanga,

42 ukuthi abalekele kuyo umbulali obulele umakhelwane wakhe kungeyisikho ngabomo, obengamzondi mandulo, ukuze abalekele komunye waleyomizi aphile;

43 iBezeri enkangala elizweni lamagceke, elabakoRubeni; leRamothi eGileyadi, elabakoGadi; leGolani eBashani, elabakoManase.

44 Njalo yilo umlayo uMozisi awubeka phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

45 Lobu yibufakazi lezimiso lezahlulelo uMozisi akukhuluma ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe,

46 nganeno kweJodani, esigodini maqondana leBeti-Peyori, elizweni likaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, owayehlala eHeshiboni, uMozisi labantwana bakoIsrayeli abamtshayayo ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe.

47 Basebesidla ilifa lelizwe lakhe lelizwe likaOgi inkosi yeBashani, amakhosi amabili amaAmori, ayenganeno kweJodani ngasempumalanga,

48 kusukela eAroweri esekhunjini lwesifula seArinoni, kuze kufike entabeni yeSiyoni, eyiHermoni,

49 lamagceke wonke nganeno kweJodani ngasempumalanga, kuze kube selwandle lwamagceke, ngaphansi kweAshidodi-Pisiga.

UDUTERONOMI 5

Imilayo elitshumi

1UMozisi wasebiza uIsrayeli wonke, wathi kubo: Zwana, Israyeli, izimiso lezahlulelo engizikhuluma endlebeni zenu lamuhla, ukuze lizifunde, linanzelele ukuzenza.

2 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu yenza isivumelwano lathi eHorebe.

3 INKOSI kayisenzanga lesisivumelwano labobaba, kodwa lathi, thina sonke esilapha siphila lamuhla.

4 INKOSI yakhuluma lani ubuso lobuso entabeni, iphakathi komlilo,

5 (ngema phakathi kweNKOSI lani ngalesosikhathi, ukulazisa ilizwi leNKOSI; ngoba lesaba ngenxa yomlilo, kalenyukelanga entabeni) isithi:

6 NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili.

7 Ungabi labanye onkulunkulu phambi kwami.

8 Ungazenzeli isithombe esibaziweyo, loba yiwuphi umfanekiso wokusemazulwini phezulu loba wokusemhlabeni phansi, loba wokusemanzini ngaphansi komhlaba.

9 Ungakukhothameli, ungakukhonzi; ngoba mina iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakho, nginguNkulunkulu olobukhwele, ngiphindisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana, kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesithathu lesesine sabangizondayo,

10 njalo ngibenzela umusa abayizinkulungwane zabangithandayo lezabagcina imilayo yami.

11 Ungaliphathi ngeze ibizo leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho; ngoba iNKOSI kayiyikumyekela engelacala ophatha ibizo layo ngeze.

12 Gcina usuku lwesabatha, ukulungcwelisa, njengokukulaya kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

13 Insuku eziyisithupha uzasebenza, uwenze wonke umsebenzi wakho;

14 kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa lulisabatha leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho; ungenzi loba yiwuphi umsebenzi ngalo, wena lendodana yakho lendodakazi yakho lenceku yakho lencekukazi yakho lenkabi yakho lobabhemi wakho loba yisiphi sezifuyo zakho, lowemzini wakho ophakathi kwamasango akho, ukuze iphumule inceku yakho lencekukazi yakho, njengawe.

15 Njalo ukhumbule ukuthi wawuyinceku elizweni leGibhithe, lokuthi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho yakukhupha khona ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo. Ngakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho yakulaya ukuthi ugcine usuku lwesabatha.

16 Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko, njengokukulaya kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuze insuku zakho zelulwe, lokuthi kukulungele elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona.

17 Ungabulali.

18 Njalo ungafebi.

19 Njalo ungebi.

20 Njalo unganiki ubufakazi bamanga ngomakhelwane wakho.

21 Njalo ungafisi umkamakhelwane wakho; ungahawukeli indlu kamakhelwane wakho, insimu yakhe, lenceku yakhe, lencekukazi yakhe, inkabi yakhe, lobabhemi wakhe, njalo loba yini ekamakhelwane wakho.

Ukwesaba kwabantu

22 Amazwi la iNKOSI yawakhuluma ebandleni lenu lonke entabeni, iphakathi komlilo, eyezini, lemnyameni onzima, ngelizwi elikhulu; njalo kayengezelelanga. Yawabhala ezibhebheni ezimbili zamatshe, yanginika zona.

23 Kwasekusithi lilizwa ilizwi livela phakathi komnyama, lentaba ivutha umlilo, lasondela kimi, zonke inhloko zezizwe zenu, labadala benu,

24 lathi: Khangela, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu isitshengisile inkazimulo yayo lobukhulu bayo, lelizwi layo silizwile livela phakathi komlilo; lamuhla sibonile ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyakhuluma lomuntu aphile.

25 Ngakho-ke sizafelani? Ngoba lumlilo omkhulu uzasiqothula. Uba siphinda silizwa ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu futhi, sizakufa-ke.

26 Ngoba ngubani enyameni yonke owezwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ophilayo likhuluma livela phakathi komlilo, njengathi, waphila?

27 Sondela wena, uzwe konke iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu ezakutsho, usitshele wena konke iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu ezakutsho kuwe, sizakuzwa, sikwenze.

28 INKOSI yasisizwa ilizwi lamazwi enu ekukhulumeni kwenu kimi; iNKOSI yasisithi kimi: Ngizwile ilizwi lamazwi alababantu abawakhulume kuwe; kulungile konke abakukhulumileyo.

29 O kungathi bangaba lenhliziyo enjalo yokungesaba, bagcine yonke imilayo yami, insuku zonke, ukuze kubalungele labantwana babo kuze kube nininini!

30 Hamba uthi kibo: Zibuyeleleni emathenteni enu.

31 Kodwa wena, mana lapha phansi kwami, ke ngikhulume kuwe yonke imilayo lezimiso lezahlulelo ozabafundisa zona, ukuze bazenze elizweni engibanika lona ukuthi badle ilifa lalo.

32 Ngakho qaphelani ukuthi lenze njengokulilaya kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu; lingaphambukeli ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo.

33 Lizahamba endleleni yonke iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu elilaye yona, ukuze liphile, njalo kulilungele, libe seliselula izinsuku elizweni elizakudla ilifa lalo.

UDUTERONOMI 6

Umlayo omkhulu

1Lale yimilayo, izimiso, lezahlulelo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu elaya ukulifundisa, ukuthi lizenze elizweni elichaphela kulo ukuthi lidle ilifa lalo,

2 ukuze uyesabe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina zonke izimiso zayo lemithetho yayo engikulaya yona, wena lendodana yakho lendodana yendodana yakho, zonke izinsuku zempilo yakho, ukuze insuku zakho zelulwe.

3 Ngakho zwana, Israyeli, unanzelele ukuzenza, ukuze kukulungele, ukuze wande kakhulu, njengokuthembisa kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyihlo kuwe, elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju.

4 Zwana, Israyeli, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, yiNKOSI yinye.

5 Njalo wothanda iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke langamandla akho wonke.

6 Njalo amazwi la engikulaya ngawo lamuhla azakuba senhliziyweni yakho;

7 njalo uzawafundisa abantwana bakho ngokukhuthala, uzakhuluma ngawo lapho uhlezi endlini yakho, lalapho uhamba endleleni, lalapho ulala, lalapho uvuka.

8 Uzawabophela esandleni sakho abe luphawu, njalo abe ngamafilakteriyu phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo akho.

9 Njalo uzawabhala emigubazini yendlu yakho, lemasangweni akho.

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli baxwayiswa ngokungalaleli

10 Kuzakuthi lapho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ikungenisa elizweni eyafunga kuboyihlo, kuAbrahama, kuIsaka lakuJakobe, ukukunika imizi emikhulu lemihle, ongayakhanga,

11 lezindlu ezigcwele zonke izinto ezinhle, ongazigcwalisanga, lemithombo eyagejwayo ongayigebhanga, izivini lezihlahla zemihlwathi ongazihlanyelanga, lapho udlile wasutha,

12 ziqaphele, hlezi uyikhohlwe iNKOSI eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili.

13 Uzayesaba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, uyikhonze, ufunge ngebizo layo.

14 Lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu, babonkulunkulu bezizwe ezilizungelezeleyo.

15 Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho inguNkulunkulu olobukhwele phakathi kwakho, hlezi ulaka lweNKOSIuNkulunkulu wakho lukuvuthele, ikuchithe usuke ebusweni bomhlaba.

16 Lingayilingi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu njengalokhu layilinga eMasa.

17 Ligcine lokugcina imilayo yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, lobufakazi bayo, lezimiso zayo, ekulaye zona.

18 Njalo wenze okuqondileyo lokulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI, ukuze kukulungele, lokuthi ungene udle ilifa lelizwe elihle, iNKOSI eyalifungela oyihlo,

19 ukuxotsha zonke izitha zakho phambi kwakho, njengalokhu iNKOSI ikhulumile.

20 Lapho indodana yakho ikubuza esikhathini esizayo isithi: Buyini ubufakazi lezimiso lezahlulelo iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wethu elilaye zona?

21 Khona uzakuthi endodaneni yakho: Sasiyizigqili zikaFaro eGibhithe, leNKOSI yasikhupha eGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla.

22 Njalo iNKOSI yenza izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ezinkulu lezimbi eGibhithe, phezu kukaFaro laphezu kwendlu yakhe yonke, phambi kwamehlo ethu.

23 Yasikhupha khona ukuze isingenise, ukusinika ilizwe eyalifungela obaba.

24 INKOSI yasisilaya ukwenza zonke lezizimiso, ukwesaba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuze kusilungele insuku zonke, ukusilondoloza siphila njengalamuhla.

25 Kuzakuba yikulunga kithi, uba sinanzelela ukwenza limilayo yonke phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, njengokusilaya kwayo.

UDUTERONOMI 7

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bangabantu abangcwele eNKOSIni

1Lapho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho isikungenisa elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo, ixotshe izizwe ezinengi phambi kwakho, amaHethi lamaGirigashi lamaAmori lamaKhanani lamaPerizi lamaHivi lamaJebusi, izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezinkulu lezilamandla kulawe,

2 lapho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izinikela phambi kwakho, uzazitshaya, uzitshabalalise lokuzitshabalilisa. Ungenzi isivumelwano lazo, ungabi lasihawu kuzo.

3 Ungathathani lazo, unganiki indodakazi yakho kundodana yakhe, njalo indodakazi yakhe ungayithatheli indodana yakho.

4 Ngoba izaphambula indodana yakho ekungilandeleni, ukuze bakhonze abanye onkulunkulu; ngakho ulaka lweNKOSI luzalivuthela, lukubhubhise masinyane.

5 Kodwa-ke lizakwenza njalo kuzo; lizadiliza amalathi azo, liphahlaze insika zazo eziyizithombe, ligamule izixuku zabo, litshise ngomlilo izithombe zazo ezibaziweyo.

6 Ngoba uyisizwe esingcwele eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho; iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ikukhethile ukuthi ube yisizwe sayo kanye, kuzo zonke izizwe ezisebusweni bomhlaba.

7 INKOSI kayehliselanga uthando lwayo phezu kwenu, kumbe ilikhethe, ngenxa yokuthi lalibanengi kulaziphi izizwe; ngoba lalibalutshwana kulazo zonke izizwe;

8 kodwa kungenxa yokuthi iNKOSI yalithanda, langenxa yokuthi yayizagcina isifungo eyasifunga kuboyihlo, iNKOSI yalikhupha ngesandla esilamandla, yakuhlenga endlini yobugqili, esandleni sikaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe.

9 Ngakho yazi ukuthi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho inguNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu othembekileyo, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa kubo abamthandayo labagcina imilayo yakhe, kuze kube sezizukulwaneni eziyinkulungwane,

10 lophindisela abamzondayo ebusweni babo, ukubabhubhisa. Kayikuphuza komzondayo, uzamphindisela ebusweni bakhe.

11 Ngakho uzagcina imilayo lezimiso lezahlulelo engikulaya zona lamuhla ukuzenza.

Izibusiso zokulalela

12 Kuzakuthi ngoba lisizwa lezizahlulelo, lizigcine, lizenze, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakugcinela isivumelwano lomusa eyakufungela oyihlo.

13 Njalo izakuthanda, ikubusise, ikwandise. Futhi izabusisa isithelo sesizalo sakho, lesithelo selizwe lakho, amabele akho, lewayini lakho elitsha, lamafutha akho, umqegu wenkomo zakho, lemihlambi yezimvu zakho, elizweni alifungela oyihlo ukukunika lona.

14 Uzabusiswa kulazo zonke izizwe; kakuyikuba khona phakathi kwakho owesilisa ongazaliyo lowesifazana oyinyumba, loba phakathi kwezifuyo zakho.

15 LeNKOSI izasusa kuwe wonke umkhuhlane; kayiyikukwehlisela lasinye sezifo ezimbi zeGibhithe ozaziyo, kodwa izazehlisela phezu kwabo bonke abakuzondayo.

16 Njalo uzabaqothula bonke abantu ezabanikela kuwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho; ilihlo lakho lingabazweli, ungakhonzi onkulunkulu babo, ngoba lokhu kuzakuba ngumjibila kuwe.

17 Nxa uzakuthi enhliziyweni yakho: Izizwe lezi zinengi kulami; ngingazixotsha njani elifeni lazo?

18 Ungazesabi, khumbula kuhle lokho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eyakwenza kuFaro lakuGibhithe lonke,

19 izilingo ezinkulu ilihlo lakho elazibonayo, lezibonakaliso, lezimangaliso, lesandla esilamandla, lengalo eyeluliweyo, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eyakukhupha ngakho. INKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakwenza njalo kuzo zonke izizwe ozesabayo.

20 Futhi-ke iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izathumela olonyovu phakathi kwazo, zize zibhujiswe eziseleyo lezicatshele ubuso bakho.

21 Kaliyikutshaywa luvalo ngazo, ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho iphakathi kwakho, uNkulunkulu omkhulu lowesabekayo.

22 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izazingcothula lezizizwe phambi kwakho kancinyane kancinyane; ungeziqede masinyane, hlezi izilo zeganga zikwandele.

23 Kodwa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izazinikela phambi kwakho, iziphazamise ngokuphazamiseka okukhulu, zize zichithwe.

24 Izanikela ezandleni zakho amakhosi azo, njalo uzacitsha ibizo lawo lisuke ngaphansi kwamazulu; kakulamuntu ozakuma phambi kwakho uze uzibhubhise.

25 Izithombe ezibaziweyo zabonkulunkulu bazo lizazitshisa ngomlilo. Ungafisi isiliva legolide elikuzo, ungazithatheli lona, hlezi ubanjwe emjibileni ngalo, ngoba liyisinengiso eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho.

26 Njalo ungasingenisi isinengiso endlini yakho, hlezi ube yinto eqalekisiweyo njengaso; usenyanye lokusenyanya, unengwe lokunengwa yiso, ngoba siyinto eqalekisiweyo.

UDUTERONOMI 8

Izenzo ezinhle zeNKOSI eyazenza kuIsrayeli enkangala

1Yonke imithetho engikulaya yona lamuhla lizananzelela ukuyenza, ukuze liphile, lande, lingene lidle ilifa lelizwe, iNKOSI eyalifungela oyihlo.

2 Njalo uzakhumbula indlela yonke iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekukhokhele ngayo liminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala, ukuze ikuthobise, ikuhlole, ukwazi okusenhliziyweni yakho, uba uzagcina imithetho yayo, loba hatshi.

3 Yasikuthobisa, yakulambisa, yakudlisa imana owawungayazi, laboyihlo babengayazi, ukuze ikwazise ukuthi umuntu kaphili ngesinkwa sodwa, kodwa ngakho konke okuphuma emlonyeni weNKOSI umuntu uyaphila.

4 Izembatho zakho kaziguganga phezu kwakho, lonyawo lwakho kaluvuvukanga, le iminyaka engamatshumi amane.

5 Ngakho yazi enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi njengendoda ilaya indodana yayo, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho iyakulaya.

6 Ngakho uzagcina imithetho yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuhamba endleleni zayo, lokuyesaba.

7 Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ikungenisa elizweni elihle, ilizwe lezifula zamanzi, lemithombo lokujula okugobhoza ezihotsheni lezintabeni;

8 ilizwe lengqoloyi, lebhali, lezivini, lemikhiwa, lezithelo zepomegranati, ilizwe lezihlahla zemihlwathi zamafutha, loluju,

9 ilizwe ozakudla kulo isinkwa kungekho ukusilela, ongayikuswela lutho kulo; ilizwe elilamatshe ayinsimbi, lelilezintaba elingagebha kuzo ithusi.

10 Usudlile wasutha, uzabusisa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ngelizwe elihle ekunike lona.

11 Ziqaphele hlezi ukhohlwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ngokungagcini imilayo yayo lezahlulelo zayo lezimiso zayo, engikulaya zona lamuhla.

12 Hlezi lapho usudlile wasutha, usuwakhe izindlu ezinhle wahlala kuzo,

13 sekwandile inkomo zakho lezimvu zakho, lesiliva legolide kwakho sekwandile, lakho konke olakho sekwandile,

14 inhliziyo yakho ibisiziphakamisa, ubusukhohlwa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili,

15 eyakukhokhela enkangala enkulu leyesabekayo, okwakulenyoka ezilokutshisa lezinkume lomhlabathi owomileyo, lapho okwakungelamanzi khona, eyakuvezela amanzi edwaleni lelitshe elilukhuni,

16 eyakudlisa imana enkangala, oyihlo ababengayazi, ukuze ikuthobise, lokuze ikuhlole, ikwenzele okuhle ekucineni kwakho,

17 ubususithi enhliziyweni yakho: Amandla ami lokuqina kwesandla sami kungizuzele linotho.

18 Kodwa uzakhumbula iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ngoba yiyo ekunika amandla okuzuza inotho, ukuze iqinise isivumelwano sayo eyasifungela oyihlo njengalamuhla.

19 Kuzakuthi-ke, nxa ukhohlwa lokukhohlwa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ulandele abanye onkulunkulu, ubakhonze, ubakhothamele, ngiyalifakazela lamuhla ukuthi lizabhubha lokubhubha.

20 Njengezizwe iNKOSI ezichithileyo phambi kwenu, ngokunjalo lizabhubha, ngoba lingalilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu.

UDUTERONOMI 9

INKOSI izachitha izizwe zeKhanani

1Zwana, Israyeli; uzachapha iJodani lamuhla, ukungenela ukudla ilifa lezizwe ezinkulu lezilamandla kulawe, imizi emikhulu ebiyelwe ngemithangala efika emazulwini.

2 Abantu abakhulu labade, abantwana bamaAnaki wena obaziyo, wena osuzwile ngabo kuthiwa: Ngubani ongema phambi kwabantwana bakaAnaki?

3 Ngakho yazi lamuhla ukuthi yiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho echapha phambi kwakho, engumlilo oqothulayo; yona izabachitha, njalo yona izabehlisela phansi phambi kwakho; njalo lizabaxotsha basuke elifeni labo, libabhubhise masinyane, njengokutsho kweNKOSI kuwe.

4 Ungakhulumi enhliziyweni yakho, lapho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho isibaxotshile phambi kwakho, usithi: Ngenxa yokulunga kwami

iNKOSI ingingenise ukudla ilifa lelizwe leli. Kodwa ngenxa yobubi balezizizwe iNKOSIizixotsha zisuke elifeni lazo phambi kwakho.

5 Kakungenxa yokulunga kwakho kumbe ngenxa yobuqotho benhliziyo yakho ukuthi ungene ukudla ilifa lelizwe lazo; kodwa ngenxa yobubi balezizizwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izixotsha zisuke elifeni lazo phambi kwakho, lokuthi iqinise ilizwi iNKOSI eyalifungela oyihlo, uAbrahama, uIsaka loJakobe.

6 Yazi-ke ukuthi kakungenxa yokulunga kwakho ukuthi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ikunika lelilizwe elihle ukuthi udle ilifa lalo; ngoba uyisizwe esilentamo elukhuni.

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bavukela iNKOSI enkangala

7 Khumbula, ungakhohlwa, ukuthi wayithukuthelisa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho enkangala; kusukela osukwini owaphuma ngalo elizweni leGibhithe laze lafika kulindawo, beliyivukela iNKOSI.

8 LeHorebe layithukuthelisa iNKOSI, yaze yalithukuthelela iNKOSI ukulichitha.

9 Sengenyukele entabeni ukwemukela izibhebhe zamatshe, izibhebhe zesivumelwano iNKOSI eyasenza lani, ngasengihlala entabeni insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, angidlanga sinkwa, anginathanga manzi.

10 INKOSI yasinginika lezozibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe zilotshwe ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu, laphezu kwazokulotshiwe ngokwamazwi wonke iNKOSI eyayiwakhulume lani entabeni, iphakathi komlilo ngosuku lokuhlangana.

11 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, iNKOSI yangipha izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe, izibhebhe zesivumelwano.

12 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Sukuma wehle ngokuphangisa usuke lapha, ngoba abantu bakho owabakhupha eGibhithe bonakalisile, baphambukile ngokuphangisa endleleni engabalaya yona, bazenzela isithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa.

13 INKOSI yasikhuluma kimi isithi: Ngibabonile lababantu, khangela-ke, bangabantu abantamo zilukhuni.

14 Ngiyekela ukuze ngibabhubhise, ngesule ibizo labo lisuke ngaphansi kwamazulu; njalo ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esilamandla lesikhulu kulabo.

15 Ngasengiphenduka ngisehla entabeni, lentaba yayivutha umlilo; lezibhebhe zombili zesivumelwano zazisezandleni zami zombili.

16 Ngasengibona, khangelani-ke, lalonile eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wenu, lalizenzele ithole elibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, laliphambukile ngokuphangisa endleleni iNKOSI eyayililayile.

17 Ngasengibamba izibhebhe zombili, ngazilahla ezandleni zami zombili, ngazibulala phambi kwamehlo enu.

18 Ngasengiziwisela phansi phambi kweNKOSI njengakuqala, insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, ngingadli sinkwa, nginganathi manzi, ngenxa yaso sonke isono senu elisonileyo, lisenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, liyithukuthelisa.

19 Ngoba ngangisesaba ukuthukuthela lolaka iNKOSI eyayilithukuthelela ngakho ukulibhubhisa; kodwa iNKOSIyangizwa langalesosikhathi.

20 INKOSI yasimthukuthelela kakhulu uAroni ukuze imbhubhise; kodwa ngamkhulekela loAroni ngalesosikhathi.

21 Ngasengithatha isono senu, ithole elalilenzile, ngalitshisa ngomlilo, ngalichoboza, ngalicholisisa laze laba lincinyane njengothuli; ngaphosa uthuli lwalo esifuleni esasisehla entabeni.

22 LeTabera, leMasa, leKiribothi-Hathava laliyithukuthelisa iNKOSI.

23 Lalapho iNKOSI yalithuma lisuka eKadeshi-Bhaneya isithi: Yenyukani, lidle ilifa lelizwe engilinike lona, laselihlamukela umlayo weNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, kaliyikholwanga, kalilalelanga ilizwi layo.

24 Lalivele liyivukele iNKOSI kusukela osukwini engalazi ngalo.

25 Ngasengiziwisela phansi phambi kweNKOSI insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, engaziwisela phansi ngazo, ngoba iNKOSI yayithe izalichitha.

26 Ngasengikhuleka eNKOSIni ngathi: Nkosi Jehova, ungabachithi abantu bakho lelifa lakho, obahlenge ngobukhulu bakho, owabakhupha eGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla.

27 Khumbula inceku zakho, uAbrahama, uIsaka, loJakobe; ungakhangeli inkani yalababantu lobubi babo lesono sabo,

28 hlezi ilizwe owasikhupha kilo lithi: Ngenxa yokuthi iNKOSI yayingelamandla okubangenisa elizweni eyabathembisa lona, langenxa yokuthi ibazonda, yabakhupha ukuze ibabulalele enkangala.

29 Kube kanti bangabantu bakho lelifa lakho, owabakhupha ngamandla akho amakhulu langengalo yakho eyeluliweyo.

UDUTERONOMI 10

Izibhebhe zamatshe zesibili zemithetho elitshumi

1Ngalesosikhathi iNKOSI yathi kimi: Zibazele izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezakuqala, wenyukele kimi entabeni, uzenzele umtshokotsho wezigodo.

2 Ngizabhala-ke phezu kwezibhebhe amazwi ayesezibhebheni zakuqala owazibulalayo, uzibeke emtshokotshweni.

3 Ngasengisenza umtshokotsho ngesihlahla sesinga, ngabaza izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezakuqala, ngenyukela entabeni, lezibhebhe ezimbili zisesandleni sami.

4 Yasibhala ezibhebheni njengokubhala kwakuqala, imilayo elitshumi iNKOSI eyayikhuluma kini entabeni iphakathi komlilo ngosuku lokuhlangana; njalo iNKOSI yanginika zona.

5 Ngasengiphenduka ngisehla entabeni, ngazifaka izibhebhe emtshokotshweni engangiwenzile. Njalo zikhona lapho, njengokungilaya kweNKOSI.

6 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesuka eBeyerothi-Bene-Jakani, baya eMosera; uAroni wafela lapho, wangcwatshwa khona; indodana yakhe uEleyazare wasebenza njengompristi esikhundleni sakhe.

7 Besuka lapho, baya eGudigoda; basuka eGudigoda, baya eJotibatha, ilizwe lezifula zamanzi.

8 Ngalesosikhathi iNKOSI yehlukanisa isizwe sakoLevi ukuthi sithwale umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI, ukuthi sime phambi kweNKOSI, siyikhonze, sibusise ebizweni layo, kuze kube lamuhla.

9 Ngalokhu uLevi kalasabelo lelifa kanye labafowabo; iNKOSI iyilifa lakhe, njengokuthembisa kweNKOSIuNkulunkulu wakho kuye.

10 Mina ngasengihlala entabeni njengensuku zendulo, insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane; leNKOSI yangizwa langalesosikhathi; iNKOSI kayithandanga ukukubhubhisa.

11 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Sukuma, uhambe phambi kwabantu, ukuze bangene badle ilifa lelizwe engafunga kuboyise ukubanika lona.

Lokho iNKOSI ekufuna kuIsrayeli

12 Khathesi-ke, Israyeli, kuyini iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekufuna kuwe, ngaphandle kokuyesaba iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wakho, ukuhamba ngendlela zayo zonke, lokuyithanda, lokuyikhonza iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke,

13 ukugcina imilayo yeNKOSI lezimiso zayo engikulaya zona lamuhla, ukuthi kukulungele?

14 Khangela, amazulu, lezulu lamazulu ngaweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo.

15 Kuphela iNKOSI yehlisela uthando lwayo phezu kwaboyihlo, ukubathanda, yakhetha inzalo yabo emva kwabo,ngitsho lina phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe, njengalamuhla.

16 Ngakho sokani ijwabu lenhliziyo yenu, lingabe lisazenza lukhuni intamo zenu.

17 Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu inguNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, leNkosi yamakhosi, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla, lowesabekayo, ongemukeli ubuso bomuntu, ongemukeli umvuzo.

18 Eyenza isahlulelo sentandane lomfelokazi, njalo ethanda owezizweni ngokumnika ukudla lezembatho.

19 Ngakho lizamthanda owezizweni, ngoba lalingabezizweni elizweni leGibhithe.

20 Uzayesaba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, uyikhonze, unamathele kuyo, ufunge ngebizo layo.

21 Iludumo lwakho, njalo inguNkulunkulu wakho, okwenzele lezizinto ezinkulu lezesabekayo, amehlo akho azibonileyo.

22 Oyihlo behlela eGibhithe belabantu abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa; khathesi-ke iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ikwenzile waba njengenkanyezi zamazulu ngobunengi.

UDUTERONOMI 11

Ubukhulu beNKOSI

1Ngakho wothanda iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ugcine umlayo wayo lezimiso zayo lezahlulelo zayo lemithetho yayo insuku zonke.

2 Yazini lamuhla, ngoba kangikhulumi ebantwaneni benu abangakwaziyo labangakubonanga ukulaya kweNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu, ubukhulu bayo, isandla sayo esilamandla, lengalo yayo eyeluliweyo,

3 lezibonakaliso zayo lezenzo zayo eyazenza phakathi kweGibhithe kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, lelizweni lakhe lonke,

4 lalokho eyakwenza ebuthweni leGibhithe, emabhizeni ayo lenqoleni zayo, lokuthi yenza amanzi oLwandle oluBomvu abakhukhule lapho bexotshana lani, lokuthi iNKOSI yababhubhisa, kuze kube lamuhla,

5 lalokho eyakwenza kini enkangala laze lafika kulindawo,

6 lalokho eyakwenza kuDathani lakuAbiramu amadodana kaEliyabi indodana kaRubeni, ukuthi umhlaba wakhamisa umlomo wawo wabaginya bona labezindlu zabo, lamathente abo, lakho konke okwakungokwabo, phakathi kukaIsrayeli wonke.

7 Kodwa amehlo enu abonile zonke izenzo ezinkulu zeNKOSI eyazenzayo.

8 Ngakho lizagcina yonke imithetho engikulaya yona lamuhla, ukuze libe lamandla lingene lidle ilifa lelizwe, elichaphela kulo ukuyakudla ilifa lalo,

9 lokuthi lelule izinsuku elizweni iNKOSI eyalifungela oyihlo ukubanika lona lenzalo yabo, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.

Izibusiso zelizwe elithenjisiweyo

10 Ngoba ilizwe ongena kilo ukudla ilifa lalo kalinjengelizwe leGibhithe eliphuma kilo, lapho owahlanyela khona inhlanyelo yakho, wayithelela ngonyawo lwakho, njengesivande semibhida;

11 kodwa ilizwe elichaphela kilo ukudla ilifa lalo liyilizwe lamaqaqa lezigodi, linatha amanzi ngezulu lamazulu;

12 ilizwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho elikhathalelayo; amehlo eNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho aphezu kwalo njalo, kusukela ekuqaleni komnyaka kuze kube sekupheleni komnyaka.

13 Kuzakuthi-ke, uba lilalela lokulalela imithetho yami engililaya yona lamuhla, ukuthanda iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, lokuyikhonza ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke,

14 ngizanika izulu lelizwe lenu ngesikhathi salo, izulu elokuqala lezulu lokucina, ukuze ubuthe amabele akho lewayini lakho elitsha lamafutha akho.

15 Ngizanika izifuyo zakho utshani edlelweni lakho, njalo uzakudla, usuthe.

16 Ziqapheleni, hlezi inhliziyo yenu ikhohliseke, liphambuke, likhonze abanye onkulunkulu, libakhothamele,

17 ukuze ulaka lweNKOSI lulivuthele, njalo ivale amazulu, ukuze kungabi khona izulu, lelizwe lingatheli isivuno salo, libhubhe masinyane lisuke elizweni elihle iNKOSI elinika lona.

18 Ngakho lizabeka lamazwi ami enhliziyweni yenu lemphefumulweni wenu, liwabophele esandleni senu abe luphawu, ukuze abe ngamafilakteriyu phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo enu.

19 Lizawafundisa abantwana benu, ukhulume ngawo lapho uhlezi endlini yakho, lalapho uhamba endleleni, lalapho ulala, lalapho uvuka.

20 Liwabhale emigubazini yendlu yakho lemasangweni akho,

21 ukuze zande insuku zenu lensuku zabantwana benu, elizweni iNKOSI eyalifungela oyihlo ukubanika lona, njengensuku zamazulu phezu komhlaba.

22 Ngoba uba ligcina lokugcina yonke imithetho le engililaya ukuthi liyenze, ukuthanda iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuhamba ngendlela zayo zonke, lokunamathela kuyo,

23 khona iNKOSI izaxotsha elifeni zonke lezizizwe zisuke phambi kwenu, lidle ilifa lezizwe ezinkulu lezilamandla kulani.

24 Yonke indawo lapho ingaphansi yonyawo lwenu ezanyathela khona izakuba ngeyenu; kusukela enkangala, leLebhanoni, kusukela emfuleni, umfula iYufrathi, kuze kufike elwandle lokucina, kuzakuba ngumngcele wenu.

25 Kakulamuntu ozakuma phambi kwenu; iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu izabeka ukwesabeka kwenu lokutshaywa luvalo ngani phezu kwalo lonke ilizwe elizanyathela kulo, njengalokhu etshilo kini.

26 Khangelani, lamuhla ngiyabeka phambi kwenu isibusiso lesiqalekiso;

27 isibusiso, uba lilalela imithetho yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu engililaya yona lamuhla;

28 lesiqalekiso, uba lingalaleli imithetho yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, kodwa liphambuka endleleni engililaya yona lamuhla, ukulandela abanye onkulunkulu elingabazanga.

29 Kuzakuthi lapho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho esekungenisile elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo, uzabeka isibusiso phezu kwentaba yeGerizimi, lesiqalekiso phezu kwentaba yeEbhali.

30 Angithi zona ziphetsheya kweJodani emva kwendlela yekutshoneni kwelanga, elizweni lamaKhanani ahlala emagcekeni maqondana leGiligali, eduze lezihlahla zama-okhi zeMore?

31 Ngoba lizachapha iJodani ukuze lingene lidle ilifa lelizwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu elinika lona. Lizakudla ilifa lalo, lihlale kilo,

32 linanzelele ukwenza zonke izimiso lezahlulelo engizibeka phambi kwenu lamuhla.

UDUTERONOMI 12

Ukukhonza iNKOSI kumele kube sendaweni eyodwa

1 Lezi yizimiso lezahlulelo elizananzelela ukuzenza elizweni iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, ekunika lona ukuthi udle ilifa lalo, zonke izinsuku eliphila ngazo emhlabeni.

2 Lizadiliza lokudiliza zonke indawo lapho izizwe elizazixotsha elifeni lazo ezazikhonzela khona onkulunkulu bazo, entabeni eziphakemeyo lemaqaqeni langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza;

3 lizadiliza amalathi azo, libulale insika zazo eziyizithombe, litshise izixuku zazo ngomlilo, liqumele phansi izithombe ezibaziweyo zabonkulunkulu bazo, lichithe ibizo lazo kuleyondawo.

4 Lingenzi njalo eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wenu.

5 Kodwa endaweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ezayikhetha phakathi kwazo zonke
izizwe zenu ukubeka ibizo layo khona, lizadinga kundawo yayo yokuhlala; njalo
uzakuya khona,

6 lilethe khona iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa, lemihlatshelo yenu, lokwetshumi
kwenu, lomnikelo wokuphakanyiswa wesandla senu, lezithembiso zenu,
leminikelo yenu yesihle, lamazibulo enkomo zenu lawezimvu zenu;

7 lidle khona phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, lithokoze ngakho konke
elibeke isandla senu kukho, lina labendlu yenu, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho
ekubusise ngakho.

8 Kaliyikwenza njengakho konke esikwenzayo lapha lamuhla, ngulowo lalowo
loba yikuphi okulungileyo emehlweni akhe.

9 Ngoba kalikafiki ekuphumuleni lelifeni, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika
lona.

10 Lapho selichaphile iJodani, selihlezi elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu elinika
lona libe yilifa lenu, isiliphumuzile ezitheni zenu zonke inhlangothi zonke,
selihlezi livikelekile,

11 khona kuzakuba lendawo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ezayikhetha ukwenza
ibizo layo lihlale lapho; lizaletha lapho konke engililaya khona, iminikelo yenu
yokutshiswa, lemihlatshelo yenu, lokwetshumi kwenu, lomnikelo
wokuphakanyiswa wesandla senu, lezithembiso zenu zonke ezikhethekileyo
elizazithembisa eNKOSIni.

12 Njalo lizathaba phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, lina lamadodana enu
lamadodakazi enu, lenceku zenu lencekukazi zenu, lomLevi ophakathi
kwamasango enu, ngoba engelasabelo lelifa lani.

13 Ziqaphele ukuthi unganikeli iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa kuyo yonke indawo
oyibonayo;

14 kodwa endaweni iNKOSI ezayikhetha kwesinye sezizwe zakho, lapho uzanikela
iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa, lalapho uzakwenza konke engikulaya khona.

15 Kanti ungahlaba udle inyama, phakathi kwawo wonke amasango akho,
njengaso sonke isifiso somphefumulo wakho, njengokwesibusiso
seNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ekunike sona; ongahlambulukanga
lohlambulukileyo angakudla, njengomziki lanjengendluzele.

16 Kuphela lingadli igazi; lizalichithela emhlabathini njengamanzi.

17 Awulakudlela emasangweni akho okwetshumi kwamabele akho leyewayini
lakho elitsha, leyamafutha akho, loba amazibulo enkomo zakho lawezimvu
zakho, loba yikuphi kwesithembiso sakho osithembisileyo, loba iminikelo yakho
yesihle, loba umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa wesandla sakho.

18 Kodwa phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho uzadlela lokho endaweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha, wena lendodana yakho lendodakazi yakho, lenceku yakho lencekukazi yakho, lomLevi ophakathi kwamasango akho; njalo uzathaba phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho kukho konke obeka isandla sakho kukho.

19 Ziqaphele ukuthi ungamkhohlwa umLevi zonke izinsuku zakho elizweni lakho.

20 Lapho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho iqhelisa umngcele wakho, njengokukhuluma kwayo kuwe, njalo uzakuthi: Ngizakudla inyama, ngoba umphefumulo wakho ukhanuka ukudla inyama; njengokwesifiso sonke somphefumulo wakho uzakudla inyama.

21 Uba indawo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha ukubeka ibizo layo khona ikhatshana lawe, uzahlaba enkomeni zakho loba ezimvini zakho iNKOSI ekunike zona, njengokukulaya kwami, uzakudlela phakathi kwamasango akho, njengokwesifiso sonke somphefumulo wakho.

22 Ngitsho, njengalokhu kudliwa umziki lendluzele, ngokunjalo uzazidla; ongahlambulukanga lohlambulukileyo angazidla ngokufananayo.

23 Kuphela qaphela ukuthi ungadli igazi, ngoba igazi liyimpilo; ngakho kawuyikudla impilo kanye lenyama.

24 Ungalidli, uzalichithela emhlabathini njengamanzi.

25 Ungalidli, ukuze kukulungele labantwana bakho emva kwakho, lapho usenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI.

26 Kuphela izinto ezingcwele olazo, lezithembiso zakho, uzazithatha, uye endaweni iNKOSI ezayikhetha.

27 Ulungise iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa, inyama legazi, phezu kwelathi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho. Legazi lemihlatshelo yakho lizathululelwa phezu kwelathi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, lenyama ungayidla.

28 Qaphela uzwe wonke amazwi la engikulaya wona, ukuze kukulungele labantwana bakho emva kwakho kuze kube nininini, lapho usenza okulungileyo lokuqondileyo emehlweni eNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

Isixwayiso ngokukhonza abanye onkulunkulu

29 Lapho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izaquma izizwe zisuke phambi kwakho lapho oya khona ukudla ilifa lazo, lapho usudle ilifa lazo wahlala elizweni lazo,

30 ziqaphele ukuthi ungathiywa uzilandele, emva kokuchithwa kwazo phambi kwakho, lokuthi ungabuzi ngonkulunkulu bazo usithi: Izizwe lezi zazikhonza njani onkulunkulu bazo? Lami ngizakwenza njalo.

31 Kawuyikwenza njalo eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho; ngoba konke okunengekayo eNKOSIni, ekuzondayo, zikwenzile kubonkulunkulu bazo; ngoba

ngitsho amadodana azo lamadodakazi azo zibatshisile ngomlilo kubonkulunkulu bazo.

32 Yonke into engililaya ngayo, qaphelani ukuyenza; ungengezeleli kuyo, futhi ungaphunguli kuyo.

UDUTERONOMI 13

1 Uba kuvela phakathi kwakho umprofethi kumbe umphuphi wamaphupho, akunike isibonakaliso loba isimangaliso,

2 lesibonakaliso loba isimangaliso akhulume ngaso kuwe senzakale, esithi: Asilandele abanye onkulunkulu ongabazanga, sibakhonze;

3 ungalaleli amazwi alowomprofethi loba lowomphuphi wamaphupho; ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu iyalilinga ukuze yazi ukuthi liyayithanda yini iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke.

4 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu lizayilandela, yona liyesabe, imithetho yayo liyigcine, ilizwi layo lililalele, yona liyikhonze, kuyo linamathele.

5 Lalowomprofethi loba lowomphuphi wamaphupho kabulawe, ngoba ukhulume ukuhlamukela iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu, eyalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe, yakuhlenga endlini yobugqili, ukukufuqa uphambuke endleleni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eyakulaya ukuhamba ngayo. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi phakathi kwakho.

6 Uba umfowenu, indodana kanyoko, loba indodana yakho, loba indodakazi yakho, loba umfazi wesifuba sakho, kumbe umngane wakho onjengomphefumulo wakho, ekuyenga ensitha esithi: Asihambe, siyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu, ongabazanga, wena laboyihlo,

7 babonkulunkulu babantu abalizingelezeleyo, abaseduze lawe loba abakhatshana lawe, kusukela komunyeumkhawulo womhlaba kuze kufike komunye umkhawulo womhlaba,

8 ungamvumeli, ungamlaleli, futhi ilihlo lakho lingamhawukeli, njalo ungamyekeli, ungamfihli,

9 kodwa umbulale lokumbulala; isandla sakho sizakuba ngesokuqala phezu kwakhe ukumbulala, lemva kwalokho isandla sabantu bonke.

10 Njalo mkhande ngamatshe aze afe, ngoba ubedinga ukukufuqa uphambuke eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho, eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili.

11 LoIsrayeli wonke uzakuzwa, esabe, angabe esenza ububi obunjengalobo phakathi kwakho.

12 Uba usizwa komunye wemizi yakho, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika yona, ukuthi uhlale khona, kuthiwa:

13 Kuphumile amadoda, abantwana bakaBheliyali, phakathi kwakho, afuqa aphambula abakhileyo bomuzi wawo esithi: Asihambe siyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu elingabazanga;

14 khona uzabuza, uhlolisise, udingisise; khangela, uba kuliqiniso, leyonto iqinisekile, lesisinengiso senziwe phakathi kwakho,

15 uzatshaya lokubatshaya abakhileyo balowomuzi ngobukhali benkemba, uwutshabalalise, lakho konke okukuwo lezifuyo zawo, ngobukhali benkemba.

16 Uzabuthela yonke impango yawo phakathi komdanga wawo, utshise ngomlilo umuzi lempango yawo yonke uphele du, eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho; njalo uzakuba yinqumbi phakade, awuyikwakhiwa futhi.

17 Kunganamatheli lutho kwalokho okuqalekisiweyo esandleni sakho, ukuze iNKOSI iphenduke ekuvutheni kwentukuthelo yayo, ikuphe umusa, ibe lobubele kuwe, ikwandise, njengalokhu yafunga kuboyihlo,

18 uba ulalela ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina yonke imithetho yayo engikulaya yona lamuhla, ukwenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

UDUTERONOMI 14

Izinto ezithile ezingafanele ukwenziwa emngcwabeni

1Lingabantwana beNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu. Kaliyikuzisika, lingenzi impabanga phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo enu ngenxa yabafileyo.

2 Ngoba uyisizwe esingcwele eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho; leNKOSI ikukhethile ukuthi ube yisizwe esikhethekileyo kuyo, ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke ezisebusweni bomhlaba.

Inyamazana ezihlambulukileyo lezingahlambulukanga

3 Ungadli loba yikuphi okunengekayo.

4 Yilezi inyamazana elingazidla: Inkabi, imvu, lembuzi,

5 indluzele, lomziki, lomziki olempondo ezilembaxambaxa, lembuzi yeganga, lomtshwayeli, lenkabi yeganga, legogo,

6 layo yonke inyamazana edabula isondo, edabula okudabukileyo kube zinklagu ezimbili, eyetshisayo phakathi kwezinyamazana; leyo lingayidla.

7 Kodwa lezi kaliyikuzidla kuzo ezetshisayo, lakuzo ezidabula isondo elidabukileyo: Ikamela lomvundla lembila, ngoba ziyetshisa kodwa kazidabulanga isondo; zingcolile kini.

8 Lengulube, ngoba idabula isondo kodwa kayetshisi; ingcolile kini. Lingadli okwenyama yazo, lingathinti izidumbu zazo.

9 Lezi lingazidla kuzo zonke ezisemanzini: Zonke ezilempiko lamaxolo lingazidla.

10 Kodwa loba yikuphi okungelampiko lamaxolo lingakudli; kungcolile kini.

11 Zonke inyoni ezihlambulukileyo lingazidla.

12 Kodwa yilezi elingayikudla kuzo: Ukhozi lelinqe lengqungqulu edla inhlanzi,

13 lomzwazwa, lohelwane, lelinqe ngohlobo lwalo,

14 lalo lonke iwabayi ngohlobo lwalo,

15 lesikhova, lomandukulo, lenkanku, lokhozi ngohlobo lwalo,

16 isikhova esincinyane, lesikhova esikhulu, lesikhova esimhlophe,

17 lewunkwe, lelinqe elikhulu, letshayamanzi,

18 lengabuzane, lehemu ngohlobo lwalo, lemvenduna, lolulwane.

19 Lazo zonke izibungu ezilempiko zingcolile kini; kazingadliwa.

20 Zonke izinyoni ezihlambulukileyo lingazidla.

21 Lingabokudla langcuba; ungayinika owemzini ophakathi kwamasango akho ukuthi ayidle, loba uyithengise kowezizwe; ngoba uyisizwe esingcwele eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho. Ungapheki izinyane lembuzi ngochago lukanina.

Umthetho omayelana lokwetshumi

22 Uzanikela ngoqotho okwetshumi kwesithelo sonke senhlanyelo yakho, insimu ekuthelayo iminyaka ngeminyaka.

23 Njalo uzakudla phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, endaweni ezayikhetha ukuthi ibeke ibizo layo khona, okwetshumi kwamabele akho, okwewayini lakho elitsha, lokwamafutha akho, lamazibulo enkomo zakho lawezimvu zakho, ukuze ufunde ukuyesaba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho insuku zonke.

24 Uba-ke indlela inde kakhulu kuwe, uze wehluleke ukukuthwala, ngoba ikhatshana kakhulu lawe indawo iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha ukuthi ibeke ibizo layo khona, lapho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusisile,

25 uzakuguqula-ke kube yimali, ubophele imali esandleni sakho, uye endaweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha,

26 uthenge ngaleyomali loba kuyini umphefumulo wakho okufisayo, izinkabi loba izimvu loba iwayini loba okunathwayo okulamandla, loba kuyini umphefumulo wakho okufisayo; udle khona phambi kweNKOSIuNkulunkulu wakho, uthabe wena lendlu yakho.

27 LomLevi ophakathi kwamasango akho, ungamdeli, ngoba kalasabelo lelifa kanye lawe.

28 Ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu uzakhupha konke okwetshumi kwezithelo zakho ngalowomnyaka, ukugcine phakathi kwamasango akho.

29 LomLevi, lokhu engelasabelo lelifa kanye lawe, lowemzini, lentandane, lomfelokazi, abaphakathi kwamasango akho, bazakuza, badle, basuthe, ukuze iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusise emsebenzini wonke wesandla sakho owenzayo.

UDUTERONOMI 15

Umnyaka wokuyekela imilandu

1Ekupheleni kweminyaka yonke eyisikhombisa uzakwenza inkululeko.

2 Njalo le yindlela yenkululeko: Wonke umkweledisi oweboleka umakhelwane wakhe uzakhululaisikwelede; kayikusibamba ngamandla kumakhelwane

wakhe kumbe kumfowabo, ngoba kumenyezelwe inkululeko eNKOSIni.

3 Kowezizweni uzasibamba ngamandla; kodwa lokho okwakho okukumfowenu isandla sakho sizakukhulula;

4 ukuze kungabi lomyanga phakathi kwakho; ngoba iNKOSI izakubusisa lokukubusisa elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuthi libe yilifa ukudla ilifa lalo,

5 kuphela uba ulalela lokulalela ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ugcine ukuyenza limithetho yonke engikulaya yona lamuhla.

6 Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa njengokuthembisa kwayo kuwe. Njalo uzakweboleka izizwe ezinengi, kodwa wena kawuyikweboleka kuzo; uzabusa izizwe ezinengi, kodwa wena kaziyikukubusa.

7 Uba kukhona phakathi kwakho umyanga ongomunye wabafowenu, kwelinye lamasango akho, elizweni lakho, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, ungenzi lukhuni inhliziyo yakho, ungamvaleli umfowenu ongumyanga isandla sakho,

8 kodwa uzamvulela lokumvulela isandla sakho, umeboleke lokumeboleka okwanela ukuswela kwakhe, lokho akuswelayo.

9 Ziqaphele hlezi kube khona ilizwi enhliziyweni yakho embi lisithi: Umnyaka wesikhombisa, umnyaka wenkululeko useduze; lelihlo lakho libe libi limelane lomfowenu ongumyanga, ukuze ungamniki, abesekhala ngawe eNKOSIni, njalo kube yisono kuwe.

10 Umnike lokumnika, lenhliziyo yakho ingadani nxa umnika; ngoba ngenxa yalinto iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa emsebenzini wonke wakho lakukho konke obeka kukho isandla sakho.

11 Ngoba umyanga kayikuphela phakathi kwelizwe. Ngakho ngiyakulaya ngithi: Uzamvulela kakhulu isandla sakho umfowenu, umyanga wakho, loswelayo wakho, elizweni lakho.

Ukuphathwa kwezigqili

12 Uba umfowenu, umHebheru loba umHebherukazi, ethengiswa kuwe, akusebenzele iminyaka eyisithupha, ngakho ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uzamyekela ukuthi ahambe ekhululekile asuke kuwe.

13 Lalapho umyekela ukuthi ahambe ekhululekile esuka kuwe, ungamyekeli ukuthi ahambe engaphathanga lutho;

14 uzamnakekela lokumnakekela ezimvini zakho, lokwebala lokubhulela lakho, lokwesikhamelo sakho sewayini;kulokho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekubusise ngakho uzamupha.

15 Njalo uzakhumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqili elizweni leGibhithe, lokuthi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho yakuhlenga. Ngalokho ngiyakulaya linto lamuhla.

16 Kodwa kuzakuthi, uba esithi kuwe: Kangiyikusuka kuwe, ngoba ethanda wena lendlu yakho, ngoba kulungile kuye elawe,

17 uzathatha usungulo, ubhobozele indlebe yakhe ngalo esivalweni, ukuze abe yisigqili sakho laphakade. Lakuso isigqilikazi sakho wenze njalo.

18 Kakungabi lukhuni emehlweni akho nxa umyekela ehamba ekhululekile kuwe; ngoba ngokuphindwe kabili kweholo lesiqatshwa ukusebenzele iminyaka eyisithupha. Ngakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa kukho konke okwenzayo.

Amazibulo ezifuyo

19 Wonke amazibulo azazalwa enkomeni zakho lezimvini zakho, amaduna, uzawangcwelisela iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho; kawuyikusebenza ngezibulo lejongosi lakho, futhi kawuyikugunda izibulo lezimvu zakho.

20 Phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho uzalidla, umnyaka ngomnyaka, endaweni iNKOSI ezayikhetha, wena lendlu yakho.

21 Kodwa uba kulesici kulo, liqhula, loba liyisiphofu, loba lilasiphi isici esibi, ungalihlabeli iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

22 Uzalidla phakathi kwamasango akho, ongahlambulukanga lohlambulukileyo bazalidla bendawonye, njengomziki lanjengendluzele.

23 Kuphela igazi lalo ungalidli; ulichithele emhlabathini njengamanzi.

UDUTERONOMI 16

Imikhosi emithathu emikhulu

1 Gcina inyanga kaAbhibhi, wenzele iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho iphasika, ngoba
ngenyanga kaAbhibhi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho yakukhupha eGibhithe
ebusuku.

2 Ngakho uzahlabela iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho iphasika, lezimvu lenkomo,
endaweni iNKOSI ezayikhetha ukuthi ibeke ibizo layo khona.

3 Ungadli lalo isinkwa esilemvubelo. Insuku eziyisikhombisa uzakudla lalo
isinkwa esingelamvubelo, isinkwa senhlupheko, ngoba waphuma elizweni
leGibhithe ngokuphangisa, ukuze ukhumbule usuku lokuphuma kwakho elizweni
leGibhithe zonke izinsuku zempilo yakho.

4 Njalo kakungabonwa kuwe imvubelo emingceleni yonke yakho insuku
eziyisikhombisa; futhi okwenyama oyihlaba kusihlwa ngosuku lokuqala
kakungalali ubusuku bonke kuze kuse.

5 Awulakuhlaba iphasika phakathi kwaloba yiliphi lamasango akho,
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika wona,

6 kodwa endaweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha ukuhlalisa ibizo layo
khona, lapho uzahlabela iphasika kusihlwa, ekutshoneni kwelanga, ngesikhathi
esimisiweyo sokuphuma kwakho eGibhithe.

7 Njalo uzalipheka, ulidlele endaweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha.
Lekuseni uzaphenduka uye emathenteni akho.

8 Insuku eziyisithupha uzakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo; langosuku
lwesikhombisa kube lomhlangano onzulu eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho; ungenzi
umsebenzi.

9 Uzazibalela amaviki ayisikhombisa. Kusukela beqalisa ngesikela
emabeleni amileyo uzaqala ukubala amaviki ayisikhombisa.

10 Khona uzagcinela iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho umkhosi wamaviki, umnikelo
wesihle wesandla sakho, ozawunikela, njengalokhu iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho
ikubusisile.

11 Njalo uzathokoza phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, wena lendodana
yakho lendodakazi yakho, lenceku yakho lencekukazi yakho, lomLevi ophakathi
kwamasango akho, lowezizweni, lentandane, lomfelokazi, abaphakathi kwakho,
endaweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha ukuhlalisa ibizo layo khona.

12 Uzakhumbula-ke ukuthi wawuyisigqili eGibhithe. Njalo uzagcina njalo wenze
lezizimiso.

13 Umkhosi wamadumba uzazigcinela wona insuku eziyisikhombisa,
ekubutheleni kwakho ebaleni lakho lokubhulela lesikhamelweni sakho sewayini.

14 Njalo uzathaba emkhosini wakho, wena lendodana yakho lendodakazi yakho, lenceku yakho lencekukazi yakho, lomLevi, lowezizweni, lentandane, lomfelokazi, abaphakathi kwamasango akho.

15 Insuku eziyisikhombisa uzayigcinela iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho umkhosi, endaweni iNKOSI ezayikhetha; ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa kuzo zonke izithelo zakho lemsebenzini wonke wezandla zakho. Ngakho uzathokoza ngoqotho.

16 Kathathu ngomnyaka wonke owesilisa wakho uzabonakala phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho endaweni ezayikhetha, ngomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo, langomkhosi wamaviki, langomkhosi wamadumba. Njalo kayikubonakala phambi kweNKOSI engaphathanga lutho;

17 ngulowo lalowo ngokwesipho sesandla sakhe, njengesibusiso seNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ekunike sona.

Abahluleli lomsebenzi wabo

18 Abahluleli lezinduna uzazibekela bona emasangweni akho wonke, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika wona, phakathi kwezizwe zakho, ukuthi bahlulele abantu ngesahlulelo esilungileyo.

19 Ungaphambuli isahlulelo, ungakhangeli ubuso, ungemukeli isipho, ngoba isipho siphumputhekisa amehlo abahlakaniphileyo, siphambula amazwi abalungileyo.

20 Ukulunga, ukulunga uzakunxwanela, ukuze uphile, udle ilifa lelizwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona.

21 Ungazihlanyeleli isixuku saloba yisiphi isihlahla eduze kwelathi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ozazenzela lona.

22 Njalo ungazimiseli insika eyisithombe, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eyizondayo.

UDUTERONOMI 17

1Ungahlabeli iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho inkabi kumbe imvu okukuyo isici, loba yiyiphi into embi, ngoba kuyisinengiso eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho.

2 Uba kutholakala phakathi kwakho, loba phakathi kwaliphi lamasango akho, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika wona, owesilisa loba owesifazana owenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ngokweqa isivumelwano sayo,

3 abesesiyakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, abakhothamele, loba ilanga kumbe inyanga, kumbe enye yebutho lamazulu, engingakulayanga,

4 ube usukubikelwa, ukuzwe, uzakubuzisisa, khangela-ke, kuliqiniso, indaba iqinisekile, lesosinengiso senziwe koIsrayeli,

5 uzayikhupha leyondoda kumbe lowo owesifazana, abenze leyonto embi,
emasangweni akho, leyondoda kumbe lowo owesifazana, ubakhande ngamatshe
baze bafe.

6 Ngomlomo wabafakazi ababili loba wabafakazi abathathu ofanele ukufa
uzabulawa; kayikubulawa ngomlomo womfakazi oyedwa.

7 Isandla sabafakazi sizakuba ngesokuqala phezu kwakhe ukumbulala, lemva
kwalokho isandla sabo bonke abantu. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi phakathi
kwakho.

8 Uba kulodaba olulukhuni kakhulu kuwe ekwahluleleni, phakathi kwegazi legazi,
phakathi kwesahlulelo lesahlulelo, laphakathi kokutshaya lokutshaya, indaba
zokuphikisana emasangweni akho, khona uzasukuma uye endaweni
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha,

9 uze kubapristi abangamaLevi lakumahluleli ozakuba ekhona ngalezonsuku,
uzabuza; babesebekutshela isinqumo sesahlulelo.

10 Njalo uzakwenza njengokwesinqumo abazakutshela sona kuleyondawo
iNKOSI ezayikhetha; njalo unanzelele ukwenza njengakho konke abazakufundisa
khona.

11 Njengokomthetho abazakufundisa wona, lanjengokwesahlulelo abazakutshela
sona, uzakwenza. Kawuyikuphambuka kusinqumo abazakutshela sona, uye
ngakwesokunene kumbe ngakwesokhohlo.

12 Lendoda eyenza ngokuziqhenya ukuze ingalaleli umpristi omi ukukhonza
khona iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, kumbe umahluleli, leyondoda izakufa.
Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi koIsrayeli.

13 Njalo bonke abantu bazakuzwa, besabe, bangaphindi ukuziqhenya.

Imilayezo ngenkosi

14 Lapho usufikile elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuthi udle
ilifa lalo, uhlale kilo, ubususithi: Ngizazimisela inkosi njengazo zonke izizwe
ezingizingelezeleyo;

15 umbeke lokumbeka abe yinkosi phezu kwakho, yena iNKOSI uNkulunkulu
wakho ezamkhetha. Evela phakathi kwabafowenu umbeke abe yinkosi phezu
kwakho; kawulakumbeka owezizweni phezu kwakho ongesumfowenu.

16 Kodwa angazandiseli amabhiza, njalo angababuyiseli abantu eGibhithe ukuze
andise amabhiza, ngoba iNKOSIithe kini: Kalisayikubuyela futhi ngaleyondlela.

17 Futhi angazandiseli abafazi, ukuze inhliziyo yakhe ingaphambuki; njalo
angazandiseli kakhulu isiliva legolide.

18 Kuzakuthi esehlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso wakhe, uzazibhalela impinda yalumlayo egwalweni, okuvela kulokho okuphambi kwabapristi abangamaLevi.

19 Njalo luzakuba laye, njalo abale kulo insuku zonke zempilo yakhe, ukuze afunde ukuyesaba iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wakhe, agcine wonke amazwi alumlayo lezimiso lezi, akwenze,

20 ukuze inhliziyo yakhe ingaziphakamisi phezu kwabafowabo, lokuze angaphambuki emthethweni ayengakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo, ukuze elule izinsuku embusweni wakhe, yena labantwana bakhe, phakathi kukaIsrayeli.

UDUTERONOMI 18

Imivuzo yobupristi

1Abapristi, amaLevi, isizwe sonke sakoLevi, kasiyikuba lesabelo lelifa kanye loIsrayeli; bazakudla iminikelo yeNKOSI eyenziwe ngomlilo, lelifa layo.

2 Ngakho kabayikuba lelifa phakathi kwabafowabo; iNKOSI iyilifa labo, njengokukhuluma kwayo kibo.

3 Lalokhu kuzakuba lilungelo labapristi elivela ebantwini, kulabo abahlaba umhlatshelo, loba inkabi loba imvu; njalo bazanika umpristi umkhono lemihlathi yomibili lolusu.

4 Okokuqala kwamabele akho, yewayini lakho elitsha, leyamafutha akho, lengqabutho yoboya bezimvu zakho, uzamupha yona.

5 Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho imkhethile kuzo zonke izizwe zakho, ukuthi eme akhonze ebizweni leNKOSI, yena lamadodana akhe, zonke izinsuku.

6 Uba-ke umLevi esiza evela loba kukuliphi lamasango akho kuIsrayeli wonke lapho ahlala khona njengowezizwe, eze ngesifiso sonke somphefumulo wakhe endaweni iNKOSI ezayikhetha,

7 khona ezakhonza ebizweni leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe njengabo bonke abafowabo amaLevi, emiyo khona phambi kweNKOSI.

8 Azakudla izabelo ezilinganayo, ngaphandle kwezinto zakhe ezathengiswayo zaboyise.

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli baxwayiswa ukuthi bangavumisi

9 Lapho usufikile elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, ungafundi ukwenza ngokwezinengiso zalezozizwe.

10 Kakuyikutholakala phakathi kwakho owenza indodana yakhe lendodakazi yakhe idabule emlilweni, owenza ukuvumisa, ochasisa ngemibono, lowenza imilingo, lomthakathi,

11 lophosayo, lolamadlozi, lolumbayo, lobuza kwabafileyo.

12 Ngoba wonke owenza lezizinto uyisinengiso eNKOSIni. Langenxa yalezizinengiso iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho iyabaxotsha elifeni phambi kwakho.

13 Uzakuba ngopheleleyo eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho.

14 Ngoba izizwe lezi, ozakudla ilifa lazo, zalalela abachasisa ngemibono labavumisi; kodwa wena, iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wakho kayikuvumelanga okunjalo.

UNkulunkulu uthembisa ukuvusela abantu umprofethi

15 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakuvusela uMprofethi ophuma phakathi kwakho kubafowenu onjengami; yena limlalele.

16 Njengakho konke owakucelayo eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho eHorebe ngosuku lokuhlangana, usithi: Kangingaphindi ngilizwe ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wami, ngingabe ngisawubona lumlilo omkhulu, ukuze ngingafi.

17 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Benze kuhle kwabakukhulumileyo.

18 Ngizabavusela uMprofethi ophuma phakathi kwabafowabo onjengawe; ngizabeka amazwi ami emlonyeni wakhe, njalo akhulume kibo konke engizamlaya khona.

19 Kuzakuthi-ke loba ngubani ongayikulalela amazwi ami azawakhuluma ebizweni lami, ngizakubuza kuye.

20 Kodwa umprofethi oziqhenya ekhuluma ilizwi ebizweni lami engingamlayanga ukulikhuluma, loba ekhuluma ebizweni labanye onkulunkulu, lowomprofethi uzakufa.

21 Njalo uba usithi enhliziyweni yakho: Sizakwazi njani ilizwi iNKOSI engalikhulumanga?

22 Lapho umprofethi ekhuluma ebizweni leNKOSI, uba leyonto ingenzeki kumbe ingafiki, lelo yilizwi iNKOSIengalikhulumanga; umprofethi ulikhulume ngokuziqhenya; ungamesabi.

UDUTERONOMI 19

Imizi yokuphephela

1Lapho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho isiqumile izizwe, olizwe lazo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike lona, osusidla ilifa lazo, osuhlala emizini yazo lezindlini zazo,

2 imizi emithathu uzazehlukanisela yona phakathi kwelizwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukudla ilifa lalo.

3 Uzazilungisela indlela, wehlukanise umngcele welizwe lakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukudla ilifa lalo, ube lezigaba ezintathu, ukuze wonke umbulali abalekele khona.

4 Lalolu ludaba lombulali ongabalekela khona ukuze aphile: Lowo otshaya umakhelwane wakhe kungeyisikho ngabomo, obengamzondi mandulo,

5 njengongena egangeni lomakhelwane wakhe ukuyagamula izihlahla, lesandla sakhe sitshaya ngehloka ukugamula isihlahla, lensimbi ikhumuke emphinini, imtshaye umakhelwane wakhe aze afe, yena uzabalekela komunye waleyomizi ukuze aphile.

6 Hlezi umphindiseli wegazi axotshane lombulali, inhliziyo yakhe isatshisa, amfice ngoba indlela inde, amtshaye ambulale, lanxa bekungelasigwebo sokufa kuye, ngoba ebengamzondi mandulo.

7 Ngalokhu ngiyalilaya ngisithi: Uzazehlukanisela imizi emithathu.

8 Uba-ke iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho iqhelisa umngcele wakho, njengokufunga kwayo kuboyihlo, ikunika ilizwe lonke eyakhuluma ngalo ukubanika oyihlo,

9 uba ugcina yonke limithetho ukuyenza engikulaya yona lamuhla, ukuthanda iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, lokuhamba endleleni zayo izinsuku zonke, khona uzazengezelelela eminye imizi emithathu ngaphandle kwaleyo emithathu.

10 Ukuze kungachithwa igazi elingelacala phakathi kwelizwe lakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuba yilifa, ube lecala legazi phezu kwakho.

11 Kodwa uba umuntu elenzondo kumakhelwane wakhe, amcathamele, amvukele, amtshaye okokufa aze afe, abalekele komunye walimizi,

12 khona abadala bomuzi wakhe bazathumela bamthathe lapho, bamnikele esandleni somphindiseli wegazi ukuthi afe.

13 Ilihlo lakho lingamhawukeli, kodwa uzakhupha igazi elingelacala koIsrayeli, ukuze kukulungele.

14 Ungatshedisi isikhonkwane somngcele womakhelwane wakho abendulo abasibethelayo elifeni lakho, ozakudla ilifa lalo elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukudla ilifa lalo.

Umlayo wobufakazi

15 Umfakazi oyedwa kayikusukumela umuntu loba ngabuphi ububi loba ngasiphi isono, loba kusiphi isono one ngaso. Ngomlomo wabafakazi ababili kumbe ngomlomo wabafakazi abathathu udaba lungaqiniswa.

16 Uba kusukuma umfakazi wamanga amelane lomuntu emfakazela ngokubi,

17 khona abantu bobabili, abalokuxabana, bazakuma phambi kweNKOSI, phambi kwabapristi labahluleli abazakuba bekhona ngalezonsuku.

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18 Labahluleli bazachwayisisa; khangela-ke umfakazi ngumfakazi wamanga, ufakaze amanga ngomfowabo,

19 khona lizakwenza kuye lokho abehlose ukukwenza kumfowabo; ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi phakathi kwakho.

20 Lalabo abaseleyo bazakuzwa, besabe, kusukela lapho bangabe besenza ububi obunjengalobu phakathi kwakho.

21 Lelihlo lakho lingabi lesihawu; impilo ngempilo, ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo.

UDUTERONOMI 20

Imithetho yempi

1Lapho uphuma impi ukumelana lezitha zakho, ube usubona amabhiza lezinqola, labantu abanengi kulawe, ungabesabi; ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ilawe, eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe.

2 Njalo kuzakuthi, nxa selisondela empini, umpristi asondele akhulume labantu,

3 athi kubo: Zwana, Israyeli! Selisondela empini lamuhla limelana lezitha zenu; inhliziyo yenu kayingapheli amandla; lingesabi, lingathuthumeli, lingatshaywa luvalo ngenxa yobukhona babo;

4 ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu nguye ohamba lani, ukulilwela ezitheni zenu, ukulisindisa.

5 Lenduna zizakhuluma labantu zithi: Ngubani umuntu owakhe indlu entsha ongazanga ayivule? Kahambe abuyele endlini yakhe, hlezi afele empini, lomunye umuntu ayivule.

6 Ngubani-ke umuntu ohlanyele isivini, ongadlanga okwaso? Kahambe abuyele endlini yakhe, hlezi afele empini, lomunye umuntu adle okwaso.

7 Ngubani-ke umuntu ogane umfazi, engakamthathi? Kahambe abuyele endlini yakhe, hlezi afele empini, lomunye umuntu amthathe.

8 Lezinduna zizakhuluma futhi labantu, zithi: Ngubani umuntu owesabayo ophelelwa ngamandla enhliziyweni? Kahambe abuyele endlini yakhe, ukuze inhliziyo zabafowabo zingaphelelwa ngamandla njengenhliziyo yakhe.

9 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho izinduna seziqedile ukukhuluma labantu, bazabeka izinduna zebutho ephondo lwabantu.

10 Ekusondeleni kwakho emzini ukulwa umelene lawo, uzamemezela ukuthula kuwo.

11 Kuzakuthi-ke, uba ukuphendula ngokuthula, ukuvulela, khona bonke abantu abaficwa kuwo bazakuba yizibhalwa kuwe, bakusebenzele.

12 Kodwa uba ungenzi ukuthula lawe, kodwa usilwa lawe, uzawuvimbezela.

13 Nxa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho iwunikela esandleni sakho, uzatshaya wonke owesilisa wawo ngobukhali benkemba.

14 Kodwa abesifazana labantwanyana, lezifuyo, lakho konke okusemzini, impango yonke yawo, uzaziphangela yona; uzakudla impango yezitha zakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike yona.

15 Uzakwenza njalo kuyo yonke imizi ekhatshana kakhulu lawe, engeyisiyo yemizi yalezizizwe.

16 Kodwa emizini yalababantu iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika yona ukuba yilifa, kawuyikutshiya lutho luphila oluphefumulayo;

17 kodwa uzabatshabalalisa lokubatshabalalisa: AmaHethi lamaAmori, amaKhanani lamaPerizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi, njengokukulaya kwayo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

18 Ukuze bangalifundisi ukwenza njengazo zonke izinengiso zabo, abazenze kubonkulunkulu babo, ukuthi lone eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wenu.

19 Lapho uvimbezela umuzi isikhathi eside, usilwa lawo ukuwuthumba, ungoni izihlahla zawo ngokuzigamula ngehloka, ngoba ungadla okwazo, kodwa ungazigamuli (ngoba isihlahla seganga singesabantu) ukuza phambi kwakho ekuvimbezeleni.

20 Kuphela izihlahla elizaziyo ukuthi kayisizo izihlahla zokudla, yilezo ongazichitha lokuzigamula ukuze wakhe inqaba yokuvimbezela maqondana lomuzi olwa impi lawe, uze wehlele phansi.

UDUTERONOMI 21

Umlayo ngomuntu obuleweyo ongaziwayo

1 Uba kutholakala obuleweyo elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukudla ilifa lalo, elele egangeni, kungaziwa ukuthi ngubani omtshayileyo,

2 abadala bakho labahluleli bakho bazaphuma, balinganise ukuya emizini ezingelezele obuleweyo.

3 Kuzakuthi-ke umuzi oseduze lobuleweyo, abadala balowomuzi bazathatha ithokazi enkomeni, okungasetshenzwanga ngalo, elingadonsanga ejogweni.

4 Labadala balowomuzi balehlisele ithokazi esigodini esilamanzi angacitshiyo, esingalinywanga lesingahlanyelwanga, bephule intamo yethokazi lapho esigodini.

5 Abapristi, amadodana kaLevi, bazasondela-ke; ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ibakhethile ukuyikhonza lokubusisa ebizweni leNKOSI, langomlomo wabo kuzaqunywa konke ukuxabana lakho konke ukutshaya.

6 Labo bonke abadala balowomuzi oseduze lobuleweyo bazagezela izandla zabo phezu kwethokazi elephulwe intamo esigodini,

7 baphendule bathi: Izandla zethu kazichithanga leligazi, lamehlo ethu kawakubonanga.

8 Benzele inhlawulo yokuthula abantu bakho uIsrayeli owamhlengayo, NKOSI, ungabeki igazi elingelacala phakathi kwesizwe sakho uIsrayeli. Legazi bazalithethelelwa.

9 Ngalokhu wena uzakhupha igazi elingelacala phakathi kwakho nxa usenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI.

Ukuphathwa kwabesifazana abathunjiweyo

10 Lapho uphuma impi ukumelana lezitha zakho, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho isizinikele esandleni sakho, usuthumbe abathunjwa bazo,

11 ubusubona phakathi kwabathunjiweyo owesifazana omuhle, umfise, ukuthi ungamthatha abe ngumkakho,

12 uzamngenisa phakathi komuzi wakho, njalo aphuce ikhanda lakhe, aqume inzipho zakhe,

13 akhulule izembatho zokuthunjwa kwakhe, ahlale emzini wakho abeselilela uyise lonina inyanga yonke. Emva kwalokho ubusungena kuye, ube yindoda yakhe, laye abe ngumkakho.

14 Kuzakuthi-ke, uba ungathokozi ngaye, uzamyekela ahambe njengokuthanda kwakhe; kodwa ungamthengisi lokumthengisa ngemali, ungamphathi njengesigqili, ngoba usumthobisile.

Ilifa lobuzibulo

15 Uba indoda ilabafazi ababili, omunye eyintandokazi lomunye eyisaliwakazi, njalo bamzalele abantwana, intandokazi lesaliwakazi, uba izibulo libe yindodana yesaliwakazi,

16 kuzakuthi, mhla esenza amadodana akhe ukuthi adle ilifa lalokho alakho, kangayenzi indodana yentandokazi ibe lizibulo phambi kwendodana yesaliwakazi, elizibulo.

17 Kodwa izibulo indodana yesaliwakazi uzalivuma ngokulinika isabelo esiphindwe kabili sakho konke okuficwayo kuye, ngoba liyikuqala kwamandla akhe; ilungelo lobuzibulo ngelalo.

Ukuphathwa kwabantwana abalenkani

18 Uba indoda ilendodana elenkani lengezwayo, engalaleli ilizwi likayise kumbe ilizwi likanina, sebeyijezisile, njalo ingabalaleli,

19 khona uyise lonina bazayibamba, bayikhuphele ebadaleni bomuzi wayo, lesangweni lendawo yayo,

20 bathi ebadaleni bomuzi wayo: Lindodana yethu ilenkani, kayizwa, kayilaleli ilizwi lethu; iyisiminzi lesidakwa.

21 Khona wonke amadoda omuzi wayo azayikhanda ngamatshe ize ife; ngalokho uzakhupha ububi phakathi kwakho; njalo uIsrayeli wonke uzakuzwa, esabe.

Umlayo ngomuntu ophanyekwayo

22 Njalo uba kuzakuba lesono emuntwini esifanele ukufa, abulawe, uzamphanyeka esihlahleni.

23 Isidumbu sakhe singahlali esihlahleni ubusuku bonke, kodwa lizamngcwaba lokumngcwaba ngalolosuku(ngoba ophanyekiweyo uqalekisiwe nguNkulunkulu), ukuze lingangcoliswa ilizwe lakho, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuba yilifa.

UDUTERONOMI 22

Imilayo ngezinye izinto

1Awuyikubona inkabi yomfowenu loba imvu yakhe iduha, uzicatshele. Uzazibuyisela lokuzibuyisela kumfowenu.

2 Njalo uba umfowenu engekho eduze lawe, loba ungamazi, uzayiletha-ke phakathi komuzi wakho; njalo izakuba kuwe, umfowenu aze ayidinge, ubusuyibuyisela kuye.

3 Wenze njalo langobabhemi wakhe, wenze njalo langesembatho sakhe, wenze njalo langayo yonke into elahlekileyo yomfowenu, ayilahlileyo, oyitholileyo; awulakuyicatshela.

4 Awuyikubona ubabhemi womfowenu loba inkabi yakhe kusiwa endleleni, ukucatshele; uzakuphakamisa lokukuphakamisa kanye laye.

5 Owesifazana angagqoki okwendoda, lendoda ingagqoki isigqoko sowesifazana; ngoba wonke owenza lezizinto uyisinengiso eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho.

6 Uba kungaba lesidleke senyoni phambi kwakho endleleni loba kusiphi isihlahla loba phansi, amaphuphu kumbe amaqanda, unina efukamele amaphuphu loba amaqanda, ungathathi unina lamaphuphu;

7 uzayekela lokuyekela unina ukuze ahambe, uzithathele amaphuphu, ukuze kukulungele, njalo welule insuku.

8 Nxa usakha indlu entsha, uzakwenzela uphahla lwakho uthango, ukuze ungayehliseli indlu yakho icala legazi, uba umuntu esiwa awe kulo.

9 Ungahlanyeli inhlobo ezimbili esivinini sakho, hlezi isivuno esigcweleyo senhlanyelo yakho oyihlanyeleyo lesithelo sesivini singcoliswe.

10 Ungalimi ngenkabi lobabhemi ndawonye.

11 Ungagqoki isigqoko esixubene, uboya bezimvu lelembu elicolekileyo ndawonye.

12 Uzazenzela intshaka emiphethweni yomine yesembatho sakho ozembesa ngaso.

Imilayo emayelana lokuthatha umfazi

13 Uba indoda ithatha umfazi, ingene kuye, ibisimzonda,

14 imbeke icala elilehlazo, imgcone ngebizo elibi, ithi: Ngathatha lowesifazana; lapho ngisondela kuye kangitholanga ubuntombi kuye.

15 Uyise wentombi lonina bazathatha baveze ubufakazi bobuntombi bentombi ebadaleni bomuzi esangweni.

16 Loyise wentombi uzakuthi ebadaleni: Ngendisela indodakazi yami kulindoda; yasiyizonda;

17 khangelani-ke, ibeke icala elilehlazo, isithi: Kangitholanga ubuntombi endodakazini yakho. Kanti lobu yibufakazi bobuntombi bendodakazi yami. Besebesendlala ilembu phambi kwabadala bomuzi.

18 Abadala balowomuzi babesebethatha leyondoda bayijezise;

19 bamhlawulise inhlamvu zesiliva ezilikhulu, bazinike uyise wentombi, ngoba iveze ibizo elibi phezu kwentombi emsulwa yakoIsrayeli. Njalo izakuba ngumkayo; kayilakuyilahla zonke izinsuku zayo.

20 Kodwa uba linto iliqiniso; ubufakazi bobuntombi kabutholakalanga entombini,

21 intombi bazayikhuphela emnyango wendlu kayise, lamadoda omuzi wayo ayikhande ngamatshe ize ife; ngoba yenzile ubuphukuphuku koIsrayeli ngokwenza ubuwule endlini kayise. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi phakathi kwakho.

22 Uba indoda ificwa ilele lomfazi owendele endodeni, labo bobabili bazakufa-ke, indoda ebilele lomfazi, lalowomfazi. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi koIsrayeli.

23 Uba kulentombazana eyintombi emsulwa egane indoda, njalo indoda iyithole phakathi komuzi, ilale layo,

24 lizabakhuphela esangweni lalowomuzi bobabili, libakhande ngamatshe baze bafe; intombi ngoba ingahlabanga umkhosi phakathi komuzi, lendoda ngoba ithobise umkamakhelwane wakhe. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi phakathi kwakho.

25 Kodwa uba indoda ifica intombi eganileyo egangeni, indoda iyibambe, ilale layo, ngakho indoda kuphela elele layo izakufa.

26 Kodwa lingenzi lutho entombini; kakulasono sokufa entombini; ngoba njengendoda evukela umakhelwane wakhe imbulale, injalo lindaba.

27 Ngoba iyifice egangeni; intombi eganileyo ibihlabe umkhosi, njalo bekungelamuntu wokuyisindisa.

28 Uba indoda ifice intombazana eyintombi emsulwa engagananga, iyibambe, ilale layo, babesebeficwa,

29 khona indoda ebilele layo izanika uyise wentombi inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amahlanu, njalo ibe ngumkayo, ngoba eyithobisile; kayilakuyilahla zonke izinsuku zayo.

30 Indoda kayingathathi umkayise, kayingembuli umphetho wesembatho sikayise.

UDUTERONOMI 23

Abangavunyelwayo ukungena ebandleni leNkosi

1 Olimele emasendeni, loba oqunywe amaphambili, angangeni ebandleni leNkosi.

2 Ozelwe ngobufebe angangeni ebandleni leNkosi; ngitsho isizukulwana sakhe setshumi kasiyikungena ebandleni leNkosi.

3 UmAmoni lomMowabi kangangeni ebandleni leNkosi; ngitsho isizukulwana sabo setshumi kasiyikungena ebandleni leNkosi, kuze kube laphakade;

4 ngenxa yokuthi kabalihlangabezanga endleleni ngesinkwa langamanzi ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe; futhi ngoba baqatsha ukumelana lawe uBalami indodana kaBeyori owePethori oweMesopotamiya ukuze akuqalekise.

5 Kodwa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho kayifunanga ukuzwa uBalami; kodwa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yaphendula isiqalekiso saba yisibusiso kuwe, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yakuthanda.

6 Kawuyikudinga ukuthula kwabo lokuhle kwabo zonke izinsuku zakho, kuze kube laphakade.

7 Unganengwa ngumEdoma, ngoba ungumfowenu; unganengwa ngumGibhithe, ngoba wawungowemzini elizweni lakhe.

8 Abantwana abazalwa yibo, besizukulwana sesithathu sabo, bangangena ebandleni leNkosi.

Ukuhlambuluka kwamathente

9 Lapho inkamba iphuma ukuyamelana lezitha zakho, uzazigcina kuyo yonke into embi.

10 Uba ekhona phakathi kwenu umuntu ongahlambulukanga ngenxa yokungcola okwehla ebusuku, uzaphumela ngaphandle kwenkamba, angangeni phakathi kwenkamba.

11 Kodwa kuzakuthi sekuzakuhlwa uzageza ngamanzi, lalapho ilanga selitshonile angene aye phakathi kwenkamba.

12 Njalo uzakuba lendawo ngaphandle kwenkamba lapho ozaphumela khona ukuya ngaphandle,

13 ube lesikhonkwane ezikhalini zakho; njalo kuzakuthi usuye ngaphandle, ugebhe ngaso, uphenduke ugqibele okuphume kuwe.

14 Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho iyahamba phakathi kwenkamba yakho, ukukukhulula, lokunikela izitha zakho phambi kwakho. Ngakho inkamba yakho izakuba ngcwele, ukuze ingaboni lutho oluyangisayo phakathi kwakho, ikufulathele.

Imilayo emayelana lezigqili, lamawule, lomvuzo

15 Unganikeli enkosini yaso isigqili esibalekele kuwe sisuka enkosini yaso;

16 sizahlala lawe phakathi kwakho, endaweni esizayikhetha, kwelinye lamasango akho, lapho okusilungele khona; ungasicindezeli.

17 Kakungabi khona iwule elethempeli phakathi kwamadodakazi akoIsrayeli, njalo kakungabi khona inkotshana phakathi kwamadodana akoIsrayeli.

18 Ungalethi iholo lewule lemali yenja endlini yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ngokwaloba yisiphi isithembiso; ngoba lokho kokubili kuyisinengiso eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho.

19 Ungeboleki umfowenu ngenzalo, inzalo yemali, inzalo yokudla, inzalo yaloba yiyiphi into ebolekwa ngenzalo.

20 Ungeboleka owezizweni ngenzalo, kodwa ungeboleki umfowenu ngenzalo, ukuze iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusise kukho konke ofaka isandla sakho kukho elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo.

21 Nxa uthembisa isithembiso eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho, ungaphuzi ukusikhokha; ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izasibiza lokusibiza kuwe; njalo kuzakuba yisono kuwe.

22 Kodwa uba uyekela ukuthembisa, kakuyikuba yisono kuwe.

23 Lokho okuphuma endebeni zakho uzakugcina ukwenze; njengokuthembisa kwakho eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho, umnikelo wesihle owukhulume ngomlomo wakho.

24 Nxa ungena esivinini somakhelwane wakho, ungadla izithelo zevini njengokuthanda kwakho usuthe; kodwa ungafaki lutho esitsheni sakho.

25 Nxa ungena emabeleni amileyo kamakhelwane wakho, ungakha izikhwebu ngesandla sakho; kodwa ungangenisi isikela emabeleni amileyo kamakhelwane wakho.

UDUTERONOMI 24

Imilayo yokwehlukana

1Uba indoda ithatha umfazi, imgane, kuzakuthi nxa engatholi umusa emehlweni ayo, ngoba ifice kuye into elihlazo, kayimbhalele incwadi yesehlukaniso, ifake esandleni sakhe, imkhuphe endlini yayo.

2 Nxa esephumile endlini yayo, angahamba, ayekuba ngowenye indoda.

3 Uba lindoda elandelayo imzonda, imbhalele incwadi yesehlukaniso, iyifake esandleni sakhe, imkhiphe endlini yayo; loba lindoda elandelayo isifa ebimthethe waba ngumkayo,

4 indoda yakhe yokuqala eyamkhiphayo ingemthathe futhi abe ngumkayo, emva kokuba esengcolisiwe; ngoba kuyisinengiso phambi kweNKOSI. Ngakho kawuyikwenza ilizwe lone iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuba yilifa.

5 Nxa indoda ithethe umfazi omutsha kayiyikuphuma impi, futhi kayiyikuphathiswa laloba yiwuphi umsebenzi; izakuba sekhaya ikhululekile umnyaka owodwa ukuze ithokozise umkayo emthetheyo.

Eminye imilayo

6 Kakungabi khona ozathatha ilitshe lokucholela loba imbokodo ukuze kube yisibambiso; ngoba uthatha impilo ibe yisibambiso.

7 Uba umuntu eficwa eseba umuntu kubafowabo ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, amphathe njengesigqili kumbe amthengise, lelosela lizakufa. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi phakathi kwakho.

8 Qaphela esifeni sobulephero, ukunanzelelisisa wenze njengakho konke abapristi abangamaLevi abakufundisa khona; njengalokhu ngabalaya, nanzelelani ukukwenza.

9 Khumbula lokho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eyakwenza kuMiriyamu endleleni ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe.

10 Nxa useboleka umakhelwane wakho ulutho, ungangeni endlini yakhe ukuthi uthathe isibambiso sakhe.

11 Uzakuma phandle, lomuntu omebolekayo akukhuphele isibambiso phandle.

12 Njalo uba umuntu engumyanga, ungalali lesibambiso sakhe;

13 uzabuyisela lokubuyisela isibambiso kuye lapho ilanga litshona, ukuze alale ngesembatho sakhe, akubusise; lalokho kuzakuba yikulunga kuwe phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

14 Ungacindezeli inceku eqatshiweyo engumyanga leswelayo, ingowabafowenu loba ingowezizweni oselizweni lakini phakathi kwamasango akho.

15 Uzanika iholo layo ngosuku lwayo, lelanga kalingatshoni phezu kwalo, ngoba ingumyanga, ibeke inhliziyo yayo kulo; ukuze ingakhali eNKOSIni ngawe, njalo kube yisono kuwe.

16 Oyise kabayikubulawa ngenxa yabantwana, labantwana kabayikubulawa ngenxa yaboyise; ngulowo lalowo uzabulawa ngenxa yesakhe isono.

17 Ungaphambuli isahlulelo sowemzini lentandane; ungathathi isembatho somfelokazi sibe yisibambiso;

18 kodwa ukhumbule ukuthi wawuyisigqili eGibhithe, leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho yakuhlenga khona; ngakho ngiyakulaya ukuthi wenze lolulutho.

19 Nxa uvuna isivuno sakho ensimini yakho, ukhohlwe isithungo ensimini, ungabuyeli ukusithatha; sizakuba ngesowemzini, esentandane lesomfelokazi; ukuze iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusise emsebenzini wonke wezandla zakho.

20 Nxa uvuthuza isihlahla sakho somhlwathi, ungayihlola izingatsha emva kwakho; kuzakuba ngokowemzini lokwentandane lokomfelokazi.

21 Nxa usuvunile izithelo zesivini sakho, ungakhothozi emva kwakho; kuzakuba ngokowemzini lokwentandane lokomfelokazi.

22 Uzakhumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqili elizweni leGibhithe; ngakho ngiyakulaya ukwenza lolulutho.

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1Uba kukhona ukuxabana phakathi kwabantu, baye esahlulelweni, ukuthi babahlulele, bazalungisisa olungileyo, balahle olecala.

2 Kuzakuthi-ke uba olecala efanele ukutshaywa, umahluleli uzamlalisa phansi, atshaywe phambi kwakhe, njengokulingene icala lakhe, ngokwenani.

3 Angatshaywa imivimvinya engamatshumi amane, angengezeleli, hlezi nxa esedlule ukumtshaya okwedlula le ngemivimvinya eminengi, kuze kuthi umfowenu ayangeke emehlweni akho.

4 Ungayifaki isayeke inkabi nxa ibhula.

Umlayo wokungena kumfazi ofelweyo

5 Uba izelamani zihlala ndawonye, lomunye wazo esifa, engelandodana, umfazi wofileyo kangendeli kowemzini ongaphandle; umfowabo wendoda yakhe uzangena kuye, amthathe abe ngumkakhe, enze kuye imfanelo yomfowabo wendoda.

6 Kuzakuthi-ke izibulo alizalayo lizakuma ebizweni lomfowabo ofileyo, ukuze ibizo lakhe lingacitshwa koIsrayeli.

7 Uba umuntu engathandi ukuthatha umkamfowabo, umkamfowabo uzakwenyukela esangweni kubadala athi: Umfowabo wendoda yami uyala ukuvusela umfowabo ibizo koIsrayeli; kafuni ukwenza kimi imfanelo yomfowabo wendoda.

8 Abadala bomuzi wakhe bazambiza-ke, bakhulume laye. Uba eqinisa esithi: Kangithandi ukumthatha;

9 umkamfowabo uzasondela-ke kuye phambi kwamehlo abadala, akhuphe inyathela lakhe enyaweni lwakhe, amkhafulele ebusweni, aphendule, athi: Kuzakwenziwa njalo kulowomuntu ongayakhiyo indlu yomfowabo.

10 Lebizo lakhe lizakuthiwa koIsrayeli: Indlu yolenyathela elakhutshwayo.

11 Nxa amadoda esilwa, omunye lomunye, kusondele umfazi wenye ukuthi ayikhulule indoda yakhe esandleni soyitshayayo, elule isandla sakhe ayibambe ngamaphambili,

12 usiqume isandla sakhe, ilihlo lakho lingabi lasihawu.

Umthetho wezilinganiso

13 Ungabi lamatshe okulinganisa ehlukeneyo esikhwameni sakho, elikhulu lelincinyane.

14 Ungabi lama-efa ehlukeneyo endlini yakho, esikhulu lesincinyane.

15 Woba lelitshe lokulinganisa eliphelelelyo lelilungileyo, woba le-efa ephelelelyo lelungileyo, ukuze insuku zakho zelulwe elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona.

16 Ngoba wonke owenza izinto ezinje, wonke owenza ukungalungi, uyisinengiso eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho.

Icala lamaAmaleki

17 Khumbula lokho uAmaleki akwenza kuwe endleleni ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe,

18 ukuthi wakuhlangabeza endleleni, watshaya phakathi kwakho ababebuthakathaka emva kwakho, usudiniwe usuphele amandla; kanti kamesabanga uNkulunkulu.

19 Ngakho kuzakuthi, nxa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho isikuphumuzile kuzo zonke izitha zakho inhlangothi zonke, elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona libe yilifa ukudla ilifa lalo, uzakwesula ukukhunjulwa kukaAmaleki ngaphansi kwamazulu; ungakhohlwa.

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Izithelo zokuqala

1Kuzakuthi-ke lapho usufikile elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona libe yilifa, udle ilifa lalo, uhlale kulo,

2 uthathe okokuqala kwezithelo zonke zomhlabathi ozakuletha kuvela elizweni lakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, ukufake esitsheni, uye endaweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha ukuhlalisa ibizo layo khona.

3 Uzakuya kumpristi ozakuba ekhona ngalezonsuku uthi kuye: Ngiyabika lamuhla eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho ukuthi sengifikile elizweni iNKOSI eyalifungela obaba ukusinika lona.

4 Njalo umpristi uzathatha isitsha esandleni sakho, asibeke phambi kwelathi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

5 Khona uzaphendula uthi phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho: Ubaba wayengumSiriya obhubhayo, wehlela eGibhithe, wahlala khona njengowezizwe labantu abalutshwana; kodwa lapho waba yisizwe esikhulu esilamandla lesilabanengi.

6 Kodwa amaGibhithe asiphatha kubi, asihlupha, asethwesa ubugqili obunzima.

7 Sasesikhala eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wabobaba; iNKOSI yalizwa ilizwi lethu, yabona inhlupheko yethu, lokutshikatshika kwethu, locindezelo lwethu;

8 INKOSI yasikhupha eGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo, langokwesabeka okukhulu, langezibonakaliso, langezimangaliso;

9 yasiletha kulindawo, yasinika lelilizwe, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.

10 Khathesi-ke, khangela, ngilethile ukuqala kwezithelo zomhlabathi, NKOSI, onginike khona. Njalo uzakubeka phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ukhonze phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho;

11 uthokoze ngakho konke okuhle iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike khona labendlu yakho, wena lomLevi lowemzini ophakathi kwakho.

Okwetshumi

12 Lapho usuqedile ukunika okwetshumi, konke okwetshumi kwezithelo zakho ngomnyaka wesithathu, umnyaka wokunika okwetshumi, usukunike umLevi, owemzini, intandane lomfelokazi ukuze badle phakathi kwamasango akho basuthe,

13 uzakuthi phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho: Sengikhuphile endlini yami into engcwele, lami njalo ngakunika umLevi, lowemzini, intandane, lomfelokazi, njengayo yonke imilayo yakho ongilaye yona; kangeqanga okwemilayo yakho, futhi kangiyikhohlwanga.

14 Kangidlanga kukho ekulileni kwami, kangisuselanga kukho ukungcola, kangikunikelanga okwakho kofileyo; ngililalele ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wami, ngenzile njengakho konke ongilaye khona.

15 Khangela phansi usendaweni yakho yokuhlala engcwele usemazulwini, ubusise abantu bakho uIsrayeli lomhlaba osinike wona, njengokufunga kwakho kubobaba, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.

Abantu beNKOSI abakhethekileyo

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16 Lamuhla iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho iyakulaya ukuthi wenze lezizimiso lezahlulelo; ngakho uzazigcina uzenze ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke.

17 Lamuhla uvumile obala ukuthi iNKOSI inguNkulunkulu wakho, lokuthi uzahamba endleleni zayo, ugcine izimiso zayo lemilayo yayo lezahlulelo zayo, ulalele ilizwi layo.

18 Futhi iNKOSI ivumile obala lamuhla ukuthi uzakuba yisizwe sayo esikhethekileyo njengokukuthembisa kwayo, lokuthi ugcine yonke imilayo yayo,

19 ukuze ikuphakamise phezu kwezizwe zonke ezenzileyo, ekubongweni, lebizweni, lenhlonipheni, lokuthi ube yisizwe esingcwele eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho njengokutsho kwayo.

UDUTERONOMI 27

Ukubhalwa kwemithetho ematsheni entabeni yeEbhali

1UMozisi labadala bakoIsrayeli basebelaya abantu besithi: Gcina yonke imithetho engililaya yona lamuhla.

2 Kuzakuthi-ke mhla lichapha iJodani lisiya elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, uzazimisela amatshe amakhulu, uwahuqe ngekalaga,

3 ubhale kuwo wonke amazwi alumlayo nxa usuchaphile, ukuze ungene elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, njengalokho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyihlo ikhulumile kuwe.

4 Kuzakuthi-ke selichaphile iJodani, limise lamatshe engililaya ngawo lamuhla, entabeni yeEbhali, liwahuqe ngekalaga.

5 Wakhele khona iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ilathi, ilathi lamatshe. Ungasebenzisi insimbi phezu kwawo.

6 Wakhele iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ilathi ngamatshe apheleleyo. Unikele phezu kwalo iminikelo yokutshiswa eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho,

7 uhlabe iminikelo yokuthula, udle lapho, uthokoze phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

8 Futhi ubhale phezu kwamatshe wonke amazwi alumlayo, kukhanye kuhle.

9 UMozisi labapristi abangamaLevi basebekhuluma kuIsrayeli wonke besithi: Thula ulalele, Israyeli; lamuhla usuyisizwe seNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

10 Ngakho uzalalela ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, wenze imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo engikulaya zona lamuhla.

Iziqalekiso entabeni yeEbhali

11 UMozisi wasebalaya abantu ngalolosuku esithi:

12 Laba bazakuma entabeni yeGerizimi ukubusisa abantu nxa selichaphe iJodani:
OSimeyoni, loLevi, loJuda, loIsakari, loJosefa, loBhenjamini.

13 Lalaba bazakuma entabeni yeEbhali phezu kwesiqalekiso: ORubeni, uGadi,
loAsheri, loZebuluni, uDani, loNafithali.

14 LamaLevi azaphendula athi kuwo wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli ngelizwi
eliphakemeyo:

15 Kaqalekiswe umuntu owenza isithombe esibaziweyo lesibunjwe
ngokuncibilikisa, isinengiso eNKOSIni, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu oyingcitshi,
asibeke ensitha. Labo bonke abantu bazaphendula bathi: Ameni.

16 Kaqalekiswe odelela uyise lonina. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni.

17 Kaqalekiswe otshedisa isikhonkwane somngcele kamakhelwane wakhe. Labo
bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni.

18 Kaqalekiswe oduhisa isiphofu endleleni. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni.

19 Kaqalekiswe ophambula isahlulelo sowemzini, intandane, lomfelokazi. Labo
bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni.

20 Kaqalekiswe olala lomkayise, ngoba embule umphetho wesembatho sikayise.
Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni.

21 Kaqalekiswe olala laloba yiyiphi inyamazana. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi:
Ameni.

22 Kaqalekiswe olala lodadewabo, indodakazi kayise loba indodakazi kanina.
Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni.

23 Kaqalekiswe olala loninazala. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni.

24 Kaqalekiswe otshaya umakhelwane wakhe ensitha. Labo bonke abantu
bazakuthi: Ameni.

25 Kaqalekiswe owemukela isivalamlomo sokutshaya umuntu, igazi elingelacala.
Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni.

26 Kaqalekiswe ongaqinisi amazwi alumlayo ukuwenza. Labo bonke abantu
bazakuthi: Ameni.

UDUTERONOMI 28

Izibusiso zokulalela

1Kuzakuthi-ke, uba ulalela lokulalela ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho,
ukugcina ukwenza yonke imilayo yayo engikulaya yona lamuhla,
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakumisa phezulu phezu kwazo zonke izizwe
zomhlaba.

2 Lalezizibusiso zonke zizakuza phezu kwakho, zikufice, nxa ulalela ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

3 Uzabusiswa emzini, ubusiswe futhi ensimini.

4 Sizabusiswa isithelo sesizalo sakho, lesithelo somhlaba wakho, lenzalo yezifuyo zakho, umqegu wenkomo zakho, lamazinyane ezimvu zakho.

5 Kuzabusiswa isitsha sakho, lomganu wakho wokuxovela izinkwa.

6 Uzabusiswa ekungeneni kwakho, ubusiswe ekuphumeni kwakho.

7 INKOSI izakwenza izitha zakho ezikuvukelayo zitshaywe phambi kwakho; zizaphuma ukumelana lawe ngandlelanye, zibaleke phambi kwakho ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa.

8 INKOSI izalaya isibusiso phezu kwakho, eziphaleni zakho lakukho konke obeka kukho isandla sakho, ikubusise elizweni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona.

9 INKOSI izazimisela wena ube yisizwe esingcwele, njengokufunga kwayo kuwe, uba ugcina imilayo yeNKOSIuNkulunkulu wakho, uhambe endleleni zayo.

10 Labo bonke abantu basemhlabeni bazabona ukuthi ibizo leNKOSI libizwa phezu kwakho, bakwesabe.

11 LeNKOSI izakwandisela okuhle, esithelweni sesizalo sakho, lenzalweni yezifuyo zakho, lesithelweni somhlaba wakho, elizweni iNKOSI eyafungela oyihlo ukukunika lona.

12 INKOSI izakuvulela okuligugu kwayo okulungileyo, amazulu, ukunika izulu elizweni lakho ngesikhathi salo, lokubusisa umsebenzi wonke wesandla sakho; njalo uzakweboleka izizwe ezinengi, kodwa wena ungebolekikuzo.

13 INKOSI izakwenza ube yinhloko, ungabi ngumsila; uzakuba ngaphezulu kuphela, ungabi ngaphansi, uba ulalela imilayo yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho engikulaya yona lamuhla ukuyigcina lokuyenza.

14 Ungaphambuki lakwelilodwa lamazwi engililaya wona lamuhla, ukuya ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo, ukulandela abanye onkulunkulu ukubakhonza.

Iziqalekiso zokungalaleli

15 Kodwa kuzakuthi, uba ungalaleli ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina ukwenza yonke imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo engikulaya zona lamuhla, leziziqalekiso zonke zize phezu kwakho zikufice.

16 Uzaqalekiswa emzini, uqalekiswe futhi ensimini.

17 Kuzaqalekiswa isitsha sakho lomganu wakho wokuxovela izinkwa.

18 Kuzaqalekiswa isithelo sesizalo sakho, lesithelo somhlaba wakho, umqegu wenkomo zakho, lamazinyane ezimvu zakho.

19 Uzaqalekiswa ekungeneni kwakho, uqalekiswe ekuphumeni kwakho.

20 INKOSI izathumela phakathi kwakho isiqalekiso, inhlupheko, lokukhuza, kukho konke obeka isandla sakho kukho ukukwenza, uze uchithwe, njalo uze ubhubhe masinyane, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zakho, ongidele ngazo.

21 INKOSI izanamathelisa kuwe umatshayabhuqe wesifo, aze akuqede usuke elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo.

22 INKOSI izakutshaya ngesifo esicakisayo, langoqhuqho, langokuvuvuka komzimba, langokutshisa okukhulukazi, langenkemba, langokuhanguka, langengumane; njalo kuzakuxotsha uze ubhubhe.

23 Lesibhakabhaka sakho esiphezu kwekhanda lakho sizakuba lithusi, lomhlaba ongaphansi kwakho ube yinsimbi.

24 INKOSI izakwenza izulu lelizwe lakho libe lubhuqu lothuli, kwehlele phezu kwakho kuvela emazulwini, uze ubhujiswe.

25 INKOSI izakwenza utshaywe phambi kwezitha zakho; uzaphuma umelane lazo ngandlelanye, njalo uzabaleka phambi kwazo ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa; uzakuba yinto eyesabekayo kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba.

26 Lesidumbu sakho sizakuba yikudla kwenyoni zonke zamazulu lokwezinyamazana zomhlaba, njalo kungabi khona ozethusayo.

27 INKOSI izakutshaya ngamathumba eGibhithe, lamaqhubu, loqweqwe, lenkomo, ongelakwelatshwa kukho.

28 INKOSI izakutshaya ngobuhlanya langobuphofu langokudideka kwenhliziyo.

29 Njalo uzaphumputha emini njengesiphofu siphumputha emnyameni, ungenzi indlela zakho ziphumelele; ucindezelwe kuphela, uphangwe insuku zonke, kungabi khona osindisayo.

30 Uzagana umfazi, kodwa enye indoda ilale laye; uzakwakha indlu, kodwa ungahlali kuyo; uhlanyele isivini, kodwa ungakhi izithelo zaso.

31 Inkabi yakho izahlatshwa phambi kwamehlo akho, ungadli okwayo; ubabhemi wakho athathwe ngodlakela phambi kobuso bakho, angabuyiselwa kuwe; izimvu zakho zizanikwa izitha zakho, kungabi khona okusindiselayo.

32 Amadodana akho lamadodakazi akho azanikelwa kwesinye isizwe, lamehlo akho azakhangela abalangathe usuku lonke; kodwa kungabi lamandla esandleni sakho.

33 Isithelo somhlaba wakho, lomsebenzi wakho wonke, isizwe ongasaziyo sizakudla. Uzacindezelwa kuphela, uchotshozwe insuku zonke,

34 uze uhlanye ngenxa yokubona kwamehlo akho ozakubona.

35 INKOSI izakutshaya emadolweni lemilenzeni ngamathumba amabi angelakwelatshwa, kusukela kungaphansi yonyawo lwakho kuze kube senkanda yakho.

36 INKOSI izakusa wena lenkosi yakho owayibeka phezu kwakho esizweni ongasaziyo wena laboyihlo, ukhonze lapho abanye onkulunkulu, isigodo lelitshe.

37 Uzakuba yinto eyesabekayo, isaga, lenhlekisa phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe, lapho iNKOSI ezakusa khona.

38 Uzaphuma lenhlanyelo enengi uye ensimini, kodwa ubuthelele okulutshwana, ngoba isikhonyane sizakudla.

39 Uzahlanyela izivini, uzisebenze, kodwa kawuyikunatha iwayini, kawuyikubutha lutho, ngoba imihogoyi izazidla.

40 Uzakuba lezihlahla zemihlwathi phakathi kwemingcele yakho yonke, kodwa kawuyikugcoba ngamafutha, ngoba imihlwathi izawohloka.

41 Uzazala amadodana lamadodakazi, kodwa kawayikuba ngawakho, ngoba azakuya ekuthunjweni.

42 Zonke izihlahla zakho lezithelo zomhlaba wakho zizakuba ngezesikhonyane.

43 Owemzini ophakathi kwakho uzaphakama phezu kwakho aqonge phezulu, wena-ke uzakwehlela phansi phansi.

44 Yena uzakweboleka, kodwa wena ungameboleki; yena uzakuba yinhloko, kodwa wena ube ngumsila.

45 Lazo zonke leziziqalekiso zizakwehlela, zixotshane lawe, zikufice, uze ubhujiswe, ngoba ungalilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo eyakulaya zona.

46 Njalo zizakuba phezu kwakho ukuba yisibonakaliso lokuba yisimangaliso, laphezu kwenzalo yakho kuze kube nininini.

47 Njengoba ungayikhonzanga iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ngentokozo langokuhle kwenhliziyo, ngenxa yobunengi bakho konke,

48 ngakho uzakhonza izitha zakho iNKOSI ezazithuma ukumelana lawe, endlaleni, lekomeni, lekuhambenize, lekusweleni konke. Njalo izabeka ijogwe lensimbi entanyeni yakho, ize ikubhubhise.

49 INKOSI izakuvusela isizwe esivela khatshana, emkhawulweni womhlaba, njengokuphapha kokhozi, isizwe olimi lwaso ongayikuluzwa,

50 isizwe esilobuso obesabekayo, esingemukeli ubuso bomdala, esingelamusa komutsha.

51 Sizakudla isithelo sezifuyo zakho lesithelo somhlaba wakho, uze ubhujiswe; okungayikukutshiyela amabele, iwayini elitsha, lamafutha, umqegu wenkomo zakho, lamazinyane ezimvu zakho, size sikuchithe.

52 Sizakuvimbezela emasangweni akho wonke, ize idilike imiduli yakho ephakemeyo lebiyelwe ngemithangala obuthembela kuyo, elizweni lonke lakho; njalo sizakuvimbezela emasangweni akho wonke elizweni lonke lakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike lona.

53 Njalo uzakudla isithelo sesizalo sakho, inyama yamadodana leyamadodakazi akho, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike wona, ekuvinjezelweni lekucindezelweni, izitha zakho ezizakucindezela ngakho.

54 Indoda ebuthakathaka phakathi kwakho letotoziweyo kakhulu, ilihlo layo lizakuba libi kumfowabo, lakumkayo wesifuba sayo, lakunsali yabantwana bayo ezabatshiya;

55 ukuze inganiki lamunye wabo okwenyama yabantwana bayo ebadlayo, ngoba ingasalelwanga lutho ekuvinjezelweni lekucindezelweni, izitha zakho ezizakucindezela ngakho emasangweni akho wonke.

56 Owesifazana obuthakathaka lototoziweyo phakathi kwakho ongazamanga ukubeka ingaphansi yonyawo lwakhe emhlabathini ngenxa yokutotozwa lobuthakathaka, ilihlo lakhe lizakuba libi endodeni yesifuba sakhe, lasendodaneni yakhe, lasendodakazini yakhe,

57 lakumnakwabo ophuma phakathi kwenyawo zakhe, lebantwaneni azabazala; ngoba uzabadla ensitha ngenxa yokuswela konke, ekuvinjezelweni lekucindezelweni, isitha sakho esizakucindezela ngakho emasangweni akho.

58 Uba ungayikugcina ukwenza wonke amazwi alumlayo abhaliweyo egwalweni lolu, ukwesaba lelibizo elilodumo lelesabekayo, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho,

59 iNKOSI izakwenza-ke inhlupheko zakho zimangalise, lenhlupheko zenzalo yakho, inhlupheko ezinkulu leziqhubekayo, lemikhuhlane emibi leqhubekayo.

60 Njalo izabuyisela kuwe zonke izifo zeGibhithe owawuzesaba, zizanamathela kuwe,

61 lawo wonke umkhuhlane layo yonke inhlupheko engabhalwanga egwalweni lwalumlayo, iNKOSI izakwehlisela zona uze ubhujiswe.

62 Njalo lizasala lilabantu abalutshwana, endaweni yokuthi lalinjengenkanyezi zamazulu ngobunengi, ngoba kawulalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

63 Kuzakuthi-ke, njengalokhu iNKOSI yathokoza ngani ukulenzela okuhle lokulandisa, ngokunjalo iNKOSIizajabula ngani ukulichitha lokuliqeda, lihluthunwe elizweni ongena kulo ukudla ilifa lalo.

64 INKOSI izakuhlakazela-ke phakathi kwezizwe zonke, kusukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba kuze kube komunye umkhawulo womhlaba, ukhonze lapho abanye onkulunkulu, wena laboyihlo elingabazanga, isigodo lelitshe.

65 Laphakathi kwalezozizwe kawuyikuphumula, lengaphansi yonyawo lwakho kayiyikuba lendawo yokuphumula; kodwa lapho iNKOSI izakupha inhliziyo ethuthumelayo, lokufiphala kwamehlo, lokudangala komphefumulo.

66 Lempilo yakho izahlala isevalweni phambi kwakho; uzatshaywa luvalo ebusuku lemini, ungabi lethemba lempilo yakho.

67 Ekuseni uzakuthi: Kungathi kungahlwa! Lakusihlwa uzakuthi: Kungathi kungasa! ngenxa yokwesaba kwenhliziyo ozakwesaba ngakho, langenxa yokubona kwamehlo akho ozakubona.

68 LeNKOSI izakubuyisela eGibhithe ngemikhumbi, ngendlela engatsho ngayo kuwe ukuthi: Kawusayikuyibona futhi. Lapho lizazithengisa ezitheni zakho libe yizigqili lezigqilikazi, kodwa kakuyikuba lomthengi.

UDUTERONOMI 29

Isivumelwano seNKOSI loIsrayeli elizweni lakoMowabi

1La ngamazwi esivumelwano iNKOSI eyamlaya uMozisi ukusenza labantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni lakoMowabi, ngaphandle kwesivumelwano eyayisenze labo eHorebe.

2 UMozisi wasebiza uIsrayeli wonke, wathi kubo: Lina libonile konke iNKOSI eyakwenza phambi kwamehlo enu elizweni leGibhithe, kuFaro lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe lakulo lonke ilizwe lakhe,

3 izilingo ezinkulu amehlo akho azibonileyo, izibonakaliso lalezozimangaliso ezinkulu.

4 Kodwa iNKOSI kayilinikanga inhliziyo yokuqedisisa lamehlo okubona lendlebe zokuzwa kuze kube lamuhla.

5 Ngilihambise iminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala. Izembatho zenu kaziguganga phezu kwenu, lenyathela lakho kaliguganga enyaweni lwakho;

6 kalidlanga sinkwa, kalinathanga iwayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, ukuze lazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

7 Ekufikeni kwenu kulindawo, uSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni loOgi inkosi yeBashani baphuma ukumelana lathi empini, kodwa sabatshaya,

8 sathatha ilizwe labo, salinika laba yilifa kwabakoRubeni lakwabakoGadi lakungxenye yesizwe sakoManase.

9 Ngakho gcinani amazwi alesisivumelwano liwenze, ukuze liphumelele kukho konke elikwenzayo.

10 Lina lonke limi phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu lamuhla, inhloko zenu, izizwe zenu, abadala benu, lezinduna zenu, wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli,

11 abantwanyana benu, omkenu, lowemzini ophakathi kwenkamba yakho, kusukela kumgamuli wenkuni zakho kuze kube kumukhi wamanzi akho,

12 ukwedlulela esivumelwaneni seNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho lesifungweni sayo, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho esenza lawe lamuhla,

13 ukuze ikumise lamuhla ube yisizwe sayo, lokuthi yona ibe nguNkulunkulu wakho, njengokutsho kwayo kuwelanjengokufunga kwayo kuboyihlo, kuAbrahama, kuIsaka lakuJakobe.

14 Njalo kangisenzi lani lodwa lesisivumelwano lalesisifungo,

15 kodwa lalowo olapha lathi, omiyo lamuhla phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, njalo lalowo ongekho lapha lathi lamuhla.

16 Ngoba lina liyazi ukuthi sahlala njani elizweni leGibhithe, lokuthi sadabula njani phakathi kwezizwe eladabula kuzo;

17 njalo libonile izinengiso zazo, lezithombe zazo, isigodo lelitshe, isiliva legolide, ezazilazo.

18 Hlezi kube khona phakathi kwenu indoda kumbe owesifazana kumbe usapho kumbe isizwe, onhliziyo yakhe iphambuka lamuhla isuka eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wethu ukuyakhonza onkulunkulu balezizizwe. Hlezi kube khona phakathi kwenu impande ethela izithelo ezilobuhlungu lezibabayo.

19 Njalo kuzakuthi nxa esizwa amazwi alesisiqalekiso, azibusise enhliziyweni yakhe esithi: Ngizakuba lokuthula lanxa ngihamba ebuqholweni benhliziyo yami; ukuze kuqedwe okumanzi kanye lokomileyo.

20 INKOSI kayiyikuvuma ukumthethelela, kodwa khona intukuthelo yeNKOSI lobukhwele bayo kuzathunqela leyondoda, njalo sonke isiqalekiso esibhaliweyo egwalweni lolu sizalala phezu kwayo, leNKOSI icitshe ibizo layo lisuke ngaphansi kwamazulu.

21 LeNKOSI izayehlukanisela ububi iyikhuphe kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli, njengazo zonke iziqalekiso zesivumelwano ezibhaliweyo egwalweni lwalumlayo.

22 Khona sizakuthi isizukulwana esizayo, abantwana benu, abazavela emva kwenu, lowezizwe ovela elizweni elikhatshana, lapho bebona inhlupheko zalelilizwe lezifo iNKOSI eligulise ngazo,

23 ilizwe lonke lalo lizakuba yisibabule letshwayi lokutshiswa, alihlanyelwanga, kalimilisi, kakulalatshani obumila kulo, njengokubhujiswa kweSodoma leGomora, iAdima leZeboyimi, iNKOSI eyayibhubhisa entukuthelweni yayo lelakeni lwayo,

24 lazo zonke izizwe zizakuthi: Kungani iNKOSI yenze kanje kulelilizwe? Kuyini
ukuvutha kwalolulaka olukhulu?

25 Khona bazakuthi: Ngoba batshiyile isivumelwano seNKOSI uNkulunkulu
waboyise, eyasenza labo ekubakhupheni kwayo elizweni leGibhithe.

26 Bahamba bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu babakhothamela, onkulunkulu
abangabaziyo, eyayingababelanga.

27 Lentukuthelo yeNKOSI yalivuthela lelilizwe, ukwehlisela kulo zonke iziqalekiso
ezibhaliweyo egwalweni lolu.

28 Njalo iNKOSI yabasiphuna elizweni labo ngentukuthelo langolaka langenzondo
enkulu, yabaphosela kwelinye ilizwe njengalamuhla.

29 Imfihlo ngezeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, kodwa izinto ezembuliweyo
zingezethu lezabantwana bethu kuze kube nininini, ukwenza wonke amazwi
alumlayo.

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Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazabusiswa ngokuphenduka langokulalela

1Kuzakuthi-ke, zonke izinto lezi sezikwehlele, isibusiso lesiqalekiso,
engizibekileyo phambi kwakho, uzivuselele enhliziyweni yakho phakathi
kwezizwe zonke lapho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekuxotshele khona,

2 uzabuyela eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho, ulalele ilizwi layo, njengakho konke
engikulaya khona lamuhla, wena labantwana bakho, ngenhliziyo yakho yonke
langomphefumulo wakho wonke,

3 khona iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwakho, ikuhawukele,
ibuye, ikubuthe ezizweni zonke lapho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekuhlakazele
khona.

4 Lanxa abaxotshiweyo bakho besemkhawulweni wamazulu, ulapho
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakubutha, ulapho-ke ikuthathe.

5 LeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakungenisa elizweni oyihlo abalifuyayo, njalo
uzalifuya, ikwenzele okuhle, ikwandise kulaboyihlo.

6 LeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izasoka inhliziyo yakho lenhliziyo yenzalo yakho,
ukuthanda iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke
langomphefumulo wakho wonke, ukuze uphile.

7 LeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakwehlisela zonke leziziqalekiso ezitheni zakho
lakwabakuzondayo ababekuzingela.

8 Wena-ke uzabuya ulalele ilizwi leNKOSI, wenze yonke imilayo yayo engikulaya
yona lamuhla.

9 Njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakwandisa kuwo wonke umsebenzi
wesandla sakho, esithelweni sesizalo sakho, lesithelweni sezifuyo zakho,
lesithelweni somhlaba wakho, ukuthi kulunge; ngoba iNKOSI izabuya
ukukuthabela kube kuhle, njengalokhu yathabela oyihlo,

10 uba uzalalela ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina imilayo yayo
lezimiso zayo ezibhalwe kulolugwalo lomlayo, uba uphendukela eNKOSIni
uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke.

11 Ngoba lumlayo engikulaya wona lamuhla kawufihlwanga kuwe, futhi
kawukhatshana lawe.

12 Kawukho emazulwini ukuthi uthi: Ngubani ozasenyukelela emazulwini,
asithathele wona ukuze siwuzwe siwenze?

13 Futhi kawungaphetsheya kolwandle ukuthi uthi: Ngubani ozasichaphela aye
ngaphetsheya kolwandle, asithathele wona ukuze siwuzwe siwenze?

14 Kodwa ilizwi liseduze kakhulu lawe, emlonyeni wakho lenhliziyweni yakho
ukulenza.

15 Bona, ngibekile phambi kwakho lamuhla impilo lokulunga, lokufa lobubi.

16 Ngoba ngiyakulaya lamuhla ukuthanda iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, lokuhamba
endleleni zayo, lokugcina imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo lezahlulelo zayo, ukuze
uphile wande; leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa elizweni oya kulo ukudla
ilifa lalo.

17 Kodwa uba inhliziyo yakho iphenduka ukuze ungalaleli, uduhiswe,
ukhothamele abanye onkulunkulu, ubakhonze,

18 ngiyalitshela lamuhla ukuthi lizabhubha lokubhubha; kaliyikwelula izinsuku
elizweni lapho ochaphela iJodani khona ukungena kulo ukudla ilifa lalo.

19 Lamuhla ngiyabiza amazulu lomhlaba ukufakaza ngani. Impilo lokufa
ngikubekile phambi kwakho, isibusiso lesiqalekiso. Ngakho khetha impilo ukuze
uphile wena lenzalo yakho,

20 ukuthanda iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ukulalela ilizwi layo, lokunamathela
kuyo. Ngoba iyimpilo yakho lobude bensuku zakho, ukuze uhlale elizweni
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eyafungela oyihlo, uAbrahama, uIsaka, loJakobe,
ukubanika lona.

UDUTERONOMI 31

UJoshuwa uzathatha isikhundla sikaMozisi

1 UMozisi wasehamba wakhuluma lamazwi kuIsrayeli wonke,

2 wathi kubo: Ngileminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili lamuhla;
kangiselamandla okuphuma lokungena. LeNKOSI yathi kimi: Kawuyikuyichapha
le iJodani.

3 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, yona izachapha phambi kwakho, yona izachitha
lezizizwe zisuke phambi kwakho, ukuze udle ilifa lazo. UJoshuwa, yena
uzachapha phambi kwakho, njengokutsho kweNKOSI.

4 LeNKOSI izakwenza kuzo njengokwenza kwayo kuSihoni lakuOgi, amakhosi
amaAmori, lelizweni lawo, ewachithileyo.

5 INKOSI izazinikela-ke phambi kwenu, ukuze lenze kuzo njengokwemilayo yonke
engililaye yona.

6 Qinani, lime isibindi, lingesabi, lingatshaywa luvalo ngenxa yazo; ngoba
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, yiyo ehamba lawe; kayiyikukulahla, kayiyikukudela.

7 UMozisi wasembiza uJoshuwa, wathi kuye phambi kwamehlo kaIsrayeli wonke:
Qina, ume isibindi; ngoba wena uzangena lalababantu elizweni
iNKOSI eyalifungela oyise ukubanika lona; uzabenza badle ilifa lalo.

8 Njalo iNKOSI, yiyo ehamba phambi kwakho; yona izakuba lawe, ingakulahli,
ingakudeli; ungesabi, ungakhathazeki.

Umlayo uzabalwa ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa

9 UMozisi wasewubhala lumlayo, wawunika abapristi, amadodana kaLevi,
ababethwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI, lakubo bonke abadala
bakoIsrayeli.

10 UMozisi wasebalaya esithi: Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa,
ngesikhathi esimisiweyo somnyaka wenkululeko, emkhosini wamadumba,

11 lapho uIsrayeli wonke esefike ukubonakala phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu
wakho endaweni ezayikhetha, uwubale lumlayo phambi kukaIsrayeli wonke
endlebeni zabo.

12 Buthanisa abantu, abesilisa labesifazana labantwana, lowemzini wakho
ophakathi kwamasango akho, ukuze bezwe, lokuze bafunde, bayesabe
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, bagcine ukwenza wonke amazwi alumlayo.

13 Labantwana babo abangaziyo bezwe, bafunde ukuyesaba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu
wenu, zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwenu, elizweni elichapha iJodani lisiya kulo
ukudla ilifa lalo.

Imilayezelo yokucina yeNKOSI kuMozisi

14 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Khangela, insuku zakho zokufa sezisondele; biza
uJoshuwa, zimiseni ethenteni lenhlangano ukuze ngimlaye. UMozisi loJoshuwa
bahamba-ke, bazimisa ethenteni lenhlangano.

15 INKOSI yasibonakala ethenteni ensikeni yeyezi; lensika yeyezi yema phezu komnyango wethente.

16 INKOSI yasisithi kuMozisi: Khangela, uzalala laboyihlo; lalababantu bazasukuma baphinge ngokulandela onkulunkulu bezizweni belizwe, lapho abaya khona phakathi kwabo, bangitshiye, bephule isivumelwano sami engisenze labo.

17 Lentukuthelo yami izabavuthela ngalolosuku, ngibatshiye, ngibafihlele ubuso bami, ukuze babe yikudla, behlelwe ngokubi okunengi lezinhlupheko, baze bathi ngalolosuku: Angithi lobububi busehlele ngoba uNkulunkulu wethu kakho phakathi kwethu?

18 Lami ngizafihla lokufihla ubuso bami ngalolosuku ngenxa yobubi bonke ababenzileyo, ngoba bephendukele kwabanye onkulunkulu.

19 Ngakho-ke zibhaleleni lingoma, uyifundise abantwana bakoIsrayeli; uyifake emlonyeni wabo ukuze lingoma ibe yibufakazi kimi obumelene labantwana bakoIsrayeli.

20 Lapho sengibangenisile elizweni engalifungela oyise, eligeleza uchago loluju, sebedlile basutha, bazimuka, bazaphendukela kwabanye onkulunkulu, babakhonze, bangidelele, bephule isivumelwano sami.

21 Kuzakuthi-ke, nxa sebehlelwe ngokubi okunengi lezinhlupheko, lingoma izaphendula phambi kobuso babo ibe yibufakazi; ngoba kayiyikukhohlakala emlonyeni wenzalo yabo. Ngoba ngiyawazi amacebo abo abawenzayo lamuhla, ngingakabangenisi elizweni engifunge ngalo.

22 UMozisi wasebhala lingoma ngalolosuku, wayifundisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

23 Yasilaya uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni yathi: Qina, ume isibindi, ngoba wena uzabangenisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni engabafungela lona; lami ngizakuba lawe.

24 Kwasekusithi uMozisi eseqedile ukubhala amazwi alumlayo egwalweni, aze aphela,

25 uMozisi walaya amaLevi ayethwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI esithi:

26 Thathani lolugwalo lomlayo, lilubeke eceleni komtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze lube khona, kube yibufakazi obumelene lawe.

27 Ngoba mina ngiyazi umvukela wakho, lentamo yakho elukhuni; khangelani, ngisaphila lani lamuhla, belingabavukeli beNKOSI; pho, kangakanani emva kokufa kwami?

28 Buthanisani kimi bonke abadala bezizwe zenu lenduna zenu ukuze ngikhulume lamazwi endlebeni zabo, ngibize amazulu lomhlaba ukuba ngabafakazi bamelane labo.

29 Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi emva kokufa kwami lizakona lokona, liphambuke endleleni engililaye yona; lizakwehlelwa ngokubi ngensuku ezizayo, ngoba lizakwenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, liyithukuthelise ngomsebenzi wezandla zenu.

Ingoma kaMozisi

30 UMozisi wasekhuluma amazwi alingoma endlebeni zebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli, aze aphela.

UDUTERONOMI 32

1Bekani indlebe, mazulu, ngizakhuluma, njalo zwana, mhlaba, amazwi omlomo wami.

2 Imfundiso yami izathonta njengezulu, inkulumo yami izathonta njengamazolo, njengomkhizo phezu kohlaza, lanjengemifefezo emibhideni.

3 Ngoba ngizamemezela ibizo leNKOSI. Mnikeni ubukhulu uNkulunkulu wethu.

4 UliDwala, umsebenzi wakhe uphelele, ngoba zonke indlela zakhe ziyizahlulelo. UNkulunkulu weqiniso, ongelabubi, ulungile, uqondile.

5 Bonile kuye, kabasibo abantwana bakhe, isici ngesabo, bayisizukulwana esigobileyo lesiphambeneyo.

6 Lingahlawula lokho eNKOSIni yini, bantu abayizithutha labangahlakaniphanga? Kayisuye yini uyihloowakuthengayo, wakwenza, wakumisa?

7 Khumbula insuku zendulo, unakane iminyaka yesizukulwana ngesizukulwana. Buza uyihlo, uzakulandisela, abadala bakho, bazakutshela.

8 Lapho oPhezukonke enika izizwe ilifa, lapho esehlukanisa amadodana kaAdamu, wamisa imingcele yezizwe njengenani labantwana bakoIsrayeli.

9 Ngoba isabelo seNKOSI ngabantu bayo, uJakobe uyinkatho yelifa layo.

10 Wamfica elizweni eliyinkangala, lenkangala engelalutho ebhongayo. Wamkhokhela wambhodisa, wamfundisa, wamgcina njengenhlamvu yelihlo lakhe.

11 Njengokhozi olunyakazisa isidleke salo, lundiza phezu kwamaphuphu alo, luselula impiko zalo, luwathatha, luwathwale ngezimpaphe zalo,

12 INKOSI yodwa yamkhokhela, njalo kwakungekho layo unkulunkulu wabezizwe.

13 Yamgadisa endaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, ukuze adle izithelo zensimu.
Yamondla ngoluju oluvela edwaleni, lamafutha aphuma elitsheni elilukhuni
ledwala,

14 izankefu zenkomo, lochago lwembuzi, kanye lamafutha amawundlu, lezinqama
zohlobo lweBashani, lezimpongo, kanye lamahwahwa ezinso zengqoloyi; wena
wasunatha igazi lezithelo zesivini, iwayini.

15 Kodwa uJeshuruni wazimuka wakhaba. Usuzimukile, wakhuluphala,
wembeswa ngamahwahwa. Yena wadela uNkulunkulu owamenzayo, wadelela
iDwala losindiso lwakhe.

16 Bambangela ubukhwele ngokwezizwe, bamthukuthelisa ngezinengiso.

17 Bahlabela amadimoni, hatshi uNkulunkulu, onkulunkulu ababengabazi,
abatsha abavela eduze, oyihlo abangabesabanga.

18 IDwala elakuzalayo ulikhohliwe, wamkhohlwa uNkulunkulu owakuzalayo.

19 Kwathi iNKOSI ikubona, yanengwa yibo, ngenxa yentukuthelo yamadodana ayo
lamadodakazi ayo.

20 Yasisithi: Ngizabafihlela ubuso bami, ngibone ukuthi ukuphela kwabo
kuzakuba yini; ngoba bayisizukulwana esiphambeneyo, abantwana
okungelakuthembeka kibo.

21 Bona bangenze ngaba lobukhwele ngokungesuye uNkulunkulu;
bangithukuthelisile ngezinto zabo eziyize. Ngakho ngizabenza babe lobukhwele
ngabangeyisibo abantu; ngibathukuthelise ngesizwe esiyisithutha.

22 Ngoba umlilo usubasiwe entukuthelweni yami, uyavutha kuze kube
sesihogweni esingaphansi kakhulu; uzaqeda umhlaba lezithelo zawo, ulumathise
izisekelo zezintaba.

23 Ngizabuthelela ububi phezu kwabo, ngiqedele imitshoko yami kubo.

24 Bazamunywa yindlala, baqedwe yikutshisa lencithakalo ebabayo; njalo
ngizathumela phakathi kwabo amazinyo ezilo, lobuhlungu bezihuquzelayo
zothuli.

25 Ngaphandle inkemba izabenza bafelwe, ngokunjalo uvalo ezindlini
ezingaphakathi, ijaha lalo lentombi emsulwa, omunyayo kanye lendoda
eyimpunga.

26 Ngathi: Ngizabahlakaza, ngenze ukukhunjulwa kwabo kuphele phakathi
kwabantu;

27 uba bengingesabi intukuthelo yesitha, hlezi abazondi babo bahlanekele, hlezi
bathi: Isandla sethu siphakeme; leNKOSI kakusiyo eyenze konke lokhu.

28 Ngoba bayisizwe esingelakwelulekwa, njalo kakukho ukuqedisisa kubo.

29 Kwangathi ngabe bebehlakaniphile, bebengaqedisisa lokhu, bazwisise isiphetho sabo!

30 Oyedwa angaxotsha njani abayinkulungwane, lababili babalekise abayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, ngaphandle kokuthi iDwala labo libathengisile, leNKOSI ibanikele?

31 Ngoba idwala labo kalinjengeDwala lethu; njengoba izitha zethu zingabahluleli.

32 Ngoba ivini labo livela evinini leSodoma, lemasimini eGomora; izithelo zesivini sabo ziyizithelo zesivini ezilobuhlungu; zilamahlukuzo ababayo.

33 Iwayini labo liyibuhlungu bemigobho, lobuhlungu obulesihluku bamabululu.

34 Lokho kakubekiwe kimi yini, kunanyekiwe emagugwini ami?

35 Ngeyami impindiselo lokubuyisela, ngesikhathi sokutshelela konyawo lwabo; ngoba usuku lwengozi yabo selusondele, lezinto abazilungiselweyo ziyaphangisa.

36 Ngoba iNKOSI izabahlulela abantu bayo, izisole ngenceku zayo, lapho ibona ukuthi amandla asehambile, lokuthi kakho ovalelweyo lokhululekileyo.

37 Khona izakuthi: Bangaphi onkulunkulu babo, idwala ababephephela kulo,

38 abadla amafutha emihlatshelo yabo, banatha iwayini lomnikelo wabo wokuthululwa? Kabavuke, balisize, babe yisivikelo senu.

39 Bonani khathesi ukuthi mina, nginguye, njalo kakho unkulunkulu olami; mina ngiyabulala, njalo ngiphilise; ngiyatshaya, njalo mina ngelaphe; njalo kakho ongahluthuna esandleni sami.

40 Ngoba ngiphakamisela isandla sami emazulwini, ngithi: Ngiyaphila kuze kube phakade,

41 nxa ngilola inkemba yami ephazimayo, lesandla sami sibambelela ekwahluleleni, ngizabuyisela impindiselo ezitheni zami, ngibavuze abangizondayo.

42 Ngizadakisa imitshoko yami ngegazi, lenkemba yami izakudla inyama, ngegazi labagwaziweyo labathunjiweyo, ekuqaliseni kwezimpindiselo ngimelene lesitha.

43 Thokozani zizwe, bantu bayo; ngoba izaphindisela igazi lenceku zayo, ibuyisele impindiselo kuzitha zayo, yenzele ilizwe layo, abantu bayo, inhlawulo yokuthula.

44 UMozisi wasesiza, wakhuluma wonke amazwi alingoma endlebeni zabantu, yena loHoseya indodana kaNuni.

45 UMozisi eseqedile ukukhuluma wonke lamazwi kuIsrayeli wonke,

46 wathi kubo: Bekani inhliziyo yenu kuwo wonke amazwi engiwafakaza phakathi kwenu lamuhla, ukuthi libalaye abantwana benu bagcine ukuwenza wonke amazwi alumlayo.

47 Ngoba kakusiyo into eyize kini, ngoba kuyimpilo yenu; ngalinto lizakwelula izinsuku elizweni elichapha iJodani ukuya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo.

UMozisi uvunyelwa ukuthi abone ilizwe leKhanani

48 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuMozisi ngalona lolosuku isithi:

49 Yenyukela kule intaba yeAbarimi, intaba yeNebo, eselizweni lakoMowabi emaqondana leJeriko, ubone ilizwe leKhanani engilinika abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuba yilifa,

50 ufele entabeni owenyukela kuyo, ubuthelwe ebantwini bakini, njengoAroni umnewenu efela entabeni yeHori, wabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo.

51 Ngenxa yokuthi laphambana lami phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli emanzini eMeriba-Kadeshi enkangala yeZini; ngoba kalingingcwelisanga phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

52 Ngoba unganeno uzalibona ilizwe, kodwa kawuyikungena khona, elizweni engilinika abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

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UMozisi ubusisa izizwe zakoIsrayeli

1Lalesi yisibusiso uMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu abusisa ngaso abantwana bakoIsrayeli engakafi.

2 Wasesithi:

INKOSI yavela eSinayi, yenyukela kubo ivela eSeyiri, yakhanya isentabeni yeParani, yabuya lenkulungwane ezilitshumi zabangcwele; ngakwesokunene sayo kwakulomlayo ovuthayo kibo.

3 Yebo, yathanda abantu. Bonke abangcwele bayo babesesandleni sakho; labo bahlala enyaweni zakho, ngamunye emukele okwamazwi akho.

4 UMozisi wasilaya umlayo, ilifa lebandla likaJakobe.

5 Yaba yinkosi eJeshuruni, lapho inhloko zabantu zibuthene, ndawonye lezizwe zakoIsrayeli.

6 URubeni kaphile, angafi, lamadoda akhe abe linani.

7 Lalokhu ngokukaJuda, wasesithi:

Zwana, NKOSI, ilizwi likaJuda, umlethe kubantu bakhe, izandla zakhe kazimlwele, njalo kawube ngumsizi ezitheni zakhe.

8 LakuLevi wathi:

IThumimi yakho leUrimi yakho ngokwendoda, eyingcwele yakho, owayilinga eMasa, waphikisana layo emanzini eMeriba;

9 eyathi kuyise lakunina: Kangimbonanga; kabananzanga abafowabo, kabazanga abantwana bakhe. Ngoba balalela ilizwi lakho, bagcina isivumelwano sakho.

10 Bazamfundisa uJakobe izahlulelo zakho, loIsrayeli umlayo wakho; bazabeka impepha phambi kwamakhala akho, lomnikelo wonke phezu kwelathi lakho.

11 Busisa, NKOSI, amandla akhe, wemukele umsebenzi wezandla zakhe; tshaya inkalo zalabo abamvukelayo lezabamzondayo, ukuze bangasukumi.

12 KuBhenjamini wathi:

Othandwayo weNKOSI uzahlala evikelekile ngakiyo; izamsibekela usuku lonke, uzahlala phakathi kwamahlombe ayo.

13 LakuJosefa wathi:

Ilizwe lakhe kalibusiswe yiNKOSI, ngokuhlekazi kwamazulu, ngamazolo, langokujula okulele ngaphansi,

14 langokuhlekazi kwezithelo zelanga, langokuhlekazi kwezinto ezivezwa zinyanga,

15 langekhethelo lentaba ezindala, langokuhlekazi kwamaqaqa aphakade,

16 langokuhlekazi komhlaba lokugcwala kwawo, lomusa walowo owahlala esihlahleni. Izinto lezi kazize ekhanda likaJosefa, lenkanda yalowo owehlukaniswa labafowabo.

17 Ulobukhosi bezibulo benkunzi yakhe, lempondo zakhe zimpondo zenyathi; uzahlaba ngazo izizwe ndawonye zize zifike emikhawulweni yomhlaba. Lezi zinkulungwane ezilitshumi zakoEfrayimi, lalezi zinkulungwane zakoManase.

18 LakuZebuluni wathi:

Thokoza, Zebuluni, ekuphumeni kwakho, lawe Isakari, emathenteni akho.

19 Bazabizela izizwe entabeni, lapho bahlabe iminikelo yokulunga. Ngoba bazamunya inala yezinlwandle, lamagugu afihlwe etshebetshebeni.

20 LakuGadi wathi:

Kabusiswe owandisa uGadi. Uhlala njengesilwane, uklebhula ingalo, yebo inkanda.

21 Wazinakekela ngekhethelo, ngoba lapho isabelo somnikumthetho salondolozwa; weza lenhloko zabantu, wenza ukulunga kweNKOSI, lezahlulelo zayo loIsrayeli.

22 LakuDani wathi:

UDani ngumdlwane wesilwane; uzakweqa evela eBashani.

23 LakuNafithali wathi:

Nafithali, eneliswa ngomusa, ugcwele isibusiso seNKOSI, dlana ilifa lentshonalanga leningizimu.

24 LakuAsheri wathi:

UAsheri kabusiswe ngabantwana, abe ngowemukelekayo kubafowabo, agxamuze unyawo lwakhe emafutheni.

25 Insimbi lethusi kuzakuba yizicathulo zakho, lanjengensuku zakho azakuba njalo amandla akho.

26 Kakho onjengoNkulunkulu, Jeshuruni, ogade amazulu kusizo lwakho, lomkhathi ngobukhosi bakhe.

27 UNkulunkulu waphakade uyisiphephelo, langaphansi kulengalo ezingelakuphela. Uxotsha isitha phambi kwakho, athi: Bhubhisa.

28 Ngakho uIsrayeli uzahlala evikelekile eyedwa; ilihlo likaJakobe lizakuba elizweni lamabele lewayini elitsha; yebo, amazulu akhe azathontisa amazolo.

29 Ubusisiwe wena, Israyeli! Ngubani onjengawe, isizwe esisindiswe yiNKOSI, isihlangu sosizo lwakho, loyinkemba yobukhosi bakho? Lezitha zakho zizakuthobela ngokuzenzisa, lawe unyathele endaweni zazo eziphakemeyo.

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Ukufa kukaMozisi

1UMozisi wasesenyuka esuka emagcekeni akoMowabi, esiya entabeni yeNebo, engqongeni yePisiga, emaqondana leJeriko. INKOSI yasimtshengisa ilizwe lonke, iGileyadi kuze kube koDani,

2 layo yonke iNafithali, lelizwe lakoEfrayimi, leManase, lelizwe lonke lakoJuda, kwaze kwaba selwandle lokucina,

3 leningizimu, legceke lesigodi seJeriko, umuzi wamalala, kwaze kwaba seZowari.

4 INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Leli yilizwe engalifungela uAbrahama, uIsaka, loJakobe ngisithi: Ngizalinika inzalo yakho. Sengikwenze walibona ngamehlo akho, kodwa kawuyikuchaphela kilo.

5 UMozisi inceku yeNKOSI wasefela khona elizweni lakoMowabi njengokomlayo weNKOSI.

6 Yasimngcwaba esigodini elizweni lakoMowabi maqondana leBeti-Peyori; kodwa kakulamuntu olaziyo ingcwaba lakhe kuze kube lamuhla.

7 Njalo uMozisi wayeleminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili ekufeni kwakhe. Amehlo akhe ayengafiphalanga, lamandla akhe ayenganyamalalanga.

8 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebemlilela uMozisi emagcekeni akoMowabi insuku ezingamatshumi amathathu; zaphela-ke insuku zokukhala zokumlilela uMozisi.

9 Njalo uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wayegcwele umoya wokuhlakanipha, ngoba uMozisi wayebekile izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe. Ngakho abantwana bakoIsrayeli bamlalela, benza njengalokhu iNKOSI imlayile uMozisi.

10 Kakusavelanga-ke umprofethi koIsrayeli onjengoMozisi, iNKOSI eyamazi ubuso ngobuso,

11 ngazo zonke izibonakaliso lezimangaliso iNKOSI eyamthuma ukuthi azenze elizweni leGibhithe, kuFaro lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe lelizweni lakhe lonke,

12 langaso sonke lesosandla esilamandla langakho konke okwesabekayo okukhulu uMozisi akwenzayo phambi kwamehlo kaIsrayeli wonke.

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LUKAJOSHUWA

LUKAJOSHUWA 1

UGWALO

Amalungiselelo okunqoba ilizwe lamaKhanani

1 Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaMozisi inceku yeNKOSI, iNKOSI yakhuluma
kuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku kaMozisi, isithi:

2 UMozisi inceku yami usefile; ngakho-ke sukuma uchaphe le iJodani, wena labo
bonke lababantu, liye elizweni engilinika bona, ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli.

3 Yonke indawo lapho ingaphansi yonyawo lwenu ezanyathela khona ngilinike
yona, njengokutsho kwami kuMozisi.

4 Kusukela enkangala lale iLebhanoni kuze kufike emfuleni omkhulu, umfula
iYufrathi, ilizwe lonke lamaHethi, njalo kufike elwandle olukhulu lapho
okutshona khona ilanga, kuzakuba ngumngcele wenu.

5 Kakulamuntu ozakuma phambi kwakho zonke izinsuku zempilo yakho.
Njengalokhu ngangiloMozisi, ngizakuba lawe; kangiyikukutshiya,
kangiyikukulahla.

6 Qina, ume isibindi, ngoba wena uzakwenza lababantu badle ilifa lelizwe
engalifungela oyise ukubanika lona.

7 Kuphela qina, ube lesibindi esikhulu, ukugcina ukwenza ngokomlayo wonke
uMozisi inceku yami akulaya wona; ungaphambuki kuwo uye ngakwesokunene
loba ngakwesokhohlo, ukuze uphumelele loba ngaphi lapho oya khona.

8 Ugwalo lwalumlayo lungasuki emlonyeni wakho, kodwa uzindle kuwo emini
lebusuku, ukuze uqaphele ukwenza njengakho konke okubhaliweyo kulo, ngoba
khona uzakwenza indlela yakho iphumelele, ubusuphumelela.

9 Kangikulayanga yini? Qina, ume isibindi; ungesabi, ungatshaywa luvalo, ngoba
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ilawe loba ngaphi lapho oya khona.

10 UJoshuwa waselaya izinduna zabantu, esithi:

11 Dabulani phakathi kwenkamba lilaye abantu lithi: Zilungiseleni umphako,
ngoba kusesezinsuku ezintathu lizachapha le iJodani, ukuze lingene lidle ilifa
lelizwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu elinika lona ukuthi lidle ilifa lalo.

12 UJoshuwa wasekhuluma kwabakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe
sakoManase esithi:

13 Khumbulani ilizwi uMozisi inceku yeNKOSI alilaya ngalo esithi:
INKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu iyaliphumuza, ilinika lelilizwe.

14 Omkenu, abantwanyana benu, lezifuyo zenu kuzahlala elizweni uMozisi alinika
lona nganeno kweJodani; kodwa lina lizachapha lihlomile phambi kwabafowenu,
wonke amaqhawe alamandla, libasize,

15 INKOSI ize iphumuze abafowenu njengani, labo njalo badle ilifa lelizwe
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ebanika lona. Lizabuyela-ke elizweni lelifa lenu, lidle
ilifa lalo, uMozisi inceku yeNKOSI alinika lona, nganeno kweJodani, empumalanga.

16 Basebemphendula uJoshuwa besithi: Konke osilaya khona sizakwenza, laloba
ngaphi lapho ozasithuma khona sizahamba.

17 Njengakho konke esamlalela uMozisi ngakho, ngokunjalo sizakulalela. Kuphela
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ibe lawe njengoba yayiloMozisi.

18 Wonke umuntu ozavukela umlomo wakho, angalaleli amazwi akho, kukho
konke omlaya khona, uzabulawa. Kuphela qina, ume isibindi.

LUKAJOSHUWA 2

UJoshuwa uthuma izinhloli eKhanani

1UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wasethuma eseShithimi amadoda amabili aba
zinhloli ensitha, esithi: Hambani libone ilizwe, leJeriko. Asehamba, ayafikela
endlini yomfazi, iwule, obizo lakhe lalinguRahabi, alala khona.

2 Kwatshelwa inkosi yeJeriko kwathiwa: Khangela, kufike lapha ebusuku
amadoda abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuhlola ilizwe.

3 Inkosi yeJeriko yasithumela kuRahabi isithi: Khupha lawo amadoda afikele
kuwe, angena endlini yakho, ngoba azehlola ilizwe lonke.

4 Kodwa owesifazana wayethethe lawomadoda amabili, wawafihla, wakhuluma
kanje: Afikile kimi amadoda, kodwa bengingazi lapha avela khona.

5 Kwasekusithi sekuzavalwa isango lapho sekumnyama amadoda aphuma.
Kangikwazi lapho amadoda aye khona; axhumeni ngokuphangisa liwalandele,
ngoba lizawafica.

6 Kodwa yena wayewenyusele ephahleni, wawafihla phakathi kwamahlanga
efilakisi ayechayelwe yena ephahleni.

7 Amadoda asewaxhuma ngendlela yeJodani aze afika emazibukweni; bavala
amasango emva kokuphuma kwabawaxhumayo bewalandela.

8 Kwathi wona engakalali, yena wenyukela kuwo ephahleni

9 wasesithi emadodeni: Ngiyazi ukuthi iNKOSI ilinikile ilizwe, lokuthi ukwesabeka
kwenu kuwele phezu kwethu, lokuthi bonke abakhileyo elizweni bayancibilika
ngenxa yobukhona benu.

10 Ngoba sizwile ukuthi iNKOSI yomisa amanzi oLwandle oluBomvu phambi kwenu ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe, lalokho elakwenza emakhosini amabili amaAmori ayengaphetsheya kweJodani, uSihoni loOgielabatshabalalisayo.

11 Sathi sikuzwa lokho inhliziyo yethu yancibilika, kakusekho isibindi emuntwini ngenxa yenu. Ngoba iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu, nguye uNkulunkulu emazulwini phezulu lemhlabeni phansi.

12 Ngakho-ke ake lifunge kimi ngeNKOSI, ngoba ngilenzele umusa, lani-ke lizayenzela umusa indlu kababa, linginike isiboniso esiqinileyo,

13 ukuthi ligcine bephila ubaba lomama, labanewethu labodadewethu, lakho konke abalakho, likhulule impilo yethu ekufeni.

14 Lamadoda athi kuye: Umphefumulo wethu ufe esikhundleni senu, uba ungavezi obala loludaba lwethu. Njalo kuzakuthi lapho iNKOSI isisinikile ilizwe, sizakwenzela umusa leqiniso.

15 Wasewehlisa ngentambo ewindini, ngoba indlu yakhe yayisemdulini womuzi, wayehlala phezu komduli.

16 Wasesithi kuwo: Yanini entabeni, hlezi abaxhumi bahlangane lani, licatshe khona insuku ezintathu, baze babuye abaxhumi, lemva kwalokho lihambe ngendlela yenu.

17 Amadoda asesithi kuye: Thina sizakhululeka esifungweni sakho lesi osifungise sona.

18 Khangela, ekufikeni kwethu elizweni uzabophela lintambo yomnxeba obomvu ewindini osehlise ngalo, njalo uzibuthanisele endlini yakho oyihlo lonyoko labanewenu lendlu yonke kayihlo.

19 Kuzakuthi-ke, loba ngubani ophumela phandle kweminyango yendlu yakho, igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe, thina-ke sizakuba singelacala. Njalo loba ngubani ozakuba lawe endlini, igazi lakhe lizakuba sekhanda lethu, uba isandla sisiba phezu kwakhe.

20 Kodwa uba uluveza obala loludaba lwethu, sizakhululeka esifungweni sakho osifungise sona.

21 Wasesithi: Njengamazwi enu, kakube njalo. Wasewayekela ehamba, ahamba, wabophela intambo ebomvu ewindini.

22 Asehamba afika entabeni, ahlala khona insuku ezintathu, baze babuya abaxhumi, ngoba abaxhumi bawadinga endleleni yonke, kodwa kabawatholanga.

23 Ngakho amadoda womabili aphenduka asesehla entabeni, achapha, afika kuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, amtshela konke okuwehleleyo.

24 Athi kuJoshuwa: Isibili iNKOSI ilinikele esandleni sethu ilizwe lonke, futhi-ke bonke abakhileyo belizwe bancibilikile ngenxa yobukhona bethu.

LUKAJOSHUWA 3

UIsrayeli uchapha iJodani

1 UJoshuwa wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, basuka eShithimi, bafika eJodani, yena
labo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli; basebelala khona bengakachaphi.

2 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezintathu induna zadabula phakathi
kwenkamba

3 zalaya abantu zisithi: Nxa libona umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
seNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, labapristi, amaLevi, bewuthwele, lina-ke lisuke
endaweni yenu liwulandele.

4 Kodwa kuzakuba khona ibanga phakathi kwenu lawo, phose ingalo
eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili ngesilinganiso; lingasondeli kuwo; ukuze lazi
indlela elizahamba ngayo, ngoba kalidlulanga ngalindlela mandulo.

5 UJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwini: Zingcweliseni, ngoba kusasa iNKOSI izakwenza
izimangaliso phakathi kwenu.

6 UJoshuwa wasekhuluma kubapristi esithi: Phakamisani umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano, ledlule phambi kwabantu. Basebewuphakamisa umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano, bahamba phambi kwabantu.

7 INKOSI yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Lamuhla ngizaqala ukukukhulisa emehlweni
kaIsrayeli wonke ukuze bazi ukuthi njengalokho ngangiloMozisi, ngizakuba lawe.

8 Wena-ke uzalaya abapristi abathwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano uthi: Nxa
selifikile ekhunjini lwamanzi eJodani, lizakuma eJodani.

9 UJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli: Sondelani lapha, lizwe amazwi
eNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

10 UJoshuwa wasesithi: Ngalokhu lizakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu ophilayo
uphakathi kwenu, lokuthi uzawaxotsha lokuwaxotsha elifeni amaKhanani
lamaHethi lamaHivi lamaPerizi lamaGirigashi lamaAmori lamaJebusi asuke
ngaphambi kwenu.

11 Khangelani, umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi yomhlaba wonke
uzachapha phambi kwenu eJodani.

12 Ngakho-ke zithatheleni amadoda alitshumi lambili ezizweni zakoIsrayeli,
indoda ibenye kuleso lalesosizwe.

13 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho ingaphansi yenyawo zabapristi abathwele umtshokotsho
weNKOSI, iNkosi yomhlaba wonke, zizakuma emanzini eJodani, amanzi eJodani
azaqunywa, amanzi ehlayo evela phezulu; azakuma abe yinqwaba eyodwa.

14 Kwasekusithi abantu besuka emathenteni abo ukuchapha iJodani, abapristi
bathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano phambi kwabantu.

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15 Lalapho abathwele umtshokotsho befika eJodani, lenyawo zabapristi abathwele umtshokotsho zigxanyuzwa ephethelweni lamanzi (ngoba iJodani liyagcwala enkunjini zonke zalo zonke izinsuku zokuvuna),

16 amanzi ehlayo evela phezulu ema, aphakama aba yinqwaba eyodwa, khatshana kakhulu lomuzi iAdamu, oseceleni kweZarethani; lalawo ehlela elwandle lwamagceke, ulwandle lweTshwayi, aphela aqunywa. Labantu bachapha maqondana leJeriko.

17 Labapristi abathwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI bema emhlabathini owomileyo phakathi kweJodani beqinile, loIsrayeli wonke wachapha emhlabathini owomileyo, isizwe sonke saze saqeda ukuchapha iJodani.

LUKAJOSHUWA 4

Amatshe alitshumi lambili athathwa eJodani abe yisikhumbuzo

1Kwasekusithi lapho isizwe sonke sesiqede ukuchapha iJodani, iNKOSI yakhuluma kuJoshuwa isithi:

2 Zithathele amadoda alitshumi lambili ebantwini, indoda ibenye kuleso lalesosizwe,

3 uwalaye uthi: Zithatheleni okuvela lapha phakathi kweJodani kuleyondawo, lapho obekumi khona inyawo zabapristi ziqinile, amatshe alitshumi lambili, liwathwale lichaphe lawo, liwabeke endaweni yokulala lapho elizalala khona ebusuku.

4 UJoshuwa wasebiza amadoda alitshumi lambili ayewalungisile ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, indoda yabanye kuleso lalesosizwe.

5 UJoshuwa wasesithi kuwo: Dlulani phambi komtshokotsho weNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, lingene phakathi kweJodani, lizithathele, lowo lalowo, ilitshe elilodwa, aletshate ehlombe, njengokwenani lezizwe zabantwana bakoIsrayeli,

6 ukuze lokhu kube yisiboniso phakathi kwenu. Nxa abantwana benu bebuza kusasa besithi: Ayini lamatshe kini?

7 Lizabatshela-ke: Ngoba amanzi eJodani aqunywa phambi komtshotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI. Lapho uchapha iJodani, amanzi eJodani aqunywa. Ngakho lamatshe azakuba yisikhumbuzo ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli kuze kube nininini.

8 Labantwana bakoIsrayeli benza njalo njengokulaya kukaJoshuwa, bathatha amatshe alitshumi lambili phakathi kweJodani, njengokutsho kweNKOSI kuJoshuwa, ngokwenani lezizwe zabantwana bakoIsrayeli; bawathwala bachapha lawo, baya endaweni lapho abalala khona, bawabeka khona.

9 UJoshuwa wasemisa amatshe alitshumi lambili phakathi kweJodani endaweni lapho inyawo zabapristi ababethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano ezazimi khona. Njalo asekhona lapho kuze kube lamuhla.

10 Ngoba abapristi ababethwele umtshokotsho bema phakathi kweJodani kwaze kwaphela yonke into iNKOSIeyayimlaye yona uJoshuwa ukuyitshela abantu, njengakho konke uMozisi ayekulaye uJoshuwa. Labantu baphangisa bachapha.

11 Kwasekusithi bonke abantu sebeqedile ukuchapha, umtshokotsho weNKOSI wachapha, labapristi phambi kwabantu.

12 Njalo abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase bachapha behlomile phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, njengokubatshela kukaMozisi.

13 Phose izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane behlomele impi, bachapha phambi kweNKOSI ukuya empini, emagcekeni eJeriko.

14 Ngalolosuku iNKOSI yamkhulisa uJoshuwa emehlweni kaIsrayeli wonke, njalo bamesaba njengalokhu babemesaba uMozisi insuku zonke zempilo yakhe.

15 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuJoshuwa isithi:

16 Laya abapristi abathwala umtshokotsho wobufakazi ukuthi bakhuphuke eJodani.

17 UJoshuwa wasebalaya abapristi esithi: Khuphukani eJodani.

18 Kwasekusithi lapho abapristi ababethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI sebekhuphukile phakathi kweJodani, lengaphansi yenyawo zabapristi isiphakanyiselwe emhlabathini owomileyo, amanzi eJodani abuyela endaweni yawo, ahamba njengamandulo aphuphuma enkunjini zonke zayo.

19 Labantu bakhuphuka besuka eJodani ngolwetshumi lwenyanga yokuqala, bamisa inkamba eGiligali ephethelweni lempumalanga yeJeriko.

20 Lalawomatshe alitshumi lambili abawathatha eJodani uJoshuwa wawamisa eGiligali.

21 Wakhuluma kubantwana bakoIsrayeli esithi: Nxa abantwana benu bebuza kusasa kuboyise besithi: Ayini lamatshe?

22 Lizabazisa-ke abantwana benu lisithi: UIsrayeli wayichapha le iJodani emhlabathini owomileyo.

23 Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu yenza amanzi eJodani atsha phambi kwenu laze lachapha, njengokwenza kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu kuLwandle oluBomvu eyalomisa phambi kwethu saze sachapha,

24 ukuze zonke izizwe zomhlaba zazi isandla seNKOSI, ukuthi silamandla, ukuze liyesabe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu zonke izinsuku.

LUKAJOSHUWA 5

Ukusokwa kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli

1 Kwasekusithi lapho wonke amakhosi amaAmori ayenganeno kweJodani
ngentshonalanga lawo wonke amakhosi amaKhanani ayengaselwandle esizwa
ukuthi iNKOSI yenza amanzi eJodani atsha ngaphambi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli saze sachapha, inhliziyo yawo yancibilika, kakusabanga khona moya
kiwo, ngenxa yabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

2 Ngalesosikhathi iNKOSI yathi kuJoshuwa: Zenzele ingqamu zensengetshe,
ubasoke futhi abantwana bakoIsrayeli okwesibili.

3 UJoshuwa wasezenzela ingqamu zensengetshe, wabasoka abantwana
bakoIsrayeli oqaqeni lwamajwabu.

4 Njalo yilesisizatho uJoshuwa abasokela sona; bonke abantu abaphuma
eGibhithe, abesilisa, amadoda wonke empi, afela enkangala endleleni esephumile
eGibhithe.

5 Ngoba bonke abantu abaphumayo babesokiwe, kodwa bonke abantu
ababezalelwe enkangala endleleni sebephumile eGibhithe babengabasokanga.

6 Ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahamba enkangala iminyaka engamatshumi
amane saze sabhubha isizwe sonke samadoda empi ayephume eGibhithe, ngoba
engalilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI; iNKOSI eyayifungile kuwo ukuthi
kayiyikuwatshengisa ilizwe iNKOSI eyayifungele oyise ukusinika lona, ilizwe
eligeleza uchago loluju.

7 Labantwana bawo yabavusa esikhundleni sawo; bona uJoshuwa wabasoka,
ngoba babengasokwanga, ngoba babengabasokanga endleleni.

8 Kwasekusithi sebeqedile ukusoka isizwe sonke, bahlala endaweni yabo
enkambeni baze baphola.

9 INKOSI yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Lamuhla ngigiqile ngasusa kini ihlazo leGibhithe.
Ngakho ibizo laleyondawo lathiwa yiGiligali kuze kube lamuhla.

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bagcina iphasika eGiligali

10 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebemisa inkamba eGiligali, bagcina iphasika
ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga kusihlwa emagcekeni eJeriko.

11 Basebesidla izithelo zelizwe, ngekuseni eyalandela iphasika, izinkwa
ezingelamvubelo lamabele akhanzingiweyo, ngalona lolosuku.

12 Imana yacina ngelanga elalandela abadla ngalo izithelo zelizwe; labantwana
bakoIsrayeli kabasabanga lemana, kodwa badla izithelo zelizwe leKhanani
ngalowomnyaka.

Induna lebutho leNKOSI

13 Kwasekusithi uJoshuwa eseJeriko, waphakamisa amehlo akhe wabona, khangela-ke, indoda imi maqondana laye ilenkemba yayo ehwatshiweyo isesandleni sayo. UJoshuwa wasesiya kuyo wathi kuyo: Ungowakithi yini, kumbe ungowezitha zethu?

14 Wasesithi: Hatshi; kodwa ngiyinduna yebutho leNKOSI; sengibuyile. UJoshuwa wasesithi mbo ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini, wakhonza esithi kuye: INkosi yami ithini encekwini yayo?

15 Induna yebutho leNKOSI yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Khulula inyathela lakho enyaweni lwakho, ngoba indawo omi kiyo ingcwele. UJoshuwa wasesenza njalo.

LUKAJOSHUWA 6

Ukuchithwa kweJeriko

1IJeriko yayivaliwe-ke ngci ngenxa yabantwana bakoIsrayeli. Kakho owaphumayo, njalo kakho owangenayo.

2 INKOSI yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Bona, nginikele esandleni sakho iJeriko lenkosi yayo lamaqhawe alamandla.

3 Lizawubhoda-ke umuzi, wonke amadoda empi, awubhode umuzi kanye. Uzakwenza njalo insuku eziyisithupha.

4 Labapristi abayisikhombisa bazathwala impondo zenqama eziyisikhombisa phambi komtshokotsho; kuthi ngosuku lwesikhombisa lizawubhoda umuzi kasikhombisa, labapristi bevuthela impondo.

5 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho bekhalisa uphondo lwenqama isikhathi eside, nxa lisizwa ukukhala kophondo, abantu bonke bazamemeza ngokuklabalala okukhulu, lomduli womuzi uzadilikela phansi; labantu bazakwenyuka, ngulowo lalowo maqondana laye.

6 Ngakho uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wabiza abapristi wathi kibo: Thwalani umtshokotsho wesivumelwano, labapristi abayisikhombisa bathwale impondo zezinqama eziyisikhombisa phambi komtshokotsho weNKOSI.

7 Wasesithi ebantwini: Dlulani liwuzingelezele umuzi, lohlomileyo kadlule phambi komtshokotsho weNKOSI.

8 Kwasekusithi uJoshuwa esekhulume ebantwini, abapristi abayisikhombisa bethwele impondo eziyisikhombisa zenqama bakhokhela phambi kweNKOSI, bavuthela impondo, lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI wabalandela.

9 Abahlomileyo basebehamba phambi kwabapristi ababevuthela izimpondo, lesigaba sasemuva salandela umtshokotsho, bahamba bevuthela izimpondo.

10 UJoshuwa wayelaye-ke abantu esithi: Lingamemezi, loba lizwakalise ilizwi lenu; kungaphumi lizwi emlonyeni wenu kuze kube lusuku engizalitshela ngalo ukuthi limemeze; beselimemeza.

11 Ngakho umtshokotsho weNKOSI wawubhoda umuzi, uzingelezela kanye; basebesiza enkambeni, balala enkambeni ebusuku.

12 UJoshuwa wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, labapristi bathwala umtshokotsho weNKOSI.

13 Labapristi abayisikhombisa bephethe impondo zezinqama eziyisikhombisa phambi komtshokotsho weNKOSIbaqhubeka behamba, bevuthela izimpondo, labahlomileyo bahamba phambi kwabo, lesigaba sasemuva salandela umtshokotsho weNKOSI, bahamba bevuthela izimpondo.

14 Langosuku lwesibili bawuzingelezela umuzi kanye, babuyela enkambeni. Benza njalo insuku eziyisithupha.

15 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesikhombisa bavuka ngovivi emadabukakusa, bawubhoda umuzi kasikhombisa ngendlela efananayo. Kuphela ngalolosuku bawubhoda umuzi kasikhombisa.

16 Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sesikhombisa, abapristi bavuthela impondo, uJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwini: Memezani, ngoba iNKOSI ilinikile umuzi.

17 Kodwa umuzi wona lakho konke okukuwo kuzakwehlukaniselwa eNKOSIni; nguRahabi iwule kuphela ozaphila, yena labo bonke alabo endlini yakhe, ngoba wafihla izithunywa esazithumayo.

18 Kodwa lina sibili zigcineni kokuqalekisiweyo, hlezi lizenze abaqalekisiweyo nxa lithatha kokuqalekisiweyo, lenze inkamba yakoIsrayeli ibe yinto eqalekisiweyo, liyihluphe.

19 Kodwa sonke isiliva legolide, lezitsha zethusi lezensimbi, kungcwele eNKOSIni. Kuzakuza endlini yokuligugu kweNKOSI.

20 Abantu basebememeza, kwavuthelwa izimpondo. Kwasekusithi abantu besizwa ukukhala kwempondo, abantu bamemeza ngokuklabalala okukhulu, umduli wadilikela phansi, labantu benyukela emzini, ngulowo lalowo maqondana laye, bawuthumba umuzi.

21 Batshabalalisa konke okusemzini, kusukela kowesilisa kusiya kowesifazana, kusukela komutsha kusiya komdala, kuze kube senkabini lemvini lobabhemi, ngobukhali benkemba.

22 Lakulawomadoda amabili ayeyehlola ilizwe uJoshuwa wathi: Ngenani endlini yowesifazana oliwule, likhuphe kuyo owesifazana lakho konke alakho, njengokufunga kwenu kuye.

23 Lamajaha izinhloli angena akhupha uRahabi loyise lonina labanewabo lakho konke ayelakho; akhupha zonke izihlobo zakhe, azibeka ngaphandle kwenkamba yakoIsrayeli.

24 Basebewutshisa umuzi ngomlilo lakho konke okwakukiwo; kuphela isiliva legolide lezitsha zethusi lezensimbi bakufaka kokuligugu kwendlu yeNKOSI.

25 Ngakho uRahabi iwule, lendlu kayise, labo bonke ayelabo, uJoshuwa wabayekela bephila; wahlala phakathi koIsrayeli kuze kube lamuhla, ngoba wafihla izithunywa uJoshuwa ayezithume ukuhlola iJeriko.

26 UJoshuwa wabafungisa esithi: Uqalekisiwe umuntu phambi kweNKOSI osukuma akhe lumuzi iJeriko. Uzawusekela ngezibulo lakhe, amise amasango awo ngecinathunjana lakhe.

27 Ngokunjalo iNKOSI yaba loJoshuwa, lodumo lwakhe lwaba selizweni lonke.

LUKAJOSHUWA 7

Icala likaAkani

1Kodwa abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphambuka ngesiphambeko ngokuqalekisiweyo. Ngoba uAkani indodana kaKarmi indodana kaZabidi indodana kaZera owesizwe sakoJuda wathatha kokuqalekisiweyo; ulaka lweNKOSIlwaselubavuthela abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

2 UJoshuwa wasethuma abantu besuka eJeriko besiya eAyi eliseduze leBeti-Aveni empumalanga kweBhetheli, wakhuluma kibo esithi: Yenyukani liyehlola ilizwe. Abantu basebesenyuka bayihlola iAyi.

3 Basebebuyela kuJoshuwa bathi kuye: Kakungenyuki bonke abantu; kakwenyuke phose amadoda azinkulungwane ezimbili loba phose amadoda azinkulungwane ezintathu ukutshaya iAyi. Ungadinisi bonke abantungokuya khona, ngoba balutshwana.

4 Kwasekusenyukela khona abavela ebantwini amadoda aphosa abe zinkulungwane ezintathu; abaleka phambi kwamadoda eAyi.

5 Lamadoda eAyi atshaya phose amadoda angamatshumi amathathu lesithupha, axotshana lawo phambi kwesango aze afika eShebarimi, awatshayela ekwehleni. Ngakho inhliziyo yabantu yancibilika yaba ngamanzi.

6 UJoshuwa wasedabula izigqoko zakhe, wathi mbo ngobuso emhlabathini phambi komtshokotsho weNKOSI kwaze kwahlwa, yena labadala bakoIsrayeli, bathela uthuli emakhanda abo.

7 UJoshuwa wasesithi: Maye Nkosi Jehova! Ubachaphiseleni lokubachaphisa lababantu iJodani ukusinikela esandleni samaAmori ukusibhubhisa? Kungathi ngabe seneliswa sahlala ngaphetsheya kweJodani!

8 O Nkosi, ngizakuthini, emva kokuthi uIsrayeli esephendule intamo ezitheni zakhe?

9 Ngoba amaKhanani labo bonke abakhileyo elizweni bazakuzwa, basihanqe, baliqume ibizo lethu lisuke emhlabeni. Pho, uzalenzelani ibizo lakho elikhulu?

10 INKOSI yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Sukuma wena, uweleni kanje ngobuso bakho?

11 UIsrayeli wonile; njalo baseqile isivumelwano sami engabalaya sona, bathethe futhi kokuqalekisiweyo, njalo bebile, baqamba amanga futhi, yebo bakubekile empahleni zabo.

12 Ngalokho abantwana bakoIsrayeli babengelakuma phambi kwezitha zabo, baphendula umhlana phambi kwezitha zabo, ngoba beqalekisiwe. Kangisayikuba lani uba lingabhubhisi okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwenu.

13 Sukuma, ngcwelisa abantu, uthi: Zingcweliseleleni ikusasa; ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Kukhona okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwakho, Israyeli; ungeke ume phambi kwezitha zakho lize likhuphe okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwenu.

14 Ngakho ekuseni lizasondezwa ngezizwe zenu; kuzakuthi-ke isizwe iNKOSI ezasibamba sizasondela ngensendo, losendo iNKOSI ezalubamba luzasondela ngezindlu, lendlu iNKOSI ezayibamba izasondela ngabantu.

15 Kuzakuthi-ke lowo ozabanjwa lokuqalekisiweyo uzatshiswa ngomlilo, yena lakho konke alakho, ngoba eqe isivumelwano seNKOSI, langoba enze ubuphukuphuku koIsrayeli.

16 UJoshuwa wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wenza uIsrayeli wasondela ngezizwe zakhe; lesizwe sakoJuda sabanjwa;

17 wasesenza usendo lwakoJuda lusondele, wabamba usendo lwakoZera; wenza usendo lwakoZera lusondele ngabantu; uZabidi wasebanjwa;

18 wasesenza indlu yakhe isondele ngabantu; uAkani, indodana kaKarmi, indodana kaZabidi, indodana kaZera, owesizwe sakoJuda, wasebanjwa.

19 UJoshuwa wasesithi kuAkani: Ndodana yami, ake unike iNKOSI udumo, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli, uvume kuye; ake ungitshele lokho okwenzileyo, ungangifihleli.

20 UAkani wasephendula uJoshuwa wathi: Isibili mina ngonile eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli. Ngokunje langokunje ngikwenzile.

21 Kwathi ngibona phakathi kwempango isembatho seBhabhiloni esihle esisodwa, lamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amabili, lolimi lwegolide olulodwa osisindo salo singamashekeli angamatshumi amahlanu, ngakuhawukela, ngakuthatha, khangela-ke, kuthukuziwe emhlabathini phakathi kwethente lami, lesiliva singaphansi kwakho.

22 UJoshuwa wasethuma izithunywa, zagijima zaya ethenteni, khangela-ke, kwakufihliwe ethenteni lakhe, lesiliva singaphansi kwakho.

23 Bakukhupha phakathi kwethente, bakuletha kuJoshuwa lebantwaneni bonke bakoIsrayeli, bakuthululela phambi kweNKOSI.

24 UJoshuwa loIsrayeli wonke ekanye laye basebemthatha uAkani indodana kaZera, lesiliva, lesembatho, lolimi lwegolide, lamadodana akhe, lamadodakazi akhe, lenkabi zakhe, labobabhemi bakhe, lezimvu zakhe, lethente lakhe, lakho konke ayelakho, bakwenyusela esihotsheni seAkori.

25 UJoshuwa wasesithi: Usihlupheleni? INKOSI izakuhlupha lamuhla. LoIsrayeli wonke wamkhanda ngamatshe; babatshisa ngomlilo, babakhanda ngamatshe.

26 Bamisa phezu kwakhe inqwaba enkulu yamatshe kuze kube lamuhla. Ngalokho iNKOSI yaphenduka ekuvutheni kolaka lwayo. Ngakho ibizo laleyondawo labizwa ngokuthi yisihotsha seAkori, kuze kube lamuhla.

LUKAJOSHUWA 8

Ukuchithwa kweAyi

1INKOSI yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Ungesabi, ungatshaywa luvalo; thatha kanye lawe bonke abantu bempi, usukume wenyukele eAyi; bona, nginikele esandleni sakho inkosi yeAyi, labantu bayo, lomuzi wayo, lelizwe layo.

2 Uzakwenza-ke eAyi lenkosini yayo njengokwenza kwakho eJeriko lenkosini yayo. Kuphela impango yayo lezifuyo zayo lizaziphangela. Uzibekele abacathameli ngasemzini emva kwawo.

3 UJoshuwa wasesukuma labo bonke abantu bempi ukwenyukela eAyi; uJoshuwa wasekhetha amaqhawe alamandla ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu, wawathuma ebusuku.

4 Wawalaya esithi: Bonani, lizawucathamela umuzi ngemva komuzi. Lingabi khatshana kakhulu lomuzi, kodwa lungani lonke.

5 Mina-ke labo bonke abantu abalami sizasondela emzini. Kuzakuthi-ke lapho bephuma ukumelana lathi njengakuqala sibaleke phambi kwabo.

6 Njalo bazaphuma emva kwethu size sibadonse basuke emzini. Ngoba bazakuthi: Bayabaleka phambi kwethu njengakuqala. Ngakho sizabaleka phambi kwabo.

7 Lina-ke lizasukuma ekucathameni, liwuthumbe umuzi; ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu izawunikela esandleni senu.

8 Kuzakuthi-ke seliwuthumbile umuzi, liwutshise umuzi ngomlilo, lizakwenza njengokwelizwi leNKOSI. Bonani, ngililayile.

9 UJoshuwa wasebathuma, baya ekucathameni, bahlala phakathi kweBhetheli leAyi, entshonalanga kweAyi, kodwa uJoshuwa walala phakathi kwabantu ngalobobusuku.

10 UJoshuwa wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wabala abantu, wenyuka, yena labadala bakoIsrayeli, phambi kwabantu, waya eAyi.

11 Labo bonke abantu bempi ababelaye benyuka, basondela, beza maqondana lomuzi, bamisa inkamba enyakatho kweAyi. Njalo kwakulesihotsha phakathi kwabo leAyi.

12 Wasethatha phose amadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu, wawacathamisa phakathi kweBhetheli leAyi entshonalanga komuzi.

13 Lapho sebemisa abantu, lonke ibutho elalisenyakatho komuzi, labacathami ngasentshonalanga komuzi, uJoshuwa waya phakathi kwesihotsha ngalobobusuku.

14 Kwasekusithi inkosi yeAyi ikubona, aphangisa avuka ngovivi; lamadoda omuzi aphuma impi emelane loIsrayeli, yona labantu bayo bonke, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo, phambi kwamagceke; kodwa yona yayingazi ukuthi kukhona abayicathameleyo emva komuzi.

15 UJoshuwa loIsrayeli basebetshaywa phambi kwawo, babaleka ngendlela yenkangala.

16 Kwasekubizwa bonke abantu ababesemzini ukuxotshana labo. Nxa bexotshana loJoshuwa badonswa basuka emzini.

17 Njalo kakusalanga muntu eAyi kumbe eBhetheli, abangaphumanga ukulandela uIsrayeli; bawutshiya umuzi ukhamisile, baxotshana loIsrayeli.

18 INKOSI yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Yelulela umkhonto osesandleni sakho eAyi, ngoba ngizayinikela esandleni sakho. UJoshuwa waseselulela umkhonto osesandleni sakhe emzini.

19 Abacathemeyo basebesukuma masinyane endaweni yabo; bagijima esanda ukwelula isandla sakhe, bangena emzini, bawuthumba, baphangisa, bawutshisa umuzi ngomlilo.

20 Kwathi lapho amadoda eAyi enyemukula abona, khangela-ke, intuthu yomuzi yenyukela emazulwini, njalo ayengelandawo yokubalekela ngapha langapha, ngoba abantu ababebalekele enkangala baphendukela ababaxotshayo.

21 Kwathi uJoshuwa loIsrayeli wonke bebona ukuthi abacathemeyo sebewuthumbile umuzi lokuthi intuthu yomuzi yenyuka, baphenduka batshaya amadoda eAyi.

22 Lalaba baphuma emzini ukumelana lawo, aze aba phakathi kukaIsrayeli, abanye ngapha labanye ngale; basebewatshaya, kakwaze kwasala muntu kuwo, owasilayo kumbe owaphunyukayo.

23 Kodwa inkosi yeAyi bayibamba iphila, bayisondeza kuJoshuwa.

24 Kwasekusithi lapho uIsrayeli eseqedile ukubulala bonke abahlali beAyi egangeni, enkangala lapho ababebaxotshele khona, babewile bonke ngobukhali

benkemba, baze baqedwa, uIsrayeli wonke wabuyela eAyi, bayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba.

25 Kwasekusithi, bonke abawayo mhlalokho, kusukela kwabesilisa kusiya kwabesifazana, babeyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, bonke abantu beAyi.

26 Njalo uJoshuwa kasifinyezanga isandla sakhe ayelule umkhonto ngaso baze batshabalalisa bonke abahlali beAyi.

27 Kuphela izifuyo lempango yalowomuzi uIsrayeli waziphangela, njengelizwi leNKOSI eyalilaya uJoshuwa.

28 UJoshuwa waseyitshisa iAyi, wayimisa yaba yinqwaba phakade, unxiwa, kuze kube lamuhla.

29 Lenkosi yeAyi wayiphanyeka esihlahleni kwaze kwaba yisikhathi santambama. Lekutshoneni kwelanga uJoshuwa walaya ukuthi bethule isidumbu sayo esihlahleni, basiphosele emnyango wesango lomuzi, bamisa phezu kwaso inqwaba enkulu yamatshe, ekhona kuze kube lamuhla.

Umlayo ufundwa nguJoshuwa entabeni yeEbhali

30 Khona uJoshuwa wayakhela iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ilathi entabeni yeEbhali.

31 Njengokulaya kukaMozisi inceku yeNKOSI kubantwana bakoIsrayeli, njengalokhu ubhalwe egwalweni lomlayo kaMozisi, ilathi lamatshe apheleleyo, okungazange kusetshenziswe nsimbi phezu kwalo. Basebenikela phezu kwalo eNKOSIni iminikelo yokutshiswa, bahlaba iminikelo yokuthula.

32 Wasebhala lapho ematsheni impinda yomlayo kaMozisi, ayibhala phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

33 UIsrayeli wonke-ke, labadala babo, lezinduna, labahluleli babo, bema ngapha langapha komtshokotsho, beqondene labapristi, amaLevi, abathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI, owezizwe njengowokuzalwa. Ingxenye yabo imaqondana lentaba yeGerizimi, lengxenye yabo maqondana lentaba yeEbhali, njengokulaya kukaMozisi inceku yeNKOSI, ukubusisa abantu bakoIsrayeli kuqala.

34 Langemva kwalokho wamemezela wonke amazwi omlayo, isibusiso lesiqalekiso, njengakho konke okubhaliweyo egwalweni lomlayo.

35 Akwabakho ilizwi kukho konke uMozisi akulayayo uJoshuwa angalimemezelanga phambi kwebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli labesifazana labantwanyana labezizweni ababehamba phakathi kwabo.

LUKAJOSHUWA 9

Ubuqili babeGibeyoni

1Kwasekusithi lapho wonke amakhosi ayenganeno kweJodani, entabeni,
lesihotsheni, lekhunjini lolwandle olukhulu, maqondana leLebhanoni, amaHethi
lamaAmori, amaKhanani, amaPerizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi ezwa,

2 abuthana ndawonye ukulwa loJoshuwa loIsrayeli nganhliziyonye.

3 Kwathi abahlali beGibeyoni sebezwile lokho uJoshuwa ayekwenzile eJeriko
laseAyi,

4 labo basebesenza ngobuqili; bahamba bazenza izithunywa, bathwalisa
obabhemi babo amasaka agugileyo lemigodla yewayini egugileyo ledabukileyo
lebekelweyo,

5 lamanyathela agugileyo labekelweyo enyaweni zabo, lezigqoko ezigugileyo
bezigqokile, lezinkwa zonke zomphako wabo sezomile zikhuntile.

6 Basebesiya kuJoshuwa enkambeni eGiligali, bathi kuye lemadodeni akoIsrayeli:
Sivela elizweni elikhatshana, ngakho-ke yenzani isivumelwano lathi.

7 Kodwa amadoda akoIsrayeli athi kumaHivi: Mhlawumbe lihlala phakathi
kwethu; pho, singenza njani isivumelwano lenu?

8 Asesithi kuJoshuwa: Sizinceku zakho. UJoshuwa wasesithi kiwo: Lingobani?
Njalo livela ngaphi?

9 Asesithi kuye: Izinceku zakho zivela elizweni elikhatshana kakhulu, ngenxa
yebizo leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ngoba sizwile indumela yayo lakho konke
eyakwenza eGibhithe,

10 lakho konke eyakwenza emakhosini amabili amaAmori ayengaphetsheya
kweJodani, uSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni, loOgi inkosi yeBashani,
eyayiseAshitarothi.

11 Ngakho abadala bethu labo bonke abakhileyo elizweni lakithi bakhuluma kithi
besithi: Thathani umphako wendlela esandleni senu, lihambe liyehlangana labo,
lithi kibo: Sizinceku zenu; ngakho-ke yenzani isivumelwano lathi.

12 Lesisinkwa sethu sasithatha sitshisa singumphako wethu ezindlini zethu mhla
siphumayo sisiza kini; kodwa khathesi, khangela, sesomile sakhunta.

13 Lalimigodla yewayini esayigcwalisayo yayimitsha; kodwa khangela,
isidabukile. Lalezizigqoko zethu lamanyathela ethu sekugugiswe luhambo olude
kakhulu.

14 Ngakho amadoda athatha kokomphako wabo, engabuzanga umlomo weNKOSI.

15 UJoshuwa wasesenza ukuthula labo, wenza isivumelwano labo sokubayekela
baphile, lezinduna zenhlangano zafunga kibo.

16 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezintathu emva kokuthi sebenzile isivumelwano labo, bezwa ukuthi bangomakhelwane babo, lokuthi babehlala phakathi kwabo.

17 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesuka bafika emizini yabo ngosuku lwesithathu. Njalo imizi yabo yayiyiGibeyoni leKefira leBherothi leKiriyathi-Jeyarimi.

18 Njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli kababatshayanga ngoba izinduna zebandla zazibafungele ngeNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli; inhlangano yonke yasingungunela izinduna.

19 Kodwa zonke izinduna zathi enhlanganweni yonke: Thina sifungile kibo ngeNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ngakho-ke kasilakubathinta.

20 Sizakwenza lokhu kibo, sibayekele baphile, ukuze kungabi khona ulaka phezu kwethu ngenxa yesifungo esasifunga kibo.

21 Lezinduna zathi kubo: Bayekeleni baphile, kodwa kababe ngabagamuli benkuni labakhi bamanzi enhlanganweni yonke, njengokutsho kwezinduna kubo.

22 UJoshuwa wasebabiza, wakhuluma labo esithi: Lisikhohliseleni, lisithi: Sikhatshana kakhulu lani; kanti lina lihlala phakathi kwethu?

23 Ngakho-ke liqalekisiwe, njalo kakuyikuqunywa phakathi kwenu izigqili labagamuli benkuni labakhi bamanzi bendlu kaNkulunkulu wami.

24 Basebephendula uJoshuwa bathi: Ngoba kwatshelwa lokutshelwa ezincekwini zakho ukuthi iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wakho yalaya uMozisi inceku yayo ukulinika ilizwe lonke lokuchitha bonke abakhileyo belizwe phambi kwenu. Ngakho sesaba kakhulu ngempilo yethu ngenxa yenu. Yikho senze le into.

25 Khathesi-ke, khangela, sesisesandleni sakho; yenza njengokulungileyo lanjengokuqondileyo emehlweni akho ukukwenza kithi.

26 Ngakho wenza njalo kubo, wabophula esandleni sabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuze bangababulali.

27 UJoshuwa wasebenza ngalolosuku baba ngabagamuli benkuni labakhi bamanzi benhlangano, labelathi leNKOSI, kuze kube lamuhla, endaweni ezayikhetha.

LUKAJOSHUWA 10

Ukunqotshwa kwamaAmori

1Kwasekusithi lapho uAdonizedeki inkosi yeJerusalema esezwile ukuthi uJoshuwa uyithumbile iAyi, wayitshabalalisa, njengalokho akwenza eJeriko lenkosini yayo, wenze njalo eAyi lenkosini yayo, lokuthi abahlali beGibeyoni benza ukuthula loIsrayeli, babephakathi kwabo,

2 besaba kakhulu, ngoba iGibeyoni yayingumuzi omkhulu njengomunye wemizi yenkosi, langoba yayinkulu kuleAyi, lamadoda ayo wonke engamaqhawe.

3 Ngakho uAdonizedeki inkosi yeJerusalema yathumela kuHohamu inkosi yeHebroni, lakuPiramu inkosi yeJarimuthi, lakuJafiya inkosi yeLakishi, lakuDebiri inkosi yeEgiloni, esithi:

4 Yenyukelani kimi lingisize, ukuze siyitshaye iGibeyoni; ngoba yenzile ukuthula loJoshuwa labantwana bakoIsrayeli.

5 Ngakho amakhosi amahlanu amaAmori, inkosi yeJerusalema, inkosi yeHebroni, inkosi yeJarimuthi, inkosi yeLakishi, inkosi yeEgiloni, ahlangana enyuka, wona lamabutho awo wonke, amisa inkamba maqondana leGibeyoni, alwa layo.

6 Amadoda eGibeyoni asethumela kuJoshuwa enkambeni yeGiligali esithi: Isandla sakho singatshiyi izinceku zakho; yenyukela kithi masinyane usisindise usisize, ngoba amakhosi wonke amaAmori ahlala ezintabeni asesihlanganyele.

7 Ngakho uJoshuwa wenyuka esuka eGiligali, yena labo bonke abantu bempi kanye laye, lawo wonke amaqhawe alamandla.

8 INKOSI yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Ungabesabi, ngoba ngibanikele esandleni sakho; kakulamuntu wabo ozakuma phambi kwakho.

9 UJoshuwa wasebajuma, enyuke ubusuku bonke esuka eGiligali.

10 INKOSI yabasanganisa phambi kukaIsrayeli, yabatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu eGibeyoni, yaxotshana labo endleleni enyukela eBhethi-Horoni, yabatshaya kwaze kwaba seAseka kwaze kwaba seMakeda.

11 Kwasekusithi besabaleka phambi kukaIsrayeli ekwehleni kweBhethi-Horoni, iNKOSI yaphosela phezu kwabo amatshe amakhulu evela emazulwini, kwaze kwaba seAzeka, njalo bafa. Babebanengi abafa ngesiqhotho okwedlula labo abantwana bakoIsrayeli abababulala ngenkemba.

12 Ngalesosikhathi uJoshuwa wakhuluma eNKOSIni mhla iNKOSI inikela amaAmori phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, wathi phambi kwamehlo kaIsrayeli: Langa, mana eGibeyoni, lawe nyanga, esihotsheni seAjaloni.

13 Lelanga lathi mpo lenyanga yema, abantu baze baziphindisela ezitheni zabo. Lokhu kakubhaliwe yini egwalweni lukaJashari? Ngakho ilanga lema phakathi komkhathi, kalaze laphangisa ukutshona phose okosuku olupheleleyo.

14 Kaluzanga lube khona usuku olunjalo ngaphambi kwalo loba emva kwalo lapho iNKOSI eyalizwa khona ilizwi lomuntu, ngoba iNKOSI yamlwela uIsrayeli.

15 UJoshuwa wasebuyela enkambeni eGiligali loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye.

16 Kodwa lawomakhosi amahlanu abaleka, acatsha ebhalwini eMakeda.

17 Kwasekubikwa kuJoshuwa ukuthi: Amakhosi amahlanu atholwe ecatshile ebhalwini eMakeda.

18 UJoshuwa wasesithi: Giqelani amatshe amakhulu emlonyeni wobhalu, limise amadoda kulo ukuwalinda.

19 Kodwa lina lingami; xotshanani lezitha zenu, lizitshaye ngemuva kwazo, lingaziyekeli zingene emizini yazo, ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu izinikele esandleni senu.

20 Kwasekusithi lapho uJoshuwa labantwana bakoIsrayeli sebeqedile ukuzitshaya ngokutshaya okukhulukazi zaze zaqedwa, insali eyasalayo yazo yangena emizini evikelweyo.

21 Labantu bonke babuyela enkambeni kuJoshuwa eMakeda ngokuthula; kakho owanyikinya ulimi lwakhe emelana labantwana bakoIsrayeli.

22 UJoshuwa wasesithi: Vulani umlomo wobhalu, likhuphele kimi lawomakhosi amahlanu evela ebhalwini.

23 Basebesenza njalo, bawakhuphela kuye lawomakhosi amahlanu evela ebhalwini: Inkosi yeJerusalema, inkosi yeHebroni, inkosi yeJarimuthi, inkosi yeLakishi, inkosi yeEgiloni.

24 Kwasekusithi sebewakhuphele kuJoshuwa lawomakhosi, uJoshuwa wabiza wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli, wathi ezinduneni zamadoda empi ezazihambe laye: Sondelani, libeke inyawo zenu entanyeni zalamakhosi. Zasezisondela, zabeka inyawo zazo entanyeni zawo.

25 UJoshuwa wasesithi kuzo: Lingesabi lingatshaywa luvalo; qinani lime isibindi, ngoba iNKOSI izakwenza njalo kuzo zonke izitha zenu elilwa limelene lazo.

26 Emva kwalokho uJoshuwa wasewatshaya wawabulala, wawalengisa ezihlahleni ezinhlanu; njalo ayelenga ezihlahleni kwaze kwahlwa.

27 Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sokutshona kwelanga uJoshuwa walaya ukuthi bawethule ezihlahleni, bawaphosele ebhalwini ayecatshe khona; basebefaka amatshe amakhulu emlonyeni wobhalu, akhona kuze kube yilona lolusuku.

28 UJoshuwa wathumba layo iMakeda ngalolosuku, wayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, watshabalalisa lenkosi yayo, bona, layo yonke imiphefumulo eyayikiyo, katshiyanga insali. Wasesenza enkosini yeMakeda njengalokho akwenza enkosini yeJeriko.

29 UJoshuwa, loIsrayeli wonke laye, wasedlula esuka eMakeda waya eLibhina, walwa emelene leLibhina.

30 INKOSI yasiyinikela layo lenkosi yayo esandleni sikaIsrayeli; waseyitshaya ngobukhali benkemba lemiphefumulo yonke eyayikiyo; katshiyanga insali kiyo; wenza enkosini yayo njengalokho akwenza enkosini yeJeriko.

31 UJoshuwa wasesedlula esuka eLibhina, loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye, waya eLakishi, wamisa inkamba maqondana layo, walwa emelene layo.

32 INKOSI yasiyinikela iLakishi esandleni sikaIsrayeli; waseyithumba ngosuku lwesibili, wayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba layo yonke imiphefumulo eyayikiyo, njengakho konke akwenza eLibhina.

33 Ngalesosikhathi uHoramu inkosi yeGezeri wenyuka ukusiza iLakishi; kodwa uJoshuwa wamtshaya labantu bakhe, kwaze kwathi kamtshiyelanga insali.

34 UJoshuwa wasesedlula esuka eLakishi, loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye, baya eEgiloni, bamisa inkamba maqondana layo, balwa bemelene layo.

35 Bayithumba ngalolosuku, bayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, lemiphefumulo yonke eyayikiyo bayitshabalalisa ngalolosuku, njengakho konke akwenza eLakishi.

36 UJoshuwa wasesenyuka esuka eEgiloni loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye, baya eHebroni, balwa bemelene layo,

37 bayithumba, bayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, lenkosi yayo lemizi yayo yonke lawo wonke umphefumulo owawukiyo; katshiyanga insali, njengakho konke akwenza eEgiloni, wawutshabalalisa lawo wonke umphefumulo owawukiyo.

38 UJoshuwa wasebuyela eDebiri loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye, balwa bemelene layo,

39 bayithumba lenkosi yayo layo yonke imizi yayo, bayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, batshabalalisa wonke umphefumulo owawukiyo; katshiyanga insali. Njengokwenza kwakhe eHebroni wenza njalo eDebiri lenkosini yayo, lanjengokwenza kwakhe eLibhina lenkosini yayo.

40 Ngakho uJoshuwa walitshaya ilizwe lonke lezintaba leleningizimu lelesihotsha lelamawatha lawo wonke amakhosi abo; katshiyanga insali, kodwa watshabalalisa konke okuphefumulayo, njengokulaya kweNKOSIuNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

41 UJoshuwa wasebatshaya kusukela eKadeshi-Bhaneya kwaze kwaba seGaza, lelizwe lonke leGosheni, kwaze kwaba seGibeyoni.

42 UJoshuwa wasethumba wonke lamakhosi lelizwe lawo ngasikhathi sinye, ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yamlwela uIsrayeli.

43 UJoshuwa wasebuyela, loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye, enkambeni eGiligali.

LUKAJOSHUWA 11

UJoshuwa unqoba ilizwe lonke

1Kwasekusithi lapho uJabini inkosi yeHazori ekuzwa, wathumela kuJobabi inkosi yeMadoni, lenkosini yeShimironi, lenkosini yeAkishafi,

2 lemakhosini ayengenyakatho ezintabeni, lemagcekeni, eningizimu kweKinerothi, lesihotsheni, lemaqaqeni eDori entshonalanga,

3 amaKhanani empumalanga lentshonalanga, lamaAmori lamaHethi lamaPerizi
lamaJebusi entabeni, lamaHivingaphansi kweHermoni elizweni leMizipa.

4 Asephuma, wona lawo wonke amabutho awo kanye lawo, abantu abanengi,
njengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle ngobunengi, lamabhiza lenqola
okunengi kakhulu.

5 Wonke lamakhosi asehlangana, eza amisa inkamba ndawonye emanzini
eMeroma, ukulwa emelene loIsrayeli.

6 INKOSI yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Ungesabi ngenxa yabo, ngoba kusasa phose
ngalesisikhathi ngizawanikela wonke esebulewe phambi kukaIsrayeli; uzaquma
imisipha yamabhiza awo, utshise inqola zawo ngomlilo.

7 UJoshuwa wasesiza, labo bonke abantu bempi kanye laye, bemelene lawo
emanzini eMeroma bawajuma, bawadumela.

8 INKOSI yasiwanikela esandleni sikaIsrayeli, owawatshaya waxotshana lawo
kwaze kwaba seSidoni enkulu, kwaze kwaba seMisirefothi-Mayimi, kwaze kwaba
sesihotsheni seMizipa empumalanga. Bawatshaya, kabaze batshiya insali kubo.

9 UJoshuwa wasesenza kiwo njengokutsho kweNKOSI kuye; waquma imisipha
yamabhiza awo, watshisa inqola zawo ngomlilo.

10 UJoshuwa wasebuya ngalesosikhathi, wathumba iHazori, watshaya inkosi yayo
ngenkemba. Ngoba kuqala iHazori yayiyinhloko yayo yonke leyomibuso.

11 Batshaya yonke imiphefumulo eyayikiyo ngobukhali benkemba,
bayitshabalalisa; kakusalanga lokukodwa okuphefumulayo; wasetshisa iHazori
ngomlilo.

12 Yonke-ke imizi yalawomakhosi lamakhosi ayo wonke uJoshuwa wakuthumba,
wakutshaya ngobukhali benkemba, wakutshabalalisa, njengokulaya kukaMozisi
inceku yeNKOSI.

13 Kuphela imizi yonke eyayimi emadundulwini ayo uIsrayeli kayitshisanga,
ngaphandle kweHazori kuphela uJoshuwa ayitshisayo.

14 Layo yonke impango yalimizi lezifuyo abantwana bakoIsrayeli baziphangela.
Kuphela bonke abantu babatshaya ngobukhali benkemba baze babachitha;
kabatshiyanga loyedwa ophefumulayo.

15 Njengalokhu iNKOSI yayimlayile uMozisi inceku yayo, ngokunjalo uMozisi
wamlaya uJoshuwa, langokunjalo uJoshuwa wakwenza; kasusanga lutho kukho
konke iNKOSI eyakulaya uMozisi.

16 Ngakho uJoshuwa walithatha lelolizwe lonke, izintaba, leningizimu yonke,
lelizwe lonke leGosheni, lesihotsha, lamagceke, lentaba zakoIsrayeli, lesigodi
sakhe,

17 kusukela entabeni yeHalaki eyenyukela eSeyiri, kuze kube seBhali-Gadi esihotsheni seLebhanoni ngaphansi kwentaba yeHermoni. Wawathumba wonke amakhosi abo, wawatshaya wawabulala.

18 UJoshuwa wayilwa-ke impi insuku ezinengi lawo wonke lawomakhosi.

19 Kakubanga lamuzi owenza ukuthula labantwana bakoIsrayeli ngaphandle kwamaHivi abahlali beGibeyoni; bayithatha yonke ngempi.

20 Ngoba kwakuvela eNKOSIni ukwenza lukhuni inhliziyo zabo ukuze bahlangabezane loIsrayeli empini, ukuze abatshabalalise, ukuze bangazuzi umusa, kodwa ukuze ababhubhise, njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi.

21 UJoshuwa wasesiza ngalesosikhathi, waquma amaAnaki asuke ezintabeni, eHebroni, eDebiri, eAnabi, lentabeni zonke zakoJuda, lakuzo zonke intaba zakoIsrayeli; uJoshuwa wawatshabalalisa lemizi yawo.

22 Kakusalanga amaAnaki elizweni labantwana bakoIsrayeli; kuphela eGaza, eGathi, leAshidodi, asala.

23 UJoshuwa wasethatha ilizwe lonke njengakho konke iNKOSI eyakukhuluma kuMozisi. UJoshuwa waselinika laba yilifa kuIsrayeli, njengokwehlukaniswa kwabo ngezizwe zabo. Ilizwe laseliphumula empini.

LUKAJOSHUWA 12

Amakhosi anqotshwa nguMozisi

1Lala ngamakhosi elizwe abantwana bakoIsrayeli abawatshayayo, badla ilifa lelizwe lawo ngaphetsheya kweJodani ngempumalanga, kusukela esifuleni seArinoni kusiya entabeni yeHermoni, lamagceke wonke ngempumalanga:

2 USihoni inkosi yamaAmori owayehlala eHeshiboni, ebusa kusukela eAroweri esekhunjini lwesifula seArinoni laphakathi kwesifula, lengxenye yeGileyadi kuze kufike esifuleni iJaboki, umngcele wabantwana bakoAmoni,

3 lamagceke kuze kufike elwandle lweKinerothi, kuze kube selwandle lwamagceke, uLwandle lweTshwayi, empumalanga, indlela yeBeti-Jeshimothi, njalo kusukela eningizimu ngaphansi kweAshidodi-Pisiga;

4 lomngcele kaOgi inkosi yeBashani owensali zeziqhwaga owayehlala eAshitarothi leEdreyi,

5 wabusa entabeni yeHermoni leSaleka leBashani lonke, kuze kube semngceleni wamaGeshuri lamaMahakathi, lengxenye yeGileyadi, umngcele kaSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni.

6 UMozisi inceku yeNKOSI labantwana bakoIsrayeli babatshaya. UMozisi inceku yeNKOSI waselinika abakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase ukuba yilifa.

Amakhosi anqotshwa nguJoshuwa

7 Lala ngamakhosi elizwe uJoshuwa labantwana bakoIsrayeli abawatshayayo nganeno kweJodani entshonalanga, kusukela eBhali-Gadi esihotsheni seLebhanoni kusiya entabeni elugwadule eyenyukela eSeyiri. UJoshuwa walinika-ke izizwe zakoIsrayeli laba yilifa njengokwehlukaniswa kwazo:

8 Ezintabeni, lezihotsheni, lemagcekeni, lemawatheni, lenkangala, leningizimu: AmaHethi, amaAmori, lamaKhanani, amaPerizi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi.

9 Inkosi yeJeriko, eyodwa; inkosi yeAyi, eseceleni kweBhetheli, eyodwa;

10 inkosi yeJerusalema, eyodwa; inkosi yeHebroni, eyodwa;

11 inkosi yeJarimuthi, eyodwa; inkosi yeLakishi, eyodwa;

12 inkosi yeEgiloni, eyodwa; inkosi yeGezeri, eyodwa;

13 inkosi yeDebiri, eyodwa; inkosi yeGederi, eyodwa;

14 inkosi yeHorma, eyodwa; inkosi yeAradi, eyodwa;

15 inkosi yeLibhina, eyodwa; inkosi yeAdulamu, eyodwa;

16 inkosi yeMakeda, eyodwa; inkosi yeBhetheli, eyodwa;

17 inkosi yeTapuwa, eyodwa; inkosi yeHeferi, eyodwa;

18 inkosi yeAfeki, eyodwa; inkosi yeLasharoni, eyodwa;

19 inkosi yeMadoni, eyodwa; inkosi yeHazori, eyodwa;

20 inkosi yeShimironi-Meroni, eyodwa; inkosi yeAkishafi, eyodwa;

21 inkosi yeThahanakhi, eyodwa; inkosi yeMegido, eyodwa;

22 inkosi yeKedeshi, eyodwa; inkosi yeJokineyamu eKharmeli, eyodwa;

23 inkosi yeDori emngceleni weDori, eyodwa; inkosi yezizwe zeGiligali, eyodwa;

24 inkosi yeTiriza, eyodwa; wonke amakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lanye.

LUKAJOSHUWA 13

INkosi ilaya uJoshuwa ukuthi abele izizwe zakoIsrayeli ilizwe elinqotshiweyo

1UJoshuwa wayesemdala eleminyaka eminengi. INkosi yasisithi kuye: Usumdala, uleminyaka eminengi, kusasele ilizwe elikhulu kakhulu ukudla ilifa lalo.

2 Yileli ilizwe eliseleyo: Yonke imingcele yamaFilisti, leGeshuri yonke,

3 kusukela eShihori eliphambi kweGibhithe, kusiya emngceleni weEkhironi enyakatho, elibalelwa kumaKhanani; ababusi abahlanu bamaFilisti, abeGaza, labeAshidodi, abeAshikeloni, abeGathi, labeEkhironi, labeAvi,

4 kusukela eningizimu, ilizwe lonke lamaKhanani, leMeyara elingelamaSidoni,
kuze kufike eAfeki, kuze kube semngceleni wamaAmori,

5 lelizwe lamaGebali, leLebhanoni lonke, kusiya empumalanga, kusukela eBhali-
Gadi ngaphansi kwentaba yeHermoni, kusiya ekungeneni kweHamathi.

6 Bonke abakhileyo ezintabeni, kusukela eLebhanoni kusiya eMisirefothi-Mayimi,
wonke amaSidoni, mina ngizabaxotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli. Kuphela ulabele uIsrayeli ngenkatho libe yilifa, njengoba
ngikulayile.

7 Ngakho-ke yehlukanisa ilizwe leli libe yilifa ezizweni eziyisificamunwemunye
lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase.

Ilizwe elanikwa isizwe sakoRubeni lesakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase

8 Kanye labo abakoRubeni labakoGadi bemukela ilifa labo, uMozisi owabanika
lona, ngaphetsheya kweJodani ngempumalanga, njengalokho uMozisi inceku
yeNKOSI wabanika:

9 Kusukela eAroweri esekhunjini lwesifula seArinoni, lomuzi ophakathi
kwesifula, lamagceke wonke eMedebakuze kube seDiboni,

10 lemizi yonke kaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori owabusa eHeshiboni, kuze kube
semngceleni wabantwana bakoAmoni,

11 leGileyadi lomngcele wamaGeshuri lamaMahakathi lentaba yonke
yeHermoni leBashani lonke kuze kube seSaleka,

12 umbuso wonke kaOgi eBashani owabusa eAshitarothi leEdreyi. Nguye owasala
kunsali yeziqhwaga. UMozisi wayebatshaye-ke wabaxotsha elifeni labo.

13 Kodwa abantwana bakoIsrayeli kabawaxotshanga elifeni amaGeshuri
lamaMahakathi; kodwa amaGeshuri lamaMahakathi ahlala phakathi kukaIsrayeli
kuze kube lamuhla.

14 Kuphela esizweni sakoLevi kanikanga ilifa; iminikelo yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli eyenziwe ngomlilo iyilifa laso, njengokutsho kwayo kuso.

15 UMozisi wasenika isizwe sabantwana bakoRubeni ngokwensendo zabo.

16 Lomngcele waso wasukela eAroweri esekhunjini lwesifula seArinoni, lomuzi
ophakathi kwesifula, lamagcekewonke eMedeba,

17 iHeshiboni, lemizi yayo yonke esemagcekeni, iDiboni leBamothi-Bhali leBeti-
Bhali-Meyoni,

18 leJahaza leKedemothi leMefahathi,

19 leKiriyathayimi leSibima leZerethi-Shahari entabeni yesigodi,

20 leBeti-Peyori leAshidodi-Pisiga leBeti-Jeshimothi,

21 lemizi yonke yamagceke, lombuso wonke kaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori,
owayebusa eHeshiboni, uMozisi amtshaya leziphathamandla zeMidiyani, oEvi
loRekemi loZuri loHuri loReba, amakhosana kaSihoni, abakhileyo belizwe.

22 LoBalami indodana kaPeyori, ovumisayo, abantwana bakoIsrayeli bambulala
ngenkemba phakathi kwababuleweyo babo.

23 Lomngcele wabantwana bakoRubeni wawuyiJodani lomngcele wayo. Lokhu
kwakuyilifa labantwana bakoRubeni ngokwensendo zabo, imizi lemizana yayo.

24 UMozisi wasenika isizwe sakoGadi, kubantwana bakoGadi ngokwensendo
zabo.

25 Lomngcele wabo wawuyiJazeri layo yonke imizi yeGileyadi lengxenye yelizwe
labantwana bakoAmoni, kusiya eAroweri, ephambi kweRaba,

26 njalo kusukela eHeshiboni kusiya eRamathi-Mizipa leBetonimi, njalo kusukela
eMahanayimi kuze kube semngceleni weDebhiri;

27 lesigodini, iBeti-Harama leBeti-Nimira leSukothi leZafoni, insali yombuso
kaSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni, iJodani lomngcele, kuze kube sekupheleni
kolwandle lweKinerethi ngaphetsheya kweJodani empumalanga.

28 Leli yilifa labantwana bakoGadi ngokwensendo zabo, imizi lemizana yabo.

29 UMozisi wasenika ingxenye yesizwe sakoManase ilifa; njalo yayingeyengxenye
yesizwe sabantwana bakoManase ngokwensendo zabo.

30 Lomngcele wabo wasukela eMahanayimi, iBashani lonke, umbuso wonke
kaOgi inkosi yeBashani, layo yonke imizana yeJayiri eseBashani, imizi
engamatshumi ayisithupha.

31 Lengxenye yeGileyadi, leAshitarothi, leEdreyi, imizi yombuso kaOgi eBashani,
yayingeyabantwana bakoMakiri indodana kaManase, ngitsho eyengxenye
yabantwana bakoMakiri ngokwensendo zabo.

32 La yiwo uMozisi awanika aba yilifa emagcekeni akoMowabi ngaphetsheya
kweJodani eJeriko empumalanga.

33 Kodwa esizweni sakoLevi uMozisi kanikanga ilifa; iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, iyilifa labo, njengokutsho kwayo kubo.

LUKAJOSHUWA 14

Ilizwe leKhanani labiwa ngenkatho

1 Lala ngamazwe abantwana bakoIsrayeli abawadla abe yilifa elizweni leKhanani,
uEleyazare umpristi loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni lenhloko zaboyise bezizwe
zabantwana bakoIsrayeli ababanika wona aba yilifa,

2 ngenkatho yelifa labo, njengokulaya kweNKOSI ngesandla sikaMozisi, ngezizwe
eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenye yesizwe.

3 Ngoba uMozisi wayesenike ilifa izizwe ezimbili lengxenye yesizwe
ngaphetsheya kweJodani; kodwa kumaLevi kanikanga ilifa phakathi kwazo.

4 Ngoba abantwana bakoJosefa babeyizizwe ezimbili, uManase loEfrayimi. Njalo
kabawanikanga amaLevi isabelo elizweni, ngaphandle kwemizi yokuhlala,
lamadlelo ayo ezifuyo zabo lempahla zabo.

5 Njengokulaya kweNKOSI kuMozisi, abantwana bakoIsrayeli benza njalo, balaba
ilizwe.

UKalebi unikwa iHebroni

6 Khona abantwana bakoJuda basondela kuJoshuwa eGiligali; uKalebi indodana
kaJefune umKenizi wasesithi kuye: Wena uyalazi ilizwi iNKOSI eyalikhuluma
kuMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu mayelana lawe lamayelana lami eKadeshi-
Bhaneya.

7 Ngangileminyaka engamatshumi amane lapho uMozisi inceku
yeNKOSI ingithuma ngisuka eKadeshi-Bhaneya ukuhlola ilizwe. Ngasengibuyisela
kuye umbiko njengokusenhliziyweni yami.

8 Kodwa abazalwane bami ababenyuke lami benza inhliziyo zabantu zancibilika;
kodwa mina ngayilandela ngokupheleleyo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wami.

9 UMozisi wasefunga mhlalokho esithi: Isibili umhlaba olunyathele kuwo unyawo
lwakho uzakuba ngowakho ube yilifa, lebantwaneni bakho kuze kube nininini,
ngoba uyilandele ngokupheleleyo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wami.

10 Khathesi-ke khangela, iNKOSI ingilondoloze ngiphila njengokutsho kwayo
okwale iminyaka engamatshumi amane lanhlanu, kusukela esikhathini
iNKOSI eyakhuluma ngaso lelilizwi kuMozisi, uIsrayeli esahamba enkangala.
Khathesi-ke khangela, lamuhla ngileminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili
lanhlanu.

11 Ngisaqinile lalamuhla njengasosukwini uMozisi angithuma ngalo.
Njengamandla ami ngalesosikhathi, asenjalo amandla ami khathesi, awempi
lawokuphuma lawokungena.

12 Ngakho-ke nginika lintaba iNKOSI eyakhuluma ngayo ngalolosuku, ngoba wena
wezwa mhlalokho ukuthi amaAnaki ayekhona lapho lemizi emikhulu ebiyelwe
ngemithangala. Aluba iNKOSI ilami, ngizawaxotsha elifeni, njengokutsho
kweNKOSI.

13 UJoshuwa wasembusisa wanika uKalebi indodana kaJefune iHebroni ibe yilifa.

14 Ngalokho-ke iHebroni yaba ngekaKalebi indodana kaJefune umKenizi yaba
yilifa kuze kube lamuhla, ngoba wayilandela ngokupheleleyo iNKOSI,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

15 Lebizo leHebroni kuqala laliyiKiriyathi-Arba, owayengumuntu omkhulu phakathi kwamaAnaki. Ilizwe laseliphumula empini.

LUKAJOSHUWA 15

Ilizwe elanikwa isizwe sakoJuda

1 Lenkatho yesizwe sabantwana bakoJuda ngokwensendo zabo yayisemngceleni weEdoma, inkangala yeZini ngeningizimu ephethelweni eningizimu.

2 Lomngcele wabo weningizimu wawusuka ephethelweni loLwandle lweTshwayi, kusukela ethekwini elikhangela eningizimu.

3 Waphuma waya eningizimu emqansweni weAkirabimi, wedlulela eZini, wenyuka usuka eningizimu kusiya eKadeshi-Bhaneya, wedlulele eHezironi, wenyukele eAdari, uphendukele eKarika,

4 wedlulele eAzimoni, uphumele esifuleni seGibhithe; lokuphuma komngcele kwakuselwandle. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wenu eningizimu.

5 Njalo umngcele wempumalanga wawuluLwandle lweTshwayi, kusiya ephethelweni leJodani. Lomngcele ehlangothini lwenyakatho wasukela ethekwini lolwandle, kusukela ephethelweni leJodani.

6 Lomngcele wenyukela eBeti-Hogila, wedlula kusuka enyakatho kusiya eBeti-Araba; lomngcele wenyukela elitsheni likaBohani indodana kaRubeni.

7 Lomngcele wenyukela eDebiri kusuka esihotsheni seAkori, usiya enyakatho ukhangele eGiligali, omaqondana lomqanso weAdumimi, ongeningizimu kwesifula. Lomngcele wedlula usiya emanzini eEni-Shemeshi, lokuphuma kwawo kwakuseEni-Rogeli.

8 Lomngcele wenyuka ngesihotsha sendodana kaHinomu usiya ehlangothini lwamaJebusi eningizimu, okuyiJerusalema. Lomngcele wenyukela engqongeni yentaba ephambi kwesihotsha seHinomu entshonalanga, elisephethelweni lesihotsha seziqhwaga enyakatho.

9 Lomngcele wagoba usuka engqongeni yentaba kuze kube semthonjeni wamanzi eNefitowa, waphumela emizini yentaba yeEfroni. Lomngcele wagoba usiya eBhahala, okuyiKiriyathi-Jeyarimi.

10 Lomngcele wabhoda usuka eBhahala ngentshonalanga waya entabeni yeSeyiri, wedlulele eceleni kwentaba yeJeyarimi, eyiKesaloni, wehlele eBeti-Shemeshi, wedlule eThiminathi.

11 Lomngcele waphuma uye eceleni kweEkhironi enyakatho; lomngcele wagoba uye eShikeroni, wedlula intaba yeBhahala, waphumela eJabineli; lokuphuma komngcele kwakuselwandle.

12 Lomngcele wentshonalanga wawululwandle olukhulu lokhumbi. Lo ngumngcele wabantwana bakoJuda inhlangothi zonke ngokwensendo zabo.

UKalebi unqoba iHebroni leDebiri

13 Wasemupha uKalebi indodana kaJefune isabelo phakathi kwabantwana
bakoJuda, ngokomlayo weNKOSIkuJoshuwa, iKiriyathi-Arba, uyise kaAnaki,
eyiHebroni.

14 UKalebi wasexotsha elifeni amadodana amathathu kaAnaki asuke lapho,
uSheshayi loAhimani loTalimayi, abantwana bakaAnaki.

15 Wasesenyuka esuka lapho waya kwabahlali beDebiri. Lebizo leDebiri kuqala
laliyiKiriyathi-Seferi.

16 UKalebi wasesithi: Lowo otshaya iKiriyathi-Seferi, ayithumbe, ngizamupha
uAkisa indodakazi yami abe ngumkakhe.

17 UOthiniyeli indodana kaKenazi, umnawakhe kaKalebi, waseyithumba;
wasemnika uAkisa indodakazi yakhe ukuba ngumkakhe.

18 Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwakhe wamkhuthaza ukuthi acele kuyise insimu;
wasesehla kubabhemi, uKalebi wasesithi kuye: Ukhala ngani?

19 Wasesithi: Ngipha isibusiso. Njengoba ungiphe ilizwe elomileyo, ngipha njalo
imithombo yamanzi. Wasemnika imithombo engaphezulu lemithombo
engaphansi.

Imizi yesizwe sakoJuda

20 Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoJuda ngokwensendo zabo.

21 Lemizi esukela ekucineni kwesizwe sabantwana bakoJuda kusiya emngceleni
weEdoma yile: IKabhiseyelileEderi leJaguri

22 leKina leDimona leAdada

23 leKedeshi leHazori leIthinani,

24 iZifi leTelema leBeyalothi

25 leHazori-Hadatha leKeriyothi, iHezironi okuyiHazori,

26 iAmama leShema leMolada

27 leHazari-Gada leHeshimoni leBeti-Peleti

28 leHazari-Shuwali leBherishebha leBiziyothiya,

29 iBhahala leIyimi leEzema

30 leElitoladi leKesili leHorma

31 leZikilagi leMadimana leSansana

32 leLebayothi leShilihimi leEni leRimoni. Yonke imizi ingamatshumi amabili
lesificamunwemunye lemizana yayo.

33 Esihotsheni: IEshitawoli leZora leAshina

34 leZanowa leEni-Ganimi, iTapuwa leEnama,

35 iJarimuthi leAdulamu, iSoko leAzeka

36 leShaharayimi leAdithayimi leGedera leGederothayimi; imizi elitshumi lane lemizana yayo.

37 IZenani leHadasha leMigidali-Gadi

38 leDileyani leMizipa leJokhitheyeli,

39 iLakishi leBhozikhathi leEgiloni

40 leKhabhoni leLahimasa leKitilishi

41 leGederothi, iBeti-Dagoni, leNahama, leMakeda; imizi elitshumi lesithupha lemizana yayo.

42 ILibhina leEtheri leAshani

43 leJifitha leAshina leNezibhi

44 leKeyila leAkizibi leMaresha; imizi eyisificamunwemunye lemizana yayo.

45 IEkhironi lemizi yayo lemizana yayo.

46 Kusukela eEkhironi kusiya elwandle, yonke eseceleni kweAshidodi lemizana yayo:

47 IAshidodi, imizi yayo lemizana yayo; iGaza, imizi yayo lemizana yayo; kusiya esifuleni seGibhithe, lolwandle olukhulu, lomngcele.

48 Lezintabeni: IShamiri leJatiri leSoko

49 leDana leKiriyathi-Sana okuyiDebiri,

50 leAnabi leEshithemo leAnimi

51 leGosheni leHoloni leGilo; imizi elitshumi lanye lemizana yayo.

52 IArabi leDuma leEshani

53 leJanimi leBeti-Tapuwa leAfeka

54 leHumta leKiriyathi-Arba, okuyiHebroni, leZiyori; imizi eyisificamunwemunye lemizana yayo.

55 IMayoni, iKharmeli leZifi leJuta

56 leJizereyeli leJokideyama leZanoya,

57 iKayini, iGibeya leTimina; imizi elitshumi lemizana yayo.

58 IHalihuli, iBeti-Zuri leGedori

59 leMarathi leBeti-Anothi leElitekoni; imizi eyisithupha lemizana yayo.

60 iKiriyathi-Bhali, okuyiKiriyathi-Jeyarimi, leRaba; imizi emibili lemizana yayo.

61 Enkangala: IBeti-Araba, iMidini leSekaka

62 leNibishani, lomuzi wetshwayi, leEngedi; imizi eyisithupha lemizana yayo.

63 Kodwa amaJebusi, abahlali beJerusalema, abantwana bakoJuda babengelakho ukuwaxotsha elifeni; ngakho amaJebusi ahlala labantwana bakoJuda eJerusalema kuze kube lamuhla.

LUKAJOSHUWA 16

Ilizwe elanikwa isizwe sakoEfrayimi

1Kwasekuphuma inkatho yabantwana bakoJosefa kusukela eJodani eJeriko, kusiya emanzini eJeriko ngempumalanga, inkangala isenyuka isuka eJeriko entabeni yeBhetheli;

2 yasiphuma eBhetheli isiya eLuzi, yadlulela emngceleni wamaAriki eAtarothi,

3 yehlela entshonalanga emngceleni wamaJafilethi, isiya emngceleni weBhethi-Horoni ngaphansi, kwaze kwaba seGezeri; lokuphuma kwayo kwakuselwandle.

4 Ngakho abantwana bakoJosefa, uManase loEfrayimi, balidla ilifa.

5 Lomngcele wabantwana bakoEfrayimi ngokwensendo zabo wawunje: Ngitsho umngcele welifa labo empumalanga wawuyiAtarothi-Adari kuze kufike eBhethi-Horoni ngaphezulu.

6 Umngcele wasuphumela elwandle, eMikimethathi enyakatho; lomngcele waphendukela empumalanga eTanathi-Shilo, wedlula empumalanga usiya eJanowa;

7 wasusehla usuka eJanowa usiya eAtarothi leNahara, wagudla iJeriko, waphumela eJodani.

8 Kusukela eTapuwa umngcele waya entshonalanga esifuleni iKana, lokuphuma kwawo waba selwandle. Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoEfrayimi ngokwensendo zabo.

9 Lemizi eyayehlukaniselwe abantwana bakoEfrayimi yayiphakathi kwelifa labantwana bakoManase, yonke imizi lemizana yayo.

10 Kodwa kabawaxotshanga elifeni amaKhanani ayehlala eGezeri. Ngakho amaKhanani ahlala phakathi kwabakoEfrayimi kuze kube lamuhla, ayesebenza njengezibhalwa.

LUKAJOSHUWA 17

Ilizwe elanikwa isizwe sakoManase

1Kwasekusiba lenkatho yesizwe sakoManase, ngoba wayelizibulo likaJosefa, engekaMakiri izibulo likaManase uyise kaGileyadi; ngoba yena wayengumuntu wempi; ngakho waba leGileyadi leBashani.

2 Yayikhona njalo eyabaseleyo babantwana bakoManase ngokwensendo zabo, eyabantwana bakoAbiyezeri, leyabantwana bakoHeleki, leyabantwana bakoAsiriyeli, leyabantwana bakoShekema, leyabantwana bakoHeferi, leyabantwana bakoShemida. Laba ngabantwana besilisa bakaManase indodana kaJosefa ngokwensendo zabo.

3 Kodwa uZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi indodana kaGileyadi indodana kaMakiri indodana kaManase wayengelamadodana, kodwa amadodakazi. Lala ngamabizo amadodakazi akhe: OMahla loNowa, uHogila, uMilka loTiriza.

4 Asesondela phambi kukaEleyazare umpristi laphambi kukaJoshuwa indodana kaNuni laphambi kweziphathamandla, esithi: INKOSI yalaya uMozisi ukusinika ilifa phakathi kwabafowethu. Ngakho wawanika ngokomlayo weNKOSI ilifa phakathi kwabafowabo bakayise.

5 Ngakho kwawela inkatho ezilitshumi kuManase, ngaphandle kwelizwe leGileyadi leBashani, elingaphetsheya kweJodani.

6 Ngoba amadodakazi kaManase adla ilifa phakathi kwamadodana akhe. Lelizwe leGileyadi laba ngelabaseleyo bamadodana akoManase.

7 Umngcele wakoManase wasusukela eAsheri usiya eMikimethathi ephambi kweShekema; lomngcele waya ngakwesokunene kubahlali beEni-Tapuwa.

8 UManase waba lelizwe leTapuwa, kodwa iTapuwa emngceleni kaManase yayingeyabantwana bakoEfrayimi.

9 Lomngcele wehlela esifuleni iKana eningizimu kwesifula. Imizi le ngeyakoEfrayimi phakathi kwemizi yakoManase. Lomngcele wakoManase usenyakatho kwesifula, lokuphuma kwawo kuselwandle.

10 Eningizimu lalingelakoEfrayimi, lenyakatho lalingelakoManase, lolwandle lungumngcele wakhe. LeAsheri bahlangana enyakatho, leIsakari empumalanga.

11 Ngoba koIsakari loAsheri uManase wayeleBeti-Sheyani lemizana yayo, leIbileyamu lemizana yayo, labahlali beDori lemizana yayo, labahlali beEni-Dori lemizana yayo, labahlali beThahanakhi lemizana yayo, labahlali beMegido lemizana yayo: Amadundulu amathathu.

12 Kodwa abantwana bakoManase babengelakho ukuxotsha elifeni leyomizi, kodwa amaKhanani ayefuna ukuhlala kulelolizwe.

13 Kodwa kwathi lapho abantwana bakoIsrayeli sebelamandla bawasebenzisa amaKhanani njengezibhalwa, kodwa kabawaxotshanga lokuwaxotsha elifeni.

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14 Abantwana bakoJosefa basebekhuluma kuJoshuwa besithi: Unginikeleni inkatho eyodwa lesabelo esisodwa ukuba yilifa, kube kanti ngiyisizwe esikhulu, njengoba iNKOSI ingibusisile kuze kube lapha?

15 UJoshuwa wasesithi kubo: Uba uyisizwe esikhulu, wena yenyukela eguswini, uzicentele khona elizweni lamaPerizi leleziqhwaga, nxa intaba yakoEfrayimi iminyene kuwe.

16 Abantwana bakoJosefa basebesithi: Intaba kayisanelanga, njalo kulenqola zensimbi lamaKhanani wonke ahlala elizweni lesihotsha, lawaseBeti-Sheyani lemizana yayo, lawasesigodini seJizereyeli.

17 UJoshuwa wasekhuluma kundlu kaJosefa, kuEfrayimi lakuManase esithi: Uyisizwe esikhulu, futhi ulamandla amakhulu; kawuyikuba lenkatho eyodwa,

18 kodwa intaba izakuba ngeyakho; ngoba iligusu, uzalicenta, lokuphuma kwalo kube ngokwakho, ngoba uzawaxotsha elifeni amaKhanani, lanxa elenqola zensimbi, lanxa elamandla.

LUKAJOSHUWA 18

Ukwabiwa kwelizwe eShilo

1Inhlangano yonke-ke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli yabuthana eShilo, yamisa khona ithente lenhlangano. Lelizwe lalehliselwe phansi phambi kwabo.

2 Kwasekusele phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezazingabelwanga ilifa lazo.

3 UJoshuwa wasesithi kubantwana bakoIsrayeli: Koze kube nini lidonda ukuyakudla ilifa lelizwe iNKOSIuNkulunkulu waboyihlo elinike lona?

4 Zinikeni amadoda amathathu ngesizwe, ngiwathume, asukume ahambe adabule ilizwe, alibhale ngokwelifa lazo, abuye kimi.

5 Azalehlukanisa libe yizabelo eziyisikhombisa; uJuda uzahlala emngceleni wakhe eningizimu, labendlu kaJosefabahlale emngceleni wabo enyakatho.

6 Lani lizabhala ilizwe ngezigaba eziyisikhombisa, beseliletha kimi lapha, ukuthi ngiliphosele inkatho lapha phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu.

7 Ngoba amaLevi kawalasabelo phakathi kwenu, ngoba ubupristi beNKOSI buyilifa labo. LoGadi loRubeni lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase sebethethe ilifa labo ngaphetsheya kweJodani empumalanga, uMozisi inceku yeNKOSI eyabanika lona.

8 Asesuka amadoda ahamba. UJoshuwa wawalaya ahambayo ukubhala ilizwe esithi: Hambani lidabule ilizwe lilibhale, libuyele kimi, ukuze ngiliphosele inkatho lapha phambi kweNKOSI eShilo.

9 Ngakho amadoda ahamba adabula phakathi kwelizwe, alibhala ngemizi ngezigaba eziyisikhombisa egwalweni; asebuya kuJoshuwa enkambeni eShilo.

10 UJoshuwa wasebaphosela inkatho eShilo phambi kweNKOSI; uJoshuwa wasebabela lapho ilizwe abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngokwezigaba zabo.

Ilizwe elanikwa isizwe sakoBhenjamini

11 Inkatho yesizwe sabantwana bakoBhenjamini yavela ngokwensendo zabo. Lomngcele wenkatho yabo waphuma phakathi kwabantwana bakoJuda labantwana bakoJosefa.

12 Lomngcele wabo ngenyakatho wasukela eJodani, lomngcele wenyuka ewatheni leJeriko enyakatho, wasusenyuka udabula entabeni usiya entshonalanga, lokuphuma kwawo waba senkangala yeBeti-Aveni.

13 Lomngcele wedlula usuka lapho waya eLuzi, ewatheni leLuzi, eyiBhetheli, ngeningizimu; lomngcele wehlela eAtarothi-Adari, eduze lentaba engeningizimu kweBhethi-Horoni engaphansi.

14 Umngcele wagoba-ke, waphenduka waya eceleni lentshonalanga ngeningizimu, kusukela entabeni emaqondana leBhethi-Horoni eningizimu; lokuphuma kwawo kwaba eKiriyathi-Bhali, eyiKiriyathi-Jeyarimi, umuzi wabantwana bakoJuda. Lolu luhlangothi lwentshonalanga.

15 Lohlangothi lweningizimu lusephethelweni leKiriyathi-Jeyarimi; lomngcele waphuma waya entshonalanga, waphuma waya emthonjeni wamanzi weNefitowa.

16 Umngcele wasusehla usiya ephethelweni lentaba emaqondana lesihotsha sendodana kaHinomu esisesihotsheni seziqhwaga enyakatho, wasusehlela esihotsheni seHinomu ewatheni lamaJebusi eningizimu, wehlela eEni-Rogeli;

17 wagoba usukela enyakatho waphuma eEni-Shemeshi, waphumela eGelilothi emaqondana lomqanso weAdumimi, wehlela elitsheni likaBohani indodana kaRubeni;

18 wadlulela ewatheni maqondana leAraba enyakatho, wehlela eAraba.

19 Umngcele wasusedlulela ewatheni leBeti-Hogila enyakatho, lokuphuma komngcele kwakusethekwini loLwandle lweTshwayi enyakatho, ephethelweni leJodani ngeningizimu. Lo ngumngcele weningizimu.

20 LeJodani ingumngcele walo ehlangothini lwempumalanga. Leli yilifa labantwana bakoBhenjamini ngemingcele yalo inhlangothi zonke, ngokwensendo zabo.

21 Lemizi yesizwe sabantwana bakoBhenjamini ngokwensendo zabo yile: IJeriko leBeti-Hogila leEmeki-Kezizi

22 leBeti-Araba leZemarayimi leBhetheli

23 leAvimi lePara leOfira

24 leKefari-Amoni leOfini leGeba; imizi elitshumi lambili lemizana yayo.

25 IGibeyoni leRama leBeyerothi

26 leMizipa leKefira leMoza

27 leRekemi leIripheyeli leTarala

28 leZela, iElefi, leJebusi, okuyiJerusalema, iGibeyathi, iKiriyathi; imizi elitshumi lane lemizana yayo. Leli yilifa labantwana bakoBhenjamini ngokwensendo zabo.

LUKAJOSHUWA 19

Ilizwe elanikwa isizwe sakoSimeyoni

1 Inkatho yesibili yasivela yaya kuSimeyoni, eyesizwe sabantwana bakoSimeyoni, ngokwensendo zabo. Lelifa labo laliphakathi kwelifa labantwana bakoJuda.

2 Elifeni labo-ke babeleBherishebha leShebha leMolada

3 leHazari-Shuwali leBala leEzema

4 leElitoladi leBethuli leHorma

5 leZikilagi leBeti-Marikabothi leHazari-Susa

6 leBeti-Lebawothi leSharuheni; imizi elitshumi lantathu lemizana yayo.

7 IEni, iRimoni leEtheri leAshani; imizi emine lemizana yayo.

8 Layo yonke imizana ezingelezele imizi le, kuze kufike eBahalathi-Beri, iRama yeningizimu. Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoSimeyoni ngokwensendo zabo.

9 Ilifa labantwana bakoSimeyoni lavela enkathweni yabantwana bakoJuda; ngoba isigaba sabantwana bakoJuda sasisikhulu kakhulu kibo; ngakho abantwana bakoSimeyoni badla ilifa phakathi kwelifa labo.

Ilizwe elanikwa isizwe sakoZebuluni

10 Inkatho yesithathu yasivela yaya kubantwana bakoZebuluni ngokwensendo zabo. Lomngcele welifa labo wafika eSaridi.

11 Umngcele wabo-ke wenyukela entshonalanga leMarala, wafinyelela eDabeshethi wafinyelela esifuleniesiphambi kweJokineyamu;

12 waphenduka uvela eSaridi usiya empumalanga lapho okuphuma khona ilanga emngceleni weKisilothi-Thabhori, waphuma waya eDaberathi, wenyukela eJafiya;

13 ususuka lapho wedlulela empumalanga, endaweni yokuphuma kwelanga, usiya eGitha-Heferi leItha-Kazini, waphumela eRimoni, uphendukela eNeya.

14 Lomngcele wayizingelezela enyakatho eHanathoni; lokuphuma kwawo kwaba sesihotsheni seJifitaheli.

15 LeKatathi leNahalali leShimironi leJidala leBhethelehema, imizi elitshumi lambili lemizana yayo.

16 Leli yilifa labantwana bakoZebuluni ngokwensendo zabo: Imizi le lemizana yayo.

Ilizwe elanikwa isizwe sakoIsakari

17 Inkatho yesine yavela yaya kubantwana bakoIsakari ngokwensendo zabo.

18 Umngcele wabo-ke wawuyiJizereyeli leKesulothi leShunemi

19 leHafarayimi leShiyoni leAnaharathi

20 leRabithi leKishiyoni leAbezi

21 leRemethi leEni-Ganimi leEni-Hada leBeti-Pazezi.

22 Lomngcele wafinyelela eThabhori leShahazima leBeti-Shemeshi; lokuphuma komngcele wabo kwakuseJodani; imizi elitshumi lesithupha lemizana yayo.

23 Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoIsakari ngokwensendo zabo, imizi lemizana yayo.

Ilizwe elanikwa isizwe sakoAsheri

24 Inkatho yesihlanu yasivela yaya esizweni sabantwana bakoAsheri ngokwensendo zabo.

25 Umngcele wabo-ke wawuyiHelkathi leHali leBeteni leAkishafi

26 leAlameleki leAmadi leMishali; wasufinyelela eKharmeli entshonalanga leShihori-Libhinathi,

27 waphendukela lapho okuphuma khona ilanga usiya eBeti-Dagoni, wafinyelela eZebuluni lesihotsha seJifitaheli enyakatho waya eBeti-Emeki leNeyiyeli, waphumela eKabuli kwesokhohlo,

28 leEbroni leRehobi leHamoni leKana, kwaze kwaba seSidoni enkulu.

29 Umngcele wasuphendukela eRama, waya emzini obiyelweyo weTire; lomngcele waphendukela eHosa; lokuphuma kwawo kwakuselwandle, uvela esigabeni usiya eAkizibi

30 leUma leAfeki leRehobi; imizi engamatshumi amabili lambili lemizana yayo.

31 Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoAsheri ngokwensendo zabo, imizi le lemizana yayo.

Ilizwe elanikwa isizwe sakoNafithali

32 Inkatho yesithupha yavela yaya kubantwana bakoNafithali, eyabantwana bakoNafithali ngokwensendo zabo.

33 Umngcele wabo wasusuka eHelefi, esihlahleni se-okhi eZahananimi leAdami-Nekebi leJabineli, kwaze kwaba seLakumi; lokuphuma kwawo wawuseJodani.

34 Umngcele wasuphendukela entshonalanga usiya eAzinothi-Thabhori, waphuma lapho waya eHukoki, wafinyelela eZebuluni ngeningizimu, leAsheri wafinyelela entshonalanga, leJuda eJodani lapho okuphuma khona ilanga.

35 Njalo imizi ebiyelweyo yile: IZidimi, iZeri, leHamathi, iRakathi, leKinerethi,

36 leAdama, leRama, leHazori,

37 leKedeshi, leEdreyi, leEni-Hazori,

38 leYironi, leMigidali-Eli, iHorema, leBeti-Anathi, leBeti-Shemeshi; imizi elitshumi lesificamunwemunye lemizana yayo.

39 Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoNafithali ngokwensendo zabo, imizi lemizana yayo.

Ilizwe elanikwa isizwe sakoDani

40 Inkatho yesikhombisa yavela yaya esizweni sabantwana bakoDani ngokwensendo zabo.

41 Lomngcele welifa labo wawuyiZora leEshitawoli leIri-Shemeshi

42 leShahalabini leAjaloni leJithila

43 leEloni leTiminatha leEkhironi

44 leEliteke leGibethoni leBahalathi

45 leJehudi leBene-Beraki leGathi-Rimoni

46 leMe-Jarkoni leRakoni kanye lomngcele oqondene leJafo.

47 Lomngcele wabantwana bakoDani wavela umncinyane kakhulu kubo. Ngakho abantwana bakoDani benyuka ukuyakulwa bemelene leLeshema; sebeyithumbile bayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, badla ilifa layo, bahlala kiyo, bayibiza iLeshema ngokuthi yiDani, ngebizo likaDani uyise.

48 Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoDani ngokwensendo zabo, imizi le lemizana yayo.

Ilizwe elanikwa uJoshuwa

49 Kwathi sebeqedile ukwaba ilizwe libe yilifa ngokwemingcele yalo, abantwana bakoIsrayeli bamnika uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni ilifa phakathi kwabo.

50 Ngokomlayo weNKOSI bamnika umuzi awucelayo, iThiminathi-Sera entabeni yakoEfrayimi, wasesakha umuzi, wahlala kiwo.

51 La ngamafa uEleyazare umpristi loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni lenhloko zaboyise zezizwe zabantwana bakoIsrayeli abawaba aba yilifa ngenkatho eShilo phambi kweNKOSI, emnyango wethente lenhlangano. Baqeda-ke ukulaba ilizwe.

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Imizi yokuphephela

1 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuJoshuwa isithi:

2 Khuluma kubantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi: Zikhetheleni imizi yokuphephela engakhuluma ngayo kini ngesandla sikaMozisi,

3 ukuze umbulali obulala umuntu kungeyisikho ngabomo engazi abalekele khona. Njalo izakuba yisiphephelo kini kumphindiseli wegazi.

4 Nxa ebalekela komunye walimizi uzakuma emnyango wesango lomuzi, akhulume udaba lwakhe ezindlebeni zabadala balowomuzi; babesebememukela kubo emzini, bamnike indawo ukuthi ahlale labo.

5 Uba-ke umphindiseli wegazi exotshana laye, kabayikunikela umbulali esandleni sakhe, ngoba utshaye umakhelwane wakhe engazi, ebengamzondi mandulo.

6 Uzahlala kulowomuzi aze eme phambi kwenhlangano kusenzelwa ukwahlulelwa, kuze kube lokufa kompristi omkhulu oyabe ekhona ngalezonsuku. Umbulali usengabuyela eze emzini wakibo lendlini yakhe, aye emzini abaleke khona.

7 Basebengcwelisa iKedeshi eGalili entabeni yakoNafithali, leShekema entabeni yakoEfrayimi, leKiriyathi-ArbaokuyiHebroni entabeni yakoJuda.

8 Langaphetsheya kweJodani eJeriko empumalanga banika iBezeri enkangala emagcekeni esizweni sakoRubeni, leRamothi eGileyadi esizweni sakoGadi, leGolani eBashani esizweni sakoManase.

9 Le yimizi eyayimiselwe bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli lowezizwe ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, ukuze loba ngubani obulala umuntu kungeyisikho ngabomo abalekele khona, ukuze angafi ngesandla somphindiseli wegazi, aze eme phambi kwenhlangano.

LUKAJOSHUWA 21

Imizi yamaLevi

1 Kwasekusondela inhloko zaboyise bamaLevi kuEleyazare umpristi lakuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni lakuzo inhloko zaboyise bezizwe zabantwana bakoIsrayeli,

2 bakhuluma kubo eShilo elizweni leKhanani, besithi: INKOSI yalaya ngesandla sikaMozisi ukusinika imizi yokuhlala, lamadlelo ayo ezifuyo zethu.

3 Ngakho abantwana bakoIsrayeli banika amaLevi okwelifa labo ngokomlayo weNKOSI, limizi lamadlelo ayo.

4 Kwasekuvela inkatho yensendo zamaKohathi. Abantwana bakoAroni umpristi, abavela kumaLevi, ngenkatho esizweni sakoJuda lesizweni sakoSimeyoni lesizweni sakoBhenjamini, basebesiba lemizi elitshumi lantathu.

5 Labaseleyo kubantwana bakaKohathi, ngenkatho ensendweni zesizwe
sakoEfrayimi lesizweni sakoDani lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe
sakoManase, baba lemizi elitshumi.

6 Labantwana bakoGerishoni, ngenkatho ensendweni zesizwe sakoIsakari
lesizweni sakoAsheri lesizweni sakoNafithali lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili
yesizwe sakoManase eBashani, baba lemizi elitshumi lantathu.

7 Abantwana bakoMerari ngokwensendo zabo, esizweni sakoRubeni lesizweni
sakoGadi lesizweni sakoZebuluni, baba lemizi elitshumi lambili.

8 Labantwana bakoIsrayeli banika amaLevi le imizi lamadlelo ayo ngenkatho,
njengokulaya kweNKOSI ngesandla sikaMozisi.

9 Basebenika esizweni sabantwana bakoJuda lesizweni sabantwana
bakoSimeyoni le imizi, eqanjwa ngebizo,

10 eyayingeyabantwana bakoAroni, bevela kunsendo zamaKohathi ebantwaneni
bakoLevi, ngoba baba lenkatho yokuqala.

11 Basebebanika iKiriyathi-Arba, uyise kaAnoki, okuyiHebroni, ezintabeni
zakoJuda lamadlelo inhlangothi zayo zonke.

12 Kodwa insimu yomuzi lemizana yawo bakunika uKalebi indodana
kaJefune ukuba ngeyakhe.

13 Ngakho banika abantwana bakoAroni umpristi umuzi wokuphephela
wombulali, iHebroni, lamadlelo ayo, leLibhina lamadlelo ayo,

14 leJatiri lamadlelo ayo, leEshithemowa lamadlelo ayo,

15 leHoloni lamadlelo ayo, leDebiri lamadlelo ayo,

16 leAyini lamadlelo ayo, leJuta lamadlelo ayo, leBeti-Shemeshi lamadlelo ayo;
imizi eyisificamunwemunye kulezizizwe ezimbili.

17 Lesizweni sakoBhenjamini: IGibeyoni lamadlelo ayo, iGeba lamadlelo ayo,

18 iAnathothi lamadlelo ayo, leAlimoni lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine.

19 Yonke imizi yabantwana bakoAroni, abapristi, yayilemizi elitshumi lantathu
lamadlelo ayo.

20 Lensendo zabantwana bakoKohathi, amaLevi, asalayo ebantwaneni
bakoKohathi, baba lemizi yenkatho yabo esizweni sakoEfrayimi.

21 Basebebanika umuzi wokuphephela umbulali, iShekema lamadlelo ayo
entabeni yakoEfrayimi, leGezerilamadlelo ayo,

22 leKibizayimi lamadlelo ayo, leBhethi-Horoni lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine.

23 Lesizweni sakoDani iEliteke lamadlelo ayo, iGibethoni lamadlelo ayo,

24 iAjaloni lamadlelo ayo, iGathi-Rimoni lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine.

25 Lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase, iThahanakhi lamadlelo ayo, leGathi-Rimoni lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emibili.

26 Yonke imizi yensendo zabantwana bakoKohathi abaseleyo yayilitshumi lamadlelo ayo.

27 Lakubantwana bakoGerishoni, bensendo zamaLevi, kungxenye yesizwe sakoManase, iGolani eBashani, umuzi wokuphephela umbulali, lamadlelo ayo, leBheyeshithera lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emibili.

28 Lesizweni sakoIsakari, iKishiyoni lamadlelo ayo, iDaberathi lamadlelo ayo,

29 iJarimuthi lamadlelo ayo, iEni-Ganimi lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine.

30 Lesizweni sakoAsheri, iMishali lamadlelo ayo, iAbidoni lamadlelo ayo,

31 iHelkathi lamadlelo ayo, leRehobi lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine.

32 Lesizweni sakoNafithali, iKedeshi eGalili, umuzi wokuphephela umbulali, lamadlelo ayo, leHamothi-Dorilamadlelo ayo, leKaritani lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emithathu.

33 Yonke imizi yamaGerishoni ngokwensendo zawo yayiyimizi elitshumi lantathu lamadlelo ayo.

34 Lensendo zabantwana bakoMerari, amaLevi aseleyo, zaba leJokineyamu esizweni sakoZebuluni lamadlelo ayo, leKarita lamadlelo ayo,

35 iDimina lamadlelo ayo, iNahalali lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine.

36 Lesizweni sakoRubeni, iBezeri lamadlelo ayo, leJahaza lamadlelo ayo,

37 iKedemothi lamadlelo ayo, leMefahathi lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine.

38 Lesizweni sakoGadi, iRamothi eGileyadi, umuzi wokuphephela umbulali, lamadlelo ayo, leMahanayimilamadlelo ayo,

39 iHeshiboni lamadlelo ayo, iJazeri lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine isiyonke.

40 Yonke imizi yayingeyabantwana bakoMerari, ngokwensendo zabo, abaseleyo ensendweni zamaLevi. Lenkatho yabo yayiyimizi elitshumi lambili.

41 Yonke imizi yamaLevi phakathi kwelifa labantwana bakoIsrayeli yayiyimizi engamatshumi amane lesificaminwembili lamadlelo ayo.

42 Le imizi, lowo lalowo wawulamadlelo awo inhlangothi zawo zonke. Kwakunjalo kuleyo yonke imizi.

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bathatha ilizwe

43 INKOSI yasinika uIsrayeli ilizwe lonke eyafunga ukubanika lona oyise; basebesidla ilifa lalo bahlala kulo.

44 INKOSI yasibanika ukuphumula inhlangothi zonke njengokufunga kwayo konke kuboyise. Kakumanga muntu phambi kwabo kuzo zonke izitha zabo. INKOSI yazinikela izitha zonke zabo esandleni sabo.

45 Kakwehlulekanga lalutho lwayo yonke into enhle iNKOSI eyayikhuluma kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli; konke kwenzeka.

LUKAJOSHUWA 22

Ilathi ngaseJodani

1 Ngalesosikhathi uJoshuwa wabiza abakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sabakoManase,

2 wathi kubo: Lina ligcinile konke uMozisi inceku yeNKOSI eyalilaya khona, lalilalela ilizwi lami kukho konke engalilaya khona.

3 Kalibatshiyanga abafowenu kulezinsuku ezinengi, kuze kube lamuhla; kodwa ligcinile imfanelo yomlayo weNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

4 Khathesi-ke, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ibanikile abafowenu ukuphumula, njengalokho akukhuluma kubo. Ngakho-ke buyelani lina liye emathenteni enu elizweni lelifa lenu, alinika lona uMozisi inceku yeNKOSIngaphetsheya kweJodani.

5 Kuphela liqaphelisise ukwenza umlayo lomthetho uMozisi inceku yeNKOSI alilaya wona, ukuthanda iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu, lokuhamba endleleni zayo zonke, lokugcina imilayo yayo, lokunamathela kuyo, lokuyikhonza ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke.

6 Wasebabusisa uJoshuwa ebayekela behamba, baya emathenteni abo.

7 Njalo kungxenye yesizwe sakoManase uMozisi wayeyinike indawo eBashani; kodwa kungxenye yayo uJoshuwa wayinika indawo labafowabo nganeno kweJodani entshonalanga. Njalo-ke nxa uJoshuwa ebayekela behamba besiya emathenteni abo, wababusisa.

8 Wakhuluma labo esithi: Buyelani emathenteni enu lilenotho enengi lezifuyo ezinengi kakhulu lilesiliva legolide lethusi lensimbi lezigqoko ezinengi kakhulu; lehlukaniselane impango yezitha zenu labafowenu.

9 Abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase basebebuyela, besuka ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli bephuma eShilo eselizweni leKhanani, ukuya elizweni leGileyadi, elizweni lelifa labo ababelizuzile, ngokomlayo weNKOSI ngesandla sikaMozisi.

10 Kwathi sebefikile emingceleni yeJodani eselizweni leKhanani, abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase bakha khona ilathi ngaseJodani, ilathi elikhulu ngokubonakala.

11 Kwathi abantwana bakoIsrayeli besizwa kuthiwa: Khangelani, abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase bakhile ilathi

maqondana lelizwe leKhanani emingceleni eJodani ehlangothini lwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

12 Kwathi abantwana bakoIsrayeli bekuzwa, inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli yabuthana eShilo ukwenyukela kubo empini.

13 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebethuma kubantwana bakoRubeni lakubantwana bakoGadi lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase elizweni leGileyadi uPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare umpristi,

14 lezinduna ezilitshumi laye, induna eyodwa ngendlu ngayinye yaboyise ivela kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli; ngayinye yayiyinhloko yendlu yaboyise, kunkulungwane zakoIsrayeli.

15 Basebefika kubantwana bakoRubeni lakubantwana bakoGadi lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase elizweni leGileyadi, bakhuluma labo besithi:

16 Itsho njalo inhlangano yonke yeNKOSI: Kuyisiphambeko bani eseliphambeke ngaso limelane loNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, liphambuka lamuhla ekuyilandeleni iNKOSI, ekuzakheleni ilathi, ukuze lihlamukele iNKOSI lamuhla?

17 Ngabe isiphambeko sePeyori sincinyane kakhulu kithi yini, esingahlanjululwanga kuso kuze kube lamuhla, lanxa inhlupheko yayiphakathi kwenhlangano yeNKOSI,

18 ukuze lina liphenduke lamuhla ekuyilandeleni iNKOSI? Kuzakuthi uba lina liyihlamuka iNKOSI lamuhla, kusasa izayithukuthelela inhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli.

19 Kodwa ngeqiniso, uba ilizwe lemfuyo yenu lingcolile, chaphelani lina elizweni lemfuyo yeNKOSI lapho ithabhanekele leNKOSI elihlala khona, lizizuzele imfuyo phakathi kwethu; kodwa lingayihlamukeli iNKOSI njalo lingasihlamukeli ekuzakheleni kwenu ilathi ngaphandle kwelathi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu.

20 UAkani indodana kaZera kaphambekanga yini ngesiphambeko entweni eqalekisiweyo, kwasekusiba lolaka phezu kwenhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli? Leyondoda kayibhubhanga-ke yodwa esiphambekweni sayo.

21 Abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase basebephendula bathi kunhloko zezinkulungwane zakoIsrayeli:

22 UNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, iNKOSI, uyazi, loIsrayeli kakwazi; uba bekungokuhlamuka kumbe uba ngokuphambuka eNKOSIni, lingasisindisi lamuhla,

23 ukuthi sizakhele ilathi ukuphambuka ekuyilandeleni iNKOSI, loba sinikelele phezu kwalo umnikelo wokutshiswa loba umnikelo wokudla, loba ukwenza phezu kwalo iminikelo yokuthula, iNKOSI uqobo kayikudinge.

24 Kodwa ngeqiniso sikwenze ngokunqineka ngaloludaba sisithi: Kusasa abantwana benu bazakhuluma kubantwana bethu bathi: Lilani leNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli?

25 Ngoba iNKOSI iyenzile iJodani yaba ngumngcele phakathi kwethu lani, lina bantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi, kalilasabelo eNKOSIni. Ngalokho abantwana benu benze abantwana bethu ukuthi bayekele ukuyesaba iNKOSI.

26 Ngakho sathi: Kasizilungiseleni khathesi ukwakha ilathi, lingabi ngelomnikelo wokutshiswa, njalo lingabi ngelomhlatshelo,

27 kodwa libe yibufakazi phakathi kwethu lani lezizukulwana zethu emva kwethu, ukuthi sikhonze inkonzo yeNKOSI phambi kwayo ngeminikelo yethu yokutshiswa langemihlatshelo yethu langeminikelo yethu yokuthula, ukuze abantwana benu bangathi ebantwaneni bethu kusasa: Kalilasabelo eNKOSIni.

28 Sasesisithi: Kuzakuthi-ke, nxa bekhuluma lokhu kithi lesizukulwaneni sethu kusasa, sizakuthi: Bonani umfanekiso welathi leNKOSI obaba abalakhayo, kungeyisilo lomnikelo wokutshiswa lingeyisilo lomhlatshelo, kodwa liyibufakazi phakathi kwethu lani.

29 Kakube khatshana lathi ukuthi siyihlamuke iNKOSI, lokuthi siphenduke lamuhla ekuyilandeleni iNKOSI, ukwakha ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lelomnikelo wokudla lelomhlatshelo, ngaphandle kwelathi leNKOSIuNkulunkulu wethu eliphambi kwethabhanekele layo.

30 Kwathi uPhinehasi umpristi lenduna zenhlangano lenhloko zezinkulungwane zakoIsrayeli ezazilaye bewezwa amazwi abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi labantwana bakoManase abawakhulumayo, kwakukuhle emehlweni abo.

31 UPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare umpristi wasesithi kubantwana bakoRubeni lakubantwana bakoGadi lakubantwana bakoManase: Lamuhla siyazi ukuthi iNKOSI iphakathi kwethu, ngoba kaliphambekanga lesisiphambeko eNKOSIni; khathesi likhulule abantwana bakoIsrayeli esandleni seNKOSI.

32 UPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare umpristi lezinduna basebebuyela bevela ebantwaneni bakoRubeni lebantwaneni bakoGadi elizweni leGileyadi, besiya elizweni leKhanani ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, babuyisela ilizwi kubo.

33 Lodaba lwaluluhle emehlweni abantwana bakoIsrayeli; abantwana bakoIsrayeli bambusisa uNkulunkulu, kabasakhulumanga ngokwenyukela kubo empini ukuchitha ilizwe abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi ababehlala kulo.

34 Abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi balibiza ilathi ngokuthi: Liyibufakazi phakathi kwethu bokuthi iNKOSI inguNkulunkulu.

LUKAJOSHUWA 23

UJoshuwa ulaya abantu ukuthi bathembeke

1Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku ezinengi emva kokuthi
iNKOSI isimphumuzile uIsrayeli ezitheni zonke zabo inhlangothi zonke, loJoshuwa
wayesemdala elensuku ezinengi,

2 uJoshuwa wabiza uIsrayeli wonke, abadala babo, lenhloko zabo, labahluleli
babo, lenduna zabo, wathi kubo: Mina sengimdala ngilensuku ezinengi.

3 Lina selibonile konke iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ekwenzileyo kulezizizwe zonke
ngenxa yenu, ngoba iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu yiyo elilweleyo.

4 Bonani, ngilabele ngenkatho lezizizwe eziseleyo zibe yilifa lezizwe zenu,
kusukela eJodani, lazo zonke izizwe engiziqumileyo, ngitsho kuze kube selwandle
olukhulu lapho okutshona khona ilanga.

5 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu izazixotsha-ke phambi kwenu, izixotshe elifeni
phambi kwenu, njalo lizakudla ilifa lelizwe, njengalokho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu
wenu ikhulumile kini.

6 Ngakho qinani kakhulu ukugcina lokwenza konke okubhaliweyo egwalweni
lomlayo kaMozisi, ukuze lingaphambuki kuwo liye ngakwesokunene loba
ngakwesokhohlo,

7 ukuze lingangeni kulezi izizwe, lezi ezisele lani, lingaphathi ibizo
labonkulunkulu bazo, lingafungisi ngabo, lingabakhonzi, lingakhothami kubo,

8 kodwa linamathele eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wenu njengoba lenzile kuze kube
lamuhla.

9 Ngoba iNKOSI ixotshile elifeni phambi kwenu izizwe ezinkulu lezilamandla; lina-
ke kakulamuntu ome phambi kwenu kuze kube lamuhla.

10 Umuntu oyedwa kini uzaxotsha inkulungwane, ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu
wenu yiyo elilwelayo, njengalokho ikhulumile kini.

11 Ngakho ziqaphelisiseni ukuthanda iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

12 Ngoba uba libuyela lokubuyela, linamathele kunsali yalezizizwe, lezi ezisele
lani, lithathane lazo, lingene kuzo, lazo kini,

13 yazini lokwazi ukuthi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu kayiyikuqhubeka
ngokuzixotsha elifeni lezizizwe phambi kwenu; kodwa zizakuba yisifu lomjibila
kini, zibe luswazi enhlangothini zenu, lameva emehlweni enu, lize libhubhe
liphele kulelilizwe elihle, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu elinike lona.

14 Khangelani-ke, ngihamba lamuhla ngendlela yomhlaba wonke. Njalo liyazi
enhliziyweni yenu yonke lemphefumulweni wenu wonke ukuthi akukho lelizwi
elilodwa elehlulekayo kuwo wonke amazwi amahle iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu

ewakhulumileyo phezu kwenu; wonke ezile kini, akukho lelizwi elilodwa elehlulekayo kuwo.

15 Kuzakuthi-ke, njengalokhu zonke izinto ezinhle iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu eyazikhuluma kini sezilehlele, ngokunjalo iNKOSI izalehlisela zonke izinto ezimbi, ize ilibhubhise liphele kulelilizwe elihle iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu elinike lona.

16 Uba liseqa isivumelwano seNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu eyalilaya sona, lisuke liyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu, likhothame kibo, khona ulaka lweNKOSI luzalivuthela, libhubhe masinyane liphele kulelilizwe elihle elinike lona.

LUKAJOSHUWA 24

Inkulumo yokucina kaJoshuwa

1UJoshuwa wasebuthanisa zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli eShekema, wabiza abadala bakoIsrayeli lenhloko zabo labahluleli babo lenduna zabo, bazimisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

2 UJoshuwa wasesithi kubo bonke abantu: Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Endulo oyihlo babehlala ngaphetsheya komfula, uTera uyise kaAbrahama loyise kaNahori, babekhonza abanye onkulunkulu.

3 Ngasengimthatha uyihlo uAbrahama ngimsusa ngaphetsheya komfula, ngamhambisa wadabula elizweni lonke leKhanani, ngayandisa inzalo yakhe, ngamnika uIsaka.

4 LakuIsaka nganika uJakobe loEsawu. LakuEsawu nganika intaba yeSeyiri ukudla ilifa layo, kodwa uJakobe labantwana bakhe behlela eGibhithe.

5 Ngasengithuma uMozisi loAroni, ngatshaya iGibhithe, njengalokho engakwenzayo phakathi kwayo; lemva kwalokho ngalikhupha.

6 Ngasengibakhupha oyihlo eGibhithe, lafika elwandle, amaGibhithe asexotshana lani ngenqola langamabhiza aze afika eLwandle oluBomvu.

7 Kwathi bekhala eNKOSIni, yabeka umnyama phakathi kwenu lamaGibhithe, yaletha ulwandle phezu kwabo, yabasibekela. Lamehlo enu abona engakwenza eGibhithe. Lahlala enkangala insuku ezinengi.

8 Ngasengililetha elizweni lamaAmori ayehlala ngaphetsheya kweJodani, asesilwa lani, ngawanikela esandleni senu, lalidla ilifa lelizwe lawo, ngawachitha phambi kwenu.

9 UBalaki indodana kaZipori inkosi yakoMowabi wasesukuma walwa loIsrayeli, wathuma wabiza uBalami indodana kaBeyori ukuthi aliqalekise.

10 Kodwa kangithandanga ukulalela uBalami; ngakho walibusisa lokulibusisa, ngasengilikhulula esandleni sakhe.

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11 Lachapha iJodani, lafika eJeriko, izakhamizi zeJeriko zalwa zimelene lani, amaAmori, lamaPerizi, lamaKhanani, lamaHethi, lamaGirigashi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi; ngawanikela esandleni senu.

12 Ngathuma olonyovu phambi kwenu abawaxotsha phambi kwenu, amakhosi amabili amaAmori; hatshi ngenkemba yakho njalo hatshi ngedandili lakho.

13 Ngasengilinika ilizwe elingalisebenzelanga, lemizi elingayakhanga, lihlala kiyo. Lidla okwezivini lezivande zemihlwathi elingakuhlanyelanga.

14 Khathesi-ke yesabeni iNKOSI, liyikhonze ngobuqotho langeqiniso, lisuse onkulunkulu oyihlo ababakhonza ngaphetsheya komfula leGibhithe, njalo likhonze iNKOSI.

15 Uba-ke kukubi emehlweni enu ukuyikhonza iNKOSI, zikhetheleni lamuhla lowo elizamkhonza; kumbe onkulunkulu ababakhonzayo oyihlo ababengaphetsheya komfula, loba onkulunkulu bamaAmori elihlala elizweni lawo. Kodwa mina lendlu yami sizayikhonza iNKOSI.

16 Basebephendula abantu besithi: Kakube khatshana lathi ukuthi sitshiye iNKOSI, sikhonze abanye onkulunkulu.

17 Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu iyiyo eyasenyusayo labobaba sivela elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili, eyenza phambi kwamehlo ethu lezizibonakaliso ezinkulu, yasilondoloza endleleni yonke esahamba kiyo, laphakathi kwabo bonke abantu esedlule phakathi kwabo.

18 INKOSI yasixotsha phambi kwethu zonke izizwe, lamaAmori ayehlala elizweni. Thina lathi sizayikhonza iNKOSI, ngoba inguNkulunkulu wethu.

19 UJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwini: Kalilakuyikhonza iNKOSI, ngoba inguNkulunkulu ongcwele, inguNkulunkulu olobukhwele. Kayiyikuthethelela iziphambeko zenu lezono zenu.

20 Uba liyitshiya iNKOSI likhonze onkulunkulu abezizwe, izaphenduka yenze okubi kini, iliqede, emva kokuthi ilenzele okuhle.

21 Abantu basebesithi kuJoshuwa: Hatshi, kodwa sizayikhonza iNKOSI.

22 UJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwini: Lingabafakazi ngani ukuthi lina lizikhethele iNKOSI ukuyikhonza. Basebesithi:Singabafakazi.

23 Khathesi-ke, susani onkulunkulu abezizwe abaphakathi kwenu, lithobele inhliziyo yenu eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

24 Abantu basebesithi kuJoshuwa: INKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu sizayikhonza, lelizwi layo sililalele.

25 Ngakho uJoshuwa wasebenzela abantu isivumelwano ngalolosuku, wababekela isimiso lesimiselo eShekema.

26 UJoshuwa wasebhala lawomazwi egwalweni lomlayo kaNkulunkulu; wathatha ilitshe elikhulu, walimisa lapho ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi elingasendlini engcwele yeNKOSI.

27 UJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwini bonke: Khangelani, lelilitshe lizakuba yibufakazi ngathi, ngoba liwezwile wonke amazwi eNKOSI eyawakhuluma kithi; ngakho lizakuba yibufakazi ngani, hlezi lenze inkohliso kuNkulunkulu wenu.

28 UJoshuwa wasebayekela abantu ukuthi bahambe, ngulowo lalowo waya elifeni lakhe.

Ukufa kukaJoshuwa lokukaEleyazare

29 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku yeNKOSI, wafa eleminyaka elikhulu letshumi.

30 Basebemngcwabela emngceleni welifa lakhe eThiminathi-Sera esentabeni yakoEfrayimi enyakatho kwentaba iGahashi.

31 Njalo uIsrayeli wayikhonza iNKOSI zonke izinsuku zikaJoshuwa lazo zonke izinsuku zabadala abelula insuku emva kukaJoshuwa, njalo ababewazi wonke umsebenzi weNKOSI eyawenzela uIsrayeli.

32 Lamathambo kaJosefa abantwana bakoIsrayeli ababenyuke lawo bevela eGibhithe bawangcwaba eShekema, esiqintini sensimu uJakobe asithenga kubantwana bakaHamori uyise kaShekema ngenhlamvu zesiliva ezilikhulu; saba-ke yilifa labantwana bakoJosefa.

33 UEleyazare indodana kaAroni wasesifa, bamngcwaba eqaqeni lukaPhinehasi indodana yakhe, ayeluphiwe entabeni yakoEfrayimi.

LUKAJOSHUWA

LUKAJOSHUWA 1

UGWALO

Ukulwa kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli lamaKhanani

1 Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaJoshuwa abantwana bakoIsrayeli babuza iNKOSI besithi: Ngubani ozasenyukelela ukuyamelana lamaKhanani
kuqala ukulwa emelene labo?

2 INKOSI yasisithi: UJuda uzakwenyuka; khangelani, ngilinikele ilizwe esandleni
sakhe.

3 UJuda wasesithi kuSimeyoni umfowabo: Yenyuka lami enkathweni yami ukuze
silwe simelene lamaKhanani; lami-ke ngizahamba lawe enkathweni yakho.
USimeyoni wasehamba laye.

4 UJuda wasesenyuka, njalo iNKOSI yanikela amaKhanani lamaPerizi esandleni
sabo; bawatshaya eBezeki, amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi.

5 Basebefica uAdoni-Bezeki eBezeki, balwa bemelene laye, bawatshaya
amaKhanani lamaPerizi.

6 Kodwa uAdoni-Bezeki wabaleka, baxotshana laye, bambamba, baquma
izithupha zezandla zakhe lamazwane akhe amakhulu.

7 UAdoni-Bezeki wasesithi: Amakhosi angamatshumi ayisikhombisa aqunywe
izithupha zezandla zawo lezenyawo zawo ayedobha ngaphansi kwetafula lami.
Njengokwenza kwami, ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu ungiphindisele. Basebemusa
eJerusalema, wafela khona.

8 Abantwana bakoJuda balwa-ke bemelene leJerusalema, bayithumba, bayitshaya
ngobukhali benkemba, lomuzi bawuthungela ngomlilo.

9 Emva kwalokho-ke abantwana bakoJuda behla ukuyakulwa bemelene
lamaKhanani ayehlala entabeni leningizimu lesihotsheni.

10 UJuda wasehamba wamelana lamaKhanani ayehlala eHebroni; lebizo
leHebroni kuqala kwakuyiKiriyathi-Arba; batshaya uSheshayi loAhimani
loTalimayi.

11 Basuka lapho baya bamelana labahlali beDebiri. Lebizo leDebiri kuqala
kwakuyiKiriyathi-Seferi.

12 UKalebi wasesithi: Ozatshaya iKiriyathi-Seferi, ayithumbe, ngizamnika uAkisa
indodakazi yami ibe ngumkakhe.

13 UOthiniyeli indodana kaKenazi umfowabo kaKalebi, owayemncane kulaye,
waseyithumba; wasemnika uAkisa indodakazi yakhe ukuba ngumkakhe.

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14 Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwakhe wamkhuthaza ukuthi acele kuyise insimu;
wasesehla kubabhemi, uKalebi wasesithi kuye: Ulani?

15 Wasesithi kuye: Ngipha isibusiso. Njengoba ungiphe ilizwe leningizimu, ngipha
njalo imithombo yamanzi. UKalebi wasemnika imithombo engaphezulu
lemithombo engaphansi.

16 Abantwana bomKeni, uyisezala kaMozisi, basebesenyuka besuka emzini
wamalala, belabantwana bakoJuda, baya enkangala yakoJuda, eseningizimu
kweAradi; baya bahlala phakathi kwabantu.

17 UJuda wasehamba loSimeyoni umfowabo, bawatshaya amaKhanani ayehlala
eZefathi, bayitshabalalisa. Ngakho ibizo lomuzi lathiwa yiHorma.

18 UJuda wasethumba iGaza lomngcele wayo, leAshikeloni lomngcele wayo,
leEkhironi lomngcele wayo.

19 INKOSI yasisiba loJuda, wadla ilifa lezintaba, kodwa weyengelakubaxotsha
elifeni abahlali besigodi, ngoba babelezinqola zensimbi.

20 Basebenika uKalebi iHebroni, njengokutsho kukaMozisi; wasexotsha elifeni
esuka lapho amadodana amathathu kaAnaki.

21 Kodwa abantwana bakoBhenjamini kabawaxotshanga elifeni amaJebusi
ayehlala eJerusalema; ngakho amaJebusi ahlala labantwana bakoBhenjamini
eJerusalema kuze kube lamuhla.

22 Lendlu kaJosefa, labo benyukela eBhetheli; njalo iNKOSI yayilabo.

23 Indlu kaJosefa yasithuma inhloli eBhetheli; lebizo lomuzi kuqala laliyiLuzi.

24 Abalindi basebebona umuntu ephuma emzini, bathi kuye: Akusitshengise
indlela yokungena emzini, besesikwenzela umusa.

25 Esebatshengise indlela yokungena emzini, bawutshaya umuzi ngobukhali
benkemba, kodwa lowomuntu losapho lwakhe lonke babayekela bahamba.

26 Lowomuntu wasesiya elizweni lamaHethi, wakha umuzi, wabiza ibizo
lawo ngokuthi yiLuzi; yilelo ibizo lawo kuze kube lamuhla.

27 UManase kaxotshanga-ke iBeti-Sheyani lemizana yayo, leThahanakhi lemizana
yayo, labahlali beDori lemizana yayo, labahlali beIbileyamu lemizana yayo,
labahlali beMegido lemizana yayo; kodwa amaKhanani afuna ukuhlala
kulelolizwe.

28 Kwasekusithi uIsrayeli eselamandla wawamisa amaKhanani kusibhalo, kodwa
kawaxotshanga lokuwaxotsha elifeni.

29 UEfrayimi kawaxotshanga-ke elifeni amaKhanani ayehlala eGezeri, kodwa
amaKhanani ahlala eGezeri phakathi kwabo.

30 UZebuluni kabaxotshanga elifeni abahlali beKitroni labahlali beNahaloli, kodwa amaKhanani ahlala phakathi kwabo, aba yizibhalwa.

31 UAsheri kabaxotshanga elifeni abahlali beAko labahlali beSidoni leAhilabi leAkizibi leHeliba leAfikileRehobi;

32 kodwa abakoAsheri bahlala phakathi kwamaKhanani abahlali belizwe, ngoba kabawaxotshanga elifeni.

33 UNafithali kabaxotshanga elifeni abahlali beBeti-Shemeshi labahlali beBeti-Anathi, kodwa wahlala phakathi kwamaKhanani, abahlali belizwe; kodwa abahlali beBeti-Shemeshi labeBeti-Anathi baba yizibhalwa kubo.

34 AmaAmori asebafuqela abantwana bakoDani entabeni, ngoba kawabavumelanga ukwehlela esigodini.

35 Kodwa amaAmori ayefuna ukuhlala entabeni yeHeresi eAjaloni leShahalibimi, kodwa isandla sendlu kaJosefa saba nzima, aba yizibhalwa.

36 Umngcele wamaAmori wawusukela emqansweni weAkirabimi, uvela edwaleni usiya phezulu.

LUKAJOSHUWA 2

Ingilosi yeNkosi eBokimi

1 Ingilosi yeNkosi yasisenyuka isuka eGiligali isiya eBokimi, yathi: Ngalenyusa lisuka eGibhithe, ngaliletha elizweni engalifungela oyihlo, njalo ngathi: Kangiyikwephula isivumelwano sami lani kuze kube sephakadeni.

2 Lani-ke kaliyikwenza isivumelwano labahlali balelilizwe, lizadiliza amalathi abo. Kodwa kalililalelanga ilizwi lami. Kuyini lokhu elikwenzileyo?

3 Ngakho lami ngathi: Kangiyikuzixotsha elifeni phambi kwenu, kodwa zizakuba njengameva enhlangothinizenu, labonkulunkulu bazo babe ngumjibila kini.

4 Kwasekusithi lapho ingilosi yeNkosi isikhulume lamazwi kubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli, abantu baphakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi.

5 Basebebiza ibizo laleyondawo ngokuthi yiBokimi, bayihlabela iNkosi lapho.

Ukufa kukaJoshuwa

6 Kwathi uJoshuwa esebayekele abantu bahamba, abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahamba, ngulowo lalowo waya elifeni lakhe ukudla ilifa lelizwe.

7 Abantu basebeyikhonza iNkosi kuzo zonke izinsuku zikaJoshuwa, lazo zonke izinsuku zabadala abasala bephila emva kukaJoshuwa, ababewubonile wonke umsebenzi omkhulu weNkosi eyayiwenzele uIsrayeli.

8 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku yeNkosi, wafa-ke, eleminyaka elikhulu letshumi.

9 Basebemngcwabela emngceleni welifa lakhe eThiminathi-Heresi entabeni yakoEfrayimi, enyakatho kwentaba iGahashi.

10 Njalo lalesosizukulwana sabuthelwa kuboyise. Kwasekusukuma esinye isizukulwana emva kwabo esasingayazi iNKOSI njalo lomsebenzi eyayiwenzele uIsrayeli.

Okubi kukaIsrayeli

11 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, bakhonza oBhali.

12 Batshiya iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyise, eyabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe, balandela abanye onkulunkulu, kubonkulunkulu bezizwe ezazibazingelezele, bakhothama kibo, bayithukuthelisa iNKOSI.

13 Bayidela iNKOSI, bakhonza uBhali laboAshitarothi.

14 Ngakho ulaka lweNKOSI lwavutha kuIsrayeli, yabanikela esandleni sabaphangi ababaphangayo; yabathengisa esandleni sezitha zabo inhlangothi zonke, ukuze bangabe besaba lakho ukuma phambi kwazo.

15 Loba bephuma besiya ngaphi, isandla seNKOSI samelana labo ngokubi, njengokutsho kweNKOSI lanjengokufunga kweNKOSI kibo, njalo bacindezeleka kakhulu.

Ukumiswa kwabahluleli

16 INKOSI yasimisa abahluleli ababophula esandleni salabo ababaphangayo.

17 Kanti kababalalelanga labahluleli babo, kodwa baphinga ngokulandela abanye onkulunkulu, bakhothama kibo; baphambuka masinyane endleleni oyise ababehamba kuyo, belalela imilayo yeNKOSI. Bona kabenzanga njalo.

18 Lalapho iNKOSI ibamisela abahluleli, iNKOSI yayilomahluleli, yabophula esandleni sezitha zabo zonke izinsuku zikamahluleli; ngoba iNKOSI yazisola ngenxa yokububula kwabo ngenxa yalabo ababacindezelayo lababahlukuluzayo.

19 Kwasekusithi ekufeni kukamahluleli, babuyela emuva baxhwala okwedlula oyise, ngokulandela abanye onkulunkulu, ngokubakhonza langokubakhothamela; kabalahlanga okwemisebenzi yabo lokwendlela yabo yenkani.

20 Ngakho ulaka lweNKOSI lwavutha kuIsrayeli, yathi: Ngoba lesisizwe seqe isivumelwano sami engasilaya oyise, kasilalelanga ilizwi lami,

21 lami kangisayikuxotsha loba ngubani elifeni phambi kwabo ezizweni uJoshuwa azitshiya ekufeni kwakhe,

22 ukuze ngihlole ngazo uIsrayeli ukuthi bazagcina yini indlela yeNKOSI ukuhamba kuyo njengaboyise bayigcina, kumbe hatshi.

23 Ngakho iNKOSI yaziyekela lezozizwe, ukuze ingazixotshi elifeni masinyane, njalo kayizinikelanga esandleni sikaJoshuwa.

LUKAJOSHUWA 3

INKOSI itshiya izizwe ezithile ukuze ihlole uIsrayeli ngazo

1 Lalezi yizizwe iNKOSI eyazitshiyayo ukuze ihlole uIsrayeli ngazo, bonke abangazazanga zonke izimpi zeKhanani;

2 kuphela ukuze izizukulwana zabantwana bakoIsrayeli zazi, ukuzifundisa impi, kuphela abangazazanga phambili:

3 Amakhosi amahlanu amaFilisti, lawo wonke amaKhanani, lamaSidoni, lamaHivi ayehlala entabeni yeLebhanoni, kusukela entabeni yeBhali-Hermoni kuze kube sekungeneni kweHamathi.

4 Zazingezokuhlola uIsrayeli ngazo ukwazi ukuthi bazayilalela yini imilayo yeNKOSI eyabalaya yona oyise ngesandla sikaMozisi.

5 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahlala-ke phakathi kwamaKhanani, amaHethi, lamaAmori, lamaPerizi, lamaHivi, lamaJebusi.

6 Basebethatha amadodakazi awo ukuba ngomkabo, lamadodakazi abo bawanika amadodana awo, bakhonza onkulunkulu bawo.

7 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, bayikhohlwa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo, bakhonza oBhali lezixuku.

UOthiniyeli

8 Ngakho ulaka lweNKOSI lwavutha kuIsrayeli, yabathengisa esandleni sikaKushani-Rishathayimi inkosi yeMesopotamiya. Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebeyisebenzela inkosi uKushani-Rishathayimi iminyaka eyisificaminwembili.

9 Kwathi abantwana bakoIsrayeli bekhala eNKOSIni, iNKOSI yabavusela abantwana bakoIsrayeli umkhululiowabakhululayo, uOthiniyeli indodana kaKenazi umfowabo kaKalebi ongumnawakhe.

10 Njalo uMoya weNKOSI wayephezu kwakhe, wahlulela uIsrayeli, waphuma impi, iNKOSI yanikela esandleni sakhe uKushani-Rishathayimi inkosi yeSiriya, lesandla sakhe saba lamandla phezu kukaKushani-Rishathayimi.

11 Lelizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi amane. UOthiniyeli indodana kaKenazi wasesifa.

UEhudi

12 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebebuya besenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI. INKOSI yasimqinisa uEgiloni inkosi yakoMowabi ukumelana loIsrayeli, ngenxa yokuthi babenzile okubi emehlweni eNKOSI.

13 Wasezibuthela abantwana bakoAmoni loAmaleki, waya wamtshaya uIsrayeli, badla ilifa lomuzi wamalala.

14 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesebenzela uEgiloni inkosi yakoMowabi iminyaka elitshumi leyisificaminwembili.

15 Kwathi abantwana bakoIsrayeli bekhala eNKOSIni, iNKOSI yabavusela umkhululi, uEhudi indodana kaGera, umBhenjamini owayelinxele. Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebethumela ngesandla sakhe isipho kuEgiloni inkosi yakoMowabi.

16 UEhudi wasezenzela inkemba ebukhali inhlangothi ezimbili, ubude bayo buyingalo, wayibophela ngaphansi kwezigqoko zakhe ethangazini lakhe lokunene.

17 Wasondeza isipho kuEgiloni inkosi yakoMowabi. Njalo uEgiloni wayengumuntu okhulupheleyo kakhulu.

18 Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukusondeza isipho, wasephelekezela abantu ababethwele isipho.

19 Kodwa yena wabuyela emuva ezithombeni ezibaziweyo ezaziseGiligali, wathi: Nkosi, ngilendaba eyimfihlo kuwe. Yasisithi: Thula. Bonke ababemi laye basebephuma.

20 UEhudi wasesiza kuye ehlezi endlini ephezulu epholileyo eyayingeyakhe yedwa. UEhudi wathi: Ngilendaba kaNkulunkulu kuwe. Wasesukuma esihlalweni.

21 UEhudi waseselula isandla sakhe sokhohlo, wathatha inkemba ethangazini lakhe lokunene, wayithela esiswini sakhe,

22 kwaze kwangena lesilanda emva kobukhali, amahwahwa agubuzela ubukhali, ngoba kayingcothulanga inkemba esiswini sakhe, kwasekuphuma umswane.

23 UEhudi wasephuma ekhulusini, wavala iminyango yendlu ephezulu emva kwakhe, wayikhiya.

24 Yena esephumile, kwafika izinceku zakhe; kwathi zibona, khangela-ke, iminyango yendlu ephezulu yayikhiyiwe, zathi: Sibili wembese inyawo zakhe endlini epholileyo.

25 Njalo zalinda zaze zaba lenhloni; khangela-ke kavulanga iminyango yendlu ephezulu; ngakho zathatha isihluthulelo zavula, khangela-ke, inkosi yazo yayiwele phansi ifile.

26 UEhudi wasephunyuka zisalibele, yena wedlula ezithombeni ezibaziweyo, waphunyuka waya eSeyira.

27 Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwakhe wavuthela uphondo entabeni yakoEfrayimi. Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesehla laye ezintabeni, yena ephambi kwabo.

28 Wasesithi kibo: Landelani emva kwami, ngoba iNKOSI inikele izitha zenu
amaMowabi esandleni senu. Ngakho behla bamlandela, bathumba amazibuko
eJodani aye koMowabi, kabavumelanga muntu ukuchapha.

29 Basebebulala amaMowabi ngalesosikhathi angaba zinkulungwane ezilitshumi,
amadoda wonke aqatha lawo wonke amadoda alamandla, njalo
kakuphunyukanga muntu.

30 Ngalokho uMowabi wehliselwa phansi mhlalokho ngaphansi kwesandla
sikaIsrayeli. Lelizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili.

UShamigari

31 Lemva kwakhe kwaba loShamigari indodana kaAnathi, owatshaya amaFilisti
amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha ngocijo lwenkabi; laye wasemkhulula
uIsrayeli.

LUKAJOSHUWA 4

UDebora loBaraki banqoba uSisera

1 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebebuya besenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI esefile
uEhudi.

2 INKOSI yasibathengisa esandleni sikaJabini inkosi yeKhanani owayebusa
eHazori. Lenduna yebutho lakhe yayinguSisera, owayehlala
eHaroshethi labezizwe.

3 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebekhala eNKOSIni, ngoba wayelezinqola
zensimbi ezingamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye, wabacindezela ngamandla
abantwana bakoIsrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili.

4 UDebora umfazi owayengumprofethikazi umkaLapidothi yena wahlulela
uIsrayeli ngalesosikhathi.

5 Wayehlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla selala sikaDebora phakathi
kweRama leBhetheli entabeni yakoEfrayimi. Abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebesenyukela kuye ukwahlulelwa.

6 Wasethuma wabiza uBaraki indodana kaAbinowama eKedeshi koNafithali,
wathi kuye: INKOSI uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli kayilayanga yini isithi: Hamba
usondele entabeni yeThabhori, uzithathele amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi
ebantwaneni bakoNafithali lebantwaneni bakoZebuluni?

7 Njalo ngizadonsela kuwe esifuleni iKishoni uSisera induna yebutho likaJabini
lenqola zakhe lexuku lakhe, ngimnikele esandleni sakho.

8 UBaraki wasesithi kuye: Uba uhamba lami, ngizahamba; kodwa uba ungahambi
lami, kangiyikuhamba.

9 Wasesithi: Ngizahamba lokuhamba lawe, kodwa udumo kaluyikuba ngolwakho ngendlela ohamba ngayo, ngoba iNKOSI izathengisa uSisera esandleni sowesifazana. Wasesukuma uDebora, wahamba loBaraki waya eKedeshi.

10 UBaraki wasebizela oZebuluni loNafithali eKedeshi. Kwasekusenyuka amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi amlandela, loDebora wenyuka laye.

11 UHeberi umKeni wazehlukanisa-ke lamaKeni, abantwana bakaHobabi uyisezala kaMozisi, wamisa ithente lakhe kwaze kwaba sesihlahleni se-okhi eZahananimi eseduze leKedeshi.

12 Basebebikela uSisera ukuthi uBaraki indodana kaAbinowama usenyukele entabeni yeThabhori.

13 USisera wasebiza zonke izinqola zakhe, inqola ezingamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye zensimbi, labo bonke abantu ababelaye, kusukela eHaroshethi labezizwe kuze kufike esifuleni iKishoni.

14 UDebora wasesithi kuBaraki: Vuka! Ngoba yilo lolusuku iNKOSI enikele ngalo uSisera esandleni sakho. Kayihambanga yini iNKOSI phambi kwakho? Ngakho uBaraki wehla entabeni iThabhori lamadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngemva kwakhe.

15 INKOSI yasimsanganisa uSisera lazo zonke izinqola lebutho lonke ngobukhali benkemba phambi kukaBaraki, kwaze kwathi uSisera wehla enqoleni wabaleka ngenyawo zakhe.

16 UBaraki wasexotshana lezinqola lebutho, waze wafika eHaroshethi labezizwe; ibutho lonke likaSisera laselisiwa ngobukhali benkemba; kakusalanga loyedwa.

17 Kodwa uSisera wabaleka ngenyawo zakhe waya ethenteni likaJayeli umkaHeberi umKeni, ngoba kwakulokuthula phakathi kukaJabini inkosi yeHazori lendlu kaHeberi umKeni.

18 UJayeli wasephuma ukuhlangabeza uSisera, wathi kuye: Phambuka, nkosi yami, phambukela kimi, ungesabi. Wasephambukela kuye ethenteni, wamembesa ngengubo.

19 Wasesithi kuye: Akunginathise amanzi amalutshwana ngoba ngomile. Wasesibukula igula lochago, wamnathisa, wamembesa.

20 Wasesithi kuye: Mana emnyango wethente; kuzakuthi-ke, uba kufika umuntu kuwe ekubuza esithi: Kulomuntu lapha yini? Uzakuthi: Kakulamuntu.

21 Kodwa uJayeli umkaHeberi wathatha isikhonkwane sethente, wafaka isando esandleni sakhe, wamnyenyela, wabethela isikhonkwane enhlafunweni yakhe sangena emhlabathini, ngoba yena wayelele ubuthongo obukhulu, ediniwe, wasesifa.

22 Khangela-ke, uBaraki waxotsha uSisera; uJayeli wasephuma ukumhlangabeza
wathi kuye: Woza, ngizakutshengisa umuntu omdingayo. Wasengena ethenteni
lakhe, khangela-ke, uSisera wayelele efile, lesikhonkwane sasisenhlafunweni
yakhe.

23 Ngakho ngalolosuku uNkulunkulu wamehlisela phansi uJabini inkosi
yeKhanani phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

24 Isandla sabantwana bakoIsrayeli saqhubeka-ke saba nzima phezu kukaJabini
inkosi yeKhanani, baze bamchitha uJabini inkosi yeKhanani.

LUKAJOSHUWA 5

Ihubo likaDebora loBaraki

1 UDebora loBaraki indodana kaAbinowama basebehlabela ngalolosuku besithi:

2 Ngenxa yokuphindisela kwezimpindiselo koIsrayeli, nxa abantu bezinikela
ngokuzithandela, busisani iNKOSI!

3 Zwanini makhosi, libeke indlebe ziphathamandla, mina, mina ngizahlabela
eNKOSIni, ngihubele iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

4 NKOSI, ekuphumeni kwakho eSeyiri, ekunyatheleni kwakho usuka ensimini
yeEdoma, umhlaba wazamazama, lamazulu athonta, lamayezi athontisa amanzi.

5 Izintaba zageleza phambi kweNKOSI, iSinayi le phambi kweNKOSI, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli.

6 Ensukwini zikaShamigari indodana kaAnathi, ensukwini zikaJayeli, izindlela
zaphela, lababehamba ezindledlaneni bahamba ngezindlela ezimazombazombe.

7 Izakhamizi zemakhaya zaphela koIsrayeli, zaphela, ngaze ngasukuma mina
Debora, ngasukuma, unina koIsrayeli.

8 Wakhetha onkulunkulu abatsha, khona kwaba lempi emasangweni. Sabonwa
yini isihlangu lomkhontophakathi kwabazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane
koIsrayeli?

9 Inhliziyo yami ikubanikimithetho bakoIsrayeli, abazinikela ngokuzithandela
phakathi kwabantu. Busisani iNKOSI!

10 Bagadi babobabhemi abamhlophe, bahlali besigcabha, labahambi endleleni,
khulumani.

11 Elizwini labatshoki, phakathi kwezindawo zokukha amanzi, lapho bayalandisa
ngemisebenzi elungileyo yeNKOSI, imisebenzi elungileyo yezakhamizi zemakhaya
zakoIsrayeli. Ngalesosikhathi abantu beNKOSI behlela emasangweni.

12 Vuka, vuka, Debora! Vuka, vuka, khuluma ingoma! Sukuma Baraki, uthumbe
abathunjiweyo bakho, ndodana kaAbinowama.

13 Khona yayenza insali yabusa phezu kwezinduna ebantwini; iNKOSI yangenza ngabusa phezu kwabalamandla.

14 Kuvela koEfrayimi impande yabo yayimelene loAmaleki; emva kwakho, Bhenjamini, phakathi kwabantu bakho; kuvela kuMakiri kwehla abanikumthetho, lakoZebuluni abadonsa ngentonga yombhali.

15 Leziphathamandla zakoIsakari zaziloDebora; lanjengoIsakari, waba njalo uBaraki; wathunjwa esigodini ngenyawo zakhe. Ekwehlukaneni kukaRubeni izinqumo zenhliziyo zazizinkulu.

16 Wahlalelani phakathi kwezibaya ukuzwa umhlanga wokukhaliselwa izimvu? Izifunda zakoRubeni zaba lokuhlolwa okukhulu kwenhliziyo.

17 UGileyadi wahlala ngaphetsheya kweJodani. LoDani wahlalelani emikhunjini? UAsheri wahlala ekhunjini lolwandle, wahlala ethekwini.

18 UZebuluni uyisizwe esadela umphefumulo waso kwaze kwaba sekufeni, loNafithali, emiqolweni yensimu.

19 Amakhosi afika alwa; khona amakhosi eKhanani alwa eThahanakhi ngasemanzini eMegido; kawathathanga impango yesiliva.

20 Zisemazulwini zalwa, inkanyezi zisendleleni zazo zalwa loSisera.

21 Isifula iKishoni sabakhukhula, isifula sendulo, isifula iKishoni. Mphefumulo wami, unyathela ngamandla!

22 Khona atshaya phansi amasondo amabhiza, ngokumatha, ukumatha kwabalamandla bakhe.

23 Qalekisani iMerozi, kutsho ingilosi yeNKOSI, qalekisani ngokuqalekisa abakhileyo kuyo, ngoba kabezangakuncedo lweNKOSI, kuncedo lweNKOSI, lamaqhawe.

24 Uzabusiswa phezu kwabesifazana uJayeli umkaHeberi umKeni; ubusisiwe phezu kwabesifazana ethenteni.

25 Wacela amanzi, wamnika uchago, waletha amasi ngomganu wobukhosi.

26 Welulela isandla sakhe esikhonkwaneni, lesandla sakhe sokunene esandweni sezisebenzi, wamtshaya uSisera, wachoboza ikhanda lakhe, wahlaba wabhoboza inhlafuno yakhe.

27 Phakathi laphakathi kwenyawo zakhe wakhothama wawa walala; phakathi laphakathi kwenyawo zakhe wakhothama wawa, lapho akhothamela khona, wawa lapho efile echithekile.

28 Unina kaSisera walunguza ngewindi, wanqolonga ngeminxibo yewindi wathi: Kungani inqola yakhe iphuza ukuza? Kungani ephuzile amavili ezinqola zakhe?

29 Izihlakaniphi zamakhosazana akhe zaphendula, yebo yena wazibuyisela impendulo yakhe wathi:

30 Kabatholanga yini bayaba impango, intombazana, amantombazana amabili kuleyo laleyondoda, impango yamalembu aconjiweyo kaSisera, impango yamalembu aconjiweyo afekethisiweyo ngenalithi, amalembu amabili aconjiweyo afekethisiweyo ngenalithi, awentamo zomphangi?

31 Ngokunjalo kazibhubhe zonke izitha zakho, NKOSI. Kodwa abayithandayo kababe njengokuphuma kwelangangamandla alo.

Lelizwe lathula iminyaka engamatshumi amane.

LUKAJOSHUWA 6

Ubizo lukaGidiyoni

1Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI; iNKOSI yasibanikela esandleni sikaMidiyaniiminyaka eyisikhombisa.

2 Lesandla sikaMidiyani saba lamandla phezu kukaIsrayeli. Ngenxa kaMidiyani abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazenzela imihume esezintabeni, lembalu, lezinqaba.

3 Kwasekusithi uIsrayeli esehlanyele, enyuka amaMidiyani lamaAmaleki labantwana bempumalanga, benyuka bamelana labo,

4 bamisa inkamba maqondana labo, bachitha izithelo zelizwe, uze ufike eGaza, njalo kabatshiyanga okondlayo koIsrayeli loba imvu loba inkabi loba ubabhemi.

5 Ngoba bona benyuka lezifuyo zabo lamathente abo, bafika njengokugcwala kwentethe ngobunengi, okokuthi bona lamakamela abo babengelanani; basebengena elizweni ukulichitha.

6 UIsrayeli wasesiba ngumyanga kakhulu ngenxa yamaMidiyani, labantwana bakoIsrayeli bakhala eNKOSIni.

7 Kwasekusithi lapho abantwana bakoIsrayeli bekhala eNKOSIni ngenxa yamaMidiyani,

8 iNKOSI yathuma umprofethi kubantwana bakoIsrayeli, owathi kibo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli: Mina ngalenyusa lisuka eGibhithe ngalikhupha endlini yobugqili,

9 ngalihluthuna esandleni samaGibhithe, lesandleni sabo bonke abalicindezelayo, ngabaxotsha phambi kwenu, ngalinika ilizwe labo,

10 ngathi kini: NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu; lingesabi onkulunkulu bamaAmori elihlala elizweni lawo. Kodwa kalililalelanga ilizwi lami.

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11 Kwasekufika ingilosi yeNKOSI, yahlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi esiseOfira, esasingesikaJowashi umAbiyezeri, lendodana yakhe uGidiyoni yayibhula ingqoloyi esikhamelweni sewayini, ukuze iyifihlele amaMidiyani.

12 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasibonakala kuye, yathi kuye: INKOSI ilawe, qhawe elilamandla.

13 UGidiyoni wasesithi kuyo: Hawu Nkosi yami, uba iNKOSI ilathi, kungani konke lokhu kusehlele? Kanti zingaphi zonke izimangaliso zayo abasitshela zona obaba besithi: INKOSI kayisenyusanga siphuma eGibhithe yini? Kodwa khathesi iNKOSI isidelile, yasinikela esandleni samaMidiyani.

14 INKOSI yasiphendukela kuye yathi: Hamba ngalamandla akho, ukhulule uIsrayeli esandleni samaMidiyani. Kangikuthumanga yini?

15 Wasesithi kuyo: Hawu Nkosi yami, ngizamkhulula ngani uIsrayeli? Khangela, usendo lwami lungumyanga koManase, njalo ngingomncinyane endlini kababa.

16 INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Ngoba ngizakuba lawe, uzawatshaya-ke amaMidiyani njengendodanye.

17 Wasesithi kuyo: Uba khathesi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, ngenzela isibonakaliso sokuthi nguwe okhuluma lami.

18 Ake ungasuki lapha, ngize ngibuye kuwe, ngikhuphe isipho sami, ngisibeke phambi kwakho. Yasisithi: Mina ngizahlala uze uphenduke.

19 UGidiyoni wasengena, walungisa izinyane lembuzi, lezinkwa ezingelamvubelo nge-efa lempuphu, inyama wayifaka esitsheni, lomhluzi wawufaka embizeni, wakukhuphela kuyo ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi, wakusondeza.

20 Ingilosi kaNkulunkulu yasisithi kuye: Thatha inyama lezinkwa ezingelamvubelo, ukubeke phezu kwalelidwala, ubusuthela umhluzi. Wasesenza njalo.

21 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasiselula isihloko somqwayi owawusesandleni sayo, yathinta inyama lezinkwa ezingelamvubelo; kwasekusenyuka umlilo uphuma edwaleni, wadla inyama lezinkwa ezingelamvubelo. Lengilosi yeNKOSI yasuka emehlweni akhe.

22 UGidiyoni wasebona ukuthi yayiyingilosi yeNKOSI. UGidiyoni wathi: Maye, Nkosi Jehova! Ngenxa yokuthi ngibone ingilosi yeNKOSI ubuso ngobuso.

23 Kodwa iNKOSI yathi kuye: Ukuthula kakube kuwe, ungesabi, kawuyikufa.

24 UGidiyoni waseyakhela iNKOSI ilathi lapho, walibiza ngokuthi uJehova-shalomi. Kuze kube lamuhla lisesekhona eOfira lamaAbiyezeri.

25 Kwasekusithi ngalobobusuku iNKOSI yathi kuye: Thatha ijongosi lenkunzi engekayihlo, ngitsho ijongosi lesibili elileminyaka eyisikhombisa, udilize ilathi likaBhali elingelikayihlo, lesixuku esiphansi kwalo usigamule;

26 wakhele iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ilathi phezu kwengqonga yalinqaba, njengokwejwayelekileyo; ubusuthatha ijongosi lesibili, unikele umnikelo wokutshiswa ngenkuni zesixuku ozasigamula.

27 UGidiyoni wasethatha amadoda alitshumi ezincekwini zakhe, wenza njengokutsho kweNKOSI kuye; kodwa kwathi ngenxa yokuthi wayesesaba indlu kayise lamadoda omuzi ukukwenza emini, wakwenza ebusuku.

28 Lapho amadoda omuzi evuka ekuseni kakhulu, khangela, ilathi likaBhali lalidiliziwe, lesixuku esasiphansi kwalo sesiganyuliwe, lejongosi lesibili lanikelwa phezu kwelathi elaselakhiwe.

29 Basebesithi omunye komunye: Ngubani owenze loludaba? Nxa sebedingile bebuza bathi: UGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi wenze loludaba.

30 Amadoda omuzi asesithi kuJowashi: Khupha indodana yakho ukuze ife, ngoba idilizile ilathi likaBhali, langoba igamule isixuku esasiphansi kwalo.

31 Kodwa uJowashi wathi kubo bonke ababemi ngakuye: Lina lizamlwela uBhali yini, kumbe lina limsindise? Omlwelayo uzabulawa kusesekuseni. Uba engunkulunkulu, kazilwele, ngoba ilathi lakhe lidiliziwe.

32 Ngakho ngalolosuku wambiza ngokuthi nguJerubali, esithi: UBhali kalwe laye, ngoba ulidilizile ilathi lakhe.

33 Lawo wonke amaMidiyani lamaAmaleki labantwana bempumalanga babuthana ndawonye, bachapha, bamisa inkamba esigodini seJizereyeli.

34 LoMoya weNKOSI wembesa uGidiyoni; wavuthela uphondo, lamaAbiyezeri abizwa emva kwakhe.

35 Wasethuma izithunywa kuye wonke uManase, labo futhi babizwa emva kwakhe. Wasethuma izithunywa koAsheri lakoZebuluni lakoNafithali; basebesiza ukubahlangabeza.

36 UGidiyoni wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Uba uzasindisa uIsrayeli ngesandla sami njengokutsho kwakho,

37 khangela, ngizabeka uboya bezimvu obugundiweyo ebaleni lokubhulela; uba amazolo ezakuba phezu koboya obugundiweyo kuphela, lokoma emhlabathini wonke, ngizakwazi-ke ukuthi uzamsindisa uIsrayeli ngesandla sami, njengokutsho kwakho.

38 Kwasekusiba njalo. Lapho evuka ngovivi kusisa, wacindezela uboya obugundiweyo, wakhama amazolo eboyeni obugundiweyo, umganu ogcwele amanzi.

39 UGidiyoni wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Ulaka lwakho lungangivutheli, ngizakhuluma khathesi kuphela; ake ngihlole khathesi kuphela ngoboya obugundiweyo; ake kube lokoma eboyeni obugundiweyo kuphela, lemhlabathini wonke kakube lamazolo.

40 UNkulunkulu wasesenza njalo ngalobobusuku; ngoba kwaba lokoma eboyeni obugundiweyo kuphela, kodwa emhlabathini wonke kwaba lamazolo.

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UGidiyoni unqoba amaMidiyani

1 UJerubali, onguGidiyoni, labo bonke abantu ababelaye basebevuka ngovivi, bamisa inkamba ngasemthonjeni weHarodi, okokuthi waba lenkamba yamaMidiyani enyakatho, ngaseqaqeni lweMore esigodini.

2 INKOSI yasisithi kuGidiyoni: Abantu abalawe banengi kakhulu ukuthi nginikele amaMidiyani esandleni sabo, hlezi uIsrayeli azidumise emelene lami, esithi: Isandla sami singisindisile.

3 Ngakho khathesi memezela-ke endlebeni zabantu usithi: Loba ngubani owesabayo lothuthumelayo kaphenduke asuke masinyane entabeni yeGileyadi. Ngakho kwaphenduka ebantwini abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili, lenkulungwane ezilitshumi zasala.

4 INKOSI yasisithi kuGidiyoni: Abantu basesebanengi kakhulu; behlisele emanzini, ngizakuhlolela bona khona; kuzakuthi-ke lowo engizakuthi ngaye kuwe: Lo uzahamba lawe, yena uzahamba lawe; kodwa loba ngubani engizakuthi ngaye kuwe: Lo kayikuhamba lawe, yena kayikuhamba.

5 Wasebehlisela abantu emanzini. INKOSI yasisithi kuGidiyoni: Wonke oxhapha emanzini ngolimi lwakhe njengenja ixhapha, uzambeka yedwa, laye wonke oguqa ngamadolo akhe ukunatha.

6 Lenani lalabo abaxhaphayo ngesandla sabo besisa emlonyeni wabo babengamadoda angamakhulu amathathu, kodwa bonke abaseleyo babantu baguqa ngamadolo abo ukunatha amanzi.

7 INKOSI yasisithi kuGidiyoni: Ngamadoda angamakhulu amathathu axhaphileyo ngizalisindisa, nginikele amaMidiyani esandleni sakho; bayekele-ke bonke abantu bahambe, ngulowo lalowo endaweni yakhe.

8 Ngakho abantu bathatha umphako esandleni sabo, lempondo zabo. Wasewayekela wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli ahamba, ngulowo ethenteni lakhe, kodwa wagcina amadoda angamakhulu amathathu. Lenkamba yamaMidiyani yaba ngaphansi kwakhe esigodini.

9 Kwasekusithi ngalobobusuku iNKOSI yathi kuye: Sukuma, wehlele enkambeni, ngoba ngiyinikele esandleni sakho.

10 Kodwa uba usesaba ukwehla, yehla wena loPura inceku yakho uye enkambeni.

11 Uzakuzwa abakukhulumayo; lemva kwalokho izandla zakho zizaqiniswa ukuze wehlele enkambeni. Wasesehla yena loPura ijaha lakhe, baya ephethelweni labangamatshumi amahlanu ababesenkambeni.

12 Njalo amaMidiyani lamaAmaleki labo bonke abantwana bempumalanga babelele esigodini njengentethe ngobunengi, lamakamela abo ayengelanani, njengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle ngobunengi.

13 Kwathi uGidiyoni efika, khangela umuntu elandisela umngane wakhe iphupho, wathi: Khangela, ngiphuphe iphupho, khangela-ke, iqebelengwana lesinkwa sebhali ligiqikela enkambeni yamaMidiyani, lafika ethenteni, lalitshaya lawa laligenqula lakhangela phezulu, okokuthi ithente lawa.

14 Umngane wakhe wasephendula wathi: Lokhu kakusilutho ngaphandle kwenkemba kaGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi, indoda yakoIsrayeli. UNkulunkulu unikele esandleni sakhe iMidiyani lenkamba yonke.

15 Kwasekusithi uGidiyoni esezwe ukulandiswa kwephupho lengcazelo yalo, wakhonza, wabuyela enkambeni yakoIsrayeli, wathi: Vukani, ngoba iNKOSI inikele esandleni senu inkamba yamaMidiyani.

16 Wasesehlukanisa amadoda angamakhulu amathathu, aba yizigaba ezintathu, wanika impondo esandleni sawo wonke, lenqayi ezingelalutho, lezihlanti phakathi kwezinqayi.

17 Wasesithi kuwo: Ngikhangelani, lenze njalo. Khangelani-ke, nxa ngifika ephethelweni lenkamba, kuzakuthi njengokwenza kwami lenze njalo.

18 Nxa ngivuthela impondo, mina labo bonke abalami, lapho lani lizavuthela izimpondo, lihanqe inkamba yonke, lithi: OweNKOSI lokaGidiyoni!

19 Ngakho uGidiyoni lamadoda alikhulu ayelaye bafika ephethelweni lenkamba ekuqaleni komlindo wobusuku waphakathi, sebesanda ukumisa nje abalindi; basebevuthela impondo, babulala izinqayi ezazisesandleni sabo.

20 Lezigaba ezintathu zavuthela izimpondo, zabulala izinqayi, zaphatha esandleni sazo sekhohlo izihlanti lesandleni sazo sokunene impondo zokuvuthelwa, zamemeza zisithi: Inkemba yeNKOSI lekaGidiyoni!

21 Zasezisima, ngulowo endaweni yakhe, behanqe inkamba, lenkamba yonke yagijima yamemeza yabaleka.

22 Lapho abangamakhulu amathathu bevuthela impondo, iNKOSI yamisa inkemba yomunye komunye, lenkambeni yonke; lenkamba yabaleka kwaze kwaba seBeti-Shita eZerera, kwaze kwaba semngceleni weAbeli-Mehola eduze kweTabathi.

23 Lamadoda akoIsrayeli abizelwa ndawonye evela koNafithali lakoAsheri lakoManase wonke, axotshana lamaMidiyani.

24 UGidiyoni wasethuma izithunywa kuyo yonke intaba yakoEfrayimi esithi: Yehlani lihlangabeze amaMidiyani, lithumbe amanzi phambi kwawo kuze kube seBeti-Bara leJodani. Ngakho wonke amadoda akoEfrayimi abizelwa ndawonye, athumba amanzi kuze kube seBeti-Bara leJodani.

25 Athumba iziphathamandla ezimbili eMidiyani, uOrebi loZebi; abulala uOrebi edwaleni leOrebi, loZebi ambulala esikhamelweni sewayini seZebi, axotshana lamaMidiyani; aletha amakhanda aboOrebi loZebi kuGidiyoni ngaphetsheya kweJodani.

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1Amadoda akoEfrayimi asesithi kuye: Iyini linto oyenze kithi ukuthi awusibizanga nxa usiya ukulwa lamaMidiyani? Amsola ngamandla.

2 Wasesithi kiwo: Ngenzeni khathesi njengani? Ukudojwa kwezithelo eziseleyo koEfrayimi kakukuhle yini kulesivuno sevini sakoAbiyezeri?

3 UNkulunkulu unikele esandleni senu iziphathamandla zeMidiyani, uOrebi loZebi; ngangingenzani njengani? Kwasekudeda kuye ukuthukuthela kwabo lapho ekhuluma lelilizwi.

UGidiyoni uthumba amakhosi eMidiyani

4 Lapho uGidiyoni efika eJodani wachapha, yena lamadoda angamakhulu amathathu ayelaye, bediniwe kodwa bexotsha.

5 Wasesithi emadodeni eSukothi: Ake liphe abantu abangilandelayo amaqebelengwana ezinkwa, ngoba badiniwe, ngixotshana loZeba loZalimuna amakhosi eMidiyani.

6 Lenduna zeSukothi zathi: Intende yesandla sikaZeba loZalimuna isisesandleni sakho yini, ukuthi siphe ibutho lakho isinkwa?

7 UGidiyoni wasesithi: Ngakho nxa iNKOSI isinikele uZeba loZalimuna esandleni sami, ngizabhula inyama yenu ngameva enkangala langokhula oluhlabayo.

8 Wasesenyuka lapho waya ePenuweli, wakhuluma labo ngokufananayo; lamadoda ePenuweli amphendula njengamadoda eSukothi abephendulile.

9 Wasekhuluma futhi emadodeni ePenuweli esithi: Ekubuyeni kwami ngokuthula ngizadiliza lo umphotshongo.

10 Njalo uZeba loZalimuna babeseKarikori lenkamba yabo ilabo, phose inkulungwane ezilitshumi lanhlanu, bonke ababesele ebuthweni lonke labantwana bempumalanga, ngoba ababewile babengamadoda azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili abahwatsha inkemba.

11 UGidiyoni wasesenyuka ngendlela yabahlala emathenteni empumalanga kweNoba leJogibeha, wayitshaya inkamba, ngoba inkamba yayilibele.

12 UZeba loZalimuna basebebaleka, wasexotshana labo, wathumba amakhosi amabili eMidiyani, uZeba loZalimuna, wethusa inkamba yonke.

13 Lapho uGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi esebuya evela empini phambi kokuphuma kwelanga,

14 wabamba ijaha emadodeni eSukothi, walibuza; laselimbhalela iziphathamandla zeSukothi labadala bayo, amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa.

15 Wasefika emadodeni eSukothi, wathi: Khangelani oZeba loZalimuna elalingiklolodela ngabo lisithi: Intende yesandla sikaZeba loZalimuna isisesandleni sakho yini, ukuthi siphe amadoda akho asediniwe isinkwa?

16 Wasethatha abadala bomuzi, lameva enkangala lokhula oluhlabayo, wenza amadoda eSukothi aqedisise ngawo.

17 Lomphotshongo wePenuweli wawudiliza, wabulala amadoda omuzi.

18 Wasesithi kuZeba lakuZalimuna: Ngamadoda anjani elawabulala eThabhori? Basebesithi: Njengawe babenjalo, ngulowo njengesimo sendodana yenkosi.

19 Wasesithi: Babengabafowethu, abantwana bakamama. Kuphila kukaJehova, uba belibayekele baphila, bengingayikulibulala.

20 Wasesithi kuJetheri izibulo lakhe: Sukuma ubabulale. Kodwa umfana kayihwatshanga inkemba yakhe, ngoba wayesesaba ngoba esesengumfana.

21 UZeba loZalimuna basebesithi: Sukuma wena uwele phezu kwethu, ngoba njengoba injalo indoda, anjaloamandla ayo. Wasesukuma uGidiyoni wabulala uZeba loZalimuna. Wasethatha izinyangana ezazisentanyeni zamakamela abo.

UGidiyoni wala ukubekwa inkosi

22 Amadoda akoIsrayeli asesithi kuGidiyoni: Sibuse, wena-ke, lendodana yakho, lendodana yendodana yakho, ngoba usisindisile esandleni samaMidiyani.

23 Kodwa uGidiyoni wathi kibo: Mina kangiyikulibusa, lendodana yami kayiyikulibusa; iNKOSI izalibusa.

24 UGidiyoni wasesithi kibo: Ake ngicele isicelo kini; nginikani ngamunye icici lempango yakhe. Ngoba babelamacici egolide, ngoba babengamaIshmayeli.

25 Basebesithi: Sizanika lokunika. Basebesendlala isembatho, baphosela lapho ngamunye icici lempango yakhe.

26 Lesisindo samacici egolide ayewacelile sasingamashekeli egolide ayinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, ngaphandle kwezinyangana,

leziceciso ezilengayo, lezembatho eziyibubende ezazisemakhosini eMidiyani, langaphandle kwamaketane ayesezintanyeni zamakamela awo.

27 UGidiyoni wasesenza i-efodi ngakho, wayibeka emzini wakhe, eOfira. LoIsrayeli wonke waphinga lapho ngokuyilandela; yasisiba ngumjibila kuGidiyoni lendlu yakhe.

Ukufa kukaGidiyoni

28 Ngokunjalo amaMidiyani ehliselwa phansi phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, kawaphindanga aphakamisa ikhanda lawo. Lelizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi amane ensukwini zikaGidiyoni.

29 UJerubali indodana kaJowashi wayahlala-ke endlini yakhe.

30 Njalo uGidiyoni wayelamadodana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa aphuma okhalweni lwakhe, ngoba wayelabafazi abanengi.

31 Lomfazi wakhe omncane owayeseShekema laye wamzalela indodana, wayitha ibizo lokuthi nguAbhimeleki.

32 UGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi wasesifa eseluphele kuhle, wangcwatshelwa engcwabeni likaJowashi uyise, eOfira yamaAbiyezeri.

33 Kwasekusithi lapho uGidiyoni esefile, abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphenduka, baphinga ngokulandela oBhali, bazimisela uBhali-Berithi waba ngunkulunkulu.

34 Njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli kabayikhumbulanga iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo eyabophula esandleni sezitha zabo zonke inhlangothi zonke.

35 Kabenzanga umusa endlini kaJerubali, onguGidiyoni, njengakho konke okuhle akwenza kuIsrayeli.

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Ukubusa kukaAbhimeleki

1 UAbhimeleki indodana kaJerubali wasesiya eShekema kubafowabo bakanina, wakhuluma kibo lakusendo lonke lwendlu kayise kanina, esithi:

2 Ake likhulume endlebeni zabo bonke abahlali beShekema lithi: Yikuphi okungcono kini ukuthi wonke amadodana kaJerubali amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa alibuse, kumbe indoda eyodwa ilibuse? Khumbulani futhi ukuthi ngilithambo lenu lenyama yenu.

3 Labafowabo bakanina bamkhulumela ezindlebeni zabo bonke abahlali beShekema wonke la amazwi. Inhliziyo yabo yeyamela ukumlandela uAbhimeleki, ngoba bathi: Ungumfowethu.

4 Bamnika inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ezavela endlini kaBhali-Berithi; uAbhimeleki waseqatsha ngazo abantu abayize labangakhathaliyo abamlandelayo.

5 Wasesiya endlini kayise eOfira, wabulala abafowabo amadodana kaJerubali, amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, phezu kwedwala elilodwa; kodwa uJothamu indodana elicinathunjana kaJerubali wasala, ngoba wacatsha.

6 Labo bonke abahlali beShekema labo bonke abeBeti-Milo babuthana, bahamba bamenza wabusa uAbhimeleki abe yinkosi, esihlahleni se-okhi esamiswa siseShekema.

7 Lapho bemtshela uJothamu, wayakuma phezu kwengqonga yentaba yeGerizimi, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wamemeza wathi kibo: Ngizwani bahlali beShekema ukuze uNkulunkulu alizwe.

8 Izihlahla zahamba lokuhamba ukuzigcobela inkosi. Zathi esihlahleni somhlwathi: Sibuse.

9 Kodwa isihlahla somhlwathi sathi kuzo: Kambe ngizatshiya amafutha ami abadumisa ngawo uNkulunkulu labantu ngami, ukuze ngiyezunguza phezu kwezihlahla?

10 Izihlahla zasezisithi esihlahleni somkhiwa: Woza wena usibuse.

11 Kodwa isihlahla somkhiwa sathi kuzo: Kambe ngizatshiya ubumnandi bami lezithelo zami ezinhle, ukuze ngiyezunguza phezu kwezihlahla?

12 Izihlahla zasezisithi esihlahleni sevini: Woza wena usibuse.

13 Kodwa isihlahla sevini sathi kuzo: Kambe ngizatshiya iwayini lami elitsha elithokozisa uNkulunkulu labantu, ukuze ngiyezunguza phezu kwezihlahla?

14 Izihlahla zonke zasezisithi embabazaneni: Woza wena usibuse.

15 Imbabazane yasisithi ezihlahleni: Uba ngeqiniso lingigcoba ngibe yinkosi phezu kwenu, wozani lidinge ukuvikelwa emthunzini wami; uba kungenjalo-ke, umlilo uzaphuma embabazaneni udle izihlahla zemisedari zeLebhanoni.

16 Ngakho khathesi, uba likwenzile ngeqiniso langokuthembeka ukuthi libekile uAbhimeleki abe yinkosi, lokuthi uba lenzile okuhle ngoJerubali langendlu yakhe, lokuthi uba lenze kuye ngokufanele izandla zakhe;

17 ngoba ubaba walilwela, walahlela khatshana impilo yakhe, walophula esandleni samaMidiyani;

18 kodwa lina seliyivukele indlu kababa lamuhla, labulala amadodana akhe, amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, phezu kwedwala elilodwa, labeka uAbhimeleki indodana yencekukazi yakhe ukuthi abe yinkosi yabahlali beShekema, ngoba engumfowenu;

19 uba-ke ngeqiniso langokuthembeka lenzile ngoJerubali langendlu yakhe ngalolusuku, thokozani ngoAbhimeleki, laye athokoze ngani;

20 Kodwa uba kungenjalo, kakuphume umlilo kuAbhimeleki udle abahlali beShekema leBeti-Milo, njalo kakuphume umlilo kubahlali beShekema leBeti-Milo udle uAbhimeleki.

21 UJothamu wasephunyuka wabaleka, waya eBeri, wahlala khona, ngenxa kaAbhimeleki umfowabo.

22 Kwathi uAbhimeleki esebuse uIsrayeli iminyaka emithathu,

23 uNkulunkulu wathuma umoya omubi phakathi kukaAbhimeleki labahlali beShekema, njalo abahlali beShekema baziphatha ngokungathembeki kuAbhimeleki,

24 ukuze udlakela olwenziwa kumadodana kaJerubali angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lubuyele, legazi libekwe phezu kukaAbhimeleki umfowabo owawabulalayo, laphezu kwabahlali beShekema ababeqinise izandla zakhe ukubulala abafowabo.

25 Abahlali beShekema basebembekela abacathameli ezingqongeni zezintaba, baphanga bonke ababebedlula ngaleyondlela; uAbhimeleki wasekubikelwa.

26 UGahali indodana kaEbedi wasesiza labafowabo, bedlulela eShekema; njalo abahlali beShekema bamthemba.

27 Basebephuma baya emasimini, bakha izithelo zamavini ezivinini zabo, bazinyathela, benza indumiso, bangena endlini kankulunkulu wabo, badla banatha, bamthuka uAbhimeleki.

28 UGahali indodana kaEbedi wasesithi: Ungubani uAbhimeleki njalo ungubani uShekema ukuthi simsebenzele? Kasindodana kaJerubali yini, loZebuli induna yayo? Sebenzelani amadoda kaHamori uyise kaShekema. Ngoba thina sizamsebenzelelani?

29 Sengathi ngabe lababantu bebesesandleni sami, bengizamkhupha-ke uAbhimeleki. Wasesithi kuAbhimeleki: Yandisa ibutho lakho, uphume.

30 Kwathi uZebuli umbusi womuzi esizwa amazwi kaGahali indodana kaEbedi, ulaka lwakhe lwavutha.

31 Wathuma izithunywa kuAbhimeleki ngobuqili, esithi: Khangela, uGahali indodana kaEbedi labafowabo bafikile eShekema, khangela-ke, sebeqinisa umuzi ukumelana lawe.

32 Khathesi-ke sukuma ebusuku wena labantu abalawe, uyecathama egangeni.

33 Kuzakuthi-ke ekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga, uvuke ngovivi uwuhlasele umuzi; khangela, lapho yena labantu abalaye bephuma ukumelana lawe, uzakwenza kuye njengalokho isandla sakho esikutholayo.

34 UAbhimeleki wasesukuma labo bonke abantu ababelaye, ebusuku, basebeyicathamela iShekema ngezigaba ezine.

35 UGahali indodana kaEbedi wasephuma wema esikhaleni sesango lomuzi. UAbhimeleki wasesukuma labantu ababelaye ekucathameni.

36 Kwathi uGahali ebona abantu, wathi kuZebuli: Khangela, abantu bayehla ezingqongeni zezintaba. Kodwa uZebuli wathi kuye: Ubona amathunzi ezintaba kungathi ngabantu.

37 UGahali waqhubeka futhi ekhuluma wathi: Khangela, abantu bayehla bevela phakathi kwelizwe, lelinye ixuku livela endleleni yamagceke abavumisi.

38 UZebuli wasesithi kuye: Usungaphi umlomo wakho owathi ngawo: Ungubani uAbhimeleki ukuthi simkhonze? Laba kayisibo abantu obadeleleyo yini? Ake uphume khathesi uyekulwa labo.

39 UGahali wasephuma phambi kwabahlali beShekema, walwa loAbhimeleki.

40 UAbhimeleki wamxotsha, wasebaleka phambi kwakhe; abanengi bawa belimele kwaze kwaba sekungeneni kwesango.

41 UAbhimeleki wasehlala eAruma. UZebuli wasemxotsha uGahali labafowabo, ukuze bangahlali eShekema.

42 Kwasekusithi kusisa abantu baphuma baya egangeni; bamtshela uAbhimeleki.

43 Wasethatha abantu, wabehlukanisa baba ngamaxuku amathathu, wacathama egangeni, wabona, khangela-ke, abantu bephuma emzini, wabasukela wabatshaya.

44 UAbhimeleki lexuku elalilaye basebebahlasela bema ekungeneni kwesango lomuzi, lamaxuku amabili ahlasela bonke ababesegangeni, abatshaya.

45 UAbhimeleki wasesilwa emelene lomuzi lolosuku lonke, wawuthumba umuzi, wabulala abantu ababekiwo, wadilizela phansi umuzi, wawuhlanyela ngetshwayi.

46 Lapho bonke abahlali bomphotshongo weShekema bekuzwa, bangena enqabeni yendlu kaEli-Berithi.

47 Kwabikelwa uAbhimeleki ukuthi bonke abahlali bemphotshongweni weShekema babuthene ndawonye.

48 UAbhimeleki wasesenyukela entabeni yeZalimoni, yena labo bonke abantu ababelaye; uAbhimeleki wathatha ihloka esandleni sakhe, wagamula ugatsha lwezihlahla, waluthatha walwetshata ehlombe lakhe, wathi ebantwini ababelaye: Lokhu elibona ngikwenza, phangisani likwenze njengami.

49 Ngakho bonke abantu labo bagamula, ngulowo ugatsha lwakhe, bamlandela uAbhimeleki bazibeka enqabeni, bathungela inqaba ngomlilo phezu kwabo, kwaze kwathi bonke abantu bomphotshongo weShekema labo bafa, phose abesilisa labesifazana abayinkulungwane.

50 UAbhimeleki wasesiya eThebezi, wamisa inkamba maqondana leThebezi wayithumba.

51 Kodwa kwakulomphotshongo oqinileyo phakathi komuzi, labo bonke abesilisa labesifazana babalekela kuyo, labo bonke abahlali bomuzi, babavalela phakathi; benyukela ephahleni lomphotshongo.

52 UAbhimeleki wasefika emphotshongweni, walwa lawo, wasondela emnyango womphotshongo ukuze awutshise ngomlilo.

53 Owesifazana othile wasephosa ucezu lwelitshe lokuchola ekhanda likaAbhimeleki, wadabula ukhakhayi lwakhe.

54 Wasebiza masinyane ijaha elalithwala izikhali zakhe, wathi kilo: Hwatsha inkemba yakho ungibulale, hlezi bathi ngami: Owesifazana wambulala. Ijaha lakhe laselimgwaza, wafa-ke.

55 Kwathi amadoda akoIsrayeli ebona ukuthi uAbhimeleki usefile, ahamba, ngulowo waya endaweni yakhe.

56 Ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu wabuyisela ububi bukaAbhimeleki ayebenze kuyise, ngokubulala abafowabo abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa.

57 Labo bonke ububi bamadoda eShekema uNkulunkulu wabubuyisela phezu kwamakhanda awo; kwasekusehlela phezu kwabo isiqalekiso sikaJothamu indodana kaJerubali.

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UThola loJayiri

1 Emva kukaAbhimeleki kwasekuvela uThola indodana kaPhuwa indodana kaDodo, indoda yakoIsakari ukukhulula uIsrayeli; wayehlala eShamiri entabeni yakoEfrayimi.

2 Wasesahlulela uIsrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu. Wafa, wangcwatshelwa eShamiri.

3 Lemva kwakhe kwavela uJayiri umGileyadi, wahlulela uIsrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili.

4 Wayelamadodana angamatshumi amathathu agada amathole abobabhemi angamatshumi amathathu, elemizi engamatshumi amathathu, abayithi yiHavothi-Jayiri kuze kube lamuhla, eselizweni leGileyadi.

5 UJayiri wasesifa, wangcwatshelwa eKamoni.

6 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebebuya besenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, bakhonza oBhali laboAshitarothi, labonkulunkulu beSiriya labonkulunkulu beSidoni labonkulunkulu bakoMowabi labonkulunkulu babantwana bakoAmoni labonkulunkulu bamaFilisti; bayitshiya iNKOSI, kabaze bayikhonza.

7 Ulaka lweNKOSI lwaselumvuthela uIsrayeli, yabathengisa ezandleni zamaFilisti lezandleni zabantwana bakoAmoni.

8 Asebachitha abacindezela abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngalowomnyaka - iminyaka elitshumi leyisificaminwembili, bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli ababengaphetsheya kweJodani elizweni lamaAmori eliseGileyadi.

9 Njalo abantwana bakoAmoni bachapha iJodani ukuze balwe ngitsho bemelene loJuda njalo bemelene loBhenjamini bemelene lendlu kaEfrayimi; ngalokho uIsrayeli wacindezeleka kakhulu.

10 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebekhala eNKOSIni besithi: Sonile kuwe, njalo ngoba sitshiyile uNkulunkulu wethu, sasesikhonza oBhali.

11 INKOSI yasisithi ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli: Kangilikhululanga yini kumaGibhithe lakumaAmori lakubantwana bakoAmoni lakumaFilisti?

12 AmaSidoni lawo lamaAmaleki lamaMahoni alicindezela, laselikhala kimi, ngalikhulula esandleni sawo.

13 Kanti lina lingitshiyile lakhonza abanye onkulunkulu; ngakho kangisayikulikhulula.

14 Hambani liyekhala kubonkulunkulu elibakhethileyo; kabalikhulule bona ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwenu.

15 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli-ke bathi eNKOSIni: Sonile; yenza wena kithi njengakho konke okuhle emehlweni akho; kuphela sikhulule, siyakuncenga, lamuhla.

16 Basebesusa onkulunkulu bezizweni phakathi kwabo, bakhonza iNKOSI; umphefumulo wayo wasudabuka ngohlupho lukaIsrayeli.

17 Kwasekubizelwa ndawonye abantwana bakoAmoni, bamisa inkamba eGileyadi, labantwana bakoIsrayeli babuthana bamisa inkamba eMizipa.

18 Labantu, iziphathamandla zeGileyadi, bathi omunye komunye: Ngubani umuntu ozaqala ukulwa emelene labantwana bakoAmoni? Uzakuba yinhloko phezu kwabo bonke abahlali beGileyadi.

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UJefitha ukhulula abantwana bakoIsrayeli kumaAmoni

1 Njalo uJefitha umGileyadi wayeliqhawe elilamandla, wayeyindodana yewule; uGileyadi wasezala uJefitha.

2 UmkaGileyadi wasemzalela amadodana; kwathi amadodana omkakhe esekhulile amxotsha uJefitha, athi kuye: Kawuyikudla ilifa endlini kababa, ngoba uyindodana yomunye umfazi.

3 UJefitha wasebalekela abafowabo, wahlala elizweni leTobi. Amadoda ayize asebuthana kuJefitha, aphuma laye.

4 Kwasekusithi emva kwezinsuku abantwana bakoAmoni balwa loIsrayeli.

5 Kwasekusithi lapho abantwana bakoAmoni besilwa loIsrayeli, abadala beGileyadi bahamba ukuyathatha uJefitha elizweni leTobi,

6 bathi kuJefitha: Woza ube ngumkhokheli wethu ukuze silwe labantwana bakoAmoni.

7 Kodwa uJefitha wathi kubadala beGileyadi: Lina kalingizondanga yini, langixotsha endlini kababa? Pho, lizelani kimi khathesi nxa selisenhluphekweni?

8 Abadala beGileyadi basebesithi kuJefitha: Ngakho khathesi siyabuyela kuwe ukuze uhambe lathi uyekulwa umelene labantwana bakoAmoni, ube yinhloko yethu phezu kwabo bonke abakhi beGileyadi.

9 UJefitha wasesithi kubadala beGileyadi: Uba lingibuyisa ukulwa ngimelene labantwana bakoAmoni, iNKOSIibanikele phambi kwami, mina ngizakuba yinhloko yenu yini?

10 Abadala beGileyadi basebesithi kuJefitha: INKOSI iyezwa phakathi kwethu, uba singenzi njalo njengokwamazwi akho.

11 UJefitha wasehamba labadala beGileyadi, abantu basebemenza waba yinhloko lomkhokheli phezu kwabo. UJefitha wasekhuluma wonke amazwi akhe phambi kweNKOSI eMizipa.

12 UJefitha wasethuma izithunywa enkosini yabantwana bakoAmoni esithi: Ngilani lawe ukuthi uze kimi ukulwa elizweni lami?

13 Inkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni yasisithi kuzithunywa zikaJefitha: Ngoba uIsrayeli wathatha ilizwe lami ekwenyukeni kwakhe eGibhithe kusukela eArinoni kuze kube seJaboki kuze kube seJodani; ngakho-ke libuyiseni ngokuthula.

14 UJefitha wasephinda ethuma izithunywa futhi enkosini yabantwana bakoAmoni

15 wathi kuye: Utsho njalo uJefitha: UIsrayeli kalithathanga ilizwe lakoMowabi lelizwe labantwana bakoAmoni,

16 kodwa ekwenyukeni kwabo besuka eGibhithe uIsrayeli wahamba edabula enkangala waya eLwandle oluBomvu, wafika eKadeshi.

17 UIsrayeli wasethuma izithunywa enkosini yeEdoma esithi: Ake sedlule sidabule elizweni lakho; kodwa inkosi yeEdoma kayilalelanga. Wathumela njalo enkosini yakoMowabi, kodwa kayivumanga. Ngakho uIsrayeli wahlala eKadeshi.

18 Basebedabula enkangala, balibhoda ilizwe leEdoma lelizwe lakoMowabi, bafika lapho eliphuma khona ilanga kwelizwe lakoMowabi. Bamisa inkamba ngaphetsheya kweArinoni, kodwa kabangenanga emngceleni wakoMowabi, ngoba iArinoni yayingumngcele wakoMowabi.

19 UIsrayeli wasethuma izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, inkosi yeHeshiboni; uIsrayeli wathi kuye: Ake sedlule elizweni lakho siye endaweni yami.

20 Kodwa uSihoni kamthembanga uIsrayeli ukuthi adlule emngceleni wakhe; kodwa uSihoni wabutha bonke abantu bakhe, wamisa inkamba eJahazi, walwa loIsrayeli.

21 Kodwa iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, yanikela uSihoni labo bonke abantu bakhe esandleni sikaIsrayeli, babatshaya. Ngakho uIsrayeli wadla ilifa lelizwe lonke lamaAmori, abahlali balelolizwe.

22 Badla ilifa layo yonke imingcele yamaAmori kusukela eArinoni kuze kube seJaboki, njalo kusukela enkangala kuze kube seJodani.

23 Khathesi-ke iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, yawaxotsha elifeni amaAmori phambi kwabantu bayo uIsrayeli; kanti wena uzakudla ilifa lalo yini?

24 Kawuyikudla yini ilifa lalokhu uKemoshi unkulunkulu wakho akunika ukudla ilifa lakho? Ngakho loba ngubani iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu ezamxotsha elifeni phambi kwethu, lokhu sizakudla ilifa lakho.

25 Pho-ke wena ungcono yini okwedlula uBalaki indodana kaZipori inkosi yakoMowabi? Wake waxabana loIsrayeli; kumbe wake walwa labo yini;

26 lapho uIsrayeli esehlala eHeshiboni lemizaneni yayo, leAroweri lemizaneni yayo, lakuyo yonke imizi esekhunjini lweArinoni, iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu? Kungani-ke ungayophulanga ngalesosikhathi?

27 Ngakho mina kangonanga kuwe, kodwa wena wenza okubi kimi ngokulwa lami; iNKOSI uMahluleli kahlulele lamuhla phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli labantwana bakoAmoni.

28 Kodwa inkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni kayilalelanga amazwi kaJefitha awathumela kuyo.

29 UMoya weNKOSI wasesiza phezu kukaJefitha, wedlula eGileyadi leManase, wedlula eMizipa yeGileyadi; esuka eMizipa wedlulela kubantwana bakoAmoni.

30 UJefitha wafunga isifungo eNKOSIni wathi: Uba uzanikela lokunikela abantwana bakoAmoni esandleni sami,

31 kuzakuthi loba yikuphi okuphuma eminyango yendlu yami ukungihlangabeza ekubuyeni kwami ngokuthula ngivela kubantwana bakoAmoni, kuzakuba ngokweNKOSI, ngizakunikela kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa.

32 Ngakho uJefitha wasesedlulela ebantwaneni bakoAmoni ukulwa emelene labo; iNKOSI yasibanikela esandleni sakhe.

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33 Wasebatshaya kusukela eAroweri uze ufike eMinithi, imizi engamatshumi amabili, kuze kube seAbeli-Keramimi, ukutshaya okukhulukazi. Ngokunjalo abantwana bakoAmoni behliselwa phansi phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

Indodakazi kaJefitha

34 UJefitha wasefika eMizipa endlini yakhe. Khangela-ke, indodakazi yakhe yaphuma ukumhlangabeza, ilezigujana, lemigido; yayiyiyo yodwa eyakhe; ngaphandle kwayo wayengelandodana lendodakazi.

35 Kwasekusithi lapho eyibona wadabula izigqoko zakhe wathi: Maye ndodakazi yami! Ungithobisile kakhulu, njalo wena uphakathi kwabangihluphayo, ngoba mina ngivule umlomo wami eNKOSIni, ngingeke ngibuyele emuva.

36 Yasisithi kuye: Baba, uvulile umlomo wakho eNKOSIni, yenza kimi njengalokho okuphume emlonyeni wakho, lokhu iNKOSI ikuphindisele ezitheni zakho, ebantwaneni bakoAmoni.

37 Yasisithi kuyise: Kakungenzele linto: Ngiyekela inyanga ezimbili, ngiye ngehle ezintabeni, ngililele ubuntombi bami, mina labangane bami.

38 Wasesithi: Hamba. Waseyiyekela ihamba inyanga ezimbili. Yasihamba, yona labangane bayo, yalilela ubuntombi bayo ezintabeni.

39 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwenyanga ezimbili yabuyela kuyise, owenza kuyo isifungo sakhe asifungayo; yona kayiyazanga indoda. Kwasekusiba ngumkhuba koIsrayeli:

40 Iminyaka ngeminyaka amadodakazi akoIsrayeli ayehamba ukuyakhumbula indodakazi kaJefitha umGileyadi insuku ezine ngomnyaka.

LUKAJOSHUWA 12

UJefitha labakoEfrayimi

1Abantu bakoEfrayimi basebebizelwa ndawonye, bachaphela enyakatho, bathi kuJefitha: Wachaphelani ukuyakulwa umelene labantwana bakoAmoni, lathi ungasibizanga ukuthi sihambe lawe? Sizatshisa ngomlilo indlu yakho phezu kwakho.

2 UJefitha wathi kibo: Mina labantu bami sasilengxabano enkulu labantwana bakoAmoni; sathi silibiza, kalingikhululanga esandleni sabo.

3 Kwathi lapho ngibona ukuthi kalisizanga, ngabeka impilo yami esandleni sami, ngachaphela ebantwaneni bakoAmoni, iNKOSI yabanikela esandleni sami. Pho, lenyukeleleni kimi lamuhla ukulwa limelene lami?

4 UJefitha wasebutha wonke amadoda eGileyadi walwa loEfrayimi; amadoda eGileyadi asemtshaya uEfrayimi, ngoba athi: Lingababalekileyo bakoEfrayimi, lina beGileyadi, phakathi kukaEfrayimi loManase.

5 AbeGileyadi basebethumba amazibuko eJodani aya koEfrayimi. Kwakusithi lapho iziphepheli zakoEfrayimi zisithi: Ake ngichaphe; amadoda eGileyadi athi kuye: UngumEfrayimi yini? Lapho esithi: Hatshi;

6 basebesithi kuye: Ake uthi: Shibolethi. Athi: Sibolethi; ngoba engelakulikhuluma kuhle. Basebembamba, bemhlaba emazibukweni eJodani. Kwasekusiwa ngalesosikhathi kwabakoEfrayimi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili.

7 UJefitha wasesahlulela uIsrayeli iminyaka eyisithupha. Wasesifa uJefitha umGileyadi, wangcwatshelwa komunyewemizi yeGileyadi.

UIbizani loEloni loAbidoni

8 Emva kwakhe-ke uIbizani weBhethelehema wahlulela uIsrayeli.

9 Njalo wayelamadodana angamatshumi amathathu, wathumela ngaphandle amadodakazi angamatshumi amathathu, wangenisela amadodana akhe amadodakazi angamatshumi amathathu evela ngaphandle; wahlulela uIsrayeli iminyaka eyisikhombisa.

10 Wasesifa uIbizani, wangcwatshelwa eBhethelehema.

11 Njalo emva kwakhe uEloni umZebuloni wahlulela uIsrayeli; wahlulela uIsrayeli iminyaka elitshumi.

12 Wasesifa uEloni umZebuloni, wangcwatshelwa eAjaloni, elizweni lakoZebuluni.

13 Emva kwakhe-ke uAbidoni indodana kaHileli umPirathoni wahlulela uIsrayeli.

14 Wayelamadodana angamatshumi amane, lamadodana amadodana angamatshumi amathathu, ayegada amathole abobabhemi angamatshumi ayisikhombisa; wahlulela uIsrayeli iminyaka eyisificaminwembili.

15 Wasesifa uAbidoni indodana kaHileli umPirathoni, wangcwatshelwa ePirathoni elizweni lakoEfrayimi entabeni zamaAmaleki.

LUKAJOSHUWA 13

Ukuzalwa kukaSamsoni

1 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli babuya-ke benza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI. INKOSI yasibanikela esandleni samaFilisti iminyaka engamatshumi amane.

2 Kwakukhona-ke umuntu othile weZora, owosendo lwakoDani, obizo lakhe lalinguManowa; lomkakhe wayeyinyumba engazali.

3 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasibonakala kowesifazana yathi kuye: Khangela-ke, uyinyumba, kawuzali, kodwa uzathatha isisu uzale indodana.

4 Ngakho-ke ake uqaphelise, unganathi wayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, ungadli lalutho olungcolileyo,

5 ngoba khangela, uzathatha isisu uzale indodana. Impuco kayiyikudlula ekhanda
layo, ngoba umfana uzakuba ngumNaziri kaNkulunkulu kusukela esizalweni;
yena uzaqala ukusindisa uIsrayeli esandleni samaFilisti.

6 Owesifazana wasesiza wabikela indoda yakhe esithi: Kufikile kimi umuntu
kaNkulunkulu, ukubonakala kwakhe kwakunjengokubonakala kwengilosi
kaNkulunkulu, kusesabeka kakhulu; kodwa kangimbuzanga ukuthi uvela ngaphi,
futhi kangitshelanga ibizo lakhe.

7 Kodwa uthe kimi: Khangela, uzathatha isisu, uzale indodana; khathesi-ke
unganathi wayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, ungadli lalutho olungcolileyo,
ngoba umfana uzakuba ngumNaziri kaNkulunkulu kusukela esizalweni kuze
kube sosukwini lokufa kwakhe.

8 UManowa waseyincenga iNKOSI wathi: Hawu Nkosi yami, umuntu
kaNkulunkulu omthumileyo ake abuye futhi kithi, asifundise ukuthi sizakwenza
njani emfaneni ozazalwa.

9 UNkulunkulu waselizwa ilizwi likaManowa, lengilosi kaNkulunkulu yafika futhi
kowesifazana ehlezi egangeni; kodwa uManowa umkakhe wayengelaye.

10 Owesifazana wasehaluzela wagijima wabikela umkakhe wathi: Khangela,
lowomuntu ubonakele kimi owafika kimi mhlalokhuyana.

11 UManowa wasesukuma walandela umkakhe, wafika kulowomuntu wathi kuye:
Unguye yini lowomuntu owakhuluma kulowesifazana? Wasesithi: Nginguye.

12 UManowa wasesithi: Kaweze-ke amazwi akho; izakuba yini indlela yomfana,
lomsebenzi wakhe?

13 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasisithi kuManowa: Kukho konke engakutshoyo
kowesifazana akuqaphelise;

14 angadli okolutho oluphuma evinini lewayini, anganathi wayini lokunathwayo
okulamandla, angadli lutho olungcolileyo; konke engamlaya khona akugcine.

15 UManowa wasesithi engilosini yeNKOSI: Ake sikubambelele, silungise phambi
kwakho izinyane lembuzi.

16 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasisithi kuManowa: Uba ungibambelela, kangiyikudla
okwesinkwa sakho; njalo uba ulungisa umnikelo wokutshiswa, unikele eNKOSIni.
Ngoba uManowa wayengazi ukuthi yayiyingilosi yeNKOSI.

17 UManowa wasesithi kuyo ingilosi yeNKOSI: Ungubani ibizo lakho, ukuze kuthi
lapho amazwi akho esiza sikuhloniphe.

18 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasisithi kuye: Ubuzelani kanje ngebizo lami lokhu
liyamangalisa?

19 UManowa wasethatha izinyane lembuzi lomnikelo wokudla, wakunikela eNKOSIni phezu kwedwala, yasisenza ngokumangalisayo, njalo uManowa lomkakhe bekhangele.

20 Kwasekusithi lapho ilangabi lisenyuka elathini liqonde emazulwini, ingilosi yeNKOSI yenyuka ngelangabi lelathi, uManowa lomkakhe bekhangele, bathi mbo ngobuso babo emhlabathini.

21 Kodwa ingilosi yeNKOSI kayiphindanga isabonakala kuManowa lomkakhe. Khona uManowa wazi ukuthi kwakuyingilosi yeNKOSI.

22 UManowa wasesithi kumkakhe: Sizakufa lokufa ngoba sibone uNkulunkulu.

23 Kodwa umkakhe wathi kuye: Uba iNKOSI ibithanda ukusibulala, ibingayikwemukela esandleni sethu umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla, njalo ibingayikusitshengisa zonke lezizinto, njalo ibingayikusizwisa ngalesisikhathi izinto ezinjengalezi.

24 Owesifazana wasebeletha indodana, wayitha ibizo layo wathi nguSamsoni; umfana wasekhula, leNKOSIyambusisa.

25 UMoya weNKOSI waseqala ukumvusa enkambeni kaDani phakathi kweZora leEshitawoli.

LUKAJOSHUWA 14

USamsoni lowesifazana weThiminathi

1USamsoni wasesehlela eThiminathi, wabona owesifazana eThiminathi wamadodakazi amaFilisti.

2 Wenyuka wabatshela oyise lonina wathi: Ngibone owesifazana eThiminathi wamadodakazi amaFilisti. Ngakho-ke ngithatheleni yena abe ngumkami.

3 Kodwa uyise lonina bathi kuye: Kakula owesifazana yini phakathi kwamadodakazi abafowenu loba phakathi kwabo bonke abantu bakithi ukuthi uyethatha umfazi kumaFilisti angasokanga? USamsoni wasesithi kuyise: Ngithathele yena ngoba yena uyathandeka emehlweni ami.

4 Kodwa uyise lonina babengazi ukuthi lokho kuvela eNKOSIni, ukuthi wayedinga ithuba lokumelana lamaFilisti; ngoba ngalesosikhathi amaFilisti ayebusa phezu kukaIsrayeli.

5 USamsoni wasesehla loyise lonina esiya eThiminathi, bafika ezivinini eThiminathi, khangela-ke, ibhongo lesilwane lambhongela.

6 UMoya weNKOSI wasefika ngamandla phezu kwakhe; walidabula njengodabula izinyane; njalo kwakungelalutho esandleni sakhe; kodwa kabatshelanga oyise lonina lokho akwenzileyo.

7 Wasesehla, wakhuluma lowesifazana, njalo wayethandeka emehlweni kaSamsoni.

8 Lemva kwezinsuku wabuyela ukuyamthatha; waphambuka ukuthi abone isidumbu sesilwane, khangela-ke, kwakulomtshitshi wenyosi loluju esidunjini sesilwane.

9 Wazithapha ngezandla zakhe, wahamba, ehamba esidla, wafika kuyise lakunina, wabanika, badla. Kodwa kabatshelanga ukuthi wayethaphe uluju esidunjini sesilwane.

10 Uyise wasesehla waya kowesifazana, loSamsoni wenza idili khona, ngoba ayesenza njalo amajaha.

11 Kwasekusithi lapho bembona bathatha abanakwabo abangamatshumi amathathu ukuze babe laye.

12 USamsoni wasesithi kibo: Ake ngililibhe ngelibho; uba lingangitshela lona kuhle ensukwini eziyisikhombisa zedili, lilithole, ngizalinika izembatho zelembu elihle ezingamatshumi amathathu lezembatho zokuntshintsha ezingamatshumi amathathu.

13 Kodwa uba lingelakho ukungitshela, khona lina lizanginika izembatho zelembu elihle ezingamatshumi amathathu lezembatho zokuntshintsha ezingamatshumi amathathu. Basebesithi kuye: Libha ilibho lakho ukuze silizwe.

14 Wasesithi kubo: Kodlayo kwaphuma ukudla, lakolamandla kwaphuma okumnandi. Kodwa babengelakulichasisa ilibho ensukwini ezintathu.

15 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesikhombisa bathi kumkaSamsoni: Huga umkakho ukuthi asichasisele ilibho, hlezi sikutshise lendlu kayihlo ngomlilo. Lisinxusele ukuthi lisithathele esilakho yini? Akunjalo yini?

16 UmkaSamsoni wasekhala inyembezi phambi kwakhe wathi: Uyangizonda nje, kawungithandi; uwalibhile ilibho amadodana abantu bakithi, kodwa mina kawungitshelanga. Wasesithi kuye: Khangela ubaba lomama kangibatshelanga, wena-ke ngizakutshela yini?

17 Wakhala inyembezi phambi kwakhe insuku eziyisikhombisa beseledili. Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesikhombisa wamtshela ngoba wamcindezela kakhulu. Wasewatshela amadodana abantu bakibo.

18 Amadoda omuzi asesithi kuye ngosuku lwesikhombisa ilanga lingakatshoni: Kuyini okumnandi okwedlula uluju? Njalo kuyini okulamandla kulesilwane? Wasesithi kiwo: Uba belingalimanga ngethokazi lami, belingayikulithola ilibho lami.

19 UMoya weNKOSI wasefika ngamandla phezu kwakhe, wehlela eAshikeloni, watshaya kuwo amadoda angamatshumi amathathu, wathatha izembatho zawo,

wanika izembatho zokuntshintsha labo ababechasise ilibho. Intukuthelo yakhe yasivutha wasesenyukela endlini kayise.

20 Kodwa umkaSamsoni waba ngowomnakwabo, owayengumngane wakhe.

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1Kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezithile, ngesikhathi sokuvuna ingqoloyi, uSamsoni wethekelela umkakhe elezinyane lembuzi. Wathi: Kangingene kumkami endlini. Kodwa uyise kamvumelanga ukungena.

2 Uyise wasesithi: Isibili ngakhuluma ukuthi usumzonda lokumzonda; ngakho ngamnika umkhaphi wakho. Umnawakhe kamuhle kulaye yini? Ngiyacela, kabe ngowakho esikhundleni sakhe.

3 USamsoni wasesithi kubo: Khathesi angilacala mayelana lamaFilisti nxa ngiwenzela okubi.

4 Ngakho uSamsoni wahamba, wabamba amakhanka angamakhulu amathathu, wathatha izihlanti, wafulathelisa umsila uqondana lomsila, wafaka isihlanti phakathi kwemisila emibili phakathi laphakathi.

5 Kwathi esethungele umlilo ezihlantini, wawayekela ahamba emabeleni emiyo amaFilisti, watshisa kusukela ezinqunjini zamabele kusiya emabeleni emiyo kusiya lezivinini lezihlahla zemihlwathi.

6 AmaFilisti asesithi: Ngubani owenze lokhu? Bathi: USamsoni, umkhwenyana womThimina; ngoba uthethe umkakhe, wamnika umkhaphi wakhe. AmaFilisti asesenyuka, amtshisa yena loyise ngomlilo.

7 USamsoni wasesithi kuwo: Lanxa lenze njalo, kanti ngizaphindisela kini, emva kwalokho ngiyekele.

8 Wasebatshaya, umlenze phezu kwethangazi, ukubulala okukhulu. Wasesehla wahlala ebhalwini lwedwalaleEtamu.

USamsoni unqoba amaFilisti eLehi

9 AmaFilisti asesenyuka amisa inkamba koJuda, asabalala eLehi.

10 Amadoda akoJuda asesithi: Lenyukeleleni ukumelana lathi? Athi: Senyukelele ukubopha uSamsoni, ukuze senze kuye njengalokho akwenze kithi.

11 Kwasekusehla amadoda azinkulungwane ezintathu akoJuda aya ebhalwini lwedwala leEtamu, athi kuSamsoni: Kawazi yini ukuthi amaFilisti ayasibusa? Pho, kuyini lokhu okwenze kithi? Wasesithi kibo: Njengokwenza kwawo kimi ngenze njalo kuwo.

12 Basebesithi kuye: Sehlele ukukubopha ukuze sikunikele esandleni samaFilisti. USamsoni wasesithi kibo: Fungani kimi ukuthi lina kaliyikungihlasela.

13 Basebekhuluma kuye bathi: Hatshi, kodwa sizakubopha lokukubopha, sikunikele esandleni sawo, kodwa oqotho kasiyikukubulala. Basebembopha ngamagoda amabili amatsha, bamenyusa edwaleni.

14 Kwathi esefikile eLehi, amaFilisti aklabalala emhlangabeza. UMoya weNKOSI wasefika ngamandla phezu kwakhe, lamagoda ayesengalweni zakhe aba njengefilakisi etshiswe ngomlilo, lezibopho zakhe zancibilika zasuka ezandleni zakhe.

15 Wasethola umhlathi omutsha kababhemi, welula isandla sakhe wawuthatha, watshaya ngawo amadoda ayinkulungwane.

16 USamsoni wasesithi: Ngomhlathi kababhemi, inqumbi phezu kwezinqumbi, ngomhlathi kababhemi ngitshaye amadoda ayinkulungwane.

17 Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukukhuluma wawulahla umhlathi esandleni sakhe, wayibiza leyondawo ngokuthiiRamathi-Lehi.

18 Wayesomile kakhulu, wakhala eNKOSIni wathi: Wena unikile lokhukukhululwa okukhulu ngesandla senceku yakho; khathesi-ke sengizakufa ngokoma, ngiwele esandleni sabangasokanga yini?

19 UNkulunkulu waseqhekeza igodi elaliseLehi, kwaphuma amanzi kilo. Kwathi esenathile, umoya wakhe wabuya waqaqabuka. Ngalokho wabiza ibizo lawo ngokuthi yiEni-Hakore, oseLehi kuze kube lamuhla.

20 Wasesahlulela uIsrayeli ensukwini zamaFilisti iminyaka engamatshumi amabili.

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USamsoni uya eGaza

1USamsoni wasesiya eGaza, wabona khona umfazi, iwule, wangena kulo.

2 Kwabikwa kwabeGaza kuthiwa: USamsoni ufikile lapha. Bamzingelezela, bamcathamela ubusuku bonke esangweni lomuzi; bathula ubusuku bonke besithi: Kuze kukhanye ekuseni, khona sizambulala.

3 USamsoni waselala kwaze kwaba phakathi kobusuku; wavuka phakathi kobusuku, wabamba izivalo zesango lomuzi, lensika zombili, wazisiphuna lomgoqo, wakwetshata emahlombe akhe, wakwenyusela engqongeni yentaba ephambi kweHebroni.

USamsoni loDelila

4 Kwathi emva kwalokho wathanda owesifazana esihotsheni seSoreki, obizo lakhe linguDelila.

5 Njalo iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zenyukela kuye zathi kuye: Myenge ubone ukuthi akukuphi amandla akhe amakhulu, lokuthi singamehlula ngani, ukuthi

simbophe ukuze simnqobe. Thina-ke sizakunika ngamunye izinhlamvu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane lekhulu.

6 UDelila wasesithi kuSamsoni: Ake ungitshele ukuthi akukuphi amandla akho amakhulu, lokuthi ungabotshwa ngani ukukunqoba.

7 USamsoni wasesithi kuye: Uba bengibopha ngentambo eziyisikhombisa ezintsha ezingomanga, ngizakuba buthakathaka ngibe njengomunye umuntu.

8 Iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zasezisenyusela kuye intambo eziyisikhombisa ezintsha ezingomanga; wasembopha ngazo.

9 Abacathemeyo-ke bahlala laye endlini engaphakathi; wasesithi kuye: AmaFilisti aphezu kwakho, Samsoni! Waziqamula intambo njengentambo yefilakisi iqamuka nxa isizwa umlilo. Ngakho amandla akhe kawaziwanga.

10 UDelila wasesithi kuSamsoni: Khangela, udlale ngami wangitshela amanga. Khathesi ake ungitshele ukuthi ungabotshwa ngani.

11 Wasesithi kuye: Uba bengangibopha lokungibopha ngamagoda amatsha okungenziwanga msebenzi ngawo, ngizakuba buthakathaka ngibe njengomunye umuntu.

12 Ngakho uDelila wathatha amagoda amatsha, wambopha ngawo, wathi kuye: AmaFilisti aphezu kwakho, Samsoni! Abacathemeyo babehlezi endlini engaphakathi. Kodwa wawaqamula asuka engalweni zakhe njengomnxeba.

13 UDelila wasesithi kuSamsoni: Kuze kube khathesi udlale ngami, wangitshela amanga; ngitshela ukuthi ungabotshwa ngani. Wasesithi kuye: Uba useluka amaxha enwele zekhanda lami ayisikhombisa ngezintambo ezelukiweyo.

14 Wasewaqinisa ngesikhonkwane; wathi kuye: AmaFilisti aphezu kwakho, Samsoni! Wasevuka ebuthongweni bakhe, wasusa isikhonkwane seselukiso lentambo ezelukiweyo.

15 Wasesithi kuye: Ungatsho njani ukuthi: Ngiyakuthanda; nxa inhliziyo yakho ingelami? Lezizikhathi ezintathu udlale ngami, kawungitshelanga ukuthi akukuphi amandla akho amakhulu.

16 Kwasekusithi lapho emcindezela ngamazwi akhe insuku zonke, wamkhathaza, kwaze kwathi umphefumulo wakhe wadabuka kwaze kwaba sekufeni.

17 Ngakho wamtshela inhliziyo yakhe yonke wathi kuye: Impuco kayizanga ize phezu kwekhanda lami, ngoba ngingumNaziri kaNkulunkulu kusukela esizalweni sikamama. Uba ngiphucwa, amandla ami azasuka kimi, ngibe buthakathaka ngibe njengaye wonke umuntu.

18 Lapho uDelila ebona ukuthi umtshele inhliziyo yakhe yonke, wathuma wabiza iziphathamandla zamaFilisti esithi: Yenyukani ngalesisikhathi, ngoba ungitshele

inhliziyo yakhe yonke. Iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zasezisenyukela kuye, zaletha imali esandleni sazo.

19 Wasemlalisa ubuthongo emadolweni akhe, wabiza umuntu, wamgelisa amaxha ayisikhombisa enwele zekhanda lakhe. Waseqala ukumhlupha, lamandla akhe asuka kuye.

20 Wasesithi: AmaFilisti aphezu kwakho, Samsoni! Wasevuka ebuthongweni bakhe wathi: Ngizaphuma njengakwezinye izikhathi, ngizinyikinye. Kodwa yena wayengazi ukuthi iNKOSI isukile kuye.

21 Khona amaFilisti ambamba, amkopola amehlo, amehlisela eGaza, ambopha ngezibopho zethusi; njalo wayechola entolongweni.

22 Kodwa inwele zekhanda lakhe zaqala ukukhula emva kokuphucwa kwakhe.

Ukufa kukaSamsoni

23 Khona iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zabuthana ukuze zihlabele uDagoni unkulunkulu wazo umhlatshelo omkhulu, zithokoze, zathi: Unkulunkulu wethu unikele uSamsoni isitha sethu esandleni sethu.

24 Lapho abantu bembona badumisa unkulunkulu wabo, ngoba bathi: Unkulunkulu wethu unikele esandleni sethu isitha sethu, ngitsho umchithi welizwe lakithi, njalo owenza baba banengi ababuleweyo bethu.

25 Kwasekusithi lapho inhliziyo zabo zithokoza bathi: Bizani uSamsoni ukuze azesidlalela. Basebembiza uSamsoni evela entolongweni, wadlala phambi kwabo. Basebemmisa phakathi kwezinsika.

26 USamsoni wasesithi emfaneni owayembambe ngesandla: Ngiyekela ngithinte izinsika indlu emi phezu kwazo ukuze ngeyame kuzo.

27 Indlu yayigcwele-ke abesilisa labesifazana; lazo zonke iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zazikhona, laphezulu ephahleni kwakukhona abesilisa labesifazana abangaba zinkulungwane ezintathu ababebukele uSamsoni edlala.

28 USamsoni wasekhala eNKOSIni wathi: Nkosi Jehova, ngikhumbule ngiyakuncenga, ungiqinise ngiyakuncenga, kuphela ngalesisikhathi, Nkulunkulu, ukuze ngiziphindisele ngokuphindisela okukodwa kumaFilisti ngenxa yamehlo ami amabili.

29 USamsoni wasebamba insika ezimbili eziphakathi, indlu eyayimi kuzo, waqina ngazo, enye ngesandla sakhe sokunene lenye ngesandla sakhe sokhohlo.

30 USamsoni wasesithi: Mina kangife lamaFilisti. Wasekhothama ngamandla; njalo indlu yawela phezu kweziphathamandla laphezu kwabo bonke abantu ababekuyo. Ngakho abafayo ababulala ekufeni kwakhe babe banengi okwedlula labo ababulala empilweni yakhe.

31 Kwasekusehla abafowabo labendlu yonke kayise, bamthatha, bamenyusa, bayamngcwabela phakathi kweZora leEshitawoli engcwabeni likaManowa uyise. Yena wahlulela uIsrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili.

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UMika lendlu yakhe yezithombe

1 Kwakukhona-ke umuntu wentabeni yakoEfrayimi, obizo lakhe lalinguMika.

2 Wasesithi kunina: Izinhlamvu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane lekhulu ezathathwa kuwe, owaqalekisa ngazo, njalo wakhuluma endlebeni zami, khangela, leyomali ikimi, mina ngayithatha. Unina wasesithi: Kawubusiswe eNKOSIni, ndodana yami.

3 Wathi esezibuyisele kunina izinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane lekhulu zesiliva, unina wathi: Ngasengisehlukanisile lokusehlukanisela iNKOSI isiliva sami sivela esandleni sami sibe ngesendodana yami, ukuze ngenze isithombe esibaziweyo lesithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. Khathesi-ke ngizasibuyisela kuwe.

4 Kodwa wayibuyisela imali kunina. Unina wasethatha izinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamakhulu amabili, wazinika umkhandi, owenza ngazo isithombe esibaziweyo lesithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa; zasezisiba sendlini kaMika.

5 Njalo lowomuntu uMika wayelendlu yabonkulunkulu, wenza i-efodi lamatherafi, wehlukanisa omunye wamadodana akhe, ukuze abe ngumpristi wakhe.

6 Ngalezonsuku kwakungelankosi koIsrayeli; wonke umuntu wayesenza okwakulungile emehlweni akhe.

7 Njalo kwakukhona ijaha leBhethelehema-Juda, elosendo lukaJuda, elalingumLevi, njalo lahlala njengowezizwe khona.

8 Lowomuntu wasesuka emzini, eBhethelehema-Juda, ukuyahlala njengowezizwe lapho ayengathola khonaindawo. Wafika entabeni yakoEfrayimi, endlini kaMika, ehamba ngendlela yakhe.

9 UMika wasesithi kuye: Uvela ngaphi? Wasesithi kuye: NgingumLevi weBhethelehema-Juda, ngiya ukuyahlala njengowezizwe lapho engingathola khona indawo.

10 UMika wasesithi kuye: Hlala lami, ube kimi ngubaba lompristi, mina ngizakunika izinhlamvu zesiliva ezilitshumi ngomnyaka, lezigqoko zokugqoka, lokudla kwakho. UmLevi wasengena.

11 UmLevi wavuma ukuhlala lalowomuntu; njalo ijaha laba kuye njengomunye wamadodana akhe.

12 UMika wamehlukanisa umLevi, ijaha laselisiba ngumpristi wakhe, laba sendlini kaMika.

13 UMika wasesithi: Khathesi ngiyazi ukuthi iNKOSI izangenzela okuhle, ngoba ngilomLevi ongumpristi.

LUKAJOSHUWA 18

UMika labakoDani

1 Ngalezonsuku kwakungelankosi koIsrayeli; langalezonsuku isizwe sakoDani sazidingela ilifa lokuhlala, ngoba kuze kube ngalolosuku babengawelwanga yilifa phakathi kwezizwe zakoIsrayeli.

2 Abantwana bakoDani basebethuma amadoda amahlanu avela kusendo lwabo esuka emaphethelweni abo, amaqhawe, evela eZora leEshitawoli, ukuhlola ilizwe lokuliphenya. Basebesithi kuwo: Hambani liphenye ilizwe. Asefika entabeni yakoEfrayimi, endlini kaMika, alala khona.

3 Esendlini kaMika wona alazi ilizwi lejaha umLevi; asephendukela khona athi kuye: Ngubani owakuletha lapha? Njalo wenzani lapha? Njalo ulani lapha?

4 Wasesithi kiwo: UMika ungenzele kanje lakanje; ungiqatshile, sengingumpristi wakhe.

5 Asesithi kuye: Ake ubuze uNkulunkulu ukuze sazi ukuthi indlela yethu esihamba ngayo izaphumelela yini.

6 Umpristi wasesithi kibo: Hambani ngokuthula. Indlela yenu elihamba ngayo iphambi kweNKOSI.

7 Asehamba lawomadoda amahlanu, ayafika eLayishi, abona abantu abaphakathi kwayo, behlezi bonwabile, ngokwendlela yamaSidoni, belokuthula, bengethuki lutho, kwakungelamahluleli elizweni ukubathiba, babekhatshana lamaSidoni, bengasebenzelani lamuntu.

8 Asefika kubafowabo eZora leEshitawoli, abafowabo basebesithi kuwo: Lithini?

9 Asesithi: Sukumani asenyuke simelane labo, ngoba sibonile ilizwe, khangelani-ke, lihle kakhulu; pho lina lithule? Lingavilaphi ukuyangena ukudla ilifa lelizwe.

10 Ekufikeni kwenu khona lizafika ebantwini abonwabileyo lelizweni elibanzi inhlangothi zombili, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulinikele esandleni senu; indawo lapho okungasweleki lutho khona elizweni.

11 Asesuka lapho evela kusendo lwabakoDani eZora leEshitawoli amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha ehlomile izikhali zempi,

12 enyuka amisa inkamba eKiriyathi-Jeyarimi koJuda. Ngenxa yalokho ayibiza leyondawo ngokuthi yiMahane-Dani kuze kube lamuhla; khangela isemuva kweKiriyathi-Jeyarimi.

13 Asesedlula esuka lapho, aya entabeni yakoEfrayimi, afika endlini kaMika.

14 Khona amadoda amahlanu ayehambile ukuhlola ilizwe iLayishi aphendula athi kubafowabo: Liyazi yini ukuthi kulezizindlu kukhona i-efodi lamatherafi lesithombe esibaziweyo lesithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa? Ngakho-ke cabangani elizakwenza.

15 Asephambukela khona, aya endlini yejaha umLevi endlini kaMika, ambuza impilo.

16 Amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha ayehlomile ngezikhali zempi, ayengabantwana bakoDani, asesima ekungeneni kwesango.

17 Lawomadoda amahlanu ayehambile ukuhlola ilizwe enyuka angena lapho athatha isithombe esibaziweyo, le-efodi, lamatherafi, lesithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, umpristi esemi ekungeneni kwesango lamadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha ayebhince izikhali zempi.

18 La-ke esengenile endlini kaMika athatha isithombe esibaziweyo, i-efodi, lamatherafi, lesithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, umpristi wathi kiwo: Lenzani?

19 Asesithi kuye: Thula, bamba umlomo wakho, uhambe lathi, ube ngubaba kithi lompristi. Kungcono yini ukuthi ube ngumpristi wendlu yomuntu oyedwa kumbe ukuthi ube ngumpristi wesizwe losendo lwakoIsrayeli?

20 Lenhliziyo yompristi yathokoza, wasethatha i-efodi lamatherafi lesithombe esibaziweyo, wangena phakathi kwabantu.

21 Basebephenduka behamba, babeka abantwanyana lezifuyo lempahla phambi kwabo.

22 Sebekhatshana lomuzi kaMika, amadoda ayesezindlini ezaziseduze lendlu kaMika abizelwa ndawonye abafica abantwana bakoDani.

23 Amemeza abantwana bakoDani. Basebephendula ubuso babo bathi kuMika: Ulani ukuze libuthane?

24 Wasesithi: Lithethe onkulunkulu bami engabenzayo, lompristi, lahamba; pho ngiseselani? Kuyini lokho elikutsho kimi: Uhlutshwa yini?

25 Abantwana bakoDani basebesithi kuye: Ilizwi lakho kalingezwakali phakathi kwethu, hlezi amadoda alolaka akuhlasele, ulahlekelwe yimpilo yakho lempilo yabendlu yakho.

26 Basebezihambela ngendlela yabo abantwana bakoDani. Lapho uMika esebonile ukuthi balamandla kulaye, waphenduka wabuyela endlini yakhe.

27 Bona basebethatha lokho uMika ayekwenzile lompristi owayelaye, bafika eLayishi ebantwini ababelokuthula bengethuki lutho, babatshaya ngobukhali benkemba, batshisa umuzi ngomlilo.

28 Njalo kwakungekho umkhululi, ngoba wawukhatshana leSidoni, bengasebenzelani lamuntu. Wawusesihotsheni esasingaseBeti-Rehobi. Basebesakha umuzi, bahlala kiwo.

29 Basebebiza ibizo lomuzi ngokuthi yiDani ngebizo likaDani uyise owazalelwa uIsrayeli. Kodwa ibizo lomuzi laliyiLayishi kuqala.

30 Abantwana bakoDani basebezimisela isithombe esibaziweyo. Njalo uJonathani indodana kaGereshoma, indodana kaManase, yena lamadodana akhe babengabapristi besizwe sakoDani kwaze kwaba lusuku lokuthunjwa kwelizwe.

31 Basebezimisela isithombe esibaziweyo sikaMika ayesenzile, zonke izinsuku indlu kaNkulunkulu iseShilo.

LUKAJOSHUWA 19

UmLevi othile lomfazi wakhe

1Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku, kungelankosi koIsrayeli, kwakulomLevi othile owayehlala njengowezizwe eceleni elikhatshana lentaba yakoEfrayimi, owazithathela umfazi, umfazi omncinyane eBhethelehema-Juda.

2 Lowomfazi wakhe omncinyane waphinga emelene laye, wasuka kuye waya endlini kayise eBhethelehema-Juda, waba lapho izinyanga ezine ezigcweleyo.

3 Umkakhe wasesukuma wamlandela ukuyakhuluma enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi ambuyise, lejaha lakhe lilaye labobabhemi ababili. Umfazi wasemngenisa endlini kayise; kwathi uyise wentombi embona wathokoza ukuhlangana laye.

4 Uyisezala, uyise wentombazana, wamlibazisa; wasehlala laye insuku ezintathu; basebesidla banatha balala khona ubusuku.

5 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesine, lapho bevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wasukuma ukuthi ahambe; kodwa uyise wentombazana wathi kumkhwenyana wakhe: Qinisa inhliziyo yakho ngocezu lwesinkwa; lemva kwalokho lizahamba.

6 Ngakho bahlala badla banatha bobabili ndawonye. Uyise wentombazana wasesithi endodeni: Ake wanele ulale ubusuku uthokozise inhliziyo yakho.

7 Indoda isisukuma ukuthi ihambe, kodwa uyisezala wayicindezela yaze yabuya yalala lapho ubusuku.

8 Yasivuka ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lwesihlanu ukuze ihambe. Uyise wentombazana wasesithi: Ake uqinise inhliziyo yakho. Basebelibala ilanga laze lakhothama, badla bobabili.

9 Lapho indoda isukuma ukuthi ihambe, yona lomfazi wayo omncinyane lejaha layo, uyisezala, uyise wentombazana, wathi kuyo: Khangela, khathesi ilanga selitshona, sekuzakuhlwa; ake ulale ubusuku; khangela, ilanga selikhotheme, lala ubusuku lapha, ukuze inhliziyo yakho ithokoze. Kusasa-ke lizavuka ngovivi ngohambo lwenu, uye ethenteni lakho.

10 Kodwa indoda kayithandanga ukulala ubusuku, kodwa yasukuma yahamba, yafika maqondana leJebusi eyiJerusalema. Yayilabobabhemi ababili ababotshelwe izihlalo; lomfazi wayo omncinyane wayelayo.

11 Sebeseduze leJebusi ilanga laselitshonile kakhulu, ijaha laselisithi enkosini yalo: Ake uhambe, siphambukele kulo umuzi wamaJebusi, silale khona ubusuku.

12 Inkosi yayo yasisithi kuyo: Kasiyikuphambukela emzini wesizwe ongeyisiwo wabantwana bakoIsrayeli, kodwa sizadlulela eGibeya.

13 Yasisithi encekwini yayo: Woza sisondele kwenye yalezozindawo, siyelala ubusuku eGibeya kumbe eRama.

14 Basebesedlula behamba; ilanga labatshonela eduze leGibeya eyakoBhenjamini.

15 Basebephambuka lapho ukuze bangene balale ubusuku eGibeya. Esengenile wahlala phansi emdangeni womuzi, ngoba kwakungekho muntu owabemukela endlini yakhe ukuze balale ubusuku.

16 Khangela-ke, kwafika ixhegu livela emsebenzini walo ensimini kusihlwa. Lowomuntu laye wayevela entabeni yakoEfrayimi; yena-ke wahlala njengowezizwe eGibeya. Kodwa abantu baleyondawo babengabakoBhenjamini.

17 Esephakamise amehlo akhe wabona lowomuntu, isihambi, emdangeni womuzi, njalo ixhegu lathi: Uya ngaphi, njalo uvela ngaphi?

18 Wasesithi kulo: Siyedlula sivela eBhethelehema-Juda, siya eceleni elikhatshana lentaba yakoEfrayimi; ngivela lapho. Bengiye eBhethelehema-Juda, kodwa sengisiya endlini yeNKOSI; kodwa kakulamuntu ongemukela endlini.

19 Kube kanti kulamahlanga lokudla kwabobabhemi bethu, njalo kulesinkwa futhi lewayini lami lokwencekukazi yakho lokwejaha elilenceku zakho; kakuswelekanga lutho.

20 Leloxhegu laselisithi: Ukuthula kakube kuwe. Kodwa zonke inswelo zakho ziphezu kwami. Kuphela ungalali emdangeni.

21 Ngakho laselimngenisa endlini yalo, lanika obabhemi ukudla. Basebegeza inyawo zabo, badla banatha.

22 Besathokozisa inhliziyo yabo, khangela, amadoda omuzi, abantwana abathile bakaBheliyali, ayizingelezela indlu, etshaya esivalweni, akhuluma kumninindlu, ixhegu, esithi: Khupha lowomuntu ongene endlini yakho, ukuze simazi.

23 Umuntu, umninindlu, wasephuma waya kiwo, wathi kiwo: Hatshi, bafowethu, ngiyalicela, lingenzi okubi; lokhu lumuntu engenile endlini yami, lingenzi lobubuthutha.

24 Khangelani, indodakazi yami eyintombi emsulwa, lomfazi wakhe omncane. Ake ngibakhuphele kini. Libathobise, lenze kibo okulungileyo emehlweni enu; kodwa kulumuntu lingenzi linto yobuthutha.

25 Kodwa lawomadoda kawathandanga ukumlalela. Ngakho lowomuntu wasebamba umfazi wakhe omncane, wamkhuphela kibo phandle. Njalo amazi amdlova ubusuku bonke kwaze kwasa. Kwathi emadabukakusa amyekela wahamba.

26 Ngovivi lokusa owesifazana weza wawela phansi emnyango wendlu yomuntu lapho okwakukhona inkosi yakhe, kwaze kwakhanya.

27 Inkosi yakhe yasivuka ekuseni, yavula iminyango yendlu, yaphuma ukuze ihambe ngendlela yayo; khangela-ke, umfazi, umfazi wakhe omncane wayewele emnyango wendlu, lezandla zakhe ziphezu kombundu.

28 Yasisithi kuye: Sukuma, sihambe. Kodwa kakuphendulanga muntu. Yasimkhweza kubabhemi; indoda yasuka yaya endaweni yayo.

29 Lapho isifikile endlini yayo yathatha ingqamu, yambamba umfazi wayo omncane yamqumaquma lamathambo akhe iziqa ezilitshumi lambili; yamthumela kuyo yonke imingcele yakoIsrayeli.

30 Kwasekusithi bonke abakubonayo bathi: Kakukaze kwenzeke njalo kakukaze kubonwe okunje kusukela ngosuku abantwana bakoIsrayeli abenyuka ngalo elizweni leGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla. Nakanani ngalokho, leluleke, likhulume.

LUKAJOSHUWA 20

Abanye abantwana bakoIsrayeli balwa labakoBhenjamini

1Khona bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphuma, inhlangano yonke yabuthana njengamuntu munye, kusukela eDani kusiya eBherishebha lelizwe leGileyadi, eNKOSIni eMizipa.

2 Njalo induna zabo bonke abantu, zazo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli, zazimisa ebandleni labantu bakaNkulunkulu, izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane zamadoda ahamba ngenyawo, ahwatsha inkemba.

3 (Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebesizwa ukuthi abantwana bakoIsrayeli babenyukele eMizipa.) Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesithi: Tshono, lobububi benziwa njani?

4 Indoda engumLevi, indoda yalowo owesifazana owayebulewe, yasiphendula yathi: Ngafika eGibeya engeyakoBhenjamini, mina lomfazi wami omncane, ukuze silale khona.

5 Abahlali beGibeya basebengivukela, bazingelezela indlu bemelene lami ebusuku, befuna ukungibulala, bamdlova umfazi wami omncane, waze wafa.

6 Ngasengimbamba umfazi wami omncane, ngamquma iziqa, ngamthumela elizweni lonke lelifa lakoIsrayeli, ngoba benza amanyala lobuwula koIsrayeli.

7 Khangelani, lina lonke lingabantwana bakoIsrayeli, phanini ilizwi leseluleko senu lapha.

8 Abantu bonke basebesukuma njengamuntu munye besithi: Asiyikuya, ngulowo
ethenteni lakhe, njalo asiyikuphambukela, ngulowo endlini yakhe.

9 Kodwa khathesi, nansi into esizayenza kuyo iGibeya. Sizamelana layo
ngenkatho,

10 sithathe abantu abalitshumi phakathi kwekhulu ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli,
lekhulu phakathi kwenkulungwane, lenkulungwane phakathi kwenkulungwane
ezilitshumi, ukuze bathathele abantu umphako, ukuze, nxa sebefike eGibeya
koBhenjamini, benze ngokobuwula bonke ababenze koIsrayeli.

11 Ngakho wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli ahlanganyela umuzi, njengamuntu munye
emoya munye.

12 Izizwe zakoIsrayeli zasezithuma amadoda esizweni sonke sakoBhenjamini
zisithi: Yibubi bani lobu obenzeke phakathi kwenu?

13 Ngakho-ke anikeleni lawomadoda, abantwana bakaBheliyali, abaseGibeya
ukuze siwabulale, sisuse ububi koIsrayeli. Kodwa abakoBhenjamini kabafunanga
ukulalela ilizwi labafowabo, abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

14 Kodwa abantwana bakoBhenjamini babuthana bevela emizini baya eGibeya,
ukuze baphume ukuya empini labantwana bakoIsrayeli.

15 Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebebalwa ngalolosuku bevela emizini,
amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesithupha ahwatsha
inkemba, ngaphandle kwabahlali beGibeya, ababalwa baba ngamadoda
angamakhulu ayisikhombisa akhethiweyo.

16 Phakathi kwabo bonke lababantu kwakulamadoda akhethiweyo angamakhulu
ayisikhombisa angamanxele; wonke la ayejikijela ilitshe ngesavutha enweleni
engakhuthi.

17 Amadoda akoIsrayeli asebalwa, ngaphandle kukaBhenjamini, amadoda
azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amaneahwatsha inkemba; wonke la
ayengamadoda empi.

18 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesukuma benyukela eBhetheli, babuza
uNkulunkulu bathi: Ngubani phakathi kwethu ozakwenyukela kuqala empini
labantwana bakoBhenjamini? INKOSI yasisithi: NguJuda kuqala.

19 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebevuka ekuseni, bamisa inkamba maqondana
leGibeya.

20 Amadoda akoIsrayeli asephuma ukuya empini loBhenjamini; amadoda
akoIsrayeli azihlelela ukumelena labo empini eGibeya.

21 Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebephuma eGibeya, babhubhisela
emhlabathini koIsrayeli ngalolosuku amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lambili.

22 Abantu, amadoda akoIsrayeli, basebeziqinisa bahlela futhi impi kuleyondawo ababezihlelele khona ngosuku lokuqala.

23 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenyuka bakhala inyembezi phambi kweNKOSI kwaze kwahlwa. Babuza eNKOSIni bathi: Ngisondele yini futhi empini ngimelane labantwana bakoBhenjamini umfowethu? INKOSI yasisithi: Yenyukani limelane laye.

24 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesondela ebantwaneni bakoBhenjamini ngosuku lwesibili.

25 UBhenjamini wasephuma eGibeya emelene labo ngosuku lwesibili, babuya babhubhisela emhlabathini ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi leziyisificaminwembili; bonke labo bahwatsha inkemba.

26 Ngakho bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli labo bonke abantu benyuka bafika eBhetheli, bakhala inyembezi bahlala lapho phambi kweNKOSI, bazila ukudla ngalolosuku kwaze kwahlwa, banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula phambi kweNKOSI.

27 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebebuza eNKOSIni (ngoba umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wawulapho ngalezonsuku,

28 loPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare indodana kaAroni wema phambi kwawo ngalezonsuku) besithi: Ngibuye ngiphinde yini ukuphuma impi ngimelene labantwana bakoBhenjamini umfowethu, loba ngiyekele? INKOSIyasisithi: Yenyukani, ngoba kusasa ngizabanikela esandleni sakho.

29 Ngakho uIsrayeli wamisa abacathami maqondana leGibeya inhlangothi zonke.

30 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenyuka ukumelana labantwana bakoBhenjamini ngosuku lwesithathu, bazihlelela ukumelana leGibeya njengakwezinye izikhathi.

31 Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebephuma ukumelana labantu, badonswa besuka emzini, baqala ukutshaya ebantwini, ukubulala njengakwezinye izikhathi, emigwaqweni emikhulu, enye yazo eyenyukela eBhetheli lenye eya eGibeya emagcekeni, phose amadoda angamatshumi amathathu akoIsrayeli.

32 Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebesithi: Sebetshayiwe phambi kwethu njengakuqala. Kodwa abantwana bakoIsrayeli bathi: Asibalekeni, sibadonse besuka emzini baye emigwaqweni emikhulu.

33 Wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli asevuka endaweni zawo, azihlela eBhali-Tamari, labacathami bakoIsrayeli bavumbuluka endaweni yabo emadlelweni eGibeya.

34 Kwasekusiza kuvela maqondana leGibeya amadoda akhethiweyo azinkulungwane ezilitshumi evela kuIsrayeli wonke; lempi yaba nzima. Kodwa bona babengazi ukuthi ububi buzatshaya phezu kwabo.

35 INKOSI yasimtshaya uBhenjamini phambi kukaIsrayeli. Abantwana
bakoIsrayeli basebebhubhisa koBhenjamini amadoda azinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lekhulu elilodwa ngalolosuku; bonke laba
bahwatsha inkemba.

36 Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebebona ukuthi sebetshayiwe, ngoba
amadoda akoIsrayeli amdedela uBhenjamini, ngoba bethembe abacathami
ababebamise maqondana leGibeya.

37 Labacathami baphangisa bahlasela iGibeya baqhubeka batshaya umuzi wonke
ngobukhali benkemba.

38 Kwasekusiba lesiboniso esimisiweyo phakathi kwamadoda akoIsrayeli
labacathami sokuthunqisa insika yentuthu enkulu evela emzini.

39 Kwathi amadoda akoIsrayeli aphenduka empini, uBhenjamini waqalisa
ukuwatshaya ukubulala emadodeni akoIsrayeli phose amadoda angamatshumi
amathathu, ngoba bathi: Isibili atshayiwe lokutshaywa phambi kwethu
njengempini yakuqala.

40 Kwathi iyezi liqalisa ukuthunqa liphuma emzini, insika yentuthu, uBhenjamini
enyemukula, khangela-ke ilangabi lomuzi lenyukela emazulwini.

41 Lapho amadoda akoIsrayeli etshibilika, amadoda akoBhenjamini atshaywa
luvalo, ngoba abona ukuthi ububi sebuwehlele.

42 Ngakho afulathela phambi kwamadoda akoIsrayeli esiya endleleni yenkangala;
kodwa impi yawanamathela, lalabo abaphuma emizini bawabhubhisa phakathi
kwabo.

43 Bamhanqa uBhenjamini, baxotshana labo, babanyathelela phansi lula, kwaze
kwaba maqondana leGibeya lapho okuphuma khona ilanga.

44 Kwasekusiwa koBhenjamini amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi
leziyisificaminwembili; wonke la ayengamaqhawe.

45 Basebephenduka babalekela enkangala edwaleni leRimoni. Bakhothoza kibo
emigwaqweni emikhulu abantu abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu, babanamathela
kwaze kwaba seGideyomu, batshaya futhi kibo abantu abazinkulungwane
ezimbili.

46 Ngakho bonke abawayo koBhenjamini mhlalokho babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, amadoda ahwatsha inkemba; bonke labo
babengamaqhawe.

47 Kodwa amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha aphenduka abalekela enkangala
edwaleni leRimoni; ahlala edwaleni leRimoni inyanga ezine.

48 Amadoda akoIsrayeli asebuyela ebantwaneni bakoBhenjamini, abatshaya
ngobukhali benkemba, kusukela emzini wonke kusiya ezinyamazaneni, njalo

kusiya kukho konke okwaficwayo. Layo yonke imizi abayificayo bayithungela ngomlilo.

LUKAJOSHUWA 21

AbakoBhenjamini bazithathela abafazi

1 Amadoda akoIsrayeli ayefungile-ke eMizipa esithi: Kakukho lamunye wethu ozanika indodakazi yakhe kuBhenjamini ibe ngumkakhe.

2 Abantu basebesiza eBhetheli, bahlala lapho phambi kukaNkulunkulu kwaze kwahlwa, baphakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi ngokukhala okukhulu.

3 Basebesithi: Kungani, O NKOSI, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kwenzeke lokhu koIsrayeli ukuthi kusilele lamuhla isizwe esisodwa koIsrayeli?

4 Kwasekusithi kusisa abantu bavuka ngovivi, bakha ilathi lapho, banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula.

5 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesithi: Ngubani ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli ongenyukelanga ebandleni eNKOSIni? Ngoba kwenziwa isifungo esikhulu ngalowo ongenyukelanga eNKOSIni eMizipa kuthiwa: Uzabulawa lokubulawa.

6 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebezisola ngenxa kaBhenjamini umfowabo, bathi: Kuqunyiwe lamuhla isizwe esisodwa sisuke koIsrayeli.

7 Sizabenzelani abaseleyo ngabafazi, ngoba thina sifungile ngeNKOSI ukuthi kasiyikubanika emadodakazini ethu abe ngomkabo?

8 Basebesithi: Yisiphi ezizweni zakoIsrayeli esingenyukelanga eNKOSIni eMizipa? Khangela-ke kakuzanga loyedwa enkambeni ovela eJabeshi-Gileyadi ukuya ebandleni.

9 Ngoba abantu babebaliwe, khangela-ke, kwakungekho muntu kubahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi lapho.

10 Ngakho inhlangano yathuma khona amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili awamaqhawe amakhulu, bawalaya bathi: Hambani liyetshaya abahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi ngobukhali benkemba, labesifazana labantwanyana.

11 Yile into elizayenza: Lizatshabalalisa wonke owesilisa laye wonke owesifazana owazi ukulala lowesilisa.

12 Basebethola phakathi kwabahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi amankazana angamakhulu amane izintombi ezimsulwa ezingayazanga indoda ngokulala lowesilisa; basebewaletha enkambeni eShilo, eselizweni leKhanani.

13 Inhlangano yonke yasithumela yakhuluma labantwana bakoBhenjamini ababesedwaleni leRimoni; bamemezela ukuthula kibo.

14 UBhenjamini wasebuya ngalesosikhathi, babanika abesifazana ababebagcine bephila kwabesifazana beJabeshi-Gileyadi, kodwa ngokunjalo kababanelanga.

15 Abantu basebezisola ngenxa kaBhenjamini ngoba iNKOSI yayenze ukwehlukana ezizweni zakoIsrayeli.

16 Abadala benhlangano basebesithi: Sizabenzelani abaseleyo ngabafazi, ngoba abesifazana bachithiwe koBhenjamini?

17 Basebesithi: Kumele kube lelifa labaphunyukileyo bakoBhenjamini, ukuze isizwe singatshabalaliswa koIsrayeli.

18 Kodwa thina kasilakho ukubanika abafazi emadodakazini ethu, ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli bafungile besithi: Kaqalekiswe lowo onika uBhenjamini umfazi.

19 Basebesithi: Khangelani, kulomkhosi weNKOSI eShilo iminyaka ngeminyaka engenyakatho kweBhetheli, lapho okuphuma khona ilanga komgwaqo omkhulu owenyuka usuka eBhetheli kusiya eShekema, langeningizimu kweLebona.

20 Ngakho balaya abantwana bakoBhenjamini besithi: Hambani liyecathama ezivinini,

21 libone, njalo khangelani, nxa amadodakazi eShilo esephuma ukugida imigido, khona lizaphuma ezivinini lizibambele ngulowo lalowo umfazi wakhe emadodakazini eShilo, liye elizweni lakoBhenjamini.

22 Kuzakuthi nxa oyise loba abanewabo befika besola kithi, sizakuthi kibo: Senzeleni umusa ngenxa yabo, ngoba kasibathathelanga ngulowo lalowo umfazi wakhe empini, ngoba lina kalibanikanga wona ngalesisikhathi ukuthi licaleke.

23 Ngakho abantwana bakoBhenjamini benza njalo, bathumba abafazi ngokwenani labo kwabagidayo ababahlwithayo; bahamba babuyela elifeni labo, bakha imizi, bahlala kiyo.

24 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebechitheka besuka lapho ngalesosikhathi, ngulowo lalowo waya esizweni sakhe lakusendo lwakhe; basebephuma besuka lapho, ngulowo lalowo waya elifeni lakhe.

25 Ngalezonsuku kwakungelankosi koIsrayeli. Wonke umuntu wayesenza okwakulungile emehlweni akhe.

LUKARUTHE

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UGWALO
URuthe loNawomi

1 Kwasekusithi ensukwini abahluleli abahlulela ngazo kwaba khona
indlala elizweni. Umuntu weBhethelehema-Juda wasehamba ukuyahlala
njengowezizwe elizweni lakoMowabi, yena lomkakhe lamadodana akhe amabili.

2 Njalo ibizo lalowomuntu lalinguElimeleki, lebizo lomkakhe lalinguNawomi,
lebizo lamadodana akhe amabili lalinguMaheloni loKiliyoni,
amaEfratha eBhethelehema-Juda. Basebesiza elizweni lakoMowabi, baba khona.

3 UElimeleki umkaNawomi wasesifa, wasetshiywa yena lamadodana akhe
womabili.

4 Asezithathela abafazi amaMowabikazi, ibizo lomunye lalinguOpha, lebizo
lomunye lalinguRuthe. Basebehlala khona phose iminyaka elitshumi.

5 Basebesifa labo bobabili oMaheloni loKiliyoni; owesifazana wasetshiywa
ngabantwana bakhe bobabili layindoda yakhe.

6 Wasesukuma yena labomalokazana bakhe wabuyela esuka eselizweni
lakoMowabi, ngoba wayesezwile elizweni lakoMowabi ukuthi iNKOSI ihambele
abantu bayo ngokubanika ukudla.

7 Ngakho waphuma endaweni lapho ayekhona labomalokazana bakhe bobabili
kanye laye, bahamba endleleni ukubuyela elizweni lakoJuda.

8 UNawomi wasesithi kubomalokazana bakhe bobabili: Hambani libuyele
ngulowo lalowo endlini kanina; iNKOSIkayilenzele umusa njengoba lenza
kwabafileyo lakimi.

9 INKOSI kayilinike ukuthi lithole ukuphumula, ngulowo lalowo endlini
yomkakhe. Wasebanga, basebephakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi.

10 Basebesithi kuye: Isibili, sizabuyela lawe ebantwini bakini.

11 Kodwa uNawomi wathi: Buyelani, madodakazi ami, lizahambelani lami?
Kambe ngiselamadodana esiswini sami ukuthi abe ngomkenu?

12 Buyelani, madodakazi ami, zihambeleni, ngoba sengimdala kakhulu ukuthi
ngibe lendoda. Loba ngingathi ngilethemba lokuthi lami ngalobubusuku ngibe
lendoda, njalo ngizale amadodana,

13 belingawalindela yini aze akhule? Belingazivimbela lingabi lendoda yini?
Hatshi, madodakazi ami, ngoba kuyababa kakhulu kimi kulakini ukuthi isandla
seNKOSI siphume ukumelana lami.

14 Basebephakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi futhi. UOpha wasemanga uninazala, kodwa uRuthe wanamathela kuye.

15 Wasesithi: Khangela, umkamfowenu usebuyele ebantwini bakibo lakubonkulunkulu bakhe; buyela umlandele umkamfowenu.

16 Kodwa uRuthe wathi: Ungangincengi ukuthi ngikutshiye, ngibuyele ngiyekele ukukulandela; ngoba lapho oya khona, ngizakuya khona, lalapho olala khona, ngizalala khona. Abantu bakho bangabantu bami, loNkulunkulu wakho unguNkulunkulu wami;

17 lapho ozafela khona, ngizafela khona, ngingcwatshelwe lapho. INKOSI kayenze njalo kimi ngokunjalo yengezelele, ngoba yikufa kuphela okuzakwehlukanisa phakathi kwami lawe.

18 Kwathi esebonile ukuthi uzimisele ukuhamba laye waseyekela ukukhuluma kuye.

19 Basebehamba bobabili baze bafika eBhethelehema. Kwasekusithi sebefikile eBhethelehema umuzi wonke wayaluzela ngenxa yabo, bathi: Lo nguNawomi yini?

20 Wasesithi kibo: Lingangibizi ngokuthi Nawomi, lingibize ngokuthi Mara; ngoba uSomandla ungiphethe ngokubaba okukhulu.

21 Mina ngasuka ngigcwele, njalo iNKOSI ingibuyise ngingelalutho. Lingibizelani ngokuthi Nawomi lokhu iNKOSIifakaze imelane lami, loSomandla ungihluphile?

22 Wabuyela ngokunjalo uNawomi loRuthe umMowabikazi umalokazana wakhe kanye laye, owabuyela evela elizweni lakoMowabi. Bona-ke bafika eBhethelehema ekuqaliseni kwesivuno sebhali.

LUKARUTHE 2

URuthe ukhothoza emasimini kaBhowazi

1Njalo uNawomi wayelesihlobo somkakhe, umuntu oliqhawe onothileyo owosendo lukaElimeleki, lebizo lakhe lalinguBhowazi.

2 URuthe umMowabikazi wasesithi kuNawomi: Ake ngiye emasimini, ngiyekhothoza okwezikhwebu ngemva kwalowo engizathola umusa emehlweni akhe. Wasesithi kuye: Hamba, ndodakazi yami.

3 Wasehamba wafika wakhothoza ensimini ngemva kwabavuni. Waqabuka efika kungxenye yensimu kaBhowazi owayengowosendo lukaElimeleki.

4 Khangela-ke, uBhowazi wafika evela eBhethelehema, wasesithi kubavuni: INKOSI ibe lani. Basebesithi kuye: INKOSI ikubusise.

5 UBhowazi wasesithi encekwini yakhe eyayibekwe phezu kwabavuni: Le yintombi kabani?

6 Inceku eyayibekwe phezu kwabavuni yasiphendula yathi: Yintombi umMowabikazi eyabuya loNawomi evela elizweni lakoMowabi.

7 Yasisithi: Ake ngikhothoze ngibuthe phakathi kwezithungo ngemva kwabavuni. Ngakho ifikile, iqhubekile kusukela ekuseni kuze kube khathesi; lokuhlala kwayo endlini kuncinyane.

8 UBhowazi wasesithi kuRuthe: Kawuzwa yini, ndodakazi yami? Ungayikhothoza kwenye insimu, futhi ungedluli usuke lapha, kodwa unamathele lapha emantombazaneni ami.

9 Amehlo akho kawabe sensimini ayivunayo, uwalandele. Angithi ngiwalayile amajaha ukuthi angakuthinti. Nxa usuwomile uye ezimbizeni, unathe kulokhu amajaha akukhileyo.

10 Khona wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe wakhothamela emhlabathini, wathi kuye: Ngitholelani umusa emehlweni akho ukuthi unginanze lokhu ngingowezizweni?

11 UBhowazi wasephendula wathi kuye: Kutshengisiwe lokutshengiswa kimi konke owakwenzela unyokozala emva kokufa kwendoda yakho, ukuthi utshiye uyihlo lonyoko lelizwe lokuzalwa kwakho, weza ebantwini owawungabazi ngaphambili.

12 INKOSI kayiwuvuze umsebenzi wakho, sengathi umvuzo wakho opheleleyo kawuvele eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, oze ngaphansi kwempiko zayo ukuphephela.

13 Wasesithi: Ake ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, nkosi yami, ngoba ungiduduzile, njalo ngoba ukhulume enhliziyweni yencekukazi yakho, lanxa mina ngingenjengenye yencekukazi zakho.

14 UBhowazi wathi kuye: Ngesikhathi sokudla sondela lapha, udle okwesinkwa, utshebe ucezu lwakho kuviniga. Ngakho wahlala eceleni kwabavuni, wasemkhangeza amabele akhanzingiweyo; wadla wasutha watshiya.

15 Kwathi esukuma ukukhothoza, uBhowazi walaya amajaha akhe esithi: Myekeleni ukuthi akhothoze laphakathi kwezithungo, lingamyangisi,

16 laye limhwatshele-ke ngabomu okunye ezinyandeni, likutshiye ukuze akukhothoze, lingamkhuzi.

17 Wakhothoza-ke ensimini kwaze kwahlwa. Wabhula lokho ayekukhothozile, kwaba phose yi-efa yebhali.

18 Wakuthwala wangena emzini, loninazala wabona akukhothozileyo; wakhupha wamnika akutshiya esesuthi.

19 Uninazala wasesithi kuye: Ubukhothoza ngaphi lamuhla? Usebenze ngaphi? Kabusiswe lowo okunanzeleleyo. Wasemtshela uninazala ukuthi usebenze kobani, wathi: Ibizo lalowomuntu engisebenze kuye lamuhla nguBhowazi.

20 UNawomi wasesithi kumalokazana wakhe: Kabusiswe yiNKOSI engayekelanga umusa wayo kwabaphilayo lakwabafileyo. UNawomi wathi kuye: Lowomuntu uyisihlobo sethu esiseduze kithi, ongomunye wabahlengi bethu.

21 URuthe umMowabikazi wasesithi: Ngoba laye uthe kimi: Uzanamathela emajaheni engilawo aze aqede sonke isivuno engilaso.

22 UNawomi wasesithi kuRuthe umalokazana wakhe: Kuhle, ndodakazi yami, ukuthi uphume lamantombazanaakhe, hlezi bakuhlangabeze kwenye insimu.

23 Wasenamathela emantombazaneni kaBhowazi, ekhothoza kwaze kwaphela isivuno sebhali lesivuno sengqoloyi. Wasehlala loninazala.

LUKARUTHE 3

UBhowazi uvuma ukuba ngumhlengi

1UNawomi uninazala wasesithi kuye: Ndodakazi yami, ngingakudingeli ukuphumula yini ukuze kube kuhle kuwe?

2 Ngakho-ke uBhowazi ayisuye wezihlobo zethu yini, obulamantombazana akhe? Khangela, wela ibhali ebaleni lokubhulela ngalobubusuku.

3 Ngakho geza uzigcobe, ugqoke isembatho sakho, wehlele ebaleni lokubhulela; ungazivezi endodeni ize iqede ukudla lokunatha.

4 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho eselala, uqaphelise indawo alala kiyo, ungene, ubususembula inyawo zakhe, ulale phansi; yena-ke uzakutshela ozakwenza.

5 Wasesithi kuye: Konke okutshoyo kimi ngizakwenza.

6 Wasesehlela ebaleni lokubhulela, wenza njengakho konke ayemlaye khona uninazala.

7 Kwathi uBhowazi esedlile wanatha, lenhliziyo yakhe yathokoza, wayalala phansi ekucineni kwenqumbi yamabele. URuthe wasenyenya, wembula inyawo zakhe, walala phansi.

8 Kwasekusithi phakathi kobusuku indoda yethuka, yaphenduka, khangela-ke owesifazana elele enyaweni zayo.

9 Yathi: Ungubani? Wasesithi: NginguRuthe incekukazi yakho; ngakho yendlala umphetho wesembatho sakho phezu kwencekukazi yakho, ngoba ungumhlengi.

10 Yasisithi: Kawubusiswe yiNKOSI, ndodakazi yami, usuwenze umusa wakho ube mkhulu ekucineni kulowokuqala, njengoba ungalandelanga amajaha loba angabayanga loba anothileyo.

11 Ngakho-ke, ndodakazi yami, ungesabi, ngizakwenzela konke okutshoyo, ngoba umuzi wonke wabantu bakithi uyazi ukuthi ungowesifazana oqotho.

12 Yebo-ke, sibili, kuliqiniso ukuthi ngiyisihlobo esingumhlengi, kanti-ke kukhona isihlobo esingumhlengi esiseduze kulami.

13 Hlala lobubusuku; kuzakuthi-ke ekuseni uba ezakwenza imfanelo yesihlobo esingumhlengi, kulungile, kakuhlenge; kodwa uba engathandi ukukuhlenga, mina-ke ngizakuhlenga, kuphila kukaJehova. Lala kuze kuse.

14 Waselala enyaweni zayo kwaze kwasa; wavuka omunye engakananzeleli omunye. Yasisithi: Kakungaziwa ukuthi owesifazana ufikile ebaleni lokubhulela.

15 Yasisithi: Letha isembatho osigqokileyo, usibambe; wasesibamba, yasilinganisa izilinganiso eziyisithuphazebhali, yamethesa; wasengena emzini.

16 Kwathi esefike kuninazala, wathi: Ungubani, ndodakazi yami? Wasemtshela konke indoda eyayimenzele khona.

17 Wathi: Ingiphe lezizilinganiso eziyisithupha zebhali, ngoba ithe kimi: Ungayi kunyokozala ungelalutho.

18 Wasesithi: Hlala, ndodakazi yami, uze wazi ukuthi udaba luzaphetha njani, ngoba indoda kayiyikuphumula ize iluqede udaba lamuhla.

LUKARUTHE 4

UBhowazi uthatha uRuthe abe ngumkakhe

1UBhowazi wasesenyukela esangweni, wahlala phansi lapho. Khangela-ke, kwedlula isihlobo esingumhlengi leso uBhowazi ayekhulume ngaso. Wasesithi: Phambuka uhlale phansi lapha, we zibanibani. Wasephambuka, wahlala phansi.

2 Wasethatha amadoda alitshumi ebadaleni bomuzi, wathi: Hlalani phansi lapha. Asehlala phansi.

3 Wasesithi kulesosihlobo esingumhlengi: Isiqinti sensimu esasingesomfowethu uElimeleki, uyasithengisa uNawomi, osebuyile evela elizweni lakoMowabi.

4 Ngakho mina ngithe: Ngikwembule endlebeni yakho ngisithi: Sithenge phambi kwabahlali laphambi kwabadala babantu bakithi. Uba uzasihlenga, sihlenge. Kodwa uba engekho ongasihlenga, ungitshele, ukuze ngazi; ngoba engekho ngaphandle kwakho ongasihlenga, mina-ke ngilandela wena. Wasesithi: Mina ngizasihlenga.

5 UBhowazi wasesithi: Mhla uthenga insimu esandleni sikaNawomi, uzayithenga lakuRuthe umMowabikazi, umfazi womuyi, ukuze umise ibizo lomuyi elifeni lakhe.

6 Lesosihlobo esingumhlengi sasesisithi: Ngingeke ngazihlengela sona, hlezi ngone ilifa lami. Zihlengele wena ilungelo lami lokuhlenga, ngoba kangilamandla okuhlenga.

7 Lokhu-ke kwakukhona mandulo koIsrayeli mayelana lokuhlenga lokuntshintsha, ukuqinisa lonke udaba: umuntu akhiphe inyathela lakhe, alinike umakhelwane wakhe; lokhu-ke kwakuyibufakazi koIsrayeli.

8 Ngakho isihlobo esingumhlengi sathi kuBhowazi: Zithengele yona; sasesikhipha inyathela laso.

9 UBhowazi wasesithi kubadala lakubo bonke abantu: Lingabafakazi lamuhla bokuthi ngithengile konke okwakungokukaElimeleki lakho konke okwakungokukaKiliyoni lokukaMaheloni esandleni sikaNawomi.

10 LoRuthe laye umMowabikazi, umkaMaheloni, ngizithengele ukuze abe ngumkami, ukuze ngimise ibizo likamuyi elifeni lakhe, ukuze ibizo lomuyi lingaqunywa lisuke phakathi kwabafowabo lesangweni lendawo yakhe. Lingabafakazi lamuhla.

11 Bonke abantu ababesesangweni labadala basebesithi: Singabafakazi; kungathi iNKOSI ingamenza lo owesifazana ongena endlini yakho abe njengoRasheli lanjengoLeya abakha bobabili indlu kaIsrayeli. Njalo wenze ngamandla eEfratha, uzenzele ibizo eBhethelehema,

12 lendlu yakho ibe njengendlu kaPerezi uTamari amzalela uJuda, ngenzalo iNKOSI ezakunika yona ngalo owesifazana omutsha.

13 Ngakho uBhowazi wamthatha uRuthe, waba ngumkakhe; wasengena kuye, iNKOSI yamnika ukuthi athathe isisu, wazala indodana.

14 Abesifazana basebesithi kuNawomi: Kayibusiswe iNKOSI engakutshiyanga ungelaso isihlobo esingumhlengi lamuhla, ukuthi ibizo laso limenyezelwe koIsrayeli!

15 Uzakuba kuwe ngumbuyisi wempilo lomondli wobudala bakho, ngoba umzele umalokazana wakho okuthandayo, ongcono kuwe kulamadodana ayisikhombisa.

16 UNawomi wasemthatha umntwana, wamfaka esifubeni sakhe, waba ngumlizane wakhe.

17 Omakhelwanekazi basebemutha ibizo besithi: Kulendodana ezalelwe uNawomi. Babiza ibizo layo uObedi; nguyise kaJese, uyise kaDavida.

18 Lalezi yizizukulwana zikaPerezi. UPerezi wazala uHezironi,

19 uHezironi wasezala uRamu, uRamu wasezala uAminadaba,

20 uAminadaba wasezala uNashoni, uNashoni wasezala uSalimoni,

21 uSalimoni wasezala uBhowazi, uBhowazi wasezala uObedi,

22 uObedi wasezala uJese, uJese wasezala uDavida.

I LUKASAMUWELI

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UGWALO LOKUQALA
Ukuzalwa kukaSamuweli

1 Kwakukhona-ke indoda ethile yeRamathayimi-Zofimu entabeni yakoEfrayimi;
lebizo layo lalinguElkana indodana kaJerohamu, indodana kaElihu, indodana
kaTohu, indodana kaZufi umEfrayimi.

2 Njalo yayilabafazi ababili; ibizo lomunye lalinguHana, lebizo lomunye
lalinguPenina. Njalo uPenina wayelabantwana, kodwa uHana
wayengelabantwana.

3 Leyondoda yenyuka-ke isuka emzini wayo iminyaka ngeminyaka ukuyakhonza
lokuhlabela iNKOSI yamabandlaeShilo, njalo kwakukhona lapho amadodana
amabili kaEli, uHofini loPhinehasi, abapristi beNKOSI.

4 Kwakusithi mhla uElkana ehlaba, wanika uPenina umkakhe lawo wonke
amadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe izabelo;

5 kodwa uHana wamnika isabelo esiphindwe kabili, ngoba wayemthanda uHana;
kodwa iNKOSI yayisivalile isizalo sakhe.

6 Lesitha sakhe laso samcaphula ngentukuthelo ukuze simkhathaze, ngoba
iNKOSI yayisivalile isizalo sakhe.

7 Wayesenza njalo-ke iminyaka ngeminyaka; kusukela lapho esenyukela endlini
yeNKOSI, ngokunjalo samcaphula. Ngakho walila, kadlanga.

8 UElkana umkakhe wasesithi kuye: Hana, ulilelani? Njalo kawudli ngani?
Kungani-ke inhliziyo yakho idabukile? Mina kangingcono kuwe kulamadodana
alitshumi yini?

9 Ngakho uHana wasukuma emva kokudla eShilo langemva kokunatha. UEli
umpristi wayehlezi-ke esihlalweni phansi kwensika yethempeli leNKOSI.

10 Njalo wayelokubaba emphefumulweni, wasekhuleka eNKOSIni ekhala
lokukhala inyembezi.

11 Wasefunga isifungo wathi: NKOSI yamabandla, uba ungabona lokubona
ukuhlupheka kwencekukazi yakho, ungikhumbule, ungakhohlwa incekukazi
yakho, kodwa unike incekukazi yakho inzalo yesilisa, ngizamnika iNKOSIinsuku
zonke zempilo yakhe, lempuco kayiyikwedlula ekhanda lakhe.

12 Kwasekusithi esaqhubeka ukukhuleka phambi kweNKOSI, uEli waqaphelisa
umlomo wakhe.

13 UHana wayekhulumela-ke enhliziyweni yakhe, kwanyikinyeka indebe zakhe kuphela, kodwa ilizwi lakhe lalingezwakali; ngakho uEli wacabanga ukuthi udakiwe.

14 UEli wasesithi kuye: Koze kube nini udakwa? Susa iwayini lakho kuwe.

15 UHana wasephendula wathi: Hatshi, nkosi yami, ngingowesifazana odabukileyo emoyeni; kanginathanga wayini loba okunathwayo okulamandla, kodwa bengithulula umphefumulo wami phambi kweNKOSI.

16 Ungayithathi incekukazi yakho njengendodakazi kaBheliyali, ngoba ebunengini bosizi lwami lenkathazo yami sengikhulume kwaze kwaba khathesi.

17 UEli wasephendula wathi: Hamba ngokuthula; uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli akunike isicelo sakho osicele kuye.

18 Wasesithi: Incekukazi yakho kayithole umusa emehlweni akho. Ngakho owesifazana wahamba ngendlela yakhe, wadla; lobuso bakhe abaze busanyukumala ngakho.

19 Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, bakhonza phambi kweNKOSI, basebebuyela bafika emzini wabo eRama. UElkana wasemazi uHana umkakhe, leNKOSI yamkhumbula.

20 Kwasekusithi ekuqhubekeni kwesikhathi uHana wakhulelwa, wabeletha indodana, wayitha ibizo layo uSamuweli; ngoba wathi: Ngimcelile eNKOSIni.

21 Lendoda uElkana lendlu yakhe yonke benyukela ukuyahlabela iNKOSI umhlatshelo weminyaka ngeminyaka, lesifungo sakhe.

22 Kodwa uHana kenyukanga, ngoba wathi kumkakhe: Kangiyikuhamba aze alunyulwe umfana; khona ngizamletha ukuze abonakale phambi kweNKOSI, abesehlala khona kuze kube nininini.

23 UElkana umkakhe wasesithi kuye: Yenza okulungileyo emehlweni akho; hlala uze umlumule; kuphela, iNKOSIkayiqinise ilizwi lakho. Ngokunjalo owesifazana wahlala, wayimunyisa indodana yakhe waze wayilumula.

24 Wasesenyuka layo eseyilumule, elamajongosi amathathu, le-efa elilodwa lempuphu, lembodlela yewayini, wayiletha endlini yeNKOSI eShilo; lomfana wayemncinyane.

25 Balihlaba ijongosi, bamletha umntwana kuEli.

26 Wasesithi: Hawu nkosi yami, kuphila komphefumulo wakho, nkosi yami, yimi owesifazana owayemi lawe lapha, ekhuleka eNKOSIni.

27 Ngakhulekela lo umfana, njalo iNKOSI inginikile isicelo sami engasicela kuyo.

28 Ngakho lami ngimnikele eNKOSIni, zonke izinsuku ekhona; wacelwa eNKOSIni. Wasekhonza iNKOSI lapho.

I LUKASAMUWELI 2

Indumiso kaHana

1UHana wasekhuleka esithi:

Inhliziyo yami iyathokoza eNKOSIni. Uphondo lwami luphakanyisiwe eNKOSIni. Umlomo wami wenziwe banzi phezu kwezitha zami, ngoba ngiyajabula ngosindiso lwakho.

2 Kakho ongcwele njengeNKOSI, ngoba kakho ngaphandle kwakho; futhi kalikho idwala elinjengoNkulunkulu wethu.

3 Lingabe lisakhuluma ngokuzigqaja lokuzigqaja, kungaphumi ukuziqakisa emlonyeni wenu; ngoba iNKOSIinguNkulunkulu wolwazi, lezenzo zilinganiswa yiyo.

4 Idandili lamaqhawe lephukile, kodwa abakhubekileyo babhince amandla.

5 Ababesuthi baziqatshisile ngesinkwa, lababelambile kabasenjalo, kwaze kwathi oyinyumba uzele abayisikhombisa, lolabantwana abanengi uphele amandla.

6 INKOSI iyabulala njalo iyaphilisa, iyehlisela engcwabeni njalo yenyuse.

7 INKOSI ipha ubuyanga, njalo iyanothisa; iyehlisela phansi, njalo iphakamise.

8 Iyamphakamisa umyanga ethulini, imphakamisa oswelayo enqunjini yomquba, ukuze ibahlalise leziphathamandla, ibadlise ilifa lesihlalo sobukhosi sodumo; ngoba insika zomhlaba zingezeNKOSI, ibekile ilizwe phezu kwazo.

9 Izagcina inyawo zabangcwele bayo, kodwa ababi bazathuliswa emnyameni; ngoba umuntu kayikunqoba ngamandla.

10 Abalwa leNKOSI bazaphahlazwa; izaduma phezu kwabo isemazulwini; iNKOSI izakwahlulela imikhawulo yomhlaba, inike inkosi yayo amandla, iphakamise uphondo logcotshiweyo wayo.

11 UElkana waya eRama endlini yakhe. Lomfana wayekhonza iNKOSI phambi kukaEli umpristi.

Ububi bamadodana kaEli

12 Amadodana kaEli ayengabantwana bakaBheliyali; kawayazanga-ke iNKOSI.

13 Njalo umkhuba wabapristi labantu wawunje; wonke umuntu ohlaba umhlatshelo, kube sekufika inceku yompristi, inyama isaphekiwe, ilefologwe elencijo ezintathu esandleni sayo,

14 ihlabe ngayo edengezini, loba egedleleni, loba ebhodweni, loba embizeni; konke ifologwe ekukhuphayo umpristi wayezithathela khona. Benze njalo kuIsrayeli wonke ofika lapho eShilo.

15 Njalo engakatshisi amahwahwa, inceku yompristi ifike ithi emuntwini ohlabayo: Letha inyama yokosela umpristi, ngoba kayikuthatha kuwe inyama ephekiweyo, kodwa eluhlaza.

16 Uba lowomuntu esithi kuyo: Kabatshise lokutshisa amahwahwa khathesi, ubusuzithathela njengokuthanda komphefumulo wakho; ibisisithi kuye: Hatshi, nginika khathesi; uba kungenjalo, ngizayithatha ngamandla.

17 Ngakho isono samajaha saba sikhulu kakhulu phambi kweNKOSI; ngoba abantu badelela umnikelo weNKOSI.

18 Kodwa uSamuweli wayekhonza phambi kweNKOSI engumfana ebhince i-efodi yelembu elicolekileyo.

19 Futhi unina wayemenzela ijazana, amphathele lona umnyaka ngomnyaka ekwenyukeni kwakhe lomkakhe ukuyahlaba umhlatshelo womnyaka.

20 UEli wasebabusisa oElkana lomkakhe, wathi: INKOSI ikunike inzalo ngalowesifazana endaweni yesicelo esicelwe eNKOSIni. Basebesiya endaweni yabo.

21 INKOSI isimhambele uHana, wasethatha isisu, wazala amadodana amathathu lamadodakazi amabili. Umfana uSamuweli wasekhula eleNKOSI.

22 Kodwa uEli wayesemdala kakhulu; wakuzwa konke amadodana akhe akwenza kuIsrayeli wonke, lokuthi ayelala labesifazana ababuthana emnyango wethente lenhlangano.

23 Wasesithi kuwo: Lenzelani izinto ezinje? Ngoba ngiyezwa ngabo bonke abantu ngezenzo zenu ezimbi.

24 Hatshi, madodana ami; ngoba kakusumbiko omuhle engiwuzwayo ukuthi lenza abantu beNKOSI baphambuke.

25 Uba umuntu esona komunye, abahluleli bazamahlulela; kodwa uba umuntu esona eNKOSIni, ngubani ozamlamulela? Kodwa kawalalelanga ilizwi likayise; ngoba iNKOSI yayifuna ukuwabulala.

26 Umfana uSamuweli waseqhubeka ekhula, ethandeka kubo bobabili iNKOSI labantu.

Ilizwi leNKOSI lokugwetshwa kwendlu kaEli

27 Kwasekufika umuntu kaNkulunkulu kuEli, wathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngabonakaliswa lokubonakaliswa yini kuyo indlu kayihlo beseGibhithe endlini kaFaro?

28 Ngamkhetha yini kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli ukuthi abe ngumpristi wami, anikele elathini lami, atshise impepha, agqoke i-efodi phambi kwami? Ngayinika yini indlu kayihlo yonke iminikelo yabantwana bakoIsrayeli eyenziwe ngomlilo?

29 Kungani likhahlela imihlatshelo yami leminikelo yami engiyilayileyo endlini yami, njalo uhlonipha amadodana akho okwedlula mina, ngokuzikhuluphalisa ngekhethelo leminikelo yonke kaIsrayeli, abantu bami?

30 Ngakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ithi: Ngathi lokuthi: Indlu yakho lendlu kayihlo zizahamba phambi kwami kuze kube nininini; kodwa khathesi ithi iNKOSI: Kakube khatshana lami; ngoba abangihloniphayo ngizabahlonipha, labangidelelayo bazakweyiswa.

31 Khangela, insuku ziyeza engizaquma ngazo ingalo yakho lengalo yendlu kayihlo, kungabi khona ixhegu endlini yakho.

32 Njalo uzabona ukuhlupheka kwendlu yami, kuyo yonke impumelelo ezayenzela uIsrayeli; njalo kakuyikuba lexhegu endlini yakho zonke izinsuku.

33 Lowo-ke owakho engingayikumquma asuke elathini lami uzakuba ngowokuqeda amehlo akho, lokudabula umphefumulo wakho; lakho konke ukwanda kwendlu yakho kuzakufa kusebudodeni.

34 Lalokhu kuzakuba yisiboniso kuwe okuzakwehlela amadodana akho womabili, kuHofini loPhinehasi; bobabili bazakufa ngasuku lunye.

35 Ngizazimisela umpristi othembekileyo; uzakwenza njengokusenhliziyweni yami lemphefumulweni wami. Njalo ngizamakhela indlu eqinileyo; uzahamba-ke phambi kogcotshiweyo wami zonke izinsuku.

36 Kuzakuthi-ke wonke oseleyo endlini yakho uzakuza akhothame kuye ngenxa yembadalo yesiliva leqebelengwana lesinkwa, athi: Ake ungibeke kwesinye sezikhundla zompristi ukuze ngidle ucezu lwesinkwa.

I LUKASAMUWELI 3

Ubizo lukaSamuweli

1 Umfana uSamuweli wayesebenzela iNKOSI phambi kukaEli. Lelizwi leNKOSI laliligugu ngalezonsuku; kwakungekho lombono osabaleleyo.

2 Kwasekusithi ngalolosuku uEli elele endaweni yakhe, lamehlo akhe eseqala ukufiphala engelakubona,

3 lesibane sikaNkulunkulu sasingakacitshwa, njalo uSamuweli wayelele ethempelini leNKOSI, lapho okwakukhona umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu,

4 iNKOSI yambiza uSamuweli, owathi: Khangela ngilapha.

5 Wasegijimela kuEli, wathi: Khangela ngilapha, ngoba ungibizile. Wasesithi: Kangibizanga, buyela ulale. Wasesiyalala.

6 INKOSI yasibuya imbiza uSamuweli futhi. USamuweli wasevuka waya kuEli, wathi: Khangela ngilapha, ngoba ungibizile. Kodwa wathi: Kangibizanga, ndodana yami; buyela ulale.

7 Kodwa uSamuweli wayengakayazi iNKOSI, lelizwi leNKOSI lalingakembulwa kuye.

8 INKOSI yasimbiza futhi uSamuweli ngokwesithathu. Wasevuka waya kuEli wathi: Khangela ngilapha, ngoba ungibizile. UEli waseqedisisa ukuthi iNKOSI imbizile umfana.

9 Ngakho uEli wathi kuSamuweli: Hamba uyelala; kuzakuthi-ke nxa ikubiza uzakuthi: Khuluma NKOSI, ngoba inceku yakho iyezwa. Wasehamba uSamuweli, walala endaweni yakhe.

10 INKOSI yasisiza, yema, yabiza njengakwezinye izikhathi: Samuweli, Samuweli! Wasesithi uSamuweli: Khuluma, ngoba inceku yakho iyezwa.

11 INKOSI yasisithi kuSamuweli: Khangela, ngizakwenza into koIsrayeli ezakhenceza indlebe zombili zalowo wonke oyizwayo.

12 Ngalolosuku ngizakwenza ngimelene loEli konke engakukhuluma ngendlu yakhe; ngiqalise ngiqede.

13 Ngoba ngimtshelile ukuthi ngizagweba indlu yakhe kuze kube nininini ngesiphambeko asaziyo, ngoba amadodana akhe azenza aqalekiswa, kodwa kawakhuzanga.

14 Ngakho-ke ngifungile kuyo indlu kaEli ukuthi ububi bendlu kaEli kabuyikuhlangulwa ngomhlatshelo langomnikelo kuze kube phakade.

15 USamuweli waselala kwaze kwasa; wavula iminyango yendlu yeNKOSI, kodwa uSamuweli wesaba ukumtshela uEli umbono.

16 UEli wasembiza uSamuweli, wathi: Samuweli, ndodana yami. Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha.

17 Wasesithi: Yinto bani eyikhulume kuwe? Ake ungangifihleli; kenze njalo uNkulunkulu kuwe, ngokunjalo engezelele, uba ungifihlela ulutho lwazo zonke izinto akutshele zona.

18 Ngakho uSamuweli wasemtshela zonke izinto, kamfihlelanga lutho. Wasesithi: YiNKOSI, kayenze lokho okulungileyo emehlweni ayo.

19 Wakhula-ke uSamuweli, leNKOSI yayilaye, kayiyekelanga lelilodwa lamazwi ayo liwele emhlabathini.

20 UIsrayeli wonke-ke kusukela koDani kuze kube seBherishebha wazi ukuthi uSamuweli uqinisiwe ukuthi abe ngumprofethi weNKOSI.

21 INKOSI yaphinda yabonakala eShilo, ngoba iNKOSI yazibonakalisa kuSamuweli eShilo ngelizwi leNKOSI.

I LUKASAMUWELI 4

AmaFilisti anqoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli; athatha umtshokotsho wesivumelwano

1 Ilizwi likaSamuweli lafika kuIsrayeli wonke. UIsrayeli wasephuma ukuyamelana
lamaFilisti empini, bamisa inkamba ngaseEbeni-Ezeri, lamaFilisti amisa inkamba
eAfeki.

2 AmaFilisti asezihlela ukumelana loIsrayeli; kwathi impi isabalala, uIsrayeli
watshaywa phambi kwamaFilisti; njalo atshaya emaviyweni egangeni phose
amadoda azinkulungwane ezine.

3 Kwathi abantu befika enkambeni, abadala bakoIsrayeli bathi:
INKOSI isitshayeleni lamuhla phambi kwamaFilisti? Asizithatheleni
eShilo umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI; nxa usiza phakathi kwethu
uzasisindisa esandleni sezitha zethu.

4 Ngakho abantu bathumela eShilo, ukuthi bathathe khona umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano seNKOSI yamabandla, ehlala phakathi kwamakherubhi;
lamadodana amabili kaEli, uHofini loPhinehasi, ayelapho lomtshokotsho
wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu.

5 Kwasekusithi lapho umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI ufika enkambeni,
uIsrayeli wonke wahlokoma ngokuhlokoma okukhulu kwaze kwaduma umhlaba.

6 Lapho amaFilisti esizwa umsindo wokuhlokoma athi: Utshoni umsindo
walokhukuhlokoma okukhulu enkambeni yamaHebheru? Asesazi ukuthi
umtshokotsho weNKOSI ufikile enkambeni.

7 AmaFilisti asesesaba, ngoba athi: UNkulunkulu ufikile enkambeni. Athi-ke:
Maye kithi! Ngoba kakuzanga kwenzeke okunje mandulo.

8 Maye kithi! Ngubani ozasophula esandleni salaba onkulunkulu abalamandla?
Laba ngonkulunkulu abatshaya amaGibhithe ngazo zonke inhlupheko enkangala.

9 Qinani, libe ngamadoda, maFilisti, hlezi lisebenzele amaHebheru njengoba
alisebenzela. Ngakho banini ngamadoda, lilwe.

10 Ngakho amaFilisti alwa, loIsrayeli watshaywa, babalekela, ngulowo lalowo
ethenteni lakhe. Njalo kwaba lokubulawa okukhulu kakhulu, ngoba kwawa
koIsrayeli abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu abahamba
ngenyawo.

11 Umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu wasuthathwa, lamadodana womabili kaEli,
uHofini loPhinehasi, abulawa.

12 Kwasekugijima umuntu wakoBhenjamini evela emaviyweni, wafika eShilo
ngalolosuku, lezigqoko zakhe zidatshuliwe elenhlabathi ekhanda lakhe.

13 Ekufikeni kwakhe, khangela-ke, uEli wayehlezi esihlalweni eceleni kwendlela
elindile, ngoba inhliziyo yakhe yayithuthumelela umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu.
Kwathi lowomuntu esengenile emzini ukubika, kwakhala umuzi wonke.

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14 Lapho uEli esizwa umsindo wokukhala wathi: Uyini umsindo wale inhlokomo?
Lowomuntu wasephangisa weza wamtshela uEli.

15 Njalo uEli wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
leyisificaminwembili, lamehlo akhe ema ukuthi ayengelakho ukubona.

16 Lowomuntu wasesithi kuEli: Nginguye ovela emaviyweni; ngibaleke
emaviyweni lamuhla. Wasesithi: Kwenziweni, ndodana yami?

17 Owaletha umbiko wasephendula wathi: UIsrayeli ubalekile phambi
kwamaFilisti, futhi kube lokubulawa okukhulu ebantwini, njalo lamadodana
akho womabili, uHofini loPhinehasi, afile, lomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu
uthethwe.

18 Kwasekusithi esekhulume ngomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, wawa nyovane
esihlalweni eceleni kwesango, kwephuka intamo yakhe, wafa, ngoba lowomuntu
wayemdala, enzima. Njalo wayahlulele uIsrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane.

19 Lomalokazana wakhe, umkaPhinehasi, wayekhulelwe, esezabeletha; esezwile
umbiko wokuthi umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uthethwe, lokuthi uyisezala
lomkakhe bafile, wakhothama wabeletha, ngoba wafikelwa yimihelo.

20 Njalo phose ngesikhathi sokufa kwakhe abesifazana ababemi belaye bathi:
Ungesabi, ngoba ubelethe indodana. Kodwa kaphendulanga njalo kazange
akunanze.

21 Wambiza umfana ngokuthi nguIkabodi, esithi: Inkazimulo isukile koIsrayeli;
ngoba umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uthethwe, langenxa kayisezala lomkakhe.

22 Wasesithi: Inkazimulo isukile koIsrayeli ngoba umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu
uthethwe.

I LUKASAMUWELI 5

Umtshokotsho wesivumelwano usala elizweni lamaFilisti

1AmaFilisti asewuthatha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu awususa eEbeni-
Ezeri awusa eAshidodi.

2 AmaFilisti asethatha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, awungenisa endlini
kaDagoni, awubeka ngakuDagoni.

3 Kwathi abeAshidodi bevuka kusisa ngovivi, khangela, uDagoni esewile ngobuso
bakhe emhlabathini phambi komtshokotsho weNKOSI. Basebemthatha uDagoni,
bambuyisela endaweni yakhe.

4 Sebevukile kusisa ekuseni kakhulu, khangela, uDagoni wayesewile ngobuso
bakhe emhlabathini phambi komtshokotsho weNKOSI, lekhanda likaDagoni
lempama zombili zezandla zakhe kwakuqunyiwe embundwini; kwasala kuye
isithombo kuphela.

5 Ngakho abapristi bakaDagoni labo bonke abangena endlini kaDagoni kabanyatheli embundwini kaDagoni eAshidodi kuze kube lamuhla.

6 Kodwa isandla seNKOSI saba nzima phezu kwabeAshidodi, yabachitha, yabatshaya ngamathumba ophayo, iAshidodi lemingcele yayo.

7 Kwathi abantu beAshidodi sebebona ukuthi kunjalo, bathi: Umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli kawungahlali kithi, ngoba isandla sakhe sinzima phezu kwethu laphezu kukaDagoni unkulunkulu wethu.

8 Ngakho bathuma babuthanisa zonke iziphathamandla zamaFilisti kibo, bathi: Sizakwenzani ngomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli? Zasezisithi: Umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli kawubhode uye eGathi. Basebewubhodisa bewusa khona umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

9 Kwasekusithi sebewubhodise bewuthwele, isandla seNKOSI sasimelene lomuzi ngomonakalo omkhulu kakhulu, yatshaya abantu bomuzi, kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu; kwasekuqhamuka amathumba ophayo kubo.

10 Basebewuthumela umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu eEkhironi. Kwasekusithi ekufikeni komtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu eEkhironi, abeEkhironi bakhala besithi: Babhodise baletha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli kithi ukusibulala labantu bakithi.

11 Ngakho bathuma babuthanisa zonke iziphathamandla zamaFilisti, bathi: Thumani lisuse umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli ukuthi ubuyele endaweni yawo, ukuze ungasibulali labantu bakithi, ngoba kwakulomonakalo wokufa emzini wonke, lesandla sikaNkulunkulu sasinzima kakhulu khona.

12 Labantu abangafanga batshaywa ngamathumba ophayo; lokukhala komuzi kwenyukela emazulwini.

I LUKASAMUWELI 6

Umtshokotsho wesivumelwano ubuyiselwa koIsrayeli

1 Lomtshokotsho weNKOSI wawuselizweni lamaFilisti inyanga eziyisikhombisa.

2 AmaFilisti asebiza abapristi labavumisi, esithi: Sizawenzelani umtshokotsho weNKOSI? Saziseni ukuthi singawuthumeza lani endaweni yawo.

3 Basebesithi: Uba lingawuthumeza umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli, lingawuthumezi uze, kodwa libuyisele lokubuyisela kuye umnikelo wecala. Khona-ke lizasiliswa, njalo kuzakwaziwa kini ukuthi kungani isandla sakhe singasuki kini.

4 Basebesithi: Uzakuba yini umnikelo wecala esizawubuyisela kuye? Basebesithi: Amathumba ophayo egolide amahlanu lamagundwane amahlanu egolide, njengokwenani leziphathamandla zamaFilisti; ngoba bekulenhlupheko eyodwa kini lonke lakuziphathamandla zenu.

5 Ngakho lizakwenza imifanekiso yamathumba enu ophayo lemifanekiso yamagundwane enu alonayo ilizwe, limnike udumo uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli; mhlawumbe angenza lula isandla sakhe sisuke phezu kwenu sisuke laphezu kwabonkulunkulu benu sisuke laphezu kwelizwe lenu.

6 Lenzelani-ke inhliziyo zenu zibe lukhuni njengamaGibhithe loFaro benza inhliziyo zabo zaba lukhuni? Emva kokuthi esenze kabuhlungu kubo kabavumelanga yini ukuthi bahambe, basebehamba?

7 Ngakho-ke thathani lilungise inqola entsha lamankomokazi amabili amunyisayo okungezanga jogwe phezu kwawo, liwabophele amankomokazi enqoleni, liwabuyisele ekhaya amankonyana awo asuke emva kwawo.

8 Lithathe umtshokotsho weNKOSI, liwubeke enqoleni, lempahla zegolide elizibuyisela kuye zibe ngumnikelo wecala, lizifake ebhokisini eceleni kwawo; liyithumeze ihambe.

9 Libone aluba isenyuka ngendlela yomngcele wawo eya eBeti-Shemeshi, yiyo esenzele lobububi obukhulu; kodwa uba kungenjalo, sizakwazi ukuthi kakusiso isandla sayo esisitshayileyo, sehlelwe yingozi nje.

10 Abantu basebesenza njalo, bathatha amankomokazi amabili amunyisayo, bawabophela enqoleni, bawavalela amankonyana awo ekhaya.

11 Bawubeka umtshokotsho weNKOSI enqoleni lebhokisi elilamagundwane egolide lezithombe zamathumba abo ophayo.

12 Amankomokazi aseqonda endleleni, ngendlela eya eBeti-Shemeshi, ahamba ngomgwaqo omkhulu ehamba ebhonsa, engaphambukeli ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo, leziphathamandla zamaFilisti zawalandela kwaze kwaba semngceleni weBeti-Shemeshi.

13 AbeBeti-Shemeshi babevuna isivuno sengqoloyi esigodini; lapho bephakamisa amehlo abo, bawubona umtshokotsho, bathokoza ukuwubona.

14 Inqola yasingena ensimini kaJoshuwa weBeti-Shemeshi, yema khona, lapho okwakulelitshe elikhulu khona; basebebanda izigodo zenqola, basebenikela amankomokazi aba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni.

15 AmaLevi asewethula umtshokotsho weNKOSI lebhokisi elalilawo, okwakukulo impahla zegolide, akubeka phezu kwelitshe elikhulu. Labantu beBeti-Shemeshi banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa, bayihlabela iNKOSIimihlatshelo ngalolosuku.

16 Iziphathamandla ezinhlanu zamaFilisti sezikubonile, zabuyela eEkhironi ngalolosuku.

17 Lala ngamathumba ophayo egolide amaFilisti awabuyisela abe ngumnikelo wecala eNKOSIni, eleAshidodi elilodwa, eleGaza elilodwa, eleAshikeloni elilodwa, eleGathi elilodwa, eleEkhironi elilodwa.

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18 Lamagundwane egolide njengokwenani lemizi yonke yamaFilisti yeziphathamandla ezinhlanu, kusukela emizini ebiyelweyo kuze kube semizaneni yemaphandleni kuze kube selitsheni elikhulu likaAbeli, lapho ababeka khona umtshokotsho weNKOSI, elisensimini kaJoshuwa umBeti-Shemeshi kuze kube lamuhla.

19 Yasitshaya amadoda eBeti-Shemeshi ngoba ayekhangele phakathi komtshokotsho weNKOSI; yebo, yatshaya phakathi kwabantu amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Abantu basebelila ngoba iNKOSI yayitshaye ngokutshaya okukhulu phakathi kwabantu.

20 Ngakho abantu beBeti-Shemeshi bathi: Ngubani olakho ukuma phambi kweNKOSI, lo uNkulunkulu ongcwele? Uzakwenyukela kubani esuka kithi?

21 Basebethuma izithunywa kubahlali beKiriyathi-Jeyarimi besithi: AmaFilisti asewubuyisile umtshokotsho weNKOSI; yehlani liwenyusele kini.

I LUKASAMUWELI 7

1 Njalo abantu beKiriyathi-Jeyarimi beza, benyusa umtshokotsho weNKOSI, bawungenisa endlini kaAbinadaba phezu kwaloloqaqa, bangcwelisa uEleyazare indodana yakhe ukuthi agcine umtshokotsho weNKOSI.

USamuweli wahlulela uIsrayeli

2 Kwasekusithi kusukela ngosuku umtshokotsho uhlala eKiriyathi-Jeyarimi, insuku zanda; ngoba kwaba yiminyaka engamatshumi amabili; lendlu yonke yakoIsrayeli yakhala ilandela iNKOSI.

3 USamuweli wasekhuluma endlini yonke kaIsrayeli esithi: Uba libuyela eNKOSIni ngenhliziyo yenu yonke, susani onkulunkulu bezizweni phakathi kwenu laboAshitarothi, liqondise inhliziyo yenu eNKOSIni, likhonze yona yodwa, ngakho izalophula esandleni samaFilisti.

4 Ngakho abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesusa oBhali laboAshitarothi, bakhonza iNKOSI yodwa.

5 USamuweli wasesithi: Buthanisani uIsrayeli wonke eMizipa; njalo ngizalikhulekela eNKOSIni.

6 Basebebuthana eMizipa, bakha amanzi, bawathela phambi kweNKOSI, bazila ukudla mhlalokho, bathi lapho: Sonile eNKOSIni. USamuweli wasesahlulela abantwana bakoIsrayeli eMizipa.

7 Kwathi amaFilisti esezwile ukuthi abantwana bakoIsrayeli babuthene eMizipa, iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zenyuka zamelana loIsrayeli. Abantwana bakoIsrayeli sebekuzwile bawesaba amaFilisti.

8 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesithi kuSamuweli: Ungathuli ukusikhalela eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wethu ukuze asisindise esandleni samaFilisti.

9 USamuweli wasethatha iwundlu elimunyayo, walinikela lonke eNKOSIni laba
ngumnikelo otshiswayo. USamuweli wakhalela uIsrayeli eNKOSIni,
iNKOSI yasimphendula.

10 Kwathi uSamuweli esanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, amaFilisti asondela
empini loIsrayeli; kodwa iNKOSIyaduma ngelizwi elikhulu phezu kwamaFilisti
ngalolosuku, yawachithachitha, asetshaywa phambi kukaIsrayeli.

11 Amadoda akoIsrayeli asephuma eMizipa axotshana lamaFilisti, awatshaya,
kwaze kwaba ngaphansi kweBetikari.

12 USamuweli wasethatha ilitshe, walimisa phakathi kweMizipa leSheni, wabiza
ibizo lalo iEbeni-Ezeri, wathi: Kuze kube khathesi iNKOSI isisizile.

13 Ngakho amaFilisti ehliselwa phansi, kawabe esaphinda ukungena emngceleni
wakoIsrayeli. Njalo isandla seNKOSI samelana lamaFilisti zonke izinsuku
zikaSamuweli.

14 Imizi amaFilisti ayeyithethe-ke koIsrayeli yabuyiselwa kuIsrayeli kusukela
eEkhironi kuze kufike eGathi; lomngcele wayo uIsrayeli wawukhulula esandleni
samaFilisti. Njalo kwaba lokuthula phakathi kukaIsrayeli lamaAmori.

15 USamuweli wasesahlulela uIsrayeli insuku zonke zempilo yakhe.

16 Wahamba iminyaka ngeminyaka wabhoda eBhetheli, leGiligali, leMizipa;
wahlulela uIsrayeli kuzo zonke lezozindawo.

17 Lokubuyela kwakhe kwakuyikuya eRama, ngoba indlu yakhe yayilapho;
wahlulela uIsrayeli khona, wayakhela lapho iNKOSI ilathi.

I LUKASAMUWELI 8

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bafuna inkosi

1Kwasekusithi uSamuweli esemdala wabeka amadodana akhe ukuze abe
ngabahluleli koIsrayeli.

2 Lebizo lendodana yakhe elizibulo lalinguJoweli, lebizo leyesibili linguAbhiya;
ayengabahluleli eBherishebha.

3 Kodwa amadodana akhe ayengahambi ngendlela zakhe, kodwa aphambukela
enzuzweni embi, emukela isivalamlomo, aphambula isahlulelo.

4 Kwasekubuthana abadala bonke bakoIsrayeli, beza kuSamuweli eRama,

5 bathi kuye: Khangela, wena usumdala, lamadodana akho kawahambi ngendlela
zakho; ngakho sibekele inkosi ukuze isahlulele njengazo zonke izizwe.

6 Kodwa leyonto yayimbi emehlweni kaSamuweli lapho besithi: Sinike inkosi
ukusahlulela. USamuweli wasekhuleka eNKOSIni.

7 INKOSI yasisithi kuSamuweli: Lalela ilizwi labantu kukho konke abakutshoyo
kuwe, ngoba kakusuwe abakwalayo, kodwa bala mina ukuze ngingabusi phezu
kwabo.

8 Ngokwezenzo zonke abazenzileyo kusukela ngosuku engabenyusa ngalo
eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla, bangitshiyile bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu;
benza njalo lakuwe.

9 Ngakho khathesi, lalela ilizwi labo; kodwa nxa ubafakazele kakhulu, ubazise
indlela yenkosi ezabusa phezu kwabo.

10 USamuweli wasetshela abantu abacela kuye inkosi wonke amazwi eNKOSI.

11 Wasesithi: Le izakuba yindlela yenkosi ezabusa phezu kwenu; izathatha
amadodana enu izibekele wona enqoleni zayo lakubagadi bamabhiza ayo, agijime
phambi kwezinqola zayo.

12 Izazibekela wona abe yizinduna zezinkulungwane lezinduna zamatshumi
amahlanu, lokulima amasimu ayo, lokuvuna isivuno sayo, lokwenza izikhali zayo
zempi, lezikhali zezinqola zayo.

13 Izathatha amadodakazi enu iwenze abe ngabenzi bamakha, labapheki,
labaphekizinkwa.

14 Izathatha amasimu enu, lezivini zenu lezivande zenu zemihlwathi, ezinhle,
ikunike inceku zayo.

15 Izathatha okwetshumi yenhlanyelo yenu leyezivini zenu, iyinike induna zayo
lenceku zayo.

16 Izathatha inceku zenu lencekukazi zenu lamajaha enu angcono labobabhemi
benu, ikusebenzise emsebenzini wayo.

17 Izathatha okwetshumi kwemihlambi yenu; lina-ke libe yizinceku zayo.

18 Njalo lizakhala ngalolosuku ngenxa yenkosi yenu elizikhethele yona; kodwa
iNKOSI kayiyikuliphendula mhlalokho.

19 Kodwa abantu bala ukulilalela ilizwi likaSamuweli, bathi: Hatshi, kodwa
kuzakuba lenkosi phezu kwethu,

20 ukuze lathi sibe njengezizwe zonke, lenkosi yethu isahlulele, iphume phambi
kwethu, ilwe izimpi zethu.

21 USamuweli esewazwile wonke amazwi abantu, wawalandisa endlebeni
zeNKOSI.

22 INKOSI yasisithi kuSamuweli: Lalela ilizwi labo, ubabekele inkosi. USamuweli
wasesithi emadodeni akoIsrayeli: Hambani liye ngulowo lalowo emzini wakhe.

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USawuli ukhethwa ukuthi abe yinkosi

1Kwakukhona-ke indoda yakoBhenjamini obizo layo linguKishi, indodana kaAbiyeli, indodana kaZerori, indodana kaBekorathi, indodana kaAfiya, umBhenjamini, iqhawe elilamandla.

2 Njalo yayilendodana, obizo layo lalinguSawuli, ijaha elihle; kwakungelamuntu omuhle kulalo phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli; kusukela emahlombe alo kusiya phezulu lalilide kulabo bonke abantu.

3 Obabhemikazi bakaKishi, uyise kaSawuli, balahleka-ke. Ngakho uKishi wathi kuSawuli indodana yakhe: Ake uthathe enye yezinceku lawe, usukume uhambe uyedinga obabhemikazi.

4 Wasedabula intaba zakoEfrayimi, wadabula ilizwe leShalisha, kodwa kababatholanga. Basebedabula ilizwe leShalima, kodwa babengekho. Basebedabula ilizwe lakoBhenjamini, kodwa kababatholanga.

5 Bona sebefikile elizweni leZufi, uSawuli wathi encekwini yakhe eyayilaye: Woza sibuyele, hlezi ubaba ayekele obabhemikazi abesenqinekela thina.

6 Yasisithi kuye: Khangela-ke, kulomuntu kaNkulunkulu kulumuzi, ungumuntu ohloniphekayo; konke akutshoyo kuyenzeka sibili. Khathesi asiye khona; mhlawumbe angasitshela indlela esizahamba ngayo.

7 USawuli wasesithi encekwini yakhe: Kodwa khangela, uba sisiya, sizamphathelani lowomuntu? Ngoba isinkwa kasisekho ezitsheni zethu; futhi kakulasipho sokusa emuntwini kaNkulunkulu. Silani?

8 Inceku yasibuya yamphendula uSawuli yathi: Khangela, kutholakala esandleni sami ingxenye yesine yeshekeli lesiliva; ngizamnika yona lowomuntu kaNkulunkulu ukuze asitshele indlela yethu.

9 (Endulo koIsrayeli lapho umuntu esiyabuza kuNkulunkulu, wayesitsho kanje: Woza siye kumboni; ngoba lo ongumprofethi lamuhla kuqala wayebizwa ngokuthi ngumboni.)

10 USawuli wasesithi encekwini yakhe: Lihle ilizwi lakho; woza sihambe. Basebesiya emzini lapho okwakukhona lowomuntu kaNkulunkulu.

11 Besenyuka ngomqanso womuzi, bona bafica amantombazana ephuma ukuyakukha amanzi, bathi kuwo: Umboni ulapha yini?

12 Asebaphendula athi: Ukhona; khangelani, uphambi kwenu. Phangisani khathesi; ngoba ufike lamuhla emzini, ngoba abantu balomhlatshelo lamuhla endaweni ephakemeyo.

13 Ekungeneni kwenu emzini, lizahle limthole engakenyukeli endaweni ephakemeyo ukuyakudla; ngoba abantu kabayikudla aze afike, ngoba nguye

obusisa umhlatshelo, emva kwalokho abanxusiweyo badle. Ngakho-ke yenyukani, ngoba yena, phose ngalesisikhathi, lizamthola.

14 Basebesenyukela emzini; besangena phakathi komuzi, khangela, uSamuweli waphuma ukubahlangabeza ukwenyukela endaweni ephakemeyo.

15 INKOSI yasibonakalisa endlebeni kaSamuweli ngosuku phambi kokufika kukaSawuli, isithi:

16 Kusasa phose ngalesisikhathi ngizathuma kuwe umuntu ovela elizweni lakoBhenjamini; futhi umgcobe abe ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bami uIsrayeli, ukuze asindise abantu bami esandleni samaFilisti, ngoba ngibonile abantu bami, ngoba ukukhala kwabo kufikile kimi.

17 Kwathi uSamuweli ebona uSawuli, iNKOSI yamphendula: Khangela, umuntu ebengikhuluma ngaye kuwe. Lo uzabusa phezu kwabantu bami.

18 USawuli wasesondela kuSamuweli phakathi kwesango wathi: Akungitshele, ingaphi lapha indlu yomboni?

19 USamuweli wasemphendula uSawuli wathi: Yimi umboni; yenyuka phambi kwami uye endaweni ephakemeyo, ngoba lamuhla uzakudla lami; lekuseni ngizakuyekela uhambe, ngikutshele konke okusenhliziyweni yakho.

20 Lamayelana labobabhemikazi bakho asebelensuku ezintathu belahlekile, ungafaki inhliziyo yakho kubo, ngoba sebetholiwe. Kodwa zikubani iziloyiso zonke zikaIsrayeli? Kazikho kuwe yini lendlini yonke kayihlo?

21 USawuli wasephendula wathi: Kangisuye umBhenjamini yini, owesincinyane sezizwe zakoIsrayeli, losendo lwethu luncinyane kulazo zonke insendo zesizwe sakoBhenjamini? Pho-ke, ukhulumelani kimi ngalindlela?

22 USamuweli wasethatha uSawuli lenceku yakhe, wabangenisa ekamelweni lokudlela, wabahlalisa endaweni engaphezulu yabanxusiweyo, ababengaphose babe ngamatshumi amathathu.

23 USamuweli wasesithi kumpheki: Letha isabelo engikunike sona, engithe kuwe ngaso: Sibeke ngakuwe.

24 Umpheki wasephakamisa umlenze lokwakuphezu kwawo, wakubeka phambi kukaSawuli. USamuweliwasesithi: Khangela, okuseleyo; kubeke phambi kwakho, dlana; ngoba bekubekelwe wena kuze kufike lesisikhathi esimisiweyo, njengoba ngitshilo: Nginxuse abantu. USawuli wasesidla loSamuweli ngalolosuku.

25 Sebehlile endaweni ephakemeyo baya emzini, wakhuluma loSawuli ephahleni.

26 Basebevuka ngovivi; kwasekusithi phose emadabukakusa, uSamuweli wambiza uSawuli ephahleni esithi: Sukuma ukuze ngikuyekele uhambe. Wasesukuma uSawuli, baphuma bobabili, yena loSamuweli, baya phandle.

27 Sebesehlela ekucineni komuzi, uSamuweli wathi kuSawuli: Tshela inceku ukuthi yedlule phambi kwethu (yasisedlula), kodwa wena mana okwakhathesi, ukuthi ngikuzwise ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.

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USamuweli ugcoba uSawuli

1USamuweli wasethatha umfuma wamafutha, wawathela ekhanda lakhe, wamanga, wathi: Angithi kungoba iNKOSI ikugcobele ukuthi ube ngumbusi phezu kwelifa layo?

2 Ekusukeni kwakho kimi lamuhla uzafica abantu ababili engcwabeni likaRasheli emngceleni wakoBhenjamini eZeliza; njalo bazakuthi kuwe: Obabhemikazi obuyebadinga sebetholiwe, khangela-ke, uyihlo useyekele udaba labobabhemikazi, usenqinekela lina esithi: Ngizayenzelani indodana yami?

3 Nxa usudlule lapho waya phambili, uzafika esihlahleni se-okhi seThabhori; lalapho uzahlangana labantu abathathu besenyuka besiya kuNkulunkulu eBhetheli, omunye ephethe amazinyane amathathu, lomunye ephethe amaqebelengwana ezinkwa amathathu, lomunye ephethe imbodlela yewayini.

4 Bazakubuza ngempilo, bakunike izinkwa ezimbili, ozazithatha esandleni sabo.

5 Emva kwalokho uzafika eqaqeni lukaNkulunkulu lapho okuhlala khona ibutho lenqaba yamaFilisti; kuzakuthi-ke, nxa ufika lapho emzini uzahlangana lexuku labaprofethi besehla endaweni ephakemeyo, laphambi kwabo kulogubhu lwezintambo, lesigubhu, lomhlanga, lechacho, beprofetha.

6 LoMoya kaNkulunkulu uzafika ngamandla phezu kwakho, uprofethe kanye labo, uphendulwe ube ngomunye umuntu.

7 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho lezizibonakaliso zikufikela, wena wenze lokho isandla sakho esizakuthola, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulawe.

8 Uzakwehla phambi kwami uye eGiligali; khangela-ke, ngizakwehlela kuwe ukuze nginikele iminikelo yokutshiswa, ngihlabe imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula. Uzalinda insuku eziyisikhombisa ngize ngifike kuwe, ngikutshele lokho ozakwenza.

9 Kwasekusithi lapho esefulathele ukuthi asuke kuSamuweli, uNkulunkulu wamnika enye inhliziyo; lazo zonke lezizibonakaliso zeza mhlalokho.

10 Lapho sebefikile khona eqaqeni, khangela, ixuku labaprofethi lamhlangabeza; uMoya kaNkulunkulu wasefika ngamandla phezu kwakhe, waprofetha phakathi kwabo.

11 Kwasekusithi bonke ababemazi mandulo bebona ukuthi, khangela, uprofetha labaprofethi, abantu bathi, omunye komunye: Kuyini lokhu okwehlele indodana kaKishi? Kanti uSawuli laye uphakathi kwabaprofethi?

12 Kwasekuphendula umuntu owakhona wathi: Kanti ngubani uyise wabo? Ngakho kwasekusiba yisaga ukuthi: Kanti uSawuli laye uphakathi kwabaprofethi?

13 Eseqedile ukuprofetha wafika endaweni ephakemeyo.

14 Uyise omncinyane kaSawuli wathi kuye lencekwini yakhe: Beliye ngaphi? Wasesithi: Ukuyadinga obabhemikazi; lapho sesibona ukuthi kabakho sasesifika kuSamuweli.

15 Uyise omncinyane kaSawuli wathi: Ake ungitshele ukuthi utheni kini uSamuweli?

16 USawuli wasesithi kuyise omncinyane: Usitshelile sibili ukuthi obabhemikazi sebetholakele. Kodwa udaba lombuso akhuluma ngalo uSamuweli kamtshelanga.

17 USamuweli wasebizela abantu ndawonye eNKOSIni eMizipa;

18 wathi kubantwana bakoIsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Mina ngamenyusa uIsrayeli eGibhithe, ngalikhulula esandleni samaGibhithe lesandleni sayo yonke imibuso eyalicindezelayo.

19 Kodwa lamuhla lina limalile uNkulunkulu wenu, yena ngokwakhe owalisindisayo engozini zonke zenu lensizini zenu; laselisithi kuye: Hatshi, beka inkosi phezu kwethu. Ngakho-ke manini phambi kweNKOSI ngezizwe zenu langezinkulungwane zenu.

20 USamuweli wasesondeza zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli; njalo isizwe sakoBhenjamini sabanjwa.

21 Wasesondeza isizwe sakoBhenjamini ngensendo zaso, losendo lwakoMatiri lwabanjwa, loSawuli indodana kaKishi wabanjwa. Kuthe bemdinga katholakalanga.

22 Ngakho babuya babuza eNKOSIni ukuthi lowomuntu usezafika lapha yini? INKOSI yasisithi: Khangelani, ucatshile empahleni.

23 Basebegijima bamlanda khona; lapho esemi phakathi kwabantu, wayemude kulabo bonke abantu kusukela ehlombe lakhe kusiya phezulu.

24 USamuweli wasesithi kubo bonke abantu: Liyambona yini lowo iNKOSI emkhethileyo, ukuthi kakho loyedwa onjengaye kubo bonke abantu? Bonke abantu basebememeza bathi: Kayiphile inkosi!

25 USamuweli wasebatshela abantu indlela yombuso, wawubhala egwalweni, walubeka phambi kweNKOSI. USamuweli wasebayekela bonke abantu bahamba, wonke waya endlini yakhe.

26 USawuli laye wasesiya endlini yakhe eGibeya; kwasekuhamba laye amaqhawe onhliziyo zawo uNkulunkulu wayezithintile.

27 Kodwa abantwana bakaBheliyali bathi: Uzasisindisa njani lo? Basebemdelela, kabamphathelanga sipho; kodwa wazithulela.

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USawuli unqoba amaAmoni

1 Kwasekusenyuka uNahashi umAmoni, wamisa inkamba maqondana leJabeshi-Gileyadi; wonke amadoda eJabeshi asesithi kuNahashi: Yenza isivumelwano lathi, sizakusebenzela.

2 Kodwa uNahashi umAmoni wathi kibo: Ngizasenza phezu kwalokhu isivumelwano lani, ukuze ngilikopole wonke amehlo awesokunene njalo ngehlisele uIsrayeli wonke ihlazo.

3 Abadala beJabeshi basebesithi kuye: Siyekele okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ukuze sithume izithunywa kuwo wonke umngcele wakoIsrayeli. Uba-ke kungekho ongasisindisa, sizaphuma size kuwe.

4 Izithunywa zasezifika eGibeya kaSawuli, zalandisa amazwi endlebeni zabantu, labantu bonke baphakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi.

5 Khangela-ke, uSawuli weza emva kwezinkabi evela emasimini, uSawuli wathi: Kwenze njani ebantwini ukuthi bakhale? Basebemtshela amazwi amadoda eJabeshi.

6 UMoya kaNkulunkulu wasefika ngamandla phezu kukaSawuli lapho esizwa lawomazwi, lolaka lwakhe lwavutha kakhulu.

7 Wasethatha inkabi ezimbili, waziquma zaba yiziqa, wazithumela kuwo wonke umngcele wakoIsrayeli ngesandla sezithunywa esithi: Ongaphumi alandele uSawuli alandele loSamuweli, kuzakwenziwanje enkabini zakhe. Ukwesaba iNKOSI kwasekusehlela phezu kwabantu, baphuma njengamuntu munye.

8 Lapho ababala eBezeki, abantwana bakoIsrayeli babe yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu, lamadoda akoJuda eyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu.

9 Basebesithi kuzo izithunywa ezazifikile: Lizawatshela njalo amadoda eJabeshi-Gileyadi lithi: Kusasa lizakuba losindiso nxa ilanga selitshisa. Lapho izithunywa zifika zawatshela amadoda eJabeshi, athokoza.

10 Ngakho amadoda eJabeshi athi: Kusasa sizaphumela kini, lenze kithi njengakho konke okulungileyo emehlweni enu.

11 Kwasekusithi kusisa, uSawuli wamisa abantu ngezigaba ezintathu; bafika phakathi kwenkamba ngomlindo wekuseni; bamtshaya uAmoni lwaze lwatshisa usuku; kwasekusithi abaseleyo bahlakazeka, kwaze kwathi kakusalanga kibo ababili bendawonye.

12 Abantu basebesithi kuSamuweli: Ngubani othe: USawuli uzabusa yini phezu kwethu? Baletheni labobantu ukuze sibabulale.

13 Kodwa uSawuli wathi: Kakuyikubulawa muntu ngalolusuku, ngoba lamuhla iNKOSI yenze inkululeko koIsrayeli.

14 USamuweli wasesithi ebantwini: Wozani siye eGiligali, sivuselele umbuso khona.

15 Bonke abantu basebesiya eGiligali, bambeka khona uSawuli waba yinkosi phambi kweNKOSI eGiligali. Bahlaba khona imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula phambi kweNKOSI, lalapho uSawuli lawo wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli bathokoza kakhulukazi.

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USamuweli ukhuluma ngokuthembeka kwakhe

1USamuweli wasesithi kuIsrayeli wonke: Khangelani, ngililalele ilizwi lenu kukho konke elakutsho kimi, sengibeke inkosi phezu kwenu.

2 Khathesi-ke, khangelani, inkosi iyahamba phambi kwenu; mina sengimdala, sengiyimpunga, khangelani, lamadodana ami akini; mina-ke ngihambile phambi kwenu kusukela ebutsheni bami kuze kube lamuhla.

3 Khangelani, ngilapha; fakazani limelane lami phambi kweNKOSI laphambi kogcotshiweyo wayo: Ngithethe inkabi kabani? Loba ngithethe ubabhemi kabani? Ngiqilibezele bani? Ngicindezele bani? Ngemukele kubani isivalamlomo ukuze ngiphofuze amehlo ami ngawo? Njalo ngizakubuyisela kini.

4 Basebesithi: Kawusiqilibezelanga, kawusicindezelanga, njalo kawemukelanga lalutho esandleni samuntu.

5 Wasesithi kibo: INKOSI ingumfakazi imelene lani logcotshiweyo wayo ungumfakazi lamuhla ukuthi kalitholanga lutho esandleni sami. Bathi: Ingumfazaki.

Indlela uNkulunkulu amphatha ngayo uIsrayeli

6 USamuweli wasesithi ebantwini: KuyiNKOSI eyenza uMozisi loAroni, eyenyusa oyihlo elizweni leGibhithe.

7 Khathesi-ke, manini njalo ngahlulelane lani phambi kweNKOSI ngezenzo zonke ezilungileyo zeNKOSI eyazenza kini lakuboyihlo.

8 Lapho uJakobe esefikile eGibhithe, oyihlo bakhala eNKOSIni, iNKOSI yasithuma oMozisi loAroni, abakhupha oyihlo eGibhithe, babenza bahlala kulindawo.

9 Sebeyikhohliwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo, yabathengisa esandleni sikaSisera induna yebutho leHazori, lesandleni samaFilisti, lesandleni senkosi yakoMowabi; basebesilwa bemelene labo.

10 Basebekhala eNKOSIni bathi: Sonile, ngoba siyilahlile iNKOSI, sakhonza oBhali laboAshitarothi. Kodwa khathesi sophule esandleni sezitha zethu, sizakukhonza.

11 INKOSI yasithuma uJerubali, loBhedani, loJefitha, loSamuweli, yalikhulula esandleni sezitha zenu inhlangothi zonke, laselihlala livikelekile.

12 Lapho libona ukuthi uNahashi inkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni yeza ukumelana lani, lathi kimi: Hatshi, kodwa inkosi izasibusa; kanti iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu yayiyinkosi yenu.

13 Khathesi-ke, khangelani, inkosi elayikhethayo, elayicelayo; khangelani-ke, iNKOSI imisile inkosi phezu kwenu.

14 Uba liyesaba iNKOSI liyikhonza lilalela ilizwi layo, lingawuvukeli umlomo weNKOSI, khona lina, lani kanye lenkosi ezabusa phezu kwenu lizalandela iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

15 Kodwa uba lingalilaleli ilizwi leNKOSI, kodwa livukela umlomo weNKOSI, isandla seNKOSI sizamelana lani, njengoba samelana laboyihlo.

16 Lakhathesi manini, libone linto enkulu iNKOSI ezayenza phambi kwamehlo enu.

17 Angithi lamuhla kuyisivuno sengqoloyi? Ngizakhala eNKOSIni njalo izanika umdumo lezulu, ukuze lazi libone ukuthi ububi benu bukhulu elibenze emehlweni eNKOSI ngokuzicelela inkosi.

18 USamuweli wasekhala eNKOSIni, iNKOSI yasinika umdumo lezulu mhlalokho; ngakho bonke abantu bayesaba kakhulu iNKOSI loSamuweli.

19 Bonke abantu basebesithi kuSamuweli: Khulekela izinceku zakho eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuze singafi; ngoba sengezelele ezonweni zethu zonke lobububi bokuzicelela inkosi.

20 USamuweli wasesithi ebantwini: Lingesabi; lina lenze bonke lobububi, kodwa lingaphambuki ekuyilandeleni iNKOSI, kodwa likhonze iNKOSI ngenhliziyo yenu yonke.

21 Njalo lingaphambuki ngoba lingalandela izinto eziyize ezingasizi lutho ezingakhululiyo, ngoba ziyize.

22 Ngoba iNKOSI kayiyikubatshiya abantu bayo ngenxa yebizo layo elikhulu, ngoba iNKOSI yathokoza ukulenza libe ngabantu bayo.

23 Mina-ke kakube khatshana lami ukuthi ngone eNKOSIni ngokuyekela ukulikhulekela; kodwa ngizalifundisaindlela enhle lelungileyo.

24 Kuphela yesabani iNKOSI, liyikhonze ngeqiniso ngenhliziyo yenu yonke, ngoba bonani okukhulu elenzele khona.

25 Kodwa uba liphikelela lisenza okubi, lina kanye lenkosi yenu lizachithwa.

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UIsrayeli ulwa lamaFilisti

1USawuli wayelomnyaka embusweni wakhe. Esebuse uIsrayeli okweminyaka emibili,

2 uSawuli wasezikhethela abayizinkulungwane ezintathu kwamaIsrayeli; njalo abayizinkulungwane ezimbili babeloSawuli eMikimashi lentabeni yeBhetheli, lenkulungwane yaba loJonathani eGibeya yakoBhenjamini; labaseleyo babantu wabayekela bahamba, ngulowo lalowo ethenteni lakhe.

3 UJonathani wasetshaya ibutho lenqaba yamaFilisti eyayiseGeba, lamaFilisti akuzwa. USawuli wasevuthela uphondo elizweni lonke esithi: AmaHebheru kawezwe.

4 UIsrayeli wonke wezwa kuthiwa uSawuli utshayile ibutho lenqaba yamaFilisti lokuthi uIsrayeli laye waba levumba kumaFilisti. Abantu basebebizelwa ndawonye ukulandela uSawuli baye eGiligali.

5 AmaFilisti asebuthana ukuthi alwe loIsrayeli, inqola eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu, labagadi bamabhiza abayizinkulungwane eziyisithupha, labantu abalingana letshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle ngobunengi; enyuka amisa inkamba eMikimashi, empumalanga kweBeti-Aveni.

6 Kwathi amadoda akoIsrayeli ebona ukuthi asekuminyezelweni, ngoba abantu bacindezelwa, abantu bacatsha embalwini lezixukwini zameva, lemadwaleni, lezinqabeni, lemigodini.

7 LamaHebheru achapha iJodani, aya elizweni leGadi leGileyadi. Kodwa uSawuli wayelokhu eseGiligali, labantu bonke bathuthumela bemlandela.

8 Waselinda insuku eziyisikhombisa, njengesikhathi esamiswa nguSamuweli; kodwa uSamuweli kafikanga eGiligali, labantu bahlakazeka besuka kuye.

9 USawuli wasesithi: Sondezani kimi umnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula. Wasenikela umnikelo wokutshiswa.

10 Kwasekusithi eseqede ukunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, khangela, uSamuweli wafika; uSawuli wasephuma ukumhlangabeza ukuze ambingelele.

11 USamuweli wasesithi: Wenzeni? USawuli wasesithi: Ngoba ngibone ukuthi abantu babehlakazeka besuka kimi, lawe ungafikanga ngesikhathi esimisiweyo sezinsuku, lokuthi amaFilisti asebuthene eMikimashi.

12 Ngakho ngathi: Khathesi amaFilisti azangehlela eGiligali, ngingancenganga ubuso beNKOSI. Ngasengizibamba ngamandla, nganikela umnikelo wokutshiswa.

13 USamuweli wasesithi kuSawuli: Wenze ngobuwula; kawuwugcinanga umlayo weNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eyakulaya wona; ngoba khathesi iNKOSI ibizawumisa umbuso wakho koIsrayeli kuze kube nininini.

14 Kodwa khathesi umbuso wakho kawuyikuma. INKOSI isizidingele umuntu
ngokwenhliziyo yayo, njalo iNKOSIisimlayile ukuthi abe ngumbusi phezu
kwabantu bayo, ngoba kawugcinanga lokho iNKOSI ekulaye khona.

15 USamuweli wasesukuma wenyuka esuka eGiligali waya eGibeya
yakoBhenjamini. USawuli wasebala abantu abaficwa belaye, phose
abangamakhulu ayisithupha.

16 Njalo uSawuli loJonathani indodana yakhe labantu abaficwa belabo bahlala
eGibeya yakoBhenjamini, kodwa amaFilisti amisa inkamba eMikimashi.

17 Abachithi basebephuma enkambeni yamaFilisti ngezigaba ezintathu; esinye
isigaba saphendukela endleleni yeOfira, saya elizweni leShuwali;

18 lesinye isigaba saphendukela endleleni yeBhethi-Horoni; lesinye isigaba
saphendukela endleleni yomngcele okhangele esihotsheni seZeboyimi
ngasenkangala.

19 Njalo kwakungatholakali mkhandi elizweni lonke lakoIsrayeli, ngoba
amaFilisti athi: Hlezi amaHebheru enze izinkemba loba imikhonto.

20 UIsrayeli wonke-ke wehlela kumaFilisti ukulola, ngulowo lalowo isikali sakhe
sekhuba, lemataka yakhe, lehloka lakhe, lesikela yakhe.

21 Imbadalo yezikali zekhuba lamamataka lamafologwe alencijo ezintathu
lamahloka lokulungisa izincijoyayiyipimi.

22 Ngakho kwathi ngosuku lwempi kakutholakalanga inkemba loba umkhonto
esandleni saloba ngubani wabantu ababeloSawuli lababeloJonathani; kodwa
kwatholakala kuSawuli loJonathani indodana yakhe.

23 Lebutho lenqaba yamaFilisti laphuma laya emkhandlweni weMikimashi.

I LUKASAMUWELI 14

Ubuqhawe bukaJonathani

1Kwasekusithi ngolunye usuku, uJonathani indodana kaSawuli wathi emfaneni
othwala izikhali zakhe: Woza sichaphele ebuthweni lenqaba yamaFilisti
elingaphetsheya ngale. Kodwa kamtshelanga uyise.

2 USawuli wayehlala-ke ephethelweni leGibeya ngaphansi
kwesihlahla sepomegranati esiseMigironi; labantu ababelaye babengaphose babe
ngamadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha;

3 loAhiya, indodana kaAhitubi, umfowabo kaIkabodi, indodana kaPhinehasi,
indodana kaEli, umpristi weNKOSIeShilo, wayembethe i-efodi. Kodwa abantu
babengazi ukuthi uJonathani uhambile.

4 Laphakathi kwemikhandlo, lapho uJonathani ayezama ukuchapha khona ukuya ebuthweni lenqaba yamaFilisti, kwakuledwala elicijileyo nganeno, ledwala elicijileyo ngaphetsheya; njalo ibizo lelinye laliyiBozezi, lebizo lelinye laliyiSene.

5 Elinye iliwa laligxile enyakatho maqondana leMikimashi, lelinye ngeningizimu maqondana leGeba.

6 UJonathani wasesithi emfaneni othwala izikhali zakhe: Woza sichaphele ebuthweni lenqaba elalaba abangasokanga; mhlawumbe iNKOSI izasisebenzela, ngoba kakulasenqabelo eNKOSIni ukusindisa ngabanengi loba ngabalutshwana.

7 Umthwali wezikhali zakhe wasesithi kuye: Yenza konke okusenhliziyweni yakho; phambuka, khangela ngilawe njengokwenhliziyo yakho.

8 UJonathani wasesithi: Khangela, sizachaphela kulabobantu sizibonakalise kibo.

9 Uba bekhuluma njalo kithi besithi: Manini mpo, size sifike kini; sizakuma-ke endaweni yethu, singenyukeli kibo.

10 Kodwa uba bekhuluma njalo kithi besithi: Yenyukelani kithi; sizakwenyuka-ke, ngoba iNKOSI ibanikele esandleni sethu; lalokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kithi.

11 Ngakho bobabili bazibonakalisa ebuthweni lenqaba yamaFilisti; amaFilisti asesithi: Khangelani, amaHebheru asephuma emilindini abecatshe kiyo.

12 Amadoda ebutho lenqaba asephendula oJonathani lomthwali wezikhali zakhe athi: Yenyukelani kithi, sizalitshengisa ulutho. UJonathani wasesithi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe: Yenyuka ungilandele, ngoba iNKOSIiwanikele esandleni sikaIsrayeli.

13 UJonathani wasekhwela ngezandla zakhe langenyawo zakhe, lomthwali wezikhali zakhe emva kwakhe. Asesiwa phambi kukaJonathani, lomthwali wezikhali zakhe wawabulala emva kwakhe.

14 Ukutshaya kokuqala atshaya ngakho uJonathani lomthwali wezikhali zakhe kwakungaba phose ngamadoda angamatshumi amabili, ensimini elingana lengxenye yendima yesipani.

15 Kwasekusiba khona ukuthuthumela enkambeni, egangeni, laphakathi kwabantu bonke; ibutho lenqaba labachithi labo bathuthumela, lomhlaba wanyikinyeka, kwasekusiba yikuthuthumela okukhulu.

16 Abalindi bakaSawuli eGibeya yakoBhenjamini basebebona ukuthi, khangela, ixuku lancibilika lihamba litshayelana phansi.

17 USawuli wasesithi ebantwini ababelaye: Ake libale, libone ukuthi ngubani osuke kithi. Kwathi sebebalile, khangela, uJonathani lomthwali wezikhali zakhe babengekho.

18 USawuli wasesithi kuAhiya: Letha lapha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu. Ngoba umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu ngalolosuku wawukubantwana bakoIsrayeli.

19 Kwasekusithi uSawuli esakhuluma lompristi, umsindo owawusenkambeni
yamaFilisti waqhubeka wanda. USawuli wasesithi kumpristi: Buyisela isandla
sakho.

20 USawuli labo bonke abantu ababelaye basebebizelwa ndawonye bafika empini,
khangela-ke, inkemba yalowo lalowo yayimelene lomakhelwane wakhe,
isiyaluyalu esikhulu kakhulu.

21 LamaHebheru ayelamaFilisti njengakuqala, enyukela lawo enkambeni
inhlangothi zonke, ngitsho lawo aphenduka ukuthi abe loIsrayeli owayeloSawuli
loJonathani.

22 Kwathi amadoda wonke akoIsrayeli ayecatshe entabeni yakoEfrayimi esezwile
ukuthi amaFilisti ayabaleka, ngitsho lawo awanamathela ewalandela empini.

23 Ngokunjalo iNKOSI yamsindisa uIsrayeli ngalolosuku; lempi yedlulela eBeti-
Aveni.

24 Amadoda akoIsrayeli asekhathala ngalolosuku, ngoba uSawuli wafungisa
abantu esithi: Kaqalekiswe umuntu odla ukudla kuze kube ntambama, ukuze
ngiziphindiselele ezitheni zami. Ngakho kakho ebantwini owanambitha ukudla.

25 Bonke abelizwe basebefika ehlathini; njalo kwakuloluju phezu kobuso
bomhlabathi.

26 Lapho abantu bengena ehlathini, khangela, uluju lwathonta; kodwa kakho
loyedwa owasa isandla sakhe emlonyeni wakhe, ngoba abantu besaba isifungo.

27 Kodwa uJonathani wayengezwanga lapho uyise efungisa abantu; ngakho
welula isihloko somqwayi owawusesandleni sakhe, wasigxamuza ehlangeni
lwenyosi, wasesisa isandla sakhe emlonyeni wakhe, lamehlo akhe aqaqabuka.

28 Omunye wabantu wasephendula wathi: Uyihlo ubafungisile lokubafungisa
abantu esithi: Uqalekisiwe umuntu odla ukudla lamuhla. Abantu basebephele
amandla.

29 UJonathani wasesithi: Ubaba ulihluphile ilizwe; ake libone ukuthi amehlo ami
aseqaqabuke njani, ngoba nginambithe ingcosana yalololuju.

30 Kudlula kangakanani aluba abantu bebedlile lokudla lamuhla okwempango
yezitha zabo abayitholayo? Ngoba khathesi ukubulala kakubanga kukhulu
phakathi kwamaFilisti.

31 Basebetshaya amaFilisti ngalolosuku kusukela eMikimashi kuze kube
seAjaloni. Abantu basebephele amandla kakhulu.

32 Abantu basebetheleka empangweni; bathatha izimvu, lezinkabi, lamathole
enkomo, bakuhlabela emhlabathini; abantu bakudla kanye legazi.

33 Basebemtshela uSawuli besithi: Khangela, abantu bayona eNKOSIni ngokudla kanye legazi. Wasesithi: Lenze ngokungathembeki; giqelani kimi ilitshe elikhulu lamuhla.

34 USawuli wasesithi: Zihlakazeni phakathi kwabantu lithi kibo: Sondezani kimi, ngulowo lalowo inkabi yakhe, langulowo lalowo imvu yakhe, lizihlabele lapha, lidle; njalo lingoni eNKOSIni ngokudla kanye legazi. Ngakho bonke abantu basondeza, ngulowo lalowo inkabi yakhe ngesandla sakhe ngalobobusuku, bazihlaba khona.

35 USawuli waseyakhela iNKOSI ilathi; kwakulilathi lokuqala alakhela iNKOSI.

36 USawuli wasesithi: Asehleni silandele amaFilisti ebusuku, siwaphange kuze kube yikukhanya kokusa, singatshiyi lamuntu kiwo. Basebesithi: Yenza konke okuhle emehlweni akho. Kodwa umpristi wathi: Asisondeleni lapha kuNkulunkulu.

37 USawuli wasebuza kuNkulunkulu wathi: Ngehle ngilandele amaFilisti yini? Uzawanikela esandleni sikaIsrayeli yini? Kodwa kamphendulanga ngalolosuku.

38 USawuli wasesithi: Sondelani lapha lonke bakhokheli babantu, lazi libone ukuthi lesisono sikukuphi lamuhla.

39 Ngoba kuphila kukaJehova owasindisa uIsrayeli, lanxa kungaba kuJonathani indodana yami, isibili uzakufa lokufa. Kodwa kakho loyedwa owamphendulayo ebantwini bonke.

40 Wasesithi kuIsrayeli wonke: Banini nganxanye lina, mina-ke loJonathani indodana yami sizakuba nganxanye. Abantu basebesithi kuSawuli: Yenza okuhle emehlweni akho.

41 Ngakho uSawuli wathi eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Phana opheleleyo. UJonathani loSawuli basebebanjwa, kodwa abantu baphunyuka.

42 USawuli wasesithi: Yenzani inkatho yokuphosa phakathi kwami loJonathani indodana yami. UJonathani wasebanjwa.

43 USawuli wasesithi kuJonathani: Ngitshela okwenzileyo. UJonathani wasemtshela wathi: Oqotho nginambithe ngesihloko somqwayi obusesandleni sami imbijana yoluju; khangela ngilapha, sengizakufa!

44 USawuli wasesithi: UNkulunkulu kenze njalo langokunjalo engezelele; ngoba uzakufa lokufa, Jonathani.

45 Kodwa abantu bathi kuSawuli: Uzakufa yini uJonathani, owenze lolusindiso olukhulu koIsrayeli? Kakube khatshana! Kuphila kukaJehova, kakuyikuwela emhlabathini lolulodwa unwele lwekhanda lakhe, ngoba usebenze loNkulunkulu lamuhla. Ngakho abantu bamhlenga uJonathani ukuthi angafi.

46 USawuli wasesenyuka esuka ekulandeleni amaFilisti; amaFilisti asesiya endaweni yawo.

47 USawuli wasethatha ubukhosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, walwa emelene lezitha zakhe zonke inhlangothi zonke, emelene loMowabi, njalo emelene labantwana bakoAmoni, njalo emelene loEdoma, njalo emelene lamakhosi eZoba, njalo emelene lamaFilisti; laloba ngaphi lapho aphendukela khona wayejezisa.

48 Wenza ngobuqhawe wasetshaya amaAmaleki, wakhulula uIsrayeli esandleni somphangi wakhe.

49 Lamadodana kaSawuli ayengoJonathani loIshivi, loMaliki-Shuwa; lamabizo amadodakazi akhe amabili yila: Ibizo lezibulo lalinguMerabi, lebizo lencinyane linguMikhali.

50 Lebizo lomkaSawuli lalinguAhinowama indodakazi kaAhimahazi; lebizo lenduna yebutho lakhe lalinguAbhineri indodana kaNeri, uyise omncinyane kaSawuli.

51 Njalo uKishi wayenguyise kaSawuli, loNeri uyise kaAbhineri wayeyindodana kaAbiyeli.

52 Njalo kwakukhona impi enzima lamaFilisti zonke izinsuku zikaSawuli; lapho uSawuli ebona indoda elamandla loba iqhawe, wayezibuthela yona.

I LUKASAMUWELI 15

Ukungalaleli kukaSawuli, lokulahlwa kwakhe

1USamuweli wasesithi kuSawuli: INKOSI yangithuma ukuthi ngikugcobe ube yinkosi phezu kwabantu bayo, phezu kukaIsrayeli; ngakho-ke lalela ilizwi lamazwi eNKOSI.

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla ithi: Ngizananzelela lokho uAmaleki akwenza kuIsrayeli, ukuthi wema njani emelene laye endleleni ekwenyukeni kwakhe eGibhithe.

3 Hamba-ke uyetshaya uAmaleki, utshabalalise konke alakho; ungamyekeli, kodwa ubulale kusukela kowesilisa kusiya kowesifazana, kusukela kusane kusiya komunyayo, kusukela enkabini kusiya emvini, kusukela ekamelweni kusiya kubabhemi.

4 USawuli wasebiza abantu, wababala eTelayimi, izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili abahamba ngenyawo, lamadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi akoJuda.

5 USawuli wasefika emzini kaAmaleki, wacathama esigodini.

6 USawuli wasesithi kumaKeni: Hambani, lisuke, lehle liphume phakathi kwamaAmaleki, hlezi ngilibhubhise kanye lawo; ngoba lina lenza umusa kubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli ekwenyukeni kwabo bephuma eGibhithe. Ngakho amaKeni asuka aphuma phakathi kwamaAmaleki.

7 USawuli wasetshaya amaAmaleki, kusukela eHavila uze uyefika eShuri ephambi kweGibhithe.

8 Wambamba uAgagi inkosi yamaAmaleki ephila; labo bonke abantu wabatshabalalisa ngobukhali benkemba.

9 Kodwa uSawuli labantu bamyekela uAgagi, lokuhle kakhulu kwezimvu lokwenkomo, lokunonisiweyo, lamawundlu, lakho konke okuhle; kabathandanga ukukutshabalalisa, kodwa yonke into edelelekayo lecakileyo bayitshabalalisa.

10 Kwasekufika ilizwi leNKOSI kuSamuweli lisithi:

11 Sengizisola ngokuthi ngambeka uSawuli waba yinkosi; ngoba ubuyele emuva ekungilandeleni, kaqinisanga amazwi ami. USamuweli wasethukuthela, wakhala eNKOSIni ubusuku bonke.

12 USamuweli wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu ukuhlangabeza uSawuli; kwasekutshelwa uSamuweli kuthiwa: USawuli usefikile eKharmeli; khangela-ke, uzimisele insika, wabhoda, wedlula, wehlela eGiligali.

13 USamuweli wasefika kuSawuli; uSawuli wathi kuye: Kawubusiswe yiNKOSI; ngiliqinisile ilizwi leNKOSI.

14 USamuweli wasesithi: Kuyini pho lokhukukhala kwezimvu endlebeni zami, lokubhonsa kwenkomo engikuzwayo?

15 USawuli wasesithi: Babuye lazo kumaAmaleki; ngoba abantu bayekele okuhle kakhulu kwezimvu lokwenkomo ukuze bahlabele iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho; kodwa okuseleyo sikutshabalalisile.

16 USamuweli wasesithi kuSawuli: Yekela, ngikutshele ukuthi iNKOSI itheni kimi kulobubusuku. Wasesithi kuye: Khuluma.

17 USamuweli wasesithi: Angithi, lapho usemncinyane emehlweni akho, waba yinhloko yezizwe zakoIsrayeli, leNKOSI yakugcoba waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli?

18 INKOSI ikuthumile-ke ngendlela yathi: Hamba uyetshabalalisa izoni, amaAmaleki, ulwe lawo aze aphele.

19 Pho, kungani ungalilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI, kodwa waphaphela impango, wenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI?

20 USawuli wasesithi kuSamuweli: Isibili ngililalele ilizwi leNKOSI, ngihambile ngendlela iNKOSI ebingithume ngayo, ngibuyile loAgagi inkosi yakoAmaleki, njalo ngitshabalalisile amaAmaleki.

21 Kodwa abantu bathethe okwempango, izimvu lenkomo, okuhle kwezinto ebezizatshabalaliswa, ukuze bahlabele iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eGiligali.

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22 Kodwa uSamuweli wathi: Kambe iNKOSI iyathokoza ngeminikelo yokutshiswa
lemihlatshelo, njengekulaleleni ilizwi leNKOSI? Khangela, ukulalela kungcono
kulomhlatshelo, lokuqaphelisa kulamahwahwa ezinqama.

23 Ngoba umvukela unjengesono sokuvumisa, lobuqholo buyisiphambeko
lokukhonza izithombe. Ngoba ulalile ilizwi leNKOSI, layo ikwalile ukuthi ungabi
yinkosi.

24 USawuli wasesithi kuSamuweli: Ngonile; ngoba ngeqile umlayo
weNKOSI lamazwi akho; ngoba ngesaba abantu, ngakho ngalalela ilizwi labo.

25 Ngakho-ke ake uthethelele isono sami, ubuyele lami, ukuze ngikhonze iNKOSI.

26 Kodwa uSamuweli wathi kuSawuli: Kangiyikubuyela lawe ngoba ulalile ilizwi
leNKOSI, layo iNKOSI ikwalile ukuthi ungabi yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli.

27 Kuthe uSamuweli etshibilika ukuthi ahambe, wabamba umphetho
wesembatho sakhe, sasesidabuka.

28 USamuweli wasesithi kuye: INKOSI iwudabule kuwe lamuhla umbuso
wakoIsrayeli, yawunika umakhelwane wakho ongcono kulawe.

29 Futhi-ke aMandla kaIsrayeli kawaqambi manga, kawazisoli, ngoba
kawasimuntu ukuthi azisole.

30 Wasesithi: Ngonile, ake ungihloniphe khathesi phambi kwabadala babantu
bakithi laphambi kukaIsrayeli, ubuyele lami, ukuthi ngikhonze
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

31 Ngakho uSamuweli wabuyela elandela uSawuli; uSawuli wayikhonza-ke
iNKOSI.

32 USamuweli wasesithi: Msondezeni kimi uAgagi inkosi yakoAmaleki. UAgagi
wasesiya kuye ethokozile; uAgagi wathi: Isibili ukubaba kokufa sekudlulile.

33 USamuweli wasesithi: Njengoba inkemba yakho yemuke abesifazana
abantwana, ngokunjalo unyoko uzakwemukwa abantwana phakathi
kwabesifazana. USamuweli wasemhlahlela uAgagi phambi kweNKOSIeGiligali.

34 USamuweli wasesiya eRama, loSawuli wenyukela endlini yakhe eGibeya
kaSawuli.

35 USamuweli kaphindanga wambona uSawuli kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa
kwakhe, kodwa uSamuweli wamlilela uSawuli; leNKOSI yazisola ngokuthi
yayimbekile uSawuli abe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli.

I LUKASAMUWELI 16

Ukugcotshwa kukaDavida abe yinkosi

1INKOSI yasisithi kuSamuweli: Koze kube nini umlilela uSawuli lokhu mina
ngimalile ekubeni yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli? Gcwalisa uphondo lwakho

ngamafutha, uhambe; ngizakuthuma kuJese umBhethelehema, ngoba ngizibonele emadodaneni akhe inkosi.

2 USamuweli wasesithi: Ngizahamba njani? Uba uSawuli ekuzwa, uzangibulala. INKOSI yasisithi: Thatha ithokazi lenkomo esandleni sakho uthi: Ngizehlabela iNKOSI.

3 Ubizele uJese emhlatshelweni; mina ngizakwazisa ozakwenza; uzangigcobela lowo engizamutsho kuwe.

4 USamuweli wasesenza lokho iNKOSI ekutshiloyo, wafika eBhethelehema. Abadala bomuzi basebethuthumela ukumhlangabeza bathi: Ukufika kwakho kulokuthula yini?

5 Wasesithi: Ukuthula; ngize ukuhlabela iNKOSI; zingcweliseni, lize lami emhlatshelweni. Wasengcwelisa uJese lamadodana akhe, wababizela emhlatshelweni.

6 Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwabo, wakhangela uEliyabi wathi: Isibili ogcotshiweyo wayo uphambi kweNKOSI.

7 Kodwa iNKOSI yathi kuSamuweli: Ungakhangeli isimo sakhe lobude besithombo sakhe, ngoba ngimalile, ngoba kakunjengokubona komuntu, ngoba umuntu ubona okuphambi kwamehlo, kodwa iNKOSI ibona enhliziyeni.

8 UJese wasebiza uAbinadaba, wamedlulisa phambi kukaSamuweli, kodwa wathi: Laye lo iNKOSIkayimkhethanga.

9 UJese wasedlulisa uShama, kodwa wathi: Laye lo iNKOSI kayimkhethanga.

10 UJese wasedlulisa amadodana akhe ayisikhombisa phambi kukaSamuweli. Kodwa uSamuweli wathi kuJese: INKOSI kayibakhethanga laba.

11 USamuweli wasesithi kuJese: Abafana sebephelile yini? Wasesithi: Kusasele icinathunjana; khangela-ke, liyelusa izimvu. USamuweli wasesithi kuJese: Thuma ulithathe, ngoba kasiyikuhlala phansi lize lifike lapha.

12 Wasethuma walingenisa. Lona-ke lalibomvana lilamehlo amahle lokukhangeleka okuhle. INKOSI yasisithi: Sukuma, uligcobe, ngoba yilo leli.

13 USamuweli wasethatha uphondo lwamafutha, waligcoba phakathi kwabafowabo; uMoya weNKOSI wasefika ngamandla phezu kukaDavida kusukela kulolosuku kusiya phambili. USamuweli wasesukuma waya eRama.

UDavida utshayela uSawuli ichacho

14 Kodwa uMoya weNKOSI wasuka kuSawuli, lomoya omubi ovela eNKOSIni wamhlukuluza.

15 Izinceku zikaSawuli zasezisithi kuye: Ake ukhangele, umoya omubi kaNkulunkulu uyakwesabisa.

16 Ake itsho inkosi yethu kunceku zakho eziphambi kwakho ukuthi zidinge umuntu okwaziyo ukutshaya ichacho; kuzakuthi-ke lapho umoya omubi ovela kuNkulunkulu uphezu kwakho, uzatshaya ngesandla sakhe ukuze kube kuhle kuwe.

17 Ngakho uSawuli wathi ezincekwini zakhe: Ake lingibonele umuntu otshaya kuhle, limlethe kimi.

18 Omunye wamajaha wasephendula wathi: Khangela, ngibone indodana kaJese umBhethelehema, ekwaziyo ukutshaya, futhi eliqhawe elilamandla, lendoda yempi, lehlakaniphileyo endabeni, futhi indoda ebukekayo, leNKOSI ilayo.

19 Ngakho uSawuli wathuma izithunywa kuJese, wathi: Thuma kimi uDavida indodana yakho osezimvini.

20 UJese wasethatha ubabhemi, ethwele isinkwa, lembodlela yewayini, lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa, wakuthumela ngesandla sikaDavida indodana yakhe kuSawuli.

21 UDavida wasefika kuSawuli, wema phambi kwakhe; wasemthanda kakhulu, wasesiba ngumthwali wezikhali zakhe.

22 USawuli wasethumela kuJese esithi: UDavida ake eme phambi kwami, ngoba uthole umusa emehlweni ami.

23 Kwakusithi-ke lapho umoya ovela kuNkulunkulu uphezu kukaSawuli, uDavida athathe ichacho atshaye ngesandla sakhe, ukuze uSawuli avuseleleke abe ngcono, lomoya omubi usuke kuye.

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UDavida ubulala uGoliyathi

1AmaFilisti asebuthela amabutho awo impi; abuthana eSoko engeyakoJuda, amisa inkamba phakathi kweSoko leAzeka, eEfesi-Damimi.

2 USawuli lamadoda akoIsrayeli babuthana, bamisa inkamba esigodini seEla, bahlela impi ukumelana lamaFilisti.

3 AmaFilisti asesima entabeni ngapha, loIsrayeli wema entabeni ngale, lesigodi sasiphakathi kwabo.

4 Kwasekuphuma enkambeni yamaFilisti iqhawe; ibizo lalo lalinguGoliyathi weGathi; ubude balo babuyizingalo eziyisithupha lokwelulwa kweminwe.

5 Kwakulekhowa lethusi ekhanda lalo; laligqoke ibhatshi lensimbi elilamaxolo; njalo isisindo sebhatshi lensimbisasingamashekeli ethusi ayizinkulungwane ezinhlanu.

6 Njalo kwakulemigwamazi yethusi emibaleni yalo, lomkhonto wethusi phakathi laphakathi kwamahlombe alo.

7 Loluthi lomkhonto walo lwalunjengogodo lomaluki, lengqamu yomkhonto walo yayingamashekeli ensimbi angamakhulu ayisithupha; lophatha isihlangu esikhulu wayehamba phambi kwalo.

8 Lema, lamemeza emaviyweni akoIsrayeli lathi kuwo: Liphumelani ukuzahlela impi? Kangisuye umFilisti yini, lani izinceku zikaSawuli? Zikhetheleni umuntu ehlele kimi.

9 Uba elakho ukulwa lami angibulale, sizakuba yizigqili zenu; kodwa uba mina ngimehlula ngimbulale, lizakuba yizigqili zethu, lisisebenzele.

10 UmFilisti wasesithi: Mina ngiyaweyisa amaviyo akoIsrayeli lamuhla; nginikani indoda ukuze silwisane.

11 Lapho uSawuli loIsrayeli wonke besizwa lamazwi omFilisti, batshaywa luvalo, besaba kakhulu.

12 UDavida wayeyindodana yalowomEfrathi weBhethelehema-Juda, obizo lakhe lalinguJese; wayelamadodana ayisificaminwembili. Njalo lowomuntu wahamba njengomuntu omdala phakathi kwamadoda ensukwini zikaSawuli.

13 Asehamba amadodana amathathu kaJese amadala, amlandela uSawuli empini. Lamabizo amadodana akhe amathathu ayeyile empini ayenguEliyabi izibulo, lowesibili wakhe uAbinadaba, lowesithathu uShama.

14 Njalo uDavida nguye owayelicinathunjana; lamathathu amadala alandela uSawuli.

15 Kodwa uDavida wahamba wabuyela esuka kuSawuli ukuyakwelusa izimvu zikayise eBhethelehema.

16 UmFilisti wayesondela-ke ekuseni kakhulu lantambama ezimisa okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane.

17 UJese wasesithi kuDavida indodana yakhe: Ake uthathele abafowenu i-efa lamabele akhanzingiweyo, lalezizinkwa ezilitshumi, ugijimele enkambeni kubafowenu.

18 Laleziziqa zetshizi ezilitshumi uziphathele induna yenkulungwane; ubone impilakahle yabafowenu, uthathe isibambiso kibo.

19 Njalo uSawuli, labo, lawo wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli babesesigodini seEla besilwa lamaFilisti.

20 UDavida wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, watshiya izimvu kumlindi, wakuthatha wahamba njengokulaywa kwakhe nguJese. Wafika enqabeni yezinqola lapho ibutho liphuma ngamaviyo, bememezela impi.

21 Njalo uIsrayeli lamaFilisti bahlela iviyo laqondana leviyo.

22 UDavida wasetshiya impahla ezisuka kuye ngaphansi kwesandla somlindi wempahla, wagijimela eviyweni wafika wabuza abafowabo impilakahle.

23 Esakhuluma labo, khangela, iqhawe lenyuka, ibizo lalo lalinguGoliyathi, umFilisti weGathi, laphuma emaviyweni amaFilisti, lakhuluma njengokwalawomazwi; loDavida wawezwa.

24 Njalo wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli athi embona lowomuntu ambalekela, esaba kakhulu.

25 Amadoda akoIsrayeli athi-ke: Limbonile lowana umuntu owenyukileyo yini? Ngoba wenyukele ukweyisa uIsrayeli. Kuzakuthi-ke indoda ezambulala, inkosi izayinothisa ngenotho enkulu, iyinike lendodakazi yayo, lendlu kayise izayenza ikhululeke koIsrayeli.

26 UDavida wasekhuluma emadodeni ayemi laye esithi: Kuzakwenziwani endodeni ebulala lumFilisti, isuse ihlazo koIsrayeli? Ngoba ungubani lumFilisti ongasokanga ukuthi aweyise amaviyo kaNkulunkulu ophilayo?

27 Abantu basebemphendula njengalelolizwi besithi: Kuzakwenziwa njalo endodeni embulalayo.

28 UEliyabi umnewabo omdala wezwa-ke lapho ekhuluma lamadoda; lentukuthelo kaEliyabi yavuthela uDavida, wathi: Wehleleleni lapha? Izimvu leziyana ezinlutshwana uzitshiye lobani egangeni? Mina ngiyakwazi ukuziqhenya kwakho lobubi benhliziyo yakho; ngoba wehlele ukubona impi.

29 Kodwa uDavida wathi: Sengenzeni? Bekungasilizwi nje yini?

30 Wasemfulathela, waya komunye, wakhuluma laye njengokwalelolizwi; abantu basebebuyisela impendulo kuye njengelizwi lakuqala.

31 Lapho sebewezwile amazwi uDavida awakhulumayo, bawakhuluma phambi kukaSawuli; wasememukela.

32 UDavida wasesithi kuSawuli: Kakungehluleki inhliziyo yomuntu ngenxa yakhe; inceku yakho izahamba iyekulwa lalowomFilisti.

33 Kodwa uSawuli wathi kuDavida: Ungeke waya kulumFilisti ukulwa laye; ngoba wena ungumfana, yena-ke uyindoda yempi kusukela ebutsheni bakhe.

34 Kodwa uDavida wathi kuSawuli: Inceku yakho yayiselusa izimvu zikayise; lapho kwafika isilwane lebhere, kwathatha imvu emhlanjini,

35 ngaphuma ngakulandela, ngakutshaya, ngayikhulula emlonyeni wakho; lapho kungivukela, ngakubamba ngendevu, ngakutshaya, ngakubulala.

36 Inceku yakho yabulala kokubili isilwane lebhere; lalo umFilisti ongasokanga uzakuba njengokunye kwakho, lokhu eyise amaviyo kaNkulunkulu ophilayo.

37 UDavida wathi futhi: INKOSI eyangophula kuzipho lwesilwane lakuzipho lwebhere, yona izangophula esandleni salo umFilisti. USawuli wasesithi kuDavida: Hamba, leNKOSI kayibe lawe.

38 USawuli wasegqokisa uDavida izigqoko zakhe, wafaka ikhowa lethusi ekhanda lakhe, wamgqokisa ibhatshi lensimbi.

39 UDavida wasebhinca inkemba yakhe phezu kwezigqoko zakhe, walinga ukuhamba, ngoba wayengakuzamanga. UDavida wasesithi kuSawuli: Kangilakho ukuhamba ngilalezizinto ngoba kangizizamanga. UDavida wasezikhumula kuye.

40 Wasethatha umqwayi wakhe esandleni sakhe, wazikhethela amatshe amahlanu abutshelezi esifuleni, wawafaka esikhwameni sikamelusi ayelaso, ngitsho emxhakeni, lesavutha sakhe sasisesandleni sakhe, wasesondela kumFilisti.

41 UmFilisti wasehamba waya wasondela kuDavida; lomuntu ophethe isihlangu esikhulu wayephambi kwakhe.

42 Kwathi umFilisti ekhangela ebona uDavida, wameyisa; ngoba wayengumfana njalo ebomvana elobuso obubukekayo.

43 UmFilisti wasesithi kuDavida: Ngiyinja yini ukuthi wena uze kimi ulezinduku? UmFilisti wasemqalekisa uDavida ngabonkulunkulu bakhe.

44 UmFilisti wasesithi kuDavida: Woza kimi, ngizanika inyoni zamazulu lenyamazana zeganga inyama yakho.

45 UDavida wasesithi kumFilisti: Wena uza kimi ulenkemba, lomkhonto, lomdikadika; kodwa mina ngiza kuwe ngebizo leNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu wamaviyo akoIsrayeli omeyisileyo.

46 Lamuhla iNKOSI izakuvalela esandleni sami, ngizakutshaya, ngisuse ikhanda lakho kuwe; nginike lamuhla inyoni zamazulu lenyamazana zomhlaba izidumbu zebutho lamaFilisti, ukuze umhlaba wonke wazi ukuthi kukhona uNkulunkulu koIsrayeli.

47 Lalelibandla lonke lizakwazi ukuthi iNKOSI kayisindisi ngenkemba langomkhonto; ngoba impi ngeyeNKOSI, njalo izalinikela esandleni sethu.

48 Kwasekusithi lapho umFilisti esukuma ehamba esondela ukuhlangabeza uDavida, uDavida wasephangisa wagijimela ngaseviyweni ukuhlangana lomFilisti.

49 UDavida wasefaka isandla sakhe esikhwameni, wakhupha khona ilitshe, walijikijela, wamtshaya umFilisti ebunzini lakhe ilitshe laze latshona ebunzini lakhe, wawela emhlabathini ngobuso bakhe.

50 Ngalokho uDavida wamehlula umFilisti ngesavutha langelitshe, wamtshaya umFilisti, wambulala; kodwa kwakungelankemba esandleni sikaDavida.

51 Ngakho uDavida wagijima wema phezu komFilisti, wathatha inkemba yakhe, wayihwatsha esikhwameni sayo, wambulala, waquma ikhanda lakhe ngayo. Lapho amaFilisti ebona ukuthi iqhawe lawo selifile, abaleka.

52 Lamadoda akoIsrayeli lawakoJuda asukuma amemeza, axotshana lamaFilisti uze uyefika esigodini lemasangweni eEkhironi. Labalimeleyo bamaFilisti bawela endleleni yeShaharayimi kuze kube seGathi njalo kuze kube seEkhironi.

53 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebephenduka ekuxotshaneni ngamandla lamaFilisti, baphanga inkamba zawo.

54 UDavida wasethatha ikhanda lomFilisti, waliletha eJerusalema; kodwa wabeka izikhali zakhe ethenteni lakhe.

55 Lapho uSawuli ebona uDavida ephuma ukuyahlangabeza umFilisti, wathi kuAbhineri induna yebutho: Uyindodana kabani lumfana Abhineri? UAbhineri wasesithi: Kuphila komphefumulo wakho, nkosi, kangazi.

56 Inkosi yasisithi: Buza wena ukuthi liyindodana kabani lelijaha.

57 Lapho uDavida esephendukile ekubulaleni umFilisti, uAbhineri wamthatha, wamusa phambi kukaSawuli elekhanda lomFilisti esandleni sakhe.

58 USawuli wasesithi kuye: Uyindodana kabani, jaha? UDavida wasesithi: Ngiyindodana yenceku yakho uJese umBhethelehema.

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UDavida uthandwa nguJonathani, uzondwa nguSawuli

1Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukukhuluma loSawuli, umphefumulo kaJonathani wabotshelwa emphefumulweni kaDavida; uJonathani wasemthanda njengomphefumulo wakhe.

2 USawuli wasemthatha ngalolosuku, kaze amvumela ukubuyela endlini kayise.

3 UJonathani loDavida basebesenza isivumelwano ngoba wamthanda njengomphefumulo wakhe.

4 UJonathani wasezikhulula ibhatshi ayeligqokile, walinika uDavida, lezembatho zakhe, kuze kube senkembeni yakhe, kuze kube sedandilini lakhe, njalo kuze kube sebhantini lakhe.

5 UDavida wasephuma waya loba ngaphi lapho uSawuli amthuma khona, waziphatha ngenhlakanipho, uSawuli waze wambeka phezu kwamadoda empi. Njalo wayelungile emehlweni abantu bonke njalo lemehlweni ezinceku zikaSawuli.

6 Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwabo, uDavida esebuye ekubulaleni umFilisti, abesifazana baphuma emizini yonke yakoIsrayeli, behlabela, begida, ukuhlangabeza uSawuli inkosi ngezigubhu, ngentokozo, langamachacho.

7 Abesifazana basebevumelana bedlala bathi: USawuli utshayile izinkulungwane
zakhe, kodwa uDavida izinkulungwane zakhe ezingamatshumi.

8 USawuli wasethukuthela kakhulu, lalelolizwi lalilibi emehlweni akhe, wathi:
Banike uDavida izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi, kodwa mina banginika
izinkulungwane; usesalelwe ngumbuso kuphela.

9 USawuli wasemqaphela uDavida kusukela kulolosuku kusiya phambili.

10 Kwasekusithi kusisa umoya omubi ovela kuNkulunkulu wafika ngamandla
phezu kukaSawuli, waprofetha phakathi kwendlu; uDavida wasetshaya ichacho
ngesandla sakhe njengensuku ngensuku; njalo kwakulomkhonto esandleni
sikaSawuli.

11 USawuli wasewuphosa umkhonto wathi: Ngizammbandakanya uDavida
ngitsho emdulini. Kodwa uDavida wavika kabili esuka phambi kwakhe.

12 USawuli wayemesaba-ke uDavida ngoba iNKOSI yayilaye, kodwa yayisisukile
kuSawuli.

13 Ngakho uSawuli wasemsusa kuye, wambeka waba yinduna yakhe
yabayizinkulungwane; njalo wayephuma engena phambi kwabantu.

14 UDavida waseziphatha ngenhlakanipho endleleni zakhe zonke,
leNKOSI yayilaye.

15 Lapho uSawuli ebona ukuthi waziphatha ngenhlakanipho enkulu, wamesaba.

16 Kodwa uIsrayeli wonke loJuda bamthanda uDavida, ngoba wayephuma engena
phambi kwabo.

17 USawuli wasesithi kuDavida: Khangela, indodakazi yami endala uMerabi,
ngizakunika yona ibe ngumkakho; kuphela bana liqhawe kimi, ulwe izimpi
zeNKOSI. Ngoba uSawuli wathi: Isandla sami kasingabi phezu kwakhe, kodwa
isandla samaFilisti kasibe phezu kwakhe.

18 Kodwa uDavida wathi kuSawuli: Ngingubani mina? Lempilo yami
iyini, losendo lukababa koIsrayeli, ukuthi ngibe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi?

19 Kodwa kwathi ngesikhathi uMerabi indodakazi kaSawuli ayezanikwa ngaso
uDavida, wayesenikwe uAdriyeliumMehola ukuba ngumkakhe.

20 UMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli wamthanda-ke uDavida; basebemtshela
uSawuli, lalolodaba lwaluqondile emehlweni akhe.

21 USawuli wasesithi: Ngizamnika yena ukuze abe ngumjibila kuye, lokuze
isandla samaFilisti simelane laye. Ngakho uSawuli wathi kuDavida: Ngokwesibili
uzakuba ngumkhwenyana wami lamuhla.

22 USawuli waselaya inceku zakhe wathi: Khulumani loDavida ngensitha lithi: Khangela, inkosi iyathokoza ngawe, lazo zonke inceku zayo ziyakuthanda; ngakho-ke woba ngumkhwenyana wenkosi.

23 Izinceku zikaSawuli zasezikhuluma lawomazwi endlebeni zikaDavida. UDavida wasesithi: Kuyinto elula yini emehlweni enu ukuba ngumkhwenyana wenkosi, lokhu mina ngingumuntu ongumyanga lodelelekayo?

24 Lenceku zikaSawuli zamtshela zisithi: UDavida wakhuluma ngalindlela.

25 USawuli wasesithi: Lizakutsho njalo kuDavida lithi: Inkosi kayiloyisi lobolo, kodwa amajwabu alikhulu amaFilisti, ukuze kuphindiselwe ezitheni zenkosi. Kodwa uSawuli wacabanga ukwenza uDavida awe ngesandla samaFilisti.

26 Lapho inceku zakhe zimtshela uDavida lawomazwi, udaba lwalulungile emehlweni kaDavida ukuthi abe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. Kodwa insuku zazingakagcwaliseki.

27 Ngakho uDavida wasukuma wahamba, yena labantu bakhe, basebetshaya phakathi kwamaFilisti amadoda angamakhulu amabili; uDavida waseletha amajwabu awo, wawasa enkosini ephelele ukuze abe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. USawuli wasemnika uMikhali indodakazi yakhe ukuthi abe ngumkakhe.

28 USawuli wasebona wazi ukuthi iNKOSI iloDavida, loMikhali indodakazi yakhe yamthanda.

29 Njalo uSawuli waya lokhu emesaba kakhulu uDavida; njalo uSawuli waba yisitha sikaDavida zonke izinsuku.

30 Iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zaseziphuma; kwasekusithi seziphumile uDavida waziphatha ngenhlakanipho okwedlula zonke izinceku zikaSawuli, laze laduma kakhulu ibizo lakhe.

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USawuli ufuna ukubulala uDavida

1USawuli wasekhuluma kuJonathani indodana yakhe lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe ukuthi babulale uDavida. Kodwa uJonathani indodana kaSawuli wayemthanda kakhulukazi uDavida.

2 UJonathani wasemtshela uDavida esithi: USawuli ubaba udinga ukukubulala; ngakho-ke ake uzinanzelele ekuseni, uhlale ekusithekeni, ucatshe.

3 Mina-ke ngizaphuma ngime eceleni kukababa emmangweni lapho okhona, mina ngizakhuluma ngawe kubaba; lengikubonayo ngizakutshela.

4 UJonathani wasekhuluma okuhle ngoDavida kuSawuli uyise, wathi kuye: Inkosi kayingayoni inceku yayo, imelane loDavida, ngoba kakonanga wena, langokunjalo imisebenzi yakhe ilungile kakhulu kuwe.

5 Ngoba wafaka impilo yakhe esandleni sakhe watshaya umFilisti;
leNKOSI yenzela uIsrayeli wonke usindiso olukhulu. Wakubona, wathokoza. Pho,
uzalonelani igazi elingelacala ngokubulala uDavida kungelasizatho?

6 USawuli waselilalela ilizwi likaJonathani, uSawuli wafunga wathi: Kuphila
kukaJehova, kayikubulawa.

7 UJonathani wasembiza uDavida, uJonathani wamtshela wonke lawomazwi.
UJonathani wasemletha uDavida kuSawuli, njalo wayephambi kwakhe
njengakuqala.

8 Kwabuya kwaba khona impi; uDavida wasephuma walwa lamaFilisti,
wawatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu aze ambalekela.

9 Njalo umoya omubi ovela eNKOSIni wawuphezu kukaSawuli ehlezi endlini
yakhe, lomkhonto usesandleni sakhe; loDavida wayetshaya ichacho ngesandla
sakhe.

10 USawuli wasedinga ukummbandakanya uDavida ngitsho emdulini
ngomkhonto; kodwa waphunyuka ebukhoneni bukaSawuli, owahlaba umkhonto
emdulini. UDavida wabaleka waphepha ngalobobusuku.

11 USawuli wasethuma izithunywa endlini kaDavida ukuze zimqaphele zimbulale
ekuseni. UMikhali umkakhe wasemtshela uDavida esithi: Uba ungasindisi impilo
yakho ngalobubusuku, kusasa uzabulawa.

12 Ngakho uMikhali wasemehlisa uDavida ngewindi, wasehamba wabaleka
waphepha.

13 UMikhali wasethatha isithombe, wasifaka embhedeni, wabeka umqamelo
woboya bembuzi endaweni yekhanda laso, wasembesa ngelembu.

14 Lapho uSawuli ethuma izithunywa ukuthatha uDavida, wathi: Uyagula.

15 USawuli wasethuma izithunywa ukumbona uDavida esithi: Menyuseleni kimi
ngombheda ukuze ngimbulale.

16 Lapho izithunywa zingena, khangela-ke, kwakulesithombe embhedeni,
lomqamelo woboya bembuzi endaweni yekhanda laso.

17 USawuli wasesithi kuMikhali: Ungikhohliseleni kanje, wayekela isitha sami
sahamba saphepha? UMikhali wasesithi kuSawuli: Yena uthe kimi: Ngiyekela
ngihambe; ngizakubulalelani?

18 Ngokunjalo uDavida wabaleka waphunyuka, wafika kuSamuweli eRama;
wamtshela konke uSawuli ayekwenze kuye. Yena loSamuweli basebesiyahlala
eNayothi.

19 USawuli wasebikelwa kwathiwa: Khangela, uDavida useNayothi eRama.

20 USawuli wasethuma izithunywa ukumthatha uDavida; lapho zibona ixuku labaprofethi beprofetha, loSamuweli emi engumkhokheli phezu kwabo, uMoya kaNkulunkulu waba phezu kwezithunywa zikaSawuli, lazo zaseziprofetha.

21 Lapho ebikelwa uSawuli, wathuma ezinye izithunywa, zona lazo zaprofetha. USawuli wasephinda ethuma izithunywa ngokwesithathu, zona lazo zaprofetha.

22 Laye wasesiya eRama, wafika emthonjeni omkhulu oseSeku, wabuza wathi: Bangaphi oSamuweli loDavida? Kwathiwa: Khangela, eNayothi eRama.

23 Wasesiya khona eNayothi eRama; loMoya kaNkulunkulu waba phezu kwakhe laye; wahamba ehamba eprofetha waze wafika eNayothi eRama.

24 Laye wasekhulula izigqoko zakhe, laye waprofetha phambi kukaSamuweli, walala phansi enqunu lonke lolosuku labo bonke lobobusuku. Yikho besithi: USawuli laye uphakathi kwabaprofethi yini?

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Ubungane bukaDavida loJonathani

1UDavida wasebaleka esuka eNayothi eRama, wafika wathi phambi kukaJonathani: Ngenzeni? Isiphambeko sami siyini? Lesono sami siyini phambi kukayihlo ukuze adinge umphefumulo wami?

2 Wasesithi kuye: Kakube khatshana! Kawusoze ufe; khangela, ubaba kenzi ulutho olukhulu loba ulutho oluncinyane engakuvezi endlebeni yami. Pho, ubaba uzayifihlelani kimi linto? Kayisikho.

3 UDavida wasefunga futhi wathi: Uyihlo uyakwazi lokwazi ukuthi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho; ngakho uthi: UJonathani kangakwazi hlezi abe losizi. Kodwa ngeqiniso, kuphila kukaJehova njalo kuphila komphefumulo wakho, kukhona inyathelo nje phakathi kwami lokufa.

4 UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida: Lokho umphefumulo wakho okuloyisayo, ngizakwenzela khona.

5 UDavida wasesithi kuJonathani: Khangela, kusasa yikuthwasa kwenyanga; mina-ke ngifanele ukuhlala lokuhlala ukuthi ngidle lenkosi; kodwa ngiyekela ngihambe ngiyecatsha egangeni kuze kube lusuku lwesithathu kusihlwa.

6 Uba uyihlo engiswela lokungiswela, uzakuthi: UDavida ungicelile lokungicela ukuthi agijimele eBhethelehema umuzi wakibo; ngoba kukhona lapho umhlatshelo weminyaka ngeminyaka owenzelwe usendo lonke.

7 Uba esitsho njalo: Kulungile; inceku yakho izakuba lokuthula. Kodwa uba ethukuthela lokuthukuthela, yazi ukuthi ububi buqondwe nguye.

8 Ngakho yenzela inceku yakho umusa, ngoba ulethe inceku yakho esivumelwaneni seNKOSI lawe. Kodwa uba kulesiphambeko kimi, ngibulala wena; ngoba uzangiselani kuyihlo?

9 UJonathani wasesithi: Kakube khatshana lami! Ngoba uba bengisazi lokwazi
ukuthi ububi buqondwe ngubaba ukuthi bukwehlele, mina bengingayikukutshela
yini?

10 UDavida wasesithi kuJonathani: Ngubani ozangitshela uba uyihlo ekuphendula
ngolaka?

11 UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida: Woza siphume siye emmangweni.
Basebephuma bobabili besiya emmangweni.

12 UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida: INKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, lapho
sengimhlolile ubaba phose ngalesisikhathi kusasa loba ngomhlomunye, uba,
khangela, kukuhle kuDavida, uba ngingathumeli kuwe ngalesosikhathi
ngikuveze endlebeni yakho,

13 kayenze njalo iNKOSI kuJonathani, langokunjalo yengezelele. Uba ububi phezu
kwakho bulungile kubaba, ngizakuveza endlebeni yakho, ngikuyekele uhambe
ukuze uhambe ngokuthula. Njalo iNKOSI ibe lawe njengoba yayilobaba.

14 Kawuyikungenzela yini umusa weNKOSI, ngitsho, nxa ngisaphila, ukuze
ngingafi,

15 kodwa kawuyikuquma umusa wakho usuke endlini yami kuze kube phakade,
njalo hatshi lapho iNKOSIisiziqumile izitha zikaDavida, zisuke ngulowo lalowo
ebusweni bomhlaba.

16 Ngokunjalo uJonathani wenza isivumelwano lendlu kaDavida, esithi:
INKOSI kayikubize esandleni sezitha zikaDavida.

17 UJonathani wasephinda wamfungisa uDavida ngenxa yokumthanda kwakhe;
ngoba wayemthanda njengoba ethanda umphefumulo wakhe.

18 UJonathani wasesithi kuye: Kusasa yikuthwasa kwenyanga, njalo uzaswelwa
ngoba isihlalo sakho sizakuba size.

19 Usuhlale insuku ezintathu uzakwehla masinyane, uze endaweni owacatsha
khona ngosuku lwendaba leyo, uzahlala eduze lamatshe e-Ezeli.

20 Mina-ke ngizatshoka imitshoko emithathu eceleni, kungathi ngitshoka ibala.

21 Khangela-ke, ngizathuma umfana ngithi: Hamba uyeyidinga imitshoko. Uba
ngisithi lokuthi emfaneni: Khangela, imitshoko inganeno kwakho, ithathe, ubuye;
ngoba kulokuthula kuwe, njalo kakulandaba, kuphila kukaJehova!

22 Kodwa uba ngisitsho njalo ejaheni: Khangela, imitshoko ingale kwakho; hamba
ngoba iNKOSI ikuyekele uhambe.

23 Mayelana lendaba esikhulume ngayo mina lawe, khangela, iNKOSI iphakathi
kwami lawe kuze kube nininini.

24 Ngakho uDavida wasecatsha emmangweni. Isithwasile inyanga, inkosi yahlala ekudleni ukuze idle.

25 Inkosi yasihlala esihlalweni sayo njengezikhathi ngezikhathi, esihlalweni eduze lomduli; uJonathani wasesukuma, loAbhineri wahlala eceleni kukaSawuli; kodwa indawo kaDavida yayize.

26 Kodwa uSawuli katshongo lutho ngalolosuku; ngoba wathi: Okuthile kumehlele; kahlambulukanga, isibili kahlambulukanga.

27 Kwasekusithi kusisa, ngolwesibili lokuthwasa kwenyanga, indawo kaDavida yayize. USawuli wasesithi kuJonathani indodana yakhe: Kungani indodana kaJese ingezanga ekudleni ngitsho izolo lalamuhla?

28 UJonathani wasephendula uSawuli wathi: UDavida wangicela lokungicela ukuthi aye eBhethelehema.

29 Wasesithi: Akungivumele ukuthi ngihambe; ngoba usendo lwakwethu lulomhlatshelo emzini, lomfowethu ungilayile. Khathesi-ke uba ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, ake ngikhululeke ukuthi ngiyebona abafowethu. Ngenxa yalokho kezanga etafuleni lenkosi.

30 Khona intukuthelo kaSawuli yamvuthela uJonathani, wathi kuye: Ndodana yomfazi owonakeleyo lovukelayo! Kangazi yini ukuthi uyikhethile indodana kaJese, kube lihlazo lakho, njalo kube lihlazo lobunqunu bukanyoko?

31 Ngoba zonke izinsuku indodana kaJese iphila emhlabeni, kawuyikuma wena lombuso wakho. Ngakho-ke thuma umlethe kimi, ngoba uyindodana yokufa.

32 UJonathani wasephendula uSawuli uyise wathi kuye: Uzabulawelwani? Wenzeni?

33 USawuli wasephosa umkhonto kuye ukumtshaya. Ngalokho uJonathani wakwazi ukuthi kwakuqondwe nguyise ukumbulala uDavida.

34 Ngakho uJonathani wasuka etafuleni ekuvutheni kwentukuthelo, njalo kadlanga ukudla ngosuku lwesibili lokuthwasa kwenyanga, ngoba wayedabukile ngoDavida, ngoba uyise emyangisile.

35 Kwasekusithi ekuseni uJonathani waphuma waya emmangweni ngesikhathi esimisiweyo loDavida, lomfanyana elaye.

36 Wasesithi emfaneni wakhe: Gijima, ake udinge imitshoko engiyitshokayo. Umfana wagijima, yena wasetshoka umtshoko ukuze umedlule.

37 Lapho umfana esefikile endaweni yomtshoko uJonathani awutshokileyo, uJonathani wamemeza emva komfana wathi: Umtshoko kawuphambi kwakho yini?

38 Njalo uJonathani wamemeza emva komfana wathi: Phangisa, ukhawuleze, ungemi. Umfana kaJonathani waseyiqoqa imitshoko, wabuya enkosini yakhe.

39 Kodwa umfana wayengazi lutho, kuphela uJonathani loDavida babelwazi udaba.

40 UJonathani wasenika umfana owayelaye izikhali zakhe, wathi kuye: Hamba, uzise emzini.

41 Esehambile umfana, uDavida wasukuma ngaseningizimu, wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini, wakhothama kathathu; basebesangana, bakhala inyembezi omunye lomunye, uDavida waze wedlulisa.

42 UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida: Hamba ngokuthula; lokhu esikufunge sobabili ngebizo leNKOSI, sisithi: INKOSIibe phakathi kwami lawe, laphakathi kwenzalo yami lenzalo yakho, kakube kuze kube nininini. Wasesukuma wahamba, loJonathani waya emzini.

I LUKASAMUWELI 21

UDavida ubalekela uSawuli

1UDavida wasesiza eNobi kuAhimeleki umpristi; uAhimeleki wasesesaba ukuhlangabeza uDavida, wathi kuye: Kungani wena uwedwa, njalo kungelamuntu olawe?

2 UDavida wasesithi kuAhimeleki umpristi: Inkosi ingilaye udaba, yathi kimi: Kakungabi lamuntu owazi lalutho ngaloludaba engikuthuma lona, lengikulaya khona; lamajaha ngiwazisile ngendawo enje lenje.

3 Khathesi-ke kuyini okungaphansi kwesandla sakho? Nika esandleni sami izinkwa ezinhlanu loba okungatholakala.

4 Umpristi wasephendula uDavida wathi: Kakulasinkwa esejwayelekileyo ngaphansi kwesandla sami, kodwa kulesinkwa esingcwele, nxa amajaha ezigcinile esifazaneni kuphela.

5 UDavida wasemphendula umpristi wathi kuye: Isibili abesifazana bavinjelwe kithi phose lezinsuku ezintathu ekuphumeni kwami; lezitsha zamajaha zingcwele; kodwa ngandlela thize sejwayelekile, laphezu kwalokho, ngoba lamuhla singcweliswe ezitsheni.

6 Ngakho umpristi wamnika esingcwele; ngoba kwakungelasinkwa lapho, ngaphandle kwesinkwa sokubukiswa, ebesisuswe phambi kweNKOSI ukuthi kubekwe isinkwa esitshisayo mhla sithathwa.

7 Njalo kwakulomuntu lapho owenceku zikaSawuli mhlalokho, ebambekile phambi kweNKOSI, lebizo lakhe lalinguDowegi umEdoma, induna yabelusi uSawuli ayelabo.

8 UDavida wasesithi kuAhimeleki: Kanti kakulamkhonto loba inkemba lapha ngaphansi kwesandla sakho? Ngoba kokubili inkemba yami lezikhali zami

kangikuthathanga esandleni sami, ngoba udaba lwenkosi lwalungoluphuthunywayo.

9 Umpristi wasesithi: Inkemba kaGoliyathi umFilisti, owambulala esigodini seEla, njalo khangela, igoqelwe ngelembu ngemva kwe-efodi; uba uzithathela yona, ithathe, ngoba kayikho enye lapha ngaphandle kwayo. UDavida wasesithi: Kayikho enjengayo; nginika yona.

10 Wasesukuma uDavida wabaleka ngalolosuku esuka ebusweni bukaSawuli, waya kuAkishi inkosi yeGathi.

11 Izinceku zikaAkishi zasezisithi kuye: Lo kayisuye uDavida yini inkosi yelizwe? Kabahlabelanga yini ngayeemigidweni besithi: USawuli utshayile izinkulungwane zakhe, kodwa uDavida inkulungwane zakhe ezingamatshumi?

12 UDavida wasewafaka lamazwi enhliziyweni yakhe, wamesaba kakhulu uAkishi inkosi yeGathi.

13 Ngakho waguqula ukuziphatha kwakhe emehlweni abo, wazitshaya uhlanya ezandleni zabo, wadweba ezivalweni zamasango, wagxozisela indenda esilevini sakhe.

14 UAkishi wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Khangelani, liyabona ukuthi lumuntu uyahlanya; limletheleni kimi?

15 Ngiswele inhlanya yini ukuthi lilethe lo ukuthi ahlanye phambi kwami? Lo uzangena endlini yami yini?

I LUKASAMUWELI 22

1UDavida wasesuka lapho, waphephela ebhalwini lweAdulamu. Lapho abafowabo lendlu yonke kayise bekuzwa lokho, behlela kuye lapho.

2 Kwasekubuthana kuye wonke umuntu ocindezelweyo, laye wonke umuntu owayelesikwelede, laye wonke umuntu owayebuhlungu emphefumulweni, wasesiba yinduna phezu kwabo, kwaze kwaba laye phose abantu abangamakhulu amane.

3 UDavida wasesuka lapho waya eMizipa yakoMowabi, wathi enkosini yakoMowabi: Ngiyacela ukuthi ubaba lomama baphume lani, ngize ngazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu uzangenzelani.

4 Wasebaletha phambi kwenkosi yakoMowabi, basebehlala layo insuku zonke uDavida esenqabeni.

5 Umprofethi uGadi wasesithi kuDavida: Ungahlali enqabeni; hamba wena ngena elizweni lakoJuda. UDavida wasehamba wangena eguswini leHerethi.

USawuli ubulala abapristi beNobi

6 USawuli wasesizwa ukuthi uDavida uyaziwa labantu ababelaye. USawuli
wayehlezi eGibeya ngaphansi kwesihlahla setamarisiki eRama, elomkhonto
esandleni sakhe, lazo zonke inceku zakhe zazimi laye.

7 USawuli wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe ezazimi laye: Ake lizwe, bakoBhenjamini:
Kambe indodana kaJese izalinika lonke amasimu lezivini, ilibeke lonke libe
zinduna zezinkulungwane lezinduna zamakhulu,

8 ngokuthi lonke lingenzele ugobe, njalo kakho owembule endlebeni yami ukuthi
indodana yami yenza isivumelwano lendodana kaJese; kakho loyedwa kini
ongizwelayo, lowembula endlebeni yami, ukuthi indodana yami ingivusela
inceku yami ukuthi icathame njengalamuhla?

9 Kwasekuphendula uDowegi umEdoma owayemi lenceku zikaSawuli, wathi:
Ngayibona indodana kaJese isiza eNobi kuAhimeleki indodana kaAhitubi.

10 Wasembuzela eNKOSIni, wamnika umphako, lenkemba kaGoliyathi umFilisti
wamnika yona.

11 Inkosi uSawuli yasithuma ukubiza uAhimeleki umpristi, indodana kaAhitubi,
lendlu yonke kayise, abapristi ababeseNobi; bonke basebesiza enkosini.

12 USawuli wasesithi: Ake ulalele, ndodana kaAhitubi. Wasesithi: Khangela
ngilapha, nkosi yami.

13 USawuli wasesithi kuye: Kungani lingenzela ugobe, wena lendodana kaJese,
njengoba wayinika isinkwa lenkemba, wayibuzela kuNkulunkulu, ukuthi
ingivukele icathame njengalamuhla?

14 UAhimeleki waseyiphendula inkosi wathi: Pho, ngubani kuzo zonke inceku
zakho othembekileyo njengoDavida, ongumkhwenyana wenkosi, oqhubeka
ekukulaleleni, lohloniphekayo endlini yakho?

15 Ngiyaqalisa lamuhla yini ukumbuzela kuNkulunkulu? Kakube khatshana lami!
Inkosi kayingabeki udaba encekwini yayo lendlini yonke kababa; ngoba inceku
yakho yayingazi lutho ngaloludaba, oluncinyane kumbe olukhulu.

16 Inkosi yasisithi: Ahimeleki, uzakufa lokufa, wena lendlu yonke kayihlo.

17 Inkosi yasisithi kuzigijimi ezazimi layo: Phendukani, libulale abapristi beNKOSI;
ngoba isandla sabo laso siloDavida, futhi ngoba babesazi ukuthi ubalekile, kodwa
kabembulanga endlebeni yami. Kodwa inceku zenkosi kazithandanga ukwelula
isandla sazo ukuthi zihlasele abapristi beNKOSI.

18 Inkosi yasisithi kuDowegi: Phenduka wena, uhlasele abapristi. UDowegi
umEdoma wasephenduka, yena wahlasela abapristi, wabulala ngalolosuku
abantu abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu ababegqoke i-efodi
yelembu elicolekileyo.

19 LeNobi, umuzi wabapristi, wayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, kusukela endodeni kusiya kowesifazana, kusukela emntwaneni kusiya komunyayo, lezinkabi labobabhemi lezimvu, ngobukhali benkemba.

20 Kodwa omunye wamadodana kaAhimeleki indodana kaAhitubi waphepha, obizo lakhe lalinguAbhiyatha, wabaleka walandela uDavida.

21 UAbhiyatha wasetshela uDavida ukuthi uSawuli ubulele abapristi beNKOSI.

22 UDavida wasesithi kuAbhiyatha: Ngakwazi ngalolosuku lapho uDowegi umEdoma elapho ukuthi uzamtshela lokumtshela uSawuli. Yimi engibangele ukufa kwawo wonke umphefumulo wendlu kayihlo.

23 Hlala lami, ungesabi, ngoba lowo odinga umphefumulo wami udinga umphefumulo wakho; kodwa uzalondolozeka ulami.

I LUKASAMUWELI 23

UDavida uya eKeyila lenkangala yeZifi

1Basebebika kuDavida besithi: Khangela, amaFilisti alwa emelene leKeyila, aphanga amabala okubhulela.

2 UDavida wasebuza eNKOSIni esithi: Ngihambe yini ngitshaye lamaFilisti? INKOSI yasisithi kuDavida: Hamba uyetshaya amaFilisti, usindise iKeyila.

3 Kodwa abantu bakaDavida bathi kuye: Khangela, siyesaba khonapha koJuda; pho, kangakanani uba sisiya eKeyila emaviyweni amaFilisti?

4 UDavida wasephinda futhi ukubuza eNKOSIni. INKOSI yasimphendula yathi: Sukuma wehlele eKeyila, ngoba ngizanikela amaFilisti esandleni sakho.

5 Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe baya eKeyila, balwa lamaFilisti, baqhuba inkomo zawo, bawatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu. Ngalokho uDavida wasindisa abahlali beKeyila.

6 Kwasekusithi lapho uAbhiyatha indodana kaAhimeleki ebalekela kuDavida eKeyila, wehla ele-efodi esandleni sakhe.

7 Kwasekubikwa kuSawuli ukuthi uDavida ungenile eKeyila. USawuli wasesithi: UNkulunkulu umnikele esandleni sami, ngoba uvalelwe ngokungena emzini olamasango lemigoqo.

8 USawuli wasebizela bonke abantu empini ukwehlela eKeyila, ukuvimbezela uDavida labantu bakhe.

9 UDavida wasesazi ukuthi uSawuli wenza iqhinga elibi ngasese ngaye, wathi kuAbhiyatha umpristi: Letha lapha i-efodi.

10 UDavida wasesithi: NKOSI, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, inceku yakho izwile lokuzwa ukuthi uSawuli udinga ukuza eKeyila ukuchitha umuzi ngenxa yami.

11 Abahlali beKeyila bazanginikela esandleni sakhe yini? USawuli uzakwehla yini njengokuzwa kwenceku yakho? NKOSI, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, akuyitshele inceku yakho. INKOSI yasisithi: Uzakwehla.

12 UDavida wasesithi: Abahlali beKeyila bazanginikela mina labantu bami esandleni sikaSawuli yini? INKOSIyasisithi: Bazalinikela.

13 Wasesukuma uDavida labantu bakhe, phose abangamakhulu ayisithupha, baphuma eKeyila, baya lapho ababengaya khona. Lapho uSawuli esetshelwa ukuthi uDavida usephephile eKeyila, wayekela ukuphuma.

14 UDavida wasehlala enkangala ezinqabeni, wahlala ezintabeni enkangala yeZifi. LoSawuli wayemdinga insuku zonke, kodwa uNkulunkulu kamnikelanga esandleni sakhe.

15 UDavida wasebona ukuthi uSawuli wayephumele ukudinga impilo yakhe. UDavida wayesenkangala yeZifi eguswini.

16 UJonathani, indodana kaSawuli, wasesukuma waya kuDavida eguswini, waqinisa isandla sakhe kuNkulunkulu.

17 Wathi kuye: Ungesabi, ngoba isandla sikaSawuli ubaba kasiyikukuthola, njalo uzakuba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, mina-ke ngibe ngowesibili kuwe, loSawuli laye ubaba ukwazi kunjalo.

18 Basebesenza isivumelwano bobabili phambi kweNKOSI; uDavida wasehlala eguswini, loJonathani waya endlini yakhe.

19 AbeZifi basebesenyukela kuSawuli eGibeya bathi: UDavida kacatshanga lathi yini ezinqabeni eguswini, eqaqeni lweHakila engeningizimu kweJeshimoni?

20 Ngakho-ke, ngokwesifiso sonke somphefumulo wakho sokwehla, nkosi, yehla; njalo kungokwethu ukumnikela esandleni senkosi.

21 USawuli wasesithi: Libusisiwe yiNKOSI ngoba liyangizwela.

22 Ake lihambe, libe lilungisa, lazi libone indawo yakhe lapho unyawo lwakhe lukhona, ngubani ombone lapho, ngoba ngitsheliwe ukuthi wenza ngobuqili isibili.

23 Bonani-ke, lizazi zonke indawo zokucatsha lapho acatsha khona, libuye kimi lileqiniso, ngizahamba-ke lani; kuzakuthi-ke nxa ekhona elizweni, ngizamdinga phakathi kwazo zonke inkulungwane zakoJuda.

24 Basebesukuma baya eZifi phambi kukaSawuli; kodwa uDavida labantu bakhe babesenkangala yeMahoni, emagcekeni, ngeningizimu kweJeshimoni.

25 USawuli labantu bakhe basebesiyamdinga. Basebemtshela uDavida, wasesehla edwaleni, wahlala enkangala yeMahoni. Kwathi uSawuli esekuzwile, waxotshana loDavida enkangala yeMahoni.

26 USawuli wasehamba nganeno kuloluhlangothi lwentaba, loDavida labantu bakhe bahamba ngakolunye uhlangothi lwentaba. Kwasekusithi uDavida waphangisa ukusuka ebusweni bukaSawuli, ngoba uSawuli labantu bakhe bahanqa uDavida labantu bakhe ukubabamba.

27 Kodwa kwafika isithunywa kuSawuli sisithi: Phangisa ubuye, ngoba amaFilisti asehlasele ilizwe.

28 Ngakho uSawuli waphenduka ekuxotshaneni loDavida, wayamelana lamaFilisti. Ngakho bayibiza leyondawo bathi yiSela-Hamalekoti.

29 UDavida wasesenyuka esuka lapho, wahlala ezinqabeni zeEngedi.

I LUKASAMUWELI 24

UDavida uyekela uSawuli ukuthi aphile

1 Kwasekusithi uSawuli esebuyile ekulandeleni amaFilisti, bambikela besithi: Khangela, uDavida usenkangala yeEngedi.

2 USawuli wasethatha amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezintathu akhethiweyo kuIsrayeli wonke, wayadinga uDavida labantu bakhe phezu kwamadwala amagogo.

3 Wasefika ezibayeni zezimvu endleleni, lapho okwakulobhalu khona; uSawuli wasengena ukwembesa inyawo zakhe; uDavida labantu bakhe babehlezi-ke enhlangothini zobhalu.

4 Abantu bakaDavida basebesithi kuye: Khangela, usuku iNKOSI ethi ngalo kuwe: Khangela, ngizanikela isitha sakho esandleni sakho, ukuthi wenze kuso njengokuhle emehlweni akho. UDavida wasesukuma, wasika ensitha umphetho wesembatho uSawuli ayelaso.

5 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho inhliziyo kaDavida yamtshaya, ngenxa yokuthi wayesike umphetho wesembatho uSawuli ayelaso.

6 Wasesithi ebantwini bakhe: Kakube khatshana lami ngeNKOSI ukuthi ngenze linto enkosini yami, ogcotshiweyo weNKOSI, ukwelulela isandla sami kuye, ngoba engogcotshiweyo weNKOSI.

7 UDavida wabanqanda abantu bakhe ngalawomazwi, kabavumelanga ukuthi bamvukele uSawuli. USawuli wasesukuma waphuma ebhalwini, wahamba endleleni.

8 Emva kwalokho uDavida laye wasukuma waphuma ebhalwini, wamemeza emva kukaSawuli esithi: Nkosi yami nkosi! Lapho uSawuli enyemukula, uDavida wakhothama ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhonza.

9 UDavida wasesithi kuSawuli: Ulalelelani amazwi abantu besithi: Khangela, uDavida udinga ukulinyazwa kwakho?

10 Khangela, lamuhla amehlo akho abonile ukuthi iNKOSI ibikunikele lamuhla esandleni sami ebhalwini; njalo besithi kangikubulale, kodwa ngakuhawukela, ngathi: Kangiyikwelulela isandla sami enkosini yami, ngoba ingogcotshiweyo weNKOSI.

11 Futhi-ke, baba, bona, yebo bona umphetho wesembatho sakho esandleni sami; ngoba ekusikeni kwami umphetho wesembatho sakho, lokuthi kangikubulalanga, yazi ubone ukuthi kakukho ububi lesiphambeko esandleni sami, njalo kangonanga kuwe, kanti wena uzingela umphefumulo wami ukuwuthatha.

12 INKOSI kayahlulele phakathi kwami lawe, njalo iNKOSI ingiphindiselele kuwe, kodwa isandla sami kasiyikumelana lawe.

13 Njengokutsho kwesaga sabendulo esithi: Kwababi kuvela okubi; kodwa isandla sami kasiyikumelana lawe.

14 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli iphume ukulandela bani? Uxotshana lobani? Emva kwenja efileyo, emva kwendwebundwebu eyodwa!

15 Ngakho iNKOSI kayibe ngumahluleli, yahlulele phakathi kwami lawe, ibone, ilumele udaba lwami, ingikhulule esandleni sakho.

16 Kwasekusithi uDavida eseqedile ukukhuluma lamazwi kuSawuli, uSawuli wathi: Yilizwi lakho lelo yini, ndodana yami, Davida? USawuli wasephakamisa ilizwi lakhe, wakhala inyembezi.

17 Wasesithi kuDavida: Ulungile kulami, ngoba wena ungivuze ngokuhle, kodwa mina ngikuvuze ngokubi.

18 Wena-ke utshengisile lamuhla ukuthi wenze okuhle ngami, ngoba lapho iNKOSI ibinginikele esandleni sakho, kawungibulalanga.

19 Ngoba nxa umuntu efica isitha sakhe, uzasiyekela sihambe ngendlela enhle yini? Ngakho iNKOSI ikuvuzengokuhle ngokwenze kimi lamuhla.

20 Manje-ke, khangela, ngiyazi ukuthi uzakuba yinkosi isibili, lokuthi umbuso wakoIsrayeli uzaqiniswa esandleni sakho.

21 Ngakho khathesi funga kimi ngeNKOSI ukuthi kawuyikuyiquma inzalo yami emva kwami, lokuthi kawuyikulicitsha ibizo lami endlini kababa.

22 UDavida wasefunga kuSawuli, loSawuli waya endlini yakhe, kodwa uDavida labantu bakhe benyukela enqabeni.

I LUKASAMUWELI 25

UDavida loAbigayili

1USamuweli wasesifa; loIsrayeli wonke wahlangana, bamlilela, bamngcwabela endlini yakhe eRama. UDavida wasesukuma wehlela enkangala yeParani.

2 Kwakukhona-ke indoda eMahoni, lomsebenzi wayo wawuseKharmeli; lindoda-
ke yayiyisikhulu esikhulu, yayilezimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezintathu lembuzi
eziyinkulungwane, yayigunda izimvu zayo eKharmeli.

3 Njalo ibizo laleyondoda lalinguNabali, lebizo lomkayo lalinguAbigayili. Njalo
owesifazana wayelokuqedisisa okuhle, elesimo esihle, kodwa indoda yayilukhuni
ilezenzo ezimbi; yayingeyakoKalebi.

4 UDavida wasesizwa esenkangala ukuthi uNabali ugunda izimvu zakhe.

5 UDavida wasethuma amajaha alitshumi, uDavida wathi emajaheni: Yenyukelani
eKharmeli, liye kuNabali, limbuze impilo ebizweni lami,

6 lizakutsho njalo: Impilakahle kayibe kuwe, ukuthula kakube kuwe, lokuthula
kakube sendlini yakho, lokuthula kakube kukho konke olakho!

7 Sengizwile-ke ukuthi ulabagundi; abelusi olabo-ke babelathi, kasibalimazanga,
futhi kabaswelanga lutho zonke izinsuku beseKharmeli.

8 Buza amajaha akho, azakutshela. Ngakho amajaha kawathole umusa emehlweni
akho, ngoba sifike ngosuku oluhle. Akunike inceku zakho lendodana yakho
uDavida lokho isandla sakho esizakuthola.

9 Kwathi amajaha kaDavida esefikile, akhuluma kuNabali ngokwalawomazwi
wonke ebizweni likaDavida, aselinda.

10 UNabali waseziphendula izinceku zikaDavida, wathi: Ngubani uDavida? Njalo
ngubani indodana kaJese? Lamuhla zinengi inceku ezibalekayo, ileyo laleyo
enkosini yayo.

11 Pho, ngithathe isinkwa sami, lamanzi ami, lenyama yami engiyihlabele
abagundi bami, ngikuphe abantu engingazi ukuthi bavela ngaphi?

12 Amajaha kaDavida asephendukela endleleni yawo, abuyela, eza, ambikela
njengawo wonke lamazwi.

13 UDavida wasesithi ebantwini bakhe: Bhincani, ngulowo lalowo inkemba
yakhe! Babhinca, ngulowo lalowo inkemba yakhe, loDavida laye wabhinca
inkemba yakhe; kwasekusenyuka emva kukaDavida phose amadoda
angamakhulu amane, kodwa angamakhulu amabili ahlala empahleni.

14 Kodwa elinye ijaha lamajaha lamtshela uAbigayili umkaNabali lathi: Khangela,
uDavida uthume izithunywa zivela enkangala ukubingelela inkosi yethu, kodwa
yazithethisa.

15 Kanti labobantu basiphatha kuhle kakhulu, kasilimalanga, kasiswelanga lutho
zonke izinsuku sihambisana labo, sisemmangweni.

16 Babengumduli kithi ebusuku kanye lemini, zonke izinsuku silabo seluse
izimvu.

17 Khathesi-ke, yazi ubone ukuthi uzakwenzani; ngoba ububi buqunyelwe inkosi yethu lendlu yayo yonke; ngoba uyindodana kaBheliyali okungangokuthi kakho ongakhuluma laye.

18 UAbigayili wasephangisa wathatha izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, lembodlela ezimbili zewayini, lezimvu ezinhlanu ezilungisiweyo, lamaseya amane amabele akhanzingiweyo, lamahlukuzo alikhulu ezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo, lezinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili zomkhiwa, wakuthwalisa obabhemi.

19 Wasesithi emajaheni akhe: Dlulani phambi kwami; khangelani, ngiyalilandela. Kodwa kamtshelanga umkakhe uNabali.

20 Kwasekusithi esagade ubabhemi esehlela endaweni esithekileyo yentaba, khangela-ke, uDavida labantu bakhe behla behlangabezana laye; wasehlangana labo.

21 Njalo uDavida wayethe: Isibili ngigcine ngeze konke lo ayelakho enkangala, kakwaze kwasweleka lutho kukho konke ayelakho. Usengibuyisele okubi ngokuhle.

22 UNkulunkulu akenze njalo ezitheni zikaDavida, engezelele ngokunjalo, uba ngitshiya loyedwa kubo bonke alabo kuze kube sekuseni abachamela emdulini.

23 Lapho uAbigayili ebona uDavida, waphangisa wehla kubabhemi, wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe phansi phambi kukaDavida, wakhothamela emhlabathini.

24 Wawela enyaweni zakhe wathi: Lobububi kabube phezu kwami mina, nkosi yami; incekukazi yakho ake ikhulume endlebeni zakho, uzwe amazwi encekukazi yakho.

25 Inkosi yami ake inganaki lowomuntu kaBheliyali, uNabali; ngoba njengebizo lakhe unjalo; uNabali libizo lakhe, lobuthutha bukuye. Kodwa mina, incekukazi yakho, kangiwabonanga amajaha enkosi yami owawathumayo.

26 Ngakho-ke, nkosi yami, kuphila kukaJehova, lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, njengoba iNKOSI ikunqandile ukungena ngokuchitha igazi, lokuziphindisela ngesandla sakho, ngalokho-ke kazibe njengoNabali izitha zakho lalabo abadinga ububi enkosini yami.

27 Manje-ke, lesisibusiso incekukazi yakho esilethe enkosini yami kasinikwe amajaha ahamba esiya le lale emanyathelweni enkosi yami.

28 Akuthethelele isiphambeko sencekukazi yakho; ngoba iNKOSI izakwenzela lokwenzela inkosi yami indlu eqinileyo, ngoba inkosi yami ilwa izimpi zeNKOSI, lobubi kabutholwanga kuwe kusukela ensukwini zakho.

29 Loba kusukuma umuntu ukukuxotsha lokudinga impilo yakho, kodwa umphefumulo wenkosi yami uzabotshelwa emqulwini wabaphilayo

leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho; kodwa umphefumulo wezitha zakho izawujikijela kungathi uphume phakathi kwesavutha.

30 Kwasekusithi, lapho iNKOSI isikwenzile enkosini yami njengakho konke okuhle ekukhulume ngawe, isikumisile waba ngumbusi phezu kukaIsrayeli,

31 kakungabi yisikhubekiso kuwe lokukhubekiswa kwenhliziyo enkosini yami, ngokuthi uchithe igazi ngeze, lokuthi inkosi yami iziphindisele. Lapho iNKOSI isiyenzele okuhle inkosi yami, khumbula incekukazi yakho.

32 UDavida wasesithi kuAbigayili: Kayibusiswe iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ekuthumileyo lamuhla ukungihlangabeza.

33 Futhi kakubusiswe ukuqedisisa kwakho, ubusiswe lawe onginqandileyo lamuhla ukuze ngingangeni ekuchitheni igazi lokuziphindisela ngesandla sami.

34 Ngoba ngeqiniso, kuphila kukaJehova uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, onginqandileyo ukuze ngingenzi ububi kuwe, ngoba uba ubungaphangisanga weza ukungihlangabeza, sibili, bekungayikusala loyedwa kuNabali kuze kube sekukhanyeni kwekuseni ochamela emdulini.

35 UDavida wasesemukela esandleni sakhe lokho amlethele khona. Wasesithi kuye: Yenyukela ngokuthula endlini yakho; bona, ngililalele ilizwi lakho, ngibemukele ubuso bakho.

36 UAbigayili wasefika kuNabali, khangela-ke, wayeledili endlini yakhe, njengedili lenkosi. Lenhliziyo kaNabali yathokoza phakathi kwakhe, njalo wayedakwe kwedlulisa; ngakho kamtshelanga lutho, oluncinyane loba olukhulu, kwaze kwaba sekukhanyeni kwekuseni.

37 Kwasekusithi ekuseni lapho iwayini seliphumile kuNabali, lomkakhe esemtshele lezizinto, inhliziyo yakhe yafa phakathi kwakhe, wasesiba njengelitshe.

38 Kwasekusithi phose emva kwensuku ezilitshumi iNKOSI yamtshaya uNabali, wasesifa.

39 UDavida esezwile ukuthi uNabali usefile wathi: Kayibusiswe iNKOSI emele udaba lwehlazo lami esandleni sikaNabali, yavimbela inceku yayo ebubini; iNKOSI yabuyisela-ke ububi bukaNabali ekhanda lakhe. UDavida wasethuma, wakhuluma loAbigayili ukuthi amthathe abe ngumkakhe.

40 Lapho izinceku zikaDavida zifika kuAbigayili eKharmeli, zakhuluma laye zisithi: UDavida usithumile kuwe ukukuthatha ube ngumkakhe.

41 Wasesukuma, wakhothama ngobuso emhlabathini, wathi: Khangela, incekukazi yakho kayibe yisigqili sokugezisa inyawo zenceku zenkosi yami.

42 UAbigayili wasephangisa esukuma, wagada ubabhemi, lentombi zakhe ezinhlanu ezazimphelekezela, walandela izithunywa zikaDavida, waba ngumkakhe.

43 UDavida wathatha loAhinowama weJizereyeli, labo bobabili baba ngomkakhe.

44 Ngoba uSawuli wayenike uMikhali indodakazi yakhe, umkaDavida, kuPaliti indodana kaLayishi owayengoweGalimi.

I LUKASAMUWELI 26

UDavida uyekela uSawuli ngokwesibili ukuthi aphile

1 AbeZifi basebesiza kuSawuli eGibeya besithi: UDavida kacatshi yini oqaqeni lweHakila phambi kweJeshimoni?

2 USawuli wasesukuma wehlela enkangala yeZifi elabantu abakhethiweyo bakoIsrayeli abayizinkulungwane ezintathu, ukuze adinge uDavida enkangala yeZifi.

3 USawuli wasemisa inkamba oqaqeni lweHakila oluphambi kweJeshimoni endleleni, kodwa uDavida wahlala enkangala. Kwathi esebonile ukuthi uSawuli uyamlandela enkangala,

4 uDavida wasethuma izinhloli ukuze azi ukuthi uSawuli ufikile isibili.

5 UDavida wasesukuma wayafika endaweni lapho uSawuli amise khona inkamba; uDavida wayibona indawo lapho uSawuli alala khona, loAbhineri indodana kaNeri, induna yebutho lakhe. Njalo uSawuli wayelele enqabeni yezinqola, lesizwe sasimise amathente simhanqile.

6 UDavida wasephendula wakhuluma kuAhimeleki umHethi, lakuAbishayi indodana kaZeruya, umfowabo kaJowabi, esithi: Ngubani ozakwehlela lami kuSawuli enkambeni? UAbishayi wasesithi: Mina ngizakwehla lawe.

7 Ngakho uDavida loAbishayi bafika ebantwini ebusuku; khangela-ke, uSawuli wayelele ubuthongo enqabeni yezinqola, lomkhonto wakhe wawugxunyekiwe emhlabathini ngasekhanda lakhe, loAbhineri labantu babelele bemhanqile.

8 UAbishayi wasesithi kuDavida: UNkulunkulu uvalele isitha sakho esandleni sakho lamuhla; ngakho-ke ake ngimtshayele ngitsho emhlabathini kanye ngomkhonto, ngingakuphindi kuye.

9 Kodwa uDavida wathi kuAbishayi: Ungamchithi; ngoba ngubani ongelulela isandla sakhe kogcotshiweyo weNKOSI angabi lacala?

10 UDavida wathi futhi: Kuphila kukaJehova, kodwa iNKOSI izamtshaya, loba kufike usuku lwakhe ukuthi afe, kumbe ehlele empini abhujiswe.

11 Kakube khatshana lami ngeNKOSI ukwelulela isandla sami kogcotshiweyo weNKOSI; kodwa khathesi ake uthathe umkhonto osemqamelweni wakhe, lesigxingi samanzi, sihambe.

12 UDavida wasethatha umkhonto lesigxingi samanzi ekususa emqamelweni kaSawuli, bahamba. Njalo kakho owakubonayo, kakho owakwaziyo, kakho owavukayo, ngoba bonke babelele, ngoba ubuthongo obunzima beNKOSIbabubehlele.

13 Lapho uDavida esechaphele ngaphetsheya, wema engqongeni yentaba khatshana; kwakukhona ummango omkhulu phakathi kwabo.

14 UDavida wasememeza ebantwini lakuAbhineri indodana kaNeri, esithi: Kawuphenduli yini, Abhineri? UAbhineri wasephendula esithi: Ungubani okhala enkosini?

15 UDavida wasesithi kuAbhineri: Kawusindoda yini? Njalo ngubani onjengawe koIsrayeli? Kungani-ke ungayilindanga inkosi yakho inkosi? Ngoba kufike omunye wabantu ukuchitha inkosi, inkosi yakho.

16 Kayinhle into oyenzileyo. Kuphila kukaJehova, lingabantwana bokufa, ngoba kaliyilindanga inkosi yenu, ogcotshiweyo weNKOSI. Khathesi-ke bona ukuthi ungaphi umkhonto wenkosi lesigxingi samanzi ebesingasemqamelweni wayo.

17 USawuli waselinanzelela ilizwi likaDavida wathi: Yilizwi lakho lelo yini, ndodana yami, Davida? UDavida wasesithi: Yilizwi lami, nkosi yami, nkosi.

18 Wathi njalo: Inkosi yami ixotshanelani lenceku yayo? Ngoba ngenzeni? Kulobubi bani esandleni sami?

19 Ngakho-ke, ake izwe inkosi yami, inkosi, amazwi enceku yayo. Uba iNKOSI ikuqubula ukumelana lami, kayemukele umnikelo; kodwa uba kungabantwana babantu, kabaqalekiswe phambi kweNKOSI; ngoba bangixotshile lamuhla ukuthi ngingazihlanganisi lelifa leNKOSI, besithi: Hamba, ukhonze abanye onkulunkulu.

20 Ngakho-ke igazi lami kalingaweli emhlabathini lisuke phambi kobuso beNKOSI; ngoba inkosi yakoIsrayeli iphumele ukudinga indwebundwebu eyodwa, njengozingela ithendele ezintabeni.

21 USawuli wasesithi: Ngonile; buya, ndodana yami Davida, ngoba kangisayikwenza ububi kuwe, ngenxa yokuthi umphefumulo wami ubuligugu emehlweni akho lamuhla. Khangela, ngenze ngobuphukuphuku, ngaduha kakhulu sibili.

22 UDavida wasephendula wathi: Khangela, umkhonto wenkosi! Kalichaphe elinye lamajaha, liwuthathe.

23 INKOSI kayibuyisele kulowo lalowo ukulunga kwakhe lokuthembeka kwakhe;
ngoba iNKOSI ibikunikele esandleni sami lamuhla, kodwa kangithandanga
ukwelulela isandla sami kogcotshiweyo weNKOSI.

24 Khangela-ke, njengoba impilo yakho ibinkulu emehlweni ami lamuhla,
ngokunjalo impilo yami ayibe nkulu emehlweni eNKOSI, kayingophule
ekuhluphekeni konke.

25 USawuli wasesithi kuDavida: Kawubusiswe wena, ndodana yami Davida. Lawe
uzakwenza isibili, lawe uzanqoba lokunqoba. UDavida wasehamba ngendlela
yakhe, loSawuli wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

I LUKASAMUWELI 27

UDavida uhlala phakathi kwamaFilisti

1UDavida wasesithi enhliziyweni yakhe: Sengizabhubha ngolunye usuku
ngesandla sikaSawuli. Kakulalutho olungcono kimi ngaphandle kokuphepha
lokuphepha ngiye elizweni lamaFilisti, loSawuli uzadela ngami ukungidinga futhi
kuwo wonke umngcele wakoIsrayeli; ngokunjalo ngiphephe esandleni sakhe.

2 Wasesukuma uDavida wachapha, yena labantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha
ayelabo, waya kuAkishi indodana kaMahoki, inkosi yeGathi.

3 UDavida wasehlala loAkishi eGathi, yena labantu bakhe, ngulowo lalowo lendlu
yakhe; uDavida labomkakhe bobabili, uAhinowama umJizereyelikazi loAbigayili
umKharmelikazi umkaNabali.

4 Kwathi kubikwa kuSawuli ukuthi uDavida ubalekele eGathi, kabe esamdinga
futhi.

5 UDavida wasesithi kuAkishi: Uba khathesi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho,
kabangiphe indawo komunye wemizi emaphandleni ukuthi ngihlale khona;
ngoba inceku yakho izahlalelani lawe emzini wenkosi?

6 UAkishi wasemnika iZikilagi ngalolosuku. Ngakho iZikilagi ingeyamakhosi
akoJuda kuze kube lamuhla.

7 Lenani lensuku uDavida azihlala elizweni lamaFilisti lalingumnyaka lenyanga
ezine.

8 UDavida labantu bakhe basebesenyuka bahlasela amaGeshuri lamaGirizi,
lamaAmaleki, ngoba lawo ayengabahlali balelolizwe kwasendulo, lapho usiya
eShuri, njalo kuze kube selizweni leGibhithe.

9 UDavida waselitshaya ilizwe, kazatshiya ophilayo, owesilisa lowesifazana,
wathatha izimvu lenkomo labobabhemi lamakamela lezigqoko, wabuyela wafika
kuAkishi.

10 Lapho uAkishi esithi: Belihlasela ngaphi lamuhla? UDavida wayesithi: Ngaseningizimu yakoJuda, langaseningizimu yamaJerameli, langaseningizimu yamaKeni.

11 UDavida katshiyanga owesilisa kumbe owesifazana ophilayo, ukuletha ilizwi eGathi, esithi: Hlezi bakhulume ngathi, besithi: Wenze njalo uDavida. Wawunjalo-ke umkhuba wakhe zonke izinsuku azihlala elizweni lamaFilisti.

12 UAkishi wasemkholwa uDavida esithi: Uzenze waba levumba kakhulu ebantwini bakibo koIsrayeli. Ngakho uzakuba yinceku yami kuze kube nininini.

I LUKASAMUWELI 28

1Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku amaFilisti abuthanisela impi amabutho awo ukuze alwe loIsrayeli. UAkishi wasesithi kuDavida: Yazi lokwazi ukuthi uzaphuma impi lami, wena labantu bakho.

2 UDavida wasesithi kuAkishi: Sibili, wena uzakwazi ukuthi inceku yakho ingenzani. UAkishi wasesithi kuDavida: Ngakho, ngizakubeka ube ngumlindi wekhanda lami zonke izinsuku.

USawuli lowesifazana oledlozi eEndori

3 USamuweli wayesefile, loIsrayeli wonke wayemlilele, bamngcwabela eRama, ngitsho emzini wakibo. USawuli wayebasusile-ke elizweni abalamadlozi labalumbayo.

4 AmaFilisti asebuthana afika amisa inkamba eShunemi. USawuli wasebuthanisa uIsrayeli wonke, bamisa inkamba eGilibowa.

5 Lapho uSawuli ebona inkamba yamaFilisti, wesaba, lenhliziyo yakhe yathuthumela kakhulu.

6 Lapho uSawuli ebuza eNKOSIni, iNKOSI kayimphendulanga langamaphupho langeUrimi langabaprofethi.

7 USawuli wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Ngidingelani owesifazana oledlozi ukuze ngiye kuye, ngibuze kuye. Inceku zakhe zasezisithi kuye: Khangela, kulowesifazana oledlozi eEndori.

8 USawuli wasezifihla isimo, wagqoka ezinye izigqoko, wahamba, yena lamadoda amabili laye; basebefika kowesifazana ebusuku. Wathi: Akungivumisele ngedlozi, ungenyusele engizamutsho kuwe.

9 Kodwa owesifazana wathi kuye: Khangela, wena uyazi ukuthi uSawuli wenzeni, ukuthi ubaqumile elizweni abalamadlozi labalumbayo. Pho, uwuthiyelani umphefumulo wami ukungibulala?

10 Kodwa uSawuli wafunga kuye ngeNKOSI, esithi: Kuphila kukaJehova, isijeziso kasiyikuza kuwe ngaloludaba.

11 Owesifazana wasesithi: Ngikwenyusele bani? Wasesithi: Ngenyusela uSamuweli.

12 Lapho owesifazana ebona uSamuweli, wakhala ngelizwi elikhulu; owesifazana wasekhuluma kuSawuli esithi: Ungikhohliseleni? Ngoba unguSawuli.

13 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ungesabi; kodwa ubonani? Owesifazana wasesithi kuSawuli: Ngibona onkulunkulu besenyuka emhlabathini.

14 Wasesithi kuye: Sinjani isimo sakhe? Wasesithi: Kwenyuka ixhegu elembethe isembatho. Lapho uSawuli esesazi ukuthi nguSamuweli, wakhothama ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhonza.

15 USamuweli wasesithi kuSawuli: Ungikhathazeleni ngokungenyusa? USawuli wasephendula wathi: Ngibandezelekile kakhulu, ngoba amaFilisti alwa lami, loNkulunkulu usukile kimi, kasangiphenduli, langesandla sabaprofethi langamaphupho. Ngakho ngikubizile ukuthi ungazise ukuthi ngenzeni.

16 USamuweli wasesithi: Pho, ubuzelani kimi, lokhu iNKOSI isisukile kuwe, yaba yisitha sakho?

17 INKOSI isizenzele njengokukhuluma kwayo ngesandla sami; iNKOSI isidabule umbuso usuka esandleni sakho, yawunika umakhelwane wakho, uDavida.

18 Njengoba ungalilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI, futhi ungenzanga ukuvutha kolaka lwayo kumaAmaleki, ngakho iNKOSI yenzile linto kuwe lamuhla.

19 Futhi iNKOSI izanikela uIsrayeli laye kanye lawe esandleni samaFilisti; kusasa-ke wena lamadodana akho lizakuba lami. Lenkamba yakoIsrayeli iNKOSI izayinikela esandleni samaFilisti.

20 USawuli wasehle edilikela emhlabathini, ngokuphelela kobude bakhe, wesaba kakhulu ngenxa yamazwi kaSamuweli, njalo kwakungelamandla kuye, ngoba wayengadlanga kudla usuku lonke lobusuku bonke.

21 Owesifazana wasesiza kuSawuli, wabona ukuthi wethukile kakhulu, wathi kuye: Khangela, incekukazi yakho ililalele ilizwi lakho, ngifakile umphefumulo wami esandleni sami, ngalalela amazwi owakhulume kimi.

22 Ngakho-ke lawe akulalele ilizwi lencekukazi yakho, ngifake phambi kwakho ucezwana lwesinkwa ukuze udle, ukuze amandla abe kuwe nxa uhamba indlela yakho.

23 Kodwa wala wathi: Kangiyikudla. Kodwa inceku zakhe kanye lowesifazana bamcindezela; waselalela ilizwi labo. Wasesukuma emhlabathini, wahlala embhedeni.

24 Njalo owesifazana wayelethole elinonileyo endlini; waphangisa walihlaba; wathatha impuphu, wayixova, wabhaka isinkwa esingelamvubelo ngayo;

25 wasisondeza phambi kukaSawuli laphambi kwenceku zakhe; badla. Basukuma bahamba ngalobobusuku.

I LUKASAMUWELI 29

UDavida uxotshwa ngamaFilisti

1 AmaFilisti ayebuthanise-ke wonke amabutho awo eAfeki; lamaIsrayeli ayemise inkamba ngasemthonjenioseJizereyeli.

2 Iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zasezidlula ngamakhulu langezinkulungwane, kodwa uDavida labantu bakhe bedlula emuva loAkishi.

3 Induna zamaFilisti zasezisithi: Ayini lamaHebheru? UAkishi wasesithi kuzo induna zamaFilisti: Lo kayisuye uDavida yini, inceku kaSawuli inkosi yakoIsrayeli, obelami lezinsuku kumbe liminyaka? Njalo kangitholanga lutho kuye kusukela kusuku lokuwa kwakhe kuze kube lamuhla.

4 Kodwa induna zamaFilisti zamthukuthelela; izinduna zamaFilisti zathi kuye: Mbuyisele lumuntu ukuthi abuyele endaweni yakhe owambeka khona. Njalo kangehleli empini lathi, ukuze angabi yisitha sethu empini. Ngoba lo angazenza athandeke ngani enkosini yakhe? Hatshi ngamakhanda alamadoda yini?

5 Lo kayisuye uDavida yini ababevumelana ngaye emigidweni besithi: USawuli utshaye izinkulungwane zakhe, kodwa uDavida inkulungwane zakhe ezingamatshumi?

6 UAkishi wasebiza uDavida wathi kuye: Kuphila kukaJehova, isibili wena uqondile, lokuphuma kwakho lokungena kwakho lami enkambeni kuhle emehlweni ami; ngoba kangitholanga ububi kuwe kusukela osukwini lokufika kwakho kimi kuze kube lamuhla; kodwa emehlweni eziphathamandla kawumuhle.

7 Ngakho-ke buyela uhambe ngokuthula, ukuze ungenzi ububi emehlweni eziphathamandla zamaFilisti.

8 UDavida wasesithi kuAkishi: Kodwa ngenzeni? Uficeni encekwini yakho, kusukela osukwini engangiphambi kwakho ngalo kuze kube lamuhla, ukuthi ngingayikulwa lezitha zenkosi yami, inkosi?

9 UAkishi wasephendula wathi kuDavida: Ngiyazi ukuthi ulungile emehlweni ami njengengilosi kaNkulunkulu; kodwa izinduna zamaFilisti zithe: Kayikwenyukela empini lathi.

10 Ngakho-ke ubovuka ekuseni kakhulu kanye lenceku zenkosi yakho ezifike lawe; selivuke ekuseni kakhulu sekukhanya kini, lihambe.

11 Ngakho uDavida wavuka ngovivi, yena labantu bakhe, ukuhamba ekuseni, ukuthi babuyele elizweni lamaFilisti. AmaFilisti asesenyukela eJizereyeli.

I LUKASAMUWELI 30

UDavida uchitha amaAmaleki

1Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithathu, lapho uDavida labantu bakhe befika
eZikilagi, amaAmaleki ayehlasele iningizimu, leZikilagi, ayitshaya iZikilagi,
ayitshisa ngomlilo,

2 athumba abesifazana ababephakathi kwayo; kusukela komncinyane kuze kube
komkhulu kawabulalanga muntu, kodwa abaqhuba, ahamba ngendlela yawo.

3 Lapho uDavida labantu bakhe befika emzini, khangela, wawutshisiwe ngomlilo,
labomkabo, lamadodana abo lamadodakazi abo sebethunjiwe.

4 UDavida labantu ababelaye basebephakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi
akaze aba khona kubo amandla okukhala.

5 OmkaDavida bobabili labo babethunjiwe, uAhinowama umJizereyelikazi
loAbigayili umkaNabali weKharmeli.

6 UDavida wasecindezeleka kakhulu, ngoba abantu babekhuluma ngokumkhanda
ngamatshe, ngoba umphefumulo wabantu bonke wawubuhlungu, ngulowo
lalowo ngenxa yamadodana langenxa yamadodakazi akhe. Kodwa uDavida
waziqinisa ngeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe.

7 UDavida wasesithi kuAbhiyatha umpristi indodana kaAhimeleki: Akungilethele
lapha i-efodi. UAbhiyatha waseyiletha i-efodi kuDavida.

8 UDavida wasebuza eNKOSIni esithi: Ngixotshane laleliviyo yini? Ngizalifica yini?
Yasisithi kuye: Xotshana lalo, ngoba uzalifica lokulifica, ubakhulule
lokubakhulula.

9 Ngakho uDavida wahamba, yena labantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha
ababelaye, bafika esifuleni iBesori lapho abasalayo bahlala khona.

10 Kodwa uDavida waxotshana labo, yena labantu abangamakhulu amane; ngoba
abangamakhulu amabili basala, ababekhathele kakhulu ukuthi
babengelakuchapha isifula iBesori.

11 Basebefica umGibhithe emmangweni, bamletha kuDavida, bamnika ukudla,
wadla, bamnathisa amanzi;

12 bamnika ucezu lwesinkwa somkhiwa lamahlukuzo amabili ezithelo zevini
ezonyisiweyo. Kwathi esedlile umoya wabuyela kuye, ngoba wayengadlanga
kudla, enganathanga manzi, insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu.

13 UDavida wasesithi kuye: Ungokabani? Uvela ngaphi? Wasesithi: Ngilijaha
leGibhithe, inceku yomAmaleki, lenkosi yami ingitshiyile ngoba bengigula
okwensuku ezintathu.

14 Thina besihlasela iningizimu yamaKerethi, lakwelakoJuda, leningizimu
yakoKalebi, leZikilagi sayitshisa ngomlilo.

15 UDavida wasesithi kulo: Ungangehlisela kuleloviyo yini? Laselisithi: Funga kimi ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi kawuyikungibulala, njalo kawuyikunginikela esandleni senkosi yami, besengikwehlisela kuleloviyo.

16 Selimehlisile, khangela, babehlakazekile ebusweni bomhlaba wonke, besidla, benatha, begidela impango enkulu ababeyithethe elizweni lamaFilisti lelizweni lakoJuda.

17 UDavida wasebatshaya kusukela libantubahle kwaze kwaba kusihlwa kosuku olulandelayo lwabo. Njalo kakuphunyukanga muntu kubo, ngaphandle kwamajaha angamakhulu amane, agada amakamela, abaleka.

18 UDavida wasekhulula konke amaAmaleki ayekuthethe, labomkakhe bobabili uDavida wabakhulula.

19 Njalo kakusilelanga lutho kubo kusukela komncinyane kuze kube komkhulu, kuze kube semadodaneni lemadodakazini, lempangweni, ngitsho lakuphi ababezithathele khona; uDavida wakubuyisa konke.

20 UDavida wasethatha zonke izimvu lenkomo. Baziqhuba phambi kwenkomo lezo, bathi: Le yimpango kaDavida.

21 UDavida wasefika kulabobantu abangamakhulu amabili ababekhathele kakhulu ukuthi babengelakulandela uDavida, abathi kabahlale esifuleni seBesori; basebephuma ukumhlangabeza uDavida lokuhlangabeza abantu ababelaye. Lapho uDavida esondela kubantu, wababuza impilakahle.

22 Basebephendula bonke abantu ababi labakaBheliyali phakathi kwabantu ababehambe loDavida bathi: Njengoba bengahambanga lathi, kasiyikubanika empangweni esiyikhululileyo, ngaphandle kwakuleyo laleyondoda umkayo labantwana bayo, ukuthi babakhokhele bahambe.

23 Kodwa uDavida wathi: Kaliyikwenza njalo, bafowethu, ngalokho iNKOSI esiphe khona, esilondolozileyo, yanikela esandleni sethu iviyo eleza lamelana lathi.

24 Pho, ngubani ozalilalela kuloludaba? Ngoba njengesabelo salowo owehlela empini sinjalo isabelo salowo ohlala lempahla; bazakwabelana ngokulinganayo.

25 Kwasekusiba njalo kusukela mhlalokho kusiya phambili, ukuthi wakwenza kwaba yisimiso lesimiselo koIsrayeli kuze kube lamuhla.

26 UDavida esefikile eZikilagi, wathumela okwempango kubadala bakoJuda, kubo abangane bakhe, esithi: Khangela, isibusiso senu esivela empangweni yezitha zeNKOSI.

27 KwabeseBhetheli, lakwabaseRamothi yeningizimu, lakwabaseJatiri,

28 lakwabaseAroweri, lakwabaseSifimothi, lakwabaseEshithemowa,

29 lakwabaseRakali, lakwabasemizini yamaJerameli, lakwabasemizini yamaKeni,

30 lakwabaseHorma, lakwabaseBorashani, lakwabaseAthaki,

31 lakwabaseHebroni, lendaweni zonke lapho uDavida ahamba khona besiya le lale, yena labantu bakhe.

I LUKASAMUWELI 31

Ukufa kukaSawuli lamadodana akhe

1AmaFilisti alwa-ke loIsrayeli; lamadoda akoIsrayeli abaleka phambi kwamaFilisti, awa efile entabeni yeGilibowa.

2 AmaFilisti asenamathela kuSawuli lamadodana akhe; amaFilisti abulala uJonathani, loAbinadaba, loMaliki-Shuwa, amadodana kaSawuli.

3 Lempi yaba nzima kuSawuli, abatshoki bamfica, amadoda edandili; wasesiba lobuhlungu kakhulu ngabatshoki.

4 USawuli wasesithi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe: Hwatsha inkemba yakho, ungigwaze ngayo, hlezi laba abangasokanga bafike bangigwaze, badlale kubi ngami. Kodwa umthwali wezikhali zakhe kavumanga, ngoba wesaba kakhulu. Ngakho uSawuli wathatha inkemba, waziwisela phezu kwayo.

5 Lapho umthwali wezikhali zakhe ebona ukuthi uSawuli usefile, laye waziwisela phezu kwenkemba yakhe, wafa kanye laye.

6 Wafa-ke uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu lomthwali wezikhali zakhe labo bonke abantu bakhe ngalolosuku ndawonye.

7 Lapho amadoda akoIsrayeli ayengaphetsheya kwesigodi layengaphetsheya kweJodani ebona ukuthi amadoda akoIsrayeli abalekile, lokuthi uSawuli lamadodana akhe sebefile, atshiya imizi, abaleka; amaFilisti asefika, ahlala kiyo.

8 Kwasekusithi kusisa lapho amaFilisti efika ukuhlubula ababuleweyo, afica uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu bewile entabeni yeGilibowa.

9 Asequma ikhanda lakhe, ahlubula izikhali zakhe, athumela elizweni lamaFilisti inhlangothi zonke ukumemezela imibiko endlini yezithombe zabo lebantwini.

10 Abeka izikhali zakhe endlini kaAshitarothi. Abophela isidumbu sakhe emdulini weBeti-Shani.

11 Kwathi abahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi sebezwile ngalokho amaFilisti akwenze kuSawuli,

12 asukuma wonke amaqhawe, ahamba ubusuku bonke, athatha isidumbu sikaSawuli lezidumbu zamadodana akhe emdulini weBeti-Shani, eza eJabeshi, azitshisa khona.

13 Asethatha amathambo abo, awangcwaba ngaphansi kwesihlahla setamarisiki eJabeshi, azila ukudla insuku eziyisikhombisa.

II LUKASAMUWELI

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UGWALO LWESIBILI

Umbiko wokufa kukaSawuli

1 Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaSawuli, uDavida esephendukile ekutshayeni
amaAmaleki, uDavida wahlala insuku ezimbili eZikilagi.

2 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithathu, khangela, kwafika umuntu evela
enkambeni evela kuSawuli, ozigqoko zakhe zazidatshuliwe, elenhlabathi
ekhanda lakhe. Kwasekusithi efika kuDavida wawela emhlabathini, wakhonza.

3 UDavida wasesithi kuye: Uvela ngaphi? Wasesithi kuye: Ngiphephile enkambeni
yakoIsrayeli.

4 UDavida wasesithi kuye: Lunjani udaba? Akungitshele. Wasesithi: Abantu
babalekile empini, labanengi babantu labo bawile njalo bafile, uSawuli laye
loJonathani indodana yakhe labo bafile.

5 UDavida wasesithi kulelojaha elalimbikela: Wazi njani ukuthi uSawuli
loJonathani indodana yakhe bafile?

6 Lelojaha elalimbikela laselisithi: Kuthe ngisithi thutshu entabeni yeGilibowa,
khangela, uSawuli eyeme emkhontweni wakhe, khangela-ke, inqola labagadi
bamabhiza kwakumnamathele.

7 Lapho enyemukula, wasengibona, wangibiza; ngasengisithi: Khangela ngilapha.

8 Wasesithi kimi: Ungubani? Ngasengisithi kuye: NgingumAmaleki.

9 Wasesithi kimi: Ake ume phezu kwami ungibulale; ngoba ubuhlungu obukhulu
bungehlele, ngoba impilo yami isaphelele kimi.

10 Ngakho ngema phezu kwakhe ngambulala, ngoba ngazi ukuthi angeke aphile
emva kokuwa kwakhe. Ngasengithatha umqhele owawusekhanda lakhe, lesongo
elalisengalweni yakhe, ngikulethile lapha enkosini yami.

11 UDavida wasebamba izigqoko zakhe wazidabula, njalo lawo wonke amadoda
ayelaye.

12 Basebelila, bakhala inyembezi, bazila ukudla kwaze kwahlwa ngenxa kaSawuli,
langenxa kaJonathani indodana yakhe, langenxa yabantu beNKOSI, langenxa
yendlu kaIsrayeli, ngoba babewe ngenkemba.

13 UDavida wasesithi kulelojaha elalimbikele: Uvela ngaphi? Laselisithi:
Ngiyindodana yomuntu wezizweni, umAmaleki.

14 UDavida wasesithi kulo: Kawesabanga njani ukwelula isandla sakho
ukubhubhisa ogcotshiweyo weNKOSI?

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15 UDavida wasebiza elinye lamajaha, wathi: Sondela ulidumele. Laselilitshaya laze lafa.

16 UDavida wasesithi kulo: Igazi lakho kalibe phezu kwekhanda lakho; ngoba umlomo wakho ufakaze umelene lawe, usithi: Mina ngimbulele ogcotshiweyo weNKOSI.

Isililo sikaDavida ngoSawuli loJonathani

17 UDavida waselila lesisililo ngenxa kaSawuli loJonathani indodana yakhe

18 (lapho wathi kufundiswe abantwana bakoJuda "IDandili"; khangela, kubhaliwe egwalweni lukaJashari):

19 Ubuhle bukaIsrayeli bubulewe ezindaweni zakho eziphakemeyo. Awe njani amaqhawe!

20 Lingakukhulumi eGathi, lingakumemezeli ezitaladeni zeAshikeloni, hlezi athokoze amadodakazi amaFilisti, hlezi ajabule amadodakazi abangasokwanga.

21 Zintaba zeGilibowa, kakungabi khona amazolo kumbe izulu phezu kwenu, kumbe amasimu eminikelo. Ngoba izihlangu zamaqhawe zangcoliswa khona; isihlangu sikaSawuli singagcotshwanga ngamafutha

22 egazini lababuleweyo, emahwahweni amaqhawe idandili likaJonathani kaliphendukanga, lenkemba kaSawuli kayibuyelanga ize.

23 USawuli loJonathani babethandeka bebahle empilweni zabo, lekufeni kwabo kabehlukaniswanga; babelesiqubu kulezinkozi, belamandla kulezilwane.

24 Madodakazi akoIsrayeli, mkhaleleni inyembezi uSawuli, owaligqokisa ngokubomvu lentokozo, owafaka imiceciso yegolide phezu kwezigqoko zenu.

25 Awe njani amaqhawe phakathi kwempi! Jonathani, ubulewe endaweni zakho eziphakemeyo!

26 Ngidabukile ngawe, mfowethu Jonathani; ubumnandi kakhulu kimi, uthando lwakho belumangalisa kimi lusedlula uthando lwabesifazana.

27 Awe njani amaqhawe, zabhubha lezikhali zempi!

II LUKASAMUWELI 2

UDavida ubekwa abe yinkosi yakoJuda

1Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uDavida wabuza eNKOSIni esithi: Ngenyukele yini komunye wemizi yakoJuda? INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Yenyuka. UDavida wasesithi: Ngiye ngaphi? Yasisithi: EHebroni.

2 Ngakho uDavida wenyukela lapho, kanye labafazi bakhe bobabili, uAhinowama umJizereyelikazi loAbigayili umkaNabali umKharmeli.

3 UDavida wasesenyusa abantu bakhe ababelaye, ngulowo lalowo labendlu yakhe; basebehlala emizini yeHebroni.

4 Kwasekufika abantu bakoJuda, bamgcoba khona uDavida waba yinkosi phezu kwendlu yakoJuda. Basebemtshela uDavida besithi: Abantu beJabeshi-Gileyadi yibo abangcwaba uSawuli.

5 UDavida wasethumela izithunywa ebantwini beJabeshi-Gileyadi, wathi kibo: Kalibusiswe yiNKOSI, ngoba lenze lumusa enkosini yenu, kuSawuli, lamngcwaba.

6 Khathesi-ke, iNKOSI kayilenzele umusa leqiniso; mina lami ngizalenzela lokhu okuhle, ngoba lenze loludaba.

7 Khathesi-ke kaziqine izandla zenu libe ngamadodana amaqhawe; ngoba inkosi yenu uSawuli ifile; njalo lendlu yakoJuda ingigcobile mina ukuba yinkosi phezu kwabo.

UDavida ulwa labendlu kaSawuli

8 Kodwa uAbhineri indodana kaNeri, induna yebutho uSawuli ayelalo, wathatha uIshiboshethi indodana kaSawuli, wamchaphisela eMahanayimi,

9 wambeka waba yinkosi phezu kweGileyadi, laphezu kwamaAshuri, laphezu kweJizereyeli, laphezu kukaEfrayimi, laphezu kukaBhenjamini, laphezu kukaIsrayeli wonke.

10 UIshiboshethi, indodana kaSawuli, wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane esiba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, wabusa iminyaka emibili. Kodwa indlu yakoJuda yalandela uDavida.

11 Lenani lensuku uDavida owaba yinkosi ngazo eHebroni phezu kwendlu yakoJuda laliyiminyaka eyisikhombisa lenyanga eziyisithupha.

12 UAbhineri indodana kaNeri wasephuma, lenceku zikaIshiboshethi indodana kaSawuli, basuka eMahanayimi baya eGibeyoni.

13 UJowabi indodana kaZeruya lenceku zikaDavida basebephuma bahlangana ndawonye echibini leGibeyoni; bahlala, abanye ngapha kwechibi labanye ngale kwechibi.

14 UAbhineri wasesithi kuJowabi: Amajaha ake asukume adlale phambi kwethu. UJowabi wasesithi: Kawasukume.

15 Kwasekusukuma kwedlula ngenani abalitshumi lambili koBhenjamini lakoIshiboshethi indodana kaSawuli, letshumi lambili lenceku zikaDavida.

16 Basebebamba ngulowo lalowo ikhanda lomunye, wagwaza ngenkemba yakhe ehlangothini lomunye; ngokunjalo bawa ndawonye. Ngakho leyondawo bayibiza ngokuthi yiHelekati-Hasurimi eseGibeyoni.

17 Njalo kwaba lempi enzima kakhulu ngalolosuku, loAbhineri wehlulwa lamadoda akoIsrayeli phambi kwenceku zikaDavida.

18 Ayekhona-ke lapho amadodana amathathu kaZeruya, oJowabi, loAbishayi loAsaheli. Njalo uAsaheli wayelesiqubu ezinyaweni njengomunye wemiziki yeganga.

19 UAsaheli wasexotshana loAbhineri; njalo ekuhambeni kwakhe kaphambukelanga ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo ekulandeleni uAbhineri.

20 UAbhineri wasenyemukula, wathi: Nguwe uAsaheli yini? Wasesithi: Yimi.

21 UAbhineri wasesithi kuye: Phambukela wena ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo, uzibambele elinye lamajaha, uzithathele izikhali zalo. Kodwa uAsaheli kavumanga ukuphambuka ekumlandeleni.

22 UAbhineri wasebuya futhi esithi kuAsaheli: Phambuka wena ekungilandeleni; ngizakutshayelelani emhlabathini? Pho, ngingaphakamisa njani ubuso bami kuJowabi umfowenu?

23 Kodwa wala ukuphambuka; ngakho uAbhineri wamtshaya ngesidindi somkhonto kubambo lwesihlanu, umkhonto waze waphuma emuva kwakhe; wasewela phansi lapho, wafela kuleyondawo. Kwasekusithi bonke abafika endaweni lapho uAsaheli awela wafa khona, bema.

24 UJowabi laye loAbishayi baxotshana loAbhineri; ilanga laselitshona, bona befika eqaqeni lweAma, olungaphambi kweGiya endleleni yenkangala yeGibeyoni.

25 Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebebuthana ngemva kukaAbhineri, baba lixuku linye, bema phezu koqaqa oluthile.

26 UAbhineri wasememeza kuJowabi wathi: Inkemba izakudla njalonjalo yini? Kawazi yini ukuthi kuzakuba yikubaba ekucineni? Koze kube nini ungabatsheli abantu ukuthi babuye ekulandeleni abafowabo?

27 UJowabi wasesithi: Kuphila kukaNkulunkulu, ngaphandle kokuthi ubukhulumile, isibili ngalesosikhathi kusukela ekuseni abantu ngabe benyukile, ngulowo lalowo esuka ekulandeleni umfowabo.

28 UJowabi wasevuthela uphondo, bonke abantu basebesima, kababe besaxotshana loIsrayeli, futhi kababe besalwa njalo.

29 UAbhineri labantu bakhe bahamba bedabula amagceke bonke lobobusuku, bachapha iJodani, badabula iBhithironi yonke, bafika eMahanayimi.

30 UJowabi wasebuya ekulandeleni uAbhineri; esebuthanisile bonke abantu, encekwini zikaDavida kwasilela abalitshumi labayisificamunwemunye, loAsaheli.

31 Kodwa izinceku zikaDavida zazitshayile koBhenjamini lemadodeni akaAbhineri; amadoda angamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha afa.

32 Basebemthatha uAsaheli, bamngcwaba engcwabeni likayise elaliseBhethelehema. UJowabi labantu bakhe basebehamba ubusuku bonke, kwasa beseHebroni.

II LUKASAMUWELI 3

1Kwakukhona-ke impi isikhathi eside phakathi kwendlu kaSawuli lendlu kaDavida; kodwa uDavida waya eqina, kodwa indlu kaSawuli yaya isiba buthakathaka.

Amadodana kaDavida

2 Kwasekuzalelwa uDavida amadodana eHebroni; lezibulo lakhe lalinguAmnoni kaAhinowama umJizereyelikazi;

3 leyesibili yakhe yayinguKileyabi kaAbigayili umkaNabali umKharmeli; eyesithathu yayinguAbisalomu indodana kaMahaka indodakazi kaTalimayi, inkosi yeGeshuri;

4 leyesine yayinguAdonija indodana kaHagithi; leyesihlanu yayinguShefathiya indodana kaAbithali;

5 leyesithupha yayinguIthereyamu kaEgila, umkaDavida. Laba bazalelwa uDavida eHebroni.

Ukuvumelana kukaDavida loAbhineri

6 Kwasekusithi kuselempi phakathi kwendlu kaSawuli lendlu kaDavida, uAbhineri waziqinisa endlini kaSawuli.

7 Njalo uSawuli wayelomfazi omncane, obizo lakhe lalinguRizipha indodakazi kaAya; uIshiboshethi wasesithi kuAbhineri: Ungeneleni emfazini omncane kababa?

8 UAbhineri wasethukuthela kakhulu ngenxa yamazwi kaIshiboshethi, wathi: Ngilikhanda lenja yini mina ongokaJuda? Lamuhla ngenzela indlu kaSawuli uyihlo umusa, kubafowabo, lakubangane bakhe, kangikunikelanga esandleni sikaDavida, ukuthi ungibeka icala ngowesifazana lamuhla?

9 UNkulunkulu enze njalo kuAbhineri, engezelele ngokunjalo kuye, ngeqiniso, njengoba iNKOSI ifungile kuDavida, qotho, ngizakwenza njalo kuye,

10 ukudlulisa umbuso usuka endlini kaSawuli, lokumisa isihlalo sobukhosi sikaDavida phezu kukaIsrayeli laphezu kukaJuda, kusukela koDani kuze kufike eBherishebha.

11 Njalo wayengelakumphendula uAbhineri ngalizwi futhi, ngoba wayemesaba.

12 UAbhineri wasethuma izithunywa kuDavida esikhundleni sakhe, esithi: Ngelikabani ilizwe? Esithi: Yenza isivumelwano sakho lami; khangela-ke, isandla sami sizakuba lawe ukuphendulela uIsrayeli wonke kuwe.

13 Wasesithi: Kulungile; mina ngizakwenza isivumelwano lawe, kodwa yinye into engiyifuna kuwe, ngeyokuthi kawuyikubona ubuso bami, ngaphandle kokuthi ulethe kuqala uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli, lapho usizabona ubuso bami.

14 UDavida wasethuma izithunywa kuIshiboshethi indodana kaSawuli, esithi: Nginika umkami uMikhali engamgana ngamajwabu alikhulu amaFilisti.

15 UIshiboshethi wasethumela, wamthatha endodeni yakhe, kuPalitiyeli indodana kaLayishi.

16 Kodwa indoda yakhe yahamba laye, ihamba ikhala inyembezi ngemva kwakhe kwaze kwaba seBahurimi. UAbhineri wasesithi kuyo: Hamba, buyela. Yasibuyela.

17 UAbhineri wasesiba lenkulumo labadala bakoIsrayeli esithi: Ngezikhathi ezidlulileyo lalifuna uDavida ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu kwenu.

18 Khathesi-ke, kwenzeni, ngoba iNKOSI ikhulumile ngoDavida ukuthi: Ngesandla senceku yami uDavida ngizakhulula abantu bami uIsrayeli esandleni samaFilisti lesandleni sazo zonke izitha zabo.

19 UAbhineri wasekhuluma futhi endlebeni zakoBhenjamini; uAbhineri njalo wasesiyakhuluma endlebeni zikaDavida eHebroni konke okwakukuhle emehlweni akoIsrayeli lemehlweni endlu yonke yakoBhenjamini.

20 Ngakho uAbhineri wafika kuDavida eHebroni elamadoda angamatshumi amabili; uDavida wasesenzela uAbhineri lamadoda ayelaye idili.

21 UAbhineri wasesithi kuDavida: Ngizasukuma ngihambe, ngibuthanise uIsrayeli wonke enkosini yami, inkosi, ukuze benze isivumelwano lawe, lokuthi ubuse kukho konke umphefumulo wakho okufisayo. UDavida waseyekela uAbhineri ukuthi ahambe, wasehamba ngokuthula.

UJowabi ubulala uAbhineri

22 Khangela-ke, izinceku zikaDavida loJowabi bafika bevela ekuhlaseleni beza belempango enkulu. Kodwa uAbhineri wayengekho kuDavida eHebroni, ngoba wayemyekele ukuthi ahambe, wahamba ngokuthula.

23 Esefikile uJowabi lebutho lonke elalilaye, bamtshela uJowabi besithi: UAbhineri indodana kaNeri ubefikile enkosini, imyekele wahamba; wahamba ngokuthula.

24 UJowabi wasesiya enkosini, wathi: Wenzeni? Khangela, uAbhineri ubefikile kuwe; pho, umyekeleleni ukuthi ahambe, wahamba lokuhamba?

25 Uyamazi uAbhineri indodana kaNeri ukuthi ulande ukukukhohlisa, lokwazi ukuphuma kwakho lokungena kwakho, lokwazi konke okwenzayo.

26 Esephumile uJowabi kuDavida wathuma izithunywa ukulandela uAbhineri, ezambuyisa emthonjeni weSira; kodwa uDavida wayengakwazi lokho.

27 UAbhineri esebuyile eHebroni, uJowabi wamphambulela eceleni phakathi kwesango ukuze akhulume laye ngasese; wasemtshaya lapho kubambo lwesihlanu waze wafa, ngenxa yegazi likaAsaheli umfowabo.

28 Kwathi uDavida esekuzwile emva kwalokho wathi: Mina lombuso wami kasilacala phambi kweNKOSI kuze kube nininini ngegazi likaAbhineri indodana kaNeri.

29 Kalihlale phezu kwekhanda likaJowabi lendlini yonke kayise. Kakungaqunywa endlini kaJowabi ogobhozayo, kumbe umlephero, kumbe odondolozelayo, kumbe owa ngenkemba, kumbe oswela ukudla.

30 Ngokunjalo uJowabi loAbishayi umfowabo bambulala uAbhineri, ngoba wayebulele umfowabo uAsaheli eGibeyoni empini.

31 UDavida wasesithi kuJowabi lakubo bonke abantu ababelaye: Dabulani izigqoko zenu, libhince amasaka, lilile phambi kukaAbhineri. Inkosi uDavida yasilandela ithala.

32 UAbhineri basebemngcwabela eHebroni; inkosi yasiphakamisa ilizwi layo yakhala inyembezi engcwabeni likaAbhineri, labantu bonke bakhala inyembezi.

33 Inkosi yamenzela uAbhineri isililo yathi: Afe uAbhineri njengokufa kwesithutha yini?

34 Izandla zakho bezingabotshwanga, lenyawo zakho bezingafakwanga emaketaneni; njengowela phambi kwabantu ababi uwile. Bonke abantu basebephinda bemkhalela inyembezi.

35 Bonke abantu basebesiza ukumenza uDavida ukuthi adle ukudla kusesemini; kodwa uDavida wafunga esithi: Kenze njalo uNkulunkulu kimi engezelele ngokunjalo, uba nginambitha ukudla loba okunye nje lingakatshoni ilanga.

36 Kwathi bonke abantu bekunanzelela, kwaba kuhle emehlweni abo; njengakho konke eyakwenzayo inkosi, kwaba kuhle emehlweni abo bonke abantu.

37 Ngoba bonke abantu loIsrayeli wonke bazi ngalolosuku ukuthi kwakungeyisikho okwenkosi ukubulala uAbhineri indodana kaNeri.

38 Inkosi yasisithi encekwini zayo: Kalazi yini ukuthi kuwe induna lomkhulu koIsrayeli lamuhla?

39 Lami lamuhla ngibuthakathaka, njalo ngigcotshwe ngaba yinkosi; lalamadoda, amadodana kaZeruya, alukhuni kulami. INKOSI izavuza umenzi wobubi njengobubi bakhe.

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Ukubulawa kukaIshiboshethi

1 Lapho isizwile indodana kaSawuli ukuthi uAbhineri ufele eHebroni, izandla
zakhe zaba buthakathaka, loIsrayeli wonke wakhathazeka.

2 Njalo indodana kaSawuli yayilamadoda amabili ayeyizinduna zamaviyo; ibizo
lenye lalinguBahana, lebizo lenye linguRekabi, amadodana kaRimoni,
umBherothi, wabantwana bakoBhenjamini. Ngoba iBherothi layo yayibalelwa
koBhenjamini;

3 lamaBherothi abalekela eGithayimi, aba ngabahlali njengabezizwe khona kuze
kube lamuhla.

4 UJonathani indodana kaSawuli wayelendodana eyayiyisilima enyaweni.
Yayileminyaka emihlanu ekufikeni kombiko ngoSawuli loJonathani uvela
eJizereyeli; lomlizane wayo wayithatha, wabaleka; kwasekusithi ekuphangiseni
kwakhe ukubaleka, yawa yaba yisilima. Lebizo layo lalinguMefiboshethi.

5 Lamadodana kaRimoni, umBherothi, uRekabi loBahana, ahamba, ekutshiseni
kwelanga afika endlini kaIshiboshethi, owayelele embhedeni emini enkulu.

6 Bona bangena endlini phakathi kungathi bathatha ingqoloyi, bamtshaya
kubambo lwesihlanu; uRekabi loBahana umfowabo basebebaleka.

7 Ngoba bengena endlini, wayelele embhedeni wakhe endlini yakhe yokulala,
bamtshaya, bambulala, bamquma ikhanda; bathatha ikhanda lakhe, bahamba
ngendlela yamagceke ubusuku bonke.

8 Basebelisa ikhanda likaIshiboshethi kuDavida eHebroni. Bathi enkosini:
Khangela, ikhanda likaIshiboshethi indodana kaSawuli, isitha sakho ebesidinga
impilo yakho; iNKOSI inike impindiselo lamuhla enkosini yami, inkosi, kuSawuli
lakuyo inzalo yakhe.

9 Kodwa uDavida wabaphendula uRekabi loBahana umfowabo, amadodana
kaRimoni umBherothi, wathi kubo: Kuphila kukaJehova, ohlenge umphefumulo
wami kuyo yonke inhlupheko,

10 lapho owangibikelayo esithi: Khangela, uSawuli ufile; njalo enjengomthwali
wendaba ezinhle emehlweni akhe, ngamxhakalaza, ngambulala eZikilagi,
kulokuthi ngimvuzele indaba ezinhle.

11 Pho kangakanani, lapho abantu ababi bebulele umuntu olungileyo endlini
yakhe esembhedeni wakhe; ngakho-ke angiyikubiza yini igazi lakhe esandleni
senu, ngilisuse emhlabeni?

12 UDavida waselaya amajaha, ababulala, aquma izandla zabo lenyawo zabo,
abaphanyeka echibini leHebroni. Kodwa athatha ikhanda likaIshiboshethi,
alingcwaba engcwabeni likaAbhineri eHebroni.

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UDavida ubusa ilizwe lonke lakoIsrayeli

1Khona zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli zeza kuDavida eHebroni, zakhuluma zisithi:
Khangela, thina silithambo lakho lenyama yakho.

2 Lesikhathini esidlulileyo, uSawuli eseyinkosi phezu kwethu, nguwe owakhupha
lowangenisa uIsrayeli, leNKOSIyathi kuwe: Wena uzakwelusa abantu bami
uIsrayeli, lawe uzakuba ngumbusi phezu kukaIsrayeli.

3 Ngakho kwafika bonke abadala bakoIsrayeli enkosini uDavida eHebroni; inkosi
uDavida yasisenza isivumelwano labo eHebroni phambi kweNKOSI;
basebemgcoba uDavida, waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli.

4 UDavida wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu ekubeni kwakhe yinkosi;
wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane.

5 EHebroni wabusa phezu kukaJuda iminyaka eyisikhombisa lenyanga
eziyisithupha; leJerusalema wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lantathu
phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke loJuda.

UDavida uthatha inqaba yeZiyoni

6 Inkosi labantu bayo basebesiya eJerusalema kumaJebusi, abahlali belizwe;
akhuluma kuDavida athi: Kawuyikungena lapha, ngaphandle kokuthi ususe
iziphofu labaqhulayo; besithi uDavida kayikungena lapho.

7 Kodwa uDavida wayithumba inqaba yeZiyoni; le ngumuzi kaDavida.

8 UDavida wasesithi ngalolosuku: Ngulowo lalowo otshaya umJebusi, katshaye
emgelweni wamanzi abaqhulayo leziphofu, abazondwa ngumphefumulo
kaDavida. Ngakho bathi: Isiphofu loqhulayo kabayikungena endlini.

9 Ngakho uDavida wahlala enqabeni, wayibiza ngokuthi ngumuzi kaDavida.
UDavida wakha inhlangothi zonke, kusukela eMilo kusiya phakathi.

10 UDavida waqhubeka njalo esiba lamandla, njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu
wamabandla, yayilaye.

11 UHiramu inkosi yeTire wasethuma izithunywa kuDavida, lezigodo zemisedari,
lababazi bezigodo lababazi bamatshe; basebemakhela uDavida indlu.

12 UDavida wasekwazi ukuthi iNKOSI yayimmisile ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu
kukaIsrayeli, lokuthi iwuphakamisile umbuso wakhe ngenxa yabantu bayo
uIsrayeli.

Abantwana bakaDavida abazalelwa eJerusalema

13 UDavida wasethatha abanye abafazi abancane labafazi bevela eJerusalema,
esevela eHebroni, njalo kwakulamanye amadodana lamadodakazi azalelwa
uDavida.

14 Njalo la ngamabizo alabo abazalelwa yena eJerusalema: OShamuwa, loShobabi,
loNathani, loSolomoni,

15 loIbihari, loElishuwa, loNefegi, loJafiya,

16 loElishama, loEliyada, loElifeleti.

UDavida unqoba amaFilisti

17 Kwathi amaFilisti esezwile ukuthi bamgcobile uDavida ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, wonke amaFilisti enyuka ukuyamdinga uDavida; uDavida wakuzwa, wehlela enqabeni.

18 AmaFilisti esefikile asabalala esihotsheni seRefayimi.

19 UDavida wasebuza eNKOSIni esithi: Ngingenyukela yini kumaFilisti? Uzawanikela esandleni sami yini? INKOSIyasisithi kuDavida: Yenyuka, ngoba isibili ngizawanikela amaFilisti esandleni sakho.

20 UDavida wasefika eBhali-Perazimi, uDavida wawatshaya khona, wathi: INKOSI izifohlele izitha zami phambi kwami njengokufohla kwamanzi. Ngakho wabiza ibizo laleyondawo ngokuthi yiBhali-Perazimi.

21 Asetshiya izithombe zawo lapho, loDavida labantu bakhe bazisusa.

22 AmaFilisti asebuya enyuka futhi, asabalala esihotsheni seRefayimi.

23 Lapho uDavida ebuza iNKOSI, yathi: Ungenyuki; bhoda ngemuva kwawo, uwasukele usuka maqondana lezihlahla zebhalisamu.

24 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho usizwa isisinde sokuhamba ezihlokweni zezihlahla zebhalisamu, lapho uphangise, ngoba ngalesosikhathi iNKOSI izaphuma phambi kwakho ukutshaya ibutho lamaFilisti.

25 UDavida wasesenza njalo, njengokumlaya kwayo iNKOSI, wawatshaya amaFilisti kusukela eGeba uze ufike eGezeri.

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Umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI ulethwa eJerusalema

1UDavida wabuya wabuthanisa bonke abakhethiweyo koIsrayeli, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu.

2 UDavida wasesukuma wahamba labo bonke abantu ababelaye, besuka eBahala-Juda ukuze benyuse umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu usuka lapho, obizo lawo libizwa ngebizo leNKOSI yamabandla, ehlala phakathikwamakherubhi phezu kwawo.

3 Basebewukhweza umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu enqoleni entsha, bewukhupha endlini kaAbinadaba eyayiseqaqeni; njalo uUza loAhiyo amadodana kaAbinadaba batshayela leyonqola entsha.

4 Bayikhipha-ke endlini kaAbinadaba eyayiseqaqeni kanye lomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, njalo uAhiyo ehamba phambi komtshokotsho.

5 UDavida lendlu yonke yakoIsrayeli basebetshaya phambi kweNKOSI ngazo
zonke izinto zokutshaya zesihlahlasefiri, langamachacho, langezigubhu
zezintambo, langezigujana, langamahlwayi, langezinsimbi ezincencethayo.

6 Bathi befika esizeni sikaNakoni, uUza welulela isandla sakhe emtshokotshweni
kaNkulunkulu, wawubamba, ngoba inkabi zakhubeka.

7 Intukuthelo yeNKOSI yasimvuthela uUza; uNkulunkulu wamtshaya khonapho
ngenxa yalesisiphambeko; wasefela khonapho phansi komtshokotsho
kaNkulunkulu.

8 UDavida wasethukuthela ngoba iNKOSI imfohlele uUza ngesikhala; waseyibiza
leyondawo ngokuthi yiPerezi-Uza, kuze kube lamuhla.

9 UDavida waseyesaba iNKOSI ngalolosuku, wathi: Umtshokotsho
weNKOSI uzakuza njani kimi?

10 Ngakho uDavida kavumanga ukuwudlulisela kuye umtshokotsho
weNKOSI emzini kaDavida; kodwa uDavida wawuphambulela endlini kaObedi-
Edoma umGithi.

11 Umtshokotsho weNKOSI wasuhlala endlini kaObedi-Edoma umGithi inyanga
ezintathu. INKOSI yasimbusisa uObedi-Edoma lendlu yakhe yonke.

12 Kwasekubikelwa inkosi uDavida kwathiwa: INKOSI ibusisile indlu kaObedi-
Edoma lakho konke okwakhe ngenxa yomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu. Ngakho
uDavida wasehamba wenyusa umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu ewususa endlini
kaObedi-Edoma, ewusa emzini kaDavida ngentokozo.

13 Kwasekusithi lapho labo abathwele umtshokotsho weNKOSI sebehambe
izinyathelo eziyisithupha, wahlaba inkabi lokunonisiweyo.

14 UDavida wasegida ngamandla wonke phambi kweNKOSI; uDavida
wayebhince i-efodi yelembu elicolekileyo.

15 Ngokunjalo uDavida lendlu yonke yakoIsrayeli bawenyusa umtshokotsho
weNKOSI ngokumemeza langokukhala kophondo.

16 Kwasekusithi lapho umtshokotsho weNKOSI ungena emzini kaDavida, uMikhali
indodakazi kaSawuli walunguza ngewindi, wabona inkosi uDavida eseqa egida
phambi kweNKOSI; wameyisa enhliziyweni yakhe.

17 Basebewungenisa umtshokotsho weNKOSI, bawubeka endaweni
yawo phakathi kwethente uDavida ayelimisele wona; uDavida wasenikela
iminikelo yokutshiswa phambi kweNKOSI leminikelo yokuthula.

18 Kwathi uDavida eseqedile ukunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo
yokuthula, wabusisa abantu ebizweni leNKOSI yamabandla.

19 Wababela bonke abantu, ixuku lonke lakoIsrayeli, kusukela kwabesilisa kusiya
kwabesifazana, ngulowo lalowo iqebelengwana lesinkwa, leqatha lenyama,

lesinkwa sezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo. Basebehamba abantu bonke, ngulowo lalowo emzini wakhe.

20 UDavida wasebuyela ukubusisa indlu yakhe. UMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli wasephuma ukuhlangabeza uDavida, wathi: Idunyiswe kangakanani inkosi yakoIsrayeli lamuhla, ezembule lamuhla phambi kwamehlo encekukazi zenceku zayo njengomunye wabayize ezembula lokuzembula!

21 UDavida wasesithi kuMikhali: Ngaphambi kweNKOSI, eyangikhetha phambi kukayihlo laphambi kwendlu yakhe yonke, yangimisa ukuthi ngibe ngumbusi phezu kwabantu beNKOSI, phezu kukaIsrayeli; ngakho ngizadlala phambi kweNKOSI.

22 Ngisazadeleleka-ke kakhulu kulalokhu, ngehliselwe phansi emehlweni ami; kodwa ngezincekukazi okhulume ngazo, ngizadunyiswa yizo.

23 Njalo uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli kabanga lamntwana kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe.

II LUKASAMUWELI 7

Isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu loDavida

1Kwasekusithi lapho inkosi yayihlezi endlini yayo, leNKOSI isiyiphumuzile inhlangothi zonke ezitheni zayo zonke,

2 inkosi yathi kuNathani umprofethi: Akubone, mina ngihlala endlini yemisedari, kodwa umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uhlala phakathi kwamakhetheni.

3 UNathani wasesithi enkosini: Hamba wenze konke okusenhliziyweni yakho, ngoba iNKOSI ilawe.

4 Kodwa kwathi ngalobobusuku, ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kuNathani lisithi:

5 Hamba uthi encekwini yami, kuDavida: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Wena uzangakhela yini indlu ukuze ngihlale kiyo?

6 Ngoba kangizange ngihlale endlini kusukela osukwini engenyusa ngalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla, kodwa bengihamba ethenteni lethabhanekeleni.

7 Kuzo zonke izindawo engihambe kuzo labo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngake ngakhuluma ilizwi yini kwesinye sezizwe zakoIsrayeli, engasilaya ukwelusa abantu bami uIsrayeli ngisithi: Kungani lingangakhelanga indlu yemisedari?

8 Ngakho-ke uzakutsho njalo encekwini yami, kuDavida, uthi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Mina ngakuthathaesibayeni sezimvu, ekulandeleni izimvu, ukuba ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bami, phezu kukaIsrayeli;

9 ngangilawe loba ngaphi lapho oya khona, ngaquma zonke izitha zakho
ngaphambi kwakho; ngakwenzela ibizo elikhulu njengebizo labakhulu
abasemhlabeni.

10 Njalo ngizabamisela indawo abantu bami uIsrayeli, ngibagxumeke ukuze
bahlale endaweni yabo, bangabe besanyikinyeka; labantwana benkohlakalo
kabasayikubahlupha, njengakuqala,

11 njalo kusukela osukwini engalaya ngalo abahluleli phezu kwabantu bami
uIsrayeli; ngikuphumuze ezitheni zakho zonke. Futhi iNKOSI iyakutshela ukuthi
iNKOSI izakwenzela indlu.

12 Lapho insuku zakho sezigcwalisekile, usulele laboyihlo, ngizamisa inzalo
yakho emva kwakho, ezaphuma emibilini yakho, ngiqinise umbuso wayo.

13 Yona izakwakhela ibizo lami indlu; njalo ngizaqinisa isihlalo sobukhosi
sombuso wayo kuze kube nininini.

14 Mina ngizakuba nguyise, layo ibe yindodana yami; ezakuthi uba isenza okubi,
ngizayijezisa ngentonga yabantu, langemivimvinya yabantwana babantu.

15 Kodwa umusa wami kawuyikusuka kiyo njengalokho ngawususa kuSawuli
engamsusa ngaphambi kwakho.

16 Lendlu yakho lombuso wakho kuzaqiniswa kuze kube nininini phambi kwami;
isihlalo sakho sobukhosi sizaqiniswa kuze kube nininini.

17 Njengokwalamazwi wonke lanjengokwalo wonke lo umbono, ngokunjalo
uNathani wakhuluma kuDavida.

18 Yasingena inkosi uDavida, yahlala phambi kweNKOSI, yathi: Ngingubani mina,
Nkosi Jehova, lendlu yami iyini, ukuthi ungifikise kuze kube lapha?

19 Kanti lokhu kusekuncinyane emehlweni akho, Nkosi Jehova; usukhulumile
futhi ngendlu yenceku yakho ngokwesikhathi esikhatshana; lalokhu yindlela
yabantu, Nkosi Jehova.

20 Pho, uDavida angabe esengezelela ngokuthini kuwe? Ngoba wena uyayazi
inceku yakho, Nkosi Jehova.

21 Ngenxa yelizwi lakho lanjengokwenhliziyo yakho wenzile zonke lezizinto
ezinkulu ukuze uzazise inceku yakho.

22 Ngakho umkhulu, Nkosi Jehova; ngoba kakho onjengawe, njalo kakho
uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwakho, njengakho konke esikuzwileyo ngendlebe
zethu.

23 Yisiphi-ke isizwe esisodwa emhlabeni esinjengabantu bakho, njengoIsrayeli,
uNkulunkulu owaya ukuzihlengela sona ukuba ngabantu, njalo wazenzela ibizo,
walenzela izinto ezinkulu lezesabekayo, kusenzelwa ilizwe lakho, phambi

kwabantu bakho, owazihlengela bona eGibhithe, ezizweni lakubonkulunkulu bazo?

24 Wasuziqinisela abantu bakho uIsrayeli ukuze babe ngabantu kuwe kuze kube nininini; lawe NKOSI usube nguNkulunkulu wabo.

25 Khathesi-ke, NKOSI Nkulunkulu, ilizwi olikhulume ngenceku yakho langendlu yayo liqinise kuze kube nininini, wenze njengokukhuluma kwakho.

26 Njalo kalibe likhulu ibizo lakho kuze kube nininini, kuthiwe: INKOSI yamabandla inguNkulunkulu phezu kukaIsrayeli; lendlu yenceku yakho uDavida imiswe phambi kwakho.

27 Ngoba wena, NKOSI yamabandla, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, wembule endlebeni yenceku yakho, usithi: Ngizakwakhela indlu. Ngakho inceku yakho ithole enhliziyweni yayo ukuthi ikhuleke lumkhuleko kuwe.

28 Khathesi-ke, Nkosi Jehova, wena ungulowoNkulunkulu, lamazwi akho aliqiniso; ukhulume encekwini yakho lokhu okuhle.

29 Ngakho-ke akuvume ubusise indlu yenceku yakho ukuze ibe phambi kwakho kuze kube nininini; ngoba wena, Nkosi Jehova, ukhulumile; langesibusiso sakho indlu yenceku yakho izabusiswa kuze kube nininini.

II LUKASAMUWELI 8

UDavida unqoba izizwe

1 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uDavida watshaya amaFilisti, wawehlisela phansi; uDavida wasethatha iMethegama esandleni samaFilisti.

2 Wasetshaya amaMowabi, wawalinganisa ngentambo, ewalalisa emhlabathini; walinganisa intambo ezimbili ukubulala, lentambo epheleleyo ukuwayekela ephila. Ngokunjalo amaMowabi aba zinceku zikaDavida, eletha izipho.

3 UDavida wasetshaya uHadadezeri indodana kaRehobi inkosi yeZoba, ekuhambeni kwakhe ukubuyisela amandla akhe emfuleni iYufrathi.

4 UDavida wasethumba kuye inqola eziyinkulungwane, labagadi bamabhiza abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa, lamadoda ahamba ngenyawo ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili; waquma imisipha yawo wonke amabhiza enqola, kodwa watshiya kuwo izinqola ezilikhulu.

5 Lapho amaSiriya aweDamaseko efika ukusiza uHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba, uDavida watshaya amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili kumaSiriya.

6 UDavida wasebeka amabutho enqaba eSiriya yeDamaseko; njalo amaSiriya aba zinceku zikaDavida, eletha izipho. INKOSI yasimlondoloza uDavida loba ngaphi lapho aya khona.

7 UDavida wasethatha izihlangu zegolide ezazisezincekwini zikaHadadezeri, waziletha eJerusalema.

8 Inkosi uDavida yasithatha ithusi elinengi kakhulu eBeta leBerothayi, imizi kaHadadezeri.

9 Lapho uToyi inkosi yeHamathi esizwa ukuthi uDavida wayetshaye ibutho lonke likaHadadezeri,

10 uToyi wasethuma uJoramu indodana yakhe enkosini uDavida ukuyibuza impilo lokuyibusisa, ngoba yayilwe loHadadezeri yamtshaya (ngoba uHadadezeri waba lezimpi loToyi); njalo esandleni sakhe kwakulezitsha zesiliva lezitsha zegolide lezitsha zethusi.

11 Lazo inkosi uDavida yazehlukanisela iNKOSI kanye lesiliva legolide eyayilehlukanisile livela ezizweni zonke eyayizehlisele phansi,

12 eSiriya, lakoMowabi, lakubantwana bakoAmoni, lakumaFilisti, leAmaleki, lempangweni kaHadadezeri indodana kaRehobi, inkosi yeZoba.

13 UDavida wasezenzela ibizo ekubuyeni kwakhe ekutshayeni amaSiriya, esihotsheni seTshwayi, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili.

14 Wasebeka amabutho enqaba eEdoma lonke; kuyo yonke iEdoma wabeka amabutho enqaba, labo bonke abeEdoma baba zinceku zikaDavida. INKOSI yasimlondoloza uDavida loba ngaphi lapho aya khona.

15 UDavida wabusa-ke phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke; uDavida wayesenza ukwahlulela lokulunga kubo bonke abantu bakhe.

16 Njalo uJowabi indodana kaZeruya wayephezu kwebutho; loJehoshafathi indodana kaAhiludi wayengumabhalane;

17 loZadoki indodana kaAhitubi loAhimeleki indodana kaAbhiyatha babengabapristi; loSeraya wayengumbhali;

18 loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephezu kwamaKerethi lamaPelethi; lamadodana kaDavida ayeyiziphathamandla.

II LUKASAMUWELI 9

UDavida uba lomusa kuMefiboshethi

1UDavida wasesithi: Kusekhona yini oseleyo endlini kaSawuli ukuze ngimenzele umusa ngenxa kaJonathani?

2 Njalo indlu kaSawuli yayilenceku obizo layo lalinguZiba. Sebembizele kuDavida, inkosi yathi kuye: UnguZiba yini? Wasesithi: Ngiyinceku yakho.

3 Inkosi yasisithi: Kakuselamuntu yini wendlu kaSawuli, engingamenzela umusa kaNkulunkulu? UZiba wasesithi enkosini: UJonathani uselendodana eyisilima inyawo zombili.

4 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ingaphi? UZiba wasesithi enkosini: Khangela, isendlini kaMakiri indodana kaAmiyeli eLodebari.

5 Inkosi uDavida yasithuma yamlanda endlini kaMakiri indodana kaAmiyeli eLodebari.

6 Lapho uMefiboshethi indodana kaJonathani indodana kaSawuli esefika kuDavida, wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe, wakhothama. UDavida wasesithi: Mefiboshethi! Wasesithi: Khangela, inceku yakho.

7 UDavida wasesithi kuye: Ungesabi, ngoba ngizakwenzela lokukwenzela umusa ngenxa kaJonathani uyihlo; ngizakubuyisela ilizwe lonke likaSawuli uyihlo, wena-ke uzakudla isinkwa etafuleni lami njalonjalo.

8 Wasekhothama, wathi: Iyini inceku yakho ukuthi ukhangele inja efileyo enjengami?

9 Inkosi yasibiza uZiba, inceku kaSawuli, yathi kuye: Konke okwakungokukaSawuli, lendlu yakhe yonke ngikunike indodana yenkosi yakho.

10 Uzayilimela-ke umhlaba, wena lamadodana akho lenceku zakho, lilethe izithelo ukuze indodana yenkosi yakho ibe lesinkwa engasidla; kodwa uMefiboshethi indodana yenkosi yakho uzakudla isinkwa etafuleni lami njalonjalo. Njalo uZiba wayelamadodana alitshumi lanhlanu, lenceku ezingamatshumi amabili.

11 UZiba wasesithi enkosini: Njengakho konke inkosi yami, inkosi, ekulaya inceku yayo, izakwenza njalo inceku yakho. NgoMefiboshethi, uzakudla etafuleni lami, njengomunye wamadodana enkosi.

12 Njalo uMefiboshethi wayelendodana encinyane, obizo layo lalinguMika. Labo bonke ababehlala endlini kaZiba baba zinceku zikaMefiboshethi.

13 UMefiboshethi wasehlala eJerusalema, ngoba wadla etafuleni lenkosi njalonjalo. Wayeyisilima inyawo zakhe zombili.

II LUKASAMUWELI 10

Ukwehlulwa kwamaAmoni lamaSiriya

1 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho inkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni yafa, uHanuni indodana yayo wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sayo.

2 UDavida wasesithi: Ngizamenzela umusa uHanuni indodana kaNahashi njengoba uyise wangenzela umusa. UDavida wasethuma ngesandla senceku zakhe ukuyamduduza ngoyise. Zafika-ke izinceku zikaDavida elizweni labantwana bakoAmoni.

3 Iziphathamandla zabantwana bakoAmoni zasezisithi kuHanuni inkosi yazo: Kambe uDavida uyamhlonipha uyihlo emehlweni akho ngoba ethume abaduduzi

kuwe? UDavida kazithumanga yini inceku zakhe kuwe ukuze ziphenye umuzi, ziwuhlole, ziwuchithe?

4 UHanuni wasebamba izinceku zikaDavida, wagela ingxenye yendevu zazo, waquma izembatho zazo phakathi kuze kube sezibunu zazo, waziyekela zahamba.

5 Sebembikele uDavida wathumela ukuzihlangabeza ngoba amadoda ayelenhloni kakhulu; inkosi yasisithi: Hlalani eJeriko zize zihlume indevu zenu, beselibuya.

6 Lapho abantwana bakoAmoni sebebonile ukuthi baba levumba kuDavida, abantwana bakoAmoni bathumela baqatsha kumaSiriya eBeti-Rehobi lakumaSiriya eZoba, amadoda ahamba ngenyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, lenkosini yeMahaka, amadoda ayinkulungwane, lebantwini beTobi, amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili.

7 Kwathi uDavida esekuzwile wathuma uJowabi lebutho lonke lamaqhawe.

8 Abantwana bakoAmoni basebephuma bahlela impi emnyango wesango; lamaSiriya eZoba leRehobi, labantu beTobi leMahaka babebodwa egangeni.

9 Lapho uJowabi ebona ukuthi impi ikhangele kuye ngaphambili langemuva, wakhetha kubo bonke abakhethiweyo koIsrayeli, wabahlela ukuthi bamelane lamaSiriya.

10 Abaseleyo babantu wasebanikela esandleni sikaAbishayi umfowabo, owabahlela ukuthi bamelane labantwana bakoAmoni.

11 Wasesithi: Uba amaSiriya elamandla kakhulu kulami, khona uzakuba lusizo kimi; kodwa uba abantwana bakoAmoni belamandla kakhulu kulawe, khona ngizakuza ukukusiza.

12 Qina, asiziqinise ngenxa yabantu bakithi, langenxa yemizi kaNkulunkulu wethu; iNKOSI kayenze okuhle emehlweni ayo.

13 UJowabi wasesondela, labantu ababelaye, empini lamaSiriya; asebaleka phambi kwakhe.

14 Lapho abantwana bakoAmoni bebona ukuthi amaSiriya ayabaleka, labo babaleka phambi kukaAbishayi, bangena emzini. UJowabi wasebuyela esuka ebantwaneni bakoAmoni, weza eJerusalema.

15 AmaSiriya esebonile ukuthi atshayiwe phambi kukaIsrayeli, abuthana ndawonye.

16 UHadadezeri wasethumela, wakhupha amaSiriya ayengaphetsheya komfula, afika eHelamu, loShobaki induna yebutho likaHadadezeri phambi kwawo.

17 Lapho kubikelwa uDavida, wabuthanisa uIsrayeli wonke, wachapha iJodani, wafika eHelamu. AmaSiriya asezihlelela ukumelana loDavida, alwa laye.

18 AmaSiriya asebaleka phambi kukaIsrayeli; uDavida wasetshaya kumaSiriya izinqola ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa, labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane, watshaya uShobaki induna yebutho, owafela lapho.

19 Lapho wonke amakhosi, izinceku zikaHadadezeri, ebona ukuthi atshaywa phambi kukaIsrayeli, enza ukuthula loIsrayeli, abakhonza. Ngakho amaSiriya esaba ukusiza abantwana bakoAmoni futhi.

II LUKASAMUWELI 11

UDavida loBathisheba

1Kwasekusithi ekuthwaseni komnyaka ngesikhathi amakhosi aphuma ngaso impi, uDavida wathuma uJowabi lenceku zakhe kanye laye loIsrayeli wonke; basebechitha abantwana bakoAmoni, bavimbezela iRaba. Kodwa uDavida wahlala eJerusalema.

2 Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sakusihlwa uDavida wavuka embhedeni wakhe, wahambahamba phezu kophahla lwendlu yenkosi; esephahleni wasebona owesifazana egeza; njalo owesifazana wayemuhle kakhulu, ebukeka.

3 UDavida wasethuma wabuza ngalowowesifazana. Kwasekuthiwa: Lo kakusuye uBathisheba yini, indodakazi kaEliyamu, umkaUriya umHethi?

4 UDavida wasethuma izithunywa wamthatha, owesifazana weza kuye, walala laye (ngoba wayehlanjululiwe ekungcoleni kwakhe), wasebuyela endlini yakhe.

5 Owesifazana wasethatha isisu, wathumela watshela uDavida wathi: Sengilesisu.

6 UDavida wasethumela kuJowabi wathi: Thumela kimi uUriya umHethi. UJowabi wasethumela uUriya kuDavida.

7 Esefikile kuye uUriya, uDavida wambuza ngempilakahle kaJowabi langempilakahle yabantu langempumelelo yempi.

8 UDavida wasesithi kuUriya: Yehlela endlini yakho, ugeze inyawo zakho. U-Uriya wasephuma endlini yenkosi; kwasekulandela emva kwakhe isipho esivela enkosini.

9 Kodwa uUriya walala emnyango wendlu yenkosi kanye lenceku zonke zenkosi yakhe, kehlelanga endlini yakhe.

10 Kwathi sebemtshelile uDavida besithi: U-Uriya kehlelanga endlini yakhe, uDavida wathi kuUriya: Kawuveli ekuhambeni yini? Kungani ungehlelanga endlini yakho?

11 U-Uriya wasesithi kuDavida: Umtshokotsho, loIsrayeli, loJuda kuhlala emathenteni; lenkosi yami uJowabi lenceku zenkosi yami bamisile inkamba endle; mina-ke ngizangena endlini yami yini ukuyakudla lokuyanatha lokuyalala lomkami? Kuphila kwakho lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, kangisoze ngiyenze leyonto.

12 UDavida wasesithi kuUriya: Hlala lapha lalamuhla, kusasa-ke ngizakuvumela ukuthi uhambe. U-Uriya wasehlala eJerusalema ngalolosuku langosuku olulandelayo.

13 UDavida wasembiza ukuthi adle anathe phambi kwakhe, wamdakisa; njalo kusihlwa waphuma ukuyalala embhedeni wakhe kanye lenceku zenkosi yakhe, kodwa kehlelanga endlini yakhe.

14 Kwasekusithi ekuseni uDavida wabhalela uJowabi incwadi, wayithumela ngesandla sikaUriya.

15 Wasebhala encwadini esithi: Misani uUriya phambili eqondene lokulwa okutshisayo kakhulu, beselihlehlela nyovane lisuka kuye, ukuze atshaywe afe.

16 Kwasekusithi lapho uJowabi esewukhangelisisile umuzi, wamisa uUriya endaweni azi ukuthi kulamaqhawe khona.

17 Amadoda omuzi asephuma alwa loJowabi; kwawa abanye babantu, benceku zikaDavida; wafa laye uUriya umHethi.

18 UJowabi wasethuma wambikela uDavida zonke indaba zempi;

19 wasilaya isithunywa esithi: Lapho usuqedile ukuyibikela inkosi zonke izindaba zempi,

20 kuzakuthi-ke uba ulaka lwenkosi luvuka, isithi kuwe: Belisondelelani kangaka emzini ukulwa? Belingazi yini ukuthi bebezaciba besemdulini?

21 Ngubani owatshaya uAbhimeleki indodana kaJerubeshethi? Angithi owesifazana wamwisela ngocezu lwelitshe lokuchola ephezu komduli, waze wafa eThebezi? Lisondeleleni eduze lomduli? Ubususithi: Inceku yakho uUriya umHethi laye ufile.

22 Sasesihamba isithunywa, safika sambikela uDavida konke uJowabi ayesithume khona.

23 Isithunywa sasesisithi kuDavida: Isibili, abantu basehlula, basiphumela egangeni; kodwa saba phezu kwabo kwaze kwaba semnyango wesango.

24 Abatshoki basebetshoka ezincekwini zakho bephezu komduli; zifile lezinye zenceku zenkosi; lenceku yakho uUriya umHethi ifile layo.

25 UDavida wasesithi kuso isithunywa: Uzakutsho njalo kuJowabi uthi: Le into kayingabimbi emehlweni akho, ngoba inkemba idla omunye njengomunye; qinisa impi yakho imelane lomuzi, uwuchithe; ubusumqinisa.

26 Lapho umkaUriya esezwile ukuthi uUriya indoda yakhe ufile, wayililela indoda yakhe.

27 Sekwedlulile ukulila, uDavida wathuma, wamletha endlini yakhe; wasesiba ngumkakhe, wamzalela indodana. Kodwa leyonto uDavida ayenzayo yayimbi emehlweni eNKOSI.

II LUKASAMUWELI 12

UNathani ukhuza uDavida

1 INKOSI yasithuma uNathani kuDavida. Wasefika kuye wathi kuye: Kwakukhona amadoda amabili emzini owodwa; enye inothile, lenye ingumyanga.

2 Enothileyo yayilezimvu lenkomo ezinengi kakhulu.

3 Kodwa engumyanga yayingelalutho ngaphandle kwewundlu elincinyane elilodwa elisikazi eyayilithengile, yalondla; lakhula layo, njalo labantwana bayo ndawonye. Ladla okocezu lwayo, lanatha okwenkezo yayo; lalala esifubeni sayo, lalinjengendodakazi kiyo.

4 Kwasekufika isihambi endodeni enothileyo; yasiyekela ukuthatha ezimvini zayo lenkomeni zayo ukulungisela isihambi esasifike kiyo, kodwa yathatha iwundlu elisikazi lendoda engumyanga, yalilungisela umuntu owayefike kiyo.

5 Ulaka lukaDavida lwaseluvuthela lowomuntu kakhulu, wathi kuNathani: Kuphila kukaJehova, isibili umuntu owenze lokho uyindodana yokufa.

6 Njalo uzalibuyisela iwundlu elisikazi liphindwe kane, ngenxa yokuthi enze le into langenxa yokuthi engabanga lozwelo.

7 UNathani wasesithi kuDavida: Nguwe lowomuntu! Itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Ngakugcoba waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, ngakukhulula esandleni sikaSawuli.

8 Ngakunika indlu yenkosi yakho labafazi benkosi yakho esifubeni sakho, ngakunika indlu kaIsrayeli lekaJuda; uba-ke bekukuncinyane, bengingakwengezelela okunje lokunje.

9 Udeleleleni ilizwi leNKOSI ukuthi wenze okubi emehlweni ayo? U-Uriya umHethi umtshayile ngenkemba, lomkakhe wamthatha waba ngumkakho, laye umbulele ngenkemba yabantwana bakoAmoni.

10 Ngakho-ke inkemba kayiyikusuka endlini yakho kuze kube nininini, ngenxa yokuthi ungidelele, wathatha umkaUriya umHethi ukuthi abe ngumkakho.

11 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngizakuvusela okubi kuvela endlini yakho, ngithathe omkakho phambi kwamehlo akho, ngibanike umakhelwane wakho, alale labomkakho phambi kwalelilanga.

12 Ngoba wena wakwenza ensitha, kodwa mina ngizakwenza le into phambi kukaIsrayeli wonke laphambi kwelanga.

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13 UDavida wasesithi kuNathani: Ngonile eNKOSIni. UNathani wasesithi kuDavida:
LeNKOSI isusile isono sakho; kawuyikufa.

14 Loba kunjalo, ngoba wenze izitha zeNKOSI zidelele lokudelela ngalindaba, laye
umntwana ozalelwe wena uzakufa lokufa.

15 UNathani wasesiya endlini yakhe. INKOSI yasimtshaya umntwana umkaUriya
amzalela uDavida, wagula kakhulu.

16 Ngakho uDavida wamncengela umntwana kuNkulunkulu; uDavida wasezila
izilo lokudla, wangena, walala emhlabathini ubusuku bonke.

17 Abadala bendlu yakhe basebesukuma baya kuye ukumvusa emhlabathini;
kodwa kafunanga, futhi kadlanga ukudla labo.

18 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesikhombisa umntwana wafa. Izinceku zikaDavida
zasezisesaba ukumtshela ukuthi umntwana ufile; ngoba zathi: Khangela,
umntwana esaphila sakhuluma laye, kalalelanga ilizwi lethu; pho, singamtshela
njani ukuthi umntwana ufile? Angazilimaza.

19 Kodwa uDavida ebona ukuthi inceku zakhe ziyanyenyezelana, uDavida
waqedisisa ukuthi umntwana usefile; ngakho uDavida wathi ezincekwini zakhe:
Umntwana usefile yini? Zasezisithi: Usefile.

20 UDavida wasevuka emhlabathini, wageza, wagcoba, wantshintsha izigqoko
zakhe, wangena endlini yeNKOSI, wakhonza; wasesiya endlini yakhe, wacela,
babeka ukudla phambi kwakhe, wadla.

21 Inceku zakhe zasezisithi kuye: Iyini le into oyenzileyo? Ngenxa yomntwana
ophilayo uzile ukudla wakhala inyembezi; kodwa lapho umntwana esefile,
uvukile wadla isinkwa.

22 Wasesithi: Umntwana esaphila, ngizile ukudla, ngakhala inyembezi, ngoba
ngathi: Ngubani owaziyo iNKOSIingangihawukela ukuthi umntwana aphile.

23 Kodwa khathesi usefile, ngizazilelani? Ngilakho ukumbuyisa yini futhi?
Ngizakuya kuye, kodwa yena kayikubuyela kimi.

24 UDavida wasemduduza uBathisheba umkakhe, wangena kuye, walala laye;
wazala indodana, wabiza ibizo layowathi nguSolomoni. UJehova wasemthanda.

25 Wasethuma ngesandla sikaNathani umprofethi, wabiza ibizo
layo wathi nguJedidiya, ngenxa kaJehova.

UDavida unqoba iRaba

26 UJowabi walwa-ke leRaba eyabantwana bakoAmoni, wathumba umuzi
wobukhosi.

27 UJowabi wasethuma izithunywa kuDavida wathi: Ngilwe leRaba, njalo
ngathumba umuzi wamanzi.

28 Ngakho-ke buthanisa abantu abaseleyo, umise inkamba maqondana lomuzi, uwuthumbe, hlezi mina ngiwuthumbe umuzi, lebizo lami libizwe phezu kwawo.

29 UDavida wasebuthanisa bonke abantu, waya eRaba, walwa layo, wayithumba.

30 Wasethatha umqhele wenkosi ekhanda lakhe, osisindo sawo sasilithalenta legolide lelitshe eliligugu, waba sekhanda likaDavida. Wasekhipha impango yomuzi enengi kakhulu.

31 Wakhupha labantu ababephakathi kwawo, wababeka emasaheni, lezikhalini ezicijileyo zensimbi, lemahlokeni ensimbi, wabadlulisa emahondweni ezitina; wenza njalo kuyo yonke imizi yabantwana bakoAmoni. UDavida labo bonke abantu basebebuyela eJerusalema.

II LUKASAMUWELI 13

UAmnoni loTamari

1Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uAbisalomu indodana kaDavida wayelodadewabo omuhle, obizo lakhe lalinguTamari; uAmnoni indodana kaDavida wasemthanda.

2 UAmnoni wasehlupheka kakhulu waze wagula ngenxa kaTamari udadewabo; ngoba wayeyintombi emsulwa, kwasekusiba nzima emehlweni kaAmnoni ukwenza ulutho kuye.

3 Kodwa uAmnoni wayelomngane, obizo lakhe lalinguJonadabi indodana kaShimeya umfowabo kaDavida; njalo uJonadabi wayengumuntu olobuqili kakhulu.

4 Wasesithi kuye: Kungani wena, indodana yenkosi, ucaka kangaka ukusa ngokusa? Ungengitshele yini? UAmnoni wasesithi kuye: Ngiyamthanda uTamari udadewabo kaAbisalomu umfowethu.

5 UJonadabi wasesithi kuye: Lala embhedeni wakho, uzitshaye ogulayo; lapho uyihlo efika ukukubona, uzakuthi kuye: Ake kuze uTamari udadewethu, anginike ukudla, akulungise ukudla phambi kwamehlo ami, ukuze ngikubone, ngidle esandleni sakhe.

6 Waselala phansi uAmnoni, wazitshaya ogulayo; lapho inkosi ifika ukuzambona, uAmnoni wathi enkosini: Ake kuze uTamari udadewethu, enze amaqebelengwana amabili phambi kwamehlo ami ukuthi ngidle esandleni sakhe.

7 UDavida wasethumela endlini kuTamari esithi: Yana khathesi endlini yomfowenu uAmnoni, umenzele ukudla.

8 Ngakho uTamari waya endlini kaAmnoni umfowabo, owayelele phansi. Wathatha inhlama, wayixova, wenza amaqebelengwana phambi kwamehlo akhe, wapheka amaqebelengwana.

9 Wasethatha ipani, wawathulula phambi kwakhe, kodwa wala ukudla; uAmnoni wasesithi: Khupha wonke umuntu kimi. Basebephuma, wonke umuntu kuye.

10 UAmnoni wasesithi kuTamari: Letha ukudla ekamelweni ukuze ngidle esandleni sakho. UTamari wasethatha amaqebelengwana ayewenzile, wawangenisa ekamelweni kuAmnoni umnewabo.

11 Lapho ewasondeza kuye ukuthi adle, wambamba, wathi kuye: Woza ulale lami, dadewethu.

12 Wasesithi kuye: Hatshi mnewethu, ungangibhinyi, ngoba okunje kakwenziwa koIsrayeli, ungenzi lobubuwula.

13 Mina-ke ngingalisa ngaphi ihlazo lami? Lawe uzakuba njengomunye weziphukuphuku koIsrayeli. Ngalokho-ke, ake ukhulume lenkosi, ngoba kayiyikungigodla kuwe.

14 Kodwa kafunanga ukulalela ilizwi lakhe; kodwa elamandla kulaye, wambhinya walala laye.

15 UAmnoni wasemzonda ngenzondo enkulu kakhulu; ngoba inzondo amzonda ngayo yayinkulu kulothando ayemthande ngalo. UAmnoni wasesithi kuye: Vuka uhambe.

16 Yena wasesithi kuye: Kakulazizatho; lobububi bokungixotsha bukhulu okwedlula obunye obenze kimi. Kodwa kafunanga ukumlalela.

17 Wasebiza inceku yakhe eyayisebenza kuye, wathi: Umkhuphele phandle lo khathesi asuke kimi, unxibe umnyango emva kwakhe.

18 Njalo wayegqoke isigqoko esilemibalabala, ngoba amadodakazi enkosi ayizintombi ezimsulwa ayegqoka izigqoko ezinjalo. Inceku yasimkhuphela phandle, yanxiba umnyango emva kwakhe.

19 UTamari wasezithela ngomlotha ekhanda, wadabula isigqoko sakhe esilemibalabala ayesigqokile, wathwala imikhono ekhanda, wahamba, ehamba ekhala.

20 UAbisalomu umnewabo wasesithi kuye: UAminoni umnewenu kade elawe yini? Ngakho-ke, thula, dadewethu, ungumnewenu; ungabeki inhliziyo yakho kulindaba. Ngakho uTamari wahlala eyedwa endlini kaAbisalomu umnewabo.

21 Inkosi uDavida isizwile zonke lezizinto yathukuthela kakhulu.

22 UAbisalomu kakhulumanga loAmnoni okuhle kumbe okubi, ngoba uAbisalomu wamzonda uAmnoni, ngenxa yokuthi wayebhinye uTamari udadewabo.

UAbisalomu ubulala uAmnoni, abesebaleka

23 Kwasekusithi emva kweminyaka emibili epheleleyo uAbisalomu wayelabagundi bezimvu eBhali-Hazori eliseceleni kweEfrayimi; uAbisalomu wasenxusa wonke amadodana enkosi.

24 UAbisalomu wasesiza enkosini wathi: Khangela khathesi, inceku yakho ilabagundi; inkosi ake ihambe lenceku zayo lenceku yakho.

25 Kodwa inkosi yathi kuAbisalomu: Hatshi, ndodana yami, ake singahambi sonke, hlezi sibe ngumthwalo kuwe. Wayibamba ngamandla kodwa kayivumanga ukuhamba, kodwa yambusisa.

26 UAbisalomu wasesithi: Uba kungenjalo, ake ahambe lathi uAmnoni umfowethu. Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Uzahambelani lawe?

27 UAbisalomu eseyicindezele, yabayekela oAmnoni lawo wonke amadodana enkosi ahamba laye.

28 UAbisalomu waselaya inceku zakhe esithi: Khangelani-ke, nxa inhliziyo kaAmnoni isithokoza ngewayini, lapho ngisithi kini: Tshayani uAmnoni, beselimbulala; lingesabi; angithi ngoba mina ngililayile? Qinani, libe ngamaqhawe.

29 Izinceku zikaAbisalomu zasezisenza kuAmnoni njengokulaya kukaAbisalomu. Amadodana wonke enkosi asesukuma, agada, ngulowo lalowo imbongolo yakhe, abaleka.

30 Kwasekusithi besesendleleni, kwafika umbiko kuDavida usithi: UAbisalomu utshaye wonke amadodana enkosi, kakusalanga leyodwa yawo.

31 Inkosi yasisukuma yadabula izigqoko zayo, yalala emhlabathini; lazo zonke inceku zayo zazimi izigqoko zidatshuliwe.

32 UJonadabi indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida, wasephendula wathi: Inkosi yami kayingathi babulele wonke amajaha, amadodana enkosi, ngoba nguAmnoni yedwa ofileyo; ngoba ngomlomo kaAbisalomu kwanqunywa kusukela osukwini abhinya ngalo udadewabo uTamari.

33 Ngakho-ke inkosi yami, inkosi, kayingayibeki indaba enhliziyweni yayo, ukuthi wonke amadodana enkosi afile, ngoba nguAmnoni yedwa ofileyo.

34 Kodwa uAbisalomu wabaleka. Ijaha elilindayo laseliphakamisa amehlo alo, labona, khangela-ke, abantu abanengi babesiza ngendlela emva kwalo ehlangothini lwentaba.

35 UJonadabi wasesithi enkosini: Khangela, amadodana enkosi ayeza; njengokwelizwi lenceku yakho, kunjalo.

36 Kwasekusithi ekuqedeni kwakhe ukukhuluma, khangela, afika amadodana enkosi, aphakamisa ilizwi lawo, akhala inyembezi; lenkosi layo lazo zonke inceku zayo bakhala inyembezi ngokukhala okukhulukazi.

37 Kodwa uAbisalomu wabaleka waya kuTalimayi indodana kaAmihudi inkosi yeGeshuri. UDavida waselilela indodana yakhe insuku zonke.

38 Wabaleka-ke uAbisalomu, waya eGeshuri, waba lapho iminyaka emithathu.

39 Inhliziyo kaDavida inkosi yasikhanuka kakhulu ukuphuma iye kuAbisalomu, ngoba wayeseduduzekile ngoAmnoni ukuthi ufile.

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UJowabi wenza icebo lokubuyisa uAbisalomu

1 UJowabi indodana kaZeruya wasenanzelela ukuthi inhliziyo yenkosi
ikuAbisalomu.

2 UJowabi wasethumela eThekhowa ukuthi alande khona owesifazana
ohlakaniphileyo, wathi kuye: Ake uzitshaye olilayo, ake ugqoke izigqoko zokulila,
ungazigcobi ngamafutha, kodwa ube njengowesifazana oselilele ofileyo insuku
ezinengi.

3 Ungene enkosini, ukhulume kuyo ngalindlela. UJowabi wasefaka amazwi
emlonyeni wakhe.

4 Lapho owesifazana umThekhowa ekhuluma enkosini, wathi mbo ngobuso
bakhe emhlabathini, wakhothama, wathi: Siza, nkosi!

5 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ulani? Yena wasesithi: Sibili, ngingumfazi ongumfelokazi,
lendoda yami yafa.

6 Njalo incekukazi yakho yayilamadodana amabili, alwa womabili egangeni;
kwakungelamlamuli phakathi kwawo; enye yasitshaya enye, yayibulala.

7 Khangela-ke, usendo lonke seluvukele incekukazi yakho, bathi: Nikela lowo
owatshaya umfowabo wambulala, ukuthi simbulale ngenxa yempilo yomfowabo
ambulalayo, sichithe lendlalifa. Ngalokho bacitshe ilahle lami eliseleyo, ukuze
bangatshiyeli indoda yami ibizo lensali ebusweni bomhlaba.

8 Inkosi yasisithi kowesifazana: Yana endlini yakho; mina-ke ngizalaya ngawe.

9 Owesifazana umThekhowa wasesithi enkosini: Nkosi yami, nkosi, icala kalibe
phezu kwami laphezu kwendlu kababa; kodwa inkosi lesihlalo sayo sobukhosi
kube msulwa.

10 Inkosi yasisithi: Okhuluma ulutho kuwe, umlethe kimi, njalo kayikuphinda
akuthinte futhi.

11 Wasesithi: Inkosi ake ikhumbule iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wayo ukuthi
umphindiseli wegazi angabe esachitha, hlezi bachithe indodana yami. Yasisithi:
Kuphila kukaJehova, kakuyikuwela emhlabathini olulodwa unwele lwendodana
yakho.

12 Owesifazana wasesithi: Incekukazi yakho ake ikhulume ilizwi enkosini yami
inkosi. Yasisithi: Khuluma.

13 Owesifazana wasesithi: Pho, unakaneleni okunje ngabantu bakaNkulunkulu?
Ngokukhuluma lindaba inkosi injengolecala, ngokuthi inkosi kayibuyisanga
oxotshiweyo wayo.

14 Ngoba kumele sife, sinjengamanzi achithekele emhlabathini angabuthwanga;
kodwa uNkulunkulu kayikususa impilo, kodwa uzacabanga amacebo ukuthi
angalahli kuye oxotshiweyo.

15 Ngakho-ke, njengoba ngizile ukukhuluma linto enkosini, inkosi yami, kungoba
abantu bangesabisile; incekukazi yakho yasisithi: Khathesi ngizakhuluma
lenkosi; mhlawumbe inkosi izakwenza ilizwi lencekukazi yayo.

16 Ngoba inkosi izakuzwa, ukukhulula incekukazi yayo esandleni
somuntu ofuna ukuchitha mina kanye lendodana yami elifeni likaNkulunkulu.

17 Incekukazi yakho yasisithi: Akuthi ilizwi lenkosi yami, inkosi, libe
ngelokuthula, ngoba njengengilosi kaNkulunkulu, injalo inkosi yami, inkosi,
ukuzwa okubi lokuhle. Ngakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho kayibe lawe.

18 Inkosi yasiphendula yathi kowesifazana: Ake ungangifihleli indaba
engizayibuza kuwe. Owesifazana wasesithi: Ake ikhulume inkosi yami, inkosi.

19 Inkosi yasisithi: Isandla sikaJowabi silawe yini kukho konke lokhu?
Owesifazana wasephendula wathi: Kuphila komphefumulo wakho, nkosi yami,
nkosi, isibili kakho ongaya ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo asuke lakuyiphi
into inkosi yami, inkosi, eyikhulumileyo; ngoba inceku yakho uJowabi, yona
yangilaya, yiyo eyafunza incekukazi yakho wonke lamazwi.

20 Inceku yakho uJowabi iyenzile linto ukuthi iphendule ukuma kwendaba. Njalo
inkosi yami ihlakaniphile njengenhlakanipho yengilosi kaNkulunkulu, ukwazi
konke okusemhlabeni.

21 Inkosi yasisithi kuJowabi: Khangela khathesi, ngenzile lindaba; ngakho hamba
ubuyise umfana uAbisalomu.

22 UJowabi wasesithi mbo ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhothama, wayibusisa
inkosi; uJowabi wasesithi: Lamuhla inceku yakho iyazi ukuthi ngithole umusa
emehlweni akho, nkosi yami, nkosi, ngokuthi inkosi yenzile indaba yenceku yayo.

23 Wasesuka uJowabi, waya eGeshuri, wamletha uAbisalomu eJerusalema.

24 Inkosi yasisithi: Kaphendukele endlini yakhe, angaboni ubuso bami. Ngakho
uAbisalomu waphendukela endlini yakhe, kabonanga ubuso benkosi.

25 KoIsrayeli wonke-ke kwakungelamuntu onjengoAbisalomu ukudunyiswa
kakhulu ngobuhle; kwakungelasici kuye kusukela kungaphansi yonyawo lwakhe
kuze kufike enkanda yakhe.

26 Nxa ephuca ikhanda lakhe - ngoba kwakusithi ekupheleni kwawo wonke
umnyaka aliphuce, ngoba zazinzima kuye, ngakho waliphuca - walinganisa
inwele zekhanda lakhe, amashekeli angamakhulu amabili ngesilinganiso senkosi.

27 Kwasekuzalelwa uAbisalomu amadodana amathathu lendodakazi eyodwa,
obizo layo lalinguTamari; wayengowesifazana omuhle ebukeka.

28 UAbisalomu wasehlala eJerusalema iminyaka emibili epheleleyo, kabonanga ubuso benkosi.

29 UAbisalomu wasethumela kuJowabi ukuthi amthume enkosini; kodwa kavumanga ukuza kuye. Waphinda wathumela ngokwesibili, kodwa kavumanga ukuza.

30 Wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Bonani, isabelo sikaJowabi siseceleni kwesami, njalo ulebhali lapho; hambani lisithungele ngomlilo. Izinceku zikaAbisalomu zasezithungela isabelo ngomlilo.

31 Wasesuka uJowabi weza kuAbisalomu endlini, wathi kuye: Izinceku zakho zithungeleleni isabelo esingesami ngomlilo?

32 UAbisalomu wasesithi kuJowabi: Khangela, ngithumele kuwe ngisithi: Woza lapha, ukuze ngikuthume enkosini, ukuthi: Ngibuyeleni ngisuka eGeshuri? Bekukuhle kimi ukuthi ngabe ngilokhu ngikhonale. Ngakho-ke kangibone ubuso benkosi; njalo uba kulecala kimi, kayingibulale.

33 Ngakho uJowabi weza enkosini, wayitshela; isimbizile uAbisalomu weza enkosini, wayikhothamela ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini, phambi kwenkosi; inkosi yasimanga uAbisalomu.

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UAbisalomu uvukela uDavida

1Kwasekusithi emva kwalokhu uAbisalomu wazilungisela izinqola lamabhiza, labantu abangamatshumi amahlanu begijima phambi kwakhe.

2 UAbisalomu wayesevuka ekuseni kakhulu eme eceleni kwendlela yesango; kwakusithi wonke umuntu olecala lomthetho eliya enkosini ukwahlulelwa, uAbisalomu ambize athi: Ungowawuphi umuzi? Lapho esithi: Inceku yakho ingowesinye sezizwe zakoIsrayeli;

3 uAbisalomu abesesithi kuye: Bona, indaba zakho zinhle zilungile, kodwa kakho owenkosi ukuthi akuzwe.

4 UAbisalomu abesesithi: Kungathi ngabe ngibekwe umahluleli elizweni, ukuthi wonke umuntu olecala lomthetho lodaba angeza kimi, njalo bengizamlungisela.

5 Kwakusithi lapho kusondela umuntu ukumkhothamela, elule isandla sakhe, ambambe, amange.

6 UAbisalomu wasesenza ngalindlela kuIsrayeli wonke, bona abeza enkosini ukwahlulelwa; ngalokho uAbisalomu wathumba inhliziyo yamadoda akoIsrayeli.

7 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amane uAbisalomu wathi enkosini: Ake ngiyekhokha isithembiso sami engasithembisa eNKOSIni eHebroni.

8 Ngoba inceku yakho yathembisa isithembiso ngisahlala eGeshuri eSiriya ngisithi: Uba iNKOSI ingibuyisela lokungibuyisela eJerusalema, ngizayikhonza iNKOSI.

9 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Hamba ngokuthula. Wasesukuma waya eHebroni.

10 Kodwa uAbisalomu wathuma izinhloli ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli esithi: Lapho lisizwa ukukhala kophondo, lizakuthi: UAbisalomu uyinkosi eHebroni!

11 Kwasekuhamba loAbisalomu amadoda angamakhulu amabili esuka eJerusalema, anxusiweyo, ahamba ebuqothweni bawo, njalo engazi lutho.

12 UAbisalomu wasethumela wabiza uAhithofeli weGilo, umeluleki kaDavida, esuka emzini wakhe, eGilo, esahlaba imihlatshelo. Njalo ugobe lwaqina, labantu bahamba banda kuAbisalomu.

13 Kwasekufika isithunywa kuDavida, sisithi: Inhliziyo yabantu bakoIsrayeli ilandela uAbisalomu.

14 Wasesithi uDavida ezincekwini zakhe zonke ezazilaye eJerusalema: Sukumani, sibaleke, ngoba kasilakuphepha ebusweni bukaAbisalomu. Phangisani ukuhamba, hlezi aphangise asifice, asehlisele okubi, atshaye umuzi ngobukhali benkemba.

15 Izinceku zenkosi zasezisithi enkosini: Njengakho konke inkosi, inkosi yami, ekukhethayo, khangela, nanziinceku zakho.

16 Yasiphuma inkosi, layo yonke indlu yayo iyilandela. Inkosi yasitshiya abafazi abalitshumi, abafazi abancane, ukuze balinde indlu.

17 Yasiphuma inkosi, labo bonke abantu beyilandela; bema endlini ekhatshana.

18 Lazo zonke inceku zayo zedlula eceleni kwayo, njalo wonke amaKerethi lawo wonke amaPelethi lawo wonke amaGiti, amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha, eza amlandela evela eGati, edlula phambi kwenkosi.

19 Inkosi yasisithi kuIthayi umGiti: Lawe uhambelani lathi? Buyela uhlale lenkosi, ngoba ungowezizweni njalo ungumxotshwa endaweni yakho.

20 Ufike izolo; pho, lamuhla ngikuzulazulise ngokuhamba lathi, njengoba ngiya lapho engiya khona? Buyela ubuyisele abafowenu. Umusa leqiniso kakube lawe.

21 Kodwa uIthayi wayiphendula inkosi wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova, njalo kuphila kwenkosi yami, inkosi, isibili kuleyondawo lapho inkosi yami, inkosi, ezakuba kiyo, loba kusekufeni loba kusekuphileni, lalapho izakuba khona inceku yakho.

22 UDavida wasesithi kuIthayi: Hamba, uchaphe. UIthayi umGiti wasechapha kanye labantu bakhe bonke labantwanyana ababelaye.

23 Ilizwe lonke lakhala inyembezi ngelizwi elikhulu, njalo abantu bonke bachapha. Inkosi yasichapha isifula iKidroni, labantu bonke bachapha, ngasendleleni yenkangala.

24 Njalo khangela, uZadoki laye lawo wonke amaLevi elaye, bethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, bawubeka phansi umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu; uAbhiyatha wasesenyuka, abantu bonke baze baphela ukudlula bephuma emzini.

25 Inkosi yasisithi kuZadoki: Buyisela umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu emzini. Uba ngizathola umusa emehlweni eNKOSI, izangibuyisa ingitshengise wona kanye lendawo yayo yokuhlala.

26 Kodwa uba isitsho njalo, ithi: Kangithokozi ngawe; khangela ngilapha, kayenze kimi njengokuhle emehlweni ayo.

27 Inkosi yasisithi kuZadoki umpristi: Ungumboni yini? Buyela emzini ngokuthula, loAhimahazi indodana yakho loJonathani indodana kaAbhiyatha, amadodana enu womabili elani.

28 Bona, ngizalinda emazibukweni enkangala, kuze kufike ilizwi elivela kini lokungibikela.

29 Ngakho uZadoki loAbhiyatha bawubuyisela umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema, bahlala khona.

30 UDavida wasesenyuka ngomqanso wemihlwathi, esenyuka ekhala inyembezi, embomboze ikhanda lakhe, wahamba engelamanyathela; labo bonke abantu ababelaye bambomboza, ngulowo lalowo ikhanda lakhe, benyuka, besenyuka bekhala inyembezi.

31 Kwasekubikwa kuDavida kwathiwa: UAhithofeli uphakathi kwabakugobe loAbisalomu. UDavida wasesithi: NKOSI, ake enze icebo likaAhithofeli libe yibuthutha.

32 Kwasekusithi uDavida esefike engqongeni lapho ayekhonza khona uNkulunkulu, khangela, uHushayi umArki wamhlangabeza, isembatho sakhe sidatshuliwe, lenhlabathi isekhanda lakhe.

33 UDavida wasesithi kuye: Uba usedlula lami, uzakuba ngumthwalo kimi.

34 Kodwa uba ubuyela emzini uthi kuAbisalomu: Ngizakuba yinceku yakho, nkosi; kade ngiyinceku kayihlo, kodwa khathesi sengizakuba yinceku yakho; khona uzangichithela icebo likaAhithofeli.

35 Njalo kabakho yini kanye lawe lapho oZadoki loAbhiyatha abapristi? Ngakho kuzakuthi yonke indaba oyizwayo endlini yenkosi, uyitshele oZadoki loAbhiyatha abapristi.

36 Khangela, kukhona lapho kanye labo amadodana abo amabili, uAhimahazi okaZadoki, loJonathani okaAbhiyatha; njalo uzathumela ngesandla sabo kimi yonke into ozayizwa.

37 UHushayi umngane kaDavida wasefika emzini, loAbisalomu wafika eJerusalema.

II LUKASAMUWELI 16

1Kwathi uDavida esedlule kancinyane engqongeni, khangela, uZiba inceku kaMefiboshethi wamhlangabeza elabobabhemi ababili belezihlalo, bethwele izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, lamahlukuzo alikhulu ezithelo ezonyisiweyo zevini, lezithelo zehlobo ezilikhulu, lomgodla wewayini.

2 Inkosi yasisithi kuZiba: Uthini ngalezizinto? UZiba wasesithi: Obabhemi ngabendlu yenkosi ukuthi bagade, lezinkwa lezithelo zehlobo ngezamajaha ukuthi adle, lewayini ngelabaphelelwa ngamandla enkangala ukuthi banathe.

3 Inkosi yasisithi: Pho, ingaphi indodana yenkosi yakho? UZiba wasesithi enkosini: Khangela, uhlezi eJerusalema, ngoba uthe: Lamuhla uIsrayeli uzabuyisela kimi umbuso kababa.

4 Inkosi yasisithi kuZiba: Khangela, ngokwakho konke okukaMefiboshethi. UZiba wasesithi: Ngiyakhothama; kangithole umusa emehlweni akho, nkosi yami, nkosi.

5 Kwathi inkosi uDavida ifika eBahurimi, khangela, kwaphuma khona umuntu wosendo lwendlu kaSawuli, obizo lakhe linguShimeyi indodana kaGera; waphuma, ehamba ethuka.

6 Wasejikijela uDavida ngamatshe kanye lenceku zonke zenkosi uDavida, labo bonke abantu lamaqhawe wonke ngakwesokunene sakhe langakwesokhohlo sakhe.

7 Wasesitsho njalo uShimeyi ekuthukeni kwakhe: Phuma, phuma, muntu wegazi, muntu kaBheliyali!

8 INKOSI ibuyisele phezu kwakho lonke igazi lendlu kaSawuli obubusa esikhundleni sakhe; iNKOSI inikele umbuso esandleni sikaAbisalomu indodana yakho. Khangela, usebubini bakho, ngoba ungumuntu omele igazi.

9 UAbishayi indodana kaZeruya wasesithi enkosini: Linja efileyo iyithukelani inkosi yami, inkosi? Ake ngedlule ngisuse ikhanda layo.

10 Kodwa inkosi yathi: Ngilani lani, madodana kaZeruya? Ngakho kathuke, ngoba iNKOSI ithe kuye: Thuka uDavida; pho, ngubani ozakuthi: Wenzeleni njalo?

11 UDavida wasesithi kuAbishayi lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe: Khangela, indodana yami, ephume emibilini yami, idinga impilo yami; kangakanani-ke lumBhenjamini? Myekeleni, athuke, ngoba iNKOSI ikhulumile kuye.

12 Mhlawumbe iNKOSI izabona usizi lwami, iNKOSI ingibuyisele okuhle esikhundleni sokuthuka kwakhe lamuhla.

13 UDavida labantu bakhe basebehamba ngendlela; loShimeyi ehamba eceleni kwentaba maqondana laye, ehamba ethuka, emjikijela ngamatshe, emthela ngothuli.

14 Inkosi labo bonke abantu ababelayo bafika sebekhathele; yasihlumelela khona.

15 UAbisalomu labantu bonke, amadoda akoIsrayeli, basebefika eJerusalema, loAhithofeli elaye.

16 Kwasekusithi lapho uHushayi umArki, umngane kaDavida, esefike kuAbisalomu, uHushayi wathi kuAbisalomu: Kayiphile inkosi! Kayiphile inkosi!

17 UAbisalomu wasesithi kuHushayi: Yiwo umusa wakho kumngane wakho yini? Kungani ungahambanga lomngane wakho?

18 UHushayi wasesithi kuAbisalomu: Hatshi, kodwa lowo emkhethayo iNKOSI, lalababantu, lawo wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli, ngizakuba ngowakhe, njalo ngihlale laye.

19 Ngokwesibili, mina ngizakhonza bani? Kungabi phambi kobuso bendodana yakhe na? Njengoba ngakhonza phambi kukayihlo, ngokunjalo ngizakuba phambi kwakho.

20 UAbisalomu wasesithi kuAhithofeli: Phanini iseluleko senu ukuthi sizakwenza njani?

21 UAhithofeli wasesithi kuAbisalomu: Ngena kubafazi abancane bakayihlo abatshiye ukulinda indlu; loIsrayeli wonke uzakuzwa ukuthi ulevumba kuyihlo; khona izandla zabo bonke abalawe zizaqina.

22 Basebemendlalela uAbisalomu ithente phezu kophahla; uAbisalomu wasengena kubafazi abancane bakayise phambi kwamehlo kaIsrayeli wonke.

23 Iseluleko sikaAhithofeli aseluleka ngalezonsuku sasinjengomuntu ebuza ilizwi likaNkulunkulu; sasinjalo sonke iseluleko sikaAhithofeli kubo bobabili uDavida loAbisalomu.

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Iseluleko sikaAhithofeli

1UAhithofeli wasesithi kuAbisalomu: Ake ngikhethe amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, ngisukume ngixotshane loDavida ngalobubusuku.

2 Ngizamehlela esakhathele ebuthakathaka ezandleni, ngimethuse; labo bonke abantu abalaye bazabaleka; ngizatshaya inkosi kuphela.

3 Ngizabuyisela abantu bonke kuwe. Umuntu omdingayo ufanana lokubuya kwabo bonke. Bonke abantu bazakuba sekuthuleni.

4 Lalelilizwi lalilungile emehlweni kaAbisalomu lemehlweni abo bonke abadala
bakoIsrayeli.

5 UAbisalomu wasesithi: Bizani-ke loHushayi umArki, sizwe ukuthi laye uthini
ngomlomo.

6 UHushayi esefikile kuAbisalomu, uAbisalomu wakhuluma kuye esithi:
UAhithofeli ukhulume ngalindlela: Senze ilizwi lakhe yini? Uba kungenjalo,
khuluma wena.

7 UHushayi wasesithi kuAbisalomu: Iseluleko uAhithofeli aselulekileyo
ngalesisikhathi kasisihle.

8 UHushayi wathi futhi: Wena uyamazi uyihlo labantu bakhe ukuthi
bangamaqhawe, ukuthi bathukuthele enhliziyweni, njengebhere elithathelwe
imidlwane egangeni. Futhi uyihlo yindoda yempi; kayikulala labantu ebusuku.

9 Khangela, khathesinje ucatshile komunye wemigodi, loba kwenye yezindawo.
Kuzakuthi lapho abanye babo bewile ekuqaleni, kuthi loba ngubani ozwayo athi:
Bekulokubulawa ebantwini abalandela uAbisalomu.

10 Kuthi laye olobuqhawe, onhliziyo yakhe injengenhliziyo yesilwane, ancibilike
lokuncibilika; ngoba uIsrayeli wonke uyazi ukuthi uyihlo uliqhawe, lalabo
abalaye balobuqhawe.

11 Ngakho ngiyeluleka ukuthi uIsrayeli wonke abuthane, abuthane kuwe
kusukela koDani kuze kufike eBherishebha, ngangetshebetshebe eliselwandle
ngobunengi, wena ngokwakho ubususiya empini.

12 Ngakho sizamehlela kwenye yezindawo lapho angatholakala khona, simehlele
njengamazolo ewela emhlabathini; njalo kungasali kuye lebantwini bonke
abalaye loyedwa.

13 Uba-ke engena emzini, uIsrayeli wonke uzaletha amagoda kulowomuzi,
siwuhudulele esifuleni, kungabe kusatholwa lalitshana khona.

14 UAbisalomu lawo wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli basebesithi: Iseluleko
sikaHushayi umArki singcono kuleseluleko sikaAhithofeli. Ngoba
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu yayilayile ukuthi kufutshiswe iseluleko esihle sikaAhithofeli
ukuze iNKOSI imehlisele okubi uAbisalomu.

15 UHushayi wasesithi kuZadoki lakuAbhiyatha abapristi: UAhithofeli weluleke
uAbisalomu labadala bakoIsrayeli kanje lakanje; mina-ke ngeluleka kanje
lakanje.

16 Ngakho-ke thumani masinyane litshele uDavida lithi: Ungalali emagcekeni
enkangala kulobubusuku, futhi chapha lokuchapha, hlezi inkosi iginywe labantu
bonke abalayo.

17 OJonathani loAhimahazi babemile-ke eEnirogeli; incekukazi yeza yabatshela,
bona-ke bahamba babikela inkosi uDavida; ngoba babengelakubonwa bengena
emzini.

18 Kodwa umfana othile wababona, wabikela uAbisalomu; kodwa bahamba
masinyane bobabili, bayafika endlini yomuntu eBahurimi, owayelomthombo
egumeni lakhe; behlela khona.

19 Owesifazana wasethatha wendlala isimbombozo phezu komlomo
womthombo, wachaya amabele agigiweyo phezu kwaso; ngakho linto
kayaziwanga.

20 Lapho zifika izinceku zikaAbisalomu kowesifazana endlini, zathi: Bangaphi
oAhimahazi loJonathani? Owesifazana wasesithi kizo: Bachaphe isifula samanzi.
Sezidingile, zingabatholanga, zabuyela eJerusalema.

21 Kwasekusithi sezihambile, benyuka emthonjeni baya bayitshela inkosi
uDavida, bathi kuDavida: Sukani lichaphe amanzi masinyane, ngoba uAhithofeli
weluleke njalo emelene lani.

22 UDavida wasesuka, labo bonke abantu ababelaye, bachapha iJodani; kuze kube
sekukhanyeni kokusa kwakungasalanga loyedwa, ongayichaphanga iJodani.

23 Lapho uAhithofeli ebona ukuthi iseluleko sakhe asilandelwanga, wabophela
isihlalo kubabhemi, wasuka waya endlini yakhe emzini wakhe, walaya indlu
yakhe, waziphanyeka, wafa, wangcwatshelwa engcwabeni likayise.

UDavida useMahanayimi

24 UDavida wasefika eMahanayimi; uAbisalomu wasechapha iJodani, yena
lamadoda wonke akoIsrayeli kanye laye.

25 UAbisalomu wayebeke-ke uAmasa phezu kwebutho esikhundleni sikaJowabi.
Njalo uAmasa wayeyindodana yomuntu obizo lakhe lalinguIthira umIsrayeli,
owangena kuAbigali indodakazi kaNahashi, udadewabo kaZeruya, unakaJowabi.

26 Ngakho uIsrayeli loAbisalomu bamisa inkamba elizweni leGileyadi.

27 Kwasekusithi uDavida esefikile eMahanayimi, uShobi indodana kaNahashi
weRaba yabantwana bakoAmoni, loMakiri indodana kaAmiyeli weLodebari,
loBarizilayi umGileyadi weRogelimi,

28 baletha amacansi, lemiganu, lendiwo zebumba, lengqoloyi, lebhali, lempuphu,
lamabele akhanzingiweyo, lendumba, lamalentili, lokunye okukhanzingiweyo,

29 lenyosi, lamasi, lezimvu, letshizi yenkomo, kusenzelwa uDavida labantu
ababelaye ukuze badle; ngoba bathi: Abantu balambile badiniwe
bomile enkangala.

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Ukufa kukaAbisalomu

1UDavida wasebala abantu ababelaye, wabeka phezu kwabo izinduna zezinkulungwane lenduna zamakhulu.

2 UDavida wasethuma ingxenye yesithathu yabantu ngaphansi kwesandla sikaJowabi, lengxenye yesithathu ngaphansi kwesandla sikaAbishayi indodana kaZeruya, umfowabo kaJowabi, lengxenye yesithathu ngaphansi kwesandla sikaIthayi umGiti. Inkosi yasisithi ebantwini: Lami ngizaphuma lokuphuma kanye lani.

3 Kodwa abantu bathi: Kawuyikuphuma. Ngoba uba sibaleka lokubaleka, kabayikusinaka; kumbe uba kusifa ingxenye yethu, kabayikuba landaba lathi. Kanti khathesi wena ulingana lenkulungwane ezilitshumi zethu; ngakho-ke kungcono ukuthi ube lusizo lwethu usemzini.

4 Inkosi yasisithi kibo: Lokho okulungileyo emehlweni enu ngizakwenza. Inkosi yasisima eceleni kwesango; bonke abantu basebephuma ngamakhulu langezinkulungwane.

5 Inkosi yasibalaya oJowabi loAbishayi loIthayi, isithi: Liliphathe kahle ijaha, uAbisalomu, ngenxa yami. Njalo bonke abantu bezwa lapho inkosi ilaya zonke izinduna indaba kaAbisalomu.

6 Abantu basebephumela egangeni ukuyakulwa bemelene loIsrayeli; njalo impi yayiseguswini lakoEfrayimi.

7 Abantu bakoIsrayeli basebetshaywa lapho phambi kwenceku zikaDavida, kwasekusiba khona ukubulala okukhulu ngalolosuku - abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili.

8 Ngoba impi yahlakazeka khona ebusweni belizwe lonke, njalo igusu ladla abantu abanengi ngalolosuku okwedlula labo inkemba eyabadlayo.

9 UAbisalomu wasehlangana lenceku zikaDavida. Njalo uAbisalomu wayegade imbongolo; kwathi imbongolo ifika ngaphansi kwengatsha ezihlangeneyo zesihlahla se-okhi elikhulu, ikhanda lakhe laselibambelela esihlahleni se-okhi; waselenga phakathi kwamazulu lomhlaba, njalo imbongolo engaphansi kwakhe yedlula.

10 Umuntu othile wasebona, watshela uJowabi wathi: Khangela, ngibone uAbisalomu elenga esihlahleni se-okhi.

11 UJowabi wasesithi kulowomuntu omtshelayo: Khangela-ke, umbonile, kungani-ke ungamtshayelanga emhlabathini khonapho? Bengizakunika inhlamvu ezilitshumi zesiliva lebhanti elilodwa.

12 Kodwa lowomuntu wathi kuJowabi: Loba bengingemukela ezandleni zami inhlamvu eziyinkulungwane zesiliva, bengingayikwelulela isandla sami

endodaneni yenkosi, ngoba ezindlebeni zethu inkosi yakulaya wena loAbishayi loIthayi isithi: Nanzelelani, loba ngubani, angathinti ijaha uAbisalomu.

13 Uba bengenze inkohliso ngempilo yami, ngoba kakulalutho olucatshela inkosi, lawe ubuzazimisa umelene lami.

14 UJowabi wasesithi: Kangiyikulibala ngokunjalo lawe. Wasethatha imikhonto emithathu esandleni sakhe, wamgwaza uAbisalomu enhliziyweni esaphila, phakathi kwesihlahla se-okhi.

15 Njalo amajaha alitshumi ayethwala izikhali zikaJowabi, amzingelezela amtshaya uAbisalomu ambulala.

16 UJowabi wasevuthela uphondo, abantu basebebuya ekuxotshaneni loIsrayeli, ngoba uJowabi wabamisa abantu.

17 Basebemthatha uAbisalomu, bamphosela emgodini omkhulu eguswini, babeka phezu kwakhe inqwaba enkulu kakhulu yamatshe; uIsrayeli wonke wasebaleka, ngulowo lalowo waya ethenteni lakhe.

18 UAbisalomu esaphila wayethethe wazimisela insika esesigodini senkosi, ngoba wathi: Angilandodana yokwenza ukuthi ibizo lami likhunjulwe. Wabiza leyonsika ngebizo lakhe. Yabizwa ngokuthi, isikhumbuzo sikaAbisalomu, kuze kube lamuhla.

19 UAhimahazi indodana kaZadoki wasesithi: Ake ngigijime, ngiyibikele inkosi ukuthi iNKOSI iyiphindisele esandleni sezitha zayo.

20 Kodwa uJowabi wathi kuye: Kawusumbiki wendaba lamuhla, kodwa uzazibika izindaba ngolunye usuku; lamuhla kawuyikubika izindaba, ngenxa yokuthi indodana yenkosi ifile.

21 UJowabi wasesithi kumKhushi: Hamba uyebikela inkosi okubonileyo. UmKhushi wamkhothamela uJowabi, wagijima.

22 UAhimahazi indodana kaZadoki wabuya wasephinda wathi kuJowabi: Loba kunjani, ake ngigijime lami ngimlandele umKhushi. Kodwa uJowabi wathi: Uzagijimelani, mntanami, lokhu ungelambiko ongawuletha?

23 Kodwa loba kunjani, kangigijime. Wasesithi kuye: Gijima. Wasegijima uAhimahazi ngendlela yemagcekeni, wamdlula umKhushi.

24 UDavida wayehlezi-ke phakathi kwamasango womabili; umlindi wasesiya ephahleni lwesango emdulini, waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona, khangela-ke, umuntu egijima yedwa.

25 Umlindi wasememeza watshela inkosi. Yasisithi inkosi: Uba eyedwa ulombiko emlonyeni wakhe. Wasehamba weza esondela.

26 Umlindi wasebona omunye umuntu egijima; umlindi wabiza umlindisango wathi: Khangela, omunye umuntu ugijima yedwa. Inkosi yasisithi: Laye lo uletha izindaba.

27 Umlindi wasesithi: Ngibona ukugijima kowokuqala kunjengokugijima kukaAhimahazi indodana kaZadoki. Inkosi yasisithi: Lo ngumuntu olungileyo, uza lendaba ezinhle.

28 UAhimahazi wasememeza wathi enkosini: Ukuthula! Wasekhothamela inkosi ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini wathi: Kayibusiswe iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakho, enikele abantu abaphakamisa isandla sabo enkosini yami, inkosi.

29 Inkosi yasisithi: Kuhle yini ngejaha, ngoAbisalomu? UAhimahazi wasesithi: Ngibone isiphithiphithi esikhulu lapho uJowabi ethuma inceku yenkosi lenceku yakho, kodwa kangazanga ukuthi kuyini.

30 Inkosi yasisithi: Buyela eceleni, ume lapho. Wasebuyela eceleni wema.

31 Khangela-ke, umKhushi wafika, umKhushi wathi: Yemukela imibiko, nkosi yami, nkosi! Ngoba iNKOSIikuphindisele lamuhla esandleni salabo bonke abakuvukelayo.

32 Inkosi yasisithi kumKhushi: Kuhle yini ngejaha, ngoAbisalomu? UmKhushi wasesithi: Kungathi izitha zenkosi yami, inkosi, labo bonke abakuvukelayo ngobubi bangaba njengalelojaha.

33 Yasikhathazeka kakhulu inkosi, yenyukela endlini ephezulu yesango, yakhala inyembezi, isahamba yakhuluma kanje: Ndodana yami Abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami, Abisalomu! Kungathi ngabe kufe mina endaweni yakho, Abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami!

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1Kwasekubikwa kuJowabi kwathiwa: Khangela, inkosi uDavida iyakhala inyembezi, ililela uAbisalomu.

2 Ukunqoba ngalolosuku kwasekusiba yisililo ebantwini bonke, ngoba abantu bezwa ngalolosuku kuthiwa: Inkosi idabukile ngenxa yendodana yayo.

3 Abantu basebengena ngokunyenya emzini ngalolosuku njengabantu benyenya belenhloni bebaleka empini.

4 Kodwa inkosi yagubuzela ubuso bayo, inkosi yakhala ngelizwi elikhulu yathi: Ndodana yami Abisalomu, Abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami!

5 UJowabi wasengena endlini enkosini wathi: Lamuhla uyangisile ubuso benceku zakho zonke ezisindise impilo yakho lamuhla lempilo yamadodana akho leyamadodakazi akho lempilo yabomkakho lempilo yabafazi bakho abancane.

6 Uyabathanda abakuzondayo, uzonde abakuthandayo. Ngoba ukuveze obala lamuhla ukuthi izinduna lezinceku kazisilutho kuwe; ngoba ngiyananzelela lamuhla ukuthi uba uAbisalomu ubephila, njalo thina sonke besifile lamuhla, ukuthi bekungabe kulungile emehlweni akho.

7 Ngakho-ke sukuma, uphume uyekhuluma enhliziyweni yezinceku zakho; ngoba ngifunga ngeNKOSI, uba ungaphumi, sibili kakulamuntu ozahlala lawe ngalobubusuku. Lalokhu kuzakuba kubi kuwe kulakho konke okubi okukwehlele kusukela ebutsheni bakho kuze kube khathesi.

8 Inkosi yasisukuma, yahlala esangweni. Batshela bonke abantu bathi: Khangela, inkosi ihlezi esangweni; basebesiza abantu bonke phambi kwenkosi. UIsrayeli wayebaleke-ke, ngulowo lalowo waya emathenteni akhe.

UDavida ubuyela eJerusalema

9 Njalo abantu bonke babephikisana ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli besithi: Inkosi yasikhulula esandleni sezitha zethu, njalo yona yasophula esandleni samaFilisti; kodwa khathesi isibalekile elizweni ngenxa kaAbisalomu.

10 Kodwa uAbisalomu esamgcoba ukuthi abe phezu kwethu ufele empini. Pho-ke, lithuleleni ngokubuyisa inkosi?

11 Inkosi uDavida yasithuma kuZadoki lakuAbhiyatha abapristi, isithi: Khulumani labadala bakoJuda lithi: Kungani lingabokucina ukubuyisela inkosi endlini yayo? (Ngoba inkulumo kaIsrayeli wonke ifike enkosini endlini yayo.)

12 Lingabafowethu, lilithambo lami lenyama yami; ngakho kungani lingabokucina ukubuyisa inkosi?

13 Lithi-ke kuAmasa: Angithi ulithambo lami lenyama yami? UNkulunkulu kenze njalo kimi engezelele ngokunjalo, uba ungayikuba yinduna yebutho phambi kwami zonke izinsuku esikhundleni sikaJowabi.

14 Wasethobisa inhliziyo yabantu bonke bakoJuda, njengamuntu munye; basebethuma enkosini besithi: Buyela wena lazo zonke inceku zakho.

15 Inkosi yasibuyela yafika eJodani; uJuda wasesiza eGiligali ukuyahlangabeza inkosi, ukuchaphisa inkosi iJodani.

16 UShimeyi indodana kaGera umBhenjamini, owaseBahurimi, wasephangisa wehla labantu bakoJuda ukuhlangabeza inkosi uDavida,

17 labantu abayinkulungwane bakoBhenjamini belaye, loZiba inceku yendlu kaSawuli, lamadodana akhe alitshumi lanhlanu, lenceku zakhe ezingamatshumi amabili belaye. Basebephangisa baya eJodani phambi kwenkosi.

18 Kwasekuchapha isikepe sokuchapha ukuchaphisa abendlu yenkosi lokwenza okulungileyo emehlweni ayo. UShimeyi indodana kaGera wasewela phansi phambi kwenkosi ekuchapheni kwayo iJodani.

19 Wasesithi enkosini: Inkosi yami ingangibaleli isiphambeko, futhi ungakhumbuli lokho inceku yakho eyaphambeka ngakho mhla inkosi yami, inkosi, iphuma eJerusalema, ukuthi inkosi ikubeke enhliziyweni yayo.

20 Ngoba inceku yakho iyazi ukuthi mina ngonile; khangela-ke, ngifikile lamuhla ngingowokuqala wendlu yonke kaJosefa ukwehla ukuhlangabeza inkosi yami, inkosi.

21 Kodwa uAbishayi indodana kaZeruya waphendula wathi: UShimeyi kayikubulawa yini ngalokhu, ngoba wathuka ogcotshiweyo weNKOSI?

22 UDavida wasesithi: Ngilani lani, madodana kaZeruya, ukuthi libe yisitha kimi lamuhla? Kuzabulawa umuntu lamuhla koIsrayeli yini? Ngoba kangazi yini ukuthi lamuhla ngiyinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli?

23 Inkosi yasisithi kuShimeyi: Kawuyikufa. Inkosi yasifunga kuye.

24 UMefiboshethi indodana kaSawuli wasesehla ukuhlangabeza inkosi. Wayengalungisanga inyawo zakhe, engalungisanga lendevu zakhe, engawatshanga lezigqoko zakhe, kusukela mhla inkosi ihamba kwaze kwaba mhla ibuya ngokuthula.

25 Kwasekusithi esefikile eJerusalema ukuhlangabeza inkosi, inkosi yathi kuye: Kungani ungahambanga lami, Mefiboshethi?

26 Wasesithi: Nkosi yami, nkosi, inceku yami yangikhohlisa; ngoba inceku yakho yathi: Ngizazibophelela isihlalo kubabhemi ukuze ngimgade, ngihambe lenkosi, ngoba inceku yakho iyaqhula.

27 Njalo iyihlebile inceku yakho enkosini yami, inkosi; kodwa inkosi yami, inkosi, injengengilosi kaNkulunkulu; ngakho yenza okulungileyo emehlweni akho.

28 Ngoba yonke indlu kababa ibingesilutho ngaphandle kokuba ngabantu bokufa phambi kwenkosi yami, inkosi; loba kunjalo wayibeka inceku yakho phakathi kwabadla etafuleni lakho. Pho, ngiselalungelo bani ukuthi ngibuye ngikhale enkosini?

29 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Usakhulumelani ngendaba zakho? Ngithe: Wena loZiba lizakwehlukaniselana insimu.

30 UMefiboshethi wasesithi enkosini: Yebo, kayithathe yonke, lokhu inkosi yami, inkosi, isibuyile endlini yayo ngokuthula.

31 UBarizilayi umGileyadi wasesehla evela eRogelimi, wachapha iJodani kanye lenkosi ukuyiphelekezela phetsheya kweJodani.

32 UBarizilayi wayesemdala kakhulu, eleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili; yena wayisekela inkosi ekuhlaleni kwayo eMahanayimi, ngoba wayengumuntu omkhulu kakhulu.

33 Inkosi yasisithi kuBarizilayi: Chapha kanye lami wena, ngizakusekela lami eJerusalema.

34 Kodwa uBarizilayi wasesithi enkosini: Zingaki insuku zeminyaka yempilo yami ukuthi ngenyukele eJerusalema lenkosi?

35 Lamuhla ngileminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili; ngingehlukanisa phakathi kokuhle lokubi yini? Inceku yakho inganambitha engikudlayo lengikunathayo yini? Ngingabe ngisawezwa yini amazwi amadoda ahlabelayo lawabesifazana abahlabelayo? Kungani-ke inceku yakho isizakuba ngumthwalo enkosini yami, inkosi?

36 Inceku yakho izake ichaphe iJodani ingcosana nje kanye lenkosi; kungani-ke inkosi izangenanisa ngomvuzo ongaka?

37 Ngiyakuncenga, yekela inceku yakho ibuyele, ukuze ngifele emzini wami eduze lengcwaba likababa lelikamama. Kodwa khangela, inceku yakho uKhimihamu, kayichaphe lenkosi yami, inkosi, uyenzele okulungileyo emehlweni akho.

38 Inkosi yasisithi: UKhimihamu uzachapha lami; njalo mina ngizamenzela okulungileyo emehlweni ami, lakho konke okufunayo kimi ngizakwenzela khona.

39 Bonke abantu basebechapha iJodani, lenkosi yachapha, inkosi yamanga uBarizilayi, yambusisa, wasebuyela endaweni yakhe.

40 Inkosi yasisedlulela eGiligali, loKhimihamu wedlula layo; labo bonke abantu bakoJuda bayidlulisela phambili inkosi, futhi lengxenye yesizwe sakoIsrayeli.

41 Khangela-ke, bonke abantu bakoIsrayeli beza enkosini bathi enkosini: Abafowethu, abantu bakoJuda, bakuntshontsheleni, bachaphisa inkosi lendlu yayo iJodani labo bonke abantu bakaDavida belaye?

42 Bonke abantu bakoJuda basebephendula amadoda akoIsrayeli bathi: Ngoba inkosi iyisihlobo sethu; pho-ke, lithukuthelelani ngalindaba? Sike sadlani okwenkosi? Kumbe isinike isipho yini?

43 Njalo amadoda akoIsrayeli aphendula amadoda akoJuda, athi: Silengxenye ezilitshumi enkosini, futhi lakuDavida silelungelo okwedlula lina. Pho, lasidelelelani ukuthi ilizwi lethu lingabi ngelokuqala ukubuyisa inkosi yethu? Kodwa ilizwi lamadoda akoJuda lalilukhuni kulelizwi lamadoda akoIsrayeli.

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Ukuhlamuka kukaShebha

1Kwasekusenzakala ukuthi kube khona lapho umuntu kaBheliyali, obizo lakhe linguShebha indodana kaBikiri umBhenjamini; wasevuthela uphondo wathi: Kasilasabelo kuDavida, kasilalifa endodaneni kaJese; wonke umuntu emathenteni akhe, Israyeli!

2 Ngakho wonke umuntu wakoIsrayeli wenyuka wasuka emva kukaDavida, elandela uShebha indodana kaBikiri; kodwa abantu bakoJuda banamathela enkosini yabo, kusukela eJodani kwaze kwaba seJerusalema.

3 UDavida wasefika endlini yakhe eJerusalema; inkosi yathatha abafazi abalitshumi, abafazi abancane, eyayibatshiye ukuze balinde indlu, yababeka endlini elindiweyo, yabanika ukudla, kodwa kayingenanga kubo. Basebevalelwa kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwabo, bephila ebufelokazini.

4 Inkosi yasisithi kuAmasa: Biza abantu bakoJuda babuthane kimi ngensuku ezintathu, lawe ube khona lapha.

5 UAmasa wasehamba ukubuthanisa uJuda, kodwa waphuza phezu kwesikhathi esimisiweyo ayemmisele sona.

6 UDavida wasesithi kuAbishayi: Khathesi uShebha indodana kaBikiri uzasenzela okubi okwedlula uAbisalomu; wena thatha inceku zenkosi yakho, uxotshane laye, hlezi azitholele imizi ebiyelwe ngemithangala, asiphunyuke.

7 Kwasekuphuma emva kwakhe amadoda kaJowabi lamaKerethi lamaPelethi lamaqhawe wonke, basebephuma eJerusalema ukuxotshana loShebha indodana kaBikiri.

8 Sebeselitsheni elikhulu eliseGibeyoni, uAmasa weza phambi kwabo. UJowabi wayebhince isigqoko ayesigqokile, laphezu kwaso kulebhanti elilenkemba ebotshelwe ekhalweni lwakhe isesikhwameni sayo; esaqhubeka inkemba yawa.

9 UJowabi wasesithi kuAmasa: Uyaphila yini, mfowethu? UJowabi wasebamba uAmasa ngesilevu ngesandla sokunene ukuze amange.

10 Kodwa uAmasa wayengayinanzeleli inkemba eyayisesandleni sikaJowabi; wasemtshaya ngayo kubambo lwesihlanu, wathululela imibilini yakhe emhlabathini, kamphindanga, wafa. UJowabi loAbishayi umfowabo basebexotshana loShebha indodana kaBikiri.

11 Omunye wamajaha kaJowabi wema phansi kwakhe, wathi: Omthandayo uJowabi, longokaDavida, landela uJowabi.

12 UAmasa wasegiqika egazini phakathi komgwaqo omkhulu. Lapho lowomuntu ebona ukuthi bonke abantu bayema, wamsusa uAmasa emgwaqweni omkhulu wamusa egangeni, waphosela isembatho phezu kwakhe, lapho ebona ukuthi wonke ofika ngakuye wema.

13 Esesusiwe emgwaqweni omkhulu, bonke abantu badlula bamlandela uJowabi ukuze baxotshane loShebha indodana kaBikiri.

14 Wasedabula kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli, waya eAbeli ngitsho iBeti-Mahaka, lawo wonke amaBeri; basebebuthana bamlandela labo.

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15 Basebefika, bamgombolozela eAbeli-Beti-Mahaka; babuthelela idundulu maqondana lomuzi, lema emthangaleni; bonke abantu ababeloJowabi basebewona umduli ukuwuwisela phansi.

16 Kwasekumemeza owesifazana ohlakaniphileyo phakathi komuzi wathi: Zwanini, zwanini! Ake lithi kuJowabi: Sondela lapha, ukuze ngikhulume lawe.

17 Esesondele kuye, owesifazana wathi: Nguwe uJowabi yini? Yena wathi: Nginguye. Wasesithi kuye: Zwana amazwi encekukazi yakho. Wasesithi: Ngiyezwa.

18 Wasekhuluma esithi: Endulo babejwayele ukukhuluma besithi: Kababuze lokubuza eAbeli; basebeqeda ngokunjalo.

19 Ngingowabokuthula, owabathembekileyo bakoIsrayeli; udinga ukuchitha umuzi lonina koIsrayeli. Uginyelaniilifa leNKOSI?

20 UJowabi wasephendula wathi: Kakube khatshana, kakube khatshana lami ukuthi ngiginye loba ngichithe.

21 Udaba kalunjalo; kodwa umuntu wasentabeni yakoEfrayimi, nguShebha indodana kaBikiri ibizo lakhe, uphakamisile isandla sakhe emelene lenkosi, emelene loDavida; nikelani yena kuphela, ngizasuka emzini. Owesifazana wasesithi kuJowabi: Khangela, ikhanda lakhe lizaphoselwa kuwe ngaphezu komduli.

22 Owesifazana wasesiya ngenhlakanipho yakhe ebantwini bonke. Basebequma ikhanda likaShebha indodana kaBikiri, baliphosela kuJowabi. Wasevuthela uphondo, bahlakazeka besuka kulowomuzi, ngulowo lalowo waya emathenteni akhe. UJowabi wasebuyela eJerusalema enkosini.

23 Njalo uJowabi wayephezu kwebutho lonke lakoIsrayeli; loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephezu kwamaKerethi laphezu kwamaPelethi;

24 loAdoniramu wayephezu kwezibhalwa; loJehoshafathi indodana kaAhiludi wayengumabhalane;

25 loSheva wayengumbhali; loZadoki loAbhiyatha babengabapristi;

26 loIra laye umJayiri wayengumpristi kaDavida.

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AbeGibeyoni bayaphindisela

1Kwasekusiba khona indlala ensukwini zikaDavida iminyaka emithathu, umnyaka ngomnyaka ilandelana; uDavida wadinga ubuso beNKOSI. INKOSI yasisithi: Kungenxa kaSawuli langenxa yendlu yakhe yegazi, ngoba wabulala amaGibeyoni.

2 Ngakho inkosi yabiza amaGibeyoni yathi kuwo: (AmaGibeyoni-ke ayengeyisiwo
awabantwana bakoIsrayeli, kodwa ayengawensali yamaAmori; njalo abantwana
bakoIsrayeli babefungile kuwo; uSawuli wasedinga ukuwatshaya ekutshisekeleni
kwakhe abantwana bakoIsrayeli loJuda.)

3 Ngakho uDavida wathi kumaGibeyoni: Ngingalenzelani? Ngingayenza ngani
inhlawulo yokuthula ukuze libusise ilifa leNKOSI?

4 AmaGibeyoni asesithi kuye: Kayisindaba yesiliva kumbe igolide loSawuli lendlu
yakhe; futhi kakusikwethu ukubulala umuntu koIsrayeli. Wasesithi: Lokho
elikutshoyo ngizalenzela khona.

5 Basebesithi enkosini: Umuntu owasiqedayo, owaceba emelene lathi ukuthi
sichithwe singasali lakuwuphi umngcele wakoIsrayeli,

6 kasinikwe amadoda ayisikhombisa emadodaneni akhe, njalo siwaphanyekele
iNKOSI eGibeya kaSawuli, okhethiweyo weNKOSI. Inkosi yasisithi: Mina ngizalipha.

7 Kodwa inkosi yamyekela uMefiboshethi indodana kaJonathani indodana
kaSawuli ngenxa yesifungo seNKOSIesasiphakathi kwabo, phakathi kukaDavida
loJonathani indodana kaSawuli.

8 Kodwa inkosi yathatha amadodana amabili kaRizipa indodakazi kaAya
ayewazalele uSawuli, uArimoni loMefiboshethi, lamadodana
amahlanu kadadewabo kaMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli ayewazalele uAdriyeli
indodana kaBarizilayi umMehola,

9 yabanikela esandleni samaGibeyoni, asebaphanyeka entabeni phambi
kweNKOSI, njalo abayisikhombisa bawa kanyekanye. Babulawa ensukwini
zokuvuna, ensukwini zakuqala ekuqaleni kokuvunwa kwebhali.

10 URizipa indodakazi kaAya wasethatha isaka, wazendlalela lona phezu
kwedwala, kusukela ekuqaleni kokuvuna kwaze kwathonta amanzi phezu kwabo
evela emazulwini; kavumelanga inyoni zamazulu ukuthi zihlale phezu kwabo
emini, lezilo zeganga ebusuku.

11 Kwasekubikelwa uDavida lokho uRizipa indodakazi kaAya, umfazi omncane
kaSawuli, ayekwenzile.

12 UDavida wasehamba wayathatha amathambo kaSawuli lamathambo
kaJonathani indodana yakhe kubahlali beJabeshi-
Gileyadi ababewebile emdangeni weBeti-Shani, lapho amaFilisti ayebaphanyeke
khona mhla amaFilisti etshaya uSawuli eGilibowa.

13 Wasesenyusa esuka lapho amathambo kaSawuli lamathambo kaJonathani
indodana yakhe; basebeqoqa amathambo awababephanyekiwe.

14 Basebewangcwaba amathambo kaSawuli lakaJonathani indodana yakhe
elizweni lakoBhenjamini eZela, engcwabeni likaKishi uyise. Benza konke inkosi

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eyayibalaye khona. Njalo emva kwalokho uNkulunkulu wancengeka ngenxa yelizwe.

Abantu bakaDavida babulala isiqhwaga

15 AmaFilisti abuye aba lempi futhi loIsrayeli; uDavida wasesehla lenceku zakhe kanye laye, njalo balwa lamaFilisti; uDavida wasedinwa.

16 UIshibi-Benobi owayengowabantwana besiqhwaga, osisindo somkhonto wakhe sasingamashekeli angamakhulu amathathu ethusi, wayebhince inkemba entsha, wathi uzamtshaya uDavida.

17 Kodwa uAbishayi indodana kaZeruya wamsiza, wamtshaya umFilisti wambulala. Khona abantu bakaDavida bafunga kuye besithi: Kawusayikuphuma impi lathi, hlezi ucitshe isibane sikaIsrayeli.

18 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokhu kwaba lempi futhi lamaFilisti eGobi; khona uSibekayi umHusha watshaya uSafi, owayengowabantwana besiqhwaga.

19 Kwasekusiba lempi futhi lamaFilisti eGobi; uElihanani indodana kaJahari-Oregimi umBhethelehema, watshayaumfowabo kaGoliyathi umGiti, oluthi lomkhonto wakhe lwalunjengogodo lomaluki.

20 Njalo kwabuye kwaba lempi eGathi, lapho okwakulomuntu omude, owayeleminwe eyisithupha ezandleni zakhe, lamazwane ayisithupha ezinyaweni zakhe, kungamatshumi amabili lane ngenani; laye-ke wayezalelwe isiqhwaga.

21 Lapho eseyisa uIsrayeli, uJonathani indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida, wamtshaya.

22 Laba abane babezalelwe isiqhwaga eGathi; njalo bawa ngesandla sikaDavida langesandla senceku zakhe.

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Ihubo lokubonga kukaDavida

1UDavida wasekhuluma eNKOSIni amazwi alelihubo mhla iNKOSI imkhulula esandleni sezitha zakhe zonke lesandleni sikaSawuli.

2 Wasesithi:

INKOSI ilidwala lami, lenqaba yami, lomkhululi wami;

3 uNkulunkulu wedwala lami, ngizaphephela kuye, isihlangu sami, lophondo losindiso lwami, inqaba yami ephakemeyo, lesiphephelo sami, umsindisi wami; ungisindisile odlakeleni.

4 Ngizabiza iNKOSI edumisekayo, ngakho ngizasindiswa ezitheni zami.

5 Ngoba izinsizi zokufa zingizingelezele, lezikhukhula zobubi zangethusa.

6 Izibopho zesihogo zangigombolozela, imijibila yokufa yayiphambi kwami.

7 Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngayibiza iNKOSI, ngakhala kuNkulunkulu wami;
waselizwa ilizwi lami esethempelini lakhe, lokukhala
kwami kwafinyelela endlebeni zakhe.

8 Khona umhlaba wazamazama, wanyikinyeka, izisekelo zamazulu zaqhaqhazela,
zazamazama, ngoba wayethukuthele.

9 Kwenyuka intuthu emakhaleni akhe, lomlilo ophuma emlonyeni wakhe
waqothula; amalahle avuthiswa yiwo.

10 Wasekhothamisa amazulu, wehlela phansi; lomnyama onzima wawungaphansi
kwenyawo zakhe.

11 Wasegada ikherubhi, waphapha, wabonakala phezu kwempiko zomoya.

12 Wasemisa umnyama waba ngamadumba inhlangothi zonke zakhe, lokuqoqana
kwamanzi, amayezi amnyama omkhathi.

13 Ekukhazimuleni okuphambi kwakhe kwavuthiswa amalahle omlilo.

14 INKOSI yaduma isemazulwini, loPhezukonke walikhupha ilizwi lakhe.

15 Yathuma imitshoko, yabachitha; imibane, yabaphaphathekisa.

16 Khona kwabonakala imisele yolwandle, kwembulwa izisekelo zomhlaba,
ekusoleni kweNKOSI, ekuvutheleni komoya wamakhala ayo.

17 Iphezulu yathuma, yangibamba, yangenyula emanzini amanengi.

18 Yangophula esitheni sami esilamandla, kwabangizondayo, ngoba
babelamandla kulami.

19 Babephambi kwami osukwini lwenhlupheko yami, kodwa iNKOSI yaba
yisisekelo sami.

20 Yangikhuphela endaweni ebanzi, yangikhulula, ngoba yayithokoza ngami.

21 INKOSI yangivuza njengokulunga kwami, yangibuyisela njengokuhlanzeka
kwezandla zami.

22 Ngoba ngizilondolozile indlela zeNKOSI, kangisukanga kuNkulunkulu wami
ngenkohlakalo.

23 Ngoba zonke izahlulelo zayo zaziphambi kwami, lezimiso zayo,
kangiphambukanga kuzo.

24 Njalo ngangiqondile phambi kwayo, ngizinqandile ebubini bami.

25 Ngakho iNKOSI ingibuyisele njengokulunga kwami, njengokuhlanzeka kwami
phambi kwamehlo ayo.

26 Kolesihawu uzaziveza ulesihawu; koqotho uzaziveza uqotho;

27 kohlanzekileyo uzaziveza uhlanzekile; lakophambukileyo uzaziveza uphambukile.

28 Labantu abahlutshwayo uzabasindisa, kodwa amehlo akho aphezu kwabaziphakamisayo, uzabehlisela phansi.

29 Ngoba uyisibane sami, NKOSI, iNKOSI izakhanyisa-ke ubumnyama bami.

30 Ngoba ngawe ngigijimile ngadabula phakathi kwebutho, ngoNkulunkulu wami ngeqe umthangala.

31 UNkulunkulu; indlela yakhe iphelele; ilizwi leNKOSI lihloliwe; uyisihlangu kubo bonke abaphephela kuye.

32 Ngoba ngubani onguNkulunkulu ngaphandle kweNKOSI? Njalo ngubani olidwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wethu?

33 UNkulunkulu uyinqaba yami lamandla, owenza indlela yami iphelele.

34 Owenza inyawo zami zibe njengezezimpala, wangimisa ezingqongeni zami.

35 Ofundisela izandla zami impi, ukuze idandili lethusi ligotshiswe zingalo zami.

36 Unginikile lesihlangu sosindiso lwakho, lokuzithoba kwakho kungikhulisile.

37 Wenze laba banzi inyathelo lami ngaphansi kwami, ukuze inqagala zami zingatsheleli.

38 Ngixotshene lezitha zami ngazibhubhisa, kangibuyanga ngaze ngaziqeda.

39 Ngaziqeda, ngazigwaza, ukuze zingavuki; kodwa zawa ngaphansi kwenyawo zami.

40 Ngoba ungibhincise amandla kusenzelwa impi, wabakhothamisela phansi kwami abangivukelayo.

41 Unginike intamo yezitha zami, labo abangizondayo ngababhubhisa.

42 Bakhangela, kodwa engekho umsindisi; eNKOSIni, kodwa kayibaphendulanga.

43 Ngasengibacholisisa njengothuli lomhlaba, ngabagxoba njengodaka lwezitalada, ngabatsahaza.

44 Wasungikhulula ekuphikiseni kwabantu bami, wangigcina ngiyinhloko yezizwe; abantu engangingabazi bangisebenzela.

45 Abezizweni bazazehlisela phansi kimi; bangenela ukuzwa ngendlebe bazangilalela.

46 Abezizweni bazabuna, baphume ezinqabeni zabo bethuthumela.

47 INKOSI iyaphila; njalo kalibusiswe idwala lami, kaphakanyiswe uNkulunkulu, idwala losindiso lwami;

48 uNkulunkulu onginika impindiselo, lowehlisela izizwe ngaphansi kwami;

49 longikhupha ezitheni zami; laphezu kwabangivukelayo wena wangiphakamisa; lemuntwini wodlakela wangikhulula.

50 Ngenxa yalokhu ngizakudumisa, NKOSI, phakathi kwezizwe, ngihubele ibizo lakho indumiso.

51 Ingumphotshongo wosindiso kuyo inkosi yayo, isenzela ogcotshiweyo wayo umusa, kuDavida, lenzalweni yakhe kuze kube nininini.

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Amazwi okucina kaDavida

1La-ke ngamazwi okucina kaDavida.

UDavida indodana kaJese wathi, lomuntu ophakanyiselwe phezulu, ogcotshiweyo kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe, lomhlabeleli omnandi wakoIsrayeli, wathi:

2 UMoya weNKOSI wakhuluma ngami, lelizwi lakhe lisolimini lwami.

3 UNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli wathi, iDwala likaIsrayeli lakhuluma kimi lathi: Obusa abantu uzakuba ngolungileyo, ebusa ngokumesaba uNkulunkulu.

4 Njalo uzakuba njengokukhanya kwekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga, ikuseni engelamayezi, njengohlaza emhlabathini ngokukhanya emva kwezulu.

5 Lanxa indlu yami ingenjalo kuNkulunkulu, kube kanti wenzile lami isivumelwano esilaphakade, esimiswe kuhle ezintweni zonke, lesigcinekileyo, ngoba lonke usindiso lwami lesiloyiso sikuso, lanxa engasikhulisi.

6 Kodwa abakaBheliyali bonke banjengameva alahliweyo, ngoba engelakuthathwa ngesandla;

7 kodwa umuntu owathintayo uzazihlomisa ngensimbi langoluthi lomkhonto, azatshiswa lokutshiswa ngomlilo kuleyondawo.

Amaqhawe kaDavida

8 La ngamabizo amaqhawe uDavida ayelawo: UJoshebi-Bashebeti umTahekemoni, inhloko yezinduna; nguye uAdino umEzini, ngenxa yabangamakhulu ayisificaminwembili ababulawa ngasikhathi sinye.

9 Lemva kwakhe kwakuloEleyazare indodana kaDodo indodana kaAhohi, owamaqhawe amathathu ayeloDavida, ekudeleleni kwabo amaFilisti ayebuthanele khona impi, lapho amadoda akoIsrayeli esenyukile,

10 yena wasukuma watshaya amaFilisti saze sadinwa isandla sakhe, lesandla sakhe sanamathela enkembeni. INKOSIyasisenza usindiso olukhulu ngalolosuku; abantu basebebuya emva kwakhe ukuzaphanga kuphela.

11 Lemva kwakhe kwakuloShama indodana kaAge umHarari. AmaFilisti
ayebuthene aba lixuku, lapho okwakukhona isiqinti sensimu sigcwele amalentili;
njalo abantu babaleka ebusweni bamaFilisti,

12 kodwa wajama phakathi kwesiqinti, wasivikela, wawatshaya amaFilisti.
INKOSI yenza-ke usindiso olukhulu.

13 Abathathu ezinhlokweni ezingamatshumi amathathu basebesehla, bafika
kuDavida ebhalwini lweAdulamungesikhathi sokuvuna; lexuku lamaFilisti
lalimise inkamba esihotsheni seRefayimi.

14 Langalesosikhathi uDavida wayesenqabeni, lebutho lenqaba lamaFilisti
laliseBhethelehema ngalesosikhathi.

15 UDavida wasenxwanela, wathi: Hawu, kungathi omunye ubenganginathisa
amanzi omthombo weBhethelehema ongasesangweni!

16 Lawomaqhawe amathathu asefohla adabula enkambeni yamaFilisti, akha
amanzi emthonjeni weBhethelehema owawungasesangweni, awathatha
awaletha kuDavida. Kube kanti kathandanga ukuwanatha, kodwa wawathululela
iNKOSI.

17 Wasesithi: Kakube khatshana lami, NKOSI, ukuthi ngenze lokho; kakusigazi yini
labantu abahambe lempilo yaboengozini? Ngalokho kathandanga ukuwanatha.
Lezizinto azenza lamaqhawe amathathu.

18 Njalo uAbishayi, umfowabo kaJowabi indodana kaZeruya, wayeyinhloko
yabathathu. Yena wasegiyela abangamakhulu amathathu ngomkhonto wakhe,
ababuleweyo, wasesiba lebizo phakathi kwabathathu.

19 Kahlonitshwanga kakhulu yini kulabathathu? Ngakho waba yinduna yabo;
kodwa kafikanga kwabathathuabokuqala.

20 UBhenaya-ke, indodana kaJehoyada, indodana yeqhawe, omkhulu ngezenzo,
weKabhiseyeli. Yena watshaya ababili abanjengezilwane bakoMowabi; futhi
wehla watshaya isilwane phakathi komgodi mhla weliqhwa elikhithikileyo.

21 Yena wasetshaya indoda engumGibhithe, umuntu obukekayo; njalo
umGibhithe wayelomkhonto esandleni sakhe; kodwa wehlela kuye elenduku,
wawuhluthuna umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe, wambulala ngomkhonto
wakhe.

22 Lezizinto wazenza uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, waba lebizo phakathi
kwamaqhawe amathathu.

23 Wayehlonipheka kulabangamatshumi amathathu, kodwa kafikanga
kwabathathu. UDavida wasembeka phezu kwabalindi bakhe.

24 UAsaheli umfowabo kaJowabi wayephakathi kwabangamatshumi amathathu,
uElihanani indodana kaDodo weBhethelehema,

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25 uShama umHarodi, uElika umHarodi,

26 uHelezi umPaliti, uIra indodana kaIkheshi umThekhowa,

27 uAbiyezeri umAnethothi, uMebunayi umHusha,

28 uZalimoni umAhohi, uMaharayi umNetofa,

29 uHelebi indodana kaBahana umNetofa, uIthayi indodana kaRibayi weGibeya wabantwana bakoBhenjamini,

30 uBhenaya umPirathoni, uHidayi wezifuleni zeGahashi,

31 uAbi-Aliboni umAraba, uAzimavethi umBahurimi,

32 uEliyabha umShahaliboni, wamadodana kaJasheni, uJonathani,

33 uShama umHarari, uAhiyamu indodana kaSharari umHarari,

34 uElifeleti indodana kaAhasibayi indodana yomMahaka, uEliyamu indodana kaAhithofeli umGilo,

35 uHezirayi umKharmeli, uPaharayi umArabi,

36 uIgali indodana kaNathani weZoba, uBani umGadi,

37 uZeleki umAmoni, uNaharayi umBherothi, umthwali wezikhali zikaJowabi indodana kaZeruya,

38 uIra umIthiri, uGarebi umIthiri,

39 uUriya umHethi; bebonke babengamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa.

II LUKASAMUWELI 24

UDavida ubala abantu

1 Lwaselubuya lwamvuthela uIsrayeli ulaka lukaJehova, wabavusela uDavida, esithi: Hamba ubale uIsrayeli loJuda.

2 Ngakho inkosi yathi kuJowabi induna yebutho eyayilaye: Hamba khathesi ubhode ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli, kusukela koDani kuze kube seBherishebha, libale abantu ukuze ngazi inani labantu.

3 UJowabi wasesithi enkosini: Aluba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ingandisa ebantwini, loba bebanengi kangakanani, kuphindwe ngokulikhulu, ukuthi amehlo enkosi yami, inkosi, akubone. Kodwa inkosi yami, inkosi, ithokozelani kulinto?

4 Kodwa ilizwi lenkosi lalilamandla phezu kukaJowabi laphezu kwezinduna zebutho. Ngakho uJowabi lenduna zebutho baphuma phambi kwenkosi ukuze babale abantu, uIsrayeli.

5 Basebechapha iJodani, bamisa inkamba eAroweri, ngakwesokunene komuzi ophakathi kwesifula seGadi, lamaqondana leJazeri.

6 Basebefika eGileyadi lelizweni leTahetimi-Hodishi; bafika eDani-Jahani, babhoda ngaseSidoni,

7 bafika enqabeni yeTire lemizini yonke yamaHivi leyamaKhanani; baphuma baya eningizimu yakoJuda, eBherishebha.

8 Sebebhode badabula ilizwe lonke, bafika eJerusalema ekupheleni kwenyanga eziyisificamunwemunye lensuku ezingamatshumi amabili.

9 UJowabi waseyinika inkosi inani lokubalwa kwabantu; njalo kwakukhona koIsrayeli amaqhawe ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisificaminwembili ahwatsha inkemba; lamadoda akoJuda ayengamadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amahlanu.

10 Inhliziyo kaDavida yasimtshaya emva kokuthi esebale abantu. UDavida wasesithi eNKOSIni: Ngonile kakhulu ngalokho engikwenzileyo. Ngakho-ke, NKOSI, ngiyakuncenga, susa ububi benceku yakho, ngoba ngenze ngobuthutha obukhulu.

11 Kwathi uDavida esevukile ekuseni, kwafika ilizwi leNKOSI kuGadi umprofethi, umboni kaDavida, lisithi:

12 Hamba uthi kuDavida: Itsho njalo iNKOSI ithi: Ngikubekela okuthathu; zikhethele okukodwa kukho, ukuthi ngikwenze kuwe.

13 UGadi wasefika kuDavida, wamtshela wathi kuye: Kufike kuwe yini iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala elizweni lakini? Loba ubalekele izitha zakho inyanga ezintathu zixotshana lawe? Ingabe kube khona umatshayabhuqe wesifo okwensuku ezintathu elizweni lakini? Khathesi cabanga, ubone ukuthi yimpendulo bani engizayibuyisela kongithumileyo.

14 UDavida wasesithi kuGadi: Ngicindezelekile kakhulu; ake siwele esandleni seNKOSI, ngoba izisa zayo zinkulu, kodwa kangingaweli esandleni somuntu.

15 Ngakho iNKOSI yasibeka umatshayabhuqe wesifo kuIsrayeli, kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba sesikhathini esimisiweyo; kwasekusifa ebantwini abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa kusukela koDani kwaze kwaba seBherishebha.

16 Lapho ingilosi iselulela isandla sayo eJerusalema ukuyibhubhisa, iNKOSI yazisola ngalobobubi, yathi engilosini eyayibhubhisa abantu: Sekwanele. Khathesi finyeza isandla sakho. Ingilosi yeNKOSI yayisebaleni lokubhulela likaArawuna umJebusi.

17 UDavida wasekhuluma eNKOSIni lapho ebona ingilosi eyayitshaya abantu, wathi: Khangela, mina ngonile, njalo mina ngenze okubi; pho, lezizimvu zenzeni? Isandla sakho ake simelane lami njalo simelane lendlu kababa.

18 UGadi wasefika kuDavida ngalolosuku, wathi kuye: Yenyuka, umisele iNKOSI ilathi ebaleni lokubhulela likaArawuna umJebusi.

19 UDavida wasesenyuka njengokutsho kukaGadi, njengokulaya kweNKOSI.

20 UArawuna waselunguza, wabona inkosi lenceku zayo beqhubeka besiza kuye; uArawuna wasephuma wakhothama phambi kwenkosi ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini.

21 UArawuna wasesithi: Kungani inkosi yami, inkosi, ize encekwini yayo? UDavida wasesithi: Ukuthi ngithenge kuwe ibala lokubhulela, ukuthi ngakhele iNKOSI ilathi, ukuze inhlupheko ithinteke ingafiki ebantwini.

22 UArawuna wasesithi kuDavida: Inkosi yami, inkosi, kayithathe inikele lokho okuhle emehlweni ayo; bona,nanzi inkabi zomnikelo wokutshiswa, lezimbulo lezinto zenkabi kube zinkuni.

23 Konke lokhu, nkosi, uArawuna wakunika inkosi; uArawuna wasesithi enkosini: INKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho kayikwemukele.

24 Inkosi yasisithi kuArawuna: Hatshi, kodwa ngizakuthenga lokukuthenga kuwe ngentengo; njalo kangiyikunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa engangibizanga lutho eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wami. UDavida waselithenga ibala lokubhulela lezinkabi ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu.

25 UDavida wasesakhela khona iNKOSI ilathi, wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula. Ngakho iNKOSI yancengeka ngelizwe, inhlupheko yasithinteka phezu kukaIsrayeli.

I LWAMAKHOSI

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UGWALO LOKUQALA

Ukuzibeka kukaAdonija ukuthi abe yinkosi

1 Inkosi uDavida yayisindala ilensuku ezinengi; basebeyembesa ngezembatho,
kodwa kayikhudumalanga.

2 Inceku zayo zasezisithi kuyo: Inkosi yami, inkosi, kayidingelwe intombazana
emsulwa, ukuthi ime phambi kwenkosi, iyonge, ilale esifubeni sakho, ukuze
inkosi yami, inkosi, ikhudumale.

3 Zasezidinga intombazana enhle emingceleni yonke yakoIsrayeli, zathola
uAbishagi umShunami, zamletha enkosini.

4 Intombazana yayiyinhle kakhulu sibili, yaba ngumongi wenkosi, yayisebenzela;
kodwa inkosi kayiyazanga.

5 UAdonija indodana kaHagithi waseziphakamisa esithi: Mina ngizakuba yinkosi.
Wasezilungisela inqola labagadi bamabhiza, lamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu
ukugijima phambi kwakhe.

6 Uyise wayengazanga amdanise lakanye esithi: Wenzeleni kanje? Laye futhi
wayelesimo esihle kakhulu, loninawamzala emva kukaAbisalomu.

7 Lamazwi akhe ayeloJowabi indodana kaZeruya njalo loAbhiyatha umpristi,
basebencedisa, bamlandela uAdonija.

8 Kodwa uZadoki umpristi, loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, loNathani
umprofethi, loShimeyi, loReyi, lamaqhawe uDavida ayelawo, babengekho
kuAdonija.

9 UAdonija wahlaba izimvu lezinkabi lokunonisiweyo elitsheni leZohelethi
eliseceleni kweEni-Rogeli, wanxusa bonke abafowabo, amadodana enkosi, lawo
wonke amadoda akoJuda, inceku zenkosi;

10 kodwa oNathani umprofethi loBhenaya lamaqhawe loSolomoni umfowabo
kabanxusanga.

11 Ngakho uNathani wakhuluma kuBathisheba unina kaSolomoni esithi:
Kawuzwanga yini ukuthi uAdonija indodana kaHagithi uyabusa, lenkosi yethu
uDavida kayikwazi?

12 Ngakho-ke woza, ake ngikuphe iseluleko, ukuze usindise impilo yakho lempilo
yendodana yakho uSolomoni.

13 Hamba ungene enkosini uDavida uthi kuyo: Wena nkosi yami, nkosi,
kawufunganga yini kuncekukazi yakho usithi: Qotho, uSolomoni indodana yami

uzabusa emva kwami, njalo yena uzahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi? Pho, kungani kubusa uAdonija?

14 Khangela, ulokhu usakhuluma lapho lenkosi, ngingene lami emva kwakho, ngiqinise amazwi akho.

15 UBathisheba wasengena enkosini ekamelweni. Inkosi yayisindala kakhulu, loAbishagi umShunami wayeyisebenzela inkosi.

16 UBathisheba waseguqa wakhothamela inkosi; inkosi yasisithi: Ulani?

17 Wasesithi kuyo: Nkosi yami, wena wafunga ngoJehova uNkulunkulu wakho kuncekukazi yakho usithi: Qotho uSolomoni indodana yakho uzabusa emva kwami, njalo yena uzahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi.

18 Kodwa khathesi khangela, uAdonija uyabusa, khathesi-ke, nkosi yami, nkosi, kawukwazi.

19 Usehlabe izinkabi lokunonisiweyo lezimvu ezinengi, wanxusa wonke amadodana enkosi loAbhiyatha umpristi loJowabi induna yebutho; kodwa uSolomoni inceku yakho kamnxusanga.

20 Wena-ke, nkosi yami, nkosi, amehlo kaIsrayeli wonke aphezu kwakho ukuthi ubatshele ukuthi ngubani ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi senkosi yami, inkosi, emva kwayo,

21 hlezi kuzakuthi lapho inkosi yami, inkosi, izalala laboyise, mina lendodana yami uSolomoni sizakuba yizoni.

22 Khangela-ke, elokhu esakhuluma lenkosi, loNathani umprofethi wangena.

23 Basebeyibikela inkosi besithi: Khangela uNathani umprofethi. Esengene phambi kwenkosi wakhothama phambi kwenkosi ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini.

24 UNathani wasesithi: Nkosi yami, nkosi, wena utshilo yini ukuthi: UAdonija uzabusa emva kwami, njalo yena uzahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi?

25 Ngoba wehlile lamuhla, uhlabile izinkabi lokunonisiweyo lezimvu ezinengi, wanxusa wonke amadodana enkosi, lenduna zebutho, loAbhiyatha umpristi; khangela-ke, bayadla bayanatha phambi kwakhe, njalo bathi: Kayiphile inkosi uAdonija!

26 Kodwa mina, mina inceku yakho loZadoki umpristi loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada loSolomoni inceku yakho, kasinxusanga.

27 Lindaba yenziwe yinkosi yami, inkosi, yini? Njalo kawazisanga inceku yakho ukuthi ngubani ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi senkosi yami, inkosi, emva kwayo?

28 Inkosi uDavida yasiphendula yathi: Ngibizelani uBathisheba. Wasengena phambi kobuso benkosi, wema phambi kwenkosi.

29 Inkosi yasifunga yathi: Kuphila kukaJehova ohlenge umphefumulo wami kuzo
zonke inhlupheko,

30 ngitsho, njengoba ngafunga kuwe ngeNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ngisithi:
Qotho, uSolomoni indodana yakho uzabusa emva kwami, njalo yena uzahlala
esihlalweni sami sobukhosi esikhundleni sami; qotho ngizakwenza njalo
lamuhla.

31 UBathisheba wasekhothama ngobuso emhlabathini, waguqela inkosi wathi:
Kayiphile inkosi yami, inkosi uDavida kuze kube nininini!

Ukubekwa kukaSolomoni abe yinkosi

32 Inkosi uDavida yasisithi: Ngibizelani uZadoki umpristi, loNathani umprofethi,
loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada. Basebengena phambi kwenkosi.

33 Inkosi yasisithi kibo: Thathani kanye lani inceku zenkosi yenu, ligadise
uSolomoni indodana yami imbongolo engeyami, limehlisele eGihoni.

34 Kakuthi-ke uZadoki umpristi loNathani umprofethi bamgcobe khona abe
yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli; beselivuthela uphondo lithi: Kayiphile inkosi
uSolomoni!

35 Beselisenyuka emva kwakhe, njalo uzakuza ahlale esihlalweni sami sobukhosi,
ngoba uzakuba yinkosi esikhundleni sami, njalo yena ngimbekile ukuthi abe
ngumbusi phezu kukaIsrayeli laphezu kukaJuda.

36 UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada waseyiphendula inkosi wathi: Ameni.
Kayitsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami, inkosi!

37 Njengoba uJehova ubelenkosi yami, inkosi, kabe njalo loSolomoni, asenze
isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sibe sikhulu kulesihlalo sobukhosi senkosi yami, inkosi
uDavida.

38 Ngakho uZadoki umpristi, loNathani umprofethi, loBhenaya indodana
kaJehoyada, lamaKerethi, lamaPelethibehla bamgadisa uSolomoni imbongolo
yenkosi uDavida, bamusa eGihoni.

39 UZadoki umpristi wasethatha uphondo lwamafutha ethenteni, wamgcoba
uSolomoni. Basebevuthela uphondo, bonke abantu bathi: Kayiphile inkosi
uSolomoni!

40 Bonke abantu basebesenyuka emva kwakhe, bonke abantu basebevuthela
imihlanga bethokoza ngentokozo enkulu, waze waqhekezeka umhlaba
ngomsindo wabo.

41 UAdonija labo bonke abanxusiweyo ababelaye basebewuzwa sebeqede ukudla.
Lapho uJowabi esizwa ukukhala kophondo wathi: Ngowani umsindo womuzi
oxokozelayo?

42 Lapho esakhuluma, khangela, kwafika uJonathani indodana kaAbhiyatha umpristi; uAdonija wathi: Ngena, ngoba uliqhawe, uletha imibiko emihle.

43 UJonathani wasephendula wathi kuAdonija: Qotho, inkosi yethu, inkosi uDavida, imbekile uSolomoni waba yinkosi;

44 njalo inkosi ithume kanye laye uZadoki umpristi, loNathani umprofethi, loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, lamaKerethi, lamaPelethi, bamgadisa imbongolo yenkosi.

45 Njalo uZadoki umpristi loNathani umprofethi bamgcobile waba yinkosi eGihoni, benyuka khona bethokoza; yikho umuzi uxokozela. Yiwo lowomsindo eliwuzwileyo.

46 Futhi uSolomoni usehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso.

47 Futhi lenceku zenkosi zifikile ukubusisa inkosi yethu, inkosi uDavida, zisithi: UNkulunkulu wakho kalenze ibizo likaSolomoni libe ngcono kulebizo lakho, enze isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sibe sikhulu kulesihlalo sakho sobukhosi. Inkosi yasikhothama embhedeni.

48 Futhi-ke yatsho njalo inkosi: Kayibusiswe iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, enike lamuhla ohlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, amehlo ami ekubona.

49 Bonke abanxusiweyo ababeloAdonija basebethuthumela, basukuma, bahamba ngulowo lalowo ngendlela yakhe.

50 UAdonija wasesesaba ngenxa kaSolomoni, wasukuma wahamba, wabamba impondo zelathi.

51 Wasebikelwa uSolomoni ukuthi: Khangela, uAdonija uyayesaba inkosi uSolomoni; ngoba khangela, usebambe impondo zelathi esithi: Inkosi uSolomoni kayifunge kimi lamuhla ukuthi kayiyikuyibulala inceku yayo ngenkemba.

52 USolomoni wasesithi: Uba eyindoda uqobo, kakuyikuwa okonwele lwakhe emhlabathini. Kodwa uba ububi butholakala kuye, uzakufa.

53 Inkosi uSolomoni yasithuma, bamehlisa elathini. Wasesiza wakhothama enkosini uSolomoni; uSolomoni wasesithi kuye: Yana endlini yakho.

I LWAMAKHOSI 2

Ukulaywa kukaSolomoni nguDavida

1 Insuku zikaDavida zokuthi afe zasezisondela, waselaya uSolomoni indodana yakhe esithi:

2 Sengihamba indlela yomhlaba wonke. Ngakho qina, ube yindoda,

3 ugcine imfanelo yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuhamba ngezindlela zayo, ukugcina izimiso zayo, imithetho yayo, lezahlulelo zayo, lobufakazi bayo,

njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni kaMozisi, ukuze uphumelele kukho konke okwenzayo, laloba ngaphi lapho ophendukela khona,

4 ukuze iNKOSI iqinise ilizwi layo eyalikhuluma mayelana lami isithi: Uba amadodana akho eqaphelisa indlela yawo, ukuhamba ngobuqotho phambi kwami ngenhliziyo yonke yawo langomphefumulo wonke wawo, (isithi) kakuyikusweleka kuwe indoda esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli.

5 Futhi-ke wena uyakwazi ukuthi uJowabi indodana kaZeruya wenzani kimi, ukuthi wenzani kuzinduna ezimbili zamabutho akoIsrayeli, kuAbhineri indodana kaNeri, lakuAmasa indodana kaJetheri, owababulala wachitha igazi lempi ekuthuleni, wafaka igazi lempi ebhantini lakhe elalisekhalweni lwakhe lemanyathelweni asenyaweni zakhe.

6 Ngakho yenza njengenhlakanipho yakho, ungayekeli ikhanda lakhe elilezimvu lehlele engcwabeni ngokuthula.

7 Kodwa kumadodana kaBarizilayi umGileyadi wenze umusa, njalo kawabe phakathi kwabadla etafuleni lakho, ngoba ngokunjalo asondela kimi ekubalekeleni kwami ubuso bukaAbisalomu umfowenu.

8 Futhi khangela, kukhona kuwe uShimeyi indodana kaGera umBhenjamini weBahurimi, owangithuka ngesethuko esibuhlungu mhla ngisiya eMahanayimi; kodwa wehla ukungihlangabeza eJodani, ngasengifunga kuye ngeNKOSI ngathi: Kangiyikukubulala ngenkemba.

9 Ngakho-ke ungamyekeli abe ngongelacala, ngoba ungumuntu ohlakaniphileyo, ngoba uyakwazi ozakwenza kuye, njalo uzakwehlisela ikhanda lakhe eliyimpunga lilegazi engcwabeni.

Ukufa kukaDavida

10 UDavida waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa emzini kaDavida.

11 Njalo insuku uDavida abusa ngazo phezu kukaIsrayeli zaziyiminyaka engamatshumi amane; eHebroni wabusa iminyaka eyisikhombisa, leJerusalema wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lantathu.

12 USolomoni wasehlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida uyise, lombuso wakhe waqiniswa kakhulu.

USolomoni uqinisa umbuso wakhe

13 UAdonija indodana kaHagithi wasesiza kuBathisheba unina kaSolomoni; wasesithi: Ukuza kwakho kuyikuthula yini? Wasesithi: Ukuthula.

14 Wathi: Ngilelizwi kuwe. Wasesithi: Khuluma.

15 Wasesithi: Wena uyakwazi ukuthi umbuso wawungowami, lokuthi uIsrayeli wonke babebeke ubuso babo kimi ukuthi ngizabusa; kodwa umbuso waphendulwa, waba ngowomfowethu, ngoba waba ngowakhe uvela eNKOSIni.

16 Khathesi-ke, ngicela isicelo esisodwa kuwe, ungafulathelisi ubuso bami. Wasesithi kuye: Khuluma.

17 Wasesithi: Ake ukhulume loSolomoni inkosi (ngoba kayikufulathelisa ubuso bakho) ukuthi anginike uAbishagi umShunami abe ngumkami.

18 UBathisheba wasesithi: Kulungile; mina ngizakukhulumela enkosini.

19 Ngakho uBathisheba wasesiya enkosini uSolomoni ukukhulumela uAdonija kuyo. Inkosi yasisukuma ukumhlangabeza, yakhothama kuye, yahlala esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, yathi kubekelwe unina wenkosi isihlalo sobukhosi; wasehlala ngakwesokunene sayo.

20 Wasesithi: Ngicela isicelo esisodwa esincinyane kuwe, ungafulathelisi ubuso bami. Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Cela, mama, ngoba kangiyikufulathelisa ubuso bakho.

21 Wasesithi: UAbishagi umShunami kanikwe uAdonija umfowenu abe ngumkakhe.

22 Inkosi uSolomoni yasiphendula yathi kunina: Usumcelelelani uAdonija uAbishagi umShunami? Umcelele lombuso, ngoba ungumfowethu omdala kulami, yebo yena loAbhiyatha umpristi loJowabi indodana kaZeruya.

23 Inkosi uSolomoni yasifunga ngeNKOSI isithi: Kenze njalo uNkulunkulu kimi lokunjalo engezelele, uba uAdonija engakhulumanga lelilizwi emelene lempilo yakhe.

24 Ngakho-ke, kuphila kukaJehova ongimisileyo wangibeka esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida ubaba, wangenzela indlu njengokukhuluma kwakhe, isibili lamuhla uAdonija uzabulawa.

25 Inkosi uSolomoni yasithuma ngesandla sikaBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, owamsukelayo, wasesifa.

26 LakuAbhiyatha umpristi inkosi yathi: Yana eAnathothi emasimini akho, ngoba ungumuntu wokufa; kodwa lamuhla kangiyikukubulala ngoba wawuthwala umtshokotsho weNkosi uJehova phambi kukaDavida ubaba, langoba wahlupheka kukho konke ubaba ahlupheka ngakho.

27 Ngakho uSolomoni wamxotsha uAbhiyatha ekubeni ngumpristi weNKOSI, ukugcwalisa ilizwi leNKOSIeyalikhuluma mayelana lendlu kaEli eShilo.

28 Kwathi umbiko ufika kuJowabi, ngoba uJowabi wayephenduke walandela uAdonija lanxa wayengaphendukanga walandela uAbisalomu, uJowabi wabalekela ethenteni leNKOSI, wabamba impondo zelathi.

29 Kwasekubikelwa inkosi uSolomoni ukuthi uJowabi usebalekele ethenteni leNKOSI, khangela-ke, useceleni kwelathi. USolomoni wasethuma uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada esithi: Hamba umsukele.

30 Ngakho uBhenaya waya ethenteni leNKOSI, wathi kuye: Itsho njalo inkosi: Phuma! Kodwa wathi: Hatshi, kodwa ngizafela lapha. UBhenaya wasebuyisela ilizwi enkosini, esithi: Utsho njalo uJowabi, ungiphendule njalo.

31 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Yenza njengokutsho kwakhe, umsukele, umngcwabe; ukuze ususe kimi lendlini kababa igazi elingelacala uJowabi alichithayo.

32 Njalo iNKOSI izabuyisela igazi lakhe ekhanda lakhe, owasukela amadoda amabili ayelungile engcono kulaye, wawabulala ngenkemba, ubaba uDavida engazi: UAbhineri indodana kaNeri induna yebutho lakoIsrayeli, loAmasa indodana kaJetheri induna yebutho lakoJuda.

33 Ngakho igazi labo lizabuyela ekhanda likaJowabi lekhanda lenzalo yakhe kuze kube nininini; kodwa kuDavida lenzalweni yakhe, lendlini yakhe, lembusweni wakhe, kuzakuba lokuthula kuze kube nininini okuvela eNKOSIni.

34 UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wasesenyuka, wamsukela wambulala; wasengcwatshelwa endlini yakhe enkangala.

35 Inkosi yasibeka uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada esikhundleni sakhe phezu kwebutho, loZadoki umpristi inkosi yambeka esikhundleni sikaAbhiyatha.

36 Inkosi yasithuma yabiza uShimeyi, yathi kuye: Zakhele indlu eJerusalema, uhlale khona, ungaphumi lapho uye ngaphi langaphi.

37 Ngoba kuzakuthi mhla uphumayo, uchaphe isifula iKidroni, yazi lokwazi ukuthi uzakufa lokufa; igazi lakho lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakho.

38 UShimeyi wasesithi enkosini: Lelolizwi lihle; njengokutsho kwenkosi yami, inkosi, inceku yakho izakwenza njalo. UShimeyi wasehlala eJerusalema insuku ezinengi.

39 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu inceku ezimbili zikaShimeyi zabalekela kuAkishi indodana kaMahaka inkosi yeGathi. Basebebikela uShimeyi besithi: Khangela, inceku zakho ziseGathi.

40 Wasesukuma uShimeyi, wabophela isihlalo kubabhemi wakhe, waya eGathi kuAkishi ukudinga inceku zakhe; uShimeyi wahamba waletha inceku zakhe zivela eGathi.

41 Kwasekubikelwa uSolomoni ukuthi uShimeyi wayesukile eJerusalema waya eGathi, njalo wabuyela.

42 Inkosi yasithuma yabiza uShimeyi yathi kuye: Kangikufungisanga yini ngeNKOSI, ngafakaza kuwe ngathi: Mhla uphumayo ukuya ngaphi langaphi yazi lokwazi ukuthi uzakufa lokufa? Wasusithi kimi: Lihle ilizwi engilizwileyo.

43 Pho, kungani ungasigcinanga isifungo seNKOSI lomlayo engakulaya ngawo?

44 Inkosi yasisithi kuShimeyi: Wena uyazi bonke ububi inhliziyo yakho ebaziyo owabenza kuDavida ubaba; ngakho iNKOSI izabuyisela ububi bakho phezu kwekhanda lakho.

45 Kodwa inkosi uSolomoni ibusisiwe, lesihlalo sobukhosi sikaDavida sizaqiniswa phambi kweNKOSI kuze kube nininini.

46 Ngakho inkosi yalaya uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, owaphuma wamsukela waze wafa. Ngakho umbuso waqiniswa esandleni sikaSolomoni.

I LWAMAKHOSI 3

USolomoni uthatha indodakazi kaFaro

1USolomoni wasehlangana ngomtshado loFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, wathatha indodakazi kaFaro, wayiletha emzini kaDavida waze waqeda ukwakha indlu yakhe lendlu yeNKOSI lomduli weJerusalema ozingelezeleyo.

2 Kube kanti abantu babenikela umhlatshelo endaweni eziphakemeyo, ngoba kwakungakhelwanga ibizo leNKOSIindlu kwaze kwaba yilezonsuku.

3 USolomoni wayithanda-ke iNKOSI, ehamba ezimisweni zikaDavida uyise; kube kanti wanikela umhlatshelo watshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo.

4 Inkosi yasisiya eGibeyoni ukuhlaba khona, ngoba leyo yayiyindawo ephakemeyo enkulu. Iminikelo yokutshiswa eyinkulungwane uSolomoni wayinikela phezu kwalelolathi.

USolomoni ucela ingqondo yokuqedisisa

5 EGibeyoni iNKOSI yabonakala kuSolomoni ephutsheni ebusuku. UNkulunkulu wathi: Cela engingakunika khona.

6 USolomoni wasesithi: Wena wenzele inceku yakho uDavida ubaba umusa omkhulu, njengokuhamba kwakhe phambi kwakho eqinisweni lekulungeni lebuqothweni benhliziyo kuwe; wamgcinela lo umusa omkhulu ukuthi wamnika indodana ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi njengalamuhla.

7 Ngakho-ke, NKOSI Nkulunkulu wami, wena wenzile inceku yakho yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sikaDavida ubaba; ngingumntwanyana nje, angikwazi ukuphuma lokungena.

8 Lenceku yakho iphakathi kwabantu bakho obakhethileyo, abantu abanengi, abangelakubalwa labangelakunaniswa ngobunengi.

9 Ngakho nika inceku yakho inhliziyo eqedisisayo ukwahlulela abantu bakho, ukuze ngehlukanise phakathi kokuhle lokubi; ngoba ngubani olamandla ukwahlulela lesisizwe sakho esikhulu?

10 Laloludaba lwaba luhle emehlweni eNkosi ukuthi uSolomoni ucele lolulutho.

11 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye: Ngenxa yokuthi ucele lolulutho, ungazicelelanga insuku ezinengi, ungazicelelanga inotho, ungacelanga umphefumulo wezitha zakho, kodwa uzicelele ukuqedisisa ukuzwa ukwahlulela,

12 khangela, sengenze njengamazwi akho. Khangela, ngikunike inhliziyo ehlakaniphileyo leqedisisayo, ukuthi kungabi khona onjengawe ngaphambi kwakho, lemva kwakho kungaveli onjengawe.

13 Futhi longakucelanga ngikunikile, ngitsho inotho lodumo, ukuze kungabi khona umuntu onjengawe emakhosini zonke izinsuku zakho.

14 Njalo uba uzahamba endleleni zami, ukugcina izimiso zami lemilayo yami njengoDavida uyihlo wahamba, ngizakwelula insuku zakho.

15 USolomoni wasephaphama; khangela-ke kwakuliphupho. Wasesiza eJerusalema, wema phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi, wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa, wanikela iminikelo yokuthula, wenzela inceku zakhe zonke idili.

Ukuhlakanipha kukaSolomoni ekwahluleleni

16 Ngalesosikhathi kwafika abesifazana ababili, amawule, enkosini, bema phambi kwayo.

17 Omunye owesifazana wasesithi: Hawu nkosi yami, mina lalumfazi sihlala ndlunye; ngasengibeletha ngilaye endlini.

18 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithathu ngibelethile, laye lumfazi wabeletha; njalo sasindawonye, kungekho owemzini kanye lathi endlini, ngaphandle kwethu sobabili endlini.

19 Umntwana walumfazi wasesifa ebusuku, ngoba walala phezu kwakhe.

20 Wasevuka phakathi kobusuku, wathatha indodana yami eceleni kwami, incekukazi yakho isalele, wayilalisa esifubeni sakhe, lomntanakhe ofileyo wamlalisa esifubeni sami.

21 Lapho ngivuka ekuseni ukumunyisa umntanami, khangela-ke wayesefile; sengimkhangelisisa ekuseni, khangela-ke, kwakungeyisuye umntanami engamzalayo.

22 Kodwa lowo omunye owesifazana wathi: Hatshi, kodwa indodana yami ngephilayo, lendodana yakho ngefileyo. Lalowo wathi: Hatshi, kodwa indodana yakho ngefileyo, lendodana yami ngephilayo. Batsho njalo phambi kwenkosi.

23 Inkosi yasisithi: Lo uthi: Le yindodana yami ephilayo, lendodana yakho ngefileyo; lomunye uthi: Hatshi, kodwa indodana yakho ngefileyo, lendodana yami ngephilayo.

24 Inkosi yasisithi: Ngithathelani inkemba. Basebeyiletha inkemba phambi kwenkosi.

25 Inkosi yasisithi: Dabulani kabili umntwana ophilayo, linike omunye ingxenye, lomunye ingxenye.

26 Owesifazana okwakungowakhe umntwana ophilayo wakhuluma enkosini, ngoba imibilini yakhe yavutha ngendodana yakhe, wathi: Hawu nkosi yami, mnikeni yena umntwana ophilayo, lingambulali loba kunjani. Kodwa omunye wathi: Kangabi ngowami kumbe ngowakho, dabulani.

27 Inkosi yasiphendula yathi: Nikani yena umntwana ophilayo, lingambulali loba kunjani; nguye unina.

28 UIsrayeli wonke wasesizwa isahlulelo inkosi eyayisahlulele, besaba phambi kwenkosi, ngoba babona ukuthi inhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu yayikuye ukwenza isahlulelo.

I LWAMAKHOSI 4

Iziphathamandla zikaSolomoni

1 Ngakho inkosi uSolomoni yaba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke.

2 Lalezi yiziphathamandla ayelazo: UAzariya indodana kaZadoki wayengumpristi;

3 uElihorefi loAhiya amadodana kaShisha babengababhali; uJehoshafathi indodana kaAhiludi wayengumabhalane;

4 loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephezu kwebutho; loZadoki loAbhiyatha babengabapristi;

5 loAzariya indodana kaNathani wayephezu kwabaphathi; uZabudi indodana kaNathani wayengumphathi omkhulu, umngane wenkosi;

6 loAhishari wayengumlawuli wendlu; loAdoniramu indodana kaAbida wayephezu kwemithelo.

7 USolomoni wayelabaphathi abalitshumi lambili phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke, ababedingela inkosi lendlu yayo ukudla, ngulowo lalowo ngenyanga yakhe ngomnyaka wadinga ukudla.

8 Lala ngamabizo abo: UBeni-Huri entabeni zakoEfrayimi.

9 UBeni-Dekeri eMakazi leShahalibimi leBeti-Shemeshi leEloni-Beti-Hanani.

10 UBeni-Hesedi eArubothi, eleSoko lelizwe lonke leHeferi.

11 UBeni-Abinadaba wayelelizwe lonke leDori; uTafathi indodakazi kaSolomoni wayengumkakhe.

12 UBahana indodana kaAhiludi wayeleThahanakhi leMegido layo yonke iBeti-Sheyani, eseceleni kweZarethani ngaphansi kweJizereyeli, kusukela eBeti-Sheyani kuze kube seAbeli-Mehola, kuze kube ngaphetsheya kweJokimeyama.

13 UBeni-Geberi eRamothi-Gileyadi wayelemizi kaJayiri indodana kaManase, eseGileyadi, wayelelizwe leArigobi, eliseBashani, imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha emikhulu elemiduli lemigoqo yethusi.

14 UAhinadaba indodana kaIdo eMahanayimi.

15 UAhimahazi wayekoNafithali; laye wathatha uBasemathi indodakazi kaSolomoni abe ngumkakhe.

16 UBahana indodana kaHushayi wayekoAsheri leAlothi.

17 UJehoshafathi indodana kaParuwa wayekoIsakari.

18 UShimeyi indodana kaEla wayekoBhenjamini.

19 UGeberi indodana kaUri wayeselizweni leGileyadi, ilizwe likaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, lelikaOgi inkosi yeBashani. Njalo wayenguye yedwa umphathi kulelolizwe.

Ukuhlakanipha lokuphumelela kukaSolomoni

20 UJuda loIsrayeli babebanengi njengetshebetshebe elingaselwandle ngobunengi, besidla, benatha, bethokoza.

21 USolomoni wayesebusa phezu kwayo yonke imibuso kusukela emfuleni kuze kufike elizweni lamaFilisti kuze kufike emngceleni weGibhithe; babeletha izipho, babemsebenzela uSolomoni zonke izinsuku zempilo yakhe.

22 Njalo ukudla kukaSolomoni ngosuku olulodwa kwakungamakhori angamatshumi amathathu empuphu ecolekileyo, lamakori angamatshumi ayisithupha empuphu,

23 inkabi ezilitshumi ezinonisiweyo, lenkabi ezingamatshumi amabili zemadlelweni, lezimvu ezilikhulu, ngaphandle kwendluzele, lemiziki, lemiziki elempondo ezilembaxambaxa, lenyoni ezinonisiweyo.

24 Ngoba wayebusa phezu kwalo lonke nganeno komfula, kusukela eTifisa kusiya eGaza, laphezu kwawo wonke amakhosi nganeno komfula, njalo wayelokuthula kuzo zonke inhlangothi zakhe ezizingelezeleyo.

25 UJuda loIsrayeli bahlala-ke bevikelekile, ngulowo lalowo ngaphansi kwesivini sakhe langaphansi komkhiwa wakhe, kusukela koDani kuze kufike eBherishebha, zonke izinsuku zikaSolomoni.

26 Njalo uSolomoni wayelezindlwana zamabhiza enqola zakhe ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane, labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili.

27 Lalabobaphathi badingela inkosi uSolomoni ukudla, laye wonke osondela etafuleni lenkosi uSolomoni, ngulowo lalowo ngenyanga yakhe; kabatshiyanga kusweleke lutho.

28 Lebhali lamahlanga awamabhiza lawamabhiza alejubane bakuletha endaweni lapho eyayifanele kube khona, ngulowo lalowo njengemfanelo yakhe.

29 UNkulunkulu wasemnika uSolomoni inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa okukhulu kakhulu, lobubanzi benhliziyo, njengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle.

30 Lenhlakanipho kaSolomoni yayinkulu kulenhlakanipho yawo wonke amadodana empumalanga, lakulenhlakanipho yonke yeGibhithe.

31 Ngoba wayehlakaniphile kulabo bonke abantu, okwedlula uEthani umEzira loHemani loKalikoli loDarida amadodana kaMaholi; lebizo lakhe lalisezizweni zonke inhlangothi zonke.

32 Waseqamba izaga ezizinkulungwane ezintathu, lengoma zakhe zaziyinkulungwane lanhlanu.

33 Wasekhuluma ngezihlahla, kusukela esihlahleni somsedari oseLebhanoni kuze kufike kuhisope emila iphuma emdulini; wakhuluma langezinyamazana langezinyoni langezihuquzelayo langezinhlanzi.

34 Kwasekufika abavela ezizweni zonke ukuzwa inhlakanipho kaSolomoni, bevela emakhosini wonke omhlaba ayezwe ngenhlakanipho yakhe.

I LWAMAKHOSI 5

Isivumelwano sikaSolomoni loHiramu

1UHiramu inkosi yeTire wasethuma inceku zakhe kuSolomoni, ngoba wayezwile ukuthi bamgcobile ukuthi abe yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise, ngoba uHiramu wayemthanda uDavida insuku zonke.

2 USolomoni wasethumela kuHiramu esithi:

3 Wena uyazi ukuthi uDavida ubaba wayengelakwakhela ibizo leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe indlu ngenxa yezimpi ezazimzingelezele, iNKOSI yaze yazifaka ngaphansi kwengaphansi yenyawo zakhe.

4 Kodwa khathesi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu inginikile ukuphumula inhlangothi zonke; kakulasitha, njalo kakulabubi obenzakalayo.

5 Khangela-ke, ngizimisele ukwakhela ibizo leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wami indlu njengokutsho kweNKOSI kuDavida ubaba isithi: Indodana yakho engizayibeka esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi esikhundleni sakho, yona izakwakhela ibizo lami indlu.

6 Ngakho-ke laya ukuthi bangigamulele imisedari eLebhanoni, lenceku zami zizakuba lenceku zakho; leholo lenceku zakho ngizakunika njengakho konke okutshoyo. Ngoba wena uyakwazi ukuthi kakho phakathi kwethu okwaziyo ukugamula izihlahla njengabeSidoni.

7 Kwasekusithi uHiramu esizwa amazwi kaSolomoni wathokoza kakhulu wathi: Kayibusiswe iNKOSI lamuhla emnikileyo uDavida indodana ehlakaniphileyo phezu kwalesisizwe esikhulu.

8 UHiramu wasethumela kuSolomoni esithi: Ngizwile lokho ongithumele ngakho; mina ngizakwenza zonke iziloyiso zakho mayelana lezigodo zemisedari lamayelana lezigodo zamafiri.

9 Inceku zami zizazehlisa zisuka eLebhanoni zisiya elwandle; mina-ke ngizazenza okundendayo olwandle ukuya endaweni ozayiqamba kimi, ngizithukulule lapho; wena-ke uzazithathela khona, wena uzakwenza isifiso sami ngokupha abendlu yami ukudla.

10 Ngakho uHiramu wamnika uSolomoni izigodo zemisedari lezigodo zamafiri njengokwezifiso zakhe zonke.

11 LoSolomoni wanika uHiramu amakhori engqoloyi azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili, ukudla kwabendlu yakhe, lamakhori angamatshumi amabili amafutha akhanyiweyo. Ngokunjalo uSolomoni wamupha uHiramu iminyaka ngeminyaka.

12 INKOSI yasimnika uSolomoni inhlakanipho njengokutsho kwayo kuye. Kwasekusiba khona ukuthula phakathi kukaHiramu loSolomoni; benza isivumelwano bobabili.

13 Inkosi uSolomoni yabutha izibhalwa kuIsrayeli wonke; lezibhalwa zazingabantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu.

14 Yasibathuma eLebhanoni, abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngenyanga ngamazopho, inyanga beseLebhanoni, inyanga ezimbili besekhaya. LoAdoniramu wayephezu kwezibhalwa.

15 Futhi uSolomoni wayelabayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa abathwala imithwalo, lababazi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ezintabeni,

16 ngaphandle kwezinduna zabaphathi bakaSolomoni, ababephethe umsebenzi, izinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu amathathu, ezazibusa abantu ababesenza umsebenzi.

17 Inkosi yasilaya, baletha amatshe amakhulu, amatshe aligugu, okubeka isisekelo sendlu, amatshe abaziweyo.

18 Abakhi bakaSolomoni labakhi bakaHiramu lamaGebhali basebebaza, balungisa izigodo lamatshe ukwakha indlu.

I LWAMAKHOSI 6

USolomoni wakha ithempeli

1Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamakhulu amane lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili emva kokuphuma kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe, ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kukaSolomoni koIsrayeli, ngenyanga kaZivi, eyinyanga yesibili, waqala ukwakha indlu yeNKOSI.

2 Njalo indlu inkosi uSolomoni eyayakhela uJehova, ubude bayo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, lobubanzi bayo babungamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama kwayo kwakuzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu.

3 Lekhulusi phambi kwethempeli lendlu, ubude balo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, njengobubanzi bendlu, ububanzi balo babuzingalo ezilitshumi phambi kwendlu.

4 Njalo wayenzela indlu amawindi abanzi ngaphandle kulangaphakathi.

5 Futhi emdulini wendlu wakha amakamelo inhlangothi zonke, imiduli yendlu inhlangothi zonke, esenzela ithempeli lendawo yelizwi. Wenza lezindlwana eziseceleni inhlangothi zonke.

6 Ikamelo elingaphansi kwawo wonke, ububanzi balo babuzingalo ezinhlanu, leliphakathi, ububanzi balo buzingalo eziyisithupha, lelesithathu, ububanzi balo buzingalo eziyisikhombisa. Ngoba ngaphandle kwendlu wenza izinciphiso inhlangothi zonke, ukuze imijabo ingagxunyekwa emidulini yendlu.

7 Njalo indlu, isakhiwa, yakhiwa ngamatshe ayephelelisiwe enkwalini, ukuze kungezwakali isando lehloka, loba yisiphi isikhali sensimbi endlini nxa isakhiwa.

8 Umnyango wendlwana eseceleni ephakathi wawusehlangothini lwesokunene lwendlu; njalo bakhwela ngesikhwelo esibhodayo ukuya kwengaphakathi, lokusuka kwengaphakathi kusiya kweyesithathu.

9 Wayakha-ke indlu, wayiqeda; wagubuzela indlu ngentungo lamapulanka emisedari.

10 Wasesakha izindlwana eceleni kwendlu yonke, ubude bazo buzingalo ezinhlanu, wakuxhuma endlini ngezigodo zemisedari.

11 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kuSolomoni lathi:

12 Mayelana lale indlu oyakhayo, uba uhamba ngezimiso zami, usenza izahlulelo zami, njalo ugcina yonke imilayo yami ukuhamba ngayo, ngizakwenza ilizwi lami kuwe engalikhuluma kuDavida uyihlo;

13 ngizahlala phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngingabatshiyi abantu bami uIsrayeli.

14 Wayakha-ke uSolomoni indlu, wayiqeda.

15 Wasesakha imiduli yendlu ngaphakathi ngamapulanka emisedari, kusukela kuphansi lendlu kuze kufike emidulini yophahla, wayembesa ngaphakathi ngezigodo, wendlala iphansi lendlu ngamapulanka amafiri.

16 Wasesakha izingalo ezingamatshumi amabili emaceleni endlu, ngamapulanka emisedari, kusukela kuphansi kwaze kwafika emidulini; wayakhela ngaphakathi, esenzela indawo yelizwi, esenzela ingcwele yezingcwele.

17 Lendlu, elithempeli, ngaphambili, yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amane.

18 Njalo umsedari wendlu ngaphakathi wawubazwe waba zinduku lamaluba avulekileyo; konke kwakungumsedari, kungabonakali litshe.

19 Waselungisa indawo yelizwi phakathi endlini ukubeka khona umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI.

20 Lendawo yelizwi ephambili, ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama kwayo kuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; wayihuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo; wasesembesa ilathi ngomsedari.

21 USolomoni waseyihuqa indlu ngaphakathi ngegolide elicwengekileyo, wenza isehlukaniso ngamaketane egolide phambi kwendawo yelizwi, wasesihuqa ngegolide.

22 Lendlu yonke wayihuqa ngegolide yaze yaphelela yonke indlu; lelathi lonke elisendaweni yelizwi walihuqa ngegolide.

23 Endaweni yelizwi wasesenza amakherubhi amabili ngesihlahla somhlwathi, ukuphakama kwakuzingalo ezilitshumi ngalinye.

24 Olunye uphiko lwekherubhi lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu, lolunye uphiko lwekherubhi lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu; kusukela ekucineni kolunye uphiko kusiya ekucineni kolunye uphiko kwakuzingalo ezilitshumi.

25 Lelinye ikherubhi lalizingalo ezilitshumi; womabili amakherubhi ayeyisilinganiso sinye lesimo sinye.

26 Ukuphakama kwelinye ikherubhi kwakuzingalo ezilitshumi, lelinye ikherubhi lalinjalo.

27 Wasewabeka amakherubhi phakathi kwendlu engaphakathi; njalo amakherubhi elula impiko, kuze kuthi olunye uphiko lwathinta umduli, lophiko lwelinye ikherubhi lwathinta omunye umduli, lempiko zawo zathintana uphiko lophiko ngaphakathi kwendlu.

28 Wasewahuqa amakherubhi ngegolide.

29 Wabaza imiduli yonke yendlu inhlangothi zonke ngemifanekiso ebaziweyo yamakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba avulekileyo ngaphakathi langaphandle.

30 Iphansi lendlu waselihuqa ngegolide ngaphakathi langaphandle.

31 Emnyango wendawo yelizwi wenza izivalo zesihlahla somhlwathi, ikhothamo lemigubazi kulezinhlangothi ezinhlanu.

32 Lezivalo zombili zazingezesihlahla somhlwathi, wabaza kuzo imibazo yamakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba avulekileyo, wazihuqa ngegolide, wakhandela igolide phezu kwamakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala.

33 Ngokunjalo wasesenzela umnyango wethempeli imigubazi yesihlahla somhlwathi, ezinhlangothini ezine.

34 Lezivalo ezimbili zazingezezihlahla zamafiri; impiko zombili zesivalo esisodwa zazigoqeka, lezilenge ezimbili zesivalo sesibili zazigoqeka.

35 Wasebaza kuzo amakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba avulekileyo, wakuhuqa ngegolide elendlala kuhle phezu kokubaziweyo.

36 Wasesakha iguma elingaphakathi ngemizila emithathu yamatshe abaziweyo, lomzila wemijabo yemisedari.

37 Ngomnyaka wesine isisekelo sendlu yeNKOSI sabekwa, ngenyanga kaZivi.

38 Kwathi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, enyangeni kaBuli, okuyinyanga yesificaminwembili, yaphela indlu ezintweni zayo zonke lanjengakho konke ukumiswa kwayo. Ngakho wayakha iminyaka eyisikhombisa.

I LWAMAKHOSI 7

Ezinye izakhiwo zikaSolomoni

1Kodwa indlu yakhe uSolomoni wayakha iminyaka elitshumi lantathu, wayiqeda yonke indlu yakhe.

2 Wasesakha indlu yegusu leLebhanoni; ubude bayo babuzingalo ezilikhulu, lobubanzi bayo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lokuphakama kwayo kuzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu, phezu kwemizila emine yensika zemisedari, lemijabo yemisedari phezu kwezinsika.

3 Yayifulelwe ngemisedari phezulu, phezu kwemijabo, eyayiphezu kwensika ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, ezilitshumi lanhlanu emzileni.

4 Njalo kwakulemizila emithathu yamawindi, ukukhanya kuqondene lokukhanya, kathathu.

5 Layo yonke iminyango lemigubazi yayilingana inhlangothi zozine, lamawindi, njalo ukukhanya kuqondene lokukhanya, kathathu.

6 Wasesenza ikhulusi lezinsika, ubude balo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi balo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu; lekhulusi laliphambi kwazo, lezinsika lombundu phambi kwazo.

7 Wasesenza ikhulusi elesihlalo sobukhosi lapho ahlulela khona, ikhulusi lesahlulelo, lalembeswe ngemisedari kusukela kuphansi kusiya kuphansi.

8 Lendlu yakhe lapho ayehlala khona yayilelinye iguma ngaphakathi kwekhulusi,
esetshenzwe ngokufananayo. Wenzela njalo indodakazi kaFaro, uSolomoni
ayeyithethe, indlu, njengalelikhulusi.

9 Zonke lezi zazingezamatshe aligugu abazwe ngokwesilinganiso, asahwe
ngesaha ngaphakathi langaphandle, ngitsho kusukela esisekelweni kusiya
ematsheni aphezulu, njalo ngaphandle kuze kube segumeni elikhulu.

10 Njalo yayisekelwe ngamatshe aligugu, amatshe amakhulu, amatshe engalo
ezilitshumi, lamatshe engalo eziyisificaminwembili;

11 langaphezulu kwakulamatshe aligugu, abazwe ngokwesilinganiso, lemisedari.

12 Leguma elikhulu inhlangothi zonke lalilemizila emithathu yamatshe
abaziweyo, lomzila wemijabo yemisedari. Kwakunjalo ngeguma elingaphakathi
lendlu yeNKOSI, langekhulusi lendlu.

Umsebenzi kaHiramu ethempelini

13 Inkosi uSolomoni yasithuma yathatha uHiramu evela eTire.

14 Yena wayeyindodana yowesifazana umfelokazi, wesizwe sakoNafithali, loyise
wayengumuntu weTire, ingcitshi ekubazeni ithusi; njalo wayegcwele
inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa elolwazi ukwenza wonke umsebenzi ngethusi; weza
enkosini uSolomoni, wenza wonke umsebenzi wakhe.

15 Wasebumba insika ezimbili zethusi; ubude benye insika babuzingalo
ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili, lentambo ezingalo ezilitshumi lambili
yagombolozela insika yesibili.

16 Wenza futhi iziduku ezimbili zethusi elincibilikisiweyo ukubeka phezu
kwezihloko zezinsika; ukuphakama kwesiduku esisodwa kwakuzingalo
ezinhlanu, lokuphakama kwesinye isiduku kwakuzingalo ezinhlanu.

17 Amambule angumsebenzi oyisixhobexhobe, intambo eziphothiweyo
zazingumsebenzi wamaketane, kusenzela iziduku eziphezu kwezihloko
zezinsika; eziyisikhombisa esidukwini esisodwa, leziyisikhombisa kwesinye
isiduku.

18 Wenza-ke insika zombili, imizila emibili izingelezela phezu kwembule eyodwa,
ukwembesa iziduku ezisesihlokweni samapomegranati; wenza njalo lakwesinye
isiduku.

19 Leziduku ezazisesihlokweni sensika zazingumsebenzi womduze ekhulusini,
ingalo ezine.

20 Njalo iziduku zazisezinsikeni ezimbili, langaphezulu maqondana lesisu,
esingasemambuleni; lamapomegranati angamakhulu amabili ayesemizileni
ezingelezeleyo, phezu kwesinye isiduku.

21 Wasemisa izinsika ekhulusini lethempeli; esemise insika yangakwesokunene wabiza ibizo layo ngokuthinguJakini; esemise insika yangakwesokhohlo wabiza ibizo layo ngokuthi nguBhowazi.

22 Laphezu kwesihloko sezinsika kwakulomsebenzi womduze. Waphela-ke umsebenzi wezinsika.

23 Wasesenza ulwandle oluncibilikisiweyo, luzingalo ezilitshumi kusukela emphethweni kusiya emphethweni, luzingelezele luyisigombolozi, lokuphakama kwalo luzingalo ezinhlanu, lomzila ozingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu waluzingelezela ulugombolozela.

24 Ngaphansi komphetho walo kwakukhona amaqhaga eluzingelezele alugombolozela, alitshumi engalweni, ezingelezele ulwandle alugombolozela; imizila emibili yamaqhaga yabunjwa ngokuncibilikisa ekubunjweni kwalo ngokuncibilikisa.

25 Lwema phezu kwenkabi ezilitshumi lambili; ezintathu zikhangele enyakatho, lezintathu zikhangele entshonalanga, lezintathu zikhangele eningizimu, lezintathu zikhangele empumalanga, lolwandle lwaluphezu kwazo phezulu, lazo zonke ingemuva zazo zazingaphakathi.

26 Njalo ububanzi balo babuyibubanzi besandla, lomphetho walo wawunjengomphetho wenkezo, njengeluba lomduze; lwalumumethe amabhathi azinkulungwane ezimbili.

27 Wenza lezisekelo ezilitshumi zethusi; ubude besisekelo esisodwa babuzingalo ezine, lobubanzi baso buzingalo ezine, lokuphakama kwaso kuzingalo ezintathu.

28 Lalokhu kwakungumsebenzi wesisekelo: Zazilemiphetho, njalo imiphetho yayiphakathi kwezinhlanganiso;

29 lemiphethweni ephakathi kwezinhlanganiso kwakulezilwane, izinkabi, lamakherubhi. Laphezu kwezinhlanganiso kwakulesisekelo ngaphezulu, njalo ngaphansi kwezilwane lezinkabi kwakulezinkatha zomsebenzi okhandiweyo.

30 Lesisekelo sinye sasilamavili ethusi amane lamaphini ethusi; lamagumbi aso amane ayelamahlombe; ngaphansi kwenditshi yokugezela kwakulamahlombe abunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, eceleni kwaleyo laleyo inkatha.

31 Lomlomo waso phakathi kwesiduku langaphezulu wawuyingalo, lomlomo wawo wawuyisigombolozi,njengomsebenzi wesisekelo, uyingalo lengxenye; futhi laphezu komlomo wawo kwakulokubaziweyo; njalo imiphetho yayo yayizinhlangothi ezine ezilinganayo, hatshi isigombolozi.

32 Lamavili amane ayengaphansi kwemiphetho, lama-ekseli amavili ayesesisekelweni; lokuphakama kwevili elilodwa kwakuyingalo lengxenye yengalo.

33 Njalo umsebenzi wamavili wawunjengomsebenzi wevili lenqola: Ama-ekseli awo lamasongo awo lezipokisi zawo lamahabha awo kwakubunjwe ngokuncibilikisa.

34 Njalo kwakulamahlombe amane emagumbini womane esisekelo esisodwa; amahlombe aso avela esisekelweni.

35 Laphezu kwesihloko sesisekelo kwakulokuphakama okuyisigombolozi okuyingxenye yengalo inhlangothi zonke; laphezu kwesihloko sesisekelo kwakulezisekelo zaso lemiphetho yaso, kuvela kuso.

36 Laphezu kwezibhebhe zezisekelo zaso laphezu kwemiphetho yaso wabaza amakherubhi lezilwane lezihlahla zamalala, njengendawo yakho yonke engelalutho, lezinkatha inhlangothi zonke.

37 Wazenza ngokunjalo izisekelo ezilitshumi; zonke zazilokubunjwa kunye, isilinganiso sinye, isimo sinye.

38 Wasesenza inditshi zokugezela zethusi ezilitshumi; inditshi yokugezela eyodwa yayimumethe amabhathi angamatshumi amane; inditshi yokugezela eyodwa yayizingalo ezine; inditshi yokugezela eyodwa yayiphezu kwesisekelo ngasinye sezisekelo ezilitshumi.

39 Wasebeka izisekelo ezinhlanu eceleni lokunene lendlu, lezinhlanu eceleni lokhohlo lendlu; lolwandle walubeka eceleni lokunene lendlu, ngasempumalanga maqondana leningizimu.

40 UHiramu wasesenza inditshi zokugezela lamafotsholo lemiganu yokufafaza. UHiramu waseqeda ukwenza umsebenzi wonke ayewenzela inkosi uSolomoni endlini kaJehova:

41 Insika zombili, lenditshi zeziduku ezaziphezu kwezinsika zombili, lamambule amabili okwembesa inditshi ezimbili zeziduku eziphezu kwezinsika,

42 lamapomegranati angamakhulu amane awamambule womabili, imizila emibili yamapomegranati yembule elilodwa, okwembesa inditshi ezimbili zeziduku ezaziphezu kwezinsika,

43 lezisekelo ezilitshumi, lenditshi zokugezela ezilitshumi phezu kwezisekelo,

44 lolwandle olulodwa, lenkabi ezilitshumi lambili ngaphansi kolwandle;

45 lezimbiza lamafotsholo lemiganu yokufafaza, lazo zonke lezizitsha uHiramu azenzela inkosi uSolomoni endlini kaJehova, zazingezethusi elikhazimulisiweyo.

46 Inkosi yazibumbela ngokuncibilikisa emagcekeni eJodani, emhlabathini webumba phakathi kweSukothileZarethani.

47 USolomoni wasetshiya zonke lezizitsha zingalinganiswanga, ngenxa yobunengi obukhulukazi; isisindo sethusi kasihlolwanga.

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48 USolomoni wenza-ke zonke izitsha ezazingezendlu yeNKOSI; ilathi legolide, letafula legolide, okwakuphezu kwalo izinkwa zokubukiswa,

49 lezinti zezibane zegolide elicwengekileyo, ezinhlanu ngakwesokunene, lezinhlanu ngakwesokhohlo, phambi kwendawo yelizwi, lamaluba, lezibane, lezindlawu, kwegolide;

50 lemiganu, lezindlawu, lemiganu yokufafaza, lezinkezo, lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo, kwegolide elicwengekileyo; lamabhanti egolide ezivalo zendlu engaphakathi, zengcwele yezingcwele, ezivalo zendlu yethempeli.

51 Waphela njalo umsebenzi wonke inkosi uSolomoni eyawenza endlini yeNKOSI. USolomoni wasengenisa izinto ezingcwelisiweyo zikaDavida uyise; isiliva legolide lezitsha wakubeka enothweni yendlu yeNKOSI.

I LWAMAKHOSI 8

Ukungeniswa komtshokotsho wesivumelwano ethempelini

1Khona uSolomoni wabuthanisa abadala bakoIsrayeli, zonke inhloko zezizwe, iziphathamandla zaboyise babantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuya enkosini uSolomoni eJerusalema, ukuze benyuse umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaJehova bewukhupha emzini kaDavida, oyiZiyoni.

2 Wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli asebuthana enkosini uSolomoni emkhosini enyangeni kaEthanimi eyinyanga yesikhombisa.

3 Labo bonke abadala bakoIsrayeli beza, abapristi bawuphakamisa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano,

4 bawenyusa umtshokotsho weNKOSI lethente lenhlangano, lazo zonke izitsha ezingcwele ezazisethenteni; abapristi lamaLevi bakwenyusa-ke.

5 Njalo inkosi uSolomoni lenhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli eyayibuthene babelayo phambi komtshokotsho behlaba izimvu lezinkabi ezingelanani lezingelakubalwa ngobunengi.

6 Abapristi basebewungenisa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI endaweni yawo endaweni yelizwi yendlu, engcweleni yezingcwele, ngaphansi kwempiko zamakherubhi.

7 Ngoba amakherubhi elulela impiko zawo phezu kwendawo yomtshokotsho, amakherubhi embesa umtshokotsho lemijabo yawo, kuvela phezulu.

8 Basebeselula imijabo ukuze izihloko zemijabo zibonakale endaweni engcwele phambi kwendawo yelizwi, kodwa yayingabonakali ngaphandle; njalo ikhona lapho kuze kube lamuhla.

9 Kwakungelalutho emtshokotshweni, ngaphandle kwezibhebhe zamatshe ezimbili uMozisi azifaka khona eHorebe mhla iNKOSI isenza khona isivumelwano labantwana bakoIsrayeli ekuphumeni kwabo elizweni leGibhithe.

10 Kwasekusithi ekuphumeni kwabapristi endaweni engcwele iyezi layigcwalisa
indlu yeNKOSI;

11 ngakho abapristi babengelakho ukuma ukuthi bakhonze ngenxa yeyezi, ngoba
inkazimulo yeNKOSI yayigcwalise indlu yeNKOSI.

12 Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wathi: INKOSI yathi izahlala emnyameni onzima.

13 Ngikwakhele lokukwakhela indlu, indawo yokuhlala, indawo emisiweyo
yokuhlala kwakho laphakade.

14 Inkosi yasitshibilikisa ubuso bayo, yalibusisa ibandla lonke lakoIsrayeli;
lebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli lalimi.

15 Yasisithi: Kayibusiswe iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, eyakhuluma ngomlomo
wayo kuDavida ubaba, njalo yagcwalisa ngesandla sayo, isithi:

16 Kusukela ngosuku engakhupha ngalo abantu bami uIsrayeli elizweni
leGibhithe kangikhethanga muzi ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli ukwakha indlu,
ukuthi ibizo lami libe lapho, kodwa ngakhetha uDavida ukuthi abe phezu
kwabantu bami uIsrayeli.

17 Njalo kwakusenhliziyweni kaDavida ubaba ukwakhela ibizo
leNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli indlu.

18 Kodwa iNKOSI yathi kuDavida ubaba: Njengoba kwakusenhliziyweni yakho
ukwakhela ibizo lami indlu, wenze kuhle ukuthi kwakusenhliziyweni yakho;

19 loba kunjalo kawuyikuyakha indlu wena, kodwa indodana yakho ezaphuma
ekhalweni lwakho, yona izalakhela ibizo lami indlu.

20 INKOSI isiqinisile ilizwi layo eyalikhulumayo, ngoba ngivukile esikhundleni
sikaDavida ubaba, ngihlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli njengokuba
iNKOSI ikhulumile, sengilakhele ibizo leNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli indlu.

21 Njalo ngimisile lapho indawo yomtshokotsho, lapho okulesivumelwano
seNKOSI khona, eyasenza labobaba ekubakhupheni kwayo elizweni leGibhithe.

Umkhuleko kaSolomoni

22 USolomoni wasesima phambi kwelathi leNKOSI maqondana lebandla lonke
lakoIsrayeli, welulela izandla zakhe emazulwini

23 wathi: NKOSI, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kakho unkulunkulu onjengawe
emazulwini phezulu lemhlabeni phansiogcina isivumelwano lomusa ezincekwini
zakho ezihamba phambi kwakho ngenhliziyo yazo yonke.

24 Ogcinele inceku yakho uDavida ubaba lokho owakutsho kuye; njalo
wakhuluma ngomlomo wakho, wakugcwalisa ngesandla sakho, njengalamuhla.

25 Ngakho-ke, NKOSI, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, gcinela inceku yakho uDavida ubaba
owakukhuluma kuye, usithi: Kakuyikusweleka muntu kuwe phambi kwami

ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli, kuphela uba amadodana akho egcina indlela yawo ukuhamba phambi kwami njengoba uhambile phambi kwami.

26 Khathesi-ke, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ake liqiniseke ilizwi lakho owalikhuluma encekwini yakho uDavida ubaba.

27 Kodwa isibili uNkulunkulu uzahlala yini emhlabeni? Khangela, amazulu, lamazulu amazulu angekwanele; incinyane kangakanani-ke lindlu engiyakhileyo?

28 Kube kanti phendukela emkhulekweni wenceku yakho lekuncengeni kwayo, NKOSI Nkulunkulu wami, ukuze uzwe ukukhala lomkhuleko inceku yakho ekukhulekayo phambi kwakho lamuhla.

29 Ukuthi amehlo akho avulekele lindlu ebusuku lemini, indawo owatsho ngayo ukuthi: Ibizo lami lizakuba lapho; ukuze uzwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho ezawukhuleka kulindawo.

30 Zwana-ke ukuncenga kwenceku yakho lokwabantu bakho uIsrayeli lapho bezakhuleka kulindawo; yebo, uzwe wena, usendaweni yakho yokuhlala emazulwini; lapho usizwa, uthethelele.

31 Uba loba nguwuphi umuntu one umakhelwane wakhe, abeke phezu kwakhe isifungo, amenze afunge, lesifungo size phambi kwelathi lakho kulindlu,

32 zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, wenze wahlulele inceku zakho, ulahle omubi, ukunikela indlela yakhe ekhanda lakhe, ukulungisisa olungileyo, ukumnika njengokulunga kwakhe.

33 Lapho abantu bakho uIsrayeli betshaywe phambi kwesitha ngoba bonile kuwe, babesebephendukela kuwe, balivume ibizo lakho, bakhuleke bancenge kuwe kulindlu,

34 zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, uthethelele isono sabantu bakho uIsrayeli, ubabuyisele elizweni owalinika oyise.

35 Lapho amazulu evaliwe, kungelazulu ngoba bonile kuwe, uba bekhuleka kulindawo belivuma ibizo lakho, baphenduke esonweni sabo lapho ubahluphile,

36 zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, uthethelele isono senceku zakho lesabantu bakho uIsrayeli, lapho usubafundisile indlela elungileyo abangahamba ngayo, unike izulu elizweni lakho owalinika abantu bakho libe yilifa.

37 Uba kukhona indlala elizweni, uba kukhona umatshayabhuqe wesifo, ukutshisa, ingumane, isikhonyane, uba kulemihogoyi; uba isitha sabo sibavimbezele elizweni lemizi yabo, loba yiyiphi inhlupheko, loba yiwuphi umkhuhlane,

38 wonke umkhuleko, konke ukuncenga, okwenziwa yiloba nguwuphi umuntu, ngabantu bakho bonke bakoIsrayeli, abazakwazi ngulowo inhlupheko yenhliziyo yakhe, eselula izandla zakhe kulindlu,

39 zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala emisiweyo, uthethelele, wenze, unike ngulowo njengezindlela zakhe zonke, onhliziyo yakhe uyayazi, ngoba nguwe wedwa owaziyo inhliziyo yabo bonke abantwana babantu,

40 ukuze bakwesabe zonke izinsuku abaziphila ebusweni belizwe owalinika obaba.

41 Futhi-ke mayelana lowezizweni ongesuye wabantu bakho uIsrayeli kodwa evela elizweni elikhatshana ngenxa yebizo lakho,

42 (ngoba bazakuzwa ngebizo lakho elikhulu langesandla sakho esilamandla langengalo yakho eyeluliweyo) uba esiza akhuleke kulindlu,

43 zwana wena usemazulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala emisiweyo, wenze njengakho konke owezizweni akubizela khona, ukuze izizwe zonke zomhlaba zazi ibizo lakho, zikwesabe, njengabantu bakho uIsrayeli, ukuze zazi ukuthi ibizo lakho libiziwe phezu kwale indlu engiyakhileyo.

44 Uba abantu bakho bephuma impi bemelene lesitha sabo ngendlela obathuma ngayo, babesebekhuleka eNKOSIni bekhangele emzini owukhethileyo lendlini engiyakhele ibizo lakho,

45 zwana-ke usemazulwini umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga kwabo, wenze udaba lwabo.

46 Uba besona kuwe, ngoba kakulamuntu ongoniyo, ubusubathukuthelela, ubanikele esitheni, ukuze abathumbi babo babathumbele elizweni lesitha, khatshana kumbe eduze,

47 kodwa babuye enhliziyweni yabo elizweni abathunjelwe kilo, baphenduke, bancenge kuwe elizweni lababathumbileyo, besithi: Sonile, saphambeka, senza okubi;

48 babuyele kuwe ngenhliziyo yonke yabo langomphefumulo wonke wabo elizweni lezitha zabo ezibathumbileyo, bakhuleke kuwe bekhangele elizweni labo owalinika oyise, umuzi owawukhethayo, lendlu engiyakhele ibizo lakho,

49 zwana-ke usemazulwini umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga kwabo, endaweni yakho yokuhlala, ubamele.

50 Uthethelele abantu bakho abone kuwe, leziphambeko zabo zonke, abaphambeke ngazo kuwe, ubaphe isihawu phambi kwababathumbileyo, ukuthi babe lesihawu kibo,

51 ngoba bayisizwe sakho, lelifa lakho owabakhupha eGibhithe, phakathi kwesithando sensimbi.

52 Ukuze amehlo akho avulekele ukuncenga kwenceku yakho lokuncenga kwabantu bakho uIsrayeli, ukubezwa kukho konke ukukhala kwabo kuwe.

53 Ngoba wena wazehlukanisela bona babe yilifa bevela kuzo zonke izizwe zomhlaba, njengokukhuluma kwakho ngesandla sikaMozisi, inceku yakho, ekukhupheni kwakho obaba eGibhithe, Nkosi Jehova.

USolomoni ubusisa ibandla

54 Kwasekusithi eseqedile uSolomoni ukukhuleka wonke lo umkhuleko lokuncenga eNKOSIni, wasukuma esuka ngaphambi kwelathi leNKOSI ekuguqeni ngamadolo akhe lezandla zakhe zelulekele emazulwini,

55 wasesima wabusisa ibandla lonke lakoIsrayeli ngelizwi elikhulu esithi:

56 Kayibusiswe iNKOSI enike abantu bayo uIsrayeli ukuphumula njengakho konke eyakukhulumayo; kakuwanga lelilodwa ilizwi kuwo wonke amazwi ayo eyawakhuluma ngesandla sikaMozisi inceku yayo.

57 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu kayibe lathi njengalokhu yayilabobaba, ingasitshiyi ingasideli,

58 ukuze ithobele inhliziyo yethu kuyo, ukuhamba ngazo zonke indlela zayo, lokugcina imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo lezahlulelo zayo, eyakulaya obaba.

59 Lala amazwi ami, engincenga ngawo phambi kweNKOSI, abe seduzane leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu emini lebusuku, ukuze imele udaba lwenceku yayo lodaba lwabantu bayo uIsrayeli, udaba losuku ngosuku lwalo,

60 ukuze izizwe zonke zomhlaba zazi ukuthi iNKOSI inguNkulunkulu, kakho omunye.

61 Ngakho inhliziyo yenu kayibe ngepheleleyo kuJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuhamba ezimisweni zayo, lokugcina imilayo yayo njengalamuhla.

USolomoni unikela iminikelo eminengi

62 Inkosi loIsrayeli wonke elayo basebehlaba umhlatshelo phambi kukaJehova.

63 USolomoni wasehlaba umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula awuhlabela uJehova, inkabi ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili, lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili. Ngokunjalo inkosi labo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli bayehlukanisa indlu kaJehova.

64 Ngalona lolosuku inkosi yangcwelisa iphakathi leguma elalingaphambi kwendlu kaJehova, ngoba lapho yanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla, lamahwahwa eminikelo yokuthula, ngoba ilathi lethusi elaliphambi kukaJehova lalilincinyane kakhulu ukwanela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla lamahwahwa eminikelo yokuthula.

65 Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wasesenza idili, loIsrayeli wonke laye, ibandla elikhulu, kusukela ekungeneni kweHamathi kusiya esifuleni seGibhithe, phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, insuku eziyisikhombisa lensuku eziyisikhombisa, insuku ezilitshumi lane.

66 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili wabayekela abantu bahamba; bayibusisa inkosi, baya emathenteni abo bethokoza bejabula enhliziyweni ngakho konke okuhle iNKOSI eyayikwenzele uDavida inceku yayo loIsrayeli abantu bayo.

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INKOSI izibonakalisa kuSolomoni

1 Kwasekusithi uSolomoni eseqedile ukwakha indlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosi laso sonke isifiso sikaSolomoni ayethokoza ukusenza,

2 iNKOSI yabonakala kuSolomoni ngokwesibili njengokubonakala kwayo kuye eGibeyoni.

3 INKOSI yathi kuye: Ngizwile umkhuleko wakho lokuncenga kwakho okuncenge phambi kwami. Ngiyingcwelisile lindlu oyakhileyo ukubeka ibizo lami lapho kuze kube nininini; lamehlo ami lenhliziyo yami kuzakuba lapho zonke izinsuku.

4 Wena-ke, uba uhamba phambi kwami, njengoDavida uyihlo wahamba, ngokuphelela kwenhliziyo langokuqonda, ukwenza njengakho konke engikulaye khona, ugcine izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami,

5 khona ngizamisa isihlalo sobukhosi sombuso wakho phezu kukaIsrayeli kuze kube nininini, njengokukhuluma kwami kuDavida uyihlo, ngisithi: Kakuyikusweleka kuwe umuntu phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli.

6 Uba lizaphenduka lokuphenduka, lina labantwana benu, ekungilandeleni, lingayigcini imilayo yami, izimiso zami, engikubeke phambi kwenu, kodwa liyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu, libakhothamele,

7 khona ngizaquma uIsrayeli ebusweni belizwe engibanike lona, lendlu engiyingcwelisele ibizo lamingizayilahla phambi kwami; loIsrayeli uzakuba yisaga lento yokuhozwa phakathi kwezizwe zonke.

8 Lalindlu, ephakemeyo, wonke oyedlulayo uzamangala kakhulu ancife, bathi: INKOSI ikwenzeleni okunje kulelilizwe lakulindlu?

9 Njalo bazakuthi: Ngenxa yokuthi bayitshiyile iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo eyakhupha oyise elizweni leGibhithe, babambelela kwabanye onkulunkulu, babakhonza babasebenzela; ngalokho iNKOSI ibehlisele bonke lobububi.

Ezinye izenzo zikaSolomoni

10 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amabili uSolomoni esakhile izindlu zombili, indlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosi,

11 (uHiramu inkosi yeTire wayemsekele uSolomoni ngezigodo zemisedari langezigodo zamafiri langegolide, njengesiloyiso sakhe sonke) ngalesosikhathi inkosi uSolomoni yamnika uHiramu imizi engamatshumi amabili elizweni leGalili.

12 UHiramu wasephuma eTire ukubona imizi uSolomoni ayemnike yona, kodwa
yayingalunganga emehlweni akhe.

13 Wasesithi: Yimizi bani le onginike yona, mfowethu?
Waseyibiza ngokuthi ilizwe leKabuli, kuze kube lamuhla.

14 UHiramu wayethumele enkosini amathalenta alikhulu lamatshumi amabili
egolide.

15 Nantu-ke udaba lwezibhalwa inkosi uSolomoni eyazibuthela ukwakha indlu
yeNKOSI, lendlu yayo, leMilo, lomduli weJerusalema, leHazori, leMegido, leGezeri:

16 UFaro inkosi yeGibhithe wayenyukile wathumba iGezeri wayitshisa ngomlilo,
wabulala amaKhanani ayehlala emzini, wakhunga ngayo indodakazi yakhe,
umkaSolomoni.

17 USolomoni wasesakha iGezeri, leBhethi-Horoni engaphansi,

18 leBahalathi, leTamari enkangala elizweni,

19 lemizi yonke yokugcinela impahla uSolomoni ayelayo, lemizi yezinqola, lemizi
yabagadi bamabhiza, lesiloyiso sikaSolomoni ayeloyisa ngaso ukwakha
eJerusalema leLebhanoni lelizweni lonke lombuso wakhe.

20 Bonke abantu ababesele kumaAmori, amaHethi, amaPerizi, amaHivi,
lamaJebusi, ababengeyisibo babantwana bakoIsrayeli,

21 abantwana babo ababesele emva kwabo elizweni, abantwana bakoIsrayeli
abangenelisanga ukubatshabalalisa, uSolomoni wababutha izibhalwa eziyizigqili,
kuze kube lamuhla.

22 Kodwa ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uSolomoni kenzanga sigqili, kodwa
babengamadoda empi, lenceku zakhe, leziphathamandla zakhe, lezinduna zakhe,
labaphathi bezinqola zakhe, labagadi bakhe bamabhiza.

23 Laba babezinduna zabaphathi abaphezu komsebenzi kaSolomoni, amakhulu
amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu, ababebusa abantu ababesebenza emsebenzini.

24 Kodwa indodakazi kaFaro yenyuka iphuma emzini kaDavida isiya endlini yayo
ayeyakhele yona. Ngalesosikhathi wakha iMilo.

25 Njalo kathathu ngomnyaka uSolomoni wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa
leminikelo yokuthula phezu kwelathi ayelakhele iNKOSI, watshisa impepha kulelo
elaliphambi kweNKOSI. Waqeda njalo indlu.

26 Inkosi uSolomoni yasisenza imikhumbi eEziyoni-Geberi eseElothi ekhunjini
loLwandle oluBomvu elizweni leEdoma.

27 UHiramu wasethuma emikhunjini inceku zakhe, amadoda emikhumbi, abazi
ulwandle, kanye lenceku zikaSolomoni.

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28 Bafika eOfiri, bathatha khona igolide, amathalenta angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amabili, baliletha enkosini uSolomoni.

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Indlovukazi yeShebha

1 Kwathi indlovukazi yeShebha isizwile udumo lukaSolomoni ngebizo leNKOSI yeza ukumhlola ngemibuzo enzima.

2 Yasifika eJerusalema lodwendwe olukhulu kakhulu, lamakamela ethwele amakha legolide elinengi kakhulu lamatshe aligugu; isifikile kuSolomoni yamtshela konke okwakusenhliziyweni yayo.

3 USolomoni waseyichasisela zonke indaba zayo; kwakungelalutho olwayicatshelayo inkosi engayichasiselanga lona.

4 Indlovukazi yeShebha isibonile yonke inhlakanipho kaSolomoni, lendlu ayeyakhile,

5 lokudla kwetafula lakhe, lokuhlala kwezinceku zakhe, lokuma kwezisebenzi zakhe, lezigqoko zazo, labaphathinkezo bakhe, lokwenyuka kwakhe enyuka ngakho endlini yeNKOSI, kakusabanga lamoya kuyo.

6 Yasisithi enkosini: Umbiko wawuliqiniso engawuzwa elizweni lami ngamazwi akho langenhlakanipho yakho.

7 Kodwa kangiyikholwanga leyomibiko ngaze ngafika lamehlo ami abona. Khangela, bengingatshelwanga ingxenye; wengezelele inhlakanipho lokulunga embikweni engiwuzwileyo.

8 Bayathokoza abantu bakho, ziyathokoza lezizinceku zakho ezimi njalo phambi kwakho zisizwa inhlakanipho yakho!

9 Kayibusiswe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eyathokoza ngawe, ukukubeka phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli. Ngoba iNKOSI yamthanda uIsrayeli kuze kube phakade, ngakho ikubekile waba yinkosi ukuze wenze isahlulelo lokulunga.

10 Yasinika inkosi amathalenta alikhulu lamatshumi amabili egolide, lamakha amanengi kakhulu, lamatshe aligugu. Kakuzange kusabuya amakha ngobunengi njengalawo indlovukazi yeShebha eyawanika inkosi uSolomoni.

11 Futhi lemikhumbi kaHiramu eyayithwala igolide livela eOfiri yaletha izigodo ezinengi kakhulu zomkampa, lamatshe aligugu, kuvela eOfiri.

12 Ngezigodo zomkampa inkosi yasisenza insika zendlu kaJehova lezendlu yenkosi, lamachacho lezigubhu zezintambo kwabahlabeleli; kakuzanga kulethwe kumbe kubonwe ngokunjalo izigodo zomkampa kuze kube lamuhla.

13 Inkosi uSolomoni yasinika indlovukazi yeShebha sonke isiloyiso sayo, eyakucelayo, ngaphandle kwalokho eyayinika khona njengokuphana kwenkosi uSolomoni. Yasiphenduka yaya elizweni layo, yona lenceku zayo.

Inotho kaSolomoni Iodumo lwakhe

14 Njalo isisindo segolide elalifika kuSolomoni ngomnyaka owodwa sasingamathalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha,

15 ngaphandle kokuvela kubathengisi, lempahleni zabathengisi bezinongo, lemakhosini wonke eArabhiya, lakubabusi belizwe.

16 Inkosi uSolomoni yasisenza izihlangu ezinkulu ezingamakhulu amabili ngegolide elikhandiweyo, amashekeliangamakhulu ayisithupha egolide esihlangwini esisodwa esikhulu.

17 Lamahawu angamakhulu amathathu egolide elikhandiweyo; amamane amathathu egolide ehawini elilodwa. Inkosi yasiwafaka endlini yegusu leLebhanoni.

18 Inkosi yenza lesihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu ngempondo zendlovu, yasihuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo.

19 Isihlalo sobukhosi sasilezikhwelo eziyisithupha, lesihloko sesihlalo sobukhosi sasiyisigombolozi emuva, lezeyamelo zengalo ngapha langapha kuze kube sendaweni yokuhlala, lezilwane ezimbili zimi eceleni kwezeyamelo zezingalo.

20 Lezilwane ezilitshumi lambili zazimi lapho ezikhwelweni eziyisithupha, ngapha langapha. Kakwenziwanga okunjalo kuwo wonke umbuso.

21 Lazo zonke inkezo zokunatha zenkosi uSolomoni zazingezegolide, lazo zonke izitsha zendlu yegusu leLebhanoni zazingezegolide elicwengekileyo; kwakungelasiliva, lalingabalwa santo ensukwini zikaSolomoni.

22 Ngoba inkosi yayilemikhumbi yeThashishi olwandle kanye lemikhumbi kaHiramu; kanye ngeminyaka emithathu limikhumbi yeThashishi yeza ithwele igolide lesiliva, impondo zezindlovu lezinkawu lamaphigaga.

23 Ngakho inkosi uSolomoni yaba nkulu kulawo wonke amakhosi omhlaba enothweni lenhlakanipheni.

24 Umhlaba wonke wasudinga ubuso bukaSolomoni ukuzwa inhlakanipho yakhe uNkulunkulu ayeyinike enhliziyweni yakhe.

25 Basebeletha, ngulowo isipho sakhe, izitsha zesiliva, lezitsha zegolide, lezembatho, lezikhali, lamakha, amabhiza, lezimbongolo; into yomnyaka ngomnyaka wayo.

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26 USolomoni wasebuthanisa izinqola labagadi bamabhiza; wayelezinqola ezingamakhulu alitshumi lane, labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; wakubeka emizini yezinqola njalo kulenkosi eJerusalema.

27 Inkosi yasisenza isiliva eJerusalema laba njengamatshe, lemisedari wayenza yaba njengemikhiwa yesikhamore esesihotsheni, ngobunengi.

28 Wasengenisa ngokuthenga amabhiza avela eGibhithe, ayengekaSolomoni, lelembu elicolekileyo; labathengi benkosi babelithatha ilembu elicolekileyo ngentengo.

29 Inqola yasisenyuka yaphuma eGibhithe ngamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu ayisithupha, lebhiza ngekhulu lamatshumi amahlanu. Langokunjalo bawakhuphela wonke amakhosi amaHethi lamakhosi eSiriya ngesandla sabo.

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Ukuduha kukaSolomoni

1 Inkosi uSolomoni yayithanda-ke abafazi abanengi bezizweni, kanye lendodakazi kaFaro, amaMowabikazi, amaAmonikazi, amaEdomikazi, amaSidonikazi, amaHethikazi,

2 ababevela ezizweni iNKOSI eyayithe ngazo kubantwana bakoIsrayeli: Kaliyikungena kibo, labo kabayikungena kini; isibili bazaphendula inhliziyo yenu ilandele onkulunkulu babo. Bona uSolomoni wabanamathela ngothando.

3 Wayelabafazi abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa, amakhosazana, labafazi abancane abangamakhulu amathathu; abafazi bakhe basebephambula inhliziyo yakhe.

4 Ngoba kwathi esikhathini sokuluphala kukaSolomoni, abafazi bakhe baphambulela inhliziyo yakhe ekulandeleni abanye onkulunkulu, lenhliziyo yakhe yayingaphelelanga kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe, njengenhliziyo kaDavida uyise.

5 Ngoba uSolomoni wahamba emva kukaAshitarothi unkulunkulu wamaSidoni lemva kukaMilkomu isinengiso samaAmoni.

6 USolomoni wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, kayilandelanga ngokupheleleyo iNKOSI njengoDavida uyise.

7 Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wakhela uKemoshi isinengiso sakoMowabi indawo ephakemeyo entabeni ephambi kweJerusalema, loMoleki isinengiso sabantwana bakoAmoni.

8 Langokunjalo wabenzela bonke abafazi bakhe bezizweni abatshisa impepha bahlabela onkulunkulu babo.

9 INKOSI yasimthukuthelela uSolomoni, ngoba inhliziyo yakhe yayiphambukile eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, eyayibonakele kuye kabili,

10 yamlaya mayelana lalinto, ukuthi angalandeli abanye onkulunkulu; kodwa kagcinanga lokho iNKOSI eyamlaya khona.

11 Ngakho iNKOSI yathi kuSolomoni: Ngenxa yokuthi lokhu kwenziwe nguwe, ungagcinanga isivumelwano sami lezimiso zami, engakulaya khona, ngizawudabula lokuwudabula umbuso kuwe, ngiwunike inceku yakho.

12 Kanti kangiyikukwenza ensukwini zakho ngenxa kaDavida uyihlo; ngizawudabula usuke esandleni sendodana yakho.

13 Loba kunjalo kangiyikudabula wonke umbuso; ngizanika indodana yakho isizwe esisodwa ngenxa kaDavida inceku yami langenxa yeJerusalema engiyikhethileyo.

Izitha zikaSolomoni

14 INKOSI yasimvusela uSolomoni isitha, uHadadi umEdoma; wayengowenzalo yenkosi eEdoma.

15 Ngoba kwathi uDavida eseEdoma, uJowabi induna yebutho wayenyukele ukungcwaba ababuleweyo, watshaya wonke owesilisa eEdoma.

16 Ngoba uJowabi wahlala lapho inyanga eziyisithupha, loIsrayeli wonke, waze waquma wonke owesilisa eEdoma.

17 Kodwa uHadadi wabaleka, yena lamaEdoma athile avela encekwini zikayise kanye laye, ukungena eGibhithe; njalo uHadadi wayengumfanyana.

18 Basebesuka eMidiyani, bafika eParani, bathatha amadoda labo eParani, bafika eGibhithe, kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, owamnika indlu, wammisela ukudla, wamnika umhlabathi.

19 UHadadi wasethola umusa omkhulu emehlweni kaFaro, waze wamendisela udadewabo womkakhe, udadewabo kaTapenesi indlovukazi.

20 Udadewabo kaTapenesi wasemzalela uGenubathi indodana yakhe, uTapenesi amlumulela phakathi kwendlu kaFaro; njalo uGenubathi wayesendlini kaFaro phakathi kwabantwana bakaFaro.

21 Kwathi uHadadi esezwile eseGibhithe ukuthi uDavida ulele laboyise lokuthi uJowabi induna yebutho usefile, uHadadi wathi kuFaro: Ngivumela ngisuke ukuthi ngiye elizweni lakithi.

22 UFaro wasesithi kuye: Kodwa usweleni ulami ukuthi, khangela, udinge ukuya elizweni lakini? Wasesithi: Akulalutho, loba kunjalo ngivumela lokungivumela ngihambe.

23 UNkulunkulu wasemvusela isitha, uRezoni indodana kaEliyada owayebalekile enkosini yakhe uHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba.

24 Wasezibuthela amadoda, waba ngumkhokheli weviyo, lapho uDavida ebabulala; basebesiya eDamaseko, bahlala kuyo, babusa eDamaseko.

25 Wasesiba yisitha kuIsrayeli insuku zonke zikaSolomoni, phezu kobubi uHadadi abenzayo; njalo wanengwa nguIsrayeli, wabusa phezu kukaSiriya.

26 LoJerobhowamu, indodana kaNebati, umEfrayimi weZereda, inceku kaSolomoni, obizo likanina lalinguZeruwa, owesifazana ongumfelokazi, laye waphakamisa isandla emelene lenkosi.

27 Yilolu-ke udaba lokuthi aphakamise isandla emelene lenkosi. USolomoni wakha iMilo, wavala isikhala somuzi kaDavida uyise.

28 UJerobhowamu wayeliqhawe elilamandla. Kwathi uSolomoni ebona lelijaha ukuthi likhuthele emsebenzini, walibeka phezu kwawo wonke umthwalo wendlu kaJosefa.

29 Kwasekusithi ngalesosikhathi lapho uJerobhowamu ephuma eJerusalema, uAhiya umShilo umprofethi wamfica endleleni. Njalo wayezigqokise isigqoko esitsha; bobabili babebodwa egangeni.

30 UAhiya wasesibamba isigqoko esitsha esasikuye, wasidabula iziqa ezilitshumi lambili,

31 wathi kuJerobhowamu: Zithathele iziqa ezilitshumi, ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangela, ngizadabula umbuso usuke esandleni sikaSolomoni, ngikunike izizwe ezilitshumi.

32 Kodwa yena uzakuba lesizwe esisodwa ngenxa yenceku yami uDavida langenxa yeJerusalema, umuzi engiwukhethileyo ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli.

33 Ngenxa yokuthi bangitshiyile, bakhonza uAshitarothi unkulunkulu wamaSidoni, uKemoshi unkulunkulu wamaMowabi, loMilkomu unkulunkulu wabantwana bakoAmoni, kabahambanga ngendlela zami, ukwenza okulungileyo emehlweni ami, lokulondoloza izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami, njengoDavida uyise.

34 Loba kunjalo kangiyikuwususa umbuso wonke esandleni sakhe; kodwa ngizamenza abe ngumbusi zonke izinsuku zempilo yakhe ngenxa kaDavida inceku yami, engamkhethayo, owagcina imilayo yami lezimiso zami.

35 Kodwa ngizawususa umbuso esandleni sendodana yakhe, ngiwunike wena, izizwe ezilitshumi.

36 Lendodana yakhe ngizayinika isizwe sibe sinye ukuze uDavida inceku yami abe lesibane zonke izinsuku phambi kwami eJerusalema, umuzi engizikhethele wona ukuze ngibeke ibizo lami khona.

37 Wena-ke ngizakuthatha, uzabusa phezu kwakho konke umphefumulo wakho okuloyisayo, ube yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli.

38 Kuzakuthi-ke, uba ulalela konke engikulaya khona, uhambe ngezindlela zami, wenze okulungileyo emehlweni ami, ukugcina izimiso zami lemilayo yami,

njengokwenza kukaDavida inceku yami, ngizakuba lawe, ngikwakhele indlu eqinileyo, njengengayakhela uDavida, ngizakunika uIsrayeli,

39 njalo ngihluphe inzalo kaDavida ngenxa yalokhu, kodwa kungabi kokuphela.

40 Ngakho uSolomoni wadinga ukumbulala uJerobhowamu, kodwa uJerobhowamu wasuka wabalekela eGibhithe, kuShishaki inkosi yeGibhithe, wayeseGibhithe waze wafa uSolomoni.

Ukufa kukaSolomoni

41 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaSolomoni, lakho konke akwenzayo, lenhlakanipho yakhe, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwendaba zikaSolomoni?

42 Isikhathi-ke uSolomoni abusa ngaso eJerusalema phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke saba yiminyaka engamatshumi amane.

43 USolomoni waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa emzini kaDavida uyise. URehobhowamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bavukela indlu kaDavida

1URehobhowamu wasesiya eShekema ngoba uIsrayeli wonke wayefike eShekema ukumbeka abe yinkosi.

2 Kwasekusithi uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati, owayelokhu eseGibhithe, ekuzwa lokhu (ngoba wayebaleke esuka phambi kukaSolomoni inkosi, uJerobhowamu wahlala eGibhithe),

3 bathuma bambiza. UJerobhowamu lebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli basebesiza bakhuluma loRehobhowamu besithi:

4 Uyihlo wenza ijogwe lethu laba lukhuni; ngakho-ke wena yenza kube lula umsebenzi olukhuni kayihlo, lejogwe lakhe elinzima abesithwalise lona, njalo sizakukhonza.

5 Wasesithi kibo: Hambani futhi okwensuku ezintathu, libe selibuya kimi. Basebehamba abantu.

6 Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasicebisana labadala ababesima phambi kukaSolomoni uyise esaphila, isithi: Licebisa njani ukubuyisela impendulo kulababantu?

7 Basebekhuluma kuyo besithi: Uba uzakuba yinceku yalababantu lamuhla ubasebenzele, ubaphendule, ukhulume kibo amazwi amahle, khona bezakuba zinceku zakho zonke izinsuku.

8 Kodwa wasitshiya iseluleko sabadala ababemeluleke ngaso, wacebisana lamajaha ayeyintanga yakhe, ayemi phambi kwakhe.

9 Wasesithi kuwo: Lipha seluleko bani ukuthi sibuyisele impendulo kulababantu abakhulume lami besithi: Yenza libe lulanyana ijogwe uyihlo alibeka phezu kwethu?

10 Amajaha ayeyintanga yakhe asekhuluma kuye esithi: Uzakutsho njalo kulababantu abakhuluma kuwe besithi: Uyihlo wenza ijogwe lethu laba nzima, kodwa wena yenza libe lulanyana kithi; uzakutsho njalo kibo: Ucikilicane wami uqatha kulokhalo lukababa.

11 Uba-ke ubaba walethwesa ijogwe elinzima, mina-ke ngizakwengezelela ejogweni lenu. Ubaba walijezisa ngeziswepu, kodwa mina ngizalijezisa ngabofezela.

12 Ngakho uJerobhowamu labo bonke abantu beza kuRehobhowamu ngosuku lwesithathu njengokutsho kwenkosi isithi: Libuye kimi futhi ngosuku lwesithathu.

13 Inkosi yasibaphendula abantu kalukhuni, yatshiya iseluleko sabadala ababeyeluleke ngaso.

14 Yakhuluma kubo njengokweseluleko samajaha isithi: Ubaba wenza ijogwe lenu laba nzima, kodwa mina ngizakwengezelela ejogweni lenu; ubaba walijezisa ngeziswepu, kodwa mina ngizalijezisa ngabofezela.

15 Ngalokho inkosi kayibalalelanga abantu; ngoba inguquko yayivela eNKOSIni ukuze iqinise ilizwi layoeyayilikhulume ngesandla sikaAhiya umShilo kuJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati.

16 Lapho uIsrayeli wonke ebona ukuthi inkosi kayibalalelanga, abantu babuyisela impendulo enkosini besithi: Silesabelo bani kuDavida? Yebo, kasilalifa endodaneni kaJese. Emathenteni akho, Israyeli! Khathesi, zibonele indlu yakho, Davida. Ngakho uIsrayeli waya emathenteni akhe.

17 Mayelana labantwana bakoIsrayeli ababehlala emizini yakoJuda, uRehobhowamu wabusa phezu kwabo.

18 Khona inkosi uRehobhowamu yathuma uAdoniramu owayephezu kwezibhalwa; uIsrayeli wonke wasemkhanda ngamatshe waze wafa. Ngakho inkosi uRehobhowamu yakhwela masinyane inqola yayo, ukubalekela eJerusalema.

19 Ngokunjalo uIsrayeli wayihlamukela indlu kaDavida kuze kube lamuhla.

20 Kwasekusithi uIsrayeli wonke esezwile ukuthi uJerobhowamu ubuyile, bathuma bambizela enhlanganweni, bamenza inkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke; kakubanga khona olandela indlu kaDavida ngaphandle kwesizwe sakoJuda sodwa.

21 Kwathi uRehobhowamu esefikile eJerusalema wabuthanisa yonke indlu yakoJuda lesizwe sakoBhenjamini, abakhethiweyo abayizinkulungwane

ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, abalwa impi, ukulwa lendlu yakoIsrayeli, ukubuyisela umbuso kuRehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni.

22 Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lafika kuShemaya umuntu kaNkulunkulu lisithi:

23 Khuluma kuRehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni, inkosi yakoJuda, lakuyo yonke indlu yakoJuda leyakoBhenjamini, lensali yabantu, uthi:

24 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Lingenyuki njalo lingalwi labafowenu, abantwana bakoIsrayeli. Buyelani, ngulowo lalowo endlini yakhe; ngoba linto ivela kimi. Basebelilalela ilizwi leNKOSI, babuyela ukuhamba, njengokwelizwi leNKOSI.

UJerobhowamu uduhisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli

25 UJerobhowamu wasesakha iShekema entabeni yakoEfrayimi, wahlala kuyo; wasephuma lapho wakha iPenuweli.

26 UJerobhowamu wasesithi enhliziyweni yakhe: Khathesi umbuso uzabuyela endlini kaDavida.

27 Uba lesisizwe sisenyukela ukwenza imihlatshelo endlini yeNKOSI eJerusalema, khona inhliziyo yalesisizwe izabuyela enkosini yabo, kuRehobhowamu inkosi yakoJuda, njalo bazangibulala babuyele kuRehobhowamu inkosi yakoJuda.

28 Ngakho inkosi yathatha icebo, yenza amathole amabili egolide, yathi kubo: Kunzima kakhulu kini ukwenyukela eJerusalema; khangela, onkulunkulu bakho, Israyeli, abakukhuphula elizweni leGibhithe.

29 Wasemisa elinye eBhetheli, lelinye walifaka eDani.

30 Loludaba lwaselusiba yisono; ngoba abantu baya phambi kwelinye kuze kube seDani ukuyakhonza.

31 Wasesenza indlu yezindawo eziphakemeyo, wenza abapristi ngabaphansi kakhulu babantu, ababengeyisiwo bamadodana amaLevi.

32 UJerobhowamu wasesenza umkhosi ngenyanga yesificaminwembili ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga njengomkhosi owawukoJuda, wanikela phezu kwelathi. Wenza njalo eBhetheli, ehlabela amathole ayewenzile. Wabeka eBhetheli abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo ayezenzile.

33 Wasenikela phezu kwelathi ayelenzile eBhetheli ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu enyangeni yesificaminwembili, enyangeni ayeyiqambile evela enhliziyweni yakhe. Wenzela abantwana bakoIsrayeli umkhosi, wanikela phezu kwelathi etshisa impepha.

I LWAMAKHOSI 13

Umprofethi othile wakoJuda uxwayisa uJerobhowamu

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1Khangela-ke, kwafika umuntu kaNkulunkulu evela koJuda ngelizwi leNKOSI waya eBhetheli, njalo uJerobhowamu wayemi eduze lelathi ukutshisa impepha.

2 Wasememeza emelene lelathi ngelizwi leNKOSI wathi: Lathi, lathi, itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, indodana izazalelwa indlu kaDavida, nguJosiya ibizo layo; izahlabela phezu kwakho abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo abatshisa impepha phezu kwakho, lamathambo abantu azatshiselwa phezu kwakho.

3 Wasenika isibonakaliso ngalolosuku esithi: Lesi yisibonakaliso iNKOSI esikhulumileyo yathi: Khangela, ilathi lizadatshulwa lomlotha ophezu kwalo uzachithwa.

4 Kwasekusithi inkosi isizwile ilizwi lomuntu kaNkulunkulu owamemeza emelene lelathi eBhetheli, uJerobhowamu welula isandla sakhe wasisusa elathini, esithi: Mbambeni! Isandla sakhe-ke ayeselulele kuye soma, waze wehluleka ukusibuyisela kuye.

5 Lelathi ladatshulwa, lomlotha wachitheka elathini, njengokwesibonakaliso umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayesinikile ngelizwi leNKOSI.

6 Inkosi yasiphendula yathi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu: Ake uncenge ubuso bukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, ungikhulekele, ukuthi isandla sami sibuyele kimi. Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasencenga ubuso bukaJehova, lesandla senkosi sabuyela kuyo, saba njengakuqala.

7 Inkosi yasisithi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu: Woza lami siye ekhaya, uzivuselele, ngizakunika umvuzo.

8 Kodwa umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi enkosini: Loba unganginika ingxenye yendlu yakho, kangiyikuhamba lawe; kangiyikudla isinkwa, njalo kangiyikunatha amanzi kulindawo;

9 ngoba ngokunjalo yangilaya ngelizwi leNKOSI isithi: Ungadli isinkwa, njalo unganathi amanzi, njalo ungabuyeli ngendlela oze ngayo.

10 Ngakho wahamba ngenye indlela, kabuyelanga ngendlela oweza ngayo eBhetheli.

11 Kwakuhlala-ke umprofethi othile omdala eBhetheli. Amadodana akhe eza amtshela sonke isenzo umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayesenzile mhlalokho eBhetheli; amazwi ayewakhulume enkosini, lawo awatshela uyise.

12 Uyise wasesithi kiwo: Uhambe ngayiphi indlela? Ngoba amadodana akhe ayebonile indlela umuntu kaNkulunkulu owayevele koJuda ahambe ngayo.

13 Wasesithi emadodaneni akhe: Ngibophelelani isihlalo kubabhemi. Basebembophelela isihlalo kubabhemi, wasegada kuye.

14 Wasemlandela umuntu kaNkulunkulu, wamfica ehlezi ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi, wathi kuye: Nguwe umuntu kaNkulunkulu ovele koJuda yini? Wasesithi: Yimi.

15 Wasesithi kuye: Woza lami siye ekhaya, udle isinkwa.

16 Wasesithi: Ngingeke ngibuyele lawe, kumbe ngingene lawe, angiyikudla isinkwa, njalo angiyikunatha lawe amanzi kulindawo,

17 ngoba ilizwi lathi kimi ngelizwi leNKOSI: Kawuyikudla isinkwa, unganathi amanzi khona, ungabuyeli uhambe ngendlela oze ngayo.

18 Wasesithi kuye: Lami ngingumprofethi njengawe, njalo ingilosi ikhulume kimi ngelizwi leNKOSI isithi: Umbuyise endlini yakho lawe ukuze adle isinkwa anathe amanzi. Kodwa waqamba amanga kuye.

19 Wasebuyela laye, wadla isinkwa endlini yakhe, wanatha amanzi.

20 Kwasekusithi behlezi etafuleni, ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kumprofethi owayembuyisile;

21 wasememeza kulowomuntu kaNkulunkulu owayevela koJuda, esithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngenxa yokuthi kawulalelanga umlomo weNKOSI, ungagcinanga umlayo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eyakulaya wona,

22 kodwa ubuyile, wadla isinkwa, wanatha amanzi endaweni eyathi ngayo kuwe: Ungadli isinkwa, njalo unganathi amanzi; isidumbu sakho kasiyikuya engcwabeni laboyihlo.

23 Kwasekusithi emva kokudla kwakhe isinkwa lemva kokunatha kwakhe, wasembophelela isihlalo kubabhemi lowomprofethi ayembuyisile.

24 Kwathi esehambile, isilwane samfica endleleni, sambulala; isidumbu sakhe sasesiphoselwa endleleni, ubabhemi wema eceleni kwaso, isilwane laso sema eceleni kwesidumbu.

25 Khangela-ke, abantu bedlula babona isidumbu siphoselwe endleleni lesilwane simi eceleni kwesidumbu; bafika bakubika emzini lapho lowomprofethi omdala ayehlala khona.

26 Kwathi lowomprofethi owayembuyisile esizwa wathi: Ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu ongalalelanga umlomo weNKOSI; ngakho iNKOSI imnikele esilwaneni esimphoqoze sambulala, njengokwelizwi leNKOSI elakhuluma kuye.

27 Wasekhuluma emadodaneni akhe esithi: Ngibophelelani isihlalo kubabhemi. Basebebophela isihlalo.

28 Wasehamba wathola isidumbu sakhe siphoselwe endleleni, lobabhemi lesilwane kumi eceleni kwesidumbu. Isilwane sasingasidlanga isidumbu, singephulanga ubabhemi.

29 Umprofethi wasesiphakamisa isidumbu somuntu kaNkulunkulu, wasiphanyeka kubabhemi, wasibuyisa; umprofethi omdala wafika emzini ukulila lokumngcwaba.

30 Wasilalisa isidumbu engcwabeni lakhe, bamlilela bathi: Maye mfowethu!

31 Kwasekusithi emva kokumngcwaba kwakhe wakhuluma emadodaneni akhe esithi: Ekufeni kwami lingingcwabe engcwabeni okungcwatshelwe khona umuntu kaNkulunkulu; lilalise amathambo ami eceleni kwamathambo akhe.

32 Ngoba udaba luzakwenzeka sibili, alumemeza ngelizwi leNKOSI emelene lelathi eliseBhetheli, njalo emelene lezindlu zonke zezindawo eziphakemeyo ezisemizini yeSamariya.

33 Emva kwaloludaba uJerobhowamu kaphendukanga endleleni yakhe embi, kodwa wabuya wenza abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo ebantwini abaphansi kakhulu; ofunayo wamehlukanisa waba ngowabapristi bendawo eziphakemeyo.

34 Langale into kwaba lesono kuyo indlu kaJerobhowamu, ngitsho ukuyiquma lokuyichitha isuke ebusweni bomhlaba.

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Ilizwi likaAhiya ngoJerobhowamu

1 Ngalesosikhathi uAbhiya indodana kaJerobhowamu wagula.

2 UJerobhowamu wasesithi kumkakhe: Akusuke uzifihle isimo ukuze bangakwazi ukuthi ungumkaJerobhowamu, uye eShilo; khangela, kukhona lapho uAhiya umprofethi owangitshela ukuthi ngizakuba yinkosi phezu kwalababantu.

3 Uthathe izinkwa ezilitshumi esandleni sakho lamaqebelengwana alukhuni lodiwo loluju, uye kuye, yena uzakutshela okuzakwenzeka kulumntwana.

4 UmkaJerobhowamu wasesenza njalo, wasuka waya eShilo, wafika emzini kaAhiya. Kodwa uAhiya wayengelakubona ngoba amehlo akhe ayesenqundekile ngenxa yobudala bakhe.

5 INKOSI yasisithi kuAhiya: Khangela, umkaJerobhowamu uyeza ukubuza ulutho kuwe ngendodana yakhe, ngoba iyagula. Uzamtshela ukuthi lokuthi. Ngoba kuzakuthi ekungeneni kwakhe, uzazitshaya omunye.

6 Kwasekusithi uAhiya esizwa izisinde zenyawo zakhe lapho engena emnyango wathi: Ngena mkaJerobhowamu; uzitshayelani omunye? Ngoba ngithunywe kuwe ngento enzima.

7 Hamba uthi kuJerobhowamu: Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ithi: Njengoba ngakuphakamisa uphakathi kwabantu, ngakwenza umbusi phezu kwabantu bami uIsrayeli,

8 ngadabula umbuso ngawususa endlini kaDavida, ngawunika wena; kodwa
kawubanga njengenceku yami uDavida, owagcina imilayo yami, lowangilandela
ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke, ukwenza okuhle kuphela emehlweni ami;

9 kodwa wenzile ububi okwedlula bonke ababekhona phambi kwakho, kodwa
uhambe wazenzela abanye onkulunkulu lezithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa,
ukuze ungithukuthelise, wangilahla emva komhlana wakho.

10 Ngakho, khangela, ngizakwehlisela ububi endlini kaJerobhowamu, ngiqume
asuke kuJerobhowamu ochamela emdulini, ovalelweyo lokhululekileyo
koIsrayeli, ngihugule okulandelayo kwendlu kaJerobhowamu, njengomuntu
ehugula umquba uze uphele.

11 OkaJerobhowamu ofela phakathi komuzi zizamudla izinja, lofela egangeni
zizamudla inyoni zamazulu; ngoba iNKOSI ikhulumile.

12 Ngakho wena suka, uye endlini yakho; ekungeneni kwenyawo zakho emzini
umntwana uzakufa.

13 Njalo uIsrayeli wonke uzamlilela amngcwabe; ngoba nguye kuphela
koJerobhowamu ozakuza engcwabeni, ngoba kutholakala kuye into elungileyo
ngaseNKOSIni uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli endlini kaJerobhowamu.

14 Futhi uJehova uzazivusela inkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, ezaquma indlu
kaJerobhowamu ngalolosuku. Kodwa kuyini? Lakhathesi.

15 Njalo iNKOSI izamtshaya uIsrayeli njengomhlanga uzunguzeka emanzini,
iquphule uIsrayeli elizweni leli elihle, eyalinika oyise, ibachithachithe
ngaphetsheya komfula, ngenxa yokuthi bazenzela izixuku, bayithukuthelisa
iNKOSI.

16 Njalo izanikela uIsrayeli ngenxa yezono zikaJerobhowamu, owonayo, wenza
uIsrayeli one.

17 UmkaJerobhowamu wasesuka wahamba, wafika eTiriza. Lapho efika
embundwini wendlu, umfana wafa.

18 Basebemngcwaba; loIsrayeli wonke wamlilela, njengokwelizwi
leNKOSI eyalikhuluma ngesandla senceku yayo uAhiya umprofethi.

Ukufa kukaJerobhowamu

19 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJerobhowamu, ukuthi walwa njani, lokuthi wabusa
njani, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli.

20 Lensuku uJerobhowamu abusa ngazo zaziyiminyaka engamatshumi amabili
lambili, walala laboyise, njalo uNadabi indodana yakhe waba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaRehobhowamu

21 URehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni wabusa-ke koJuda. URehobhowamu wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye lapho esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa eJerusalema, umuzi iNKOSIeyayiwukhethile kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli, ukubeka khona ibizo layo. Lebizo likanina lalinguNahama umAmonikazi.

22 UJuda wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI; bayivusa ubukhwele, ngezono zabo abazonayo, okwedlula konke oyise ababekwenzile, ngezono zabo abazonayo.

23 Ngoba labo bazakhela izindawo eziphakemeyo, lezinsika eziyizithombe, lezixuku, phezu kwalo lonke uqaqa oluphakemeyo, langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza.

24 Kwakukhona-ke elizweni lezinkotshana. Benza njengokwezinengiso zezizwe iNKOSI eyayizixotshile elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

25 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesihlanu wenkosi uRehobhowamu uShishaki inkosi yeGibhithe wenyuka wamelana leJerusalema.

26 Wathatha amagugu endlu kaJehova lamagugu endlu yenkosi, yebo wakuthatha konke, wathatha zonke izihlangu zegolide uSolomoni ayezenzile.

27 Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasisenza endaweni yazo izihlangu zethusi, yazinikela esandleni senduna yabalindi ababegcina umnyango wendlu yenkosi.

28 Njalo kwakusithi lapho inkosi ingena endlini kaJehova abalindi babezithwala, bazibuyisele endlini yabalindi.

29 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaRehobhowamu, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

30 Kwakukhona-ke impi phakathi kukaRehobhowamu loJerobhowamu zonke izinsuku.

31 URehobhowamu waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida. Lebizo likanina lalinguNahama umAmonikazi. UAbhiyamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Ukubusa kukaAbhiyamu

1Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wenkosi uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati uAbhiyamu wasesiba yinkosi phezu kukaJuda.

2 Wabusa iminyaka emithathu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguMahaka indodakazi kaAbishalomu.

3 Wasehamba ezonweni zonke zikayise ayezenze phambi kwakhe, lenhliziyo yakhe yayingaphelelanga kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe, njengenhliziyo kaDavida uyise.

4 Kodwa ngenxa kaDavida iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe yamnika isibane
eJerusalema, ngokubeka indodana yakhe emva kwakhe, langokuqinisa
iJerusalema.

5 Ngoba uDavida wenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI, kaphambukanga kukho
konke eyamlaya khona insuku zonke zempilo yakhe, ngaphandle kwedabeni
lukaUriya umHethi.

6 Kwakukhona-ke impi phakathi kukaRehobhowamu loJerobhowamu zonke
izinsuku zempilo yakhe.

7 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAbhiyamu, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga
yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? Njalo kwaba lempi phakathi
kukaAbhiyamu loJerobhowamu.

8 UAbhiyamu waselala laboyise, bamngcwabela emzini kaDavida. UAsa indodana
yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaAsa

9 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili kaJerobhowamu inkosi yakoIsrayeli uAsa
wasesiba yinkosi yakoJuda.

10 Wasebusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina
lalinguMahaka indodakazi kaAbishalomu.

11 UAsa wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI njengoDavida uyise.

12 Wasusa izinkotshana elizweni, wasusa zonke izithombe oyise ababezenzile.

13 Laye-ke uMahaka unina wamsusa ekubeni yindlovukazi, ngoba wayenze into
enengekayo ibe yiAshera; uAsa waseyigamula into yakhe enengekayo,
wayitshisela esifuleni iKidroni.

14 Kanti indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; lanxa kunjalo inhliziyo kaAsa
yayiphelele kuJehova insuku zakhe zonke.

15 Wasengenisa izinto ezehlukanisiweyo zikayise kanye lezakhe izinto
ezehlukanisiweyo endlini yeNKOSI, isiliva legolide lezitsha.

Isivumelwano sikaAsa loBenihadadi

16 Kwakukhona-ke impi phakathi kukaAsa loBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli zonke
izinsuku zabo.

17 UBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasesenyuka wamelana loJuda, wakha iRama,
ukuze angavumeli muntu ukuphuma lokungena kuAsa inkosi yakoJuda.

18 UAsa wasethatha sonke isiliva legolide okwakusele emagugwini endlu
kaJehova lamagugu endlu yenkosi, wakunikela esandleni senceku zakhe; inkosi
uAsa yakuthumela kuBenihadadi indodana kaTabirimoni indodana kaHeziyoni,
inkosi yeSiriya, owayehlala eDamaseko, esithi:

19 Kulesivumelwano phakathi kwami lawe, phakathi kukababa loyihlo; khangela, ngikuthumezela isipho, isiliva legolide. Hamba, yephula isivumelwano sakho loBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli, ukuze enyuke asuke kimi.

20 UBenihadadi waseyilalela inkosi uAsa, wathuma induna zamabutho ayelawo emelene lemizi yakoIsrayeli, watshaya iIjoni leDani leAbeli-Beti-Mahaka layo yonke iKinerothi lelizwe lonke lakoNafithali.

21 Kwasekusithi uBahasha ekuzwa wayekela ukwakha iRama, wahlala eTiriza.

22 Inkosi uAsa yasisenza isimemezelo kuyo yonke iJuda; kakho owayetshiywe ngaphandle; ukuze basuse amatshe eRama lezigodo zayo, uBahasha ayesakha ngakho. Inkosi uAsa wasesakha ngakho iGeba yakoBhenjaminileMizipa.

23 Ezinye-ke zazo zonke indaba zikaAsa, lawo wonke amandla akhe, lakho konke akwenzayo, lemizi ayakhayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? Kodwa esikhathini sobudala bakhe wayelomkhuhlane ezinyaweni.

24 UAsa waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida uyise. UJehoshafathi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaNadabi

25 UNadabi indodana kaJerobhowamu wasesiba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli ngomnyaka wesibili kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda; wabusa phezu kukaIsrayeli iminyaka emibili.

26 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, wahamba ngendlela kayise, lesonweni sakhe, enza uIsrayeli one ngaso.

27 UBahasha indodana kaAhiya, owendlu kaIsakari, wasemenzela ugobe; uBahasha wamtshaya eGibethoni engeyamaFilisti, lapho uNadabi loIsrayeli wonke bevimbezele iGibethoni.

28 UBahasha wambulala-ke ngomnyaka wesithathu kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda, wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

29 Kwasekusithi ekubuseni kwakhe watshaya yonke indlu kaJerobhowamu, katshiyanga loyedwa ophefumulayo kuJerobhowamu, waze wamqeda, njengelizwi leNKOSI eyalikhuluma ngesandla senceku yayo uAhiya umShilo.

30 Ngenxa yezono zikaJerobhowamu azonayo, lowenza uIsrayeli azone, ngentukuthelo yakhe athukuthelisa ngayo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

31 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaNadabi, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

Ukubusa kukaBahasha

32 Njalo kwakulempi phakathi kukaAsa loBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli insuku zabo zonke.

33 Ngomnyaka wesithathu kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda uBahasha indodana kaAhiya waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke eTiriza; iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lane.

34 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, wahamba ngendlela kaJerobhowamu, lesonweni sakhe, enza uIsrayeli one ngaso.

I LWAMAKHOSI 16

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kuJehu indodana kaHanani limelene loBahasha lisithi:

2 Ngenxa yokuthi ngakuphakamisa ethulini, ngakwenza umphathi phezu kwabantu bami uIsrayeli, kodwa uhambe ngendlela zikaJerobhowamu, wenza ukuthi abantu bami uIsrayeli bone, ukungithukuthelisa ngezono zabo;

3 khangela, ngizaqothula inzalo kaBahasha lenzalo yendlu yakhe, ngenze indlu yakho njengendlu kaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati.

4 Ofayo kaBahasha phakathi komuzi izinja zizamudla, lowakhe ofela egangeni inyoni zamazulu zizamudla.

5 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaBahasha lakwenzayo lamandla akhe, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

6 UBahasha waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa eTiriza. UEla indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

7 Njalo ngesandla sikaJehu umprofethi indodana kaHanani ilizwi leNKOSI lafika limelene loBahasha njalo limelelene lendlu yakhe, langenxa yabo bonke ububi abenza emehlweni eNKOSI, ukuyithukuthelisa ngomsebenzi wezandla zakhe, ukuba njengendlu kaJerobhowamu, langenxa yokuthi wambulala.

Ukubusa kukaEla

8 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesithupha kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda uEla indodana kaBahasha waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli eTiriza, iminyaka emibili.

9 Kodwa inceku yakhe uZimri, induna yengxenye yezinqola, yamenzela ugobe, eseTiriza enathe wadakwa endlini kaAriza, umphathi wendlu eTiriza.

10 UZimri wasengena wamtshaya wambulala ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

11 Kwasekusithi esebe yinkosi ekuhlaleni kwakhe esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi wayitshaya indlu yonke kaBahasha; kamtshiyelanga ochamela emdulini, loba izihlobo zakhe, kumbe abangane bakhe.

12 Ngakho uZimri wayichitha indlu yonke kaBahasha, njengokwelizwi leNKOSI eyalikhuluma imelene loBahasha ngesandla sikaJehu umprofethi,

13 ngenxa yazo zonke izono zikaBahasha lezono zikaEla indodana yakhe, abona
ngazo, labenza ngazo uIsrayeli ukuthi one, ukuthukuthelisa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli ngezinto zabo eziyize.

14 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaEla, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini
egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

Ukubusa kukaZimri

15 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda uZimri
wabusa insuku eziyisikhombisa eTiriza. Abantu babemise-ke inkamba bemelene
leGibethoni eyayingeyamaFilisti.

16 Abantu-ke ababemise inkamba bezwa ukuthi: UZimri wenzile ugobe futhi
watshaya inkosi. Ngakho uIsrayeli wonke wabeka uOmri induna yebutho ukuba
yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli mhlalokho enkambeni.

17 U-Omri loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye basebesenyuka besuka eGibethoni,
bavimbezela iTiriza.

18 Kwasekusithi uZimri esebonile ukuthi umuzi usuthunjiwe, wangena
esigodlweni sendlu yenkosi, watshisa indlu yenkosi phezu kwakhe ngomlilo,
wafa.

19 Ngenxa yezono zakhe azonayo, ngokwenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI,
ngokuhamba ngendlela kaJerobhowamu lesonweni sakhe asenzayo, ukwenza
uIsrayeli ukuthi one.

20 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaZimri, logobe lwakhe alwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini
egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

Ukubusa kukaOmri

21 Khona abantu bakoIsrayeli badabukana baba zingxenye ezimbili; ingxenye
yabantu yalandela uTibini indodana kaGinathi ukuze bamenze inkosi, lengxenye
yalandela uOmri.

22 Kodwa abantu abalandela uOmri babehlula abantu abalandela uTibini
indodana kaGinathi; ngakho uTibini wafa, uOmri wasebusa.

23 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lanye kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda uOmri
wabusa phezu kukaIsrayeli, iminyaka elitshumi lambili; eTiriza wabusa iminyaka
eyisithupha.

24 Wathenga intaba yeSamariya kuShemeri ngamathalenta esiliva amabili, wakha
entabeni, wabiza ibizo lomuzi awakhayo ngebizo likaShemeri umnikazi
wentaba, wathi yiSamariya.

25 Kodwa uOmri wenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, wenza okubi okwedlula bonke
ababengaphambi kwakhe.

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26 Ngoba wahamba ngayo yonke indlela kaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati, lesonweni sakhe, enza ngaso ukuthi uIsrayeli one, ukuyithukuthelisa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ngezinto zabo eziyize.

27 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaOmri azenzayo lamandla akhe awenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

28 U-Omri waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa eSamariya. UAhabi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaAhabi

29 UAhabi indodana kaOmri wasesiba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda; uAhabi indodana kaOmri wabusa phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili.

30 UAhabi indodana kaOmri wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI okwedlula bonke ababekhona phambi kwakhe.

31 Kwasekusithi, njengokungathi kuyinto elula ukuhamba ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati, wathatha uJezebeli indodakazi kaEthibali inkosi yamaSidoni waba ngumkakhe. Wasehamba wakhonza uBhali, wamkhothamela.

32 Wasemisela uBhali ilathi endlini kaBhali ayeyakhile eSamariya.

33 UAhabi wasesenza isixuku. UAhabi wenza okwengezelelweyo ukuyithukuthelisa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kulawo wonke amakhosi akoIsrayeli ayengaphambi kwakhe.

34 Ensukwini zakhe uHiyeli umBhetheli wakha iJeriko; wabeka isisekelo sayo ngoAbiramu izibulo lakhe, wamisa amasango ayo ngoSegubi icinathunjana lakhe, njengokwelizwi leNKOSI eyalikhuluma ngesandla sikaJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.

I LWAMAKHOSI 17

Ilizwi leNKOSI lifika kuElija umprofethi

1UElija umTishibi wabahlali beGileyadi wasesithi kuAhabi: Kuphila kukaJehova, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, engimi phambi kwakhe, kakuyikuba khona lamazolo lezulu kuliminyaka, kuphela njengokwelizwi lami.

2 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kuye lisithi:

3 Suka lapha, wena uphendukele empumalanga, uzicatshise esifuleni iKerithi, esiphambi kweJodani.

4 Kuzakuthi-ke unathe esifuleni; sengilaye amawabayi ukuthi akondle khona.

5 Wasehamba wenza njengokwelizwi leNKOSI, ngoba wayahlala esifuleni iKerithi esiphambi kweJodani.

6 Amawabayi asemlethela isinkwa lenyama ekuseni, lesinkwa lenyama ntambama; wanatha esifuleni.

7 Kwasekusithi emva kwesikhathi isifula satsha, ngoba kwakungelazulu elizweni.

UElija lomfelokazi weZarefathi

8 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kuye lisithi:

9 Sukuma uye eZarefathi engeyeSidoni, uhlale khona. Khangela, ngilayile owesifazana ongumfelokazi khona ukuthi akondle.

10 Wasukuma-ke waya eZarefathi. Lapho efika esangweni lomuzi, khangela, owesifazana ongumfelokazi wayelapho etheza inkuni; wasembiza wathi: Ake ungikhele amanzi amalutshwana ngenkezo ukuze nginathe.

11 Kwathi esahamba ukuyawathatha, wambiza wathi: Ake ungiphathele ucezu lwesinkwa esandleni sakho.

12 Wasesithi: Kuphila kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, kangilaqebelengwana, kuphela impuphu egcwala isandla embizeni lamafutha ayingcosana esiphisweni; khangela-ke ngitheza izinkuni ezimbili ukuze ngingene ngizilungisele khona mina lendodana yami, ukuze sidle sife.

13 UElija wasesithi kuye: Ungesabi; hamba wenze njengokwelizwi lakho, kodwa ngenzela kuqala iqebelengwana elincinyane ngakho, ulilethe lapha kimi, ngemva kwalokho-ke wenzele wena lendodana yakho.

14 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli: Imbiza yempuphu kayiyikuphela, lesiphiso samafutha kasiyikuswela, kuze kube lusuku iNKOSI ezanisa ngalo izulu ebusweni bomhlaba.

15 Wasehamba wenza njengokwelizwi likaElija. Njalo yena kanye laye lendlu yakhe badla okwensuku ezinengi.

16 Imbiza yempuphu kayiphelanga lesiphiso samafutha kasiswelanga, njengokwelizwi leNKOSI eyalikhuluma ngesandla sikaElija.

17 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto, indodana yowesifazana, inkosikazi yendlu, yagula; lomkhuhlane wayo wawulamandla kangangokuthi akwaze kwasala umphefumulo kuyo.

18 Wasesithi kuElija: Ngilani lawe, muntu kaNkulunkulu? Uze kimi ukuze kukhumbuleke isono sami lokubulala indodana yami na?

19 Wasesithi kuye: Nginika indodana yakho. Waseyithatha esifubeni sakhe, wayenyusela endlini ephezulu lapho ayehlala khona, wayilalisa embhedeni wakhe.

20 Wasekhala eNKOSIni wathi: NKOSI Nkulunkulu wami, umehlisele ububi lalo umfelokazi engingenise kwakhe ngokubulala indodana yakhe na?

21 Wasezelulela phezu komntwana kathathu, wakhala eNKOSIni wathi:
NKOSI Nkulunkulu wami, ake ubuyele umphefumulo walumntwana phakathi
kwakhe.

22 INKOSI yasilizwa ilizwi likaElija, umphefumulo womntwana wasubuyela
phakathi kwakhe, wasebuya ephila.

23 UElija wasemthatha umntwana, wamehlisa esuka endlini ephezulu waya
endlini, wamnika unina; uElija wasesithi: Bona, indodana yakho iyaphila.

24 Owesifazana wasesithi kuElija: Khathesi sengisazi lokhu, ukuthi ungumuntu
kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi ilizwi leNKOSI elisemlonyeni wakho liliqiniso.

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UElija uthuma uObhadiya kuAhabi

1Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku ezinengi ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kuElija ngomnyaka
wesithathu lisithi: Hamba, uziveze kuAhabi, sengizanisa izulu ebusweni
bomhlaba.

2 UElija wasesiya ukuziveza kuAhabi. Njalo indlala yayilamandla eSamariya.

3 UAhabi wasebiza uObhadiya owayephezu kwendlu yakhe. UObhadiya
wayeyesaba-ke kakhulu iNKOSI.

4 Ngoba kwathi lapho uJezebeli ebhubhisa abaprofethi beNKOSI, uObhadiya
wathatha abaprofethi abalikhulu, wabafihla ngamadoda angamatshumi
amahlanu ebhalwini, wabondla ngesinkwa langamanzi.

5 UAhabi wasesithi kuObhadiya: Hamba elizweni uye emithonjeni yonke yamanzi
lezifuleni zonke; mhlawumbe singathola utshani, silondoloze amabhiza
lezimbongolo kuphila, ukuze singabhubhisi okwezifuyo.

6 Basebesehlukaniselana ilizwe ukuthi badabule phakathi kwalo; uAhabi
wahamba ngenye indlela yedwa, uObhadiya laye wahamba ngenye indlela
yedwa.

7 Kwasekusithi uObhadiya esendleleni, khangela-ke, uElija wamhlangabeza;
wamnanzelela, wawa ngobuso bakhe wathi: Nguwe yini, nkosi yami, Elija?

8 Wasesithi kuye: Yimi. Hamba uyetshela inkosi yakho ukuthi: Khangela,
uElija ulapha.

9 Wasesithi: Ngoneni ukuthi unikele inceku yakho esandleni sikaAhabi ukuthi
angibulale?

10 Kuphila kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, kakulasizwe lombuso inkosi yami
engathumelanga kukho ukukudinga. Lapho besithi: Kakho; yafungisa lowombuso
lalesosizwe ukuthi kabakutholanga.

11 Khathesi-ke uthi: Hamba utshele inkosi yakho ukuthi: Khangela, uElija ulapha.

12 Kuzakuthi-ke sengisukile kuwe, uMoya weNKOSI akuthwale akuse lapho engingazi khona; lapho sengifike ngatshela uAhabi, angakutholi, uzangibulala; kodwa mina inceku yakho ngiyayesaba iNKOSI kusukela ebutsheni bami.

13 Kakutshelwanga inkosi yami yini engakwenzayo lapho uJezebeli ebulala abaprofethi beNKOSI, ukuthi ngafihla amadoda alikhulu kubaprofethi beNKOSI, ngamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu ebhalwini, ngabondla ngesinkwa langamanzi?

14 Khathesi-ke uthi: Hamba uyetshela inkosi yakho ukuthi: Khangela uElija ulapha. Abesengibulala.

15 UElija wasesithi: Kuphila kukaJehova wamabandla engimi phambi kwakhe, oqotho lamuhla ngizaziveza kuye.

16 Ngakho uObhadiya wahamba ukuhlangabeza uAhabi, wamtshela; loAhabi wayahlangabeza uElija.

17 Kwasekusithi uAhabi ebona uElija, uAhabi wathi kuye: Nguwe yini ongumhluphi kaIsrayeli?

18 Wasesithi: Kangimhluphanga uIsrayeli, kodwa nguwe lendlu kayihlo, ngokuyitshiya kwenu imilayo yeNKOSI, lalandela oBhali.

19 Ngakho-ke thuma, ubuthanisele kimi uIsrayeli wonke entabeni iKharmeli, labaprofethi bakaBhali abangamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu labaprofethi bezixuku abangamakhulu amane abadla etafuleni likaJezebeli.

20 Ngakho uAhabi wathuma phakathi kwabo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli, wabuthanisa abaprofethi entabeni iKharmeli.

UElija labaprofethi bakaBhali eKharmeli

21 UElija wasesondela ebantwini bonke wathi: Koze kube nini liqhula emicabangweni emibili? Uba iNKOSIinguNkulunkulu, landelani yona; kodwa uba kunguBhali, mlandeleni. Kodwa abantu kabamphendulangangalizwi.

22 UElija wasesithi ebantwini: Mina ngedwa ngingumprofethi weNKOSI oseleyo; kodwa abaprofethi bakaBhali ngamadoda angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu.

23 Ngakho kabasinike amajongosi amabili, bazikhethele ijongosi elilodwa, baliqume iziqa, bazibeke phezu kwenkuni, bangafaki mlilo; lami ngizalungisa elinye ijongosi, ngilibeke phezu kwenkuni, ngingafaki mlilo.

24 Njalo bizani ibizo likankulunkulu wenu, lami ngizabiza ibizo leNKOSI; uNkulunkulu ozaphendula ngomlilo nguye uNkulunkulu. Bonke abantu basebephendula bathi: Lelilizwi lilungile.

25 UElija wasesithi kubaprofethi bakaBhali: Zikhetheleni ijongosi elilodwa, lililungise kuqala, ngoba libanengi, libize ibizo likankulunkulu wenu, kodwa lingafaki mlilo.

26 Basebethatha ijongosi ababelinikiwe, balilungisa, babiza ibizo likaBhali kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba semini, besithi: Bhali, siphendule! Kodwa kakubanga lalizwi, kakubanga lophendulayo. Basebeseqa phezu kwelathi elalenziwe.

27 Kwasekusithi emini uElija wadlala ngabo wathi: Memezani ngelizwi elikhulu, ngoba ungunkulunkulu; ngoba uyanakana, loba umonyukile, kumbe usekuhambeni, mhlawumbe ulele, njalo kudingeka ukuthi avuswe.

28 Basebememeza ngelizwi elikhulu, bazisika njengokomkhuba wabo ngezinkemba langemikhonto, kwaze kwantshaza igazi kubo.

29 Kwasekusithi sekwedlulile imini, baprofetha kwaze kwaba sekunikelweni komnikelo, kakubanga lelizwi, njalo kakubanga lophendulayo, njalo kakubanga lonakekelayo.

30 UElija wasesithi ebantwini bonke: Sondelani kimi. Bonke abantu basebesondela kuye. Waselungisa ilathi leNKOSI elaselidilikile.

31 UElija wasethatha amatshe alitshumi lambili, ngokwenani lezizwe zamadodana kaJakobe, okwafika kuye ilizwi leNKOSI lisithi: Ibizo lakho lizakuba nguIsrayeli.

32 Ngalawomatshe wasesakha ilathi ebizweni leNKOSI, wenza umgelo ozingelezela ilathi, ngokwesilinganisosamaseya amabili enhlanyelo.

33 Waselungisa inkuni, waliquma iziqa ijongosi, walibeka phezu kwenkuni, wasesithi: Gcwalisani izimbiza ezine ngamanzi, liwathele phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa laphezu kwenkuni.

34 Wasesithi: Kwenzeni okwesibili. Bakwenza okwesibili. Wathi: Kwenzeni okwesithathu. Basebekwenza okwesithathu.

35 Amanzi asehamba azingelezela ilathi, lomgelo lawo wawugcwalisa ngamanzi.

36 Kwasekusithi ekunikelweni komnikelo uElija umprofethi wasondela wathi: NKOSI, Nkulunkulu kaAbrahama, uIsaka, loIsrayeli, kakwaziwe lamuhla ukuthi unguNkulunkulu koIsrayeli, lami ngiyinceku yakho, lokuthi ngizenzile zonke lezizinto njengokwelizwi lakho.

37 Ngiphendule, NKOSI, ungiphendule, ukuze lababantu bazi ukuthi wena uyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu, lokuthi uyiphendulile futhi inhliziyo yabo.

38 Wasusehla umlilo weNKOSI, waqothula umnikelo wokutshiswa lenkuni lamatshe lothuli, wakhotha lamanzi asemgelweni.

39 Kwathi abantu bonke bekubona bathi mbo ngobuso babo, bathi: UJehova nguye onguNkulunkulu; uJehova nguye onguNkulunkulu.

40 UElija wasesithi kibo: Babambeni abaprofethi bakaBhali, kungaphunyuki lamunye wabo. Basebebabamba. UElija wasebehlisela esifuleni iKishoni, wababulalela khona.

Ukuphela kwendlala

41 UElija wasesithi kuAhabi: Yenyuka, udle unathe, ngoba kulomsindo wobunengi bezulu.

42 UAhabi wasesenyuka ukuyakudla lokunatha. UElija wasesenyukela engqongeni yeKharmeli; wakhothamela phansi emhlabathini, wafaka ubuso bakhe phakathi kwamadolo akhe.

43 Wasesithi encekwini yakhe: Yenyuka khathesi, ukhangele ngaselwandle. Yasisenyuka, yakhangela, yathi: Kakulalutho. Wasesithi: Buyela, kasikhombisa.

44 Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sesikhombisa yathi: Khangela, iyezana elingangesandla somuntu lisenyuka olwandle. Wasesithi: Yenyuka uyetshela uAhabi: Bophela inqola, wehle, hlezi izulu likuvalele.

45 Kwasekusithi kungakafiki lesosikhathi isibhakabhaka sasesisiba mnyama ngamayezi langomoya, kwaba lezulu elikhulu. UAhabi wasegada, waya eJizereyeli.

46 Lesandla seNKOSI sasiphezu kukaElija; wabopha ukhalo lwakhe, wagijima phambi kukaAhabi, uze ufike eJizereyeli.

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UElija ubalekela eHorebe

1UAhabi wasetshela uJezebeli konke uElija ayekwenzile, labo bonke ababulalayo, bonke abaprofethi, ngenkemba.

2 Khona uJezebeli wathuma isithunywa kuElija esithi: Kabenze njalo onkulunkulu, bengezelele njalo, uba ngalesisikhathi kusasa ngingenzi impilo yakho ibe njengempilo yomunye wabo.

3 Esekubonile, wasukuma, wahamba ngenxa yempilo yakhe, wafika eBherishebha engeyakoJuda, watshiya khona inceku yakhe.

4 Kodwa yena wahamba uhambo losuku enkangala, wafika wahlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla serotemu, wacela ukuthi umphefumulo wakhe ufe, wathi: Kwanele, khathesi, NKOSI, thatha impilo yami, ngoba kangingcono kulabobaba.

5 Esecambalele elele ngaphansi kwesihlahla esithile serotemu, khangela-ke, khonokho ingilosi yamthinta, yathi kuye: Vuka udle.

6 Wasethalaza, khangela-ke, ekhanda lakhe iqebelengwana losiwe emalahleni,
lesigxingi samanzi; wasesidla wanatha, waphinda walala.

7 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasifika ngokwesibili, yamthinta yathi: Vuka udle; ngoba
uhambo lwakho lukhulu kakhulu kuwe.

8 Wasevuka wadla wanatha, wahamba ngamandla alokhokudla insuku
ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, waze wafika
eHorebe intaba kaNkulunkulu.

9 Wasengena lapho ebhalwini, walala khona ubusuku. Khangela-ke, ilizwi
leNKOSI lafika kuye lathi kuye: Wenzani lapha, Elija?

10 Wathi: Bengitshiseka lokutshisekela iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, ngoba
abantwana bakoIsrayeli basitshiyile isivumelwano sakho, badiliza amalathi akho,
babulala abaprofethi bakho ngenkemba; yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo badinga
impilo yami ukuyisusa.

11 Wasesithi: Phuma ume entabeni phambi kweNKOSI. Khangela-ke,
iNKOSI yadlula. Umoya omkhulu olamandla wasudabula izintaba, waqhekeza
amadwala phambi kweNKOSI; kodwa iNKOSI yayingekho emoyeni. Lemva komoya
ukunyikinyeka komhlaba; kodwa iNKOSI yayingekho ekunyikinyekeni komhlaba.

12 Lemva kokunyikinyeka komhlaba umlilo; kodwa iNKOSI yayingekho emlilweni.
Njalo emva komlilo ilizwi elincinyane elinyenyezayo.

13 Kwasekuthi uElija elizwa, wathandela ubuso bakhe ngesembatho sakhe,
waphuma wema emlonyeni wobhalu. Khangela-ke, leza kuye ilizwi lathi:
Wenzani lapha, Elija?

14 Wathi: Bengitshisekela lokutshisekela iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamabandla,
ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli basitshiyile isivumelwano sakho, badiliza
amalathi akho, babulala abaprofethi bakho ngenkemba; yimi ngedwa engiseleyo,
njalo badinga impilo yami ukuyisusa.

15 INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Hamba, ubuyele ngendlela yakho uye enkangala
yeDamaseko; lapho usufikile ugcobe uHazayeli abe yinkosi phezu kweSiriya,

16 loJehu indodana kaNimshi umgcobe abe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, loElisha
indodana kaShafati weAbeli-Mehola umgcobe abe ngumprofethi esikhundleni
sakho.

17 Kuzakuthi-ke ozaphepha enkembeni kaHazayeli uJehu uzambulala,
lozaphepha enkembeni kaJehu uElisha uzambulala.

18 Kodwa ngitshiyile koIsrayeli abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, wonke
amadolo angazanga aguqe kuBhali, lawo wonke umlomo ongazanga umange.

Ubizo lukaElisha

19 Wasesuka lapho, wafica uElisha indodana kaShafati; wayelima ngezipani zenkabi zamajogwe alitshumi lambili phambi kwakhe, yena wayelesetshumi lambili. UElija wesesedlula eceleni kwakhe, waphosela isembatho sakhe phezu kwakhe.

20 Wasetshiya izinkabi, wagijima elandela uElija, wathi: Ake ngange ubaba lomama, besengikulandela. Wasesithi kuye: Hamba ubuyele, ngoba ngenzeni kuwe?

21 Wasebuyela ekumlandeleni, wathatha isipani senkabi, wasihlaba, langezikhali zenkabi wapheka inyama yazo, wayinika abantu, bayidla. Wasesuka elandela uElija, wamsebenzela.

I LWAMAKHOSI 20

UAhabi unqoba amaSiriya

1UBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya wasebutha ibutho lakhe lonke, elamakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lambili, lamabhiza lezinqola. Wenyuka wayavimbezela iSamariya, walwa layo.

2 Wathuma izithunywa kuAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli, emzini, wathi kuye: Utsho njalo uBenihadadi:

3 Isiliva sakho legolide lakho ngokwami, labafazi bakho labantwana bakho abahle ngabami.

4 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasiphendula yathi: Njengokwelizwi lakho, nkosi yami, nkosi, ngingowakho, lakho konke engilakho.

5 Izithunywa zasezibuyela zathi: Utsho njalo uBenihadadi uthi: Lanxa ngithumele kuwe ngisithi: Isiliva sakho legolide lakho labafazi bakho labantwana bakho, kunike mina;

6 kube kanti phose ngalesisikhathi kusasa ngizathuma kuwe izinceku zami, zizaguduza indlu yakho lezindlu zezinceku zakho; kuzakuthi-ke, yonke into ethandekayo emehlweni akho, zizayifaka esandleni sazo ziyithathe.

7 Ngakho inkosi yakoIsrayeli yabiza bonke abadala belizwe yathi: Ake linanzelele libone ukuthi lo udinga ububi, ngoba uthumele kimi ngabafazi bami langabantwana bami langesiliva sami langegolide lami, njalo kangimalelanga.

8 Bonke abadala labo bonke abantu basebesithi kuyo: Ungalaleli, njalo ungavumi.

9 Wasesithi kuzo izithunywa zikaBenihadadi: Tshelani inkosi yami, inkosi ukuthi: Konke eyakuthumela encekwini yayo kuqala ngizakwenza; kodwa linto kangilamandla okuyenza. Izithunywa zasezihamba, zayibuyisela ilizwi.

10 UBenihadadi wasethumela kuye wathi: Kabenze njalo onkulunkulu kimi, bengezelele njalo, uba ubhuqu lweSamariya lungenela izandla ezigcweleyo zabo bonke abantu abangilandelayo.

11 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasiphendula yathi: Mtsheleni: Lowo obhinca izikhali kangaziqakisi njengozikhululayo.

12 Kwasekusithi esizwa lelilizwi esanatha, yena lamakhosi emadumbeni, wathi ezincekwini zakhe: Zimiseni! Zasezizimisa ukumelana lomuzi.

13 Khangela-ke, umprofethi othile wasondela kuAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli, wathi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Uyalibona lelixuku lonke elikhulu yini? Khangela, ngizalinikela esandleni sakho lamuhla, njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina ngiyiNKOSI.

14 UAhabi wasesithi: Ngobani? Wasesithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngamajaha abaphathi bezabelo. Wasesithi: Ngubani uzaqalisa impi? Wasesithi: Wena.

15 Wasebala amajaha abaphathi bezabelo, ayengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amathathu lambili; lemva kwawo wabala bonke abantu, bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli, izinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa.

16 Basebephuma emini, uBenihadadi esenathe wadakwa emadumbeni, yena lamakhosi, amakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lambili ayemsiza.

17 Amajaha abaphathi bezabelo asephuma kuqala. UBenihadadi wasethuma, basebemtshela besithi: Kuphume amadoda eSamariya.

18 Wasesithi: Loba ephumele ukuthula, abambeni ephila; loba-ke ephumele impi, abambeni ephila.

19 Lala aphuma emzini, amajaha abaphathi bezabelo, lebutho elawalandelayo.

20 Babulala, ngulowo lalowo umuntu wakhe. AmaSamariya asebaleka, uIsrayeli wasexotshana lawo, kodwa uBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya waphunyuka ngebhiza kanye labagadi bamabhiza.

21 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasiphuma, yatshaya amabhiza lenqola, yatshaya phakathi kwamaSiriya ngokubulala okukhulu.

22 Lowomprofethi wasesondela enkosini yakoIsrayeli wathi kuyo: Hamba, uziqinise, unanzelele njalo ubone okwenzayo; ngoba ekuthwaseni komnyaka inkosi yeSiriya izakwenyuka imelane lawe.

23 Lezinceku zenkosi yeSiriya zathi kuyo: Onkulunkulu babo bangonkulunkulu bezintaba, yikho belamandla kulathi; kube kanti asilwe labo emagcekeni, sibili sizabehlula.

24 Ngakho yenza linto: Susa amakhosi, ngulowo lalowo endaweni yakhe, ubeke izinduna esikhundleni sawo;

25 njalo wena zibalele ibutho njengebutho eliwileyo kuwe, lebhiza njengebhiza, lenqola njengenqola; njalo sizakulwa labo emagcekeni, isibili sizabehlula. Yasilalela ilizwi labo, yenza njalo.

26 Kwasekusithi ekuthwaseni komnyaka uBenihadadi wabala amaSiriya, wenyukela eAfeki ekulweni loIsrayeli.

27 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli babalwa-ke, banikwa imiphako, basebephuma ukumelana lawo; abantwana bakoIsrayeli bamisa inkamba phambi kwawo njengemihlanjana yembuzi emibili, kodwa amaSiriya agcwala ilizwe.

28 Kwasekusondela umuntu kaNkulunkulu, wakhuluma enkosini yakoIsrayeli wathi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngenxa yokuthi amaSiriya athe: INKOSI inguNkulunkulu wezintaba, kodwa kayisuye uNkulunkulu wezihotsha, ngakho ngizanikela esandleni sakho lelixuku lonke elikhulu, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi mina ngiyiNKOSI.

29 Basebemisa inkamba, enye iqondene lenye, insuku eziyisikhombisa. Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesikhombisa impi yadibana; abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebetshaya ngosuku lunye amaSiriya azinkulungwane ezilikhulu ahamba ngenyawo.

30 Labaseleyo babalekela eAfeki emzini; lomduli wawela phezu kwamadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa ayesele. UBenihadadi laye wabaleka, wangena emzini ekamelweni elingaphakathi.

31 Lezinceku zakhe zathi kuye: Khangela-ke, sizwile ukuthi amakhosi endlu yakoIsrayeli angamakhosi alesihawu; ake sifake amasaka enkalweni zethu, lamagoda emakhanda ethu, siphumele enkosini yakoIsrayeli; mhlawumbe izagcina umphefumulo wakho uphile.

32 Basebethandela amasaka enkalweni zabo, lamagoda emakhanda abo, bafika enkosini yakoIsrayeli, bathi: Inceku yakho uBenihadadi ithi: Ake ungiyekele ngiphile. Yasisithi: Usaphila yini? Ungumfowethu.

33 Lamadoda aqaphela ngokukhuthala aphangisa ukukuhluthuna kuyo, athi: Umfowenu uBenihadadi. Yasisithi: Hambani liyemthatha. UBenihadadi wasephumela kuyo, yamkhweza enqoleni.

34 Wasesithi kuyo: Imizi ubaba ayithatha kuyihlo ngizayibuyisela; futhi ungazenzela izitalada eDamasekonjengokwenza kukababa eSamariya. Khona uAhabi wathi: Mina ngizakuyekela uhambe ngalesisivumelwano. Yasisenza laye isivumelwano yamyekela ehamba.

35 Umuntu othile wamadodana abaprofethi wasesithi kumakhelwane wakhe ngelizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu: Ake ungitshaye. Kodwa lowomuntu wala ukumtshaya.

36 Wasesithi kuye: Ngenxa yokuthi ungalilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI, khangela, ekusukeni kwakho kimi isilwane sizakutshaya. Wasesuka kuye, lesilwane samfica, sambulala.

37 Wasethola omunye umuntu wathi: Ake ungitshaye. Lalowomuntu wamtshaya lokumtshaya emlimaza.

38 Ngakho umprofethi wasuka, wamelela inkosi endleleni, ezifihle isimo ngelembu emehlweni.

39 Kwasekusithi inkosi idlula, yena wamemeza enkosini wathi: Inceku yakho yaphuma phakathi kwempi; khangela-ke, umuntu waphambuka, waletha umuntu kimi, wathi: Londoloza lumuntu; uba elahleka lokulahleka, khona impilo yakho izakuba sesikhundleni sempilo yakhe, kumbe uhlawule ngethalenta lesiliva.

40 Kwasekusithi inceku yakho isaphathekile lapha lalaphaya, yena wayengekho. Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuye: Sinjalo isahlulelo sakho, ususiqumile wena.

41 Wasephangisa walisusa ilembu emehlweni akhe. Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasimazi ukuthi ungowabaprofethi.

42 Wasesithi kuyo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngoba umyekele ukuthi aphume esandleni umuntu engimmiseleukumtshabalalisa, ngakho impilo yakho izakuba sesikhundleni sempilo yakhe, labantu bakho esikhundleni sabantu bakhe.

43 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisiya endlini yayo inyukumele, ithukuthele, yafika eSamariya.

I LWAMAKHOSI 21

UAhabi lesivini sikaNabothi

1Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto uNabothi umJizereyeli wayelesivini esasiseJizereyeli phansi kwesigodlo sikaAhabi inkosi yeSamariya.

2 UAhabi wasekhuluma loNabothi esithi: Ngipha isivini sakho ukuze sibe kimi yisivande semibhida, ngoba siseduze phansi kwendlu yami; ngizakunika isivini esingcono kulaso esikhundleni saso; uba kukuhle emehlweni akho, ngizakunika imali ngentengo yaso.

3 Kodwa uNabothi wathi kuAhabi: Kakube khatshana lami ngeNKOSI ukuthi ngikunike ilifa labobaba.

4 UAhabi wasengena endlini yakhe enyukumele ethukuthele ngenxa yelizwi uNabothi umJizereyeli ayelikhulume kuye, ngoba wayethe: Kangiyikukunika ilifa labobaba. Wasecambalala embhedeni wakhe, waphendula ubuso bakhe, kadlanga ukudla.

5 UJezebeli umkakhe wasesiza kuye wathi kuye: Kungani umoya wakho usineme ukuze ungadli ukudla?

6 Wasesithi kuye: Ngoba ngikhulume loNabothi umJizereyeli ngithe kuye: Nginike isivini sakho ngemali, loba uba uthanda ngizakunika isivini esikhundleni saso; wasesithi: Kangiyikukunika isivini sami.

7 UJezebeli umkakhe wasesithi kuye: Khathesi nguwe obusa umbuso wakoIsrayeli? Vuka udle isinkwa, lenhliziyo yakho ithokoze; ngizakunika mina isivini sikaNabothi umJizereyeli.

8 Wasebhala izincwadi ngebizo likaAhabi, wazidinda ngophawu lwakhe, wazithumela izincwadi ebadaleni lakuzikhulu, ababesemzini wakhe, behlala loNabothi.

9 Wasebhala ezincwadini esithi: Memezelani izilo lokudla, limhlalise uNabothi ngaphezulu kwabantu;

10 beselihlalisa amadoda amabili, amadodana kaBheliyali, maqondana laye ukuthi afakaze emelene laye esithi: Uthuke uNkulunkulu lenkosi. Beselimkhuphela phandle limkhande ngamatshe aze afe.

11 Lamadoda alumuzi wakhe, abadala lezikhulu ababehlala emzini wakhe, benza njengokuthumela kukaJezebeli kuwo, njengokubhalwe ezincwadini ayewathumele zona.

12 Amemezela izilo lokudla, ahlalisa uNabothi phezulu kwabantu.

13 Asengena amadoda amabili, amadodana kaBheliyali, ahlala maqondana laye; lamadoda kaBheliyali afakaza emelene laye, emelene loNabothi, phambi kwabantu, esithi: UNabothi uthuke uNkulunkulu lenkosi. Basebemkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi, bamkhanda ngamatshe waze wafa.

14 Basebethumela kuJezebeli besithi: UNabothi usekhandwe ngamatshe wafa.

15 Kwasekusithi uJezebeli esezwile ukuthi uNabothi usekhandwe ngamatshe wafa, uJezebeli wathi kuAhabi: Vuka uthathe isivini sikaNabothi umJizereyeli sibe ngesakho, ala ukukunika sona ngemali, ngoba uNabothi kaphili, kodwa ufile.

16 Kwasekusithi uAhabi esezwile ukuthi uNabothi ufile, uAhabi wasukuma ukwehlela esivinini sikaNabothi umJizereyeli, ukusithatha sibe ngesakhe.

17 Kwasekufika ilizwi leNKOSI kuElija umTishibi lisithi:

18 Sukuma wehle ukuhlangabeza uAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli, oseSamariya; khangela, usesivinini sikaNabothi, ehlele khona ukuze asithathe sibe ngesakhe.

19 Uzakhuluma kuye uthi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ubulele futhi wathatha yini kwaba ngokwakho? Njalo uzakhuluma kuye uthi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Endaweni lapho izinja ezikhothe khona igazi likaNabothi, izinja zizakhotha igazi lakho, ngitsho elakho.

20 UAhabi wasesithi kuElija: Ungificile yini, sitha sami? Wasesithi: Ngikutholile, ngoba uzithengisile ukwenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI.

21 Khangela, ngizakwehlisela ububi, ngiqothule inzalo yakho, ngiqume asuke kuAhabi ochamela emdulini, lovalelweyo lokhululekileyo koIsrayeli.

22 Njalo ngizakwenza indlu yakho ibe njengendlu kaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati lanjengendlu kaBahasha indodana kaAhiya, ngenxa yesicunulo ongicunule ngaso, wenza uIsrayeli one.

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23 LangoJezebeli laye iNKOSI yakhuluma isithi: Izinja zizamudla uJezebeli emthangaleni weJizereyeli.

24 OkaJerobhowamu ofela phakathi komuzi zizamudla izinja, lofela egangeni zizamudla inyoni zamazulu.

25 Kodwa kakubanga khona onjengoAhabi owazithengisa ukwenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, uJezebeli umkakhe amkhuthazayo.

26 Wenza amanyala kakhulu ngokulandela izithombe, njengakho konke amaAmori akwenzayo, iNKOSIeyawaxotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

27 Kwasekusithi uAhabi esizwa lamazwi wadabula izigqoko zakhe, wafaka isaka phezu komzimba wakhe, wazila ukudla, walala ngesaka, wahamba buthakathaka.

28 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kuElija umTishibi lisithi:

29 Ubonile yini ukuthi uAhabi uzithobe phambi kwami? Ngenxa yokuthi ezithobile phambi kwami kangiyikuletha ububi ensukwini zakhe; ensukwini zendodana yakhe ngizaletha lobububi endlini yakhe.

I LWAMAKHOSI 22

UMikhaya ukhuluma ngokunqotshwa kukaAhabi loJehoshafathi

1 Bahlala-ke iminyaka emithathu kungekho impi phakathi kweSiriya loIsrayeli.

2 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesithathu uJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wehlela enkosini yakoIsrayeli.

3 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi encekwini zayo: Liyazi yini ukuthi iRamothi-Gileyadi ingeyethu? Kodwa sithule, singayithathi esandleni senkosi yeSiriya.

4 Yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Uzahamba lami empini eRamothi-Gileyadi yini? UJehoshafathi wasesithi enkosini yakoIsrayeli: Nginjengawe, njengabantu bami banjalo abantu bakho, njengamabhiza ami anjalo amabhiza akho.

5 UJehoshafathi wasesithi enkosini yakoIsrayeli: Akubuze lamuhla ilizwi leNKOSI.

6 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasibuthanisa abaprofethi abangaba ngamadoda angamakhulu amane, yathi kubo: Ngihambe yini ukuyamelana leRamothi-Gileyadi empini kumbe ngiyekele? Basebesithi: Yenyuka, ngoba iNkosi izayinikela esandleni senkosi.

7 UJehoshafathi wasesithi: Kakusekho yini lapha umprofethi weNKOSI esingambuza?

8 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Kusekhona indoda eyodwa, uMikhaya indodana kaImla, esingabuza ngaye eNKOSIni, kodwa mina ngiyamzonda, ngoba kaprofethi okuhle ngami, kodwa okubi. UJehoshafathi wasesithi: Inkosi ingatsho njalo.

9 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasibiza induna yathi: Landa masinyane uMikhaya indodana kaImla.

10 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda babehlezi, ngulowo lalowo esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, begqoke izembatho zabo, besebaleni lokubhulela ekungeneni kwesango leSamariya, njalo bonke abaprofethi babeprofetha phambi kwabo.

11 UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenahana wasezenzela izimpondo zensimbi, wathi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngalezi uzahlaba amaSiriya uze uwaqede.

12 Labo bonke abaprofethi baprofetha njalo, besithi: Yenyukela eRamothi-Gileyadi, uphumelele; ngoba uJehova uzayinikela esandleni senkosi.

13 Isithunywa esasiyebiza uMikhaya sakhuluma laye sathi: Khangela-ke, amazwi abaprofethi ngamlomo munye mahle enkosini; ake ilizwi lakho lifanane lelizwi lomunye wabo, ukhulume okuhle.

14 Kodwa uMikhaya wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova, lokho iNKOSI ekutshoyo kimi lokho ngizakukhuluma.

15 Esefikile enkosini, inkosi yathi kuye: Mikhaya, siye eRamothi-Gileyadi empini kumbe siyekele? Wasesithi kuyo: Yenyuka, uphumelele; ngoba uJehova uzayinikela esandleni senkosi.

16 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ngizakufungisa kuze kube kangaki ukuthi ungangitsheli lutho ngaphandle kweqiniso ebizweni leNKOSI?

17 Wasesithi: Ngabona uIsrayeli wonke ehlakazekile phezu kwezintaba njengezimvu ezingelamelusi; uJehova wathi: Laba kabalankosi, kababuyele, ngulowo lalowo endlini yakhe ngokuthula.

18 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Kangikutshelanga yini ukuthi kayikuprofetha okuhle ngami kodwa okubi?

19 Wasesithi: Ngakho zwana ilizwi leNKOSI: Ngibone iNKOSI ihlezi esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, lamabutho wonke amazulu emi phansi kwayo ngakwesokunene sayo langakwesokhohlo sayo.

20 INKOSI yasisithi: Ngubani ozahuga uAhabi ukuthi enyuke ayewela eRamothi-Gileyadi? Omunye-ke watsho njalo, lomunye watsho njalo.

21 Kwasekuphuma umoya, wema phambi kweNKOSI wathi: Mina ngizamhuga.

22 INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Ngani? Wasesithi: Ngizaphuma ngibe ngumoya wamanga emlonyeni wabo bonke abaprofethi bakhe. Yasisithi: Uzamhuga, njalo uzaphumelela; phuma wenze njalo.

23 Ngakho-ke, khangela, iNKOSI ifake umoya wamanga emlonyeni walababaprofethi bakho bonke, njalo iNKOSIikhulume okubi ngawe.

24 UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenahana wasesondela, watshaya uMikhaya esihlathini, wathi: UMoya weNKOSIwedlula ngani esuka kimi ukuyakhuluma lawe?

25 UMikhaya wasesithi: Khangela, uzakubona mhlalokho lapho uzangena ekamelweni elingaphakathi ukuyacatsha.

26 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi: Thatha uMikhaya, mbuyisele kuAmoni umbusi womuzi lakuJowashi indodana yenkosi,

27 uthi: Itsho njalo inkosi: Fakani lo entolongweni, limdlise isinkwa sohlupho lamanzi ohlupho ngize ngibuye ngokuthula.

28 UMikhaya wasesithi: Uba uphenduka isibili ngokuthula, iNKOSI kayikhulumanga ngami. Wasesithi: Zwanini, bantu, lina lonke.

29 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda basebesenyukela eRamothi-Gileyadi.

30 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Ngizazifihla isimo, ngingene empini, kodwa wena gqoka izembatho zakho. Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasizifihla isimo, yangena empini.

31 Inkosi yeSiriya yayilaye induna zezinqola ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili ayelazo, esithi: Lingalwi lomncinyane loba lomkhulu, kodwa lenkosi yakoIsrayeli kuphela.

32 Kwasekusithi induna zezinqola zibona uJehoshafathi zona zathi: Isibili yiyo inkosi yakoIsrayeli. Zaseziphambuka ukulwa zimelene layo; uJehoshafathi waseklabalala.

33 Kwasekusithi induna zezinqola zibona ukuthi kwakungeyisiyo inkosi yakoIsrayeli, zaphenduka ekuyilandeleni.

34 Umuntu othile wasedonsa idandili lakhe engananzeleli, wahlaba inkosi yakoIsrayeli phakathi kwenhlangano lebhatshi lensimbi; yasisithi kumtshayeli wenqola yayo: Phendula isandla sakho, ungikhuphe phakathi kwebutho, ngoba ngilimele kakhulu.

35 Impi yasikhula mhlalokho; njalo inkosi yayisekelwe enqoleni yayo iqondene lamaSiriya, yafa ntambama; igazi lenxeba lagelezela ngaphansi kwenqola.

36 Ekutshoneni kwelanga kwadabula isimemezelo ebuthweni sisithi: Wonke kaye emzini wakibo, laye wonke elizweni lakibo.

37 Ngakho inkosi yafa, yalethwa eSamariya; basebeyingcwaba inkosi eSamariya.

38 Omunye wasegezisa inqola echibini leSamariya, lezinja zakhotha igazi layo, lapho amawule ayegeza khona, njengokwelizwi leNKOSI eyalikhulumayo.

39 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAhabi, lakho konke akwenzayo, lendlu yempondo zendlovu ayakhayo, lemizi yonke ayakhayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

40 UAhabi waselala laboyise. UAhaziya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaJehoshafathi

41 UJehoshafathi indodana kaAsa waba-ke yinkosi phezu kukaJuda ngomnyaka wesine kaAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli.

42 Njalo uJehoshafathi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa eJerusalema iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. Lebizo likanina lalinguAzuba indodakazi kaShilehi.

43 Njalo wahamba ngayo yonke indlela kaAsa uyise, kaphambukanga kuyo, ukwenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI. Loba kunjalo indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo, betshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo.

44 UJehoshafathi wasesenza ukuthula lenkosi yakoIsrayeli.

45 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehoshafathi, lobuqhawe abenzayo, lokuthi walwa njani, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

46 Lensali yezinkotshana ezazisele ensukwini zikaAsa uyise wayikhupha elizweni.

47 Njalo eEdoma kwakungelankosi, umbambeli wayeyinkosi.

48 UJehoshafathi wenza imikhumbi yeThashishi ukuya eOfiri ukulanda igolide; kodwa kayiyanga, ngoba imikhumbi yephukela eEziyoni-Geberi.

49 Ngalesosikhathi uAhaziya indodana kaAhabi wathi kuJehoshafathi: Inceku zami kazihambe lenceku zakho emikhunjini. Kodwa uJehoshafathi kafunanga.

50 UJehoshafathi waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida uyise. UJoramu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaAhaziya koIsrayeli

51 UAhaziya indodana kaAhabi waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya ngomnyaka wetshumi lesikhombisa kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda; wabusa phezu kukaIsrayeli iminyaka emibili.

52 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, wahamba ngendlela kayise, langendlela kanina, langendlela kaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli one.

53 Wasekhonza uBhali, wakhothamela kuye, wayithukuthelisa iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, njengakho konke ayekwenzile uyise.

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UGWALO LWESIBILI
Ukufa kukaAhaziya

1 UMowabi wasevukela uIsrayeli emva kokufa kukaAhabi.

2 UAhaziya wasesiwa eminxibeni yewindi ekamelweni lakhe eliphezulu
eliseSamariya, wagula. Wathuma izithunywa, wathi kuzo: Hambani liyebuza
kuBhali-Zebhubi unkulunkulu weEkhironi ukuthi ngizasila yini emkhuhlaneni lo.

3 Kodwa ingilosi yeNKOSI yathi kuElija umTishibi: Sukuma, wenyuke
ukuhlangabeza izithunywa zenkosi yeSamariya, uthi kizo: Kungenxa yokuthi
kakulaNkulunkulu yini koIsrayeli ukuthi lihambe liyebuza kuBhali-
Zebhubi unkulunkulu weEkhironi?

4 Ngakho-ke itsho njalo iNKOSI: Umbheda owenyukele kuwo kawuyikwehla kuwo,
ngoba uzakufa lokufa. UElija wasehamba.

5 Lapho izithunywa sezibuyele kuyo, wathi kuzo: Kungani selibuyile?

6 Zasezisithi kuyo: Umuntu wenyukile ukusihlangabeza, wathi kithi: Hambani
libuyele enkosini elithumileyo, lithi kuyo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Kungenxa yokuthi
kakulaNkulunkulu koIsrayeli yini ukuthi uthumele ukubuza kuBhali-
Zebhubi unkulunkulu weEkhironi? Ngakho umbheda owenyukele kuwo
kawuyikwehla kuwo, ngoba sibili uzakufa.

7 Yasisithi kuzo: Besinjani isimo salowomuntu owenyukele ukulihlangabeza,
wakhuluma kini lamazwi?

8 Basebesithi kuyo: Ubeyindoda eloboya, ebophe ngozwezwe lwesikhumba
ekhalweni lwayo. Yasisithi: NguElija umTishibi.

9 Inkosi yasithuma kuye induna yabangamatshumi amahlanu labangamatshumi
amahlanu bayo. Yasisenyukela kuye; khangela-ke, wayehlezi engqongeni
yentaba; yathi kuye: Muntu kaNkulunkulu, inkosi ithe: Yehla.

10 UElija wasephendula wathi enduneni yabangamatshumi amahlanu: Uba-ke
ngingumuntu kaNkulunkulu, kakwehle umlilo ovela emazulwini uqothule wena
labangamatshumi amahlanu bakho. Wasusehla umlilo uvela emazulwini,
wayiqothula yona labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo.

11 Yasibuya ithuma kuye enye induna yabangamatshumi amahlanu
labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo. Yasiphendula yathi kuye: Muntu
kaNkulunkulu, itsho njalo inkosi: Yehla masinyane.

12 UElija wasephendula wathi kubo: Uba ngingumuntu kaNkulunkulu, kakwehle
umlilo ovela emazulwini uqothule wena labangamatshumi amahlanu bakho.

Wasusehla umlilo kaNkulunkulu uvela emazulwini, wayiqothula yona labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo.

13 Yasithuma futhi induna yabangamatshumi amahlanu besithathu labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo. Leyonduna yesithathu yabangamatshumi amahlanu yasisenyuka yeza yawa ngamadolo ayo phambi kukaElija, yamncenga yathi kuye: Muntu kaNkulunkulu, ake ibe ligugu impilo yami lempilo yalezi inceku zakho ezingamatshumi amahlanu emehlweni akho.

14 Khangela, wehla umlilo uvela emazulwini, waqothula induna ezimbili zabangamatshumi amahlanu zokuqala labangamatshumi amahlanu azo; ngakho-ke kayibe ligugu impilo yami emehlweni akho.

15 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasisithi kuElija: Yehla laye, ungamesabi. Wasesukuma, wehla laye waya enkosini;

16 wathi kuyo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngenxa yokuthi uthume izithunywa ukuyabuza kuBhali-Zebhubi, unkulunkulu weEkhironi, kungenxa yokuthi kakulaNkulunkulu koIsrayeli yini, ukubuza ilizwi lakhe? Ngakho-ke umbheda owenyukele kuwo kawuyikwehla kuwo, ngoba uzakufa lokufa.

17 Wasesifa njengokwelizwi leNKOSI uElija ayelikhulumile. UJehoramu wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe, ngomnyaka wesibili kaJoramu indodana kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda, ngoba wayengelandodana.

18 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAhaziya, azenzayo, kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

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UElija wenyukela ezulwini

1Kwasekusithi iNKOSI isizamenyusela uElija emazulwini ngesivunguzane, uElija wahamba loElisha bevela eGiligali.

2 UElija wasesithi kuElisha: Akuhlale lapha, ngoba iNKOSI ingithumile eBhetheli. Kodwa uElisha wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, kangiyikukutshiya. Basebesehlela eBhetheli.

3 Lamadodana abaprofethi ayeseBhetheli aphuma eza kuElisha, athi kuye: Uyazi yini ukuthi iNKOSI izayisusa inkosi yakho lamuhla ekhanda lakho? Wasesithi: Yebo, mina ngiyazi; thulani.

4 UElija wasesithi kuye: Elisha, akuhlale lapha, ngoba iNKOSI ingithumile eJeriko. Kodwa wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, kangiyikukutshiya. Basebefika eJeriko.

5 Amadodana abaprofethi aseJeriko asesondela kuElisha, athi kuye: Uyazi yini ukuthi lamuhla iNKOSI izasusa inkosi yakho ekhanda lakho? Wasesithi: Yebo, mina ngiyazi; thulani.

6 UElija wasesithi kuye: Akuhlale lapha, ngoba iNKOSI ingithumile eJodani. Kodwa wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, kangiyikukutshiya. Basebehamba bobabili.

7 Amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu awamadodana abaprofethi asesiyakuma khatshana maqondana labo; bonabobabili basebesima eJodani.

8 UElija wasethatha isembatho sakhe, wasigoqa, watshaya amanzi, asedabuka ngapha langapha; bobabili basebechapha emhlabathini owomileyo.

9 Kwasekusithi sebechaphile uElija wathi kuElisha: Cela engizakwenzela khona ngingakasuswa kuwe. UElisha wathi: Ake kuthi isabelo esiphindwe kabili somoya wakho sibe phezu kwami.

10 Wasesithi: Ucele ulutho olulukhuni; uba ungibona lapha ngisuswa kuwe, kuzakuba njalo kuwe; kodwa uba kungenjalo, kakuyikuba njalo.

11 Kwasekusithi besahamba, behamba bekhuluma, khangela-ke, kwaba lenqola yomlilo lamabhiza omlilo, kwabehlukanisa bobabili. UElija wasesenyukela emazulwini ngesivunguzane.

12 UElisha wasekubona wamemeza wathi: Baba wami! Baba wami! Inqola yakoIsrayeli labamabhiza bayo! Njalo kazabe esambona. Wasebamba izigqoko zakhe, wazidabula zaba yiziqa ezimbili.

13 Wasedobha isembatho sikaElija esawa kuye, wabuyela, wema ekhunjini lweJodani.

14 Wasethatha isembatho sikaElija esawa kuye, watshaya amanzi esithi: Ingaphi iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaElija? Yena-ke esewatshayile amanzi, ehlukana ngapha langapha; uElisha wasechapha.

15 Kwathi amadodana abaprofethi ayeseJeriko maqondana laye embona athi: Umoya kaElija uhlezi phezu kukaElisha. Asesiza ukumhlangabeza, akhothamela emhlabathini phambi kwakhe.

UElisha ungumprofethi

16 Asesithi kuye: Khangela khathesi, kulamadoda aqinileyo angamatshumi amahlanu kanye lenceku zakho; akuwayekele ahambe adinge inkosi yakho; mhlawumbe uMoya weNKOSI uyenyusile wayiphosela kwenye yezintaba, loba kwesinye sezihotsha. Wasesithi: Lingathumi.

17 Sebemphikelele waze waba lenhloni, wathi: Thumani. Basebethuma amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu; adinga insuku ezintathu, kodwa awamtholanga.

18 Asebuyela kuye ehlezi eJeriko, wathi kuwo: Kangitshongo yini kini ukuthi: Lingahambi?

19 Amadoda omuzi asesithi kuElisha: Ake ukhangele, indawo yalumuzi inhle njengoba inkosi yami ibona; kodwa amanzi mabi, lomhlabathi kawuvundanga.

20 Wasesithi: Ngilethelani umganu omutsha, lifake itshwayi kuwo. Basebewuletha kuye.

21 Wasephuma waya emthonjeni wamanzi, waphosela itshwayi kuwo, wathi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngiwelaphile amanzi la; kakusayikuba khona ukufa lokungatheli okuvela lapho.

22 Amanzi aseselatshwa kuze kube lamuhla, njengelizwi likaElisha alikhulumayo.

23 Wasesenyuka esuka lapho waya eBhetheli; kwathi esenyuka endleleni kwaphuma abantwanyana emzini, bamklolodela bathi kuye: Yenyuka, mpabanga ndini! Yenyuka, mpabanga ndini!

24 Wasenyemukula, wababona wabaqalekisa ngebizo leNKOSI. Kwaphuma amabhere amabili amasikazi ehlathini, adabula abafana abangamatshumi amane lambili kubo.

25 Wasesuka lapho, waya entabeni iKharmeli, esuka lapho wabuyela eSamariya.

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Ukubusa kukaJehoramu koIsrayeli

1 UJehoramu indodana kaAhabi waba-ke yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lambili.

2 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, kodwa kungenjengoyise lanjengonina, ngoba wasusa insika kaBhali eyisithombe uyise ayeyenzile.

3 Loba kunjalo wanamathela ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli one, kasukanga kukho.

UElisha uthi uMowabi uzanqotshwa

4 Njalo uMesha inkosi yakoMowabi wayengumfuyi wezimvu, wayethela enkosini yakoIsrayeli amawundlu azinkulungwane ezilikhulu, lezinqama ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu, loboya bezimvu.

5 Kodwa kwathi uAhabi esefile, inkosi yakoMowabi yavukela inkosi yakoIsrayeli.

6 Inkosi uJehoramu yasiphuma ngalesosikhathi eSamariya, yabala uIsrayeli wonke.

7 Yasihamba yathumela kuJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda isithi: Inkosi yakoMowabi isingivukele; uzahamba lami yini siye koMowabi empini? Wasesithi: Ngizakwenyuka. Nginjengawe, njengabantu bami banjalo abantu bakho, njengamabhiza ami anjalo amabhiza akho.

8 Yasisithi: Sizakwenyuka ngayiphi indlela? Wasesithi: Ngendlela yenkangala yeEdoma.

9 Yasihamba inkosi yakoIsrayeli, lenkosi yakoJuda, lenkosi yeEdoma; sebebhode uhambo lwensuku eziyisikhombisa, kwakungelamanzi ebutho lawezifuyo ezibalandelayo.

10 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi: Maye, ngoba uJehova ubize la amakhosi amathathu ukuwanikela esandleni sikaMowabi!

11 Kodwa uJehoshafathi wathi: Kakulamprofethi weNKOSI lapha yini esingabuza ngaye iNKOSI? Enye yenceku zenkosi yakoIsrayeli yasiphendula yathi: Kukhona lapha uElisha indodana kaShafati owathela amanzi ezandleni zikaElija.

12 UJehoshafathi wasesithi: Ilizwi leNKOSI likuye. Ngakho inkosi yakoIsrayeli loJehoshafathi lenkosi yeEdoma behlela kuye.

13 UElisha wasesithi enkosini yakoIsrayeli: Ngilani lawe? Hamba kubaprofethi bakayihlo lakubaprofethi bakanyoko. Kodwa inkosi yakoIsrayeli yathi kuye: Hatshi, ngoba iNKOSI ibize lamakhosi amathathu ukuwanikela esandleni sikaMowabi.

14 UElisha wasesithi: Kuphila kukaJehova wamabandla engimi phambi kwakhe, sibili, uba bengingaphakamisi ubukhona bukaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda, bengingayikukukhangela njalo ngingakuboni.

15 Ngakho-ke ngilethelani umtshayi wechacho. Kwathi umtshayi wechacho eselitshaya, isandla seNKOSI saba phezu kwakhe.

16 Wasesithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Yenzani lesisihotsha sibe yimigelogelo.

17 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Kaliyikubona umoya njalo kaliyikubona izulu, kodwa lesisihotsha sizagcwaliswa ngamanzi, ukuze linathe lina, lenkomo zenu lezifuyo zenu.

18 Kodwa lokhu kulula emehlweni eNKOSI: Izanikela lamaMowabi esandleni senu.

19 Njalo lizatshaya wonke umuzi obiyelweyo, lawo wonke umuzi okhethekileyo, ligamule sonke isihlahla esihle, ligqibele yonke imithombo yamanzi, lone yonke insimu enhle ngamatshe.

20 Kwasekusithi ekuseni ekunikelweni komnikelo wokudla, khangela-ke, kwafika amanzi evelela endleleni yeEdoma, ilizwe laseligcwaliswa ngamanzi.

21 Wonke amaMowabi esezwile ukuthi amakhosi enyukile ukulwa emelene lawo, abizelwa ndawonye, kusukela kuye wonke obhinca izikhali kusiya phezulu, asesima emngceleni.

22 Asevuka ekuseni kakhulu; ilanga selikhanya phezu kwamanzi, amaMowabi abona amanzi emaqondana lawoebomvu njengegazi.

23 Asesithi: Ligazi leli; amakhosi achithiwe lokuchithwa, asetshayene. Ngakho-ke, empangweni, Mowabi!

24 Kwathi efika enkambeni yakoIsrayeli, amaIsrayeli asukuma atshaya amaMowabi, aze abaleka esuka phambi kwawo; kodwa angena elizweni atshaya amaMowabi.

25 Asediliza imizi; ngulowo wasephosa ilitshe lakhe kuyo yonke insimu enhle, ayigcwalisa, agqibela yonke imithombo yamanzi, agamula zonke izihlahla ezinhle, kwaze kwasala amatshe ayo eKiri-Haresethi kuphela; kodwa abaphosa ngezavutha bayigombolozela, bayitshaya.

26 Inkosi yakoMowabi isibonile ukuthi impi ilukhuni kakhulu kuyo, yathatha abantu abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa abahwatsha inkemba kanye layo, ukuze ifohlele enkosini yeEdoma, kodwa behluleka.

27 Yasithatha indodana yayo elizibulo eyayizakuba yinkosi esikhundleni sayo, yayinikela yaba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa phezu komduli. Kwasekusiba lolaka olukhulu olumelene loIsrayeli; basebesuka kuyo babuyela elizweni lakibo.

II LWAMAKHOSI 4

Amafutha omfelokazi

1Kwasekukhala kuElisha umfazi othile wabafazi bamadodana abaprofethi esithi: Inceku yakho umkami sewafa; lawe uyazi ukuthi inceku yakho yayiyesaba iNKOSI; sekufikile umkweledisi ukuzithathela abantwana bami ababili babe yizigqili.

2 UElisha wasesithi kuye: Ngingakwenzelani? Ngitshela, ulani endlini? Wasesithi: Incekukazi yakho kayilalutho endlini, ngaphandle kwesiphiso samafutha.

3 Wasesithi: Hamba uyezebolekela izitsha ezivela phandle, kobomakhelwane bakho bonke, izitsha ezingelalutho, zingabi nlutshwana.

4 Nxa usungenile uzivalele wena lamadodana akho umnyango, uthele kulezizitsha zonke; lokugcweleyo ukubeke eceleni.

5 Wasesuka-ke kuye wazivalela yena lamadodana akhe umnyango; bazisondeza kuye, wathulula.

6 Kwasekusithi izitsha sezigcwele wathi endodaneni yakhe: Ngilethela njalo isitsha. Yasisithi kuye: Kakuselasitsha. Amafutha asesima.

7 Wasesiza wamazisa umuntu kaNkulunkulu; wasesithi: Hamba uyethengisa amafutha, uhlawule isikwelede sakho; wena-ke lamadodana akho liphile ngaseleyo.

UElisha lowesifazana weShunemi

8 Kwasekusithi ngolunye usuku uElisha wedlulela eShunemi lapho okwakulowesifazana oyisikhuluowamcindezela ukuthi adle isinkwa. Kwakusithi-ke lanini esedlula, aphambukele khona ukuthi adle isinkwa.

9 Wasesithi kumkakhe: Khangela-ke, ngiyazi ukuthi lo ungumuntu ongcwele kaNkulunkulu, owedlula kithi njalonjalo.

10 Ake senze ikamelo elincinyane eliphezulu emdulini, simfakele lapho umbheda letafula lesihlalo lesiqobane sesibane; kuzakuthi-ke lapho efika kithi aphambukele khona.

11 Kwasekusithi ngolunye usuku wafika khona, waphambukela ekamelweni eliphezulu, walala khona.

12 Wasesithi kuGehazi inceku yakhe: Biza lo umShunamikazi. Esembizile, wema phambi kwakhe.

13 Wasesithi kuyo: Tshono kuye-ke uthi: Khangela, usinakekele ngakho konke lokhukunaka; kuyini ongakwenzelwa? Kukhona ongakukhulunyelwa enkosini kumbe enduneni yebutho yini? Wasesithi: Ngihlala phakathi kwabantu bakithi.

14 Wasesithi: Kuyini-ke angakwenzelwa? UGehazi wasesithi: Qiniso, kalamntwana, lomkakhe usemdala.

15 Wasesithi: Mbize. Esembizile, wema emnyango.

16 Wasesithi: Ngalesisikhathi esimisiweyo njengokwesikhathi sempilo uzagona umntwana. Kodwa wathi: Hatshi, nkosi yami, muntu kaNkulunkulu, ungayiqambeli amanga incekukazi yakho.

17 Owesifazana wasekhulelwa, wabeletha umntwana ngalesosikhathi esimisiweyo njengokwesikhathi sempilo uElisha ayesitshilo kuye.

18 Esekhulile umntwana, kwathi ngosuku oluthile waphuma waya kuyise kubavuni.

19 Wasesithi kuyise: Ikhanda lami! Ikhanda lami! Wasesithi encekwini: Mthwale umuse kunina.

20 Isimthwele yamusa kunina, wahlala emadolweni akhe kwaze kwaba semini, wasesifa.

21 Wasesenyuka, wamlalisa embhedeni womuntu kaNkulunkulu, wamvalela, waphuma.

22 Wasememeza umkakhe wathi: Ake uthume kimi enye yezinceku lomunye wabobabhemi, ukuze ngigijime ngiye emuntwini kaNkulunkulu, ngibuye futhi.

23 Wasesithi. Uyelani kuye lamuhla? Kakusikuthwasa kwenyanga njalo kakusisabatha. Owesifazana wasesithi: Kulungile.

24 Esembophelele isihlalo ubabhemi, wathi encekwini yakhe: Tshaya uhambe, ungangibambeleli ekuhambeni, ngaphandle ngikutshele.

25 Wahamba-ke, weza emuntwini kaNkulunkulu entabeni iKharmeli. Kwasekusithi umuntu kaNkulunkulu embona esiza, wathi kuGehazi inceku yakhe: Khangela, nanguyana umShunamikazi.

26 Khathesi akugijime umhlangabeze, uthi kuye: Kulungile yini kuwe? Kulungile yini ngomkakho? Kulungile yini ngomntwana? Wasesithi: Kulungile.

27 Esefikile entabeni kumuntu kaNkulunkulu wabamba inyawo zakhe. Kodwa uGehazi wasondela ukumsunduza asuke. Kodwa umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi: Myekele, ngoba umphefumulo wakhe umunyu kuye, leNKOSIingifihlele lokhu, kayingitshelanga.

28 Wasesithi: Ngangicelile indodana enkosini yami yini? Kangitshongo yini ukuthi: Ungangikhohlisi?

29 UElisha wasesithi kuGehazi: Bopha ukhalo lwakho, uthathe udondolo lwami esandleni sakho, uhambe. Uba uhlangana lomuntu ungambingeleli, njalo uba umuntu ekubingelela ungamphenduli; ubeke udondolo lwami ebusweni bomntwana.

30 Unina womntwana wasesithi: Kuphila kukaJehova lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, kangiyikukutshiya. Wasesukuma wamlandela.

31 UGehazi wedlulela phambi kwabo, walubeka udondolo ebusweni bomntwana, kodwa kakubanga khona ilizwi njalo kwakungelakunaka. Wasebuyela ukumhlangabeza, wamtshela esithi: Umntwana kavukanga.

32 UElisha esengenile endlini, khangela, umntwana wayefile, elaliswe embhedeni wakhe.

33 Wasengena, wavala umnyango emva kwabo bobabili, wakhuleka eNKOSIni.

34 Wenyuka walala phezu komntwana, wabeka umlomo wakhe phezu komlomo wakhe lamehlo akhe phezu kwamehlo akhe lezandla zakhe phezu kwezandla zakhe, wacambalala phezu kwakhe; inyama yomntwana yasikhudumala.

35 Wasebuyela, wahambahamba endlini waya kanye ngapha lakanye le, wasesenyuka wacambalala phezu kwakhe; umntwana wasethimula kwaze kwaba kasikhombisa, umntwana wasevula amehlo akhe.

36 Wasebiza uGehazi wathi: Mbize lo umShunamikazi. Wasembiza. Esefikile kuye, wathi kuye: Thatha umntanakho.

37 Wasengena, wawela ezinyaweni zakhe, wakhothamela emhlabathini, waphakamisa umntanakhe, waphuma.

Izimangaliso zikaElisha

38 UElisha wasebuyela eGiligali, njalo kwakukhona indlala elizweni, amadodana abaprofethi ayehlezi-ke phambi kwakhe, wathi encekwini yakhe: Beka imbiza enkulu eziko, uphekele abaprofethi ukudla okuphekiweyo.

39 Omunye wasephuma waya egangeni ukukha imibhida, wathola intandela yeganga, wakha amajodwana ayo eganga, isembatho sakhe sagcwala, weza wawaqobelela embizeni yokudla okuphekiweyo, ngoba ayengawazi.

40 Basebethululela abantu ukuze badle; kwasekusithi besadla okokudla okuphekiweyo bona bamemeza bathi: Ukufa embizeni, muntu kaNkulunkulu! Njalo babengelakukudla.

41 Wasesithi: Lethani-ke impuphu. Waseyithela embizeni wathi: Thululela abantu, ukuze badle. Kwakungaselalutho oluyingozi embizeni.

42 Kwasekufika umuntu evela eBhali-Shalisha, walethela umuntu kaNkulunkulu ukudla kwezithelo zokuqala, izinkwa zebhali ezingamatshumi amabili, lezikhwebu zamabele amatsha emgodleni wakhe. Wasesithi: Banike abantu ukuze badle.

43 Kodwa inceku yakhe yathi: Ini, ngibeke lokhu phambi kwabantu abalikhulu? Wasesithi: Banike abantu ukuze badle, ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Bazakudla, batshiye.

44 Yasikubeka phambi kwabo, badla, batshiya, njengokwelizwi leNKOSI.

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UElisha usilisa uNamani

1 Njalo uNamani induna yebutho lenkosi yeSiriya wayengumuntu omkhulu phambi kwenkosi yakhe, lohloniphekayo, ngoba ngaye uJehova wayenikile iSiriya ukukhululwa. Njalo lindoda yayiliqhawe elilamandla, kodwa yayingumlephero.

2 Njalo amaSiriya ayephumile ngamaviyo athumba intombazana elizweni lakoIsrayeli, eyayisima phambi komkaNamani.

3 Yasisithi enkosikazini yayo: Sengathi inkosi yami ingaba phambi komprofethi oseSamariya; khona ubezayiphilisa kubulephero bayo.

4 Wasengena watshela inkosi yakhe esithi: Intombazana evela elizweni lakoIsrayeli itsho ukuthi lokuthi.

5 Inkosi yeSiriya yasisithi: Suka, uhambe, ngizathumela incwadi enkosini yakoIsrayeli. Wasehamba wathatha esandleni sakhe amathalenta esiliva alitshumi lenhlamvu zegolide ezizinkulungwane eziyisithupha lezigqoko zokuntshintsha ezilitshumi.

6 Waseletha incwadi enkosini yakoIsrayeli isithi: Khathesi-ke, lapho le incwadi isifikile kuwe, khangela, ngithume kuwe uNamani inceku yami ukuze umphilise kubulephero bakhe.

7 Kwasekusithi inkosi yakoIsrayeli isiyibalile leyoncwadi yadabula izigqoko zayo yathi: NginguNkulunkulu yini ukuthi ngibulale loba ngiphilise, ukuthi lo

athumele kimi ukuthi ngiphilise umuntu kubulephero bakhe? Ngakho-ke, ake linanzelele libone ukuthi udinga ithuba lokumelana lami.

8 Kwasekusithi lapho uElisha umuntu kaNkulunkulu esizwa ukuthi inkosi yakoIsrayeli idabule izigqoko zayo, wathumela enkosini esithi: Udabuleleni izigqoko zakho? Akeze kimi ukuze azi ukuthi kukhona umprofethi koIsrayeli.

9 Ngakho uNamani weza lamabhiza akhe lenqola yakhe, wema emnyango wendlu kaElisha.

10 UElisha wasethuma isithunywa kuye esithi: Hamba uyegeza kasikhombisa eJodani, inyama yakho izabuyela kuwe, uhlambuluke.

11 Kodwa uNamani wathukuthela, wahamba, wathi: Khangela, bengisithi uzaphuma sibili eze kimi, eme, abize ibizo leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe, ahambahambise isandla sakhe phezu kwendawo, aphilise umlephero.

12 IAbana leFaripari imifula yeDamaseko kayingcono yini kulawo wonke amanzi akoIsrayeli? Bengingegeze kiyo ngihlambuluke yini? Wasetshibilika wahamba ngolaka oluvuthayo.

13 Kodwa inceku zakhe zasondela zakhuluma laye zathi: Baba, aluba umprofethi ubekhulume lawe ulutho olukhulu, ubungayikulwenza yini? Pho, kakhulu kangakanani uba ethe kuwe: Geza uhlambuluke?

14 Wasesehla, wazigxamuza eJodani kasikhombisa njengokwelizwi lomuntu kaNkulunkulu, lenyama yakhe yabuyela yafanana lenyama yomntwana omncinyane, wahlambuluka-ke.

15 Wasebuyela kumuntu kaNkulunkulu, yena lalo lonke ixuku lakhe, wafika wema phambi kwakhe, wathi: Khangela sengisazi ukuthi kakulaNkulunkulu emhlabeni wonke, ngaphandle kwakoIsrayeli; khathesi-ke ake wemukele isipho encekwini yakho.

16 Kodwa wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova engimi phambi kwakhe, kangiyikuthatha lutho. Wasemncenga ukuthi athathe, kodwa wala.

17 UNamani wasesithi: Uba kungenjalo, akunikwe inceku yakho umthwalo wembongolo ezimbili wenhlabathi. Ngoba inceku yakho kayisayikwenza umnikelo wokutshiswa lomhlatshelo kwabanye onkulunkulu, kodwa eNKOSIni.

18 Kulinto iNKOSI kayithethelele inceku yakho: Nxa inkosi yami ingena endlini kaRimoni ukukhonza lapho, yeyame esandleni sami, lami ngikhonze endlini kaRimoni, lapho ngikhonza endlini kaRimoni, iNKOSI ake ithethelele inceku yakho kulinto.

19 Wasesithi kuye: Hamba ngokuthula. Wasesuka kuye ummango omfitshane.

20 Kodwa uGehazi inceku kaElisha umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi: Khangela, inkosi yami imyekele uNamani umSiriya lo ngokungemukeli esandleni sakhe lokho

akulethileyo. Kuphila kukaJehova, ngizagijima ngimlandele, ngithathe kuye okuthile.

21 UGehazi wasegijima wamlandela uNamani. Kwathi uNamani ebona ogijimayo emva kwakhe, wehla enqoleni ukuze amhlangabeze, wathi: Kulungile yini?

22 Wasesithi: Kulungile. Inkosi yami ingithumile, isithi: Khangela, ngitsho khathesi kufikile kimi amajaha amabili evela entabeni yakoEfrayimi awamadodana abaprofethi; ake uwanike ithalenta lesiliva lezigqoko ezimbili zokuntshintsha.

23 UNamani wasesithi: Vuma, uthathe amathalenta amabili. Wasemcindezela, wabophela amathalenta amabiliemigodleni emibili, lezembatho zokuntshintsha ezimbili, wakunika ababili benceku zakhe, bakuthwala phambi kwakhe.

24 Esefike oqaqeni, wakuthatha esandleni sazo, wakubeka endlini; waseyekela amadoda ahamba, asesuka.

25 Yena wasengena wema phambi kwenkosi yakhe; uElisha wasesithi kuye: Uvela ngaphi, Gehazi? Wasesithi: Inceku yakho ibingayanga le lale.

26 Wasesithi kuye: Inhliziyo yami ayihambanga yini lapho lowomuntu etshibilika enqoleni yakhe ukukuhlangabeza? Kuyisikhathi sokwemukela imali yini, lokwemukela izigqoko, lezivande zemihlwathi, lezivini, lezimvu, lezinkabi, lezinceku, lezincekukazi?

27 Ngakho ubulephero bukaNamani buzanamathela kuwe lenzalweni yakho kuze kube nininini. Wasephuma ebukhoneni bakhe engumlephero emhlophe njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo.

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UElisha wenza isimangaliso ngehloka

1Amadodana abaprofethi asesithi kuElisha: Khangela-ke, indawo esihlala kiyo lawe iminyene kakhulu kithi.

2 Akusiyekele sihambe siye eJodani, sithathe khona, ngulowo lalowo isigodo esisodwa, sizenzele khona indawo yokuhlala kiyo. Wasesithi: Hambani.

3 Omunye wasesithi: Akuvume, uhambe lenceku zakho. Wasesithi: Mina ngizahamba.

4 Wasehamba labo; sebefikile eJodani bagamula izihlahla.

5 Kodwa omunye esagamula ugodo, insimbi yawela emanzini. Wasememeza esithi: Maye, nkosi yami! Ngoba belebolekiwe.

6 Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasesithi: Iwele ngaphi? Wasemtshengisa indawo. Wasegamula uswazi, waluphosela khona, wenza insimbi yandenda.

7 Wasesithi: Zenyulele yona. Waseselula isandla sakhe, wayithatha.

UElisha lebutho lamaSiriya

8 Kwathi inkosi yeSiriya isilwa loIsrayeli yacebisana lenceku zayo isithi:
Ekuthanathaneni izakuba yinkamba yami.

9 Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasethumela enkosini yakoIsrayeli esithi: Qaphela
ungedluli kulindawo, ngoba amaSiriya ehlele khona.

10 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasithumela kuleyondawo umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayitshela
yona wayixwayisa ngayo. Yasizilondoloza khona, kungekanye, njalo kungekabili.

11 Inhliziyo yenkosi yeSiriya yasikhathazeka kakhulu ngenxa yalinto. Yasibiza
inceku zayo yathi kuzo: Kaliyikungitshela yini ukuthi ngubani kithi ongowenkosi
yakoIsrayeli?

12 Omunye wenceku zakhe wasesithi: Hatshi, nkosi yami, nkosi; kodwa uElisha
umprofethi okoIsrayeli uyayitshela inkosi yakoIsrayeli amazwi owakhuluma
phakathi kwekamelo lakho lokulala.

13 Yasisithi: Hambani liyebona lapho akhona, ukuze ngithume ngimthathe.
Wasetshelwa kwathiwa: Khangela, useDothani.

14 Yasithuma khona amabhiza lezinqola lebutho elinzima; basebefika ebusuku,
bawuzingelezela umuzi.

15 Kwathi inceku yomuntu kaNkulunkulu isivukile ngovivi yaphuma, khangela-
ke, ibutho lizingelezele umuzi kanye lamabhiza lezinqola. Inceku yakhe yasisithi
kuye: Maye, nkosi yami! Sizakwenza njani?

16 Wasesithi: Ungesabi, ngoba labo abalathi banengi okwedlula labo abalabo.

17 UElisha wasekhuleka wathi: NKOSI, akuvule amehlo ayo ukuze ibone.
INKOSI yasiwavula amehlo alelojaha, laselibona, khangela-ke, intaba igcwele
amabhiza lenqola zomlilo zihanqe uElisha.

18 Sebehlele kuye, uElisha wakhuleka eNKOSIni wathi: Akutshaye lababantu
ngobuphofu. Yasibatshaya ngobuphofu njengokwelizwi likaElisha.

19 UElisha wasesithi kibo: Kayisiyo le indlela, futhi kayisiwo lo umuzi;
ngilandelani, ngizalisa kulowomuntu elimdingayo. Kodwa wabasa eSamariya.

20 Kwasekusithi sebengene eSamariya, uElisha wathi: NKOSI, vula amehlo alaba
ukuze babone. INKOSI yasivula amehlo abo, basebebona; khangela-ke,
babephakathi kweSamariya.

21 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuElisha ibabona: Baba, ngibatshaye, ngibatshaye
yini?

22 Wasesithi: Ungatshayi. Ungatshaya yini labo obathumbe ngenkemba yakho
langedandili lakho? Beka isinkwa lamanzi phambi kwabo ukuze badle banathe,
baye enkosini yabo.

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23 Yasibalungisela idili elikhulu; sebedlile banatha, yabayekela bahamba, baya enkosini yabo. Ngakho amaviyo amaSiriya kawabesaphinda ukubuya elizweni lakoIsrayeli.

UElisha lokuvinjezelwa kweSamariya

24 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya wabutha ibutho lakhe lonke, wenyuka wavimbezela iSamariya.

25 Kwasekusiba lendlala enkulu eSamariya; khangela-ke, bayivimbela, kwaze kwathi inhloko kababhemiyathengiswa ngenhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, lengxenye eyodwa kwezine yegajana lobudolilo bejuba ngenhlamvu zesiliva ezinhlanu.

26 Kwasekusithi inkosi yakoIsrayeli idlula phezu komduli, owesifazana wamemeza kiyo esithi: Siza, nkosi yami, nkosi!

27 Yasisithi: Uba iNKOSI ingakusizi, ngikusize ngokuvela ngaphi? Ebaleni lokubhulela kumbe esikhamelweni sewayini yini?

28 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ulani? Wasesithi: Lo owesifazana uthe: Letha indodana yakho ukuze siyidle lamuhla; kusasa-ke sizakudla indodana yami.

29 Sasesiyipheka indodana yami, sayidla. Ngasengisithi kuye ngosuku olulandelayo: Letha indodana yakho ukuze siyidle. Kodwa wayifihla indodana yakhe.

30 Kwasekusithi inkosi isizwa amazwi alowo owesifazana yadabula izigqoko zayo. Yedlula phezu komduli; abantu basebebona, khangela-ke, kwakulesaka emzimbeni wayo, ngaphakathi.

31 Yasisithi: UNkulunkulu kenze njalo kimi langokunjalo engezelele, uba ikhanda likaElisha indodana kaShafati lizahlala kuye lamuhla.

32 Kodwa uElisha wayehlezi endlini yakhe labadala babehlezi laye. Inkosi yasithuma umuntu esuka phambi kwayo; isithunywa singakafiki kuye, yena wathi kubadala: Liyabona yini ukuthi indodana le yombulali ithume ukususa ikhanda lami? Bonani, lapho isithunywa sifika, livale umnyango, lisibandezele emnyango. Kakusizisinde zenkosi yaso yini emva kwaso?

33 Kwathi esakhuluma labo, khangela-ke, inkosi yehlela kuye, yathi: Khangela, lobububi buvela eNKOSIni. Ngingabe ngisayilindelelani iNKOSI?

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1UElisha wasesithi: Zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI; itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngalesisikhathi kusasa iseya lempuphu ecolekileyo lizathengiswa ngeshekeli, lamaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli, esangweni leSamariya.

2 Induna inkosi eyayeyeme esandleni sayo yasiphendula umuntu kaNkulunkulu, yathi: Khangela, uba iNKOSIibingenza amawindi emazulwini, kungenzeka linto

yini? Wasesithi: Khangela, uzakubona ngamehlo akho, kodwa kawuyikudla okwakho.

3 Njalo kwakulamadoda amane ayengamalephero ekungeneni kwesango, athi omunye komunye: Sihlaleleni lapha size sife?

4 Uba sisithi: Sizangena emzini, lendlala isemzini, sizafela khona. Njalo uba sihlala lapha, sizakufa futhi. Ngakho-ke, wozani, siyewela enkambeni yamaSiriya; uba esiyekela siphile, sizaphila; uba-ke esibulala, sizakufa nje.

5 Asesukuma kusahwalala ukuya enkambeni yamaSiriya; esefike ekucineni kwenkamba yamaSiriya, khangela-ke, kwakungelamuntu khona.

6 Ngoba iNkosi yenza ibutho lamaSiriya lizwe umsindo wezinqola, umsindo wamabhiza, umsindo webutho elikhulu; athi omunye komunye: Khangela, inkosi yakoIsrayeli isisiqatshele amakhosi amaHethi lamakhosi amaGibhithe ukuzamelana lathi.

7 Asesukuma abaleka kusahwalala, atshiya amathente awo lamabhiza awo labobabhemi bawo, inkamba njengoba injalo, abaleka ngenxa yempilo yawo.

8 Amalephero la esefike ekucineni kwenkamba, angena kwelinye ithente, adla anatha, athatha lapho isiliva legolide lezigqoko, ayakufihla; abuyela angena kwelinye ithente, athatha lapho, ayakufihla.

9 Asesithi omunye komunye: Kasenzi kuhle. Lolusuku lusuku lwemibiko emihle, kodwa sizithulele thina. Uba silinda kuze kube yikukhanya kwekuseni, isijeziso sizasifica. Khathesi-ke, wozani siyebikela indlu yenkosi.

10 Asesiza, amemeza kumlindi wesango womuzi, abatshela esithi: Sifike enkambeni yamaSiriya, khangela-ke, bekungelamuntu khona kumbe ilizwi lomuntu, kodwa amabhiza ebotshelwe labobabhemi bebotshelwe, lamathente enjengoba enjalo.

11 Wasebiza abalindi bamasango, basebebikela indlu yenkosi phakathi.

12 Inkosi yasivuka ebusuku, yathi encekwini zayo: Sengizalitshela ukuthi amaSiriya enzeni kithi. Ayazi ukuthi silambile, ngakho aphumile enkambeni ukuyacatsha egangeni esithi: Nxa bephuma emzini, sizababamba bephila, besesingena emzini.

13 Enye yenceku zayo yasiphendula yathi: Ake bathathe amahlanu emabhizeni aseleyo, aseleyo phakathi komuzi, (khangela, afanana lexuku lonke lakoIsrayeli elitshiywe kuwo, khangela, afanana lexuku lonke lakoIsrayeli eliqothuliweyo), kasithume, sibone.

14 Basebethatha amabhiza amabili enqola; inkosi yasithuma emva kwebutho lamaSiriya isithi: Hambani, libone.

15 Basebewalandela kwaze kwaba seJodani; khangela-ke, indlela yonke yayigcwele izembatho lempahla amaSiriya ayekulahlile ekuphangiseni kwawo. Izithunywa zasezibuyela, zayibikela inkosi.

16 Abantu basebephuma bayiphanga inkamba yamaSiriya. Ngakho iseya lempuphu ecolekileyo laselithengiswangeshekeli, lamaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli, njengokwelizwi leNKOSI.

17 Inkosi yasibeka induna eyayeyeme esandleni sayo ukuba ngumlindi phezu kwesango. Abantu bayinyathela esangweni yaze yafa, njengokutsho komuntu kaNkulunkulu owakhuluma ekufikeni kwenkosi kuye.

18 Kwasekusithi njengokutsho komuntu kaNkulunkulu enkosini esithi: Amaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli, leseya lempuphu ecolekileyo ngeshekeli phose ngalesisikhathi kusasa azakuba sesangweni leSamariya.

19 Induna yasimphendula umuntu kaNkulunkulu yathi: Khangela-ke, uba iNKOSI ibingenza amawindi emazulwini, kungenzeka linto yini? Kodwa wathi: Khangela, uzakubona ngamehlo akho, kodwa kawuyikudla okwakho.

20 Kwaba njalo-ke kuye, ngoba abantu bamnyathela esangweni waze wafa.

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Indaba yowesifazana weShunemi

1UElisha wasekhuluma kowesifazana ondodana yakhe ayeyenze yaphila, esithi: Sukuma, uhambe wena lendlu yakho, uyehlala njengowezizwe lapho ongahlala khona njengowezizwe, ngoba iNKOSI ibize indlala, ezafika njalo elizweni iminyaka eyisikhombisa.

2 Owesifazana wasukuma-ke, wenza njengokutsho komuntu kaNkulunkulu; wahamba yena lendlu yakhe, wahlala njengowezizwe elizweni lamaFilisti iminyaka eyisikhombisa.

3 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa, owesifazana waphenduka evela elizweni lamaFilisti; waphuma ukuyakhala enkosini ngendlu yakhe langensimu yakhe.

4 Inkosi yayikhuluma-ke loGehazi inceku yomuntu kaNkulunkulu isithi: Akungilandisele izinto zonke ezinkulu uElisha asezenzile.

5 Kwasekusithi esatshela inkosi ukuthi wavusa njani ofileyo, khangela-ke, owesifazana ondodana yakhe ayeyivuse ekufeni wakhala enkosini ngendlu yakhe langensimu yakhe. UGehazi wasesithi: Nkosi yami, nkosi, nguye lo owesifazana, njalo yiyo le indodana yakhe uElisha ayiphilisayo.

6 Lapho inkosi ibuza owesifazana, wayilandisela. Inkosi yasimmisela induna ethile, isithi: Buyisela konke okwakungokwakhe, laso sonke isivuno sensimu kusukela mhla esuka elizweni kuze kube lamuhla.

UHazayeli uba yinkosi yeSiriya

7 UElisha wasefika eDamaseko, njalo uBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya wayegula.
Wasetshelwa kwathiwa: Umuntu kaNkulunkulu ufikile lapha.

8 Inkosi yasisithi kuHazayeli: Thatha esandleni sakho isipho, uyehlangabeza
umuntu kaNkulunkulu, ubusubuza eNKOSIni ngaye usithi: Ngizasila yini
kulumkhuhlane?

9 UHazayeli wasesiyamhlangabeza, wathatha isipho esandleni sakhe, ngitsho
esakho konke okuhle kweDamaseko, imithwalo yamakamela engamatshumi
amane, weza wema phambi kwakhe, wathi: Indodana yakho uBenihadadi inkosi
yeSiriya ingithumile kuwe isithi: Ngizasila yini kulumkhuhlane?

10 UElisha wasesithi kuye: Hamba uthi kuye: Ungasila lokusila, kodwa
iNKOSI ingibonisile ukuthi uzakufa lokufa.

11 Wasemjolozela waze waba lenhloni. Umuntu kaNkulunkulu waselila.

12 UHazayeli wasesithi: Inkosi yami ililelani? Wasesithi: Ngoba ngiyazi ububi
ozabenza ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli; uzathungela inqaba zabo ngomlilo, ubulale
amajaha abo ngenkemba, uphahlaze abantwanyana babo, uqhaqhe abesifazana
babo abakhulelweyo.

13 Kodwa uHazayeli wathi: Kodwa iyini inceku yakho eyinja nje, ukuthi yenze
linto enkulu? UElisha wasesithi: INKOSI ingibonisile ukuthi uzakuba yinkosi
phezu kweSiriya.

14 Wasesuka kuElisha weza enkosini yakhe eyathi kuye: UElisha utheni kuwe?
Wasesithi: Ungitshele ukuthi uzasila lokusila.

15 Kwasekusithi kusisa wathatha ingubo, wayigxamuza emanzini, wayendlala
phezu kobuso bakhe waze wafa. UHazayeli wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaJoramu koJuda

16 Njalo ngomnyaka wesihlanu kaJoramu indodana kaAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli,
lapho uJehoshafathi eyinkosi yakoJuda, uJehoramu indodana kaJehoshafathi
inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi.

17 Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili lapho esiba yinkosi, wabusa
iminyaka eyisificaminwembili eJerusalema.

18 Wasehamba ezindleleni zamakhosi akoIsrayeli njengokwenza kwendlu
kaAhabi, ngoba indodakazi kaAhabi yayingumkakhe; wenza okubi emehlweni
eNKOSI.

19 Kodwa iNKOSI kayithandanga ukuchitha uJuda ngenxa kaDavida inceku yayo,
njengokuthembisa kwayo kuye ukuthi izanika isibane kuye zonke
izinsuku, lemadodaneni akhe.

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20 Ensukwini zakhe iEdoma yahlamuka isuka phansi kwesandla sakoJuda, yabeka inkosi phezu kwayo.

21 UJoramu wasewelela eZayiri lazo zonke inqola zilaye; yena wavuka ebusuku watshaya amaEdoma ayemzingelezele, lenduna zezinqola; labantu babalekela emathenteni abo.

22 Ngakho iEdoma yahlamuka isuka phansi kwesandla sakoJuda kuze kube lamuhla. Khona iLibhina yahlamuka ngalesosikhathi.

23 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJoramu, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

24 UJoramu waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UAhaziya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaAhaziya koJuda

25 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili kaJoramu indodana kaAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli uAhaziya indodana kaJehoramu, inkosi yakoJuda, waba yinkosi.

26 UAhaziya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili lapho esiba yinkosi, wabusa umnyaka owodwa eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguAthaliya, indodakazi kaOmri inkosi yakoIsrayeli.

27 Wasehamba ngendlela yendlu kaAhabi, wenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, njengendlu kaAhabi, ngoba wayengumkhwenyana wendlu kaAhabi.

28 Wasehamba loJoramu indodana kaAhabi ukulwa loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya eRamothi-Gileyadi; amaSiriya aselimaza uJoramu.

29 UJoramu inkosi wabuyela ukwelatshwa eJizereyeli amanxeba amaSiriya ayemtshaye wona eRama ekulweni kwakhe loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya. UAhaziya indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda wasesehla ukubona uJoramu indodana kaAhabi eJizereyeli, ngoba wayegula.

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UJehu ugcotshwa ukuthi abe yinkosi yakoIsrayeli

1UElisha umprofethi wasebiza omunye wamadodana abaprofethi wathi kuye: Bopha ukhalo lwakho, uthathe lumfuma wamafutha esandleni sakho, uye eRamothi-Gileyadi.

2 Nxa ufika khona udinge lapho uJehu indodana kaJehoshafathi indodana kaNimshi, ungene, umsukumise phakathi kwabafowabo, umngenise ekamelweni elingaphakathi.

3 Ubusuthatha umfuma wamafutha, uwathele ekhanda lakhe uthi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngikugcobile ube yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli. Ubusuvula umnyango, ubaleke, ungaphuzi.

4 Lahamba-ke ijaha lelo, ijaha umprofethi, laya eRamothi-Gileyadi.

5 Ekufikeni kwalo, khangela, induna zebutho zazihlezi, lathi: Ngilombiko kuwe, nduna. UJehu wasesithi: Kubani phakathi kwethu sonke? Laselisithi: Kuwe, nduna.

6 Wasesukuma, wangena endlini; laselithela amafutha ekhanda lakhe, lathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Ngikugcobile ukuthi ube yinkosi phezu kwabantu beNKOSI, phezu kukaIsrayeli.

7 Njalo uzatshaya indlu kaAhabi inkosi yakho, ukuze ngiphindisele igazi lenceku zami abaprofethi, legazi lazo zonke inceku zeNKOSI, esandleni sikaJezebeli.

8 Yonke-ke indlu kaAhabi izabhubha; njalo ngizaquma asuke kuAhabi ochamela emdulini, lovalelweyo lokhululekileyo koIsrayeli.

9 Njalo ngizakwenza indlu kaAhabi njengendlu kaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati lanjengendlu kaBahasha indodana kaAhiya.

10 Lezinja zizakudla uJezebeli esabelweni seJizereyeli, njalo kakuyikuba lomngcwabayo. Laselivula umnyango, labaleka.

11 Kwathi uJehu esephumele encekwini zenkosi yakhe, omunye wathi kuye: Kulungile yini? Luzeleni loluhlanya kuwe? Wasesithi kuzo: Liyamazi lumuntu lenkulumo yakhe.

12 Zasezisithi: Manga! Sitshele khathesi. Wasesithi: Ukhulume ukuthi lokuthi kimi esithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngikugcobile ube yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli.

13 Zaseziphangisa, zathatha, ngulowo lalowo isembatho sakhe, zazibeka ngaphansi kwakhe engqongeni yezikhwelo, zavuthela uphondo, zathi: UJehu uyinkosi!

UJehu ubulala uJehoramu

14 Ngokunjalo uJehu indodana kaJehoshafathi indodana kaNimshi wamenzela ugobe uJoramu. (UJoramu wagcina-ke iRamothi-Gileyadi, yena loIsrayeli wonke, ngenxa kaHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya;

15 kodwa uJehoramu inkosi wayesebuyelele ukwelatshwa eJizereyeli ngamanxeba amaSiriya ayemtshaye wona ekulweni kwakhe loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya.) UJehu wasesithi: Aluba kuyintando yenu, kakungaphumi ophunyukileyo emzini ukuyabika lokhu eJizereyeli.

16 UJehu wasekhwela inqola, waya eJizereyeli, ngoba uJoramu wayelele khona, loAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda wayehle ukuthi abone uJoramu.

17 Umlindi wayemi-ke emphotshongweni eJizereyeli, wabona ixuku likaJehu, yena esiza, wathi: Ngibona ixuku. UJehoramu wathi: Thatha umgadi webhiza umthume ukubahlangabeza, athi: Yikuthula yini?

18 Wasehamba umgadi webhiza ukumhlangabeza, wathi: Itsho njalo inkosi: Yikuthula yini? UJehu wasesithi: Ulani lokuthula? Phendukela ngemva kwami. Umlindi wasebika esithi: Isithunywa sesifikile kibo, kodwa kasiphenduki.

19 Yasithuma umgadi webhiza wesibili, wafika kibo wathi: Itsho njalo inkosi: Yikuthula yini? UJehu wasesithi: Ulani lokuthula? Phendukela ngemva kwami.

20 Umlindi wasebika wathi: Usefikile kibo, kodwa kaphenduki. Lokutshayela kufanana lokutshayela kukaJehuindodana kaNimshi, ngoba utshayela okohlanya.

21 UJehoramu wasesithi: Bophelani. Basebebophela inqola yakhe. UJehoramu inkosi yakoIsrayeli loAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda basebephuma, ngulowo lalowo enqoleni yakhe, baphuma ukuhlangabeza uJehu, bamthola esiqintini sikaNabothi umJizereyeli.

22 Kwasekusithi uJehoramu ebona uJehu wathi: Yikuthula yini, Jehu? Wasesithi: Ukuthula bani, selokhu ukuwula kukaJezebeli unyoko lokuthakatha kwakhe kukunengi kangaka?

23 UJehoramu wasephendula izandla zakhe wabaleka, wathi kuAhaziya: Yinkohliso, Ahaziya!

24 UJehu wasedonsisisa idandili, watshaya uJehoramu phakathi kweziphanga zakhe, lomtshoko waphuma enhliziyweni yakhe, wasekhothama enqoleni yakhe.

25 Wasesithi kuBidikari induna yakhe: Mphakamise, umphosele esiqintini sensimu kaNabothi umJizereyeli; ngoba khumbula mina lawe sigade sobabili ngemva kukaAhabi uyise, iNKOSI yamethesa lumthwalo:

26 Ngibonile isibili izolo igazi likaNabothi legazi lamadodana akhe, itsho iNKOSI, ngizaphindisela kuwe kulesisiqinti, itsho iNKOSI. Ngakho-ke mphakamise umphosele kulesisiqinti, njengokwelizwi leNKOSI.

UJehu ubulala uAhaziya

27 UAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda esebonile lokhu wabaleka, ngendlela yendlu yesivande. UJehu wasexotshana laye, wathi: Mtshayeni laye enqoleni, emqansweni weGuri elingaseIbileyamu. Wasebalekela eMegido, wafela khona.

28 Inceku zakhe zasezimthwala zamusa eJerusalema, zamngcwaba engcwabeni lakhe kuboyise emzini kaDavida.

29 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye kaJoramu indodana kaAhabi, uAhaziya waba yinkosi phezu kukaJuda.

Ukubulawa kukaJezebeli

30 UJehu esefikile eJizereyeli, uJezebeli wakuzwa. Wasecomba amehlo akhe, wacecisa ikhanda lakhe, walunguza ngewindi.

31 Lapho-ke uJehu engena esangweni, wasesithi: Yikuthula yini, Zimri, mbulali wenkosi yakho?

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32 Wasephakamisela ubuso bakhe ewindini, wathi: Ngubani ongakimi? Ngubani?
Kwasekulunguza kuye abathenwa ababili, abathathu.

33 Wasesithi: Mphoseleni phansi. Basebemphosela phansi; lelinye legazi lakhe
lachaphakela emdulini lemabhizeni; wasemnyathelela phansi.

34 Wasengena wadla wanatha, wathi: Ake libone lo umqalekiswakazi
limngcwabe, ngoba uyindodakazi yenkosi.

35 Basebesiyamngcwaba, kodwa kabaficanga lutho olwakhe ngaphandle
kokhakhayi lenyawo lempama zezandla.

36 Ngakho babuyela bamtshela; wasesithi: Leli yilizwi leNKOSI eyalikhuluma
ngesandla senceku yayo uElija umTishibi lisithi: Esiqintini seJizereyeli izinja
zizakudla inyama kaJezebeli;

37 lesidumbu sikaJezebeli sizakuba njengomquba ebusweni bomhlabathi
esiqintini seJizereyeli, ukuze bangathi: Lo nguJezebeli.

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UJehu uchitha indlu kaAhabi

1 Njalo uAhabi wayelamadodana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa eSamariya. UJehu
wasebhala izincwadi, wazithumela eSamariya kubabusi beJizereyeli, abadala,
lakubondli bamadodana kaAhabi, esithi:

2 Ngakho-ke nxa lincwadi ifika kini, lokhu amadodana enkosi yenu akini, futhi
izinqola lamabhiza kukini, lomuzi obiyelweyo, lezikhali,

3 ziboneleni-ke ongcono kakhulu lofaneleyo kulabo bonke ebantwaneni benkosi
yenu, limbeke esihlalweni sobukhosi sikayise, lilwele indlu yenkosi yenu.

4 Kodwa besaba kakhulukazi bathi: Khangelani, amakhosi amabili kawemanga
phambi kwakhe; thina-ke sizakuma njani?

5 Umphathi wendlu lomphathi womuzi labadala labondli babantwana bathumela
kuJehu besithi: Siyizinceku zakho, sizakwenza konke okutshoyo kithi.
Kasiyikubeka muntu abe yinkosi. Yenza okuhle emehlweni akho.

6 Wasebabhalela incwadi okwesibili esithi: Uba lingabami, lilalela ilizwi lami,
thathani amakhanda alawomadoda, amadodana enkosi yenu, lize kimi eJizereyeli
ngalesisikhathi kusasa. Lamadodana enkosi, abantu abangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa, ayelezikhulu zomuzi ezaziwakhulisa.

7 Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwencwadi kubo, bathatha amadodana enkosi, babulala
abantu abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, bafaka amakhanda awo ezitsheni,
bawesa kuye eJizereyeli.

8 Kwasekusiza isithunywa sambikela sisithi: Sebewalethile amakhanda amadodana enkosi. Wasesithi: Abekeni abe zinqumbi ezimbili ekungeneni kwesango kuze kube sekuseni.

9 Kwasekusithi ekuseni waphuma wema wathi ebantwini bonke: Lina lilungile. Khangelani, mina ngenzela inkosi yami ugobe, ngayibulala; pho, ngubani obulele bonke laba?

10 Yazini khathesi ukuthi kakuyikuwela lutho emhlabathini okwelizwi leNKOSI, iNKOSI eyalikhuluma ngendlu kaAhabi, ngoba iNKOSI yenzile eyakukhulumayo ngesandla senceku yayo uElija.

11 UJehu wasetshaya bonke ababesele endlini kaAhabi eJizereyeli, lazo zonke izikhulu zakhe, labazana laye, labapristi bakhe, akaze amtshiyela oseleyo.

12 Wasesukuma wahamba waya eSamariya. Endlini yokugunda yabelusi endleleni,

13 uJehu wahlangana labafowabo bakaAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda, wathi: Lingobani? Basebesithi: Singabafowabo bakaAhaziya, sehlela ukubingelela abantwana benkosi, labantwana bendlovukazi.

14 Wasesithi: Babambeni bephila. Basebebabamba bephila, bababulalela emgodini weBeti-Ekedi, amadoda angamatshumi amane lambili, katshiyanga loyedwa wabo.

15 Esesukile lapho wahlangana loJehonadabi indodana kaRekabi ezemhlangabeza; wambingelela wathi kuye: Inhliziyo yakho iqondile yini, njengoba inhliziyo yami ikanye lenhliziyo yakho? UJehonadabi wasesithi: Injalo. Uba kunjalo, ngipha isandla sakho. Wasemnika isandla sakhe; wasemkhweza enqoleni kuye.

16 Wasesithi: Hamba lami, ubone ukuyitshisekela kwami iNKOSI. Basebemgadisa enqoleni yakhe.

17 Ekufikeni kwakhe eSamariya wabatshaya bonke ababesele kuAhabi eSamariya waze wamqeda, njengokwelizwi leNKOSI eyalikhuluma kuElija.

UJehu uqeda inkonzo kaBhali koIsrayeli

18 UJehu wasebuthanisa bonke abantu, wathi kibo: UAhabi wakhonza kancinyane uBhali: UJehu uzamkhonza kakhulu.

19 Ngakho-ke ngibizelani abaprofethi bakaBhali bonke, izinceku zakhe zonke labo bonke abapristi bakhe, kungabi lamuntu ongekho, ngoba ngilomhlatshelo omkhulu kuBhali; loba ngubani ongayikuba khona kayikuphila. Kodwa uJehu wakwenza ngobuqili ukuze abulale izinceku zikaBhali.

20 UJehu wasesithi: Mehlukaniseleni umhlangano onzulu uBhali. Basebewumemezela.

21 UJehu wasethumela kuye wonke uIsrayeli; zonke izinceku zikaBhali zasezisiza, kakwaze kwasala loyedwa ongabuyanga. Bangena endlini kaBhali, yaze yagcwala indlu kaBhali kusukela emsamo kusiya emnyango.

22 Wasesithi kulowo owayephethe indlu yezembatho: Khuphela bonke abakhonzi bakaBhali izembatho. Wasebakhuphela izembatho.

23 Wasengena uJehu eloJehonadabi indodana kaRekabi endlini kaBhali, wathi kuzinceku zikaBhali: Hlolani libone ukuthi kakukho kini abezinceku zeNKOSI lapha, kodwa izinceku zikaBhali kuphela.

24 Sebengene ukwenza imihlatshelo leminikelo yokutshiswa, uJehu wazimisela amadoda angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ngaphandle, wasesithi: Umuntu oyekela kumadoda engiwabeka ezandleni zenu iphunyuke, impilo yakhe izakuba sendaweni yempilo yayo.

25 Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukwenza iminikelo yokutshiswa, uJehu wasesithi kubalindi lezinduneni: Ngenani libatshaye, kungaphumi muntu. Basebebatshaya ngobukhali benkemba; abalindi lezinduna basebebaphosela phandle, baya emzini wendlu kaBhali.

26 Bakhupha endlini kaBhali insika eziyizithombe, bazitshisa.

27 Badiliza insika kaBhali eyisithombe, badiliza indlu kaBhali, bayenza yaba yindlu yokuyela ngaphandle kuze kube lamuhla.

28 Ngokunjalo uJehu wachitha uBhali wamkhupha koIsrayeli.

29 Kodwa ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli one, uJehu kasukanga ekuzilandeleni, amathole egolide ayeseBhetheli lawayekoDani.

30 INKOSI yasisithi kuJehu: Ngoba wenze kuhle ngokwenza okulungileyo emehlweni ami, wenza endlini kaAhabi njengakho konke okwakusenhliziyweni yami, amadodana akho kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesine azahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sakoIsrayeli.

31 Kodwa uJehu kaqaphelisanga ukuhamba emlayweni weNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke; kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu owenza uIsrayeli one.

32 Ngalezonsuku iNKOSI yaqala ukuquma isusa koIsrayeli. UHazayeli wasebatshaya kuyo yonke imingcele yakoIsrayeli,

33 kusukela eJodani empumalanga, ilizwe lonke leGileyadi, abakoGadi labakoRubeni labakoManase, kusukela eAroweri engasesifuleni seArinoni, leGileyadi leBashani.

34 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehu, lakho konke akwenzayo, lamandla akhe wonke, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

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35 UJehu waselala laboyise, bamngcwabela eSamariya. UJehowahazi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

36 Lesikhathi uJehu abusa ngaso phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya sasiyiminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili.

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UAthaliya uzibeka abe ngumbusi

1 UAthaliya unina kaAhaziya esebonile ukuthi indodana yakhe ifile, wasukuma wachitha yonke inzalo yesikhosini.

2 Kodwa uJehosheba indodakazi yenkosi uJoramu, udadewabo kaAhaziya, wathatha uJowashi indodana kaAhaziya, wameba phakathi kwamadodana enkosi abulawayo, yena lomlizane wakhe ekamelweni lokulala. Basebemfihla ebusweni bukaAthaliya ukuze angabulawa.

3 Wayelaye-ke efihliwe endlini yeNKOSI iminyaka eyisithupha; uAthaliya wasebusa phezu kwelizwe.

4 Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uJehoyada wasethuma wathatha izinduna zamakhulu, lamaKariti kanye labalindi, wabaletha kuye endlini yeNKOSI. Wenza isivumelwano labo, wabafungisa endlini yeNKOSI, wabatshengisa indodana yenkosi.

5 Wasebalaya esithi: Nansi into elizayenza: Ingxenye eyodwa kwezintathu yenu elingena ngesabatha izakuba ngabalindi bomlindo wendlu yenkosi,

6 lengxenye eyodwa kwezintathu izakuba sesangweni leSuri, lengxenye eyodwa kwezintathu esangweni ngemva kwabalindi; ngokunjalo lizalinda umlindo wendlu, ingafohlelwa.

7 Lengxenye ezimbili zenu lonke eliphuma ngesabatha, bona bazagcina umlindo wendlu yeNKOSI mayelana lenkosi.

8 Lizazingelezela inkosi inhlangothi zonke, ngulowo lalowo elezikhali esandleni sakhe; lozangena kokuhleliweyo uzabulawa. Libe lenkosi ekuphumeni kwayo lekungeneni kwayo.

9 Induna zamakhulu zasezisenza njengakho konke uJehoyada umpristi akulayayo; zathatha, yileyo laleyo abantu bayo abangena ngesabatha lalabo abaphuma ngesabatha, zafika kuJehoyada umpristi.

10 Umpristi wasenika izinduna zamakhulu imikhonto lezihlangu ezazingezenkosi uDavida ezazisendlini yeNKOSI.

11 Abalindi basebesima, ngulowo lalowo elezikhali esandleni sakhe, kusukela kwesokunene sendlu kusiya kwesokhohlo sendlu, ngaselathini langasendlini, enkosini inhlangothi zonke.

12 Waseyikhupha indodana yenkosi, wayethesa umqhele, wayinika ubufakazi;
bayibeka yaba yinkosi, bayigcoba, batshaya izandla, basebesithi: Kayiphile
inkosi!

13 UAthaliya esizwa umsindo wabalindi lowabantu waya ebantwini endlini
yeNKOSI;

14 wabona, khangela-ke, inkosi yayimi ngasensikeni njengomkhuba, lezinduna
labavutheli bezimpondo bengasenkosini, labantu bonke belizwe bethokoza
bavuthela izimpondo. UAthaliya wasedabula izigqoko zakhe, wamemeza wathi:
Ugobe! Ugobe!

15 UJehoyada umpristi waselaya induna zamakhulu, abaphathi bebutho, wathi
kubo: Mkhupheleni ngaphandle kokuhleliweyo, lomlandelayo limbulale
ngenkemba. Ngoba umpristi wathi: Kangabulawelwa endlini kaJehova.

16 Basebembamba ngezandla, wasehamba ngendlela yokungena kwamabhiza
endlini yenkosi, wabulawelwa khonapho.

17 UJehoyada wasesenza isivumelwano phakathi kukaJehova lenkosi labantu
ukuthi babe ngabantu bakaJehova; laphakathi kwenkosi labantu.

18 Bonke abantu belizwe basebengena endlini kaBhali, bayidilizela phansi;
amalathi akhe lezithombe zakhe baziphahlaza ngokupheleleyo, loMathani
umpristi kaBhali bambulala phambi kwamalathi. Umpristi wasebeka abaphathi
phezu kwendlu yeNKOSI.

19 Wasethatha izinduna zamakhulu lamaKariti labalindi labo bonke abantu
belizwe, bayehlisa inkosi isuka endlini kaJehova, beza ngendlela yesango
labalindi endlini yenkosi. Yasihlala esihlalweni sobukhosi samakhosi.

20 Bonke abantu belizwe basebethokoza. Umuzi wasusiba lokuthula, sebembulele
uAthaliya ngenkembangasendlini yenkosi.

21 UJehowashi wayeleminyaka eyisikhombisa lapho esiba yinkosi.

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Ukubusa kukaJowashi koJuda

1Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kaJehu uJehowashi waba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka
engamatshumi amane eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguZibiya weBherishebha.

2 UJehowashi wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI zonke izinsuku zakhe
uJehoyada umpristi amfundisa ngazo.

3 Kodwa indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu benikela
imihlatshelo betshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo.

4 UJehowashi wasesithi kubapristi: Yonke imali yezinto ezehlukanisiweyo
elethwa endlini kaJehova, imali yalowo lalowo odlulayo kwababaliweyo, imali

yalowo lalowo umuntu ayilinganisileyo, yonke imali, okuvela enhliziyweni yaloba nguwuphi umuntu ukuyiletha endlini yeNKOSI;

5 abapristi kabayithathe kubo, ngulowo lalowo komejwayeleyo, balungise izikhala zendlu, loba kungaphi lapho okutholwa khona izikhala.

6 Kodwa kwathi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lantathu wenkosi uJehowashi abapristi babengakalungisi izikhala zendlu.

7 Inkosi uJehowashi yasibiza uJehoyada umpristi labapristi, yathi kibo: Kungani lingalungisi izikhala zendlu? Ngakho-ke lingathathi imali kwelibejwayeleyo kodwa liyinikele izikhala zendlu.

8 Abapristi basebevuma ukuthi kabasayikuthatha imali ebantwini lokuthi kabayikulungisa izikhala zendlu.

9 UJehoyada umpristi wasethatha ibhokisi elilodwa, wabhoboza isikhala esivalweni salo, walibeka eceleni kwelathi ngakwesokunene nxa umuntu engena endlini yeNKOSI. Abapristi-ke abalinda umbundu bafaka kulo yonke imali eyalethwa endlini yeNKOSI.

10 Kwakusithi sebebona ukuthi imali isinengi ebhokisini, umabhalane wenkosi, lompristi omkhulu benyuke, bayibophe bayibale imali eyatholwa endlini yeNKOSI.

11 Basebenikela imali elinganisiweyo ezandleni zabenzi bomsebenzi, zababonisi bendlu yeNKOSI, bayikhuphela kubabazi bezigodo lakubakhi ababesebenza endlini yeNKOSI,

12 lakwabakha ngamatshe lakubabazi bamatshe, lokuthenga izigodo lamatshe abaziweyo ukulungisa izikhala zendlu yeNKOSI, lakukho konke okwakhutshelwa indlu ukuyilungisa.

13 Kodwa kayenzelwanga indlu yeNKOSI imiganu yesiliva, izindlawu, imiganu yokufafaza, izimpondo zokukhaliswa, laziphi izitsha zegolide lezitsha zesiliva zemali eyalethwa endlini yeNKOSI,

14 kodwa bayinika abenzi bomsebenzi, basebelungisa ngayo indlu yeNKOSI.

15 Njalo kababalelananga labantu abanikela imali esandleni sabo, ukupha abenzi bomsebenzi, ngoba benza ngokuthembeka.

16 Imali yomnikelo wecala lemali yeminikelo yesono kayilethwanga endlini yeNKOSI; yayingeyabapristi.

17 Ngalesosikhathi uHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya wenyuka walwa emelene leGathi, wayithumba. UHazayeli wasekhangelisa ubuso bakhe ukwenyuka amelane leJerusalema.

18 Kodwa uJehowashi inkosi yakoJuda wathatha zonke izinto ezingcwelisiweyo uJehoshafathi loJoramu loAhaziya oyise, amakhosi akoJuda, ababezingcwelisile, lezakhe izinto ezingcwelisiweyo, legolide lonke elatholwa enothweni yendlu

kaJehova lendlu yenkosi, wakuthumela kuHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya. Wasesenyuka wasuka eJerusalema.

19 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJowashi, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

20 Inceku zakhe zasezisukuma zenza ugobe, zamtshaya uJowashi endlini yeMilo eyehlela eSila.

21 Ngoba oJozakari indodana kaShimeyathi loJehozabadi indodana kaShomeri, inceku zakhe, bamtshaya, wafa; basebemngcwaba kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UAmaziya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Ukubusa kukaJehowahazi

1Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lantathu kaJowashi indodana kaAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda uJehowahazi indodana kaJehu waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa.

2 Wenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, walandela izono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli one, kasukanga kuzo.

3 Ulaka lweNKOSI lwaselumvuthela uIsrayeli, yabanikela esandleni sikaHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya lesandleni sikaBenihadadi indodana kaHazayeli, zonke lezonsuku.

4 UJehowahazi wasencenga ubuso beNKOSI, iNKOSI yamuzwa, ngoba yabona incindezelo kaIsrayeli, ngoba inkosi yeSiriya yabacindezela.

5 (INKOSI yasisipha uIsrayeli umsindisi ukuze baphume ngaphansi kwesandla samaSiriya; abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebehlala emathenteni abo njengakuqala.

6 Loba kunjalo kabasukanga ezonweni zendlu kaJerobhowamu owenza uIsrayeli one, bahamba kuzo; lesixuku laso sasilokhu siseSamariya.)

7 Ngoba kayimtshiyelanga uJehowahazi abantu, kuphela abagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi amahlanu, lenqola ezilitshumi, labahamba ngenyawo abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi; ngoba inkosi yeSiriya yayibabhubhisile, yabenza baba njengothuli ngokubhula.

8 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehowahazi, lakho konke akwenzayo, lamandla akhe, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

9 UJehowahazi waselala laboyise, bamngcwabela eSamariya; uJowashi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaJowashi koIsrayeli

10 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda uJehowashi indodana kaJehowahazi waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha.

11 Laye wenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, kasukanga ezonweni zonke
zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli one; wahamba kuzo.

12 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJowashi, lakho konke akwenzayo, lamandla akhe alwa
ngawo loAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando
yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

13 UJowashi waselala laboyise, uJerobhowamu wasehlala esihlalweni sakhe
sobukhosi. UJowashi wangcwatshelwa eSamariya lamakhosi akoIsrayeli.

Ukugula lokufa kukaElisha

14 UElisha wasegula umkhuhlane wakhe afa ngawo; uJowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli
wasesehlela kuye, wakhala inyembezi phezu kobuso bakhe, wathi: Baba wami!
Baba wami! Nqola yakoIsrayeli lamabhiza ayo!

15 UElisha wasesithi kuye: Thatha idandili lemitshoko. Wasezithathela idandili
lemitshoko.

16 Wasesithi enkosini yakoIsrayeli: Beka isandla sakho edandilini. Wasesibeka
isandla sakhe. UElisha wasebeka izandla zakhe phezu kwezandla zenkosi.

17 Wasesithi: Vula iwindi ngempumalanga. Yasilivula. UElisha wasesithi: Tshoka!
Yasitshoka. Wasesithi: Umtshoko wenkululeko yeNKOSI, lomtshoko wenkululeko
kuSiriya. Ngoba uzatshaya amaSiriya eAfeki uze uwaqede.

18 Wasesithi: Thatha imitshoko. Yasiyithatha. Wasesithi enkosini yakoIsrayeli:
Tshaya emhlabathini. Yasitshaya kathathu, yasisima.

19 Umuntu kaNkulunkulu waseyithukuthelela, wathi: Ngabe utshaye kahlanu
kumbe kasithupha, ngakho ubuzayitshaya iSiriya uze uyiqede; khathesi-ke
uzatshaya iSiriya kathathu kuphela.

20 UElisha wasesifa, basebemngcwaba. Amaviyo amaMowabi asengena elizweni
ekuthwaseni komnyaka.

21 Kwasekusithi bengcwaba umuntu, khangela-ke, babona iviyo, baphosela
lowomuntu engcwabeni likaElisha. Kwathi umuntu esiyathinta amathambo
kaElisha waphila, wasukuma wema ngenyawo.

22 UHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya wasecindezela uIsrayeli insuku zonke
zikaJehowahazi.

23 INKOSI yasisiba lomusa kibo, yaba lesihawu kubo, yaphendukela kibo ngenxa
yesivumelwano sayo loAbrahama, uIsaka, loJakobe, kayithandanga
ukubabhubhisa, kayibaxotshanga ebusweni bayo kuze kube khathesi.

24 UHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya wasesifa; uBenihadadi indodana yakhe wasesiba
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

25 UJehowashi indodana kaJehowahazi wasebuya wathatha imizi esandleni sikaBenihadadi indodana kaHazayeli owayeyithethe esandleni sikaJehowahazi uyise ngempi. UJowashi wamtshaya kathathu, waseyibuyisela imizi yakoIsrayeli.

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Ukubusa kukaAmaziya

1 Ngomnyaka wesibili kaJowashi indodana kaJehowazi, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, uAmaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi.

2 Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJehowadani weJerusalema.

3 Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI, kodwa kungenjengoDavida uyise; wenza njengakho konke uJowashi uyise akwenzayo.

4 Loba kunjalo indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo betshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo.

5 Kwasekusithi umbuso wakhe usuqinisiwe esandleni sakhe, watshaya inceku zakhe ezazitshaye inkosi uyise.

6 Kodwa abantwana bababulali kababulalanga, njengokubhaliweyo ogwalweni lomlayo kaMozisi lapho iNKOSIeyalaya khona isithi: Oyise kabayikubulawa ngenxa yabantwana, labantwana kabayikubulawa ngenxa yaboyise, kodwa wonke umuntu uzabulawelwa isono sakhe.

7 Yena wasetshaya amaEdoma azinkulungwane ezilitshumi esihotsheni setshwayi, wathumba iSela ngempi, wabiza ibizo layo ngokuthi yiJokhitheyeli, kuze kube lamuhla.

8 Khona uAmaziya wathuma izithunywa kuJehowashi indodana kaJehowahazi indodana kaJehu, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, esithi: Woza sikhangelane ubuso ngobuso.

9 UJehowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasethumela kuAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda esithi: Ukhula oluhlabayo oluseLebhanoni lwathumela emsedarini oseLebhanoni lusithi: Nika indodakazi yakho endodaneni yami ibe ngumkayo; kwasekusedlula isilo seganga esiseLebhanoni, salugxoba ukhula oluhlabayo.

10 Uyitshayile lokuyitshaya iEdoma, inhliziyo yakho isikuphakamisile; dumiseka, uhlale endlini yakho; ngoba kungani uzivusela ububi ukuze uwe wena loJuda kanye lawe?

11 Kodwa uAmaziya kezwanga. Ngakho uJehowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli wenyuka, yena-ke loAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda bakhangelana ubuso ngobuso eBeti-Shemeshi eyakoJuda.

12 UJuda wasetshaywa phambi kukaIsrayeli; basebebaleka, ngulowo lalowo waya ethenteni lakhe.

13 UJehowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasembamba uAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda, indodana kaJehowashi indodana kaAhaziya, eBeti-Shemeshi; wafika eJerusalema, wadilizela phansi umduli weJerusalema, kusukela esangweni lakoEfrayimi kusiya esangweni lengonsi, ingalo ezingamakhulu amane.

14 Wasethatha lonke igolide lesiliva, lezitsha zonke ezatholakala endlini kaJehova lezendlini zenotho zendlu yenkosi, kanye labayisibambiso, wasebuyela eSamariya.

15 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehowashi azenzayo, lamandla akhe, lokuthi walwa njani loAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

16 UJehowashi waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa eSamariya emakhosini akoIsrayeli. UJerobhowamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

17 UAmaziya indodana kaJowashi, inkosi yakoJuda, wasephila iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu emva kokufa kukaJehowashi indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yakoIsrayeli.

18 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAmaziya, kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

19 Basebemenzela ugobe eJerusalema, wabalekela eLakishi; kodwa bathuma bamlandela eLakishi, bambulalela khona.

20 Basebemthwala ngamabhiza, wangcwatshelwa eJerusalema kuboyise emzini kaDavida.

21 Bonke abantu bakoJuda basebethatha uAzariya, owayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha, bambeka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise uAmaziya.

22 Yena wakha iElathi, wayibuyisela koJuda emva kokulala kwenkosi laboyise.

Ukubusa kukaJerobhowamu

23 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu kaAmaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda uJerobhowamu indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli waba yinkosi eSamariya; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye.

24 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI; kasukanga ezonweni zonke zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli one.

25 Yena wabuyisela umngcele wakoIsrayeli kusukela ekungeneni kweHamathi kuze kufike elwandle lwamagceke, njengokwelizwi leNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, eyalikhuluma ngesandla senceku yayo uJona indodana kaAmithayi umprofethi, owayevela eGathi-Heferi.

26 Ngoba iNKOSI yabona ukuhlupheka kukaIsrayeli, kwakubaba kakhulu, ngoba kwakungekho ovalelweyo, njalo engekho okhululekileyo, njalo kungelamsizi kaIsrayeli.

27 INKOSI yayingatshongo-ke ukuthi izalesula ibizo likaIsrayeli ngaphansi kwamazulu; kodwa yabasindisa ngesandla sikaJerobhowamu indodana kaJowashi.

28 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJerobhowamu, lakho konke akwenzayo, lamandla akhe, ukuthi walwa njani, lokuthi wayibuyisela njani koIsrayeli iDamaseko leHamathi, engeyeJuda, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

29 UJerobhowamu waselala laboyise, emakhosini akoIsrayeli. UZekhariya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Ukubusa kukaAzariya

1Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa kaJerobhowamu, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, uAzariya indodana kaAmaziya, inkosi yakoJuda, waba yinkosi.

2 Wayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha lapho esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lambili eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJekoliya weJerusalema.

3 Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI njengakho konke uAmaziya uyise akwenzayo.

4 Kodwa indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo betshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo.

5 UJehova wayitshaya inkosi, yasisiba ngumlephero kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwayo. Yahlala endlini eyehlukanisiweyo. UJothamu indodana yenkosi wasephatha indlu, esahlulela abantu belizwe.

6 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAzariya, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

7 UAzariya waselala laboyise, bamngcwaba kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UJothamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaZekhariya

8 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili kaAzariya inkosi yakoJuda uZekhariya indodana kaJerobhowamu wabusa phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya inyanga eziyisithupha.

9 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI njengokwenza kwaboyise; kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli one.

10 UShaluma indodana kaJabeshi wasemenzela ugobe, wamtshaya phambi kwabantu wambulala, wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

11 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaZekhariya, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli.

12 Leli yilizwi leNKOSI eyalikhuluma kuJehu isithi: Amadodana akho azahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesine. Kwaba njalo-ke.

Ukubusa kukaShaluma

13 UShaluma indodana kaJabeshi waba yinkosi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye kaUziya inkosi yakoJuda; wabusa inyanga egcweleyo eSamariya.

14 Ngoba uMenahema indodana kaGadi wenyuka esuka eTiriza, weza eSamariya, wamtshaya uShaluma indodana kaJabeshi eSamariya wambulala; wabusa esikhundleni sakhe.

15 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaShaluma, logobe lwakhe alwenzayo, khangela, kubhaliwe egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli.

Ukubusa kukaMenahema

16 Khona uMenahema wasetshaya iThifisa, lakho konke okwakukiyo, lemingcele yayo kusukela eTiriza, ngoba bengamvulelanga. Ngakho wayitshaya; bonke abesifazana bayo abakhulelweyo wabaqhaqha.

17 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye kaAzariya inkosi yakoJuda uMenahema indodana kaGadi waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi eSamariya.

18 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI; kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli one, insuku zakhe zonke.

19 UPhuli inkosi yeAsiriya weza wamelana lelizwe; uMenahema wasenika uPhuli amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane ukuze isandla sakhe sibe laye ukuqinisa umbuso esandleni sakhe.

20 UMenahema wasekhuphisa uIsrayeli imali, yabo bonke abantu abalamandla enothweni, ukupha inkosi yeAsiriya; amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu kuleyo laleyondoda. Inkosi yeAsiriya yasibuyela, kayaze yahlala lapho elizweni.

21 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaMenahema, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

22 UMenahema waselala laboyise; uPhekahiya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaPhekahiya

23 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu kaAzariya inkosi yakoJuda uPhekahiya indodana kaMenahema waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya, wabusa iminyaka emibili.

24 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI; kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli one.

25 Kodwa uPheka indodana kaRemaliya, induna yakhe, wamenzela ugobe wamtshaya eSamariya enqabeni yendlu yenkosi, kanye loArigobi loAriye, njalo kanye laye abantu abangamatshumi amahlanu bamaGileyadi. Wambulala, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

26 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaPhekahiya, lakho konke akwenzayo, khangela, kubhaliwe egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli.

Ukubusa kukaPheka

27 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu lambili kaAzariya inkosi yakoJuda uPheka indodana kaRemaliya waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili.

28 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI; kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli one.

29 Ensukwini zikaPheka inkosi yakoIsrayeli kwafika uTigilathi Pileseri inkosi yeAsiriya, wathatha iIjoni, leAbeli-Beti-Mahaka, leJanowa, leKedeshi, leHazori, leGileyadi, leGalili, ilizwe lonke lakoNafithali; wabathumbela eAsiriya.

30 UHosheya indodana kaEla wasesenza ugobe emelene loPheka indodana kaRemaliya, wamtshaya wambulala, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili kaJothamu, indodana kaUziya.

31 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaPheka, lakho konke akwenzayo, khangela, kubhaliwe egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli.

Ukubusa kukaJothamu

32 Ngomnyaka wesibili kaPheka indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yakoIsrayeli uJothamu indodana kaUziya inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi.

33 Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJerusha indodakazi kaZadoki.

34 Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI; wenza njengakho konke uUziya uyise ayekwenzile.

35 Kodwa indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo betshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo. Yena wakha isango elingaphezulu endlini yeNKOSI.

36 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJothamu, azenzayo, kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

37 Ngalezonsuku iNKOSI yaqala ukuthumela koJuda uRezini inkosi yeSiriya loPheka indodana kaRemaliya.

38 UJothamu waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida uyise. UAhazi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Ukubusa kukaAhazi

1Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesikhombisa kaPheka indodana kaRemaliya uAhazi indodana kaJothamu inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi.

2 UAhazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. Kenzanga-ke okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe, njengoDavida uyise.

3 Kodwa wahamba ngendlela yamakhosi akoIsrayeli, yebo, futhi wenza indodana yakhe idabule emlilweni, njengezinengiso zezizwe iNKOSI eyazixotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

4 Wanikela imihlatshelo watshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo laphezu kwamaqaqa langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza.

5 Khona uRezini inkosi yeSiriya loPheka indodana kaRemaliya, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, benyukela eJerusalema ukulwa, bamvimbezela uAhazi kodwa kababanga lakho ukunqoba.

6 Ngalesosikhathi uRezini inkosi yeSiriya wabuyisela iElathi eSiriya, waxotsha amaJuda eElathi; amaSiriya asesiza eElathi ahlala khona kuze kube lamuhla.

7 UAhazi wasethuma izithunywa kuTigilathi Pileseri inkosi yeAsiriya esithi: Ngiyinceku yakho lendodana yakho; yenyuka ungisindise esandleni senkosi yeSiriya lesandleni senkosi yakoIsrayeli abangivukelayo.

8 UAhazi wasethatha isiliva legolide okwakutholwa endlini kaJehova lenothweni yendlu yenkosi, wathumela isipho enkosini yeAsiriya.

9 Inkosi yeAsiriya yasimlalela, ngoba inkosi yeAsiriya yenyuka imelene leDamaseko yayithumba, yabathumbela eKiri abantu bayo, yabulala uRezini.

10 Inkosi uAhazi yasisiya eDamaseko ukuhlangana loTigilathi Pileseri inkosi yeAsiriya, yabona ilathi elaliseDamaseko. Inkosi uAhazi yasithumela kuUriya umpristi isimo selathi lomfanekiso walo njengokwenziwa kwalo konke.

11 U-Uriya umpristi wasesakha ilathi njengakho konke uAhazi akuthumela kuvela eDamaseko; uUriya umpristi wenza njalo, yaze yafika inkosi uAhazi ivela eDamaseko.

12 Inkosi isibuyile eDamaseko inkosi yalibona ilathi. Inkosi yasondela elathini, yanikela phezu kwalo.

13 Yasitshisa umnikelo wayo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wayo wokudla, yathela umnikelo wayo wokunathwayo, yafafaza igazi leminikelo yokuthula eyayilayo phezu kwelathi.

14 Kodwa ilathi lethusi elaliphambi kweNKOSI yaliletha lisuka phambi kwendlu, lisuka phakathi kwelathi lendlu yeNKOSI, yalifaka ehlangothini lwenyakatho lwelathi.

15 Inkosi uAhazi yasimlaya uUriya umpristi isithi: Phezu kwelathi elikhulu tshisa umnikelo wokutshiswa wekuseni, lomnikelo wokudla wantambama, lomnikelo wokutshiswa wenkosi, lomnikelo wayo wokudla, lomnikelo wokutshiswa wabo bonke abantu belizwe, lomnikelo wabo wokudla, leminikelo yabo yokunathwayo; ufafaze phezu kwalo lonke igazi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lalo lonke igazi lomhlatshelo. Kodwa ilathi lethusi lizakuba ngelami ukubuza ngalo.

16 U-Uriya umpristi wasesenza njengakho konke inkosi uAhazi eyayikulayile.

17 Inkosi uAhazi yasiquma imiphetho yezisekelo, yasusa inditshi yokugezela kuzo, yethula ulwandle phezu kwenkabi zethusi ezazingaphansi kwalo, yalubeka phezu kokugandelwe ngamatshe.

18 Lokwembesiweyo kwesabatha ababekwakhe endlini, lentuba yenkosi phandle, yakususa endlini yeNKOSI, ngenxa yenkosi yeAsiriya.

19 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAhazi azenzayo, kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

20 UAhazi waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UHezekhiya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Ukunqotshwa kweSamariya lokuchithwa kwelakoIsrayeli

1Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili kaAhazi inkosi yakoJuda uHosheya indodana kaEla waba yinkosi eSamariya phezu kukaIsrayeli; wabusa iminyaka eyisificamunwemunye.

2 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, loba kunjalo kungenjengamakhosi akoIsrayeli ayengaphambi kwakhe.

3 UShalimaneseri inkosi yeAsiriya wenyuka wamelana laye; uHosheya wasesiba yinceku yakhe, wathela umthelo kuye.

4 Kodwa inkosi yeAsiriya yafica ugobe kuHosheya, ngoba wayethume izithunywa kuSo inkosi yeGibhithe, kazabe esenyusa umthelo enkosini yeAsiriya umnyaka ngomnyaka. Ngakho inkosi yeAsiriya yamvalela yambopha entolongweni.

5 Inkosi yeAsiriya yasisenyukela kulo lonke ilizwe, yenyukela eSamariya, yayivimbezela iminyaka emithathu.

6 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye kaHosheya, inkosi yeAsiriya yathumba iSamariya yathumbela uIsrayeli eAsiriya, yabahlalisa eHala leHabori, umfula weGozani, lemizini yamaMede.

7 Lokhu-ke kwenzeka ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli babonile eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wabo eyayibenyuse elizweni leGibhithe ibasusa ngaphansi kwesandla sikaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, babesabe abanye onkulunkulu,

8 bahamba ezimisweni zezizwe iNKOSI eyayizixotshe elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, lezamakhosi akoIsrayeli, ayezenzile.

9 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli benza ensitha izinto ezingalunganga bemelene leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo. Babezakhele indawo eziphakemeyo kuyo yonke imizi yabo, kusukela enqabeni yabalindi kuze kube semzini obiyelweyo.

10 Basebezimisela insika eziyizithombe lezixuku phezu kwawo wonke amaqaqa aphakemeyo langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza.

11 Basebetshisa lapho impepha endaweni zonke eziphakemeyo, njengezizwe iNKOSI eyazikhokhelela ekuthunjweni phambi kwabo; benza izinto ezimbi ukuyithukuthelisa iNKOSI.

12 Ngoba bakhonza izithombe, iNKOSI eyayithe ngazo kubo: Kaliyikuyenza linto.

13 Kanti iNKOSI yafakaza imelene loIsrayeli njalo imelene loJuda ngesandla sabo bonke abaprofethi lababoni bonke isithi: Phendukani endleleni zenu ezimbi, ligcine imithetho yami, izimiso zami, njengokomlayo wonke engawulaya oyihlo lengawuthumela kini ngesandla senceku zami abaprofethi.

14 Loba kunjalo kabalalelanga, kodwa benza lukhuni intamo yabo, njengentamo yaboyise, abangakholwanga eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wabo.

15 Njalo bala izimiso zayo lesivumelwano sayo eyasenza laboyise lezifakazelo zayo eyazifakaza imelene labo, balandela ize, baba yize, balandela izizwe ezazibahanqile, iNKOSI eyayibalaye ngazo ukuthi bangenzi njengazo.

16 Bayitshiya yonke imilayo yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo, bazenzela izithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, amathole amabili, benza isixuku, bakhothamela lonke ibutho lamazulu, bakhonza uBhali.

17 Benza amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo adabule emlilweni, benza ukuvumisa, benza imilingo, bazithengisela ukwenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI ukuyithukuthelisa.

18 Ngakho iNKOSI yamthukuthelela kakhulu uIsrayeli, yabasusa ebusweni bayo; kakusalanga loyedwa ngaphandle kwesizwe sakoJuda kuphela.

19 Laye uJuda kayigcinanga imilayo yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo, kodwa bahamba ngezimiso zikaIsrayeli abazenzayo.

20 INKOSI yasiyala yonke inzalo yakoIsrayeli, yayihlupha, yayinikela esandleni sabaphangi, yaze yabalahla yabasusa phambi kwayo.

21 Ngoba yamdabula uIsrayeli imsusa endlini kaDavida, basebebeka uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati ukuthi abe yinkosi. UJerobhowamu wamqhuba wamphambula uIsrayeli ekulandeleni iNKOSI, wabenza bona isono esikhulu.

22 Ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahamba ngazo zonke izono zikaJerobhowamu azenzayo, kabasukanga kuzo,

23 iNKOSI yaze yamsusa uIsrayeli phambi kwayo njengokutsho kwayo ngesandla sazo zonke inceku zayo abaprofethi. Ngakho uIsrayeli wathunjwa wasuswa elizweni lakhe wasiwa eAsiriya kuze kube lamuhla.

Abantu bezizweni bahlaliswa eSamariya

24 Inkosi yeAsiriya yasiletha abantu abavela eBhabhiloni labavela eKutha labavela eAva labavela eHamathilabavela eSefavayimi, yabahlalisa emizini yeSamariya esikhundleni sabantwana bakoIsrayeli, badla ilifa leSamariya, bahlala emizini yayo.

25 Kwasekusithi ekuqaleni kokuhlala kwabo khona kabayesabanga iNKOSI; ngakho iNKOSI yathumela izilwane phakathi kwabo ezabulala abanye babo.

26 Ngakho bakhuluma enkosini yeAsiriya besithi: Izizwe owazisusayo wazihlalisa emizini yeSamariya kaziwazi umkhuba kaNkulunkulu walelolizwe; ngakho uthumele izilwane phakathi kwazo, khangela-ke ziyazibulala, ngoba kaziwazi umkhuba kaNkulunkulu walelolizwe.

27 Inkosi yeAsiriya yasilaya isithi: Yisani khona omunye wabapristi elabathumbayo besuka lapho; kabayehlala khona, kabafundise umkhuba kaNkulunkulu walelolizwe.

28 Ngakho omunye wabapristi ababebathumbe besuka eSamariya weza wahlala eBhetheli, wabafundisa ukuthi bangayesaba njani iNKOSI.

29 Loba kunjalo zonke izizwe zenza onkulunkulu bazo, zabafaka ezindlini zezindawo eziphakemeyo amaSamariya azenzayo, yileso laleso isizwe emizini yazo ezihlala kuyo.

30 Labantu beBhabhiloni benza uSukothi-Benothi, labantu beKuthi benza uNerigali, labantu beHamathi benza uAshima,

31 lamaAvi enza uNibazi loTaritaki, lamaSefavayimi ayetshisa abantwana bawo emlilweni esenzela uAdrameleki loAnameleki onkulunkulu beSefavayimi.

32 Babeyesaba leNKOSI, bazenzela abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo kwabaphansi kakhulu babo, ababebasebenzela ezindlini zezindawo eziphakemeyo.

33 Babeyesaba iNKOSI, njalo babekhonza onkulunkulu babo njengomkhuba wezizwe ezabathumbayo besuka lapho.

34 Kuze kube lamuhla benza njengemikhuba yakuqala. Kabayesabi iNKOSI, kabenzi njengezimiso zabo lanjengezimiselo zabo lanjengomlayo lanjengomthetho iNKOSI eyakulaya abantwana bakaJakobe, owamutha ibizo elithi uIsrayeli.

35 INKOSI eyenza isivumelwano labo, yabalaya isithi: Kaliyikwesaba abanye onkulunkulu, lingabakhothameli, lingabasebenzeli, lingabahlabeli.

36 Kodwa iNKOSI eyalenyusa elizweni leGibhithe ngamandla amakhulu langengalo eyeluliweyo, yona lizayesaba njalo yona lizayikhothamela njalo yona lizayihlabela.

37 Lezimiso lezimiselo lomlayo lomthetho eyalibhalela khona, lizaqaphelisa ukukwenza zonke izinsuku, lingesabi abanye onkulunkulu.

38 Lesivumelwano engasenza lani lingasikhohlwa, lingesabi abanye onkulunkulu.

39 Kodwa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu lizayesaba; yona-ke izalikhulula esandleni sezitha zenu zonke.

40 Loba kunjalo kabalalelanga, kodwa benza njengomkhuba wabo wakuqala.

41 Lezizizwe zayesaba-ke iNKOSI, kodwa zakhonza izithombe zazo ezibaziweyo; bobabili abantwana bazo labantwana babantwana bazo, njengokwenza kwaboyise benza labo kuze kube lamuhla.

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Ukubusa kukaHezekhiya

1Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesithathu kaHosheya indodana kaEla, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, uHezekhiya indodana kaAhazi inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi.

2 Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguAbhi indodakazi kaZekhariya.

3 Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI njengakho konke uDavida uyise akwenzayo.

4 Yena wasusa indawo eziphakemeyo, wabhidliza insika eziyizithombe, wagamula izixuku, wachoboza inyoka yethusi uMozisi ayeyenzile, ngoba kuze kube yilezonsuku abantwana bakoIsrayeli babeyitshisela impepha; wayibiza ngokuthi nguNehushitani.

5 Wathembela eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli; okwathi emva kwakhe kakubanga khona onjengaye emakhosini wonke akoJuda, loba ayengaphambi kwakhe.

6 Ngoba wanamathela eNKOSIni, kaphambukanga ekuyilandeleni, kodwa wagcina imilayo yayo iNKOSI eyayilaya uMozisi.

7 LeNKOSI yaba laye; loba ngaphi lapho aphumela khona waphumelela. Wavukela inkosi yeAsiriya, kayisebenzelanga.

8 Yena watshaya amaFilisti waze wafika eGaza lemingcele yayo, kusukela emphotshongweni wabalindi kuze kube semzini obiyelweyo.

Ukunqotshwa kweSamariya

9 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesine wenkosi uHezekhiya, owawungumnyaka wesikhombisa kaHosheya indodana kaEla, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, uShalimaneseri inkosi yeAsiriya wenyuka wamelana leSamariya, wayivimbezela.

10 Basebeyithumba ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu. Ngomnyaka wesithupha kaHezekhiya, owawungumnyaka wesificamunwemunye kaHosheya inkosi yakoIsrayeli, iSamariya yathunjwa.

11 Inkosi yeAsiriya yathumbela uIsrayeli eAsiriya, yababeka eHala leHabori umfula weGozani, lemiziniyamaMede.

12 Ngoba bengalilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo, kodwa baseqa isivumelwano sayo, konke uMozisi inceku yeNKOSI eyayikulayile; kabalalelanga, kabenzanga.

Ukuhlaselwa kwelizwe lakoJuda nguSenakheribi

13 Langomnyaka wetshumi lane wenkosi uHezekhiya, uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wenyuka wamelana layo yonke imizi yakoJuda ebiyelweyo, wayithumba.

14 UHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wasethumela enkosini yeAsiriya eLakishi esithi: Ngonile; buyela usuke kimi; okubeka phezu kwami ngizakuthwala. Inkosi yeAsiriya yasibeka phezu kukaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJudaamathalenta esiliva angamakhulu amathathu, lamathalenta angamatshumi amathathu egolide.

15 UHezekhiya wasemnika sonke isiliva esatholakala endlini kaJehova lenothweni yendlu yenkosi.

16 Ngalesosikhathi uHezekhiya waquma igolide ezivalweni zethempeli leNKOSI, lemigubazini uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ayekunamathisele, walinika inkosi yeAsiriya.

17 Inkosi yeAsiriya yasithuma uTharithani loRabi-Sarisi loRabi-Shake besuka eLakishi besiya enkosini uHezekhiya belebutho elinzima eJerusalema. Benyuka-

ke bafika eJerusalema. Sebenyuke bafika bema emgelweni wechibi eliphezulu, elisemgwaqweni omkhulu wensimu yomwatshi.

18 Sebebize inkosi, kwaphumela kibo uEliyakhimi indodana kaHilikhiya owayengumphathi wendlu, loShebina umbhali, loJowa indodana kaAsafi umabhalane.

19 URabi-Shake wasesithi kibo: Khulumani khathesi kuHezekhiya: Itsho njalo inkosi enkulu, inkosi yeAsiriya ithi: Yisibindi bani lesi, othembela kuso?

20 Uthi, kodwa yilizwi lendebe nje: Kulecebo lamandla empi. Usuthembe bani ukuthi ungivukele?

21 Khangela-ke, wena uthembele odondolweni lomhlanga owephukileyo, oluyiGibhithe, uba umuntu eseyama phezu kwalo, luzangena esandleni sakhe lusihlabe. Unjalo uFaro inkosi yeGibhithe kubo bonke abathembela kuye.

22 Kodwa uba lisithi kimi: ENKOSIni uNkulunkulu wethu siyathemba; angithi yiyo elezindawo zayo eziphakemeyo lamalathi ayo uHezekhiya awasusileyo, wathi kuJuda leJerusalema: Phambi kwalelilathi lizakhonza eJerusalema?

23 Ngakho-ke, akunike isibambiso enkosini yami, inkosi yeAsiriya, njalo ngizakunika amabhiza azinkulungwane ezimbili, uba wena ulakho ukunika abagadi bawo.

24 Pho, uzabuyisela emuva njani ubuso benduna eyodwa yabancinyane nje benceku zenkosi yami; wena-ke uthembele eGibhithe ngezinqola labagadi bamabhiza?

25 Kambe ngenyukile yini ukumelana lalindawo ngingelaJehova ukuyichitha? UJehova uthe kimi: Yenyuka umelane lalelilizwe, ulichithe.

26 UEliyakhimi indodana kaHilikhiya loShebina loJowa basebesithi kuRabi-Shake: Akukhulume lenceku zakho ngesiSiriya, ngoba siyasizwa; ungakhulumi lathi ngesiJuda endlebeni zabantu abasemdulini.

27 Kodwa uRabi-Shake wathi kubo: Inkosi yami ingithumile yini enkosini yakho lakuwe ukukhuluma lamazwi? Kakusebantwini yini abahlezi phezu komduli ukuze badle ubulongwe babo, banathe umchamo wabo kanye lani?

28 URabi-Shake wasesima wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ngesiJuda, wakhuluma esithi: Zwanini ilizwi lenkosi enkulu, inkosi yeAsiriya.

29 Itsho njalo inkosi: UHezekhiya kangalikhohlisi, ngoba kayikuba lakho ukulikhulula esandleni sayo.

30 Njalo uHezekhiya angalenzi lithembele eNKOSIni esithi: INKOSI izasikhulula lokusikhulula, lalumuzi kawuyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya.

31 Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya, ngoba itsho njalo inkosi yeAsiriya: Yenzani isivumelwano sokuthula lami, liphume lize kimi; dlanini-ke, ngulowo lalowo okwevini lakhe langulowo lalowo okomkhiwa wakhe, linathe, ngulowo lalowo amanzi omthombo wakhe;

32 ngize ngifike ngilithathe ngilise elizweni elifanana lelizwe lakini, ilizwe lamabele lewayini elitsha, ilizwe lesinkwa lezivini, ilizwe lamafutha emihlwathi loluju, ukuze liphile lingafi. Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya ngoba eliyenga esithi: INKOSI izasikhulula.

33 Onkulunkulu bezizwe sebake bawakhulula yini ngulowo lalowo ilizwe lakhe esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya?

34 Bangaphi onkulunkulu beHamathi leArpadi? Bangaphi onkulunkulu beSefavayimi, beHena, leIva? Kambe bayikhulule yini iSamariya esandleni sami?

35 Ngobani kubo bonke onkulunkulu balawomazwe abakhulule ilizwe labo esandleni sami, ukuthi iNKOSI ikhulule iJerusalema esandleni sami?

36 Kodwa abantu bathula, kabaze bamphendula lalizwi, ngoba umlayo wenkosi wawuyikuthi: Lingamphenduli.

37 UEliyakhimi indodana kaHilikhiya owayengumphathi wendlu, loShebina umbhali, loJowa indodana kaAsafi umabhalane, basebesiza kuHezekhiya izigqoko zidatshuliwe, bamtshela amazwi kaRabi-Shake.

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Ukukhululwa kwelizwe lakoJuda

1Kwasekusithi lapho inkosi uHezekhiya isizwile, yadabula izigqoko zayo, yazembesa ngesaka, yangena endlini yeNKOSI.

2 Yasithuma uEliyakhimi owayephezu kwendlu, loShebina umabhalane, labadala babapristi, bembeswe ngamasaka kuIsaya umprofethi indodana kaAmozi.

3 Basebesithi kuye: Utsho njalo uHezekhiya: Lolusuku lusuku lohlupho lolokusolwa lolokweyiswa; ngoba abantwana sebefikile emlonyeni wesizalo, kanti kakulamandla okubeletha.

4 Mhlawumbe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho izakuzwa wonke amazwi kaRabi-Shake, inkosi yeAsiriya inkosi yakhe eyamthumayo, ukuthi aklolodele uNkulunkulu ophilayo; njalo izasola amazwi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ewezwileyo: Ngakho phakamiselani insali etholakeleyo umkhuleko.

5 Izinceku zenkosi uHezekhiya zasezifika kuIsaya.

6 UIsaya wasesithi kuzo: Lizakutsho njalo enkosini yenu: Utsho njalo uJehova: Ungesabi amazwi owezwileyo inceku zenkosi yeAsiriya ezingithuke ngawo.

7 Khangela, ngizafaka umoya kuyo, njalo izakuzwa ihungahunga, ibuyele elizweni layo; ngizayenza ukuthi iwe ngenkemba elizweni layo.

8 URabi-Shake wasebuyela, wafica inkosi yeAsiriya isilwa imelene leLibhina; ngoba wayezwile ukuthi isisukile eLakishi.

9 Kwathi isizwa ngoTirihaka inkosi yeEthiyophiya kuthiwa: Khangela, uphumile ukuyakulwa emelene lawe, yabuya yathuma izithunywa kuHezekhiya, isithi:

10 Lizakhuluma kanje kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, lithi: UNkulunkulu wakho omthembileyo kangakukhohlisi esithi: IJerusalema kayiyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya.

11 Khangela, wena usuzwile ukuthi amakhosi eAsiriya enzeni kuwo wonke amazwe, ngokuwatshabalalisa. Wena-ke uzakhululwa yini?

12 Onkulunkulu bezizwe bazikhululile yini, obaba abazichithayo, iGozani leHarani leRezefi labantwana bakaEdeni ababeseTelasari?

13 Ingaphi inkosi yeHamathi, lenkosi yeArpadi, lenkosi yomuzi weSefavayimi, iHena, leIva?

14 UHezekhiya waseyemukela incwadi esandleni sezithunywa, wayibala, wasesenyukela endlini yeNKOSI, uHezekhiya wayichaya phambi kweNKOSI.

15 UHezekhiya wasekhuleka phambi kweNKOSI, wathi: NKOSI, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ohlala phakathikwamakherubhi, wena unguNkulunkulu, wena wedwa, wayo yonke imibuso yomhlaba; wena wenze amazulu lomhlaba.

16 NKOSI, thoba indlebe yakho, uzwe, NKOSI, vula amehlo akho, ubone; uzwe amazwi kaSenakheribi amthume ngawo ukuklolodela uNkulunkulu ophilayo.

17 Qiniso, NKOSI, amakhosi eAsiriya azichithile izizwe lelizwe lazo,

18 aphosela onkulunkulu bazo emlilweni; ngoba babengeyisibo onkulunkulu, kodwa umsebenzi wezandla zabantu, izigodo lamatshe; ngakho bababhubhisa.

19 Ngakho-ke, NKOSI Nkulunkulu wethu, ngicela usisindise esandleni sakhe, ukuze yonke imibuso yomhlaba yazi ukuthi wena uyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu, wena wedwa.

20 UIsaya indodana kaAmozi wasethumela kuHezekhiya esithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli: Lokho okukhuleke kimi mayelana loSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya ngikuzwile.

21 Yileli ilizwi iNKOSI elikhulume mayelana laye: Intombi emsulwa, indodakazi yeZiyoni, iyakudelela, iyakuklolodela; indodakazi yeJerusalema inikina ikhanda ngemva kwakho.

22 Ngubani omeyisileyo wamhlambaza? Njalo uphakamisele bani ilizwi, waphakamisela amehlo akho phezulu? Umelene loNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

23 Ngesandla sezithunywa zakho uyeyisile iNkosi, wathi: Ngobunengi bezinqola zami ngenyuke indawo ephezulu yezintaba, inhlangothi zeLebhanoni. Ngizagamula imisedari yayo emide, lamafiri ayo akhethekileyo. Ngizangena endaweni yokuhlala yamaphethelo ayo, igusu eliminyeneyo.

24 Mina ngagebha nganatha amanzi angaziwayo, langengaphansi yenyawo zami ngomisa yonke imifula yezindawo ezivinjelweyo.

25 Kawuzwanga yini ukuthi ngakwenza endulo, ngakubumba ensukwini zendulo. Khathesi ngikufikisile, ukuthi ube ngowokudiliza imizi evikelweyo ibe zinqumbi zamanxiwa.

26 Ngakho abahlali bayo babelesandla esifitshane, besaba babe lenhloni, baba njengotshani beganga lemibhida eluhlaza, utshani bempahla, lamabele ahanguliweyo engakami.

27 Kodwa ngiyakwazi ukuhlala kwakho lokuphuma kwakho lokungena kwakho lokungithukuthelela kwakho.

28 Ngenxa yokungithukuthelela kwakho, lokuthi umsindo wakho wenyukele endlebeni zami, ngizafaka umkhala wami emakhaleni akho, letomu lami endebeni zakho, ngikwenze ubuyele ngendlela oweza ngayo.

29 Lokhu-ke kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe; lonyaka uzakudla okuzikhulelayo, langomnyaka wesibili umkhukhuzela, kuthi ngomnyaka wesithathu lihlanyele livune, lihlanyele izivini lidle izithelo zazo.

30 Lokuphephileyo kwendlu yakoJuda okuseleyo kuzaphinda kugxumeke impande phansi, kuthele izithelo ngaphezulu.

31 Ngoba kuzaphuma eJerusalema insali, lokuphephileyo entabeni yeZiyoni. Ukutshiseka kweNKOSI yamabandla kuzakwenza lokhu.

32 Ngakho utsho njalo uJehova ngenkosi yeAsiriya: Kayiyikungena kulumuzi, kayiyikutshoka umtshoko khona, kayiyikuza phambi kwawo ilesihlangu, kayiyikubuthelela idundulu maqondana lawo.

33 Ngendlela eyeza ngayo, ngayo izabuyela, kayiyikungena kulo umuzi, itsho iNKOSI.

34 Ngoba ngizawuvikela lumuzi ukuwusindisa, ngenxa yami, langenxa kaDavida inceku yami.

35 Kwasekusithi ngalobobusuku ingilosi yeNKOSI yaphuma yatshaya enkambeni yamaAsiriya izinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu. Lapho bevuka ekuseni kakhulu, khangela, bonke babeyizidumbu ezifileyo.

36 Ngakho uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wasuka wahamba wabuyela, wahlala eNineve.

37 Kwasekusithi ekhonza endlini kaNisiroki unkulunkulu wakhe, oAdrameleki
loSharezeri amadodana akhe bamtshaya ngenkemba, bona baphephela elizweni
leArarathi. UEsarihadoni indodana yakhe wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

II LWAMAKHOSI 20

Ukugula kukaHezekhiya

1 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula okokufa. UIsaya indodana kaAmozi
umprofethi wasefika kuye wathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Laya indlu yakho,
ngoba uzakufa, kawuyikuphila.

2 Wasephendulela ubuso bakhe emdulini, wakhuleka eNKOSIni esithi:

3 Ngiyakuncenga NKOSI, ake ukhumbule ukuthi ngihambe phambi kwakho
ngobuqotho langenhliziyo epheleleyo, ngenza okulungileyo emehlweni akho.
UHezekhiya wasekhala inyembezi ngokukhala okukhulu.

4 Kwasekusithi uIsaya engakaphumi egumeni elingaphakathi, ilizwi leNKOSI lafika
kuye lisithi:

5 Buyela uthi kuHezekhiya umbusi wabantu bami: Itsho njalo iNKOSI,
uNkulunkulu kaDavida uyihlo: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho, ngabona
inyembezi zakho; khangela, ngizakusilisa; ngosuku lwesithathu uzakwenyukela
endlini yeNKOSI.

6 Njalo ngizakwengezelela iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu ensukwini zakho;
ngikukhulule wena lalumuzi esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya; ngiwuvikele lumuzi
ngenxa yami langenxa yenceku yami uDavida.

7 UIsaya wasesithi: Thathani isigaqa somkhiwa. Basebesithatha, basifaka phezu
kwethumba, yasisila.

8 UHezekhiya wasesithi kuIsaya: Yisiphi isibonakaliso sokuthi iNKOSI izangisilisa,
lokuthi ngizakwenyukela endlini yeNKOSI ngosuku lwesithathu?

9 UIsaya wasesithi: Lesi yisibonakaliso kuwe esivela eNKOSIni esokuthi
iNKOSI izayenza into eyikhulumileyo: Isithunzi sizakuya phambili izinyathelo
ezilitshumi, loba siye emuva izinyathelo ezilitshumi yini?

10 UHezekhiya wasesithi: Kulula esithunzini ukuthi selule izinyathelo ezilitshumi;
hatshi, kodwa isithunzi kasibuyele emuva izinyathelo ezilitshumi.

11 UIsaya umprofethi wasekhala eNKOSIni, yasibuyisela emuva isithunzi,
ngezinyathelo esasehle ngazo esikhwelweni sikaAhazi, izinyathelo ezilitshumi
emuva.

Inkosi yeBhabhiloni ithuma izithunywa kuHezekhiya

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12 Ngalesosikhathi uMerodaki-Baladani indodana kaBaladani, inkosi yeBhabhiloni, wathumela izincwadi lesipho kuHezekhiya, ngoba wayezwile ukuthi uHezekhiya ubekade egula.

13 UHezekhiya wabalalela, wabatshengisa yonke indlu yakhe yezinto eziligugu, isiliva legolide lamakha lamafutha amahle lendlu yezikhali zakhe, lakho konke okwakutholakala endlini yakhe yokuligugu; kakulalutho endlini yakhe lembusweni wonke wakhe uHezekhiya angabatshengisanga lona.

14 UIsaya umprofethi wasesiza enkosini uHezekhiya wathi kiyo: Batheni lababantu? Futhi bebevela ngaphi besiza kuwe? UHezekhiya wasesithi: Bebevela elizweni elikhatshana, eBhabhiloni.

15 Wasesithi: Baboneni endlini yakho? UHezekhiya wasesithi: Babone konke okusendlini yami; kakulalutho phakathi kokuligugu kwami engingabatshengisanga khona.

16 UIsaya wasesithi kuHezekhiya: Zwana ilizwi leNKOSI.

17 Khangela, insuku ziyeza lapho konke okusendlini yakho lalokho oyihlo abakubekelelayo kuze kube lamuhla kuzathwalelwa eBhabhiloni; kakuyikusala lutho, itsho iNKOSI.

18 Njalo bazathatha emadodaneni akho azaphuma kuwe, ozawazala, abe ngabathenwa esigodlweni senkosi yeBhabhiloni.

19 UHezekhiya wasesithi kuIsaya: Lihle ilizwi leNKOSI olikhulumileyo. Wasesithi: Kakunjalo yini, uba kuzakuba khona ukuthula lokuvikeleka ensukwini zami?

Ukufa kukaHezekhiya

20 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaHezekhiya, lawo wonke amandla akhe, lokuthi wenza ichibi, lomgelo, wangenisa amanzi phakathi komuzi, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

21 UHezekhiya waselala laboyise. UManase indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

II LWAMAKHOSI 21

Ukubusa kukaManase

1UManase wayeleminyaka elitshumi lambili lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguHefiziba.

2 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI njengokwamanyala ezizwe iNKOSI eyazixotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

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3 Ngoba wabuya wakha indawo eziphakemeyo uyise uHezekhiya ayezichithile,
wamisela uBhali amalathi, wenza isixuku, njengokwenza kukaAhabi inkosi
yakoIsrayeli, wakhothamela ibutho lonke lamazulu, walikhonza.

4 Wasesakha amalathi endlini yeNKOSI, iNKOSI eyathi ngayo: EJerusalema
ngizabeka ibizo lami.

5 Wasesakhela ibutho lonke lamazulu amalathi emagumeni womabili endlini
yeNKOSI.

6 Wasedabulisa indodana yakhe emlilweni, wachasisa ngemibono, wenza
imilingo, wasebenza labalamadlozi labalumbayo. Wenza okubi kakhulu
emehlweni eNKOSI ukuyithukuthelisa.

7 Wasemisa isithombe esibaziweyo sesixuku ayesenzile endlini,
iNKOSI eyakhuluma ngayo kuDavida lakuSolomoni indodana yakhe yathi:
Kulindlu, leJerusalema engiyikhethe kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli, ngizabeka
ibizo lami kuze kube nininini.

8 Kangisayikuzulisa unyawo lukaIsrayeli luphume futhi elizweni engalinika oyise,
kuphela uba bezananzelela ukwenza njengakho konke engabalaya khona
langokomlayo wonke inceku yami uMozisi eyabalaya wona.

9 Kodwa kabalalelanga; uManase wasebaphambukisa ukuthi benze okubi
okwedlula izizwe iNKOSI eyazichitha phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

10 INKOSI yasikhuluma ngezinceku zayo abaprofethi isithi:

11 Ngenxa yokuthi uManase inkosi yakoJuda wenzile lamanyala, wenze okubi
okwedlula konke amaAmori akwenzayo, ayephambi kwakhe, wonisa
loJuda ngezithombe zakhe.

12 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangela, ngiletha okubi
phezu kweJerusalema loJuda kuthi laye wonke ozwayo indlebe zakhe zombili
zizakhenceza ngakho.

13 Ngizakwelula phezu kweJerusalema intambo yeSamariya, lentambo
yokulinganisa yendlu kaAhabi, ngiyesule iJerusalema njengowesula umganu,
awesule awumbokothe.

14 Njalo ngizatshiya insali yelifa lami, ngibanikele esandleni sezitha zabo, babe
ngokubanjiweyo lempango kwezitha zabo zonke,

15 ngenxa yokuthi benzile okubi emehlweni ami, bayangithukuthelisa, kusukela
osukwini oyise abaphuma ngalo eGibhithe ngitsho kuze kube lamuhla.

16 Futhi-ke uManase uchithile igazi elinengi kakhulu elingelacala waze
wayigcwalisa iJerusalema kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekucineni, ngaphandle
kwesono sakhe enza ngaso uJuda ukuthi one, ukwenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI.

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17 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaManase, lakho konke akwenzayo, lesono sakhe asonayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

18 UManase waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa esivandeni sendlu yakhe, esivandeni sikaUza. UAmoni indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaAmoni

19 UAmoni wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka emibili eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguMeshulemethi indodakazi kaHaruzi weJotiba.

20 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI njengokwenza kukaManase uyise.

21 Wahamba ngendlela yonke uyise ahamba ngayo, wakhonza izithombe uyise azikhonzayo, wakhothama kuzo.

22 Wayidela iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyise, kahambanga ngendlela yeNKOSI.

23 Izinceku zikaAmoni zasezimenzela ugobe, zabulala inkosi endlini yayo.

24 Kodwa abantu belizwe babatshaya bonke labo ababenzele inkosi uAmoni ugobe; abantu belizwe basebebeka uJosiya indodana yakhe ukuba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

25 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAmoni azenzayo kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

26 Wasengcwatshelwa engcwabeni lakhe esivandeni sikaUza. UJosiya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

II LWAMAKHOSI 22

UJosiya lencwadi yomlayo

1UJosiya wayeleminyaka eyisificaminwembili lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJedida indodakazi kaAdaya weBhozikhathi.

2 Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI, wahamba ngayo yonke indlela kaDavida uyise, kaze aphambukela ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo.

3 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wenkosi uJosiya, inkosi yathuma uShafani indodana kaAzaliya indodana kaMeshulamu, umabhalane, endlini yeNKOSI, esithi:

4 Yenyukela kuHilikhiya umpristi omkhulu ukuthi ahlanganise imali elethwe endlini yeNKOSI, abalindi bombundu womnyango ababeyiqoqe ebantwini.

5 Kabayinikele esandleni sabenzi bomsebenzi abamiswe phezu kwendlu yeNKOSI, kabayinike abenzi bomsebenzi osendlini yeNKOSI, ukulungisa izikhala zendlu,

6 kubabazi, lakubakhi, lakubabazi bamatshe, lokuthenga amapulanka lamatshe abaziweyo ukulungisa indlu.

7 Kodwa akubalelwananga labo imali eyayinikelwe esandleni sabo ngoba benza ngokuthembeka.

8 UHilikhiya umpristi omkhulu wasesithi kuShafani umabhalane: Sengifice ugwalo lomlayo endlini yeNKOSI. UHilikhiya wasenika uShafani ugwalo, waselufunda.

9 UShafani umabhalane wasefika enkosini, wabuyisela ilizwi enkosini wathi: Izinceku zakho seziyithulule imali eficwe endlini, zayinikela esandleni sabenzi bomsebenzi abamiswe phezu kwendlu yeNKOSI.

10 UShafani umabhalane wasebika enkosini esithi: UHilikhiya umpristi unginike ugwalo. UShafani waselufunda phambi kwenkosi.

11 Kwasekusithi inkosi isizwile amazwi ogwalo lomlayo, yadabula izigqoko zayo.

12 Inkosi yasilaya uHilikhiya umpristi loAhikhamu indodana kaShafani loAkhibhori indodana kaMikhaya loShafani umabhalane loAsaya inceku yenkosi, isithi:

13 Hambani liyengibuzela eNKOSIni mina labantu loJuda wonke mayelana lamazwi alolugwalo oluficiweyo; ngoba yinkulu intukuthelo yeNKOSI esesiyibaselwe, ngoba obaba kabawalalelanga amazwi alolugwalo, ukwenza konke okubhaliweyo mayelana lathi.

14 Ngakho uHilikhiya umpristi loAhikhamu loAkhibhori loShafani loAsaya baya kuHulida umprofethikazi umkaShaluma indodana kaTikiva indodana kaHarihasi, umgcini wezigqoko. Wayehlala-ke eJerusalema esiGabeni seSibili. Basebekhuluma laye.

15 Wasesithi kibo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Mtsheleni lowomuntu olithume kimi:

16 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngizakwehlisela okubi kulindawo laphezu kwabakhileyo bayo, wonke amazwi ogwalo inkosi yakoJuda elufundileyo.

17 Ngenxa yokuthi bangidelile, batshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha, ukuze bangithukuthelise ngawo wonke umsebenzi wezandla zabo. Ngakho intukuthelo yami izavutha imelene lale indawo, ingacitshwa.

18 Kodwa enkosini yakoJuda elithumileyo ukubuza eNKOSIni, lizakutsho njalo kuyo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Mayelana lamazwi eliwezwileyo:

19 Ngoba inhliziyo yakho ibithambile, wazithoba phambi kweNKOSI, lapho usizwa engikukhulume ngimelene lalindawo labakhileyo bayo, ukuthi bazakuba

yincithakalo lesiqalekiso, wadabula izigqoko zakho, wakhala inyembezi phambi kwami, lami-ke ngizwile, kutsho iNKOSI.

20 Ngakho, khangela, ngizakubuthela kuboyihlo, njalo uzabuthelwa engcwabeni lakho ngokuthula, lamehlo akho kawayikubona bonke ububi engizabehlisela phezu kwalindawo. Basebebuyisela ilizwi enkosini.

II LWAMAKHOSI 23

Imvuselelo kaJosiya

1Inkosi yasithumela, basebebuthanisa kuye bonke abadala bakoJuda labeJerusalema.

2 Inkosi yasisenyukela endlini kaJehova, lawo wonke amadoda akoJuda labo bonke abahlali beJerusalema kanye laye, labapristi labaprofethi, labo bonke abantu kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu, yasifunda endlebeni zabo wonke amazwi ogwalo lwesivumelwano olwaficwa endlini yeNKOSI.

3 Inkosi yema-ke ngasensikeni, yenza isivumelwano phambi kweNKOSI, sokuhamba emva kweNKOSI, lokugcina imilayo yayo lemithetho yayo lezimiso zayo ngenhliziyo yonke langomphefumulo wonke, ukuqinisa amazwi alesisivumelwano abhaliweyo kulolugwalo. Bonke abantu basebesima esivumelwaneni.

4 Inkosi yasilaya uHilikhiya umpristi omkhulu labapristi besigaba sesibili labalindi bombundu womnyango ukuthi bakhuphe ethempelini leNKOSI zonke izitsha ezazenzelwe uBhali lesixuku lebutho lonke lamazulu, wazitshisela ngaphandle kweJerusalema eziqintini zeKidroni, wathwalela umlotha wazo eBhetheli.

5 Wasesusa abapristi bezithombe amakhosi akoJuda ayebabekile ukuthi batshise impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo, emizini yakoJuda, lendawo ezizingelezele iJerusalema, lalabo ababetshisa impepha kuBhali, elangeni, lenyangeni, lezinkanyezini, lebuthweni lonke lamazulu.

6 Wakhupha isixuku endlini yeNKOSI, ngaphandle kweJerusalema, wasisa esifuleni iKidroni, wasitshisa esifuleni iKidroni, wasichola saba luthuli, waphosela uthuli lwaso emangcwabeni abantwana babantu.

7 Wadiliza izindlu zezinkotshana ezazingasendlini yeNKOSI lapho abesifazana ababeselukela khona amaveyili esixuku.

8 Wakhupha bonke abapristi emizini yakoJuda, wangcolisa indawo eziphakemeyo lapho abapristi ababetshisela khona impepha, kusukela eGeba kusiya eBherishebha. Wadiliza indawo eziphakemeyo zamasango ezisekungeneni kwesango likaJoshuwa umbusi womuzi, ezazingakwesokhohlo somuntu esangweni lomuzi.

9 Loba kunjalo abapristi bendawo eziphakemeyo kabenyukelanga elathini
leNKOSI eJerusalema, kodwa badla izinkwa ezingelamvubelo phakathi
kwabafowabo.

10 Wasengcolisa iTofethi elisesihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu ukuze kungabi
khona umuntu odabulisa indodana yakhe kumbe indodakazi yakhe
emlilweni kuMoleki.

11 Wasesusa amabhiza amakhosi akoJuda ayewanikele elangeni ekungeneni
kwendlu yeNKOSI, ngasekamelweni likaNathani-Meleki umthenwa
elalisekhulusini, wazitshisa inqola zelanga ngomlilo.

12 Lamalathi ayesephahleni lwendlu kaAhazi engaphezulu awenzayo amakhosi
akoJuda, lamalathi uManase ayewenzile emagumeni womabili endlu yeNKOSI,
inkosi yawadiliza yawachoboza iwasusa lapho, yaluphosela uthuli lwawo
esifuleni iKidroni.

13 Lendawo eziphakemeyo, ezaziphambi kweJerusalema, ezazingakwesokunene
sentaba yokubola, uSolomoni inkosi yakoIsrayeli eyayizakhele uAshitarothi
isinengiso samaSidoni, loKemoshi isinengiso samaMowabi, loMilkomu isinengiso
sabantwana bakoAmoni, inkosi yazingcolisa.

14 Wasephahlaza insika eziyizithombe, wagamula izixuku, wagcwalisa izindawo
zazo ngamathambo abantu.

15 Lelathi lalo elaliseBhetheli, lendawo ephakemeyo, ayenzayo uJerobhowamu
indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli ukuthi one, kokubili lelolathi lendawo
ephakemeyo wakudiliza, watshisa indawo ephakemeyo, wayichoboza yaba
luthuli, watshisa isixuku.

16 Lapho uJosiya ephenduka wabona amangcwaba ayelapho entabeni, wathuma
wasekhupha amathambo emangcwabeni, wawatshisela phezu kwelathi,
walingcolisa, njengelizwi leNKOSI umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayelimemezele,
owamemezela lamazwi.

17 Wasesithi: Yisikhumbuzo sani lesiyana engisibonayo? Abantu bomuzi
basebesithi kuye: Lingcwaba lomuntu kaNkulunkulu owavela koJuda
wamemezela lezizinto ozenzileyo umelene lelathi leBhetheli.

18 Wasesithi: Myekeleni, kakungabi lamuntu othinta amathambo akhe.
Basebewayekela amathambo akhe kanye lamathambo omprofethi owavela
eSamariya.

19 Njalo lazo zonke izindlu zezindawo eziphakemeyo ezisemizini yeSamariya,
amakhosi akoIsrayeli ayezenzile ukuthukuthelisa, uJosiya wazisusa, wenza kizo
njengayo yonke imisebenzi ayeyenze eBhetheli.

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20 Wasebulala bonke abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo, ababekhonapho, phezu kwamalathi, watshisa amathambo abantu phezu kwawo. Wasebuyela eJerusalema.

Ukugcinwa kwephasika

21 Inkosi yasilaya bonke abantu isithi: Gcinani iphasika eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wenu, njengalokhu kubhaliwekulolugwalo lwesivumelwano.

22 Ngoba kwakungagcinwanga elinjengaleli iphasika kusukela ensukwini zabehluleli abehlulela uIsrayeli, kumbe kuzo zonke izinsuku zamakhosi akoIsrayeli, kumbe zamakhosi akoJuda.

23 Kodwa ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wenkosi uJosiya lagcinwa leliphasika eNKOSIni eJerusalema.

24 Ngaphezu kwalokho-ke abalamadlozi, labalumbayo, lamatherafi, lezithombe, lawo wonke amanyala abonakala elizweni lakoJuda leJerusalema, uJosiya wakususa, ukuze aqinise amazwi omlayo ayebhalwe ogwalweni uHilikhiya umpristi alufica endlini yeNKOSI.

25 Langaphambi kwakhe kakubanga khona inkosi eyafanana laye eyaphendukela eNKOSIni ngenhliziyo yayo yonke langomphefumulo wayo wonke langamandla ayo wonke, njengokomlayo wonke kaMozisi. Futhi emva kwakhe kakuvelanga eyafanana laye.

26 Kanti iNKOSI kayiphendukanga ekuvutheni kolaka lwayo olukhulu, olaka lwayo eyavuthela ngalo uJuda, ngenxa yazo zonke intukutheliso uManase ayithukuthelisa ngazo.

27 INKOSI yasisithi: Ngizamsusa loJuda phambi kwami, njengoba ngasusa uIsrayeli, ngiwulahle lumuzi weJerusalema engawukhethayo, lendlu engathi ngayo: Ibizo lami lizakuba lapho.

Ukufa kukaJosiya

28 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJosiya, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

29 Ensukwini zakhe uFaro Neko inkosi yeGibhithe wenyuka wamelana lenkosi yeAsiriya emfuleni iYufrathi. Inkosi uJosiya yasisiyahlangabezana laye; wayibulalela eMegido eseyibonile.

30 Inceku zakhe zasezimthwala efile ngenqola, zisuka eMegido, zamusa eJerusalema, zamngcwaba engcwabeni lakhe. Abantu belizwe basebethatha uJehowahazi indodana kaJosiya, bamgcoba, bambeka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise.

Ukubusa kukaJehowahazi

31 UJehowahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa inyanga ezintathu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguHamuthali indodakazi kaJeremiya weLibhina.

32 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI njengakho konke oyise abakwenzayo.

33 UFaro Neko wasembopha eRibila elizweni leHamathi ukuthi angabusi eJerusalema, wahlawulisa ilizweamathalenta esiliva alikhulu lethalenta legolide.

Ukubusa kukaJehoyakhimi

34 UFaro Neko wasebeka uEliyakhimi indodana kaJosiya ukuthi abe yinkosi esikhundleni sikaJosiya uyise, waphendula ibizo lakhe wathi nguJehoyakhimi. Wasethatha uJehowahazi; wasesiza eGibhithe, wafela khona.

35 UJehoyakhimi wasemnika uFaro isiliva legolide, kodwa wathelisa ilizwe ukuze anike leyomali njengokomlayo kaFaro. Wakhuphisa abantu belizwe isiliva legolide, ngulowo lalowo ngokomthelo wakhe, yokunika uFaro Neko.

36 UJehoyakhimi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lanye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguZebida indodakazi kaPhedaya weRuma.

37 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI njengakho konke oyise abakwenzayo.

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1Ngensuku zakhe uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni wenyuka, njalo uJehoyakhimi waba yisikhonzi sakhe iminyaka emithathu; wasephenduka wamvukela.

2 INKOSI yasithuma ukumelana laye amaviyo amaKhaladiya lamaviyo amaSiriya lamaviyo amaMowabilamaviyo abantwana bakoAmoni, yasiwathuma ukumelana loJuda ukumchitha, njengokwelizwi leNKOSIeyalikhuluma ngesandla sezinceku zayo abaprofethi.

3 Sibili ngokomlayo weNKOSI lokho kwehlela koJuda ukubasusa ebusweni bayo ngenxa yezono zikaManase, njengakho konke akwenzayo,

4 njalo langegazi elingelacala alichithayo; ngoba wagcwalisa iJerusalema ngegazi elingelacala, iNKOSIengavumanga ukulithethelela.

5 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehoyakhimi, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

6 UJehoyakhimi waselala laboyise. UJehoyakhini indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

7 Inkosi yeGibhithe kayisaphindanga futhi ukuphuma elizweni layo, ngoba inkosi yeBhabhiloni yayithethe kusukela emfuleni weGibhithe kusiya emfuleni iYufrathi, konke okwakungokwenkosi yeGibhithe.

UJehoyakhini labeJerusalema bathunjelwa eBhabhiloni

8 UJehoyakhini wayeleminyaka elitshumi lesificaminwembili lapho esiba yinkosi;
wabusa inyanga ezintathu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguNehushita
indodakazi kaElinathani weJerusalema.

9 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI njengokwenza konke kukayise.

10 Ngalesosikhathi izinceku zikaNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni zenyukela
eJerusalema, umuzi wasungena ekuvinjezelweni.

11 UNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni wasefika wamelana lomuzi, izinceku
zakhe zisawuvimbezela.

12 UJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda wasephuma waya enkosini yeBhabhiloni, yena
lonina lenceku zakhe lenduna zakhe labathenwa bakhe. Inkosi yeBhabhiloni
yasimthatha ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili wokubusa kwakhe.

13 Yasikhupha lapho wonke amagugu endlu kaJehova lamagugu endlu yenkosi;
yaquma zonke izitsha zegolideuSolomoni inkosi yakoIsrayeli ayezenzile
ethempelini likaJehova, njengokutsho kweNKOSI.

14 Yasithumba iJerusalema yonke, leziphathamandla zonke, lawo wonke
amaqhawe alamandla, abathunjwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lazo zonke
ingcitshi zemisebenzi labakhandi; kakusalanga loyedwa ngaphandle
kwabantukazana ebantwini belizwe.

15 Yasimthumbela uJehoyakhini eBhabhiloni; lonina wenkosi, lamakhosikazi
enkosi, labathenwa bakhe, lamaqhawe elizwe, yabathumbela eBhabhiloni besuka
eJerusalema.

16 Lawo wonke amadoda angamaqhawe, azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa,
lezingcitshi zemisebenzi labakhandi, abayinkulungwane, bonke abaqinileyo
abangaphuma impi, inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibaletha bengabathunjwa
eBhabhiloni.

Ukubusa kukaZedekhiya

17 Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibeka uMathaniya uyise omncinyane ukuba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe, yaguqula ibizo lakhe yathi nguZedekhiya.

18 UZedekhiya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye lapho esiba yinkosi;
wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lanye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguHamutali
indodakazi kaJeremiya weLibhina.

19 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI njengokwenza konke kukaJehoyakhimi.

20 Ngoba ngenxa yentukuthelo yeNKOSI lokhu kwenzeka eJerusalema lakoJuda
yaze yabaxotsha phambi kwayo. UZedekhiya waseyivukela inkosi yeBhabhiloni.

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Ukuchithwa kweJerusalema

1 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye wokubusa kwakhe, ngenyanga
yetshumi, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni
wafika, yena lebutho lakhe lonke emelene leJerusalema, wamisa inkamba
maqondana layo; bayakhela imiduli yokuvimbezela emelene layo inhlangothi
zonke.

2 Umuzi wangena ekuvinjezelweni kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wetshumi lanye
wenkosi uZedekhiya.

3 Ngolwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga yesine indlala yasisiba lamandla
phakathi komuzi, njalo kwakungelakudla kwabantu belizwe.

4 Umuzi wasufohlelwa. Wonke amadoda empi asebaleka ebusuku ngendlela
yesango phakathi kwemiduli emibili eyayiseduze lesivande senkosi,
(amaKhaladiya ayemelene-ke lomuzi inhlangothi
zonke); inkosiyasihamba ngendlela yamagceke.

5 Ibutho lamaKhaladiya laselixotshana lenkosi, layifica emagcekeni eJeriko;
ibutho layo lonke laselihlakazeka lisuka kuyo.

6 Aseyibamba inkosi, ayenyusela enkosini yeBhabhiloni eRibila, akhuluma
ukwahlulela kwayo.

7 Abulala amadodana kaZedekhiya phambi kwamehlo akhe, akhupha amehlo
kaZedekhiya, ambopha ngamaketane ethusi amabili, amusa eBhabhiloni.

Ukuthunjwa kwelakoJuda

8 Langenyanga yesihlanu ngolwesikhombisa lwenyanga (okungumnyaka
wetshumi lesificamunwemunye wenkosi uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni)
kwafika uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi, inceku yenkosi yeBhabhiloni,
eJerusalema.

9 Wasetshisa indlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosi lazo zonke izindlu zeJerusalema; layo
yonke indlu yesikhulu wayitshisa ngomlilo.

10 Lebutho lonke lamaKhaladiya elalilenduna yabalindi ladilizela phansi imiduli
yeJerusalema inhlangothi zonke.

11 Njalo insali yabantu ababesele emzini, labahlamuki ababehlamukele enkosini
yeBhabhiloni, lensali yexuku, uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi yabathumba.

12 Kodwa induna yabalindi yatshiya ebayangeni belizwe ukuba ngabaphathi
bezivini labalimi.

13 Lensika zethusi ezazisendlini yeNKOSI, lezisekelo, lolwandle lwethusi
olwalusendlini yeNKOSI, amaKhaladiya akuphahlaza, athwalela ithusi lakho
eBhabhiloni.

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14 Lezimbiza, lamafotsholo, lezindlawu, lenkezo, lezitsha zonke zethusi, abasebenza ngazo, akuthatha.

15 Lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo lemiganu yokufafaza, okwakuligolide golide lokwakuyisiliva siliva, induna yabalindi yakuthatha.

16 Insika zombili, ulwandle olulodwa, lezisekelo, uSolomoni ayekwenzele indlu yeNKOSI, ithusi lazo zonke lezizitsha lalingelakulinganiswa ngesisindo.

17 Ubude bensika eyodwa babuzingalo ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili, lesiduku phezu kwayo sasilithusi, lokuphakama kwesiduku kuzingalo ezintathu, lomsebenzi ophothiweyo, lamapomegranati phezu kwesiduku inhlangothi zonke, konke kungokwethusi. Lensika yesibili yayilokunje, ilomsebenzi ophothiweyo.

18 Induna yabalindi yasithatha uSeraya umpristi oyinhloko loZefaniya umpristi wesibili, labalindi bombundu womnyango abathathu.

19 Lemzini yasithatha induna eyayimiswe phezu kwamadoda empi, lamadoda amahlanu ayesebusweni benkosi ayeficwe emzini, lomabhalane omkhulu webutho eyayibuthela abantu belizwe emabuthweni, lamadoda angamatshumi ayisithupha abantu belizwe ayeficwe phakathi komuzi.

20 UNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wasebathatha laba wabasa enkosini yeBhabhiloni eRibila.

21 Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibatshaya yababulalela eRibila elizweni leHamathi. Ngokunjalo uJuda wathunjwa esuswa elizweni lakhe.

Abantu abaseleyo babalekela eGibhithe

22 Abantu abasala-ke elizweni lakoJuda, uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni owayebatshiyile, wabeka phezu kwabo uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu indodana kaShafani.

23 Kwathi zonke induna zamabutho, zona labantu bazo, sezizwile ukuthi inkosi yeBhabhiloni ibeke uGedaliya abe ngumbusi, zeza kuGedaliya eMizipa: Ngitsho oIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya loJohanani indodana kaKareya loSeraya indodana kaTanihumethi umNetofa loJahazaniya indodana yomMahakathi, zona labantu bazo.

24 UGedaliya wasefunga kuzo lakubantu bazo wathi kuzo: Lingesabi ukuba zinceku zamaKhaladiya; hlalani elizweni, likhonze inkosi yeBhabhiloni, njalo kuzakuba kuhle kini.

25 Kodwa kwathi ngenyanga yesikhombisa, kwafika uIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya indodana kaElishama, owenzalo yesikhosini, lamadoda alitshumi elaye, basebemtshaya uGedaliya waze wafa, lamaJuda lamaKhaladiya ayelaye eMizipa.

26 Abantu bonke-ke, kusukela komncinyane kuze kuye komkhulu, lenduna zamabutho, basebesuka baya eGibhithe, ngoba besaba amaKhaladiya.

Ukukhululwa lokuphakanyiswa kukaJehoyakhini

27 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa wokuthunjwa kukaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda, ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, ngolwamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa lwenyanga, uEvili Merodaki inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ngomnyaka aba yinkosi ngawo, waphakamisa ikhanda likaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda emkhupha entolongweni.

28 Wasekhuluma kuhle laye, wamisa isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi samakhosi ayelaye eBhabhiloni.

29 Wasentshintsha izigqoko zokubotshwa kwakhe; wasesidla isinkwa njalonjalo phambi kwakhe insuku zonke zempilo yakhe.

30 Lesabelo esimiyo, isabelo esimiyo esiqhubekayo sanikwa yena yinkosi, into yosuku ngosuku lwayo, zonke izinsuku zempilo yakhe.

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UGWALO LOKUQALA
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Inzalo kaAdamu

1 UAdamu, uSeti, uEnosi,

2 uKenani, uMahalaleli, uJaredi,

3 uEnoki, uMethusela, uLameki,

4 uNowa, uShemu, uHamu, loJafethi.

Inzalo yamadodana kaNowa

5 Amadodana kaJafethi: OGomeri loMagogi loMadayi loJavani loThubhali loMesheki loTirasi.

6 Lamadodana kaGomeri: OAshikenazi loRifathi loTogarma.

7 Lamadodana kaJavani: OElisha loTarshishi, amaKiti lamaDodani.

8 Amadodana kaHamu: OKushi loMizirayimi, uPuti loKhanani.

9 Lamadodana kaKushi: OSeba loHavila loSabitha loRahama loSabitheka. Lamadodana kaRahama: OShebha loDedani.

10 UKushi wasezala uNimrodi; yena waqala ukuba liqhawe emhlabeni.

11 UMizirayimi wasezala amaLudi lamaAnami lamaLehabi lamaNafethuhi

12 lamaPatrusi lamaKaseluhi (okwaphuma kiwo amaFilisti), lamaKafitori.

13 UKhanani wasezala uSidoni izibulo lakhe, loHethi,

14 lomJebusi lomAmori lomGirigashi

15 lomHivi lomArki lomSini

16 lomArvadi lomZemari lomHamathi.

17 Amadodana kaShemu: OElamu loAshuri loArpakishadi loLudi loAramu loUzi loHuli loGetheri loMesheki.

18 UArpakishadi wasezala uShela; uShela wasezala uEberi.

19 UEberi wasezalelwa amadodana amabili. Ibizo lenye lalinguPelegi, ngoba ensukwini zayo umhlaba wadatshulwa; lebizo lomfowabo lalinguJokithani.

20 UJokithani wasezala oAlimodadi loShelefi loHazamavethi loJera

21 loHadoramu loUzali loDikila

22 loEbhali loAbhimayeli loShebha

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23 loOfiri loHavila loJobabi. Bonke labo babengamadodana kaJokithani.

Inzalo kaShemu

24 UShemu, uArpakishadi, uShela,

25 uEberi, uPelegi, uRewu,

26 uSerugi, uNahori, uTera,

27 uAbrama; onguAbrahama.

28 Amadodana kaAbrahama: OIsaka loIshmayeli.

Inzalo kaIshmayeli

29 Laba yizizukulwana zabo: Izibulo likaIshmayeli, uNebayothi, loKedari, loAdibeli, loMibisama,

30 uMishima, loDuma, uMasa, uHadadi, loTema,

31 uJeturi, uNafishi, loKedema; la ngamadodana kaIshmayeli.

Inzalo kaAbrahama kuKetura

32 Njalo amadodana kaKetura, umfazi omncinyane kaAbrahama: Wazala oZimrani loJokishani loMedani loMidiyani loIshibaki loShuwa. Amadodana-ke kaJokishani: OShebha loDedani.

33 Lamadodana kaMidiyani: OEfa loEferi loHanoki loAbida loElidaha. Bonke laba ngamadodana kaKetura.

34 UAbrahama wasezala uIsaka. Amadodana kaIsaka: OEsawu loIsrayeli.

Inzalo kaEsawu

35 Amadodana kaEsawu: OElifazi, uRehuweli, loJewushi, loJalamu, loKora.

36 Amadodana kaElifazi: OThemani, loOmari, uZefi, loGatama, uKenazi, loTimina, loAmaleki.

37 Amadodana kaRehuweli: ONahathi, uZera, uShama, loMiza.

38 Lamadodana kaSeyiri: OLotani loShobhali loZibeyoni loAna loDishoni loEzeri loDishani.

39 Lamadodana kaLotani: OHori loHomama; lodadewabo kaLotani wayenguTimina.

40 Amadodana kaShobhali: OAliyani, loManahathi, loEbhali, uShefi, loOnama.

Lamadodana kaZibeyoni: OAya loAna.

41 Amadodana kaAna: UDishoni. Lamadodana kaDishoni: OHamrani loEshibhani loJitirani loKerani.

42 Amadodana kaEzeri: OBilihani loZahavana, uJahakhani. Amadodana kaDishani:
OUzi loArani.

43 Njalo la ngamakhosi abusa elizweni leEdoma, kungakabusi inkosi phezu
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli: UBhela indodana kaBeyori; lebizo lomuzi wakhe
laliyiDinihaba.

44 UBhela wasesifa, uJobabi indodana kaZera weBhozira wasesiba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe.

45 UJobabi wasesifa, uHushama owelizweni lamaThemani wasesiba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe.

46 UHushama wasesifa, uHadadi indodana kaBedadi, owatshaya amaMidiyani
emagcekeni akoMowabi, wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; lebizo lomuzi
wakhe laliyiAvithi.

47 UHadadi wasesifa, uSamila weMasireka wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

48 USamila wasesifa, uShawuli weRehobothi emfuleni wasesiba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe.

49 UShawuli wasesifa, uBhali-Hanani indodana kaAkhibhori wasesiba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe.

50 UBhali-Hanani wasesifa, uHadadi wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; lebizo
lomuzi wakhe laliyiPhayi; lebizo lomkakhe lalinguMehethabheli indodakazi
kaMatiredi indodakazi kaMezahabhi.

51 UHadadi wasesifa.

Lezinduna zeEdoma zaziyilezi: Induna uTimina, induna uAliya, induna uJethethi,

52 induna uAholibama, induna uEla, induna uPinoni,

53 induna uKenazi, induna uThemani, induna uMibhizari,

54 induna uMagidiyeli, induna uIrama; lezi yizinduna zeEdoma.

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Amadodana kaIsrayeli

1La ngamadodana kaIsrayeli: ORubeni, uSimeyoni, uLevi, loJuda, uIsakari,
loZebuluni,

2 uDani, uJosefa, loBhenjamini, uNafithali, uGadi, loAsheri.

Inzalo kaJuda

3 Amadodana kaJuda: OEri loOnani loShela; amathathu wawazalelwa
yindodakazi kaShuwa umKhananikazi. Kodwa uEri izibulo likaJuda wayemubi
emehlweni eNKOSI; yasimbulala.

4 UTamari, umalokozana wakhe, wasemzalela uPerezi loZera. Wonke amadodana kaJuda ayemahlanu.

5 Amadodana kaPerezi: OHezironi loHamuli.

6 Njalo amadodana kaZera: OZimri loEthani loHemani loKalikoli loDara; wonke ayemahlanu.

7 Njalo amadodana kaKarimi: UAkari, umhluphi kaIsrayeli, owenza isiphambeko ngokuqalekisiweyo.

8 Njalo amadodana kaEthani: UAzariya.

9 Njalo amadodana kaHezironi awazalelwayo: OJerameli loRamu loKalebi.

10 URamu wasezala uAminadaba; uAminadaba wasezala uNahishoni induna yabantwana bakoJuda.

11 UNahishoni wasezala uSalima; uSalima wasezala uBhowazi;

12 uBhowazi wasezala uObedi; uObedi wasezala uJese.

13 UJese wasezala izibulo lakhe uEliyabi, loAbinadaba owesibili, loShimeya owesithathu,

14 uNethaneli owesine, uRadayi owesihlanu,

15 uOzema owesithupha, uDavida owesikhombisa.

16 Odadewabo babengoZeruya loAbigayili. Lamadodana kaZeruya: OAbishayi loJowabi loAsaheli; abathathu.

17 UAbigayili wasezala uAmasa; loyise kaAmasa wayenguJetheri umIshmayeli.

18 UKalebi indodana kaHezironi wasezala kuAzuba umkakhe lakuJeriyothi; lala ngamadodana akhe: OJesheri loShobabi loAridoni.

19 UAzuba esefile uKalebi wazithathela uEfrathi owamzalela uHuri.

20 UHuri wasezala uUri; uUri wasezala uBhezaleli.

21 Emva kwalokho uHezironi wasengena kundodakazi kaMakiri uyise kaGileyadi; wayithatha eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha. Yasimzalela uSegubi.

22 USegubi wasezala uJayiri owayelemizi engamatshumi amabili lantathu elizweni leGileyadi.

23 Wasethatha kibo iGeshuri leAramu kanye lemizana yeJayiri, kanye leKenathi lemizana yayo; imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha. Bonke labo babengamadodana kaMakiri uyise kaGileyadi.

24 Lemva kokufa kukaHezironi eKalebi-Efratha, uAbhiya umkaHezironi wamzalela uAshuri uyise kaThekhowa.

25 Njalo amadodana kaJerameli izibulo likaHezironi ayengoRamu izibulo, loBuna, loOreni, loOzema, uAhiya.

26 UJerameli laye wayelomunye umfazi obizo lakhe lalinguAthara; wayengunina kaOnama.

27 Njalo amadodana kaRamu izibulo likaJerameli ayengoMahazi loJamini loEkeri.

28 Lamadodana kaOnama ayengoShamayi loJada. Lamadodana kaShamayi: ONadabi loAbhishuri.

29 Lebizo lomkaAbhishuri lalinguAbihayili, owamzalela oAhibani loMolidi.

30 Njalo amadodana kaNadabi: OSeledi loAphayimi; kodwa uSeledi wafa engelabantwana.

31 Njalo amadodana kaAphayimi: UIshi. Lamadodana kaIshi: USheshani. Lamadodana kaSheshani: UAhilayi.

32 Njalo amadodana kaJada umfowabo kaShamayi: OJetheri loJonathani; kodwa uJetheri wafa engelabantwana.

33 Njalo amadodana kaJonathani: OPelethi loZaza. Laba babengabantwana bakaJerameli.

34 Njalo uSheshani wayengelamadodana, kodwa amadodakazi; njalo uSheshani wayelenceku, umGibhithe, obizo layo lalinguJariha.

35 USheshani wasenika uJariha inceku yakhe indodakazi yakhe yaba ngumkakhe; yasimzalela uAthayi.

36 UAthayi wasezala uNathani, uNathani wasezala uZabadi,

37 uZabadi wasezala uEfilali, uEfilali wasezala uObedi,

38 uObedi wasezala uJehu, uJehu wasezala uAzariya,

39 uAzariya wasezala uHelezi, uHelezi wasezala uEleyasa,

40 uEleyasa wasezala uSisimayi, uSisimayi wasezala uShaluma,

41 uShaluma wasezala uJekamiya, uJekamiya wasezala uElishama.

42 Njalo amadodana kaKalebi umfowabo kaJerameli: OMesha, izibulo lakhe, onguyise kaZifi, lamadodana kaMaresha uyise kaHebroni.

43 Njalo amadodana kaHebroni: OKora loTapuwa loRekemi loShema.

44 UShema wasezala uRahama uyise kaJorikeyamu; uRekemi wasezala uShamayi.

45 Lendodana kaShamayi: UMawoni; loMawoni wayenguyise kaBeti-Zuri.

46 UEfa umfazi omncinyane kaKalebi wasezala oHarani loMoza loGazezi; uHarani wasezala uGazezi.

47 Njalo amadodana kaJahidayi: ORegema loJothamu loGeshani loPeleti loEfa loShahafi.

48 UMahaka umfazi omncinyane kaKalebi wazala oSheberi loTirihana.

49 Wasezala uShahafi uyise kaMadimana, uSheva uyise kaMakibena, loyise kaGibeya. Lendodakazi kaKalebi yayinguAkisa.

50 Laba babengabantwana bakaKalebi, indodana kaHuri, izibulo likaEfratha: OShobhali, uyise kaKiriyathi-Jeyarimi,

51 uSalima uyise kaBhethelehema, uHarefi uyise kaBeti-Gaderi.

52 UShobhali uyise kaKiriyathi-Jeyarimi wayelamadodana: UHarowe, ingxenye yamaMenuhothi.

53 Njalo insendo zikaKiriyathi-Jeyarimi: AmaIthiri lamaPuti lamaShumathi lamaMishrayi; kwaphuma kuwo amaZorathi lamaEshitawoli.

54 Amadodana kaSalima: OBhethelehema, lamaNetofa, uAtarothi, uBeti-Jowabi, lengxenye yamaManahethi, amaZori.

55 Lensendo zababhali ababehlala eJabezi, amaTirathi, amaShimeyathi, amaSukathi. Labo babengamaKeni avela kuHamathi uyise wendlu kaRekabi.

I LWEMILANDO 3

Amadodana kaDavida

1Njalo la ayengamadodana kaDavida awazalelwa eHebroni: Izibulo nguAmnoni kuAhinowama umJizereyelikazi; eyesibili nguDaniyeli kuAbigayili umKharmelikazi;

2 eyesithathu nguAbisalomu indodana kaMahaka indodakazi kaTalimayi inkosi yeGeshuri; eyesine nguAdonija indodana kaHagithi;

3 eyesihlanu nguShefathiya kuAbithali; eyesithupha nguIthereyamu kuEgila umkakhe.

4 Abayisithupha bazalelwa yena eHebroni, lapho abusa khona iminyaka eyisikhombisa lezinyanga eziyisithupha; leJerusalema wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lantathu.

5 Lalaba bazalelwa yena eJerusalema: OShimeya loShobabi loNathani loSolomoni, bobane, kuBathishuwa indodakazi kaAmiyeli;

6 loIbihari loElishama loElifelethi

7 loNoga loNefegi loJafiya

8 loElishama loEliyada loElifelethi, abayisificamunwemunye.

9 Bonke babengamadodana kaDavida, ngaphandle kwamadodana abafazi abancane, loTamari udadewabo.

Inzalo kaSolomoni

10 Lendodana kaSolomoni yayinguRehobhowamu, uAbhiya indodana yakhe, uAsa indodana yakhe, uJehoshafathi indodana yakhe,

11 uJoramu indodana yakhe, uAhaziya indodana yakhe, uJowashi indodana yakhe,

12 uAmaziya indodana yakhe, uAzariya indodana yakhe, uJothamu indodana yakhe,

13 uAhazi indodana yakhe, uHezekhiya indodana yakhe, uManase indodana yakhe,

14 uAmoni indodana yakhe, uJosiya indodana yakhe.

15 Njalo amadodana kaJosiya: Izibulo uJohanani, eyesibili uJehoyakhimi, eyesithathu uZedekhiya, eyesine uShaluma.

16 Lamadodana kaJehoyakhimi: UJekoniya indodana yakhe, uZedekhiya indodana yakhe.

17 Njalo amadodana kaJekoniya: UAsiri, uSheyalitiyeli indodana yakhe,

18 loMalikiramu, loPhedaya, loShenazari, uJekamiya, uHoshama, loNedabiya.

19 Njalo amadodana kaPhedaya: OZerubhabheli loShimeyi. Lamadodana kaZerubhabheli: OMeshulamu, loHananiya, loShelomithi udadewabo;

20 loHashuba, loOheli, loBerekiya, loHasadiya, uJushabi-Hesedi, amahlanu.

21 Lamadodana kaHananiya: OPelatiya loJeshaya; amadodana kaRefaya, amadodana kaArinani, amadodana kaObhadiya, amadodana kaShekaniya.

22 Lamadodana kaShekaniya: UShemaya. Lamadodana kaShemaya: OHathushi loIgali loBariya loNeyariya loShafati, ayisithupha.

23 Njalo amadodana kaNeyariya: OEliyohenayi loHizikiya loAzirikamu, amathathu.

24 Njalo amadodana kaEliyohenayi: OHodaviya loEliyashibi loPelaya loAkubi loJohanani loDelaya loAnani, ayisikhombisa.

I LWEMILANDO 4

Inzalo kaJuda

1 Amadodana kaJuda: OPerezi, uHezironi, loKarmi, loHuri, loShobhali.

2 UReyaya indodana kaShobhali wasezala uJahathi; uJahathi wasezala uAhumayi loLahadi. Laba babezinsendo zamaZorathi.

3 Laba babengabakayise kaEtamu: OJizereyeli loIshma loIdibhashi; lebizo likadadewabo lalinguHazeleliponi.

4 LoPenuweli uyise kaGedori, loEzeri uyise kaHusha. Laba babengamadodana kaHuri, izibulo likaEfratha, uyise kaBhethelehema.

5 Njalo uAshuri uyise kaThekhowa wayelabafazi ababili, oHela loNahara.

6 UNahara wasemzalela uAhuzama loHeferi loTemeni loHahashitari. Laba babengamadodana kaNahara.

7 Lamadodana kaHela: OZerethi loIzohari loEthinani.

8 UKhozi wasezala uAnubi loZobeba, lensendo zikaAhariheli indodana kaHarumi.

9 Njalo uJabezi wayelodumo kulabafowabo; unina wasemutha ibizo wathi nguJabezi, esithi: Ngoba ngamzala ngisosizini.

10 UJabezi wasebiza uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli esithi: Kungathi ungangibusisa lokungibusisa, uqhelise umngcele wami, lesandla sakho sibe lami, ungivikele ebubini ukuze bungangidabuli! UNkulunkulu wenza kwenzakala lokho akucelayo.

11 UKelubi umfowabo kuShuha wasezala uMehiri, onguyise kaEshitoni.

12 UEshitoni wasezala uBeti-Rafa loPhaseya loTehina uyise kaIri-Nahashi. Laba babengabantu bakaReka.

13 Lamadodana kaKenazi: O-Othiniyeli loSeraya. Lamadodana kaOthiniyeli: UHathathi.

14 UMeyonothayi wasezala uOfira. USeraya wasezala uJowabi uyise wesigodi seHarashi, ngoba babezingcitshi.

15 Lamadodana kaKalebi indodana kaJefune: OIru, uEla, loNahamu; lamadodana kaEla, ngitsho uKenazi.

16 Lamadodana kaJehaleleli: OZifi, loZifa, uTiriya, loAsareli.

17 Lamadodana kaEzra: OJetheri loMeredi loEferi loJaloni. Wasezala oMiriyamu loShamayi loIshiba uyise kaEshithemowa.

18 Umkakhe umJudakazi wasezala uJeredi uyise kaGedori, loHeberi uyise kaSoko, loJekuthiyeli uyise kaZanowa. Lalabo babengamadodana kaBithiya indodakazi kaFaro, uMeredi amthathayo.

19 Lamadodana omkaHodiya, udadewabo kaNahama, uyise kaKeyila umGarmi, loEshithemowa umMahakathi.

20 Njalo amadodana kaShimoni: OAmnoni, loRina, uBheni-Hanani, loThiloni. Lamadodana kaIshi: OZohethi loBheni-Zohethi.

21 Amadodana kaShela indodana kaJuda: OEri uyise kaLeka, loLahada uyise kaMaresha, lensendo zendlu yabenzi belembu elicolekileyo bendlu kaAshibeya,

22 loJokimi, lamadoda akoKhozeba, loJowashi, loSarafi ababebusa amaMowabi, loJashubi-Lehema. Lalezizindaba zindala.

23 Labo babengababumbi, labakhileyo ezilimeni lezintangweni; bahlala lapho lenkosi emsebenzini wayo.

Inzalo kaSimeyoni

24 Amadodana kaSimeyoni: ONemuweli, loJamini, loJaribi, uZera, uShawuli,

25 uShaluma indodana yakhe, uMibhisamu indodana yakhe, uMishima indodana yakhe.

26 Lamadodana kaMishima: UHamuweli indodana yakhe, uZakuri indodana yakhe, uShimeyi indodana yakhe.

27 Njalo uShimeyi wayelamadodana alitshumi lesithupha lamadodakazi ayisithupha; kodwa abafowabo babengelabantwana abanengi, losendo lonke lwabo kalwandanga njengabantwana bakoJuda.

28 Basebehlala eBherishebha leMolada leHazari-Shuwali

29 leBiliha leEzema leToladi

30 leBethuweli leHorma leZikilagi

31 leBeti-Marikabothi leHazari-Susimi leBeti-Biri leShaharayimi. Le yayiyimizi yabo kwaze kwaba sekubuseni kukaDavida.

32 Lemizana yabo: IEtamu, leAyini, iRimoni, leTokeni, leAshani, imizi emihlanu,

33 layo yonke imizana yayo, eyayiyizingelezele leyomizi, kuze kube seBahali. Lezi zindawo zabo zokuhlala, njalo baba lombhalo wosendo lwabo.

34 LoMeshobabi loJamileki loJosha indodana kaAmaziya,

35 loJoweli loJehu indodana kaJoshibhiya indodana kaSeraya indodana kaAsiyeli,

36 loEliyohenayi loJahakoba loJeshohaya loAsaya loAdiyeli loJesimiyeli loBhenaya,

37 loZiza indodana kaShifi indodana kaAloni indodana kaJedaya indodana kaShimiri indodana kaShemaya.

38 Laba abaqanjwe ngamabizo babeyizikhulu ensendweni zabo, lezindlu zaboyise zanda kakhulu ngobunengi.

39 Basebesiya ekungeneni kweGedori, baya ngempumalanga kwesihotsha, ukudingela imihlambi yabo idlelo.

40 Bafica idlelo elivundileyo lelihle, lommango obanzi emaceleni, lolokuzola, lolokuthula; ngoba abakoHamu babehlala khona endulo.

41 Lalabo ababebhalwe ngamabizo bafika ensukwini zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, batshaya amathente lendawo zokuhlala ezazitholakala khona, babatshabalalisa kuze kube lamuhla; bahlala endaweni zabo, ngoba kwakukhona lapho idlelo lezimvu zabo.

42 Kwasekuphuma kubo, ebantwaneni bakoSimeyoni, amadoda angamakhulu amahlanu, aya entabeni yeSeyiri. LoPelatiya loNeyariya loRefaya loUziyeli amadodana kaIshi babezinhloko zabo.

43 Basebetshaya insali yabaphephayo bamaAmaleki, bahlala khona kuze kube lamuhla.

I LWEMILANDO 5

Inzalo kaRubeni

1 Njalo amadodana kaRubeni, izibulo likaIsrayeli (ngoba wayelezibulo, kodwa njengoba wayengcolise umbheda kayise, ubuzibulo bakhe banikwa amadodana kaJosefa indodana kaIsrayeli; futhi wayengabhalwanga njengezibulo;

2 ngoba uJuda wayelamandla kulabafowabo, lowayengumbusi wavela kuye, kodwa ubuzibulo babungobukaJosefa).

3 Amadodana kaRubeni, izibulo likaIsrayeli: OHanoki, loPalu, uHezironi, loKarmi.

4 Amadodana kaJoweli: UShemaya indodana yakhe, uGogi indodana yakhe, uShimeyi indodana yakhe,

5 uMika indodana yakhe, uReyaya indodana yakhe, uBhali indodana yakhe,

6 uBehera indodana yakhe, uTiligathi-Pilineseri inkosi yeAsiriya eyamthumbayo; wayeyisiphathamandla sabakoRubeni.

7 Njalo abafowabo ngensendo zabo, lapho bebhalwa ngokwezizukulwana zabo, bayizinhloko: OJeyiyeli, loZekhariya,

8 loBhela indodana kaAzazi indodana kaShema indodana kaJoweli, owayehlala eAroweri, njalo kwaze kwaba seNebo leBhali-Meyoni.

9 Langempumalanga wahlala kwaze kwaba sekungeneni kwenkangala kusukela emfuleni iYufrathi, ngoba izifuyo zabo zasezandile elizweni leGileyadi.

10 Ensukwini zikaSawuli balawula-ke impi lamaHagari, awa ngesandla sabo; bahlala emathenteni awo elizweni lonke lempumalanga yeGileyadi.

Inzalo kaGadi

11 Labantwana bakoGadi bahlala maqondana labo elizweni leBashani kwaze kwaba seSaleka.

12 UJoweli inhloko, loShafamu owesibili, loJanayi loShafati eBashani.

13 Labafowabo ngendlu yaboyise: OMikayeli loMeshulamu loShebha loJorayi loJakani loZiya loEberi, beyisikhombisa.

14 Laba babengamadodana kaAbihayili indodana kaHuri indodana kaJarowa indodana kaGileyadi indodana kaMikayeli indodana kaJeshishayi indodana kaJahido indodana kaBuzi.

15 UAhi indodana kaAbidiyeli indodana kaGuni wayeyinhloko yendlu yaboyise.

16 Basebehlala eGileyadi, eBashani, lemizaneni yayo, lakuwo wonke amadlelo eSharoni, kwaze kwaba sekuphumeni kwawo.

17 Bonke laba babhalwa ngezizukulwana zabo ezinsukwini zikaJothamu inkosi yakoJuda lensukwini zikaJerobhowamu inkosi yakoIsrayeli.

Isizwe sakoRubeni lesakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase

18 Amadodana kaRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase, emadodeni angamaqhawe, athwala isihlangu lenkemba, anyathela idandili, lezingcitshi empini, ayeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha, ephumela ebuthweni.

19 Basebelawula impi lamaHagari loJeturi loNafishi loNodabi.

20 Bancediswa bemelene labo, amaHagari asenikelwa esandleni sabo, labo bonke ababelawo; ngoba bakhala kuNkulunkulu besempini, wasencengeka ngabo, ngoba bamthemba.

21 Bathumba izifuyo zabo, amakamela azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, labobabhemi abazinkulungwane ezimbili, lemiphefumulo yabantu ezinkulungwane ezilikhulu.

22 Ngoba kwawa abanengi ababuleweyo, ngoba impi yayingekaNkulunkulu. Basebehlala ezindaweni zabokwaze kwafika ukuthunjwa.

23 Abantwana bengxenye yesizwe sakoManase basebehlala elizweni; kusukela eBashani kusiya eBhali-Hermoni leSeniri lentabeni yeHermoni bona banda.

24 Lalezi zinhloko zendlu yaboyise, ngitsho oEferi loIshi loEliyeli loAziriyeli loJeremiya loHodaviya loJahidiyeli, amadoda angamaqhawe alamandla, amadoda alamabizo, inhloko zendlu yaboyise.

25 Kodwa bona kuNkulunkulu waboyise, baphinga ngokulandela onkulunkulu babantu balelolizwe, uNkulunkulu abachithayo phambi kwabo.

26 Ngakho uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli wavusa umoya kaPhuli inkosi yeAsiriya, lomoya kaTiligathi-Pilineseri inkosi yeAsiriya, wabathumba, ngitsho abakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase, wabasa eHalaleHabori leHara lemfuleni iGozani, kuze kube lamuhla.

I LWEMILANDO 6

Inzalo kaLevi

1 Amadodana kaLevi: OGerishoni, uKohathi, loMerari.

2 Lamadodana kaKohathi: OAmramu, uIzihari, loHebroni, loUziyeli.

3 Labantwana bakaAmramu: OAroni loMozisi loMiriyamu. Lamadodana kaAroni: ONadabi, loAbihu, uEleyazare, loIthamari.

4 UEleyazare wazala uPhinehasi; uPhinehasi wazala uAbishuwa;

5 uAbishuwa wasezala uBuki; uBuki wasezala uUzi;

6 uUzi wasezala uZerahiya; uZerahiya wasezala uMerayothi;

7 uMerayothi wazala uAmariya; uAmariya wasezala uAhitubi;

8 uAhitubi wasezala uZadoki; uZadoki wasezala uAhimahazi;

9 uAhimahazi wasezala uAzariya; uAzariya wasezala uJohanani;

10 uJohanani wasezala uAzariya (nguye owasebenza njengompristi endlini uSolomoni ayakha eJerusalema);

11 uAzariya wasezala uAmariya; uAmariya wasezala uAhitubi;

12 uAhitubi wasezala uZadoki; uZadoki wasezala uShaluma;

13 uShaluma wasezala uHilikhiya; uHilikhiya wasezala uAzariya;

14 uAzariya wasezala uSeraya; uSeraya wasezala uJehozadaki.

15 UJehozadaki laye wahamba lapho iNKOSI yathumba uJuda leJerusalema ngesandla sikaNebhukadinezari.

16 Amadodana kaLevi: OGerishoni, uKohathi, loMerari.

17 Lala ngamabizo amadodana kaGerishoni: OLibini loShimeyi.

18 Njalo amadodana kaKohathi: OAmramu loIzihari loHebroni loUziyeli.

19 Amadodana kaMerari: OMahli loMushi. Lalezi zinsendo zamaLevi njengokwaboyise.

20 KoGerishoni: ULibini indodana yakhe, uJahathi indodana yakhe, uZima indodana yakhe,

21 uJowa indodana yakhe, uIdo indodana yakhe, uZera indodana yakhe, uJeyatherayi indodana yakhe.

22 Amadodana kaKohathi: UAminadaba indodana yakhe, uKora indodana yakhe, uAsiri indodana yakhe,

23 uElkana indodana yakhe, loEbiyasafi indodana yakhe, loAsiri indodana yakhe,

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24 uTahathi indodana yakhe, uUriyeli indodana yakhe, uUziya indodana yakhe, loShawuli indodana yakhe.

25 Njalo amadodana kaElkana: OAmasayi loAhimothi.

26 UElkana; amadodana kaElkana: UZofayi indodana yakhe, loNahathi indodana yakhe,

27 uEliyabi indodana yakhe, uJerohamu indodana yakhe, uElkana indodana yakhe.

28 Amadodana kaSamuweli: Izibulo uVashini, loAbhiya.

29 Amadodana kaMerari: UMahli, uLibini indodana yakhe, uShimeyi indodana yakhe, uUza indodana yakhe,

30 uShimeya indodana yakhe, uHagiya indodana yakhe, uAsaya indodana yakhe.

Abahlabeleli bethempeli abamiswa nguDavida

31 Lalaba yibo uDavida abamisayo phezu kwenkonzo yengoma endlini yeNKOSI umtshokotsho usuphumule.

32 Njalo babekhonza phambi kwethabhanekele lethente lenhlangano ngengoma, uSolomoni waze wakha indlu yeNKOSI eJerusalema. Bema ngokwesimiso sabo enkonzweni yabo.

33 Lalaba yibo abema lamadodana abo: Kumadodana amaKohathi: UHemani umhlabeleli indodana kaJoweliindodana kaSamuweli

34 indodana kaElkana indodana kaJerohamu indodana kaEliyeli indodana kaTowa

35 indodana kaZufi indodana kaElkana indodana kaMahathi indodana kaAmasayi

36 indodana kaElkana indodana kaJoweli indodana kaAzariya indodana kaZefaniya

37 indodana kaTahathi indodana kaAsiri indodana kaEbhiyasafi indodana kaKora

38 indodana kaIzihari indodana kaKohathi indodana kaLevi indodana kaIsrayeli.

39 Lomfowabo uAsafi owema ngakwesokunene sakhe: UAsafi indodana kaBerekiya indodana kaShimeya

40 indodana kaMikayeli indodana kaBahaseya indodana kaMalikiya

41 indodana kaEthini indodana kaZera indodana kaAdaya

42 indodana kaEthani indodana kaZima indodana kaShimeyi

43 indodana kaJahathi indodana kaGerishoni indodana kaLevi.

44 Lamadodana kaMerari, abafowabo, ema ngakwesokhohlo: UEthani indodana kaKishi indodana kaAbidi indodana kaMaluki

45 indodana kaHashabhiya indodana kaAmaziya indodana kaHilikhiya

46 indodana kaAmizi indodana kaBani indodana kaShemeri

47 indodana kaMahli indodana kaMushi indodana kaMerari indodana kaLevi.

48 Labafowabo, amaLevi, bamiswa kuyo yonke inkonzo yethabhanekele lendlu kaNkulunkulu.

Inzalo kaAroni

49 Kodwa uAroni lamadodana akhe banikela phezu kwelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa laphezu kwelathi lempepha, kusenzelwa wonke umsebenzi wengcwele yezingcwele, lokwenzela uIsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula, njengakho konke uMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu eyakulayayo.

50 Lala ngamadodana kaAroni: OEleyazare indodana yakhe, uPhinehasi indodana yakhe, uAbishuwa indodana yakhe,

51 uBuki indodana yakhe, uUzi indodana yakhe, uZerahiya indodana yakhe,

52 uMerayothi indodana yakhe, uAmariya indodana yakhe, uAhitubi indodana yakhe,

53 uZadoki indodana yakhe, uAhimahazi indodana yakhe.

Imizi yamaLevi

54 Lezi-ke zindawo zawo zokuhlala ezinqabeni zawo emingceleni yawo, zamadodana kaAroni, zezinsendo zamaKohathi; ngoba inkatho yayingeyawo.

55 Basebewanika iHebroni elizweni lakoJuda, lamadlelo ayo ayizingelezeleyo.

56 Kodwa insimu yomuzi lemizana yawo bakunika uKalebi indodana kaJefune.

57 Basebenika amadodana kaAroni imizi yokuphephela: IHebroni, leLibhina lamadlelo ayo, leJathiri, leEshithemowa lamadlelo ayo,

58 leHileni lamadlelo ayo, iDebiri lamadlelo ayo,

59 leAshani lamadlelo ayo, leBeti-Shemeshi lamadlelo ayo.

60 Lesizweni sakoBhenjamini: IGeba lamadlelo ayo, leAlemethi lamadlelo ayo, leAnathothi lamadlelo ayo. Yonke imizi yawo, ngensendo zawo, yayiyimizi elitshumi lantathu.

61 Lamadodana kaKohathi, aseleyo kusendo lwesizwe, avela kungxenye yesizwe, ingxenye yakoManase, aba lemizi elitshumi, ngenkatho.

62 Njalo amadodana kaGerishoni, ngensendo zawo, esizweni sakoIsakari lesizweni sakoAsheri lesizweni sakoNafithali lesizweni sakoManase eBashani, aba lemizi elitshumi lantathu.

63 Amadodana kaMerari, ngensendo zawo, esizweni sakoRubeni lesizweni sakoGadi lesizweni sakoZebuluni, aba lemizi elitshumi lambili, ngenkatho.

64 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebenika amaLevi limizi kanye lamadlelo ayo.

65 Basebenika le imizi ngenkatho esizweni sabantwana bakoJuda lesizweni sabantwana bakoSimeyoni lesizweni sabantwana bakoBhenjamini, abayibiza ngamabizo.

66 Lezinye zensendo zamadodana kaKohathi zaba lemizi yemingcele yazo esizweni sakoEfrayimi.

67 Basebewanika imizi yokuphephela, iShekema lamadlelo ayo entabeni yakoEfrayimi, leGezeri lamadlelo ayo,

68 leJokimeyamu lamadlelo ayo, leBhethi-Horoni lamadlelo ayo,

69 leAjaloni lamadlelo ayo, leGathi-Rimoni lamadlelo ayo.

70 Lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase: IAneri lamadlelo ayo, leBileyamu lamadlelo ayo, yosendo lwamadodana kaKohathi aseleyo.

71 Amadodana kaGerishoni ensendweni zengxenye yesizwe sakoManase aba leGolani eBashani lamadlelo ayo, leAshitarothi lamadlelo ayo.

72 Lesizweni sakoIsakari: IKedeshi lamadlelo ayo, leDaberathi lamadlelo ayo,

73 leRamothi lamadlelo ayo, leAnema lamadlelo ayo.

74 Lesizweni sakoAsheri: IMashali lamadlelo ayo, leAbidoni lamadlelo ayo,

75 leHukoki lamadlelo ayo, leRehobi lamadlelo ayo.

76 Lesizweni sakoNafithali: IKedeshi eGalili lamadlelo ayo, leHamoni lamadlelo ayo, leKiriyathayimi lamadlelo ayo.

77 Njalo amadodana kaMerari aseleyo, esizweni sakoZebuluni, aba leRimono lamadlelo ayo, leThabhori lamadlelo ayo;

78 langaphetsheya kweJodani, eJeriko, ngempumalanga kweJodani, esizweni sakoRubeni: IBezeri enkangala lamadlelo ayo, leJahaza lamadlelo ayo,

79 leKedemothi lamadlelo ayo, leMefahathi lamadlelo ayo;

80 lesizweni sakoGadi: IRamothi eGileyadi lamadlelo ayo, leMahanayimi lamadlelo ayo,

81 leHeshiboni lamadlelo ayo, leJazeri lamadlelo ayo.

I LWEMILANDO 7

Inzalo kaIsakari

1 Lemadodaneni kaIsakari: OThola, loPhuwa, uJashubi, loShimroni; bebane.

2 Njalo amadodana kaThola: OUzi, loRefaya, loJeriyeli, loJahimayi, loIbisamu, loShemuweli, izinhloko zendlu yaboyise, abakoThola, amaqhawe alamandla ezizukulwaneni zabo; inani labo ensukwini zikaDavida laliyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamakhulu ayisithupha.

3 Lamadodana kaUzi: UIzrahiya. Lamadodana kaIzrahiya: OMikayeli, loObhadiya, loJoweli, uIshiya, bebahlanu; beyizinhloko bonke.

4 Kanye labo-ke, ngensendo zabo, ngendlu yaboyise, kwakukhona amaviyo ebutho lempi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesithupha, ngoba babelabafazi labantwana abanengi.

5 Labafowabo, phakathi kwensendo zonke zakoIsakari, amaqhawe alamandla, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa, bebhalwe bonke ngezizukulwana.

Inzalo kaBhenjamini

6 Amadodana kaBhenjamini: OBhela, loBekeri loJediyayeli, bebathathu.

7 Lamadodana kaBhela: OEziboni, loUzi, loUziyeli, loJerimothi, loIri, bebahlanu; izinhloko zendlu zaboyise, amaqhawe alamandla; bebhalwe ngezizukulwana, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamatshumi amathathu lane.

8 Njalo amadodana kaBekeri: OZemira, loJowashi, loEliyezeri, loEliyohenayi, loOmri, loJeremothi, loAbhiya, loAnathothi, loAlemethi; bonke laba babengamadodana kaBekeri.

9 Bebhalwe ngensendo ngezizukulwana zabo, izinhloko zezindlu zaboyise, amaqhawe alamandla, babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu amabili.

10 Njalo amadodana kaJediyayeli: UBilihani. Lamadodana kaBilihani: OJewushi, loBhenjamini, loEhudi, loKenahana, loZethani, loTarshishi, loAhishahari.

11 Bonke laba babengamadodana kaJediyayeli, ngezinhloko zaboyise, amaqhawe alamandla; babeyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesikhombisa lamakhulu amabili, angaphuma ebuthweni ukuya empini.

12 LoShupimi loHupimi babengamadodana kaIri, loHushimi amadodana kaAheri.

Inzalo kaNafithali

13 Amadodana kaNafithali: OJahaziyeli, loGuni, loJezeri, loShaluma, amadodana kuBiliha.

Inzalo kaManase

14 Amadodana kaManase: UAsiriyeli umkakhe amzalayo. (Umfazi wakhe omncinyane umAramukazi wazala uMakiri uyise kaGileyadi.

15 UMakiri wathatha udadewabo kaHupimi loShupimi, waba ngumkakhe, obizo lakhe nguMahaka.) Lebizo leyesibili lalinguZelofehadi; njalo uZelofehadi wayelamadodakazi.

16 UMahaka umkaMakiri wasezala indodana, wayitha ibizo wathi nguPereshi; lebizo lomfowabo lalinguShereshi, lamadodana akhe ayengoUlamu loRakema.

17 Njalo amadodana kaUlamu: UBedani. La ayengamadodana kaGileyadi indodana kaMakiri indodana kaManase.

18 Udadewabo uHamolekethi wasezala oIshodi loAbiyezeri loMahla.

19 Lamadodana kaShemida ayengoAhiyani loShekema loLikhi loAniyamu.

Inzalo kaEfrayimi

20 Njalo amadodana kaEfrayimi: OShuthela, loBeredi indodana yakhe, loTahathi indodana yakhe, loEleyada indodana yakhe, loTahathi indodana yakhe,

21 loZabadi indodana yakhe, loShuthela indodana yakhe, loEzeri loEleyadi, amadoda eGathi azalelwa kulelolizwe abababulalayo, ngoba behlela ukuthatha izifuyo zabo.

22 UEfrayimi uyise walila insuku ezinengi; abafowabo basebesiza ukuzamduduza.

23 Wasengena kumkakhe; wathatha isisu, wazala indodana; waseyitha ibizo wathi nguBeriya, ngoba wayesebubini endlini yakhe.

24 Lendodakazi yakhe yayinguShera, owakha iBethi-Horoni engaphansi lengaphezulu, leUzeni-Shera.

25 Njalo uRefa wayeyindodana yakhe, loReshefi, loTela indodana yakhe, loTahani indodana yakhe,

26 uLadani indodana yakhe, uAmihudi indodana yakhe, uElishama indodana yakhe,

27 uNoni indodana yakhe, uJoshuwa indodana yakhe.

28 Lemfuyo yawo lendawo zawo zokuhlala kwakuyiBhetheli lemizana yayo, langempumalanga iNaharani, langentshonalanga iGezeri lemizana yayo, leShekema lemizana yayo, kwaze kwaba seAya lemizana yayo.

29 Lasemingceleni yabantwana bakoManase, iBeti-Sheyani lemizana yayo, iThahanakhi lemizana yayo, iMegido lemizana yayo, iDori lemizana yayo. Kule kwahlala abantwana bakoJosefa indodana kaIsrayeli.

Inzalo kaAsheri

30 Abantwana bakaAsheri: OImina, loIshiva, loIshivi, loBeriya, loSera udadewabo.

31 Njalo amadodana kaBeriya: OHeberi, loMalikiyeli onguyise kaBirizayithi.

32 UHeberi wasezala oJafilethi loShomeri loHothamu loShuwa udadewabo.

33 Lamadodana kaJafilethi: OPasaki loBimihali loAshivathi; la ngamadodana kaJafilethi.

34 Lamadodana kaShemeri: OAhi, loRohiga, uJehuba, loAramu.

35 Njalo amadodana kaHelemu umfowabo: OZofa loImina loSheleshi loAmali.

36 Njalo amadodana kaZofa: OSuwa, loHarineferi, loShuwali, loBeri, loImra,

37 uBezeri, loHodi, loShama, loShilisha, loIthirani, loBehera.

38 Njalo amadodana kaJetheri: OJefune loPisipa loAra.

39 Njalo amadodana kaUla: OAra loHaniyeli loRiziya.

40 Bonke laba babengabantwana bakaAsheri, izinhloko zendlu yaboyise, abakhethiweyo, amaqhawe alamandla, izinhloko zeziphathamandla. Basebebhalwa ngezizukulwana ebuthweni empini; inani labo lalingamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesithupha.

I LWEMILANDO 8

Inzalo kaBhenjamini

1UBhenjamini wasezala uBhela izibulo lakhe, uAshibeli owesibili, loAhara owesithathu,

2 uNoha owesine, loRafa owesihlanu.

3 Njalo uBhela wayelamadodana: OAdari loGera loAbhihudi

4 loAbishuwa loNamani loAhowa

5 loGera loShefufani loHuramu.

6 Lala ngamadodana kaEhudi; lezi zinhloko zaboyise zabahlali beGeba; wasebathumbela eManahathi;

7 loNamani, loAhiya, loGera; yena wabathumba; wasezala oUza loAhihudi.

8 UShaharayimi wasezala abantwana elizweni lakoMowabi, esebaxotshile; oHushimi loBahara babengomkakhe.

9 Wasezala kuHodeshi umkakhe oJobabi loZibiya loMesha loMalikamu

10 loJewuzi loSakiya loMirima. Laba babengamadodana akhe, izinhloko zaboyise.

11 KuHushimi wasezala oAbitubi loEliphahali.

12 Amadodana kaEliphahali: OEberi, loMishamu, loShemedi owakha iOno leLodi lemizana yayo,

13 loBeriya, loShema, ababezinhloko zaboyise zabahlali beAjaloni, ababexotshe abahlali beGathi,

14 loAhiyo, uShashaki, loJeremothi,

15 loZebhadiya, loAradi, loEderi,

16 loMikayeli, loIshipa, loJoha, amadodana kaBeriya.

17 LoZebhadiya, loMeshulamu, loHiziki, loHeberi,

18 loIshmerayi, loIziliya, loJobabi, amadodana kaEliphahali.

19 LoJakimi, loZikiri, loZabidi,

20 loEliyenayi, loZilethayi, loEliyeli,

21 loAdaya, loBeraya, loShimirathi, amadodana kaShimeyi.

22 LoIshipani, loEberi, loEliyeli,

23 loAbidoni, loZikiri, loHanani,

24 loHananiya, loElamu, loAnithothiya,

25 loIfideya, loPenuweli, amadodana kaShashaki.

26 LoShamisherayi, loShekariya, loAthaliya,

27 loJahareshiya, loEliya, loZikiri, amadodana kaJerohamu.

28 Laba babezinhloko zaboyise, izinhloko ngezizukulwana zabo; laba bahlala eJerusalema.

Inzalo kaSawuli

29 EGibeyoni kwasekuhlala uyise kaGibeyoni; lebizo lomkakhe lalinguMahaka.

30 Lendodana yakhe, izibulo lakhe, nguAbhidoni, loZuri, loKishi, loBhali, loNadabi,

31 loGedori, loAhiyo, loZekeri.

32 UMikilothi wasezala uShimeya. Lalaba babehlala maqondana labafowabo eJerusalema, kanye labafowabo.

33 UNeri wasezala uKishi; uKishi wasezala uSawuli; uSawuli wasezala oJonathani loMaliki-Shuwa loAbinadaba loEshibhali.

34 Njalo indodana kaJonathani yayinguMeribi-Bhali; uMeribi-Bhali wasezala uMika.

35 Njalo amadodana kaMika: OPithoni loMeleki loTareya loAhazi.

36 UAhazi wasezala uJehoyada; uJehoyada wasezala oAlemethi loAzimavethi loZimri; uZimri wasezala uMoza;

37 uMoza wasezala uBineya; uRafa wayeyindodana yakhe, uEleyasa indodana yakhe, uAzeli indodana yakhe.

38 Njalo uAzeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha; lala ngamabizo awo: OAzirikamu, uBhokeru, loIshmayeli, loSheyariya, loObhadiya, loHanani. Wonke la ngamadodana kaAzeli.

39 Njalo amadodana kaEsheki umfowabo: OUlamu izibulo lakhe, uJewushi eyesibili, loElifeleti eyesithathu.

40 Njalo amadodana kaUlamu ayengamadoda, amaqhawe alamandla, anyathela idandili, elamadodana amanengi lamadodana amadodana, ikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu. Bonke laba babengabantwana bakoBhenjamini.

I LWEMILANDO 9

Ababehlala eJerusalema

1UIsrayeli wonke wasebalwa ngezizukulwana; khangela-ke, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akoIsrayeli; kodwa abakoJuda bathunjelwa eBhabhiloni ngenxa yeziphambeko zabo.

2 Njalo abahlali bokuqala ababeselizweni labo emizini yabo kwakunguIsrayeli, abapristi, amaLevi, lamaNethini.

3 Njalo eJerusalema kwahlala ababantwana bakoJuda lababantwana bakoBhenjamini lababantwana bakoEfrayimi loManase:

4 U-Uthayi indodana kaAmihudi indodana kaOmri indodana kaImri indodana kaBani, wabantwana bakaPerezi indodana kaJuda.

5 LakumaShiloni: UAsaya izibulo, lamadodana akhe.

6 Lakumadodana kaZera: UJeyuweli labafowabo, amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye.

7 Lakumadodana akoBhenjamini: USalu indodana kaMeshulamu indodana kaHodaviya indodana kaHasenuwa;

8 loIbineya indodana kaJerohamu, loEla indodana kaUzi indodana kaMikiri, loMeshulamu indodana kaShefathiya indodana kaRehuweli indodana kaIbiniya;

9 labafowabo ngezizukulwana zabo, amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amahlanu lesithupha. Wonke lamadoda ayeyizinhloko zaboyise endlini yaboyise.

10 Lakubapristi: OJedaya, loJehoyaribi, loJakini,

11 loAzariya indodana kaHilikhiya indodana kaMeshulamu indodana kaZadoki indodana kaMerayothiindodana kaAhitubi, umphathi wendlu kaNkulunkulu,

12 loAdaya indodana kaJerohamu indodana kaPashuri indodana kaMalikiya, loMahasayi indodana kaAdiyeliindodana kaJahizera indodana kaMeshulamu indodana kaMeshilemithi indodana kaImeri,

13 labafowabo, izinhloko zendlu yaboyise, inkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha, abalamandla ngobungcwethi emsebenzini wenkonzo yendlu kaNkulunkulu.

14 LakumaLevi: UShemaya indodana kaHashubi indodana kaAzirikamu indodana kaHashabhiya, owamadodana kaMerari,

15 loBakibakari, uHereshi, loGalali, loMathaniya indodana kaMika indodana kaZikiri indodana kaAsafi,

16 loObhadiya indodana kaShemaya indodana kaGalali indodana kaJeduthuni, loBerekiya indodana kaAsa indodana kaElkana owahlala emizini yamaNetofa.

17 Labagcini bamasango oShaluma loAkubi loTalimoni loAhimani; lomfowabo uShaluma wayeyinhloko;

18 njalo kuze kube lesisikhathi, babesangweni lenkosi ngempumalanga, laba babengabagcini bamasango enkambeni yabantwana bakoLevi.

19 UShaluma indodana kaKore indodana kaEbiyasafi indodana kaKora, labafowabo, abendlu kayise, amaKora, basebephatha umsebenzi wenkonzo, abalindi beminyango yethente; laboyise baphatha ibandla leNKOSI, abalindi bentuba.

20 UPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare wayengumbusi phezu kwabo ngaphambili; iNKOSI yayilaye.

21 UZekhariya indodana kaMeshelemiya wayengumgcinisango emnyango wethente lenhlangano.

22 Bonke labo abakhethwayo babangabagcinimasango emibundwini, babengamakhulu amabili letshumi lambili; babhalwa ngezizukulwana zabo emizini yabo; oDavida loSamuweli umboni ababamisa esikhundleni sabo.

23 Ngakho bona lamadodana abo baphatha amasango endlini yeNKOSI, indlu yethente, ngemilindo.

24 Abalindi bamasango babekhona emimoyeni yomine, empumalanga, entshonalanga, enyakatho, leningizimu.

25 Labafowabo ababesemizini yabo babefanele beze okwensuku eziyisikhombisa izikhathi ngezikhathi kanye labo.

26 Ngoba amaLevi la, abagcini bamasango abakhulu bobane, babesesikhundleni, babephethe amakamelo bephezu kwezindlu zenotho zendlu kaNkulunkulu.

27 Njalo babehlala ebusuku bezingelezele indlu kaNkulunkulu, ngoba umlindo wawuphezu kwabo, njalo bephethe ukuvulwa kwayo, ngitsho ikuseni ngekuseni.

28 Njalo abanye babo babephethe izitsha zenkonzo, ngoba ngenani bazingenisa, langenani bazikhupha.

29 Labanye babo babemiswe phezu kwezitsha, laphezu kwazo zonke izitsha ezingcwele, laphezu kwempuphu ecolekileyo lewayini lamafutha lempepha lamakha.

30 Abanye emadodaneni abapristi babehlanganisa-ke amafutha amakha.

31 LoMathithiya kumaLevi, owayelizibulo likaShaluma umKora, wayephathiswe umsebenzi wamaqebelengwana abhakwe emapanini.

32 Labanye babantwana bamaKohathi kubafowabo babephethe isinkwa sokubukiswa ukusilungisa isabatha ngesabatha.

33 Lalaba ngabahlabeleli, izinhloko zaboyise bamaLevi, emakamelweni, bekhululekile, ngoba emini lebusuku kwakuphezu kwabo ukuba semsebenzini.

34 Laba bazinhloko zaboyise bamaLevi, izinhloko ngezizukulwana zabo; laba bahlala eJerusalema.

Izizukulwana zikaSawuli

35 EGibeyoni kwakuhlala-ke uyise kaGibeyoni, uJehiyeli; lebizo lomkakhe lalinguMahaka.

36 Lendodana yakhe elizibulo uAbidoni, loZuri loKishi loBhali loNeri loNadabi

37 loGedori loAhiyo loZekhariya loMikilothi.

38 UMikilothi wasezala uShimeyamu; laba labo bahlala eJerusalema maqondana labafowabo kanye labafowabo.

39 UNeri wasezala uKishi; uKishi wasezala uSawuli; uSawuli wasezala oJonathani loMaliki-Shuwa loAbinadaba loEshibhali.

40 Njalo indodana kaJonathani yayinguMeribi-Bhali; uMeribi-Bhali wasezala uMika.

41 Njalo amadodana kaMika: OPithoni loMeleki loTareya.

42 UAhazi wasezala uJara; uJara wasezala oAlemethi loAzimavethi loZimri. UZimri wasezala uMoza.

43 UMoza wasezala uBineya, loRefaya indodana yakhe, uEleyasa indodana yakhe, uAzeli indodana yakhe.

44 Njalo uAzeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha; lala ngamabizo awo: OAzirikamu, uBhokeru, loIshmayeli, loSheyariya, loObhadiya, loHanani. La ayengamadodana kaAzeli.

I LWEMILANDO 10

Ukufa kukaSawuli lamadodana akhe

1AmaFilisti asesilwa emelene loIsrayeli; lamadoda akoIsrayeli abaleka phambi kwamaFilisti, awa abulawa entabeni yeGilibowa.

2 AmaFilisti asenamathela ngemva kukaSawuli langemva kwamadodana akhe;
amaFilisti atshaya uJonathani loAbinadaba loMaliki-Shuwa, amadodana
kaSawuli.

3 Impi yasisiba nzima imelene loSawuli; abatshoka ngamadandili basebemfica;
waselinyazwa ngabatshoki.

4 USawuli wasesithi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe: Hwatsha inkemba yakho,
ungigwaze ngayo, hlezi laba abangasokanga bafike, badlale kubi ngami. Kodwa
umthwali wezikhali zakhe kavumanga, ngoba wesaba kakhulu. USawuli
wasethatha inkemba, waziwisela phezu kwayo.

5 Lapho umthwali wezikhali zakhe ebona ukuthi uSawuli usefile, laye waziwisela
phezu kwenkemba, wafa.

6 Wafa-ke uSawuli, lamadodana akhe amathathu, lendlu yakhe yonke; bafa
ndawonye.

7 Kwathi wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli ayesesigodini ebona ukuthi abalekile,
lokuthi uSawuli lamadodana akhe bafile, atshiya imizi yawo, abaleka; amaFilisti
asefika, ahlala kiyo.

8 Kwasekusithi kusisa lapho amaFilisti efika ukuhlubula ababuleweyo, afica
uSawuli lamadodana akhe bewile entabeni yeGilibowa.

9 Amhlubula, athatha ikhanda lakhe lezikhali zakhe, athumela elizweni
lamaFilisti inhlangothi zonke, ukumemezela imibiko ezithombeni zawo
lebantwini.

10 Asebeka izikhali zakhe endlini yabonkulunkulu bawo, abethela ukhakhayi
lwakhe endlini kaDagoni.

11 Kwathi iJabeshi-Gileyadi yonke isizwile konke amaFilisti akwenze kuSawuli,

12 wonke amaqhawe asuka, athatha isidumbu sikaSawuli lezidumbu zamadodana
akhe, aziletha eJabeshi, angcwaba amathambo abo ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-
okhi eJabeshi, azila ukudla insuku eziyisikhombisa.

13 Ngakho uSawuli wafa ngenxa yesiphambeko sakhe aphambuka ngaso emelene
leNKOSI, emelene lelizwi leNKOSIayengaligcinanga, njalo langokubuza koledlozi
ukudinga kuye,

14 njalo kakudinganga eNKOSIni. Ngakho yambulala, yaguqulela umbuso
kuDavida indodana kaJese.

I LWEMILANDO 11

UDavida uba yinkosi koIsrayeli

1UIsrayeli wonke wasebuthana kuDavida eHebroni esithi: Khangela, thina
silithambo lakho lenyama yakho.

2 Ngitsho mandulo, ngitsho uSawuli eyinkosi, nguwe owakhupha lowangenisa
uIsrayeli; iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wakho yasisithi kuwe: Wena uzakwelusa abantu
bami uIsrayeli, njalo wena uzakuba ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bami uIsrayeli.

3 Kwasekufika bonke abadala bakoIsrayeli enkosini eHebroni. UDavida
wasesenza isivumelwano labo eHebroni phambi kweNKOSI. Basebemgcoba
uDavida ukuba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, njengelizwi leNKOSI ngesandla
sikaSamuweli.

UDavida uthatha inqaba yeZiyoni

4 UDavida loIsrayeli wonke basebesiya eJerusalema, eyiJebusi, ngoba lapho
kwakulamaJebusi, abahlali balelolizwe.

5 Abahlali beJebusi basebesithi kuDavida: Kawuyikungena lapha. Kodwa uDavida
wayithumba inqaba yeZiyoni, engumuzi kaDavida.

6 UDavida wasesithi: Loba ngubani ozatshaya amaJebusi kuqala uzakuba
yinhloko lenduna. Ngakho uJowabi indodana kaZeruya wenyuka kuqala, waba
yinhloko.

7 UDavida wasehlala enqabeni; ngalokho-ke bayibiza ngokuthi ngumuzi
kaDavida.

8 Wasewakha umuzi inhlangothi zonke, kusukela eMilo waze wawuhlanganisa.
UJowabi wasevuselela okuseleyo komuzi.

9 UDavida wasesiya eqhubeka esiba mkhulu, ngoba iNKOSI yamabandla yayilaye.

Amaqhawe kaDavida

10 Lalezi zinhloko zamaqhawe uDavida ayelazo, ezaziqinisa kanye laye
embusweni wakhe, loIsrayeli wonke, ukumenza inkosi, njengelizwi
leNKOSI mayelana loIsrayeli.

11 Laleli linani lamaqhawe uDavida ayelawo: UJashobeyamu indodana
yomHakimoni inhloko yamatshumi amathathu; yena waphakamisa umkhonto
wakhe emelene labangamakhulu amathathu, wababulala ngasikhathi sinye.

12 Lemva kwakhe kwakuloEleyazare indodana kaDodo umAhohi; wayephakathi
kwamaqhawe amathathu.

13 Yena wayeloDavida ePasi-Damimi lapho amaFilisti ayebuthanele impi khona.
Lesiqinti sensimu sasigcweleibhali; abantu basebebaleka phambi kwamaFilisti.

14 Bona bazimisa phakathi kwesiqinti, basikhulula, batshaya amaFilisti,
iNKOSI yasisindisa ngokukhulula okukhulu.

15 Abathathu ezinduneni ezingamatshumi amathathu basebesehlela edwaleni
kuDavida, ebhalwini lweAdulamu; lebutho lamaFilisti lalimise inkamba
esihotsheni seRefayimi.

16 UDavida ngalesosikhathi wayesenqabeni, lebutho lenqaba lamaFilisti ngalesosikhathi laliseBhethelehema.

17 UDavida waselangatha wathi: Hawu, kungathi omunye ubenganginathisa amanzi omthombo weBhethelehema osesangweni!

18 Labo abathathu bafohlela enkambeni yamaFilisti, bakha amanzi emthonjeni weBhethelehema owawusesangweni, bawathwala bawaletha kuDavida; kodwa uDavida kafunanga ukuwanatha, kodwa wawathululela iNKOSI.

19 Wasesithi: Kakube khatshana lami, ngoNkulunkulu wami, ukwenza lokho. Nginganatha yini igazi lalamadoda abeke impilo yawo engozini? Ngoba ngokubeka impilo yawo engozini, awalethile. Ngakho kafunanga ukuwanatha. Lezizinto azenza lawomaqhawe amathathu.

20 UAbishayi umfowabo kaJowabi, yena-ke wayeyinhloko yabathathu. Yena ephakamisa umkhonto wakhe emelene labangamakhulu amathathu wababulala; wasesiba lebizo phakathi kwabathathu.

21 Kwabathathu wayehlonitshwa kulababili, wasesiba yinduna yabo; kodwa kafinyelelanga kwabathathuabokuqala.

22 UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, indodana yeqhawe leKabhiseyeli, wayemkhulu ngezenzo: Nguye owatshaya abakoMowabi ababili ababenjengezilwane; futhi yena wehla wabulala isilwane phakathi komgodi mhla weliqhwa elikhithikileyo.

23 Yena wasetshaya indoda engumGibhithe, umuntu omude, ozingalo ezinhlanu. Lesandleni somGibhithe kwakulomkhonto onjengogodo lomeluki; kodwa wehlela kuye ngenduku, wahluthuna umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe, wambulala ngowakhe umkhonto.

24 Lezizinto wazenza uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, waba lebizo phakathi kwamaqhawe amathathu.

25 Khangela, wahlonitshwa phakathi kwabangamatshumi amathathu, kodwa kafinyelelanga kwabathathu. UDavida wasembeka phezu kwabalindi bakhe.

26 Lamaqhawe amabutho: OAsaheli umfowabo kaJowabi, uElihanani indodana kaDodo weBhethelehema,

27 uShamothi umHarodi, uHelezi umPheloni,

28 uIra indodana kaIkheshi umThekhowa, uAbiyezeri umAnathothi,

29 uSibekayi umHushathi, uIlayi umAhohi,

30 uMaharayi umNetofa, uHelebi indodana kaBahana umNetofa,

31 uIthayi indodana kaRibayi weGibeya yabantwana bakoBhenjamini, uBhenaya umPirathoni,

32 uHurayi wezifula zeGahashi, uAbiyeli umArba,

33 uAzimavethi umBaharumi, uEliyabha umShahaliboni,

34 amadodana kaHashema umGizoni, uJonathani indodana kaShage umHarari,

35 uAhiyamu indodana kaSakari umHarari, uElifali indodana kaUri,

36 uHeferi umMekera, uAhiya umPheloni,

37 uHeziro umKharmeli, uNaharayi indodana kaEzibayi,

38 uJoweli umfowabo kaNathani, uMibhari indodana kaHagiri,

39 uZeleki umAmoni, uNaharayi umBherothi, umthwali wezikhali zikaJowabi indodana kaZeruya,

40 uIra umIthiri, uGarebi umIthiri,

41 uUriya umHethi, uZabadi indodana kaAhilayi,

42 uAdina indodana kaShiza umRubeni, inhloko kwabakoRubeni, labangamatshumi amathathu belaye,

43 uHanani indodana kaMahaka, loJoshafati umMithini,

44 uUziya umAshiterathi, uShama loJehiyeli amadodana kaHothamu umAroweri,

45 uJediyayeli indodana kaShimri, loJoha umfowabo umTizi,

46 uEliyeli umMahavi, loJeribayi loJoshaviya amadodana kaElinahamu, loIthima umMowabi,

47 loEliyeli, loObedi, loJahasiyeli umMezobaya.

I LWEMILANDO 12

Abasizi bakaDavida eZikilagi

1 Laba-ke yilabo abeza kuDavida eZikilagi, lapho esavalelwe ngenxa kaSawuli indodana kaKishi; njalo babephakathi kwamaqhawe, abasizi bempi.

2 Behlomile ngamadandili, besebenzisa isandla sokunene lesokhohlo ngamatshe, langemitshoko ngedandili; babengababafowabo bakaSawuli koBhenjamini.

3 Inhloko yayinguAhiyezeri, loJowashi, amadodana kaShemaha umGibeya; loJeziyeli loPeleti amadodana kaAzimavethi, loBeraka, loJehu umAnathothi,

4 loIshmaya umGibeyoni, iqhawe phakathi kwabangamatshumi amathathu njalo ephezu kwabangamatshumi amathathu; loJeremiya, loJahaziyeli, loJohanani, loJozabadi umGedera,

5 uEluzayi, loJerimothi, loBeyaliya, loShemariya, loShefathiya umHarufi,

6 uElkana, loIshiya, loAzareli, loJowezeri, loJashobeyamu, amaKora,

7 loJowela, loZebhadiya, amadodana kaJehoramu weGedori.

8 LakwabakoGadi bazehlukanisela kuDavida enqabeni enkangala, amaqhawe alamandla, amadoda ebutho empi, ephatha isihlangu esikhulu lomkhonto, obuso bawo babuyibuso bezilwane, enjengemiziki ezintabeni ngesiqubu.

9 UEzeri wayeyinhloko, uObhadiya owesibili, uEliyabi owesithathu,

10 uMishimana owesine, uJeremiya owesihlanu,

11 uAthayi owesithupha, uEliyeli owesikhombisa,

12 uJohanani owesificaminwembili, uElizabadi owesificamunwemunye,

13 uJeremiya owetshumi, uMakibanayi owetshumi lanye.

14 Laba babengabamadodana akoGadi, izinhloko zebutho; omunye wabancinyane wayephethe ikhulu, lomkhulu wayephethe inkulungwane.

15 Laba yibo abachapha iJodani ngenyanga yokuqala lapho yayigcwele iphuphuma inkumbi zonke zayo, baxotsha bonke ababesezigodini ngempumalanga langentshonalanga.

16 Basebefika bevela ebantwaneni bakoBhenjamini labakoJuda enqabeni kuDavida.

17 UDavida wasephuma ukubahlangabeza, waphendula wathi kibo: Uba lisiza kimi ngokuthula ukungisiza, ngilenhliziyo ehlangene lani; kodwa uba kuyikunginikela ngenkohliso ezitheni zami, kungelabubi ezandleni zami, uNkulunkulu wabobaba kakubone, ajezise.

18 UMoya wasesehlela kuAmasayi inhloko yezinduna, wasesithi: Singabakho, Davida, silawe, ndodana kaJese! Ukuthula, ukuthula kube kuwe, lokuthula kube kubasizi bakho, ngoba uNkulunkulu wakho uyakusiza! UDavida wasebemukela, wabenza induna zeviyo.

19 Abavela koManase bahlamukela kuDavida ekufikeni kwakhe lamaFilisti emelene loSawuli empini. Kodwa kababasizanga, ngoba ababusi bamaFilisti bamxotsha ngecebo besithi: Ngamakhanda ethu uzahlamukela enkosini yakhe uSawuli.

20 Ekuyeni kwakhe eZikilagi kwabalekela kuye abavela koManase: OAdina loJozabadi loJediyayeli loMikhayeli loJozabadi loElihu loZilethayi, inhloko zezinkulungwane ababengabakoManase.

21 Bona basebesiza kanye loDavida bemelene leviyo elihlaselayo, ngoba bonke babengamaqhawe alamandla, bezinduna ebuthweni.

22 Ngoba ngesikhathi insuku ngensuku beza kuDavida ukumnceda baze babe libutho elikhulu njengebutho likaNkulunkulu.

Ibutho likaDavida eHebroni

23 Lala ngamanani ezinhloko ezazihlomele impi; zeza kuDavida eHebroni ukuphendulela umbuso kaSawuli kuye, ngokomlomo weNKOSI.

24 Abantwana bakoJuda bethwele isihlangu esikhulu lomkhonto babeyizinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili, behlomele impi.

25 Ebantwaneni bakoSimeyoni, amaqhawe alamandla empi, izinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lekhulu.

26 Ebantwaneni bakoLevi, izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha.

27 LoJehoyada wayeyisiphathamandla sabakoAroni; kanye laye kwakulezinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisikhombisa.

28 LoZadoki ijaha, iqhawe elilamandla; lendlini kayise izinduna ezingamatshumi amabili.

29 Lebantwaneni bakoBhenjamini, abafowabo bakaSawuli, izinkulungwane ezintathu; ngoba kuze kube khathesi ubunengi babo bagcina uthembeko endlini kaSawuli.

30 Lebantwaneni bakoEfrayimi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili, amaqhawe alamandla, amadoda alamabizo endlini yaboyise.

31 Lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi leyisificaminwembili, ababeqanjwe ngamabizo ukuthi beze babeke uDavida abe yinkosi.

32 Lebantwaneni bakoIsakari, ababelokwazi beqedisisa izikhathi ukwazi ukuthi uIsrayeli ufanele enzeni, izinhloko zabo zazingamakhulu amabili, labafowabo bonke babesemlayweni wazo.

33 KoZebuluni, abaphuma impi, behlela impi ngazo zonke izikhali zempi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu, ukugcina iviyo kungengenhliziyombili.

34 LakoNafithali, izinduna eziyinkulungwane, labayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa kanye lazo, belesihlangu esikhulu lomkhonto.

35 LakwabakoDani, abahlela impi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili lamakhulu ayisithupha.

36 LakoAsheri, abaphuma ebuthweni, ukuhlela impi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane.

37 Lababevela ngaphetsheya kweJodani, kwabakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase, belezikhali zonke zempi ukuyakulwa, izinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili.

38 Wonke lamadoda empi, angagcina iviyo, afika eHebroni ngenhliziyo epheleleyo ukubeka uDavida abe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke; njalo loIsrayeli wonke oseleyo wayenhliziyonye ukubeka uDavida abe yinkosi.

39 Njalo baba lapho loDavida insuku ezintathu besidla benatha, ngoba abafowabo babebalungisele.

40 Futhi lababeseduze labo kuze kube koIsakari lakoZebuluni lakoNafithali baletha isinkwa ngabobabhemi langamakamela langezimbongolo langezinkabi, ukudla, impuphu, izinkwa zomkhiwa, lamahlukuzo ezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo, lewayini, lamafutha, lezinkabi, lezimvu, ngobunengi, ngoba kwakulentokozo koIsrayeli.

I LWEMILANDO 13

UDavida ufisa ukuletha umtshokotsho wesivumelwano eJerusalema

1UDavida wasecebisana lezinduna zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu laye wonke umphathi.

2 UDavida wasesithi ebandleni lonke lakoIsrayeli: Uba kulungile kini, njalo kuvela eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wethu, kasisabalale sithumele kubafowethu abaseleyo emazweni wonke akoIsrayeli lakubapristi lamaLevi alabo emizini, emadlelweni, ukuze babuthane kithi.

3 Besesibuyisa kithi umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wethu, ngoba kasiwudinganga ensukwini zikaSawuli.

4 Ibandla lonke laselisithi kwenziwe njalo, ngoba udaba lwalulungile emehlweni abo bonke abantu.

5 UDavida wasebuthanisa uIsrayeli wonke kusukela eShihori yeGibhithe kuze kube sekungeneni kweHamathiukuletha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu usuka eKiriyathi-Jeyarimi.

6 UDavida loIsrayeli wonke basebesenyukela eBhahala, eKiriyathi-Jeyarimi eyakoJuda, ukuze benyuse lapho umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu iNKOSI, ehlala phakathi kwamakherubhi phezu kwawo, lapho ibizo elibizwa khona.

7 Basebewuthwala umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu ngenqola entsha bewususa endlini kaAbinadaba; njalo oUza loAhiyo babetshayela leyonqola.

8 UDavida loIsrayeli wonke babedlala-ke phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngamandla wonke, langengoma, langamachacho, langezigubhu zezintambo, langezingungu, langezinsimbi ezincencethayo, langezimpondo.

9 Lapho befika ebaleni lokubhulela likaKidoni, uUza welula isandla sakhe ukubamba umtshokotsho, ngoba inkabi zakhubeka.

10 Ulaka lweNKOSI lwaselumvuthela uUza, yamtshaya, ngenxa yokuthi welulela isandla sakhe emtshokotshweni; wasefela khonapho phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

11 UDavida wasethukuthela ngoba iNKOSI imfohlele ngokufohla uUza; waseyibiza leyondawo ngokuthi yiPerezi-Uza, kuze kube lamuhla.

12 UDavida wasemesaba uNkulunkulu ngalolosuku, esithi: Ngizawuletha njani kimi umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu?

13 Ngakho uDavida kawulethanga umtshokotsho kuye emzini kaDavida, kodwa wawuphambulela endlini kaObedi-Edoma umGithi.

14 Ngakho umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu wahlala kwabendlu kaObedi-Edoma endlini yakhe inyanga ezintathu. INKOSI yasibusisa indlu kaObedi-Edoma lakho konke ayelakho.

I LWEMILANDO 14

1UHiramu inkosi yeTire wasethuma izithunywa kuDavida, lezigodo zemisedari lababazi bamatshe lababazi bezigodo ukumakhela indlu.

2 UDavida wasesazi ukuthi iNKOSI yayimmisile ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, ngoba umbuso wakhe wawuphakanyiselwe phezulu ngenxa yabantu bayo uIsrayeli.

Abantwana bakaDavida abazalelwa eJerusalema

3 UDavida wasethatha abanye abafazi eJerusalema; uDavida wasezala amanye amadodana lamadodakazi.

4 Lala ngamabizo abantwana aba labo eJerusalema: OShamuwa, loShobabi, uNathani, loSolomoni,

5 loIbihari, loElishuwa, loEliphaleti,

6 loNoga, loNefegi, loJafiya,

7 loElishama, loBeyeliyada, loElifaleti.

UDavida unqoba amaFilisti

8 AmaFilisti esezwile ukuthi uDavida ugcotshiwe ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke, wonke amaFilisti enyuka ukudinga uDavida; uDavida ekuzwa waphuma ukuyamelana lawo.

9 AmaFilisti asefika azisabalalisa esihotsheni seRefayimi.

10 UDavida wasebuza kuNkulunkulu esithi: Ngenyukele yini kumaFilisti? Uzawanikela esandleni sami yini? INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Yenyuka, ngoba ngizawanikela esandleni sakho.

11 Basebesenyukela eBhali-Perazimi, uDavida wawatshaya lapho; uDavida wasesithi: UNkulunkulu ufohlele ezitheni zami ngesandla sami njengokufohla kwamanzi. Ngenxa yalokhu babiza leyondawo ngokuthi yiBhali-Perazimi.

12 Asetshiya onkulunkulu bawo lapho, uDavida wasesithi kabatshiswe ngomlilo.

13 AmaFilisti asebuya ezisabalalisa esihotsheni futhi.

14 Lapho uDavida ebuza futhi kuNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wathi kuye: Ungenyukeli ngemva kwawo, agombolozele usuka kiwo, uze kuwo maqondana lezihlahla zebhalisamu.

15 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho usizwa umsindo wokuhamba ezihlokweni zezihlahla zebhalisamu, ubusuphumela empini, ngoba uNkulunkulu uzabe esephume phambi kwakho ukutshaya ibutho lamaFilisti.

16 Ngakho uDavida wenza njengoba uNkulunkulu emlayile; basebetshaya ibutho lamaFilisti kusukela eGibeyoni kwaze kwaba seGezeri.

17 Njalo ibizo likaDavida laphumela kuwo wonke amazwe; iNKOSI yasibeka ukwesabeka kwakhe phezu kwazo zonke izizwe.

I LWEMILANDO 15

Umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI ulethwa eJerusalema

1Wasezenzela izindlu emzini kaDavida, walungisela umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu indawo, wawumisela ithente.

2 Ngalesosikhathi uDavida wathi: Kakho ongathwala umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwamaLevi, ngoba yiwo iNKOSI eyawakhethela ukuthwala umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, lokuyikhonza kuze kube nininini.

3 UDavida wasebuthanisa uIsrayeli wonke eJerusalema ukuze benyuse umtshokotsho weNKOSI endaweni yawo ayeyilungisele wona.

4 UDavida wasebuthanisa amadodana kaAroni lamaLevi.

5 Kumadodana kaKohathi, uUriyeli induna, labafowabo, ikhulu lamatshumi amabili.

6 Kumadodana kaMerari, uAsaya induna, labafowabo, amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili.

7 Kumadodana kaGerishoni, uJoweli induna, labafowabo, ikhulu lamatshumi amathathu.

8 Kumadodana kaElizafani, uShemaya induna, labafowabo, amakhulu amabili.

9 Kumadodana kaHebroni, uEliyeli induna, labafowabo, amatshumi ayisificaminwembili.

10 Kumadodana kaUziyeli, uAminadaba induna, labafowabo, ikhulu letshumi lambili.

11 UDavida wasebiza oZadoki loAbhiyatha abapristi, lamaLevi, oUriyeli, uAsaya, loJoweli, uShemaya, loEliyeli, loAminadaba.

12 Wasesithi kubo: Lizinhloko zaboyise bamaLevi; zingcweliseni lina labafowenu ukuze lenyuse umtshokotsho weNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli endaweni engiyilungisele wona.

13 Ngoba lina lalingekho kuqala, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu yafohlela kithi, ngoba singayidinganga ngokwesimiso.

14 Ngakho abapristi lamaLevi bazingcwelisa ukwenyusa umtshokotsho weNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

15 Abantwana bamaLevi basebethwala umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, njengokulaya kukaMozisi ngokwelizwi leNKOSI, emahlombe abo ngemijabo phezu kwabo.

16 UDavida wasesithi ezinduneni zamaLevi zimise abafowabo, abahlabeleli, lezinto zokuhlabelela lezigubhu zezintambo lamachacho lezinsimbi ezincencethayo, bazizwakalise, ngokuphakamisa ilizwi ngentokozo.

17 AmaLevi asemisa uHemani indodana kaJoweli, lakubafowabo uAsafi indodana kaBerekiya, lemadodaneni kaMerari abafowabo uEthani indodana kaKushaya.

18 Njalo kanye labo abafowabo besigaba sesibili: OZekhariya, uBeni, loJahaziyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, loUni, uEliyabi, loBhenaya, loMahaseya, loMathithiya, loElifelehu, loMikineya, loObedi-Edoma, loJeyiyeli, abalindi bamasango.

19 Abahlabeleli oHemani, uAsafi, loEthani bazizwakalisa-ke ngensimbi ezincencethayo zethusi.

20 LoZekhariya loAziyeli loShemiramothi loJehiyeli loUni loEliyabi loMahaseya loBhenaya belezigubhu zezintambo ngeAlamothi.

21 LoMathithiya loElifelehu loMikineya loObedi-Edoma loJeyiyeli loAzaziya belamachacho ngeSheminithi ukukhokhela.

22 LoKenaniya induna yamaLevi emthwalweni, wafundisa ngokuhlabelela ngoba wayeyingcitshi.

23 LoBerekiya loElkana babengabagcini bamasango omtshokotsho.

24 LoShebaniya loJoshafati loNethaneli loAmasayi loZekhariya loBhenaya loEliyezeri abapristi bakhalisa izimpondo phambi komtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu. LoObedi-Edoma loJehiya babengabagcinimasango bomtshokotsho.

25 Kwasekusithi uDavida labadala bakoIsrayeli lenduna zezinkulungwane bahamba ukwenyusa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI uvela endlini kaObedi-Edoma ngentokozo.

26 Kwasekusithi uNkulunkulu ewasiza amaLevi ayewuthwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI, banikela umhlatshelo wamajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa.

27 Njalo uDavida wayegqoke isembatho selembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lawo wonke amaLevi ayewuthwele umtshokotsho labahlabeleli loKenaniya induna yomthwalo wabahlabeleli; uDavida-ke wayegqoke i-efodi yelembu elicolekileyo.

28 Ngakho uIsrayeli wonke wawenyusa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI ngokumemeza langokukhala kophondo lwenqama, langezimpondo, langezinsimbi ezincencethayo, besenza umsindo ngezigubhu zezintambolamachacho.

29 Kwasekusithi lapho umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI ufika emzini kaDavida, uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli walunguza ngewindi wabona inkosi uDavida esina edlala, wamdelela enhliziyweni yakhe.

I LWEMILANDO 16

1Basebewuletha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, bawumisa phakathi kwethente uDavida ayelimisele wona; basebenikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

2 UDavida eseqedile ukunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula wababusisa abantu ebizweni leNKOSI.

3 Wasesabela wonke umuntu wakoIsrayeli kusukela kowesilisa kuze kube kowesifazana, kwaba ngulowo lalowo isinkwa esisodwa, leqatha lenyama, lesinkwa sezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo.

4 Wasemisa izikhonzi kumaLevi phambi komtshokotsho weNKOSI, ngitsho ukukhumbula lokubonga lokudumisa iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

5 UAsafi inhloko, lowesibili kuye uZekhariya, uJeyiyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, loMathithiya, loEliyabi, loBhenaya, loObedi-Edoma, loJeyiyeli belezinto zezigubhu zezintambo njalo lamachacho; uAsafi wasezizwakalisa ngezinsimbi ezincencethayo;

6 loBhenaya loJahaziyeli abapristi ngezimpondo njalonjalo phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu.

Ihubo likaDavida lokubonga

7 Ngalesosikhathi ngalolosuku uDavida wanika kuqala lesisihlabelelo ukudumisa iNKOSI ngesandla sikaAsafi labafowabo:

8 Bongani iNKOSI, libize ibizo layo, lazise phakathi kwabantu izenzo zayo.

9 Hlabelelani kuyo, liyihubele amahubo, lilandise ngezenzo zayo ezimangalisayo.

10 Zincomeni ebizweni layo elingcwele, kayithokoze inhliziyo yabo abadinga iNKOSI.

11 Dingani iNKOSI lamandla ayo, lidinge ubuso bayo njalonjalo.

12 Khumbulani izimangaliso zayo eyazenzayo, izibonakaliso zayo, lezahlulelo zomlomo wayo,

13 nzalo kaIsrayeli inceku yayo, bantwana bakaJakobe, abakhethiweyo bayo.

14 IyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu; izahlulelo zayo zisemhlabeni wonke.

15 Khumbulani isivumelwano sayo kuze kube nininini, ilizwi eyalilaya kuzinkulungwane zezizukulwana,

16 eyasenza loAbrahama, lesifungo sakhe kuIsaka,

17 eyasiqinisa lakuJakobe saba yisimiso, kuIsrayeli saba yisivumelwano esilaphakade,

18 isithi: Ngizakunika ilizwe leKhanani, inkatho yelifa lakho.

19 Lapho lalibalutshwana ngenani, yebo libalutshwana, njalo liyizihambi kulo.

20 Basebezula besuka esizweni besiya esizweni, besuka embusweni besiya kwabanye abantu.

21 Kayivumelanga muntu ukubacindezela; yebo yakhuza amakhosi ngenxa yabo:

22 Lingathinti abagcotshiweyo bami, lingoni abaprofethi bami.

23 Hlabelelani eNKOSIni, mhlaba wonke, litshumayele insuku ngensuku usindiso lwayo.

24 Landisani udumo lwayo phakathi kwezizwe, izimangaliso zayo phakathi kwabantu bonke.

25 Ngoba yinkulu iNKOSI, ifanele ukudunyiswa kakhulu, iyesabeka phezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke.

26 Ngoba bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayizithombe; kodwa iNKOSI yenza amazulu.

27 Udumo lenkazimulo kuphambi kwayo, amandla lentokozo kusendaweni yayo.

28 Inikeni iNKOSI, zizukulwana zezizwe, inikeni iNKOSI udumo lamandla.

29 Inikeni iNKOSI udumo lwebizo layo, lethani umnikelo lize phambi kwayo. Ikhonzeni iNKOSI ebuhleni bobungcwele.

30 Lithuthumele phambi kwayo, mhlaba wonke; njalo umhlaba uzaqiniswa, kawuyikunyikinyeka.

31 Kawathokoze amazulu, lomhlaba ujabule, kabatsho phakathi kwezizwe ukuthi: INKOSI iyabusa.

32 Kaluhlokome ulwandle lokugcwala kwalo, iganga kalithabe lakho konke okukulo.

33 Khona zizahlabelela ngentokozo izihlahla zehlathi phambi kweNKOSI, ngoba iyeza ukwahlulela umhlaba.

34 Bongani iNKOSI ngoba ilungile, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube phakade.

35 Lithi futhi: Sisindise, Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwethu, usibuthe usikhulule ezizweni, ukuze sibonge ibizo lakho elingcwele, sizincome kudumo lwakho.

36 Kayibusiswe iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade.

Bonke abantu basebesithi: Ameni. Basebeyidumisa iNKOSI.

Labo abakhethelwa ukulondoloza umtshokotsho wesivumelwano

37 Wasetshiya lapho phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI oAsafi labafowabo ukukhonza phambi komtshokotsho njalonjalo njengodaba losuku ngosuku lwalo.

38 LoObedi-Edoma kanye labafowabo, abangamatshumi ayisithupha lesificaminwembili; uObedi-Edoma indodana kaJeduthuni loHosa babengabagcini bamasango.

39 LoZadoki umpristi labafowabo abapristi phambi kwethabhanekele leNKOSI endaweni ephakemeyo eyayiseGibeyoni,

40 ukuze banikele iminikelo yokutshiswa eNKOSIni phezu kwelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa njalonjalo ekuseni lakusihlwa, lanjengakho konke okubhaliweyo emlayweni weNKOSI, eyawulaya uIsrayeli.

41 Njalo kanye labo oHemani loJeduthuni labanye ababekhethiwe abamiswa ngamabizo ukubonga iNKOSI, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube phakade.

42 Njalo kanye labo oHemani loJeduthuni babelezimpondo lezinsimbi ezincencethayo zalabo abazizwakalisayo, lezinto zokuhlabelela zikaNkulunkulu. Lamadodana kaJeduthuni ayesesangweni.

43 Basebehamba bonke abantu, ngulowo lalowo waya endlini yakhe. UDavida wasebuyela ukubusisa indlu yakhe.

I LWEMILANDO 17

Isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu loDavida

1Kwasekusithi uDavida esehlezi endlini yakhe, uDavida wathi kuNathani umprofethi: Khangela, mina ngihlala endlini yemisedari, kodwa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI ungaphansi kwamakhetheni.

2 UNathani wasesithi kuDavida: Yenza konke okusenhliziyweni yakho, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulawe.

3 Kodwa kwathi ngabona lobobusuku ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lafika kuNathani, lisithi:

4 Hamba utshele uDavida inceku yami: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Wena kawuyikungakhela indlu yokuhlala.

5 Ngoba kangihlalanga endlini kusukela osukwini engenyusa ngalo uIsrayeli kuze kube lamuhla, kodwa ngasuka ethenteni ngaya ethenteni njalo ngasuka ethabhanekeleni ngaya kwelinye.

6 Loba ngaphi engihambe khona loIsrayeli wonke ngake ngakhuluma ilizwi yini komunye wabahluleli bakoIsrayeli, engabalaya ukwelusa abantu bami ngisithi: Yini lingangakhelanga indlu yemisedari?

7 Ngakho-ke uzakutsho njalo encekwini yami uDavida uthi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Mina ngakuthatha esibayeni sezimvu ekulandeleni izimvu ukuze ube ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bami uIsrayeli.

8 Njalo ngaba lawe loba ngaphi oya khona, ngaquma zonke izitha zakho zasuka phambi kwakho, ngakwenzela ibizo njengebizo labakhulu abasemhlabeni.

9 Njalo ngizabamisela indawo abantu bami uIsrayeli, ngibagxumeke ukuze bahlale endaweni yabo, bangabe besanyikinywa; labantwana bobubi kabasayikubamotsha njengakuqala,

10 njalo kusukela kulezonsuku engalaya abahluleli ukuthi babe phezu kwabantu bami uIsrayeli; ngazehlisela phansi zonke izitha zakho; njalo ngiyakutshela ukuthi iNKOSI izakwakhela indlu.

11 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho insuku zakho sezigcwalisekile ukuthi uhambe laboyihlo, ngizavusa inzalo yakho emva kwakho, ezavela emadodaneni akho, ngiqinise umbuso wayo.

12 Yena uzangakhela indlu, ngizaqinisa isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi kuze kube nininini.

13 Mina ngizakuba nguyise, yena abe yindodana yami; njalo kangiyikususa uthandolomusa wami kuyenjengalokho ngalususa kulowo owayengaphambi kwakho.

14 Kodwa ngizamqinisa endlini yami lembusweni wami kuze kube nininini, lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sizaqiniswa kuze kube nininini.

15 Njengawo wonke lamazwi lanjengawo wonke lumbono, ngokunjalo uNathani wakhuluma kuDavida.

16 Inkosi uDavida yasingena yahlala phambi kweNKOSI, yathi: Mina ngingubani, NKOSI Nkulunkulu, lendlu yami iyini, ukuthi ungilethe kuze kube lapha?

17 Lokhu bekukuncinyane emehlweni akho, Nkulunkulu; usukhulumile ngendlu yenceku yakho kusesekhatshana, wangibona ngokwesikhundla somuntu ophakemeyo, NKOSI Nkulunkulu.

18 UDavida angenzani okunye kuwe ngodumo lwenceku yakho? Ngoba wena uyayazi inceku yakho.

19 NKOSI, ngenxa yenceku yakho langokwenhliziyo yakho wenzile zonke lezizinto ezinkulu ukwazisa zonke lezizinto ezinkulu.

20 NKOSI, kakho onjengawe, njalo kakho uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwakho, njengakho konke esikuzwileyo ngendlebe zethu.

21 Njalo ngubani onjengabantu bakho uIsrayeli, isizwe esisodwa emhlabeni, uNkulunkulu owayazihlengela sona sibe ngabantu, ukuzenzela ibizo ngezenzo ezinkulu lezesabekayo, ngokuxotsha elifeni izizwe ukuzisusa phambi kwabantu bakho owabahlenga eGibhithe?

22 Ngoba wenza abantu bakho uIsrayeli ukuthi babe ngabantu bakho kuze kube nininini; lawe NKOSI waba nguNkulunkulu wabo.

23 Khathesi-ke, NKOSI, ilizwi owalikhuluma ngenceku yakho langendlu yayo kaliqiniswe kuze kube nininini, wenze njengokukhuluma kwakho.

24 Yebo kaliqiniswe, lebizo lakho kalibe likhulu kuze kube nininini, kuthiwa: INKOSI yamabandla inguNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, nguNkulunkulu koIsrayeli; lendlu kaDavida inceku yakho kayimiswe phambi kwakho.

25 Ngoba wena, Nkulunkulu wami, wembule endlebeni yenceku yakho ukuthi uzayakhela indlu; ngenxa yalokho inceku yakho ithole enhliziyweni ukukhuleka phambi kwakho.

26 Khathesi-ke, NKOSI, wena unguye uNkulunkulu, ukhulume lokhu okuhle ngenceku yakho.

27 Khathesi-ke, kukuthokozisile ukubusisa indlu yenceku yakho ukuze ibe phambi kwakho kuze kube nininini; ngoba, wena NKOSI, uyabusisa, njalo izabusiswa kuze kube nini lanini.

I LWEMILANDO 18

UDavida unqoba izizwe

1Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uDavida watshaya amaFilisti, wawehlisela phansi, wathatha iGathilemizana yayo ekususa esandleni samaFilisti.

2 Watshaya loMowabi; amaMowabi asesiba zinceku zikaDavida, aletha umthelo.

3 UDavida watshaya loHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba kuze kube seHamathi lapho esiyamisa amandla akhe emfuleni iYufrathi.

4 UDavida wasethumba kuye inqola eziyinkulungwane, labamabhiza abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, lamadoda ahamba ngenyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili; uDavida wasequma imisipha yawo wonke amabhiza enqola, kodwa watshiya kuwo amabhiza enqola alikhulu.

5 Lapho amaSiriya eDamaseko eza ukusiza uHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba, uDavida
watshaya kumaSiriya amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili.

6 UDavida wasebeka amabutho enqaba eSiriya yeDamaseko; amaSiriya asesiba
zinceku zikaDavida, aletha umthelo. Ngokunjalo iNKOSI yamsindisa uDavida loba
ngaphi aya khona.

7 UDavida wasethatha izihlangu zegolide ezaziphezu kwenceku zikaHadadezeri,
waziletha eJerusalema.

8 Njalo eTibhathi leKuni, imizi kaHadadezeri, uDavida wathatha ithusi elinengi
kakhulu; uSolomoni enza ngalo ulwandle lwethusi, lezinsika, lezitsha zethusi.

9 UTowu inkosi yeHamathi esizwa ukuthi uDavida utshayile ibutho lonke
likaHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba,

10 wathuma uHadoramu indodana yakhe enkosini uDavida ukuyibuza
impilakahle lokuyibusisa, ngenxa yokuthi ilwe loHadadezeri yamtshaya, (ngoba
uHadadezeri wayengumuntu wezimpi esilwa loTowu), elezitsha zonke zegolide
lezesiliva lezethusi.

11 Lalezo inkosi uDavida yazehlukanisela uJehova kanye lesiliva legolide
eyakuletha kuvela ezizweni zonke, eEdoma, lakoMowabi, lebantwaneni
bakoAmoni, lakumaFilisti, lakumaAmaleki.

12 UAbishayi indodana kaZeruya wasetshaya amaEdoma esihotsheni setshwayi,
izinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili.

13 Wasebeka amabutho enqaba eEdoma; wonke amaEdoma asesiba zinceku
zikaDavida. Ngokunjalo iNKOSIyamsindisa uDavida loba ngaphi aya khona.

14 UDavida wabusa-ke phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke, wayesenza isahlulelo
lokulunga kubo bonke abantu bakhe.

15 Njalo uJowabi indodana kaZeruya wayephezu kwebutho; loJehoshafathi
indodana kaAhiludi wayengumabhalane;

16 loZadoki indodana kaAhitubi loAbhimeleki indodana kaAbhiyatha
babengabapristi; loShavisha wayengumbhali;

17 loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephezu kwamaKerethi lamaPelethi;
lamadodana kaDavida ayezinhloko eceleni kwenkosi.

I LWEMILANDO 19

Ukwehlulwa kwamaAmoni lamaSiriya

1 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uNahashi inkosi yamaAmoni wafa, indodana
yakhe yasisiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

2 UDavida wasesithi: Ngizamenzela umusa uHanuni indodana kaNahashi, ngoba
uyise wangenzela umusa. UDavida wasethuma izithunywa ukuyamduduza

ngoyise. Izinceku zikaDavida zasezifika elizweni labantwana bakoAmoni kuHanuni ukumduduza.

3 Kodwa iziphathamandla zabantwana bakoAmoni zathi kuHanuni: Kambe uDavida uyamhlonipha uyihlo emehlweni akho, ngoba ethume abaduduzi kuwe? Izinceku zakhe kazizanga kuwe yini ukuphenya lokuchitha lokuhlola ilizwe?

4 Ngakho uHanuni wathatha izinceku zikaDavida wazigela waquma izembatho zazo kungxenye kuze kube sezibunu zazo, waziyekela zahamba.

5 Basebehamba bamtshela uDavida ngalawomadoda; wasethuma ukuwahlangabeza, ngoba amadoda ayelenhloni kakhulu; inkosi yasisithi: Hlalani eJeriko zize zihlume izindevu zenu, beselibuya.

6 Abantwana bakoAmoni sebebonile ukuthi sebelevumba kuDavida, uHanuni labantwana bakoAmoni bathumelaamathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane ukuziqatshela izinqola labagadi bamabhiza eMesopotamiya leSiriya-Mahaka leZoba.

7 Basebeziqatshela inqola ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili lenkosi yeMahaka labantu bayo; basebesiza bamisa inkamba phambi kweMedeba; abantwana bakoAmoni basebebuthana bevela emizini yabo, beza empini.

8 UDavida esezwile wathuma uJowabi lebutho lonke lamaqhawe.

9 Abantwana bakoAmoni basebephuma bahlela impi esangweni lomuzi, lamakhosi ayezile ayewodwa egangeni.

10 UJowabi esebonile ukuthi impondo zebutho zimelene laye ngaphambili langemuva, wakhetha kuwo wonke umkhethwa koIsrayeli, wabahlela ukumelana lamaSiriya.

11 Labaseleyo babantu wabanikela esandleni sikaAbishayi umfowabo; basebezihlela ukumelana labantwana bakoAmoni.

12 Wasesithi: Uba amaSiriya engikhulela, uzakuba lusizo lwami; kodwa uba abantwana bakoAmoni bekukhulela, ngizakusiza.

13 Bana lesibindi, siziqinise ngenxa yabantu bakithi langenxa yemizi kaNkulunkulu wethu; leNKOSI kayenze okuhle emehlweni ayo.

14 UJowabi labantu ababelaye basebesondela phambi kwamaSiriya ukuya empini; asebaleka phambi kwakhe.

15 Abantwana bakoAmoni sebebona ukuthi amaSiriya ayabaleka, babaleka labo phambi kukaAbishayi umfowabo, bangena emzini. UJowabi wasengena eJerusalema.

16 AmaSiriya esebonile ukuthi atshayiwe phambi kukaIsrayeli athuma izithunywa akhupha amaSiriya ayengaphetsheya komfula. LoShofaki induna yebutho likaHadadezeri wayephambi kwawo.

17 Esetsheliwe uDavida, wabuthanisa uIsrayeli wonke, wachapha iJodani, wafika kibo, wahlela ibutho limelene lawo. UDavida esehlele impi ukumelana lamaSiriya, alwa laye.

18 Kodwa amaSiriya abaleka phambi kukaIsrayeli; uDavida wasebulala kumaSiriya abezinqola abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, lamadoda ahamba ngenyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane, wabulala loShofaki induna yebutho.

19 Izinceku zikaHadadezeri sezibonile ukuthi zitshayiwe phambi kukaIsrayeli, zenza ukuthula loDavida, zamsebenzela. Ngakho amaSiriya kawafunanga ukusiza abantwana bakoAmoni futhi.

I LWEMILANDO 20

UDavida unqoba iRaba

1Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sokuthwasa komnyaka, ngesikhathi amakhosi aphuma ngaso, uJowabi wakhokhela amaqhawe ebutho, wachitha ilizwe labantwana bakoAmoni, weza wavimbezela iRaba. Kodwa uDavida wasala eJerusalema. UJowabi waseyitshaya iRaba, wayichitha.

2 UDavida wathatha umqhele wenkosi yabo wawususa ekhanda layo, wawuthola ulesisindo sethalenta legolide, laphakathi kwawo kulelitshe eliligugu, wasubekwa ekhanda likaDavida. Wasekhupha impango enengi kakhulu emzini.

3 Wakhupha abantu ababephakathi kwawo, wabaquma ngesaha, langamapiki ensimbi, langamahloka. Wenza njalo-ke uDavida kuyo yonke imizi yabantwana bakoAmoni; uDavida wasebuyela eJerusalema labo bonke abantu.

Abantu bakaDavida babulala iziqhwaga

4 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho kwavuka impi lamaFilisti eGezeri; ngalesosikhathi uSibekayi umHushathi watshaya uSiphayi owabantwana besiqhwaga; asesehliselwa phansi.

5 Kwasekusiba khona impi futhi lamaFilisti; uElihanani indodana kaJayiri wasetshaya uLahimi umfowabo kaGoliyathi umGithi, oluthi lomkhonto wakhe lwalungangogodo lwabeluki.

6 Kwabuye kwaba khona futhi impi eGathi lapho okwakukhona umuntu omude owayeleminwe lamazwane kuyisithupha lesithupha, amatshumi amabili lane; laye futhi wazalwa yisiqhwaga.

7 Eseyisa uIsrayeli, uJonathani indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida, wamtshaya.

8 Laba bazalelwa isiqhwaga eGathi; basebesiwa ngesandla sikaDavida langesandla sezinceku zakhe.

I LWEMILANDO 21

UDavida ubala abantu

1 USathane wasesukuma emelana loIsrayeli, wavusa uDavida ukuthi abale uIsrayeli.

2 Ngakho uDavida wathi kuJowabi lakubabusi babantu: Hambani libale uIsrayeli kusukela eBherishebha kuze kufike koDani, lilethe kimi ukuze ngazi inani labo.

3 UJowabi wasesithi: INKOSI kayandise ebantwini bayo njengoba benjalo ngokulikhulu. Nkosi yami, nkosi, abasizo bonke yini izinceku zenkosi yami? Inkosi yami ikufunelani lokhu? Izakuba licala ngani kuIsrayeli?

4 Kodwa ilizwi lenkosi laba lamandla phezu kukaJowabi. Ngakho uJowabi waphuma, wahambahamba phakathi kukaIsrayeli wonke; wafika eJerusalema.

5 UJowabi wasenika uDavida inani lokubalwa kwabantu. Njalo wonke uIsrayeli wayengamadoda azinkulungwane ezizinkulungwane lezinkulungwane ezilikhulu ahwatsha inkemba; loJuda wayengamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamatshumi ayisikhombisa ahwatsha inkemba.

6 Kodwa uLevi loBhenjamini kababalanga phakathi kwabo, ngoba ilizwi lenkosi lalinengeka kuJowabi.

7 Njalo kwaba kubi emehlweni kaNkulunkulu mayelana lalindaba; ngakho wamtshaya uIsrayeli.

8 UDavida wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Ngonile kakhulu ngoba ngenze linto. Kodwa khathesi, ake wedlulise ububi benceku yakho, ngoba ngenze ngobuthutha obukhulu.

9 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuGadi umboni kaDavida isithi:

10 Hamba ukhulume kuDavida uthi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Mina ngikubekela okuthathu; zikhethele okunye kukho engizakwenza kuwe.

11 UGadi wasefika kuDavida wathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Zikhethele:

12 Kumbe iminyaka emithathu yendlala; loba inyanga ezintathu uqedwa ebusweni bezitha zakho lenkemba yezitha zakho ikufice; kumbe insuku ezintathu inkemba yeNKOSI, ngitsho umatshayabhuqe wesifo, elizweni, lengilosi yeNKOSI ichitha kuwo wonke umngcele wakoIsrayeli. Ngakho-ke bona ukuthi yimpendulo bani engizayibuyisela kongithumileyo.

13 UDavida wasesithi kuGadi: Ngicindezelwe kakhulu; ake ngiwele esandleni seNKOSI, ngoba izisa zayo zinengi kakhulu; kodwa kangingaweli esandleni somuntu.

14 Ngakho iNKOSI yathuma umatshayabhuqe wesifo koIsrayeli; kwasekusiwa abantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa.

15 UNkulunkulu wasethuma ingilosi eJerusalema ukuyibhubhisa; njalo isayibhubhisa, iNKOSI yabona yazisola ngalobobubi, yasisithi kuyo ingilosi ebhubhisayo: Kwanele, khathesi buyisa isandla sakho. Ingilosi yeNKOSIyayimi-ke ebaleni lokubhulela likaOrinani umJebusi.

16 UDavida wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona ingilosi yeNKOSI imi phakathi komhlaba lamazulu lenkemba yayo ehwatshiweyo esandleni sayo iyelulele phezu kweJerusalema. UDavida labadala begqoke-ke amasaka bathi mbo ngobuso babo.

17 UDavida wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Kakusimi yini othe kababale abantu? Yebo yimi owonileyo owenze okubi sibili. Kodwa lezizimvu zenzeni? NKOSI Nkulunkulu wami, isandla sakho ake sibe phezu kwami laphezu kwendlu kababa, kodwa hatshi phezu kwabantu bakho ukuthi bahlutshwe.

18 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasisithi kuGadi katshele uDavida ukuthi uDavida kenyuke ayekwakhela iNKOSI ilathi ebaleni lokubhulela likaOrinani umJebusi.

19 UDavida wasesenyuka ngelizwi likaGadi alikhuluma ngebizo leNKOSI.

20 UOrinani enyemukula wabona ingilosi; lamadodana akhe amane ayelaye acatsha. UOrinani wayebhula-ke ingqoloyi.

21 UDavida esefika kuOrinani, uOrinani wakhangela wambona uDavida, waphuma ebaleni lokubhulela, wakhothamela uDavida ngobuso emhlabathini.

22 UDavida wasesithi kuOrinani: Nginika indawo yebala lokubhulela ukuze ngakhele iNKOSI ilathi kuyo; nginike yona ngemali egcweleyo, ukuze inhlupheko imiswe ebantwini.

23 UOrinani wasesithi kuDavida: Zithathele, inkosi yami inkosi kayenze okuhle emehlweni ayo; khangela, ngiyanika inkabi zibe yiminikelo yokutshiswa, lezimbulo zibe zinkuni, lengqoloyi ibe ngumnikelo wokudla. Ngiyanika konke.

24 Kodwa inkosi uDavida yathi kuOrinani: Hatshi, kodwa ngizathenga lokuthenga ngemali egcweleyo; ngoba kangiyikuthathela iNKOSI okwakho, loba nginikele iminikelo yokutshiswa ngaphandle kwentengo.

25 UDavida wasemnika uOrinani ngaleyondawo amashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha egolide ngesisindo.

26 UDavida waseyakhela khona iNKOSI ilathi, wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula, wayibiza iNKOSI; yasimphendula ngomlilo ovela emazulwini phezu kwelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa.

27 INKOSI yasilaya ingilosi; yasibuyisela inkemba yayo esikhwameni sayo.

Ukukhethwa kwendawo yethempeli

28 Ngalesosikhathi uDavida esebonile ukuthi iNKOSI imphendule ebaleni lokubhulela likaOrinani umJebusi, wanikela khona imihlatshelo.

29 Ngoba ithabhanekele leNKOSI uMozisi ayelenze enkangala lelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa ngalesosikhathi kwakusendaweni ephakemeyo eGibeyoni.

30 Kodwa uDavida wayengelakho ukuhamba phambi kwalo ukudinga uNkulunkulu, ngoba wethuswa yinkemba yengilosi yeNKOSI.

I LWEMILANDO 22

1UDavida wasesithi: Le yindlu yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu, laleli lilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa kaIsrayeli.

UDavida ulungiselela ukwakhiwa kwethempeli

2 UDavida waselaya ukubuthanisa abezizweni ababeselizweni lakoIsrayeli; wamisa ababazi bamatshe ukuthi babaze amatshe alungisiweyo okwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu.

3 UDavida waselungisa insimbi enengi kakhulu yezipikili zezivalo zamasango leyokuhlanganisa; lethusi elinengi kakhulu elalingelakulinganiswa ngesisindo;

4 lezigodo zemisedari ezingelakubalwa; ngoba amaSidoni lamaTire amlethela uDavida izigodo zemisedari ezinengi kakhulu.

5 UDavida wasesithi: USolomoni indodana yami ungumfana, ubuthakathaka, lendlu ezakwakhelwa iNKOSI kumele yenziwe ibe nkulu kakhulu, ibe lebizo ibe lodumo emazweni wonke. Ngakho ngizayilungiselela. UDavida waselungiselela kakhulu phambi kokufa kwakhe.

6 Wasebiza uSolomoni indodana yakhe, wamlaya ukuthi akhele iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli indlu.

7 UDavida wasesithi kuSolomoni: Ndodana yami, mina-ke, kwakusenhliziyweni yami ukwakhela ibizo leNKOSIuNkulunkulu wami indlu.

8 Kodwa ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi lisithi: Uchithe igazi elinengi, walawula izimpi ezinkulu; kawuyikwakhela ibizo lami indlu, ngoba uchithe igazi elinengi emhlabeni phambi kwami.

9 Khangela, uzazalelwa indodana ezakuba ngumuntu wokuphumula; njalo ngizayiphumuza ezitheni zayo zonke inhlangothi zonke: Ngoba ibizo layo lizakuba nguSolomoni, njalo ngizanika ukuthula lokuphumula phezu kukaIsrayeli ensukwini zakhe.

10 Yena uzakwakhela ibizo lami indlu. Yena-ke uzakuba yindodana yami, lami ngibe nguyise; ngiqinise isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi phezu kukaIsrayeli kuze kube nininini.

11 Khathesi, ndodana yami, iNKOSI ibe lawe, njalo uphumelele wakhe indlu yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, njengokutsho kwayo ngawe.

12 Kuphela iNKOSI ikunike inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa, ikulaye ngoIsrayeli, ukuze ulondoloze umlayo weNKOSIuNkulunkulu wakho.

13 Khona uzaphumelela, uba unanzelela ukwenza izimiso lezahlulelo iNKOSI eyakulaya uMozisi ngoIsrayeli; qina, ube lesibindi; ungesabi, ungatshaywa luvalo.

14 Khangela-ke, ekuhluphekeni kwami ngilungisele indlu yeNKOSI amathalenta egolide ayizinkulungwane ezilikhulu, lamathalenta esiliva ayizinkulungwane eziyinkulungwane, lethusi lensimbi okungelakulinganiswa ngesisindo, ngoba kunengi kakhulu; ngilungise lezigodo lamatshe. Uzakwengezelela-ke kukho.

15 Njalo ulezisebenzi ezinengi, ababazi bamatshe, lezingcitshi zamatshe lezezigodo, layo yonke indoda ehlakaniphileyo kuwo wonke umsebenzi.

16 Kakulanani legolide, lelesiliva, lelethusi, lelensimbi. Sukuma usebenze; njalo iNKOSI ibe lawe!

17 UDavida waselaya zonke induna zakoIsrayeli ukusiza uSolomoni indodana yakhe, esithi:

18 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu kayilani yini? Kambe kayilinikanga yini ukuphumula inhlangothi zonke? Ngoba inikele abahlali belizwe esandleni sami, lelizwe lehliselwe phansi phambi kweNKOSI laphambi kwabantu bayo.

19 Khathesi misani inhliziyo yenu lomphefumulo wenu ukudinga iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu. Sukumani-ke lakhe indawo engcwele yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu, ukungenisa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI lezitsha ezingcwele zikaNkulunkulu endlini eyakhelwe ibizo leNKOSI.

I LWEMILANDO 23

1UDavida esemdala esanele ngensuku wamisa uSolomoni indodana yakhe ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli.

Izigaba zabapristi lezamaLevi lemisebenzi yazo

2 Wasebuthanisa zonke induna zakoIsrayeli labapristi lamaLevi.

3 AmaLevi asebalwa kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya phezulu; lenani lawo, ngamakhanda awo, ngamadoda, laba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili.

4 Kula kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane okuqondisa umsebenzi wendlu yeNKOSI; lezinduna labahluleli abayizinkulungwane eziyisithupha;

5 labagcini bamasango abayizinkulungwane ezine; labadumisi beNKOSI abayizinkulungwane ezine ngezinto engizenzele ukudumisa, watsho uDavida.

6 UDavida wasewehlukanisa ngezigaba, ngokwamadodana kaLevi, oGerishoni, uKohathi, loMerari.

7 KumaGerishoni kwakungoLadani loShimeyi.

8 Amadodana kaLadani: OJehiyeli inhloko, loZethamu, loJoweli, emathathu.

9 Amadodana kaShimeyi: OShelomithi loHaziyeli loHarani, emathathu. La ayezinhloko zaboyise koLadani.

10 Lamadodana kaShimeyi: OJahathi, uZiza, loJewushi, loBeriya. La ayengamadodana kaShimeyi, emane.

11 LoJahathi wayeyinhloko, loZiza engowesibili; kodwa uJewushi loBeriya babengelabantwana abanengi, ngakho babesendlini yaboyise ngokubalwa kanye.

12 Amadodana kaKohathi: OAmramu, uIzihari, uHebroni, loUziyeli, emane.

13 Amadodana kaAmramu: OAroni loMozisi. UAroni wehlukaniselwa-ke ukungcwelisa izinto ezingcwelengcwele, yena lamadodana akhe, kuze kube nininini, ukutshisa impepha phambi kweNKOSI, ukuyikhonza, lokubusisa ngebizo layo kuze kube nininini.

14 NgoMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu, amadodana akhe abizwa ngaphansi kwesizwe sakoLevi.

15 Amadodana kaMozisi: OGereshoma loEliyezeri.

16 Amadodana kaGereshoma: UShebuweli inhloko.

17 Lamadodana kaEliyezeri ayenguRehabhiya inhloko; uEliyezeri wayengelawo-ke amanye amadodana, kodwa amadodana kaRehabhiya ayemanengi okwedlulisayo.

18 Amadodana kaIzihari: UShelomithi inhloko.

19 Amadodana kaHebroni: OJeriya inhloko, uAmariya owesibili, uJahaziyeli owesithathu, uJekameyamu owesine.

20 Amadodana kaUziyeli: OMika inhloko, loIshiya owesibili.

21 Amadodana kaMerari: OMahli loMushi. Amadodana kaMahli: OEleyazare loKishi.

22 UEleyazare wasesifa, wayengelamadodana kodwa amadodakazi; amadodana kaKishi, abafowabo, asewathatha.

23 Amadodana kaMushi: OMahli loEderi loJeremothi, emathathu.

24 La ngamadodana kaLevi ngendlu yaboyise, inhloko zaboyise, ngokubalwa kwawo, ngenani lamabizo, ngamakhanda awo, esenza umsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu yeNKOSI, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu.

25 Ngoba uDavida wathi: INKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ibanikile abantu bayo ukuphumula, bazahlala eJerusalema kuze kube sephakadeni.

26 Ngokunjalo-ke kumaLevi; kakulamuntu ozathwala ithabhanekele laloba yiziphi izitsha zalo zenkonzo yalo.

27 Ngoba ngamazwi kaDavida okucina amadodana kaLevi abhalwa kusukela kwaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu.

28 Ngoba indawo yawo yayingasesandleni samadodana kaAroni enkonzweni yendlu yeNKOSI, phezu kwamaguma, laphezu kwamakamelo, laphezu kokuhlambulula zonke izinto ezingcwele, lomsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu kaNkulunkulu,

29 lowezinkwa zokubukiswa, lowempuphu ecolekileyo yomnikelo wokudla, lowezinkwana eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo, lowokubhakwe ngepani, lowokukhanzingiweyo, lowesilinganiso sonke lobukhulu;

30 lokuma ukusa ngokusa ukubonga lokudumisa iNKOSI, kanjalo lantambama,

31 lokunikela konke kweminikelo yokutshiswa eNKOSIni ngamasabatha, ngokuthwasa kwenyanga, langemikhosi emisiweyo, ngenani, ngokwesimiso kukho, njalonjalo phambi kweNKOSI.

32 Njalo azagcina umlindo wethente lenhlangano, lomlindo wendlu engcwele, lomlindo wamadodana kaAroni, abafowabo, enkonzweni yendlu yeNKOSI.

I LWEMILANDO 24

1Njalo izigaba zamadodana kaAroni. Amadodana kaAroni: ONadabi, loAbihu, uEleyazare, loIthamari.

2 Kodwa oNadabi loAbihu bafa mandulo kuloyise, njalo bengelabantwana; ngakho oEleyazare loIthamari basebenza njengabapristi.

3 UDavida wasebehlukanisa, loZadoki emadodaneni kaEleyazare, loAhimeleki emadodaneni kaIthamari, ngokwesikhundla sabo enkonzweni yabo.

4 Kwatholakala emadodaneni kaEleyazare inhloko zamaqhawe amanengi okwedlula emadodaneni kaIthamari mhla bewehlukanisa; emadodaneni kaEleyazare kwakulenhloko ezilitshumi lesithupha zendlu yaboyise, lemadodaneni kaIthamari ngokwendlu yaboyise, eziyisificaminwembili.

5 Basebezehlukanisa ngezinkatho, lezi laleziyana, ngoba izinduna zendlu engcwele lezinduna zikaNkulunkulu zazivela emadodaneni kaEleyazare lemadodaneni kaIthamari.

6 UShemaya indodana kaNethaneli umbhali, ovela kumaLevi, wasezibhala phambi kwenkosi leziphathamandla loZadoki umpristi loAhimeleki indodana kaAbhiyatha, lenhloko zaboyise zabapristi lezamaLevi; indlu kayise eyodwa yathathelwa uEleyazare, leyodwa yathathelwa uIthamari.

7 Inkatho yokuqala yasiphumela uJehoyaribi, eyesibili uJedaya,

8 eyesithathu uHarimi, eyesine uSeworimi,

9 eyesihlanu uMalikiya, eyesithupha uMijamini,

10 eyesikhombisa uHakhozi, eyesificaminwembili uAbhiya,

11 eyesificamunwemunye uJeshuwa, eyetshumi uShekaniya,

12 eyetshumi lanye uEliyashibi, eyetshumi lambili uJakimi,

13 eyetshumi lantathu uHupha, eyetshumi lane uJeshebeyabi,

14 eyetshumi lanhlanu uBiliga, eyetshumi lesithupha uImeri,

15 eyetshumi lesikhombisa uHeziri, eyetshumi lesificaminwembili uHaphizezi,

16 eyetshumi lesificamunwemunye uPhethahiya, eyamatshumi amabili uJehezekeli,

17 eyamatshumi amabili lanye uJakini, eyamatshumi amabili lambili uGamuli,

18 eyamatshumi amabili lantathu uDelaya, eyamatshumi amabili lane uMahaziya.

19 Isikhundla salaba enkonzweni yabo sasiyikungena endlini yeNKOSI ngokwesimiso sabo ngesandla sikaAroni uyise, njengalokho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yayimlayile.

20 Labaseleyo emadodaneni kaLevi: Emadodaneni kaAmramu: NguShubayeli; emadodaneni kaShubayeli: NguJehideya.

21 NgoRehabhiya: Emadodaneni kaRehabhiya, inhloko kwakunguIshiya;

22 kwabakoIzihari, uShelomothi; emadodaneni kaShelomothi, uJahathi.

23 Lamadodana kaHebroni, uJeriya owokuqala, uAmariya owesibili, uJahaziyeli owesithathu, uJekameyamu owesine.

24 Amadodana kaUziyeli, uMika; emadodaneni kaMika, uShamiri.

25 Umfowabo kaMika nguIshiya; emadodaneni kaIshiya, uZekhariya.

26 Amadodana kaMerari: OMahli loMushi; amadodana kaJahaziya: UBheno.

27 Amadodana kaMerari: KuJahaziya: OBheno loShohama loZakuri loIbiri.

28 KuMahli: UEleyazare, owayengelamadodana.

29 NgoKishi: Amadodana kaKishi: UJerameli.

30 Lamadodana kaMushi: OMahli loEderi loJerimothi. La ngamadodana amaLevi ngokwendlu yaboyise.

31 Lalaba labo benza inkatho yokuphosa njengabafowabo, amadodana kaAroni, phambi kukaDavida inkosiloZadoki loAhimeleki lenhloko zaboyise babapristi labamaLevi, inhloko yaboyise njengomfowabo omnciyane.

I LWEMILANDO 25

Izigaba zabatshayi bezinto zokuhlabelela

1UDavida lenduna zebutho behlukanisela-ke inkonzo emadodaneni kaAsafi lakaHemani lakaJeduthuni, abaprofetha ngamachacho, ngezigubhu zezintambo, langensimbi ezincencethayo. Lenani lamadoda omsebenzi lalinjengokwenkonzo yawo:

2 Emadodaneni kaAsafi: OZakuri loJosefa loNethaniya loAsarela, amadodana kaAsafi, phansi kwesandla sikaAsafi, owaprofetha ngokwesandla senkosi.

3 NgoJeduthuni: Amadodana kaJeduthuni: OGedaliya, loZeri, loJeshaya, uHashabhiya, loMathithiya, beyisithupha, ezandleni zikayise uJeduthuni, owayeprofetha ngechacho, ukubonga lokudumisa iNKOSI.

4 NgoHemani: Amadodana kaHemani: OBukhiya, uMathaniya, uUziyeli, uShebuweli, loJerimothi, uHananiya, uHanani, uEliyatha, uGidaliti, loRomamiti-Ezeri, uJoshibekasha, uMaloti, uHothiri, uMahaziyothi.

5 Bonke laba babengamadodana kaHemani umboni wenkosi emazwini kaNkulunkulu ukuphakamisa uphondo. Njalo uNkulunkulu wamnika uHemani amadodana alitshumi lane lamadodakazi amathathu.

6 Bonke laba babesezandleni zikayise ekuhlabeleleni endlini yeNKOSI ngensimbi ezincencethayo, izigubhu zezintambo, lamachacho enkonzweni yendlu kaNkulunkulu, phansi kwesandla senkosi, oAsafi loJeduthuniloHemani.

7 Lenani labo kanye labafowabo ababefundiswe ngezingoma zeNKOSI, bonke ababelolwazi, lalingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesificaminwembili.

8 Basebesenza inkatho yokuphosa ngomlindo, omncinyane njengomkhulu, ofundisayo lofundayo.

9 Inkatho yokuqala yasiphumela uAsafi kuJosefa; eyesibili kuGedaliya, yena labafowabo lamadodana akhe, belitshumi lambili;

10 eyesithathu kuZakuri, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

11 eyesine kuIziri, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

12 eyesihlanu kuNethaniya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

13 eyesithupha kuBukhiya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

14 eyesikhombisa kuAsarela, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

15 eyesificaminwembili kuJeshaya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

16 eyesificamunwemunye kuMathaniya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

17 eyetshumi kuShimeyi, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

18 eyetshumi lanye kuAzareli, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

19 eyetshumi lambili kuHashabhiya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

20 eyetshumi lantathu kuShebuweli, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

21 eyetshumi lane kuMathithiya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

22 eyetshumi lanhlanu kuJeremothi, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

23 eyetshumi lesithupha kuHananiya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

24 eyetshumi lesikhombisa kuJoshibekasha, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

25 eyetshumi lesificaminwembili kuHanani, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

26 eyetshumi lesificamunwemunye kuMalothi, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

27 eyamatshumi amabili kuEliyatha, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

28 eyamatshumi amabili lanye kuHothiri, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

29 eyamatshumi amabili lambili kuGidaliti, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

30 eyamatshumi amabili lantathu kuMahaziyothi, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;

31 eyamatshumi amabili lane kuRomamiti-Ezeri, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili.

I LWEMILANDO 26

Izigaba zabalindi bamasango lezabaphathi bemisebenzi

1 Ngezigaba zabalindi bamasango. KwabakoKora kwakunguMeshelemiya indodana kaKore wamadodana kaAsafi.

2 LoMeshelemiya wayelamadodana, uZekhariya izibulo, uJediyayeli owesibili, uZebhadiya owesithathu, uJathiniyeli owesine,

3 uElamu owesihlanu, uJehohanani owesithupha, uEliyohenayi owesikhombisa.

4 UObedi-Edoma laye wayelamadodana, uShemaya izibulo, uJehozabadi owesibili, uJowa owesithathu, uSakari owesine, loNethaneli owesihlanu,

5 uAmiyeli owesithupha, uIsakari owesikhombisa, uPhewulethayi owesificaminwembili; ngoba uNkulunkulu wayembusisile.

6 LakuShemaya indodana yakhe kwazalwa amadodana abusa jikelele endlini kayise, ngoba ayengamaqhawe alamandla.

7 Amadodana kaShemaya: O-Othini, loRefayeli, loObedi, uElizabadi, abafowabo, amadodana alamandla, oElihu loSemakhiya.

8 Bonke laba babengabamadodana kaObedi-Edoma, bona lamadodana abo labafowabo, amadoda enelisayo ngamandla omsebenzi, bengamatshumi ayisithupha lambili bakoObedi-Edoma.

9 Njalo uMeshelemiya wayelamadodana labafowabo, amadodana alamandla, elitshumi lesificaminwembili.

10 UHosha laye emadodaneni kaMerari wayelamadodana, uShimiri inhloko (lanxa wayengeyisilo izibulo, kodwa uyise wamenza waba yinhloko);

11 uHilikhiya owesibili, uTebaliya owesithathu, uZekhariya owesine; wonke amadodana labafowabo bakaHosa babelitshumi lantathu.

12 Phakathi kwalabo kwakulezigaba zabalindi bamasango; izinhloko zamadoda zilemilandu njengabafowabo, ukukhonza endlini yeNKOSI.

13 Basebesenza inkatho yokuphosa, omncinyane laye njengomkhulu, ngokwendlu yaboyise, besenzela isango lesango.

14 Inkatho yempumalanga yawela-ke phezu kukaShelemiya; basebesenza inkatho yokuphosa ngoZekhariya indodana yakhe, umeluleki ohlakaniphileyo; inkatho yakhe yasiphuma ngenyakatho.

15 KuObedi-Edoma ngeningizimu; lakumadodana akhe, indlu yokulondoloza.

16 KuShupimi lakuHosa ngentshonalanga, lesango iShalekethi elisemgwaqweni omkhulu oya phezulu, umlindi ngomlindi.

17 Ngempumalanga kwakulamaLevi ayisithupha, ngenyakatho abane ngosuku, ngeningizimu abane ngosuku, leziphaleni ababili ngababili;

18 eParibari ngentshonalanga, abane emgwaqweni omkhulu, ababili eParibari.

19 Lezi yizigaba zabalindi bamasango bamadodana amaKora labamadodana kaMerari.

20 LakumaLevi, uAhiya wayephethe izinto eziligugu zendlu kaNkulunkulu, njalo wayephethe izinto eziligugu zezinto ezingcwele.

21 Amadodana kaLadani, abantwana bomGerishoni uLadani, kaLadani umGerishoni, inhloko zaboyise zazingoJehiyeli.

22 Amadodana kaJehiyeli: UZethamu, loJoweli umfowabo, babephethe izinto eziligugu zendlu yeNKOSI

23 kumaAmramu, kumaIzihari, kumaHebroni, kumaUziyeli.

24 LoShebuweli indodana kaGereshoma indodana kaMozisi wayeyisiphathamandla phezu kwezinto eziligugu.

25 Labafowabo abakaEliyezeri: ORehabhiya indodana yakhe, loJeshaya indodana yakhe, loJoramu indodana yakhe, loZikiri indodana yakhe, loShelomithi indodana yakhe.

26 UShelomithi lo labafowabo babephethe zonke izinto eziligugu zezinto ezingcwele uDavida inkosi ayezingcwelisile, lenhloko zaboyise, lenduna zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu, labalawulimabutho.

27 Kokwempi lokwempangweni bakungcwelisela ukulungisa indlu yeNKOSI.

28 Lakho konke uSamuweli umboni ayekungcwelisile, loSawuli indodana kaKishi loAbhineri indodana kaNeriloJowabi indodana kaZeruya; konke okwakungcwelisiwe kwakungaphansi kwesandla sikaShelomithi labafowabo.

29 KumaIzihari uKenaniya lamadodana akhe babengabomsebenzi wangaphandle phezu kukaIsrayeli, beyizinduna bengabahluleli.

30 KumaHebroni uHashabhiya labafowabo, amadoda alamandla, ayinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, babephethe iziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli nganeno kweJodani ngentshonalanga, emsebenzini wonke kaJehova lenkonzweni yenkosi.

31 KumaHebroni uJeriya wayeyinhloko, kumaHebroni, ngokwezizukulwana zaboyise. Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane wokubusa kukaDavida adingwa, kwasekutholwa phakathi kwawo amaqhawe alamandla eJazere yeGileyadi.

32 Labafowabo amadoda alamandla ayezinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, inhloko zezindlu. UDavida inkosi wasebenza abaphathi phezu kwabakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase ezintweni zonke zikaNkulunkulu lezinto zenkosi.

I LWEMILANDO 27

Induna zabantu

1Njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngenani labo, inhloko zaboyise, lezinduna zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu, leziphathamandla zabo ezazisebenzela inkosi ezindabeni zonke zezigaba, ezazingena ziphuma inyanga ngenyanga enyangeni zonke zomnyaka; leso lalesosigaba sasilezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

2 Phezu kwesigaba sokuqala ngenyanga yokuqala kwakunguJashobeyamu indodana kaZabidiyeli; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

3 Wayengowamadodana kaPerezi, inhloko yabo bonke abaphathi bebutho ngenyanga yokuqala.

4 Laphezu kwesigaba senyanga yesibili kwakunguDodayi umAhohi; lesigabeni sakhe uMikilothi laye wayeyinduna; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

5 Induna yesithathu yebutho ngenyanga yesithathu yayinguBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada umpristi omkhulu; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

6 UBhenaya lo wayeliqhawe labangamatshumi amathathu, laphezu kwabangamatshumi amathathu. Lakusigaba sakhe kwakuloAmizabadi indodana yakhe.

7 Eyesine ngenyanga yesine yayinguAsaheli umfowabo kaJowabi, loZebhadiya indodana yakhe emva kwakhe; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

8 Eyesihlanu ngenyanga yesihlanu yayingumphathi uShamihuthi umIzira; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

9 Eyesithupha ngenyanga yesithupha yayinguIra indodana kaIkheshi umThekhowa; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

10 Eyesikhombisa ngenyanga yesikhombisa yayinguHelezi umPheloni wamadodana akoEfrayimi; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

11 Eyesificaminwembili ngenyanga yesificaminwembili yayinguSibekayi umHushathi wabakoZera; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

12 Eyesificamunwemunye ngenyanga yesificamunwemunye yayinguAbiyezeri umAnathothi wabakoBhenjamini; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

13 Eyetshumi ngenyanga yetshumi yayinguMaharayi umNetofa wabakoZera; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

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14 Eyetshumi lanye ngenyanga yetshumi lanye yayinguBhenaya umPirathoni wabantwana bakoEfrayimi; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

15 Eyetshumi lambili ngenyanga yetshumi lambili yayinguHelidayi umNetofa wakoOthiniyeli; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.

16 Laphezu kwezizwe zakoIsrayeli: Umbusi wabakoRubeni kwakunguEliyezeri indodana kaZikiri. KwabakoSimeyoni, uShefethiya indodana kaMahaka.

17 KwabakoLevi, uHashabhiya indodana kaKemuweli; kwabakoAroni, uZadoki.

18 KoJuda, uElihu wabafowabo bakaDavida. KoIsakari, uOmri indodana kaMikayeli.

19 KoZebuluni, uIshmaya indodana kaObhadiya. KoNafithali, uJerimothi indodana kaAziriyeli.

20 Ebantwaneni bakoEfrayimi, uHosheya indodana kaAzaziya. Engxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase, uJoweli indodana kaPhedaya.

21 Engxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yakoManase eGileyadi, uIdo indodana kaZekhariya. KoBhenjamini, uJahasiyeli indodana kaAbhineri.

22 KoDani, uAzareli indodana kaJerohamu. Laba babeyiziphathamandla zezizwe zakoIsrayeli.

23 Kodwa uDavida kathathanga inani lalabo abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphansi, ngoba iNKOSIyayithe izakwengeza uIsrayeli njengezinkanyezi zamazulu.

24 UJowabi indodana kaZeruya waqalisa ukubala, kodwa kaqedanga; ngoba kwaba khona ulaka phezu kukaIsrayeli ngenxa yalokho; ngakho inani kalifakwanga ekulandiseni kwemilando yenkosi uDavida.

25 Laphezu kwezinto eziligugu zenkosi kwakuloAzimavethi indodana kaAdiyeli; laphezu kwezinto eziligugu ensimini, emizini, lemizaneni, lezinqabeni kwakuloJonathani indodana kaUziya.

26 Laphezu kwabenza umsebenzi wensimu, wokulinywa komhlabathi, kwakuloEziri indodana kaKelubi.

27 Laphezu kwezivini kwakuloShimeyi umRama. Laphezu kokwezivini eziphaleni zewayini kwakuloZabidi umShefama.

28 Laphezu kwezihlahla zemihlwathi lemikhiwa yesikhamore ezisesihotsheni kwakuloBhali-Hanani umGederi. Laphezu kweziphala zamafutha kwakuloJowashi.

29 Laphezu kwezinkomo ezazisidla eSharoni kwakuloShitirayi umSharoni. Laphezu kwezinkomo ezazisezigodini kwakuloShafati indodana kaAdilayi.

30 Laphezu kwamakamela kwakuloObili umIshmayeli. Laphezu kwabobabhemikazi kwakuloJehideyaumMeronothi.

31 Laphezu kwemihlambi kwakuloJaziri umHagiri. Bonke labo babengabaphathi bempahla inkosi uDavida ayelayo.

32 UJonathani, uyise omdala kaDavida, wayengumeluleki, indoda ehlakaniphileyo, njalo wayengumbhali; loJehiyeli indodana kaHakimoni wayelabantwana benkosi.

33 Njalo uAhithofeli wayengumeluleki wenkosi, loHushayi umArki wayengumngane wenkosi.

34 Lemva kukaAhithofeli kwakuloJehoyada indodana kaBhenaya loAbhiyatha. Lomphathi webutho lenkosi kwakunguJowabi.

I LWEMILANDO 28

USolomoni ukhethwa ukuthi akhe ithempeli

1UDavida wasebuthanisa zonke iziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli, iziphathamandla zezizwe, leziphathamandla zezigaba ezazisebenzela inkosi, labaphathi bezinkulungwane, labaphathi bamakhulu, labaphathi bempahla yonke labezifuyo zenkosi labezamadodana ayo, lezinduna, lamaqhawe, lawo wonke amaqhawe alamandla, eJerusalema.

2 UDavida inkosi wasesima ngenyawo zakhe wathi: Ngilalelani, bafowethu labantu bami. Mina, kwakusenhliziyweni yami ukwakhela umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI indlu yokuphumula, leyisigcabha senyawo zikaNkulunkulu wethu, ngenza amalungiselelo okwakha.

3 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kimi: Kawuyikulakhela ibizo lami indlu, ngoba wena ungumuntu wempi, uchithe igazi elinengi.

4 Kanti iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yangikhetha kuyo yonke indlu kababa ukuthi ngibe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli kuze kube nininini; ngoba yakhetha uJuda ukuba ngumbusi, lendlini yakoJuda indlu kababa; laphakathi kwamadodana kababa yangithanda ukungenza ngibe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke.

5 Lakuwo wonke amadodana ami (ngoba iNKOSI yanginika amadodana amanengi) yakhetha uSolomoni indodana yami ukuthi ahlale esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso weNKOSI phezu kukaIsrayeli.

6 Yasisithi kimi: USolomoni indodana yakho nguye ozakwakha indlu yami lamaguma ami, ngoba ngimkhethile ukuba yindodana yami, lami ngizakuba nguyise.

7 Njalo ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe kuze kube nininini uba eqina ukwenza imilayo yami lezahlulelo zami njengalamuhla.

8 Ngakho-ke phambi kwamehlo kaIsrayeli wonke, ibandla leNKOSI, lendlebeni zikaNkulunkulu wethu, gcinani lidinge yonke imilayo yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze lidle ilifa lalelilizwe elihle, lenze abantwana benu badle ilifa lalo emva kwenu kuze kube nininini.

9 Wena-ke, Solomoni ndodana yami, mazi uNkulunkulu kayihlo, umkhonze ngenhliziyo epheleleyo langengqondo evumayo; ngoba iNKOSI iyazihlola zonke inhliziyo, iqedisise konke ukuzindla kwemicabango. Uba uyidinga, izatholwa nguwe; kodwa uba uyitshiya, izakulahla kokuphela.

10 Bona-ke, ngoba iNKOSI ikukhethile ukuthi wakhe indlu ibe yindlu engcwele; qina, ukwenze.

11 UDavida wasenika uSolomoni indodana yakhe umdwebo wekhulusi, lowezindlu zalo, loweziphala zezinto eziligugu, lowamakamelo aphezulu, lowamakamelo aphakathi, lowendlu yesihlalo somusa.

12 Lomdwebo wakho konke ayelakho ngoMoya, lowamaguma endlu yeNKOSI, lowamakamelo wonke azingelezeleyo, loweziphala zezinto eziligugu zendlu kaNkulunkulu, loweziphala zokuligugu zezinto ezingcwele,

13 lowezigaba zabapristi lezamaLevi, lowomsebenzi wonke wenkonzo yendlu yeNKOSI, lowezitsha zonke zenkonzo yendlu yeNKOSI.

14 Wapha igolide ngesisindo ngezinto zegolide, ngempahla yonke yenkonzo ngenkonzo, ngempahla yonke yesiliva ngesisindo, ngempahla yonke yenkonzo ngenkonzo,

15 lesisindo sezinti zesibane zegolide, lezibane zazo zegolide, ngesisindo soluthi lwesibane ngalunye lezibane zalo, langezinti zesibane zesiliva, ngesisindo soluthi lwesibane lezibane zalo, njengomsebenzi woluthi lwesibane ngalunye.

16 Wasenika igolide ngesisindo lamatafula ezinkwa zokubukiswa, ngalelo lalelotafula, lesiliva samatafula esiliva.

17 Lamafologwe lemiganu yokufafaza lezinkezo zegolide elicwengekileyo, langezitsha zegolide ngesisindo saleso lalesositsha, langezitsha zesiliva ngesisindo saleso lalesositsha.

18 Langelathi lempepha igolide elicwengekileyo ngesisindo, langomdwebo wenqola yamakherubhi egolide elule impiko agubuzela umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI.

19 UDavida wathi: Konke lokhu iNKOSI yenza ngikuqedisise ngombhalo ngesandla sayo phezu kwami, yonke imisebenzi yomdwebo.

20 UDavida wasesithi kuSolomoni indodana yakhe: Qina, ube lesibindi, usebenze; ungesabi, ungatshaywa luvalo; ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wami, ilawe. Kayisoze yakulahla, kayisoze yakutshiya, uze uqede umsebenzi wonke wenkonzo yendlu yeNKOSI.

21 Khangela-ke, izigaba zabapristi lezamaLevi, zenkonzo yonke yendlu kaNkulunkulu; njalo kuzakuba lawe kuwo wonke umsebenzi, wonke oyingcitshi ovumayo kuyo yonke inkonzo, labaphathi labo bonke abantubazakuba njengokulaya kwakho konke.

I LWEMILANDO 29

1UDavida inkosi wasesithi ebandleni lonke: USolomoni indodana yami, yena yedwa uNkulunkulu amkhethileyo, usengumfana ubuthakathaka, lomsebenzi mkhulu; ngoba isigodlo kayisiso somuntu, kodwa ngeseNKOSI uNkulunkulu.

2 Ngakho ngiyilungisele indlu kaNkulunkulu wami ngamandla ami wonke, igolide lokwegolide, lesiliva lokwesiliva, lethusi lokwethusi, insimbi lokwensimbi, lezigodo lokwezigodo, amatshe e-onikse lawokubekwa, amatshe akhazimulayo lalemibala, lenhlobo zonke zamatshe aligugu, lamatshe e-alibasta ngobunengi.

3 Laphezu kwakho, ngenxa yokuthanda kwami indlu kaNkulunkulu wami, nganikela indlu kaNkulunkulu wami inotho yegolide leyesiliva, engilakho, phezu kwakho konke engikulungisele indlu yendawo engcwele,

4 amathalenta egolide azinkulungwane ezintathu egolideni leOfiri, lamathalenta esiliva elicwengekileyoazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, ukuhuqa imiduli yezindlu.

5 Igolide kusenzelwa okwegolide, lesiliva kusenzelwa okwesiliva, langawo wonke umsebenzi ngesandla sezingcitshi. Ngubani-ke ovumayo ukuzehlukanisela iNKOSI lamuhla?

6 Inhloko zaboyise zasezinikela ngesihle, lezinduna zezizwe zakoIsrayeli, labaphathi bezinkulungwane labamakhulu, labaphathi bomsebenzi wenkosi.

7 Basebenikela emsebenzini wendlu kaNkulunkulu amathalenta azinkulungwane ezinhlanu egolide, lenhlamvu ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lamathalenta esiliva azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lamathalenta ethusi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili, lamathalenta ensimbi azinkulungwane ezilikhulu.

8 Lalabo okwatholwa kibo amatshe aligugu bawanika indlu yokuligugu yendlu yeNKOSI ngaphansi kwesandlasikaJehiyeli umGerishoni.

9 Basebethokoza abantu ngokunikela kwabo ngesihle, ngoba ngenhliziyo epheleleyo babenikele ngothando kuNkulunkulu; loDavida inkosi laye wathokoza ngentokozo enkulu.

UDavida ubonga iNKOSI

10 UDavida waseyibusisa iNKOSI phambi kwamehlo ebandla lonke; uDavida wathi: Kawubusiswe wena NKOSINkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ubaba, kusukela ephakadeni kuze kube sephakadeni.

11 Kungokwakho, NKOSI, ubukhulu lamandla lodumo lokunqoba lobukhosi; ngoba konke okusemazulwini lokusemhlabeni kungokwakho; umbuso ungowakho, NKOSI; wena uziphakamisile waba yinhloko phezu kwakho konke.

12 Lenotho lodumo kuvela phambi kwakho, wena-ke ubusa phezu kwakho konke; lesandleni sakho kukhona ukuqina lamandla, lesandleni sakho kukhona ukukhulisa lokupha amandla kubo bonke.

13 Ngakho-ke Nkulunkulu wethu, siyakubonga, silidumise ibizo lakho elilodumo.

14 Ngoba mina-ke ngingubani, labantu bami bangobani, ukuthi sithole amandla okunika ngothando ngokunje? Ngoba konke kuvela kuwe, sinikele kuwe okuvela esandleni sakho.

15 Ngoba singabemzini phambi kwakho labahlala njengabezizwe njengabo bonke obaba; insuku zethu emhlabeni zinjengesithunzi, njalo kalikho ithemba.

16 NKOSI Nkulunkulu wethu, konke lokhu okunengi, esikulungisele ukwakhela wena indlu, kusenzelwa ibizo lakho elingcwele, kuvela esandleni sakho, njalo konke kungokwakho.

17 Ngiyazi-ke, Nkulunkulu wami, ukuthi wena uhlola inhliziyo, uyabuthanda ubuqotho. Mina, ebuqothweni benhliziyo yami nginikele ngesihle zonke lezizinto; khathesi sengibonile ngentokozo abantu bakho abatholakala lapha ukuthi banikela kuwe ngesihle.

18 NKOSI, Nkulunkulu kaAbrahama, uIsaka, loIsrayeli, obaba, gcina lokho laphakade ekuzindleni kweminakano yenhliziyo yabantu bakho, ulungise inhliziyo yabo kuwe.

19 Njalo unike uSolomoni indodana yami inhliziyo epheleleyo ukugcina imilayo yakho, ubufakazi bakho, lezimiso zakho, lokwenza konke, lokwakha isigodlo engisilungiseleleyo.

Abantu babeka uSolomoni ukuba yinkosi

20 UDavida wasesithi kulo lonke ibandla: Khathesi busisani iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu. Ibandla lonke laselibusisa iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyise; bakhothama bamkhonza uJehova, lenkosi.

21 Basebehlabela imihlatshelo eNKOSIni, banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa eNKOSIni, ngokusa kwalolosuku, amajongosi azinkulungwane, izinqama eziyinkulungwane, amawundlu ayinkulungwane, kanye leminikelo yabo yokunathwayo, lemihlatshelo ngobunengi kusenzelwa uIsrayeli wonke.

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22 Basebesidla banatha phambi kweNKOSI ngalolosuku ngentokozo enkulu. Basebembeka okwesibili uSolomoni indodana kaDavida ukuthi abe yinkosi, bamgcobela iNKOSI waba ngumkhokheli, loZadoki waba ngumpristi.

23 USolomoni wasehlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaJehova njengenkosi esikhundleni sikaDavida uyise, waphumelela; loIsrayeli wonke wamlalela.

24 Lazo zonke izinduna lamaqhawe kanye lawo wonke amadodana enkosi uDavida bazehlisela ngaphansi kukaSolomoni inkosi.

25 INKOSI yasimphakamisa uSolomoni kakhulu phambi kwamehlo kaIsrayeli wonke, yamnika ubukhosi bombuso obungazanga bube khona lakuyiphi inkosi ngaphambi kwakhe koIsrayeli.

26 Ngokunjalo uDavida indodana kaJese wayebuse phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke.

27 Njalo insuku abusa ngazo phezu kukaIsrayeli zaziyiminyaka engamatshumi amane; eHebroni wabusa iminyaka eyisikhombisa, leJerusalema wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lantathu.

28 Wasesifa eseluphele kuhle, enele ngezinsuku, inotho lodumo; uSolomoni indodana yakhe wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

29 Njalo izindaba zikaDavida inkosi, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwezindaba zikaSamuweli umboni legwalweni lwezindaba zikaNathani umprofethi legwalweni lwezindaba zikaGadiumboni,

30 kanye lakho konke ukubusa kwakhe lamandla akhe, lezikhathi ezedlula phezu kwakhe laphezu kukaIsrayeli laphezu kwayo yonke imibuso yamazwe.

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UGWALO LWESIBILI
YAMAKHOSI

USolomoni ucela ukuthi anikwe ingqondo yokuqedisisa

1USolomoni indodana kaDavida waseqina embusweni wakhe,
leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe yayilaye, yamenza waba mkhulu kakhulu.

2 USolomoni wasekhuluma kuIsrayeli wonke, kubaphathi bezinkulungwane
labamakhulu, lakubahluleli, lakuzo zonke induna kuIsrayeli wonke, inhloko
zaboyise.

3 USolomoni lebandla lonke laye basebesiya endaweni ephakemeyo
eyayiseGibeyoni; ngoba kwakukhona lapho ithente lenhlangano kaNkulunkulu
uMozisi inceku yeNKOSI alenzayo enkangala.

4 Kodwa uDavida wayewenyusile umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uvela eKiriyathi-
Jeyarimi, wawusa lapho uDavida ayewulungisele khona, ngoba wayewumisele
ithente eJerusalema.

5 Lelathi lethusi, uBhezaleli indodana kaUri indodana kaHuri ayelenzile, walibeka
phambi kwethabhanekele leNKOSI; uSolomoni lebandla badinga-ke kulo.

6 USolomoni wasesenyukela lapho elathini lethusi phambi
kweNKOSI elalisethenteni lenhlangano, wanikela phezu kwalo iminikelo
yokutshiswa eyinkulungwane.

7 Ngalobobusuku uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuSolomoni, wathi kuye: Cela
engingakupha khona.

8 USolomoni wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Wena wenzele uDavida ubaba umusa
omkhulu, wangenza ngaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

9 Khathesi, NKOSI Nkulunkulu, kaliqiniswe ilizwi lakho kuDavida ubaba, ngoba
wena ungenze ngaba yinkosi phezu kwabantu abanengi ngangothuli lomhlabathi.

10 Khathesi ngipha inhlakanipho lolwazi ukuze ngiphume ngingene phambi
kwalababantu; ngoba ngubani ongehlulela lababantu bakho abakhulu kangaka?

11 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuSolomoni: Ngenxa yokuthi lokhu bekusenhliziyweni
yakho, njalo ungacelanga inotho, ingcebo, lodumo, lempilo yezitha zakho, futhi
ungacelanga insuku ezinengi, kodwa uzicelele inhlakanipho lolwazi ukuze
wahlulele abantu bami engikwenze waba yinkosi phezu kwabo:

12 Inhlakanipho lolwazi ukuphiwe; ngizakunika futhi inotho lengcebo lodumo,
angazange abe lakho okunjalo amakhosi ayengaphambi kwakho, langemva
kwakho kakuyikuba khona okunjalo.

13 Wasebuya uSolomoni evela endaweni ephakemeyo eseGibeyoni waya eJerusalema, evela phambi kwethente lenhlangano; wasebusa phezu kukaIsrayeli.

14 USolomoni wasebuthanisa izinqola labagadi bamabhiza; wayelezinqola ezingamakhulu alitshumi lane, labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; wasekubeka emizini yezinqola, njalo kanye lenkosi eJerusalema.

15 Inkosi yasisenza isiliva legolide eJerusalema kwaba njengamatshe, njalo wenza imisedari yaba njengemikhiwa yesikhamore esesihotsheni, ngobunengi.

16 Wasengenisa ngokuthenga amabhiza avela eGibhithe, ayengekaSolomoni, lelembu elicolekileyo; labathengi benkosi babelithatha ilembu elicolekileyo ngentengo.

17 Basebesenyusa bekhupha inqola eGibhithe ngamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu ayisithupha, lebhiza ngamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu. Ngokunjalo bakukhuphela wonke amakhosi amaHethi lamakhosi eSiriya ngesandla sabo.

II LWEMILANDO 2

Isivumelwano sikaSolomoni loHuramu

1USolomoni wasezimisela ukwakhela ibizo leNKOSI indlu, lendlu yombuso wakhe.

2 USolomoni wasebala amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ukuthwala imithwalo, lamadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ukubaza entabeni, lababonisi abayizinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha phezu kwawo.

3 USolomoni wasethumela kuHuramu inkosi yeTire esithi: Njengokwenza kwakho kuDavida ubaba umthumela imisedari ukumakhela indlu yokuhlala kuyo, yenza njalo lakimi.

4 Khangela, mina ngakhela ibizo leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wami indlu, ukuyehlukanisela yona, ukutshisa phambi kwayo impepha elephunga elimnandi, lezinkwa zokubukiswa njalonjalo, leminikelo yokutshiswa ekuseni lantambama, ngamasabatha, lekuthwaseni kwezinyanga, langemikhosi emisiweyo yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu. Lesi yisimiso saphakade kuIsrayeli.

5 Lendlu engiyakhayo inkulu, ngoba uNkulunkulu wethu mkhulu kulabonkulunkulu bonke.

6 Kodwa ngubani ongaba lamandla okumakhela indlu, ngoba amazulu, yebo, amazulu amazulu, angemanele? Mina-ke ngingubani ukuthi ngimakhele indlu, ngaphandle kokutshisa impepha phambi kwakhe?

7 Ngakho-ke thuma kimi umuntu oyingcitshi ekusebenzeni ngegolide langesiliva langethusi langensimbi langokuyibubende langokubomvu langokuluhlaza

okwesibhakabhaka, lokwaziyo ukubaza okubazwe ngokugujwa, labazingcitshi abalami koJuda leJerusalema, uDavida ubaba abamisayo.

8 Ngithumela njalo izigodo zemisedari, amafiri, lama-aligumi ezivela eLebhanoni; ngoba mina ngiyazi ukuthi inceku zakho ziyakwazi ukugamula izihlahla zeLebhanoni; khangela-ke, inceku zami zizakuba lenceku zakho;

9 ngitsho ukungilungisela izigodo ezinengi, ngoba indlu engiyakhayo izakuba nkulu imangalise.

10 Khangela-ke, inceku zakho, abagamuli abagamula izihlahla, ngizazinika amakhori engqoloyi echoliweyo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, lamakhori ebhali azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili,lamabhathi ewayini azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, lamabhathi amafutha azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili.

11 UHuramu inkosi yeTire wasephendula ngokubhala akuthumela kuSolomoni: Ngoba uJehova uthanda abantu bakhe, ukubeke waba yinkosi phezu kwabo.

12 UHuramu wabuya wathi: Kayibusiswe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli eyenza amazulu lomhlaba, enike uDavida inkosi indodana ehlakaniphileyo, eyazi inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa, ezayakhela iNKOSI indlu, lendlu yombuso wayo.

13 Khathesi sengithuma indoda eyingcitshi eyazi ukuqedisisa, uHuramu Abhi,

14 indodana yowesifazana emadodakazini akoDani, oyise wayeyindoda yeTire; uyakwazi ukusebenza ngegolide, langesiliva, ngethusi, ngensimbi, ngamatshe, langezigodo, ngokuyibubende, ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, langamalembu acolekileyo kakhulu, langokubomvu, lokubaza lakuphi okubaziweyo ngokugubha, lokuqamba lakuphi okuqanjiweyo angakunikwa, kanye lezingcitshi zakho lezingcitshi zenkosi yami uDavida uyihlo.

15 Ngakho-ke ingqoloyi, lebhali, amafutha, lewayini, inkosi yami ekhulume ngakho, kayikuthumele ezincekwini zayo.

16 Thina-ke sizagamula izihlahla eLebhanoni, njengokuswela kwakho konke, sizilethe kuwe ngokundendayo phezu kolwandle eJopha, njalo wena uzazenyusela eJerusalema.

17 USolomoni wasebala wonke amadoda ezizweni ayeselizweni lakoIsrayeli emva kokubalwa uDavida uyise ayewabale ngakho; asetholakala ezinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lantathu lamakhulu ayisithupha.

18 Wasesenza kuwo abathwali bemithwalo abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa, lababazi entabeni abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, lababonisi abayizinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha bokwenza abantu basebenze.

II LWEMILANDO 3

USolomoni wakha indlu yeNkosi

1USolomoni waseqala ukwakha indlu yeNkosi eJerusalema entabeni
yeMoriya lapho eyabonakala khona kuDavida uyise, endaweni uDavida
ayilungisayo ebaleni lokubhulela likaOrinani umJebusi.

2 Waseqalisa ukwakha ngenyanga yesibili ngolwesibili ngomnyaka wesine
wokubusa kwakhe.

3 Lalezi yizisekelo zikaSolomoni zokwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu. Ubude
ngezingalo ngesilinganiso esidala babuzingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha,
lobubanzi buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili.

4 Lekhulusi elaliphambili, ubude njengobubanzi bendlu babuzingalo
ezingamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama kwakuzingalo ezilikhulu lamatshumi
amabili. Wayihuqa ngaphakathi ngegolide elicwengekileyo.

5 Lendlu enkulu wayembesa ngezigodo zefiri, wayihuqa ngegolide elihle, wamisa
phezu kwayo amalala lamaketane.

6 Wayembesela ubuhle indlu ngamatshe aligugu; njalo igolide laliligolide
leParivayimi.

7 Waseyihuqa indlu, imijabo, imigubazi, lemiduli yayo, leminyango yayo
ngegolide, wabaza ngokugubhaamakherubhi emidulini.

8 Wasesenza indlu yengcwele yezingcwele; ubude bayo njengobubanzi bendlu
babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi bayo buzingalo ezingamatshumi
amabili; wayihuqa ngegolide elihle kwaze kwabangamathalenta angamakhulu
ayisithupha.

9 Lesisindo sezipikili saze saba ngamashekeli egolide angamatshumi amahlanu.
Wawahuqa amakamelo aphezulu ngegolide.

10 Wasesenza endlini yengcwele yezingcwele amakherubhi amabili ngomsebenzi
obaziweyo, wawahuqa ngegolide.

11 Lempiko zamakherubhi, ubude bazo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili.
Uphiko lwelilodwa lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu lufinyelela emdulini wendlu, lolunye
uphiko lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu lufinyelela ophikweni lwelinye ikherubhi.

12 Ngokunjalo uphiko lwelinye ikherubhi lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu lufinyelela
emdulini wendlu; lolunye uphiko lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu lunamathele ephikweni
lwelinye ikherubhi.

13 Impiko zalamakherubhi zeluleka ingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; njalo ema
ngenyawo zawo, lobuso bawo bukhangele ngasendlini.

14 Wasesenza iveyili ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende
lokubomvu langelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, wabeka kulo amakherubhi.

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15 Wasesenza phambi kwendlu insika ezimbili, ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, lesiduku phezu kwengqonga yayo buzingalo ezinhlanu.

16 Wasesenza amaketane njengendaweni yelizwi, wawafaka esihlokweni sezinsika; wenza lamapomegranati alikhulu, wawafaka emaketaneni.

17 Wasemisa izinsika ngaphambi kwethempeli, enye ngakwesokunene, lenye ngakwesokhohlo; wasebiza ibizo lengakwesokunene uJakini, lebizo lengakwesokhohlo uBhowazi.

II LWEMILANDO 4

1Wasesenza ilathi lethusi, ubude balo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi balo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama kwalo kuzingalo ezilitshumi.

2 Wasesenza ulwandle olubunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, luzingalo ezilitshumi kusukela okhunjini lwalo kusiya okhunjini lwalo, lwalugombolozele inhlangothi zonke, lokuphakama kwalo kuzingalo ezinhlanu, lomzila wezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ulugombolozele inhlangothi zonke.

3 Lokufanana kwenkabi kwakungaphansi kwalo, kubhodabhoda inhlangothi zonke zalo, ezilitshumi engalweni, lugombolozela ulwandle inhlangothi zonke; imizila emibili yenkabi yabunjwa ngokuncibilikisa ekubunjweni kwalo.

4 Lwalumi phezu kwenkabi ezilitshumi lambili; ezintathu zikhangele enyakatho, lezintathu zikhangele entshonalanga, lezintathu zikhangele eningizimu, lezintathu zikhangele empumalanga; lolwandle lwaluphezu kwazo phezulu, lazo zonke ingemuva zazo zazingaphakathi.

5 Uhlonzi lwalo lwaluyibubanzi besandla, lomphetho walo wawunjengomsebenzi womphetho wenkezo,njengeluba lomduze, lwalumumethe amabhathi, lumumethe azinkulungwane ezintathu.

6 Wasesenza inditshi zokugezela ezilitshumi, wabeka ezinhlanu ngakwesokunene, lezinhlanu ngakwesokhohlo, ukugezisela kizo; babegezisela kizo okomnikelo wokutshiswa; kodwa ulwandle lwalungolwabapristi ukugezela kulo.

7 Wasesenza izinti zezibane zegolide ezilitshumi njengokumiswa kwazo, wazibeka ethempelini, ezinhlanu ngakwesokunene, lezinhlanu ngakwesokhohlo.

8 Wenza lamatafula alitshumi, wawabeka ethempelini, amahlanu ngakwesokunene, lamahlanu ngakwesokhohlo. Wenza lemiganu elikhulu yegolide.

9 Wenza leguma labapristi leguma elikhulu, lezivalo zeguma, wazihuqa izivalo zalo ngethusi.

10 Wasebeka ulwandle ehlangothini lokunene ngasempumalanga maqondana leningizimu.

11 UHuramu wasesenza izimbiza lamafotsholo lemiganu yokufafaza. UHuramu waqeda ukwenza umsebenzi ayewenzela inkosi uSolomoni endlini kaNkulunkulu.

12 Insika ezimbili, lemiganu, leziduku phezu kwengqonga yezinsika ezimbili, lamambule amabili okwembesa imiganu emibili yeziduku ezaziphezu kwengqonga yezinsika,

13 lamapomegranati angamakhulu amane emambuleni womabili, imizila emibili yamapomegranati kulelo lalelombule, okwembesa imiganu emibili yeziduku ezaziphezu kwengqonga yezinsika.

14 Wenza lezisekelo, wenza lezinditshi zokugezela phezu kwezisekelo;

15 ulwandle olulodwa, lezinkabi ezilitshumi lambili ngaphansi kwalo.

16 Lezimbiza, lamafotsholo, lamafologwe, lazo zonke izitsha zakho uHuramu Abhi wazenzela inkosi uSolomoni esenzela indlu yeNKOSI ngethusi elikhazimulayo.

17 Inkosi yazibumbela ngokuncibilikisa emagcekeni eJodani emhlabathini olibumba phakathi kweSukothi leZeredatha.

18 USolomoni wasezenza zonke lezizitsha ngobunengi obukhulu, ngoba isisindo sethusi sasingehlolwe.

19 USolomoni wazenza-ke zonke izitsha ezazingezendlu kaNkulunkulu, lelathi legolide, lamatafula okwakukhona kuwo izinkwa zokubukiswa,

20 lezinti zezibane lezibane zazo ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ukuthi zibhebhe ngokwesimiso phambi kwendawo yelizwi;

21 lamaluba lezibane lezindlawu, ngegolide, kwakuligolide elipheleleyo;

22 lezindlawu, lemiganu yokufafaza, lezinkezo, lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo, ngegolide elicwengekileyo; njalo iminyango yendlu, izivalo zayo ezingaphakathi, ezengcwele yezingcwele, lezivalo zendlu yethempeli zazingezegolide.

II LWEMILANDO 5

1Usuphelile umsebenzi wonke uSolomoni ayewenzela indlu yeNKOSI, wangenisa izinto ezingcwelisiweyo zikaDavida uyise, lesiliva legolide lazo zonke izitsha wazibeka esiphaleni senotho sendlu kaNkulunkulu.

Ukungeniswa komtshokotsho wesivumelwano ethempelini

2 Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wabuthanisa eJerusalema abadala bakoIsrayeli, lazo zonke inhloko zezizwe, izinduna zaboyise babantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuthi benyuse umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI usuke emzini kaDavida oyiZiyoni.

3 Wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli asebuthana enkosini emkhosini owenyanga yesikhombisa.

4 Labo bonke abadala bakoIsrayeli beza, amaLevi asewuthwala umtshokotsho,

5 awuletha umtshokotsho lethente lenhlangano lazo zonke izitsha ezingcwele ezazisethenteni; abapristi lamaLevi basebekwenyusa.

6 Inkosi uSolomoni lenhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli eyayibuthene phambi komtshokotsho basebenikela imihlatshelo yezimvu lezinkabi ezingelakubhalwa lezingelakubalwa ngobunengi.

7 Abapristi basebewungenisa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI endaweni yawo, endaweni yelizwi yendlu, kungcwele yezingcwele, kwaze kwaba ngaphansi kwempiko zamakherubhi.

8 Ngoba amakherubhi elulela impiko zawo phezu kwendawo yomtshokotsho; amakherubhi awembesa umtshokotsho lemijabo yawo ngaphezulu.

9 Basebeselula imijabo, izihloko zemijabo zaze zabonakala emtshokotshweni phambi kwendawo yelizwi, kodwa zingabonakali ngaphandle; ukhona lapho-ke kuze kube lamuhla.

10 Kwakungelalutho emtshokotshweni, ngaphandle kwezibhebhe ezimbili uMozisi azifaka khona eHorebe lapho iNKOSI eyenza khona isivumelwano labantwana bakoIsrayeli ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe.

11 Kwasekusithi abapristi bephuma endaweni engcwele, ngoba bonke abapristi abatholakalayo babezihlambulule bengagcinanga izigaba,

12 lamaLevi angabahlabeleli babo bonke - akoAsafi, akoHemani, akoJeduthuni, lakumadodana abo lakubafowabo - begqoke amalembu acolekileyo amhlophe, belezinsimbi ezincencethayo lezigubhu zezintambo lamachacho, bema ngempumalanga kwelathi; njalo kanye labo kulabapristi abalikhulu lamatshumi amabili bekhalisa izimpondo.

13 Kwasekusithi bekhalisa izimpondo behlabelela kanyekanye ukuzwakalisa umsindo owodwa, ukudumisa lokubonga iNKOSI, lalapho bephakamisa ilizwi ngezimpondo langezinsimbi ezincencethayo lezinto zokuhlabelela, lalapho bedumisa iNKOSI ukuthi ilungile lokuthi umusa wayo umi kuze kube phakade, indlu yagcwaliswa liyezi, indlu yeNKOSI,

14 abapristi kabaze baba lakho ukuma ukukhonza ngenxa yeyezi, ngoba inkazimulo yeNKOSI yagcwalisa indlu kaNkulunkulu.

II LWEMILANDO 6

Umkhuleko kaSolomoni

1 Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wathi: UJehova wathi uzahlala emnyameni onzima.

2 Kodwa mina ngikwakhele indlu yokuhlala, lendawo yokuhlala kwakho kuze
kube nini lanini.

3 Inkosi yasiphendula ubuso bayo, yabusisa ibandla lonke lakoIsrayeli; ibandla
lonke-ke lakoIsrayeli lalimi.

4 Yasisithi: Kayibusiswe iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, eyakhuluma ngomlomo
wayo kuDavida ubaba yakugcwalisa ngezandla zayo, isithi:

5 Kusukela ngosuku engakhupha ngalo abantu bami elizweni leGibhithe
kangikhethanga muzi ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli ukwakha indlu, ukuthi ibizo
lami libe lapho, kangikhethanga muntu ukuba ngumkhokheli phezu kwabantu
bami uIsrayeli.

6 Kodwa ngakhetha iJerusalema ukuthi ibizo lami libe lapho, ngakhetha uDavida
ukuthi abe phezu kwabantu bami uIsrayeli.

7 Njalo kwakusenhliziyweni kaDavida ubaba ukwakhela ibizo leNKOSI,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, indlu.

8 Kodwa iNKOSI yathi kuDavida ubaba: Njengoba kwakusenhliziyweni yakho
ukwakhela ibizo lami indlu, wenze kuhle ngokuthi kwakusenhliziyweni yakho.

9 Lanxa kunjalo kawuyikuyakha indlu wena, kodwa indodana yakho ezaphuma
ekhalweni lwakho, yiyo ezakwakhela ibizo lami indlu.

10 INKOSI isiqinisile ilizwi layo eyalikhulumayo, ngoba ngivelile esikhundleni
sikaDavida ubaba, ngihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli, njengokukhuluma
kweNKOSI; sengilakhele ibizo leNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, indlu.

11 Ngiwubeke khona umtshokotsho lapho okulesivumelwano seNKOSI khona
eyasenza labantwana bakoIsrayeli.

12 Wasesima phambi kwelathi leNKOSI maqondana lebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli,
welula izandla zakhe.

13 Ngoba uSolomoni wayenze isitubhu sethusi, ubude baso buzingalo ezinhlanu,
lobubanzi baso buzingalo ezinhlanu, lokuphakama kwaso kuzingalo ezintathu,
wasimisa phakathi laphakathi kweguma. Wema phezu kwaso, waguqa
ngamadolo akhe phambi kwebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli, welulela izandla zakhe
emazulwini,

14 wathi: NKOSI, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kakho uNkulunkulu onjengawe
emazulwini lemhlabeni, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa ezincekwini zakho
ezihamba phambi kwakho ngayo yonke inhliziyo yazo,

15 ogcinele inceku yakho uDavida ubaba lokho owakutsho kuyo; ngoba
wakhuluma ngomlomo wakho usukugcwalisile ngesandla sakho njengalamuhla.

16 Ngakho-ke, NKOSI, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, gcinela inceku yakho uDavida ubaba
lokho owakutsho kuyo usithi: Kakuyikusweleka umuntu kuwe phambi kobuso

bami ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli; kuphela uba abantwana bakho beqaphela indlela yabo phambi kwami, ukuthi bahambe ngomlayo wami, njengalokho uhambile phambi kwami.

17 Ngakho-ke, NKOSI, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kaliqiniseke ilizwi lakho owalikhuluma encekwini yakho, kuDavida.

18 Kambe ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu angahlala labantu emhlabeni? Khangela, amazulu, yebo, amazulu amazulu angekwanele; kangakanani-ke lindlu engiyakhileyo?

19 Kodwa phendukela emkhulekweni wenceku yakho lekuncengeni kwayo, NKOSI Nkulunkulu wami, ukuzwa ukukhala lomkhuleko inceku yakho ekukhulekayo phambi kwakho.

20 Ukuze amehlo akho avulekele lindlu emini lebusuku, endaweni owatsho ngayo ukuthi uzabeka ibizo lakho khona, ukuthi uwuzwe umkhuleko inceku yakho ewukhulekayo ikhangele kulindawo.

21 Ngakho zwana ukuncenga kwenceku yakho lokwabantu bakho uIsrayeli abazakukhuleka bekhangele kulindawo; yebo, uzwe wena, usendaweni yakho yokuhlala, usemazulwini; lapho usizwa, uthethelele.

22 Uba umuntu esona kumakhelwane wakhe, amethese isifungo ukumenza afunge, njalo isifungo size phambi kwelathi lakho kulindlu,

23 zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, njalo yenza wahlulele inceku zakho, ngokuphindisela okhohlakeleyo, ngokunika indlela yakhe ekhanda lakhe, langokulungisisa olungileyo, ngokumnika njengokulunga kwakhe.

24 Lalapho abantu bakho uIsrayeli betshaywa phambi kwesitha, ngoba bonile kuwe, uba bephenduka, balivume ibizo lakho, bakhuleke bencenga phambi kwakho kulindlu,

25 zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, uthethelele isono sabantu bakho uIsrayeli, ubabuyisele elizweni owalinika bona laboyise.

26 Lapho amazulu evaliwe, njalo kungelazulu, ngoba bonile kuwe, uba bekhuleka bekhangele kulindawo belivuma ibizo lakho, baphenduke esonweni sabo, nxa ubahluphile,

27 zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, uthethelele isono senceku zakho lesabantu bakho uIsrayeli, usubafundise indlela enhle abazahamba ngayo; unise izulu elizweni lakho owalinika abantu bakho libe yilifa labo.

28 Uba kulendlala elizweni, uba kulomatshayabhuqe wesifo, uba kulokutshisa, lengumane, isikhonyane, lemihogoyi; uba izitha zabo zibavimbezela elizweni lesango labo, loba yiyiphi inhlupheko laloba yiwuphi umkhuhlane;

29 lawuphi umkhuleko, lakuphi ukuncenga, okuzakwenziwa languwuphi umuntu,
kumbe yibo bonke abantu bakho uIsrayeli, lapho besazi, ngulowo lalowo
inhlupheko yakhe losizi lwakhe, eselulela izandla zakhe kulindlu;

30 zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala, uthethelele, uphe
ngulowo lalowo ngokwezindlela zakhe zonke, onhliziyo yakhe uyayazi, ngoba
nguwe wedwa owazi inhliziyo yabantwana babantu,

31 ukuze bakwesabe bahambe endleleni zakho insuku zonke abaziphila ebusweni
bomhlaba owawupha obaba.

32 Njalo mayelana lowezizweni ongesuye owabantu bakho uIsrayeli, kodwa evela
elizweni elikhatshana ngenxa yebizo lakho elikhulu lesandla sakho esilamandla
lengalo yakho eyeluliweyo; lapho besizakhuleka kulindlu,

33 zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, usendaweni yakho yokuhlala, wenze njengakho
konke owezizweni akhala ngakho kuwe, ukuze bonke abantu bomhlaba bazi
ibizo lakho, bakwesabe, njengabantu bakho uIsrayeli, lokuthi bazi ukuthi ibizo
lakho liyabizwa phezu kwalindlu engiyakhileyo.

34 Uba abantu bakho bephuma ukuyakulwa bemelene lezitha zabo ngendlela
obathume ngayo, bakhuleke kuwe endleleni yomuzi owukhethileyo lendlu
engiyakhele ibizo lakho,

35 zwana-ke usemazulwini umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga kwabo, wenze ilungelo
labo.

36 Uba besona kuwe, ngoba kakulamuntu ongoniyo, ubusubathukuthelela,
ubanikele phambi kwesitha, ukuze ababathumbileyo babathumbele
elizweni elikhatshana kumbe eliseduze,

37 uba benakana ngakho enhliziyweni yabo elizweni abathunjelwe kilo,
baphenduke bancenge kuwe elizweni lokuthunjwa kwabo bathi: Sonile, senze
okubi, senza ngenkohlakalo;

38 uba bephendukela kuwe ngayo yonke inhliziyo yabo langawo wonke
umphefumulo wabo elizweni lokuthunjwa kwabo, lapho ababathumbele khona,
bakhuleke ngasendleleni yelizwe labo owalinika oyise, lomuzi owukhethileyo,
langasendlini engiyakhele ibizo lakho,

39 zwana-ke usemazulwini, usendaweni yakho yokuhlala, umkhuleko wabo
lokuncenga kwabo, wenze ilungelo labo, uthethelele abantu bakho abakonileyo.

40 Ngakho, Nkulunkulu wami, ake amehlo akho avuleke lendlebe zakho zilalele
umkhuleko walindawo.

41 Khathesi-ke, sukuma, NKOSI Nkulunkulu, uze endaweni yakho yokuphumula,
wena lomtshokotsho wamandla akho. Abapristi bakho, NKOSI Nkulunkulu,
kabembathe usindiso, labangcwele bakho bathokoze ngokuhle.

42 NKOSI Nkulunkulu, ungafulathelisi ubuso bogcotshiweyo wakho. Khumbula izisa zikaDavida inceku yakho.

II LWEMILANDO 7

1 Kwathi uSolomoni eseqedile ukukhuleka, umlilo wehla uvela emazulwini, wadla umnikelo wokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, lenkazimulo yeNKOSI yagcwalisa indlu.

2 Njalo abapristi babengelakho ukungena endlini yeNKOSI, ngoba inkazimulo yeNKOSI yayigcwalise indlu yeNKOSI.

3 Lapho bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli bebona ukwehla komlilo lenkazimulo yeNKOSI phezu kwendlu, bakhothama ngobuso babo emhlabathini endaweni egandelweyo, bakhonza bedumisa iNKOSI, ukuthi ilungile, ukuthi umusa wayo umi phakade.

4 Inkosi labo bonke abantu banikela-ke imihlatshelo phambi kweNKOSI.

5 Inkosi uSolomoni yasinikela imihlatshelo yezinkabi ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili. Ngokunjalo inkosi labo bonke abantu bayehlukanisa indlu kaNkulunkulu.

6 Abapristi basebesima ezikhundleni zabo; lamaLevi elezinto zokuhlabelela zikaJehova inkosi uDavida ayezenzele ukudumisa uJehova, ngoba umusa wakhe umi phakade, lapho uDavida edumisa ngenkonzo yabo; labapristi bakhalisa impondo phambi kwabo, loIsrayeli wonke wema.

7 USolomoni wasengcwelisa iphakathi leguma elaliphambi kwendlu yeNKOSI, ngoba wenza lapho iminikelo yokutshiswa lamahwahwa eminikelo yokuthula, ngoba ilathi lethusi uSolomoni ayelenzile lalingenele umnikelo wokutshiswa, lomnikelo wokudla, lamahwahwa.

8 Langalesosikhathi uSolomoni wenza umkhosi okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye, ibandla elikhulu kakhulu, kusukela ekungeneni kweHamathi kusiya esifuleni seGibhithe.

9 Langosuku lwesificaminwembili benza umhlangano onzulu, ngoba benza ukwehlukaniswa kwelathi okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, lomkhosi okwensuku eziyisikhombisa.

10 Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lantathu lwenyanga yesikhombisa waseyekela abantu bahamba baya emathenteni abo, bethokoza bejabula enhliziyweni ngokuhle iNKOSI eyayikwenzele uDavida loSolomoni loIsrayeli abantu bayo.

INKOSI izibonakalisa kuSolomoni

11 Ngokunjalo uSolomoni waqeda indlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosi; lakho konke okwakuvela enhliziyweni kaSolomoni ukukwenza endlini yeNKOSI lendlini yakhe wakuphumelelisa.

12 INKOSI yasibonakala kuSolomoni ebusuku yathi kuye: Ngizwile umkhuleko wakho, sengizikhethele lindawo ukuba yindlu yomhlatshelo.

13 Uba ngivala amazulu ukuze kungabi lazulu, kumbe uba ngilaya intethe ukuqeda ilizwe, kumbe uba ngithumela umatshayabhuqe wesifo phakathi kwabantu bami,

14 uba abantu bami ibizo lami elibizwa phezu kwabo bezithoba, bakhuleke badinge ubuso bami, baphenduke ezindleleni zabo ezimbi, mina-ke ngizakuzwa ngisemazulwini, ngithethelele isono sabo, ngelaphe ilizwe labo.

15 Khathesi amehlo ami azavuleka, lendlebe zami zilalele umkhuleko walindawo.

16 Ngoba sengiyikhethile ngayingcwelisa lindlu ukuze ibizo lami libe khona kuze kube nininini; lamehlo ami lenhliziyo yami kuzakuba lapho zonke izinsuku.

17 Wena-ke, uba uhamba phambi kwami njengokuhamba kukaDavida uyihlo, wenze njengakho konke engikulaye khona, ugcine izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami,

18 ngizaqinisa-ke isihlalo sobukhosi sombuso wakho, njengokwenza kwami isivumelwano loDavida uyihlo ngisithi: Kakuyikusweleka muntu kuwe obusa koIsrayeli.

19 Kodwa uba libuyela emuva lina, litshiya izimiso zami lemilayo yami engikubeke phambi kwenu, lihambe likhonze abanye onkulunkulu libakhothamele,

20 ngizabasiphuna-ke elizweni engibanike lona, lalindlu engiyingcwelisele ibizo lami ngizayilahla isuke phambi kwami, ngiyenze ibe yisiga lento yokuhozwa phakathi kwezizwe zonke.

21 Lalindlu ephakemeyo izakuba yisimangaliso kulowo lalowo odlula kuyo, aze athi: INKOSI ikwenzeleni okunje kulelilizwe lakulindlu?

22 Bazakuthi-ke: Kungoba beyidelile iNKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyise eyabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe, babambelela kwabanye onkulunkulu, babakhonza babasebenzela; ngenxa yalokho ibehlisele bonke lobububi.

II LWEMILANDO 8

Ezinye izenzo zikaSolomoni

1Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amabili uSolomoni akha ngayo indlu yeNKOSI lendlu yakhe,

2 imizi uHuramu ayeyinike uSolomoni, uSolomoni wayakha, wahlalisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli khona.

3 USolomoni wasesiya eHamathi-Zoba, wayinqoba.

4 Wakha iTadimori enkangala layo yonke imizi eyiziphala ayakha eHamathi.

5 Wakha leBhethi-Horoni engaphezulu leBhethi-Horoni engaphansi, imizi ebiyelweyo elemithangala, amasango, lemigoqo,

6 leBahalathi, lemizi yonke eyiziphala uSolomoni ayelayo, layo yonke imizi yezinqola, lemizi yabagadi bamabhiza, laso sonke isifiso sikaSolomoni ayefisa ngaso ukwakha eJerusalema leLebhanoni lelizweni lonke lombuso wakhe.

7 Abantu bonke ababesele kumaHethi lamaAmori lamaPerizi lamaHivi lamaJebusi, ababengeyisibo bakoIsrayeli,

8 ebantwaneni babo ababesele emva kwabo elizweni abantwana bakoIsrayeli abangabaqedanga uSolomoni wabenyusa baba yizibhalwa kuze kube lamuhla.

9 Kodwa ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uSolomoni kabenzanga izigqili zomsebenzi wakhe, kodwa baba ngamadoda empi, lezinduna zabalawulimabutho akhe, labaphathi bezinqola zakhe labagadi bamabhiza akhe.

10 Lalaba babezinduna zeziphathamandla inkosi uSolomoni ayelazo, amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, bebusa abantu.

11 USolomoni wasesenyusa indodakazi kaFaro emzini kaDavida, wayisa endlini ayeyakhele yona, ngoba wathi: Umkami kayikuhlala endlini kaDavida inkosi yakoIsrayeli, ngoba izindawo zingcwele umtshokotsho weNKOSI oze kizo.

12 Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wanikela eNKOSIni iminikelo yokutshiswa phezu kwelathi leNKOSI ayelakhile phambi kwekhulusi.

13 Ngitsho njengokumiselwe usuku ngosuku, enikela njengokomlayo kaMozisi ngamasabatha, langokuthwasa kwezinyanga, langemikhosi emisiweyo, kathathu ngomnyaka, ngomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo, langomkhosi wamaviki, langomkhosi wamadumba.

14 Njengesimiso sikaDavida uyise wasemisa izigaba zabapristi phezu kwenkonzo yabo, lamaLevi emilindweni yawo ukudumisa lokukhonza phambi kwabapristi njengodaba losuku ngosuku lwalo, labalindimasango ezigabeni zabo kusango ngesango; ngoba wayelaye njalo uDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu.

15 Njalo kabaphambukanga emlayweni wenkosi kubapristi lamaLevi mayelana laluphi udaba kumbe mayelana lokuligugu.

16 Walungiswa-ke umsebenzi wonke kaSolomoni kuze kube lusuku lokubekwa kwesisekelo sendlu yeNKOSI, njalo yaze yaphela: Indlu yeNKOSI yaphelela.

17 Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni waya eEziyoni-Geberi leElothi okhunjini lolwandle elizweni leEdoma.

18 UHuramu wasethumela kuye imikhumbi ngesandla sezinceku zakhe, lenceku ezazi ulwandle, zaya eOfiri kanye lenceku zikaSolomoni, zalanda khona igolide elingamathalenta angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu, zaliletha enkosini uSolomoni.

II LWEMILANDO 9

Indlovukazi yeShebha

1 Indlovukazi yeShebha isizwile udumo lukaSolomoni yeza eJerusalema ukuhlola
uSolomoni ngemibuzo enzima, ilexuku elikhulu kakhulu, lamakamela ethwele
amakha legolide ngobunengi lamatshe aligugu; isifikile kuSolomoni yakhuluma
laye konke okwakusenhliziyweni yayo.

2 USolomoni wayichasisela zonke indaba zayo, njalo kwakungekho lutho
olwamcatshelayo uSolomoni angaluchasisanga kuyo.

3 Indlovukazi yeShebha isibonile inhlakanipho kaSolomoni, lendlu ayeyakhile,

4 lokudla kwetafula lakhe, lokuhlala kwenceku zakhe, lokuma kwezikhonzi
zakhe, lezigqoko zazo, labaphathinkezo bakhe, lezigqoko zabo, lokwenyuka
kwakhe enyuka ngakho endlini yeNKOSI, kakusabanga lamoya kuyo.

5 Yasisithi enkosini: Wawuliqiniso umbiko engawuzwa elizweni lami ngendaba
zakho langenhlakanipho yakho.

6 Kodwa kangiwakholwanga amazwi abo ngaze ngeza lamehlo ami akubona.
Khangela-ke, bengingatshelwanga ingxenye yobukhulu benhlakanipho yakho;
uyedlula umbiko engawuzwayo.

7 Ayajabula amadoda akho, njalo ziyajabula lezizinceku zakho ezimi phambi
kwakho njalonjalo zisizwa inhlakanipho yakho.

8 Kabusiswe uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho othokoze ngawe ukukubeka
esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi ukuthi ube yinkosi kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakho.
Ngoba uNkulunkulu wakho wamthanda uIsrayeli ukumqinisa kuze kube nininini,
ngakho ukubekile waba yinkosi phezu kwabo ukuze wenze isahlulelo lokulunga.

9 Yasinika inkosi igolide elingamathalenta alikhulu lamatshumi amabili, lamakha
ngobunengi obukhulu, lamatshe aligugu. Kakuzanga kube khona anjengalawo
amakha indlovukazi yeShebha eyawanika inkosi uSolomoni.

10 Futhi izinceku zikaHuramu lenceku zikaSolomoni ezaziletha igolide livela
eOfiri, zaseziletha izigodo zama-aligumi lamatshe aligugu.

11 Inkosi yasisenza ngezigodo zama-aligumi izikhwelo zendlu kaJehova lezendlu
yenkosi, lamachacho lezigubhu zezintambo kwabahlabeleli. Kakuzanga kubonwe
futhi okunjengalokho mandulo elizweni lakoJuda.

12 Inkosi uSolomoni yasinika indlovukazi yeShebha sonke isifiso sayo
eyasicelayo, ngaphandle kwalokho ayekulethe enkosini. Yasiphenduka yaya
elizweni layo yona lenceku zayo.

Inotho kaSolomoni lodumo lwakhe

13 Isisindo segolide elalifika-ke kuSolomoni ngomnyaka owodwa sasingamathalenta egolide angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha,

14 ngaphandle kwalokho abakuletha kuvela kubathengisi labathengi; lawo wonke amakhosi eArabhiya lababusi belizwe baletha igolide lesiliva kuSolomoni.

15 Inkosi uSolomoni yasisenza izihlangu ezinkulu ezingamakhulu amabili ngegolide elikhandiweyo; yasebenzisaamashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha egolide elikhandiweyo esihlangwini esisodwa esikhulu.

16 Lamahawu angamakhulu amathathu egolide elikhandiweyo; yasebenzisela ihawu elilodwa amashekeliangamakhulu amathathu. Inkosi yakubeka endlini yegusu leLebhanoni.

17 Inkosi yasisenza isihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu ngempondo zendlovu, yasinameka ngegolide elicwengekileyo.

18 Njalo isihlalo sobukhosi sasilezikhwelo eziyisithupha zesihlalo lesenabelo segolide sasixhunywe esihlalweni sobukhosi, lezeyamelo zengalo ngapha langapha endaweni yokuhlala, lezilwane ezimbili zimi eceleni kwezeyamelo zengalo.

19 Njalo kwakumi izilwane ezilitshumi lambili khona ngapha langapha ezikhwelweni eziyisithupha. Kakuzanga kwenziwe okunjalo lakuwuphi umbuso.

20 Lazo zonke izitsha zokunatha zenkosi uSolomoni zazingezegolide, lezitsha zonke zendlu yegusu leLebhanoni zazingezegolide elicwengekileyo; isiliva sasingabalwa njengolutho ensukwini zikaSolomoni.

21 Ngoba imikhumbi yenkosi yaya eTarshishi lezinceku zikaHuramu; kanye ngeminyaka emithathu imikhumbi yeTarshishi yeza ithwele igolide, lesiliva, impondo zezindlovu, lezindwangu, lamaphigaga.

22 Inkosi uSolomoni yaba nkulu kulawo wonke amakhosi omhlaba ngenotho langenhlakanipho.

23 Lawo wonke amakhosi omhlaba adinga ubuso bukaSolomoni ukuzwa inhlakanipho yakhe uNkulunkulu ayeyifake enhliziyweni yakhe.

24 Aseletha, ngulowo lalowo isipho sakhe, izitsha zesiliva, lezitsha zegolide, lezembatho, izikhali, lamakha, amabhiza, lezimbongolo; into yomnyaka ngomnyaka wayo.

25 Njalo uSolomoni wayelezindlwana zamabhiza lezinqola ezizinkulungwane ezine, labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; wasekubeka emizini yezinqola, njalo lenkosini eJerusalema.

26 Wasebusa phezu kwawo wonke amakhosi kusukela eMfuleni kuze kube selizweni lamaFilisti, njalo kuze kube semngceleni weGibhithe.

27 Inkosi yasisenza isiliva eJerusalema laba njengamatshe, lemisedari wayenza yaba njengemikhiwa yesikhamore esesihotsheni, ngobunengi.

28 Basebekhuphela uSolomoni amabhiza eGibhithe lemazweni wonke.

Ukufa kukaSolomoni

29 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaSolomoni, ezokuqala lezokucina, kazibhalwanga yini emazwini kaNathani umprofethi, lakusiprofetho sikaAhiya umShilo, lemibonweni kaYedi umboni mayelana loJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati?

30 USolomoni wasebusa eJerusalema phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke iminyaka engamatshumi amane.

31 USolomoni waselala laboyise, basebemngcwaba emzini kaDavida uyise. URehobhowamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bavukela indlu kaDavida

1URehobhowamu wasesiya eShekema ngoba uIsrayeli wonke wayeze eShekema ukumbeka abe yinkosi.

2 Kwasekusithi uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati esizwa, owayeseGibhithe lapho ayebalekele khona ubuso bukaSolomoni inkosi, uJerobhowamu wabuya evela eGibhithe.

3 Basebethumela bambiza; uJerobhowamu loIsrayeli wonke basebesiza, bakhuluma kuRehobhowamu besithi:

4 Uyihlo wenza ijogwe lethu laba lukhuni; ngakho-ke yenza ube lulanyana umsebenzi kayihlo olukhuni, lejogwe lakhe elinzima abesithwalise lona, njalo sizakukhonza.

5 Wasesithi kibo: Buyani kimi emva kwensuku ezintathu. Abantu basebehamba.

6 Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasicebisana labadala ababesima phambi kukaSolomoni uyise esaphila, isithi: Licebisa ukubuyisela mpendulo bani kulababantu?

7 Basebekhuluma kuye besithi: Uba uzalunga kulababantu, ubathokozise, ukhulume kibo amazwi amahle, bazakuba zinceku zakho insuku zonke.

8 Kodwa wadela iseluleko sabadala abamcebisa ngaso, wacebisana lamajaha ayeyintanga yakhe, ayesima phambi kwakhe.

9 Wasesithi kuwo: Licebisa ukuthi sibuyisele mpendulo bani kulababantu, abakhulume kimi besithi: Yenza libe lulanyana ijogwe uyihlo alibeka phezu kwethu?

10 Amajaha ayeyintanga yakhe asekhuluma laye esithi: Uzakutsho njalo ebantwini abakhuluma kuwe besithi: Uyihlo wenza ijogwe lethu laba nzima,

kodwa wena lenze libe lulanyana kithi; uzakutsho njalo kubo: Ucikilicane wami uqatha kulokhalo lukababa.

11 Ngakho-ke ubaba walethwesa ijogwe elinzima, kodwa mina ngizakwengezelela ejogweni lenu. Ubaba walijezisa ngeziswepu, kodwa mina ngabofezela.

12 Ngakho uJerobhowamu labo bonke abantu beza kuRehobhowamu ngosuku lwesithathu njengokutsho kwenkosi isithi: Libuye kimi futhi ngosuku lwesithathu.

13 Inkosi yasibaphendula kalukhuni; inkosi uRehobhowamu yasidela iseluleko sabadala,

14 yakhuluma kubo njengeseluleko samajaha isithi: Ubaba wenza ijogwe lenu laba nzima, kodwa mina ngizakwengezelela kulo; ubaba walijezisa ngeziswepu, kodwa mina ngabofezela.

15 Ngokunjalo inkosi kayibalalelanga abantu; ngoba inguquko yayivela kuNkulunkulu ukuze iNKOSI iqinise ilizwi layo eyayilikhulume ngesandla sikaAhiya umShilo kuJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati.

16 Lapho uIsrayeli wonke ebona ukuthi inkosi kayibalalelanga, abantu bayiphendula inkosi besithi: Silesabelo bani kuDavida? Njalo kasilalifa endodaneni kaJese. Ngulowo emathenteni akho, Israyeli; khathesi, zibonele indlu yakho, Davida. Ngakho uIsrayeli wonke waya emathenteni akhe.

17 Kodwa abantwana bakoIsrayeli ababehlala emizini yakoJuda, uRehobhowamu wabusa phezu kwabo.

18 Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasithuma uAdoramu owayengumphathi wezibhalwa; abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebemkhanda ngamatshe, wasesifa. Inkosi uRehobhowamu yaphangisa ukukhwela enqoleni ukubalekela eJerusalema.

19 Ngalokho uIsrayeli wayihlamuka indlu kaDavida kuze kube lamuhla.

II LWEMILANDO 11

1URehobhowamu esefikile eJerusalema wabuthanisa indlu yakoJuda leyakoBhenjamini, abakhethiweyo abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, abalwa impi, ukuze balwe loIsrayeli ukubuyisela umbuso kuRehobhowamu.

2 Kodwa ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kuShemaya umuntu kaNkulunkulu lisithi:

3 Khuluma kuRehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni, inkosi yakoJuda, lakuIsrayeli wonke koJuda lakoBhenjamini, uthi:

4 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Kaliyikwenyuka njalo lingalwi labafowenu. Buyelani ngulowo endlini yakhe, ngoba linto yenziwe yimi. Basebelilalela ilizwi leNKOSI, baphenduka ekuyenimelana loJerobhowamu.

Ukuphumelela kukaRehobhowamu

5 URehobhowamu wasehlala eJerusalema, wakha imizi eyizinqaba koJuda.

6 Wasesakha iBhethelehema leEtamu leThekhowa

7 leBeti-Zuri leSoko leAdulamu

8 leGathi leMaresha leZifi

9 leAdorayimi leLakishi leAzeka

10 leZora leAjaloni leHebroni, eyayikoJuda lakoBhenjamini, imizi ebiyelweyo.

11 Waseqinisa izinqaba, wabeka abalawulimabutho kizo, leziphala zokudla lamafutha lewayini.

12 Lakuwo wonke umuzi lomuzi wabeka izihlangu ezinkulu lemikhonto, wayiqinisa kakhulukazi. Njalo uJuda loBhenjamini babengabakhe.

13 Labapristi lamaLevi ababekoIsrayeli wonke bazimisa kuye bevela kuyo yonke imingcele yabo.

14 Ngoba amaLevi atshiya amadlelo awo lemfuyo yabo, aya koJuda leJerusalema, ngoba uJerobhowamu lamadodana akhe bawala ekusebenzeleni iNKOSI njengabapristi;

15 wasezibekela abapristi bendawo eziphakemeyo, labamadimoni, labamathole ayewenzile.

16 Lemva kwawo kweza eJerusalema labo ababenikele inhliziyo yabo ukuyidinga iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, bevela kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli, ukuyahlabela iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyise.

17 Ngokunjalo bawuqinisa umbuso wakoJuda, benza uRehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni waba lamandla iminyaka emithathu; ngoba bahamba endleleni kaDavida loSolomoni iminyaka emithathu.

18 URehobhowamu wasezithathela uMahalathi indodakazi kaJerimothi indodana kaDavida waba ngumkakhe,loAbihayili indodakazi kaEliyabi indodana kaJese,

19 owamzalela amadodana, oJewushi loShemariya loZahamu.

20 Langemva kwakhe wathatha uMahaka indodakazi kaAbisalomu, owamzalela oAbhiya loAthayi loZiza loShelomithi.

21 URehobhowamu wasemthanda uMahaka indodakazi kaAbisalomu okwedlula bonke omkakhe labafazi bakhe abancinyane - ngoba wathatha abafazi abalitshumi lesificaminwembili, labafazi abancinyane abangamatshumi ayisithupha, wazala amadodana angamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili lamadodakazi angamatshumi ayisithupha.

22 URehobhowamu wasebeka uAbhiya indodana kaMahaka waba yinhloko ukubusa phakathi kwabafowabo, ngoba kwakuyikumenza inkosi.

23 Wenza ngokuhlakanipha, wasabalalisa kuwo wonke amadodana akhe emazweni wonke akoJuda lakoBhenjamini, kuwo wonke umuzi obiyelweyo, wawanika ukudla ngobunengi, wadinga inengi labafazi.

II LWEMILANDO 12

UShishaki uhlasela ilizwe lakoJuda

1Kwasekusithi uRehobhowamu eseqinise umbuso, eseziqinisile, watshiya umlayo weNKOSI, loIsrayeli wonke laye.

2 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesihlanu wenkosi uRehobhowamu, uShishaki inkosi yeGibhithe wenyuka wamelana leJerusalema, ngoba babephambukile eNKOSIni,

3 elezinqola ezingamakhulu alitshumi lambili labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha; labantu babengelakubalwa abeza laye bephuma eGibhithe, amaLibiya, amaSukhi, lamaEthiyophiya.

4 Wasethumba imizi ebiyelweyo eyayingeyakoJuda weza eJerusalema.

5 UShemaya umprofethi wasefika kuRehobhowamu lezikhulu zakoJuda ezazibuthene eJerusalema ngenxa kaShishaki, wathi kubo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Lina lingilahlile, ngakho lami ngililahlele esandleni sikaShishaki.

6 Iziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli kanye lenkosi basebezithoba bathi: INKOSI ilungile.

7 INKOSI isibona ukuthi bazithobile, ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kuShemaya lisithi: Bazithobile; kangiyikubabhubhisa, kodwa ngizabanika isilinganiso sokukhululwa, lolaka lwami kaluyikuthululelwa eJerusalema ngesandla sikaShishaki.

8 Kodwa bazakuba zinceku zakhe ukuze bazi inkonzo yami lenkonzo yemibuso yamazwe.

9 Ngakho uShishaki inkosi yeGibhithe wenyukela eJerusalema, wathatha okuligugu kwendlu kaJehova lokuligugu kwendlu yenkosi, wathatha konke; wathatha lezihlangu zegolide uSolomoni ayezenzile.

10 Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasisenza izihlangu zethusi endaweni yazo, yazinikela ngaphansi kwesandla senduna zabalindi ababegcina umnyango wendlu yenkosi.

11 Kwasekusithi lapho inkosi ingena endlini kaJehova bafika abalindi bezithwele, bazibuyisela ekamelweni labalindi.

12 Isizithobile, ulaka lweNKOSI lwaphenduka lwasuka kuyo ukuze ingayibhubhisi ngokuphelelelyo; futhi lakoJuda kwakulezinto ezinhle.

13 Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasiziqinisa eJerusalema, yabusa. Ngoba uRehobhowamu wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye lapho esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa eJerusalema, umuzi iNKOSI eyayiwukhethile phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli, ukubeka ibizo layo khona. Lebizo likanina lalinguNahama umAmonikazi.

14 Wasesenza okubi ngoba engalungisanga inhliziyo yakhe ukudinga iNKOSI.

15 Lendaba zikaRehobhowamu, ezokuqala lezokucina, kazibhalwanga yini ezindabeni zikaShemaya umprofethilezikaIdo umboni mayelana lemibhalo yosendo, lezimpi zikaRehobhowamu loJerobhowamu zonke izinsuku?

16 URehobhowamu waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa emzini kaDavida. UAbhiya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

II LWEMILANDO 13

Ukubusa kukaAbhiya

1Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wenkosi uJerobhowamu uAbhiya wasesiba yinkosi phezu kukaJuda.

2 Wabusa iminyaka emithathu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguMikhaya indodakazi kaUriyeli weGibeya. Kwasekusiba khona impi phakathi kukaAbhiya loJerobhowamu.

3 UAbhiya wasehlela impi elebutho lamaqhawe empi, amadoda akhethiweyo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane. UJerobhowamu wasehlela impi ukumelana laye elamadoda akhethiweyo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisificaminwembili, amaqhawe alamandla.

4 UAbhiya wasesima entabeni iZemarayimi esentabeni yakoEfrayimi wathi: Ngizwa Jerobhowamu, loIsrayeli wonke!

5 Kakusikwenu yini ukwazi ukuthi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yanika uDavida umbuso phezu kukaIsrayeli phakade, kuye lakumadodana akhe ngesivumelwano setshwayi?

6 Kodwa uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati, inceku kaSolomoni indodana kaDavida, wasukuma wavukela inkosi yakhe.

7 Kwasekubuthana kuye abantu abayize, abantwana bakaBheliyali, baziqinisa ukumelana loRehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni, uRehobhowamu esesengumfana njalo ebuthakathaka ngenhliziyo engemelane labo.

8 Khathesi-ke lina lithi lizamelana lombuso weNKOSI esandleni samadodana kaDavida; futhi lilixuku elikhulu, kodwa lilamathole egolide uJerobhowamu alenzela wona abe ngonkulunkulu.

9 Kalibaxotshanga yini abapristi beNKOSI, amadodana kaAroni, lamaLevi, lazenzela abapristi njengezizwe zelizwe? Loba ngubani ozegcwalisa isandla

sakhe ngejongosi, ithole lenkomo, lezinqama eziyisikhombisa uba ngumpristi wabangeyisibo onkulunkulu.

10 Kodwa thina, iNKOSI inguNkulunkulu wethu, kasiyidelanga; labapristi abayikhonzayo iNKOSI bangamadodana kaAroni, lamaLevi asemsebenzini.

11 Njalo bayahlabela iNKOSI ikuseni ngekuseni lentambama ngentambama iminikelo yokutshiswa lempepha elephunga elimnandi; lokulungisa izinkwa etafuleni elihlambulukileyo, lokulumathisa uluthi lwesibane lwegolide lezibane zalo kusihlwa ngakusihlwa. Ngoba thina sigcina umlindo weNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, kodwa lina liyidelile.

12 Ngakho khangelani, uNkulunkulu ulathi eyinhloko, labapristi bakhe belempondo zokukhalisa ukuhlaba umkhosi bemelene lani. Bantwana bakoIsrayeli, lingalwi leNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, ngoba kaliyikuphumelela.

13 Kodwa uJerobhowamu wayebhodise abacathameli ukuthi beze bengasemva kwabo. Ngakho babephambi kukaJuda, labacathameli bengemva kwabo.

14 Lapho uJuda ephenduka, khangela-ke, impi yayimelene labo ngaphambili langemuva; basebekhala eNKOSIni, labapristi bakhalisa izimpondo,

15 labantu bakoJuda bamemeza; kwasekusithi ekumemezeni kwabantu bakoJuda uNkulunkulu watshaya oJerobhowamu loIsrayeli wonke phambi kukaAbhiya loJuda.

16 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebebaleka phambi kobuso bukaJuda, uNkulunkulu wasebanikela esandleni sabo.

17 UAbhiya labantu bakhe basebebatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu; kwasekusiwa ababuleweyo koIsrayeli, amadoda akhethiweyo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amahlanu.

18 Ngokunjalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli bathotshiswa ngalesosikhathi, labantwana bakoJuda baba lamandla ngoba beyama eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu waboyise.

19 UAbhiya wasexotshana loJerobhowamu, wathumba imizi kuye, iBhetheli lemizana yayo, leJeshana lemizana yayo, leEfroni lemizana yayo.

20 UJerobhowamu akabe esaba lamandla ensukwini zikaAbhiya. INKOSI yasimtshaya, wafa.

21 Kodwa uAbhiya waziqinisa, wazithathela abafazi abalitshumi lane, wazala amadodana angamatshumi amabili lambili, lamadodakazi alitshumi lesithupha.

22 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAbhiya, lezindlela zakhe, lamazwi akhe, kubhaliwe ezindabeni zomprofethi uIdo.

II LWEMILANDO 14

Ukubusa kukaAsa

1UAbhiya waselala laboyise, bamngcwabela emzini kaDavida. UAsa indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. Ensukwini zakhe ilizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka elitshumi.

2 UAsa wasesenza okuhle lokulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe.

3 Ngoba wasusa amalathi owemzini lendawo eziphakemeyo, wadiliza insika eziyizithombe, wagamula izixuku.

4 Wasesithi kuJuda kabayidinge iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyise, lokuthi bagcine umthetho lomlayo.

5 Wasesusa kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda indawo eziphakemeyo lamalathi okutshisela impepha. Lombuso waba lokuthula phambi kwakhe.

6 Wasesakha imizi ebiyelweyo koJuda, ngoba ilizwe lalilokuthula, njalo kungelampi laye ngaleyominyaka, ngoba iNKOSI yamphumuza.

7 Wasesithi kuJuda: Asiyakheni limizi, siyizingelezele ngemiduli, lemiphotshongo, amasango, lemigoqo, ilizwe lisesephambi kwethu; ngoba siyidingile iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, siyidingile, yasinika ukuthula inhlangothi zonke. Basebesakha, baphumelela.

8 Njalo uAsa wayelebutho labazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu abavela koJuda, bethwele ihawu lomkhonto, labazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili abavela koBhenjaminibethwele isihlangu esikhulu benyathela idandili; bonke laba babengamaqhawe alamandla.

9 UZera umEthiyophiya wasephuma ukumelana labo elebutho eliyinkulungwane yezinkulungwane lezinqola ezingamakhulu amathathu, wasefika eMaresha.

10 UAsa wasephuma ukumelana laye, bahlela impi esihotsheni seZefatha eMaresha.

11 UAsa wasekhala eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakhe wathi: NKOSI, kakusilutho kuwe ukunceda, loba kwabanengi loba kwabangelamandla; sisize, NKOSI Nkulunkulu wethu, ngoba seyeme kuwe; njalo ngebizo lakho sizemelana lalelixuku; NKOSI, wena unguNkulunkulu wethu; umuntu kangakwehluli.

12 Ngakho iNKOSI yawatshaya amaEthiyophiya phambi kukaAsa laphambi kukaJuda; amaEthiyophiya asebaleka.

13 UAsa labantu ababelaye baxotshana lawo kwaze kwaba seGerari; kwasekusiwa kumaEthiyophiya okokuthi kakwaze kwaba lokuvuseleleka kiwo, ngoba acotshodiswa phambi kweNKOSI laphambi kwebutho layo. Basebemuka lempango enengi kakhulu.

14 Basebetshaya yonke imizi ezingelezele iGerari, ngoba uvalo
lweNKOSI lwaluphezu kwayo. Basebephanga yonke imizi, ngoba kwakulempango
enengi kiyo.

15 Basebetshaya lamathente ezifuyo, bathumba izimvu ezinengi lamakamela,
babuyela eJerusalema.

II LWEMILANDO 15

Imvuselelo kaAsa

1UMoya kaNkulunkulu wasesehlela phezu kukaAzariya indodana kaOdedi.

2 Wasephuma ukuhlangabezana loAsa, wathi kuye: Ngilalela, Asa loJuda wonke
loBhenjamini; iNKOSI ilani liselayo. Uba-ke liyidinga, izafunyanwa yini; kodwa
uba liyilahla, izalilahla.

3 Okwensuku ezinengi uIsrayeli wayengelaye uNkulunkulu weqiniso, njalo
engelaye umpristi ofundisayo, njalo engelawo umlayo.

4 Kodwa ekubandezelweni kwakhe waphendukela eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, basebemdinga, wasefunyanwa yibo.

5 Langalezozikhathi kwakungelakuthula kophumayo lakongenayo, ngoba
inhlupheko ezinengi zaziphezu kwabo bonke abakhi bamazwe.

6 Basebephahlazwa, isizwe ngesizwe, lomuzi ngomuzi, ngoba uNkulunkulu
wabahlupha ngayo yonke imbandezelo.

7 Ngakho lina qinani, zingadangali izandla zenu, ngoba kulomvuzo ngomsebenzi
wenu.

8 Lapho uAsa esizwa lamazwi lesiprofetho sikaOdedi umprofethi, waziqinisa,
wasusa izinengiso elizweni lonke lakoJuda loBhenjamini lemizini ayeyithumbile
entabeni yakoEfrayimi, wavuselela ilathi leNKOSI elalingaphambi kwekhulusi
leNKOSI.

9 Wasebuthanisa wonke uJuda loBhenjamini labemzini labo ababevela
koEfrayimi loManase lakoSimeyoni; ngoba bawelela kuye bevela koIsrayeli
ngobunengi lapho bebona ukuthi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe yayilaye.

10 Basebebuthana eJerusalema ngenyanga yesithathu ngomnyaka wetshumi
lanhlanu wokubusa kukaAsa.

11 Basebehlabela iNKOSI ngalolosuku okwempango ababeyilethile, inkabi
ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa lezimvu ezizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa.

12 Basebengena esivumelwaneni sokudinga iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyise,
ngenhliziyo yabo yonke langomphefumulo wabo wonke.

13 Njalo wonke ongadingi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli uzabulawa, kusukela
komncinyane kusiya komkhulu, kusukela kowesilisa kusiya kowesifazana.

14 Basebefunga eNKOSIni ngelizwi elikhulu langokumemeza langezimpondo langempondo zezinqama.

15 AbakoJuda bonke bathokoza-ke ngesifungo, ngoba babefungile ngenhliziyo yabo yonke, beyidingile ngaso sonke isifiso sabo, yasifunyanwa yibo; ngakho iNKOSI yabaphumuza inhlangothi zonke.

16 Njalo mayelana loMahaka unina kaAsa inkosi, yamsusa ekubeni yindlovukazi, ngoba wayenzele isixuku into enengekayo. UAsa wasegamula into yakhe enengekayo, wayichola, wayitshisela esifuleni iKidroni.

17 Kanti indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga koIsrayeli; lanxa kunjalo inhliziyo kaAsa yayiphelele insuku zakhe zonke.

18 Wasengenisa endlini kaNkulunkulu izinto ezingcwele zikayise, lezinto zakhe ezingcwele, isiliva legolide lezitsha.

19 Kakusabanga khona impi kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu wokubusa kukaAsa.

II LWEMILANDO 16

Isivumelwano sikaAsa loBenihadadi

1Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesithupha wokubusa kukaAsa uBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli wenyuka emelana loJuda, wakha iRama ukuze angavumeli ophumayo longenayo kuAsa inkosi yakoJuda.

2 UAsa wasekhupha isiliva legolide esiphaleni senotho sendlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosi, wathumela kuBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya owayehlala eDamaseko, esithi:

3 Kulesivumelwano phakathi kwami lawe laphakathi kukababa loyihlo; khangela, ngiyakuthumela isiliva legolide; hamba, yephula isivumelwano sakho loBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli ukuze enyuke asuke kimi.

4 UBenihadadi waseyilalela inkosi uAsa, wathuma induna zamabutho ayelawo ukuyamelana lemizi yakoIsrayeli, zasezitshaya iIjoni leDani leAbeli-Mayimi, lemizi yonke eyiziphala yakoNafithali.

5 Kwasekusithi uBahasha esizwa wayekela ukwakha iRama, wawumisa umsebenzi wakhe.

6 UAsa inkosi wasethatha uJuda wonke, bathutha amatshe eRama lezigodo zayo uBahasha ayesakha ngakho; wasesakha ngakho iGeba leMizipa.

7 Ngalesosikhathi uHanani umboni wasefika kuAsa inkosi yakoJuda, wathi kuye: Ngoba weyeme enkosini yeSiriya, ungeyamanga eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho, ngalokho ibutho lenkosi yeSiriya liphunyukile esandleni sakho.

8 AmaEthiyophiya lamaLibiya ayengeyisilo ibutho elikhulu, elezinqola labagadi
bamabhiza abanengi kakhulu yini? Kanti lapho weyeme eNKOSIni, yawanikela
esandleni sakho.

9 Ngoba iNKOSI, amehlo ayo agijima aye le lale emhlabeni wonke ukuthi
izitshengise ilamandla ngalabo abanhliziyo yabo iphelele kuyo. Wenze
ngobuthutha kulokhu, ngoba kusukela khathesi kuzakuba lezimpi kuwe.

10 UAsa wasemcunukela umboni, wamfaka entolongweni, ngoba
wamthukuthelela ngalokhu. UAsa wasecindezelaabanye ebantwini
ngalesosikhathi.

11 Khangela-ke, izindaba zikaAsa, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe
egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lakoIsrayeli.

12 UAsa waba lomkhuhlane enyaweni zakhe, ngomnyaka wamatshumi
amathathu lesificamunwemunye wokubusa kwakhe, umkhuhlane wakhe waze
wakhula kakhulu; kanti lekuguleni kwakhe kayidinganga iNKOSI, kodwa
izinyanga.

13 UAsa waselala laboyise wafa ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane lanye wokubusa
kwakhe.

14 Basebemngcwaba emangcwabeni akhe ayezigebhele wona emzini kaDavida;
bambeka embhedeni ayewugcwalise amaphunga amnandi lezinhlobonhlobo
zamakha, ayenziwe ngokuhlakanipha kwezingcitshi zamakha; basebembasela
umlilo omkhulu, omkhulukazi.

II LWEMILANDO 17

Ukuqiniswa kombuso kaJehoshafathi

1UJehoshafathi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; waziqinisa
ukumelana loIsrayeli.

2 Wasebeka amabutho kuyo yonke imizi ebiyelweyo yakoJuda; wabeka
lamabutho enqaba elizweni lakoJuda, lemizini yakoEfrayimi uyise uAsa
ayeyithumbile.

3 INKOSI yasisiba loJehoshafathi, ngoba wahamba ngendlela zakuqala zikaDavida
uyise, kabadinganga oBhali;

4 kodwa wadinga kuNkulunkulu kayise, wahamba ngemilayo yakhe, njalo
kungenjengokwenza kukaIsrayeli.

5 Ngakho iNKOSI yawuqinisa umbuso esandleni sakhe, loJuda wonke waletha
izipho kuJehoshafathi; wasesiba lenotho lodumo ngobunengi.

6 Inhliziyo yakhe yasiphakama ezindleleni zeNKOSI; futhi-ke wasusa indawo
eziphakemeyo lezixuku koJuda.

7 Langomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe wathuma kuziphathamandla zakhe, kuBeni-Hayili lakuObhadiya lakuZekhariya lakuNethaneli lakuMikhaya, ukufundisa emizini yakoJuda.

8 Kanye lazo-ke amaLevi, oShemaya loNethaniya loZebhadiya loAsaheli loShemiramothi loJehonathani loAdonija loTobija loTobi-Adonija, amaLevi; kanye labo-ke oElishama loJehoramu, abapristi.

9 Basebefundisa koJuda, belogwalo lomlayo weNKOSI; babhoda kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda, bafundisa abantu.

10 Kwasekusiba lokuyesaba iNKOSI phezu kwayo yonke imibuso yamazwe ayehanqe uJuda, okokuthi kayilwanga loJehoshafathi.

11 Labanye bamaFilisti bamlethela uJehoshafathi izipho, lesiliva lokuthela; amaArabhiya lawo amlethela imihlambi, inqama eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, lezimpongo eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu ayisikhombisa.

12 UJehoshafathi wayelokhu ekhula njalo, waze waba sengqongeni. Wasesakha koJuda izinqaba lemizi yeziphala.

13 Wayelomsebenzi omnengi emizini yakoJuda, lamadoda empi, amaqhawe alamandla, eJerusalema.

14 Lala ngamanani awo ngezindlu zaboyise: KoJuda, induna zezinkulungwane, uAdina engumphathi, njalo kanye laye amaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu;

15 leceleni kwakhe uJohanani umphathi, njalo kanye laye izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili;

16 leceleni kwakhe uAmasiya indodana kaZikiri, owazinikela ngesihle eNKOSIni, njalo kanye laye amaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili.

17 LakoBhenjamini: UEliyada iqhawe elilamandla, njalo kanye laye izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili, ezihlome ngedandili langesihlangu;

18 leceleni kwakhe uJehozabadi, njalo kanye laye izinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, abahlomele impi.

19 Laba babesebenzela inkosi ngaphandle kwalabo inkosi eyayibabeke emizini ebiyelweyo kuye wonke uJuda.

II LWEMILANDO 18

UMikhaya ukhuluma ngokunqotshwa kukaAhabi loJehoshafathi

1 Njalo uJehoshafathi wayelenotho lodumo ngobunengi; wahlangana ngobuhlobo loAhabi.

2 Ekupheleni kweminyaka wasesehlela kuAhabi eSamariya. UAhabi wamhlabela izimvu lenkabi ngobunengi, labantu ababelaye, wamncenga ukuthi enyukele eRamothi-Gileyadi.

3 UAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasesithi kuJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda: Uzahamba lami eRamothi-Gileyadi yini? Wasesithi kuye: Njengami unjalo wena, labantu bami banjengabantu bakho. Sizakuba lawe empini.

4 UJehoshafathi wasesithi enkosini yakoIsrayeli: Akubuze lamuhla ilizwi leNKOSI.

5 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasibuthanisa abaprofethi, amadoda angamakhulu amane, yathi kubo: Sihambe yini eRamothi-Gileyadi empini kumbe ngiyekele? Basebesithi: Yenyuka, ngoba uNkulunkulu uzayinikela esandleni senkosi.

6 Kodwa uJehoshafathi wathi: Kasekho yini lapha umprofethi weNKOSI ukuthi sibuze kuye?

7 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Kusekhona indoda eyodwa esingabuza ngayo eNKOSIni, kodwa mina ngiyamzonda ngoba kaprofethi lutho oluhle ngami, kodwa okubi zonke izinsuku zakhe; lo nguMikhaya indodana kaImla. UJehoshafathi wasesithi: Inkosi ingatsho njalo.

8 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasibiza umthenwa othile yathi: Landa masinyane uMikhaya indodana kaImla.

9 Njalo inkosi yakoIsrayeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda babehlezi ngulowo lalowo esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, begqoke izembatho, behlezi ebaleni engenelweni lesango leSamariya, bonke abaprofethi beprofetha-ke phambi kwabo.

10 UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenahana wasezenzela impondo zensimbi, wathi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngalezi uzahlaba amaSiriya uze uwaqede.

11 Labo bonke abaprofethi baprofetha njalo, besithi: Yenyukela eRamothi-Gileyadi uphumelele, ngoba iNKOSIizayinikela esandleni senkosi.

12 Isithunywa esasiyebiza uMikhaya sakhuluma kuye sisithi: Khangela, amazwi abaprofethi ngamlomo munye mahle enkosini; ngakho ilizwi lakho ake lifanane lelomunye wabo, ukhulume okuhle.

13 Kodwa uMikhaya wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova, ngeqiniso lokho uNkulunkulu wami akutshoyo, lokho ngizakukhuluma.

14 Esefikile enkosini, inkosi yathi kuye: Mikhaya, siye eRamothi-Gileyadi empini kumbe ngiyekele yini? Wasesithi: Yenyukani, liphumelele, ngoba bazanikelwa esandleni senu.

15 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ngizakufungisa kuze kube yizikhathi ezingaki ukuze ungakhulumi kimi ngaphandle kweqiniso ebizweni leNKOSI?

16 Wasesithi: Ngabona uIsrayeli wonke echithekile phezu kwezintaba njengezimvu ezingelamelusi; iNKOSIyasisithi: Laba kabalamakhosi, kababuyele ngulowo endlini yakhe ngokuthula.

17 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Kangikutshelanga yini: Kayikuprofetha okuhle ngami kodwa okubi kuphela?

18 Wasesithi: Ngakho zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI. Ngabona iNKOSI ihlezi esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, lexuku lonke lamazulu limi ngakwesokunene sayo langakwesokhohlo sayo.

19 INKOSI yasisithi: Ngubani ozahuga uAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli ukuze enyuke awe eRamothi-Gileyadi? Omunye wasekhuluma esitsho ngokunjalo, lomunye esitsho ngokunjalo.

20 Kwasekuphuma umoya, wema phambi kweNKOSI wathi: Mina ngizamhuga. INKOSI yasisithi kuwo: Ngani?

21 Wasusithi: Ngizaphuma ngibe ngumoya wamanga emlonyeni wabo bonke abaprofethi bakhe. Yasisithi: Uzamhuga, njalo uzakuba lamandla; phuma wenze njalo.

22 Ngakho-ke, khangela, iNKOSI ifake umoya wamanga emlonyeni walababaprofethi bakho, njalo iNKOSI ikhulume okubi ngawe.

23 UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenahana wasesondela, watshaya uMikhaya esihlathini, wathi: UMoya weNKOSIwedlula ngandlela bani esuka kimi ukuthi akhulume lawe?

24 UMikhaya wasesithi: Khangela, uzabona ngalolosuku mhla uzangena ekamelweni phakathi kwekamelo ukuthi ucatshe.

25 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi: Thathani uMikhaya, limbuyisele kuAmoni umbusi womuzi lakuJowashi indodana yenkosi,

26 lithi: Itsho njalo inkosi: Fakani lo entolongweni, limdlise isinkwa senhlupho lamanzi enhlupho ngize ngibuye ngokuthula.

27 UMikhaya wasesithi: Uba ubuya lokubuya ngokuthula, iNKOSI izabe ingakhulumanga ngami. Wathi: Lalelani, bantu lonke.

28 Ngakho inkosi yakoIsrayeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda benyukela eRamothi-Gileyadi.

29 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Ngizazifihla isimo, ngingene empini, kodwa wena gqoka izembatho zakho. Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasizifihla isimo, basebengena empini.

30 Inkosi yeSiriya yayilayile-ke izinduna zenqola eyayilazo isithi: Lingalwi lomncane loba omkhulu, kodwa lenkosi yakoIsrayeli kuphela.

31 Kwasekusithi induna zezinqola zibona uJehoshafathi zona zathi: Yena uyinkosi yakoIsrayeli. Ngakho zamhanqela ukulwa. Kodwa uJehoshafathi wahlaba umkhosi; iNKOSI yasimsiza. UNkulunkulu wazihuga zasuka kuye.

32 Ngoba kwathi lapho induna zezinqola zibona ukuthi kwakungayisiyo inkosi yakoIsrayeli, zaphenduka ekuyilandeleni.

33 Umuntu othile wasedonsa idandili engananzelele, wahlaba inkosi yakoIsrayeli phakathi kwenhlangano lebhatshi lensimbi; yasisithi kumtshayeli wenqola: Phendula isandla sakho, ungikhuphe ebuthweni, ngoba ngilimele.

34 Impi yasikhula mhlalokho; inkosi yayisekelwe enqoleni iqondene lamaSiriya kwaze kwaba ntambama; yafa ngesikhathi sokutshona kwelanga.

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Amazwi omprofethi uJehu

1UJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wasebuyela endlini yakhe ngokuthula eJerusalema.

2 UJehu indodana kaHanani umboni wasephuma ukumhlangabeza, wathi enkosini uJehoshafathi: Unganceda yini omubi, uthande labo abazonda iNKOSI? Ngenxa yalokhu-ke kulolaka phezu kwakho oluvela ebusweni beNKOSI.

3 Loba kunjalo izinto ezinhle zitholwe kuwe, ngoba ususile izixuku elizweni, walungisa inhliziyo yakho ukumdinga uNkulunkulu.

4 UJehoshafathi wasehlala eJerusalema; wabuya waphuma wahamba phakathi kwabantu, kusukela eBherishebhakusiya entabeni yakoEfrayimi, wababuyisela eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu waboyise.

UJehoshafathi umisa abahluleli

5 Wasemisa abahluleli elizweni kuyo yonke imizi ebiyelweyo yakoJuda, kumuzi ngomuzi.

6 Wasesithi kubahluleli: Bonani elikwenzayo, ngoba kalehluleleli umuntu kodwa iNKOSI, elani endabeni yokwahlulela.

7 Ngakho-ke uvalo ngeNKOSI kalube phezu kwenu, linanzelele likwenze, ngoba eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wethu kakulabubi lokukhangela ubuso lokwemukela izivalamlomo.

8 Futhi leJerusalema uJehoshafathi wasemisa abanye kumaLevi labapristi lakunhloko zaboyise zakoIsrayelikusahlulelo seNKOSI lakumibango, sebebuyele eJerusalema.

9 Wasebalaya esithi: Lizakwenza njalo ekuyesabeni iNKOSI, ngobuqotho langenhliziyo epheleleyo.

10 Lawuphi umbango oza kini ovela kubafowenu abahlala emizini yabo, phakathi kwegazi legazi, phakathi komthetho lomlayo, izimiso lezahlulelo, lizabaxwayisa ukuze bangabi lecala eNKOSIni, lolaka lwehlele phezu kwenu laphezu kwabafowenu. Lizakwenza njalo, futhi lingabi lacala.

11 Khangelani-ke, uAmariya umpristi oyinhloko uphezu kwenu kulo lonke udaba lukaJehova, loZebhadiya indodana kaIshmayeli, umbusi wendlu yakoJuda, kulo lonke udaba lwenkosi; labaphathi amaLevi baphambi kwenu. Qinani likwenze; iNKOSI-ke izakuba lolungileyo.

II LWEMILANDO 20

UJehoshafathi unqoba amaMowabi lamaAmoni

1Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho abantwana bakoMowabi labantwana bakoAmoni belabanye ngaphandle kwamaAmoni beza bamelana loJehoshafathi empini.

2 Kwasekusiza abanye babikela uJehoshafathi besithi: Kuyeza ixuku elikhulu ukumelana lawe elivela phetsheya kolwandle, eSiriya; khangela-ke, liseHazazoni-Tamari, eyiEngedi.

3 UJehoshafathi wasesesaba, wamisa ubuso bakhe ukudinga iNKOSI, wamemezela ukuzila ukudla kuye wonke uJuda.

4 UJuda wasezibuthanisa ukudinga eNKOSIni; lasemizini yonke yakoJuda baphuma beza ukudinga iNKOSI.

5 UJehoshafathi wasesima ebandleni lakoJuda leJerusalema endlini yeNKOSI phambi kweguma elitsha.

6 Wasesithi: NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wabobaba, wena kawusuye yini uNkulunkulu emazulwini? Yebo, kawubusi yini kuyo yonke imibuso yezizwe? Lesandleni sakho kukhona amandla lengalo, ukuze kungabi khona ongamelana lawe.

7 KawusiNkulunkulu wethu yini? Uxotshile abahlali balelilizwe elifeni phambi kwabantu bakho uIsrayeli, walinika inzalo kaAbrahama umngane wakho kuze kube phakade.

8 Basebehlala kilo, bakwakhela indawo engcwele kulo eyebizo lakho, besithi:

9 Uba kusehlela phezu kwethu ububi, inkemba, isahlulelo, loba umatshayabhuqe wesifo, loba indlala, sizakuma phambi kwalindlu laphambi kwakho (ngoba ibizo lakho likulindlu), sikhale kuwe ekubandezelekeni kwethu, uzakuzwa-ke usindise.

10 Ngakho-ke, khangela, abantwana bakoAmoni labakoMowabi labentabeni iSeyiri ongavumanga ukuthi uIsrayeli adlule phakathi kwabo lapho besuka elizweni leGibhithe, kodwa babafulathela kababababhubhisanga;

11 khangela-ke, basivuza beza ukuzasixotsha elifeni lakho owenze ukuthi silidle.

12 Nkulunkulu wethu, kawuyikubahlulela yini? Ngoba amandla kawakho kithi okumelana lalelixuku elikhulu elize ukumelana lathi; njalo thina kasikwazi esingakwenza, kodwa amehlo ethu akuwe.

13 UJuda wonke wasesima phambi kweNKOSI, lensane zabo, omkabo labantwana babo.

14 Khona uJahaziyeli indodana kaZekhariya indodana kaBhenaya indodana kaJeyiyeli indodana kaMathaniya, umLevi emadodaneni kaAsafi, uMoya weNKOSI wafika phezu kwakhe phakathi kwebandla.

15 Wasesithi: Lalelani lonke bakoJuda labahlali beJerusalema, lawe nkosi Jehoshafathi; itsho njalo iNKOSI kini: Lina lingesabi lingatshaywa luvalo ngenxa yalelixuku elikhulu, ngoba impi kayisiyo yenu, kodwa ngekaNkulunkulu.

16 Kusasa yehlani limelane labo; khangela, bayenyuka ngomqanso weZizi; lizabathola ekucineni kwesihotsha phambi kwenkangala yeJeruweli.

17 Kakusikwenu ukulwa kule impi; zimiseni lime, libone usindiso lweNKOSI lani, Juda leJerusalema. Lingesabi lingatshaywa luvalo; kusasa phumani limelene labo, ngoba iNKOSI izakuba lani.

18 UJehoshafathi wasekhothamisa ikhanda emhlabathini, laye wonke uJuda labahlali beJerusalema bawa phambi kweNKOSI, beyikhonza iNKOSI.

19 AmaLevi kubantwana bakoKohathi lakubantwana bakoKora asesukuma ukudumisa iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ngelizwi elikhulu eliphezulu.

20 Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, baphuma baya enkangala yeThekhowa; lekuphumeni kwabo uJehoshafathi wema wathi: Ngilalelani Juda labahlali beJerusalema. Kholwani eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wenu, lizaqiniswa; likholwe kubaprofethi bayo, lizaphumelela.

21 Esecebisene labantu wamisela iNKOSI abahlabeleli, abazadumisa ubuhle bobungcwele, ekuphumeni phambi kwabahlomileyo, besithi: Dumisani iNKOSI, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube nininini.

22 Kwathi lapho beqalisa ukuhlabelela lokudumisa, iNKOSI yabeka abacathameli ukumelana labantwana bakoAmoni, uMowabi, lentaba iSeyiri, ababezemelana loJuda; basebetshaywa.

23 Ngoba abantwana bakoAmoni labakoMowabi basukuma bamelana labahlali bentaba yeSeyiri ukutshabalalisa lokuchitha; njalo sebebaqedile abahlali beSeyiri, bancedisa ngulowo umakhelwane wakhe encithakalweni.

24 UJuda esefikile enqabeni yokulinda enkangala bakhangela ngasexukwini, khangela-ke, kwakulezidumbu eziwele emhlabathini; njalo kungekho ophephileyo.

25 UJehoshafathi labantu bakhe sebefikile ukuphanga impango bathola phakathi kwabo ngobunengi, impahla lazo, lezidumbu, lezinto eziligugu, baziphangela baze behluleka ukuzithwala. Njalo baba lensuku ezintathu bephanga impango ngoba yayinengi.

26 Njalo ngosuku lwesine babuthana esihotsheni seBeraka, ngoba lapho bayibusisa iNKOSI; ngenxa yalokho babiza ibizo laleyondawo ngokuthi yisihotsha seBeraka kuze kube lamuhla.

27 Basebebuyela, wonke umuntu wakoJuda leJerusalema, loJehoshafathi enhlokweni yabo, ukuthi babuyele eJerusalema belentokozo, ngoba iNKOSI yabathokozisa phezu kwezitha zabo.

28 Basebengena eJerusalema belezigubhu zezintambo lamachacho lezimpondo, baya endlini yeNKOSI.

29 Uvalo ngoNkulunkulu lwaselusiba phezu kwayo yonke imibuso yamazwe lapho besizwa ukuthi iNKOSI yalwa lezitha zikaIsrayeli.

30 Ngakho umbuso kaJehoshafathi waba lokuthula, ngoba uNkulunkulu wakhe wamphumuza inhlangothi zonke.

Ukubusa kukaJehoshafathi

31 UJehoshafathi wabusa-ke phezu kukaJuda; wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguAzuba indodakazi kaShilehi.

32 Wasehamba ngendlela kayise uAsa, kaphambukanga kuyo, esenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNKOSI.

33 Lanxa kunjalo indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; ngoba abantu babelokhu bengalungisanga inhliziyo yabo kuNkulunkulu waboyise.

34 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehoshafathi, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe ezindabeni zikaJehu indodana kaHanani ezagoqelwa egwalweni lwamakhosi akoIsrayeli.

35 Lemva kwalokho uJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wazihlanganisa loAhaziya inkosi yakoIsrayeli owenza ngenkohlakalo ekwenzeni.

36 Wasezihlanganisa laye ukwenza imikhumbi yokuya eTarshishi; basebeyenza imikhumbi eEziyoni-Geberi.

37 UEliyezeri indodana kaDodavahu weMaresha waseprofetha emelene loJehoshafathi esithi: Ngoba uzihlanganise loAhaziya, iNKOSI yephulile imisebenzi yakho. Ngakho imikhumbi yephuka, ayaze yenelisa ukuya eTarshishi.

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Ukubusa kukaJoramu koJuda

1 UJehoshafathi waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida.
UJoramu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

2 Njalo wayelabafowabo, amadodana kaJehoshafathi, oAzariya, loJehiyeli,
loZekhariya, loAzariya, loMikayeli, loShefathiya. Bonke laba babengamadodana
kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoIsrayeli.

3 Uyise wasebanika izipho ezinengi zesiliva lezegolide lezempahla
eziligugu kanye lemizi ebiyelweyo koJuda; kodwa umbuso wawunika uJehoramu
ngoba wayelizibulo.

4 UJehoramu esephakeme embusweni kayise waziqinisa, wabulala bonke
abafowabo ngenkemba njalo lezinyezeziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli.

5 UJehoramu wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili esiba yinkosi,
wabusa iminyaka eyisificaminwembili eJerusalema.

6 Wasehamba ngendlela yamakhosi akoIsrayeli, njengokwenza kwendlu kaAhabi,
ngoba indodakazi kaAhabi yayingumkakhe; wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI.

7 Kodwa iNKOSI kayithandanga ukuchitha indlu kaDavida ngenxa yesivumelwano
eyayisenze loDavida, lanjengoba yayithe izanika yena lamadodana akhe isibane
insuku zonke.

8 Ensukwini zakhe uEdoma wahlubuka wasuka phansi kwesandla sakoJuda,
basebezibekela inkosi.

9 UJehoramu wasechapha lenduna zakhe lenqola zonke laye, wavuka ebusuku,
wawatshaya amaEdoma ayezingelezele yena lenduna zenqola.

10 UEdoma wahlubuka-ke wasuka phansi kwesandla sakoJuda kuze kube
lamuhla. Khona iLibhina yahlubuka ngalesosikhathi yasuka phansi kwesandla
sakhe, ngoba wayedelile iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyise.

11 Futhi yena wenza indawo eziphakemeyo entabeni zakoJuda, wenza abahlali
beJerusalema baphinge, waduhisa uJuda.

12 Kwasekufika kuye incwadi ivela kuElija umprofethi isithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI,
uNkulunkulu kaDavida uyihlo: Ngenxa yokuthi ungahambanga ezindleleni
zikaJehoshafathi uyihlo lezindleleni zikaAsa inkosi yakoJuda,

13 kodwa uhambe ngendlela yamakhosi akoIsrayeli, wenza uJuda labahlali
beJerusalema baphinge njengobuwule bendlu kaAhabi, futhi-ke ubulele
abafowenu bendlu kayihlo ababengcono kulawe,

14 khangela, iNKOSI izatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu ebantwini bakho
lebantwaneni bakho lakubomkakho, lakuyo yonke impahla yakho.

15 Lawe uzakuba semikhuhlaneni emikhulu ngesifo samathumbu akho,
amathumbu akho aze aphume ngenxa yesifo usuku ngosuku.

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16 INKOSI yasimvusela uJehoramu umoya wamaFilisti lamaArabhiya ayeseceleni kwamaEthiyophiya.

17 Asesenyukela koJuda ayifohlela athumba yonke impahla eyatholakala endlini yenkosi kanye lamadodana ayo labafazi bayo; kakwaze kwasala indodana kuyo ngaphandle kukaJehowahazi, icinathunjana lamadodana ayo.

18 Langemva kwakho konke lokho iNKOSI yamtshaya emathunjini akhe ngomkhuhlane ongelaselapho.

19 Kwasekusithi umnyaka ngomnyaka, langesikhathi sokuphuma kokucina kweminyaka emibili, amathumbu akhe aphuma ngomkhuhlane wakhe; ngakho wafa ngemikhuhlane emibi. Kodwa abantu bakhe kabambaselanga umlilo njengomlilo waboyise.

20 Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka eyisificaminwembili eJerusalema; wahamba engaloyiseki. Basebemngcwabela emzini kaDavida, kodwa hatshi emangcwabeni amakhosi.

II LWEMILANDO 22

Ukubusa kukaAhaziya koJuda

1Abahlali beJerusalema basebebeka uAhaziya indodana yakhe elicinathunjana waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; ngoba iviyo elafika lamaArabhiya enkambeni lalibulele bonke abadala. Ngakho uAhaziya indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi.

2 UAhaziya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane lambili esiba yinkosi, wabusa umnyaka owodwa eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguAthaliya indodakazi kaOmri.

3 Laye wahamba ngezindlela zendlu kaAhabi, ngoba unina wayengumelulekikazi wakhe ukwenza okubi.

4 Ngakho wenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI njengendlu kaAhabi, ngoba bona babengabeluleki bakhe emva kokufa kukayise, kwaba yikuchitheka kwakhe.

5 Futhi wahamba ngeseluleko sabo, wahamba loJehoramu indodana kaAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli waya empini emelene loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya eRamothi-Gileyadi. AmaSiriya asemtshaya uJoramu.

6 Wasebuyela ukuyakwelatshwa eJizereyeli ngenxa yamanxeba ayewatshaywe eRama, ekulweni kwakhe loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya. UAzariya indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda wehlela ukubona uJehoramu indodana kaAhabi eJizereyeli, ngoba wayegula.

7 Lokubhujiswa kukaAhaziya kwakuvele kuNkulunkulu ngokuthi eze kuJoramu. Ngoba ekufikeni kwakhe waphuma loJehoramu esiya kuJehu indodana kaNimshi, iNKOSI eyayimgcobele ukuthi aqume indlu kaAhabi.

8 Kwasekusithi lapho uJehu esenza isahlulelo kundlu kaAhabi, wafica iziphathamandla zakoJuda lamadodana abafowabo bakaAhaziya ababesebenzela uAhaziya, wababulala.

9 Wasedinga uAhaziya, basebembamba, ngoba wayecatshile eSamariya, bamletha kuJehu, bambulala, bamngcwaba, ngoba bathi: Uyindodana kaJehoshafathi owadinga iNKOSI ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. Ngakho indlu kaAhaziya yayingelamuntu wokugcina amandla ombuso.

UAthaliya uzibeka abe ngumbusi

10 Kwathi uAthaliya unina kaAhaziya ebone ukuthi indodana yakhe ifile, wasukuma wabhubhisa yonke inzalo yobukhosi yendlu yakoJuda.

11 Kodwa uJehoshabeyathi indodakazi yenkosi wathatha uJowashi indodana kaAhaziya, wameba emsusa phakathi kwamadodana enkosi ayebulawa, wambeka lomlizane wakhe endlini yokulala. Ngokunjalo uJehoshabeyathi indodakazi yenkosi uJehoramu, umkaJehoyada umpristi, ngoba yena wayengudadewabo kaAhaziya, wamfihla ebusweni bukaAthaliya ukuze angambulali.

12 Wasecatsha labo endlini kaNkulunkulu iminyaka eyisithupha; uAthaliya wabusa-ke phezu kwelizwe.

II LWEMILANDO 23

1Njalo ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uJehoyada waziqinisa, wathatha induna zamakhulu ndawonye laye esivumelwaneni, oAzariya indodana kaJerohamu, loIshmayeli indodana kaJehohanani, loAzariya indodana kaObedi, loMahaseya indodana kaAdaya, loElishafati indodana kaZikiri.

2 Basebebhodabhoda koJuda, baqoqa amaLevi kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda lenhloko zaboyise bakoIsrayeli, beza eJerusalema.

3 Ibandla lonke laselisenza isivumelwano lenkosi endlini kaNkulunkulu. Wasesithi kubo: Khangelani indodana yenkosi izabusa njengokutsho kweNKOSI mayelana lamadodana kaDavida.

4 Yilolu ulutho elizalwenza; ingxenye yesithathu yenu elingena ngesabatha, kubapristi lakumaLevi, bazakuba ngabalindi bemibundu;

5 lengxenye yesithathu izakuba sendlini yenkosi, lengxenye yesithathu esangweni lesisekelo; labo bonke abantu bazakuba semagumeni endlu kaJehova.

6 Kodwa kakungangeni muntu endlini yeNKOSI ngaphandle kwabapristi lalabo abasebenzayo bamaLevi; bona bazangena ngoba bengcwele, kodwa bonke abantu bazagcina umlindo weNKOSI.

7 LamaLevi azaphahla inkosi inhlangothi zonke, ngulowo lalowo elezikhali zakhe esandleni sakhe; lalowo ongenayo endlini uzabulawa. Kodwa yibani lenkosi ekungeneni kwayo lekuphumeni kwayo.

8 Ngakho amaLevi loJuda wonke benza njengakho konke uJehoyada umpristi ayekulayile. Zasezithatha, yileyo laleyo amadoda ayo angena ngesabatha kanye lalawo aphuma ngesabatha; ngoba uJehoyada umpristi wayengazikhululanga izigaba.

9 UJehoyada umpristi wasenika izinduna zamakhulu imikhonto lezihlangu ezinkulu lezihlangu ezazingezenkosi uDavida ezazisendlini kaNkulunkulu.

10 Wasemisa bonke abantu, langulowo elesikhali sakhe esandleni sakhe, kusukela kucele langakwesokunene lendlu kusiya kucele langakwesokhohlo lendlu, ngaselathini langasendlini, enkosini inhlangothi zonke.

11 Basebekhuphela phandle indodana yenkosi, bayithwalisa umqhele, bayipha ubufakazi, bayibeka yaba yinkosi. UJehoyada lamadodana akhe basebeyigcoba bathi: Kayiphile inkosi!

12 UAthaliya esizwa ilizwi labantu begijima bedumisa inkosi, weza ebantwini endlini kaJehova.

13 Wasebona, khangela-ke, inkosi yayimi ngasensikeni yayo engenelweni, lezinduna, lezimpondo ngasenkosini; labo bonke abantu belizwe bathokoza bavuthela izimpondo, labahlabeleli belezinto zokuhlabelela labafundisa ukudumisa. UAthaliya wasedabula izigqoko zakhe, wathi: Umvukela! Umvukela!

14 UJehoyada umpristi wasekhupha izinduna zamakhulu ezazibekwe phezu kwebutho, wathi kuzo: Mkhupheni limsuse phakathi kwamaviyo; lomlandelayo uzabulawa ngenkemba. Ngoba umpristi wayethe: Lingambulaleli endlini kaJehova.

15 Zasezimbamba ngezandla, wasesiya engenelweni lesango lamabhiza endlini yenkosi, zambulalela khona.

16 UJehoyada wasesenza isivumelwano phakathi kwakhe labantu bonke lenkosi ukuthi babe ngabantu bakaJehova.

17 Bonke abantu basebesiya endlini kaBhali, bayidiliza, baphahlaza lamalathi akhe lezithombe zakhe, babulala uMathani umpristi kaBhali phambi kwamalathi.

18 UJehoyada wasemisa izikhundla zendlu yeNKOSI ngesandla sabapristi, amaLevi, uDavida ayebahlukanisile endlini yeNKOSI ukunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa yeNKOSI, njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni kaMozisi, ngenjabulo langokuhlabela, njengokumisa kukaDavida.

19 Wasebeka abalindi bamasango emasangweni endlu yeNKOSI ukuze kungangeni muntu ongcolileyo ngolutho loba luphi.

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20 Wasethatha izinduna zamakhulu leziphathamandla lababusi phakathi kwabantu labo bonke abantu belizwe, wayehlisa inkosi isuka endlini kaJehova; basebengena endlini yenkosi ngaphakathi kwesango elingaphezulu, bayihlalisa inkosi esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso.

21 Labo bonke abantu belizwe bathokoza; lomuzi waba lokuthula sebembulele uAthaliya ngenkemba.

II LWEMILANDO 24

Ukubusa kukaJowashi koJuda

1 UJowashi wayeleminyaka eyisikhombisa esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguZibiya weBherishebha.

2 UJowashi wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlweni eNKOSI insuku zonke zikaJehoyada umpristi.

3 UJehoyada wasemthathela abafazi ababili; wasezala amadodana lamadodakazi.

4 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho kwaba senhliziyweni kaJowashi ukuvuselela indlu yeNKOSI.

5 Wasebuthanisa abapristi lamaLevi, wathi kibo: Phumani liye emizini yakoJuda, liqoqe kuIsrayeli wonke imali yokulungisa indlu kaNkulunkulu wenu umnyaka ngomnyaka; lina-ke, luphangiseleni udaba. Kodwa amaLevi kawaphangisanga.

6 Inkosi yasibiza uJehoyada inhloko, yathi kuye: Kungani ungabizanga kumaLevi ukuthi alethe esusa koJuda laseJerusalema umthelo kaMozisi inceku yeNKOSI, lowebandla lakoIsrayeli okwethente lobufakazi?

7 Ngoba amadodana kaAthaliya okhohlakeleyo afohlela endlini kaNkulunkulu, futhi-ke ayesebenzisele oBhali zonke izinto ezingcwele zendlu yeNKOSI.

8 Inkosi yasilaya, asesenza ibhokisi elilodwa, alibeka esangweni lendlu kaJehova phandle.

9 Asesenza isimemezelo koJuda laseJerusalema ukuthi balethe eNKOSIni umthelo kaMozisi inceku kaNkulunkuluowabekwa phezu kukaIsrayeli enkangala.

10 Zonke iziphathamandla labo bonke abantu basebethokoza, baletha baphosela ebhokisini baze baqeda.

11 Kwakusithi-ke ngesikhathi eletha ibhokisi kumhloli wenkosi ngesandla samaLevi, lalapho ebona ukuthi kulemali enengi, umabhalane wenkosi lenduna yompristi oyinhloko beze balithulule ibhokisi, balithathe balibuyisele endaweni yalo. Benza njalo-ke insuku ngensuku, baqoqa imali ngobunengi.

12 Inkosi loJehoyada basebeyinika abenzi bomsebenzi wenkonzo wendlu kaJehova, baqatsha abakha ngamatshe lababazi ukuvuselela indlu kaJehova, njalo labakhandi bensimbi lethusi ukuqinisa indlu kaJehova.

13 Ngakho abenzi bomsebenzi basebenza, kwaze kwathi ukuvuselelwa komsebenzi kwaqhubeka ngesandla sabo, bayimisa indlu kaNkulunkulu ngesilinganiso sayo, bayiqinisa.

14 Kwathi sebeqedile baletha imali eseleyo phambi kwenkosi loJehoyada, abenza ngayo izitsha zendlu kaJehova, izitsha zenkonzo lezokunikela, lezinkezo, lezitsha zegolide lezesiliva. Basebenikela njalonjalo iminikelo yokutshiswa endlini kaJehova zonke izinsuku zikaJehoyada.

15 UJehoyada waseguga wenela ngezinsuku, wafa; wayeleminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu ekufeni kwakhe.

16 Basebemngcwabela emzini kaDavida lamakhosi, ngoba wayenze okulungileyo koIsrayeli lakuNkulunkulu lendlu yakhe.

17 Emva kokufa kukaJehoyada iziphathamandla zakoJuda zasezisiza zakhothama phambi kwenkosi; khona inkosi yazilalela.

18 Basebeyitshiya indlu yeNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyise, bakhonza izixuku lezithombe. Kwasekusehlela ulaka phezu kukaJuda leJerusalema ngenxa yalelicala labo.

19 Kodwa yathuma abaprofethi phakathi kwabo ukubabuyisela eNKOSIni; basebefakaza bemelene labo, kodwa kababekanga indlebe.

20 UMoya kaNkulunkulu wasesembesa uZekhariya indodana kaJehoyada umpristi owema ngaphezu kwabantu, wathi kibo: Utsho njalo uNkulunkulu: Kungani liseqa imilayo yeNKOSI ukuze lingaphumeleli? Ngoba liyitshiyile iNKOSI, layo ilitshiyile.

21 Basebemenzela ugobe, bamkhanda ngamatshe ngomlayo wenkosi, egumeni lendlu kaJehova.

22 Ngokunjalo uJowashi inkosi kawukhumbulanga umusa uJehoyada uyise ayemenzele wona, kodwa wabulala indodana yakhe. Lalapho esifa wathi: INKOSI kayibone ikufune.

23 Kwasekusithi ekuthwaseni komnyaka ibutho leSiriya lenyuka lamelana laye; basebefika koJuda leJerusalema, babhubhisa zonke iziphathamandla zabantu ebantwini, bathumela yonke impango yazo enkosini yeDamaseko.

24 Lanxa ibutho lamaSiriya leza lilamadoda amalutshwana, kanti iNKOSI yanikela esandleni sawo ibutho elikhulu kakhulu, ngoba babeyitshiyile iNKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyise. Ngalokho benza izigwebo kuJowashi.

25 Kwathi sebesukile kuye, ngoba bemtshiye esemikhuhlaneni emikhulu, inceku zakhe zamenzela ugobe ngenxa yegazi lamadodana kaJehoyada umpristi, zambulalela embhedeni wakhe, wasesifa; basebemngcwabela emzini kaDavida, kodwa kabamngcwabanga emangcwabeni amakhosi.

26 Lalaba yibo ababemenzele ugobe: OZabadi indodana kaShimeyathi umAmonikazi, loJehozabadi indodana kaShimirithi umMowabikazi.

27 Mayelana lamadodana akhe, lobukhulu bomthwalo phezu kwakhe, lokumiswa kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, khangela, kubhaliwe endabeni yogwalo lwamakhosi. UAmaziya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Ukubusa kukaAmaziya

1 UAmaziya eseleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu waba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJehowadani weJerusalema.

2 Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlweni eNKOSI, kodwa kungeyisikho ngenhliziyo epheleleyo.

3 Kwasekusithi umbuso usuqinisiwe kuye, wabulala inceku zakhe ezazibulele inkosi uyise.

4 Kodwa kababulalanga abantwana bazo, kodwa wenza njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni wogwalo lukaMozisi lapho iNKOSI eyalaya khona isithi: Oyise kabayikufa ngenxa yabantwana, labantwana kabayikufa ngenxa yaboyise, kodwa wonke uzafela isono sakhe.

5 UAmaziya wasebuthanisa uJuda, wabamisa ngokwendlu yaboyise baba zinduna zezinkulungwane lezinduna zamakhulu, kuye wonke uJuda loBhenjamini. Wababala kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu, wabathola bezinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu zabakhethiweyo, abaphuma impi, ababamba umkhonto lesihlangu esikhulu.

6 Wabuya waqatsha koIsrayeli amaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezilikhulu ngamathalenta esiliva alikhulu.

7 Kodwa kwafika umuntu kaNkulunkulu kuye, esithi: Nkosi, ibutho lakoIsrayeli kalingahambi lawe, ngoba iNKOSIkayilaye uIsrayeli, kusitsho bonke abantwana bakoEfrayimi.

8 Kodwa uba uhamba, kwenze, qinela impi; uNkulunkulu uzakwenza ukhubeke phambi kwesitha; ngoba kulamandla kuNkulunkulu okusiza lokukhubekisa.

9 UAmaziya wasesithi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu: Pho, senzeni ngamathalenta alikhulu engiwanike iviyo lakoIsrayeli? Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasesithi: INKOSI ilokunengi kulalokhu okokukunika.

10 UAmaziya wasebehlukanisa, kusitsho iviyo elalifike kuye livela koEfrayimi, ukuze baye endaweni yabo. Ngakho ulaka lwabo lwamvuthela kakhulu uJuda, babuyela endaweni yabo bevutha ulaka.

11 UAmaziya waseziqinisa, wakhokhela abantu bakhe, waya esihotsheni setshwayi, watshaya abantwana beSeyiri, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi.

12 Abantwana bakoJuda basebethumba abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi abaphilayo, babasa engqongeni yeliwa, babaphosa besengqongeni yeliwa, baze baphahlazeka bonke.

13 Kodwa abantu beviyo uAmaziya ayelibuyisele emuva ukuthi bangahambi laye empini, bahlasela imizi yakoJuda, kusukela eSamariya kuze kube seBhethi-Horoni, batshaya abazinkulungwane ezintathu zabo, baphanga impango enengi.

14 Kwasekusithi emva kokubuya kukaAmaziya ekutshayeni amaEdoma, waletha onkulunkulu babantwana beSeyiri, wabamisa baba ngonkulunkulu bakhe, wabakhothamela, wabatshisela impepha.

15 Ngalokhu ulaka lweNKOSI lwamvuthela uAmaziya, yathuma kuye umprofethi owathi kuye: Ubadingelani onkulunkulu babantu abangophulanga abantu babo esandleni sakho?

16 Kodwa kwathi ekhuluma laye, wathi kuye: Sikubekile yini ukuthi ube ngumeluleki wenkosi? Ziyekelele! Kungani bezakutshaya? Umprofethi waseyekela wathi: Ngiyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu unqume ukukubhubhisa, ngoba wenze lokhu, kawulalelanga iseluleko sami.

17 UAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda wasethatha iseluleko, wathumela kuJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi indodana kaJehu, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, esithi: Woza, sikhangelane ubuso.

18 UJowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasethumela kuAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda esithi: Ukhula oluhlabayo oluseLebhanoni lwathumela emsedarini oseLebhanoni lusithi: Phana indodana yami indodakazi yakho ibe ngumkayo; kodwa isilo seganga esasiseLebhanoni sedlula, salugxoba ukhula oluhlabayo.

19 Uthi: Khangela, uyitshayile iEdoma; ngakho inhliziyo yakho iyakuphakamisa ukuthi uzincome; khathesi hlala endlini yakho; kungani uzazingenisa ebubini ukuze uwe, wena loJuda elawe?

20 Kodwa uAmaziya kalalelanga; ngoba kwakungokukaNkulunkulu ukuze abanikele esandleni sabo, ngoba babedinge onkulunkulu beEdoma.

21 UJowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasesenyuka, bakhangelana ubuso, yena loAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda, eBeti-Shemeshi engeyakoJuda.

22 UJuda wasetshaywa phambi kukaIsrayeli, babaleka, ngulowo waya ethenteni lakhe.

23 UJowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasembamba uAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda, indodana kaJowashi, indodana kaJehowahazi, eBeti-Shemeshi, wamletha eJerusalema, wadilizela phansi okomduli weJerusalema, kusukela esangweni lakoEfrayimi kuze kube sesangweni lengonsi, izingalo ezingamakhulu amane.

24 Wasethatha lonke igolide lesiliva, lezitsha zonke ezatholakala endlini
kaNkulunkulu kuObedi-Edoma, lokuligugu kwendlu yenkosi, labayisibambiso,
wabuyela eSamariya.

25 UAmaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda wasephila iminyaka elitshumi
lanhlanu emva kokufa kukaJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yakoIsrayeli.

26 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAmaziya, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela,
kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lawakoIsrayeli?

27 Njalo kusukela esikhathini uAmaziya aphambuka ngaso ekulandeleni
iNKOSI bamenzela ugobe eJerusalema; wasebalekela eLakishi; kodwa bathumela
emva kwakhe eLakishi, bambulalela khona.

28 Basebemthwala ngamabhiza, bamngcwaba kuboyise emzini kaJuda.

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Ukubusa kukaUziya

1Bonke abantu bakoJuda basebethatha uUziya owayeleminyaka elitshumi
lesithupha, bambeka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise uAmaziya.

2 Yena wakha iElothi, wayibuyisela koJuda emva kokulala kwenkosi laboyise.

3 U-Uziya wayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa
iminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lambili eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina
lalinguJekoliya weJerusalema.

4 Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlweni eNKOSI njengakho konke uAmaziya uyise
ayekwenzile.

5 Njalo wayemdinga uNkulunkulu ensukwini zikaZekhariya owayelokuqedisisa
emibonweni kaNkulunkulu; langezinsuku zokudinga kwakhe iNKOSI,
uNkulunkulu wamphumelelisa.

6 Wasephuma walwa lamaFilisti, wadilizela phansi umduli weGathi lomduli
weJabine lomduli weAshidodi, wakha imizi eAshidodi laphakathi kwamaFilisti.

7 UNkulunkulu wasemsiza ukumelana lamaFilisti, lokumelana lamaArabhiya
ayehlala eGuri-Bhali, lamaMewuni.

8 AmaAmoni asesipha umthelo kuUziya, lebizo lakhe lahamba laze lafika
engenelweni leGibhithe, ngoba waziqinisa waze waba sengqongeni.

9 Futhi uUziya wakha imiphotshongo eJerusalema esangweni
lengonsi lesangweni lesigodi lengonsini, wayiqinisa.

10 Wakha lemiphotshongo enkangala, wagebha imithombo eminengi, ngoba
wayelenkomo ezinengi esihotsheni kanye lemagcekeni, abalimi lezisebenzi
zezivini ezintabeni leKharmeli, ngoba wayengothanda umhlabathi.

11 Futhi uUziya wayelebutho elilwayo eliphuma impi ngamaviyo ngokwenani
lokubalwa kwabo ngesandla sikaJeyiyeli umabhalane loMahaseya umbusi phansi
kwesandla sikaHananiya, omunye wezinduna zenkosi.

12 Inani lonke lezinhloko zaboyise lamaqhawe alamandla lalizinkulungwane
ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha.

13 Laphansi kwesandla sazo kwakulamandla ebutho elizinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu amathathu lesikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu elalisilwa
ngamandla obuqhawe ukusiza inkosi limelene lesitha.

14 U-Uziya wasebalungisela, ibutho lonke,
izihlangu lemikhonto lamakhowa lamabhatshi ensimbi lamadandili lamatshe
ezavutha.

15 EJerusalema wasesenza imitshina, eyaqanjwa ngohlakaniphileyo, ukuthi ibe
phezu kwemiphotshongo laphezu kwezingonsi ukuphosa ngemitshoko
langamatshe amakhulu. Lebizo lakhe laphuma laze laba khatshana, ngoba
wasizwa ngokumangalisayo waze waqina.

16 Kodwa eseqinile, inhliziyo yakhe yaziphakamisela encithakalweni. Ngoba
waphambuka eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakhe, wasengena ethempelini
leNKOSI ukuze atshise impepha phezu kwelathi lempepha.

17 UAzariya umpristi wasengena emva kwakhe elabapristi
beNKOSI abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, amadoda alamandla.

18 Basebemelana loUziya inkosi, bathi kuye: Kakusikho okwakho, Uziya,
ukutshisela iNKOSI impepha, kodwa ngokwabapristi, amadodana kaAroni
abehlukaniselwe ukutshisa impepha. Phuma endaweni engcwele, ngoba
uphambukile; njalo kakusikho kodumo lwakho oluvela eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu.

19 Wasethukuthela uUziya, njalo kwakulodengezi esandleni sakhe ukuze atshise
impepha; esebathukuthelele abapristi, kwabonakala ubulephero ebunzini lakhe
phambi kwabapristi endlini yeNKOSI, ngaphezu kwelathi lempepha.

20 UAzariya umpristi oyinhloko labo bonke abapristi basebemkhangela,
khangela-ke, wayelobulephero ebunzini lakhe; basebemkhupha lapho
masinyane, yebo laye uqobo waphangisa ukuphuma, ngoba iNKOSI yayimtshayile.

21 U-Uziya inkosi waba ngumlephero kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe;
wahlala endlini eyehlukanisiweyo engumlephero, ngoba waqunywa wasuka
endlini kaJehova. Njalo uJothamu indodana yakhe wayephezu kwendlu yenkosi,
esahlulela abantu belizwe.

22 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaUziya, ezokuqala lezokucina, uIsaya umprofethi,
indodana kaAmozi, wazibhala.

23 U-Uziya waselala laboyise; basebemngcwaba kuboyise ensimini yokungcwaba eyayingeyamakhosi, ngoba bathi: Ungumlephero. UJothamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Ukubusa kukaJothamu

1 UJothamu wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJerusha, indodakazi kaZadoki.

2 Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlweni eNKOSI njengokwenza konke kukaUziya uyise; kodwa kangenanga ethempelini leNKOSI; labantu babelokhu besenza ngokonakala.

3 Yena wakha isango eliphezulu lendlu yeNKOSI, wakha okunengi emdulini weOfeli.

4 Futhi wakha imizi entabeni zakoJuda, lemaguswini wakha izinqaba lemiphotshongo.

5 Yena wesesilwa lenkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni, wabanqoba; abantwana bakoAmoni basebemnika ngalowomnyaka amathalenta esiliva alikhulu, lamakhori engqoloyi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zebhali. Lokhu abantwana bakoAmoni bakubuyisela kuye, langomnyaka wesibili langowesithathu.

6 Ngokunjalo uJothamu waziqinisa, ngoba walungisa izindlela zakhe phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe.

7 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJothamu, lazo zonke izimpi zakhe, lezindlela zakhe, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akoIsrayeli lawakoJuda.

8 Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema.

9 UJothamu waselala laboyise, basebemngcwabela emzini kaDavida; uAhazi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Ukubusa kukaAhazi

1 UAhazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. Kodwa kenzanga okuqondileyo emehlweni eNKOSI, njengoDavida uyise.

2 Ngoba wahamba ezindleleni zamakhosi akoIsrayeli, wasesenzela oBhali izithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa.

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3 Yena watshisa impepha esihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu, watshisa lamadodana akhe emlilweni, njengokwamanyala ezizwe iNKOSI eyazixotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

4 Wanikela imihlatshelo watshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo laphezu kwamaqaqa langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza.

5 Ngakho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe yamnikela esandleni senkosi yeSiriya; asemtshaya, athumba kuye abathunjiweyo abanengi, abasa eDamaseko. Futhi wanikelwa esandleni senkosi yakoIsrayeli eyamtshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu.

6 Ngoba uPheka indodana kaRemaliya wabulala koJuda abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili ngasuku lunye, bonke bengamadoda alamandla, ngoba babeyidelile iNKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyise.

7 UZikiri iqhawe lakoEfrayimi wasebulala uMahaseya indodana yenkosi loAzirikamu umphathi wendlu loElkana owesibili enkosini.

8 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebethumba kubafowabo abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili, abesifazana, amadodana, lamadodakazi; baphanga lempango enengi kibo, bayiletha impango eSamariya.

9 Kodwa kwakukhona lapho umprofethi weNKOSI obizo lakhe lalinguOdedi; wasephuma phambi kwebutho elalisiza eSamariya, wathi kibo: Khangelani, ngenxa yolaka lweNKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyihlo phezu kukaJuda, ibanikele esandleni senu; libabulele-ke ngolaka olufinyelele emazulwini.

10 Khathesi-ke lina lithi lehlisela ngaphansi kwenu abantwana bakoJuda labeJerusalema babe yizigqili lezigqilikazi. Kodwa lina kakulamacala yini kini amelene leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu?

11 Ngakho-ke ngilalelani; libuyisele abathunjiweyo elibathumbe kubafowenu, ngoba ukuvutha kolaka lweNKOSIkuphezu kwenu.

12 Kwasekusukuma amadoda kunhloko zabantwana bakoEfrayimi, oAzariya indodana kaJohanani, uBerekiya indodana kaMeshilemothi, loJehizikiya indodana kaShaluma, loAmasa indodana kaHadilayi, bamelana lalabo ababengena bevela ebuthweni.

13 Basebesithi kibo: Kaliyikungenisa abathunjiweyo lapha kube licala eNKOSIni limelene lathi; ngoba lina lithi lizakwengeza ezonweni zethu lemacaleni ethu, ngoba isiphambeko sethu sikhulu, lokuvutha kolaka kuphezu kukaIsrayeli.

14 Ngakho abahlomileyo batshiya abathunjiweyo lempango phambi kweziphathamandla lebandla lonke.

15 Lamadoda abizwa ngamabizo asukuma, abamba abathunjiweyo, agqokisa bonke ababenqunu babo ngokuvela empangweni; yebo abagqokisa, abafaka amanyathela, abanika ukudla, abanathisa, abagcoba, athwala bonke

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ababuthakathaka ngabobabhemi, abasa eJeriko, umuzi wamalala, duze labafowabo; basebebuyela eSamariya.

16 Ngalesosikhathi inkosi uAhazi yathuma emakhosini eAsiriya ukumncedisa.

17 Ngoba amaEdoma ayesebuye atshaya uJuda, athumba abathunjwa.

18 LamaFilisti ayehlasele imizi yesihotsha leningizimu yakoJuda, athumba iBeti-Shemeshi, leAjaloni, leGederothi, leSoko lemizana yayo, leTimina lemizana yayo, leGimizo lemizana yayo; ahlala khona.

19 Ngoba iNKOSI yamthobisa uJuda ngenxa kaAhazi inkosi yakoIsrayeli, ngoba wamenza ze uJuda, wasephambuka kakhulu eNKOSIni.

20 Ngakho uTiligathi-Pileseri inkosi yeAsiriya wafika kuye, wamhlupha, kodwa kamqinisanga.

21 Ngoba uAhazi wathatha isabelo sendlu kaJehova lesendlu yenkosi leseziphathamandla, wasipha inkosi yeAsiriya; kodwa kayimsizanga.

22 Ngesikhathi sohlupho lwakhe wengeza-ke ekuphambekeni emelene loJehova. Le yinkosi uAhazi.

23 Ngoba wahlabela onkulunkulu beDamaseko ababemtshayile, wathi: Ngoba onkulunkulu bamakhosi eSiriya bayawasiza, ngizahlabela bona ukuze bangisize. Kodwa bona baba yimbangela yokuwa kwakhe, kuye lakuIsrayeli wonke.

24 UAhazi waseqoqa izitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu, waziquma iziqa izitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu, wavala iminyango yendlu yeNKOSI, wazenzela amalathi kuyo yonke ingonsi eJerusalema.

25 Lakuwo wonke umuzi ngomuzi wakoJuda wenza indawo eziphakemeyo zokutshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha, wayithukuthelisa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyise.

26 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zakhe lazo zonke indlela zakhe, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lawakoIsrayeli.

27 UAhazi waselala laboyise, basebemngcwabela emzini, eJerusalema; kodwa kabamlethanga emangcwabeni amakhosi akoIsrayeli. UHezekhiya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Ukubusa kukaHezekhiya

1UHezekhiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguAbhiya indodakazi kaZekhariya.

2 Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlweni eNKOSI njengokwenza konke kukaDavida uyise.

3 Yena, ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe ngenyanga yokuqala, wavula
iminyango yendlu yeNKOSI, wayilungisa.

4 Wasengenisa abapristi lamaLevi, wababuthanisa egumeni
elingasempumalanga.

5 Wasesithi kubo: Ngilalelani, maLevi; khathesi zingcweliseni, njalo lingcwelise
indlu yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, likhuphe ingcekeza endaweni engcwele.

6 Ngoba obaba babephambukile, benza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI uNkulunkulu
wethu, bayitshiya, baphendula ubuso babo bebususa endaweni yokuhlala
yeNKOSI, bafulathela.

7 Bavala leminyango yekhulusi, bacitsha izibane, kabatshisanga impepha,
kabanikelanga umnikelo wokutshiswa kuNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli endaweni
engcwele.

8 Ngakho ulaka lweNKOSI lwaba phezu kukaJuda leJerusalema, yabanikela
evalweni, ekuchithekeni, lekuncifelweni, njengoba libona ngamehlo enu.

9 Ngoba khangelani, obaba bawile ngenkemba, lamadodana ethu lamadodakazi
ethu labomkethu basekuthunjweni ngenxa yalokhu.

10 Khathesi kusenhliziyweni yami ukwenza isivumelwano leNKOSI, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, ukuze ukuvutha kolaka lwayo kuphenduke kusuke kithi.

11 Madodana ami, khathesi lingonwabi, ngoba iNKOSI ilikhethile ukuthi lime
phambi kwayo, liyikhonze, libe zinceku zayo labatshisi bempepha.

12 Asesukuma amaLevi, oMahathi indodana kaAmasayi loJoweli indodana
kaAzariya emadodaneni amaKohathi; lemadodaneni kaMerari oKishi indodana
kaAbidi loAzariya indodana kaJehaleleli; lakumaGerishoni oJowa indodana
kaZima loEdeni indodana kaJowa;

13 lemadodaneni kaElizafani oShimiri loJehiyeli; lemadodaneni kaAsafi
oZekhariya loMathaniya;

14 lemadodaneni kaHemani oJehiyeli loShimeyi; lemadodaneni
kaJeduthuni oShemaya loUziyeli.

15 Basebebuthanisa abafowabo, bazingcwelisa, beza njengomlayo wenkosi
ngamazwi kaJehova, ukuhlanza indlu kaJehova.

16 Abapristi basebengena ngaphakathi kwendlu yeNKOSI ukuyihlanza, bakhupha
konke ukungcola abakuthola ethempelini leNKOSI egumeni lendlu yeNKOSI;
lamaLevi akuthatha, akukhuphela esifuleni iKidroni ngaphandle.

17 Basebeqala ukungcwelisa ngolokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala, njalo ngosuku
lwesificaminwembili lwenyanga bafika ekhulusini leNKOSI; bangcwelisa indlu
yeNKOSI ngensuku eziyisificaminwembili; kwathi ngosuku lwetshumi lesithupha
lwenyanga yokuqala baqeda.

18 Basebengena phakathi kuHezekhiya inkosi bathi: Sesiyihlanzile yonke indlu yeNKOSI, lelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, lezitsha zalo zonke, letafula lezinkwa zokubukiswa, lezitsha zalo zonke.

19 Lazo zonke izitsha inkosi uAhazi eyayizilahlile ekubuseni kwayo, esiphambekweni sayo, sizilungisile sazingcwelisa, khangela-ke, ziphambi kwelathi leNKOSI.

20 UHezekhiya inkosi wasevuka ngovivi, wabuthanisa izinduna zomuzi, wenyukela endlini kaJehova.

21 Basebeletha amajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa lamawundlu ayisikhombisa lempongo eziyisikhombisa, kwaba ngumnikelo wesono sombuso lesendlu engcwele lesakoJuda. Wasesithi emadodaneni kaAroni, abapristi, akunikele phezu kwelathi leNKOSI.

22 Basebehlaba izinkabi, labapristi bemukela igazi balifafaza elathini; bahlaba lezinqama bafafaza igazi elathini; bahlaba lamawundlu bafafaza igazi elathini.

23 Basebesondeza impongo zomnikelo wesono phambi kwenkosi lebandla, babeka izandla zabo phezu kwazo.

24 Abapristi basebezihlaba, benza ukubuyisana ngegazi lazo phezu kwelathi ukwenzela uIsrayeli wonke inhlawulo yokuthula. Ngoba inkosi yalaya: Umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wesono ngokaIsrayeli wonke.

25 Wasebeka amaLevi endlini kaJehova elensimbi ezincencethayo, lezigubhu zezintambo, njalo lamachacho, njengomlayo kaDavida lokaGadi umboni wenkosi lokaNathani umprofethi; ngoba lumlayo wawungesandla sikaJehova ngesandla sabaprofethi bakhe.

26 LamaLevi ema elezinto zokuhlabelela zikaDavida labapristi belempondo.

27 UHezekhiya waselaya ukunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwelathi; kwathi ngesikhathi umnikelo wokutshiswa uqalisa, ingoma yeNKOSI yaqalisa kanye lezimpondo, langezandla zezinto zokuhlabelela zikaDavida inkosi yakoIsrayeli.

28 Lebandla lonke lakhonza, labahlabeleli bahlabelela, labakhalisi bempondo bakhalisa; konke lokhu, kwaze kwaphela umnikelo wokutshiswa.

29 Lekupheleleni kokunikela inkosi labo bonke abatholakala layo bakhothama bakhonza.

30 Khona uHezekhiya inkosi leziphathamandla bathi kumaLevi kawayidumise iNKOSI ngamazwi kaDavida lakaAsafi umboni. Asedumisa kwaze kwaba yintokozo, akhothama akhonza.

31 UHezekhiya wasephendula wathi: Selizehlukanisele iNKOSI; sondelani lilethe imihlatshelo leminikelo yokubonga endlini yeNKOSI. Ibandla laseliletha

imihlatshelo leminikelo yokubonga, laye wonke olenhliziyo ekhululekileyo, iminikelo yokutshiswa.

32 Lenani leminikelo yokutshiswa ibandla elayilethayo lalizinkunzi ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa, inqama ezilikhulu, amawundlu angamakhulu amabili; konke lokhu kwakungokomnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni.

33 Izinto ezazingcwelisiwe kwakuzinkunzi ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezintathu.

34 Kodwa abapristi babebalutshwana, okokuthi babengelakho ukuhlinza yonke iminikelo yokutshiswa; ngakho abafowabo amaLevi babancedisa waze waphela umsebenzi, labapristi baze bazingcwelisa, ngoba amaLevi ayeqondile ngenhliziyo kulabapristi ukuzingcwelisa.

35 Leminikelo yokutshiswa layo yayiminengi, lamahwahwa eminikelo yokuthula kanye leminikelo yokunathwayo yeminikelo yokutshiswa. Ngokunjalo inkonzo yendlu yeNKOSI yamiswa.

36 UHezekhiya labantu bonke basebethokoza ngalokho uNkulunkulu ayekulungisele abantu, ngoba into yahle yenzeka.

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Abantu bagcina iphasika

1UHezekhiya wasethumela kuIsrayeli wonke loJuda, wasebhalela loEfrayimi loManase izincwadi, ukuthi beze endlini yeNKOSI eJerusalema ukwenzela iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli iphasika.

2 Ngoba inkosi yelulekana lezikhulu zayo lebandla lonke eJerusalema ukwenza iphasika ngenyanga yesibili.

3 Ngoba babengelakukwenza ngalesosikhathi ngoba abapristi babengazingcwelisanga ngokweneleyo, labantu babengabuthananga eJerusalema.

4 Lodaba lwaluqondile emehlweni enkosi lemehlweni ebandla lonke.

5 Basebemisa ilizwi ukwedlulisela isimemezelo kuIsrayeli wonke kusukela eBherishebha kusiya koDani, ukuthi bazekwenzela iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli iphasika eJerusalema; ngoba okwesikhathi eside babengenzanga njengokubhaliweyo.

6 Ngakho izigijimi zahamba kuIsrayeli wonke loJuda zilezincwadi ezivela esandleni senkosi leziphathamandla zayo, langokomlayo wenkosi zisithi: Bantwana bakoIsrayeli, buyelani eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, uIsaka, loIsrayeli, njalo izabuyela kwabaphunyukileyo abasele kini esandleni samakhosi eAsiriya.

7 Njalo lingabi njengaboyihlo lanjengabafowenu ababephambuka eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu waboyise, yaze yabanikela ekuchithweni njengoba libona.

8 Khathesi lingaqinisi intamo yenu njengaboyihlo; zinikeleni eNKOSIni, lingene endlini yayo engcwele eyingcwelise kuze kube nininini, likhonze iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze ukuvutha kolaka lwayo kubuyele emuva kusuke kini.

9 Ngoba ekubuyeleni kwenu eNKOSIni, abafowenu labantwana benu bazathola izihawu phambi kwababathumbileyo, ukuze babuye kulelilizwe. Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu ilomusa lesihawu, kayiyikuphendula ubuso busuke kini uba libuyela kuyo.

10 Ngokunjalo izigijimi zedlula zisuka emzini zisiya emzini elizweni lakoEfrayimi lelakoManase kuze kube koZebuluni; kodwa bazihleka baziklolodela.

11 Kube kanti abanye bakoAsheri labakoManase labakoZebuluni bazithoba, beza eJerusalema.

12 LakoJuda isandla sikaNkulunkulu sasikhona ukubanika inhliziyonye ukwenza umlayo wenkosi leziphathamandla ngelizwi likaJehova.

13 Kwasekubuthana eJerusalema abantu abanengi ukwenza umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo ngenyanga yesibili, ibandla elikhulu kakhulu.

14 Basebesukuma basusa amalathi ayeseJerusalema, lawo wonke amalathi okutshisela impepha bawasusa, bawaphosela esihotsheni iKidroni.

15 Basebehlaba iphasika ngolwetshumi lane lwenyanga yesibili; abapristi lamaLevi basebeyangeka, bazingcwelisa, baletha iminikelo yokutshiswa endlini yeNKOSI.

16 Basebesima endaweni yabo ejwayelekileyo njengendlela yabo ngokomlayo kaMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu; abapristi bafafaza igazi elalivela esandleni samaLevi.

17 Ngoba babebanengi ebandleni ababengazingcwelisanga; ngakho amaLevi ayephezu kokuhlatshwa kwamaphasika kwalowo lalowo owayengahlambulukanga ukubangcwelisela iNKOSI.

18 Ngoba ixuku labantu, abanengi bakoEfrayimi, loManase, uIsakari, loZebuluni babengazihlambululanga, kube kanti badla iphasika kungenjengokubhaliweyo. Kodwa uHezekhiya wabakhulekela wathi: INKOSI elungileyo kayimenzele inhlawulo yokuthula

19 wonke olungise inhliziyo yakhe ukudinga uNkulunkulu, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu waboyise, lanxa kungenjengokuhlanjululwa kwendawo engcwele.

20 INKOSI yasimuzwa uHezekhiya, yabelapha abantu.

21 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli abatholakala eJerusalema basebesenza umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo insuku eziyisikhombisa ngentokozo enkulu; lamaLevi labapristi bayidumisa iNKOSI insuku ngensuku, ngezinto zokuhlabelela ngamandla eNKOSIni.

22 UHezekhiya wasekhuluma ngomusa kumaLevi wonke ayelokuqedisisa elwazini oluhle lweNKOSI. Badla-keokomkhosi omisiweyo insuku eziyisikhombisa benikela iminikelo yokuthula, beyidumisa iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyise.

23 Ibandla lonke laselicebisana ukwenza ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa; benza ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa ngentokozo.

24 Ngoba uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wanika ibandla amajongosi azinkulungwane lezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, leziphathamandla zanika ibandla amajongosi azinkulungwane lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi; labapristi bazingcwelisa ngobunengi.

25 Ibandla lonke lakoJuda, labapristi lamaLevi, lebandla lonke elivela koIsrayeli, labezizweni ababevela elizweni lakoIsrayeli, lababehlala koJuda, basebethokoza.

26 Kwasekusiba khona intokozo enkulu eJerusalema, ngoba kusukela ensukwini zikaSolomoni indodana kaDavida inkosi yakoIsrayeli kakuzanga kube khona okunjalo eJerusalema.

27 Basebesukuma abapristi lamaLevi, babusisa abantu; ilizwi labo laselizwakala, lomkhuleko wabo wafika endaweni yakhe yokuhlala engcwele emazulwini.

II LWEMILANDO 31

1Kwathi konke lokho sekuphelile, wonke amaIsrayeli atholakalayo aphuma aya emizini yakoJuda, adiliza izinsika eziyizithombe, agamulela phansi izixuku, aphosela phansi indawo eziphakemeyo lamalathi, akukhupha kuye wonke uJuda loBhenjamini lakoEfrayimi loManase, aze aqeda. Bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebebuyela, ngulowo lalowo emfuyweni yakhe, emizini yabo.

UHezekhiya wondla abapristi lamaLevi

2 UHezekhiya wasemisa izigaba zabapristi lamaLevi ngokwezigaba zabo, ngulowo lalowo ngokomsebenzi wakhe, abapristi lamaLevi emnikelweni wokutshiswa leminikelweni yokuthula, ukukhonza lokubonga lokudumisa emasangweni ezinkamba zeNKOSI.

3 Lesabelo senkosi esivela emfuyweni yayo seminikelo yokutshiswa, seminikelo yokutshiswa yekuseni lantambama, leminikelo yokutshiswa yamasabatha, leyekuthwaseni kwezinyanga, leyemikhosi emisiweyo, njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni kaJehova.

4 Wasesithi ebantwini, kubahlali beJerusalema, banike isabelo sabapristi lamaLevi, ukuze baqiniswe emlayweni weNKOSI.

5 Lekusatshalalisweni kwelizwi abantwana bakoIsrayeli bengeza izithelo zokuqala zamabele, iwayini elitsha, lamafutha, loluju, lakuzo zonke izithelo zensimu; lokwetshumi kwakho konke bakuletha ngobunengi.

6 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli loJuda ababehlala emizini yakoJuda labo basebeletha okwetshumi kwenkomo lokwezimvu lokwetshumi kwezinto ezingcwele ezazehlukaniselwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo, babeka izinqumbinqumbi.

7 Ngenyanga yesithathu baqalisa ukubeka isisekelo sezinqumbi, langenyanga yesikhombisa baqeda.

8 UHezekhiya leziphathamandla sebefika bebona izinqumbi, bayibusisa iNKOSI labantu bayo uIsrayeli.

9 UHezekhiya wasebuza abapristi lamaLevi ngalezinqumbi.

10 UAzariya umpristi oyinhloko yendlu kaZadoki wakhuluma laye wathi: Kusukela ekuqaleni kokulethwa kweminikelo endlini yeNKOSI, kwakulokokudla lokokusutha lokokutshiya okunenginengi; ngoba iNKOSI ibabusisile abantu bayo kuze kusale lokhu okunengi.

11 UHezekhiya wasesithi kulungiswe amakamelo endlini yeNKOSI; basebewalungisa.

12 Basebengenisa iminikelo lezingxenye zetshumi lezinto ezingcwelisiweyo ngobuqotho. Laphezu kwalokhu uKonaniya umLevi wayeyinduna, loShimeyi umfowabo engowesibili.

13 LoJehiyeli loAzaziya loNahathi loAsaheli loJerimothi loJozabadi loEliyeli loIsimakhiya loMahathi loBhenaya babengababonisi ngaphansi kwesandla sikaKonaniya loShimeyi umfowabo, ngomlayo kaHezekhiya inkosi loAzariya umbusi wendlu kaNkulunkulu.

14 Njalo uKore indodana kaImna umLevi, umgcini wesango ngasempumalanga, wayephezu kweminikelo yesihle kaNkulunkulu ukupha iminikelo yeNKOSI lezinto ezingcwelengcwele.

15 Langasesandleni sakhe kwakuloEdeni, loMiniyamini, loJeshuwa, loShemaya, uAmariya, loShekaniya emizini yabapristi ukupha abafowabo ngokuthembeka ezigabeni zabo, njengakwabakhulu kwaba njalo kwabancane.

16 Ngaphandle kwababalwe ngezizukulwana zabesilisa, kusukela koleminyaka emithathu kusiya phezulu, wonke ongena endlini yeNKOSI, ngomsebenzi wosuku ngosuku lwawo, enkonzweni yabo, kumfanelo zabo, ngezigaba zabo.

17 Lalabo ababalwa ngezizukulwana zabapristi ngendlu yaboyise, lamaLevi, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu, kumfanelo zabo, ngezigaba zabo.

18 Lekubalweni ngezizukulwana, labo bonke abancinyane babo, omkabo, lamadodana abo, lamadodakazi abo, ebandleni lonke, ngoba ekuthembekeni kwabo bazingcwelisa ngobungcwele.

19 Lemadodaneni kaAroni, abapristi, emasimini amadlelo emizi yabo, kuwo wonke umuzi ngomuzi, amadoda ayebizwe ngamabizo, ukunika izabelo kubo bonke abesilisa phakathi kwabapristi, labo bonke ababalwe ngezizukulwana phakathi kwamaLevi.

20 Wasesenza njalo uHezekhiya kuJuda wonke; wenza okuhle lokulungileyo lokuqotho phambi kweNKOSIuNkulunkulu wakhe.

21 Emsebenzini wonke-ke awuqalisayo enkonzweni yendlu kaNkulunkulu, lemlayweni lemthethweni, ukudinga uNkulunkulu wakhe, wakwenza ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke, waphumelela.

II LWEMILANDO 32

Ukuhlaselwa kwelizwe lakoJuda nguSenakheribi

1Emva kwalezizenzo zobuqotho uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wafika wangena koJuda, wamisa inkamba maqondana lemizi ebiyelweyo eqonde ukuzifohlelela yona.

2 UHezekhiya esebonile ukuthi uSenakheribi usefikile lokuthi ubuso bakhe bukhangele impi emelene leJerusalema,

3 wacebisana lezinduna zakhe lamaqhawe akhe ukuvimba amanzi emithombo eyayingaphandle komuzi; basebemsiza.

4 Kwasekubuthaniswa abantu abanengi, abavimba yonke imithombo lesifula esasigeleza phakathi kwelizwe, besithi: Kungani amakhosi eAsiriya ezafika afice amanzi amanengi.

5 Waseziqinisa, wakha umduli wonke owawudilikile, wawukhweza emiphotshongweni, lomunye umduli ngaphandle; waqinisa iMilo emzini kaDavida; wenza lezikhali lezihlangu ngobunengi.

6 Wasebekela abantu induna zezimpi, wazibuthanisela bona egcekeni lesango lomuzi, wakhuluma kunhliziyo yabo esithi:

7 Qinani lime isibindi; lingesabi lingatshaywa luvalo phambi kwenkosi yeAsiriya laphambi kwexuku lonke elilayo; ngoba kukhona kithi omkhulu kulaye.

8 Kuye kulengalo yenyama, kodwa kithi kuleNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu ukusisiza lokulwa izimpi zethu. Abantu basebeseyama phezu kwamazwi kaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda.

9 Emva kwalokho uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wathuma inceku zakhe eJerusalema (kodwa yena wayephambi kweLakishi lawo wonke amandla akhe elaye) kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lakuJuda wonke oseJerusalema, esithi:

10 Utsho njalo uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya: Lithembeni ukuthi lihlale ekuvinjezelweni eJerusalema?

11 UHezekhiya kalikhohlisi yini ukuthi alinikele ukuthi life yindlala langokoma esithi: INKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu izasikhulula esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya?

12 Kasuye yini lo uHezekhiya owasusa indawo zayo eziphakemeyo lamalathi ayo, watshela uJuda leJerusalema esithi: Lizakhonza phambi kwelathi elilodwa, litshise impepha kulo?

13 Kalazi yini engakwenzayo mina labobaba kubo bonke abantu bamazwe? Onkulunkulu bezizwe zalawomazwe babelakho lokuba lakho yini ukukhulula amazwe abo esandleni sami?

14 Nguwuphi kubo bonke onkulunkulu balezozizwe obaba abazitshabalalisayo owaba lakho ukukhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami, ukuthi uNkulunkulu wenu abe lakho ukulikhulula esandleni sami?

15 Ngalokho-ke uHezekhiya kangalikhohlisi, kangaliduhisi ngokunjalo, lingamkholwa; ngoba kakho unkulunkulu owasiphi isizwe lombuso owaba lakho ukukhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami lesabobaba. Laye sibili uNkulunkulu wenu kayikulikhulula esandleni sami yini? yini?

16 Inceku zakhe zatsho lokunye zimelene leNKOSI uNkulunkulu njalo zimelene loHezekhiya inceku yayo.

17 Wabhala lezincwadi zokuthuka iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli lokukhuluma zimelene layo zisithi: Njengabonkulunkulu bezizwe zalawomazwe abangakhululanga abantu babo esandleni sami, ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu kaHezekhiya kayikukhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami.

18 Zasezimemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ngesiJuda ebantwini beJerusalema ababephezu komduli ukubethusa lokubahlupha ukuze ziwuthumbe umuzi.

19 Zasezikhuluma ngoNkulunkulu weJerusalema njengabonkulunkulu bezizwe zomhlaba, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu.

20 Kodwa uHezekhiya inkosi loIsaya umprofethi indodana kaAmozi bakhuleka ngenxa yalokhu, bakhala emazulwini.

Ukukhululwa kwelizwe lakoJuda

21 INKOSI yasithuma ingilosi eyaquma wonke amaqhawe alamandla labaphathi lezinduna enkambeni yenkosi yeAsiriya. Ngakho yabuyela elizweni layo ilobuso obulenhloni. Isingenile endlini kankulunkulu wayo, abaphuma emathunjini ayo bamenza wawa lapho ngenkemba.

22 Ngokunjalo iNKOSI yamsindisa uHezekhiya labahlali beJerusalema esandleni
sikaSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya lesandleni sabo bonke; yasibakhokhela
inhlangothi zonke.

23 Abanengi basebeletha izipho eNKOSIni eJerusalema, lezinto eziligugu
kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda; wasephakanyiswa emehlweni ezizwe zonke emva
kwalokhu.

Ukugula kukaHezekhiya

24 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagulela ukufa; wasekhuleka eNKOSIni;
yasikhuluma laye yamnika isibonakaliso.

25 Kodwa uHezekhiya kabuyiselanga njengokwenzuzo ayeyenzelwe, ngoba
inhliziyo yakhe yayiphakeme. Ngakho kwaba lolaka phezu kwakhe laphezu
kukaJuda leJerusalema.

26 Kodwa uHezekhiya wazithoba ngenxa yokuphakama kwenhliziyo yakhe, yena
labahlali beJerusalema; ngakho ulaka lweNKOSI kalwehlelanga phezu kwabo
ensukwini zikaHezekhiya.

Inkosi yeBhabhiloni ithuma izithunywa kuHezekhiya

27 Njalo uHezekhiya wayelenotho lodumo kakhulukazi, wazenzela iziphala
zesiliva lezegolide lezamatshe aligugu lezamakha lezezihlangu lezezinto zonke
eziloyisekayo.

28 Leziphala zesivuno samabele lewayini elitsha lamafutha, lezibaya zenhlobo
zonke zezifuyo, lezibaya zemihlambi.

29 Wazenzela lemizi, lemfuyo yezimvu lenkomo ngobunengi, ngoba uNkulunkulu
wayemnikile impahla enengi kakhulu.

30 UHezekhiya lo wasevimba umthombo wamanzi angaphezulu eGihoni,
wawaqondisa ehla ngentshonalanga komuzi kaDavida. UHezekhiya waphumelela
kuyo yonke imisebenzi yakhe.

31 Kodwa kwakunjalo, mayelana lezithunywa zeziphathamandla zeBhabhiloni,
ezathumela kuye ukubuza ngesibonakaliso esenzakalayo elizweni, uNkulunkulu
wamtshiya ukuze amhlole ukuthi azi konke okusenhliziyweni yakhe.

Ukufa kukaHezekhiya

32 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaHezekhiya lomusa wakhe, khangela, kubhaliwe
embonweni kaIsaya umprofethi indodana kaAmozi, egwalweni lwamakhosi
akoJuda lawakoIsrayeli.

33 UHezekhiya waselala laboyise; basebemngcwabela kweliphezulu kakhulu
lamangcwaba amadodana kaDavida; uJuda wonke labahlali beJerusalema
basebemenzela inhlonipho ekufeni kwakhe. UManase indodana yakhe wasesiba
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Ukubusa kukaManase

1 UManase wayeleminyaka elitshumi lambili esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka
engamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu eJerusalema.

2 Kodwa wenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, njengamanyala ezizwe
iNKOSI eyazixotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

3 Ngoba wabuya wakha indawo eziphakemeyo uyise uHezekhiya ayezidilizile,
wamisela oBhali amalathi, wenza izixuku, wakhothamela ibutho lonke lamazulu,
walikhonza.

4 Wasesakha amalathi endlini yeNKOSI, iNKOSI eyayithe ngayo: EJerusalema ibizo
lami lizakuba khona phakade.

5 Wasesakhela ibutho lonke lamazulu amalathi emagumeni womabili endlu
yeNKOSI.

6 Yena wenza abantwana bakhe badabule emlilweni esihotsheni sendodana
kaHinomu; wasechasisa izibonakaliso, wenza imilingo, wenza ubuthakathi,
wasebenza labalamadlozi labalumbayo. Wenza okubi kakhulu emehlweni eNKOSI,
ukuyithukuthelisa.

7 Wasebeka isifanekiso esibaziweyo sesithombe ayesenzile endlini
kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu owayethe ngayo kuDavida lakuSolomoni indodana
yakhe: Kulindlu, leJerusalema engiyikhethe kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli,
ngizabeka ibizo lami kuze kube nininini.

8 Kangisayikususa unyawo lukaIsrayeli luphume elizweni engalimisela oyihlo,
kuphela uba bezananzelela ukwenza konke engibalaya khona, ngokomlayo
wonke lezimiso lezimiselo ngesandla sikaMozisi.

9 Ngakho uManase waduhisa uJuda labahlali beJerusalema, ukwenza okubi
okwedlula izizwe iNKOSI eyazichitha phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

10 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuManase lebantwini bakhe, kodwa kabalalelanga.

11 Ngakho iNKOSI yabehlisela abaphathi bebutho inkosi yeAsiriya eyayilabo;
basebethumba uManase ngameva, bambopha ngamaketane ethusi, bamusa
eBhabhiloni.

12 Kwathi esecindezelwe wancenga ubuso beNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe,
wazithoba kakhulu phambi kukaNkulunkulu waboyise.

13 Wasekhuleka kuye, njalo wancengeka ngaye, wezwa ukuncenga kwakhe,
wambuyisela eJerusalema embusweni wakhe. Ngakho uManase wazi ukuthi
iNKOSI yiyo enguNkulunkulu.

14 Lemva kwalokho wakha umduli ongaphandle komuzi kaDavida
ngentshonalanga kweGihoni esihotsheni, kwaze kwaba sekungeneni kwesango

lenhlanzi, wabhoda iOfeli, wawenza waphakama kakhulu. Wabeka labaphathi bamabutho kuyo yonke imizi ebiyelweyo koJuda.

15 Wasesusa onkulunkulu bezizweni lesithombe endlini yeNKOSI, lawo wonke amalathi ayewakhile entabeni yendlu yeNKOSI, laseJerusalema, wakuphosela ngaphandle komuzi.

16 Wasesakha ilathi leNKOSI, wahlabela phezu kwalo iminikelo yokuthula leminikelo yokubonga. Wathi kuJuda kakhonze iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

17 Loba kunjalo abantu babelokhu behlaba endaweni eziphakemeyo, kuphela eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wabo.

18 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaManase, lomkhuleko wakhe kuNkulunkulu wakhe, lamazwi ababoni abawakhuluma kuye ngebizo leNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, khangela, kusezindabeni zamakhosi akoIsrayeli.

19 Umkhuleko wakhe-ke, lokuncenga kwakhe kuNkulunkulu, lesono sakhe sonke, lesiphambeko sakhe, lezindawo akha kuzo indawo eziphakemeyo, njalo wamisa izixuku lezithombe ezibaziweyo, engakazithobi, khangela, kubhaliwe emazwini ababoni.

20 UManase waselala laboyise; basebemngcwaba endlini yakhe. UAmoni indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

Ukubusa kukaAmoni

21 UAmoni wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka emibili eJerusalema.

22 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI njengokwenza kukaManase uyise; ngoba uAmoni wahlabela zonke izithombe ezibaziweyo uManase uyise ayezenzile, wazikhonza.

23 Kodwa kazithobanga phambi kweNKOSI njengokuzithoba kukaManase uyise, kodwa uAmoni lo wandisa icala.

24 Inceku zakhe zasezimenzela ugobe, zambulala endlini yakhe.

25 Kodwa abantu belizwe batshaya bonke labo ababenzele inkosi uAmoni ugobe; abantu belizwe basebebeka uJosiya indodana yakhe ukuba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Imvuselelo kaJosiya

1UJosiya wayeleminyaka eyisificaminwembili esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanye eJerusalema.

2 Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlweni eNKOSI, wahamba ngezindlela zikaDavida uyise, kaphambukelanga ngakwesokunene loba kwesokhohlo.

3 Ngoba ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili wokubusa kwakhe esesengumfana waqala ukumdinga uNkulunkulu kaDavida uyise; langomnyaka wetshumi lambili waqala ukuhlambulula uJuda leJerusalema kuzindawo eziphakemeyo, lezixuku, lezithombe ezibaziweyo, lezithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa.

4 Basebediliza amalathi aboBhali phambi kwakhe, lamalathi okutshisela impepha ayengaphezu kwawo wawagamulela phansi, lezixuku lezithombe ezibaziweyo lezithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa waziphahlaza, wazichola, wazichithela phezu kwamangcwaba alabo ababenikele imihlatshelo kizo.

5 Wasetshisela amathambo abapristi phezu kwamalathi abo, wahlambulula uJuda leJerusalema.

6 Lemizini yakoManase loEfrayimi loSimeyoni kuze kufike koNafithali lemanxiweni ayo inhlangothi zonke

7 wadiliza lamalathi, lezixuku, wachola izithombe ezibaziweyo zaze zaba yimpuphu, wagamulela phansi wonke amalathi okutshisela impepha elizweni lonke lakoIsrayeli, wasebuyela eJerusalema.

UJosiya lencwadi yomlayo

8 Kwathi ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wokubusa kwakhe, esehlambulule ilizwe lendlu, wathuma uShafani indodana kaAzaliya loMahaseya umbusi womuzi loJowa indodana kaJowahazi umabhalane ukuthi baqinise indlu yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe.

9 Basebefika kuHilikhiya umpristi omkhulu, bapha imali eyayilethwe endlini kaNkulunkulu, amaLevi ayelondoloza umbundu ayeyiqoqe esandleni sakoManase loEfrayimi lakuyo yonke insali kaIsrayeli lakuye wonke uJuda loBhenjamini; basebebuyela eJerusalema.

10 Basebeyinikela esandleni sabenzi bomsebenzi ababekhethelwe indlu yeNKOSI abayipha abenzi bomsebenzi ababesebenza endlini yeNKOSI ukuthi balungise baqinise indlu.

11 Bayinika ababazi labakhi ukuze bathenge amatshe abaziweyo lezigodo zentungo lezokufulela izindlu amakhosi akoJuda ayezidilizile.

12 Amadoda asesebenza ngobuqotho emsebenzini; lababonisi phezu kwawo babengoJahathi loObhadiya amaLevi, ebantwaneni bakoMerari, loZekhariya loMeshulamu, ebantwaneni bamaKohathi, ukuqondisa; lamaLevi, wonke aqedisisa ngezinto zokuhlabelela.

13 Njalo ayephezu kwabathwali bemithwalo njalo babengababonisi phezu kwakhe wonke owenza umsebenzi wenkonzo ngenkonzo; lakumaLevi kwakulababhali labaphathi labagcini bamasango.

14 Kwasekusithi bekhupha imali eyayilethwe endlini yeNKOSI, uHilikhiya umpristi wafica ugwalo lomlayo weNKOSI owawunikwe ngesandla sikaMozisi.

15 UHilikhiya wasephendula wathi kuShafani umabhalane: Ngifice ugwalo lomlayo endlini yeNKOSI. UHilikhiya wasenika uShafani ugwalo.

16 UShafani waseletha ugwalo enkosini, futhi wabuyisela ilizwi enkosini esithi: Konke okwakunikelwe esandleni senceku zakho ziyakwenza.

17 Seziyiqoqile imali eyatholakala endlini yeNKOSI, zayinikela esandleni sabaphathi lesandleni sabenzi bomsebenzi.

18 UShafani umabhalane wasetshela inkosi esithi: UHilikhiya umpristi unginike ugwalo. UShafani wasefunda kulo phambi kwenkosi.

19 Kwasekusithi inkosi isizwile amazwi omlayo yadabula izigqoko zayo.

20 Inkosi yasilaya oHilikhiya loAhikhamu indodana kaShafani loAbidoni indodana kaMika loShafani umabhalane loAsaya inceku yenkosi, isithi:

21 Hambani liyebuza eNKOSIni ngenxa yami langenxa yensali ekoIsrayeli lakoJuda mayelana lamazwi ogwalo olutholakeleyo; ngoba lukhulu ulaka lweNKOSI oluthululelwe phezu kwethu, ngenxa yokuthi obaba kabaligcinanga ilizwi leNKOSI ukwenza njengakho konke okubhaliweyo kulolugwalo.

22 Ngakho uHilikhiya lalabo ababengabenkosi baya kuHulida umprofethikazi, umkaShaluma indodana kaTokhathi indodana kaHasira, umgcini wezigqoko. (Yena-ke wayehlala eJerusalema esiGabeni seSibili.) Basebekhuluma kuye kanje.

23 Wasesithi kibo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Tshelani umuntu olithume kimi:

24 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngizakwehlisela ububi kulindawo laphezu kwabahlali bayo, zonke iziqalekiso ezibhaliweyo egwalweni abalubalileyo phambi kwenkosi yakoJuda.

25 Ngenxa yokuthi bengitshiyile, batshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha, ukuze bangithukuthelise ngayo yonke imisebenzi yezandla zabo; ngakho ulaka lwami luzathululelwa phezu kwalindawo, kaluyikucitshwa.

26 Kodwa enkosini yakoJuda elithumileyo ukubuza eNKOSIni, lizakutsho njalo kuyo: Itsho njalo iNKOSIuNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Mayelana lamazwi owazwileyo,

27 ngoba inhliziyo yakho ibuthakathaka, wazithoba phambi kukaNkulunkulu usuzwe amazwi akhe amelene lalindawo lamelene labahlali bayo, wazithoba phambi kwami, wadabula izigqoko zakho, wakhala inyembezi phambi kwami, ngitsho lami ngizwile, itsho iNKOSI.

28 Khangela, ngizakubuthela kuboyihlo, njalo uzabuthelwa emangcwabeni akho ngokuthula, lamehlo akho kawayikubona konke okubi engizakwehlisela kulindawo laphezu kwabahlali bayo. Basebebuyisela ilizwi enkosini.

29 Inkosi yasithuma yaqoqa bonke abadala bakoJuda labeJerusalema.

30 Inkosi yasisenyukela endlini kaJehova, kanye labantu bonke bakoJuda labahlali beJerusalema labapristi lamaLevi, labo bonke abantu kusukela komkhulu kusiya komncinyane; yasibala endlebeni zabo wonke amazwi ogwalo lwesivumelwano olwalutholakele endlini kaJehova.

31 Inkosi yasisima endaweni yayo, yenza isivumelwano phambi kukaJehova ukulandela uJehova, lokugcina imilayo yakhe lezifakazelo zakhe lezimiso zakhe ngayo yonke inhliziyo yayo langawo wonke umphefumulo wayo, ukwenza amazwi esivumelwano abhalwe kulolugwalo.

32 Yasibamisa bonke abatholakala eJerusalema loBhenjamini. Labahlali beJerusalema benza njengokwesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu waboyise.

33 UJosiya wasesusa zonke izinengiso kuwo wonke amazwe ayengawabantwana bakoIsrayeli, wenza wonke owaficwa koIsrayeli ukuthi akhonze, akhonze iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo. Insuku zakhe zonke kabaphambukanga ekuyilandeleni iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyise.

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Ukugcinwa kwephasika

1UJosiya wasesenzela iNKOSI iphasika eJerusalema; basebehlaba iphasika ngolwetshumi lane lwenyanga yokuqala.

2 Wasemisa abapristi kumfanelo zabo, wabaqinisela inkonzo yendlu yeNKOSI.

3 Wasesithi kumaLevi ayefundisa uIsrayeli wonke ayengcwele eNKOSIni: Fakani umtshokotsho ongcwele endlini uSolomoni indodana kaDavida inkosi yakoIsrayeli ayakhayo; kakusengumthwalo kini emahlombe. Khathesi khonzani iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu labantu bayo uIsrayeli.

4 Njalo lizilungise ngokwendlu yaboyihlo ngezigaba zenu, njengombhalo kaDavida inkosi yakoIsrayelilanjengombhalo kaSolomoni indodana yakhe.

5 Lime endaweni engcwele ngokwezigaba zendlu yaboyise babafowenu, abantwana besizwe, lesigaba sendlu kayise wamaLevi.

6 Lihlabe iphasika, lizingcwelise, lilungisele abafowenu, ukwenza njengokwelizwi leNKOSI ngesandla sikaMozisi.

7 UJosiya wasenika abantwana babantu umhlambi wamawundlu lamazinyane embuzi, konke kungokwamaphasika, kwabo bonke abatholakalayo, ngenani eliyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu, lenkunzi ezizinkulungwane ezintathu; lokhu kwakuvela empahleni yenkosi.

8 Iziphathamandla zakhe zasezinika abantu, abapristi lamaLevi ngokukhululeka. OHilikhiya loZekhariya loJehiyeli, izinduna zendlu yeNKOSI, banikelela

amaphasika kubapristi amazinyane azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha, lenkunzi ezingamakhulu amathathu.

9 OKonaniya loShemaya loNethaneli, abafowabo, loHashabhiya loJeyiyeli loJozabadi, izinduna zamaLevi, basebenikelela amaphasika kumaLevi amazinyane azinkulungwane ezinhlanu, lenkunzi ezingamakhulu amahlanu.

10 Ngokunjalo inkonzo yalungiswa; abapristi basebesima endaweni yabo, lamaLevi ngezigaba zawo, njengokomlayo wenkosi.

11 Basebehlaba iphasika, abapristi bafafaza kuvela ezandleni zabo, lamaLevi ahlinza.

12 Basebesusa iminikelo yokutshiswa ukuyinika njengokwezigaba zendlu yaboyise kubantwana babantu ukuze banikele eNKOSIni, njengokubhaliweyo egwalweni lukaMozisi. Ngokunjalo langezinkunzi.

13 Basebesosa iphasika ngomlilo njengokwesimiso; kodwa izinto ezingcwele bazipheka ngamabhodolangezimbiza langezindengezi, bakusa masinyane kubo bonke abantwana babantu.

14 Lemva kwalokho basebezilungisela bona labapristi, ngoba abapristi amadodana kaAroni babesekunikeleni iminikelo yokutshiswa lamahwahwa kwaze kwaba sebusuku; ngakho amaLevi azilungisela wona labapristi amadodana kaAroni.

15 Labahlabeleli amadodana kaAsafi babesendaweni yabo njengokomlayo kaDavida, loAsafi, loHemani, loJeduthuni umboni wenkosi; labagcini bamasango babesesangweni lonke; kwakungesikwabo ukusuka enkonzweni yabo, ngoba abafowabo amaLevi abalungisela.

16 Yasilungiswa yonke inkonzo yeNKOSI ngalolosuku ukwenza iphasika lokunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa phezu kwelathi leNKOSI, njengokomlayo wenkosi uJosiya.

17 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli ababekhona basebesenza iphasika ngalesosikhathi, lomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo, insuku eziyisikhombisa.

18 Njalo kalenziwanga iphasika elinjengaleli koIsrayeli kusukela ensukwini zikaSamuweli umprofethi; lawo wonke amakhosi akoIsrayeli kawenzanga iphasika elinje uJosiya alenzayo, labapristi lamaLevi, loJuda loIsrayeli wonke ababekhona, labahlali beJerusalema.

19 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wokubusa kukaJosiya iphasika leli lenziwa.

Ukufa kukaJosiya

20 Emva kwakho konke lokho, uJosiya eseyilungisile indlu, uNeko inkosi yeGibhithe wenyuka ukuyakulwa leKarikemeshi eYufrathi; loJosiya waphuma ukuyamelana laye.

21 Kodwa wathuma izithunywa kuye esithi: Ngilani lawe, nkosi yakoJuda? Kangenyukelanga ukumelana lawe wena lamuhla, kodwa ngimelene lendlu elwa lami. Ngoba uNkulunkulu uthe ngiphangise; yekela wenaukuphikisana loNkulunkulu, olami, ukuze angakubhubhisi.

22 Kodwa uJosiya kaphendulanga ubuso bakhe kuye, kodwa wazifihla isimo ukuze alwe laye; njalo kawalalelanga amazwi kaNeko avela emlonyeni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa weza ukulwa esihotsheni seMegido.

23 Abatshoki bemitshoko basebemciba uJosiya; inkosi yasisithi encekwini zayo: Ngisusani ngoba ngizwa ubuhlungu obukhulu.

24 Inceku zakhe zasezimkhupha enqoleni, zamgadisa enqoleni yesibili ayelayo, zamletha eJerusalema. Wasesifa, wangcwatshelwa emangcwabeni aboyise; wonke uJuda leJerusalema basebemlilela uJosiya.

25 LoJeremiya wenza isililo ngoJosiya. Labo bonke abahlabeleli labahlabelelikazi bakhuluma ngoJosiya ezililweni zabo kuze kube lamuhla. Bazenza zaba yisimiso koIsrayeli; khangela-ke, zibhaliwe ezililweni.

26 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJosiya, lezisa zakhe njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni weNKOSI,

27 izindaba zakhe-ke, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akoIsrayeli lawakoJuda.

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Ukubusa kukaJehowahazi

1 Abantu belizwe basebethatha uJehowahazi indodana kaJosiya, bambeka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise eJerusalema.

2 UJehowahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu esiba yinkosi; wasebusa inyanga ezintathu eJerusalema.

3 Inkosi yeGibhithe yasimsusa eseJerusalema, yahlawulisa ilizwe amathalenta esiliva alikhulu lethalenta legolide.

4 Inkosi yeGibhithe yasibeka uEliyakhimi umfowabo abe yinkosi phezu kukaJuda leJerusalema, yaguqula ibizo lakhe yathi nguJehoyakhimi. UNeko wasethatha uJehowahazi umfowabo wamletha eGibhithe.

Ukubusa kukaJehoyakhimi

5 UJehoyakhimi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu esiba yinkosi;
wasebusa iminyaka elitshumi lanye eJerusalema. Wenza okubi emehlweni
eNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe.

6 Kwenyukela kuye uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, wambopha
ngamaketane ethusi, ukumusa eBhabhiloni.

7 UNebhukadinezari waseletha okwezitsha zendlu yeNKOSI eBhabhiloni,
wakufaka ethempelini lakhe eBhabhiloni.

8 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehoyakhimi, lamanyala akhe awenzayo,
lokwatholakala kuye, khangela, kubhaliwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akoIsrayeli
loJuda. UJehoyakhini indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

UJehoyakhini uthunjelwa eBhabhiloni

9 UJehoyakhini wayeleminyaka eyisificaminwembili esiba yinkosi; wasebusa
inyanga ezintathu lensuku ezilitshumi eJerusalema. Wenza okubi emehlweni
eNKOSI.

10 Lekuthwaseni komnyaka inkosi uNebhukadinezari yathuma yamletha
eBhabhiloni, kanye lezitsha eziloyisekayo zendlu yeNKOSI; yasibeka uZedekhiya
umfowabo abe yinkosi phezu kukaJuda leJerusalema.

Ukubusa kukaZedekhiya

11 UZedekhiya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye esiba yinkosi;
wasebusa iminyaka elitshumi lanye eJerusalema.

12 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe; kazithobanga
phambi kukaJeremiya umprofethi,ekhuluma okomlomo weNKOSI.

13 Laye wasevukela inkosi uNebhukadinezari eyayimfungise ngoNkulunkulu,
wenza yaba lukhuni intamo yakhe, waqinisa inhliziyo yakhe, okokuthi
kaphendukelanga eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

14 Futhi zonke induna zabapristi labantu banda ekuphambukeni ngeziphambeko
njengawo wonke amanyala ezizwe, bayingcolisa indlu yeNKOSI eyayiyingcwelisile
eJerusalema.

15 INKOSI, uNkulunkulu waboyise, yasithuma kubo ngesandla sezithunywa zayo,
ivuka ngovivi ithuma, ngoba yayilesihawu ebantwini bayo lendaweni yayo
yokuhlala.

16 Kodwa babezihleka usulu izithunywa zikaNkulunkulu, bedelela amazwi akhe,
beklolodela abaprofethi bakhe, lwaze lwavuka ulaka lweNKOSI lwamelana
labantu bayo kakwaze kwaba leselapho.

17 Ngakho yabenyusela inkosi yamaKhaladiya eyabulala amajaha abo ngenkemba
endlini yendlu yabo engcwele, ingahawukeli ijaha lentombi, omdala lexhegu;
yabanikela bonke esandleni sayo.

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18 Lazo zonke izitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu, ezinkulu lezincinyane, lezinto
eziligugu zendlu kaJehova, lezinto eziligugu zenkosi lezeziphathamandla zayo,
konke lokhu yakuletha eBhabhiloni.

19 Basebetshisa indlu kaNkulunkulu, badiliza umduli weJerusalema, batshisa
zonke izigodlo zayo ngomlilo, batshabalalisa zonke izitsha zayo eziloyisekayo.

20 Yasithumbela eBhabhiloni abasele enkembeni; basebesiba zinceku zayo
lezabantwana bayo kwaze kwaba yikubusa kombuso wePerisiya;

21 ukugcwalisa ilizwi leNKOSI ngomlomo kaJeremiya, ilizwe lize likholise
amasabatha alo; lagcina isabatha zonke izinsuku zencithakalo, kwaze
kwagcwaliseka iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa.

Isimemezelo sikaKoresi

22 Kwathi ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya, ekugcwalisekeni
kwelizwi leNKOSI ngomlomo kaJeremiya, iNKOSI yavusa umoya kaKoresi inkosi
yePerisiya ukuthi edlulise isimemezelo embusweni wakhe wonke, njalo
langombhalo, esithi:

23 Utsho njalo uKoresi inkosi yePerisiya: INKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamazulu,
inginikile yonke imibuso yomhlaba; layo ingilayile ukuyakhela indlu eJerusalema
ekoJuda. Ngubani ophakathi kwenu kubo bonke abantu bayo?
INKOSIuNkulunkulu wakhe kayibe laye, enyuke.

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Isimemezelo sikaKoresi

1 Kwathi ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya, ekugcwalisekeni kwelizwi leNKOSI ngomlomo kaJeremiya, iNKOSI yavusa umoya kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya ukuthi edlulise isimemezelo embusweni wakhe wonke, njalo langombhalo, esithi:

2 Utsho njalo uKoresi inkosi yePerisiya: INKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamazulu, inginikile yonke imibuso yomhlaba; layo ingilayile ukuyakhela indlu eJerusalema ekoJuda.

3 Ngubani ophakathi kwenu kubo bonke abantu bayo? UNkulunkulu wakhe kabe laye, enyukele eJerusalema ekoJuda, akhe indlu yeNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli (unguNkulunkulu) oseJerusalema.

4 Laloba ngubani oseleyo lakuyiphi yezindawo lapho ahlala njengowezizwe khona, kakuthi abantu bendawo yakibo bamsekele ngesiliva, langegolide, langempahla, langezifuyo, kanye lomnikelo wesihle wendlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema.

Ukubuyela kwamaJuda eJerusalema

5 Kwasekusukuma inhloko zaboyise bakoJuda loBhenjamini, labapristi lamaLevi, laye wonke uNkulunkuluayevuse umoya wakhe, ukuthi benyukele ukwakha indlu yeNKOSI eseJerusalema.

6 Labo bonke ababebaphahlile baqinisa izandla zabo ngezitsha zesiliva, ngegolide, ngempahla, langezifuyo, langezinto eziligugu, ngaphandle kwakho konke okwakunikelwe ngesihle.

7 UKoresi inkosi laye wakhupha izitsha zendlu yeNKOSI, uNebhukadinezari ayezikhuphe eJerusalema wazifaka endlini yabonkulunkulu bakhe.

8 UKoresi inkosi yePerisiya wasezikhupha ngesandla sikaMithiredathi umphathisikhwama owazibalela uSheshibazari isiphathamandla sakoJuda.

9 Leli-ke linani lazo: Imiganu yegolide engamatshumi amathathu, imiganu yesiliva eyinkulungwane, izingqamu ezingamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye,

10 inkezo zegolide ezingamatshumi amathathu, ezinye inkezo zesiliva ezingamakhulu amane letshumi, ezinye izitsha eziyinkulungwane.

11 Zonke izitsha zegolide lezesiliva zazizinkulungwane ezinhlanu lamakhulu amane. Zonke lezi uSheshibazari wazenyusa lalabo ababenyuswe ekuthunjweni bevela eBhabhiloni besiya eJerusalema.

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UEZRA 2

Amabizo ababuya ekuthunjweni

1 Laba-ke ngabantwana besabelo abenyuka besuka ekuthunjweni kwalabo
ababethunjiwe uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ayebathumbele
eBhabhiloni, ababuyela eJerusalema loJuda, ngulowo lalowo emzini wakibo;

2 abafika loZerubhabheli, uJeshuwa, uNehemiya, uSeraya, uRehelaya,
uModekhayi, uBilishani, uMisipari, uBigivayi, uRehuma, uBahana. Inani
lamadoda esizwe sakoIsrayeli:

3 Abantwana bakoParoshi, izinkulungwane ezimbili lekhulu lamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lambili.

4 Abantwana bakoShefathiya, amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lambili.

5 Abantwana bakoAra, amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lanhlanu.

6 Abantwana bakoPahathi-Mowabi, ababantwana bakaJeshuwa-Jowabi,
izinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lambili.

7 Abantwana bakoElamu, inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
amahlanu lane.

8 Abantwana bakoZathu, amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amane
lanhlanu.

9 Abantwana bakoZakayi, amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha.

10 Abantwana bakoBani, amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lambili.

11 Abantwana bakoBebayi, amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lantathu.

12 Abantwana bakoAzigadi, inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
amabili lambili.

13 Abantwana bakoAdonikamu, amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha
lesithupha.

14 Abantwana bakoBigivayi, izinkulungwane ezimbili lamatshumi amahlanu
lesithupha.

15 Abantwana bakoAdini, amakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu lane.

16 Abantwana bakoAteri, bakoHezekhiya, amatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
lesificaminwembili.

17 Abantwana bakoBezayi, amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lantathu.

18 Abantwana bakoJora, ikhulu letshumi lambili.

19 Abantwana bakoHashuma, amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lantathu.

20 Abantwana bakoGibari, amatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu.

21 Abantwana beBhethelehema, ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lantathu.

22 Amadoda eNetofa, amatshumi amahlanu lesithupha.

23 Amadoda eAnathothi, ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili.

24 Abantwana beAzimavethi, amatshumi amane lambili.

25 Abantwana beKiriyatharimi, iKefira, leBherothi, amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lantathu.

26 Abantwana beRama leGaba, amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lanye.

27 Amadoda eMikimasi, ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lambili.

28 Amadoda eBhetheli leAyi, amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lantathu.

29 Abantwana beNebo, amatshumi amahlanu lambili.

30 Abantwana bakoMagibishi, ikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lesithupha.

31 Abantwana bomunye uElamu, inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane.

32 Abantwana bakoHarimi, amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili.

33 Abantwana beLodi, iHadidi, leOno, amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili lanhlanu.

34 Abantwana beJeriko, amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amane lanhlanu.

35 Abantwana beSenaha, izinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amathathu.

36 Abapristi. Abantwana bakoJedaya bendlu kaJeshuwa: Amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu.

37 Abantwana bakoImeri: Inkulungwane lamatshumi amahlanu lambili.

38 Abantwana bakoPashuri: Inkulungwane lamatshumi amane lesikhombisa.

39 Abantwana bakoHarimi: Inkulungwane letshumi lesikhombisa.

40 AmaLevi. Abantwana bakoJeshuwa loKadimiyeli, babantwana bakaHodaviya: Amatshumi ayisikhombisa lane.

41 Abahlabeleli. Abantwana bakoAsafi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili.

42 Abantwana babalindi bamasango. Abantwana bakoShaluma, abantwana bakoAteri, abantwana bakoTalimoni, abantwana bakoAkubi, abantwana

bakoHatita, abantwana bakoShobayi, bonke babelikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye.

43 AmaNethini. Abantwana bakoZiha, abantwana bakoHasufa, abantwana bakoTabhawothi,

44 abantwana bakoKerosi, abantwana bakoSiyaha, abantwana bakoPadoni,

45 abantwana bakoLebana, abantwana bakoHagaba, abantwana bakoAkubi,

46 abantwana bakoHagabi, abantwana bakoShamilayi, abantwana bakoHanani,

47 abantwana bakoGideli, abantwana bakoGahari, abantwana bakoReyaya,

48 abantwana bakoRezini, abantwana bakoNekoda, abantwana bakoGazama,

49 abantwana bakoUza, abantwana bakoPhaseya, abantwana bakoBhesayi,

50 abantwana bakoAsina, abantwana bakoMewunimi, abantwana bakoNefusimi,

51 abantwana bakoBakibuki, abantwana bakoHakufa, abantwana bakoHarihuri,

52 abantwana bakoBaziluthi, abantwana bakoMehida, abantwana bakoHarisha,

53 abantwana bakoBarkosi, abantwana bakoSisera, abantwana bakoThama,

54 abantwana bakoNeziya, abantwana bakoHatifa.

55 Abantwana bezinceku zikaSolomoni. Abantwana bakoSotayi, abantwana bakoHasoferethi, abantwana bakoPeruda,

56 abantwana bakoJahala, abantwana bakoDarkoni, abantwana bakoGideli,

57 abantwana bakoShefathiya, abantwana bakoHathili, abantwana bakoPokerethi-Hazebayimi, abantwana bakoAmi.

58 Wonke amaNethini labantwana bezinceku zikaSolomoni babengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lambili.

59 Lalaba yilabo abenyuka bevela eTeli-Mela, iTeli-Harisha, iKerubi, iAdani, iImeri, kodwa babengelakutsho indlu yaboyise, lenzalo yabo, ukuthi bavela koIsrayeli:

60 Abantwana bakoDelaya, abantwana bakoTobiya, abantwana bakoNekoda: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lambili.

61 Lebantwaneni babapristi, abantwana bakoHabaya, abantwana bakoHakozi, abantwana bakoBarizilayi, owathatha umfazi emadodakazini kaBarizilayi umGileyadi, wasebizwa ngebizo lawo.

62 Laba badinga ukubhalwa kwabo oluhlwini lwababhaliweyo ngezizukulwana, kodwa kabatholakalanga; basebekhutshwa ebupristini njengabangcolileyo.

63 Umbusi wasesitsho kubo ukuthi bangadli okwezinto ezingcwelengcwele, kuze kusukume umpristi oleUrimi leThumimi.

64 Ibandla lonke lindawonye lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha,

65 ngaphandle kwenceku zabo lencekukazi zabo; lezi zazizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa; babelabahlabeleli labahlabelelikazi abangamakhulu amabili.

66 Amabhiza abo ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu lesithupha; imbongolo zabo zingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu;

67 amakamela abo engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu; obabhemi bezinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili.

68 Lenhlokweni zaboyise, ekufikeni kwabo endlini yeNKOSI eseJerusalema, zanikelela indlu kaNkulunkulu ngesihle ukuyimisa endaweni yayo.

69 Zanikela ngokwamandla azo esikhwameni somsebenzi inhlamvu zegolide ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lanye, lamamane esiliva azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, lezigqoko zabapristi ezilikhulu.

70 Abapristi lamaLevi lengxenye yabantu labahlabeleli labalindi bamasango lamaNethini basebehlala emizini yabo, loIsrayeli wonke emizini yakhe.

UEZRA 3

Ukwakhiwa kwelathi lokunikelwa kweminikelo

1 Isifikile inyanga yesikhombisa, labantwana bakoIsrayeli sebesemizini, abantu babuthana njengamuntu munye eJerusalema.

2 Kwasekusukuma uJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki labafowabo abapristi, loZerubhabheli indodana kaSalatiyeli labafowabo, bakha ilathi likaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ukuze banikele iminikelo yokutshiswa phezu kwalo, njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni kaMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu.

3 Basebemisa ilathi ezisekelweni zalo, ngoba ukwesaba kwakuphezu kwabo ngenxa yabantu belizwe, basebenikela eNKOSIni iminikelo yokutshiswa phezu kwalo, iminikelo yokutshiswa ekuseni lantambama.

4 Basebesenza umkhosi wamadumba njengokubhaliweyo, banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa insuku ngensuku ngenani, njengomkhuba, udaba losuku ngosuku lwalo.

5 Langemva kwalokho umnikelo wokutshiswa njalonjalo, lowekuthwaseni kwezinyanga, lowemikhosi yonke emisiweyo yeNKOSI eyayingcwelisiwe, lowakhe wonke owanikela ngesihle umnikelo wesihle eNKOSIni.

6 Ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yesikhombisa baqalisa ukunikela iminikelo
yokutshiswa eNKOSIni, kodwa isisekelo sethempeli leNKOSI sasingakabekwa.

7 Basebenika imali kubabazi bamatshe lakubabazi bezigodo, lokudla
lokunathwayo lamafutha kumaSidoni lakumaTire ukuze balethe izigodo
zemisedari zivela eLebhanoni bezisa elwandle eJopha, ngokwemvumo kaKoresi
inkosi yePerisiya kubo.

Ukwakhiwa kwethempeli kuyaqaliswa

8 Langomnyaka wesibili wokufika kwabo endlini kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema,
ngenyanga yesibili, baqalisa oZerubhabheli indodana kaSalatiyeli loJeshuwa
indodana kaJozadaki, lensali yabafowabo, abapristi lamaLevi, labo bonke
ababebuyile eJerusalema bevela ekuthunjweni; basebemisa amaLevi kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ukongamela umsebenzi
wendlu yeNKOSI.

9 Kwasekusukuma oJeshuwa, amadodana akhe, labafowabo, uKadimiyeli
lamadodana akhe, abantwana bakoJuda, njengomuntu munye ukongamela
abenzi bomsebenzi endlini kaNkulunkulu, amadodana kaHenadadi, amadodana
abo labafowabo amaLevi.

10 Abakhi sebebekile isisekelo sethempeli leNKOSI, bamisa abapristi
begqokile belezimpondo, lamaLevi, amadodana kaAsafi, elensimbi
ezincencethayo, ukudumisa iNKOSI, njengokwezandla zikaDavida inkosi
yakoIsrayeli.

11 Baphendulana ngokuhlabela bedumisa bebonga iNKOSI, ngoba ilungile, ngoba
umusa wayo umi kuze kube nininini kuIsrayeli. Bonke abantu basebememeza
ngokumemeza okukhulu ekuyidumiseni iNKOSI, ngoba isisekelo sendlu
yeNKOSI sasesibekiwe.

12 Kodwa abanengi babapristi lamaLevi lenhloko zaboyise, abadala
ababeyibonile indlu yokuqala, isisekelo salindlu sesibekiwe emehlweni abo,
bakhala inyembezi ngelizwi elikhulu; kodwa abanengi baphakamisa ilizwi
ngokumemeza ngentokozo.

13 Ngokunjalo abantu kabehlukanisanga umsindo wokumemeza kwentokozo
lomsindo wokukhala kwabantu, ngoba abantu baklabalala ngokuklabalala
okukhulu, umsindo waze wezwakala khatshana.

UEZRA 4

Izitha zabakoJuda ziyabahlupha ekwakheni kwabo

1 Kwathi izitha zakoJuda loBhenjamini sezizwile ukuthi abantwana bokuthunjwa
babesakhela iNKOSIuNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ithempeli,

2 basebesondela kuZerubhabheli lenhlokweni zaboyise bathi kibo: Kasakhe lani,
ngoba siyamdinga uNkulunkulu wenu njengani, samhlabela kusukela ensukwini
zikaEsarihadoni inkosi yeAsiriya owasenyusela lapha.

3 Kodwa uZerubhabheli loJeshuwa lezinye inhloko zaboyise zakoIsrayeli bathi
kibo: Kayisikho kwenu lathiukwakhela uNkulunkulu wethu indlu, kodwa yithi
sodwa esizakwakhela iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli njengokusilaya kwenkosi
uKoresi inkosi yePerisiya.

4 Kwasekusithi abantu balelolizwe badondisa izandla zabantu bakoJuda,
babesabisa ekwakheni.

5 Basebebaqatshela abeluleki ukufubisa icebo labo zonke izinsuku zikaKoresi
inkosi yePerisiya, kwaze kwaba sekubuseni kukaDariyusi inkosi yePerisiya.

6 Ekubuseni-ke kukaAhasuwerusi, ekuqaleni kokubusa kwakhe, babhala
isimangalelo bemelene labahlali bakoJuda leJerusalema.

7 Njalo ensukwini zikaAthakisekisi oBishilamu, uMithiredathi, uTabeyeli labanye
abakibo babhalela uAthakisekisi inkosi yePerisiya; lombhalo
wencwadi wawubhalwe ngesiSiriya, uhunyutshwe ngesiSiriya.

8 URehuma umlawuli loShimishayi umbhali babhala incwadi bemelene
leJerusalema kuAthakisekisi inkosi, ngalindlela:

9 Khonokho uRehuma umlawuli loShimishayi umbhali labanye babangane babo,
amaDinayi, amaAfarisathiki, amaTharipheli, amaAfarisi, amaArikhevi,
amaBhabhiloni, amaShushaniki, amaDehavi, amaElamu,

10 lezinye izizwe uAsinaphari omkhulu lodumileyo azithumbayo wazihlalisa
emzini ongoweSamariya, lezinye phetsheya komfula, lakhathesi.

11 Le yikhophi yencwadi abayithumeza kuye, kuAthakisekisi inkosi:

Izinceku, amadoda anganeno komfula, langesikhathi esinje.

12 Kakwaziwe enkosini ukuthi amaJuda enyuka evela kuwe esiza kithi asefikile
eJerusalema, ayawakha lowomuzi ovukelayo lomubi, aseqedisa imiduli, avuselela
izisekelo.

13 Khathesi kakwaziwe enkosini ukuthi uba lumuzi usakhiwa lemiduli iphele,
kabayikupha umthelo, imali eyimfanelo, lemali yendlela, futhi uzalimaza
isikhwama samakhosi.

14 Khathesi njengoba sisidla itshwayi etshwayini lesigodlo njalo kakusifanelanga
ukuthi sibone ihlazo lenkosi, ngakho sithumele sayazisa inkosi;

15 ukuze kuhlolwe egwalweni lwezindaba zaboyihlo. Ngakho uzathola egwalweni
lwezindaba, wazi ukuthi lumuzi ungumuzi ovukelayo, olimazayo emakhosini
lemazweni, benza ukuhlamuka phakathi kwawo kwasezinsukwini zekadeni.
Ngakho lumuzi wachithwa.

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16 Siyayazisa inkosi ukuthi uba lumuzi usakhiwa, lemiduli yawo iphele, ngalokho kawuyikuba lesabelo nganeno komfula.

17 Inkosi yathuma impendulo kuRehuma umlawuli loShimishayi umbhali labanye babangane babo abahlala eSamariya labanye abaphetsheya komfula:

Ukuthula, langesikhathi esinje.

18 Incwadi elayithumela kithi ifundiwe ngokucacileyo phambi kwami.

19 Umlayo wasubekwa yimi, basebedinga bathola ukuthi kusukela ensukwini zendulo lumuzi uziphakamisele amakhosi, lomvukela lokuhlamuka kwenziwe phakathi kwawo.

20 Kwake kwaba khona amakhosi alamandla phezu kweJerusalema ayebusa phezu kwakho konke ngaphetsheya komfula; lomthelo, imali eyimfanelo, lemali yendlela kwaphiwa wona.

21 Khathesi bekani umthetho ukwenza ukuthi lababantu bayekele ukuze lumuzi ungakhiwa kuze kwenziwe umthetho yimi.

22 Njalo qaphelani ukuthi lingayekethisi ekwenzeni lokhu. Kungani ukonakala kuzakhula kukho ukulinyazwa kwamakhosi?

23 Khonokho, kusukela ikhophi yencwadi kaAthakisekisi inkosi isifundiwe phambi kwaboRehuma loShimishayi umbhali labangane babo, baya masinyane eJerusalema kumaJuda, babenza bayekela ngengalo lamandla.

24 Khonokho wema umsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema; wasusima kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaDariyusi inkosi yePerisiya.

UEZRA 5

Ukuqhubeka komsebenzi wokwakha ithempeli

1Abaprofethi, oHagayi umprofethi loZekhariya indodana kaIdo, basebeprofetha kumaJuda ayekoJuda laseJerusalema, ebizweni likaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli phezu kwawo.

2 Khonokho kwasuka oZerubhabheli indodana kaSalatiyeli loJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki, baqala ukwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema, njalo kanye labo abaprofethi bakaNkulunkulu bebasekela.

3 Ngalesosikhathi kwafika kibo oTathenayi umbusi nganeno komfula loShethari-Bozenayi, labangane babo, bakhuluma kanje kibo: Ngubani obeke umthetho kini wokwakha lindlu lokuqedisa lumduli?

4 Sasesibatshela ngokunjalo: Ngobani amabizo abantu abakha lesisakhiwo?

5 Kodwa ilihlo likaNkulunkulu wabo laliphezu kwabadala bamaJuda, ukuthi kababenzanga beme, ize ifike leyondaba kuDariyusi, baze babuyisele-ke incwadi ngayo.

6 Ikhophi yencwadi oTathenayi umbusi nganeno komfula loShethari-Bozenayi labangane bakhe amaAfarisathiki ayenganeno komfula abayithumela kuDariyusi inkosi;

7 bathumeza incwadi kuye, njalo kwabhalwa kanje kuyo:

KuDariyusi inkosi, ukuthula konke.

8 Kakwaziwe enkosini ukuthi saya esabelweni sakoJuda, endlini kaNkulunkulu omkhulu, eyakhiwe ngamatshe amakhulu, izigodo sezifakiwe emidulini; njalo lumsebenzi uyenziwa ngokuphangisa, uphumelela esandleni sabo.

9 Sasesibabuza labobadala sakhuluma kanje kubo: Ngubani obeke umthetho kini wokwakha lindlu lokuqedisa lumduli?

10 Njalo sababuza amabizo abo ukuze sikwazise, ukuze sibhale amabizo abantu abazinhloko zabo.

11 Langokunjalo babuyisela ilizwi kithi besithi: Thina siyizinceku zikaNkulunkulu wamazulu lomhlaba, sakha indlu eyayakhiwe iminyaka eminengi phambi kwalokhu, inkosi enkulu yakoIsrayeli eyayakha yayiqeda.

12 Kodwa emva kwalokho obaba bamthukuthelisa uNkulunkulu wamazulu, wabanikela esandleni sikaNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, umKhaladiya, owachitha lindlu, wathumbela abantu eBhabhiloni.

13 Kodwa ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKoresi inkosi yeBhabhiloni, uKoresi inkosi wamisa umthetho wokwakha lindlu kaNkulunkulu.

14 Njalo lezitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu ezingezegolide lesiliva uNebhukadinezari ayezithethe wazisusa ethempelini eliseJerusalema waziletha ethempelini leBhabhiloni, lezo uKoresi inkosi wazikhupha ethempelini leBhabhiloni, zanikwa olebizo elinguSheshibazari ayembeke ukuthi abe ngumbusi.

15 Wasesithi kuye: Thatha lezizitsha, uyezibeka ethempelini eliseJerusalema, lendlu kaNkulunkulu kayakhiwe endaweni yayo.

16 Ngakho uSheshibazari lo wafika wabeka izisekelo zendlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema; njalo kusukela kulesosikhathi kuze kube khathesi ilokhu isakhiwa, kayikapheli.

17 Ngakho-ke uba kulungile enkosini kakuhlolisiswe endlini yokuligugu kwenkosi ekhona eBhabhiloni ukuthi kungaba yikuthi umthetho wenziwa yini nguKoresi inkosi wokwakha lindlu kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema. Kayithumele-ke intando yenkosi kithi mayelana lalinto.

UEZRA 6

Ukwakhiwa lokuhlanjululwa kwethempeli

1UDariyusi inkosi wasemisa umthetho, basebephenya endlini yezingwalo lapho okwakubekwe khona okuligugu eBhabhiloni.

2 Kwasekutholakala eAkimetha, esigodlweni esisesigabeni samaMede, incwadi egoqwayo, okwakubhalwe phakathi kwayo isikhumbuzo ngalindlela:

3 Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKoresi inkosi, uKoresi inkosi wamisa umthetho: Indlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema, kayakhiwe lindlu endaweni lapho abanikela khona iminikelo, lezisekelo zayo zizabekwa ngokuqinileyo; ukuphakama kwayo kube zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, ububanzi bayo bube zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha;

4 ibe lemizila emithathu yamatshe amakhulu lomzila wezigodo ezintsha. Izindleko zizaphiwa-ke zivela endlini yenkosi.

5 Futhi lezitsha zegolide lezesiliva zendlu kaNkulunkulu uNebhukadinezari azikhupha ethempelini eliseJerusalema waziletha eBhabhiloni, kazibuyiselwe zisiwe ethempelini eliseJerusalema, endaweni yayo, uzibeke endlini kaNkulunkulu.

6 Khathesi, Tathenayi, mbusi waphetsheya komfula, Shethari-Bozenayi, labangane benu amaAfarisathiki, abaphetsheya komfula, banini khatshana lalapho.

7 Uyekeleni umsebenzi walindlu kaNkulunkulu; umbusi wamaJuda labadala bamaJuda kabakhe lindlu kaNkulunkulu endaweni yayo.

8 Futhi umthetho umiswa yimi ngelizakwenzela abadala balamaJuda ekwakhiweni kwalindlu kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi empahleni zenkosi ezivela emthelweni wangaphetsheya komfula, izindleko ziphiwe lamadoda masinyane ukuze angami.

9 Lokuswelakalayo, kokubili amajongosi lezinqama lamawundlu komnikelo wokutshiselwa uNkulunkulu wamazulu, ingqoloyi, itshwayi, iwayini, lamafutha, njengokutsho kwabapristi abaseJerusalema, kabakunikwe insuku ngensuku kungaphuthi,

10 ukuze banikele iminikelo yephunga elimnandi kuNkulunkulu wamazulu, bakhulekele impilo yenkosi leyamadodana ayo.

11 Futhi umthetho umiswe yimi wokuthi loba ngubani oguqula lelilizwi, kakuhwatshwe ugodo endlini yakhe, aphakanyiswe abethelwe phezu kwalo; lendlu yakhe yenziwe inqumbi yomquba ngenxa yalokhu.

12 LoNkulunkulu owenze ibizo lakhe lihlale lapho kachithe loba yiyiphi inkosi loba abantu abazakwelula isandla sabo ukuguqula lokuchitha lindlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema. Mina Dariyusi ngimise umthetho, kakwenziwe masinyane.

13 Khonokho uTathenayi umbusi nganeno komfula, uShethari-Bozenayi, labangane babo benza njalo masinyane njengalokho uDariyusi inkosi ayekuthumele.

14 Abadala bamaJuda basebesakha njalo baphumelela ngesiprofetho sikaHagayi umprofethi loZekhariya indodana kaIdo. Bakha baqeda njengokomlayo kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli langokomlayo kaKoresi, loDariyusi, loAthakisekisi inkosi yePerisiya.

15 Lindlu yasiphela ngosuku lwesithathu enyangeni kaAdari, okwakungumnyaka wesithupha wokubusa kukaDariyusi inkosi.

16 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli, abapristi lamaLevi labanye abantwana bokuthunjwa, basebesenza ukwehlukaniselwa kwalindlu kaNkulunkulu ngentokozo.

17 Banikelela ukwehlukaniselwa kwalindlu kaNkulunkulu inkunzi ezilikhulu, inqama ezingamakhulu amabili, amawundlu angamakhulu amane; lezimpongo zembuzi ezilitshumi lambili zingumnikelo wesono kaIsrayeli wonke, ngokwenani lezizwe zakoIsrayeli.

18 Basebemisa abapristi ngezigaba zabo, lamaLevi ngamaqembu awo, enkonzweni kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema, njengokubhaliweyo egwalweni lukaMozisi.

19 Abantwana bokuthunjwa benza lephasika ngolwetshumi lane lwenyanga yokuqala.

20 Ngoba abapristi lamaLevi babezihlambulule ndawonye, bonke babehlambulukile. Bahlabela bonke abantwana bokuthunjwa iphasika, labafowabo abapristi, labo ngokwabo.

21 Ngokunjalo badla abantwana bakoIsrayeli ababebuyile ekuthunjweni, labo bonke ababezehlukanisele kubolokungcolileyo kwezizwe zelizwe, ukudinga iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

22 Benza umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo insuku eziyisikhombisa ngentokozo; ngoba iNKOSI yayibenze bathokoza, yaphendulela kibo inhliziyo yenkosi yeAsiriya, ukuqinisa izandla zabo emsebenzini wendlu kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

UEZRA 7

UEzra uya eJerusalema

1Lemva kwalezizinto, ekubuseni kukaAthakisekisi inkosi yePerisiya, uEzra indodana kaSeraya, indodana kaAzariya, indodana kaHilikhiya,

2 indodana kaShaluma, indodana kaZadoki, indodana kaAhitubi,

3 indodana kaAmariya, indodana kaAzariya, indodana kaMerayothi,

4 indodana kaZerahiya, indodana kaUzi, indodana kaBuki,

5 indodana kaAbishuwa, indodana kaPhinehasi, indodana kaEleyazare, indodana kaAroni umpristi oyinhloko.

6 UEzra lo wenyuka esuka eBhabhiloni; njalo wayengumbhali oyingcitshi emlayweni kaMozisi, uJehova uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ayewunikile. Inkosi yasimnika sonke isicelo sakhe, njengokwesandla sikaJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe esiphezu kwakhe.

7 Kwasekusenyuka abanye babantwana bakoIsrayeli lababapristi lamaLevi labahlabeleli labalindimasango lamaNethini baya eJerusalema ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kaAthakisekisi inkosi.

8 Wasefika eJerusalema ngenyanga yesihlanu okwakungumnyaka wesikhombisa wenkosi.

9 Ngoba ngolokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala waqala ukwenyuka esuka eBhabhiloni, langolokuqala lwenyanga yesihlanu wafika eJerusalema, ngokwesandla esihle sikaNkulunkulu wakhe phezu kwakhe.

10 Ngoba uEzra wayelungise inhliziyo yakhe ukudinga umlayo weNKOSI lokuwenza, lokufundisa umthetho lesimiso koIsrayeli.

11 Le-ke yikhophi yencwadi inkosi uAthakisekisi ayinika uEzra umpristi, umbhali, umbhali wamazwi emilayo yeNKOSI lowezimiso zayo kuIsrayeli.

12 UAthakisekisi inkosi yamakhosi kuEzra umpristi, umbhali womlayo kaNkulunkulu wamazulu, ukuthulaokupheleleyo, langesikhathi esinje:

13 Umthetho umiswa yimi wokuthi wonke ozithandelayo embusweni wami esizweni sakoIsrayeli labapristi baso lamaLevi ukuya eJerusalema angahamba lawe.

14 Ngoba uthunyiwe yinkosi labacebisi bayo abayisikhombisa ukuyahlolisisa ngoJuda langeJerusalema ngokomlayo kaNkulunkulu wakho osesandleni sakho,

15 lokuthwala isiliva legolide inkosi labacebisi bayo abakunikele ngesihle kuNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ondawo yakhe yokuhlala iseJerusalema,

16 lalo lonke isiliva legolide ongakuthola esigabeni sonke seBhabhiloni lomnikelo wesihle wabantu labapristiabanikelela indlu kaNkulunkulu wabo eseJerusalema ngesihle,

17 ukuthi uthenge masinyane ngalimali izinkunzi, izinqama, amawundlu, leminikelo yakho yokudla, leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo, ukunikele phezu kwelathi lendlu kaNkulunkulu wenu eseJerusalema.

18 Lokukulungeleyo wena labafowenu ukukwenza ngesiliva legolide eliseleyo, kwenzeni lokhu ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu wenu.

19 Lezitsha ezinikelwe kuwe zomsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu wakho, zinikele ngokupheleleyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu weJerusalema.

20 Lokunye okuswelekayo endlini kaNkulunkulu wakho okufanele ukuphe, uzakunika kuvela endlini yenotho yenkosi.

21 Mina-ke Athakisekisi inkosi, umlayo umiswe yimi kubo bonke abaphathi bezikhwama abangaphetsheya komfula ukuthi konke uEzra umpristi, umbhali womlayo kaNkulunkulu wamazulu, azakucela kini, kwenziwe masinyane,

22 kuze kufike kumathalenta esiliva alikhulu, njalo kuze kufike kumakhori engqoloyi alikhulu, njalo kuze kufike kumabhathi alikhulu ewayini, njalo kuze kufike kumabhathi alikhulu amafutha, letshwayi elingelasimiso.

23 Konke okungokomlayo kaNkulunkulu wamazulu kakwenzelwe indlu kaNkulunkulu wamazulu ngokukhuthala, ngoba kungani kuzakuba lolaka phezu kombuso wenkosi lamadodana ayo?

24 Futhi siyalazisa mayelana labo bonke abapristi, lamaLevi, abahlabeleli, abalindimasango, amaNethini, lenceku zalindlu kaNkulunkulu, kakulagunya ukubeka phezu kwabo umthelo, imali eyimfanelo, lemali yendlela.

25 Wena-ke Ezra, ngokwenhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu wakho esesandleni sakho, beka omantshi labahluleli abazakwahlulela bonke abantu abangaphetsheya komfula, bonke abayaziyo imilayo kaNkulunkulu wakho; longayaziyo limfundise.

26 Wonke-ke ongawenziyo umlayo kaNkulunkulu wakho lomlayo wenkosi, isigwebo kasenziwe ngokukhuthala phezu kwakhe, kungaba ngokufa, loba ngokuxotshwa, loba ngokuthathelwa impahla, loba ngezibopho.

27 Kayibusiswe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabobaba eyakufaka kanje enhliziyweni yenkosi ukucecisa indlu yeNKOSIeseJerusalema,

28 eyelule umusa kimi phambi kwenkosi labacebisi bayo laphambi kwazo zonke izinduna ezilamandla zenkosi. Mina-ke ngaqiniswa ngokwesandla seNKOSI uNkulunkulu wami phezu kwami, ngabutha koIsrayeli inhloko ukwenyuka lami.

UEZRA 8

Abahamba loEzra

1 Laba-ke zinhloko zaboyise, lombhalo wosendo lwabo abenyuka lami besuka eBhabhiloni ekubuseni kukaAthakisekisi inkosi.

2 Kumadodana kaPhinehasi: UGerishomu. Kumadodana kaIthamari: UDaniyeli. Kumadodana kaDavida: UHathushi.

3 Kumadodana kaShekaniya, kumadodana kaParoshi: UZekhariya, njalo kanye laye kwabhalwa ngombhalo wosendo, kwabesilisa, ikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu.

4 Kumadodana kaPahathi-Mowabi: UEliyowenayi, indodana kaZerahiya, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamakhulu amabili.

5 Kumadodana kaShekaniya: Indodana kaJahaziyeli, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamakhulu amathathu.

6 Njalo kumadodana kaAdini: UEbedi indodana kaJonathani, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamatshumi amahlanu.

7 Lakumadodana kaElamu: UJeshaya indodana kaAthaliya, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa.

8 Lakumadodana kaShefathiya: UZebhadiya indodana kaMikayeli, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili.

9 Kumadodana kaJowabi: UObhadiya indodana kaJehiyeli, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamakhulu amabili letshumi lesificaminwembili.

10 Lakumadodana kaShelomithi: Indodana kaJosifiya, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abalikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha.

11 Lakumadodana kaBebayi: UZekhariya indodana kaBebayi, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili.

12 Lakumadodana kaAzigadi: UJohanani indodana kaHakatani, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abalikhulu letshumi.

13 Lakumadodana okucina kaAdonikamu, omabizo abo yila: OElifeleti, uJehiyeli, loShemaya, njalo kanye labo abesilisa abangamatshumi ayisithupha.

14 Lakumadodana kaBigivayi: OUthayi loZabudi, njalo kanye labo abesilisa abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa.

15 Ngasengibabuthanisa ngasemfuleni oya eAhava, samisa inkamba khona insuku ezintathu. Ngananzelela abantu labapristi, njalo kangitholanga lapho abamadodana kaLevi.

16 Ngasengithuma kuEliyezeri, kuAriyeli, kuShemaya, lakuElinathani, lakuJaribi, lakuElinathani, lakuNathani, lakuZekhariya, lakuMeshulamu, izinhloko, lakuJoyaribi, lakuElinathani, abaqedisisayo,

17 ngasengibalayela kuIdo, inhloko endaweni iKasifiya, ngafaka amazwi emlonyweni wabo ukuthi bathi kuIdo,labafowabo, amaNethini endaweni iKasifiya, ukuthi basilethele izikhonzi zendlu kaNkulunkulu wethu.

18 Basebesilethela ngokwesandla esihle sikaNkulunkulu wethu phezu kwethu umuntu oqedisisayo emadodaneni kaMahli indodana kaLevi indodana kaIsrayeli; loSherebiya lamadodana akhe labafowabo, itshumi lesificaminwembili;

19 loHashabhiya, njalo kanye laye uJeshaya emadodaneni kaMerari, abafowabo lamadodana abo, amatshumi amabili;

20 lakumaNethini, uDavida leziphathamandla ababewanikele emsebenzini wamaLevi, amaNethini angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili, wonke awo abizwa ngamabizo.

21 Ngasengimemezela ukuzila ukudla khona emfuleni iAhava ukuze sizithobe phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu, sizidingele kuye indlela eqondileyo thina labantwanyana bethu lazo zonke impahla zethu.

22 Ngoba ngaba lenhloni ukucela enkosini ibutho labagadi bamabhiza ukusinceda ezitheni endleleni; ngoba sasiyitshelile inkosi sisithi: Isandla sikaNkulunkulu wethu siphezu kwabo bonke abamdinga kube okuhle, kodwa amandla akhe lolaka lwakhe kuphezu kwabo bonke abamdelayo.

23 Ngakho sazila ukudla sadinga kuNkulunkulu wethu ngenxa yalokhu; wasencengeka ngathi.

24 Ngasengisehlukanisa abalitshumi lambili kunhloko zabapristi, oSherebiya, uHashabhiya, labalitshumi kubafowabo kanye labo.

25 Ngasengibalinganisela isiliva legolide lezitsha, umnikelo wendlu kaNkulunkulu wethu, inkosi labacebisi bayo leziphathamandla zayo loIsrayeli wonke owayekhona ababekunikele;

26 ngasengilinganisa esandleni sabo amathalenta esiliva angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu, lamathalenta alikhulu ezitsha zesiliva, lamathalenta egolide alikhulu,

27 lemiganu yegolide engamatshumi amabili kuze kube zinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane, lezitsha ezimbili zethusi elikhazimulayo elihle eliloyiseka njengegolide.

28 Ngasengisithi kibo: Lingcwele eNKOSIni, lezitsha zingcwele; lesiliva legolide kungumnikelo wesihle eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu wabobaba.

29 Kulondolozeni likugcine lize likulinganise phambi kwenduna yabapristi lamaLevi lenhloko zaboyise bakoIsrayeli eJerusalema, emakamelweni endlu yeNKOSI.

30 Abapristi lamaLevi basebesemukela isisindo sesiliva legolide lezitsha, ukuze bakuse eJerusalema, endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu.

31 Sasuka-ke emfuleni iAhava ngolwetshumi lambili lwenyanga yokuqala ukuya eJerusalema. Lesandla sikaNkulunkulu wethu sasiphezu kwethu, wasikhulula esandleni sesitha lomcathami endleleni.

32 Safika-ke eJerusalema, sahlala khona insuku ezintathu.

33 Kwathi ngosuku lwesine isiliva legolide lezitsha kwalinganiswa endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu ngesandla sikaMeremothi indodana kaUriya umpristi, njalo

kanye laye uEleyazare indodana kaPhinehasi, njalo kanye labo oJozabadi indodana kaJeshuwa, loNowadiya indodana kaBinuwi, amaLevi,

34 ngenani ngesisindo sakho konke; laso sonke isisindo sabhalwa ngalesosikhathi.

35 Abantwana bokuthunjwa ababebuyile ekuthunjweni banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa kuNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, amajongosi alitshumi lambili ngenxa kaIsrayeli wonke, izinqama ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesithupha, amawundlu angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa, izimpongo ezilitshumi lambili zaba ngumnikelo wesono; konke kwakungumnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni.

36 Basebenika imithetho yenkosi kuziphathamandla zenkosi lakubabusi nganeno komfula; basekela abantu lendlu kaNkulunkulu.

UEZRA 9

UEzra wenza umkhuleko wokuvuma izono zabantu

1 Kwathi ekupheleni kwalezizinto, iziphathamandla zasondela kimi zisithi: Abantu bakoIsrayeli labapristi lamaLevi kabazehlukanisanga lezizwe zamazwe ngokwezinengiso zazo, ezamaKhanani, amaHethi, amaPerizi, amaJebusi, amaAmoni, amaMowabi, amaGibhithe, lamaAmori.

2 Ngoba bazithathele emadodakazini azo bona lamadodana abo, yaze yaxubana inzalo engcwele lezizwe zamazwe; yebo, isandla seziphathamandla lababusi sasingesokuqala kulesisiphambeko.

3 Kwathi ngisizwa loludaba ngadabula isembatho sami lebhatshi lami, ngangcothula okwenwele zekhanda lami lendevu zami, ngahlala phansi ngathithibala.

4 Kwasekubuthana kimi wonke othuthumela ngamazwi kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ngenxa yesiphambeko sabathunjwa; ngasengihlala ngithithibele kwaze kwaba ngumnikelo wakusihlwa.

5 Kwathi ngomnikelo wakusihlwa ngasukuma ekuthotshisweni kwami, lekudabuleni kwami isembatho sami lebhatshi lami, ngaguqa ngamadolo ami, ngelulela izandla zami eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wami,

6 ngathi: Nkulunkulu wami, ngilenhloni, ngiyangekile ukuphakamisela ubuso bami kuwe, Nkulunkulu wami, ngoba ububi bethu bandile ngaphezu kwekhanda, lecala lethu selikhule kwaze kwaba semazulwini.

7 Kusukela ensukwini zabobaba besiphakathi kwecala elikhulu kuze kube lamuhla, langenxa yobubi bethu thina, amakhosi ethu, abapristi bethu, sinikelwe esandleni samakhosi amazwe, enkembeni, ekuthunjweni, lekuphangweni, lehlazweni lobuso, njengalamuhla.

8 Khathesi-ke ngokwesikhatshana umusa wenziwe yiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, ukusitshiyela ukuphepha, lokusinika isikhonkwane endaweni yayo engcwele, ukuze uNkulunkulu wethu akhanyisele amehlo ethu, njalo asinike imvuselelo encinyane ebugqilini bethu.

9 Ngoba siyizigqili, kanti ebugqilini bethu uNkulunkulu wethu kasitshiyanga, kodwa uselulele umusa phambi kwamakhosi ePerisiya, ukusinika imvuselelo, ukuphakamisa indlu kaNkulunkulu wethu, lokumisa amanxiwa ayo, lokusinika umduli koJuda laseJerusalema.

10 Khathesi-ke, Nkulunkulu wethu, sizakuthini emva kwalokhu? Ngoba siyitshiyile imilayo yakho,

11 owasilaya yona ngesandla senceku zakho abaprofethi, usithi: Ilizwe elingena kulo ukudla ilifa lalo liyilizwe elingcolileyo ngokungcola kwezizwe zamazwe, ngokunengekayo kwazo eziligcwalise ngakho kusukela ephethelweni kusiya ephethelweni, ngokungcola kwazo.

12 Ngakho-ke linganiki amadodana azo amadodakazi enu, futhi lingathatheli amadodana enu amadodakazi azo, lingadingi ukuthula kwazo lokuhle kwazo kuze kube phakade ukuze liqine lidle okuhle kwelizwe, lilitshiyele abantwana benu libe yilifa kuze kube phakade.

13 Lemva kwakho konke okusehleleyo ngenxa yezenzo zethu ezimbi langenxa yecala lethu elikhulu, ngoba wena Nkulunkulu wethu uzibambile ekusijeziseni kancane kulezono zethu, wasinika ukuphepha okunje;

14 sizayephula futhi yini imilayo yakho, sithathane lesizwe salezizinengiso? Kawuyikusithukuthelela yini uze usiqede, kuze kungabi lensali kumbe ukuphepha?

15 NKOSI, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ulungile; ngoba sitshiyelwe ukuphunyuka njengalamuhla. Khangela, siphambi kwakho ecaleni lethu, ngoba kakho ongema phambi kwakho ngenxa yalokhu.

UEZRA 10

Abesifazana labantwana babezizwe bayalahlwa

1Kwathi uEzra esakhuleka esavuma, ekhala inyembezi eziwisela phansi phambi kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, kwabuthana kuye ibandla elikhulu kakhulu lamadoda labesifazana labantwana, livela kuIsrayeli, ngoba abantu bakhala inyembezi ngokukhala okukhulu.

2 UShekaniya indodana kaJehiyeli owamadodana kaElamu wasephendula wathi kuEzra: Thina siphambukile kuNkulunkulu wethu, sathatha abafazi bezizweni abavela ezizweni zelizwe; kodwa khathesi kukhona ithemba koIsrayeli mayelana lalokhu.

3 Ngakho-ke asenze isivumelwano loNkulunkulu wethu ukuze sikhuphe bonke abafazi lokuzelwe yibo ngokweseluleko senkosi yami lesabathuthumela emlayweni kaNkulunkulu wethu; kakwenziwe-ke ngokomlayo.

4 Sukuma, ngoba udaba luphezu kwakho, lathi silawe. Qina, wenze.

5 Wasesukuma uEzra, wafungisa induna zabapristi, amaLevi, loIsrayeli wonke, ukuthi benze ngokwalelilizwi. Basebefunga.

6 UEzra wasesukuma esuka phambi kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, waya endlini kaJehohanani indodana kaEliyashibi; wathi efika lapho kadlanga sinkwa kanathanga manzi, ngoba elilela ububi babathunjiweyo.

7 Basebesenza isimemezelo sedlule koJuda leJerusalema kubo bonke abantwana bokuthunjwa ukuthi babuthane eJerusalema,

8 lokuthi loba ngubani ongafikanga ngensuku ezintathu, ngokweseluleko seziphathamandla labadala, impahla yakhe yonke izadliwa, yena ehlukaniswe lebandla labathunjiweyo.

9 Wonke amadoda akoJuda loBhenjamini asebuthana eJerusalema ngensuku ezintathu. Kwakuyinyanga yesificamunwemunye ngolwamatshumi amabili lwenyanga. Bonke abantu basebehlala egumeni lendlu kaNkulunkulu beqhaqhazela ngenxa yaloludaba langenxa yezulu elikhulu.

10 UEzra umpristi wasukuma wathi kibo: Lina liphambukile lathatha abafazi bezizweni, ukwandisa isiphambeko sikaIsrayeli.

11 Ngakho-ke yenzani uvumo eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, lenze intando yayo, lizehlukanise lezizwe zelizwe, lakubafazi bezizweni.

12 Ibandla lonke laseliphendula lathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Njengamazwi akho, ngokunjalo kuphezu kwethu ukuthi sikwenze.

13 Kodwa abantu banengi, njalo kuyisikhathi sezulu elinengi, njalo singeme phandle. Futhi kakusimsebenzi wosuku olulodwa njalo hatshi owezimbili, ngoba sibanengi esiphambukileyo kuloludaba.

14 Ake zime iziphathamandla zethu zebandla lonke, labo bonke abasemizini yethu abathethe abafazi bezizweni beze ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo, njalo kanye labo abadala bomuzi ngomuzi labahluleli bawo, size sidedise ukuvutha kolaka lukaNkulunkulu wethu mayelana laloludaba.

15 NgoJonathani indodana kaAsaheli loJahazeya indodana kaTikiva kuphela abamelana lalokho; loMeshulamuloShabethayi umLevi babancedisa.

16 Abantwana bokuthunjwa besebesenza njalo. UEzra umpristi, amadoda, inhloko zaboyise ngendlu yaboyise, labo bonke ngamabizo, basebesehlukaniswa; basebehlala ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yetshumi ukuhlola loludaba.

17 Basebeqeda lawo wonke amadoda ayethethe abafazi bezizweni kwaze kwaba lusuku lokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala.

18 Kwasekutholakala phakathi kwamadodana abapristi ayethethe abafazi bezizweni: Emadodaneni kaJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki labafowabo: OMahaseya loEliyezeri loJaribi loGedaliya.

19 Basebenika isandla sabo ukuthi bazakhupha abafazi babo; ngoba belecala banikela inqama yomhlambi ngecala labo.

20 Lemadodaneni kaImeri: OHanani loZebhadiya.

21 Lemadodaneni kaHarimi: OMahaseya loEliya loShemaya loJehiyeli loUziya.

22 Lemadodaneni kaPashuri: OEliyowenayi, uMahaseya, uIshmayeli, uNethaneli, uJozabadi, loElasa.

23 LakumaLevi: OJozabadi, loShimeyi, loKelaya onguKelita, uPethahiya, uJuda, loEliyezeri.

24 Lakubahlabeleli: UEliyashibi. Lakubalindimasango: OShaluma loTelema loUri.

25 LakuIsrayeli: Emadodaneni kaParoshi: ORamiya loIziya loMalikiya loMijamini loEleyazare loMalikiyaloBhenaya.

26 Lemadodaneni kaElamu: OMathaniya, uZekhariya, loJehiyeli, loAbidi, loJeremothi, loEliya.

27 Lemadodaneni kaZathu: OEliyowenayi, uEliyashibi, uMathaniya, loJeremothi, loZabadi, loAziza.

28 Lemadodaneni kaBebayi: OJehohanani, uHananiya, uZabayi, uAthilayi.

29 Lemadodaneni kaBani: OMeshulamu, uMaluki, loAdaya, uJashubi, loSheyali, loRamothi.

30 Lemadodaneni kaPahathi-Mowabi: OAdina, loKelali, uBhenaya, uMahaseya, uMathaniya, uBhezaleli, loBinuwi, loManase.

31 Lamadodana kaHarimi: OEliyezeri, uIshiya, uMalikiya, uShemaya, uShimeyoni,

32 uBhenjamini, uMaluki, uShemariya.

33 Emadodaneni kaHashuma: OMathenayi, uMathatha, uZabadi, uElifeleti, uJeremayi, uManase, uShimeyi.

34 Emadodaneni kaBani: OMahadayi, uAmramu, loUweli,

35 uBhenaya, uBedeya, uKeluhi,

36 uVaniya, uMeremothi, uEliyashibi,

37 uMathaniya, uMathenayi, loJahasa,

38 loBani, loBinuwi, uShimeyi,

39 loShelemiya, loNathani, loAdaya,

40 uMakinadebayi, uShashayi, uSharayi,

41 uAzareli, uShelemiya, uShemariya,

42 uShaluma, uAmariya, uJosefa.

43 Lemadodaneni kaNebo: OJeyiyeli, uMathithiya, uZabadi, uZebina, uJadayi, loJoweli, uBhenaya.

44 Bonke laba babethethe abafazi bezizweni; njalo kwakukhona phakathi kwabo abafazi ababezele abantwana.

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LUKANEHEMIYA

LUKANEHEMIYA 1

UGWALO

Umkhuleko kaNehemiya ngabeJerusalema

1 Amazwi kaNehemiya indodana kaHakaliya. Kwasekusithi ngenyanga
kaKisilevi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili, lapho mina ngiseShushani isigodlo,

2 uHanani omunye wabafowethu wafika yena lamadoda avela koJuda.
Ngasengibabuza mayelana lamaJuda ayephunyukile asala ekuthunjweni,
langeJerusalema.

3 Basebesithi kimi: Labo abasalayo abasala ekuthunjweni lapho esabelweni
baphakathi kokuhlupheka okukhulu lehlazo, lomduli weJerusalema wadilika,
lamasango ayo atshiswa ngomlilo.

4 Kwasekusithi sengizwe lamazwi ngahlala phansi ngakhala inyembezi,
ngalila okwezinsuku, ngizila ukudla, ngikhuleka phambi kukaNkulunkulu
wamazulu.

5 Ngathi: Ngiyancenga, NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wamazulu, Nkulunkulu omkhulu
lowesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa kulabo abamthandayo labagcina
imilayo yakhe,

6 indlebe yakho ake ilalele, lamehlo akho avuleke, ukuzwa umkhuleko wenceku
yakho engiwukhuleka phambi kwakho lamuhla emini lebusuku ngabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, inceku zakho, njalo ngivuma ngenxa yezono zabantwana
bakoIsrayeli esizone kuwe. Yebo, mina lendlu kababa sonile;

7 senze kubi lokwenza kubi kuwe, kasigcinanga imilayo lezimiso
lezahlulelo owalaya ngakho uMozisi inceku yakho.

8 Ake ukhumbule ilizwi owalaya ngalo uMozisi inceku yakho usithi: Uba lina
liphambuka, mina ngizalichithachitha phakathi kwezizwe;

9 uba lina liphendukela kimi, lilondoloza imilayo yami, liyenze, lanxa
abaxotshiweyo benu besephethelweni lamazulu, ngizababutha besuka
lapho ngibaletha endaweni engiyikhethileyo ukubeka ibizo lami khona.

10 Laba-ke bazinceku zakho labantu bakho owabahlenga ngamandla akho
amakhulu langesandla sakho esiqinileyo.

11 Ngiyacela, Nkosi, indlebe yakho ake ilalele umkhuleko wenceku yakho,
lomkhuleko wezinceku zakho eziloyisa ukwesaba ibizo lakho, ake uphumelelise
inceku yakho lamuhla, uyinike izihawu phambi kwalumuntu.

Njalo ngangingumphathi wezitsha zenkosi.

LUKANEHEMIYA 2

UNehemiya uvunyelwa ukuya eJerusalema

1Kwasekusithi ngenyanga kaNisani, ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili
kaAthakisekisi inkosi, iwayini laliphambi kwakhe, ngaphakamisa iwayini nganika
inkosi. Njalo ngangingakaze ngidane phambi kwayo.

2 Inkosi yasisithi kimi: Kungani ubuso bakho budanile lokhu ungaguli?
Kakusilutho ngaphandle kokudana kwenhliziyo. Ngasengisesaba kakhulukazi,

3 ngathi enkosini: Kayiphile inkosi kuze kube nininini! Ubuso bami bungedane
ngani nxa umuzi, indawo yamangcwaba abobaba, ulunxiwa, lamasango awo
eqedwe ngomlilo?

4 Inkosi yasisithi kimi: Kuyini okudingayo? Ngasengikhuleka kuNkulunkulu
wamazulu.

5 Ngathi enkosini: Uba kukuhle enkosini, njalo uba inceku yakho ithole umusa
phambi kwakho, ngicela ukuthi ungithume koJuda emzini wamangcwaba
abobaba, ukuze ngiwakhe.

6 Inkosi yasisithi kimi, lendlovukazi ihlezi eceleni kwayo: Uhambo lwakho
luzakuba ngolwesikhathi esingakanani, ubuye nini? Ngakho kwaba kuhle phambi
kwenkosi ukuthi ingithume; ngasengiyinika isikhathi esimisiweyo.

7 Ngasengisithi enkosini: Uba kulungile enkosini kayinginike izincwadi eziya
kubabusi bangaphetsheya komfula ukuze bangivumele ukudlula, ngize ngifike
koJuda;

8 lencwadi eya kuAsafi, umphathi wegusu inkosi elalo, ukuthi anginike izigodo
zokwenza imigubazi yamasango lesigodlo esiseduze lendlu, lezomduli womuzi,
lezendlu engizangena kiyo. Inkosi yanginika njengokwesandla esihle
sikaNkulunkulu wami phezu kwami.

9 Ngasengifika kubabusi ngaphetsheya komfula, ngabanika incwadi zenkosi.
Inkosi yayithume-ke lami induna zebutho labagadi bamabhiza.

10 Lapho uSanibhalathi umHoroni loTobiya inceku, umAmoni, besizwa,
kwabacunula ngokucunula okukhulu ukuthi umuntu ufikile ukudingela
abantwana bakoIsrayeli okuhle.

11 Ngafika-ke eJerusalema, ngaba lapho insuku ezintathu.

UNehemiya ukhuthaza abeJerusalema ukwakha imiduli yomuzi

12 Ngasengisukuma ebusuku, mina lamadoda amalutshwana elami;
kangitshelanga muntu lokho uNkulunkulu wami ayekufake enhliziyweni yami
ukuthi ngikwenzele iJerusalema. Futhi kwakungelanyamazana kanye lami
ngaphandle kwenyamazana engangiyigadile.

13 Ngasengiphuma ebusuku ngesango lesigodi, ngaqonda emthonjeni womgobho lesangweni lomquba, ngihlola imiduli yeJerusalema eyayidilikile lamasango ayo ayeqedwe ngomlilo.

14 Ngasengisedlulela esangweni lomthombo lechibini lenkosi; kodwa kwakungelandawo yenyamazana ukwedlula ngaphansi kwami.

15 Ngasengisenyuka ngesifula ebusuku ngihlola umduli; ngaphenduka, ngangena ngesango lesigodi, ngabuyela.

16 Lababusi babengazi lapho engangiye khona lokuthi ngenzani. Kuze kube khathesi-ke ngangingatshelanga amaJuda labapristi leziphathamandla lezinduna labanye ababesenza umsebenzi.

17 Ngasengisithi kibo: Liyabona inhlupheko esikiyo ukuthi iJerusalema ilunxiwa lamasango ayo atshiswe ngomlilo. Wozani sakhe umduli weJerusalema ukuze singabe sisaba lihlazo.

18 Ngasengibatshela isandla sikaNkulunkulu wami esasisihle phezu kwami, futhi lamazwi enkosi eyayiwakhulume kimi. Basebesithi: Asisukumeni, sakhe. Ngakho baqinisa izandla zabo ngokuhle.

19 Lapho uSanibhalathi umHoroni loTobiya inceku, umAmoni, loGeshema umArabhiya besizwa basihleka usulu, baseyisa bathi: Iyini linto eliyenzayo? Liyayivukela inkosi yini?

20 Ngasengibabuyisela impendulo ngathi kibo: UNkulunkulu wamazulu yena uzasiphumelelisa; lathi inceku zakhe sizasukuma sakhe; kodwa lina kalilasabelo lelungelo lesikhumbuzo eJerusalema.

LUKANEHEMIYA 3

Ukulungiswa kwemiduli yeJerusalema

1Kwasekusukuma eEliyashibi umpristi omkhulu labafowabo abapristi, bakha isango lezimvu, balingcwelisa, bamisa izivalo zalo; ngitsho, kuze kube semphotshongweni weMeya bawungcwelisa, kuze kube semphotshongweni weHananeli.

2 Leceleni kwakhe kwakha amadoda eJeriko; leceleni kwakhe kwakha uZakuri indodana kaImri.

3 Lesango lenhlanzi alakha amadodana kaHasenaya; amisa imigubazi yalo, amisa izivalo zalo, amabhawudo alo, leminxibo yalo.

4 Leceleni kwawo kwalungisa uMeremothi indodana kaUriya indodana kaHakozi; leceleni kwabo kwalungisa uMeshulamu indodana kaBerekiya indodana kaMeshezabeli; leceleni kwabo kwalungisa uZadoki indodana kaBahana;

5 leceleni kwabo kwalungisa amaThekhowa; kodwa izikhulu zabo kazilethanga intamo yazo emsebenzini weNkosi yazo.

6 Lesango elidala balilungisa oJoyada indodana kaPhaseya loMeshulamu
indodana kaBesodeya; bamisa imigubazi yalo, bamisa izivalo zalo, lamabhawudo
alo, leminxibo yalo.

7 Eceleni kwabo-ke kwalungisa uMelatiya umGibeyoni loJadoni umMeronothi,
amadoda eGibeyonilaweMizipa, kuze kube sesihlalweni sobukhosi sombusi
wanganeno komfula.

8 Eceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uUziyeli indodana kaHarihaya, wabakhandi
begolide; leceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uHananiya, indodana yabenzi bamakha;
batshiya iJerusalema kwaze kwaba semdulini obanzi.

9 Eceleni kwabo-ke kwalungisa uRefaya indodana kaHuri, umbusi wengxenye
yesigaba seJerusalema.

10 Eceleni kwabo-ke kwalungisa uJedaya indodana kaHarumafi lamaqondana
lendlu yakhe; leceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uHathushi indodana kaHashabineya.

11 Isilinganiso sesibili basilungisa oMalikiya indodana
kaHarimi loHashubi indodana kaPahathi-Mowabi, kanye lomphotshongo
wezithando zomlilo.

12 Leceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uShaluma indodana kaHaloheshi, umbusi
wengxenye yesigaba seJerusalema, yena lamadodakazi akhe.

13 Isango lesigodi walilungisa uHanuni labahlali beHanowa; balakha, bamisa
izivalo zalo, amabhawudo alo, leminxibo yalo, lezingalo eziyinkulungwane
emdulini kwaze kwaba sesangweni lomquba.

14 Lesango lomquba walilungisa uMalikiya indodana kaRekabi, umbusi wesabelo
seBhethi-Hakerema; walakha, wamisa izivalo zalo, amabhawudo alo, leminxibo
yalo.

15 Lesango lomthombo walilungisa uShaluna indodana kaKolihoze, umbusi
wesigaba seMizipa; yena walakha, walifulela, wamisa izivalo zalo, amabhawudo
alo, leminxibo yalo, lomduli wechibi leShela ngasesivandeni senkosi, njalo kwaze
kwaba sezikhwelweni ezehla zisuka emzini kaDavida.

16 Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uNehemiya indodana kaAzibuki, umbusi
wengxenye yesigaba seBeti-Zuri, kwaze kwaba maqondana lamangcwaba
kaDavida, njalo kwaze kwaba sechibini elalenziwe, njalo kwaze kwaba sendlini
yamaqhawe.

17 Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa amaLevi, uRehuma indodana kaBani; leceleni
kwakhe kwalungisa uHashabhiya, umbusi wengxenye yesigaba seKeyila,
esigabeni sakhe.

18 Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa abafowabo, uBavayi indodana kaHenadadi,
umbusi wengxenye yesigaba seKeyila.

19 Njalo kwalungisa eceleni kwakhe uEzeri indodana kaJeshuwa, umbusi weMizipa, esinye isilinganiso maqondana lomqanso wendlu yezikhali, engonsini.

20 Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa ngesivuvu uBharukhi indodana kaZabayi esinye isilinganiso kusukela engonsinikusiya emnyango wendlu kaEliyashibi umpristi omkhulu.

21 Ngemva kwakhe uMeremothi indodana kaUriya indodana kaHakozi walungisa esinye isilinganiso kusukela emnyango wendlu kaEliyashibi kuze kube sekucineni kwendlu kaEliyashibi.

22 Langemva kwakhe kwalungisa abapristi, amadoda endawo ezigombolozeleyo.

23 Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa oBhenjamini loHashubi maqondana lendlu yabo; ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uAzariya indodana kaMahaseya indodana kaAnaniya duze lendlu yakhe.

24 Ngemva kwakhe uBinuwi indodana kaHenadadi walungisa esinye isilinganiso kusukela endlini kaAzariyakusiya engonsini njalo kuze kube sejikweni.

25 UPalali indodana kaUzayi, maqondana lengonsi lomphotshongo othutsha endlini yenkosi ephezulu esegumeni labalindi. Ngemva kwakhe uPhedaya indodana kaParoshi.

26 AmaNethini ayehlezi eOfeli kwaze kwaba maqondana lesango lamanzi ngasempumalanga lomphotshongo othutshayo.

27 Ngemva kwakhe abeThekhowa balungisa esinye isilinganiso maqondana lomphotshongo omkhulu othutshayo, njalo kwaze kwaba semdulini weOfeli.

28 Kusukela phezu kwesango lamabhiza kwalungisa abapristi, ngulowo maqondana lendlu yakhe.

29 Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uZadoki indodana kaImeri maqondana lendlu yakhe. Njalo ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uShemaya indodana kaShekaniya, umgcini wesango lempumalanga.

30 Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa oHananiya indodana kaShelemiya loHanuni indodana yesithupha kaZalafi esinye isilinganiso. Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uMeshulamu indodana kaBerekiya maqondana lekamelo lakhe.

31 Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uMalikiya indodana yomkhandi wegolide kwaze kwaba sendlini yamaNethinileyabathengi maqondana lesango leMifikhadi, njalo kusiya endlini yengonsi engaphezulu.

32 Njalo phakathi laphakathi kwendlu yengonsi engaphezulu kuze kube sesangweni lezimvu kwalungisa abakhandi begolide labathengi.

LUKANEHEMIYA 4

Izitha zihlupha abakhayo

1Kwasekusithi uSanibhalathi esezwile ukuthi siyawakha umduli, wathukuthela wacunuka kakhulu, wawahleka usulu amaJuda.

2 Wasekhuluma phambi kwabafowabo lebutho leSamariya wathi: La amaJuda abuthakathaka enzani? Azaziqinisa yini? Azahlaba yini? Azaqeda ngosuku yini? Azavuselela amatshe yini ezinqwabeni zengcekeza, ezitshileyo?

3 LoTobiya umAmoni wayelaye, wathi: Lalokho akwakhayo, uba ikhanka likhwela phezulu, lingawudiliza umduli wawo wamatshe.

4 Zwana, Nkulunkulu wethu, ngoba siyeyiswa; ubuyisele ukukloloda kwabo ekhanda labo, ubanikele babe yimpango elizweni lokuthunjwa;

5 ungaligubuzeli icala labo, lesono sabo singacitshwa phambi kwakho, ngoba bathukuthelisile maqondana labakhi.

6 Sawakha-ke umduli, waze wahlangana wonke umduli kuze kube yingxenye yawo, ngoba abantu babelenhliziyo yokusebenza.

7 Kodwa kwathi oSanibhalathi loTobiya lamaArabhiya lamaAmoni labeAshidodi sebezwile ukuthi ukulungiswa kwemiduli yeJerusalema kuyenyuka, ukuthi izikhala seziqala ukuvaleka, bathukuthela kakhulu.

8 Basebesenza ugobe bonke ndawonye ukuthi beze balwe leJerusalema, lokuthi badunge phakathi kwayo.

9 Kodwa sakhuleka kuNkulunkulu wethu, sabeka abalindi ukumelana labo emini lebusuku, ngenxa yabo.

10 Kodwa uJuda wathi: Amandla abathwali bomthwalo adedile, lezibi zinengi, ngakho thina kasilakho ukwakha umduli.

11 Lezitha zethu zathi: Kabayikwazi, kabayikubona, size singene phakathi kwabo sibabulale, siwumise umsebenzi.

12 Kwasekusithi amaJuda ayehlala duze lazo esefika athi kithi katshumi: Livela endaweni zonke kumele libuyele kithi.

13 Ngasengimisa endaweni eziphansi kakhulu ngemva komduli endaweni ezisobala, ngamisa abantu ngensapho belezinkemba zabo, imikhonto yabo, lamadandili abo.

14 Ngasengikhangela ngasukuma ngathi kuzikhulu lakubabusi lakwabanye abantu: Lingabesabi. Khumbulani iNkosi enkulu leyesabekayo, lilwele abafowenu, amadodana enu, lamadodakazi enu, omkenu, lezindlu zenu.

15 Kwasekusithi izitha zethu sezizwile ukuthi sekusaziwa yithi lokuthi uNkulunkulu ufubisile icebo labo, sabuyela sonke emdulini, wonke emsebenzini wakhe.

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16 Kwasekusithi kusukela mhlalokho ingxenye yezisebenzi zami yayisebenza emsebenzini, lengxenye yazo yabamba imikhonto, izihlangu, lamadandili, lamabhatshi ensimbi. Lababusi babengemuva kwendlu yonke yakoJuda

17 Ababesakha emdulini, lababethwala imithwalo, ababelayitshela, ngesinye sezandla zakhe wayesebenza emsebenzini, lesinye sibambelele isikhali.

18 Labakhi, ngulowo wayebhince inkemba yakhe ekhalweni lwakhe, besakha. Lovuthela uphondo wayeseceleni kwami.

19 Ngasengisithi kuzikhulu lakubabusi lakwabanye abantu: Umsebenzi mkhulu futhi ubanzi; lathi sehlukene phezu komduli, omunye ukhatshana lomunye.

20 Endaweni elizakuzwa khona ukukhala kophondo, lizabuthana lapho kithi; uNkulunkulu wethu uzasilwela.

21 Ngokunjalo sasebenza emsebenzini; ingxenye yabo yayibambe imikhonto kusukela emadabukakusa kuze kuphume izinkanyezi.

22 Langalesosikhathi ngathi ebantwini: Ngulowo lenceku yakhe kabalale phakathi kweJerusalema ukuze babe ngabalindi bethu ebusuku, lemini emsebenzini.

23 Ngakho kakho, mina, labafowethu, lenceku zami, lamadoda omlindo abangemva kwami, kakho kithi owakhulula izigqoko zethu, ngulowo wazikhululela ukuzihlanza.

LUKANEHEMIYA 5

UNehemiya ulaya ukuthi ukucela izibambiso kuyekelwe

1Kwasekusiba khona ukukhala okukhulu kwabantu labomkabo bemelene labafowabo amaJuda.

2 Ngoba kwaba khona abathi: Thina, amadodana ethu lamadodakazi ethu sibanengi; ngakho sithethe amabele ukuze sidle siphile.

3 Njalo kwaba khona abathi: Sibambisa amasimu ethu lezivini zethu lezindlu zethu ukuze sithenge amabele endlaleni.

4 Njalo kwaba khona abathi: Seboleke imali yomthelo wenkosi ngamasimu ethu lezivini zethu.

5 Khathesi-ke, inyama yethu injengenyama yabafowethu, abantwana bethu banjengabantwana babo; khangela-ke sehlisele phansi amadodana ethu lamadodakazi ethu abe yizigqili; kukhona-ke emadodakazini ethu asehliselwe phansi, njalo isandla sethu kasilamandla, ngoba abanye balamasimu ethu lezivini zethu.

6 Ngathukuthela kakhulu nxa ngisizwa ukukhala kwabo lalamazwi.

7 Inhliziyo yami isicabangile phakathi kwami, ngasengilwisana lezikhulu lababusi, ngathi kubo: Libhadalisa inzuzo, ngulowo kumfowabo. Ngabamisela umhlangano omkhulu.

8 Ngasengisithi kibo: Thina ngamandla akithi sihlenge abafowethu amaJuda ababethengiswe ezizweni; lani selizathengisa abafowethu, kumbe bazathengiswa kithi yini? Basebethula, kabatholanga mpendulo.

9 Ngasengisithi: Into eliyenzayo kayilunganga. Belingehambe yini ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu wethu ngenxa yehlazo lezizwe, izitha zethu?

10 Ngitsho lami, abafowethu, lenceku zami, besikweledisa imali lamabele. Asiyekeleni inzuzo lezi.

11 Ake libabuyisele lalamuhla amasimu abo, izivini zabo, izihlahla zabo zemihlwathi, lezindlu zabo, lokwekhulu kwemali lokwamabele lokwewayini elitsha lokwamafutha elibabhadalisa khona.

12 Basebesithi: Sizabuyisela, singabizi lutho kubo. Sizakwenza njalo njengokutsho kwakho. Ngasengibiza abapristi, ngabafungisa ukuthi benze njengalelilizwi.

13 Ngasengithintitha ithangazi lami ngathi: Ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu kathintithe wonke umuntu asuke endlini yakhe lemsebenzini wakhe ongasoze amise lelilizwi; langokunjalo kathintithwe angabi lalutho. Lebandla lonke lathi: Ameni. Bayidumisa iNKOSI. Abantu basebesenza njengalelilizwi.

14 Futhi kusukela ngosuku angilaya ngalo ukuthi ngibe ngumbusi wabo elizweni lakoJuda, kusukela emnyakeni wamatshumi amabili kuze kube semnyakeni wamatshumi amathathu lambili kaAthakisekisi inkosi, iminyaka elitshumi lambili, mina labafowethu kasidlanga isinkwa sombusi.

15 Kodwa ababusi bamandulo ababengaphambi kwami babathwalisa nzima abantu, bethatha kibo isinkwa lewayini, emva kwalokhu amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amane; lenceku zabo zabusa nzima phezu kwabantu; kodwa mina kangenzanga njalo ngenxa yokwesaba uNkulunkulu.

16 Phezu kwalokho-ke ngaqina emsebenzini walumduli, njalo kasithenganga insimu; lenceku zami zonke zabuthana lapho emsebenzini.

17 Lamadoda alikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu kumaJuda lakubabusi, lalabo abeza kithi bevela ezizweni ezisihanqileyo, babesetafuleni lami.

18 Lalokhu okwakulungiselwe usuku olulodwa kwakuyinkabi eyodwa, izimvu ezikhethiweyo eziyisithupha, lezinyoni zazilungiselwe mina, njalo phakathi kwensuku ezilitshumi okwalo lonke iwayini ngobunengi. Langalokhu kangizanga ngidinge isinkwa sombusi, ngoba ubugqili babunzima phezu kwalababantu.

19 Ngikhumbule, Nkulunkulu wami, ngokuhle, konke engikwenzele lababantu.

LUKANEHEMIYA 6

Ugobe lwezitha zikaNehemiya

1Kwasekusithi oSanibhalathi loTobiya loGeshema umArabhiya lezinye izitha zethu sezizwile ukuthi ngiwakhile umduli lokuthi kakusalanga sikhala kuwo, lanxa kuze kube yilesosikhathi ngangingamisanga izivalo emasangweni,

2 oSanibhalathi loGeshema bathuma kimi besithi: Woza sihlangane ndawonye emizini emagcekeni eOno. Kodwa babecabange ukwenza okubi kimi.

3 Ngasengithuma izithunywa kubo ngisithi: Ngenza umsebenzi omkhulu, ngakho kangilakho ukwehla. Kungani umsebenzi uzakuma, ngiwutshiye, ngehlele kini?

4 Basebethuma kimi kane ngaleyondlela, ngabaphendula ngaleyondlela.

5 Ngakho uSanibhalathi wathuma kimi inceku yakhe ngaleyondlela ngokwesihlanu ilencwadi evulekileyo esandleni sayo.

6 Kwakubhalwe kuyo ukuthi: Kuzwakele ezizweni, loGashimu uthi: Wena lamaJuda linakana ukuhlamuka; ngenxa yalokho wakha umduli, ukuze wena ube yinkosi yabo, njengalamazwi.

7 Futhi umisile labaprofethi ukuze bamemezele ngawe eJerusalema, besithi: Kukhona inkosi koJuda. Khathesi-ke kuzazwakala enkosini njengalamazwi. Ngakho-ke woza, sicebisane.

8 Ngasengithuma kuye ngisithi: Kazikho izinto ezinjengalezo ozitshoyo, kodwa uyazibumba zivela enhliziyweni yakho.

9 Ngoba bonke basethusa besithi: Izandla zabo zizadangala emsebenzini, ukuthi ungenziwa. Ngakho-ke qinisa izandla zami.

10 Mina sengingenile endlini kaShemaya indodana kaDelaya indodana kaMehethabheli owayezivalele, wasesithi: Asihlangane endlini kaNkulunkulu phakathi kwethempeli, sivale iminyango yethempeli, ngoba bayeza ukukubulala, yebo, bayeza ebusuku ukukubulala.

11 Kodwa ngathi: Kambe umuntu onjengami angabaleka? Pho, nguwuphi umuntu onjengami ongangena ethempelini aphile? Kangiyikungena.

12 Ngasenginanzelela, khangela-ke, uNkulunkulu wayengamthumanga, kodwa wakhuluma isiprofetho esimelene lami ngoba oTobiya loSanibhalathi babemqatshile.

13 Ngakho wayeqatshiwe ukuze ngesabe, ngenze njalo, ngone, ukuze babe lebizo elibi ngami, ukuze bangigcone.

14 Khumbula, Nkulunkulu wami, uTobiya loSanibhalathi njengokwale imisebenzi yakhe, njalo loNowadiya umprofethikazi labanye abaprofethi ababengethusa.

15 Waphela-ke umduli ngolwamatshumi amabili lanhlanu kaEluli ngensuku ezingamatshumi amahlanu lambili.

16 Kwasekusithi zonke izitha zethu zisizwa, lazo zonke izizwe ezisizingelezeleyo zibona, zawa kakhulu emehlweni azo; ngoba zananzelela ukuthi lumsebenzi wenziwe nguNkulunkulu wethu.

17 Njalo ngalezonsuku izikhulu zakoJuda zandisa incwadi zazo eziya kuTobiya, lezikaTobiya zeza kuzo.

18 Ngoba abanengi koJuda babefungile kuye ngoba wayengumkhwenyana kaShekaniya indodana kaAra, loJehohanani indodana yakhe wayethethe indodakazi kaMeshulamu indodana kaBerekiya.

19 Njalo babekhuluma izenzo zakhe ezinhle phambi kwami, lamazwi ami bewakhuphela kuye. UTobiya wathumela incwadi zokungethusa.

LUKANEHEMIYA 7

Ukumiswa kwabaphathi beJerusalema

1Kwasekusithi umduli usuwakhiwe, sengimisile izivalo, abalindi bamasango labahlabeleli lamaLevi sebebekiwe,

2 ngalaya uHanani umfowethu loHananiya umbusi wenqaba mayelana leJerusalema, ngoba wayenjengomuntu othembekileyo lowesaba uNkulunkulu okwedlula abanengi.

3 Ngasengisithi kibo: Amasango eJerusalema kangavulwa lize litshise ilanga; besemi kabavale izivalo banxibe. Njalo umise abalindi kubahlali beJerusalema, ngulowo lalowo emlindweni wakhe, njalo ngulowo maqondana lendlu yakhe.

4 Njalo umuzi wawubanzi inhlangothi zombili, umkhulu, kodwa abantu babebalutshwana phakathi kwawo, izindlu zingakakhiwa.

Amabizo ababuya ekuthunjweni

5 UNkulunkulu wami wasenika enhliziyweni yami ukuthi ngibuthanise izikhulu lababusi labantu ukuthi babhalwe ngezizukulwana. Ngasengithola ugwalo lwezizukulwana zalabo abenyuka kuqala, ngathola kubhalwe kulo:

6 Laba ngabantwana besabelo abenyuka bevela ekuthunjweni kwabathunjiweyo uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni abathumbayo; basebebuyela eJerusalema lakoJuda, ngulowo lalowo emzini wakibo,

7 abafika loZerubhabheli, uJeshuwa, uNehemiya, uAzariya, uRahamiya, uNahamani, uModekhayi, uBilishani, uMisiperethi, uBigivayi, uNehuma, uBahana.

Inani lamadoda esizwe sakoIsrayeli:

8 Abantwana bakoParoshi: Izinkulungwane ezimbili lekhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili.

9 Abantwana bakoShefathiya: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili.

10 Abantwana bakoAra: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lambili.

11 Abantwana bakoPahathi-Mowabi, babantwana bakoJeshuwa loJowabi: Izinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lesificaminwembili.

12 Abantwana bakoElamu: Inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane.

13 Abantwana bakoZathu: Amakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu.

14 Abantwana bakoZakayi: Amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha.

15 Abantwana bakoBinuwi: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lesificaminwembili.

16 Abantwana bakoBebayi: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili.

17 Abantwana bakoAzigadi: Izinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lambili.

18 Abantwana bakoAdonikamu: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesikhombisa.

19 Abantwana bakoBigivayi: Izinkulungwane ezimbili lamatshumi ayisithupha lesikhombisa.

20 Abantwana bakoAdini: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu.

21 Abantwana bakoAteri, bakoHezekhiya: Amatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesificaminwembili.

22 Abantwana bakoHashuma: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili.

23 Abantwana bakoBezayi: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lane.

24 Abantwana bakoHarifi: Ikhulu letshumi lambili.

25 Abantwana bakoGibeyoni: Amatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu.

26 Amadoda eBhethelehema leNetofa: Ikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesificaminwembili.

27 Amadoda eAnathothi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili.

28 Amadoda eBeti-Azimavethi: Amatshumi amane lambili.

29 Amadoda eKiriyathi-Jeyarimi, iKefira, leBherothi: Amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lantathu.

30 Amadoda eRama leGeba: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lanye.

31 Amadoda eMikimasi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lambili.

32 Amadoda eBhetheli leAyi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lantathu.

33 Amadoda enye iNebo: Amatshumi amahlanu lambili.

34 Abantwana benye iElamu: Inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane.

35 Abantwana beHarimi: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili.

36 Abantwana beJeriko: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amane lanhlanu.

37 Abantwana beLodi, iHadidi, leOno: Amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili lanye.

38 Abantwana beSenaha: Izinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu.

39 Abapristi. Abantwana bakoJedaya, bendlu kaJeshuwa: Amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu.

40 Abantwana bakoImeri: Inkulungwane lamatshumi amahlanu lambili.

41 Abantwana bakoPashuri: Inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lesikhombisa.

42 Abantwana bakoHarimi: Inkulungwane letshumi lesikhombisa.

43 AmaLevi. Abantwana bakoJeshuwa, bakoKadimiyeli, babantwana bakoHodeva: Amatshumi ayisikhombisa lane.

44 Abahlabeleli. Abantwana bakoAsafi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amane lesificaminwembili.

45 Abalindimasango. Abantwana bakoShaluma, abantwana bakoAteri, abantwana bakoTalimoni, abantwana bakoAkubi, abantwana bakoHatita, abantwana bakoShobayi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili.

46 AmaNethini. Abantwana bakoZiha, abantwana bakoHasufa, abantwana bakoTabhawothi,

47 abantwana bakoKerosi, abantwana bakoSiya, abantwana bakoPadoni,

48 abantwana bakoLebana, abantwana bakoHagaba, abantwana bakoShalimayi,

49 abantwana bakoHanani, abantwana bakoGideli, abantwana bakoGahari,

50 abantwana bakoReyaya, abantwana bakoRezini, abantwana bakoNekoda,

51 abantwana bakoGazama, abantwana bakoUza, abantwana bakoPhaseya,

52 abantwana bakoBhesayi, abantwana bakoMewunimi, abantwana bakoNefushesimi,

53 abantwana abakoBakibuki, abantwana bakoHakufa, abantwana bakoHarihuri,

54 abantwana bakoBazilithi, abantwana bakoMehida, abantwana bakoHarisha,

55 abantwana bakoBarkosi, abantwana bakoSisera, abantwana bakoThama,

56 abantwana bakoNeziya, abantwana bakoHatifa.

57 Abantwana benceku zikaSolomoni. Abantwana bakoSotayi, abantwana bakoSoferethi, abantwana bakoPerida,

58 abantwana bakoJahala, abantwana bakoDarkoni, abantwana bakoGideli,

59 abantwana bakoShefathiya, abantwana bakoHathili, abantwana bakoPokerethi kaHazebayimi, abantwana bakoAmoni.

60 Wonke amaNethini labantwana benceku zikaSolomoni: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lambili.

61 Laba ngabenyuka bevela eTeli-Mela, iTeli-Harisha, iKerubi, iAdoni, leImeri, kodwa babengelakutshengisa indlu yaboyise lenzalo yabo, uba bavela koIsrayeli yini.

62 Abantwana bakoDelaya, abantwana bakoTobiya, abantwana bakoNekoda: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lambili.

63 Lakubapristi: Abantwana bakoHabaya, abantwana bakoHakozi, abantwana bakoBarizilayi, owayethethe emadodakazini kaBarizilayi umGileyadi ukuba ngumkakhe, wasebizwa ngebizo lawo.

64 Laba badinga ukubhalwa kwabo oluhlwini lwababhaliweyo ngezizukulwana, kodwa kakutholakalanga; basebekhutshwa ebupristini njengabangcolileyo.

65 Umbusi wasesithi kubo bangadli okwezingcwelengcwele, kuze kusukume umpristi oleUrimi leThumimi.

66 Ibandla lonke lindawonye lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha,

67 ngaphandle kwenceku zabo lencekukazi zabo; lezi zazizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa; njalo babelabahlabeleli labahlabelelikazi abangamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu.

68 Amabhiza abo, amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu lesithupha; imbongolo zabo, amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu;

69 amakamela, amakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu; obabhemi, inkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili.

70 Ezinye-ke zenhloko zaboyise zanikela emsebenzini. Umbusi wanikela kokuligugu inhlamvu zegolide eziyinkulungwane, imiganu yokufafaza

engamatshumi amahlanu, izigqoko zabapristi ezingamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amathathu.

71 Lezinye zezinhloko zaboyise zanikela kokuligugu komsebenzi inhlamvu zegolide ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamamane esiliva azinkulungwane ezilikhulu letshumi.

72 Lalokho abaseleyo babantu abakunikelayo kwakuzinhlamvu zegolide ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamamane esiliva azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lezigqoko zabapristi ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lesikhombisa.

73 Abapristi lamaLevi labalindimasango labahlabeleli labanye babantu lamaNethini loIsrayeli wonke basebehlala emizini yabo.

Kwathi inyanga yesikhombisa isifikile, abantwana bakoIsrayeli babesemizini yabo.

LUKANEHEMIYA 8

UEzra ufundela abantu umlayo

1 Bonke abantu basebebuthana njengamuntu munye egcekeni eliphambi kwesango lamanzi; bakhuluma kuEzra umbhali ukuletha ugwalo lomlayo kaMozisi, iNKOSI eyayiwulaye uIsrayeli.

2 UEzra umpristi wasewuletha umlayo phambi kwebandla, kusukela kowesilisa kusiya kowesifazana, laye wonke owaqedisisa ukuzwa, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yesikhombisa.

3 Wasebala kuwo phambi kwegceke eliphambi kwesango lamanzi kusukela emadabukakusa kwaze kwaba semini enkulu, phambi kwabesilisa labesifazana labaqedisisayo; lendlebe zabo bonke abantu zazingasegwalweni lomlayo.

4 UEzra umbhali wasesima phezu kwendawo ephakemeyo yamapulanka ababeyenzele loludaba. Leceleni kwakhe kwakumi oMathithiya loShema loAnaya loUriya loHilikhiya loMahaseya ngakwesokunene sakhe; langakwesokhohlo sakhe oPhedaya, loMishayeli, loMalikiya, loHashuma, loHashibadana, uZekhariya, uMeshulamu.

5 UEzra wasevula ugwalo phambi kwamehlo abo bonke abantu; ngoba wayengaphezu kwabantu bonke; lapho eluvula, bonke abantu basukuma.

6 UEzra waseyibusisa iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu omkhulu. Bonke abantu basebephendula bathi: Ameni, ameni, ngokuphakamisa izandla zabo; basebekhothama, bayikhonza iNKOSI ngobuso emhlabathini.

7 OJeshuwa, loBani, loSherebiya, uJamini, uAkubi, uShabethayi, uHodiya, uMahaseya, uKelita, uAzariya, uJozabadi, uHanani, uPelaya, lamaLevi basebesenza abantu baqedisise umlayo, abantu besendaweni yabo.

8 Basebebala egwalweni, emlayweni kaNkulunkulu, ngokucacileyo, bechasisa, bebenza bazwisise ekubaleni.

9 UNehemiya owayengumbusi, lompristi uEzra umbhali, lamaLevi ayefundisa abantu, basebesithi ebantwini bonke: Lolusuku lungcwele eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wenu; lingalili njalo lingakhali inyembezi. Ngoba bonke abantu bakhala inyembezi lapho besizwa amazwi omlayo.

10 Wasesithi kibo: Hambani, lidle okunonileyo, linathe okumnandi, lithumele izabelo kongalungiselwanga lutho; ngoba lolusuku lungcwele eNkosini yethu, njalo lingadabuki, ngoba intokozo yeNKOSI ingamandla enu.

11 AmaLevi asebathulisa bonke abantu esithi: Thulani, ngoba lolusuku lungcwele, lingadabuki.

12 Bonke abantu basebehamba ukuyakudla, lokunatha, lokuthumela izabelo, lokwenza intokozo enkulu, ngoba babewaqedisisile amazwi ababebazise wona.

13 Langosuku lwesibili kwabuthana inhloko zaboyise zabo bonke abantu, abapristi, lamaLevi, kuEzra umbhali, ukuze baqedisise amazwi omlayo.

14 Basebethola kubhaliwe emlayweni iNKOSI eyayiwulayile ngesandla sikaMozisi ukuthi abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahlale emadumbeni ngomkhosi ngenyanga yesikhombisa,

15 lokuthi bazwakalise bedlulise isimemezelo kuyo yonke imizi yabo laseJerusalema besithi: Phumelani entabeni lilethe ingatsha zezihlahla zemihlwathi, lengatsha zezihlahla zamafutha, lengatsha zezihlahla zamamiteli, lengatsha zamalala, lengatsha zezihlahla ezilamahlamvu aminyeneyo, ukwenza amadumba, njengokubhaliweyo.

16 Basebephuma abantu, baziletha, bazenzela amadumba, ngulowo lalowo ephahleni lwakhe, lemagumeni abo, lemagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu, legcekeni lesango lamanzi, legcekeni lesango lakoEfrayimi.

17 Ibandla lonke lalabo ababebuyile ekuthunjweni basebesenza amadumba, bahlala emadumbeni. Ngoba kusukela ensukwini zikaJoshuwa indodana kaNuni kwaze kwaba yilolosuku abantwana bakoIsrayeli babengenzanga njalo. Kwasekusiba lentokozo enkulu kakhulu.

18 Njalo usuku ngosuku kusukela osukwini lokuqala kwaze kwaba lusuku lokucina wabala egwalweni lomlayo kaNkulunkulu. Bawenza-ke umkhosi insuku eziyisikhombisa; kwathi ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kwaba lenhlangano enzulu, njengesimiso.

LUKANEHEMIYA 9

UEzra uyakuvuma ukona kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli

1Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwaleyonyanga abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebebuthana ngokuzila ukudla, langamasaka, lenhlabathi phezu kwabo.

2 Inzalo yakoIsrayeli yasizehlukanisa labo bonke abezizweni; basebesima bavuma izono zabo lobubi baboyise.

3 Basebesukuma endaweni yabo yokuma, bafunda egwalweni lomlayo weNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo ingxenye yesine yosuku; njalo ngengxenye yesine bavuma futhi bakhonza iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo.

4 Lezikhwelweni zamaLevi kwakumi oJeshuwa, loBani, uKadimiyeli, uShebaniya, uBuni, uSherebiya, uBani, uKenani; bamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wabo.

5 AmaLevi, oJeshuwa, loKadimiyeli, uBani, uHashabineya, uSherebiya, uHodiya, uShebaniya, uPethahiyabasebesithi: Sukumani libusise iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu kusukela ephakadeni kuze kube nininini; kalibusiswe ibizo lakho elilodumo eliphakanyiswe phezu kwaso sonke isibusiso lendumiso.

6 Nguwe oyiNKOSI wena wedwa, wena wenza amazulu, izulu lamazulu lalo lonke ibutho lawo, umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo, izinlwandle lakho konke okukuzo, wena uyagcina konke kuphila; lebutho lamazulu liyakukhonza.

7 Wena uyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu, owakhetha uAbrama wamkhupha eUri yamaKhaladiya, wenza ibizo lakhe laba nguAbrahama;

8 wafica inhliziyo yakhe ithembekile phambi kwakho, wenza laye isivumelwano sokunika ilizwe lamaKhanani, amaHethi, amaAmori, lamaPerizi, lamaJebusi, lamaGirigashi, ukulinika inzalo yakhe; uwamisile amazwi akho, ngoba ulungile.

9 Wabona ukuhlupheka kwabobaba eGibhithe, wezwa ukukhala kwabo ngasoLwandle oluBomvu,

10 wenza izibonakaliso lezimangaliso kuFaro lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe lakubo bonke abantu belizwe lakhe, ngoba wazi ukuthi baziphatha ngokuzigqaja kubo; njalo wazenzela ibizo njengalamuhla.

11 Wehlukanisa ulwandle phambi kwabo ukuze bachaphe phakathi kolwandle emhlabathini owomileyo; wasuphosela ababaxotshayo ezinzikini njengelitshe emanzini alamandla.

12 Wasubakhokhela ngensika yeyezi emini langensika yomlilo ebusuku ukubakhanyisela indlela abazahamba ngayo.

13 Wehlela phezu kwentaba yeSinayi, wakhuluma labo usemazulwini, wabanika izahlulelo eziqondileyo, lemilayo eqotho, izimiso lemilayezelo elungileyo,

14 wabazisa isabatha lakho elingcwele, wabalaya imilayo, lezimiso, lomthetho, ngesandla sikaMozisi inceku yakho.

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15 Wabanika isinkwa esivela emazulwini ekulambeni kwabo, lamanzi edwaleni wabakhuphela wona ekomeni kwabo; wabatshela ukuthi bazangena badle ilifa lelizwe owaphakamisa isandla sakho ukubanika lona.

16 Kodwa bona labobaba baziphatha ngokuzigqaja, benza lukhuni intamo yabo, kabayilalelanga imilayo yakho.

17 Yebo, bala ukulalela, kabakhumbulanga izimangaliso zakho owazenza kubo; kodwa bazenza lukhuni intamo yabo, lekuvukeleni kwabo bamisa induna ukuze babuyele ebugqilini babo. Kodwa wena unguNkulunkulu wezintethelelo, olomusa, lesihawu, ophuza ukuthukuthela, lowande ngothando, kawubatshiyanga.

18 Lalapho sebezenzele ithole elibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa bathi: Lo nguNkulunkulu wakho, owakwenyusa eGibhithe, benza ukuhlambaza okukhulu,

19 kodwa wena ngezihawu zakho ezinengi kawubatshiyanga enkangala; insika yeyezi kayisukanga kubo emini, ukubakhokhela endleleni, lensika yomlilo ebusuku, ukubakhanyisela lendlela abazahamba ngayo.

20 Wabanika umoya wakho omuhle ukubafundisa, lemana yakho kawuyigodlanga emlonyeni wabo, wabanika amanzi ekomeni kwabo.

21 Yebo, iminyaka engamatshumi amane wabondla enkangala, kabaswelanga lutho; izigqoko zabo kaziguganga, lenyawo zabo kazivuvukanga.

22 Wasebanika imibuso lezizwe, wababela kwaze kwaba semagumbini; njalo badla ilifa lelizwe likaSihonilelizwe lenkosi yeHeshiboni lelizwe likaOgi inkosi yeBashani.

23 Wandisa abantwana babo njengenkanyezi zamazulu, wabangenisa elizweni owawutshele oyise ukuthi bazangena badle ilifa lalo.

24 Sebengenile abantwana babo badla ilifa lelizwe; wehlisela phansi phambi kwabo abahlali belizwe, amaKhanani, wabanikela esandleni sabo, lamakhosi abo, labantu belizwe, ukuze benze ngabo ngokwentando yabo.

25 Basebethumba imizi ebiyelweyo, lelizwe elivundileyo, badla ilifa lezindlu ezigcwele konke okuhle, imithombo egejiweyo, izivini, lezivande zemihlwathi, lezihlahla zezithelo ngobunengi. Badla-ke basutha, bazimuka, bazithokozisa ngokuhle kwakho okukhulu.

26 Kube kanti kabalalelanga, bakuvukela wena, bawuphosela umlayo wakho emva komhlana wabo, babulala abaprofethi bakho abafakaza bemelene labo ukubaphendulela kuwe, benza ukuhlambaza okukhulu.

27 Ngakho wabanikela esandleni sezitha zabo ezabahluphayo; kwathi ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo bakhala kuwe, wena-ke wezwa usemazulwini; langokwezisa zakho ezinengi wabanika abasindisi ababasindisa esandleni sezitha zabo.

28 Kodwa sebephumulile benza okubi futhi phambi kwakho; ngakho wabatshiya esandleni sezitha zabo zaze zababusa; sebebuyile bakhala kuwe, wena wezwa usemazulwini; wabakhulula ngokwezisa zakho izikhathi ezinengi.

29 Wafakaza umelene labo ukuze ubenze babuyele emlayweni wakho; kube kanti bona baziphatha ngokuzigqaja, kabayilalelanga imilayo yakho, kodwa bemelene lezahlulelo zakho bona bemelene lazo (okuthi umuntu ezenza uzaphila ngazo), banika ihlombe lobuqholo, benza lukhuni intamo yabo, kabaze balalela.

30 Wababekezelela iminyaka eminengi, wafakaza umelene labo ngomoya wakho ngesandla sabaprofethi bakho, kodwa kababekanga indlebe. Ngakho wabanikela esandleni sabantu bezizwe.

31 Kanti ngezisa zakho ezinengi kawubaqedanga, kawubatshiyanga; ngoba unguNkulunkulu olomusalesihawu.

32 Ngakho khathesi, Nkulunkulu wethu, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla lowesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa, kakungabi kuncinyane phambi kwakho ukuhlupheka konke, okusificileyo, amakhosi ethu, iziphathamandla zethu, labapristi bethu, labaprofethi bethu, labobaba, labo bonke abantu bakho, kusukela ensukwini zamakhosi eAsiriya kuze kube lamuhla.

33 Kodwa ubulungile mayelana lakho konke okusehleleyo, ngoba wenzile ngokuqonda, kodwa thina senze ngobubi.

34 Lamakhosi ethu, iziphathamandla zethu, abapristi bethu, labobaba bethu kabawenzanga umlayo wakho, kabalalelanga imithetho yakho lezifakazelo zakho owazifakaza umelene labo.

35 Ngoba bona kabakukhonzanga embusweni wabo lekulungeni kwakho okunengi owabanika khona lemazweni abanzi lavundileyo owawabeka phambi kwabo; njalo kabaphendukanga ezenzweni zabo ezimbi.

36 Khangela, siyizigqili lamuhla, yebo, ilizwe owalinika obaba ukuthi badle isithelo salo lokuhle kwalo, khangela, siyizigqili kulo.

37 Njalo isivuno salo lisandisela amakhosi owabeke phezu kwethu ngenxa yezono zethu; njalo abusa phezu kwemizimba yethu laphezu kwezifuyo zethu ngokwentando yawo; sesisesizini olukhulu.

38 Langenxa yakho konke lokhu senza isivumelwano esiqinileyo, sisibhala; iziphathamandla zethu, amaLevi ethu, abapristi bethu, basebefaka uphawu phezu kwaso.

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1Ekufakeni-ke uphawu kwakuloNehemiya umbusi indodana kaHakaliya, loZedekhiya,

2 uSeraya, uAzariya, uJeremiya,

3 uPashuri, uAmariya, uMalikiya,

4 uHathushi, uShebaniya, uMaluki,

5 uHarimi, uMeremothi, uObhadiya,

6 uDaniyeli, uGinethoni, uBharukhi,

7 uMeshulamu, uAbhiya, uMijamini,

8 uMahaziya, uBiligayi, uShemaya; laba babengabapristi.

9 LamaLevi: Ngitsho uJeshuwa indodana kaAzaniya, uBinuwi wamadodana kaHenadadi, uKadimiyeli,

10 labafowabo, oShebaniya, uHodiya, uKelita, uPelaya, uHanani,

11 uMika, uRehobi, uHashabhiya,

12 uZakuri, uSherebiya, uShebaniya,

13 uHodiya, uBani, uBeninu.

14 Inhloko zabantu: OParoshi, uPahathi-Mowabi, uElamu, uZathu, uBani,

15 uBuni, uAzigadi, uBebayi,

16 uAdonija, uBigivayi, uAdini,

17 uAteri, uHezekhiya, uAzuri,

18 uHodiya, uHashuma, uBezayi,

19 uHarafi, uAnathothi, uNebayi,

20 uMagipiyashi, uMeshulamu, uHeziri,

21 uMeshezabeli, uZadoki, uJaduwa,

22 uPelatiya, uHanani, uAnaya,

23 uHosheya, uHananiya, uHashubi,

24 uHaloheshi, uPiliha, uShobeki,

25 uRehuma, uHashabina, uMahaseya,

26 uAhiya, uHanani, uAnani,

27 uMaluki, uHarimi, uBahana.

28 Labantu abaseleyo, abapristi, amaLevi, abalindimasango, abahlabeleli, amaNethini, labo bonke abazehlukanise labantu bamazwe baya emlayweni kaNkulunkulu, omkabo, amadodana abo, lamadodakazi abo, wonke owaziyo, oqedisisayo,

29 babambelela kubafowabo, izikhulu zabo, bangena kusiqalekiso
lesifungo sokuhamba emlayweni kaNkulunkulu owanikwa ngesandla
sikaMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu, lokuyigcina lokuyenza yonke imilayo kaJehova
iNkosi yethu, lezahlulelo zayo lezimiso zayo.

30 Lokuthi kasiyikunika amadodakazi ethu ebantwini belizwe loba singathatheli
amadodana ethu amadodakazi abo.

31 Uba abantu belizwe beletha izimpahla loba yiwaphi amabele ukukuthengisa
ngosuku lwesabatha, kasiyikuthenga kibo ngesabatha langosuku olungcwele.
Njalo sizayekela umnyaka wesikhombisa, lesikwelede sonke.

32 Futhi sizazimisela imilayo yokubeka phezu kwethu ingxenye
yesithathu yeshekeli emnyakeni ibe ngeyomsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu
wethu,

33 eyesinkwa sokubukiswa, leyomnikelo wokudla wensuku zonke, leyomnikelo
wokutshiswa wensuku zonke, eyamasabatha, eyokuthwasa kwezinyanga,
eyemikhosi emisiweyo, leyezinto ezingcwele, leyeminikelo yesono ukwenzela
uIsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula, lomsebenzi wonke wendlu kaNkulunkulu wethu.

34 Sasesisenza inkatho yokuphosa mayelana lomnikelo wenkuni, abapristi,
amaLevi, labantu, ukuziletha endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu, ngokwendlu
yabobaba, ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo umnyaka ngomnyaka, zitshiswe phezu
kwelathi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni.

35 Lokuletha izithelo zokuqala zomhlabathi wethu lezithelo zokuqala zesithelo
sonke sesihlahla sonke umnyaka ngomnyaka endlini yeNKOSI;

36 lokuletha amazibulo amadodana ethu lawezifuyo zethu, njengokubhalwe
emlayweni, lamazibulo ezinkomo zethu lawezimvu zethu, endlini kaNkulunkulu
wethu, kubapristi abasebenza endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu;

37 lokokuqala kwenhlama yethu, leminikelo yethu, lezithelo zezihlahla zonke,
iwayini elitsha, lamafutha, sikulethe kubapristi emakamelweni endlu
kaNkulunkulu wethu, lokwetshumi komhlabathi wethu kumaLevi, ukuze
lawomaLevi emukele okwetshumi kuyo yonke imizi yomsebenzi wethu.

38 Umpristi-ke indodana kaAroni uzakuba kanye lamaLevi lapho amaLevi
esemukela okwetshumi. LamaLevi azakwenyusa okwetshumi kokwetshumi
endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu emakamelweni endlu yokuligugu.

39 Ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli labantwana bamaLevi bazaletha umnikelo
wamabele, iwayini elitsha, lamafutha, emakamelweni, ngoba lapho kulezitsha
zendawo engcwele labapristi abasebenzayo labalindimasango labahlabeleli.
Njalo kasiyikuyitshiya indlu kaNkulunkulu wethu.

LUKANEHEMIYA 11

Abahlali beJerusalema

1Ngakho ababusi babantu bahlala eJerusalema; abantu abaseleyo basebesenza
inkatho yokuphosa ukuze balethe oyedwa kwabalitshumi ukuhlala
eJerusalema umuzi ongcwele, lengxenye
eziyisificamunwemunyekweminye imizi.

2 Abantu basebebusisa wonke amadoda azinikela ngesihle ukuyahlala
eJerusalema.

3 Lezi-ke zinhloko zesabelo ezahlala eJerusalema. Kodwa emizini yakoJuda
bahlala, ngulowo kumfuyo yakhe, emizini yabo: UIsrayeli, abapristi, lamaLevi,
lamaNethini, labantwana benceku zikaSolomoni.

4 EJerusalema kwahlala-ke abanye babantwana bakoJuda lababantwana
bakoBhenjamini. Ebantwaneni bakoJuda: OAthaya indodana kaUziya indodana
kaZekhariya indodana kaAmariya indodana kaShefathiya indodana kaMahalaleli,
owabantwana bakoPerezi,

5 loMahaseya indodana kaBharukhi indodana kaKolihoze indodana kaHazaya
indodana kaAdaya indodana kaJoyaribi indodana kaZekhariya indodana
kaShiloni.

6 Wonke amadodana kaPerezi ayehlala eJerusalema ayengamakhulu amane
lamatshumi ayisithupha lesificaminwembili, amadoda alamandla.

7 Lala ngamadodana kaBhenjamini: USalu indodana kaMeshulamu indodana
kaJowedi indodana kaPhedaya indodana kaKolaya indodana kaMahaseya
indodana kaIthiyeli indodana kaJeshaya,

8 langemva kwakhe oGabayi, uSalayi, amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye
lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili.

9 LoJoweli indodana kaZikiri wayengumboni phezu kwabo, loJuda indodana
kaHasenuwa engowesibili phezu komuzi.

10 Kubapristi: OJedaya indodana kaJoyaribi, uJakini,

11 uSeraya indodana kaHilikhiya indodana kaMeshulamu indodana kaZadoki
indodana kaMerayothi indodana kaAhitubi, umphathi wendlu kaNkulunkulu,

12 labafowabo ababesenza umsebenzi wendlu babengamakhulu
ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amabili lambili; loAdaya indodana
kaJerohamu indodana kaPelaliya indodana kaAmzi indodana kaZekhariya
indodana kaPashuri indodana kaMalikiya,

13 labafowabo, inhloko zaboyise, babengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane
lambili; loAmashayi indodana kaAzareli indodana kaAhizayi indodana
kaMeshilemothi indodana kaImeri,

14 labafowabo, amaqhawe alamandla, ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili; lomboni phezu kwabo wayenguZabidiyeli indodana yomunye wabakhulu.

15 LakumaLevi: OShemaya indodana kaHashubi indodana kaAzirikamu indodana kaHashabhiya indodana kaBuni;

16 loShabethayi loJozabadi bezinhloko zamaLevi babephezu komsebenzi wangaphandle kwendlu kaNkulunkulu;

17 loMathaniya indodana kaMika indodana kaZabidi indodana kaAsafi owayeyinhloko yokuqalisa ukubonga emkhulekweni; loBakibukiya owesibili kubafowabo; loAbida indodana kaShamuwa indodana kaGalali indodana kaJeduthuni.

18 Wonke amaLevi emzini ongcwele ayengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lane.

19 Labalindimasango, oAkubi, uTalimoni, labafowabo ababelinda amasango babelikhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili.

20 Lensali yakoIsrayeli, ababapristi, amaLevi, babesemizini yonke yakoJuda, ngulowo elifeni lakhe.

21 LamaNethini ayehlala eOfeli; loZiha loGishipa babephezu kwamaNethini.

22 Njalo umboni wamaLevi eJerusalema wayenguUzi indodana kaBani indodana kaHashabhiya indodana kaMathaniya indodana kaMika. Owamadodana kaAsafi, abahlabeleli babeqondene lomsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu.

23 Ngoba kwakungumlayo wenkosi ngabo, njengokufunekayo kubahlabeleli, udaba losuku ngosuku lwalo.

24 Njalo uPethahiya indodana kaMeshezabeli, owabantwana bakoZera indodana kaJuda, wayesesandleni senkosi kulo lonke udaba lwabantu.

25 Lemizaneni lamasimu ayo, kwahlala abanye babantwana bakoJuda eKiriyathi-Arba lemizana yayo, laseDiboni lemizana yayo, laseJekabiseyeli lemizana yayo,

26 laseJeshuwa, laseMolada, laseBeti-Peleti,

27 laseHazari-Shuwali, laseBherishebha lemizana yayo,

28 laseZikilagi, laseMekona lemizaneni yayo,

29 laseEni-Rimoni, laseZora, laseJarimuthi,

30 iZanowa, iAdulamu lemizana yayo, iLakishi lamasimu ayo, iAzeka lemizana yayo. Basebemisa inkamba kusukela eBherishebha kusiya esihotsheni seHinomu.

31 Labantwana bakoBhenjamini kusukela eGeba babeseMikimashi, leAyija, leBhetheli lemizana yayo,

32 iAnathothi, iNobi, iAnaniya,

33 iHazori, iRama, iGithayimi,

34 iHadidi, iZeboyimi, iNebalati,

35 iLodi, leOno, isigodi sezingcitshi.

36 LakumaLevi kwakulezigaba zakoJuda loBhenjamini.

LUKANEHEMIYA 12

Abapristi lamaLevi abafika loZerubhabheli

1 Lalaba ngabapristi lamaLevi abenyuka loZerubhabheli indodana kaSalatiyeli, loJeshuwa: OSeraya, uJeremiya, uEzra,

2 uAmariya, uMaluki, uHathushi,

3 uShekaniya, uRehuma, uMeremothi,

4 uIdo, uGinethoyi, uAbhiya,

5 uMijamini, uMahadiya, uBiliga,

6 uShemaya, loJoyaribi, uJedaya,

7 uSalu, uAmoki, uHilikhiya, uJedaya. Laba babezinhloko zabapristi labafowabo ensukwini zikaJeshuwa.

8 LamaLevi: OJeshuwa, uBinuwi, uKadimiyeli, uSherebiya, uJuda, uMathaniya, babephezu kokubonga, yena labafowabo.

9 LoBakibukiya loUni, abafowabo, babeqondene labo emilindweni.

10 UJeshuwa wasezala uJoyakimi, uJoyakimi wasezala uEliyashibi, uEliyashibi wasezala uJoyada,

11 uJoyada wasezala uJonathani, uJonathani wasezala uJaduwa.

12 Lensukwini zikaJoyakimi abapristi, inhloko zaboyise, babengo: OkaSeraya nguMeraya; okaJeremiya nguHananiya;

13 okaEzra nguMeshulamu; okaAmariya nguJehohanani;

14 okaMeliku nguJonathani; okaShebaniya nguJosefa;

15 okaHarimi nguAdina; okaMerayothi nguHelikayi;

16 okaIdo nguZekhariya; okaGinethoni nguMeshulamu;

17 okaAbhiya nguZikiri; okaMiniyamini, okaMowadiya nguPilitayi;

18 okaBiliga nguShamuwa; okaShemaya nguJehonathani;

19 lokaJoyaribi nguMathenayi; okaJedaya nguUzi;

20 okaSalayi nguKalayi; okaAmoki nguEberi;

21 okaHilikhiya nguHashabhiya; okaJedaya nguNethaneli.

22 AmaLevi ensukwini zikaEliyashibi, oJoyada loJohanani loJaduwa, babhalwa baba zinhloko zaboyise, labapristi kwaze kwaba ngumbuso kaDariyusi umPerisiya.

23 Amadodana kaLevi, inhloko zaboyise, abhalwa egwalweni lwemilando, kwaze kwaba sensukwini zikaJohanani indodana kaEliyashibi.

24 Lenhloko zamaLevi: OHashabhiya, uSherebiya, loJeshuwa indodana kaKadimiyeli, labafowabo maqondana labo, ukudumisa lokubonga, njengomlayo kaDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu, umlindo maqondana lomlindo.

25 OMathaniya, loBakibukiya, uObhadiya, uMeshulamu, uTalimoni, uAkubi, babengabalindimasango belinda umlindo eziphaleni zamasango.

26 Labo babekhona ensukwini zikaJoyakimi indodana kaJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki, lensukwini zikaNehemiya umbusi, loEzra umpristi, umbhali.

Inkonzo yokubongela ukwakhiwa komduli

27 Lekwehlukaniselweni komduli weJerusalema badinga amaLevi evela ezindaweni zawo zonke ukuwaletha eJerusalema ukwenza ukwehlukaniswa, langentokozo, langokubonga, langokuhlabela, ngensimbi ezincencethayo, izigubhu zezintambo, langamachacho.

28 Amadodana abahlabeleli asebuthana, njalo evela emagcekeni azingelezele iJerusalema, lemizini yamaNetofa,

29 leBeti-Giligali, lelizweni leGeba leAzimavethi, ngoba abahlabeleli babezakhele imizi ezingelezele iJerusalema.

30 Labapristi lamaLevi bazihlambulula, bahlambulula labantu lamasango lomduli.

31 Ngasengisenza iziphathamandla zakoJuda zenyukele emdulini, ngamisa amaxuku amakhulu amabili okubonga lezindwendwe, elinye kwesokunene phezu komduli kusiya esangweni lomquba.

32 Lemva kwawo kwahamba oHoshaya, lengxenye yeziphathamandla zakoJuda,

33 loAzariya, uEzra, loMeshulamu,

34 uJuda, loBhenjamini, loShemaya, loJeremiya.

35 Lakumadodana abapristi elezimpondo: OZekhariya indodana kaJonathani indodana kaShemaya indodana kaMathaniya indodana kaMikhaya indodana kaZakuri indodana kaAsafi,

36 labafowabo, oShemaya, loAzareli, uMilalayi, uGilalayi, uMahayi, uNethaneli, loJuda, uHanani, belezinto zokuhlabelela zikaDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu, loEzra umbhali ephambi kwabo.

37 Langasesangweni lomthombo, njalo maqondana labo, benyuka ngezinyathelo zomuzi kaDavida, emqansweni womduli, ngaphezu kwendlu kaDavida, kusiya esangweni lamanzi ngempumalanga.

38 Lexuku lesibili lokubonga lahamba maqondana lalo, lami ngililandela, lengxenye yabantu phezu komduli, kusukela ngaphezu komphotshongo wesithando kusiya emdulini obanzi,

39 njalo kusukela ngaphezu kwesango lakoEfrayimi, langaphezu kwesango elidala, langaphezu kwesango lenhlanzi, lomphotshongo kaHananeli, lomphotshongo kaHameha, kusiya esangweni lezimvu; bema-ke esangweni labalindi.

40 Womabili amaxuku okubonga asesima endlini kaNkulunkulu, lami, lengxenye yababusi ilami.

41 Labapristi: OEliyakhimi, uMahaseya, uMiniyamini, uMikhaya, uEliyowenayi, uZekhariya, uHananiya, belezimpondo,

42 loMahaseya, loShemaya, loEleyazare, loUzi, loJehohanani, loMalikiya, loElamu, loEzeri. Abahlabeleli basebezizwakalisa, loJezerahiya umboni.

43 Basebehlaba mhlalokho imihlatshelo emikhulu, bathokoza, ngoba uNkulunkulu wabenza bathokoza ngentokozo enkulu; labesifazana labantwana labo bathokoza; kwaze kwathi intokozo yeJerusalema yezwakala khatshana.

Izabelo zabapristi lezamaLevi

44 Ngalolosuku kwamiswa-ke amadoda phezu kwamakamelo okuligugu, aweminikelo, awezithelo zokuqala, lawokwetshumi, ukuqoqela kuwo okuvela emasimini emizi izabelo zomlayo zabapristi lezamaLevi. Ngoba uJuda wathokoza ngabapristi lamaLevi ayemile.

45 Abahlabeleli labalindimasango basebegcina imfanelo kaNkulunkulu wabo, lemfanelo yokuhlambulula, njengomlayo kaDavida loSolomoni indodana yakhe.

46 Ngoba ensukwini zamandulo zikaDavida loAsafi kwakulezinhloko zabahlabeleli lezingoma zokudumisa lokubonga kuNkulunkulu.

47 LoIsrayeli wonke ensukwini zikaZerubhabheli lensukwini zikaNehemiya banika izabelo zabahlabeleli labalindimasango, udaba losuku ngosuku lwalo; basebekungcwelisela amaLevi, lamaLevi akungcwelisela abantwana bakoAroni.

LUKANEHEMIYA 13

Eminye imisebenzi kaNehemiya

1Ngalolosuku babala egwalweni lukaMozisi endlebeni zabantu; kwasekutholwa kubhaliwe kulo ukuthi umAmoni lomMowabi kabasoze bangene ebandleni likaNkulunkulu phakade;

2 ngoba bengahlangabezanga abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngesinkwa langamanzi,
kodwa baqatsha bemelene labo uBalami, ukubaqalekisa; kodwa uNkulunkulu
wethu waphendula isiqalekiso saba yisibusiso.

3 Kwasekusithi sebewuzwile umlayo behlukanisa koIsrayeli yonke ingxube
yezizwe.

4 Ngaphambi kwalokho-ke uEliyashibi umpristi owayemiswe phezu kwekamelo
likaNkulunkulu wethu, wayeyisihlobo sikaTobiya.

5 Wayemlungisele ikamelo elikhulu lapho ababekade befaka khona umnikelo
wokudla, impepha, lezitsha, lokwetshumi kwamabele, iwayini elitsha, lamafutha,
okwakulayelwe amaLevi labahlabeleli labalindimasango, lomnikelo wabapristi.

6 Kodwa kukho konke lokhu ngangingekho eJerusalema, ngoba ngomnyaka
wamatshumi amathathu lambili kaAthakisekisi inkosi yeBhabhiloni ngeza
enkosini; lekupheleni kwezinsuku ngacela imvumo enkosini,

7 ngeza eJerusalema, ngaqedisisa ngokubi uEliyashibi ayekwenzele
uTobiya ngokumlungisela ikamelo emagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu.

8 Kwasekusiba kubi kakhulu kimi; ngakho ngaphosela phandle zonke impahla
zendlu kaTobiya phandle kwekamelo.

9 Ngasengilaya, bahlambulula amakamelo; ngabuyisela khona izitsha zendlu
kaNkulunkulu lomnikelo wokudla lempepha.

10 Ngasengisazi ukuthi izabelo zamaLevi zazinganikwanga, lokuthi amaLevi
labahlabeleli ababesenza umsebenzi babalekela ngulowo ensimini yakhe.

11 Ngasengiphikisana lababusi ngathi: Kungani indlu kaNkulunkulu itshiyiwe?
Ngababuthanisa, ngabamisa endaweni yabo.

12 Khona wonke uJuda waletha okwetshumi kwamabele lewayini elitsha
lamafutha eziphaleni.

13 Ngasengibeka abagciniziphala phezu kweziphala, oShelemiya umpristi,
loZadoki umbhali, loPhedaya kumaLevi, leceleni kwabo uHanani indodana
kaZakuri indodana kaMathaniya, ngoba kwathiwa bathembekile; njalo
kwakuphezu kwabo ukwabela abafowabo.

14 Ngikhumbule, Nkulunkulu wami, mayelana lalokho, ungayicitshi imisebenzi
yami yomusa engiyenzele indlu kaNkulunkulu wami lezinkonzo zayo.

15 Ngalezonsuku ngabona koJuda abanyathela izikhamelo zewayini ngesabatha,
labangenisa izithungo, abathwalisa obabhemi, lewayini futhi, izithelo zesivini,
lemikhiwa, lawo wonke umthwalo, abakungenisa eJerusalema ngosuku
lwesabatha. Ngafakaza mhla bethengisa ukudla.

16 LabeTire bahlala kuyo, beletha inhlanzi lempahla yonke ethengiswayo,
bakuthengisa ngesabatha kubantwana bakoJuda laseJerusalema.

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17 Khona ngaphikisana lezikhulu zakoJuda, ngathi kuzo: Iyini le into embi eliyenzayo lingcolisa usuku lwesabatha?

18 Kabenzanga njalo yini oyihlo, loNkulunkulu wethu wehlisela phezu kwethu bonke lobububi laphezu kwalumuzi? Kanti lina landisa ulaka phezu kukaIsrayeli ngokungcolisa isabatha.

19 Kwasekusithi lapho amasango eJerusalema eseqala ukuba mnyama mandulo kwesabatha, ngalaya ukuthi iminyango kayivalwe, njalo ngalaya ukuthi bangayivuli kuze kube ngemva kwesabatha. Ngabeka ezinye zenceku zami emasangweni ukuze kungangeni mthwalo ngosuku lwesabatha.

20 Ngakho abathengi labathengisi bempahla yonke balala ngaphandle kweJerusalema kanye loba kabili.

21 Khona ngafakaza ngimelene labo ngathi kibo: Lilalelani maqondana lomduli? Uba likwenza futhi, ngizalidumela ngesandla. Kusukela kulesosikhathi kababuyanga ngesabatha.

22 Ngasengitshela amaLevi ukuthi azihlambulule, eze alinde amasango, ukungcwelisa usuku lwesabatha. Langalokho ungikhumbule, Nkulunkulu wami, ungihawukele ngokobunengi bomusa wakho.

23 Futhi, ngalezonsuku ngabona amaJuda ayethethe abafazi, abangamaAshidodikazi, amaAmoni, amaMowabi.

24 Labantwana babo, ingxenye babekhuluma isiAshidodi njalo bengelakukhuluma isiJuda, kodwa ngokolimi lwezizwe ngezizwe.

25 Ngasengiphikisana lawo, ngawaqalekisa, ngatshaya amanye awo, ngawangcothula inwele; ngawafungisa ngoNkulunkulu: Kaliyikunika amadodakazi enu kumadodana abo, njalo kaliyikuthathela amadodana enu emadodakazini abo, kumbe lina ngokwenu.

26 USolomoni inkosi yakoIsrayeli konanga yini ngalezozinto? Kube kanti phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi kwakungelankosi enjengaye, owayethandeka kuNkulunkulu wakhe, loNkulunkulu wamenza inkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke; laye abafazi bezizweni bamenza ukuthi one.

27 Pho, sizalilalela yini ukwenza bonke lobobubi obukhulu, ngokona kuNkulunkulu wethu ngokuthatha abafazi bezizweni?

28 Lenye yamadodana kaJehoyada indodana kaEliyashibi umpristi omkhulu, yayingumkhwenyana kaSanibhalathi umHoroni; ngakho ngayixotsha yasuka kimi.

29 Bakhumbule, Nkulunkulu wami, ngoba bangcolisile ubupristi lesivumelwano sobupristi lesamaLevi.

30 Ngokunjalo ngabahlambulula kubo bonke abezizweni, ngamisa imfanelo kubapristi lakumaLevi, ngulowo lalowo emsebenzini wakhe,

31 leyomnikelo wenkuni ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo, leyezithelo zokuqala. Ngikhumbule, Nkulunkulu wami, ngokuhle.

LUKAESTA

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UGWALO

Indlovukazi uVashiti iyala ukulalela inkosi uAhasuwerusi

1 Kwasekusithi ngensuku zikaAhasuwerusi, uAhasuwerusi lo owabusa kusukela
eIndiya kuze kube seEthiyophiya, izabelo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili
lesikhombisa,

2 ngalezonsuku lapho inkosi uAhasuwerusi wahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi
sombuso wakhe esasiseShushani isigodlo,

3 ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe wenzela iziphathamandla zakhe
lenceku zakhe zonke idili. Amandla ePerisiya leMede, izinduna lababusi bezabelo
babephambi kwakhe,

4 lapho etshengisa inotho yenkazimulo yombuso wakhe lobugugu bobuhle
bobukhulu bakhe insuku ezinengi, insuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili.

5 Kwathi lezonsuku sezigcwalisekile, inkosi yenzela bonke abantu abatholakala
eShushani isigodlo idili, kusukela komkhulu kusiya komncinyane, insuku
eziyisikhombisa, egumeni lesivande sesigodlo senkosi.

6 Kwakulamalembu amhlophe, amalembu acolekileyo, laluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka, ebotshelwe ngentambo zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu
leziyibubende emasongweni esiliva lezinsikeni zelitshe le-alibasta. Imibheda
yayingeyegolide lesiliva phezu kwendawo egandelwe ngamatshe abomvu, le-
alibasta, lamapharele, lamnyama.

7 Basebenathisa ngezitsha zegolide, lezitsha zaziyizitsha ezehlukeneyo, lewayini
lesikhosini laba linengi njengokwesandla senkosi.

8 Lokunatha kwakungokomthetho, kungekho obamba ngamandla; ngoba
ngokunjalo inkosi yayilayile kwabakhulu bonke bendlu yayo ukuthi benze
njengokufisa komuntu lomuntu.

9 UVashiti indlovukazi laye wenzela abesifazana idili endlini yesikhosini inkosi
uAhasuwerusi ayelayo.

10 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa, inhliziyo yenkosi isithokozile ngewayini, yathi
kuboMehumani, uBhizitha, uHaribona, uBhigitha, loAbhagitha, uZethari,
loKarikasi, abathenwa abayisikhombisa ababesebenza phambi kwenkosi
uAhasuwerusi,

11 ukuthi balethe uVashiti indlovukazi phambi kwenkosi elomqhele wesikhosini,
ukutshengisa abantu leziphathamandla ubuhle bakhe, ngoba wayekhangeleka
kuhle.

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12 Kodwa indlovukazi uVashiti yala ukubuya ngelizwi lenkosi elalingesandla sabathenwa. Ngakho inkosi yathukuthela kakhulu, lolaka lwayo lwavutha phakathi kwayo.

13 Inkosi yasisithi kwabahlakaniphileyo ababesazi izikhathi (ngoba lalinjalo ilizwi lenkosi phambi kwabo bonke abaziyo umthetho lesahlulelo,

14 lalabo ababeseduze layo babengoKarishena, uShethari, uAdimatha, uTarshishi, uMeresi, uMarisena, uMemukani, iziphathamandla eziyisikhombisa zePerisiya leMede, ezazibona ubuso benkosi, ezazihlala phambili embusweni):

15 Ngokomthetho kungenziwani ngendlovukazi uVashiti ngenxa yokuthi kayenzanga ilizwi lenkosi uAhasuwerusi ngesandla sabathenwa?

16 UMemukani wasesithi phambi kwenkosi leziphathamandla: UVashiti indlovukazi wonile kungeyisikho enkosini kuphela, kodwa lakuziphathamandla zonke lebantwini bonke abasezabelweni zonke zenkosi uAhasuwerusi.

17 Ngoba isenzo sendlovukazi sizaphumela kubo bonke abesifazana, kuze kuthi badelele omkabo emehlweni abo, nxa besithi: Inkosi uAhasuwerusi watshela ukuthi kulethwe uVashiti indlovukazi phambi kwayo, kodwa kayizanga.

18 Yebo mhlalokho amakhosikazi ePerisiya leMede ezwe isenzo sendlovukazi azakuthi kuzo zonke iziphathamandla zenkosi, kube khona ukudelela lokuthukuthela okwedlulisayo.

19 Uba kulungile enkosini kakuphume umthetho wesikhosini kuyo, kakubhalwe emithethweni yamaPerisiya lamaMede, ongeguqulwe, ukuthi uVashiti kayikungena phambi kwenkosi uAhasuwerusi; inkosi inike-ke ubukhosikazi bakhe komunye onjengaye ongcono kulaye.

20 Usuzwakele umthetho wenkosi ezawenza embusweni wayo wonke (ngoba mkhulu) bonke abesifazana bazanika inhlonipho kubomkabo, kusukela komkhulu kusiya komncinyane.

21 Njalo indaba yayilungile emehlweni enkosi leziphathamandla; inkosi yasisenza njengokwelizwi likaMemukani.

22 Yasithumela izincwadi kuzo zonke izabelo zenkosi, kusabelo lesabelo njengombhalo waso, lakubo abantu labantu njengokolimi lwabo, ukuthi ileyo laleyondoda ibe ngumbusi endlini yayo, ikhulume njengokolimi lwabantu bakibo.

LUKAESTA 2

UEsta uba yindlovukazi

1 Emva kwalezizinto, ulaka lwenkosi uAhasuwerusi seludedile, wamkhumbula uVashiti, lalokho ayekwenzile, lalokho okwaqunywa ngaye.

2 Izinceku zenkosi ezaziyisebenzela zasezisithi: Kakudingelwe inkosi amantombazana, izintombi ezikhangeleka kuhle.

3 Inkosi imise-ke ababonisi kuzo zonke izabelo zombuso, ukuze babuthanise wonke amantombazana, izintombi ezikhangeleka kuhle, eShushani isigodlo, endlini yabesifazana, esandleni sikaHegayi, umthenwa wenkosi, umlondolozi wabesifazana, lokunika okokuqhola kwawo.

4 Kuthi intombazana enhle emehlweni enkosi ibe yindlovukazi esikhundleni sikaVashiti. Indaba yayilungile-ke emehlweni enkosi, yenza njalo.

5 Kwakukhona indoda engumJuda eShushani isigodlo, obizo layo lalinguModekhayi indodana kaJayiri indodana kaShimeyi indodana kaKishi, umBhenjamini,

6 owayethunjwe eJerusalema kanye labathunjwa ababethunjwe loJekoniya inkosi yakoJuda, uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni owayebathumbile.

7 Njalo wayesondla uHadasa, onguEsta, umntakamalumakhe, ngoba wayengelayise kumbe unina; njalo intombi yayiyinhle ngesimo njalo ikhangeleka kuhle; ekufeni-ke kukayise lonina uModekhayi wayithatha yaba yindodakazi yakhe.

8 Kwasekusithi sekuzwakele ilizwi lenkosi lomthetho wayo, lapho sekubuthaniswe izintombi ezinengi eShushani isigodlo esandleni sikaHegayi, uEsta laye wathathwa wasiwa endlini yenkosi esandleni sikaHegayi, umlondolozi wabesifazana.

9 Lentombi yayiyinhle emehlweni akhe, yazuza umusa phambi kwakhe; wasehle eyinika amakha ayo lezabelo zayo, lamantombazana akhethiweyo ayisikhombisa ukuyinika avela endlini yenkosi; wayisusa wayifaka yona lamantombazana ayo endaweni enhle yendlu yabesifazana.

10 UEsta wayengakhulumanga abantu bakwabo lomhlobo wakhe, ngoba uModekhayi wayemlayile ukuthi angakukhulumi.

11 Langalo lonke usuku ngosuku uModekhayi wayehambahamba phambi kweguma lendlu yabesifazana ukwazi impilakahle kaEsta lokuthi kuyini okuzakwenzeka kuye.

12 Lekufikeni kwezopha lentombi ngentombi ukungena enkosini uAhasuwerusi ekucineni sekwenziwe kuye njengomthetho wabesifazana, inyanga ezilitshumi lambili, ngoba ngokunjalo kwagcwaliseka insuku zamakha awo, inyanga eziyisithupha ngamafutha emure, lenyanga eziyisithupha ngamakha okuqhola, langamanye amakha abesifazana.

13 Ngalokho-ke intombi yangena enkosini; loba kuyini ekutshoyo izakunikwa ukuthi ihambe lakho isuka endlini yabesifazana isiya endlini yenkosi.

14 Ntambama yangena, lekuseni ibuyele endlini yesibili yabesifazana, esandleni sikaShashigazi umthenwa wenkosi umlondolozi wabafazi abancinyane;

kayingenanga futhi enkosini ngaphandle kokuthi inkosi ithokoze ngayo, ibizwe ngebizo.

15 Kwathi selifikile izopho likaEsta, indodakazi kaAbihayili umalumakhe kaModekhayi owayemthethe waba yindodakazi yakhe, lokuthi angene enkosini, kacelanga lutho ngaphandle kwalokho uHegayi umthenwa wenkosi umlondolozi wabesifazana akutshoyo. UEsta wayesemukela-ke umusa emehlweni abo bonke abambonayo.

16 Ngokunjalo uEsta wasiwa enkosini uAhasuwerusi endlini yayo yesikhosini ngenyanga yetshumi, eyinyanga kaTebethi, ngomnyaka wesikhombisa wokubusa kwayo.

17 Inkosi yasimthanda uEsta okwedlula bonke abesifazana, wemukela umusa lesihe phambi kwayo okwedlula zonke intombi, yasibeka umqhele wobukhosi ekhanda lakhe, yamenza indlovukazi esikhundleni sikaVashiti.

18 Inkosi yasisenzela zonke iziphathamandla zayo lenceku zayo idili elikhulu, idili likaEsta. Yenzela izabelo ikhefu, yapha izipho njengokwamandla enkosi.

19 Kwathi intombi sezibuthanisiwe okwesibili, uModekhayi wayehlezi esangweni lenkosi.

20 UEsta wayengakhulumanga umhlobo wakhe labantu bakibo, njengoba uModekhayi wamlaya, ngoba uEsta wenza umlayo kaModekhayi njengalapho esondliwa elaye.

UModekhayi utshela uEsta ukuthi kukhona abenza ugobe ngenkosi

21 Ngalezozinsuku uModekhayi ehlezi esangweni lenkosi, oBigithani loTereshi abathenwa ababili benkosi, abalindi bombundu, bathukuthela, badinga ukuyithela isandla inkosi uAhasuwerusi.

22 Njalo udaba lwaziwa kuModekhayi, waselutshela uEsta indlovukazi; njalo uEsta wayitshela inkosi ebizweni likaModekhayi.

23 Lolodaba seluhlolwa, lwatholakala lunjalo; ngakho bobabili baphanyekwa esihlahleni. Kwasekubhalwa egwalweni lwemilando phambi kwenkosi.

LUKAESTA 3

Ugobe lukaHamani lokubulala amaJuda

1Emva kwalezizindaba inkosi uAhasuwerusi yamkhulisa uHamani indodana kaHamedatha umAgagi, yamphakamisa, yabeka isihlalo sakhe phezu kwazo zonke iziphathamandla ezazilaye.

2 Ngakho zonke inceku zenkosi ezazisesangweni lenkosi zakhothama zamkhonza uHamani, ngoba inkosi yayilaye ngokunjalo ngaye. Kodwa uModekhayi kakhothamanga kakhonzanga.

3 Izinceku zenkosi ezazisesangweni lenkosi zasezisithi kuModekhayi: Kungani
useqa umlayo wenkosi?

4 Kwasekusithi zikhuluma laye insuku ngensuku, kodwa engazizwanga,
zamtshela uHamani ukuze zibone ukuthi amazwi kaModekhayi azakuma yini;
ngoba wayezitshelile ukuthi ungumJuda.

5 UHamani esebonile ukuthi uModekhayi kakhothamanga njalo kakhonzanga
kuye, uHamani wagcwala intukuthelo.

6 Wesedelela emehlweni akhe ukumthela isandla uModekhayi yedwa, ngoba
babemtshelile abantu bakibo kaModekhayi, ngakho uHamani wadinga ukuchitha
wonke amaJuda, ayesembusweni wonke kaAhasuwerusi, abantu bakibo
kaModekhayi.

7 Ngenyanga yokuqala, eyinyanga uNisani, ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wenkosi
uAhasuwerusi, baphosa iPuri, eliyinkatho, phambi kukaHamani, kusukela
osukwini kusiya osukwini, njalo kusukela enyangeni kusiya enyangeni yetshumi
lambili, eyinyanga uAdari.

8 UHamani wasesithi enkosini uAhasuwerusi: Kukhona abantu abathile
abahlakazeke basabalala phakathi kwabantu ezabelweni zonke zombuso wakho;
lemilayo yabo yehlukile kweyabo bonke abantu, lemilayo yenkosi kabayenzi;
ngakho kakufanelanga enkosini ukuthi ibayekele bahlale.

9 Uba kulungile enkosini, kakubhalwe ukuthi bachithwe, njalo
ngizalinganisa amathalenta esiliva azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ezandleni
zabenzi bomsebenzi, ukuze afakwe kokuligugu kwenkosi.

10 Inkosi yasikhupha indandatho yophawu lwayo esandleni sayo, yayinika
uHamani indodana kaHamedathaumAgagi, isitha samaJuda.

11 Inkosi yasisithi kuHamani: Isiliva usinikiwe, labantu, ukwenza ngabo
njengokuhle emehlweni akho.

12 Kwasekubizwa ababhali benkosi ngenyanga yokuqala ngosuku lwetshumi
lantathu lwayo; kwasekubhalwa njengakho konke uHamani ayekulayile,
ezikhulwini zenkosi lakubabusi ababephezu kwesabelo lesabelo,
lakuziphathamandla zesizwe lesizwe sesabelo lesabelo, njengokombhalo waso,
labantu ngabantu ngokolimi lwabo; kwabhalwa ebizweni lenkosi uAhasuwerusi,
kwananyathiselwa ngendandatho yophawu lwenkosi.

13 Incwadi zathunyelwa ngesandla sezigijimi kuzo zonke izabelo zenkosi
ukuchitha, ukubulala, lokubhubhisa wonke amaJuda, kusukela komutsha kusiya
komdala, abantwanyana labesifazana, ngasuku lunye, ngolwetshumi lantathu
lwenyanga yetshumi lambili, eyinyanga uAdari, lokuthi kuphangwe impahla
yawo.

14 Ikhophi yombhalo yokuthi umlayo unikwe kuso sonke isabelo ngesabelo yayisobala kubo bonke abantu ukuze balungele lolosuku.

15 Izigijimi zaphuma ziphangisiswa yilizwi lenkosi, lomthetho wanikwa eShushani isigodlo. Inkosi loHamani basebehlalela ukunatha, kodwa umuzi iShushani wawusanganisekile.

LUKAESTA 4

UEsta uvuma ukukhulumela abantu bakibo

1UModekhayi esekwazile konke okwenziweyo, uModekhayi wadabula izigqoko zakhe, wagqoka isakalomlotha, waphuma wangena phakathi komuzi, wakhala ukukhala okukhulu lokubabayo,

2 weza waze waba phambi kwesango lenkosi, ngoba kwakungekho ongangena esangweni lenkosi egqoke isaka.

3 Lakuso sonke isabelo lesabelo, indawo lapho ilizwi lenkosi lomthetho okwakufika khona, kwaba lokulila okukhulu kumaJuda, lokuzila ukudla, lokukhala inyembezi, lokulila; amanengi alala emasakeni lemlotheni.

4 Kwasekufika amantombazana kaEsta labathenwa bakhe bamtshela; indlovukazi yasidabuka kakhulu, yathumela izembatho zokugqokisa uModekhayi, lokususa kuye isaka lakhe, kodwa kazemukelanga.

5 UEsta wasebiza uHathaki omunye wabathenwa benkosi eyayimmisele yena, wamlaya ngoModekhayi ukuthi azi ukuthi kuyini lokuthi kungani.

6 UHathaki wasephuma waya kuModekhayi egcekeni lomuzi elaliphambi kwesango lenkosi.

7 UModekhayi wamtshela konke okwenzeke kuye, lengcazelo yemali uHamani athi uzayilinganisela kokuligugu kwenkosi ngamaJuda ukuwachitha.

8 Wasemnika ikhophi yombhalo womthetho eyanikwa eShushani ukuwachitha ukuthi ayitshengise uEsta, lokuthi amtshele, lokuthi amlaye ukuthi angene enkosini, ukumncengela, lokucelela abantu bakibo phambi kwakhe.

9 UHathaki wasesiza wamtshela uEsta amazwi kaModekhayi.

10 UEsta wasekhuluma loHathaki, wamnika umlayo usiya kuModekhayi wokuthi:

11 Zonke inceku zenkosi labantu bezabelo zenkosi bayakwazi ukuthi, loba ngubani, owesilisa loba owesifazana, ongena esiya enkosini egumeni elingaphakathi, engabizwanga, kulomthetho owodwa ngaye wokumbulala, ngaphandle kokuthi inkosi imelulele intonga yobukhosi yegolide, ukuze aphile; kodwa mina kangibizwanga ukungena enkosini lezinsuku ezingamatshumi amathathu.

12 Basebemtshela uModekhayi amazwi kaEsta.

13 UModekhayi wasesithi ephendula uEsta: Ungacabangi engqondweni yakho
ukuthi uzaphepha endlini yenkosi okwedlula wonke amaJuda.

14 Ngoba uba uthula lokuthula ngalesisikhathi, usizo lenkululeko kuzamela
amaJuda kuvela kwenye indawo, kodwa wena lendlu kayihlo lizabhubha.
Ngubani kambe owaziyo ukuthi ufikile embusweni ngenxa yesikhathi esinje?

15 UEsta wasesithi ephendula uModekhayi:

16 Hamba ubuthanise wonke amaJuda atholakala eShushani, lingizilele ukudla,
lingadli linganathi insuku ezintathu ubusuku lemini; lami lamantombazana ami
sizazila ukudla ngokufananayo; ngokunjalo-ke ngizangena enkosini,
okunganjengokomthetho; njalo uba ngibhubha, ngizabhubha.

17 UModekhayi waseqhubeka wenza njengakho konke uEsta amlaye khona.

LUKAESTA 5

UEsta wenzela inkosi loHamani idili

1Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithathu uEsta wagqoka ezobundlovukazi, wema
egumeni elingaphakathi lendlu yenkosi, maqondana lendlu yenkosi. Inkosi
yayihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso wayo endlini yesikhosini iqondene
lomnyango wendlu.

2 Kwasekusithi inkosi ibona uEsta indlovukazi emi egumeni, wazuza umusa
emehlweni ayo; inkosi yasimelulela uEsta intonga yobukhosi yegolide
eyayisesandleni sayo. Wasesondela uEsta wathinta isihloko sentonga yobukhosi.

3 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ulani, ndlovukazi Esta? Lesicelo sakho siyini? Uzasinikwa
ngitsho kuze kube yingxenye yombuso.

4 UEsta wasesithi: Uba kukuhle enkosini, kayize inkosi loHamani edilini
engiyenzele lona.

5 Inkosi yasisithi: Phangisisani uHamani ukuthi enze ilizwi likaEsta. Ngakho yeza
inkosi loHamani edilini uEsta ayelenzile.

6 Inkosi yasisithi kuEsta edilini lewayini: Siyini isicelo sakho? Njalo uzasinikwa.
Siyini-ke isifiso sakho? Kuzakwenziwa ngitsho kuze kube yingxenye yombuso.

7 UEsta wasephendula wathi: Isicelo sami lesifiso sami yilokhu:

8 Uba ngithole umusa emehlweni enkosi, futhi uba kukuhle enkosini ukupha
isicelo sami lokwenza isifiso sami, inkosi loHamani kabeze edilini engizalenzela
bona. Kusasa-ke ngizakwenza njengokwelizwi lenkosi.

Ukuziphakamisa kukaHamani lokuthukuthela kwakhe

9 UHamani wasephuma mhlalokho ethokoza elenhliziyo enhle. Kodwa uHamani
ebona uModekhayi esangweni lenkosi ukuthi kasukumanga lokuthi
kamthuthumelelanga, uHamani wagcwala ulaka ngoModekhayi.

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10 Kodwa uHamani wazithinta, wafika endlini yakhe; wasethuma walanda abangane bakhe loZereshi umkakhe.

11 UHamani wasebalandisela udumo lwenotho yakhe, lobunengi bamadodana akhe, lakho konke inkosi eyayimkhulise ngakho, leyamphakamisa ngakho phezu kweziphathamandla lenceku zenkosi.

12 UHamani wasesithi: Yebo, uEsta indlovukazi kangenisanga muntu kanye lenkosi edilini alenzileyo ngaphandle kwami; njalo lakusasa nginxuselwe kuye lenkosi.

13 Kanti konke lokhu kakungenelisi ngalutho ngaso sonke isikhathi ngibona uModekhayi umJuda ehlezi esangweni lenkosi.

14 UZereshi umkakhe labo bonke abangane bakhe basebesithi kuye: Kakwenziwe ugodo ubude obuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu; kusasa-ke uthi enkosini kabalengise uModekhayi kulo, ubusungena lenkosi edilini uthokozile. Njalo loludaba lwalulungile phambi kukaHamani, waselwenza ugodo.

LUKAESTA 6

UHamani ulaywa ukuthi anike uModekhayi udumo

1 Ngalobobusuku ubuthongo benkosi babaleka; yasisithi kakulethwe ugwalo lwezikhumbuzo lwemilando; yasibalwa phambi kwenkosi.

2 Kwasekutholakala kubhaliwe ukuthi uModekhayi wabika ngoBigithana loTereshi, abathenwa ababili benkosi, abalindi bombundu, ababedinge ukwelulela isandla enkosini uAhasuwerusi.

3 Inkosi yasisithi: Dumo lobukhulu bani obenziwa kuModekhayi ngalokhu? Izinceku zenkosi ezaziyikhonza zasezisithi: Kakwenziwanga lutho kuye.

4 Inkosi yasisithi: Ngubani osegumeni? UHamani wayesengene egumeni elingaphandle lendlu yenkosiukukhuluma enkosini ukuthi ilengise uModekhayi egodweni ayemlungisele lona.

5 Izinceku zenkosi zasezisithi kuyo: Khangela, uHamani umi egumeni. Inkosi yasisithi: Kangene.

6 UHamani wasengena; inkosi yasisithi kuye: Kwenziweni kumuntu inkosi ethokoza kudumo lwakhe? UHamani wasesithi enhliziyweni yakhe: Ngubani inkosi engathokoza ukumnika udumo okwedlula mina?

7 UHamani wasesithi enkosini: Umuntu inkosi ethokoza kudumo lwakhe,

8 kakulethwe isembatho sobukhosi inkosi uqobo esigqokayo, lebhiza inkosi eligadayo, lokuthi umqhele wobukhosi ubekwe enhlokweni yalo;

9 lesembatho lebhiza kunikwe esandleni somunye weziphathamandla zenkosi ezihloniphekayo, lokuthi bagqokise lowomuntu inkosi ethokoza kudumo lwakhe,

bamgadise ibhiza adabule igceke lomuzi, bamemeze phambi kwakhebathi: Kwenziwa nje emuntwini inkosi ethokoza ngodumo lwakhe.

10 Inkosi yasisithi kuHamani: Phangisa thatha isembatho lebhiza njengokutsho kwakho, wenze njalo kuModekhayi umJuda ohlala esangweni lenkosi; kungawi lalizwi kukho konke okukhulumileyo.

11 UHamani wasethatha isembatho lebhiza, wagqokisa uModekhayi, wamgadisa wadabula igceke lomuzi, wamemeza phambi kwakhe wathi: Kwenziwa nje emuntwini inkosi ethokoza kudumo lwakhe.

12 Wasebuyela uModekhayi esangweni lenkosi, kodwa uHamani wahaluzela waya endlini yakhe elila embomboze ikhanda.

13 UHamani wasetshela uZereshi umkakhe labo bonke abangane bakhe konke okumehleleyo. Abahlakaniphileyo bakhe loZereshi umkakhe basebesithi kuye: Uba uModekhayi engowenzalo yamaJuda, osuqalise ukuwa phambi kwakhe, kawuyikumelana laye, kodwa uzakuwa lokuwa phambi kwakhe.

14 Besakhuluma loHamani, abathenwa benkosi basondela, bahaluzela ukuletha uHamani edilini uEsta ayelenzile.

LUKAESTA 7

Ukuchithwa lokulengiswa kukaHamani

1Bafika-ke inkosi loHamani ukuyakuba ledili loEsta indlovukazi.

2 Inkosi yasisithi kuEsta langosuku lwesibili edilini lewayini: Siyini isicelo sakho, Esta ndlovukazi? njalo uzasinikwa. Siyini-ke isifiso sakho? kuzakwenziwa ngitsho kuze kube yingxenye yombuso.

3 UEsta indlovukazi wasephendula wathi: Uba ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, nkosi, njalo uba kukuhle enkosini, impilo yami kangiyinikwe ngesicelo sami labantu bakithi ngesifiso sami.

4 Ngoba sithengisiwe, mina labantu bakithi, ukuthi sibhujiswe sibulawe njalo sichithwe; kodwa uba besithengiswe ukuba yizigqili lezigqilikazi ngabe ngithule; lanxa isitha besingelinganise ukoniwa kwenkosi.

5 Inkosi uAhasuwerusi yasikhuluma yathi kuEsta indlovukazi: Ngubani lo, futhi ungaphi lo ogcwalise inhliziyo yakhe ukwenza njalo?

6 UEsta wasesithi: Umuntu, umbandezeli lesitha, nguHamani lo okhohlakeleyo. UHamani waseqhaqhazela phambi kwenkosi lendlovukazi.

7 Inkosi yasisukuma edilini lewayini olakeni lwayo, yaya esivandeni sesigodlo; uHamani wasesukuma ukuncengela impilo yakhe kuEsta indlovukazi, ngoba wabona ukuthi okubi sekuqunywe yinkosi ngaye.

8 Inkosi isiphendukile ivela esivandeni sesigodlo isiya endlini yedili lewayini, uHamani wayewele phezu kombheda uEsta ayekuwo. Inkosi yasisithi: Usuzadlova indlovukazi ilami endlini yini? Ilizwi laphuma emlonyeni wenkosi; basebembomboza ubuso bukaHamani.

9 UHaribona omunye wabathenwa wasesithi phambi kwenkosi: Khangela-ke, ugodo uHamani alwenzele uModekhayi, owayeyikhulumele okuhle inkosi, lumi endlini kaHamani, ubude buzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. Inkosi yasisithi: Umlengiseni kulo.

10 Basebemlengisa uHamani kulologodo ayelulungisele uModekhayi. Lwaseludeda ulaka lwenkosi.

LUKAESTA 8

AmaJuda avunyelwa ukuzilwela

1Ngalolosuku inkosi uAhasuwerusi yanika uEsta indlovukazi indlu kaHamani isitha samaJuda. UModekhayi wasesiza phambi kwenkosi ngoba uEsta wayeselandisile ukuthi wayeyini kuye.

2 Inkosi yasikhupha indandatho yophawu lwayo eyayiyithathele uHamani, yayinika uModekhayi. UEsta wasebeka uModekhayi phezu kwendlu kaHamani.

3 UEsta wasebuya ekhuluma phambi kwenkosi, wawa phambi kwenyawo zayo wakhala inyembezi wayincenga ukuthi isuse ububi bukaHamani umAgagi, logobe lwakhe ayelucebe ngamaJuda.

4 Inkosi yasiselulela intonga yobukhosi yegolide kuEsta. UEsta wasesukuma wema phambi kwenkosi,

5 wasesithi: Uba kukuhle enkosini, uba-ke ngithole umusa phambi kwayo, lodaba lulungile phambi kwenkosi, lami ngilungile emehlweni ayo, kakubhalwe ukubuyisela emuva izincwadi, ugobe lukaHamani indodana kaHamedatha umAgagi, ayelubhalele ukubhubhisa amaJuda asezabelweni zonke zenkosi.

6 Ngoba ngingaba lakho njani ukubona ububi obuzathola isizwe sakithi? Kumbe ngingaba lakho njani ukubona ukubhujiswa kwezihlobo zami?

7 Inkosi uAhasuwerusi yasisithi kuEsta indlovukazi lakuModekhayi umJuda: Khangelani, indlu kaHamani ngiyinike uEsta, yena-ke bamlengise egodweni, ngenxa yokuthi welulela isandla sakhe kumaJuda.

8 Ngakho lina bhalelani amaJuda ebizweni lenkosi, njengokuhle emehlweni enu, likunameke ngophawu lwendandatho yenkosi, ngoba umbhalo obhalwe ngebizo lenkosi wananyekwa ngophawu lwendandatho yenkosi, kakho ongawubuyisela emuva.

9 Kwasekubizwa ababhali benkosi ngalesosikhathi ngenyanga yesithathu, eyinyanga uSivani, ngolwamatshumi amabili lantathu lwayo; kwasekubhalwa

njengakho konke uModekhayi akulaya kumaJuda, lezikhulwini lakubabusi lakuziphathamandla zezabelo ezisukela eIndiya kuze kufike eEthiyophiya, izabelo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa, isabelo lesabelo njengokombhalo waso, lesizwe ngesizwe njengokolimi lwaso, lakumaJuda njengokombhalo wawo lanjengokolimi lwawo.

10 Wasebhala ebizweni lenkosi uAhasuwerusi, wanameka ngophawu lwendandatho yenkosi, wathumela izincwadi ngesandla sezigijimi ezigade amabhiza, ezigade amabhiza alejubane awesikhosini, amabhizakazi amatsha.

11 Ukuthi inkosi yavumela amaJuda ayesemzini ngomuzi wonke ukuthi ahlangane amele impilo yawo ukubhubhisa abulale aqede wonke amandla abantu lesabelo abawahlaseleyo, abantwanyana labesifazana, lokuphanga impango yabo,

12 ngasuku lunye kuzo zonke izabelo zenkosi uAhasuwerusi, ngolwetshumi lantathu lwenyanga yetshumi lambili, eyinyanga uAdari.

13 Ikhophi yombhalo yomthetho ozamiswa kuso sonke isabelo ngesabelo yayisobala kubo bonke abantu, ukuthi amaJuda azilungisele lolusuku ukuziphindiselela ezitheni zawo.

14 Izigijimi zigade amabhiza esikhosini alejubane zaphuma, ziphangisiswa zicindezelwa yilizwi lenkosi, lomthetho wanikwa eShushani isigodlo.

15 UModekhayi wasephuma phambi kwenkosi ekusembatho sobukhosi sobuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lesimhlophe, lomqhele omkhulu wegolide, lesembatho selembu elicolekileyo kakhulu leliyibubende. Umuzi weShushani wasuthokoza wathaba.

16 AmaJuda ayelokukhanya lentokozo lenjabulo lodumo.

17 Lakuso sonke isabelo ngesabelo lakuwo wonke umuzi ngomuzi endaweni lapho ilizwi lenkosi lomthetho wayo okwafika khona amaJuda aba lentokozo, lenjabulo, idili, losuku oluhle. Labanengi babantu belizwe baba ngamaJuda, ngoba ukwesaba amaJuda kwabehlela.

LUKAESTA 9

AmaJuda abulala izitha zawo

1Kwathi ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, eyinyanga uAdari, ngosuku lwetshumi lantathu lwayo, sekusondele ilizwi lenkosi lomlayo wayo ukuthi kwenziwe, ngosuku izitha zamaJuda ezazithemba ukuwabusa ngalo, kwaguquka, ngoba amaJuda ngokwawo abusa kwababewazonda.

2 AmaJuda abuthana emizini yawo kuzo zonke izabelo zenkosi uAhasuwerusi ukwelulela isandla kulabo ababedinge ukulinyazwa kwawo; njalo kakho owayengema phambi kwawo, ngoba ukwesabeka kwawo kwakwehlele bonke abantu.

3 Zonke-ke iziphathamandla zezabelo, lezikhulu, lababusi, labenzi bomsebenzi inkosi eyayilabo, basiza amaJuda, ngoba ukwesabeka kukaModekhayi kwakubehlele.

4 Ngoba uModekhayi wayemkhulu endlini yenkosi, lodumo lwakhe lwahamba kuzo zonke izabelo, ngoba lindoda uModekhayi yaqhubeka ikhula.

5 Ngakho amaJuda atshaya phakathi kwezitha zawo zonke ngokutshaya kwenkemba lokubulala lokubhubhisa, enza ngabazondi bawo ngokwentando yawo.

6 EShushani isigodlo amaJuda asebulala abhubhisa abantu abangamakhulu amahlanu,

7 loParishanidatha, loDalifoni, loAsiphatha,

8 loPoratha, loAdaliya, loAridatha,

9 loParimashita, loArisayi, loAridayi, loVayizatha.

10 Amadodana alitshumi kaHamani indodana kaHamedatha, isitha samaJuda, awabulala; kodwa kawelulelanga isandla sawo empangweni.

11 Ngalolosuku inani lababulawayo eShushani isigodlo lafika phambi kwenkosi.

12 Inkosi yasisithi kuEsta indlovukazi: EShushani isigodlo amaJuda abulele abhubhisa abantu abangamakhulu amahlanu lamadodana alitshumi kaHamani. Enzeni kwezinye izabelo zenkosi? Siyini-ke isicelo sakho? Njalo uzasinikwa. Siyini-ke isifiso sakho futhi? Njalo sizakwenziwa.

13 UEsta wasesithi: Uba kulungile enkosini kawavunyelwe amaJuda aseShushani ukwenza lakusasa njengokomthetho walamuhla; lamadodana alitshumi kaHamani kabawalengise egodweni.

14 Inkosi yasisithi kwenziwe njalo; kwasekunikwa umthetho eShushani, lamadodana alitshumi kaHamani bawalengisa.

15 AmaJuda eyeseShushani asebuthana futhi ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga uAdari, abulala abantu abangamakhulu amathathu eShushani; kodwa kawelulelanga isandla sawo empangweni.

Umkhosi wePurimi

16 Amanye kumaJuda ayesezabelweni zenkosi abuthana-ke amela impilo yabo, aphumula ezitheni zawo, abulala kwabawazondayo izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu; kodwa kawelulelanga isandla sawo empangweni.

17 Kwakungosuku lwetshumi lantathu lwenyanga uAdari. Asephumula ngolwetshumi lane lwayo, alwenza lwaba lusuku lwedili lentokozo.

18 Kodwa amaJuda aseShushani abuthana ngolwetshumi lantathu lwayo langolwetshumi lane lwayo; asephumula ngolwetshumi lanhlanu lwayo, alwenza lwaba lusuku lwedili lentokozo.

19 Ngenxa yalokhu amaJuda emaphandleni ahlala emizini emaphandleni enza usuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga uAdari lwaba ngolwentokozo ledili, losuku oluhle, lolokuthumelana izabelo.

20 UModekhayi wasezibhala lezizinto, wathumela izincwadi kuwo wonke amaJuda ayekuzo zonke izabelo zenkosi uAhasuwerusi, aseduze lakhatshana,

21 ukumisa phakathi kwabo ukwenza usuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga uAdari losuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwayo kuwo wonke umnyaka ngomnyaka,

22 njengokwensuku amaJuda aphumula ngazo ezitheni zawo, lenyanga eyaphendulwa kuwo kusuka osizini kusiya kuntokozo, lekulileni kube lusuku oluhle, azenze zibe zinsuku zedili lentokozo, lezokuthumelana izabelo, lezipho kubayanga.

23 AmaJuda emukela lokho ayesekuqalile ukukwenza, lalokho uModekhayi ayewabhalele khona.

24 Ngoba uHamani indodana kaHamedatha umAgagi, isitha sawo wonke amaJuda, wayecebe mayelana lamaJuda ukuwachitha, waphosa iPuri, eyinkatho, ukuwachoboza lokuwabhubhisa.

25 Kodwa lapho uEsta efika phambi kwenkosi, yalaya ngencwadi ukuthi icebo lakhe elibi ayelicebe ngamaJuda libuyele ekhanda lakhe; basebebalengisa yena lamadodana akhe egodweni.

26 Ngenxa yalokhu babiza lezozinsuku ngokuthi iPurimi ngebizo lePuri. Ngenxa yalokhu, ngenxa yawo wonke amazwi aleyoncwadi, lababekubonile mayelana lalokho, lokwakubehlele,

27 amaJuda amisa azemukelela wona lenzalo yawo labo bonke abazihlanganisa lawo, ukuze bangeqi, ukugcina lezinsuku ezimbili, njengokombhalo wazo, lanjengokwesikhathi sazo esimisiweyo, kuwo wonke umnyaka lomnyaka,

28 ukuthi lezinsuku zikhunjulwe zigcinwe kuso sonke isizukulwana lesizukulwana, usapho losapho, isabelo ngesabelo, lomuzi ngomuzi, ukuthi lezinsuku zePurimi zingeqiwa phakathi kwamaJuda, lesikhumbuzo sazo singapheli enzalweni yawo.

29 UEsta indlovukazi, indodakazi kaAbihayili, loModekhayi umJuda, basebebhala ngamandla wonke ukuqinisa lincwadi yesibili yePurimi.

30 Wasethumela izincwadi kuwo wonke amaJuda ezabelweni ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa zombuso kaAhasuwerusi, amazwi okuthula leqiniso,

31 ukuqinisa lezinsuku zePurimi ngezikhathi zazo ezimisiweyo njengokumisa phezu kwawo kukaModekhayi umJuda loEsta indlovukazi, lanjengokuzimisela kwawo wona lenzalo yawo, indaba zokuzila ukudla lokukhala kwawo.

32 Ilizwi likaEsta laseliqinisa lezizindaba zePurimi; kwasekubhalwa egwalweni.

LUKAESTA 10

Ubukhulu bukaModekhayi

1 Inkosi uAhasuwerusi yasibeka umthelo elizweni lezihlengeni zolwandle.

2 Zonke-ke izenzo zamandla ayo lawengalo zayo, lomlando wobukhulu bukaModekhayi, inkosi eyamkhulisayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi eMede lePerisiya?

3 Ngoba uModekhayi umJuda wayengowesibili enkosini uAhasuwerusi, emkhulu phakathi kwamaJuda, ethandeka kulo inengi labafowabo, edingela isizwe sakibo okuhle, ekhuluma ukuthula kuyo yonke inzalo yakhe.

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UGWALO

Ukulingwa kukaJobe lokubekezela kwakhe

1 Kwakukhona indoda elizweni leUzi, ibizo layo lalinguJobe. Leyondoda yayiphelele-ke, iqondile, imesaba uNkulunkulu, ixwaya okubi.

2 Yasizalelwa amadodana ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu.

3 Lemfuyo yayo yayiyizimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, lamakamela ayizinkulungwane ezintathu, lezipane zenkabi ezingamakhulu amahlanu, labobabhemi abasikazi abangamakhulu amahlanu, lenceku ezinengi kakhulu. Ngakho lowomuntu wayemkhulu okwedlula bonke abantu bempumalanga.

4 Njalo amadodana akhe ahamba enza idili endlini yaleyo laleyo ngosuku lwayo; athuma abiza odadewabo abathathu ukuze badle banathe lawo.

5 Kwakusithi lapho esephelile amazopha ensuku zedili, uJobe athume, awangcwelise, avuke ekuseni kakhulu, anikele iminikelo yokutshiswa ngokwenani lawo wonke, ngoba uJobe wathi: Mhlawumbe amadodana ami onile, amthuka uNkulunkulu enhliziyweni yawo. Wenza njalo uJobe zonke izinsuku.

6 Kwasekusiba losuku lapho amadodana kaNkulunkulu eza ukuzimisa phambi kweNKOSI, loSathane laye wafika phakathi kwawo.

7 INKOSI yasisithi kuSathane: Uvela ngaphi? USathane wasephendula iNKOSI wathi: Ekuzulazuleni emhlabeni lekuhambahambeni kuwo.

8 INKOSI yasisithi kuSathane: Ubekile yini inhliziyo yakho encekwini yami uJobe, ngoba kakho onjengayo emhlabeni, umuntu opheleleyo loqondileyo, owesaba uNkulunkulu loxwaya ububi?

9 USathane wasephendula iNKOSI wathi: UJobe umesabela ize uNkulunkulu yini?

10 Kawumbiyelanga yini yena lendlu yakhe lakho konke alakho inhlangothi zonke? Ubusisile umsebenzi wezandla zakhe, lezifuyo zakhe zanda kakhulu elizweni.

11 Kodwa isibili yelula isandla sakho khathesi, uthinte konke alakho; sibili uzakuthuka ebusweni bakho.

12 INKOSI yasisithi kuSathane: Khangela konke alakho kusesandleni sakho; kuphela kuye ungeluleli isandla sakho. Wasephuma uSathane phambi kweNKOSI.

13 Kwasekusiba losuku lapho amadodana lamadodakazi akhe ayesidla enatha iwayini endlini yomfowabo olizibulo.

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14 Kwasekufika isithunywa kuJobe sathi: Inkabi bezilima labobabhemi besidla emaceleni azo;

15 kwasekutheleka amaShebha, akuthatha, atshaya izinceku ngobukhali benkemba, njalo yimi ngedwa kuphela engiphephileyo ukuze ngikubikele.

16 Lesi sisakhuluma, kwafika lesinye, sathi: Umlilo kaNkulunkulu uwile uvela emazulwini, watshisa izimvu lezinceku, waziqeda; njalo yimi ngedwa kuphela engiphephileyo ukuze ngikubikele.

17 Lesi sisakhuluma, kwafika lesinye, sathi: AmaKhaladiya amise amaxuku amathathu atheleka phezu kwamakamela, awathatha, atshaya izinceku ngobukhali benkemba, njalo yimi ngedwa kuphela engiphephileyo ukuze ngikubikele.

18 Lesi sisakhuluma, kwafika lesinye, sathi: Amadodana akho lamadodakazi akho bebesidla benatha iwayini endlini yomfowabo, izibulo.

19 Khangela-ke, umoya omkhulu wafika uvela ngaphetsheya kwenkangala, watshaya amagumbi womane endlu, yawela phezu kwamajaha, afa; njalo yimi ngedwa kuphela engiphephileyo ukuze ngikubikele.

20 UJobe wasesukuma, wadabula ibhatshi lakhe, waphuca ikhanda lakhe, wawa emhlabathini, wakhonza;

21 wasesithi: Ngaphuma ngize esiswini sikamama, njalo ngizabuyela khona ngize; iNKOSI yapha, iNKOSI ithethe; kalibusiswe ibizo leNKOSI.

22 Kukho konke lokhu uJobe konanga, kambalelanga ubuwula uNkulunkulu.

LUKAJOBE 2

1Kwakulosuku futhi lapho amadodana kaNkulunkulu afika ukuzimisa phambi kweNKOSI, uSathane laye wafika phakathi kwawo ukuzimisa phambi kweNKOSI.

2 INKOSI yasisithi kuSathane: Uvela ngaphi? USathane wasephendula iNKOSI wathi: Ekuzulazuleni emhlabeni lekuhambahambeni kuwo.

3 INKOSI yasisithi kuSathane: Ubekile yini inhliziyo yakho encekwini yami uJobe? Ngoba kakho onjengaye emhlabeni, umuntu opheleleyo loqondileyo, owesaba uNkulunkulu, loxwaya ububi? Usabambelele kubo ubuqotho bakhe, lanxa ungivuse ukuze ngimchithe kungelasizatho.

4 USathane wasephendula iNKOSI wathi: Isikhumba ngesikhumba, yebo, konke umuntu alakho uzakunikelela impilo yakhe.

5 Kodwa khathesi yelula isandla sakho, uthinte ithambo lakhe lenyama yakhe; isibili uzakuthuka ebusweni bakho.

6 INKOSI yasisithi kuSathane: Khangela, usesandleni sakho; kodwa gcina impilo yakhe.

7 USathane wasephuma phambi kweNKOSI, wamtshaya uJobe ngamathumba amabi, kusukela ngaphansi konyawo lwakhe kuze kube enkanda yakhe.

8 Wasezithathela udengezi ukuziphala ngalo, wahlala phakathi kwesilotha.

9 Umkakhe wasesithi kuye: Usabambelele yini kubuqotho bakho? Thuka uNkulunkulu, ufe.

10 Kodwa wathi kuye: Ukhuluma njengokukhuluma komunye wabesifazana abayiziwula. Kambe, sizakwemukela okuhle kuNkulunkulu, singemukeli lokubi yini? Kukho konke lokhu uJobe konanga ngendebe zakhe.

11 Abangane abathathu bakaJobe sebezwile ngakho konke lokhu okubi okumehleleyo, beza, lowo lalowo evela endaweni yakhe, uElifazi umThemani, loBilidadi umShuhi, loZofari umNahama; bavumelana ndawonye ukuthi beze bamkhalele bamduduze.

12 Lapho bephakamisa amehlo abo bekhatshana, kabamazanga, baphakamisa ilizwi labo, bakhala inyembezi, badabula ngulowo ibhatshi lakhe, bavuvuzela uthuli emakhanda abo ngasemazulwini.

13 Basebehlala laye emhlabathini insuku eziyisikhombisa lobusuku obuyisikhombisa, njalo kakho owakhuluma ilizwi kuye, ngoba babona ukuthi ubuhlungu bukhulu kakhulu.

LUKAJOBE 3

UJobe uthuka usuku lokuzalwa kwakhe

1Emva kwalokho uJobe wavula umlomo wakhe, waqalekisa usuku lwakhe.

2 UJobe wasephendula wathi:

3 Kalubhubhe usuku engazalwa ngalo, lobusuku okwathiwa ngalo: Kukhulelwe umntwana wesilisa.

4 Lolosuku kalube ngumnyama, uNkulunkulu angalunanzi ephezulu, lokukhanya kungalukhanyisi.

5 Umnyama lethunzi lokufa kakuluhlenge, iyezi lihlale phezu kwalo, umnyama welanga ulesabise.

6 Lobobusuku, umnyama ububambe, lungathokozi ensukwini zomnyaka, lungezi kunani lezinyanga.

7 Khangela, lobobusuku kabube yinyumba, umsindo wentokozo ungangeni kubo.

8 Kababuqalekise abaqalekisi bosuku, abalungele ukuvusa uLeviyathani.

9 Zibe mnyama inkanyezi zokusa kwabo, bulindele ukukhanya, kodwa kungabi khona, bungaboni inkophe zokusa.

10 Ngoba bungavalanga iminyango yesisu sikamama wami, bungafihlanga usizi emehlweni ami.

11 Kungani ngingafanga kusukela esizalweni, ngiphele ekuphumeni kwami esiswini?

12 Kungani amadolo angandulela? Kungani lamabele ukuthi ngimunye?

13 Ngoba khathesi ngabe ngacambalala ngathula, ngalala, khona ngaba lokuphumula,

14 kanye lamakhosi labeluleki bomhlaba abazakhela amanxiwa,

15 kumbe kanye leziphathamandla ezazilegolide ezagcwalisa izindlu zazo ngesiliva.

16 Kumbe njengomphunzo ofihliweyo ngingabi khona, njengensane ezingabonanga ukukhanya.

17 Lapho ababi bayekela ukuhlupha, lapho abakhathele ngamandla bephumula.

18 Izibotshwa ziyaphumula ndawonye, kazizwa ilizwi lomcindezeli.

19 Omncinyane lomkhulu balapho, lesigqili sikhululekile enkosini yaso.

20 Kungani enika ukukhanya kohluphekayo, lempilo kwabalokubaba komphefumulo;

21 abalindele ukufa, kodwa kungekho, bekugebha kulenotho efihliweyo,

22 abathabayo kakhulu ngentokozo, bajabule lapho bethola ingcwaba?

23 Emuntwini yini, ondlela yakhe ifihliwe, uNkulunkulu ambiyeleyo?

24 Ngoba ukububula kwami kuza phambi kokudla kwami, lokubhonga kwami kuthululeka njengamanzi.

25 Ngoba engikwesabayo ngokwesaba sekungehlele, lengilovalo ngakho kufikile kimi.

26 Ngangingahlalisekanga, ngingaphumuli, ngingelakuthula, lohlupho lweza.

LUKAJOBE 4

Inkulumo yokuqala kaElifazi. Uthi uNkulunkulu ulungile

1UElifazi umThemani wasephendula wathi:

2 Uba sizama ilizwi kuwe, uzadabuka yini? Kodwa ngubani ongazibamba emazwini?

3 Khangela, uqondisile abanengi, waqinisa izandla ezibuthakathaka.

4 Amazwi akho amvusile okhubekayo, waqinisa amadolo axegayo.

5 Kodwa khathesi kufikile kuwe, uyadinwa; kuyakuthinta wena, utshaywa luvalo.

6 Ukwesaba kwakho uNkulunkulu kakusiso isibindi sakho yini, lobuqotho bendlela zakho ithemba lakho?

7 Akukhumbule, ngubani owake wachithwa engelacala? Kumbe abalungileyo bake baqunywa ngaphi?

8 Njengengikubonileyo, abalima ububi behlanyela udubo, bavuna khona.

9 Ngokuphephetha kukaNkulunkulu bayabhubha, langokuphefumula kwamakhala akhe bayaphela.

10 Ukubhonga kwesilwane, lelizwi lesilwane esesabekayo, lamazinyo amabhongo esilwane, kwephukile.

11 Isilwane esidala siyabhubha ngokuswela impango, lemidlwane yesilwanekazi isabalale.

12 Ngasenginyenyezelwa ilizwi, lendlebe yami yemukela okuncinyane kwalo.

13 Phakathi kwemicabango yemibono yebusuku, lapho ubuthongo obukhulu busehlela abantu,

14 ukwesaba kwangifikela lokuthuthumela okwenza ubunengi bamathambo ami baqhaqhazela.

15 Kwasekusedlula umoya ebusweni bami, loboya benyama yami bavuka.

16 Wema, kodwa angikuqondanga ukubonakala kwawo; isimo sasiphambi kwamehlo ami; kwathula, ngasengisizwa ilizwi lisithi:

17 Kambe umuntu angalunga okwedlula uNkulunkulu? Umuntu angahlambuluka okwedlula uMenzi wakhe yini?

18 Khangela, kazithembi inceku zakhe, lengilosi zakhe uthi zingabaphosisi.

19 Kangakanani abahlala endlini zebumba, abasisekelo sabo sisethulini, abachotshozwa phambi kwenundu.

20 Bakhandwa kusukela ekuseni kuze kube kusihlwa, kungelakunanzwa bayabhubha kuze kube nininini.

21 Ubuhle babo kabususwa labo yini? Bayafa kodwa bengalanhlakanipho.

LUKAJOBE 5

1Ake umemeze, ukhona ongakuphendula yini? Uzaphendukela kuwuphi wabangcwele?

2 Ngoba ulaka luyasibulala isiwula, lomhawu ubulale isiphukuphuku.

3 Mina ngibone isiwula sigxila, kodwa ngahle ngaqalekisa indawo yaso yokuhlala.

4 Abantwana baso bakhatshana losindiso, bachothozwa esangweni, njalo kungekho umkhululi.

5 Osivuno saso olambileyo uyasidla, esithatha lemeveni, lomphangi uginya inotho yaso.

6 Ngoba usizi kaluveli ethulini, lenhlupheko kayihlumi emhlabathini.

7 Kube kanti umuntu uzalelwe inhlupheko njengoba inhlansi ziqhatshela phezulu.

8 Kodwa mina bengizadinga uNkulunkulu, lakuNkulunkulu bengizabeka udaba lwami.

9 Owenza izinto ezinkulu lezingelakuhlolwa, imimangaliso engelakubalwa.

10 Onika izulu ebusweni bomhlaba, athumele amanzi ebusweni bamaphandle,

11 ukuze abamise phezulu abaphansi, ukuze abalilayo baphakanyiselwe ekuvikelekeni.

12 Uchitha amacebo abalobuqili, ukuze izandla zabo zingenzi cebo.

13 Ubamba abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo, ukuze icebo labangaqondanga liwiselwe phansi.

14 Bahlangana lomnyama emini, baphumputhe phakathi kwemini njengebusuku.

15 Kodwa ukhulula umyanga enkembeni, emlonyeni wabo, lesandleni solamandla.

16 Ngakho umyanga ulethemba, lobubi buzavala umlomo wabo.

17 Khangela, ubusisiwe lowomuntu uNkulunkulu amlayayo; ngakho ungadeleli ukukhuza kukaSomandla.

18 Ngoba yena uzwisa ubuhlungu, abuye abophe; uyalimaza, lezandla zakhe ziyapholisa.

19 Uzakukhulula enhluphekweni eziyisithupha, lakweziyisikhombisa ububi kabuyikukuthinta.

20 Endlaleni uzakuhlenga ekufeni, lempini emandleni enkemba.

21 Uzafihlelwa isiswepu solimi, njalo kawuyikwesaba incithakalo lapho ifika.

22 Uzahleka incithakalo lendlala, njalo kawuyikwesaba izilo zomhlaba.

23 Ngoba uzakuba lesivumelwano lamatshe eganga, lezilo zeganga zizakuba lokuthula lawe.

24 Njalo uzakwazi ukuthi ithente lakho lilokuthula, uzakwethekela indawo yakho yokuhlala ungasweli lutho.

25 Uzakwazi futhi ukuthi inzalo yakho izakuba nengi, lembewu yakho njengotshani bomhlaba.

26 Uzafika engcwabeni lakho usuluphele, njengenqumbi zamabele zisenyuka ngesikhathi sawo.

27 Khangela lokhu, sesikuhlolile; kunjalo. Kuzwe, uzazele wena.

LUKAJOBE 6

Impendulo kaJobe. Usola abangane bakhe

1 UJobe wasephendula wathi:

2 Kungathi ukudabuka kwami bekungalinganiswa lokulinganiswa, lenhlupheko yami ibekwe ndawonye esikalini!

3 Ngoba khathesi kungaba nzima kuletshebetshebe lolwandle. Ngenxa yalokho amazwi ami angawamawala.

4 Ngoba imitshoko kaSomandla iphakathi kwami, obuhlungu bayo umoya wami uyabunatha; izesabiso zikaNkulunkulu ziyazihlela zimelene lami.

5 Ubabhemi weganga uyakhala yini esohlazeni, kumbe inkabi iyakhonya yini ekudleni kwayo?

6 Kambe okuduma kungadliwa kungelatshwayi? Kulokuhlabusa kokumhlophe kweqanda yini?

7 Umphefumulo wami uyala ukukuthinta, kunjengokudla kwami okunengekayo.

8 Kungathi isicelo sami singafika, njalo uNkulunkulu anginike ithemba lami,

9 ukuthi kumthokozise uNkulunkulu ukungichoboza, ayekele isandla sakhe, angiqume.

10 Khona kungahlala kube yinduduzo yami, bengingajabula ebuhlungwini obungayekeliyo; ngoba kangiwafihlanga amazwi oNgcwele.

11 Ayini amandla ami ukuze ngithembe? Lokuphela kwami kuyini ukuze ngelule impilo yami?

12 Amandla ami angamandla amatshe yini? Inyama yami ilithusi yini?

13 Usizo lwami kalukimi yini? Lenhlakanipho iyaxotshwa kimi yini?

14 Ohluphekayo nga ehawukelwa ngumngane wakhe, kodwa udela ukwesabeka kukaSomandla.

15 Abafowethu kabenzanga ngokuthembeka njengesifula, njengempophoma yezifula bayedlula,

16 ezimnyama ngenxa yongqwaqwane, okucatsha kizo iliqhwa elikhithikileyo.

17 Ngesikhathi sokufudumala kwazo ziyanyamalala, sekutshisa zicitshe endaweni yazo.

18 Imikhondo yendlela yazo iyajika, yenyukele enkangala ibhubhe.

19 Izihambi zeTema zakhangela, indwendwe zezihambi zeShebha zalindela kuyo.

20 Zaba lenhloni ngoba zazithembile, zafika kuyo zayangeka.

21 Ngoba khathesi kalisilutho; liyabona isesabiso, liyesaba.

22 Ngitshilo yini ukuthi: Lethani kimi? Kumbe: Phanini isipho ngenxa yami empahleni yenu?

23 Kumbe: Ngikhululani esandleni sesitha? Kumbe: Lingihlenge esandleni sabalesihluku?

24 Ngifundisani, khona mina ngizathula; lingenze ngiqedisise engiduhe khona.

25 Alamandla angakanani amazwi aqotho; kodwa ukusola okuvela kini kusolani?

26 Likhumbula amazwi okusola yini, lezinkulumo zophelelwe lithemba zingumoya?

27 Yebo, liziwisela phezu kwentandane, ligebhele umngane wenu umgodi.

28 Ngakho-ke, vumani lingikhangele, ngoba kuphambi kobuso benu nxa ngiqamba amanga.

29 Ake liphenduke, kungabi lobubi, yebo, libuye liphenduke, ukulunga kwami kukukho.

30 Kambe kukhona ububi olimini lwami? Ukunambitha kwami bekungehlukanise yini izinto ezimbi?

LUKAJOBE 7

UJobe ukhala kuNkulunkulu ngobunzima bokuhamba komuntu

1 Kakukho yini imfazo kumuntu emhlabeni, lensuku zakhe kazinjengensuku zoqatshiweyo yini?

2 Njengesigqili sikhefuzelela umthunzi, lanjengesiqatshwa silindele iholo laso,

3 ngokunjalo mina ngidliswe ilifa lenyanga zeze, lobusuku bezinhlupheko bubalelwe mina.

4 Lapho ngilala phansi ngithi: Ngizavuka nini? Ngoba ubusuku bude, njalo ngigcwele ukutshukuma kuze kuse.

5 Inyama yami yembethe impethu lamagade othuli; isikhumba sami siyadabuka siyenyanyeka.

6 Insuku zami ziyaphangisa kuleselukiso someluki, ziphele kungelathemba.

7 Khumbula ukuthi impilo yami ingumoya; ilihlo lami kaliyikuphinda libone okuhle.

8 Ilihlo longibonayo kaliyikungibona futhi; amehlo akho aphezu kwami, kodwa ngizakuba ngingasekho.

9 Iyezi liyaphela linyamalale; ngokunjalo owehlela engcwabeni kayikwenyuka.

10 Kaphindi abuyele emzini wakhe, lendawo yakhe kayisayikumazi.

11 Ngakho mina kangiyikubamba umlomo wami; ngizakhuluma ekucindezelweni komoya wami, ngisoleekubabeni komphefumulo wami.

12 Ngilulwandle yini, kumbe isilo solwandle, ukuze lingibekele abalindi?

13 Lapho ngisithi: Umbheda wami uzangiduduza, icansi lami liphungule ukusola kwami;

14 ubusungiqhaqhazelisa ngamaphupho, angethuse ngemibono;

15 ukuze umphefumulo wami ukhethe ukuklinywa, ukufa kulamathambo ami.

16 Ngiyanengwa yikho, kangiyikuphila njalonjalo; ngiyekele, ngoba insuku zami ziyize.

17 Uyini umuntu ukuthi umkhulise, lokuthi ubeke inhliziyo yakho kuye,

18 lokuthi umhambele ikuseni yonke, umlinge sonke isikhathi?

19 Koze kube nini ungayekeli ukungiqaphela, ungangiyekeli ngize ngiginye amathe ami yini?

20 Ngonile, ngizakwenzani kuwe, wena mlindi wabantu? Ungimiseleni ngibe yinto yakho yokunenjwa, ngize ngibe ngumthwalo kimi?

21 Njalo kawuthetheleli ngani isiphambeko sami, ususe isono sami? Ngoba sengizalala phansi othulini; uzangidinga ngovivi, kodwa kangiyikuba khona.

LUKAJOBE 8

Inkulumo yokuqala kaBilidadi: Uthi uNkulunkulu uphatha abantu ngokufaneleyo

1 Wasephendula uBilidadi umShuhi wathi:

2 Koze kube nini ukhuluma lezizinto, lamazwi omlomo wakho abe ngumoya olamandla?

3 UNkulunkulu uyahlanekela isahlulelo yini? Kumbe uSomandla uyahlanekela ukulunga yini?

4 Uba abantwana bakho bonile kuye, yena usebalahlile emandleni esiphambeko sabo;

5 uba wena umdinga uNkulunkulu ngovivi, uncenge kuSomandla;

6 uba uhlambulukile, uqotho; isibili khathesi ubezavuka ngenxa yakho, aphumelelise indawo yokuhlala yokulunga kwakho.

7 Lanxa ukuqala kwakho bekukuncinyane, kube kanti isiphetho sakho sizakwanda kakhulu.

8 Ngoba ake ubuze esizukulwaneni sakuqala, uzilungisele isidingo saboyise.

9 Ngoba singabezolo, njalo kasazi, ngoba insuku zethu emhlabeni ziyisithunzi.

10 Kabayikukufundisa yini, bakutshele, bakhuphe amazwi enhliziyweni yabo?

11 Imihlanga ingakhula lapho okungelaxhaphozi khona yini? Ibhuma likhule lapho okungelamanzi khona?

12 Nxa lisebuluhlazeni balo lingakakhiwa, kube kanti libuna kuqala kwazo zonke izihlahlakazana.

13 Zinjalo indlela zabo bonke abamkhohlwayo uNkulunkulu, lethemba lomzenzisi lizabhubha.

14 Othemba lakhe lizaqunywa, lokuthemba kwakhe kuyibulembu besayobe.

15 Uyeyama endlini yakhe, kodwa kayimi; ubambelela kiyo, kodwa kayihlali.

16 Uluhlaza phambi kwelanga, lamahlumela akhe aphuma esivandeni sakhe.

17 Impande zakhe zithandele enqunjini; ubona indawo yamatshe.

18 Uba emchitha endaweni yakhe, izamphika ithi: Kangizange ngikubone.

19 Khangela, le yintokozo yendlela yakhe; njalo kuzakhula abanye emhlabathini.

20 Khangela, uNkulunkulu kayikumlahla opheleleyo, kabambi isandla sabenzi bobubi.

21 Aze agcwalise umlomo wakho ngohleko, lezindebe zakho ngokumemeza kwentokozo.

22 Abakuzondayo bazakwembeswa ngenhloni, lethente lababi lingabi khona.

LUKAJOBE 9

Impendulo kaJobe. Wehluleka ukumphendula uNkulunkulu

1 UJobe wasephendula wathi:

2 Ngeqiniso ngiyazi ukuthi kunjalo. Kodwa umuntu angalunga njani kuNkulunkulu?

3 Uba efisa ukuphikisana laye, kayikumphendula okukodwa phakathi kwenkulungwane.

4 Uhlakaniphile enhliziyweni, uqinile emandleni: Ngubani oziqinisileyo wamelana laye waphumelela?

5 Osusa izintaba njalo zingazi, ozigenqula entukuthelweni yakhe.

6 Onyikinya umhlaba awususe endaweni yawo, lensika zawo zizamazame.

7 Olaya ilanga ukuthi lingaphumi, avalele inkanyezi ngophawu.

8 Owendlala amazulu eyedwa, anyathele phezu kwezingqonga zolwandle.

9 Owenza iBhere, iziNja, lesiLimela, lamakamelo eningizimu.

10 Owenza izinto ezinkulu ezingelakuhlolwa, lezimangalisayo ezingelakubalwa.

11 Khangela, uyedlula phansi kwami ngingamboni, edlulele phambili ngingamuzwa.

12 Khangela, uyahluthuna, ngubani ongamnqanda? Ngubani ongathi kuye: Wenzani?

13 UNkulunkulu kayinqandi intukuthelo yakhe. Abasizi bakaRahabi bayakhothama phansi kwakhe.

14 Pho-ke, mina ngingamphendula ngithini, ngikhethe amazwi ami okuqondana laye?

15 Ebengingeke ngamphendula loba bengilungile; ngizacela isihawu kumahluleli wami.

16 Uba bengibizile, wangiphendula, bengingayikukholwa ukuthi ubekile indlebe elizwini lami.

17 Ngoba uyangihlifiza ngesiphepho, andise amanxeba ami kungelasizatho.

18 Kangivumeli ukukhokha umoya, kodwa engigcwalisa ngezinto ezibabayo.

19 Uba kungamandla, khangela, ulamandla. Njalo uba kungesahlulelo, ngubani ozangibiza?

20 Aluba ngilungile, umlomo wami uzangilahla; uba ngiphelele, uzakuthi ngonakele.

21 Ngiphelele, angikhathaleli umphefumulo wami, ngidelela impilo yami.

22 Kunye lokho, ngenxa yalokho ngithi: Uyabhubhisa olungileyo lomubi.

23 Lapho isiswepu sibulala ngokujumayo, uzahleka ukudangala kwabangelacala.

24 Umhlaba unikelwe esandleni somubi; wembesa ubuso babehluleli bawo. Uba kungenjalo, pho, ngubani?

25 Njalo insuku zami zilejubane kulesigijimi; ziyabaleka, kaziboni okuhle.

26 Ziyedlula njengezikepe zomhlanga, njengokhozi olutheleka empangweni.

27 Uba ngisithi: Ngizakhohlwa ukusola kwami, ngitshiye ukunyukumala kwami, ngithokoze,

28 ngiyesaba zonke insizi zami, ngiyazi ukuthi kawuyikungiphatha njengongelacala.

29 Ngilecala mina, pho, ngizatshikatshikelelani ize?

30 Uba ngizigezisa ngamanzi eliqhwa elikhithikileyo, ngihlambulule izandla zami ngesepa,

31 khona uzangiphosela emgodini, besengisenyanywa yizigqoko zami.

32 Ngoba kasuye umuntu njengami ukuze ngimphendule, ukuze siye ndawonye kusahlulelo.

33 Kakukho umqamuli phakathi kwethu ongabeka isandla sakhe phezu kwethu sobabili.

34 Kasuse uswazi lwakhe kimi, njalo uvalo ngaye lungangethusi.

35 Bengingakhuluma ngingamesabi, kodwa anginjalo ngokwami.

LUKAJOBE 10

UJobe ukhala ngokuphila kwakhe

1Umphefumulo wami ukhathele yimpilo yami; ngizatshiya insolo yami phezu kwami; ngizakhuluma ekubabeni komphefumulo wami.

2 Ngizakuthi kuNkulunkulu: Ungangilahli; ngazisa ukuthi kungani uphikisana lami.

3 Kuhle yini kuwe ukuthi ucindezele, ukuthi udelele umsebenzi wezandla zakho, ukhanye phezu kwecebo lababi?

4 Ulamehlo enyama yini? Ubona njengokubona komuntu?

5 Insuku zakho zinjengensuku zomuntu na? Iminyaka yakho injengensuku zomuntu yini,

6 ukuthi udinge ngobubi bami, uhlolisise ngesono sami?

7 Ngoba usazi ukuthi kangikhohlakalanga, lokuthi kakho ongakhulula esandleni sakho.

8 Izandla zakho zangibumba zangenza kanyekanye inhlangothi zonke, kanti uyangichitha.

9 Ake ukhumbule ukuthi wangenza njengebumba. Pho, uzangibuyisela ethulini?

10 Kawungithululanga njengochago, wangijiyisa njengamasi yini?

11 Ungigqokise isigogo lenyama, wangihlanganisa ndawonye ngamathambo langemisipha.

12 Ungenzele impilo lomusa, lokunakekela kwakho kulondolozile umoya wami.

13 Kanti lezizinto uzifihlile enhliziyweni yakho; ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kukuwe.

14 Uba ngisona, ungiqaphele, kawuyikungiyekela ngingelacala esonweni sami.

15 Uba ngimubi, maye kimi! Uba ngilungile, bengingayikuphakamisa ikhanda lami. Ngigcwele ihlazo, ngakho bona inhlupheko yami.

16 Ngoba kuyaziphakamisa; uyangizingela njengesilwane; ubuye uzenze okumangalisayo kimi.

17 Uyavuselela abafakazi bakho abamelene lami, wandise ulaka lwakho kimi; izinguquko lempi kulami.

18 Pho kungani wangikhupha esizalweni? Kungathi ngabe ngaphela, lelihlo lingangibonanga!

19 Ngangizakuba njengokungathi kangikho; ngangizathwalwa ngisuswe esizalweni ngisiwe engcwabeni.

20 Insuku zami kazinlutshwana yini? Khawula phela, ungiyekele ukuze ngithokoze kancinyane,

21 ngingakayi - ngingabuyi - elizweni lomnyama lethunzi lokufa,

22 ilizwe lomnyama, njengobumnyama, ithunzi lokufa, elingelahlelo, lokukhanya kunjengobumnyama.

LUKAJOBE 11

Inkulumo yokuqala kaZofari. Uthi uJobe wonile

1Wasephendula uZofari umNahama wathi:

2 Kambe kabuphendulwa yini ubunengi bamazwi? Njalo isilawuli singalungisiswa yini?

3 Ukulawula kwakho kuzathulisa abantu yini? Lapho ukloloda, kakho ongakuyangisa yini?

4 Ngoba uthe: Imfundiso yami ihlanzekile, ngihlambulukile emehlweni akho.

5 Kodwa-ke kungathi uNkulunkulu angakhuluma, avule indebe zakhe kuwe,

6 ukuze akwazise imfihlakalo zenhlakanipho, ukuthi ziphindwe kabili ngenhlakanipho eqotho. Yazi-ke ukuthi uNkulunkulu ubiza kuwe okulutshwana kulecala lakho.

7 Ungafumana ukujula kukaNkulunkulu na? Ungamfumana yini uSomandla kuze kube sekupheleleni?

8 Kuphakeme njengamazulu, ungenzani? Kutshonile kulesihogo, ungazini?

9 Isilinganiso sakho side kulomhlaba, sibanzi kulolwandle.

10 Uba esedlula avalele kumbe abuthanise, ngubani-ke ongamnqanda?

11 Ngoba yena uyabazi abantu abayize, uyabona ububi; ngakho kayikukuqaphelisa yini?

12 Ngoba umuntu oyisiphukuphuku angaba lokuqedisisa, lanxa umuntu engazalwa njengethole likababhemi weganga.

13 Uba wena ulungisa inhliziyo yakho, welulele izandla zakho kuye,

14 uba ububi busesandleni sakho, bubeke khatshana, lobubi kabungahlali emathenteni akho.

15 Ngoba ng'khona uzaphakamisa ubuso bakho ungelasici, njalo uqine, ungesabi.

16 Ngoba wena uzakhohlwa usizi lwakho, ulukhumbule njengamanzi asedlulile.

17 Lobude bempilo yakho buzakhanya kulemini enkulu; loba kulomnyama kuzakuba njengekuseni.

18 Njalo uzakuba lethemba ngoba kulethemba; uzagebha, uzalala ngokuvikeleka.

19 Uzalala, njalo kakho ozakwethusa, labanengi bazancenga phambi kwakho.

20 Kodwa amehlo ababi azafiphala, lesiphephelo sizachitheka kubo, lethemba labo lizakuba yikuphela komphefumulo.

LUKAJOBE 12

Impendulo kaJobe. Ukhuluma ngamandla langokuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu

1 Wasephendula uJobe wathi:

2 Ngoba isibili lingabantu, lenhlakanipho izakufa lani.

3 Lami ngilengqondo njengani, kangiphansi kulani. Njalo ngubani ongelazo izinto ezinje?

4 Ngiyinhlekisa kumngane wami, obiza kuNkulunkulu amphendule; olungileyo oqondileyo uyinhlekisa.

5 Uyisibane esidelelekayo emnakanweni wowonwabileyo; ulungele ukutshelela ngonyawo.

6 Amathente abaphangi alokuthula, labamthukuthelisayo uNkulunkulu bavikelekile, kulowo oletha uNkulunkulu esandleni sakhe.

7 Kodwa-ke buza khathesi inyamazana, zizakufundisa, lenyoni zamazulu, zizakutshela.

8 Kumbe khuluma lomhlaba, uzakufundisa, lenhlanzi zolwandle zizakulandisela.

9 Ngubani ongaziyo phakathi kwakho konke lokhu ukuthi isandla sikaJehova sikwenzile lokhu?

10 Okusesandleni sakhe umphefumulo wakho konke okuphilayo, lomoya wayo yonke inyama yomuntu.

11 Indlebe kayihloli yini amazwi, njengolwanga luzinambithela ukudla?

12 Kwabadala kakhulu kulenhlakanipho, lebudeni bezinsuku kulokuqedisisa.

13 Kuye kukhona inhlakanipho lamandla, uleseluleko lokuqedisisa.

14 Khangela, udiliza, kungabe kusakhiwa; uvalela umuntu, kungabe kusavulwa.

15 Khangela, uvimbela amanzi, atshe; abesewathuma, agenqule umhlaba.

16 Kuye kukhona amandla lenhlakanipho; okhohlisiweyo lomkhohlisi bangabakhe.

17 Ukhupha abeluleki bahambe behlutshulwe, enze abehluleli babe yizithutha.

18 Uthukulula isibopho samakhosi, abophe umbhinco enkalweni zawo.

19 Ukhupha abapristi bahambe behlutshulwe, awise abalamandla.

20 Uphambula inkulumo yabathembekileyo, asuse ukuqedisisa kwabasebekhulile.

21 Uthela ukudelela phezu kweziphathamandla, axegise umbhinco wabalamandla.

22 Wembula izinto ezijulileyo ezisemnyameni, akhuphele ekukhanyeni ithunzi lokufa.

23 Enze izizwe zibe zinkulu, abesezichitha; andise izizwe, abesezisusa.

24 Ususa inhliziyo yenhloko zabantu bomhlaba, aziduhise enkangala engelandlela.

25 Ziphumputhe emnyameni kungelakukhanya, uzenza zidiyazele njengodakiweyo.

LUKAJOBE 13

UJobe ucabanga ukuthi ulungile

1 Khangela, konke ilihlo lami likubonile, indlebe yami izwile yakuqedisisa.

2 Njengokolwazi lwenu lami ngiyakwazi; kangiphansi kulani.

3 Kodwa mina ngizakhuluma loSomandla, ngifisa ukuqondisana loNkulunkulu.

4 Kodwa lina-ke ligcona ngamanga, lonke lingabelaphi abangelamsebenzi.

5 Kungathi ngabe liyathula lithi zwi; lokhu kube yinhlakanipho kini!

6 Ake lizwe ukuzivikela kwami, lilalele impikiso zendebe zami.

7 Lizamkhulumela uNkulunkulu ngokubi, limkhulumele ngenkohliso yini?

8 Lizakwemukela ubuso bakhe, lizammela yini uNkulunkulu?

9 Kuzakuba kuhle yini lapho elihlola? Lizamkhohlisa yini njengokhohlisa umuntu?

10 Isibili uzalisola, uba lisemukela ubuso ensitha.

11 Ubukhulu bakhe kabulethusi yini, lokwesabeka kwakhe kulehlele?

12 Izikhumbuzo zenu ziyizaga zomlotha, izivikelo zenu ziyizivikelo zebumba.

13 Thulani lingiyekele, ukuze ngikhulume mina; kungehlele loba kuyini.

14 Ngizayithathelani inyama yami ngamazinyo ami, ngibeke impilo yami esandleni sami?

15 Lanxa ezangibulala, ngizathemba kuye. Kanti ngizazimela indlela zami phambi kwakhe.

16 Njalo uzakuba lusindiso lwami; ngoba umzenzisi kayikuza phambi kwakhe.

17 Zwisisani ilizwi lami, lengcazelo yami ngendlebe zenu.

18 Khangelani-ke, sengilubeke kuhle udaba lwami, ngiyazi ukuthi mina ngizalungisiswa.

19 Ngubani lowo ozaphikisana lami? Nxa khathesi ngithula ngizaphela.

20 Kuphela ungenzi izinto ezimbili kimi; khona ngingayikucatshela ubuso bakho.

21 Susela khatshana lami isandla sakho, lokwesabeka kwakho kungangethusi.

22 Ubusungibiza, mina ngizaphendula; kumbe ngikhulume, ungiphendule.

23 Zingaki iziphambeko lezono engilazo? Ngazisa isiphambeko sami lesono sami.

24 Ufihlelani ubuso bakho, ungiphathe njengesitha sakho?

25 Uzakwethusa yini ihlamvu eliphephethekayo? Njalo uzaxotshana lomule owomileyo yini?

26 Ngoba ubale izinto ezibabayo umelene lami, wangenza ngadla ilifa leziphambeko zobutsha bami.

27 Ufake lenyawo zami esigodweni, waqaphela zonke indlela zami, wazidweba uluphawu empandeni zezinyawo zami.

28 Yena-ke njengokubolileyo uyaguga, njengesembatho inundu esidlayo.

LUKAJOBE 14

UJobe ukhuluma ngokuhlupheka komuntu

1 Umuntu, ozelwe ngowesifazana ulensuku ezimfitshane, ezigcwele inhlupheko.

2 Uyavela njengeluba, abune, abaleke njengesithunzi, akemi.

3 Kambe onjalo umvulela amehlo akho, ungingenise ekwahlulelweni kanye lawe.

4 Ngubani ongaveza okuhlambulukileyo kokungcolileyo? Kakho loyedwa.

5 Lokhu insuku zakhe zimisiwe, inani lenyanga zakhe likuwe, ummisele imingcele yakhe angeyedlule;

6 ungamkhangeli, ukuze aphumule, aze athokoze ngosuku lwakhe njengesiqatshwa.

7 Ngoba kukhona ithemba esihlahleni uba siganyulwa ukuthi sizabuya sihlume, lokuthi ihlumela laso kaliyikuphela.

8 Lanxa impande yaso isiba ndala emhlabeni, lesiphunzi saso sifele emhlabathini,

9 ngephunga lamanzi sizahluma, senze ingatsha njengesithombo.

10 Kodwa umuntu uyafa alaliswe phansi, yebo, umuntu uyaphela, ungaphi-ke?

11 Amanzi ayemuka elwandle, lomfula uyoma utshe,

12 ngokunjalo umuntu uyalala phansi angavuki; kuze kuthi amazulu angabikho, bangavuki, kumbe bangaphatshanyiswa ebuthongweni babo.

13 Kungathi ungangifihla engcwabeni, ungithukuze, ize iphenduke intukuthelo yakho, ungimisele isikhathi esimisiweyo, ungikhumbule!

14 Uba umuntu esifa, uzabuya aphile yini? Zonke insuku zemfazo yami ngizalinda, kuze kufike ukukhululwa kwami.

15 Uzabiza, mina-ke ngizasabela, uzalangatha umsebenzi wezandla zakho.

16 Kanti khathesi uyazibala izinyathelo zami; kawuyikuqaphelisa ngesono sami yini?

17 Isiphambeko sami sinanyekwe esikhwameni, wasusibekela isono sami.

18 Isibili-ke intaba ewayo iyabhidlika, ledwala liyasuswa endaweni yalo.

19 Amanzi ayaguguda amatshe, impophoma zawo ziyakhukhula ubhuqu lomhlaba. Uyachitha-ke ithemba lomuntu.

20 Uyamehlula phakade, adlule; uyaguqula ubuso bakhe, umxotshe.

21 Amadodana akhe ayadunyiswa, kodwa engakwazi; kumbe ayehliselwa phansi, kodwa angakunanzeleli.

22 Kodwa inyama yakhe kuye isebuhlungwini, lomphefumulo wakhe kuye uyalila.

LUKAJOBE 15

Inkulumo yesibili kaElifazi. Uthi uJobe uziphakamisile

1Wasephendula uElifazi umThemani wathi:

2 Ohlakaniphileyo angaphendula yini ulwazi olungumoya, agcwalise isisu sakhe ngomoya wempumalanga?

3 Aphikise ngamazwi angasizi lutho, langenkulumo ezingelanzuzo yini?

4 Yebo, wena uyachitha ukwesaba, uvimbela umkhuleko phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

5 Ngoba umlomo wakho ufundisa ububi bakho, ukhethe ulimi lwamaqili.

6 Umlomo wakho uyakulahla, kayisimi; yebo, indebe zakho ziyafakaza ngawe.

7 Ungumuntu wokuqala owazalwayo yini? Kumbe wazalwa mandulo kwamaqaqa yini?

8 Uzwile yini icebo langasese likaNkulunkulu? Kumbe uzigodlele inhlakanipho yini?

9 Kuyini okwaziyo esingakwaziyo? Kuyini okuqedisisayo okungekho kithi?

10 Kukhona phakathi kwethu lempunga lekhehla, omdala ngensuku kuloyihlo.

11 Zincinyane yini kuwe induduzo zikaNkulunkulu, lelizwi elikhulunywa kuhle lawe?

12 Kungani inhliziyo yakho ikumukisa? Njalo kungani amehlo akho ephayiza,

13 ukuthi uphendule umoya wakho umelane loNkulunkulu, ukhuphe amazwi anje emlonyeni wakho?

14 Umuntu uyini ukuthi abe ngohlambulukileyo, lozelwe ngowesifazana ukuthi abe ngolungileyo?

15 Khangela, kathembeli kwabangcwele bakhe, lamazulu kawahlambulukanga emehlweni akhe.

16 Kukangakanani umuntu onengekayo lowonakeleyo, onatha ububi njengamanzi!

17 Ngizakutshengisa, ungilalele, lengikubonileyo ngizakulandisa,

18 lokho izihlakaniphi ezikukhulumileyo kusukela kuboyise, njalo kazikufihlanga,

19 okwanikwa kuzo zodwa ilizwe, lokungadlulanga izihambi phakathi kwazo.

20 Insuku zonke zokhohlakeleyo uzizwisa ubuhlungu, lenani leminyaka ebekelelwe umcindezeli.

21 Umsindo wezethuso usendlebeni zakhe; empumelelweni umchithi uzamfikela.

22 Kakholwa ukuthi uzaphenduka emnyameni, kodwa ukuthi ulindelwe yinkemba.

23 Uzulela ukudla. Kungaphi? Uyazi ukuthi usuku lobumnyama lulungisiwe esandleni sakhe.

24 Uhlupho losizi kuyamethusa, kumehlule njengenkosi elungele impi.

25 Ngoba welule isandla sakhe emelene loNkulunkulu, wenza ngamandla ukumelana loSomandla.

26 Wagijima emelene laye ngentamo, ngohlonzi lwamaqhubu ezihlangu zakhe.

27 Ngoba wamboza ubuso bakhe ngamafutha akhe, wenza ukhalo lwakhukhumala ngamafutha.

28 Uhlala emizini echithekileyo, izindlu abangahlali kuzo, ezilungele ukuba zinqumbi.

29 Kayikunotha, lenotho yakhe kayiyikuma, lenzuzo yakhe kayiyikusabalala emhlabeni.

30 Kayikusuka emnyameni; ilangabi lizakomisa ihlumela lakhe, njalo uzasuka ngokuphefumula komoya wakhe.

31 Oduhisiweyo kangathembeli ezenini, ngoba ize lizakuba ngumvuzo wakhe.

32 Kuzafezwa kungakabi lusuku lwakhe, logatsha lwakhe aluyikuba luhlaza.

33 Uzawohloza izithelo zakhe ezingavuthwanga njengevini, athintithe impoko zakhe njengesihlahla somhlwathi.

34 Ngoba inhlangano yabazenzisi izakuba ngengelazithelo, lomlilo uzaqothula amathente ezivalamlomo.

35 Bamitha uhlupho, bazale isono, lesizalo sabo silungisa inkohliso.

LUKAJOBE 16

Impendulo kaJobe. Usola ngokuphathwa kwakhe nguNkulunkulu

1 Wasephendula uJobe wathi:

2 Ngizwile izinto ezinengi ezinje; lingabaduduzi abakhathazayo lina lonke.

3 Kuzakuba lesiphetho yini emazwini angumoya? Kumbe kuyini okulicunulayo ukuthi liphendule?

4 Lami bengingakhuluma njengani uba umphefumulo wenu ubusendaweni yomphefumulo wami; bengingabuthelela amazwi phezu kwenu, ngilinikinele ikhanda lami.

5 Bengingaliqinisa ngomlomo wami, lokunyikinyeka kwendebe zami bekungadedisa ubuhlungu benu.

6 Uba ngikhuluma, ubuhlungu bami kabudedi; uba ngiyekela, kuyini okusuka kimi?

7 Kodwa khathesi ungidinisile yena, wena uchithile yonke inhlangano yami.

8 Ungitshwabhanisile, kube yibufakazi, lokucaka kwami kungivukele, kuyafakaza ebusweni bami.

9 Ulaka lwakhe luyangidwengula, njalo uyangizonda; ungigedlela amazinyo akhe; isitha sami singicijisela amehlo aso.

10 Bangikhamisela umlomo wabo, bangiwakala esihlathini ngokuyangisa, bengihlanganyela ndawonye.

11 UNkulunkulu unginikele kokhohlakeleyo, wangiphosela ezandleni zababi.

12 Ngangonwabile, kodwa wangichoboza, wangidumela ngentamo, wangiphahlaza, wangimisa ngaba yinto yakhe yokunenjwa.

13 Abatshoki bakhe bangigombolozela; uqhekeze izinso zami, engayekeli, wachithela emhlabathini inyongo yami.

14 Wangivodloza ngokuvodlovodloza, wagijimela kimi njengeqhawe.

15 Ngathunga isaka phezu kwesikhumba sami, ngathukuza uphondo lwami othulini.

16 Ubuso bami bubomvu ngokukhala, lenkotsheni zami kulethunzi lokufa,

17 lanxa kungekho isihluku ezandleni zami, lomkhuleko wami uhlanzekile.

18 Mhlaba, ungaligqibeli igazi lami, lokukhala kwami kakungabi landawo.

19 Lakhathesi, khangelani, ubufakazi bami busemazulwini, lomfakazi wami usezindaweni eziphakemeyo.

20 Abangane bami bayangiklolodela; ilihlo lami liyathonta kuNkulunkulu.

21 Kungathi kungaba khona ongamlamulela umuntu kuNkulunkulu, njengendodana yomuntu kumngane wayo.

22 Ngoba iminyaka emilutshwana izafika, ng'khona ngizahamba ngendlela engingayikubuya ngayo.

LUKAJOBE 17

1 Umoya wami wonakele, insuku zami zicitshiwe, amangcwaba ngawami.

2 Kabakho lami yini abaklolodayo, lelihlo lami lichitha ubusuku ekuvukeleni kwabo?

3 Akubeke isibambiso sami kuwe; ngubani yena ozatshaya esandleni sami?

4 Ngoba inhliziyo yabo uyifihlele ukuqedisisa; ngenxa yalokhu kawuyikubaphakamisa.

5 Okhuluma ngokuyenga kubangane, lamehlo abantwana bakhe azafiphala.

6 Njalo ungimise ngaba yisaga sezizwe, ngaze ngaba ngokhafulelwayo phambi kwazo.

7 Njalo ilihlo lami lifiphele ngosizi, lamalunga ami anjengesithunzi wonke.

8 Abaqotho bazakwethuswa yikho, longelacala uvukela ongamesabiyo uNkulunkulu.

9 Lolungileyo uzabambelela endleleni yakhe, lolezandla ezihlambulukileyo uzakwengeza amandla.

10 Kodwa-ke lina lonke, phendukani ake libuye, ngoba kangitholi ohlakaniphileyo phakathi kwenu.

11 Insuku zami zedlule, lamacebo ami adabuke phakathi, izifiso zenhliziyo yami.

12 Bamisa ubusuku bube yimini; ukukhanya kuseduze phambi kobumnyama.

13 Uba ngilinda, ingcwaba lizakuba yindlu yami; ngendlala umbheda wami emnyameni.

14 Ngibiza ingcwaba ngisithi: Wena ungubaba; impethu ngisithi: Umama lodadewethu.

15 Pho-ke ithemba lami lingaphi? Yebo, ithemba lami ngubani ozalibona?

16 Kuzakwehlela kumijabo yengcwaba, lapho sizaphumula khona ndawonye enhlabathini.

LUKAJOBE 18

Inkulumo yesibili kaBilidadi. Uthi ababi bazachithwa

1 Wasephendula uBilidadi umShuhi wathi:

2 Koze kube nini libekela amazwi imigibe? Nanzelelani, lemva kwalokho sikhulume.

3 Kungani sithiwa sizinyamazana, singcolile emehlweni enu?

4 Udwengula umphefumulo wakhe ngokuthukuthela kwakhe. Umhlaba uzatshiywa ngenxa yakho yini, loba idwala lisuswe endaweni yalo?

5 Yebo, ukukhanya kwabakhohlakeleyo kuzacitshwa, lenhlansi yomlilo wakhe kayiyikukhanya.

6 Ukukhanya kuzafiphala ethenteni lakhe, lesibane sakhe ngaphezu kwakhe sizacitshwa.

7 Izinyathelo zamandla akhe zizafinyezwa, lecebo lakhe lizamwisela phansi.

8 Ngoba uzaphoselwa embuleni zinyawo zakhe, ahambe phezu kwembule.

9 Umjibila uzambamba isithende, isihitshela sizamkhulela.

10 Igoda lakhe lifihlwe emhlabathini, lomjibila wakhe endleleni.

11 Izesabiso zizamethusa inhlangothi zonke, zixotshane laye enyaweni zakhe.

12 Amandla akhe azaqedwa yindlala, lengozi ilindele ukukhubeka kwakhe.

13 Kuzakudla ingxenye zesikhumba sakhe; izibulo lokufa lidle ingxenye zakhe.

14 Ithemba lakhe lizahluthunwa ethenteni lakhe, njalo kumenze aye enkosini yezesabiso.

15 Kuzahlala ethenteni lakhe elingeyisilo lakhe; isolufa izavuvuzelwa phezu kwendawo yakhe yokuhlala.

16 Impande zakhe zizakoma ngaphansi, logatsha lwakhe lubune ngaphezulu.

17 Ukukhunjulwa kwakhe kuzabhubha emhlabeni, angabi labizo ezitaladeni.

18 Bazamfuqa bamsuse ekukhanyeni bamuse emnyameni, bamxotshe emhlabeni.

19 Kayikuba lenzalo lasizukulwana ebantwini bakibo; kakuyikuba lansali endaweni zakhe zokuhlala.

20 Abalandelayo bazakwethuswa lusuku lwakhe, labokuqala bazabanjwa yisesabiso.

21 Isibili zinjalo indawo zokuhlala zomubi, njalo yiyo le indawo yongamaziyo uNkulunkulu.

LUKAJOBE 19

Impendulo kaJobe. Uyazi ukuthi umsizi wakhe uzamsiza

1 Wasephendula uJobe wathi:

2 Koze kube nini lihlupha umphefumulo wami, lingiphahlaza ngamazwi?

3 Lezizikhathi ezilitshumi lingithela ngehlazo; kalilanhloni, lingiphatha kubi.

4 Uba-ke kuliqiniso ukuthi ngiduhile, ukuduha kwami kuzahlala lami.

5 Uba isibili lizikhukhumeza phezu kwami, liphikisane lami ngehlazo lami,

6 yazini-ke ukuthi nguNkulunkulu ongihlanekeleyo, wangigombolozela ngembule lakhe.

7 Khangela, ngiyamemeza ngithi: Okubi! Kodwa kangiphendulwa. Ngicela usizo, kodwa akulasahlulelo.

8 Uyivalile indlela yami ngomduli ukuze ngingedluli, wamisa umnyama emikhondweni yami.

9 Ungihlubule udumo lwami, wasusa umqhele wekhanda lami.

10 Ungibhidlizile inhlangothi zonke, sengihambile, ulisiphule ithemba lami njengesihlahla.

11 Ulumathisile ulaka lwakhe kimi, ungibale njengezitha kuye.

12 Amabutho akhe afika kanyekanye, abuthelela indlela yawo emelene lami, amisa inkamba agombolozela ithente lami.

13 Ubeke abafowethu khatshana lami, labangaziyo isibili sebengabemzini kimi.

14 Izihlobo zami zinyamalele, labazana lami bangikhohliwe.

15 Abahlala endlini yami lencekukazi zami bangibala njengowezizwe; ngingumfokazi emehlweni abo.

16 Ngabiza inceku yami, kodwa kayiphendulanga; ngayincenga ngomlomo wami.

17 Umoya wami uyenyanyeka kumkami, sengiyisinengiso kumadodana esizalo sami.

18 Labantwana abancinyane bayangidelela; ngasukuma, basebekhuluma bemelene lami.

19 Bonke abantu besifuba sami banengwa yimi, labo ebengibathanda sebengiphendukele.

20 Ithambo lami linamathelana lesikhumba sami lenyama yami, njalo ngiphephe ngesikhumba samazinyo ami.

21 Ngihawukelani, ngihawukelani, lina bangane bami; ngoba isandla sikaNkulunkulu singithintile.

22 Lingizingelelani njengoNkulunkulu, lingeneliswa yinyama yami?

23 Kungathi ngabe khathesi amazwi ami abhaliwe! Kungathi ngabe acindezelwe egwalweni!

24 Ngabe abazwe ngepheni yensimbi langomnuso edwaleni kuze kube nininini!

25 Ngoba mina ngiyazi ukuthi umhlengi wami uyaphila, lekupheleni uzakuma emhlabathini.

26 Lapho sekutshabalalise lokhu emva kwesikhumba sami, kanti enyameni yami ngizambona uNkulunkulu,

27 mina engizazibonela yena, lamehlo ami azabona, hatshi omunye. Izinso zami seziphelile ngaphakathi kwami.

28 Kodwa lithi: Kungani simzingela? Ngoba impande yendaba itholakala kimi.

29 Lina yesabeni inkemba, ngoba ulaka luletha izijeziso zenkemba, ukuze lazi ukuthi sikhona isahlulelo.

LUKAJOBE 20

Inkulumo yesibili kaZofari. Uthi intokozo yababi imfitshane

1 Wasephendula uZofari umNahama wathi:

2 Ngakho imicabango yami ingenza ngiphendule, langenxa yokuphangisa kwami
phakathi kwami.

3 Ngizwile isijeziso sehlazo lami, lomoya wokuqedisisa kwami ungenza
ngiphendule.

4 Uyakwazi lokhu yini, kusukela endulo, selokhu kwabekwa umuntu emhlabeni,

5 ukuthi injabulo yababi imfitshane, lentokozo yomzenzisi ngeyesikhatshana nje?

6 Loba ubukhosi bakhe busenyukela emazulwini, lekhanda lakhe lifinyelela
emayezini,

7 uzabhubha phakade njengobulongwe bakhe; labo abambonileyo bathi:
Ungaphi?

8 Uzaphapha njengephupho, bangabe besamthola; yebo, uzaxotshwa
njengombono webusuku.

9 Ilihlo elike lambona aliyikuphinda, lendawo yakhe kayisayikumbona.

10 Abantwana bakhe bazadinga ukuthokozisa abayanga, lezandla zakhe
zibuyisele inotho yakhe.

11 Amathambo akhe ayegcwele ubutsha bakhe, kodwa azalala kanye laye
enhlabathini.

12 Uba ububi bumnandi emlonyeni wakhe, ebufihla ngaphansi kolimi lwakhe,

13 ebugodla, engabuyekeli, kodwa ebugcina phakathi komlomo wakhe,

14 ukudla kwakhe kuzaphenduka esiswini sakhe, kuzakuba yibuhlungu
bezinyoka phakathi kwakhe.

15 Uginye inotho, kodwa uzayihlanza; uNkulunkulu uzayikhupha esiswini sakhe.

16 Uzamunya ubuhlungu bezinyoka, lolimi lwebululu luzambulala.

17 Kayikubona izifula, imifula, izifudlana zoluju lolaza.

18 Uzabuyisela lokho akusebenzelayo, angakuginyi; njengokwenotho izakuba
njalo inhlawulo, njalo kayikuthokoza.

19 Ngoba ubacindezele wabadela abayanga, waphanga indlu abengayakhanga.

20 Ngoba kakwazi ukuthula esiswini sakhe, kayikusindisa lutho kusifiso sakhe.

21 Kakuyikusala lutho ekudleni kwakhe; ngenxa yalokhu okuhle kwakhe
kakuyikuma.

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22 Ekugcwaleni kokwanela kwakhe uzakuba lencindezelo; sonke isandla sohluphekayo sizamfikela.

23 Kuzakuthi lapho egcwalisa isisu sakhe, uNkulunkulu athumele kuye ukuvutha kwentukuthelo yakhe, akunise phezu kwakhe ekudleni kwakhe.

24 Uzabalekela isikhali sensimbi, idandili lethusi lizamhlaba.

25 Uyalihwatsha, liphume emhlana, lokubenyezelayo kuzaphuma enyongweni yakhe; izesabiso ziphezu kwakhe.

26 Ubumnyama bonke bugcinelwe izinto zakhe ezibekelelweyo; umlilo ongavuthelwayo uzamqeda; kuzakuba kubi kunsali ethenteni lakhe.

27 Amazulu azakwembula ububi bakhe, lomhlaba umvukele.

28 Ukwanda kwendlu yakhe kuzanyamalala, kukhukhulwe osukwini lwentukuthelo yakhe.

29 Lesi yisabelo somuntu omubi esivela kuNkulunkulu, lelifa alimiselwa nguNkulunkulu.

LUKAJOBE 21

Impendulo kaJobe. Ubonile ukuthi ababi bayaphumelela

1 Wasephendula uJobe wathi:

2 Zwanini lilalele ilizwi lami, lalokho kube zinduduzo zenu.

3 Ngibekezelelani, ukuthi mina ngikhulume; lemva kokukhuluma kwami lingakloloda.

4 Mina-ke ukusola kwami kusemuntwini yini? Kodwa uba kunjalo, kungani umoya wami ungekhathazeke?

5 Ngikhangelani, likhakhamale, libeke isandla phezu komlomo.

6 Yebo, lapho ngikhumbula, ngitshaywa luvalo, lokuthuthumela kubamba inyama yami.

7 Ababi baphilelani, babe badala, yebo, bakhule emandleni?

8 Inzalo yabo izinze phambi kwabo kanye labo, lembewu yabo emehlweni abo.

9 Izindlu zabo zilokuthula kungelakwesaba, loswazi lukaNkulunkulu kaluphezu kwabo.

10 Inkunzi yakhe iyakhwela ingaphuthi; inkomokazi yakhe iyazala, ingaphunzi.

11 Bakhupha abantwanyana babo njengomhlambi, labantwana babo bayagida.

12 Baphakamisa ilizwi ngesigujana lechacho, bathokoze ngelizwi lomhlanga.

13 Bachitha insuku zabo ngokuhle, behlele engcwabeni ngokucwayiza kwelihlo.

14 Babesebesithi kuNkulunkulu: Suka kithi; ngoba kasifisi ulwazi lwendlela zakho.

15 Uyini uSomandla ukuthi simkhonze? Sizazuzani uba simncenga?

16 Khangela, okuhle kwabo kakukho esandleni sabo; icebo lababi likhatshana lami.

17 Kukangaki isibane sababi sicitshwa, kusiza ukuchitheka kwabo phezu kwabo! UNkulunkulu ubabela ubuhlungu elakeni lwakhe.

18 Banjengamahlanga phambi komoya, lanjengomule isiphepho esiwuphephulayo.

19 UNkulunkulu ubekela abantwana bakhe usizi lwakhe. Uyamvuza, njalo uzakwazi.

20 Amehlo akhe azabona ukuchitheka kwakhe, anathe okolaka lukaSomandla.

21 Ngoba iyini intokozo yakhe endlini yakhe emva kwakhe, lapho inani lenyanga zakhe liqunywa?

22 Kukhona ongafundisa uNkulunkulu ulwazi yini? Ngoba yena wehlulela abaphezulu.

23 Lo uyafa esemandleni akhe apheleleyo, yena wonke onwabile, elokuthula.

24 Iziphathelo zakhe zigcwele uchago, lomnkantsho wamathambo akhe umanzi.

25 Lomunye ufa elomphefumulo obabayo, engadlanga kokuhle.

26 Balala ndawonye ethulini, lempethu zibasibekele.

27 Khangelani, ngiyayazi imicabango yenu, lamacebo eliwaceba limelene lami.

28 Ngoba lithi: Ingaphi indlu yesiphathamandla? Njalo lingaphi ithente lendawo zababi zokuhlala?

29 Kalibabuzanga yini abadlula ngendlela, njalo kalinanzeleli iziboniso zabo?

30 Ukuthi omubi uyekelwa osukwini lokubhujiswa; bazalethwa osukwini lwezintukuthelo.

31 Ngubani ozamtshela indlela yakhe ebusweni? Ngubani ozamphindisela ngakwenzileyo?

32 Kanti yena uzasiwa engcwabeni, lilindwe idundulu.

33 Amagade esihotsha amnandi kuye, njalo udonsa wonke umuntu emva kwakhe, njengoba bengelakubalwa abaphambi kwakhe.

34 Pho lizangiduduza njani ngeze, ngoba empendulweni zenu kusele inkohliso?

LUKAJOBE 22

Inkulumo yesithathu kaElifazi: Uthi ububi bukaJobe bukhulu

1Wasephendula uElifazi umThemani wathi:

2 Umuntu angaba losizo kuNkulunkulu yini, ngoba ohlakaniphileyo elusizo kuye ngokwakhe?

3 Kuyintokozo yini kuSomandla ukuthi ulungile? Kumbe inzuzo kuye ukuthi uphelelise indlela zakho?

4 Uzakusola yini ngenxa yokwesaba kwakho? Uzangena lawe kusahlulelo.

5 Ububi bakho kabubukhulu yini, lezono zakho kazilakuphela?

6 Ngoba uthethe isibambiso kubafowenu kungelasizatho, wahlubula abanqunu izigqoko.

7 Kawumnathisanga amanzi odiniweyo, lolambileyo umgodlele ukudla.

8 Kodwa umuntu olengalo, umhlaba ungowakhe, lowemukeleka ebusweni wahlala kuwo.

9 Uxotshile abafelokazi bengelalutho, lengalo zezintandane zichotshoziwe.

10 Ngakho-ke imijibila ikuhanqile, lovalo luhle lwakwesabisa,

11 kumbe ubumnyama ukuze ungaboni, lesikhukhula samanzi sikusibekele.

12 UNkulunkulu kakho yini engqongeni yamazulu? Bona-ke ingqonga yezinkanyezi, ukuthi ziphakemekangakanani.

13 Kanti uthi: UNkulunkulu wazini? Angahlulela yini engemuva komnyama onzima?

14 Amayezi amnyama ayisisibekelo sakhe ukuze angaboni, uhamba esigombolozini samazulu.

15 Usunanzelele indlela endala yini abantu ababi abanyathela kuyo?

16 Abahluthunwa kungakabi yisikhathi; uzamcolo wathululwa phezu kwesisekelo sabo.

17 Abathi kuNkulunkulu: Suka kithi. LoSomandla wayenzeni kubo?

18 Kanti yena wayegcwalise izindlu zabo ngokuhle; kodwa icebo labakhohlakeleyo likhatshana lami.

19 Abalungileyo bayakubona bathokoze, lomsulwa ubahleka usulu.

20 Isibili isitha sethu sichithiwe, lomlilo uqede insali yabo.

21 Ake wejwayelane laye, ube lokuthula, ngalokho okuhle kuzakuza kuwe.

22 Ake wemukele umlayo ovela emlonyeni wakhe, ubeke amazwi akhe enhliziyweni yakho.

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23 Uba ubuyela kuSomandla, uzakwakhiwa, ususe okubi khatshana lamathente akho.

24 Ubusubeka igolide lakho othulini, legolide leOfiri elitsheni lezifula.

25 Ngakho uSomandla uzakuba ligolide lakho, lesiliva sakho esinengi.

26 Ngoba ngalesosikhathi uzazithokozisa ngoSomandla, uphakamisele ubuso bakho kuNkulunkulu.

27 Uzakhuleka kuye, akuzwe, ukhokhe izifungo zakho.

28 Uzaquma-ke udaba, luqiniseke kuwe, lokukhanya kukhanye endleleni zakho.

29 Nxa behliselwe phansi, ubususithi: Phezulu! Abesesindisa othobekileyo ngamehlo.

30 Uzamkhulula ongemsulwa; njalo ukhululwa ngokuhlanzeka kwezandla zakho.

LUKAJOBE 23

Impendulo kaJobe: Ufisa ukulandisa udaba lwakhe phambi kukaNkulunkulu

1 Wasephendula uJobe wathi:

2 Lalamuhla isikhalazo sami silenkani; isandla sami sinzima phezu kokububula kwami.

3 Kungathi ngabe ngiyazi lapho engingamthola khona! Bengingeza enkundleni yakhe!

4 Ngibeke kuhle udaba lwami phambi kwakhe, ngigcwalise umlomo wami ngokuphikisa.

5 Bengingawazi amazwi azangiphendula ngawo, ngiqedisise azakutsho kimi.

6 Uzaphikisana lami ngobukhulu bamandla yini? Hatshi, kodwa uzabeka inhliziyo yakhe kimi.

7 Lapho oqotho angaphikisana laye; ngakho bengizaphepha phakade kumahluleli wami.

8 Khangelani ngiya phambili, kodwa kakho, lemuva, kodwa kangimboni.

9 Ngakwesokhohlo ekusebenzeni kwakhe, kodwa kangimboni; uyacatsha ngakwesokunene, kodwa kangimboni.

10 Kanti uyayazi indlela elami; kangihlole, ngizaphuma njengegolide.

11 Unyawo lwami lubambelele enyathelweni lakhe, ngiyigcinile indlela yakhe, kangiphambukanga.

12 Kangisukanga lemlayweni wezindebe zakhe, ngawalondoloza amazwi omlomo wakhe okwedlula isabelo sami.

13 Kodwa yena ukokukodwa, ngubani-ke ongambuyisela emuva? Lokho umphefumulo wakhe okufisayo uyakwenza.

14 Ngoba uzaphelelisa engikumiselweyo; lezinto ezinengi ezinjalo zikuye.

15 Ngenxa yalokho ngitshaywa luvalo phambi kwakhe; ngicabanga, ngiyamesaba.

16 Ngoba uNkulunkulu wenze inhliziyo yami yaphela amandla, loSomandla ungethusile.

17 Ngoba kangiqunywanga phambi komnyama, wagubuzela ubumnyama ebusweni bami.

LUKAJOBE 24

UJobe usola ukuthi uNkulunkulu kananzi ububi

1 Kungani izikhathi zingafihlelwanga uSomandla, labamaziyo bengaboni insuku zakhe?

2 Bathuthukisa imingcele, baphange imihlambi bayeluse.

3 Baxotsha ubabhemi wezintandane, bathathe inkabi yomfelokazi ibe yisibambiso.

4 Baphambula abaswelayo emigwaqweni; abayanga bomhlaba bacatsha ndawonye.

5 Khangelani, bangobabhemi beganga enkangala, baphumela emsebenzini wabo, badinge impango ngovivi; inkangala ibe yikudla kwakhe lokwabantwana.

6 Emasimini bavuna ukudla kwakhe, bakhothoze esivinini somubi.

7 Balala beze ebusuku bengelasembatho, bengelasigubuzelo emqandweni.

8 Bamanzi ngezihlambo zezintaba, babambelela edwaleni ngoba bengelasiphephelo.

9 Bahluthuna intandane ebeleni, bathathe lesibambiso kumyanga.

10 Bahamba beze bengelasigqoko, labalambileyo bathwala isithungo.

11 Phakathi kwemiduli yabo bahluza amafutha, banyathela izikhamelo zewayini, kodwa bomile.

12 Abantu bayabubula besemzini, lomphefumulo wabalimeleyo uyakhala; kodwa uNkulunkulu kababaleli ukungalungi.

13 Bona baphakathi kwabavukela ukukhanya; kabazazi indlela zakhe, kabahlali emikhondweni yakhe.

14 Umbulali uyavuka ngovivi, abulale umyanga loswelayo; lebusuku unjengesela.

15 Lelihlo lesiphingi lilindela ukuhlwa, sisithi: Kakulalihlo elizangibona; sifake isimbombozo ebusweni baso.

16 Emnyameni ugebha aphutshele ezindlini abaziphawulele zona emini; kabakwazi ukukhanya.

17 Ngoba ikuseni kanyekanye ilithunzi lokufa kubo; uba besaziwa bakuzesabiso zethunzi lokufa.

18 Ulula phezu kobuso bamanzi; isabelo sabo siqalekisiwe emhlabeni; kaphendukeli endleleni yezivini.

19 Imbalela lokutshisa kuqeda amanzi eliqhwa elikhithikileyo, ngokunjalo ingcwaba abonileyo.

20 Isizalo sizamkhohlwa, impethu izammunya, engabe esakhunjulwa, lenkohlakalo izakwephulwa njengesihlahla.

21 Udla ngokuminza inyumba engazaliyo, kamenzeli okuhle umfelokazi.

22 Njalo udonsa abalamandla ngamandla akhe, uyavuka, njalo kungabi lolethemba lempilo.

23 Uyamnika ukuze alondolozeke, eseyama kukho, kodwa amehlo akhe aphezu kwendlela zabo.

24 Bayaphakanyiswa okwesikhatshana, babesebengasekho, behliselwa phansi, bavalelwe njengaye wonke, bayaqunywa njengesihloko sesikhwebu.

25 Uba-ke kungenjalo, ngubani ongangenza umqambimanga, enze inkulumo yami ibe yize?

LUKAJOBE 25

Inkulumo yesithathu kaBilidadi: Uthi kakho umuntu ohlambulukileyo kuNkulunkulu

1Wasephendula uBilidadi umShuhi wathi:

2 Ukubusa lokwesabeka kulaye; uyenza ukuthula endaweni zakhe eziphezulu.

3 Kukhona inani yini lamabutho akhe? Ngubani okungamphumeliyo ukukhanya kwakhe?

4 Pho umuntu angalunga njani kuNkulunkulu? Kumbe ozelwe ngowesifazana angahlambuluka njani?

5 Khangela kuze kube senyangeni, njalo kayikhazimuli, lezinkanyezi kazihlambulukanga emehlweni akhe.

6 Pho kangakanani umuntu oyimpethu, lendodana yomuntu engumswenya!

LUKAJOBE 26

Impendulo kaJobe: Ukhuluma ngobukhulu bukaNkulunkulu

1 Wasephendula uJobe wathi:

2 Umsize njani ongelamandla, wasindisa ingalo engelamandla?

3 Umeluleke njani ongelakuhlakanipha, watshumayela ngobunengi ulwazi oluqotho?

4 Utshele bani amazwi? Njalo ngumoya kabani ophume kuwe?

5 Abafileyo bayathuthumela ngaphansi kwamanzi, labahlali bawo.

6 Isihogo sinqunu phambi kwakhe, lencithakalo kayilasisibekelo.

7 Welulela inyakatho phezu kwendawo engelalutho, aphanyeke umhlaba phezu kweze.

8 Uyabophela amanzi emayezini akhe, kodwa amayezi kawadabuki ngaphansi kwawo.

9 Uyasibekela ubuso besihlalo sakhe sobukhosi, endlale iyezi phezu kwaso.

10 Udwebe umngcele oyisigombolozi phezu kobuso bamanzi, kuze kube sekucineni kokukhanya lomnyama.

11 Insika zamazulu ziyathuthumela, zethuswa yikukhuza kwakhe.

12 Ngamandla akhe uthulisa ulwandle, langenhlakanipho yakhe uphahlaza ukuziqhenya.

13 Ngomoya wakhe ucecise amazulu; isandla sakhe sagwaza inyoka ebalekayo.

14 Khangela, lokhu kungamaphethelo ezindlela zakhe; kodwa kuzwakala into encinyane kangakanani ngaye! Kanti umdumo wamandla akhe ngubani ongawuqedisisa?

LUKAJOBE 27

UJobe uthi kalacala

1 UJobe wasebuya ephakamisa isaga sakhe wathi:

2 Kuphila kukaNkulunkulu osuse ilungelo lami, loSomandla owenze umphefumulo wami wababa.

3 Isibili ngaso sonke isikhathi umphefumulo usekimi, lomoya kaNkulunkulu usemakhaleni ami,

4 oqotho indebe zami kaziyikukhuluma okubi, lolimi lwami sibili lungakhulumi inkohliso.

5 Kakube khatshana lami ukuthi ngithi lilungile; ngize ngiphele kangiyikususa ubuqotho bami kimi.

6 Ngizabambelela ekulungeni kwami ngingakuyekeli; inhliziyo yami kayiyikusola ensukwini zami.

7 Isitha sami kasibe njengomubi, longivukelayo njengongalunganga.

8 Ngoba liyini ithemba longamesabiyo uNkulunkulu, esequnyiwe, uNkulunkulu esekhuphile umphefumulo wakhe?

9 UNkulunkulu uzakuzwa yini ukukhala kwakhe, ukuhlupheka sekwehlele phezu kwakhe?

10 Uzazithokozisa yini ngoSomandla? Uzabiza uNkulunkulu yini sonke isikhathi?

11 Ngizalifundisa ngesandla sikaNkulunkulu; okukuSomandla kangiyikukufihla.

12 Khangela, lina lonke likubonile. Pho, kungani selibe yize lokuba yize ngokunjalo?

13 Lesi yisabelo somuntu omubi kuNkulunkulu, lelifa labalesihluku abalemukela kuSomandla.

14 Uba abantwana bakhe besanda, kungokwenkemba, lenzalo yakhe kayiyikusutha isinkwa.

15 Insali zakhe zizangcwatshwa ekufeni, labafelokazi bakhe kabayikukhala inyembezi.

16 Lanxa ebuthelela isiliva njengothuli, elungisa isigqoko njengodaka;

17 angalungisa, kodwa olungileyo uzasigqoka, longelacala uzakwaba isiliva.

18 Wakha indlu yakhe njengenundu, lanjengedumba umlindi alenzayo.

19 Ulala enothile, kodwa kabuthwa; uvula amehlo akhe, kasekho.

20 Izesabiso zizambamba njengamanzi; ebusuku isiphepho sizameba.

21 Umoya wempumalanga uzamthatha, ahambe, umphephule asuke endaweni yakhe.

22 Abesephosela phezu kwakhe angayekeli; phambi kwesandla sakhe uzabaleka isibili.

23 Abantu bazatshaya izandla zabo ngaye, bamncifele endaweni yakhe.

LUKAJOBE 28

Mayelana lokuhlakanipha

1 Isibili kukhona umthapho wesiliva, lendawo yegolide abalicengayo.

2 Insimbi ithathwa enhlabathini, lethusi lincibilikiswa elitsheni.

3 Umisela umnyama umngcele, udingisisa kuze kube sekupheleleni konke, amatshe obumnyama lethunzi lokufa.

4 Uqhekeza umgodi khatshana lalapho okuhlala khona abantu, lapho abakhohlwe khona lunyawo; bayalenga bejikajika khatshana labantu.

5 Umhlaba, kuphuma ukudla kuwo, langaphansi kwawo kuphenduka kwangathi ngumlilo.

6 Amatshe awo ayindawo yesafire, njalo ulothuli lwegolide.

7 Inyoni edla inyama kayiyazi indlela, lelihlo lelinqe kaliyibonanga.

8 Imidlwane yokuziqhenyayo kayiyinyathelanga, isilwane kasihambanga kuyo.

9 Uyelula isandla sakhe elitsheni elilukhuni, uyagenqula izintaba ezimpandeni.

10 Aqhekeze imisele emadwaleni, lelihlo lakhe libona konke okuligugu.

11 Uyabopha izifula zingathonti, lokufihlakeleyo ukukhuphela ekukhanyeni.

12 Kodwa inhlakanipho ingatholakala ivela ngaphi? Lendawo yokuqedisisa ingaphi?

13 Umuntu kalazi ixabiso lakho, njalo kakutholakali elizweni labaphilayo.

14 Ukujula kuthi: Kakukho kimi. Lolwandle luthi: Kakulami.

15 Igolide elihle lingenikwe endaweni yakho, lesiliva singelinganiselwe intengo yakho.

16 Kungelingane legolide leOfiri, le-onikse eligugu, lesafire.

17 Igolide lekristali kungelingane lakho, futhi kungenaniswe ngesitsha segolide elicwengekileyo.

18 Ikorali lekristali kakuyikukhunjulwa, ngoba intengo yenhlakanipho ingaphezu kwamatshe aligugu.

19 Itopazi leEthiyophiya lingelinganiswe lakho, kungelingane legolide elicwengekileyo.

20 Pho, inhlakanipho ivela ngaphi? Lendawo yokuqedisisa ingaphi?

21 Ngoba kusithekile emehlweni abo bonke abaphilayo, kwafihlwa ezinyonini zamazulu.

22 Ukubhujiswa lokufa kuthi: Sizwile ngendlebe zethu umbiko wakho.

23 UNkulunkulu uyayiqedisisa indlela yakho, njalo yena uyayazi indawo yakho.

24 Ngoba yena uyakhangela kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba, abone ngaphansi kwawo wonke amazulu.

25 Esenzela umoya isisindo, walinganisa amanzi ngesilinganiso.

26 Lapho esenzela izulu isimiso, lombane wokuduma indlela.

27 Ngalesosikhathi wakubona, walandisa ngakho; wakulungisa, yebo, wakuhlolisisa.

28 Wasesithi emuntwini: Khangela, ukwesaba iNkosi, lokhu kuyinhlakanipho, lokusuka ebubini kuyikuqedisisa.

LUKAJOBE 29

UJobe ukhumbula inhlalo yakhe yakuqala

1 UJobe wasebuya ephakamisa isaga sakhe wathi:

2 Kungathi ngabe nginjengenyangeni zamandulo, njengensukwini uNkulunkulu angigcine ngazo,

3 lapho isibane sakhe sakhanya phezu kwekhanda lami; ngahamba emnyameni ngokukhanya kwakhe!

4 Njengoba nganginjalo ensukwini zokuvuthwa kwami, lapho iseluleko sikaNkulunkulu sasiphezu kwethente lami,

5 lapho uSomandla wayeseselami, labantwana bami bengiphahlile,

6 lapho ngagezisa izinyathelo zami ngolaza, ledwala langithululela imifula yamafutha!

7 Lapho ngaphuma ngaya esangweni ngidabula umuzi, ngalungisa isihlalo sami emdangeni;

8 amajaha angibona, acatsha; lamaxhegu asukuma ema;

9 iziphathamandla zayekela ukukhuluma, zabeka isandla phezu komlomo wazo;

10 ilizwi labakhulu lacatsha, lolimi lwabo lwanamathela elwangeni lwabo.

11 Lapho indlebe isizwa yangibusisa, lelihlo libona langifakazela,

12 ngoba ngakhulula umyanga okhalayo, lentandane, longelamsizi.

13 Isibusiso sobhubhayo sehlele phezu kwami, njalo ngenza inhliziyo yomfelokazi ihlabele ngentokozo.

14 Ngembatha ukulunga, kwangembesa; isahlulelo sami saba njengesembatho lomqhele.

15 Ngangingamehlo koyisiphofu, ngangizinyawo kusiqhuli.

16 Nganginguyise wabayanga, lendaba engingayaziyo ngayihlolisisa.

17 Ngasengisephula umhlathi womubi, ngamenza alahle impango emazinyweni akhe.

18 Ngasengisithi: Ngizaphela lesidleke sami, ngandise insuku njengetshebetshebe.

19 Impande zami zinabele emanzini, lamazolo alale ubusuku ogatsheni lwami.

20 Udumo lwami lutsha kimi, ledandili lami laguquka esandleni sami.

21 Bangilalela, belindele, bathulela iseluleko sami.

22 Emva kwelizwi lami kabaphendulanga, lelizwi lami lathontela phezu kwabo.

23 Bangilindela njengezulu, lomlomo wabo bawukhamisela izulu lokucina.

24 Lapho ngibahlekela, kabakholwanga, lokukhanya kobuso bami kabakuwiselanga phansi.

25 Ngakhetha indlela yabo ngahlala ngiyinhloko, ngahlala njengenkosi phakathi kweviyo, njengoduduza abalilayo.

LUKAJOBE 30

UJobe ukhala ngokuhlupheka kwakhe okukhulu

1Kodwa khathesi abatsha kulami ngensuku bayangihleka, oyise babo engangingabadelela ukubafaka lezinja zomhlambi wami.

2 Yebo, amandla ezandla zabo ayengaba yini kimi, ukuvuthwa kwabo sekuphelile?

3 Ngenswelo langendlala bajujukile, bangqathuze elizweni elomileyo, elalikade liyinkangala legwadule.

4 Abakha imibhida yetshwayi enkotheni, lempande yesihlahla serotemu iyikudla kwabo.

5 Baxotshwa phakathi kwabantu; bamemeza ngabo kungathi lisela;

6 ukuthi bahlale eliweni lezihotsha, imigodi yenhlabathi, lamadwala.

7 Bayakhonya phakathi kwenkotha, babuthane phansi kokhula.

8 Bangabantwana beziphukuphuku, yebo abantwana abangelabizo; betshaywa, bexotshwa emhlabeni.

9 Khathesi sengiyingoma yabo, sengiyisiga sabo.

10 Banengwa yimi, bamela khatshana lami; kabayekeli ukungikhafulela ebusweni ngamathe.

11 Ngoba ukhulule intambo yami, wangicindezela, ngakho balahle itomu phambi kwami.

12 Ngakwesokunene abatsha bayasukuma, bafuqa inyawo zami, bangivusela indlela zabo zokubhubhisa.

13 Badiliza indlela yami, bancedisa ukuqhubela phambili incithakalo yami, kabalamncedisi.

14 Beza kungathi bafohlela esikhaleni esibanzi; phakathi kwencithakalo batheleka.

15 Izesabiso ziphendukele phezu kwami; baxotshana lodumo lwami njengomoya, lempumelelo yami yedlula njengeyezi.

16 Khathesi-ke umphefumulo wami uyazithulula phezu kwami; insuku zosizi zingibambile.

17 Ubusuku bugwaza amathambo ami phakathi kwami, lokungingqathuzayo kakuphumuli.

18 Ngobunengi bamandla akhe isembatho sami siyaguqulwa; uyangibhinca njengesiphika sebhatshi lami.

19 Ungiphosele odakeni, senginjengothuli lomlotha.

20 Ngiyakhala kuwe, kodwa kawungiphenduli; ngiyasukuma, unginanzelele nje.

21 Usuphenduke waba lesihluku kimi; ngamandla esandla sakho umelana lami.

22 Ungiphakamisela emoyeni, ungigadise kuwo, ungincibilikisele kusiphepho.

23 Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi uzangibuyisela ekufeni, lendlini emiselwe bonke abaphilayo.

24 Kodwa umuntu kayikwelulela isandla engcwabeni, kumbe encithakalweni yakhe akhalele usizo.

25 Kangimkhalelanga inyembezi yini owayelensuku ezilukhuni, umphefumulo wami wadabuka ngongumyanga?

26 Lapho ngilindele okuhle, kweza okubi; lapho ngilindele ukukhanya, kweza umnyama.

27 Imibilini yami yabila, kayithulanga, lensuku zosizi zingandulele.

28 Ngahamba ngilila, kungelalanga; ngasukuma ebandleni ngakhalela usizo.

29 Ngingumfowabo wemigobho, lomngane wezintshe.

30 Isikhumba sami simnyama phezu kwami, lamathambo ami atshile ngokutshisa.

31 Ichacho lami selibe yisililo, lomhlanga wami uyilizwi labakhala inyembezi.

LUKAJOBE 31

UJobe ucabanga ukuthi ulungile

1 Ngenza isivumelwano lamehlo ami; pho nginganzelela njani intombi?

2 Ngoba siyini isabelo sikaNkulunkulu esivela phezulu, lelifa likaSomandla elivela endaweni eziphezulu?

3 Incithakalo kayisiyomubi yini, lengozi yabenzi bobubi?

4 Yena kaziboni yini indlela zami, abale zonke izinyathelo zami?

5 Uba ngihambe ngokuyize, kumbe unyawo lwami luphuthumele enkohlisweni,

6 kangilinganise ngesilinganiso esilungileyo, ukuze uNkulunkulu azi ubuqotho bami.

7 Uba inyathelo lami liphambukile endleleni, lenhliziyo yami yalandela amehlo ami, kumbe kunamathele isici ezandleni zami;

8 kangihlanyele, kodwa kudle omunye, lezilimo zami zisitshulwe.

9 Uba inhliziyo yami iyengwe ngowesifazana, kumbe ngacathama emnyango kamakhelwane wami,

10 umkami kacholele omunye, labanye kabaguqe phezu kwakhe.

11 Ngoba lokho kuyinkohlakalo, njalo kuyisono ngabahluleli.

12 Ngoba ngumlilo odla kuze kube yincithakalo, usiphule sonke isivuno sami.

13 Uba ngalile udaba lwenceku yami loba olwencekukazi yami, lapho ziphikisana lami,

14 pho ngizakwenzani lapho uNkulunkulu esukuma? Lalapho esethekela, ngizaphendulani kuye?

15 Lowo owangenza esiswini kamenzanga yena yini, lowasibumba esiswini munye?

16 Uba ngigodlele umyanga isifiso, kumbe ngifiphaze amehlo omfelokazi,

17 kumbe ngadla ucezu lwami ngedwa, ukuze intandane ingadli kulo

18 (ngoba kwasebutsheni bami yakhula lami nginjengoyise, ngamqondisa kusukela esizalweni sikamama),

19 uba ngabona obhubha ngenxa yokuswela isigqoko, loba umyanga engelasembatho,

20 uba inkalo zakhe zingangibusisanga, ngoba ekhudunyezwe yiboya bezimvu zami,

21 uba ngaphakamisa isandla sami ngimelene lentandane, lapho ngabona usizo lwami esangweni,

22 kaliwe ihlombe lami esiphangeni sami, lengalo yami iqamuke ethanjeni layo.

23 Ngoba incithakalo kaNkulunkulu yayiyisesabiso kimi, ngingenelisi ngenxa yobukhulu bakhe.

24 Uba ngenzile igolide laba lithemba lami, ngathi kugolide elihle: Themba lami.

25 Uba ngithokozile ngoba inotho yami inengi, langoba isandla sami sithole okunengi;

26 uba ngikhangele ilanga lapho libenyezela, loba inyanga ehamba enkazimulweni,

27 lenhliziyo yami yayengwa ensitha, kumbe isandla sami sange umlomo wami,

28 lalokho yisiphambeko phambi kwabehluleli, ngoba ngabe ngimphikile uNkulunkulu waphezulu.

29 Uba ngithokozile ngokuchitheka kongizondayo, kumbe ngajabula lapho ububi bumthola;

30 njalo ngingavumelanga umlomo wami ukuthi wone, ngokucela umphefumulo wakhe ngesiqalekiso;

31 uba abantu bethente lami bebengatshongo ukuthi: Hawu, aluba besilokwenyama yakhe, ngabe kasisuthanga.

32 Owemzini kazanga alale esitaladeni; iminyango yami ngayivulela isihambi.

33 Uba ngasibekela iziphambeko zami njengoAdamu, ngokufihla isono sami esifubeni sami.

34 Ngoba ngethuswa lixuku elikhulu, lokudelelwa ngabensendo kwangesabisa, ngakho ngathula, kangaze ngaphuma emnyango.

35 Kungathi ngabe ngilongangizwa! Khangelani uphawu lwami. Kungathi uSomandla angangiphendula, lokuthi ophikisana lami ngabe ubhale ugwalo!

36 Isibili, bengingaluthwala ehlombe lami, ngilubophe lube ngumqhele kimi.

37 Ngimtshele inani lezinyathelo zami, ngisondele kuye njengesiphathamandla.

38 Uba umhlaba wami ukhalile ngami, lemifolo yawo ililile ndawonye,

39 uba ngidlile amandla awo kungelamali, kumbe ngenza umphefumulo wabaniniwo uphele,

40 kakuhlume ukhula oluhlabayo endaweni yengqoloyi, lokhula olunukayo endaweni yebhali. Amazwi kaJobe asephelile.

LUKAJOBE 32

UElihu uyaqhamuka. Uqala ukumphendula uJobe

1 Lawomadoda amathathu aseyekela ukumphendula uJobe, ngoba wayelungile emehlweni akhe.

2 Lwaseluvutha ulaka lukaElihu indodana kaBarakeli umBuzi, owosendo lukaRamu. Ulaka lwakhe lwavuthela uJobe ngoba wazilungisisa yena kuloNkulunkulu.

3 Ulaka lwakhe lwabavuthela labo abangane bakhe abathathu, ngoba bengatholanga impendulo, kube kanti bamlahla uJobe.

4 Kodwa UElihu wayelindele uJobe ekhuluma, ngoba babebadala ngensuku kulaye.

5 UElihu esebonile ukuthi kwakungelampendulo emlonyeni walamadoda amathathu, ulaka lwakhe lwaseluvutha.

6 Ngakho uElihu indodana kaBarakeli umBuzi waphendula wathi:

Mina ngingomncinyane ngezinsuku, lina-ke libadala. Ngenxa yalokhu bengithikaza, ngesaba ukulitshelaumcabango wami.

7 Ngathi: Kakukhulume izinsuku, lobunengi beminyaka bazise inhlakanipho.

8 Isibili umoya ukhona emuntwini, lokuphefumulela kukaSomandla kuyabanika ukuqedisisa.

9 Abakhulu kabahlakaniphi ngezikhathi zonke, labalupheleyo kabaqedisisi isahlulelo.

10 Ngakho ngithi: Lalelani kimi; lami ngizatshengisa umcabango wami.

11 Khangelani, bengiwalindele amazwi enu, ngabeka indlebe ekukhulumeni kwenu okuhlakaniphileyo, lisadinga amazwi.

12 Yebo, ngalilalela, khangelani-ke, kakho phakathi kwenu omvumisileyo uJobe, owaphenduleyo amazwi akhe.

13 Hlezi lithi: Sitholile inhlakanipho; nguNkulunkulu ozamxotsha, hatshi umuntu.

14 Kodwa kangihlelelanga amazwi, langamazwi enu kangiyikumphendula.

15 Badideka, kabasaphendulanga, basusa amazwi kubo.

16 Ngasengilinda, kodwa kabakhulumanga, ngoba bema, kabasaphendulanga.

17 Lami ngizaphendula ingxenye yami, lami ngitshengise umcabango wami.

18 Ngoba ngigcwele amazwi, umoya wesisu sami uyangiqhubezela.

19 Khangelani, isisu sami sinjengewayini engavulwanga, njengemigodla emitsha sizadabuka.

20 Ngizakhuluma ukuze ngiphefumule; ngivule indebe zami, ngiphendule.

21 Ake ngingaphakamisi ubuso bomuntu, ngingabizi umuntu ngebizo lokubamba amehlo.

22 Ngoba kangikwazi ukunika amabizo okubamba amehlo; masinyane umenzi wami angangisusa.

LUKAJOBE 33

UElihu ukhuza uJobe ngokusola kwakhe uNkulunkulu

1 Kube kanti-ke, Jobe, ake uzwe inkulumo zami, ubeke indlebe kuwo wonke
amazwi ami.

2 Khangelani, sengivule umlomo wami, ulimi lwami lukhuluma emlonyeni wami.

3 Amazwi ami angawokuqonda kwenhliziyo yami, azakhuluma ulwazi lwendebe
zami ngokuhlanzeka.

4 UMoya kaNkulunkulu wangenza, lokuphefumula kukaSomandla kwanginika
impilo.

5 Uba ulakho ngiphendula; zihlele phambi kwami, uzimise.

6 Khangela, nginjengawe kuNkulunkulu, lami ngathatshwa ebumbeni.

7 Khangela, ukwethusa kwami kungakwethusi, lesandla sami singabi nzima
phezu kwakho.

8 Isibili ukhulume endlebeni zami, ngezwa ilizwi lamazwi, uthi:

9 Ngimsulwa, kangilasiphambeko, ngihlanzekile, njalo kakulabubi kimi.

10 Khangela, uthola amathuba okumelana lami, ungibala njengesitha sakhe.

11 Ufaka inyawo zami esigodweni, aqaphele zonke indlela zami.

12 Khangela, kulokhu kawulunganga; ngizakuphendula, ngoba uNkulunkulu
mkhulu kulomuntu.

13 Umphikiselani? Ngoba engaphenduli leyodwa yezindaba zakhe.

14 Ngoba uNkulunkulu ukhuluma kanye, yebo, kabili, engekho onanzayo.

15 Ephutsheni, kumbono webusuku, lapho ubuthongo obunzima busehlela
abantu, ekuwozeleni embhedeni;

16 abesesembula indlebe yabantu, aphawule ukuqondiswa kwabo;

17 ukuze aphambule umuntu ekwenzeni kwakhe, afihle ukuzigqaja emuntwini,

18 anqande umphefumulo wakhe egodini, lempilo yakhe ekwedluleni
ngenkemba.

19 Njalo ujeziswa ngobuhlungu embhedeni wakhe, langokuqaqamba
kwamathambo akhe okungapheliyo,

20 ize impilo yakhe inengwe yisinkwa, lomphefumulo wakhe yikudla
okuloyisekayo.

21 Inyama yakhe iyaphela, ingabonakali, lamathambo akhe abekade engabonakali
avele.

22 Lomphefumulo wakhe useduze legodi, lempilo yakhe kubabulali.

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23 Uba kulesithunywa kanye laye, umlamuli, oyedwa phakathi kwenkulungwane, ukutshela umuntu ukuqonda kwakhe,

24 uzakuba lomusa kuye athi: Mkhulule ekwehleleni egodini, sengithole inhlawulo.

25 Inyama yakhe izakuba ntsha okwedlula ubutsha; abuyele ensukwini zobutsha bakhe.

26 Akhuleke kuNkulunkulu, ozakuba lesisa kuye, abone ubuso bakhe ngentokozo; ngoba uzabuyisela emuntwini ukulunga kwakhe.

27 Ukhangela ebantwini athi: Ngonile, ngahlanekela okulungileyo, kodwa kakungisizanga.

28 Uhlengile umphefumulo wami ekwedluleni egodini, lempilo yami izabona ukukhanya.

29 Khangelani, lezizinto uNkulunkulu uyazenza ngomuntu kabili kumbe kathathu,

30 ukuze abuyise umphefumulo wakhe egodini, ukuze akhanyiswe ngokukhanya kwabaphilayo.

31 Zwana, Jobe, ungilalele, uthule, njalo mina ngikhulume.

32 Uba kulamazwi, ungiphendule; khuluma, ngoba ngifisa ukutshengisa ukuthi ulungile.

33 Uba kungenjalo, wena ngilalela; thula, njalo ngizakufundisa inhlakanipho.

LUKAJOBE 34

UElihu uvikela ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu

1Wasephendula uElihu wathi:

2 Zwanini amazwi ami, zihlakaniphi, lani zazi, libeke indlebe kimi.

3 Ngoba indlebe ihlola amazwi, njengolwanga lunambitha ukudla.

4 Asizikhetheleni isahlulelo; sazi phakathi kwethu okuhle.

5 Ngoba uJobe uthe: Ngilungile, kodwa uNkulunkulu ususe isahlulelo sami;

6 ngiqamba amanga ngimelene lelungelo lami; umtshoko wami kawelapheki, ngaphandle kwesiphambeko.

7 Nguwuphi umuntu onjengoJobe? Unatha ukuklolodelwa njengamanzi,

8 ahambahambe exukwini labenzi bobubi, ahambe labantu benkohlakalo.

9 Ngoba uthe: Kakumsizi umuntu nxa ethokoza ngoNkulunkulu.

10 Ngakho, bantu bengqondo, ngilalelani: Kakube khatshana loNkulunkulu ukwenza inkohlakalo, loSomandla ukwenza isiphambeko.

11 Ngoba umsebenzi womuntu uzawubuyisela kuye, amenze athole njengendlela yalowo lalowo.

12 Yebo, isibili uNkulunkulu kenzi okubi, njalo uSomandla kagobisi isehlulelo.

13 Ngubani owambeka phezu komhlaba? Kumbe ngubani owamisa umhlaba wonke?

14 Uba ebeka inhliziyo yakhe phezu kwakhe, uzabuthela umoya wakhe lomphefumulo wakhe kuye.

15 Inyama yonke ibizaphela kanyekanye, lomuntu abuyele ethulini.

16 Uba kulokuqedisisa-ke, zwana lokhu, ubeke indlebe elizwini lamazwi ami.

17 Kambe, ozonda isehlulelo ubengabusa yini? Kambe uzamlahla yini olungileyo kakhulu?

18 Angatsho yini enkosini: Mkhohlisi; kuziphathamandla: Lina abangelaNkulunkulu?

19 Kuye ongemukeli ubuso beziphathamandla, engananzi isinothi phambi komyanga? Ngoba bonke bangumsebenzi wezandla zakhe.

20 Bayafa ngesikhatshana; laphakathi kobusuku abantu bayaqhuqhiswa, bedlule; kuzasuswa olamandla kungelasandla.

21 Ngoba amehlo akhe aphezu kwendlela zomuntu, uyabona zonke izinyathelo zakhe.

22 Kakulamnyama njalo kakulathunzi lokufa lapho abenzi bobubi abangacatsha khona.

23 Ngoba kabi lokhu enaka umuntu, ukuthi aye kuNkulunkulu esahlulelweni.

24 Uyaphahlaza abalamandla kungahlolwanga, amise abanye endaweni zabo.

25 Ngakho uyayazi imisebenzi yabo, uyabagenqula ebusuku, bachotshozwe.

26 Uyabatshaya njengababi endaweni yababukelayo.

27 Ngenxa yokuthi bephambukile ekumlandeleni, bengananzanga leyodwa yezindlela zakhe,

28 baze benza ukukhala komyanga kufike kuye, njalo wakuzwa ukukhala kwabahluphekayo.

29 Lapho yena ethulisa, ngubani-ke ongaziphatha ngenkohliso? Lapho efihla ubuso, ngubani-ke ongambona? Loba esizweni loba emuntwini eyedwa.

30 Ukuze abantu abangabazenzisi bangabusi, ukuze bangabi yimijibila ebantwini.

31 Isibili uthe kuNkulunkulu: Ngithwele isijeziso, kangiyikona.

32 Lokhu engingakuboniyo ngifundise wena; uba ngenze okubi kangisayikukwenza futhi.

33 Uzaphindisela yini njengokuthanda kwakho, loba uyala, loba wena ukhetha, njalo kungesimi? Wazini-ke? Khuluma.

34 Abantu abalokuqedisisa bazakhuluma kimi, lomuntu ohlakaniphileyo uzangizwa.

35 UJobe ukhulume engelalwazi, lamazwi akhe kawalanhlakanipho.

36 Kungathi ngabe uJobe uyahlolwa kuze kube sekupheleni, ngenxa yempendulo zakhe njengabantu ababi.

37 Ngoba esonweni sakhe wengezelela ububi, etshaya izandla phakathi kwethu, esandisa amazwi akhe emelene loNkulunkulu.

LUKAJOBE 35

1UElihu wasephendula wathi:

2 Ukhumbula ukuthi lokhu kuqondile yini? Uthe: Ukulunga kwami kwedlula okukaNkulunkulu.

3 Ngoba uthe kusizani kuwe, kungisizani okwedlula isono sami?

4 Mina ngizakuphendula, labangane bakho kanye lawe.

5 Khangela amazulu ubone; ukhangele amayezi, aphakeme kulawe.

6 Uba usona, wenzani kuye? Uba iziphambeko zakho zizinengi, wenzani kuye?

7 Uba ulungile, umnikani, kumbe wemukelani esandleni sakho?

8 Ububi bakho buthinta umuntu onjengawe, lokulunga kwakho indodana yomuntu.

9 Ngenxa yobunengi bencindezelo babenza bakhale; bayakhala ngenxa yengalo yabalamandla.

10 Kodwa kakho othi: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu umenzi wami, onika amahubo ebusuku,

11 osifundisa okwedlula inyamazana zomhlaba, asenze sihlakaniphe okwedlula inyoni zamazulu?

12 Lapho bayakhala, kodwa kaphenduli, ngenxa yokuzigqaja kwababi.

13 Isibili uNkulunkulu kayikuzwa ize, loSomandla kayikukunanza.

14 Yebo, lanxa usithi: Kawumboni, kanti isahlulelo siphambi kwakhe; ngakho umlindele.

15 Kodwa khathesi, ngoba intukuthelo yakhe ingajezisanga, laye kayikwejwayela kakhulu yini ukuziphakamisa?

16 Ngakho uJobe uvule umlomo wakhe ngeze, wandisa amazwi engelalwazi.

LUKAJOBE 36

UElihu ukhuluma ngobukhulu bukaNkulunkulu

1UElihu waseqhubeka wathi:

2 Ngibekezelela kancinyane, ngizakubonisa ukuthi kuseselamazwi ngoNkulunkulu.

3 Ngizathatha ulwazi lwami luvela khatshana, nginike ukulunga kuMenzi wami.

4 Ngoba isibili amazwi ami kawayisiwo amanga; opheleleyo elwazini ulawe.

5 Khangela, uNkulunkulu ulamandla, njalo keyisi; mkhulu emandleni okuqedisisa.

6 Kayekeli omubi aphile, kodwa unika abayanga okulungileyo.

7 Kasusi amehlo akhe kolungileyo, kodwa balamakhosi esihlalweni sobukhosi; yebo, uyawahlalisa phakade, abesephakama.

8 Njalo uba bebotshiwe ngezibopho, bethunjwe ngezintambo zenhlupheko,

9 ng'khona ezabatshela isenzo sabo, leziphambeko zabo, ukuthi zazilamandla.

10 Uyavula indlebe yabo ekulayweni, alaye baphenduke ebubini.

11 Uba belalela, bamkhonze, bazachitha insuku zabo kokuhle, leminyaka yabo ezintokozweni.

12 Kodwa uba bengalaleli, bazadlula ngomkhonto, baphele bengelalwazi.

13 Labangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu ngenhliziyo babuthelela intukuthelo; kabakhali esebabophile.

14 Umphefumulo wabo uzafela ebutsheni, lempilo yabo phakathi kwezinkotshana.

15 Uzakhulula ohluphekayo ekuhluphekeni kwakhe, avule indlebe yabo ecindezelweni.

16 Yebo, lawe wakuhuga ukuthi uphume emlonyeni wocindezelo uye endaweni ebanzi, okungelacindezelo kuyo, lokuphezu kwetafula lakho kuzagcwala amanono.

17 Kodwa ugcwalise isigwebo somubi; isigwebo lokulunga kukubambile.

18 Qaphela ulaka lungakuhugeli ekuklolodeni, lobukhulu benhlawulo bungakuphambuli.

19 Ubengalinganisa inotho yakho, ukuthi ubungebe ecindezelweni, lemizamo yonke elamandla?

20 Ungakhefuzeleli lobobusuku bokususwa kwabantu endaweni yabo.

21 Qaphela, ungaphendukeli ebubini, ngoba ukhethe lokho kulokuhlupheka.

22 Khangela, uNkulunkulu uziphakamisa ngamandla akhe; ngubani ongumfundisi njengaye?

23 Ngubani ommisele indlela yakhe? Kumbe ngubani othe: Wenze ububi?

24 Khumbula ukuthi ukhulise umsebenzi wakhe, abahlabela ngawo abantu.

25 Bonke abantu bayawubona; umuntu uyawukhangela ekhatshana.

26 Khangela, uNkulunkulu uphakeme, njalo kasimazi, lenani leminyaka yakhe kayilakuhlolwa.

27 Ngoba wenyusa amathonsi amanzi, ahlambulule izulu njengenkungu yawo;

28 amayezi alithululela phansi, lithonte kakhulu phezu komuntu.

29 Yebo, kukhona yini ongaqedisisa ukwendlaleka kwamayezi, umsindo wedumba lakhe?

30 Khangela, wendlala ukukhanya kwakhe phezu kwawo, agubuzele impande zolwandle.

31 Ngoba ngawo uyehlulela abantu, anike ukudla ngobunengi.

32 Ngezandla usibekela ukukhanya, abesekulaya ngalelo elingena phakathi.

33 Umdumo wakhe ubika ngakho, lenkomo ngenkungu eyenyukayo.

LUKAJOBE 37

1 Langenxa yalokho inhliziyo yami iyathuthumela, yeqe endaweni yayo.

2 Zwana lokuzwa umdumo welizwi lakhe, lomsindo ophuma emlonyeni wakhe.

3 Uyakukhulula ngaphansi kwamazulu wonke, lokukhanya kwakhe kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba.

4 Emva kwalokho kubhonga ilizwi, uyaduma ngelizwi lokuphakama kwakhe, angakunqandi lapho kuzwakala ilizwi lakhe.

5 UNkulunkulu uyaduma ngelizwi lakhe ngokumangalisayo kakhulu, wenza izinto ezinkulu, esingeziqedisise.

6 Ngoba kuliqhwa elikhithikileyo uthi: Woba semhlabeni; lakuzihlambo zezulu, lakuzihlambo zezulu elikhulu lamandla akhe.

7 Uyanamathelisa isandla somuntu wonke, ukuze bazi bonke abantu bomsebenzi wakhe.

8 Inyamazana ziyangena emihomeni yazo, zihlale ezikhundleni zazo.

9 Isivunguzane siphuma ekamelweni leningizimu, lomqando emimoyeni yenyakatho.

10 Ngomoya kaNkulunkulu kunikwa ungqwaqwane, lamanzi abanzi abe yilitshe.

11 Njalo uthwalisa amayezi ngobumanzi, ahlakaze iyezi lokukhanya kwakhe.

12 Njalo lona liyajikajika liphenduka ngokuqondisa kwakhe, ukuze enze konke awalaye khona, ebusweni bomhlaba emhlabathini.

13 Loba ngoswazi, loba ngomhlaba wakhe, loba ngomusa, uyakufikisa.

14 Beka indlebe kukho, Jobe; mana, unanzelele imisebenzi emangalisayo kaNkulunkulu.

15 Uyazi yini ukuthi uNkulunkulu uwalungisa nini, enze ukukhanya kwamayezi akhe kukhanye?

16 Uyazi yini ukulengiswa kwamayezi, izimangaliso zopheleleyo elwazini lonke?

17 Ukuthi izigqoko zakho zikhudumala njani, ekuthuliseni umhlaba ngomoya weningizimu?

18 Uwendlalile yini amayezi kanye laye, aqine njengesibuko esibunjiweyo ngokuncibilikisa?

19 Sifundise ukuthi sizakuthini kuye; singeke silungise lutho ngenxa yomnyama.

20 Kungalandiswa kuye yini ukuthi ngiyakhuluma? Uba umuntu engakhuluma, isibili uzaginywa.

21 Khathesi-ke kabakuboni ukukhanya okubenyezelayo okusemayezini, lapho umoya udlula uwahlambulula.

22 Igolide livela enyakatho. KuNkulunkulu kulobukhosi obesabekayo.

23 USomandla singemfumane; uphakeme ngamandla, langokwahlulela, njalo mkhulu ngokulunga; kacindezeli.

24 Ngakho abantu bayamesaba; kanaki wonke owabahlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo.

LUKAJOBE 38

INKOSI iyamphendula uJobe

1 INKOSI yasimphendula uJobe isesivunguzaneni yathi:

2 Ngubani lo ofiphaza iseluleko ngamazwi angelalwazi?

3 Bopha-ke ukhalo lwakho njengendoda, njalo ngizakubuza, njalo ungenze ngazi.

4 Wawungaphi lapho ngimisa izisekelo zomhlaba? Tshono uba usazi ukuqedisisa.

5 Ngubani owabeka izilinganiso zawo, uba ukwazi? Kumbe ngubani owelulela intambo yokulinganisa phezu kwawo?

6 Izisekelo zawo zamiswa phezu kwani? Kumbe ngubani owabeka ilitshe lawo lengonsi,

7 lapho inkanyezi zokusa zahlabela kanyekanye, lamadodana wonke kaNkulunkulu amemeza ngenjabulo?

8 Kumbe ngubani owavalela ulwandle ngezivalo, lapho lufohla luphuma esiswini,

9 lapho ngimisa iyezi laba yisembatho salo, lomnyama onzima waba yimbeleko yalo?

10 Njalo ngaluqumela isimiso, ngamisa imigoqo lezivalo,

11 ngathi: Uzafika kuze kube lapha, kodwa ungedluli, lalapha kuzamelana lokuzigqaja kwamagagasi akho.

12 Kusukela ensukwini zakho walawula ukusa yini, wenza ukudabuka kokusa ukuthi kwazi indawo yakho,

13 ukuthi kubambe imiphetho yomhlaba, ukuze kuthintithe ababi kuwo?

14 Kuyaguquka njengebumba lophawu lokunamathisela, kuzimisa njengesembatho.

15 Lakwababi ukukhanya kwabo kuyagodlwa, lengalo ephakemeyo iyephulwa.

16 Usungenile emithonjeni yolwandle yini, wahamba usiya le lale ekudingeni inziki?

17 Amasango okufa wawembulelwa yini, wawabona amasango ethunzi lokufa?

18 Uqedisisile yini kuze kube sebubanzini bomhlaba? Tshono uba ukwazi konke.

19 Ingaphi indlela lapho okuhlala khona ukukhanya? Lomnyama, ingaphi indawo yawo,

20 ukuze ukuse emngceleni wakho, lokuthi uqedisise izindlela zomuzi wakho?

21 Uyazi, ngoba wawusuzelwe, lenani lensuku zakho likhulu.

22 Usungenile eziphaleni zeliqhwa elikhithikileyo yini, wabona iziphala zesiqhotho,

23 engizigodle kuze kube yisikhathi sokuhlupheka, kuze kube lusuku lokulwa lolwempi?

24 Ingaphi indlela lapho ukukhanya okwabiwa khona, umoya wempumalanga ohlakazeka khona emhlabeni?

25 Ngubani owehlukanisela impophoma indlela yamanzi, lendlela yombane wemidumo,

26 ukuthi line emhlabeni lapho okungelamuntu khona, enkangala okungelamuntu kuyo,

27 ukusuthisa inkangala legwadule, lokuhlumisa ukuphuma kotshani?

28 Izulu liloyise yini, kumbe ngubani owazala amathonsi amazolo?

29 Ungqwaqwane waphuma esiswini sikabani? Njalo ngubani owazala iliqhwa lamazulu?

30 Amanzi afihlakele njengelitshe, lobuso bokujula bujiyile.

31 Ungazibopha yini izibopho zesiLimela, kumbe uthukulule intambo zeziNja?

32 Ungakhupha yini izinkanyezi ngesikhathi sazo? Ungakhokhela yini iBhere kanye labantwana balo?

33 Uyazazi yini izimiso zamazulu, kumbe ungamisa umbuso wazo emhlabeni?

34 Ungaphakamisela yini ilizwi lakho emayezini, ukuthi ubunengi bamanzi bukusibekele?

35 Ungathuma yini imibane ukuthi ihambe, ithi kuwe: Khangela, silapha?

36 Ngubani owabeka inhlakanipho emibilini? Kumbe ngubani onike ukuqedisisa engqondweni?

37 Ngubani ongabala amayezi ngenhlakanipho? Njalo ngubani ongalalisa imbodlela zamazulu,

38 lapho uthuli luqina lube yizigaqa, lamagade anamathelane?

39 Ungasizingelela yini isilwane ukudla, kumbe usuthise ukulamba kwezilwane ezintsha,

40 lapho zicathame emihomeni, zihlala esikhundleni ukuthi zicathame?

41 Ngubani olungisela iwabayi ukudla kwalo, lapho amaphuphu alo ekhala kuNkulunkulu, ezulazula ngoba kungelakudla?

LUKAJOBE 39

1Uyasazi yini isikhathi sokuzala kwamagogo edwala? Uyananzelela yini ukuhelelwa kwezimpala?

2 Ungazibala yini inyanga ezizigcwalisayo? Njalo uyasazi yini isikhathi sokuzala kwazo?

3 Zigoba, zizale abantwana bazo, zikhuphe imihelo yazo.

4 Amazinyane azo aqine akhule egangeni; asuke ahambe, angabuyi kuzo.

5 Ngubani owakhupha ubabhemi weganga ekhululekile? Njalo ngubani othukulule izibopho zikababhemi weganga,

6 engimmisele inkangala ibe ngumuzi wakhe, lesimunyu sibe zindawo zakhe zokuhlala?

7 Uhleka umsindo womuzi, angezwa imisindo yomtshayeli.

8 Udinga izintaba ezilidlelo lakhe, edinga elandela konke okuluhlaza.

9 Inyathi iyavuma yini ukukusebenzela? Izalala yini esibayeni sakho ebusuku?

10 Ungayibophela inyathi yini ngentambo yayo emfolweni? Ingabhuqa yini izihotsha emva kwakho?

11 Ungathembela kuyo yini ngoba amandla ayo makhulu? Ungayiyekelela yini umtshikatshika wakho?

12 Ungayikholwa yini ukuthi izabuyisa inhlanyelo yakho, njalo iyibuthele ebaleni lokubhulela lakho?

13 Impiko zezintshe ziyaphaphazela ngentokozo; kodwa zizimpiko lezinsiba zengabuzane yini?

14 Ngoba itshiya amaqanda ayo emhlabathini, iwakhudumeze othulini,

15 iyakhohlwa ukuthi unyawo lungawachoboza, lokuthi isilo seganga singawanyathela.

16 Iwaphatha kalukhuni amaphuphu ayo, kungathi kawayisiwo awayo; umtshikatshika wayo uyize, ingelakwesaba.

17 Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayithathela inhlakanipho, kayabelanga ukuqedisisa.

18 Lapho sekuyisikhathi iyaziphakamisela phezulu, ihleke ibhiza lomgadi walo.

19 Uzanika yini ibhiza amandla? Uyayigqokisa yini intamo yalo ngomhlonga oyephuzelayo?

20 Uyalenza leqe yini njengentethe? Ubukhosi bokukhala kwalo buyesabeka.

21 Liyaphanda esihotsheni, lithokoze ngamandla alo, liphume ukuhlangabeza izikhali.

22 Liyakuhleka ukwesaba, kalesabi, kaliphenduki phambi kwenkemba.

23 Phezu kwalo isamba semitshoko siyakhehlezela, umkhonto ophazimayo lomdikadika.

24 Ngokuqhuqha lokufutheka liginye umhlaba; kalikholwa ukuthi ngumsindo wophondo.

25 Ekukhaleni kophondo lithi: Aha! Linuke impi ikhatshana, umdumo wezinduna, lokumemeza.

26 Ukhozi luyaphapha yini ngokuqedisisa kwakho, luselulela impiko zalo eningizimu?

27 Ilinqe liyaqonga ngokulaya kwakho, lakhe isidleke salo engqongeni yini?

28 Lihlala lilale ebusuku edwaleni, engqongeni yedwala leyenqaba.

29 Lisuka lapho lidinga ukudla; amehlo alo abonela khatshana.

30 Lamaphuphu alo azitika ngegazi; lalapho okukhona ababuleweyo likhona.

LUKAJOBE 40

Impendulo kaJobe

1 INKOSI yasiphendula uJobe yathi:

2 Ophikisana loSomandla uzamqondisa yini? Osola uNkulunkulu kakuphendule.

3 UJobe waseyiphendula iNKOSI wathi:

4 Khangela, ngiphansi; ngingakuphendula ngithini? Ngibeka isandla sami emlonyeni wami.

5 Ngikhulumile kanye, kodwa kangiyikuphendula; kumbe kabili, kodwa kangiyikuqhubeka.

INKOSI ibonakalisa amandla ayo

6 INKOSI yasimphendula uJobe isesivunguzaneni yathi:

7 Bopha khathesi ukhalo lwakho njengendoda; ngizakubuza, ubusungazisa.

8 Isibili, uzachitha isahlulelo sami yini? Ungilahle, ukuze ube ngolungileyo yini?

9 Njalo ulengalo yini njengoNkulunkulu? Kumbe ungaduma yini ngelizwi njengaye?

10 Khathesi zicecise ngobukhosi lokuphakama, uzembese ngodumo lenkazimulo.

11 Usabalalise intukuthelo zolaka lwakho, ukhangele wonke ozigqajayo, umthobise.

12 Khangela wonke ozigqajayo, umehlisele phansi, unyathelele phansi ababi endaweni yabo.

13 Ubafihle bonke ethulini, ubophe ubuso babo ngasese.

14 Khona lami ngizavuma kuwe, ukuthi isandla sakho sokunene singakusindisa.

15 Ake ukhangele imvubu engayenza kanye lawe; idla utshani njengenkabi.

16 Ake ukhangele, amandla ayo asekhalweni lwayo, lokuqina kwayo kusemisipheni yesisu sayo.

17 Iyagobisa umsila wayo njengomsedari; imisipha yemilenze yayo yelukene.

18 Amathambo ayo anjengempompi zethusi, amathambo ayo anjengemigoqo yensimbi.

19 Ingeyokuqala yezindlela zikaNkulunkulu; owayenzayo wasondeza inkemba yayo.

20 Ngoba intaba ziyayivezela ukudla, lapho okudlala khona inyamazana zonke zeganga.

21 Ilala phansi kwesihlahla esiluhlaza, ekusithekeni kwemihlanga lamaxhaphozi.

22 Izihlahla eziluhlaza ziyayisibekela ngomthunzi wazo; imidubu yesifula iyayiphahla.

23 Khangela, umfula uyayicindezela, kayiphangisi; ilesibindi lanxa iJodani ingaphuphumela emlonyeni wayo.

24 Ongayibamba yini ngamehlo ayo? Ongahlaba yini amakhala ayo ngemijibila?

LUKAJOBE 41

1Ungamhudula yini uLeviyathani ngengwegwe, kumbe ulimi lwakhe ngentambo oyenza itshone?

2 Ungafaka yini umhlanga ekhaleni lakhe, kumbe ubhoboze umhlathi wakhe ngameva?

3 Uzakuncenga kanengi yini? Uzakhuluma lawe ngathambileyo yini?

4 Uzakwenza isivumelwano lawe yini? Uzamthatha abe yinceku kokuphela yini?

5 Uzadlala laye yini njengenyoni? Kumbe uzambophela amantombazana akho yini?

6 Abathengi bazathengiselana ngaye yini? Bazakwehlukaniselana ngaye yini phakathi kwabathengisayo?

7 Uzagcwalisa yini isikhumba sakhe ngezinhlendla, lekhanda lakhe ngemikhonto yenhlanzi?

8 Beka isandla sakho phezu kwakhe, khumbula impi, ungakwenzi futhi.

9 Khangela, ithemba lakhe lizakuba ngamanga. Laye uzaphoselwa phansi yini ngokumbona?

10 Kakho olesihluku sokuthi amvuse. Ngubani-ke yena ongazimisa phambi kwami?

11 Ngubani onganduleleyo ukuthi ngimbhadale? Okungaphansi kwamazulu wonke ngokwami.

12 Kangiyikuthula mayelana lezitho zakhe, lendaba yamandla akhe, lobuhle besimo sakhe.

13 Ngubani ongabonakalisa ubuso besembatho sakhe? Ngubani ongeza lamatomu akhe aphindwe kabili?

14 Ngubani ongavula iminyango yobuso bakhe? Amazinyo akhe ayesabeka inhlangothi zonke.

15 Imizila yamahawu akhe ilokuziqhenya, ivalelwe ngophawu oluqinisiweyo.

16 Elinye lisondele kwelinye, ukuze kungangeni umoya phakathi kwawo.

17 Ahlangene, abambana, ukuze angehlukaniswa.

18 Ukuthimula kwakhe kuphazima ukukhanya, lamehlo akhe anjengenkophe zemadabukakusa.

19 Emlonyeni wakhe kuphuma izihlanti, ziqhatshe ziphume inhlansi zomlilo.

20 Emakhaleni akhe kuphuma intuthu, njengembiza ebilayo lemihlanga.

21 Umoya wakhe uvuthela amalahle, lelangabi liphume emlonyeni wakhe.

22 Entanyeni yakhe kuhlala amandla, laphambi kwakhe kugiya usizi.

23 Amavinqo enyama yakhe anamathelene, aqinile kuye, kawanyikinyeki.

24 Inhliziyo yakhe iqinile njengelitshe, yebo, ilukhuni njengelitshe lokuchola elingaphansi.

25 Ekuvukeni kwakhe amaqhawe ayesaba, ngenxa yokwephulwa bayazihlambulula.

26 Ofinyelela kuye ngenkemba angeme, umkhonto, umtshoko, lomdikadika.

27 Uthatha insimbi njengotshani, ithusi njengogodo olubolileyo.

28 Umtshoko kawumenzi abaleke; amatshe esavutha aphendulwa nguye abe yizibi.

29 Isagila sitshaywa njengezibi; uhleka ukugenqeza komdikadika.

30 Ngaphansi kwakhe kulendengezi ezibukhali; wendlala izinto ezibukhali odakeni.

31 Wenza inziki zibile njengembiza, enze ulwandle lube njengembiza yamafutha.

32 Ngemva kwakhe wenza indlela ikhanye; inziki zingathiwa ziyimpunga.

33 Kakukho emhlabeni okufanana laye, owenziwa angabi lokwesaba.

34 Ukhangela konke okuphakemeyo; uyinkosi phezu kwabo bonke abantwana bokuzigqaja.

LUKAJOBE 42

UJobe uyazithoba

1 UJobe waseyiphendula iNKOSI wathi:

2 Ngiyazi ukuthi ungakwenza konke, lokuthi kakulacebo elingavinjelwa kuwe.

3 Ngubani lo ofiphaza iseluleko engelalwazi? Ngakho ngikhulumile lokho
ebengingakuqedisisi, izinto ezimangalisayo kakhulu kimi, ebengingazazi.

4 Ake uzwe, ngizakhuluma mina. Ngizakubuza, njalo wenze ngazi.

5 Ngokuzwa kwendlebe ngikuzwile, kodwa khathesi ilihlo lami liyakubona.

6 Ngakho-ke ngiyazinenga, ngiyaphenduka ethulini lemlotheni.

7 Kwasekusithi iNKOSI isikhulume lamazwi kuJobe, iNKOSI yathi kuElifazi
umThemani: Ulaka lwami luyavutha kuwe lakubangane bakho ababili, ngoba
kalikhulumanga ngami okuqondileyo njengenceku yami uJobe.

8 Ngakho-ke zithatheleni amajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa,
liye encekwini yami uJobe, lizinikelele umnikelo wokutshiswa, njalo uJobe inceku
yami uzalikhulekela; ngoba isibili ngizakwemukela ubuso bakhe, ukuze
ngingenzi kini njengobuthutha benu; ngoba kalikhulumanga ngami okuqondileyo
njengenceku yami uJobe.

9 Ngakho bahamba oElifazi umThemani loBilidadi umShuhi loZofari umNahama,
benza njengokutsho kweNKOSIkubo; njalo iNKOSI yemukela ubuso bukaJobe.

Ukubusiswa kukaJobe

10 INKOSI yasiphendula ukuthunjwa kukaJobe esekhulekele abangane bakhe;
njalo iNKOSI yengezelela konke uJobe ayelakho kuze kuphindwe kabili.

11 Kwasekufika kuye bonke abafowabo labo bonke odadewabo, labo bonke
ababemazi mandulo, badla isinkwa laye endlini yakhe, bamkhalela, bamduduza
ngakho konke okubi iNKOSI eyayimehlisele khona; bamnika ngulowo lalowo
uhlamvu lwemali, langulowo lalowo isongo legolide.

12 INKOSI yasibusisa isiphetho sikaJobe okwedlula ukuqala kwakhe; ngoba waba
lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lane, lamakamela azinkulungwane
eziyisithupha, lezipane zenkabi eziyinkulungwane, labobabhemi abasikazi
abayinkulungwane.

13 Wasesiba lamadodana ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu.

14 Wasebiza ibizo leyokuqala wathi nguJemima, lebizo leyesibili wathi nguKeziya,
lebizo leyesithathu wathinguKereni-Hapuki.

15 Njalo kakutholakalanga abesifazana abahle njengamadodakazi kaJobe elizweni
lonke; loyise wawanika ilifa phakathi kwabanewabo.

16 Lemva kwalokho uJobe waphila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amane; wabona
amadodana akhe, lamadodana amadodana akhe, kwaze kwaba yizizukulwana
ezine.

17 UJobe wasesifa, emdala, enele ngezinsuku.

LWEZIHLABELELO

LWEZIHLABELELO 1

UGWALO

Indlela yabalungileyo lendlela yababi

1 Ubusisiwe umuntu ongahambi ngeseluleko sababi, ongemi endleleni yezoni,
ongahlali esihlalwenisabagconayo;

2 kodwa intokozo yakhe isemlayweni weNKOSI, uzindla ngomlayo wayo emini
lebusuku.

3 Njalo uzakuba njengesihlahla esihlanyelwe emifuleni yamanzi, esithela isithelo
saso ngesikhathi saso, ohlamvu laso kaliyikubuna; lakho konke akwenzayo
kuzaphumelela.

4 Ababi kabanjalo, kodwa banjengamakhoba umoya owaphephulayo.

5 Ngakho ababi kabayikuma ekwahlulelweni, lezoni enhlanganweni
yabalungileyo.

6 Ngoba iNKOSI iyayazi indlela yabalungileyo, kodwa indlela yababi izabhubha.

LWEZIHLABELELO 2

Ukubusa kogcotshiweyo weNKOSI

1 Kungani izizwe zixokozela, labantu benakana okuyize?

2 Amakhosi omhlaba azimisela, lababusi benza ugobe ndawonye bemelene
leNKOSI njalo bemelene logcotshiweyo wayo, besithi:

3 Asiqamule izibopho zabo, silahle intambo zabo zisuke kithi.

4 Ohlezi emazulwini uzahleka, iNkosi izabahleka usulu.

5 Khona izakhuluma kubo entukuthelweni yayo, ibethuse ngokuvutha kolaka
lwayo.

6 Kube kanti mina ngibekile iNkosi yami phezu kweZiyoni, intaba yami engcwele.

7 Ngizalandisa ngesimiso: INKOSI ithe kimi: Wena uyiNdodana yami, lamuhla
ngikuzele.

8 Cela kimi, ngizanika izizwe zibe yilifa lakho, lemikhawulo yomhlaba ibe yimfuyo
yakho.

9 Uzazephula ngentonga yensimbi, uziphahlaze njengembiza yebumba.

10 Ngakho-ke hlakaniphani makhosi, lilayeke bahluleli bomhlaba.

11 Ikhonzeni iNKOSI ngokwesaba, lithokoze ngokuthuthumela,

12 liyange iNdodana, hlezi ithukuthele, libhubhe endleleni, nxa ulaka lwayo seluvutha kancinyane. Babusisiwebonke abaphephela kuyo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 3

Umkhuleko wekuseni wokucela uncedo

Isihlabelo sikaDavida, lapho ebalekela ubuso bukaAbisalomu indodana yakhe

1NKOSI, zande kangakanani izitha zami! Banengi abangivukelayo.

2 Banengi abathi ngomphefumulo wami: Kakulasindiso lwakhe kuNkulunkulu. Sela.

3 Kodwa wena NKOSI, uyisihlangu sami, udumo lwami, lomphakamisi wekhanda lami.

4 Ngakhala ngelizwi lami eNKOSIni, yasingiphendula isentabeni yayo engcwele. Sela.

5 Mina ngalala phansi, ngajumeka; ngavuka, ngoba iNKOSI yangisekela.

6 Kangiyikwesaba izinkulungwane ezilitshumi zabantu abangihanqileyo bemelana lami.

7 Vuka, NKOSI! Ngisindisa, Nkulunkulu wami. Ngoba zonke izitha zami uzitshayile emhlathini, wephule amazinyo ababi.

8 Usindiso ngolweNKOSI. Isibusiso sakho siphezu kwabantu bakho. Sela.

LWEZIHLABELELO 4

Umkhuleko wakusihlwa wokucela uncedo

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Ngamachacho. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1Ngiphendula ekukhaleni kwami, Nkulunkulu wokulunga kwami. Ekucindezelweni wangenzela indawo ebanzi. Woba lomusa kimi, uzwe umkhuleko wami.

2 Madodana abantu, koze kube nini liphendula udumo lwami lube lihlazo, lithanda okuyize, lidinga amanga?Sela.

3 Kodwa yazini ukuthi iNKOSI izehlukanisele owesaba uNkulunkulu; iNKOSI iyangizwa lapho ngikhala kuyo.

4 Thuthumelani, lingoni; khulumani lenhliziyo yenu embhedeni wenu, lithule. Sela.

5 Nikelani imihlatshelo yokulunga, lithembe eNKOSIni.

6 Banengi abathi: Ngubani ozasitshengisa okuhle? NKOSI, phakamisela ukukhanya kobuso bakho phezu kwethu.

7 Ubeke intokozo enhliziyweni yami okwedlula isikhathi lapho amabele abo lewayini labo elitsha kwandile.

8 Ngizacambalala ngokuthula, khonokho ngilale ubuthongo, ngoba wena NKOSI wedwa uyangihlalisa ngokulondolozeka.

LWEZIHLABELELO 5

Umkhuleko wokucela ukuvikelwa ezitheni

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeNehilothi. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1 Beka indlebe emazwini ami, NKOSI; unanzelele ukububula kwami.

2 Lalela ilizwi lokukhala kwami, Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami; ngoba ngikhuleka kuwe.

3 NKOSI, ekuseni uzalizwa ilizwi lami; ekuseni ngizahlela umkhuleko wami ngakuwe, ngilinde.

4 Ngoba kawusuye uNkulunkulu othokoza ebubini; omubi kayikuhlala lawe.

5 Abazikhukhumezayo kabayikuma phambi kwamehlo akho; uzonda bonke abenzi bobubi.

6 Uzababhubhisa abaqamba amanga. INKOSI iyamenyanya umuntu wegazi lenkohliso.

7 Kodwa mina, ngizangena endlini yakho ngobukhulu besihawu sakho, ngikhothame ngikhangele ethempelini lakho elingcwele, ngokukwesaba.

8 NKOSI, ngikhokhelele ekulungeni kwakho ngenxa yezitha zami, wenze indlela yakho iqonde phambi kwami.

9 Ngoba kalikho iqiniso emlonyeni wazo, ingaphakathi yazo izinkohlakalo; umphimbo wazo ulingcwaba elivulekileyo, zibamba amehlo ngolimi lwazo.

10 Tshono uthi zilecala, Nkulunkulu, kaziwe ngamacebo azo; uzilahle ngenxa yobunengi beziphambeko zazo, ngoba zikuvukele.

11 Kodwa kabathabe bonke abathembela kuwe, bamemeze kokuphela ngentokozo, ngoba ubavikele; lalabo abathanda ibizo lakho kabajabule kuwe.

12 Ngoba wena NKOSI, uzabusisa olungileyo, uzamhanqa ngomusa njengesihlangu esikhulu.

LWEZIHLABELELO 6

Umkhuleko wokucela umusa ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Ngamachacho, ngeSheminithi. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1 NKOSI, ungangikhuzi entukuthelweni yakho, ungangijezisi ekuvutheni kolaka lwakho.

2 Woba lomusa kimi, NKOSI, ngoba ngibuthakathaka. NKOSI, ngisilisa mina, ngoba amathambo amiayakhathazeka.

3 Lomphefumulo wami ukhathazekile kakhulu: Kodwa wena, NKOSI, koze kube nini?

4 Phenduka, NKOSI, khulula umphefumulo wami; ungisindise ngenxa yomusa wakho.

5 Ngoba ekufeni kakukho ukukukhumbula; engcwabeni ngubani ozakubonga?

6 Ngikhathele yikububula kwami; ubusuku bonke ngintshezisa icansi lami, ngezinyembezi zami ngimanzisise umbheda wami.

7 Ilihlo lami lidliwe ngenxa yosizi, liyaguga ngenxa yezitha zami zonke.

8 Sukani kimi, lonke benzi bobubi, ngoba iNKOSI izwile ilizwi lokulila kwami.

9 INKOSI izwile ukuncenga kwami; iNKOSI izakwemukela umkhuleko wami.

10 Zonke izitha zami zizayangeka zitshaywe luvalo kakhulu; zizaphenduka, zihle ziyangeke.

LWEZIHLABELELO 7

Umkhuleko wokucela iNKOSI ukuthi yahlulele

IShigayoni kaDavida, ayihlabelela iNKOSI, ngamazwi kaKushi umBhenjamini

1NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wami, ngiyathembela kuwe; ngisindisa kubo bonke abangizingelayo, ungikhulule.

2 Hlezi adabule umphefumulo wami njengesilwane, edabudabula, kungekho okhululayo.

3 NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wami, uba ngikwenzile lokhu, uba kukhona okubi ezandleni zami,

4 uba ngiphindisele okubi kosekuthuleni lami (kuphela ngaphanga oyisitha sami ngaphandle kwesizatho),

5 isitha kasizingele umphefumulo wami, siwufice, siyinyathelele impilo yami emhlabathini, senze udumo lwami luhlale ethulini. Sela.

6 Vuka, NKOSI, ngolaka lwakho, ziphakamise ngenxa yentukuthelo yezitha zami; vuka ungimele; ulayile isahlulelo.

7 Ngakho inhlangano yezizwe izakuhanqa; buya ngaphezulu phezu kwayo.

8 INKOSI izakwahlulela izizwe. Ngahlulela, NKOSI, njengokulunga kwami lanjengobuqotho bami obukimi.

9 Ake buphele ububi bababi, kodwa umqinise olungileyo, ngoba ohlola inhliziyo lezinso nguNkulunkulu olungileyo.

10 Isihlangu sami sikuNkulunkulu osindisa abaqotho enhliziyweni.

11 UNkulunkulu ngumahluleli olungileyo, njalo nguNkulunkulu othukuthelela omubi insuku zonke.

12 Uba engaphenduki, uzalola inkemba yakhe; useligobile idandili lakhe walilungisa.

13 Usemlungisele izikhali zokufa, wenzela abazingeli imitshoko yakhe etshisayo.

14 Khangela, uhelelwa ngobubi, akhulelwe yikona, azale amanga.

15 Agebhe umgodi awugubhe, abesewela egodini alenzileyo.

16 Ububi bakhe buzabuyela phezu kwekhanda lakhe, lodlame lwakhe lwehlele enkanda yakhe.

17 Ngizayidumisa iNKOSI njengokulunga kwayo, ngihlabelele ibizo leNKOSI ephezu konke.

LWEZIHLABELELO 8

Udumo lweNKOSI lodumo lomuntu

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeGithithi. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1NKOSI, Nkosi yethu, lilenkazimulo kangakanani ibizo lakho emhlabeni wonke! Omise ubukhosi bakho ngaphezu kwamazulu.

2 Emlonyeni wezingane lowabamunyayo umisile amandla ngenxa yezitha zakho, ukuze uthulise isitha lomphindiseli.

3 Lapho ngikhangela amazulu akho, umsebenzi weminwe yakho, inyanga lenkanyezi owazimisayo,

4 uyini umuntu ukuthi umkhumbule, lendodana yomuntu ukuthi uyihambele?

5 Kanti wamenza waba ngaphansi kancinyane kulengilosi, wamethwesa umqhele wobukhosi lodumo.

6 Wamenza wabusa phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho, konke wakubeka ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe,

7 izimvu lenkabi zonke, kanye lezinyamazana zeganga,

8 inyoni zamazulu, lezinhlanzi zolwandle, okudlula ezindleleni zenlwandle.

9 NKOSI, Nkosi yethu, lilenkazimulo kangakani ibizo lakho emhlabeni wonke!

LWEZIHLABELELO 9

Ukubonga isahlulelo sikaNkulunkulu

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeMuthi-labheni. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1Ngizakudumisa, NKOSI, ngenhliziyo yami yonke, ngilandise zonke izimangaliso zakho.

2 Ngizathaba ngithokoze kuwe, ngihlabele indumiso ebizweni lakho, wena oPhezukonke.

3 Lapho izitha zami zibuyela emuva, zizakuwa, zibhubhe phambi kwakho.

4 Ngoba ulimele ilungelo lami lodaba lwami, wahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi, wahlulela ngokulungileyo.

5 Uzikhuzile izizwe, wabhubhisa omubi; walesula ibizo labo kuze kube nini lanini.

6 Izitha ziphelile, izincithakalo eziphakade; uyidilizile imizi; ukukhunjulwa kwayo kubhubhe kanye layo.

7 Kodwa iNKOSI izahlala kuze kube phakade, isihlalo sayo sobukhosi isilungisele isahlulelo.

8 Yona-ke izawahlulela umhlaba ngokulunga, ibagwebe abantu ngokuqonda.

9 Njalo iNKOSI izakuba yisiphephelo socindezelweyo, isiphephelo ngezikhathi zokuhlupheka.

10 Labalaziyo ibizo lakho bazathemba kuwe, ngoba wena NKOSI, kawubatshiyanga abakudingayo.

11 Hlabelani indumiso eNKOSIni ehlezi eZiyoni, limemezele phakathi kwabantu izenzo zayo.

12 Nxa idinga igazi, iyabakhumbula, kayikhohlwa ukukhala kwabahlutshwayo.

13 Woba lomusa kimi, NKOSI, ubone uhlupho lwami oluvela kwabangizondayo, wena ongiphakamisayo emasangweni okufa,

14 ukuze ngilandise yonke indumiso yakho emasangweni endodakazi yeZiyoni, ngithokoze kusindiso lwakho.

15 Izizwe zitshone emgodini ezawenzayo, embuleni ezalithiyayo unyawo lwazo lubanjiwe.

16 INKOSI izazisile, yenza isahlulelo; omubi uthiywe emsebenzini wezandla zakhe. Higayoni. Sela.

17 Abakhohlakeleyo bazabuyela esihogweni, zonke izizwe ezimkhohlwayo uNkulunkulu.

18 Ngoba oswelayo kayikukhohlakala kokuphela; ithemba labayanga kaliyikunyamalala phakade.

19 Vuka, NKOSI, umuntu kanganqobi; izizwe kazigwetshwe phambi kwakho.

20 Zitshayise ngovalo, NKOSI, izizwe kazikwazi ukuthi zingabantu nje. Sela.

LWEZIHLABELELO 10

Ukucela ukuthi ababi bachithwe

1 NKOSI, umeleni khatshana? Ucatshelani ezikhathini zokuhlupheka?

2 Omubi ekuzigqajeni uyamzingelisisa umyanga; kababanjwe ngamagobe abawacebileyo.

3 Ngoba omubi uyazikhukhumeza ngesifiso somphefumulo wakhe, uyasibusisa isihwaba, ayeyise iNKOSI.

4 Omubi, ngokuzigqaja kobuso bakhe uthi: Kakubizi; kakho uNkulunkulu emicabangweni yakhe yonke.

5 Indlela zakhe ziqinile isikhathi sonke; izahlulelo zakho ziphakeme zikhatshana laye; izitha zakhe zonke uyazivuthela.

6 Uthi enhliziyweni yakhe: Kangiyikunyikinywa; ngoba esizukulwaneni lesizukulwana kangiyikuba sebunzimeni.

7 Umlomo wakhe ugcwele ukuthuka lezinkohliso lobuqili; ngaphansi kolimi lwakhe kukhona ukona lobubi.

8 Uhlezi endaweni yokucathama yemizi, ezindaweni ezisithekileyo ubulala ongelacala; amehlo akhe akhangele othithibeleyo ngasese.

9 Uyacatsha ekusithekeni njengesilwane ebhalwini lwaso; ucatshela ukumbamba ongumyanga, uyabamba ongumyanga ngokumhudulela embuleni lakhe.

10 Uyaqutha, uyakhothama, njalo umyanga awe ngokulamandla kwakhe.

11 Uthi enhliziyweni yakhe: UNkulunkulu ukhohliwe, ufihle ubuso bakhe, kasoze abone lanini.

12 Sukuma, NKOSI! Nkulunkulu, phakamisa isandla sakho, ungabakhohlwa abahluphekayo.

13 Kungani omubi edelela uNkulunkulu? Uthi enhliziyweni yakhe: Kawuyikukubiza.

14 Uyabona, ngoba wena uyakhangela ububi lenhlupheko, ukukubeka esandleni sakho. Umyanga uyazinikela kuwe; wena ungumsizi wezintandane.

15 Yephula ingalo yokhohlakeleyo lomubi; dinga inkohlakalo yakhe ukuze ungabe usayithola.

16 UJehova yiNkosi kuze kube nini lanini; izizwe zibhubhile elizweni layo.

17 NKOSI, uzwile isifiso sabathobekileyo, uzaqinisa inhliziyo yabo, wenze indlebe yakho izwe,

18 ukwahlulela intandane locindezelweyo, ukuze umuntu wasemhlabeni angabe esesabeka.

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LWEZIHLABELELO 11

INKOSI iyisiphephelo sabaqotho

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. EsikaDavida

1Ngithembela eNKOSIni. Lingatsho njani emphefumulweni wami: Balekela entabeni yenu njengenyoni.

2 Ngoba, khangela, ababi bayagobisa idandili, balungisa umtshoko wabo entanjeni, ukuze batshoke emnyameni abaqotho ngenhliziyo.

3 Nxa izisekelo zidilizwa, angenzani olungileyo?

4 INKOSI isethempelini layo elingcwele; iNKOSI, isihlalo sayo sobukhosi sisemazulwini; amehlo ayo ayakhangela, inkophe zayo ziyahlola, abantwana babantu.

5 INKOSI iyamhlola olungileyo, kodwa omubi lothanda ubudlwangudlwangu, umphefumulo wayo uyamzonda.

6 Uzanisa phezu kwababi imijibila, umlilo, lesolufa, lomoya otshisayo, kuzakuba yisabelo senkezo yabo.

7 Ngoba ilungile iNKOSI, iyathanda ukulunga; ubuso bayo buyabona oqotho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 12

Umkhuleko wokucela ukuvikelwa

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeSheminithi. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1Siza, NKOSI, ngoba owesaba uNkulunkulu kasekho, ngoba abathembekileyo banyamalele basuka ebantwaneni babantu.

2 Bakhuluma okuyize, ngulowo lalowo lomakhelwane wakhe; indebe ezilalisayo, bakhuluma nganhliziyombili.

3 INKOSI izaquma zonke indebe ezilalisayo, ulimi olukhuluma izinto zokuzidla;

4 abathi: Sizanqoba ngolimi lwethu, indebe zethu ngezethu; ngubani oyinkosi phezu kwethu?

5 Ngenxa yokubandezelwa kwabayanga, ngenxa yokububula kwabaswelayo, sengizavuka, kutsho iNKOSI. Ngizabeka ekulondolozekeni amvuthelayo.

6 Amazwi eNKOSI angamazwi ahlambulukileyo, isiliva esizanywe esithandweni senhlabathi, sihlanjululwekasikhombisa.

7 Wena, NKOSI, uzabagcina, ubavikele kulesisizukulwana kuze kube nininini.

8 Ababi bayahambahamba inhlangothi zonke, lapho amanyala ephakanyiswa phakathi kwabantwana babantu.

LWEZIHLABELELO 13

Umkhuleko wokucela ukusizwa

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1Koze kube nini, NKOSI, ungikhohlwa kokuphela? Koze kube nini ungifihlela ubuso bakho?

2 Koze kube nini ngizicebisa emphefumulweni wami, ngilosizi enhliziyweni yami insuku zonke? Koze kube nini isitha sami siphakanyiswa phezu kwami?

3 Khangela, ungiphendule, NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wami; khanyisa amehlo ami hlezi ngilale ubuthongo bokufa,

4 hlezi isitha sami sithi: Sengimehlule; labangihluphayo bathokoze lapho nginyikinywa.

5 Kodwa mina ngithembele emuseni wakho, inhliziyo yami izathaba ngosindiso lwakho.

6 Ngizayihlabelela iNKOSI, ngoba ingenzele okuhle kakhulu.

LWEZIHLABELELO 14

Ubuthutha lobubi babantu

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. EsikaDavida

1Isithutha sithi enhliziyweni yaso: KakulaNkulunkulu. Bonakele, benza imisebenzi eyenyanyekayo; kakho owenza okuhle.

2 INKOSI yakhangela phansi isemazulwini phezu kwabantwana babantu, ukubona ukuthi ukhona yinioqedisisayo, odinga uNkulunkulu.

3 Baphambukile bonke, bebonke bonakele; kakho owenza okuhle, kakho loyedwa.

4 Kabazi yini bonke abenza okubi, abadla abantu bami njengoba besidla isinkwa? Kabayibizi iNKOSI.

5 Lapho besaba lokwesaba, ngoba uNkulunkulu usesizukulwaneni solungileyo.

6 Liliyangisile icebo lomyanga, ngoba iNKOSI iyisiphephelo sakhe.

7 Kungathi usindiso lukaIsrayeli lungavela eZiyoni! Lapho iNKOSI ibuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bayo, uJakobe uzathaba, uIsrayeli athokoze.

LWEZIHLABELELO 15

Umuntu ongahlala endlini yeNKOSI

Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1NKOSI, ngubani ozahlala ethenteni lakho? Ngubani ozakwakha entabeni yakho engcwele?

2 Ngulowo ohamba ngobuqotho, lowenza okulungileyo, lokhuluma iqiniso
enhliziyweni yakhe,

3 ongahlebiyo ngolimi lwakhe, ongenzi okubi kumngane wakhe,
longaphakamiseli umakhelwane wakhe ihlazo;

4 olahliweyo uyenyanyeka emehlweni akhe, kodwa uyabahlonipha abayesabayo
iNKOSI; ofunga ngokuzilimaza, kodwa kaphenduki,

5 onganiki imali yakhe ukuthi azuze inzuzo, longemukeli umvuzo wokuthengwa
ngongelacala. Owenza lezizinto kayikunyikinywa kuze kube nininini.

LWEZIHLABELELO 16

INKOSI iyisabelo sami
IMikitami kaDavida

1Ngilondoloza, Nkulunkulu, ngoba ngithembela kuwe.

2 Ngithe eNKOSIni: UyiNkosi yami, ukulunga kwami kakufiki kuwe.

3 Kodwa kubangcwele abasemhlabeni, labahlekazi, ontokozo yami yonke ikubo.

4 Zizakwanda insizi zabagijimela omunye unkulunkulu; kangiyikunikela
iminikelo yabo yokunathwayo yegazi; lamabizo abo kangiyikuwaphatha
endebeni zami.

5 INKOSI iyisabelo selifa lami lesenkezo yami; wena uphethe isabelo sami.

6 Imizila iwele kimi ezindaweni ezithokozisayo; yebo, ngilelifa elibukekayo.

7 Ngizayibonga iNKOSI engelulekayo; lebusuku izinso zami ziyangiqondisa.

8 Ngibekile iNKOSI phambi kwami njalonjalo; ngoba ingakwesokunene sami,
kangiyikunyikinywa.

9 Ngakho inhliziyo yami iyathokoza, lodumo lwami luyajabula, lenyama yami
izahlala ivikelekile.

10 Ngoba kawutshiyanga umphefumulo wami esihogweni, njalo
kawuyikunikela ongcwele wakho ukuthi abone ukubola.

11 Uzangazisa indlela yempilo; ukugcwala kwentokozo kusebukhoneni bakho,
ngakwesokunene sakho kukhona izinjabulo phakade.

LWEZIHLABELELO 17

Umkhuleko wozingelwa engelacala
Umkhuleko kaDavida

1Zwana ukulunga, NKOSI, ulalele ukukhala kwami; ubeke indlebe emkhulekweni
wami ongaphumi ezindebeni ezilenkohliso.

2 Ukwahlulelwa kwami kakuphume ebukhoneni bakho, amehlo akho kawabone izinto eziqondileyo.

3 Uyilingile inhliziyo yami, wangihambela ebusuku; ungihlolile, kawuficanga lutho; ngihlosile, umlomo wami kawuyikuphambuka.

4 Mayelana lezenzo zabantu, ngelizwi lendebe zakho, mina ngizinqandile ezindleleni zomchithi,

5 ukusekela izinyathelo zami emikhondweni yakho, ukuze inyawo zami zingatsheleli.

6 Mina ngikubizile, ngoba uzangiphendula, Nkulunkulu; beka indlebe yakho kimi, uzwe inkulumo yami.

7 Tshengisa ngokumangalisayo uthandolomusa wakho, wena osindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene labo abathembela kuwe kwabavukelayo.

8 Ngigcine njengenhlamvu yelihlo; ungifihle emthunzini wempiko zakho,

9 kubo ubuso bababi abangicindezelayo, izitha zempilo yami ezingihanqileyo.

10 Bayazivalela ngamahwahwa abo; ngomlomo wabo bakhuluma ngokuzigqaja.

11 Sebesihanqile emanyathelweni ethu; amehlo abo bawamise besithobele emhlabathini.

12 Unjengesilwane esikhuthalele ukudabula, lanjengesilwane esitsha esiquthileyo endaweni ezisithekileyo.

13 Vuka, NKOSI! Uhlangabeze ubuso bakhe, umphosele phansi. Khulula umphefumulo wami komubi, oyinkemba yakho,

14 kubo abantu, abayisandla sakho, NKOSI, ebantwini bomhlaba, osabelo sabo sikulokhukuphila, osisu sabo usigcwalisa ngokuligugu kwakho; bagcwele abantwana, njalo batshiyele izingane zabo okuseleyo kwabo.

15 Mina, ngizakhangela ubuso bakho ekulungeni, ngeneliswe yisimo sakho ekuphaphameni kwami.

LWEZIHLABELELO 18

Ihubo likaDavida lokubonga uNkulunkulu ngokukhululwa

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. EsikaDavida, inceku yeNKOSI, eyakhuluma eNKOSIni amazwi alelihubo mhla iNKOSIimkhulula esandleni sezitha zakhe zonke lesandleni sikaSawuli. Wasesithi:

1 Ngizakuthanda, NKOSI, mandla ami.

2 INKOSI ilidwala lami, lenqaba yami, lomkhululi wami; uNkulunkulu wami, idwala lami, engizaphephela kulo, isihlangu sami, lophondo losindiso lwami, inqaba yami ephakemeyo.

3 Ngizabiza iNKOSI edumisekayo, ngakho ngizasindiswa ezitheni zami.

4 Izibopho zokufa zangizingelezela, lezikhukhula zobubi zangethusa.

5 Izibopho zesihogo zangigombolozela, imijibila yokufa yayiphambi kwami.

6 Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngayibiza iNKOSI, ngakhala kuNkulunkulu wami; walizwa ilizwi lami esethempelini lakhe, lokukhala kwami kweza phambi kwakhe, endlebeni zakhe.

7 Khona umhlaba wazamazama, wanyikinyeka, lezisekelo zezintaba zaqhaqhazela, zazamazama, ngoba wayethukuthele.

8 Kwenyuka intuthu emakhaleni akhe, lomlilo ophuma emlonyeni wakhe waqothula; amalahle avuthiswa yiwo.

9 Wasekhothamisa amazulu, wehlela phansi, lomnyama onzima wawungaphansi kwenyawo zakhe.

10 Wasegada ikherubhi, waphapha, wandiza phezu kwempiko zomoya.

11 Wamisa umnyama waba yindawo yakhe yensitha, idumba lakhe inhlangothi zonke zakhe, amanzi amnyama, amayezi amnyama omkhathi.

12 Ekukhazimuleni okuphambi kwakhe amayezi akhe amnyama edlula, isiqhotho lamalahle omlilo.

13 INKOSI yasiduma emazulwini, oPhezukonke wazwakalisa ilizwi lakhe, isiqhotho lamalahle omlilo.

14 Yasithuma imitshoko yayo, yabachitha; lemibane eminengi, yabaphaphathekisa.

15 Khona kwabonakala imisele yamanzi, kwembulwa izisekelo zomhlaba ekusoleni kwakho, NKOSI, ekuvutheleni komoya wamakhala akho.

16 Yathuma iphezulu, yangibamba, yangenyula emanzini amanengi.

17 Yangophula esitheni sami esilamandla, lakibo abangizondayo, ngoba babelamandla kulami.

18 Babephambi kwami osukwini lwenhlupheko yami, kodwa iNKOSI yaba yisisekelo sami.

19 Yangikhuphela endaweni ebanzi, yangikhulula ngoba yayithokoza ngami.

20 INKOSI yangivuza njengokulunga kwami; yangibuyisela njengokuhlanzeka kwezandla zami.

21 Ngoba ngizilondolozile indlela zeNKOSI, kangisukanga kuNkulunkulu wami ngenkohlakalo.

22 Ngoba zonke izahlulelo zayo zaziphambi kwami, lezimiso zayo kangiziphambulanga kimi.

23 Njalo ngangiqondile kuyo, ngizinqandile ebubini bami.

24 Ngakho iNKOSI ingibuyisele njengokulunga kwami, njengokuhlanzeka kwezandla zami phambi kwamehlo ayo.

25 Kolesihawu uzaziveza ulesihawu; koqotho uzaziveza uqotho;

26 kohlanzekileyo uzaziveza uhlanzekile; lakophambukileyo uzaziveza uphambukile.

27 Ngoba wena uzabasindisa abantu abahlutshwayo; kodwa amehlo aphakemeyo uzawehlisela phansi.

28 Ngoba wena uzalumathisa isibane sami; iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wami, izakhanyisa ubumnyama bami.

29 Ngoba ngawe ngigijimile ngadabula phakathi kwebutho, langoNkulunkulu wami ngeqe umthangala.

30 UNkulunkulu, indlela yakhe iphelele; ilizwi leNKOSI lihloliwe; uyisihlangu kubo bonke abaphephela kuye.

31 Ngoba ngubani onguNkulunkulu ngaphandle kweNKOSI? Njalo ngubani olidwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wethu?

32 NguNkulunkulu ongibhincisa amandla, owenza indlela yami iphelele.

33 Owenza inyawo zami zibe njengezezimpala, wangimisa ezingqongeni zami.

34 Ofundisela izandla zami impi, ukuze idandili lethusi ligotshiswe zingalo zami.

35 Unginikile lesihlangu sosindiso lwakho, lesandla sakho sokunene singisekele, lobumnene bakho bungikhulisile.

36 Wenze zaba banzi izinyathelo zami ngaphansi kwami, ukuze inyawo zami zingatsheleli.

37 Ngixotshene lezitha zami, ngazifica, kangibuyanga ngaze ngaziqeda.

38 Ngazigwaza, zaze zehluleka ukuvuka, zawa ngaphansi kwenyawo zami.

39 Ngoba ungibhincise amandla kusenzelwa impi, wabakhothamisela phansi kwami abangivukelayo.

40 Unginike intamo yezitha zami, labo abangizondayo ngababhubhisa.

41 Bakhala, kodwa engekho umsindisi; eNKOSIni, kodwa kayibaphendulanga.

42 Ngasengibacholisisa njengothuli phambi komoya, ngabachitha njengodaka lwezitalada.

43 Wangikhulula ekuphikiseni kwabantu, wangimisa ngaba yinhloko yezizwe; abantu engangingabazi bangisebenzela.

44 Bangenela ukuzwa ngendlebe bazangilalela, abezizweni bazazithoba kimi ngokuzenzisa.

45 Abezizweni bazabuna, baphume ezinqabeni zabo bethuthumela.

46 INKOSI iyaphila; njalo kalidunyiswe idwala lami, kaphakanyiswe uNkulunkulu wosindiso lwami.

47 UNkulunkulu onginika impindiselo, lowehlisela izizwe ngaphansi kwami;

48 ongikhulula ezitheni zami; yebo, phezu kwabangivukelayo wangiphakamisa, emuntwini wodlakela wangikhulula.

49 Ngenxa yalokhu ngizakudumisa, NKOSI, phakathi kwezizwe, ngihlabelele ibizo lakho indumiso.

50 Iyanika inkosi yayo usindiso olukhulu, isenzela ogcotshiweyo wayo umusa, kuDavida, lenzalweni yakhe kuze kube nininini.

LWEZIHLABELELO 19

Imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu lomlayo wakhe

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1 Amazulu alandisa ngodumo lukaNkulunkulu, lomkhathi utshumayela umsebenzi wezandla zakhe.

2 Usuku kusuku luphumisela inkulumo, lobusuku kubusuku butshengisa ulwazi.

3 Kakukho nkulumo, kawakho lamazwi, lapho ilizwi lawo elingezwakali khona.

4 Intambo yawo iphumele emhlabeni wonke, lamazwi awo emkhawulweni womhlaba. Ulimisele ilanga ithente kuwo.

5 Elinjengomyeni ephuma ekamelweni lakhe, lithokoza njengeqhawe ligijima endleleni.

6 Ukuphuma kwalo kusukela emkhawulweni wamazulu, lokuzingeleza kwalo kuze kube semikhawulweni yawo; njalo kakukho okufihliweyo ekutshiseni kwalo.

7 Umlayo weNKOSI uphelele, uphendula umphefumulo; ubufakazi beNKOSI buqinisile, buhlakaniphisa ongelalwazi;

8 izimiso zeNKOSI zilungile, zithokozisa inhliziyo; umthetho weNKOSI uhlambulukile, ukhanyisa amehlo.

9 Ukuyesaba iNKOSI kuhlanzekile, kumi kuze kube nininini; izahlulelo zeNKOSI ziliqiniso, zilungile ngokupheleleyo.

10 Ziyaloyiseka kakhulu kulegolide, yebo kulegolide elicwengekileyo elinengi;
njalo zimnandi kulolujulolujuluka ohlangeni loluju.

11 Futhi inceku yakho iyelulekwa ngazo; ekuzigcineni kulomvuzo omkhulu.

12 Ngubani oqedisisa iziphosiso zakhe? Ngikhulula kwezisithekileyo.

13 Igcine inceku yakho lezonweni zokuzincoma; kazingabusi phezu kwami. Khona
ngizakuba ngoqondileyo, ngibe msulwa esiphambekweni esikhulu.

14 Amazwi omlomo wami lezizindlo zenhliziyo yami kakwemukeleke phambi
kwakho, NKOSI, dwala lami lomhlengi wami.

LWEZIHLABELELO 20

Umkhuleko wokucela ukunqoba

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1INKOSI ikuphendule osukwini lokuhlupheka; ibizo likaNkulunkulu kaJakobe
likuvikele.

2 Kayikuthumele usizo oluvela endaweni engcwele, ikusekele iseZiyoni.

3 Kayikhumbule yonke iminikelo yakho, njalo yemukele umnikelo wakho
wokutshiswa. Sela.

4 Ikunike njengokwenhliziyo yakho, njalo igcwalise icebo lakho lonke.

5 Simemeze ngentokozo esindisweni lwakho, lebizweni likaNkulunkulu wethu
siphakamise iziboniso! INKOSIigcwalise konke ukucela kwakho.

6 Sengisazi ukuthi iNKOSI isindisa ogcotshiweyo wayo; izamphendula
isemazulwini ayo angcwele ngamandla asindisayo esandla sayo sokunene.

7 Abanye bathembela enqoleni, labanye emabhizeni, kodwa thina sizakhumbula
ibizo leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu.

8 Bona bakhothanyisiwe bawa, kodwa thina sisukumile simi.

9 Jehova, sindisa; inkosi isiphendule osukwini lokukhala kwethu.

LWEZIHLABELELO 21

Ukubonga uNkulunkulu ngokukhululwa

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1Jehova, inkosi izajabula emandleni akho, lesindisweni lwakho izathaba
kangakanani!

2 Uyinikile isifiso senhliziyo yayo, kawuyincitshanga isicelo sendebe zayo. Sela.

3 Ngoba uyihlangabeze ngezibusiso zokuhle, wayethwesa umqhele wegolide
elihle ekhanda layo.

4 Yacela impilo kuwe, wayinika yona, ubude bezinsuku kuze kube nini lanini.

5 Lukhulu udumo lwayo ekusindiseni kwakho, inkazimulo lobukhosi wakubeka phezu kwayo.

6 Ngoba uyenze yabusiseka kakhulu kuze kube nininini, uyayithokozisa ngenjabulo ebukhoneni bakho.

7 Ngoba inkosi ithembela kuJehova, langomusa woPhezukonke kayiyikunyikinywa.

8 Isandla sakho sizazithola zonke izitha zakho, lesandla sakho sokunene sizabathola labo abakuzondayo.

9 Uzabenza babe njengesithando somlilo esikhathini solaka lwakho. INKOSI izabaginya ekuthukutheleni kwayo, lomlilo uzabaqothula.

10 Uzachitha isithelo sabo emhlabeni, lenzalo yabo phakathi kwabantwana babantu.

11 Ngoba bezimisela okubi bemelene lawe, beceba ugobe, bazakwehluleka.

12 Ngoba uzabafulathelisa, ngezintambo zedandili uzalungisa imitshoko imelane lobuso babo.

13 Phakama, NKOSI, ngamandla akho! Sizahlabela sidumise amandla akho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 22

Ukukhala okulosizi. Ukudumisa iNKOSI

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Ngempala yokusa. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyeleni na? Ukhatshana lokungisiza, lamazwi okubhonga kwami?

2 Nkulunkulu wami, ngiyakhala emini, kodwa kawungiphenduli, lebusuku, kodwa kangilakho ukuthula.

3 Kodwa wena ungcwele, ohlezi ezibongweni zikaIsrayeli.

4 Obaba bethu bathemba kuwe, bathemba, wasubakhulula.

5 Bakhala kuwe, bakhululwa; bathembela kuwe, kabayangekanga.

6 Kodwa ngingumswenya, kangisuye muntu, ihlazo labantu, ngeyiswa ngabantu.

7 Bonke abangibonayo bayangihleka usulu, bakhamisa indebe, banikine ikhanda,

8 besithi: Wathembela eNKOSIni; kayimkhulule, imophule, ngoba yathokoza kuye.

9 Kodwa nguwe owangikhupha esiswini, wangenza ngathemba ngisemabeleni kamama.

10 Ngalahlelwa phezu kwakho kusukela esizalweni; kusukela esiswini sikamama unguNkulunkulu wami.

11 Ungabi khatshana lami, ngoba uhlupho luseduze, ngoba kakho osizayo.

12 Izinkunzi ezinengi zingihanqile, ezilamandla zeBashani zingizingelezele.

13 Zangikhamisela umlomo wazo, isilwane esiphangayo lesibhongayo.

14 Ngithululiwe njengamanzi, lamathambo ami wonke ehlukene; inhliziyo yami injengengcino, incibilikile phakathi kwemibilini yami.

15 Amandla ami omile njengodengezi, lolimi lwami lunamathele emihlathini yami; ungibeke ethulini lokufa.

16 Ngoba izinja zingigombolozele; inhlangano yababi ingihanqile; izandla zami lenyawo zami bazibhobozile.

17 Ngingabala wonke amathambo ami; bona bayakhangela bayangijolozela.

18 Babelana izigqoko zami, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngezembatho zami.

19 Kodwa, wena NKOSI, ungabi khatshana; mandla ami, phangisa ukungisiza.

20 Khulula umphefumulo wami kuyo inkemba, wona wodwa owami emandleni enja.

21 Ngisindisa emlonyeni wesilwane; ngoba empondweni zezinyathi ungiphendule.

22 Ngizalandisa ibizo lakho kubafowethu, phakathi kwebandla ngizakudumisa.

23 Lina elesaba iNKOSI, idumiseni; lonke nzalo kaJakobe, ihlonipheni; liyesabe, lonke nzalo kaIsrayeli.

24 Ngoba kayidelelanga kayinengwanga yinhlupheko yohluphekayo; njalo kayimfihlelanga ubuso bayo; kodwa lapho ekhala kuyo, yezwa.

25 Indumiso yami izakuba ngawe ebandleni elikhulu; ngizakhokha izifungo zami phambi kwabayesabayo.

26 Abamnene bazakudla basuthe; bazayidumisa iNKOSI labo abayidingayo. Inhliziyo yenu izaphila kuze kube phakade.

27 Imikhawulo yonke yomhlaba izakhumbula, iphendukele eNKOSIni; lezizukulwana zonke zezizwe zizakhonza phambi kwakho.

28 Ngoba umbuso ungoweNKOSI, njalo iyabusa phakathi kwezizwe.

29 Bonke abakhulupheleyo bomhlaba bazakudla bakhonze; bonke abehlela othulini bazakhothama phambi kwayo, longagcini umphefumulo wakhe uphila.

30 Inzalo izayikhonza; izabalelwa eNkosini kuso isizukulwana.

31 Bazakuza bamemezele ukulunga kwayo ebantwini abazazalwa, ukuthi ikwenzile.

LWEZIHLABELELO 23

INKOSI ingumelusi wami
Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1 INKOSI ingumelusi wami, kangiyikuswela.

2 Iyangilalisa emadlelweni aluhlaza; iyangiholela emanzini okuphumula.

3 Ibuyisa umphefumulo wami, ingiholele endleleni zokulunga ngenxa yebizo layo.

4 Yebo, loba ngihamba esihotsheni sethunzi lokufa, kangiyikwesaba okubi, ngoba wena ulami; intonga yakho lodondolo lwakho, khona kuyangiduduza.

5 Uyalungisa itafula phambi kwami ngaphambi kwezitha zami; ugcoba ikhanda lami ngamafutha, inkezo yami iyaphuphuma.

6 Isibili okuhle lesihawu kuzangilandela insuku zonke zempilo yami; njalo ngizahlala endlini yeNKOSI kuze kube sebudeni bezinsuku.

LWEZIHLABELELO 24

INKOSI yobukhosi
Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1 Umhlaba ungoweNKOSI, lokugcwala kwawo, ilizwe, labahlala kulo.

2 Ngoba yona yawusekela phezu kwezinlwandle, yawumisa phezu kwemifula.

3 Ngubani ozakwenyukela entabeni yeNKOSI? Kumbe ngubani ozakuma endaweni yayo engcwele?

4 Ngulowo olezandla ezihlanzekileyo lenhliziyo emhlophe, ongaphakamiseli umphefumulo wakhe kokuyize longafungi ngenkohliso.

5 Uzakwemukela isibusiso eNKOSIni, lokulunga kuNkulunkulu wosindiso lwakhe.

6 Lesi yisizukulwana salabo abayidingayo, abadinga ubuso bakho, ngitsho Jakobe. Sela.

7 Phakamisani inhloko zenu, lina masango, phakanyiswani, lina minyango yaphakade, ukuze kungene iNkosi yenkazimulo.

8 Ingubani liNkosi yenkazimulo? INKOSI elamandla leliqhawe, iNKOSI elamandla empini.

9 Phakamisani inhloko zenu, lina masango, yebo, phakamani, lina minyango yaphakade, ukuze kungene iNkosi yenkazimulo.

10 Ingubani liNkosi yenkazimulo? INKOSI yamabandla, yiyo eyiNkosi yenkazimulo. Sela.

LWEZIHLABELELO 25

Umkhuleko wokucela ukukhokhelwa lothethelelo lokuvikelwa
EsikaDavida

1 Kuwe, NKOSI, ngiphakamisela umphefumulo wami.

2 Nkulunkulu wami, ngithembela kuwe; kangingayangeki; izitha zami kazingathokozi phezu kwami.

3 Yebo, kungayangeki loyedwa kulabo abakulindelayo; kabayangeke labo abaphambukayo kungelasizatho.

4 Ngazisa izindlela zakho, NKOSI, ungifundise imikhondo yakho.

5 Ngikhokhelela eqinisweni lakho, ungifundise, ngoba unguNkulunkulu wosindiso lwami; ngilindele wena usuku lonke.

6 Khumbula izihawu zakho, NKOSI, lobubele bakho, ngoba kwakukhona kusukela phakade.

7 Ungazikhumbuli izono zobutsha bami leziphambeko zami; ngokomusa wakho wena ungikhumbule, ngenxa yokulunga kwakho, NKOSI.

8 INKOSI ilungile iqondile; ngakho-ke izazifundisa izoni ngendlela.

9 Izabakhokhela abathobekileyo ekwahlulelweni, ibafundise abathobekileyo indlela yayo.

10 Zonke indlela zeNKOSI zingumusa leqiniso kulabo abalondoloza isivumelwano sayo lezifakazelo zayo.

11 Ngenxa yebizo lakho, NKOSI, thethelela isiphambeko sami, ngoba sikhulu.

12 Nguwuphi umuntu owesaba iNKOSI? Izamfundisa ngendlela ezayikhetha.

13 Umphefumulo wakhe uzahlala ebuhleni, lenzalo yakhe izalidla ilifa lelizwe.

14 Imfihlo yeNKOSI ingeyabayesabayo, izabazisa isivumelwano sayo.

15 Amehlo ami ahlala eseNKOSIni, ngoba yiyo ezakhupha inyawo zami embuleni.

16 Phendukela kimi, ube lomusa kimi, ngoba ngilesizungu, ngihluphekile.

17 Inkathazo zenhliziyo yami zanda, ungikhuphe ezinhluphekweni zami.

18 Khangela inhlupheko yami losizi lwami, uthethelele zonke izono zami.

19 Khangela izitha zami ngoba zinengi, ziyangizonda ngenzondo elesihluku.

20 Londoloza umphefumulo wami, ungikhulule; kangingayangeki, ngoba ngiphephela kuwe.

21 Ubuqotho lokuqonda kakungilondoloze, ngoba ngilindele wena.

22 Nkulunkulu, hlenga uIsrayeli kuzo zonke inkathazo zakhe.

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LWEZIHLABELELO 26

Umuntu ongelacala ukhulekela ukwahlulelwa

EsikaDavida

1Ngahlulela, NKOSI, ngoba mina ngihambe ngobuqotho bami, njalo ngithembele eNKOSIni, angiyikutshelela.

2 Ngihlola, NKOSI, ungilinge, uhlole izinso zami lenhliziyo yami.

3 Ngoba uthandolomusa wakho luphambi kwamehlo ami, njalo ngihambe eqinisweni lakho.

4 Kangihlalanga labantu benkohliso, kangihambelani labazenzisayo.

5 Ngiyizondile inhlangano yabenzi bobubi, kangihlali lababi.

6 Ngizageza izandla zami ngokungelacala, ngizingelezele ilathi lakho, NKOSI.

7 Ukuze ngizwakalise ngelizwi lokubonga, lokuze ngilandise zonke izenzo zakho ezimangalisayo.

8 NKOSI, ngiyayithanda inhlalo yendlu yakho, lendawo yokuhlala yenkazimulo yakho.

9 Ungabuthi umphefumulo wami kanye lezoni, kumbe impilo yami kanye labantu abomele igazi.

10 Ozandla zabo zilobubi, lesandla sabo sokunene sigcwele izivalamlomo.

11 Kodwa mina ngizahamba ngobuqotho bami; ngihlenga, ube lomusa kimi.

12 Unyawo lwami lumi endaweni elingeneyo; ngizayidumisa iNKOSI emabandleni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 27

INKOSI iyikukhanya kwami lokukhululwa kwami

EsikaDavida

1INKOSI iyikukhanya kwami losindiso lwami; ngizakwesaba bani? INKOSI ingamandla empilo yami; ngizakwethuka bani?

2 Lapho ababi, izitha zami labamelana lami, besondela kimi ukudla inyama yami, bona bakhubeka bawa.

3 Loba ibutho lingamisa inkamba limelene lami, inhliziyo yami kayiyikwesaba; loba impi ingangivukela, kulokhu ngizathemba.

4 Into yinye engiyicela eNKOSIni, yiyo engizayidinga, yikuthi ngihlale endlini yeNKOSI insuku zonke zempilo yami, ukuze ngibone ubuhle beNKOSI, ngibuzisise ethempelini layo.

5 Ngoba izangifihla edumbeni layo ngosuku lobubi, ingifihle ekusithekeni kwethente layo, ingiphakamisele edwaleni.

6 Khathesi-ke ikhanda lami lizaphakanyiswa phezu kwezitha zami ezingihanqileyo; ngakho ngizanikela iminikelo yokuthaba ethenteni layo; ngizahlabela, yebo ngihlabele indumiso eNKOSIni.

7 Zwana, NKOSI, ilizwi lami lapho ngikhala, njalo ungihawukele, ungiphendule.

8 Uthe: Dingani ubuso bami. Inhliziyo yami yathi kuwe: Ubuso bakho, NKOSI, ngizabudinga.

9 Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho; ungayixotshi inceku yakho ngokuthukuthela; ubulusizo lwami; ungangitshiyi, ungangideli, Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwami.

10 Lapho umama lobaba bengitshiya, khona iNKOSI izangemukela.

11 Ngifundisa indlela yakho, NKOSI, ungikhokhele endleleni eqondileyo, ngenxa yezitha zami.

12 Unganginikeli entandweni yezitha zami, ngoba abafakazi bamanga bangivukele, lovutha isihluku.

13 Ngangizaphela ngaphandle kokuthi ngakholwa ukuthi ngizabona okuhle kweNKOSI elizweni labaphilayo.

14 Lindela iNKOSI, ube lamandla, lenhliziyo yakho iqine, yebo, lindela iNKOSI.

LWEZIHLABELELO 28

Umkhuleko wokucela ukusizwa lowokubonga ngokusizwa

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1Ngiyakhala kuwe, NKOSI; dwala lami, ungangithuleli, hlezi nxa ungithulela, ngifanane labehlela emgodini.

2 Zwana ilizwi lokuncenga kwami lapho ngikhala kuwe, lapho ngiphakamisela izandla zami endaweni yakhoyelizwi engcwele.

3 Ungangihuduli kanye lababi njalo kanye labenzi bobubi, abakhuluma ukuthula labomakhelwane babo, kodwa ububi busenhliziyweni yabo.

4 Ubanike njengokwenza kwabo, lanjengobubi bezenzo zabo; ubanike njengokomsebenzi wezandla zabo, ubabuyisele isenzo sabo.

5 Ngoba kabayinanzi imisebenzi yeNKOSI lokwenza kwezandla zayo, izababhidliza ingabakhi.

6 Kayibongwe iNKOSI, ngoba ilizwile ilizwi lokuncenga kwami.

7 INKOSI ingamandla ami lesihlangu sami; inhliziyo yami ithembela kuyo, ngiyasizwa; ngakho inhliziyo yami iyathokoza, ngiyidumise ngengoma yami.

8 INKOSI ingamandla abo, njalo iyinqaba yezinsindiso zogcotshiweyo wayo.

9 Sindisa abantu bakho, ubusise ilifa lakho, beluse, ubaphakamise kuze kube nininini.

LWEZIHLABELELO 29

Ilizwi leNkosi phakathi kwesiphepho

Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1 Inikeni iNkosi, lina madodana abalamandla, inikeni iNkosi udumo lamandla.

2 Inikeni iNkosi udumo lwebizo layo, likhothame eNkosini ebuhleni bobungcwele.

3 Ilizwi leNkosi liphezu kwamanzi; uNkulunkulu wenkazimulo uyaduma; iNkosi iphezu kwamanzi amanengi.

4 Ilizwi leNkosi lilamandla, ilizwi leNkosi lilobukhosi.

5 Ilizwi leNkosi lephula imisedari, yebo, iNkosi yephula imisedari yeLebhanoni.

6 Yenza yona-ke iqolotshe njengethole, iLebhanoni leSiriyoni njengethole lenyathi.

7 Ilizwi leNkosi lidabula amalangabi omlilo.

8 Ilizwi leNkosi lizamazamisa inkangala, iNkosi izamazamisa inkangala yeKadeshi.

9 Ilizwi leNkosi lizalisa izimpala, lihlubule amahlathi; lethempelini layo konke kuthi: Udumo.

10 UJehova uhlezi phezu kukazamcolo, yebo, uJehova uhlezi eyiNkosi kuze kube nininini.

11 INkosi izanika abantu bayo amandla; iNkosi ibusise abantu bayo ngokuthula.

LWEZIHLABELELO 30

Ukubonga kosilisiweyo ekufeni

Isihlabelelo. Ingoma yokwehlukaniswa kwendlu kaDavida

1 Ngizakuphakamisa, Nkosi, ngoba ungenyusile, njalo kawuthokozisanga izitha zami ngami.

2 Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ngakhalela kuwe, wangisilisa.

3 Nkosi, uwukhuphulile umphefumulo wami engcwabeni, ungigcinile ngiphila, ukuze ngingehleli emgodini.

4 Hlabelelani eNkosini, lina bangcwele bayo, libonge ekukhunjulweni kobungcwele bayo.

5 Ngoba ukuthukuthela kwayo kungokwesikhatshana, impilo isemuseni wayo. Ukulila kungahlala kusihlwa, kanti ekuseni kulentokozo.

6 Mina-ke ngathi ekuphumeleleni kwami: Kangiyikunyikinywa laphakade.

7 NKOSI, ngomusa wakho wenzile intaba yami iqine; wabufihla ubuso bakho, ngahlupheka.

8 Ngakhala kuwe, NKOSI; ngancenga eNkosini.

9 Kulenzuzo bani egazini lami ekutshoneni kwami emgodini? Uthuli luzakudumisa na? Luzatshumayela iqiniso lakho yini?

10 Zwana, NKOSI, ube lomusa kimi; NKOSI, woba ngumsizi wami.

11 Uphendule ukukhala kwami kwaba yikusina; ukhuphile isaka lami, wangibhincisa intokozo,

12 ukuze udumo lwami luhlabele indumiso kuwe, lungathuli; NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wami, ngizakubonga kuze kube nininini.

LWEZIHLABELELO 31

Ukuthemba eNKOSIni

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1Kuwe, NKOSI, ngiyathemba, kangingayangeki lanini, ngikhulule ngokulunga kwakho.

2 Beka kimi indlebe yakho, ngikhulule masinyane, ube lidwala elilamandla kimi, indlu yezinqaba yokungisindisa.

3 Ngoba wena ulidwala lami lenqaba yami; ngakho ngenxa yebizo lakho ngikhokhela ungiqondise.

4 Ngikhupha embuleni abangithiye ngalo ensitha, ngoba uyinqaba yami.

5 Esandleni sakho ngibeka umoya wami; ungihlengile, NKOSI, Nkulunkulu weqiniso.

6 Ngibazondile labo abananzelela okuyize kwamanga; kodwa mina ngithembela eNKOSIni.

7 Ngizathaba ngithokoze emuseni wakho, ngoba ubonile uhlupho lwami, wazile umphefumulo wami ezinkathazweni.

8 Njalo kawungivalelanga esandleni sesitha, umise inyawo zami endaweni ebanzi.

9 Woba lomusa kimi, NKOSI, ngoba ngilohlupho; ilihlo lami liqedwa lusizi, umphefumulo wami lesisu sami.

10 Ngoba impilo yami iphela ngosizi, leminyaka yami ngokububula; amandla ami ayadeda ngenxa yeziphambeko zami, lamathambo ami ayaqedwa.

11 Sengilihlazo phakathi kwazo zonke izitha zami, kodwa ikakhulu kwabakhelene lami, sengiyikwesabeka kwabangejwayeleyo; abangibonayo ngaphandle bayangibalekela.

12 Bakhohlwe ngami njengofileyo enhliziyweni; nginjengesitsha esifileyo.

13 Ngoba ngizwile ukunyunda kwabanengi, ukwesaba inhlangothi zonke, becebisana bemelene lami, beceba ukuthatha impilo yami.

14 Kodwa mina ngithemba kuwe, NKOSI, ngithi: UnguNkulunkulu wami.

15 Izikhathi zami zisesandleni sakho; ngikhulula esandleni sezitha zami lakwabangizingelayo.

16 Khanyisa ubuso bakho phezu kwenceku yakho; ungisindise ngothando lwakho.

17 NKOSI, kangingayangeki, ngoba ngikubizile; kabayangeke ababi, bathule engcwabeni.

18 Kazithuliswe indebe zamanga, ezikhuluma kalukhuni zimelene lolungileyo ngokuzigqaja langokweyisa.

19 Kukhulu kangakanani ukulunga kwakho, okubekele labo abakwesabayo, okwenzela labo abathembela kuwe, phambi kwabantwana babantu!

20 Uzabafihla ekusithekeni kobukhona bakho basuke kumagobe omuntu, ubafihle ethenteni lakhoekuphikisaneni kwenlimi.

21 Kayibongwe iNKOSI, ngoba ingenzele uthando olumangalisayo emzini oyinqaba.

22 Ngoba mina ngathi ekuphangiseni kwami: Ngiqunyiwe ngasuswa phambi kwamehlo akho. Loba kunjalo uzwile ilizwi lokuncenga kwami ekukhaleni kwami kuwe.

23 Ithandeni iNKOSI lonke bangcwele bayo. INKOSI ilondoloza abathembekileyo, iyamphindisela kakhulukazi owenze ngokuzigqaja.

24 Qinani, izaqinisa inhliziyo yenu, lina lonke elithembela eNKOSIni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 32

Ukubusiswa kwalowo othethelelwe izono zakhe

EsikaDavida. Masikili

1 Ubusisiwe lowo osiphambeko sakhe sithethelelwe, osono sakhe sisitshekelwe.

2 Ubusisiwe umuntu iNKOSI engambaleli ububi, lokungekho inkohliso emoyeni wakhe.

3 Lapho ngathula, amathambo ami aguga ngenxa yokubhonga kwami usuku lonke.

4 Ngoba emini lebusuku isandla sakho sasinzima phezu kwami; ubumanzi bami baguqulelwa ekomeni kwehlobo.Sela.

5 Ngakwazisa isono sami, kangifihlanga isiphambeko sami, ngathi: Ngizavuma ngeziphambeko zami eNKOSIni. Wena wasuthethelela icala lesono sami. Sela.

6 Ngenxa yalokhu ngulowo lalowo owesaba uNkulunkulu uzakhuleka kuwe ngesikhathi ongatholwa ngaso. Isibili, esikhukhuleni samanzi amakhulu kawayikufinyelela kuye.

7 Wena uyindawo yami yokucatsha, uyangilondoloza ekuhluphekeni, ungiphahle ngamahubo okukhululwa.Sela.

8 Ngizakulaya ngikufundise endleleni ozahamba ngayo, ngizakweluleka, ilihlo lami libe phezu kwakho.

9 Ungabi njengebhiza, njengembongolo engelakuqedisisa, omlomo wayo onqandwa ngomkhala langetomu, hlezi kusondele kuwe.

10 Zinengi izinhlupheko zomubi, kodwa othembela eNKOSIni, umusa uzamphahla.

11 Jabulani eNKOSIni, lithabe, balungileyo; memezani ngokuthaba, lonke baqotho enhliziyweni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 33

Ukudumisa iNKOSI

1Thokozani eNKOSIni, balungileyo. Ukudumisa kubafanele abaqotho.

2 Dumisani iNKOSI ngechacho, lihlabelele kuyo ngogubhu olulentambo ezilitshumi.

3 Ihlabeleleni ingoma entsha, litshaye kuhle ngenhlokomo.

4 Ngoba ilizwi leNKOSI liqotho, lomsebenzi wayo wonke ngowobuqotho.

5 Ithanda ukulunga lesahlulelo; umhlaba ugcwele umusa weNKOSI.

6 Ngelizwi leNKOSI amazulu enziwa, lalo lonke ibutho lawo ngomoya womlomo wayo.

7 Ibuthelela amanzi olwandle njengenqumbi, ifake inziki eziphaleni.

8 Umhlaba wonke kawuyesabe iNKOSI, bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba kabathuthumele ngayo.

9 Ngoba yona yakhuluma, kwaba khona; yona yalaya, kwema.

10 INKOSI ichitha icebo lezizwe, iphuthisa imicabango yabantu.

11 Icebo leNKOSI limi kuze kube nininini, imicabango yenhliziyo yayo ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwana.

12 Sibusisiwe isizwe esiNkulunkulu waso yiNKOSI, abantu ebakhethileyo baba yilifa layo.

13 INKOSI iyakhangela phansi isemazulwini, ibone bonke abantwana babantu.

14 Isendaweni emisiweyo yokuhlala kwayo ikhangela bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba.

15 Ibumba inhliziyo yabo bonke, inanzelele zonke izenzo zabo.

16 Kayikho inkosi esindiswa yibunengi bebutho, iqhawe kalikhululwa ngamandla amakhulu.

17 Ibhiza liyize ekunqobeni, njalo kalikhululi ngobukhulu bamandla alo.

18 Khangela, ilihlo leNKOSI liphezu kwabayesabayo, kwalabo abathembela emuseni wayo,

19 ukukhulula umphefumulo wabo ekufeni, lokubaphilisa endlaleni.

20 Umphefumulo wethu ulindela iNKOSI; ilusizo lwethu lesihlangu sethu.

21 Ngoba inhliziyo yethu izathokoza kuyo, ngoba sithembele ebizweni layo elingcwele.

22 Umusa wakho, NKOSI, kawube phezu kwethu, njengokulindela kwethu kuwe.

LWEZIHLABELELO 34

Ukubonga ngokulunga kweNKOSI

EsikaDavida, eseguqule ukuziphatha kwakhe phambi kukaAbhimeleki, owamxotshayo wahamba

1Ngizayibonga iNKOSI ngesikhathi sonke; ukudunyiswa kwayo kuzahlala kusemlonyeni wami.

2 Umphefumulo wami uzazincoma eNKOSIni; abathobekileyo bazakuzwa bathokoze.

3 Ikhuliseni iNKOSI kanye lami, asiliphakamise ibizo layo kanyekanye.

4 Ngayidinga iNKOSI, yangiphendula, yasingikhulula kukho konke ukwesaba kwami.

5 Bakhangela kuyo, bakhazimula, lobuso babo kabubanga lenhloni.

6 Lo umyanga wakhala, leNKOSI yezwa, yasimsindisa kuzo zonke inkathazo zakhe.

7 Ingilosi yeNKOSI imisa inkamba izingelezele labo abayesabayo, ibakhulule.

8 Nambithanini libone ukuthi iNKOSI ilungile. Ubusisiwe lowomuntu othembela kuyo.

9 Yesabeni iNKOSI, bangcwele bayo, ngoba kakulakuswela kwabayesabayo.

10 Izilwane ezintsha ziyaswela zilambe, kodwa labo abayidingayo iNKOSI kabasweli lutho oluhle.

11 Wozani, bantwana, lingilalele, ngizalifundisa ukwesaba iNKOSI.

12 Ngubani umuntu ofisa impilo, othanda izinsuku ukuthi abone okuhle?

13 Londa ulimi lwakho kokubi, lendebe zakho ekukhulumeni inkohliso.

14 Suka kokubi, wenze okuhle, dinga ukuthula, kunxwanele.

15 Amehlo eNKOSI akwabalungileyo, lezindlebe zayo kukukhala kwabo.

16 Ubuso beNKOSI bumelene labenza okubi, ukuquma ukukhunjulwa kwabo kusuke emhlabeni.

17 Bakhala, iNKOSI yezwa; iyabakhulula kuzo zonke izinhlupheko zabo.

18 INKOSI iseduze labo abalenhliziyo ezephukileyo, iyabasindisa abalomoya odabukileyo.

19 Zinengi inhlupheko zolungileyo, kodwa iNKOSI iyamkhulula kuzo zonke.

20 Iyawagcina wonke amathambo akhe, kakwaphulwa lelilodwa kuwo.

21 Okubi kuzambulala okhohlakeleyo; labazonda olungileyo bazalahlwa.

22 INKOSI iyahlenga umphefumulo wenceku zayo; njalo bonke abathemba kuyo kabayikulahlwa.

LWEZIHLABELELO 35

Umkhuleko wokucela ukophulwa ezitheni

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1 Phikisana, NKOSI, labaphikisana lami, ulwe labalwa lami.

2 Xhakalaza ihawu lesihlangu esikhulu, usukumele usizo lwami.

3 Hwatsha lomkhonto, uvimbe indlela umelane labangizingelayo; tshono emphefumulweni wami ukuthi: Ngilusindiso lwakho.

4 Kabayangeke babe lehlazo labo abadinga umphefumulo wami. Kabahlehliselwe emuva babe lenhloni labo abaceba ububi ngami.

5 Kababe njengamakhoba phambi komoya, lengilosi yeNKOSI kayibadudule.

6 Indlela yabo kayibe mnyama itshelele, lengilosi yeNKOSI ibaxotshe.

7 Ngoba kungelasizatho bangifihlele imbule labo emgodini, kungelasizatho bawugebhele umphefumulo wami.

8 Ukubhujiswa kakumjume, lembule lakhe alifihlileyo kalimbambe yena, awele kulo, ekubhujisweni.

9 Kodwa umphefumulo wami uzathokoza eNKOSIni, ujabule esindisweni lwayo.

10 Wonke amathambo ami azakuthi: NKOSI, ngubani onjengawe, okhulula umyanga kulowo olamandla kulaye, yebo, umyanga loswelayo komphangayo?

11 Abafakazi bamanga basukuma, bangibuza engingakwaziyo.

12 Bangibuyisela okubi endaweni yokuhle, umphefumulo wami ulahlekelwa.

13 Kanti mina, ekuguleni kwabo isembatho sami sasilisaka, ngathobisa umphefumulo wami ngokuzila ukudla, lomkhuleko wami wabuyela esifubeni sami.

14 Ngahamba ngokungathi ungumngane ngokungathi ungumfowethu; ngikhotheme kwezimnyama njengolilela unina.

15 Kodwa ekukhubekeni kwami bathokoza, babuthana ndawonye, abalahliweyo babuthana ndawonye bemelene lami, njalo ngangingakwazi; badabula kabemanga.

16 Kanye lababi abaklolodayo edilini, bangigedlela amazinyo abo.

17 Nkosi, uzabukela kuze kube nini? Buyisa umphefumulo wami ekubhubhiseni kwabo, wona wodwa owami emabhongweni ezilwane.

18 Ngizakubonga ebandleni elikhulu, ngikudumise phakathi kwabantu abanengi.

19 Bangajabuli ngami abayizitha zami ngamanga, kabangangificeli ilihlo labo abangizonda ngeze.

20 Ngoba kabakhulumi ukuthula, kodwa baceba amazwi enkohliso bemelene labachumileyo emhlabeni.

21 Kanti bangikhamisela kakhulu umlomo wabo bathi: Aha, aha, ilihlo lethu likubonile!

22 NKOSI, usukubonile; ungathuli. Nkosi, ungabi khatshana lami.

23 Zivuse, uvukele ilungelo lami, udaba lwami, Nkulunkulu wami leNkosi yami.

24 Ngahlulela, NKOSI Nkulunkulu wami, ngokulunga kwakho; kabangathokozi ngami.

25 Kabangatsho enhliziyweni yabo ukuthi: Hiya, yisifiso sethu! Bangatsho ukuthi: Simginyile.

26 Kabayangeke babe lenhloni ndawonye abajabula ngosizi lwami; bembathiswe ngenhloni lehlazo labo abazikhukhumeza ngami.

27 Kabamemeze ngenjabulo bathabe abaloyisa ukulunga kwami, yebo kabatsho njalonjalo ukuthi: Kayikhuliswe iNKOSI ethokoza ngokuhlala kuhle kwenceku yayo.

28 Lolimi lwami luzakhuluma ukulunga kwakho, usuku lonke indumiso yakho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 36

Ububi bomuntu lokulunga kukaNkulunkulu

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. EsikaDavida, inceku kaNkulunkulu

1 Kulenkulumo yesiphambeko kokhohlakeleyo; ngaphakathi kwenhliziyo yami ngathi: Kakukho ukwesaba uNkulunkulu phambi kwamehlo akhe.

2 Ngoba uyazikhohlisa emehlweni akhe, ububi bakhe buze butholakale buzondeka.

3 Amazwi omlomo wakhe ayibubi lenkohliso; uyekele inhlakanipho ukwenza okuhle.

4 Uceba okubi embhedeni wakhe, azimise endleleni engalunganga, kakwali okubi.

5 NKOSI, umusa wakho usemazulwini, uthembeko lwakho luze lufike emayezini.

6 Ukulunga kwakho kunjengezintaba zikaNkulunkulu, izahlulelo zakho ziyinziki enkulu; uyalondoloza umuntu lenyamazana, NKOSI.

7 Luligugu kangakanani uthandolomusa wakho, Nkulunkulu! Ngakho abantwana babantu baphephela emthunzini wempiko zakho.

8 Bazasutha kakhulu ngamanono endlu yakho, ubanathise okomfula wentokozo yakho.

9 Ngoba ukuwe umthombo wempilo; ekukhanyeni kwakho sizabona ukukhanya.

10 Luqhubele phambili uthandolomusa wakho kulabo abakwaziyo, lokulunga kwakho kubo abaqotho enhliziyweni.

11 Unyawo lwabazigqajayo lungezi kimi, lesandla sababi singangixotshi.

12 Nampo abenzi bobubi sebewile, bawiselwe phansi, kabalakuvuka.

LWEZIHLABELELO 37

Okuzakwehlela ababi labalungileyo

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1 Ungazikhathazi ngababi, ungabi lomhawu ngabenzi bobubi.

2 Ngoba bazaqunywa masinyane njengotshani, babune njengohlaza.

3 Themba eNKOSIni, wenze okuhle, uhlale elizweni, uzondle ngothembeko.

4 Zithokozise eNKOSIni, njalo izakunika iziloyiso zenhliziyo yakho.

5 Nikela indlela yakho eNKOSIni, uthembe kuyo; yona izakwenza.

6 Izaveza ukulunga kwakho njengokukhanya, lelungelo lakho njengemini enkulu.

7 Thula eNKOSIni, uyilindele; ungazikhathazi ngophumelelayo ngendlela yakhe,
ngomuntu owenza amacebo amabi.

8 Yekela intukuthelo, utshiye ulaka; ungazikhathazi langokwenza okubi.

9 Ngoba ababi bazaqunywa, kodwa labo abalindele iNKOSI bona bazakudla ilifa
lelizwe.

10 Kuseyisikhatshana nje, omubi angabe esaba khona; loba uhlola indawo yakhe
uyabe engasekho.

11 Kodwa abamnene bazakudla ilifa lelizwe, bazithokozise ngobunengi
bokuthula.

12 Omubi uyaceba emelene lolungileyo, amgedlele amazinyo akhe.

13 INkosi izamhleka, ngoba iyabona ukuthi usuku lwakhe luyeza.

14 Ababi sebehwatshe inkemba, bagobise idandili labo, ukumlahla phansi
umyanga loswelayo, ukubulala abaqotho ngendlela.

15 Inkemba yabo izangena kweyabo inhliziyo, kwephulwe amadandili abo.

16 Okuncinyane alakho olungileyo kungcono kulenotho yababi abanengi.

17 Ngoba ingalo zababi zizakwephulwa, kodwa iNKOSI iyabasekela abalungileyo.

18 INKOSI iyazazi izinsuku zabaqotho, lelifa labo lizakuba sephakadeni.

19 Kabayikuyangeka ngesikhathi esibi, langensuku zendlala bazasutha.

20 Kodwa ababi bazabhubha; lezitha zeNKOSI zizanyamalala njengamafutha
amawundlu, zinyamalale entuthwini.

21 Omubi uyeboleka, angabuyiseli, kodwa olungileyo uyahawukela, aphe.

22 Ngoba ababusiswe yiyo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe, kodwa abaqalekiswe yiyo
bazaqunywa.

23 Izinyathelo zomuntu olungileyo ziqondiswa yiNKOSI, iyathokoza endleleni
yakhe.

24 Loba esiwa, kayikulahlwa phansi, ngoba iNKOSI isekela isandla sakhe.

25 Ngangimutsha, sengimdala, kanti kangibonanga olungileyo etshiyiwe, lenzalo
yakhe idinga ukudla.

26 Usuku lonke ulomusa, uyeboleka, lenzalo yakhe iyisibusiso.

27 Suka ebubini, wenze okuhle; uhlale kuze kube nininini.

28 Ngoba iNKOSI ithanda isahlulelo, kayiyikubatshiya abangcwele bayo.
Bazalondolozwa kuze kube nininini; kodwa inzalo yababi izaqunywa.

29 Abalungileyo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe, bahlale kulo kuze kube nininini.

30 Umlomo wolungileyo ukhuluma inhlakanipho, lolimi lwakhe lukhuluma isahlulelo.

31 Umlayo kaNkulunkulu wakhe usenhliziyweni yakhe; izinyathelo zakhe kazitsheleli.

32 Omubi uyamqaphela olungileyo, udinga ukumbulala.

33 INKOSI kayiyikumyekela esandleni sakhe, kayiyikumlahla lapho esahlulelwa.

34 Lindela eNKOSIni, ugcine indlela yayo, izakuphakamisa ukuthi udle ilifa lelizwe; uzabona lapho ababi bequnywa.

35 Ngambona omubi elamandla amakhulu, eziqhelisa njengesihlahla semvelo esiluhlaza.

36 Kube kanti wedlula, khangela-ke, wayengasekho; yebo ngamdinga, kodwa katholakalanga.

37 Nanzelela opheleleyo, umbone oqotho, ngoba ukuphela kwalowomuntu kuyikuthula.

38 Kodwa abaphambukayo bazabhujiswa kanyekanye; ukuphela kwababi kuzaqunywa.

39 Kodwa usindiso lwabalungileyo luvela eNKOSIni, inqaba yabo esikhathini sokuhlupheka.

40 Njalo iNKOSI izabasiza ibakhulule; izabakhulula kwababi, ibasindise, ngoba baphephela kuyo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 38

Umkhuleko wohluphekayo

Isihlabelelo sikaDavida, ukukhumbuza

1NKOSI, ungangikhuzi entukuthelweni yakho, ungangijezisi ekuvutheni kolaka lwakho.

2 Ngoba imitshoko yakho ihlabe yatshona kimi, lesandla sakho sehle nzima phezu kwami.

3 Kakukho ukuphila enyameni yami ngenxa yentukuthelo yakho; kakukho ukuthula emathanjeni ami ngenxa yesono sami.

4 Ngoba iziphambeko zami zedlule phezu kwekhanda lami, njengomthwalo onzima zinzima kakhulu kimi.

5 Izilonda zami zilevumba zilobomvu ngenxa yobuthutha bami.

6 Ngigungubele, ngagotshiselwa phansi kakhulu, usuku lonke ngihamba ngikwezimnyama.

7 Ngoba ukhalo lwami lugcwele okutshileyo, njalo kakukho ukuphila enyameni yami.

8 Ngibuthakathaka ngichobozekile kakhulukazi, ngiyabhonga ngenxa yokububula kwenhliziyo yami.

9 Nkosi, sonke isiloyiso sami siphambi kwakho, lokububula kwami kakufihlakalanga kuwe.

10 Inhliziyo yami iyatshaya, amandla ami angitshiyile; lokukhanya kwamehlo ami lakho kakukho kimi.

11 Abangithandayo labangane bami bema ummango lenhlupheko yami, labakwethu bema khatshana lami.

12 Labo abadinga impilo yami bayangithiya, labo abadinga ukoniwa kwami bakhuluma izincithakalo, bezindla inkohliso usuku lonke.

13 Kodwa mina nginjengesacuthe, kangizwa, lanjengesimungulu, esingavuli umlomo waso.

14 Yebo, nginjengomuntu ongezwayo, okungekho ukuphikisa emlonyeni wakhe.

15 Ngoba kuwe, NKOSI, ngiyathemba; wena uzaphendula, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami.

16 Ngoba ngathi: Hlezi bathokoze ngami, lapho unyawo lwami lutshelela, bazikhukhumeze bemelene lami.

17 Ngoba sengiseduze lokuwa, lobuhlungu bami buphambi kwami njalonjalo.

18 Ngoba ngizakwazisa ububi bami, ngizakhathazeka ngesono sami.

19 Kodwa izitha zami ziphilile zilamandla, labangizonda ngeze sebandile.

20 Abaphindisela okubi esikhundleni sokuhle bayizitha zami, ngoba nginxwanela okulungileyo.

21 Ungangitshiyi, NKOSI; Nkulunkulu wami, ungabi khatshana lami.

22 Phangisa ungisize, Nkosi, nsindiso yami.

LWEZIHLABELELO 39

Impilo yomuntu iyedlula

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. KuJeduthuni. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1Ngathi: Ngizaqaphelisa izindlela zami, ukuze ngingoni ngolimi lwami; ngizagcina umlomo wami ngetomu, omubi esesekhona phambi kwami.

2 Ngaba yisimungulu ngokuthula; ngathula kokuhle; lokuhlupheka kwami kwavuswa.

3 Inhliziyo yami yatshisa phakathi kwami, ngisacabanga umlilo wavutha; ngakhuluma ngolimi lwami,

4 ngathi: NKOSI, ngazisa isiphetho sami lesilinganiso sensuku zami ukuthi siyini,
ukuze ngazi ukuthi ngiyedlula kangakanani.

5 Khangela, wenze insuku zami zaba yibubanzi besandla, lobudala
bami bunjengento engesilutho phambi kwakho; isibili ngulowo lalowomuntu
ekumeni kwakhe uyize nje. Sela.

6 Isibili, umuntu uhambahamba esesithunzini; isibili, bayakhathazeka ngeze;
uyabuthelela, kodwa kazi ukuthi ngubani ozakubutha.

7 Pho-ke, ngilindeleni, Nkosi? Ithemba lami likuwe.

8 Ngikhulula kuzo zonke iziphambeko zami. Ungangenzi ihlazo lesithutha.

9 Ngaba yisimungulu, kangivulanga umlomo wami, ngoba wakwenza wena.

10 Susa uswazi lwakho kimi, ngoba ngiyaqedwa yisidutshulo sesandla sakho.

11 Lapho ulaya umuntu ngokukhuza ngenxa yesiphambeko, wenza ubuhle bakhe
buncibilike njengenundu; isibili ngulowo lalowomuntu uyize. Sela.

12 Zwana umkhuleko wami, NKOSI, ubeke indlebe ekukhaleni kwami; ungathuleli
izinyembezi zami, ngoba ngingowemzini kuwe, ohlala njengowezizwe, njengabo
bonke obaba.

13 Ungangihwaqeli ukuze ngihlumelele, ngingakasuki, ngingabe ngisaba khona.

LWEZIHLABELELO 40

Ukubonga lomkhuleko wokucela ukukhululwa

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1 Ngalindela lokuyilindela iNKOSI; yangithobela, yezwa ukukhala kwami.

2 Yangenyula emgodini ohlokomayo, exhaphozini lodaka, yabeka inyawo zami
phezu kwedwala, yaqinisa izinyathelo zami.

3 Yafaka ingoma entsha emlonyeni wami, indumiso kuNkulunkulu wethu.
Abanengi bazabona besabe, bathembe eNKOSIni.

4 Ubusisiwe umuntu oyenzayo iNKOSI ibe lithemba lakhe, ongaphendukeli
kwabazigqajayo, lalabo abaphendukela emangeni.

5 Minengi wena oyenzileyo, NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wami, imisebenzi yakho
emangalisayo lemicabango yakho kithi; ingelandiswe ngokulandelana kuwe.
Ngingayilandisa ngiyitsho, minengi kulokuthi ibalwe.

6 Umhlatshelo lomnikelo kawukufisi; izindlebe zami uzivulile; umnikelo
wokutshiswa lomnikelo wesono kawuwubizi.

7 Ngasengisithi: Khangela, ngiyeza; emqulwini wogwalo kulotshiwe ngami.

8 Ngiyathokoza ukwenza intando yakho, Nkulunkulu wami, lomlayo wakho uphakathi kwemibilini yami.

9 Ngitshumayele ukulunga ebandleni elikhulu; khangela, kangibambanga indebe zami, NKOSI, wena uyakwazi.

10 Ukulunga kwakho kangikufihlanga phakathi kwenhliziyo yami; ngikhulumile ngobuqotho bakho langosindiso lwakho; kangifihlanga uthandolomusa wakho leqiniso lakho ebandleni elikhulu.

11 Wena NKOSI, ungangigodleli isihawu sakho; uthandolomusa wakho leqiniso lakho kakungilondoloze njalonjalo.

12 Ngoba ububi obungebalwe bungihanqile, iziphambeko zami zingibambile, ukuze ngingabi lakho ukubona; zinengi okwedlula inwele zekhanda lami; ngakho inhliziyo yami ingitshiyile.

13 Thokoza, NKOSI, ukungikhulula. NKOSI, phangisa ukungisiza.

14 Kabayangeke babe lenhloni ndawonye abadinga umphefumulo wami ukuwuchitha; kababuyiselwe emuva bayangiswe abangifisela okubi.

15 Kabachitheke kube ngumvuzo wehlazo labo abathi kimi: Aha, aha!

16 Kabathabe bajabule kuwe bonke abakudingayo; abathanda usindiso lwakho kabatsho njalonjalo bathi: Kayikhuliswe iNKOSI!

17 Kodwa ngingumyanga ngiyaswela; iNkosi iyangikhumbula; ungumsizi wami lomkhululi wami; Nkulunkulu wami, ungalibali.

LWEZIHLABELELO 41

Umkhuleko wokucela ukusiliswa ekuguleni

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1 Ubusisiwe onanzelela obuthakathaka. INKOSI izamkhulula ngosuku lobubi.

2 INKOSI izamlondoloza, imgcine ephila; uzabusiswa emhlabeni; kawuyikumnikela entandweni yezitha zakhe.

3 INKOSI izamsekela embhedeni wokugula kwakhe; wena uzaguqula lonke icansi lakhe emkhuhlaneni wakhe.

4 Mina ngathi: NKOSI, woba lomusa kimi, silisa umphefumulo wami, ngoba ngonile kuwe.

5 Izitha zami zikhuluma okubi ngami zisithi: Uzakufa nini, lebizo lakhe lichitheke?

6 Lalapho efika ukungibona, ukhuluma inkohliso; inhliziyo yakhe izibuthela okubi, esephumile phandle akhulume.

7 Bonke abangizondayo banyenyezelana bemelene lami, bangisongele ukungona.

8 Into embi inamathele kuye; njalo njengoba elele phansi kasayikuvuka.

9 Yebo, indoda yobungane bami engiyithembayo, ebikade isidla isinkwa sami, ingiphakamisele isithende imelene lami.

10 Kodwa, wena NKOSI, woba lomusa kimi, ungilulamise ukuze ngibaphindisele.

11 Ngalokhu ngiyazi ukuthi uyangithanda, ngoba isitha sami kasithabanga phezu kwami.

12 Kodwa mina, ungisekele ebuqothweni bami, wangimisa phambi kwakho kuze kube nininini.

13 Kayibongwe iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade. Ameni, loAmeni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 42

Umkhuleko womuntu okhatshana lendlu kaNkulunkulu

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Masikili, eyamadodana kaKora

1Njengalokhu indluzele inxwanele izifula zamanzi, ngokunjalo umphefumulo wami unxwanela wena, Nkulunkulu.

2 Umphefumulo wami womela uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu ophilayo. Ngizafika nini ngibonakale phambi kobuso bukaNkulunkulu?

3 Inyembezi zami beziyikudla kwami emini lebusuku, lapho besithi kimi usuku lonke: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wakho?

4 Ngikhumbula lezizinto ngathulula umphefumulo wami phakathi kwami, ngoba ngadlula lexuku, ngaya labo endlini kaNkulunkulu ngelizwi lentokozo lendumiso, ixuku eligubha umkhosi.

5 Udanelani mphefumulo wami? Ukhathazekelani phakathi kwami? Themba kuNkulunkulu, ngoba ngisezamdumisa, ngosizo lobuso bakhe.

6 Nkulunkulu wami, umphefumulo wami udanile phakathi kwami; ngakho ngizakukhumbula ngiselizweni leJodani lelamaHermoni, ngisentabeni iMizari.

7 Inziki ibiza inziki ekuhlokomeni kwezimpophoma zakho; wonke amagagasi akho lamaza akho adlule phezu kwami.

8 Emini iNKOSI izalaya uthandolomusa wayo, lebusuku ingoma yayo izakuba lami; umkhuleko wami kuNkulunkulu wempilo yami.

9 Ngizakuthi kuNkulunkulu, idwala lami: Ungikhohlweleni? Ngihambelani ngikwezimnyama ngenxa yocindezelo lwesitha?

10 Njengokuchoboza emathanjeni ami, izitha zami ziyangiklolodela, lapho zisithi kimi usuku lonke: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wakho?

11 Udaneleni mphefumulo wami? Njalo ukhathazekelani phakathi kwami? Themba kuNkulunkulu, ngoba ngisezamdumisa, usindiso lobuso bami, loNkulunkulu wami.

LWEZIHLABELELO 43

1Ngahlulela, Nkulunkulu, umele udaba lwami esizweni esingesabi uNkulunkulu; ungikhulule emuntwini wenkohliso longalunganga.

2 Ngoba wena unguNkulunkulu wesiphephelo sami; ungilahleleni? Ngihambelani ngikwezimnyama ngenxa yocindezelo lwesitha?

3 Thumela ukukhanya kwakho leqiniso lakho, kungikhokhele, kungise entabeni yakho engcwelelemathabhanekeleni akho.

4 Khona ngizakuya elathini likaNkulunkulu, kuNkulunkulu injabulo yentokozo yami; yebo ngizakudumisa ngechacho, Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wami.

5 Udanelani mphefumulo wami? Njalo ukhathazekelani phakathi kwami? Themba kuNkulunkulu, ngoba ngisezamdumisa, ukusiliswa kobuso bami, loNkulunkulu wami.

LWEZIHLABELELO 44

Ukukhululwa kwasendulo lokuhlupheka kwalesisikhathi

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela, esamadodana kaKora, Masikili

1Nkulunkulu, sizwile ngendlebe zethu, obaba basitshelile, umsebenzi owawenza ensukwini zabo, ensukwini zendulo.

2 Wena ngesandla sakho wazixotsha izizwe elifeni, wabahlanyela bona; wazihlupha izizwe, kodwa wabasabalalisa bona.

3 Ngoba kabadlanga ilifa lelizwe ngenkemba yabo, lengalo yabo kayibasindisanga, kodwa isandla sakho sokunene, lengalo yakho, lokukhanya kobuso bakho, ngoba wawubathanda.

4 Wena uyiNkosi yami, Nkulunkulu; laya ukukhululwa kukaJakobe.

5 Ngawe sizadudula izitha zethu; ngebizo lakho sizabanyathelela phansi abasivukelayo.

6 Ngoba kangithembeli kulo idandili lami, lenkemba yami kayiyikungisindisa.

7 Kodwa usisindisile ezitheni zethu, wayangisa abasizondayo.

8 KuNkulunkulu siyazincoma usuku lonke; lebizo lakho sizalidumisa kuze kube nininini. Sela.

9 Kodwa ulahlile wasiyangisa, njalo kawuphumi lamabutho ethu.

10 Usenze ukuthi sibuyele emuva sisuka esitheni; labasizondayo baziphangela.

11 Usinikele njengezimvu zokudliwa, wasichithachitha phakathi kwezizwe.

12 Uthengisile abantu bakho ngokungelanotho, awuzuzanga lutho ngentengo yabo.

13 Usenze saba lihlazo kwabakhelene lathi, inhlekisa lendumazo kwabasiphahlileyo.

14 Usenze saba yisiga phakathi kwezizwe, ukunikinwa kwekhanda phakathi kwabantu.

15 Usuku lonke ukudunyazwa kwami kuphambi kwami, lehlazo lobuso bami lingigubuzele,

16 ngenxa yelizwi lomgconi lomhlambazi, ngenxa yesitha lomphindiseli.

17 Konke lokhu kusehlele, kube kanti kasikukhohlwanga, kasenzanga ngenkohliso esivumelwaneni sakho.

18 Inhliziyo yethu kayibuyelanga emuva, lezinyathelo zethu kaziphambukanga emkhondweni wakho,

19 lanxa usichobozile endaweni yamaganyana, usembese ngethunzi lokufa.

20 Uba besilikhohliwe ibizo likaNkulunkulu wethu, loba selulela izandla zethu kunkulunkulu wezizweni,

21 uNkulunkulu ubengayikukuhlola lokhu yini? Ngoba uyayazi imfihlo yenhliziyo.

22 Yebo, ngenxa yakho siyabulawa usuku lonke, kuthiwa sinjengezimvu zokuhlatshwa.

23 Phaphama, ulaleleni, Nkosi? Vuka, ungalahli kokuphela.

24 Ufihlelani ubuso bakho, ukhohlwe ukuhlupheka kwethu locindezelo lwethu?

25 Ngoba umphefumulo wethu ukhothamele othulini, isisu sethu sinamathela emhlabathini.

26 Sukumela usizo lwethu, usihlenge ngenxa yomusa wakho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 45

Ihubo elihayelwa inkosi lomakoti wayo

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela, ngeShoshanimi, esamadodana kaKora, Masikili, ingoma yezintando

1 Inhliziyo yami iphuphuma ngendaba enhle; ngikhuluma ngezinto engizenzele inkosi; ulimi lwami lulusibalombhali ophangisayo.

2 Umuhle kulabantwana babantu; umusa uthululwe endebeni zakho; ngenxa yalokho uNkulunkulu ukubusisile kuze kube phakade.

3 Bhinca inkemba yakho emlenzeni, qhawe, udumo lwakho lobukhosi bakho.

4 Lebukhosini bakho gada uphumulele, ngenxa yeqiniso lobumnene bokulunga; lesandla sakho sokunene sikufundise izinto ezesabekayo.

5 Imitshoko yakho ibukhali enhliziyweni yezitha zenkosi; izizwe zizakuwa ngaphansi kwakho.

6 Isihlalo sakho sobukhosi, Nkulunkulu, ngesaphakade laphakade; intonga yakho yobukhosi iyintonga yobuqotho.

7 Uthanda ukulunga, njalo uzonda ububi; ngenxa yalokho uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcobilengamafutha entokozo ngaphezu kwabanakwenu.

8 Izembatho zakho zonke ziqholiwe ngemure lenhlaba lekhasiya; ezigodlweni zempondo zendlovu abakwenze wathokoza ngazo.

9 Amadodakazi amakhosi aphakathi kwabesifazana bakho abadumileyo; indlovukazi imi esandleni sokunene sakho yembethe igolide leOfiri.

10 Zwana, ndodakazi, unakane, ubeke indlebe yakho; ukhohlwe abantu bakini lendlu kayihlo;

11 khona inkosi izalangatha ubuhle bakho; ngoba iyinkosi yakho, njalo khothama kuyo.

12 Lendodakazi yeTire ilesipho, labanothileyo ebantwini, bazancenga ubuso bakho.

13 Indodakazi yenkosi iyakhazimula yonke ngaphakathi, isembatho sayo singesegolide elelukiweyo.

14 Izalethwa enkosini yembethe isembatho esifekethisiweyo; izintombi eziyilandelayo, abangane bayo, zizalethwa kuwe.

15 Zizalethwa ngokuthaba lenjabulo, zizangena esigodlweni senkosi.

16 Esikhundleni saboyihlo kuzakuba ngamadodana akho, uzawabeka abe yiziphathamandla emhlabeni wonke.

17 Ibizo lakho ngizalenza likhunjulwe ezizukulwaneni zonke; ngenxa yalokho izizwe zizakudumisa kuze kube nini lanini.

LWEZIHLABELELO 46

UNkulunkulu uyisiphephelo sethu

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela, esamadodana kaKora, ingoma ngeAlamothi

1UNkulunkulu uyisiphephelo sethu lamandla ethu, uyatholwa elusizo kakhulu ekuhluphekeni.

2 Ngenxa yalokhu kasiyikwesaba ekuguqukeni komhlaba, lanxa izintaba zidilikela phakathi kwenlwandle.

3 Amanzi alo kawahlokome, akhaphazele, izintaba zizamazame ngokukhukhumala kwalo. Sela.

4 Kulomfula, izifula zawo zithokozisa umuzi kaNkulunkulu, indawo engcwele yamathabhanekele oPhezukonke.

5 UNkulunkulu uphakathi kwawo, kawuyikunyikinywa; uNkulunkulu uzawusiza ngovivi lokusa.

6 Izizwe ziyaxokozela, imibuso izamazame; wakhupha ilizwi lakhe, umhlaba wancibilika.

7 INKOSI yamabandla ilathi, uNkulunkulu kaJakobe uyinqaba yethu. Sela.

8 Wozani libone imisebenzi yeNKOSI, incithakalo eyenzileyo emhlabeni.

9 Yenza izimpi ziphele kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba; yephula idandili, iqumaqume umkhonto, itshise izinqola emlilweni.

10 Thulani, lazi ukuthi mina nginguNkulunkulu, ngizaphakanyiswa phakathi kwezizwe, ngiphakanyiswe emhlabeni.

11 INKOSI yamabandla ilathi, uNkulunkulu kaJakobe uyinqaba yethu. Sela.

LWEZIHLABELELO 47

UNkulunkulu uyiNKOSI yomhlaba

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo samadodana kaKora

1 Tshayani isandla, zizwe zonke, hlokomani kuNkulunkulu ngelizwi lentokozo.

2 Ngoba iNKOSI, oPhezukonke, iyesabeka, yiNkosi enkulu phezu komhlaba wonke.

3 Izakwehlisela abantu ngaphansi kwethu, lezizwe ngaphansi kwenyawo zethu.

4 Izasikhethela ilifa lethu, udumo lukaJakobe emthandayo. Sela.

5 UNkulunkulu wenyukile ngokuhlokoma, iNKOSI ngokukhala kophondo.

6 Hlabelani indumiso kuNkulunkulu, hlabelelani indumiso. Hlabelani indumiso eNkosini yethu, hlabelelani indumiso.

7 Ngoba uNkulunkulu uyiNkosi yomhlaba wonke; hlabelelani indumiso ngokuqedisisa.

8 UNkulunkulu uyabusa phezu kwezizwe; uNkulunkulu uhlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sobungcwele bakhe.

9 Iziphathamandla zabantu zibuthene ndawonye, abantu bakaNkulunkulu kaAbrahama. Ngoba izihlangu zomhlaba zingezikaNkulunkulu; uphakeme kakhulu.

LWEZIHLABELELO 48

IZiyoni ingumuzi kaNkulunkulu

Ingoma, isihlabelelo samadodana kaKora

1Yinkulu iNKOSI, ingeyokudunyiswa kakhulu emzini kaNkulunkulu wethu, intaba yobungcwele bayo.

2 Yinhle ngokuphakama, yintokozo emhlabeni wonke intaba yeZiyoni, enhlangothini zenyakatho, umuzi weNkosi enkulu.

3 Ezigodlweni zawo uNkulunkulu uyaziwa ukuthi uyinqaba.

4 Ngoba, khangela, amakhosi abuthana, adlula kanyekanye.

5 Wona awubona, ngokunjalo amangala, atshaywa luvalo, aphaphatheka.

6 Ukuthuthumela kwawabamba lapho, umhelo njengowesifazana obelethayo.

7 Ngomoya wempumalanga uphahlaza imikhumbi yeTarshishi.

8 Njengesikuzwileyo ngokunjalo sikubonile emzini weNKOSI yamabandla, emzini kaNkulunkulu wethu; uNkulunkulu uzawumisa kuze kube nininini. Sela.

9 Sizindle ngothandolomusa wakho, Nkulunkulu, phakathi kwethempeli lakho.

10 Njengalo ibizo lakho, Nkulunkulu, injalo indumiso yakho kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba; isandla sakho sokunene sigcwele ukulunga.

11 Kayithokoze intaba yeZiyoni, amadodakazi akoJuda athabe, ngenxa yezahlulelo zakho.

12 Ibhodeni iZiyoni, liyizingeleze, libale imiphotshongo yayo,

13 liqaphelise umthangala wayo, lidabule lihlole izigodlo zayo, ukuze lilandisele isizukulwana esilandelayo.

14 Ngoba lo uNkulunkulu unguNkulunkulu wethu kuze kube nini lanini; yena uzasikhokhela kuze kube sekufeni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 49

Ubuthutha balabo abathemba inotho

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo samadodana kaKora

1Zwanini lokhu lonke bantu. Bekani indlebe lonke bakhileyo bomhlaba,

2 bonke abantukazana labaphakemeyo, abanothileyo labayanga, ndawonye.

3 Umlomo wami uzakhuluma izinhlakanipho, lokuzindla kwenhliziyo yami kuzakuba yikuqedisisa.

4 Ngizabeka indlebe yami kuso isaga, ngizavula ilibho lami ngechacho.

5 Ngizakwesabelani ensukwini zobubi, nxa ububi babagwenxi bami buzangihanqa.

6 Abathemba ingcebo yabo, abazincoma ngobunengi benotho yabo,

7 umuntu kasoze ahlenge lokuhlenga umfowabo, kasoze amnike uNkulunkulu inhlawulo yakhe,

8 (ngoba uhlengo lomphefumulo wabo luligugu, futhi luyaphela laphakade)

9 ukuze ahlale ephila phakade, angaboni ukubola.

10 Ngoba ubona ukuthi abahlakaniphileyo bayafa, lokuthi isithutha kanye lesiphukuphuku bayabhubha, batshiyele inotho yabo abanye.

11 Umcabango wabo wangaphakathi uyikuthi izindlu zabo zizakuba ngezaphakade, izindawo zabo zokuhlala zibe ngezezizukulwana, babize amazwe ngamabizo abo.

12 Kodwa umuntu elodumo kayikuma, uyafanana lenyamazana ezibhubhayo.

13 Le indlela yabo iyibuthutha babo; kube kanti ababalandelayo bathokoza ngomlomo wabo. Sela.

14 Njengezimvu bamiselwe ingcwaba, ukufa kuzabelusa; labaqotho bazababusa ekuseni, isimo sabo ngesokuqedwa lingcwaba ukuze bangabi lendawo yokuhlala.

15 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzahlenga umphefumulo wami emandleni engcwaba, ngoba uzangemukela. Sela.

16 Ungesabi nxa umuntu enotha, nxa udumo lwendlu yakhe lusanda;

17 ngoba ekufeni kwakhe kayikuthatha lutho, udumo lwakhe kaluyikwehla lumlandele.

18 Lanxa empilweni yakhe wabusisa umphefumulo wakhe, njalo bakudumisa nxa uzenzela okuhle,

19 uzakuya esizukulwaneni saboyise, kabayikubona ukukhanya kuze kube phakade.

20 Umuntu olodumo, engaqedisisi, unjengezinyamazana ezibhubhayo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 50

Ukudumisa okuqotho

Isihlabelelo sikaAsafi

1USomandla, uNkulunkulu, iNKOSI, ukhulumile, ubiza umhlaba kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kuze kube sekutshoneni kwalo.

2 EseZiyoni, ukuphelela kobuhle, uNkulunkulu ukhanyile.

3 UNkulunkulu wethu uzakuza, kayikuthula; umlilo phambi kwakhe uzaqothula, enhlangothini zonke zakhe kuzakuba lesiphepho esikhulu.

4 Uzabiza amazulu ephezulu, lomhlaba, ukwahlulela abantu bakhe.

5 Buthelani kimi abangcwele bami, abenza isivumelwano lami ngomhlatshelo.

6 Lamazulu azatshumayela ukulunga kwakhe, ngoba uNkulunkulu ngokwakhe ungumahluleli. Sela.

7 Zwanini bantu bami, ngizakhuluma; Israyeli, ngizafakaza ngimelene lawe. NginguNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho.

8 Kangikusoli ngenxa yemihlatshelo yakho; leminikelo yakho yokutshiswa ihlala iphambi kwami.

9 Kangiyikuthatha ijongosi elivela emzini wakho, lezimpongo ezivela ezibayeni zakho.

10 Ngoba ngeyami yonke inyamazana yehlathi, izinkomo ezisentabeni eziyizinkulungwane.

11 Ngiyazazi izinyoni zonke zezintaba, lezilo zommango zikimi.

12 Uba bengilambile, bengingayikukutshela, ngoba umhlaba ngowami lokugcwala kwawo.

13 Ngizayidla yini inyama yezinkunzi, kumbe nginathe igazi lezimpongo?

14 Nikela kuNkulunkulu umhlatshelo wokubonga, ukhokhe izithembiso zakho koPhezukonke.

15 Ungibize osukwini lokuhlupheka, ngizakukhulula, ubusungidumisa.

16 Kodwa komubi uNkulunkulu uthi: Ulani lokuthi utshumayele izimiso zami, kumbe uthathe isivumelwano sami emlonyeni wakho?

17 Ngoba wena uzonda ukuqondiswa, ulahla amazwi ami emva kwakho.

18 Uba ubona isela, uthokozelana lalo, lesabelo sakho sisezifebeni.

19 Umlomo wakho uyawunikela ebubini, lolimi lwakho luqambe inkohliso.

20 Uhlala ukhulume umelene lomfowenu, uhlebe indodana kanyoko.

21 Lezizinto uzenzile, ngathula; wacabanga ukuthi nginjengawe kanye. Ngizakukhuza, ngikuhlele phambi kwamehlo akho.

22 Kuqapheleni-ke lokhu, lina elikhohlwa uNkulunkulu, hlezi ngilidabule, kungabi khona okukhululayo.

23 Onikela umnikelo wokubonga uyangidumisa; lolungisa indlela yakhe ngizambonisa usindiso lukaNkulunkulu.

LWEZIHLABELELO 51

Umkhuleko wokucela ukuhlanjululwa esonweni

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida. Lapho uNathani umprofethi wafika kuye esengene kuBathisheba

1Ngihawukela, Nkulunkulu, ngokothandolomusa wakho; ngobunengi besihawu sakho yesula iziphambeko zami.

2 Ungigezisise ebubini bami, ungihlambulule esonweni sami.

3 Ngoba mina ngiyazivuma iziphambeko zami, lesono sami sihlezi siphambi kwami.

4 Ngonile kuwe, kuwe wedwa, ngenze okubi emehlweni akho, ukuze kuthiwe ulungile ekukhulumeni kwakho, uhlanzeke ekwahluleleni kwakho.

5 Khangela, ngazalelwa ebubini, lomama wangomulela esonweni.

6 Khangela, uthanda iqiniso endaweni ezingaphakathi; lekusithekeni ungenza ngazi inhlakanipho.

7 Ngihlanze ngehisope, ngizahlambuluka; ngigezisa, ngizakuba mhlophe kuleliqhwa elikhithikileyo.

8 Ngizwise intokozo lenjabulo, ukuze athabe amathambo owachobozileyo.

9 Fihla ubuso bakho ezonweni zami, wesule zonke iziphambeko zami.

10 Nkulunkulu, dala kimi inhliziyo ehlambulukileyo, njalo uvuselele umoya oqinileyo phakathi kwami.

11 Ungangilahli ebusweni bakho, njalo ungasusi umoya wakho ongcwele kimi.

12 Buyisela kimi intokozo yosindiso lwakho, ungisekele ngomoya ovumayo.

13 Khona ngizafundisa abaphambukayo indlela zakho, lezoni zizaphendukela kuwe.

14 Ngikhulula ecaleni legazi, Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwami, ulimi lwami luzahlabelela kakhulu ngokulunga kwakho.

15 Nkosi, vula indebe zami, lomlomo wami uzamemezela indumiso yakho.

16 Ngoba kawuthandi umhlatshelo, ngoba bengizawunika; kawuthokozi ngomnikelo wokutshiswa.

17 Imihlatshelo kaNkulunkulu ingumoya odabukileyo; inhliziyo edabukileyo leyephukileyo, Nkulunkulu, kawuyikuyidelela.

18 Yenzele iZiyoni okuhle ngokuthanda kwakho; uyakhe imiduli yeJerusalema.

19 Khona uzajabulela iminikelo yokulunga, umnikelo wokutshiswa, lomnikelo wonke; khona bezanikela amajongosi phezu kwelathi lakho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 52

Ubuze bokuzincoma ngokwenza okubi

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Masikili. EsikaDavida. Lapho uDowegi umEdoma esiza etshela uSawuli wathi kuye: UDavida ufikile endlini kaAhimeleki

1Uzincomelani ngokubi, qhawe? Umusa kaNkulunkulu ukulo lonke usuku.

2 Ulimi lwakho luceba konke ukuganga, njengensingo ebukhali, lwenza inkohliso.

3 Uthanda okubi kulokuhle; amanga kulokukhuluma iqiniso. Sela.

4 Uthanda wonke amazwi okuginya, limi lwenkohliso.

5 UNkulunkulu laye uzakubhidliza phakade, akususe, akuhluthune ethenteni, akusiphune elizweni labaphilayo.Sela.

6 Abalungileyo bazakubona besabe, bazamhleka, besithi:

7 Khangelani, umuntu ongamenzanga uNkulunkulu abe yinqaba yakhe, kodwa wathembela ebunengini benotho yakhe, eqinile ekugangeni kwakhe.

8 Kodwa nginjengesihlahla somhlwathi esiluhlaza endlini kaNkulunkulu. Ngiyathemba emuseni kaNkulunkulu phakade laphakade.

9 Ngizakudumisa kuze kube phakade ngoba ukwenzile. Ngizalindela ibizo lakho, ngoba lihle phambi kwabangcwele bakho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 53

Ubuthutha lobubi babantu

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeMahalathi. Masikili. EsikaDavida

1Isithutha sithi enhliziyweni yaso: KakulaNkulunkulu. Bonakele, benza ububi obunengekayo; kakho owenza okuhle.

2 UNkulunkulu wakhangela phansi esemazulwini phezu kwabantwana babantu, ukubona ukuthi ukhona yini oqedisisayo, odinga uNkulunkulu.

3 Bonke ngamunye wabo babuyele emuva, bonke bonakele; kakho owenza okuhle, kakho loyedwa.

4 Kabazi yini bonke abenzi bobubi, abadla abantu bami njengoba besidla isinkwa? Kababizi uNkulunkulu.

5 Lapho besaba lokwesaba, kungekho okwesabekayo. Ngoba uNkulunkulu uchithachithe amathambo akhe omisa inkamba emelane lawe; ubayangisile, ngoba uNkulunkulu ubadelile.

6 Kungathi insindiso zikaIsrayeli zingavela eZiyoni! Lapho uNkulunkulu ebuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bakhe, uJakobe uzathaba, uIsrayeli athokoze.

LWEZIHLABELELO 54

Umkhuleko wokucela ukusizwa ezitheni

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Ngamachacho. Masikili. EsikaDavida. Lapho amaZifi eza athi kuSawuli: UDavida kacatshanga yini kithi?

1Nkulunkulu, ngisindisa ngebizo lakho, ungahlulele ngamandla akho.

2 Nkulunkulu, zwana umkhuleko wami, ubeke indlebe emazwini omlomo wami.

3 Ngoba abemzini bangivukele, abalolunya badinga umphefumulo wami, kababekanga uNkulunkulu phambi kwabo. Sela.

4 Khangela, uNkulunkulu ungumsizi wami; iNkosi ilalabo abasekela umphefumulo wami.

5 Izaphindisela ububi ezitheni zami. Baqume ngeqiniso lakho.

6 Ngizanikela umhlatshelo kuwe ngokukhululeka, ngizadumisa ibizo lakho, NKOSI, ngoba lihle.

7 Ngoba ungikhulule ekuhluphekeni konke, lelihlo lami libonile isiloyiso sami ezitheni zami.

LWEZIHLABELELO 55

Umkhuleko womuntu okhohliswayo

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Ngamachacho. Masikili. EsikaDavida

1 Beka indlebe, Nkulunkulu, emkhulekweni wami, ungazifihli ekunxuseni kwami.

2 Lalela kimi, ungiphendule; ngiyazulazula ekukhalazeni kwami, ngenza umsindo,

3 ngenxa yelizwi lesitha, ngenxa yembandezelo yomubi; ngoba bangethwesa ububi, langentukuthelo bayangizonda.

4 Inhliziyo yami iyafutha phakathi kwami, lezethuso zokufa ziwele phezu kwami.

5 Uvalo lokuthuthumela kungifikele, lokwesaba okukhulu kungigubuzele.

6 Ngasengisithi: Kungathi ngabe ngilempiko njengejuba! Bengizaphaphela khatshana, ngiphumule.

7 Khangela, bengingabalekela khatshana ngihlale enkangala. Sela.

8 Bengizaphangisisa ukuphunyuka kwami, ngisuke emoyeni ovunguzayo, esiphephweni.

9 Sanganisa, Nkosi, yehlukanisa ulimi lwabo. Ngoba ngibone udlakela lokuxabana emzini.

10 Emini lebusuku bayawubhoda phezu kwemithangala yawo; njalo ububi lenkathazo kuphakathi kwawo.

11 Inkohlakalo iphakathi kwawo; imbandezelo lenkohliso kakusuki emgwaqweni wawo.

12 Ngoba kakusisitha esingiyangisayo, uba kunjalo bengizakuthwala; kakusuye ongizondayo oziphakamisa phezu kwami; uba kunjalo bengizamcatshela.

13 Kodwa nguwe, umuntu olingana lami, umngane wami lowejwayelene lami.

14 Esasicebisana ngokumnandi sonke, saya endlini kaNkulunkulu silixuku.

15 Ukufa kakubazume, kabehlele esihogweni bephila, ngoba ububi busemizini yabo, phakathi kwabo.

16 Mina ngizabiza uNkulunkulu, iNKOSI ingisindise-ke.

17 Kusihlwa lekuseni lemini ngizakhalaza ngikhale kakhulu, ibisilizwa ilizwi lami.

18 Ikhululile umphefumulo wami ngokuthula empini emelene lami, ngoba babebanengi kimi.

19 UNkulunkulu uzakuzwa, abahluphe, ngitsho yena obehlezi endulo. Sela. Ngoba bengelazinguquko, ngakho kabamesabi uNkulunkulu.

20 Welule isandla sakhe kwabaxolelene laye, wasingcolisa isivumelwano sakhe.

21 Umlomo wakhe wawubutshelezi kulolaza, kanti inhliziyo yakhe yimpi; amazwi akhe abuthakathaka kulamafutha, kanti azinkemba ezihwatshiweyo.

22 Phosela umthwalo wakho phezu kweNKOSI, yona izakusekela; kayiyikuvuma lanini ukuthi olungileyo anyikinywe.

23 Kodwa wena, Nkulunkulu, uzabehlisela emgodini wokubhujiswa; abantu begazi lenkohliso kabayikufinyelela lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yensuku zabo. Kodwa mina ngizathemba kuwe.

LWEZIHLABELELO 56

Ukuthemba uNkulunkulu

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeJonathi-elemi-rekokimi. IMikitami kaDavida. AmaFilisti esembambile eGathi

1Woba lomusa kimi, Nkulunkulu, ngoba umuntu ufuna ukungiginya; usuku lonke esilwa uyangicindezela.

2 Izitha zami zifuna ukungiginya usuku lonke, ngoba zinengi ezilwa zimelene lami ngokuziphakamisa.

3 Mhla ngisesaba, mina ngizathemba kuwe.

4 KuNkulunkulu ngizadumisa ilizwi lakhe, kuNkulunkulu ngiyathemba, angiyikwesaba. Inyama ingenzani kimi?

5 Usuku lonke baphambanisa amazwi ami; yonke imicabango yabo imelene lami ngokubi.

6 Bayabuthana, bagugube, bona baqaphelise izinyathelo zami, lapho belindele umphefumulo wami.

7 Bazaphunyuka yini ngobubi? Ekuthukutheleni wisela phansi abantu, Nkulunkulu.

8 Ukuzulazula kwami ukubalile; wena faka izinyembezi zami embodleleni yakho;
kazikho ogwalweni lwakho yini?

9 Khona izitha zami zizabuyela emuva mhla ngibizayo. Ngiyakwazi lokhu ukuthi
uNkulunkulu ukimi.

10 KuNkulunkulu ngizadumisa ilizwi, eNKOSIni ngizadumisa ilizwi.

11 KuNkulunkulu ngiyathemba, angiyikwesaba. Umuntu angenzani kimi?

12 Nkulunkulu, izifungo zakho ziphezu kwami; ngizabuyisela kuwe izindumiso.

13 Ngoba uwukhulule umphefumulo wami ekufeni, yebo, inyawo zami
ekukhubekeni, ukuze ngihambe phambi kukaNkulunkulu ekukhanyeni
kwabaphilayo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 57

Umkhuleko wokucela ukukhululwa

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Alithashethi. IMikitami kaDavida. Ekubalekeleni
kwakhe ubuso bukaSawuli ebhalwini

1Ngihawukela, Nkulunkulu, ngihawukela, ngoba umphefumulo wami uthembela
kuwe; yebo, emthunzini wempiko zakho ngizaphephela, zize zedlule incithakalo.

2 Ngizakhala kuNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, kuNkulunkulu ongiphelelisela khona.

3 Uzathumela esemazulwini, angisindise, ayangise ofuna ukungiginya. Sela.
UNkulunkulu uzathumela umusa wakhe leqiniso lakhe.

4 Umphefumulo uphakathi kwezilwane, ngilala phakathi kwabavuthayo,
amadodana abantu, omazinyo abo ayimikhonto lemitshoko, lolimi
lwabo luyinkemba ebukhali.

5 Phakama ngaphezu kwamazulu, Nkulunkulu; ubukhosi bakho bube phezu
komhlaba wonke.

6 Balungisele izinyathelo zami imbule; umphefumulo wami ukhotheme; bagebhe
igodi phambi kwami; bawele phakathi kwalo. Sela.

7 Inhliziyo yami iqinisiwe, Nkulunkulu, inhliziyo yami iqinisiwe. Ngizahlabelela
ngihube indumiso.

8 Vuka, dumo lwami! Vuka, gubhu lwezintambo lechacho! Ngizavusa ukusa.

9 Ngizakudumisa phakathi kwabantu, Nkosi, ngihlabelele kuwe phakathi
kwezizwe.

10 Ngoba umusa wakho mkhulu kuze kube semazulwini, leqiniso lakho kuze kube
semayezini.

11 Phakama ngaphezu kwamazulu, Nkulunkulu; ubukhosi bakho bube phezu
komhlaba wonke.

LWEZIHLABELELO 58

Ukucela ukuthi ababi bachithwe

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Alithashethi. IMikitami kaDavida

1 Isibili likhuluma okulungileyo yini, babusi? Lehlulela ngokuqonda yini,
madodana abantu?

2 Yebo, enhliziyweni lenza okubi, lilinganisa udlakela lwezandla zenu emhlabeni.

3 Ababi baba ngabemzini kusukela esiswini, bayaduha kusukela esizalweni,
beqamba amanga.

4 Ubuhlungu babo bunjengobuhlungu benyoka, banjengebululu elingezwayo,
elivimba indlebe yalo,

5 ukuze lingezwa ilizwi labalumbi abalumba amalumbo ngokuhlakanipha.

6 Nkulunkulu, yephula amazinyo abo emlonyeni wabo, uphohloze amazinyo
emihlathi yamabhongo ezilwane, NKOSI.

7 Kabancibilike njengamanzi agelezayo; nxa egobisa idandili lakhe
ukutshoka umtshoko wakhe, babe njengabaqunywe iziqa.

8 Kahambe njengomnenke oncibilikayo; njengomphunzo owesifazana,
kabangaliboni ilanga.

9 Imbiza zenu zingakaluzwa ukhuni lwameva, uzabaphephula esiphephweni
njengabaphilayo njengentukuthelweni.

10 Olungileyo uzathokoza lapho ebona impindiselo, uzageza inyawo zakhe egazini
lomubi.

11 Ukuze umuntu athi: Impela ukhona umvuzo wolungileyo; impela ukhona
uNkulunkulu owahlulela emhlabeni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 59

Umkhuleko wokucela ukukhululwa ezitheni

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Alitashethi. IMikitami kaDavida. USawuli esethume,
njalo balinda indlu ukumbulala

1 Ngikhulula ezitheni zami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungimise ngaphezu
kwabangivukelayo.

2 Ngikhulula kubenzi bobubi, ungisindise ebantwini abomele igazi.

3 Ngoba, khangela, bacathamela umphefumulo wami; abalamandla
bayangihlanganyela, kungekho siphambeko sami njalo kungekho sono sami,
NKOSI.

4 Ngaphandle kwecala bayagijima bezilungisa. Vuka, ungisize, ubone.

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5 Wena-ke, NKOSI Nkulunkulu wamabandla, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli; vuka ukuze uhambele zonke izizwe, ungahawukeli lamunye wabakhohlisayo ebubini. Sela.

6 Bayabuyela kusihlwa, behlaba umkhulungwane njengenja, bezingelezela umuzi.

7 Khangela, bempompoloza ngomlomo wabo, inkemba zisendebeni zabo, ngoba bathi: Ngubani ozwayo?

8 Kodwa wena, NKOSI, uzabahleka, uzaziklolodela zonke izizwe.

9 Ngenxa yamandla akhe ngizalindela kuwe, ngoba uNkulunkulu uyinqaba yami.

10 UNkulunkulu womusa wami uzangandulela; uNkulunkulu uzangenza ngibone isiloyiso sami ezitheni zami.

11 Ungazibulali, hlezi abantu bakithi bakhohlwe; uzizulazulise ngamandla akho, uzehlisele phansi, wena sihlangu sethu, Nkosi.

12 Ngesono somlomo wazo, ngelizwi lendebe zazo, kazibanjwe ekuzigqajeni kwazo, langenxa yokuhlambaza lokuqamba amanga ezikukhulumayo.

13 Uziqede ngokuthukuthela, uziqede zingabi khona, ukuze bazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyabusa koJakobe, kuze kube sekupheleni komhlaba. Sela.

14 Kababuyele-ke kusihlwa behlaba umkhulungwane njengenja, bezingelezela umuzi.

15 Bona kabazulazulele ukudla, nxa bengasuthanga kabalale.

16 Kodwa mina ngizahlabelela ngamandla akho; yebo, ngizahlabelela kakhulu ekuseni ngomusa wakho; ngoba ube yinqaba yami lesiphephelo sami ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwami.

17 Mandla ami, ngizahlabelela kuwe, ngoba uNkulunkulu uyinqaba yami, uNkulunkulu womusa wami.

LWEZIHLABELELO 60

Umkhuleko wokucela ukusizwa lokunqoba

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeShushani Eduthi. IMikitami kaDavida. Ukufundisa. Esilwa lamaSiriya-Naharayimi lamaSiriya-Zoba, lapho uJowabi wabuyela watshaya amaEdoma esihotsheni setshwayi, inkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili

1 Nkulunkulu, ubusilahlile, wasibhidliza, wathukuthela; buyela kithi.

2 Uzamazamisile umhlaba, wawuqhekeza; silisa imikenke yawo, ngoba uyazamazama.

3 Abantu bakho ubabonisile okulukhuni; usinathise iwayini lokudiyazela.

4 Ubanikile labo abakwesabayo isiboniso, ukuze siphakanyiswe ngenxa yeqiniso. Sela.

5 Ukuze abathandekayo bakho bakhululwe; sindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene, usiphendule.

6 UNkulunkulu ukhulumile ebungcweleni bakhe. Ngizathaba, ngilabe iShekema, ngilinganise isihotshaseSukothi.

7 Ngeyami iGileyadi, njalo ngowami uManase, loEfrayimi ungamandla ekhanda lami, uJuda ngumnikumthetho wami.

8 UMowabi ungumganu wami wokugezela; phezu kukaEdoma ngizaphosela inyathela lami; mayelana lami, wena Filisti, memeza ngokunqoba.

9 Ngubani ozangisa emzini oqinileyo? Ngubani ozangiholela eEdoma?

10 Kawusilahlanga yini, Nkulunkulu; kawuphumanga, Nkulunkulu, lamabutho ethu?

11 Siphe usizo ekuhlupheni, ngoba luyize uncedo lomuntu.

12 KuNkulunkulu sizakwenza ngobuqhawe, ngoba yena uzanyathelela phansi izitha zethu.

LWEZIHLABELELO 61

Umkhuleko wokucela ukuvikelwa

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Ngamachacho. EsikaDavida

1Zwana, Nkulunkulu, ukukhala kwami, ulalele umkhuleko wami.

2 Ngisemkhawulweni womhlaba ngizakhala kuwe, inhliziyo yami isiphela amandla; ngikhokhelela edwaleni eliphakemeyo kulami.

3 Ngoba ubuyisiphephelo sami, inqaba eqinileyo kuso isitha.

4 Ngizahlala ethenteni lakho kuze kube nininini, ngiphephele kungubudo yempiko zakho. Sela.

5 Ngoba wena, Nkulunkulu, uzwile izifungo zami, wanginika ilifa labesaba ibizo lakho.

6 Uzakwengeza izinsuku ezinsukwini zenkosi; iminyaka yayo izakuba njengesizukulwana lesizukulwana.

7 Kayihlale phambi kukaNkulunkulu kuze kube nininini; umise umusa leqiniso, ukuze kuyilondoloze.

8 Ngalokho ngizahlabela indumiso ebizweni lakho kuze kube nininini, ukuze ngigcwalise izifungo zami insuku ngensuku.

LWEZIHLABELELO 62

Thembani kuNkulunkulu

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeJeduthuni. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1Ngoqotho, umphefumulo wami uyamlindela uNkulunkulu ngokuthula; luvela
kuye usindiso lwami.

2 Nguye kuphela olidwala lami losindiso lwami, inqaba yami;
kangiyikunyikinywa kakhulu.

3 Koze kube nini liceba ububi limelene lomuntu? Lonke lizabulawa, njengomduli
otshekileyo, uthango oludilikayo.

4 Baceba kuphela ukumwisa ekuphakameni kwakhe, bathokoza ngamanga;
ngomlomo wabo bayabusisa, kodwa ngaphakathi kwabo bayathuka. Sela.

5 Mphefumulo wami, lindela ngokuthula kuNkulunkulu kuphela; ngoba ithemba
lami livela kuye.

6 Nguye kuphela olidwala lami losindiso lwami, inqaba yami;
kangiyikunyikinywa.

7 LukuNkulunkulu usindiso lwami lodumo lwami, idwala lamandla ami,
isiphephelo sami, kukuNkulunkulu.

8 Thembani kuye isikhathi sonke, lina bantu; lithulule inhliziyo yenu phambi
kwakhe; uNkulunkulu uyisiphephelo sethu. Sela.

9 Ngoqotho, abantukazana bayize, izikhulu ziyinkohliso; esilinganisweni
balula kuleze bebonke.

10 Lingathembeli embandezelweni, lingamisi ithemba eliyize ekuphangeni; uba
inotho isanda, lingabeki inhliziyokuyo.

11 UNkulunkulu ukhulumile kwaba kanye, ngikuzwile lokhu kabili, ukuthi
amandla angakaNkulunkulu.

12 Lomusa ungowakho, Nkosi; ngoba wena uyamphindisela wonke umuntu
njengokomsebenzi wakhe.

LWEZIHLABELELO 63

Ukulangatha uNkulunkulu

Isihlabelelo sikaDavida, esenkangala yakoJuda

1Nkulunkulu, unguNkulunkulu wami, ngizakudinga ngovivi; umphefumulo wami
womela wena; inyama yami iyakulangatha, elizweni elomileyo leligagadekileyo,
elingelamanzi.

2 Njengoba ngikubonile endaweni engcwele, ngibone amandla akho lobukhosi
bakho.

3 Ngoba uthandolomusa wakho lungcono kulempilo; indebe zami zizakudumisa.

4 Ngokunjalo ngizakubonga ngisaphila, ngiphakamise izandla zami ebizweni
lakho.

5 Umphefumulo wami uzasutha kungathi ngomnkantsho lamahwahwa, lomlomo wami uzadumisa ngezindebe ezithabisayo.

6 Lapho ngikukhumbula embhedeni wami, emilindweni yebusuku ngizindla ngawe.

7 Ngoba ubulusizo lwami, ngakho emthunzini wempiko zakho ngizahlabela ngithokoze.

8 Umphefumulo wami unamathele ekukulandeleni, isandla sakho sokunene siyangisekela.

9 Kodwa abadinga umphefumulo wami ukuwuchitha bazakuya ezindaweni zomhlaba eziphansi.

10 Bazanikelwa emandleni enkemba, babe yisabelo samakhanka.

11 Kodwa inkosi izathokoza kuNkulunkulu; wonke ofunga ngaye uzazincoma; kodwa umlomo wabaqamba amanga uzavalwa.

LWEZIHLABELELO 64

Umkhuleko wokucela ukuvikelwa ezitheni

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1Zwana, Nkulunkulu, ilizwi lami esikhalazweni sami, ulondoloze impilo yami ekwesabeni isitha.

2 Ungifihle ecebeni elifihliweyo lababi, ekuxokozeleni kwabenzi bobubi,

3 abalola ulimi lwabo njengenkemba, bagobise umtshoko wabo, ngitsho ilizwi elibabayo,

4 ukutshoka opheleleyo besekusithekeni; bahle bamtshoke, bengesabi.

5 Baziqinisa edabeni olubi, bekhuluma ngokuthiya, bathi: Ngubani ongayibona?

6 Badingisisa iziphambeko; silungile ngecebo elicetshwe ngobuqili; umcabango wangaphakathi womuntu kanye lenhliziyo kujulile.

7 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzabatshoka ngomtshoko masinyane; bazalinyazwa.

8 Njalo bazakwenza olwabo ulimi luwele phezu kwabo; bonke abababonayo bazabaleka.

9 Labo bonke abantu bazakwesaba, batshumayele isenzo sikaNkulunkulu, baqedisise umsebenzi wakhe.

10 Olungileyo uzajabula eNKOSIni, aphephele kuyo; bonke abaqotho ngenhliziyo bazazincoma.

LWEZIHLABELELO 65

Ukubonga izipho zikaNkulunkulu

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida, ingoma

1Ukulinda ngokuthula kuyindumiso kuwe, Nkulunkulu, eZiyoni, lesifungo sizagcwaliswa kuwe.

2 Wena ozwa umkhuleko, yonke inyama izakuza kuwe.

3 Izinto zobubi zingehlule. Iziphambeko zethu, wena uzenzele inhlawulo yokuthula.

4 Ubusisiwe omkhethayo, omsondezayo ukuthi ahlale emagumeni akho. Sizasutha ngokuhle kwendlu yakho, ithempeli lakho elingcwele.

5 Ngezinto ezesabekayo uzasiphendula, Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwethu, themba lemikhawulo yonke yomhlaba, lelabakhatshana elwandle.

6 Omisa izintaba ngamandla akhe, ebhince amandla.

7 Othulisa ukuduma kwezinlwandle, lenhlokomo yamagagasi azo, lokuxokozela kwabantu.

8 Labakhileyo emikhawulweni bayesaba iziboniso zakho; wenza kuhlabele kuthokoze ukuphuma kokusa lokokuhlwa.

9 Uyahambela umhlaba uwuthelele, uwuvundise kakhulu; umfula kaNkulunkulu ugcwele amanzi; uyabalungisela amabele, lapho uwulungisa ngokunjalo.

10 Uyathelela kakhulu imisele yawo, ulalise imigelo yawo, uyithambise ngezihlambo, ubusise ukumila kwawo.

11 Uyethesa umnyaka ngomqhele wobuhle bakho; lemikhondo yakho ithonta amafutha.

12 Ithontela amadlelo eganga, lamaqaqa embethe intokozo.

13 Amadlelo embethe imihlambi, lezigodi zisitshekelwe ngamabele; kuyajabula kakhulu, njalo kuhlabele.

LWEZIHLABELELO 66

Ukumdumisa uNkulunkulu lokumbonga

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Ihubo, isihlabelelo

1Mhubeleni ngentokozo uNkulunkulu, mhlaba wonke.

2 Hlabelani ubukhosi bebizo lakhe, lenze udumo lwakhe lube lenkazimulo.

3 Tshonini kuNkulunkulu lithi: Yeka ukwesabeka kwezenzo zakho! Ngenxa yobukhulu bamandla akho izitha zakho zizakuthobela ngenkohliso.

4 Umhlaba wonke uzakukhonza, uhlabelele kuwe, bahlabelele ibizo lakho. Sela.

5 Wozani libone izenzo zikaNkulunkulu; uyesabeka ekwenzeni ebantwaneni babantu.

6 Ulwandle waluphendula lwaba ngumhlaba owomileyo; bachapha umfula ngenyawo. Lapho sathokoza kuye.

7 Ubusa ngamandla akhe kuze kube nininini; amehlo akhe ayazilinda izizwe; abalenkani kabangaziphakamisi.Sela.

8 Bongani uNkulunkulu, zizwe, lizwakalise ilizwi lendumiso yakhe.

9 Obeka umphefumulo wethu empilweni, ongavumanga ukuthi unyawo lwethu lutshelele.

10 Ngoba usihlolile, Nkulunkulu, wasicenga njengokucengwa kwesiliva.

11 Wasingenisa embuleni, wabeka inhlupheko enkalweni zethu.

12 Wenze abantu bagade phezu kwekhanda lethu; sadabula emlilweni lasemanzini, kodwa wasikhuphela endaweni elokunengi.

13 Ngizangena endlini yakho ngileminikelo yokutshiswa; ngizakhokha kuwe izifungo zami,

14 indebe zami eziziphumisileyo, lomlomo wami ozikhulumileyo ngisekuhluphekeni.

15 Ngizanikela kuwe iminikelo yokutshiswa yezinonileyo, kanye lempepha yezinqama; ngizanikela inkomo kanye lezimpongo. Sela.

16 Wozani lizwe lina lonke elimesabayo uNkulunkulu, ngizalandisa akwenzele umphefumulo wami.

17 Ngakhala kuye ngomlomo wami, waphakanyiswa ngaphansi kolimi lwami.

18 Uba benginanze ububi enhliziyweni yami, ibingayikuzwa iNkosi.

19 Qotho uNkulunkulu uzwile, walalela ilizwi lomkhuleko wami.

20 Kabongwe uNkulunkulu, ongabuyiselanga emuva umkhuleko wami, kumbe umusa wakhe kimi.

LWEZIHLABELELO 67

Abantu bonke kabamdumise uNkulunkulu

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Ngamachacho. Isihlabelelo, ingoma

1Nkulunkulu, woba lomusa kithi usibusise, ukhanyise ubuso bakho phezu kwethu. Sela.

2 Ukuze indlela yakho yaziwe emhlabeni, usindiso lwakho ezizweni zonke.

3 Kazikudumise izizwe, Nkulunkulu, kabakudumise abantu bonke.

4 Izizwe kazijabule zihlabele ngentokozo, ngoba uzabahlulela abantu ngokuqonda, uhole izizwe emhlabeni. Sela.

5 Kazikudumise izizwe, Nkulunkulu, kabakudumise abantu bonke.

6 Umhlaba uzathela izithelo zawo; uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wethu uzasibusisa.

7 UNkulunkulu uzasibusisa, layo yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba izamesaba.

LWEZIHLABELELO 68

Ukunqoba kukaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo, ingoma kaDavida

1UNkulunkulu kavuke, zihlakazeke izitha zakhe, labamzondayo babaleke phambi kwakhe.

2 Njengokuphetshethwa kwentuthu baphephethe; njengokuncibilikiswa kwengcino phambi komlilo, ababi kabachithwe phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

3 Kodwa abalungileyo kabajabule, bathabe phambi kukaNkulunkulu, njalo bathokoze ngentokozo.

4 Hlabelelani kuNkulunkulu, hlabelelani indumiso ebizweni lakhe, limphakamise lowo ogade esedlula emagcekeni enkangala ngebizo lakhe uJehova, njalo thokozani phambi kwakhe.

5 Unguyise wezintandane lomahluleli wabafelokazi, uNkulunkulu endaweni yakhe yokuhlala engcwele.

6 UNkulunkulu uhlalisa ababodwa emulini, ukhupha ababotshiweyo ebasa empumelelweni, kodwa abalenkanibahlala elizweni elomileyo.

7 Nkulunkulu, ekuphumeni kwakho phambi kwabantu bakho, ekuhambeni kwakho enkangala; Sela:

8 Umhlaba wazamazama, lawo amazulu athontisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu, le iSinayi, phambi kukaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

9 Walinisa izulu elikhulu, Nkulunkulu; waliqinisa wena ilifa lakho selikhathele.

10 Ibandla lakho lahlala kulo; wamlungisela ngobuhle bakho oswelayo, Nkulunkulu.

11 INkosi yanika ilizwi; abesifazana ababika izindaba babelixuku elikhulu.

12 Amakhosi amabutho ayabaleka, ayabaleka. Owesifazana ohlezi ekhaya wayaba impango.

13 Lanxa lilala phakathi kwezibaya zezimvu, lizakuba njengempiko zejuba ezisitshekelwe ngesiliva, lezinsiba zalo ngegolide eliliganu.

14 Lapho uSomandla echitha amakhosi kulo, kwaba mhlophe njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo eZalimoni.

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15 Intaba yeBashani yintaba kaNkulunkulu, intaba elezingqonga, intaba yeBashani.

16 Likhangelelani ngomhawu, lina zintaba zezingqonga? Lintaba uNkulunkulu uyiloyisele ukuhlala kwakhe. Yebo, iNKOSI izahlala kuyo kuze kube nininini.

17 Izinqola zikaNkulunkulu ziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, izinkulungwane zezinkulungwane, iNkosi iphakathi kwazo, iSinayi endaweni engcwele.

18 Wena wenyukele phezulu, wathumba abathunjiweyo; wemukela izipho ebantwini, yebo, lakwabalenkani; ukuze uJehova uNkulunkulu ahlale khona.

19 Kayibongwe iNkosi; isethwesa insuku ngensuku; uNkulunkulu ulusindiso lwethu. Sela.

20 UNkulunkulu wethu unguNkulunkulu wezinsindiso; lakuJehova iNkosi kulokuphuma ekufeni.

21 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzaphohloza ikhanda lezitha zakhe, ukhakhayi olulenwele lwalowo ohamba ezonweni zakhe.

22 INkosi yathi: Ngizababuyisa bevela eBashani, ngibabuyise bevela enzikini yolwandle,

23 ukuze inyawo zakho uzigxamuze egazini lezitha, inlimi zezinja zakho kulo.

24 Zibonile izindwendwe zakho, Nkulunkulu; izindwendwe zikaNkulunkulu wami, iNkosi yami, endaweni engcwele.

25 Ngaphambili kuhamba abahlabelayo, ngemuva abatshayi bamachacho, phakathi izintombi zitshaya izigubhu.

26 Bongani uNkulunkulu emabandleni, iNKOSI, kuvela emthonjeni kaIsrayeli.

27 Nango uBhenjamini omncinyane umbusi wabo, iziphathamandla zikaJuda, inkundla yazo, iziphathamandla zikaZebuluni, iziphathamandla zikaNafithali.

28 UNkulunkulu wakho ulaye amandla akho; qinisa, Nkulunkulu, lokho osenzele khona.

29 Ngenxa yethempeli lakho eJerusalema amakhosi azakulethela isipho.

30 Sikhuze isilo somhlanga, umhlambi wezinkunzi kanye lamankonyana abantu, kuze kuthobeke kulenhlamvu zesiliva; ubahlakaze abantu abathokoza ezimpini.

31 Iziphathamandla zizakuza zivela eGibhithe; iEthiyophiya izakwelulela izandla zayo kuNkulunkulu ngokuphangisa.

32 Mibuso yomhlaba, hlabelelani kuNkulunkulu, lihlabelele indumiso eNkosini. Sela.

33 Kuyo egade phezu kwamazulu amazulu awendulo; khangelani, iphumisa ilizwi layo, ilizwi elilamandla.

34 Phanini amandla kuNkulunkulu; ubukhosi bakhe buphezu kukaIsrayeli, lamandla akhe asemayezini.

35 Uyesabeka, Nkulunkulu, ezindaweni zakho ezingcwele; uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli nguye onika abantu bakheamandla lengalo. Kabongwe uNkulunkulu.

LWEZIHLABELELO 69

Ukukhala kohluphekayo

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeShoshanimi. EsikaDavida

1 Ngisindisa, Nkulunkulu, ngoba amanzi asengene kuwo umphefumulo.

2 Ngiyatshona odakeni olujulileyo, lapho okungelakuma khona; ngingene emanzini atshonayo, lapho impophoma iyangicwilisa.

3 Ngidiniwe yikukhala kwami, umphimbo wami womile qha; amehlo ami ayafiphala ekulindeleni uNkulunkulu wami.

4 Abangizondayo ngeze banengi okwedlula inwele zekhanda lami; abangangibhubhisa, izitha zami ngaphandle kwecala, balamandla. Lokho engingakwebanga ngasengikubuyisela.

5 Nkulunkulu, wena uyabazi ubuthutha bami, lezono zami kazifihlakalanga kuwe.

6 Kabangayangeki ngenxa yami labo abakulindeleyo, Nkosi Jehova wamabandla; bangadunyazwa ngenxa yami labo abakudingayo, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

7 Ngoba ngenxa yakho ngithwele ihlazo; inhloni zisibekele ubuso bami.

8 Sengaba ngowemzini kubafowethu, lowezizweni kubantwana bakamama.

9 Ngoba ukutshisekela indlu yakho kungidlile, lenhlamba yabakuhlambazayo iwele phezu kwami.

10 Ngasengilila ekuzileni ukudla komphefumulo wami, njalo kwaba yikudunyazwa kimi.

11 Ngasengisenza isaka isembatho sami, ngaba yisiga kibo.

12 Abahlezi esangweni bakhuluma ngami, njalo ngaba yingoma yabanatha okunathwayo okulamandla.

13 Kodwa mina umkhuleko wami ukuwe, NKOSI, ngesikhathi somusa, Nkulunkulu, ngobunengi besihawu sakho, ngiphendule, ngeqiniso losindiso lwakho.

14 Ungophule odakeni, ngingatshoni; ngikhululwe kwabangizondayo lenzikini yamanzi.

15 Impophoma yamanzi kayingangicwilisi, lenziki ingangiginyi, lomgodi ungavali umlomo wawo phezu kwami.

16 Ngiphendula, NKOSI, ngoba uthandolomusa wakho lulungile; ngobunengi besihawu sakho uphendukele kimi.

17 Njalo ungayifihleli ubuso bakho inceku yakho; ngoba ngiyahlupheka, phangisa ungiphendule.

18 Sondela emphefumulweni wami, uwuhlenge, ungikhulule ngenxa yezitha zami.

19 Wena uyakwazi ukuthukwa kwami lehlazo lami lokudunyazwa kwami; izitha zami zonke ziphambi kwakho.

20 Ukuthukwa kuyidabule inhliziyo yami, njalo ngibuthakathaka. Bengilindele ongangihawukela, kodwa wayengekho, labaduduzayo, kodwa kangibatholanga.

21 Basebengipha inyongo ibe yikudla kwami, lekomeni kwami banginathisa iviniga.

22 Itafula labo eliphambi kwabo kalibe ngumjibila, ibe yisifu sabonwabileyo.

23 Amehlo abo kawafiphale ukuze bangaboni, njalo wenze inkalo zabo zihlale zithuthumele.

24 Thela intukuthelo yakho phezu kwabo, lolaka lwakho oluvuthayo lubafice.

25 Indawo yabo yokuhlala kayibe lunxiwa, kungabi khona ohlala emathenteni abo.

26 Ngoba omtshayileyo wena bayamzingela, njalo baxoxa kube buhlungu kwabalinyazwe nguwe.

27 Yengezelela ukona ekoneni kwabo, ukuze bangangeni ekulungeni kwakho.

28 Kabesulwe ogwalweni lwabaphilayo, bangabalwa kanye labalungileyo.

29 Kodwa mina ngilusizi, ngiyafuthelwa; usindiso lwakho, Nkulunkulu, kalungimise phezulu ngivikelekile.

30 Ngizadumisa ibizo likaNkulunkulu ngehubo, ngimkhulise ngokubonga.

31 Kuzakuba kuhle-ke eNKOSIni okwedlula inkabi kumbe ijongosi elilempondo lenklagu.

32 Abathobekileyo bazabona, bathokoze; lina elidinga uNkulunkulu inhliziyo yenu izaphila.

33 Ngoba iNKOSI iyabezwa abaswelayo, njalo kayideleli izibotshwa zayo.

34 Kakuthi amazulu lomhlaba kuyidumise, izinlwandle lakho konke okunyakaza phakathi kwazo.

35 Ngoba uNkulunkulu uzasindisa iZiyoni, ayakhe imizi yakoJuda; njalo bahlale khona badle ilifa layo.

36 Lenzalo yenceku zakhe izakudla ilifa layo, labathanda ibizo lakhe bazahlala kuyo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 70

Umkhuleko wokucela ukukhululwa

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. EsikaDavida. Ukukhumbuza

1 Nkulunkulu, ngophula, NKOSI, phangisa ungisize.

2 Kabayangeke babe lenhloni bonke abadinga umphefumulo wami; kababuyiselwe emuva bayangisweabaloyisa ukulimala kwami.

3 Kababuyele emuva kube ngumvuzo wehlazo labo abathi: Aha, aha!

4 Kabathabe bajabule kuwe bonke abakudingayo; labathanda usindiso lwakho kabatsho njalo bathi: Kabe mkhulu uNkulunkulu!

5 Kodwa ngingumyanga njalo ngiyaswela; Nkulunkulu, phangisa uze kimi. Wena ungumsizi wami lomkhululi wami; NKOSI, ungaphuzi.

LWEZIHLABELELO 71

Umkhuleko womuntu omdala ecela ukusizwa

1 Kuwe, NKOSI, ngiyaphephela; kangingayangeki lanininini.

2 Ngikhulula ngokulunga kwakho, ungophule; beka indlebe yakho kimi, ungisindise.

3 Woba lidwala lokuhlala kimi, ngiye kulo njalonjalo; ulayile ukungisindisa, ngoba ulidwala lami lenqaba yami.

4 Nkulunkulu wami, ngophula esandleni somubi lesandleni songalunganga lolesihluku.

5 Ngoba wena, ulithemba lami Nkosi, Jehova, ithemba lami kwasebutsheni bami.

6 Ngeyame kuwe kwasesizalweni; nguwe owangikhupha esiswini sikamama; indumiso yami ingawe njalonjalo.

7 Benginjengesimangaliso kwabanengi; kodwa wena uyisiphephelo sami esiqinileyo.

8 Umlomo wami kawugcwaliswe ngendumiso yakho, usuku lonke ngodumo lwakho.

9 Ungangilahli esikhathini sokuluphala, ungangitshiyi ekupheleni kwamandla ami.

10 Ngoba izitha zami zikhuluma zimelene lami, labacathamela umphefumulo
wami bayacebisana,

11 besithi: UNkulunkulu umtshiyile; zingelani, limbambe, ngoba kakho
okhululayo.

12 Nkulunkulu, ungabi khatshana lami; Nkulunkulu wami, phangisela usizo
lwami.

13 Kabayangeke baphele abayizitha zomphefumulo wami, kabasitshekelwe
yikuyangeka lehlazo labo abadinga ukoniwa kwami.

14 Kodwa mina ngizathemba njalonjalo, ngengeze ekudunyisweni kwakho konke.

15 Umlomo wami uzalandisa ukulunga kwakho, usuku lonke usindiso lwakho,
ngoba kangiwazi amanani akho.

16 Ngizahamba emandleni eNkosi uJehova, ngiqambe ukulunga kwakho,
okwakho kuphela.

17 Nkulunkulu, ungifundisile kusukela ebutsheni bami, njalo kuze kube khathesi
ngitshumayele izimangaliso zakho.

18 Lalapho sengiluphele sengiyimpunga, Nkulunkulu, ungangitshiyi, ngize
ngitshumayele ingalo yakho kuso isizukulwana, amandla akho kuye wonke
ozakuza.

19 Lokulunga kwakho, Nkulunkulu, kufika ezingqongeni, owenze izinto ezinkulu;
Nkulunkulu, ngubani onjengawe?

20 Ongenze ngabona inhlupheko ezinengi lezibuhlungu, uzangivuselela futhi,
ungikhuphule futhi ezinzikini zomhlaba.

21 Uzakwandisa ubukhulu bami, ungiduduze inhlangothi zonke.

22 Lami ngizakudumisa ngogubhu lwezintambo, iqiniso lakho, Nkulunkulu wami;
ngizahlabelela izibongo kuwe ngechacho, wena ongcwele kaIsrayeli.

23 Indebe zami zizamemeza ngentokozo lapho ngihlabelela kuwe, lomphefumulo
wami owuhlengileyo.

24 Futhi ulimi lwami luzakhuluma ngokulunga kwakho usuku lonke, ngoba
bayangekile, ngoba badumazeka, abadinga ukoniwa kwami.

LWEZIHLABELELO 72

Ukukhulekela inkosi

NgoSolomoni

1Nkulunkulu, nika inkosi izahlulelo zakho lokulunga kwakho endodaneni
yenkosi.

2 Izakwehlulela abantu bakho ngokulunga, labayanga bakho ngokuqonda.

3 Izintaba zizalethela abantu ukuthula, lamaqaqa, ngokulunga.

4 Izakwahlulela abahluphekayo babantu, isindise abantwana babaswelayo, ifohloze umcindezeli.

5 Bazakwesaba wena lisekhona ilanga, isekhona lenyanga, kuzizukulwana ngezizukulwana.

6 Izakwehla njengezulu etshanini obugundiweyo, njengezihlambo ezithambisa umhlaba.

7 Ensukwini zayo olungileyo uzahluma; lokwanda kokuthula, ize ingabi khona inyanga.

8 Izabusa-ke kusukela elwandle kusiya elwandle, lakusukela emfuleni kusiya emikhawulweni yomhlaba.

9 Abahlala enkangala bazakhothama phambi kwayo; izitha zayo zizakhotha uthuli.

10 Amakhosi eTarshishi lawezihlengeni azaletha izipho, amakhosi eShebha leSeba asondeze izipho.

11 Amakhosi wonke azayikhothamela, izizwe zonke ziyikhonze.

12 Ngoba izamkhulula oswelayo ekhala, longumyanga, longelamsizi.

13 Izahawukela ongumyanga loswelayo, isindise imiphefumulo yabaswelayo.

14 Izahlenga umphefumulo wabo ecindezelweni ledlakeleni; legazi labo lizakuba ligugu emehlweni ayo.

15 Izaphila, inikwe okwegolide leShebha, ikhulekelwe njalonjalo, usuku lonke ibusiswe.

16 Kuzakuba khona inala yamabele elizweni ezingqongeni zezintaba; izithelo zawo zihatshazele njengeLebhanoni; labomuzi bazahluma njengotshani bomhlaba.

17 Ibizo layo lizakuba khona kuze kube phakade, lebizo layo lizakwanda lisekhona ilanga. Njalo bazabusiswa kuyo; izizwe zonke zizakuthi ibusisiwe.

18 Kayibongwe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, onguye yedwa owenza imimangaliso.

19 Kalibusiswe ibizo lakhe elilodumo kuze kube nininini; umhlaba wonke ugcwaliswe ngodumo lwakhe. Ameni, loAmeni!

20 Imikhuleko kaDavida indodana kaJese isiphelile.

LWEZIHLABELELO 73

Ukuphela kwababi

Isihlabelelo sikaAsafi

1 Qotho uNkulunkulu ulungile kuIsrayeli, kulabo abahlambulukileyo enhliziyweni.

2 Kodwa mina inyawo zami zaphose zasuka, izinyathelo zami zaphose zatshelela.

3 Ngoba ngaba lomhawu ngabazikhukhumezayo, ngibona ukuphumelela kwababi.

4 Ngoba kakulazibopho ekufeni kwabo, kodwa amandla abo aqinile.

5 Kabakho enhluphekweni njengabanye abantu, njalo kabahlutshwa njengabanye abantu.

6 Ngakho-ke ukuzigqaja kuyabazungeza njengeketane, udlame luyabasibekela njengesembatho.

7 Amehlo abo aqumbile ngamafutha; iminakano yenhliziyo iyaphuphuma.

8 Bayakloloda, bakhulume ngobubi ngocindezelo; bakhuluma besekuphakameni.

9 Bamisa umlomo wabo umelene lamazulu, lolimi lwabo luhamba emhlabeni.

10 Ngakho abantu bakhe bayaphendukela lapha, lamanzi enkezo egcweleyo akhanyelwa bona.

11 Njalo bathi: UNkulunkulu wazi njani? Kukhona ulwazi yini koPhezukonke?

12 Khangela, laba ngabangelaNkulunkulu, kanti bayaphumelela elizweni, bandisa inotho.

13 Isibili ngihlambulule inhliziyo yami ngeze, ngageza izandla zami ngokungelacala.

14 Ngoba ngihlutshiwe usuku lonke, lesijeziso sami sisekuseni yonke.

15 Uba bengingathi: Ngizakhuluma ngokunje, khangela, ngabe ngisikhohlisile isizukulwana sabantwana bakho.

16 Lapho nganakana ukwazi lokhu, kwakubuhlungu emehlweni ami,

17 ngaze ngangena ezindlini ezingcwele zikaNkulunkulu; ngasengikuqedisisa ukuphela kwabo.

18 Isibili ubamisa endaweni ezitshelelayo, ubawisela ekubhujisweni.

19 Yeka ukuchitheka kwabo njengokucwayiza kwelihlo! Baphela baqedwe ngokwesabisayo.

20 Njengephupho ekuphaphameni, Nkosi, nxa uvuka uzadelela umfanekiso wabo.

21 Ngakho inhliziyo yami yaba buhlungu, ngahlatshwa ezinsweni zami.

22 Njalo ngaba yisiphukuphuku esingaziyo, ngaba njengenyamazana kuwe.

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23 Kodwa mina ngihlezi ngilawe; ubambe isandla sami sokunene.

24 Uzangikhokhela ngeseluleko sakho, lemva kwalokho ungemukele enkazimulweni.

25 Ngilobani emazulwini ngaphandle kwakho? Njalo kakukho engikufisayo emhlabeni ngaphandle kwakho.

26 Inyama yami lenhliziyo yami kuyaphela; uNkulunkulu ulidwala lenhliziyo yami lesabelo sami kuze kube nininini.

27 Ngoba khangela, abakhatshana lawe bazabhubha; ubachithile bonke abaphingayo ngokusuka kuwe.

28 Kodwa mina kungilungele ukusondela kuNkulunkulu; ngibeke isiphephelo sami eNkosini uJehova, ukutshumayela zonke izenzo zakho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 74

Ukucela kuNkulunkulu ukuthi asize abantu bakhe

IMasikili kaAsafi

1 Nkulunkulu, usilahleleni kokuphela? Ulaka lwakho luvuthelani ngakuzo izimvu zedlelo lakho?

2 Khumbula ibandla lakho owalithenga endulo, intonga yelifa lakho owayihlengayo, le intaba yeZiyoni ohlala kuyo.

3 Phakamisa inyawo zakho ezincithakalweni eziqhubekayo, konke okubi izitha ezikwenzileyo endaweni engcwele.

4 Izitha zakho zibhongile phakathi kwezindawo zakho zokubuthanela, zamisa impawu zazo zibe zimpawu.

5 Umuntu waziwa njengophakamisa amahloka eguswini lezihlahla.

6 Kodwa khathesi zitshaye okubaziweyo kwayo ndawonye ngamahloka lezando.

7 Zinikele indlu yakho engcwele emlilweni, zangcolisa indawo yokuhlala yebizo lakho ngokuyiwiselaemhlabathini.

8 Zathi enhliziyweni yazo: Kasibachithe ndawonye. Zatshisa zonke indawo zokubuthanela zikaNkulunkulu elizweni.

9 Impawu zethu kasiziboni; kakusekho mprofethi; kakho kithi owaziyo ukuthi koze kube nini.

10 Koze kube nini, Nkulunkulu, umcindezeli edelela? Isitha sizahlambaza ibizo lakho kokuphela yini?

11 Usifinyezeleni isandla sakho, yebo isandla sakho sokunene? Sikhuphe phakathi kwesifuba sakho.

12 Kanti uNkulunkulu uyiNkosi yami kusukela endulo, eyenza insindiso phakathi komhlaba.

13 Nguwe owehlukanisa ulwandle ngamandla akho; wafohloza amakhanda emigobho emanzini.

14 Nguwe owachoboza amakhanda kaLeviyathani, wamnikela waba yikudla kwabantu enkangala.

15 Nguwe owaqhekeza umthombo lesifula, nguwe owomisa imifula egeleza njalo.

16 Usuku ngolwakho, lobusuku ngobakho; nguwe owamisa ukukhanya lelanga.

17 Nguwe owamisa yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba; nguwe owenza ihlobo lobusika.

18 Khumbula lokhu, isitha siyangisile, NKOSI, labantu abayizithutha bahlambazile ibizo lakho.

19 Ungawunikeli umphefumulo wejuba lakho ezinyamazaneni zendle; ungakhohlwa ixuku lezihlupheki zakho phakade.

20 Nanzelela isivumelwano; ngoba indawo ezimnyama zomhlaba zigcwele indawo zokuhlala zesihluku.

21 Kangabuyeli eyangekile ocindezelweyo; ohluphekayo loswelayo kabalidumise ibizo lakho.

22 Vuka, Nkulunkulu! Ulumele udaba lwakho, ukhumbule ihlazo lakho ngoyisiwula usuku lonke.

23 Ungakhohlwa ilizwi lezitha zakho, ukuxokozela kwabakuvukelayo kwenyuka njalonjalo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 75

UNkulunkulu ungumahluleli

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Alithashethi. Isihlabelelo sikaAsafi, ihubo

1Siyakubonga, Nkulunkulu, siyabonga, ukuthi ibizo lakho liseduze, iyalandisa imisebenzi yakho emangalisayo.

2 Lapho ngisemukela isikhathi esimisiweyo ngizakwahlulela ngokuqonda.

3 Umhlaba labo bonke abakhileyo kuwo kuncibilikile; mina ngiqinisa insika zawo. Sela.

4 Ngathi kwabayiziwula: Lingabi yiziwula. Lakwababi: Lingaphakamisi uphondo.

5 Lingaphakamiseli phezulu uphondo lwenu, lingakhulumi ngentamo elukhuni.

6 Ngoba ukuphakanyiswa kakuveli empumalanga kumbe entshonalanga njalo hatshi enkangala.

7 Kodwa uNkulunkulu ungumahluleli, uyehlisa omunye, aphakamise omunye.

8 Ngoba esandleni seNKOSI kulenkezo; lewayini liphuphuma, ligcwele inhlanganiso; iyathulula okwalo; kodwa izibhidi zalo, ababi bonke bomhlaba bazazihluza bazinathe.

9 Kodwa mina ngizatshumayela njalonjalo, ngihlabele indumiso kuNkulunkulu kaJakobe.

10 Njalo zonke impondo zababi ngizaziquma; impondo zabalungileyo zizaphakanyiswa.

LWEZIHLABELELO 76

UNkulunkulu onqobayo lowahlulelayo

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Ngamachacho. Isihlabelelo sikaAsafi, ihubo

1UNkulunkulu uyaziwa koJuda; ibizo lakhe likhulu koIsrayeli.

2 Njalo idumba lakhe liseSalema, lendawo yakhe yokuhlala eZiyoni.

3 Lapho wephula imitshoko evuthayo yedandili, isihlangu, lenkemba, lempi. Sela.

4 Uyakhazimula, ulobukhosi okwedlula izintaba zempango.

5 Baphangiwe abaqinileyo ngenhliziyo, balele ubuthongo babo; njalo kakho emaqhaweni othole izandla zawo.

6 Ekukhalimeni kwakho, Nkulunkulu kaJakobe, kokubili inqola lebhiza kulele ubuthongo obukhulu.

7 Wena, wena uyesabeka. Ngubani-ke ongema phambi kwakho kusukela esikhathini solaka lwakho?

8 Wenza isahlulelo sizwakale usemazulwini; umhlaba wesaba wathula,

9 mhla uNkulunkulu evukela isahlulelo, ukusindisa bonke abathobekileyo bomhlaba. Sela.

10 Qotho, ulaka lomuntu luzakudumisa; uzazibhinca ngensalela yolaka.

11 Fungani, likhokhe eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wenu, lonke eliyihanqileyo lilethe izipho kuye ofanele esatshwe.

12 Izaquma umoya weziphathamandla; iyesabeka emakhosini omhlaba.

LWEZIHLABELELO 77

Ukukhumbula izenzo zikaNkulunkulu kuyathokozisa

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeJeduthuni. Isihlabelelo sikaAsafi

1Ilizwi lami likuNkulunkulu, njalo ngiyakhala, ilizwi lami likuNkulunkulu, wasebeka indlebe kimi.

2 Osukwini lokuhlupheka kwami ngayidinga iNkosi; isandla sami selulwa ebusuku, kasiphezanga, umphefumulo wami wala ukududuzwa.

3 Ngamkhumbula uNkulunkulu, ngabubula; ngakhalaza, lomoya wami waphela amandla. Sela.

4 Ubambe amehlo ami ukuthi angalali; ngakhathazeka, kangisakhulumanga.

5 Ngakhumbula insuku zasendulo, iminyaka yekadeni.

6 Ngakhumbula ingoma yami, ebusuku, ngakhuluma lenhliziyo yami, lomoya wami wahlolisisa.

7 INkosi izalahla kokuphela yini? Njalo kayiselakuphinda ibe lomusa yini?

8 Uthandolomusa wayo seluphelile kokuphela yini? Isithembiso sesiphelile kusukela kusizukulwana kusiya kusizukulwana na?

9 UNkulunkulu usekhohliwe ukuba lomusa yini? Usevalele isihawu sakhe ngolaka yini? Sela.

10 Ngasengisithi: Lobu yibuthakathaka bami; iminyaka yesandla sokunene soPhezukonke.

11 Ngizakhumbula izenzo zeNKOSI. Isibili, ngizakhumbula izimangaliso zakho ezindala.

12 Ngizazindla ngomsebenzi wakho wonke, ngikhulume ngezenzo zakho.

13 Nkulunkulu, indlela yakho isendaweni engcwele. Ngubani unkulunkulu omkhulu njengoNkulunkulu?

14 Wena unguNkulunkulu owenza isimangaliso; wazisa amandla akho phakathi kwezizwe.

15 Ngengalo yakho uhlengile abantu bakho, amadodana kaJakobe loJosefa. Sela.

16 Amanzi akubona, Nkulunkulu, amanzi akubona, ethuka; izinziki lazo zathuthumela.

17 Amayezi athulula amanzi, lezibhakabhaka zaduma; imitshoko yakho layo yaya le lale.

18 Ilizwi lokuduma kwakho lalisesivunguvungwini; imibane yakhanyisa umhlaba; lomhlaba wagedezelawazamazama.

19 Indlela yakho iselwandle, lomkhondo wakho emanzini amanengi, lezinyathelo zakho zazingaziwa.

20 Wakhokhela abantu bakho njengomhlambi ngesandla sikaMozisi loAroni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 78

Uthembeko lukaNkulunkulu lokungathembeki kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli

IMasikili kaAsafi

1Lalelani, bantu bami, umthetho wami, libeke indlebe yenu emazwini omlomo wami.

2 Ngizavula umlomo wami ngomfanekiso, ngikhuphe izimfihlakalo zendulo,

3 esizizwileyo lesizaziyo, obaba abasitshela zona.

4 Kasiyikuzifihlela abantwana babo, kusizukulwana esilandelayo, silandisa izindumiso zeNKOSI, lamandla ayo, lezimangaliso ezenzileyo.

5 Ngoba wamisa ubufakazi koJakobe, wabeka umlayo koIsrayeli, awulaya obaba, ukuze bawazise abantwana babo,

6 ukuze isizukulwana esilandelayo sazi, abantwana abazazalwa, basukume batshele abantwana babo,

7 ukuze babeke ithemba labo kuNkulunkulu, bangayikhohlwa imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu, kodwa bagcine imithetho yakhe;

8 njalo bangabi njengaboyise, isizukulwana esilenkani lesivukelayo, isizukulwana esingaqondisanga inhliziyo yaso, lesimoya waso ungathembekanga kuNkulunkulu.

9 Abantwana bakoEfrayimi, behlomile betshoka ngamadandili, babuyela emuva mhla wempi.

10 Kabasilondolozanga isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, bala ukuhamba emlayweni wakhe.

11 Bakhohlwa izenzo zakhe lezimangaliso zakhe ayebatshengisa zona.

12 Phambi kwaboyise wenza isimangaliso elizweni leGibhithe, egangeni leZowani.

13 Waqhekeza ulwandle, wabachaphisa, wenza amanzi ema njengenqumbi.

14 Wabakhokhela ngeyezi emini, lebusuku bonke ngokukhanya komlilo.

15 Waqhekeza amadwala enkangala, wabanathisa kungathi kuvela ezinzikini ezinkulu.

16 Waseveza izifula edwaleni, wenza amanzi ehla njengemifula.

17 Kodwa baphinda futhi ukona kuye, ngokumvukela oPhezukonke enkangala.

18 Bamlinga uNkulunkulu enhliziyweni yabo ngokucela ukudla kwenkanuko yabo.

19 Basebekhuluma bemelene loNkulunkulu bathi: UNkulunkulu angalungisa itafula enkangala yini?

20 Khangela, watshaya idwala, kwampompoza amanzi, lezifula zagabha; anganika lesinkwa yini? angalungisela abantu bakhe inyama na?

21 Ngakho iNKOSI yezwa yathukuthela; umlilo wasubaselwa uJakobe, njalo lolaka
lwavukela uIsrayeli,

22 ngoba kabakholwanga kuNkulunkulu, kabathembanga esindisweni lwakhe.

23 Lanxa walaya amayezi ngaphezulu, wavula iminyango yamazulu,

24 wabanisela imana ukuthi badle, wabapha amabele amazulu.

25 Umuntu wadla isinkwa sabalamandla; wabathumela ukudla ukuze basuthe.

26 Wenza umoya wempumalanga wavunguza emazulwini; langamandla akhe
waqhuba umoya weningizimu.

27 Wasenisela phezu kwabo inyama njengothuli, lenyoni ezilempiko
njengetshebetshebe lolwandle;

28 wazenza zawela phakathi kwenkamba yabo, zagombolozela indawo zabo
zokuhlala.

29 Ngakho badla basutha kakhulu, ngoba wabalethela isiloyiso sabo.

30 Kabehlukananga lenkanuko yabo; ukudla kusesemlonyeni wabo,

31 ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lwaselubavukela, wabulala kwabakhulupheleyo babo,
watshaya abakhethiweyo bakoIsrayeli.

32 Kulokhu konke bajinga besona, njalo kabakholwanga ngenxa yezimangaliso
zakhe.

33 Ngakho waziqeda izinsuku zabo ngeze, leminyaka yabo ovalweni.

34 Lapho ebabulala, bamdinga, baphenduka, bamdingisisa uNkulunkulu.

35 Bakhumbula ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulidwala labo, loNkulunkulu oPhezukonke
ungumhlengi wabo.

36 Kodwa bamyenga ngomlomo wabo, baqamba amanga kuye ngolimi lwabo.

37 Ngoba inhliziyo yabo yayingaqondanga kuye, njalo bengathembekanga
esivumelwaneni sakhe.

38 Kodwa yena elesihawu wathethelela ububi babo, kababhubhisanga; yebo,
kanengi walunqanda ulaka lwakhe, kakuvusanga konke ukuthukuthela kwakhe.

39 Ngoba wakhumbula ukuthi bayinyama, umoya odlulayo, ongabuyiyo.

40 Kanengi kangakanani bemvukela ehlane, bemdabukisa enkangala.

41 Yebo baphenduka bamlinga uNkulunkulu, bamdabukisa oNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

42 Kabasikhumbulanga isandla sakhe, usuku abahlenga ngalo esitheni.

43 Ukuthi wamisa njani izibonakaliso zakhe eGibhithe, lezimangaliso
zakhe emmangweni weZowani,

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44 lokuthi waphendula imifula yabo yaba ligazi, lezifula zabo, ukuze banganathi.

45 Wathumela phakathi kwabo umtshitshi wezibawu, ezabadlayo, lamaxoxo ababhubhisayo.

46 Wasenika imihogoyi isivuno sabo, lomsebenzi wabo isikhonyane.

47 Wabulala ivini labo ngesiqhotho, lemikhiwa yabo yesikhamore ngongqwaqwane.

48 Wasenikela izifuyo zabo esiqhothweni, lemihlambi yabo kuyo imibane.

49 Waphosela phezu kwabo ukuvutha kolaka lwakhe, ukuthukuthela, lokucunuka, lokuhlupheka, ngokuthuma izithunywa zobubi.

50 Walungisela ulaka lwakhe indlela, kanqandanga umphefumulo wabo ekufeni, kodwa wanikela impilo yabo kumatshayabhuqe wesifo.

51 Wasetshaya wonke amazibulo eGibhithe, okokuqala kwamandla emathenteni kaHamu.

52 Wasebakhupha abantu bakhe njengezimvu, wabakhokhela enkangala njengomhlambi.

53 Wasebakhokhela bephephile ukuze bangesabi; kodwa ulwandle lwasibekela izitha zabo.

54 Wasebafikisa emkhawulweni wendawo yakhe engcwele, le intaba, isandla sakhe sokunene esayizuzayo.

55 Wasebaxotsha abezizwe phambi kwabo; wababela ilifa ngomzila, wahlalisa izizwe zakoIsrayeli emathenteni azo.

56 Kanti bamlinga, bamvukela uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, kabazigcinanga izifakazelo zakhe.

57 Kodwa babuyela emuva, benza ngokungathembeki njengaboyise, baphanjulwa njengedandili elikhohlisayo.

58 Ngoba bamthukuthelisa ngezindawo zabo eziphakemeyo, bavusa umona wakhe ngezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo.

59 UNkulunkulu esizwa wathukuthela, wamenyanya kakhulu uIsrayeli.

60 Ngakho walitshiya ithabhanekele leShilo, ithente alimisa phakathi kwabantu.

61 Wasenikela amandla akhe ekuthunjweni, lenkazimulo yakhe esandleni sesitha.

62 Wasenikela abantu bakhe enkembeni, waselithukuthelela ilifa lakhe.

63 Umlilo waqeda amajaha abo, lezintombi zabo kazihlatshelelwanga.

64 Abapristi babo bawa ngenkemba, labafelokazi babo kabalilanga.

65 Khona iNkosi yavuka njengobelele, njengeqhawe eliklabalala ngenxa yewayini.

66 Yazitshaya izitha zayo emuva, yazithela ihlazo phakade.

67 Yasilahla ithente likaJosefa, kayikhethanga isizwe sakoEfrayimi.

68 Kodwa yakhetha isizwe sakoJuda, intaba yeZiyoni eyithandayo.

69 Yayakha indlu yayo engcwele njengezingqonga, njengomhlaba ewusekeleyo kuze kube nininini.

70 Yasikhetha uDavida inceku yayo, yamthatha ezibayeni zezimvu;

71 ekulandeleni izimvukazi ezenyisayo, yamletha ukwelusa uJakobe abantu bayo, loIsrayeli ilifa layo.

72 Njalo wabelusa njengobuqotho benhliziyo yakhe, wabakhokhela ngobugabazi bezandla zakhe.

LWEZIHLABELELO 79

Ukucela kuNkulunkulu ukuthi asize abantu bakhe

Isihlabelelo sikaAsafi

1 Nkulunkulu, abezizwe sebengenile elifeni lakho; balingcolisile ithempeli lakho elingcwele; iJerusalema bayenze yaba zinqumbi.

2 Banikile izidumbu zezinceku zakho zaba yikudla kwenyoni zamazulu, inyama yabangcwele bakho kuzo izilo zomhlaba.

3 Balichithile igazi labo njengamanzi inhlangothi zonke zeJerusalema; njalo kakubanga khona ongcwabayo.

4 Sesibe yinhlamba kubomakhelwane bethu, inhlekisa loklolodelo kwabasiphahlileyo.

5 Koze kube nini, NKOSI? Uzathukuthela phakade yini? Ubukhwele bakho buzavutha njengomlilo yini?

6 Thulula ulaka lwakho phezu kwabezizwe abangakwaziyo, laphezu kwemibuso engabizi ibizo lakho.

7 Ngoba bamdlile uJakobe, lomuzi wakhe sebewenze unxiwa.

8 Ungakhumbuli umelene lathi izono zethu zendulo; isihawu sakho kasize masinyane phambi kwethu, ngoba sehliselwe phansi kakhulu.

9 Sisize, Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwethu, ngenxa yodumo lwebizo lakho; sikhulule, uhlawulele izono zethu, ngenxa yebizo lakho.

10 Kungani abezizwe bezakuthi: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo? Kawaziwe phakathi kwezizwe phambi kwamehlo ethu, impindiselo yegazi lenceku zakho elachithwayo.

11 Ukububula kwezibotshwa kakuze phambi kwakho; njengobukhulu bengalo yakho ulondoloze abantwana bokufa.

12 Uphindisele omakhelwane bethu kasikhombisa esifubeni sabo ukuthuka kwabo, abakuthuka ngakho, Nkosi.

13 Khona thina abantu bakho, izimvu zedlelo lakho, sizakubonga kuze kube nininini, silandise udumo lwakho esizukulwaneni ngesizukulwana.

LWEZIHLABELELO 80

Umkhuleko wokusizwa kukaIsrayeli

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeShoshanimi. Ubufakazi. Isihlabelelo sikaAsafi

1Melusi kaIsrayeli, beka indlebe, okhokhela uJosefa njengomhlambi, ohlezi phakathi kwamakherubhi, khanyisa.

2 Phambi kukaEfrayimi loBhenjamini loManase vusa amandla akho, uze ube lusindiso lwethu.

3 Siphendule, Nkulunkulu, wenze ubuso bakho bukhanye, ngakho sizasindiswa.

4 NKOSI Nkulunkulu wamabandla, koze kube nini uthukuthelela umkhuleko wabantu bakho?

5 Ubenze badla isinkwa sezinyembezi, wabanathisa izinyembezi ngesilinganiso.

6 Usenza sibe yingxabano kubomakhelwane bethu, lezitha zethu ziyahlekisana ngathi.

7 Siphendule, Nkulunkulu wamabandla, wenze ubuso bakho bukhanye, ngakho sizasindiswa.

8 Waliletha ivini livela eGibhithe, wazixotsha izizwe, walihlanyela lona.

9 Walungisa indawo phambi kwalo, wagxilisa impande zalo, laze lagcwala umhlaba.

10 Izintaba zembeswa ngomthunzi walo, lezingatsha zalo zinjengemisedari kaNkulunkulu.

11 Lanabisela ingatsha zalo elwandle, lamahlumela alo emfuleni.

12 Uyibhobozeleni imiduli yalo, ukuze balikhe bonke abadlula ngendlela?

13 Ingulube yasehlathini iyalihlikiza, lenyamazana yeganga iyalidla.

14 Nkulunkulu wamabandla, akubuyele, ukhangele phansi usemazulwini, ubone, wethekelele lelivini,

15 ngitsho isivini isandla sakho sokunene esasihlanyelayo, lendodana owaziqinisela yona.

16 Sitshisiwe ngomlilo, saqunyelwa phansi; bayabhubha ngokukhuza kobuso bakho.

17 Isandla sakho kasibe phezu komuntu wesandla sakho sokunene, phezu kwendodana yomuntu, oziqiniseleyona.

18 Ngakho kasiyikubuyela emuva sisuke kuwe; sivuselele, khona sizabiza ibizo lakho.

19 NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wamabandla, siphendule, wenze ubuso bakho bukhanye, ngakho sizasindiswa.

LWEZIHLABELELO 81

Ukungalaleli kukaIsrayeli

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeGithithi. EsikaAsafi

1Hlabelani kakhulu kuNkulunkulu amandla ethu, lihlokome ngentokozo kuNkulunkulu kaJakobe.

2 Thathani ingoma, lilethe isigujana, ichacho elimnandi kanye logubhu lwezintambo.

3 Vuthelani uphondo ekuthwaseni kwenyanga, esikhathini esimisiweyo, ngosuku lomkhosi wethu.

4 Ngoba lokho kuyisimiso kuIsrayeli, umthetho kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe.

5 Wakumisa kwaba yibufakazi kuJosefa, ekuphumeni kwakhe emelene lelizwe leGibhithe; ngezwa ulimiengingalwaziyo.

6 Ngasusa ihlombe lakhe emthwalweni; izandla zakhe zakhululwa ezimbizeni.

7 Wakhala usenhluphekweni, ngakukhulula; ngakuphendula ekusithekeni komdumo; ngakuhlola emanzini eMeriba. Sela.

8 Zwana, sizwe sami, ngizafakaza kuwe, Israyeli, aluba ungangilalela.

9 Kakungabi khona phakathi kwakho unkulunkulu wezizweni, njalo ungakhonzi unkulunkulu wezizweni.

10 Mina ngiyiNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakho, owakwenyusa usuka elizweni leGibhithe. Khamisa umlomo wakho ube banzi, njalo ngizawugcwalisa.

11 Kodwa abantu bami kabalilalelanga ilizwi lami; loIsrayeli kavumelananga lami.

12 Ngakho ngabanikela enkanini yenhliziyo yabo, ukuze bahambe kumacebo abo.

13 Kungathi abantu bami bebengangilalela, uIsrayeli ahambe endleleni zami!

14 Masinyane bengingazehlisela phansi izitha zabo, ngiphendulele isandla sami kwabamelene labo.

15 Abayizondayo iNKOSI bangatshotshobala phambi kwayo ngokuzenzisa, kodwa isikhathi sabo besizakuba phakade.

16 Wayezabondla ngamanono engqoloyi; njalo bengizakusuthisa ngoluju oluvela edwaleni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 82

UNkulunkulu nguye yedwa umahluleli

Isihlabelelo sikaAsafi

1UNkulunkulu uyema enhlanganweni yabahluleli, uyahlulela phakathi kwabonkulunkulu.

2 Koze kube nini lisahlulela ngokungalunganga, lisemukela ubuso bababi? Sela.

3 Yahlulelani umyanga lentandane, lilungisele ohluphekayo loswelayo.

4 Khululani umyanga loswelayo, libophule esandleni sababi.

5 Kabazi kabaqedisisi, baya le lale emnyameni; izisekelo zonke zomhlaba ziyazamazama.

6 Mina ngathi: Lingonkulunkulu, lonke lingamadodana oPhezukonke.

7 Kodwa lizakufa njengabantu, liwe njengesinye seziphathamandla.

8 Vuka, Nkulunkulu! wahlulele umhlaba; ngoba wena izizwe zonke ziyilifa lakho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 83

Umkhuleko wokuthi zichithwe izitha zikaIsrayeli

Ingoma, isihlabelelo sikaAsafi

1Nkulunkulu, ungazithuleli; ungathuli, ungathi zwi, Nkulunkulu.

2 Ngoba, khangela, izitha zakho ziyaxokozela, labakuzondayo baphakamise ikhanda.

3 Benzela abantu bakho iseluleko sobuqili, bacebisana bemelene labafihliweyo bakho.

4 Bathi: Wozani, sibaqume, bangabi yisizwe, lebizo likaIsrayeli lingabe lisakhunjulwa.

5 Ngoba bacebisana nganhliziyonye, benza isivumelwano esimelana lawe;

6 amathente eEdoma, lamaIshmayeli; iMowabi, lamaHagari;

7 iGebali, leAmoni, leAmaleki; amaFilisti kanye labahlali beTire;

8 iAshuri layo isizihlanganise labo; bebeyingalo ebantwaneni bakaLothi. Sela.

9 Yenza kubo njengeMidiyani, njengoSisera, njengoJabini, esifuleni iKishoni.

10 Babhubhela eEndori, baba ngumquba womhlabathi.

11 Yenza zona izikhulu zabo zibe njengoOrebi lanjengoZebi, lawo wonke amakhosana abo abe njengoZebalanjengoZalimuna,

12 abathi: Kasizithathele amadlelo kaNkulunkulu abe ngawethu.

13 Nkulunkulu wami, benze babe njengokuhwithwayo, njengamakhoba phambi komoya,

14 njengomlilo utshisa ihlathi, lanjengelangabi lithungela izintaba.

15 Ngokunjalo baxotshe ngesivunguzane sakho, ubethuse ngesiphepho sakho.

16 Gcwalisa ubuso babo ngehlazo, ukuze balidinge ibizo lakho, NKOSI.

17 Kababe lenhloni bethuke kuze kube nininini, yebo, badunyazwe babhubhe.

18 Ukuze bazi ukuthi nguwe wedwa, obizo lakho nguJehova, oPhezukonke emhlabeni wonke.

LWEZIHLABELELO 84

Ukulangatha indlu kaNkulunkulu

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeGithithi. Kubantwana bakaKora. Isihlabelelo

1 Athandeka kangakanani amathente akho, NKOSI yamabandla!

2 Umphefumulo wami uyalangatha, yebo ngitsho, uyaphela yikunxwanela amaguma eNKOSI. Inhliziyo yami lenyama yami kuyakhala kuNkulunkulu ophilayo.

3 Intaka layo iyathola indlu, lenkonjane isidleke sayo, lapho engabeka khona abantwana bayo, amalathi akho, NKOSI yamabandla, Nkosi yami, loNkulunkulu wami.

4 Babusisiwe abahlala endlini yakho, bazahlala bedumisa wena. Sela.

5 Ubusisiwe umuntu omandla akhe akuwe, okukhona imigwaqo emikhulu enhliziyweni yabo.

6 Abadabula isihotsha seBaka basenza sibe ngumthombo; yebo, insewula iyakugoqela ngezibusiso.

7 Bahamba besuka emandleni besiya emandleni, ngulowo lalowo abonakale phambi kukaNkulunkulu eZiyoni.

8 NKOSI Nkulunkulu wamabandla, zwana umkhuleko wami, ubeke indlebe, Nkulunkulu kaJakobe. Sela.

9 Nkulunkulu, sihlangu sethu, khangela ubone ubuso bogcotshiweyo wakho.

10 Ngoba usuku emagumeni akho lungcono kulenkulungwane. Ngikhetha ukuba
sembundwini womnyango endlini kaNkulunkulu wami kulokuhlala emathenteni
enkohlakalo.

11 Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu ililanga lesihlangu; iNKOSI izakupha umusa lodumo;
kayibagodleli okuhleabahamba ngobuqotho.

12 NKOSI yamabandla, ubusisiwe umuntu othemba kuwe.

LWEZIHLABELELO 85

Umkhuleko wokucelela uIsrayeli ukuthula

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Kubantwana bakaKora. Isihlabelelo

1NKOSI, ubulomusa elizweni lakho. Ubuyisile ukuthunjwa kukaJakobe.

2 Wathethelela ububi babantu bakho, wasibekela zonke izono zabo. Sela.

3 Ukususile konke ukuthukuthela kwakho, waphenduka ekuvutheni kolaka
lwakho.

4 Siphendule, Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwethu, wenze ulaka lwakho kithi luphele.

5 Uzasithukuthelela kokuphela yini? Uzakwelulela ulaka lwakho esizukulwaneni
lesizukulwana yini?

6 Kawuyikubuya usivuselele yini, ukuze abantu bakho bathokoze kuwe?

7 Sitshengise umusa wakho, NKOSI, usinike usindiso lwakho.

8 Ngizakuzwa lokho uNkulunkulu iNKOSI azakukhuluma, ngoba uzakhuluma
ukuthula ebantwini bakhe, lakwabangcwele bakhe, kodwa
kabangabuyeli ebuwuleni.

9 Isibili usindiso lwakhe luseduze kulabo abamesabayo ukuze kuhlale udumo
elizweni lakithi.

10 Umusa leqiniso kuyahlangabezana, ukulunga lokuthula kwangene.

11 Iqiniso lizaphuma emhlabeni, lokulunga kuzakhangela phansi kusemazulwini.

12 Yebo, iNKOSI izanika okuhle, lelizwe lethu lizathela isivuno salo.

13 Ukulunga kuzahamba phambi kwayo, kwenzele izinyathelo zayo indlela.

LWEZIHLABELELO 86

Umkhuleko wokucela isihawu sikaNkulunkulu

Umkhuleko kaDavida

1Beka indlebe yakho, NKOSI, ungiphendule, ngoba ngingumyanga, ngiyaswela.

2 Londoloza umphefumulo wami, ngoba ngiyamesaba uNkulunkulu; wena
Nkulunkulu wami, sindisa inceku yakho ekuthembayo.

3 Woba lesihawu kimi, Nkosi, ngoba ngikhala kuwe usuku lonke.

4 Thokozisa umphefumulo wenceku yakho, ngoba kuwe, Nkosi, ngiyawuphakamisela umphefumulo wami.

5 Ngoba wena, Nkosi, ulungile, ungothethelelayo; umkhulu emuseni kubo bonke abakubizayo.

6 Beka indlebe, NKOSI, emkhulekweni wami; ulalele ilizwi lokuncenga kwami.

7 Ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwami ngizakhala kuwe, ngoba uzangiphendula.

8 Kakho ofanana lawe phakathi kwabonkulunkulu, Nkosi, njalo enjengemisebenzi yakho kayikho.

9 Izizwe zonke ozenzileyo zizakuza zikhothame phambi kwakho, Nkosi, zidumise ibizo lakho.

10 Ngoba wena umkhulu, wenza izinto ezimangalisayo, unguNkulunkulu wena wedwa.

11 Ngifundisa indlela yakho, NKOSI, ngizahamba eqinisweni lakho; hlanganisa inhliziyo yami ukuze yesabe ibizo lakho.

12 Ngizakudumisa, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ngenhliziyo yami yonke; ngilidumise ibizo lakho kuze kube nininini.

13 Ngoba umusa wakho phezu kwami mkhulu; njalo wakhulula umphefumulo wami esihogweni esingaphansi kakhulu.

14 Nkulunkulu, abazigqajayo bangivukele, lemibuthano yabalobudlwangudlwangu idinga umphefumulo wami; njalo kabakubekanga phambi kwabo.

15 Kodwa wena, Nkosi, unguNkulunkulu olozwelo, lolesisa, ophuza ukuthukuthela, lomkhulu emuseni leqinisweni.

16 Phendukela kimi, ungihawukele; uyiphe inceku yakho amandla akho, usindise indodana yencekukazi yakho.

17 Ngenzela isiboniso sokuhle, ukuze labo abangizondayo babone bayangeke, ngoba wena, Nkosi, ungisizile wangiduduza.

LWEZIHLABELELO 87

IJerusalema umuzi olodumo

Kubantwana bakaKora. Isihlabelelo, ihubo

1 Isisekelo sayo siphezu kwentaba ezingcwele.

2 INKOSI iyawathanda amasango eZiyoni kulazo zonke indawo zokuhlala zikaJakobe.

3 Izinto ezidumileyo zikhulunywa ngawe, muzi kaNkulunkulu! Sela.

4 Ngizaqamba iRahabi leBhabhiloni kwabangaziyo; khangela, iFilisti leTire kanye leEthiyophiya; lo wazalelwa khona.

5 LangeZiyoni kuzakuthiwa: Lo lalowayana bazalelwa kuyo. LoPhezukonke uqobo uzayiqinisa.

6 INKOSI izabala ekubhaleni kwayo abantu, ukuthi lo wazalelwa khona. Sela.

7 Labahlabeleli kanye labagidi, yonke imithombo yami ikuwe.

LWEZIHLABELELO 88

Ukukhala kohluphekayo

Ihubo, isihlabelelo. Kubantwana bakaKora. Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. NgeMahalathi-Leyanothi. IMasikili kaHemani umEzira

1NKOSI Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwami, emini, ebusuku ngakhala phambi kwakho.

2 Umkhuleko wami kawuze phambi kwakho; beka indlebe yakho ekukhaleni kwami.

3 Ngoba umphefumulo wami ugcwele ukuhlupheka, lempilo yami ifinyelela engcwabeni.

4 Ngibalwa lalabo abehlela emgodini; nginjengomuntu ongelamandla.

5 Ngikhululwe phakathi kwabafileyo, nginjengababuleweyo abalele engcwabeni, ongasabakhumbuliyo; ngoba bequnyiwe basuswa esandleni sakho.

6 Ungifakile emgodini ongaphansi kakhulu, emnyameni, ekujuleni.

7 Intukuthelo yakho iyangeleka, langawo wonke amagagasi akho ungihluphile. Sela.

8 Ususele khatshana lami abejwayelene lami; wangenza ngibe yisinengiso kubo; ngivalelwe, ngingephume.

9 Ilihlo lami liyaphela ngenxa yosizi. Ngikubizile lonke usuku, NKOSI, ngelulele izandla zami kuwe.

10 Abafileyo uyabenzela izimangaliso yini? Imimoya efileyo izavuka yini ikudumise? Sela.

11 Uthando lwakho luzalandiswa yini engcwabeni? Ukuthembeka kwakho encithakalweni yini?

12 Izimangaliso zakho zizakwaziwa yini emnyameni? Lokulunga kwakho elizweni lokukhohlwa yini?

13 Kodwa mina, NKOSI, ngikhalile kuwe, lekuseni umkhuleko wami uzakuza phambi kwakho.

14 NKOSI, ulahlelani umphefumulo wami? Ubufihlelani ubuso bakho kimi?

15 Ngihluphekile ngingofayo kusukela ebutsheni, ngithwele ukwesabeka kwakho, ngikhathazekile.

16 Ulaka lwakho olutshisayo ludlulile phezu kwami, okwesabekayo kwakho kungiqedile.

17 Kungizingelezile njengamanzi usuku lonke, kungihanqile kanyekanye.

18 Ususele khatshana lami othandayo lomngane, abejwayelene lami basemnyameni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 89

Izithembiso zikaNkulunkulu
IMasikili kaEthani umEzira

1 Ngizahlabela ngezisa zakho, NKOSI, kuze kube nininini; ngomlomo wami ngizakwazisa ukuthembeka kwakho kusizukulwana lesizukulwana.

2 Ngoba ngithe: Umusa uzakwakhiwa kuze kube phakade; emazulwini ngokwawo uzaqinisa uthembeko lwakho.

3 Ngenze isivumelwano lomkhethwa wami, ngifungile kuDavida inceku yami.

4 Ngizaqinisa inzalo yakho kuze kube nininini, ngakhe isihlalo sakho sobukhosi esizukulwaneni lesizukulwana.Sela.

5 Lamazulu azadumisa izimangaliso zakho, NKOSI, lalo uthembeko lwakho ebandleni labangcwele.

6 Ngoba ngubani esibhakabhakeni ongafananiswa leNKOSI? Ngubani ofanana leNKOSI phakathi kwamadodana abalamandla?

7 UNkulunkulu uyesabeka kakhulu emhlanganweni wabangcwele, njalo umele ukuhlonitshwa phezu kwabo bonke abamhanqileyo.

8 NKOSI Nkulunkulu wamabandla, ngubani olamandla njengawe, NKOSI? Lothembeko lwakho lukuhanqile.

9 Wena uyabusa ukukhukhumala kolwandle; lapho amagagasi alo ephakama wena uyawathulisa.

10 Wena wamchoboza uRahabi njengobuleweyo, wazihlakaza izitha zakho ngengalo yamandla akho.

11 Amazulu ngawakho, lomhlaba ngowakho; ilizwe lokugcwala kwalo, wena wakusekela.

12 Inyakatho leningizimu wakudala wena; iThabhori leHermoni kuzajabula ngebizo lakho.

13 Ulengalo elamandla, isandla sakho siqinile, isandla sakho sokunene siphakeme.

14 Ukulunga lesahlulelo kuyisisekelo sesihlalo sakho sobukhosi: umusa leqiniso kuhamba phambi kobuso bakho.

15 Babusisiwe abantu abawaziyo umsindo wentokozo; bazahamba ekukhanyeni kobuso bakho, NKOSI.

16 Ebizweni lakho bazathokoza usuku lonke, langokulunga kwakho bazaphakanyiswa.

17 Ngoba wena uludumo lwamandla abo; langomusa wakho uphondo lwethu luzaphakanyiswa.

18 Ngoba isihlangu sethu singeseNKOSI, lenkosi yethu ingeyoNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

19 Khona wakhuluma ngombono kongcwele wakho, wathi: Ngibekile usizo phezu kweqhawe, ngimphakamisile okhethiweyo phakathi kwabantu.

20 Ngithole uDavida inceku yami, ngamafutha ami angcwele ngimgcobile,

21 osandla sami sizakuba laye siqinile, ingalo yami layo izamqinisa.

22 Isitha kasiyikumcindezela, lendodana yenkohlakalo kayiyikumhlupha.

23 Ngizazichoboza izitha zakhe phambi kobuso bakhe, ngihluphe abamzondayo.

24 Kodwa uthembeko lwami lomusa wami kuzakuba laye, lebizweni lami luzaphakanyiswa uphondo lwakhe.

25 Njalo ngizabeka isandla sakhe olwandle, lesandla sakhe sokunene emifuleni.

26 Yena uzangibiza ngokuthi: Wena ungubaba wami, uNkulunkulu wami, ledwala losindiso lwami.

27 Njalo mina ngizammisa abe lizibulo, aphakame kakhulu kulamakhosi omhlaba.

28 Ngizaligcinela umusa wami kuze kube nininini, lesivumelwano sami sizaqina kuye.

29 Njalo ngizamisa inzalo yakhe kuze kube nininini, lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi njengensuku zamazulu.

30 Uba abantwana bakhe betshiya umlayo wami, bangahambi ngezahlulelo zami,

31 uba besephula izimiso zami, bengagcini imithetho yami,

32 ngizaphindisela iziphambeko zabo ngenduku, lesono sabo ngenswazi.

33 Kodwa kangiyikulususa du uthandolomusa wami kuye, ngingakhohlisi ngothembeko lwami.

34 Kangiyikwephula isivumelwano sami, lalokho okuphuma endebeni zami kangiyikukuguqula.

35 Ngafunga kwaba kanye ngobungcwele bami: Kangiyikuqamba amanga
kuDavida.

36 Inzalo yakhe izakuba khona kuze kube nininini, lesihlalo sakhe
sobukhosi njengelanga phambi kwami.

37 Sizaqiniswa njengenyanga kuze kube nininini, lobufakazi emayezini bumi
buqinile. Sela.

38 Kodwa wena usulahlile wala, wamthukuthelela ogcotshiweyo wakho.

39 Usenze ize isivumelwano senceku yakho; wangcolisa umqhele
wakhe emhlabathini.

40 Uyibhobozile yonke imithangala yakhe, wazenza inqaba zakhe amanxiwa.

41 Bonke abadlula ngendlela bayamphanga; ulihlazo kubomakhelwane bakhe.

42 Usiphakamisile isandla sokunene sabamelene laye; wazithokozisa zonke izitha
zakhe.

43 Futhi ubuyisele emuva ubukhali benkemba yakhe; kawumenzanga ame
empini.

44 Uyiqedile inkazimulo yakhe, lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi wasiphosela
emhlabathini.

45 Ufinyezile insuku zobutsha bakhe, wamembesa ihlazo. Sela.

46 Koze kube nini, NKOSI, ucatsha kuze kube phakade? Ulaka lwakho luvutha
njengomlilo yini?

47 Khumbula ukuthi isikhathi sempilo yami singakanani; kungani wadalela ize
bonke abantwana babantu?

48 Ngubani umuntu ophilayo ongaboni ukufa? Akhulule umphefumulo wakhe
esandleni sengcwaba na? Sela.

49 Zingaphi izisa zakho zakuqala, Nkosi, owazifunga kuDavida ngothembeko
lwakho?

50 Khumbula, Nkosi, ihlazo lezinceku zakho, engilithwele esifubeni
sami, elazo zonke izizwe ezinengi,

51 izitha zakho ezithuke ngalo, NKOSI, ezithuke ngalo izinyathelo zogcotshiweyo
wakho.

52 Kayibongwe iNKOSI kuze kube nininini. Ameni, loAmeni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 90

UNkulunkulu ongapheliyo lokuphela komuntu

Umkhuleko kaMozisi, umuntu kaNkulunkulu

1Nkosi, wena ubuyindawo yethu yokuhlala kusizukulwana lesizukulwana.

2 Zingakazalwa intaba, kumbe uveze umhlaba lelizwe, ngitsho kusukela ephakadeni kuze kube sephakadeni wena unguNkulunkulu.

3 Uyambuyisela umuntu encithakalweni, uthi: Buyelani, bantwana babantu.

4 Ngoba iminyaka eyinkulungwane emehlweni akho injengelanga lezolo selidlulile, lanjengomlindo ebusuku.

5 Uyabakhukhula, banjengobuthongo, ekuseni banjengotshani obuhlumayo.

6 Ekuseni buyakhahlela, bukhule, ntambama buyasikwa, bubune.

7 Ngoba siqedwa yikuthukuthela kwakho, langolaka lwakho sibhujiswe.

8 Ubekile iziphambeko zethu phambi kwakho, izono zethu ezifihlakeleyo ekukhanyeni kobuso bakho.

9 Ngoba insuku zethu zonke ziyedlula elakeni lwakho; sichitha iminyaka yethu njengokubeka iphika.

10 Insuku zeminyaka yethu, kuleminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa kuzo; njalo uba ngenxa yamandla zingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, kanti ukuzigqaja kwayo kuyinhlupheko losizi, ngoba aphangisa aqunywe, sibe sesiphapha sinyamalale.

11 Ngubani owaziyo amandla okuthukuthela kwakho? Lanjengokwesabeka kwakho lunjalo ulaka lwakho.

12 Ngokunjalo sifundise ukubala insuku zethu, ukuze sizuze inhliziyo yenhlakanipho.

13 Phenduka, NKOSI! Koze kube nini? Hawukela izinceku zakho.

14 Sisuthise ekuseni ngomusa wakho, ukuze sithabe sijabule insuku zethu zonke.

15 Sithokozise njengokwensuku owasihlupha ngazo, iminyaka esabona okubi kuyo.

16 Umsebenzi wakho kawubonakale ezincekwini zakho, lenkazimulo yakho ebantwaneni bazo.

17 Ubuhle beNkosi, uNkulunkulu wethu, kabube phezu kwethu; uqinise umsebenzi wezandla zethu kithi, yebo, umsebenzi wezandla zethu uwuqinise.

LWEZIHLABELELO 91

UNkulunkulu ungumvikeli wethu

1Ohlezi ekusithekeni koPhezukonke uzahlala emthunzini kaSomandla.

2 Ngizakuthi eNKOSIni: Uyisiphephelo sami lenqaba yami, uNkulunkulu wami, engithemba kuye.

3 Sibili yena uzakukhulula emjibileni womthiyi, kuye umatshayabhuqe wesifo obhubhisayo.

4 Uzakusibekela ngensiba zakhe, uzathembela langaphansi kwempiko zakhe; iqiniso lakhe liyisihlangu lehawu.

5 Kawuyikwesaba isesabiso sebusuku, umtshoko ophaphayo emini,

6 umatshayabhuqe wesifo ohambayo emnyameni, incithakalo ebhubhisayo emini enkulu.

7 Bazakuwa abayinkulungwane eceleni kwakho, labayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngakwesokunene sakho; kuwe kakuyikusondela.

8 Uzakhangela nje ngamehlo akho, ubone impindiselo kwababi.

9 Ngoba wena, NKOSI, uyisiphephelo sami; umenzile oPhezukonke waba yindawo yakho yokuhlala.

10 Kakulabubi obuzakwehlela, lenhlupheko kayiyikusondela ethenteni lakho.

11 Ngoba uzalaya ingilosi zakhe ngawe, ukuthi zikulondoloze endleleni zakho zonke.

12 Zizakuphatha ezandleni, hlezi utshayeke ngonyawo lwakho elitsheni.

13 Uzanyathela isilwane lebululu, uzagxoba ibhongo lesilwane, lomgobho.

14 Ngoba uyangithanda kakhulu, ngakho ngizamkhulula; ngizambeka phezulu, ngoba uyalazi ibizo lami.

15 Uzangibiza, njalo ngimphendule; ngibe laye ekuhluphekeni, ngimkhulule, ngimnike udumo.

16 Ngizamsuthisa ngobude bezinsuku, ngimtshengise usindiso lwami.

LWEZIHLABELELO 92

Ukubonga iNKOSI ngokulunga kwayo

Isihlabelelo, ingoma, okwelanga lesabatha

1Kuhle ukubonga iNKOSI, lokuhlabela indumiso ebizweni lakho, wena oPhezukonke;

2 ukutshumayela uthandolomusa wakho ekuseni, lothembeko lwakho ebusuku bonke,

3 ngechacho elilentambo ezilitshumi, langogubhu lwezintambo, ngechacho elikhala kamnandi.

4 Ngoba ungithokozisile, NKOSI, ngomsebenzi wakho; ngizamemeza ngenjabulo ngemisebenzi yezandla zakho.

5 Mikhulu kangakanani imisebenzi yakho, NKOSI! Izikile kakhulu imicabango yakho.

6 Isiphukuphuku kasazi, lesithutha kasikuqedisisi lokhu.

7 Lapho ababi behluma njengotshani, labo bonke abenzi bobubi bekhahlela, kuyikuze babhujiswe kuze kube phakade.

8 Kodwa wena, NKOSI, uphakeme kuze kube nininini.

9 Ngoba khangela, izitha zakho, NKOSI, ngoba khangela, izitha zakho zizabhubha; bonke abenzi bobubibazachitheka.

10 Kodwa uzaphakamisa uphondo lwami njengolwenyathi; ngizagcotshwa ngamafutha amatsha.

11 Lelihlo lami lizabona isiloyiso sami ezitheni zami, indlebe zami zizakuzwa mayelana lababi abangivukelayo.

12 Olungileyo uzahluma njengesihlahla selala, akhule njengomsedari eLebhanoni.

13 Abahlanyelwe endlini yeNKOSI, bazahluma emagumeni kaNkulunkulu wethu.

14 Bazabe belokhu bethela izithelo ebudaleni babo, bakhuluphale babeluhlaza,

15 ukutshumayela ukuthi iNKOSI iqondile; ilidwala lami, njalo kakukho ukungalungi kiyo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 93

Ubukhosi beNKOSI

1INKOSI iyabusa; yembethe ubukhosi; iNKOSI yembethe amandla; izibhincisile. Umhlaba lawo uqinisiwe, kawuyikunyikinywa.

2 Isihlalo sakho sobukhosi samiswa kwasendulo; usukela ephakadeni.

3 Imifula iphakamisile, NKOSI, imifula iphakamise ukuholoba kwayo, imifula iphakamisile amagagasi ayo agubhazelayo.

4 INKOSI ephakemeyo ilamandla kulokuduma kwamanzi amanengi, kulamagagasi olwandle agubhazayo alamandla.

5 Izifakazelo zakho ziqinisekile kakhulu; ubungcwele buyifanele indlu yakho, NKOSI, kuze kube ebudeni bezinsuku.

LWEZIHLABELELO 94

UNkulunkulu wempindiselo

1NKOSI, Nkulukulu wempindiselo, Nkulunkulu wempindiselo, khanyisa!

2 Phakama, Mahluleli womhlaba, uphindisele umvuzo kwabazigqajayo.

3 NKOSI, koze kube nini ababi, koze kube nini ababi begiya?

4 Bepopota, bekhuluma ngokuziphakamisa, bonke abenzi bobubi bezikhukhumeza?

5 NKOSI, bayabaphohloza abantu bakho, bayalihlupha ilifa lakho.

6 Babulala umfelokazi lowezizweni, lentandane bazibulale.

7 Kanti bathi: INKOSI kayiboni, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe kananzi.

8 Qedisisani, lina bobunyamazana phakathi kwabantu; lani ziphukuphuku, lizahlakanipha nini?

9 Yena owagxumeka indlebe kezwa yini? Owabumba ilihlo kaboni yini?

10 Yena olaya izizwe kajezisi yini; yena ofundisa umuntu ulwazi, kazi yini?

11 INKOSI iyayazi imicabango yomuntu ukuthi iyize.

12 NKOSI, ubusisiwe lowomuntu omlayayo, omfundisayo okomlayo wakho,

13 ukumphumuza ezinsukwini zobubi, kuze kugejelwe omubi umgodi.

14 Ngoba iNKOSI kayiyikubalahla abantu bayo, kayiyikulitshiya ilifa layo.

15 Kodwa isahlulelo sizabuyela ekulungeni, labo bonke abaqotho enhliziyweni bazakulandela.

16 Ngubani ozangisukumela amelane lababi? Ngubani ozangimela kubenzi bobubi?

17 Uba iNKOSI ibingesilo usizo lwami, umphefumulo wami ubuzaphosa uhlale ekuthuleni zwi.

18 Lapho ngathi: Unyawo lwami luyatshelela, umusa wakho, NKOSI, wangisekela.

19 Ebunengini bemicabango yami engaphakathi kwami induduzo zakho zithokozisa umphefumulo wami.

20 Isihlalo sobukhosi sobubi singahlanganyela lawe, sibumba inkohlakalo ngomthetho yini?

21 Bayahlangana ukumelana lomphefumulo wolungileyo, balahla igazi elingelacala.

22 Kodwa iNKOSI iyinqaba yami, loNkulunkulu wami ulidwala lokuphephela kwami.

23 Izaphindisela phezu kwabo ububi babo, ibaqede enkohlakalweni yabo; iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu izabaquma.

LWEZIHLABELELO 95

Ukudumisa iNKOSI

1Wozani, siyihlabelele iNKOSI, senze umsindo wentokozo kulo idwala losindiso lwethu.

2 Kasize phambi kobuso bayo ngokubonga, senze umsindo wentokozo kuyo ngezihlabelelo.

3 Ngoba iNKOSI inguNkulunkulu omkhulu, leNkosi enkulu phezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke.

4 Okusesandleni sayo indawo zomhlaba ezizikileyo, lezingqonga zezintaba zingezayo.

5 Olungolwayo ulwandle, yona-ke yalwenza, lezandla zayo zabumba umhlabathi owomileyo.

6 Wozani, sikhonze sikhothame, siguqe phambi kweNKOSI, umenzi wethu.

7 Ngoba yona inguNkulunkulu wethu, thina-ke singabantu bedlelo layo, lezimvu zesandla sayo.

Lamuhla uba lilizwa ilizwi layo,

8 lingayenzi ibe lukhuni inhliziyo yenu njengekuphikisaneni, njengesukwini lokulinga enkangala,

9 lapho oyihlo bangilinga bengihlola, yebo babona umsebenzi wami.

10 Iminyaka engamatshumi amane nganengwa yilesisizukulwana ngaze ngathi: Bangabantu abaduhayo enhliziyweni, bona kabazazi indlela zami.

11 Engafunga kubo ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngathi: Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.

LWEZIHLABELELO 96

UNkulunkulu uyiNKOSI

1Hlabelani eNKOSIni ingoma entsha; hlabelelani eNKOSIni, mhlaba wonke.

2 Hlabelani eNKOSIni, lidumise ibizo layo, litshumayele usindiso lwayo insuku ngensuku.

3 Landisani udumo lwayo phakathi kwezizwe, izimangaliso zayo phakathi kwabantu bonke.

4 Ngoba yinkulu iNKOSI, ifanele ukudunyiswa kakhulu, yona iyesabeka phezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke.

5 Ngoba bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayizithombe; kodwa iNKOSI yenza amazulu.

6 Ubukhosi lenkazimulo kuphambi kwayo, amandla lobuhle kusendlini yayo engcwele.

7 Inikeni iNKOSI, zizukulwana zezizwe, inikeni iNKOSI udumo lamandla.

8 Inikeni iNKOSI udumo lwebizo layo; lethani umnikelo, lingene emagumeni ayo.

9 Ikhonzeni iNKOSI ebuhleni bobungcwele; lithuthumele phambi kwayo, mhlaba wonke.

10 Tshonini phakathi kwezizwe: INKOSI iyabusa. Lomhlaba umisiwe, kawuyikunyikinyeka; izabahlulela abantungokuqonda.

11 Kawathokoze amazulu, lomhlaba ujabule; kaluhlokome ulwandle lokugcwala kwalo.

12 Iganga kalithabe lakho konke okukulo. Khona izihlahla zonke zegusu zizahlabela ngentokozo

13 phambi kweNKOSI, ngoba iyeza, ngoba iyeza ukwahlulela umhlaba; izakwahlulela umhlaba ngokulunga, labantu ngeqiniso layo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 97

Ukubusa lamandla eNKOSI

1INKOSI iyabusa; kawuthokoze umhlaba, kazijabule izihlenge ezinengi.

2 Amayezi lomnyama kuyiphahlile; ukulunga lesahlulelo kuyisisekelo sesihlalo sayo sobukhosi.

3 Umlilo uhamba phambi kwayo, utshisa izitha zayo inhlangothi zonke.

4 Imibane yayo ikhanyisa umhlaba; umhlaba wabona, wathuthumela.

5 Izintaba zancibilika njengengcino phambi kweNKOSI, phambi kweNkosi yomhlaba wonke.

6 Amazulu atshumayela ukulunga kwayo, labantu bonke babona inkazimulo yayo.

7 Bayayangeka bonke abakhonza izithombe, abazikhukhumeza ngezithixo; ikhonzeni, lonke bonkulunkulu.

8 IZiyoni yezwa, yathokoza, lamadodakazi akoJuda athaba ngenxa yezahlulelo zakho, NKOSI.

9 Ngoba wena, NKOSI, uphakeme phezu komhlaba wonke, uphakanyiswe kakhulu phezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke.

10 Lina elithanda iNKOSI, zondani okubi; iyagcina imiphefumulo yabangcwele bayo, ibakhulule esandleni sababi.

11 Ukukhanya kuhlanyelelwe olungileyo, lentokozo abaqotho ngenhliziyo.

12 Thokozani eNKOSIni, lina balungileyo, libonge ekukhumbuleni ubungcwele bayo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 98

UNkulunkulu umahluleli womhlaba

Isihlabelelo

1Hlabelelani iNKOSI ingoma entsha, ngoba yenzile izimangaliso; isandla sayo sokunene lengalo yayo engcwele kuyizuzele ukunqoba.

2 INKOSI yazisile usindiso lwayo, yembule ukulunga kwayo emehlweni ezizwe.

3 Ikhumbule umusa wayo leqiniso layo kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli. Imikhawulo yonke yomhlaba ibonile usindiso lukaNkulunkulu wethu.

4 Hlokomani ngentokozo eNKOSIni, mhlaba wonke, lenze umsindo omkhulu, lithokoze, lihlabele indumiso.

5 Hlabelelani eNKOSIni ngechacho, ngechacho lelizwi lokuhlabelela.

6 Ngezimpondo langomsindo wophondo lwenqama hlokomani ngentokozo phambi kweNkosi, uJehova.

7 Kaluholobe ulwandle lokugcwala kwalo, umhlaba labahlala kuwo.

8 Imifula kayitshaye izandla, izintaba zihlabelele ndawonye ngentokozo

9 phambi kweNKOSI, ngoba iyeza ukwahlulela umhlaba; izawahlulela umhlaba ngokulunga, lezizwe ngokuqonda.

LWEZIHLABELELO 99

INKOSI iyabusa

1INKOSI iyabusa; abantu kabathuthumele; ihlezi phakathi kwamakherubhi; umhlaba kawuzamazame.

2 INKOSI yinkulu eZiyoni; njalo iphakeme phezu kwezizwe zonke.

3 Kazidumise ibizo lakho elikhulu lelesabekayo; lingcwele lona.

4 Lamandla eNkosi athanda isahlulelo; wena umisa ukuqonda; wena wenza isahlulelo lokulunga kuJakobe.

5 Phakamisani iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, likhonze esenabelweni sezinyawo zayo. Ingcwele yona.

6 UMozisi loAroni phakathi kwabapristi bayo, loSamuweli phakathi kwababiza ibizo layo, babiza iNKOSI, yona yasibaphendula.

7 Yakhuluma labo iphakathi kwensika yeyezi; bagcina izifakazelo zayo lesimiso eyabanika sona.

8 NKOSI Nkulunkulu wethu, wena wabaphendula; waba nguNkulunkulu obathethelelayo, lanxa uphindisela ezenzweni zabo.

9 Phakamisani iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, likhonze entabeni yayo engcwele;
ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu ingcwele.

LWEZIHLABELELO 100

Ihubo lokubonga iNKOSI
Isihlabelelo sokudumisa

1 Hlabelelani iNKOSI ngokuthaba, mhlaba wonke.

2 Ikhonzeni iNKOSI ngenjabulo, wozani phambi kwayo ngokuhlabela ngentokozo.

3 Yazini ukuthi iNKOSI inguNkulunkulu. Yiyo eyasenzayo, njalo
ayisithi: singabantu bayo lezimvu zedlelo layo.

4 Ngenani emasangweni ayo ngokubonga, emagumeni ayo ngokudumisa.
Ibongeni, lidumise ibizo layo.

5 Ngoba iNKOSI ilungile; umusa wayo uhlezi kuze kube nininini, leqiniso layo
esizukulwaneni lesizukulwana.

LWEZIHLABELELO 101

Ukuthembisa ukuhamba ngendlela elungileyo
Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1 Ngizahlabela ngomusa lesahlulelo; ngizahlabela kuwe, NKOSI.

2 Ngizaziphatha ngenhlakanipho ngendlela eqotho. Uzakuza nini kimi?
Ngizahamba ngobuqotho benhliziyo phakathi kwendlu yami.

3 Kangiyikubeka phambi kwamehlo ami into embi. Ngiyakuzonda ukwenza
kwabaphambukayo; kakuyikunamathela kimi.

4 Inhliziyo ephambeneyo izasuka kimi; kangiyikumazi omubi.

5 Ohleba umakhelwane wakhe ensitha, yena ngizamquma. Ophakeme ngamehlo,
lolenhliziyo ezikhukhumezayo, yena kangiyikumvumela.

6 Amehlo ami azakuba kwabathembekileyo belizwe, ukuze bahlale lami. Ohamba
endleleni eqotho, yena uzangikhonza.

7 Owenza inkohliso kayikuhlala phakathi kwendlu yami; okhuluma amanga
kayikuma phambi kwamehlo ami.

8 Insuku zonke ekuseni ngizabaquma bonke ababi belizwe, ukuze ngibaqume
basuke emzini weNKOSI bonke abenzi bobubi.

LWEZIHLABELELO 102

Umkhuleko womuntu olosizi
Umkhuleko wohluphekayo nxa esehluleka ethulula isikhalazo sakhe phambi kobuso beNKOSI

1NKOSI, zwana umkhuleko wami, lokukhala kwami kakuze kuwe.

2 Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho osukwini lohlupho lwami; beka indlebe yakho kimi;
mhla ngibizaungiphendule masinyane.

3 Ngoba insuku zami ziyanyamalala njengentuthu, lamathambo ami ayatsha
njengeziko.

4 Inhliziyo yami itshayiwe, yabuna njengotshani, ngaze ngakhohlwa ukudla
isinkwa sami.

5 Ngenxa yelizwi lokububula kwami amathambo ami anamathela esikhumbeni
sami.

6 Ngifanana lewunkwe yenkangala, senginjengesikhova sezindawo ezidilikileyo.

7 Ngiyalinda, senginjengenyoni ehlezi yodwa ephahleni.

8 Izitha zami ziyangithuka usuku lonke; abangihlanyelayo bafunga ngami.

9 Ngoba ngidle umlotha njengesinkwa, ngixubanise okunathwayo kwami
lezinyembezi,

10 ngenxa yentukuthelo yakho lolaka lwakho; ngoba ungiphakamisile,
wasungilahla phansi.

11 Insuku zami zinjengesithunzi eselulekayo, njalo mina ngiyabuna njengotshani.

12 Kodwa wena, NKOSI, uzahlala kuze kube nininini, lesikhumbuzo
sakho kusizukulwana lesizukulwana.

13 Wena uzavuka uhawukele iZiyoni; ngoba isikhathi sokuyitshengisa umusa,
yebo, isikhathi esimisiweyo sesifikile.

14 Ngoba inceku zakho ziyawathanda amatshe ayo, zilesihawu ethulini lwayo.

15 Khona izizwe zizalesaba ibizo leNKOSI, lamakhosi wonke omhlaba udumo
lwayo.

16 Lapho iNKOSI izayakha iZiyoni, izabonakala enkazimulweni yayo.

17 Izaphendukela emkhulekweni wongelalutho, kayiyikudelela umthandazo
wabo.

18 Lokhu kuzabhalelwa isizukulwana esilandelayo, labantu
abazadalwa bazadumisa iNKOSI.

19 Ngoba yakhangela phansi isekuphakameni kwendawo yayo engcwele;
iNKOSI isemazulwini yakhangela emhlabeni,

20 ukuzwa ukububula kwesibotshwa, ukukhulula abamiselwa ukufa;

21 ukulandisa ibizo leNKOSI eZiyoni, lendumiso yayo eJerusalema,

22 lapho izizwe zibuthana ndawonye, lemibuso, ukuyikhonza iNKOSI.

23 Yathoba amandla ami endleleni, yafinyeza insuku zami.

24 Ngathi: Nkulunkulu wami, ungangisusi phakathi kwensuku zami, iminyaka yakho isesizukulwanenilezizukulwana.

25 Endulo wawusekela umhlaba, lamazulu angumsebenzi wezandla zakho.

26 Lokho kuzabhubha, kodwa wena uzakuma. Kuzaguga-ke konke njengesembatho, njengesigqoko uzakuguqula, njalo kuzaguqulwa.

27 Kodwa wena unguwe njalo, leminyaka yakho kayipheli.

28 Abantwana benceku zakho bazahlala, lenzalo yazo izaqiniswa phambi kwakho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 103

Ukubonga iNKOSI ngothando lwayo

EsikaDavida

1Bonga iNKOSI, mphefumulo wami, lakho konke okuphakathi kwami kubonge ibizo layo elingcwele.

2 Busisa iNKOSI, mphefumulo wami, ungakhohlwa zonke izinzuzo zayo,

3 ethethelela zonke izono zakho, eyelapha zonke izifo zakho,

4 ehlenga impilo yakho ekubhujisweni, ekwethwesa umqhele womusa lezihawu,

5 esuthisa umlomo wakho ngokuhle, ukuze ubutsha bakho buvuswe njengobokhozi.

6 INKOSI iyabenzela ukulunga lezahlulelo bonke abacindezelweyo.

7 Yamazisa uMozisi indlela zayo, abantwana bakoIsrayeli izenzo zayo.

8 INKOSI ilesihawu lomusa, iyaphuza ukuthukuthela, njalo ivame ububele.

9 Kayiyikuphikisana njalonjalo, kayiyikugcina intukuthelo kuze kube nininini.

10 Kayisenzelanga njengokwezono zethu, kayisiphindiselanga njengokweziphambeko zethu.

11 Ngoba njengokuphakama kwamazulu ngaphezu komhlaba, umkhulu umusa wayo kubo abayesabayo.

12 Njengobukhatshana bempumalanga kuyo intshonalanga, ngokunjalo izisusele khatshana lathi iziphambeko zethu.

13 Njengoyise ehawukela abantwana, iNKOSI iyabahawukela labo abayesabayo.

14 Ngoba iyakwazi ukubunjwa kwethu, ikhumbula ukuthi siluthuli.

15 Umuntu, insuku zakhe zinjengotshani; njengeluba leganga, ngokunjalo uyakhahlela.

16 Ngoba umoya wedlula phezu kwakhe, njalo angabikho, lendawo yakhe ingabe isamazi.

17 Kodwa umusa weNKOSI usukela ephakadeni usiya ephakadeni phezu kwabayesabayo, lokulunga kwayo kuze kube sebantwaneni babantwana,

18 kubo abagcina isivumelwano sayo, lakubo abakhumbula imithetho yayo ukuyenza.

19 INKOSI imisile isihlalo sayo sobukhosi emazulwini, lombuso wayo ubusa phezu kwakho konke.

20 Busisani iNKOSI, lina zingilosi zayo, maqhawe alamandla, ezenza ilizwi layo, lilalela ilizwi lelizwi layo.

21 Bongani iNKOSI, lonke mabandla ayo, zikhonzi zayo, ezenza intando yayo.

22 Bongani iNKOSI, lonke misebenzi yayo, endaweni zonke zombuso wayo. Bonga iNKOSI, mphefumulo wami.

LWEZIHLABELELO 104

Ukudumisa uMdali wezinto zonke

1Bonga iNKOSI, mphefumulo wami.

NKOSI Nkulunkulu wami, umkhulu kakhulu; wembethe ubukhosi lodumo.

2 Ozembesa ngokukhanya njengesembatho, owendlala amazulu njengekhetheni.

3 Owabeka imijabo yamakamelo akhe aphezulu emanzini, owenza amayezi abe yinqola yakhe, ohamba phezu kwempiko zomoya.

4 Owenza izingilosi zakhe zibe yimimoya, izinceku zakhe zibe ngumlilo olamalangabi.

5 Wamisa umhlaba phezu kwezisekelo zawo, kawuyikuzanyazanyiswa phakade laphakade.

6 Wawugubuzela ngokujula njengesembatho; amanzi ema phezu kwezintaba.

7 Ekukhuzeni kwakho abaleka; elizwini lokuduma kwakho aphangisa asuka;

8 - zenyuka izintaba, zehla izihotsha - endaweni owawuwamisele wona.

9 Wamisa umngcele angewudlule, kawayikubuya agubuzele umhlaba.

10 Othumela imithombo ezihotsheni, yahamba phakathi kwezintaba.

11 Yanathisa yonke inyamazana yeganga, obabhemi beganga bacitsha ukoma kwabo.

12 Inyoni zamazulu zakhela emaceleni ayo, zizwakalisa ilizwi ziphakathi kwezingatsha.

13 Uthelela izintaba esemakamelweni akhe aphezulu; umhlaba usuthiswa ngesithelo semisebenzi yakho.

14 Umilisela izifuyo utshani, lemibhida yokusiza umuntu, ukuveza ukudla emhlabathini,

15 lewayini elithokozisa inhliziyo yomuntu, ukwenza ubuso bukhanye ngamafutha, lesinkwa esiqinisa inhliziyo yomuntu.

16 Ziyasutha izihlahla zeNKOSI, imisedari yeLebhanoni eyayihlanyelayo.

17 Lapho inyoni ezakhela khona izidleke; ingabuzane, izihlahla zefiri ziyindlu yalo.

18 Intaba eziphakemeyo zingezamagogo, amadwala ayisiphephelo sezimbila.

19 Inyanga wayenzela izikhathi ezimisiweyo; ilanga liyazi ukutshona kwalo.

20 Wenza umnyama, kube sebusuku, phakathi kwabo kuphume yonke inyamazana yehlathi.

21 Izilwane ezintsha zibhongela impango, lokudinga ukudla kwazo kuNkulunkulu.

22 Ilanga liphuma, zibuthane, zilale ezikhundleni zazo.

23 Umuntu uphuma aye emsebenzini wakhe lemtshikatshikeni wakhe kuze kuhlwe.

24 Minengi kangakanani imisebenzi yakho, NKOSI! Yonke uyenze ngenhlakanipho; umhlaba ugcwele inotho yakho.

25 Lolulwandle olukhulu lolubanzi ngezinhlangothi, lapho okulezihuquzelayo khona ezingelakubalwa, izinto eziphilayo ezincinyane kanye lezinkulu.

26 Kuhamba khona imikhumbi, uLeviyathani owambumbela ukuthi adlale kulo.

27 Zonke lezi zilindele kuwe, ukuthi uzinike ukudla kwazo ngesikhathi sazo.

28 Uyazinika, zibuthe; uvula isandla sakho, zisuthe okuhle.

29 Ufihla ubuso bakho, zikhathazeke; ususa umoya wazo, zife, zibuyele ethulini lwazo.

30 Uthumela umoya wakho, zidalwe; wenze bube butsha ubuso bomhlaba.

31 Udumo lweNKOSI kalume kuze kube nininini; iNKOSI kayithokoze ngemisebenzi yayo.

32 Ikhangela umhlaba, uthuthumele; ithinta izintaba, zithunqe.

33 Ngizahlabelela iNKOSI ngisaphila; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wami
nxa ngisekhona.

34 Ukuzindla kwami ngaye kuzakuba mnandi; mina ngizathokoza eNKOSIni.

35 Izoni kaziqedwe emhlabeni, kungabe kusaba khona ababi.

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Bonga iNKOSI, mphefumulo wami. Dumisani iNKOSI!

Izimangaliso zeNkosi eyazenzela abantwana bakoIsrayeli

1 Bongani iNKOSI, libize ibizo layo, lazise phakathi kwezizwe izenzo zayo.

2 Hlabelelani kuyo, lihlabelele amahubo kuyo, likhulume ngezenzo zayo zonke
ezimangalisayo.

3 Zincomeni ebizweni layo elingcwele; kayithokoze inhliziyo yabadinga iNKOSI.

4 Dingani iNKOSI lamandla ayo, lidinge ubuso bayo njalonjalo.

5 Khumbulani izenzo zayo ezimangalisayo eyazenzayo, izimangaliso zayo
lezahlulelo zomlomo wayo,

6 nzalo kaAbrahama inceku yayo, bantwana bakaJakobe abakhethiweyo bayo.

7 Yona iyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu; izahlulelo zayo zisemhlabeni wonke.

8 Iyakhumbula isivumelwano sayo kuze kube nininini, ilizwi eyalilaya
kuzizukulwana eziyinkulungwane,

9 eyasenza loAbrahama, lesifungo sayo kuIsaka;

10 eyasiqinisa kuJakobe saba yisimiso, kuIsrayeli saba yisivumelwano
esilaphakade,

11 isithi: Ngizakunika wena ilizwe leKhanani, isabelo selifa lakho.

12 Besebalutshwana ngenani, yebo, bebalutshwana, labemzini kulo;

13 basebezula besuka esizweni besiya esizweni, besuka komunye umbuso besiya
kwabanye abantu;

14 kayivumelanga muntu ukubahlupha; yasikhuza amakhosi ngenxa yabo,

15 isithi: Lingathinti abagcotshiweyo bami, lingoni abaprofethi bami.

16 Yasibiza indlala phezu kwelizwe, yephula udondolo lonke lwesinkwa.

17 Yathuma indoda phambi kwabo: UJosefa wathengiswa waba yisigqili.

18 Bazwisa ubuhlungu inyawo zakhe ngamaketane, yena ngokwakhe wafika
ensimbini.

19 Kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sokufika kwelizwi lakhe, ilizwi likaJehova lamlinga.

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20 Inkosi yathuma yamthukulula, umbusi wabantu wasemkhulula.

21 Yambeka waba yinkosi yendlu yayo, lombusi wemfuyo yayo yonke,

22 ukubopha iziphathamandla zayo ngokuthanda kwakhe, afundise abadala bakhe ukuhlakanipha.

23 UIsrayeli wasefika eGibhithe; uJakobe wahlala njengowezizwe elizweni lakoHamu.

24 Wenza abantu bayo bazale kakhulu, yabenza baba lamandla kulezitha zabo.

25 Yaphendula inhliziyo yabo ukuzonda abantu bayo, ukuthi baphathe inceku zayo ngobuqili.

26 Yasithuma uMozisi inceku yayo, uAroni eyayimkhethile.

27 Babeka phakathi kwabo izinto zezibonakaliso zayo, lezimangaliso elizweni lakoHamu.

28 Yathumela umnyama, yenza kwaba mnyama; njalo kabavukelanga ilizwi layo.

29 Yaphendula amanzi abo aba ligazi, yabulala inhlanzi zawo.

30 Ilizwe labo lanyakazela amaxoxo, emakamelweni amakhosi abo.

31 Yakhuluma, kwavela umtshitshi wezibawu, intwala emngceleni wabo wonke.

32 Yabanika isiqhotho saba lizulu, umlilo olamalangabi elizweni labo.

33 Yasitshaya isivini sabo lomkhiwa wabo, yephula izihlahla zomngcele wabo.

34 Yakhuluma, kwasekuvela isikhonyane lemihogoyi, okungelakubalwa,

35 okwaqeda yonke imibhida elizweni labo, kwaqeda isithelo somhlabathi wabo.

36 Yasitshaya amazibulo wonke elizweni labo, okokuqala kwamandla abo wonke.

37 Yasibakhupha belesiliva legolide, njalo kwakungekho owakhubekayo phakathi kwezizwe zabo.

38 IGibhithe yathokoza ekuphumeni kwabo, ngoba uvalo ngabo lwabehlela.

39 Yendlala iyezi laba yisisibekelo, lomlilo wokukhanyisa ebusuku.

40 Bacela, yasiletha izagwaca, yabasuthisa ngesinkwa samazulu.

41 Yavula idwala, kwampompoza amanzi; ahamba endaweni ezomileyo njengomfula.

42 Ngoba yakhumbula isithembiso sayo esingcwele, loAbrahama inceku yayo.

43 Yasikhupha abantu bayo ngentokozo, abakhethiweyo bayo ngenjabulo.

44 Yasibanika amazwe abezizwe, njalo badla ilifa lomtshikatshika wabantu,

45 ukuze bagcine izimiso zayo, balondoloze imilayo yayo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 106

Dumisani iNKOSI!
Ukona kukaIsrayeli lothembeko lweNKOSI

1 Dumisani iNKOSI!

Ibongeni iNKOSI ngoba ilungile, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube nininini.

2 Ngubani ongalandisa izenzo ezilamandla zeNKOSI, azwakalise yonke indumiso yayo?

3 Babusisiwe abagcina izahlulelo, owenza ukulunga ngaso sonke isikhathi.

4 Ngikhumbule, NKOSI, ngothando olalo kubantu bakho; ngethekelele ngosindiso lwakho;

5 ukuze ngibone okuhle kwabakhethiweyo bakho, ukuze ngithokoze entokozweni yesizwe sakho, ukuze ngizincome kanye lelifa lakho.

6 Sonile kanye labobaba, senze okubi, senza ngenkohlakalo.

7 Obaba eGibhithe kabaqedisisanga izimangaliso zakho; kabakhumbulanga ubunengi bezisa zakho; kodwa benza umvukela elwandle, eLwandle oluBomvu.

8 Loba kunjalo wabakhulula ngenxa yebizo lakhe, ukuze azise amandla akhe.

9 Wasekhuza uLwandle oluBomvu, lwatsha; wasebahambisa phakathi kwezinziki njengenkangala.

10 Wasebasindisa esandleni somzondi, wabahlenga esandleni sesitha.

11 Amanzi asibekela izitha zabo; kakusalanga loyedwa kuzo.

12 Basebekholwa amazwi akhe, bahlabelela indumiso yakhe.

13 Baphanga bakhohlwa imisebenzi yakhe, kabalindelanga iseluleko sakhe.

14 Kodwa bakhanuka lokukhanuka ehlane, bamlinga uNkulunkulu enkangala.

15 Wasebanika isicelo sabo, kodwa wathumela ukucaka emphefumulweni wabo.

16 Basebesiba lomhawu ngoMozisi enkambeni, ngoAroni ongcwele weNKOSI.

17 Umhlaba wavuleka waginya uDathani, wasibekela iqembu likaAbiramu.

18 Lomlilo wavutha eqenjini labo, ilangabi latshisa abakhohlakeleyo.

19 Benza ithole eHorebe, bakhonza isithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa.

20 Basebeguqula inkazimulo yabo yaba yisifaniso senkabi edla utshani.

21 Bamkhohlwa uNkulunkulu umsindisi wabo, owayenze izinto ezinkulu eGibhithe,

22 izimangaliso elizweni likaHamu; izinto ezesabekayo eLwandle oluBomvu.

23 Ngakho wathi uzababhubhisa, ngaphandle kokuthi uMozisi okhethiweyo wakhe wayemile ekufohleni phambi kwakhe ukuphendula ulaka lwakhe ukuze angababhubhisi.

24 Yebo, baleyisa ilizwe elihle, kabalikholwanga ilizwi lakhe.

25 Kodwa bakhonona emathenteni abo, kabalilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI.

26 Ngakho waphakamisa isandla sakhe emelene labo, ukubawisa enkangala,

27 lokuwisa inzalo yabo phakathi kwezizwe, lokubahlakaza emazweni.

28 Basebezihlanganisa loBhali-Peyori, badla imihlatshelo yabafileyo.

29 Basebemthukuthelisa ngezenzo zabo, lenhlupheko yafohlela kibo.

30 Kwasekusukuma uPhinehasi, wenza isigwebo, inhlupheko yasimiswa.

31 Lokhu kwasekubalelwa kuye kube yikulunga, esizukulwaneni ngesizukulwana kuze kube nininini.

32 Basebemthukuthelisa emanzini empikisano, kwaze kwaba kubi kuMozisi ngenxa yabo.

33 Ngoba bacunula umoya wakhe, waze wakhuluma ngamawala ngendebe zakhe.

34 Kabazibhubhisanga izizwe, iNKOSI eyayibatshele ngazo.

35 Kodwa bazihlanganisa lezizwe, bafunda imisebenzi yazo.

36 Basebekhonza izithombe zazo ezaba ngumjibila kubo.

37 Lamadodana abo lamadodakazi abo bawahlabela amadimoni.

38 Bachitha igazi elingelacala, igazi lamadodana abo lamadodakazi abo, abawahlabela izithombe zeKhanani; lelizwe langcoliswa ngegazi elinengi.

39 Basebengcola ngemisebenzi yabo, baphinga ngezenzo zabo.

40 Ngakho ulaka lweNKOSI lwabavuthela abantu bayo, yanengwa yilifa layo.

41 Yabanikela esandleni sezizwe, lababazondayo bababusa.

42 Lezitha zabo zabacindezela, basebethotshiswa ngaphansi kwesandla sazo.

43 Yabakhulula kanengi; kodwa bona bayivukela ngecebo labo, behliswa ngobubi babo.

44 Loba kunjalo yabona ukuhlupheka kwabo, lapho isizwa ukukhala kwabo.

45 Yabakhumbulela isivumelwano sayo, yazisola njengobunengi bezisa zayo.

46 Yabanika izisa phambi kwabo bonke ababebathumbile.

47 Sisindise, NKOSI Nkulunkulu wethu, usibuthe sivela ezizweni, ukubonga ibizo lakho elingcwele, ukuzincoma endumisweni yakho.

48 Kayibongwe iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kusukela phakade kuze kube sephakadeni! Abantu bonke kabathi: Ameni.

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Dumisani iNKOSI!

Ukubonga iNKOSI ngokulunga kwayo

1 Ibongeni iNKOSI, ngoba ilungile, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube phakade.

2 Kabatsho njalo abahlengiweyo beNKOSI ebahlengileyo esandleni sesitha.

3 Yababutha bevela emazweni, empumalanga lentshonalanga, enyakatho lelwandle.

4 Bazulazula enkangala endleleni yenhlane, kabatholanga umuzi wokuhlala.

5 Belambile njalo bomile, umphefumulo wabo waphela amandla phakathi kwabo.

6 Khona bakhala eNKOSIni ekuhluphekeni kwabo, yabakhulula ezinsizini zabo.

7 Yabakhokhela ngendlela eqondileyo, ukuze baye emzini wokuhlala.

8 Kabayidumise iNKOSI ngomusa wayo langemisebenzi yayo emangalisayo ebantwaneni babantu!

9 Ngoba iyasuthisa umphefumulo olangathayo, lomphefumulo olambileyo iwugcwalisa ngokuhle.

10 Abahlala emnyameni lethunzini lokufa, bebotshiwe ensizini lensimbini,

11 ngoba bavukela amazwi kaNkulunkulu, badelela iseluleko soPhezukonke.

12 Ngakho wathoba inhliziyo yabo ngokuhlupheka; bakhubeka, njalo kwakungekho umsizi.

13 Khona bakhala eNKOSIni ekuhluphekeni kwabo, yabasindisa ezinsizini zabo.

14 Yabakhupha emnyameni lethunzini lokufa, yaqamula izibopho zabo.

15 Kabayidumise iNKOSI ngomusa wayo, langemisebenzi yayo emangalisayo ebantwaneni babantu!

16 Ngoba yephule izivalo zethusi, yaquma imigoqo yensimbi.

17 Abayizithutha, ngenxa yendlela yeziphambeko zabo langenxa yezono zabo, bahlutshiwe.

18 Umphefumulo wabo wenyanya ukudla konke, basondela emasangweni okufa.

19 Khona bakhala eNKOSIni ekuhluphekeni kwabo, yabasindisa ezinsizini zabo.

20 Yathumela ilizwi layo, yabasilisa, yabakhulula emigodini yabo.

21 Kabayidumise iNKOSI ngomusa wayo, langemisebenzi yayo emangalisayo ebantwaneni babantu!

22 Njalo kabahlabe imihlatshelo yokubonga, balandise izenzo zayo ngokuthaba.

23 Abehlela olwandle ngemikhumbi, abenza imisebenzi emanzini amakhulu;

24 laba babona izenzo zeNKOSI, lemisebenzi yayo emangalisayo ekujuleni.

25 Ngoba iyakhuluma, ivuse isiphepho somoya, esiqubula amagagasi alo.

26 Benyukela emazulwini, behlele enzikini; umphefumulo wabo uncibilika ngosizi.

27 Bayadengezela bebhadazela njengesidakwa, lenhlakanipho yabo yonke iginyiwe.

28 Khona bakhala eNKOSIni ekuhluphekeni kwabo, yabakhupha ezinsizini zabo.

29 Yenza isiphepho sachuma, lamagagasi aso athula.

30 Basebethokoza ngoba ayesethule, yasibaholela ethekwini lesifiso sabo.

31 Kabayibonge iNKOSI ngomusa wayo, langemisebenzi yayo emangalisayo ebantwaneni babantu!

32 Njalo kabayiphakamise ebandleni labantu, bayidumise esihlalweni sabadala!

33 Yenza imifula ibe yinkangala, lemithombo yamanzi ibe ngumhlabathi owomileyo,

34 umhlabathi ovundileyo ube ligwadule, ngenxa yobubi babahlezi kuwo.

35 Iphendula inkangala ibe yisiziba samanzi, lelizwe elomileyo libe yimithombo yamanzi.

36 Ihlalise khona abalambileyo, njalo bamise umuzi wokuhlala;

37 bahlanyele amasimu, bagxumeke izivini, ezithela izithelo zesivuno.

38 Njalo iyababusisa ukuze bande kakhulu, lezifuyo zabo kayizinciphisi.

39 Babuye banciphe, bathotshiswe ngocindezelo, ububi, losizi.

40 Ithela ukudelelwa phezu kweziphathamandla, ibazulisa enkangala, engelandlela.

41 Kube kanti ihlalisa phezulu umyanga ekuhluphekeni, enze insapho zibe njengomhlambi.

42 Abalungileyo bazabona bathokoze, lobubi bonke buzavala umlomo wabo.

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43 Loba ngubani ohlakaniphileyo uzaqaphelisa lezizinto; labo bazaqedisisa izisa zeNKOSI.

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Umkhuleko wokucela ukusizwa lokunqoba

Ingoma, isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1 Inhliziyo yami iqinile, Nkulunkulu. Ngizahlabelela ngitshotshe, ngitsho udumo lwami!

2 Vukani gubhu lwezintambo lechacho! Ngizavusa ukusa.

3 Ngizakudumisa, NKOSI, phakathi kwabantu, ngihlabele indumiso kuwe phakathi kwezizwe.

4 Ngoba umusa wakho mkhulu phezu kwamazulu, leqiniso lakho lifika emayezini.

5 Phakama, Nkulunkulu, ngaphezu kwamazulu, lobukhosi bakho phezu komhlaba wonke.

6 Ukuze abathandekayo bakho bakhululwe; sindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene, ungiphendule.

7 UNkulunkulu ukhulumile ebungcweleni bakhe. Ngizathaba, ngiyabe iShekema, ngilinganise isihotsha seSukothi.

8 Ngeyami iGileyadi, ngowami uManase, loEfrayimi ungamandla ekhanda lami, uJuda ungumnikumthetho wami.

9 UMowabi ungumganu wami wokugezela; phezu kukaEdoma ngizaphosela inyathela lami; mayelana lami, wena Filisti, memeza ngokunqoba.

10 Ngubani ozangisa emzini oqinileyo? Ngubani ozangiholela eEdoma?

11 Kawusilahlanga yini, Nkulunkulu; kawuphumanga, Nkulunkulu, lamabutho ethu?

12 Siphe usizo ekuhlupheni, ngoba luyize uncedo lomuntu.

13 KuNkulunkulu sizakwenza ngobuqhawe, ngoba yena uzanyathelela phansi izitha zethu.

LWEZIHLABELELO 109

Umkhuleko wokucela impindiselo

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1 Nkulunkulu wendumiso yami, ungathuli.

2 Ngoba umlomo wokhohlakeleyo lomlomo wenkohliso uvulekile umelene lami; bakhulume lami ngolimi lwamanga.

3 Bangihanqa ngamazwi enzondo, balwa bemelene lami kungelasizatho.

4 Esikhundleni sothando lwami bayizitha zami, kodwa mina ngisemkhulekweni.

5 Basebengibuyisela okubi esikhundleni sokuhle, lenzondo esikhundleni sothando lwami.

6 Umise omubi phezu kwakhe, loSathane kame ngakwesokunene sakhe.

7 Ekwahlulelweni kwakhe kaphume elecala; lomkhuleko wakhe ube yisono.

8 Insuku zakhe kazibe nlutshwana; omunye athathe isikhundla sakhe.

9 Abantwana bakhe kabangabi loyise, lomkakhe abe ngumfelokazi.

10 Abantwana bakhe kabazulazule bephanza isinkwa sabo, bacele bevela emanxiweni abo.

11 Umebolekisi kabambe konke alakho, labezizweni baphange izithelo zomsebenzi wakhe.

12 Kungabi khona omelulela umusa, futhi kungabi khona ozwela intandane zakhe.

13 Inzalo yakhe kayiqunywe, lebizo labo lesulwe esizukulwaneni esilandelayo.

14 Ububi baboyise bukhunjulwe eNKOSIni, lesono sikanina singesulwa.

15 Kabube phambi kweNKOSI njalonjalo, ukuze aqume ukukhunjulwa kwabo kusuke emhlabeni.

16 Ngenxa yokuthi wayengakhumbuli ukwenza umusa, kodwa wazingela umuntu ohluphekayo longumyanga, lodabukileyo enhliziyweni ukumbulala.

17 Njengoba wathanda ukuqalekisa, ngakho kakwehlele kuye; njengoba wayengathandi ukubusisa, ngakho kakube khatshana laye.

18 Njengoba wagqoka isiqalekiso njengesigqoko sakhe, ngakho kakungene emibilini yakhe njengamanzi, lanjengamafutha emathanjeni akhe.

19 Kakube kuye njengesembatho azembesa ngaso, kube libhanti azibopha ngalo njalonjalo.

20 Lokhu kube ngumvuzo wezitha zami ovela eNKOSIni, lowalabo abakhuluma okubi ngomphefumulo wami.

21 Kodwa wena, Jehova, Nkosi, ngenzela ngenxa yebizo lakho; ngoba umusa wakho ulungile, ngikhulule.

22 Ngoba mina ngiyisihlupheki lomyanga, lenhliziyo yami ilimele phakathi kwami.

23 Ngedlula njengesithunzi sisiba side; ngizanyazanyiswe njengesikhonyane.

24 Amadolo ami ayaxega ngokuzila ukudla, lenyama yami isicakile iswela ukukhuluphala.

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25 Mina sengibe lihlazo kubo, bengibona banikina ikhanda labo.

26 Ngisize, NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wami, ungisindise ngokomusa wakho.

27 Ukuze bazi ukuthi lesi yisandla sakho; wena, NKOSI, ukwenzile.

28 Kabathuke bona, kodwa wena ubusise; nxa bevuka kabayangeke, kodwa inceku yakho kayithabe.

29 Izitha zami kazigqokiswe ngehlazo, kazizigoqele ngenhloni zazo njengesembatho.

30 Ngizayibonga kakhulu iNKOSI ngomlomo wami; njalo ngizayidumisa phakathi kwabanengi.

31 Ngoba izakuma ngakwesokunene komyanga, ukumsindisa kulabo abalahla umphefumulo wakhe.

LWEZIHLABELELO 110

INKOSI uNkulunkulu inika iNkosi umbuso

Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1INKOSI yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho.

2 INKOSI izathuma intonga yamandla akho ivela eZiyoni. Busa phakathi kwezitha zakho.

3 Abantu bakho bazavuma ngosuku lwamandla akho, ebuhleni bobungcwele, kusukela esizalweni semadabukakusa kuza kuwe amazolo obutsha bakho.

4 INKOSI ifungile, kayiyikuphenduka: Wena ungumpristi kuze kube nininini ngokwendlela kaMelkizedeki.

5 INkosi ngakwesokunene sakho izachoboza amakhosi osukwini lokuthukuthela kwayo.

6 Izakwehlulela phakathi kwezizwe, kugcwale izidumbu; izachoboza inhloko phezu kwelizwe elikhulu.

7 Izanatha esifuleni endleleni; ngakho-ke izaphakamisa ikhanda.

LWEZIHLABELELO 111

INKOSI ifanele ukubongwa

1Dumisani iNKOSI! Ngizayibonga iNKOSI ngenhliziyo yonke, emhlanganweni wabaqotho lebandleni.

2 Mikhulu imisebenzi yeNKOSI, idingwa yilabo abathokoza ngayo.

3 Ulodumo lenkazimulo umsebenzi wayo, lokulunga kwayo kumi kuze kube nininini.

4 Yenzile izimangaliso zayo zikhunjulwe; iNKOSI ilomusa lesihawu.

5 Iyabapha ukudla labo abayesabayo; iyakhumbula kuze kube phakade isivumelwano sayo.

6 Yazisile abantu bayo amandla emisebenzi yayo, ngokubanika ilifa lezizwe.

7 Imisebenzi yezandla zayo iliqiniso lokwehlulela; imithetho yayo yonke iqinisekile.

8 Isekelwe kuze kube phakade laphakade, yenziwa ngeqiniso langobuqotho.

9 Yathumela uhlengo ebantwini bayo; ilaye isivumelwano sayo kuze kube nininini; lingcwele liyesabeka ibizo layo.

10 Ukuyesaba iNKOSI kuyikuqala kokuhlakanipha; balokuqedisisa okuhle bonke abayenzayo imilayo. Indumiso yayo imi kuze kube nininini.

LWEZIHLABELELO 112

Inhlanhla yomuntu oyesabayo iNKOSI

1 Dumisani iNKOSI! Ubusisiwe umuntu oyesabayo iNKOSI, othokoza kakhulu ngemithetho yayo.

2 Inzalo yakhe izakuba lamandla emhlabeni; isizukulwana sabaqotho sizabusiswa.

3 Imfuyo lenotho kuzakuba sendlini yakhe, lokulunga kwakhe kuzakuma kuze kube nininini.

4 Kuyabaphumela abaqotho ukukhanya emnyameni; ilomusa lesihawu lokulunga.

5 Umuntu olungileyo ngolesisa lowebolekisayo, wenza izindaba zakhe ngokulunga.

6 Ngoba kayikunyikinywa phakade; olungileyo uzakuba sekukhunjulweni kuze kube nininini.

7 Kayikwesaba umbiko omubi, inhliziyo yakhe iqinile, ithemba eNKOSIni.

8 Isekelwe inhliziyo yakhe, kayikwesaba, aze abone isiloyiso sakhe phezu kwezitha zakhe.

9 Uhlakazile, uyabanika abayanga; ukulunga kwakhe kumi kuze kube nininini; uphondo lwakhe luzaphakanyiswa ngodumo.

10 Omubi uyakubona, athukuthele; agedle amazinyo akhe, ancibilike; isifiso sababi sizabhubha.

LWEZIHLABELELO 113

Ukubonga iNKOSI ngokuphakamisa abahluphekayo

1Dumisani iNKOSI! Dumisani, zinceku zeNKOSI, dumisani ibizo leNKOSI.

2 Kalibongwe ibizo leNKOSI kusukela khathesi njalo kuze kube nininini.

3 Kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kuze kube sekutshoneni kwalo ibizo leNKOSI kalidunyiswe.

4 INKOSI iphakeme phezu kwezizwe zonke, ubukhosi bayo buphezu kwamazulu.

5 Ngubani onjengeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, ehlezi phezulu,

6 ekhothama ukukhangela emazulwini lemhlabeni?

7 Iyamvusa umyanga ethulini, imphakamise osweleyo enqunjini yomquba,

8 ukuze imhlalise leziphathamandla, kanye leziphathamandla zabantu bayo.

9 Ihlalisa inyumba emzini, unina wabantwana othokozayo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 114

Dumisani iNKOSI!

Isihlabelelo sephasika

1Ekuphumeni kukaIsrayeli eGibhithe, indlu kaJakobe ebantwini bolimi lwezizwe,

2 uJuda waba yindlu yakhe engcwele, uIsrayeli waba ngumbuso wakhe.

3 Ulwandle lwakubona lwabaleka, iJodani yabuyela emuva.

4 Intaba zaqolotsha njengezinqama, amaqaqa njengamawundlu.

5 Ulani wena lwandle, ukuthi ubaleke? Wena Jodani, ukuthi ubuyele emuva?

6 Lina zintaba, ukuthi liqolotshe njengezinqama? Lina maqaqa, njengamawundlu?

7 Thuthumela, mhlaba, phambi kweNkosi, phambi kukaNkulunkulu kaJakobe,

8 owaphendula idwala libe lichibi lamanzi, ilitshe elilukhuni libe ngumthombo wamanzi.

LWEZIHLABELELO 115

Udumo kalube eNKOSIni yodwa

1Kakungabi kithi, NKOSI, kakungabi kithi, kodwa ebizweni lakho nika udumo, ngenxa yomusa wakho, ngenxa yeqiniso lakho.

2 Kungani izizwe zizakuthi: Ungaphi pho uNkulunkulu wabo?

3 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wethu usemazulwini, wenza konke akuthandayo.

4 Izithombe zabo yisiliva legolide, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu.

5 Zilomlomo, kodwa kazikhulumi; zilamehlo, kodwa kaziboni;

6 zilendlebe, kodwa kazizwa; zilempumulo, kodwa kazinuki;

7 zilezandla, kodwa kaziphathi; inyawo zilazo, kodwa kazihambi; kazikhulumi ngomphimbo wazo.

8 Abazenzayo kabafanane lazo, wonke othembela kuzo.

9 Israyeli, themba eNKOSIni. Ilusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo.

10 Ndlu kaAroni, themba eNKOSIni. Ilusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo.

11 Lina elesaba iNKOSI, thembani eNKOSIni. Ilusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo.

12 INKOSI isikhumbule, izabusisa, ibusise indlu kaIsrayeli, ibusise indlu kaAroni;

13 izabusisa labo abayesabayo iNKOSI, abancinyane kanye labakhulu.

14 INKOSI izalandisa, lina labantwana benu.

15 Libusisiwe eNKOSIni, eyenza amazulu lomhlaba.

16 Amazulu, amazulu ngaweNKOSI, kodwa umhlaba iwunike abantwana babantu.

17 Abafileyo kabayidumisi iNKOSI, hatshi-ke loba ngubani owehlela ekuthuleni.

18 Kodwa thina sizayibonga iNKOSI kusukela khathesi kuze kube nininini.

LWEZIHLABELELO 116

Dumisani iNKOSI!

Ukubonga kokhululiweyo

1Ngiyayithanda iNKOSI, ngoba izwile ilizwi lami, ukunxusa kwami.

2 Ngoba ibeke indlebe yayo kimi, ngakho ngizayibiza ensukwini zami.

3 Izibopho zokufa zangihanqa, lenhlungu zesihogo zangibamba; ngathola inhlupheko losizi.

4 Ngasengibiza ibizo leNKOSI, ngathi: O NKOSI, khulula umphefumulo wami.

5 Ilomusa iNKOSI, ilungile; ye, uNkulunkulu wethu ulesihawu.

6 INKOSI iyabalondoloza abathobekileyo; ngehliselwa phansi, yasingisindisa.

7 Buyela, mphefumulo wami, ekuphumuleni kwakho, ngoba iNKOSI ikuphethe ngomusa.

8 Ngoba ikhulule umphefumulo wami ekufeni, amehlo ami ezinyembezini, unyawo lwami ekuweni.

9 Ngizahamba phambi kweNKOSI emazweni abaphilayo.

10 Ngakholwa, ngakho ngikhulumile. Mina ngahlupheka kakhulu.

11 Mina ngathi ekuphangiseni kwami: Wonke umuntu ungumqambimanga.

12 Ngizabuyiselani eNKOSIni ngazo zonke inzuzo zayo kimi?

13 Ngizathatha inkezo yosindiso, ngibize ibizo leNKOSI.

14 Ngizakhokha izifungo zami eNKOSIni, khathesi phambi kwabantu bayo bonke.

15 Kuligugu emehlweni eNKOSI ukufa kwabangcwele bayo.

16 Hawu NKOSI, isibili ngiyinceku yakho, ngiyinceku yakho, indodana yencekukazi yakho; uthukulule izibopho zami.

17 Ngizakuhlabela umhlatshelo wokubonga, ngibize ibizo leNKOSI.

18 Ngizakhokha izifungo zami eNKOSIni, khathesi phambi kwabantu bayo bonke,

19 emagumeni endlu yeNKOSI, phakathi kwakho, Jerusalema.

LWEZIHLABELELO 117

Dumisani iNKOSI!

Abantu bonke kabadumise iNKOSI

1Dumisani iNKOSI, lina zizwe zonke, liyibabaze, lina bantu lonke.

2 Ngoba uthandolomusa wayo mkhulu kithi, leqiniso leNKOSI limi kuze kube nininini.

LWEZIHLABELELO 118

Dumisani iNKOSI!

Ukubonga iNKOSI ngokukhulula kwayo

1Bongani iNKOSI, ngoba ilungile, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

2 Katsho uIsrayeli khathesi ukuthi isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

3 Kayitsho indlu kaAroni khathesi ukuthi isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

4 Kabatsho khathesi abayesabayo iNKOSI ukuthi isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

5 Ngisesizini ngabiza iNKOSI; iNKOSI yangiphendula yangibeka endaweni ebanzi.

6 INKOSI ingakimi, kangiyikwesaba; umuntu angenzani kimi?

7 INKOSI ingakimi labangisizayo; ngakho mina ngizabona isiloyiso sami phezu kwabangizondayo.

8 Kungcono ukuphephela eNKOSIni kulokuthembela emuntwini.

9 Kungcono ukuphephela eNKOSIni kulokuthembela kuziphathamandla.

10 Zonke izizwe zangihanqa; kodwa ebizweni leNKOSI ngizaziquma.

11 Zangihanqa, yebo zangihanqa; kodwa ebizweni leNKOSI ngizaziquma.

12 Zangihanqa njengenyosi, zacitshwa njengomlilo wameva; kodwa ebizweni leNKOSI ngizaziquma.

13 Wangigudlumeza lokugudlumeza ngize ngiwe; kodwa iNKOSI yangisiza.

14 INKOSI ingamandla lengoma yami, isibe lusindiso lwami.

15 Ilizwi lentokozo losindiso lisemathenteni abalungileyo; esokunene seNKOSI senza ngamandla.

16 Esokunene seNKOSI siphakanyisiwe, esokunene seNKOSI senza ngamandla.

17 Kangiyikufa, kodwa ngizaphila, ngilandise imisebenzi yeNKOSI.

18 INKOSI ingijezisile kabuhlungu, kodwa kayinginikelanga ekufeni.

19 Ngivulelani amasango okulunga; ngingene ngawo, ngidumise iNKOSI.

20 Yileli isango leNKOSI; abalungileyo bazangena ngalo.

21 Ngizakudumisa, ngoba ungiphendule, usube lusindiso lwami.

22 Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo seliyinhloko yengonsi.

23 Lokhu kwenziwa yiNKOSI, kuyamangalisa emehlweni ethu.

24 Lolu lusuku iNKOSI eyalwenzayo, sizathaba sithokoze kulo.

25 Sindisa khathesi, NKOSI; ngiyakuncenga, NKOSI, khathesi unike impumelelo.

26 Ubusisiwe oza ngebizo leNKOSI. Silibusisile sisendlini yeNKOSI.

27 UNkulunkulu uyiNKOSI, osinike ukukhanya. Bopha umnikelo womkhosi ngezibopho kuze kube sempondweni zelathi.

28 Wena unguNkulunkulu wami, ngizakudumisa; Nkulunkulu wami, ngizakuphakamisa.

29 Bongani iNKOSI, ngoba ilungile; ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

LWEZIHLABELELO 119

Umlayo kaNkulunkulu

ALEPH א

1 Babusisiwe abaqotho endleleni, abahamba emlayweni weNKOSI.

2 Babusisiwe abagcina izifakazelo zayo, abayidinga ngenhliziyo yonke.

3 Njalo kabenzi okubi, bahamba endleleni zayo.

4 Wena usulayile ukugcina ngokukhuthala imithetho yakho.

5 Kungathi izindlela zami zingaqondiswa ukugcina izimiso zakho!

6 Khona ngingayikuyangeka, lapho nginanzelela yonke imithetho yakho.

7 Ngizakudumisa ngobuqotho benhliziyo, sengifunde izahlulelo zokulunga kwakho.

8 Ngizagcina izimiso zakho. Ungangitshiyi ngokupheleleyo.

BETH ב

9 Ijaha lingayihlanza ngani indlela yalo? Ngokuqaphela njengokwelizwi lakho.

10 Ngikudingile ngenhliziyo yami yonke; ungangiphambuli emithethweni yakho.

11 Ilizwi lakho ngilifihlile enhliziyweni yami, ukuze ngingoni kuwe.

12 Kawubongwe wena, NKOSI; ungifundise izimiso zakho.

13 Ngezindebe zami ngilandisile zonke izahlulelo zomlomo wakho.

14 Ngithokozile ngendlela yezifakazelo zakho njengaphezu kwenotho yonke.

15 Ngizazindla ngemithetho yakho, ngikhangele ezindleleni zakho.

16 Ngizazithokozisa ngezimiso zakho; kangiyikukhohlwa ilizwi lakho.

GIMEL ג

17 Iphathe kuhle inceku yakho, ukuze ngiphile ngigcine ilizwi lakho.

18 Vula amehlo ami ukuze ngibone izimangaliso ezivela emlayweni wakho.

19 Ngiyisihambi emhlabeni; ungangifihleli imithetho yakho.

20 Umphefumulo wami uyadabuka ngenxa yokulangathela izahlulelo zakho ngaso sonke isikhathi.

21 Ukhuzile abaziqakisayo abaqalekisiweyo, abaduha emithethweni yakho.

22 Susa kimi ihlazo lokudelela, ngoba ngigcinile izifakazelo zakho.

23 Iziphathamandla lazo zahlala zakhuluma zimelene lami; inceku yakho yazindla ngezimiso zakho.

24 Izifakazelo zakho lazo ziyintokozo yami, zingabeluleki bami.

DALETH ד

25 Umphefumulo wami unamathele ethulini; ngivuselela ngokwelizwi lakho.

26 Ngilandisile indlela zami, wangiphendula. Ngifundisa izimiso zakho.

27 Ngenze ngiqedisise indlela yemithetho yakho, ukuze ngikhulume ngezenzo zakho ezimangalisayo.

28 Umphefumulo wami uyathonta ngenxa yosizi; ngiqinisa ngokwelizwi lakho.

29 Susa kimi indlela yamanga, unginike ngomusa umlayo wakho.

30 Ngikhethile indlela yeqiniso, ngibekile phambi kwami izahlulelo zakho.

31 Nginamathele ezifakazelweni zakho; NKOSI, ungangiyangisi.

32 Ngizagijima endleleni yemithetho yakho, ngoba uzakhulisa inhliziyo yami.

HE ה

33 Ngifundisa, NKOSI, indlela yezimiso zakho, njalo ngizayigcina kuze
kube sekupheleni.

34 Ngiphe ukuqedisisa ngibe sengigcina umlayo wakho, yebo ngiwulondoloze
ngenhliziyo yonke.

35 Ngihambisa endleleni yemithetho yakho, ngoba ngiyathokoza ngayo.

36 Thobisela inhliziyo yami ezifakazelweni zakho, kungabi semhawini.

37 Susa amehlo ami ukuze angaboni okuyize; ungivuselele endleleni yakho.

38 Qinisa ilizwi lakho encekwini yakho ezinikele ukukwesaba.

39 Susa isigcono engisesabayo, ngoba izahlulelo zakho zilungile.

40 Khangela, ngiyalangatha imithetho yakho; ngivuselela ekulungeni kwakho.

VAU ו

41 Lezisa zakho kazize kimi, NKOSI, usindiso lwakho ngokwelizwi lakho.

42 Khona ngizakuba lakho ukuphendula ongithukayo, ngoba ngiyathembela
elizwini lakho.

43 Njalo ungasusi ngokupheleleyo emlonyeni wami ilizwi leqiniso, ngoba
ngithembele ezahlulelweni zakho.

44 Ngokunjalo ngizawugcina umlayo wakho njalonjalo, kuze kube phakade
laphakade.

45 Ngizahamba ebubanzini, ngoba ngidinga imithetho yakho.

46 Njalo ngizakhuluma ngezifakazelo zakho phambi kwamakhosi, ngingayangeki.

47 Ngizithokozise ngemithetho yakho engiyithandileyo.

48 Ngizaphakamisela lezandla zami emithethweni yakho engiyithandileyo,
ngizindle ngezimiso zakho.

ZAIN ז

49 Khumbula ilizwi encekwini yakho, ongenze ngathembela kulo.

50 Le yinduduzo yami ekuhluphekeni kwami, ngoba ilizwi lakho lingivuselele.

51 Abazigqajayo bangiklolodela kakhulukazi; kangiphambukanga emlayweni
wakho.

52 Ngikhumbule izahlulelo zakho zasendulo, NKOSI, futhi ngiziduduzile.

53 Intukuthelo enkulu ingibambile ngenxa yababi abatshiya umlayo wakho.

54 Izimiso zakho zaba zingoma zami endlini yobuhambuma bami.

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55 Ebusuku ngikhumbule ibizo lakho, NKOSI, ngigcine umlayo wakho.

56 Lokhu kwaba ngokwami ngoba ngigcinile imithetho yakho.

CHETH ח

57 UJehova uyisabelo sami; ngithe ngizagcina amazwi akho.

58 Ngancenga ubuso bakho ngenhliziyo yonke; woba lomusa kimi ngokwelizwi lakho.

59 Ngazindla ngezindlela zami, ngaphendulela inyawo zami ezifakazelweni zakho.

60 Ngaphangisa, kangiphuzanga ukugcina imithetho yakho.

61 Amaxuku ababi angihanqile; kangikhohlwa umlayo wakho.

62 Phakathi kobusuku ngizavuka ukuze ngikubonge ngenxa yezahlulelo zokulunga kwakho.

63 Ngingumngane wabo bonke abakwesabayo, labagcina imithetho yakho.

64 NKOSI, umhlaba ugcwele umusa wakho; ngifundisa izimiso zakho.

TETH ט

65 Wenzele inceku yakho okuhle, NKOSI, ngokwelizwi lakho.

66 Ngifundisa ingqondo enhle lolwazi, ngoba ngikholwa imithetho yakho.

67 Ngingakahlupheki ngaduha, kodwa khathesi ngigcine ilizwi lakho.

68 Wena ulungile, wenza okulungileyo; ngifundisa izimiso zakho.

69 Abazigqajayo bangibhaceke ngamanga; ngenhliziyo yonke mina ngizagcina imithetho yakho.

70 Inhliziyo yabo inone njengamahwahwa; mina ngithokoza ngomlayo wakho.

71 Kungilungele ukuthi ngihlutshwe, ukuze ngifunde izimiso zakho.

72 Umlayo womlomo wakho ungcono kimi kulezinkulungwane zegolide lezesiliva.

JOD י

73 Izandla zakho zingenzile, zangibumba; ngiphe ukuqedisisa ukuze ngifunde imithetho yakho.

74 Abakwesabayo bazangibona bathokoze, ngoba ngithembele elizwini lakho.

75 Ngiyazi, NKOSI, ukuthi izahlulelo zakho zilungile, lokuthi ungihluphile ngokuthembeka.

76 Umusa wakho ake ube yinduduzo yami njengokutsho kwakho encekwini yakho.

77 Izihawu zakho kazize kimi ukuze ngiphile, ngoba umlayo wakho uyintokozo yami.

78 Abazigqajayo kabayangeke, ngoba bangiphambukisa ngamanga; mina ngizazindla ngemithetho yakho.

79 Kabaphendukele kimi abakwesabayo, labazi izifakazelo zakho.

80 Inhliziyo yami kayiphelele ezimisweni zakho, ukuze ngingayangeki.

CAPH כ

81 Umphefumulo wami uyaphela ngokulangatha usindiso lwakho; ngithembela elizwini lakho.

82 Amehlo ami ayafiphala ngokulangatha ilizwi lakho, ngisithi: Uzangiduduza nini?

83 Ngoba senginjengomgodla osentuthwini; kangikhohlwa izimiso zakho.

84 Zingaki insuku zenceku yakho? Uzakwenza nini isigwebo kwabangizingelayo?

85 Abazigqajayo bangigebhela imigodi, okungenjengokomlayo wakho.

86 Yonke imithetho yakho ithembekile; bangizingela ngamanga; ngisiza!

87 Baphosa bangiqeda emhlabeni, kodwa mina kangitshiyanga imithetho yakho.

88 Ngivuselela ngokomusa wakho; ngibe sengigcina isifakazelo somlomo wakho.

LAMED ל

89 Laphakade, NKOSI, ilizwi lakho limi emazulwini.

90 Uthembeko lwakho lusesizukulwaneni lesizukulwana; wamisa umhlaba, usemi.

91 Ngokwezimiso zakho kusemi lamuhla, ngoba konke kuzinceku zakho.

92 Uba umlayo wakho ubungesizo intokozo zami, ngabe sengibhubhele ekuhluphekeni kwami.

93 Laphakade kangiyikukhohlwa imithetho yakho, ngoba ungivuselele ngayo.

94 Ngingowakho, ungisindise; ngoba ngiyidingile imithetho yakho.

95 Ababi bangilindele ukungibhubhisa; ngiyananzelela izifakazelo zakho.

96 Ngibonile ukucina kwakho konke ukuphelela, kodwa umlayo wakho ubanzi kakhulu.

MEM מ

97 Ngiwuthanda kangakanani umlayo wakho! Usuku lonke uyikuzindla kwami.

98 Ngemithetho yakho uyangihlakaniphisa kulezitha zami, ngoba ilami kuze kube nininini.

99 Ngilokuqedisisa kulabo bonke abafundisi bami, ngoba izifakazelo zakho ziyikuzindla kwami.

100 Ngiyaqedisisa kulabadala, ngoba ngigcina imithetho yakho.

101 Ngizinqandile inyawo zami kuyo yonke indlela embi, ukuze ngigcine ilizwi lakho.

102 Kangiphambukanga kuzahlulelo zakho, ngoba wena ungifundisile.

103 Amnandi kangakanani amazwi akho ekunambitheni kwami, okwedlula uluju emlonyeni wami!

104 Emithethweni yakho ngizuza ukuqedisisa; ngenxa yalokho ngizonda yonke indlela yamanga.

NUN נ

105 Ilizwi lakho liyisibane enyaweni lwami, lokukhanya endleleni yami.

106 Ngifungile, ngizakuqinisa, ukugcina izahlulelo zokulunga kwakho.

107 Ngiyahlupheka kakhulukazi; NKOSI, ngivuselela ngokwelizwi lakho.

108 NKOSI, yemukela iminikelo yesihle yomlomo wami, ungifundise izahlulelo zakho.

109 Umphefumulo wami usesandleni sami njalonjalo, kodwa kangikhohlwa umlayo wakho.

110 Ababi bangibekele umjibila, kodwa kangiduhanga emithethweni yakho.

111 Ngidle ilifa lezifakazelo zakho kuze kube nininini, ngoba ziyintokozo yenhliziyo yami.

112 Ngithobe inhliziyo yami ukwenza izimiso zakho njalonjalo, kuze kube sekupheleni.

SAMECH ס

113 Ngiyabazonda abanhliziyombili, kodwa umlayo wakho ngiyawuthanda.

114 Wena uyisiphephelo sami lesihlangu sami; ngithemba elizwini lakho.

115 Sukani kimi benzi bobubi, ngoba ngigcine imithetho kaNkulunkulu wami.

116 Ngisekela ngokwelizwi lakho ukuze ngiphile, ungangiyangisi ngethemba lami.

117 Ngisekela ngibe sengisindiswa, ngizananzelela izimiso zakho njalonjalo.

118 Uyabeyisa bonke abaduha ezimisweni zakho, ngoba ubuqili babo bungamanga.

119 Uyasusa bonke ababi bomhlaba njengamanyele; ngakho ngiyazithanda izifakazelo zakho.

120 Inyama yami iyathuthumela ngovalo ngawe, ngesaba izigwebo zakho.

AIN ע

121 Ngenzile ukwahlulela lokulunga; ungangiyekeli kubacindezeli bami.

122 Mela inceku yakho kube kuhle, abazigqajayo kabangangicindezeli.

123 Amehlo ami aphelela usindiso lwakho, lelizwi lokulunga kwakho.

124 Yenza encekwini yakho ngokomusa wakho, ungifundise izimiso zakho.

125 Ngiyinceku yakho; ngiphe ukuqedisisa, ukuze ngazi izifakazelo zakho.

126 Sekuyisikhathi seNKOSI sokuthi isebenze, ngoba bawephule umlayo wakho.

127 Ngakho-ke ngiyayithanda imithetho yakho kakhulu kulegolide, yebo, kulegolide elicwengekileyo.

128 Ngalokho imithetho yakho yonke mayelana lazo zonke izinto ngiyibona iqondile; yonke indlela yamanga ngiyayizonda.

PE פ

129 Izifakazelo zakho ziyamangalisa; ngakho-ke umphefumulo wami uyazigcina.

130 Ukuvulwa kwamazwi akho kuyakhanyisa, kunika ukuqedisisa kwabangelalwazi.

131 Ngavula umlomo wami, ngaphefuzela, ngoba ngalangazelela imithetho yakho.

132 Phendukela kimi, ube lomusa kimi, njengomkhuba kulabo abathanda ibizo lakho.

133 Qinisa izinyathelo zami ngelizwi lakho, njalo kabungabusi phezu kwami labubi.

134 Ngikhulula kucindezelo lwabantu, ukuze ngigcine imithetho yakho.

135 Khanyisa ubuso bakho phezu kwenceku yakho, ungifundise izimiso zakho.

136 Imifula yamanzi iyehla emehlweni ami, ngoba kabagcini umlayo wakho.

TZADDI צ

137 Wena, NKOSI, ulungile, ziqondile izahlulelo zakho.

138 Ulayile izifakazelo zakho ekulungeni lekuthembekeni okukhulu.

139 Ukutshiseka kwami kungiqedile, ngoba izitha zami zikhohlwe amazwi akho.

140 Ilizwi lakho licwengekile kakhulu; ngakho inceku yakho iyalithanda.

141 Ngimncinyane, ngidelelekile; imithetho yakho kangiyikhohlwa.

142 Ukulunga kwakho kuyikulunga kuze kube phakade, lomlayo wakho uliqiniso.

143 Ucindezelo lohlupho kungifumene; imithetho yakho izintokozo zami.

144 Ukulunga kwezifakazelo zakho kungokwaphakade; ngiphe ukuqedisisa ukuze ngiphile.

KOPH ק

145 Ngakhala ngenhliziyo yami yonke; ngiphendula, NKOSI. Ngizagcina izimiso zakho.

146 Ngikhalela kuwe; ngisindisa, njalo ngizagcina izifakazelo zakho.

147 Ngandulela uvivi, ngakhala; ngathembela elizwini lakho.

148 Amehlo ami aqalela imilindo yobusuku, ukuze ngizindle elizwini lakho.

149 Zwana ilizwi lami ngokomusa wakho; NKOSI, ngivuselela ngokwesahlulelo sakho.

150 Bayasondela abazingeli bobubi, bakhatshana lomlayo wakho.

151 Wena useduze, NKOSI, lemithetho yakho yonke iliqiniso.

152 Sekukade ngisazi ngemilayo yakho ukuthi uyisekele kuze kube nininini.

RESH ר

153 Khangela ukuhlupheka kwami, ungikhulule, ngoba kangiwukhohlwa umlayo wakho.

154 Mela udaba lwami, ungihlenge; ngivuselela ngokwelizwi lakho.

155 Usindiso lukhatshana lababi, ngoba kabadingi izimiso zakho.

156 Izihawu zakho, NKOSI, zinkulu; ngivuselela ngokwezahlulelo zakho.

157 Banengi abangizingelayo labayizitha zami; kangiphambuki ezifakazelweni zakho.

158 Ngabona abaphambuki, ngacunuka, ngoba kabagcinanga ilizwi lakho.

159 Bona ukuthi ngiyayithanda imithetho yakho. Ngivuselela, NKOSI, ngokothandolomusa wakho.

160 Ilizwi lakho liliqiniso kwasekuqaleni, laso sonke isahlulelo sakho esilungileyo simi kuze kube nininini.

SCHIN ש

161 Iziphathamandla zingizingela kungelasizatho; kodwa inhliziyo yami ilovalo ngamazwi akho.

162 Ngiyathokoza ngelizwi lakho njengothole impango enkulu.

163 Amanga ngiyawazonda ngiyawenyanya; umlayo wakho ngiyawuthanda.

164 Kasikhombisa ngosuku ngiyakudumisa ngenxa yezahlulelo zakho ezilungileyo.

165 Balokuthula okukhulu abathanda umlayo wakho; njalo kakulasikhubekiso kubo.

166 Ngilindele usindiso lwakho, NKOSI, ngiyayenza imithetho yakho.

167 Umphefumulo wami uyazigcina izifakazelo zakho, ngiyazithanda kakhulu.

168 Ngiyagcina imithetho yakho lezifakazelo zakho, ngoba zonke indlela zami ziphambi kwakho.

TAU ת

169 Ukukhala kwami kakusondele kuwe, NKOSI; ngiphe ukuqedisisa ngokwelizwi lakho.

170 Ukuncenga kwami kakufike phambi kwakho; ngikhulula ngokwelizwi lakho.

171 Indebe zami zizathulula indumiso, ngoba ungifundisile izimiso zakho.

172 Ulimi lwami luzakhuluma ilizwi lakho, ngoba yonke imithetho yakho iyikulunga.

173 Isandla sakho kasibe lusizo lwami, ngoba ngikhethile imithetho yakho.

174 Ngiyalangazelela usindiso lwakho, NKOSI, lomlayo wakho uyintokozo yami.

175 Kawuphile umphefumulo wami, njalo uzakudumisa, lezahlulelo zakho zingisize.

176 Ngiduhile njengemvu elahlekileyo; dinga inceku yakho, ngoba kangikhohlwa imithetho yakho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 120

Umkhuleko wokucela ukukhululwa kubakhohlisi

Ingoma yokwenyuka

1Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngakhala eNKOSIni, yangiphendula.

2 NKOSI, khulula umphefumulo wami kundebe zamanga, kulimi lwenkohliso.

3 Uzanikwani, njalo kuzakwengezelelwani kuwe, limi lwenkohliso?

4 Imitshoko ebukhali yeqhawe, lamalahle avuthayo esihlahla serotemu!

5 Maye kimi, ngoba ngihlala njengowezizwe koMesheki, ngihlala emathenteni eKedari!

6 Umphefumulo wami sekukade wahlala laye ozonda ukuthula.

7 Ngingowokuthula, kodwa lapho ngikhuluma, bangabempi.

LWEZIHLABELELO 121

INKOSI ingumlondolozi wakho
Ingoma yokwenyuka

1 Ngizaphakamisela amehlo ami ezintabeni, lapho usizo lwami oluzavela khona.

2 Usizo lwami luvela eNKOSIni, eyenza amazulu lomhlaba.

3 Kayiyikuvuma ukuthi unyawo lwakho lutshelele; umlondolozi wakho kayikuwozela.

4 Khangela, umlondolozi kaIsrayeli kayikuwozela njalo kayikulala.

5 INKOSI ingumlondolozi wakho; iNKOSI ingumthunzi wakho esandleni sakho sokunene.

6 Ilanga kaliyikukutshaya emini, lenyanga ebusuku.

7 INKOSI izakulondoloza kukho konke okubi; izalondoloza umphefumulo wakho.

8 INKOSI izalondoloza ukuphuma kwakho lokungena kwakho, kusukela khathesi kuze kube phakade.

LWEZIHLABELELO 122

Ukukhulekela ukuthula kweJerusalema
Ingoma yokwenyuka, ekaDavida

1 Ngathokoza lapho besithi kimi: Kasiye endlini yeNKOSI.

2 Inyawo zethu zimi emasangweni akho, Jerusalema.

3 IJerusalema yakhiwe njengomuzi ohlangeneyo ngokwawo,

4 lapho izizwe ezenyukela khona, izizwe zeNKOSI, kubufakazi bukaIsrayeli, ukuze zibonge ibizo leNKOSI.

5 Ngoba kumiswe khona izihlalo zobukhosi zesahlulelo, izihlalo zobukhosi zendlu kaDavida.

6 Khulekelani ukuthula kweJerusalema; bazaphumelela abakuthandayo.

7 Kakube khona ukuthula phakathi kwemiduli yakho, inhlalakahle ezigodlweni zakho.

8 Ngenxa yabafowethu labangane bami sengizakuthi: Ukuthula kakube phakathi kwakho.

9 Ngenxa yendlu yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu ngizakudingela okuhle.

LWEZIHLABELELO 123

Umkhuleko wokucela isihawu
Ingoma yokwenyuka

1 Ngiyaphakamisela kuwe amehlo ami, wena ohlezi emazulwini.

2 Khangela, njengalokhu amehlo ezinceku engasesandleni senkosi yazo, njengamehlo encekukazi engasesandleni senkosikazi yayo, ngokunjalo amehlo ethu angaseNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wethu, ize ibe lesihawu kithi.

3 Woba lesihawu kithi, NKOSI, woba lesihawu kithi, ngoba sigcwele kakhulu yikudelelwa.

4 Umphefumulo wethu ugcwele kakhulu yikukloloda kwabonwabileyo, yikudelela kwabazigqajayo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 124

Ukubonga ukukhululwa ezitheni
Ingoma yokwenyuka, ekaDavida

1 Uba kwakungesiNKOSI eyayilathi - katsho-ke uIsrayeli -

2 uba kwakungesiNKOSI eyayilathi, lapho abantu besivukela,

3 ngabe basiginya siphila, ekuvutheni kolaka lwabo kithi;

4 ngabe amanzi agijima phezu kwethu, lempophoma yedlula phezu komphefumulo wethu;

5 ngabe amanzi aqubukayo edlula phezu komphefumulo wethu.

6 Kayibongwe iNKOSI, engasinikelanga ukuthi sibe yimpango emazinyweni abo.

7 Umphefumulo wethu uphunyukile njengenyoni emjibileni wabathiyi; umjibila uqamukile, thina sasesiphunyuka.

8 Usizo lwethu lusebizweni leNKOSI eyenza amazulu lomhlaba.

LWEZIHLABELELO 125

INKOSI iyalondoloza abantu bayo
Ingoma yokwenyuka

1 Labo abathembela eNKOSIni banjengentaba iZiyoni enganyikinyekiyo, emi kuze kube phakade.

2 Njengezintaba ziyiphahlile iJerusalema, ngokunjalo iNKOSI iyabaphahla abantu bayo kusukela kulesisikhathi kuze kube nininini.

3 Ngoba intonga yobukhosi yobubi kayiyikuhlala phezu kwesabelo sabalungileyo, ukuze abalungileyo bangeluleli izandla zabo kokubi.

4 NKOSI, yenza okuhle kubo abalungileyo lakubo abaqotho enhliziyweni zabo.

5 Kodwa labo abaphambukela ezindleleni zabo ezitshekileyo iNKOSI izabenza bahambe labenzi bobubi. Ukuthula phezu kukaIsrayeli!

LWEZIHLABELELO 126

Ukubonga iNKOSI ngokubuyisela kwayo abathunjiweyo eZiyoni

Ingoma yokwenyuka

1 Lapho iNKOSI ibuyisa abathunjiweyo beZiyoni, saba njengabaphuphayo.

2 Umlomo wethu wasugcwala uhleko, lolimi lwethu ukuhlabelela. Basebesithi phakathi kwezizwe: INKOSI ibenzele izinto ezinkulu.

3 INKOSI isenzele izinto ezinkulu; siyathokoza.

4 Buyisa, NKOSI, ukuthunjwa kwethu, njengezifula zeningizimu.

5 Abahlanyela ngezinyembezi bazavuna ngentokozo.

6 Yena ohamba ahambe ekhala inyembezi, ephethe inhlanyelo yokuhlanyela, isibili uzabuya ethokoza, ethwele inyanda zakhe.

LWEZIHLABELELO 127

Zonke izibusiso zivela eNKOSIni

Ingoma yokwenyuka, ekaSolomoni

1 Uba iNKOSI ingayakhi indlu, basebenzela ize kiyo abayakhayo. Uba iNKOSI ingawulondolozi umuzi, umlindi ulindela ize.

2 Kuyize kini ukuthi livuke ngovivi, lihlale kuze kube sebusuku, lidle ukudla kosizi; ngokunjalo iyamnikaubuthongo othandiweyo wayo.

3 Khangela, abantwana bayilifa leNKOSI, isithelo sesizalo singumvuzo.

4 Njengemitshoko esandleni seqhawe, banjalo abantwana bobutsha.

5 Ibusisiwe indoda egcwalise umxhaka wayo ngabo; kabayikuyangeka ngoba bazakhuluma lezitha esangweni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 128

Ukubusiswa komuntu oqotho

Ingoma yokwenyuka

1 Ubusisiwe wonke oyesabayo iNKOSI, ohamba endleleni zayo.

2 Ngoba uzakudla umsebenzi wezandla zakho; uzathokoza, njalo kuzakuba kuhle kuwe.

3 Umkakho uzakuba njengevini elithelayo emaceleni endlu yakho, abantwana bakho bazakuba njengamahlumela omhlwathi bezingelezele itafula lakho.

4 Ngoba khangela, ngokunjalo izabusiswa indoda eyesabayo iNKOSI.

5 INKOSI izakubusisa iseZiyoni, njalo ubone okuhle kweJerusalema insuku zonke zempilo yakho,

6 yebo, uzabona abantwana babantwana bakho. Ukuthula kakube phezu kukaIsrayeli!

LWEZIHLABELELO 129

Ukukhulekela ukuchithwa kwabazonda iZiyoni

Ingoma yokwenyuka

1 Kanengi bangihluphile kusukela ebutsheni bami, katsho-ke uIsrayeli,

2 kanengi bangihluphile kusukela ebutsheni bami, kanti kabangehlulanga.

3 Abalimi balima emhlana wami, bayenza yaba mide imifolo yabo.

4 INKOSI ilungile, iqumile intambo zababi.

5 Kabayangeke babuyiselwe emuva bonke abazonda iZiyoni.

6 Kababe njengotshani ephahleni, obubuna bungakakhuli,

7 ovunayo angagcwalisi ngabo isandla sakhe, lalowo obopha izithungo isifuba sakhe.

8 Labadlulayo bangatsho ukuthi: Isibusiso seNKOSI kasibe phezu kwenu; siyalibusisa ebizweni leNKOSI.

LWEZIHLABELELO 130

Umkhuleko wokucela uthethelelo lokukhululwa

Ingoma yokwenyuka

1 Ngisenzikini ngakhalela kuwe, NKOSI.

2 Nkosi, zwana ilizwi lami, indlebe zakho zilalele ilizwi lokuncenga kwami.

3 Uba wena, NKOSI, uqaphela iziphambeko, Nkosi, ngubani ongema?

4 Kodwa kuwe kulothethelelo, ukuze wesatshwe.

5 Ngiyilindele iNKOSI, umphefumulo wami ulindile, lelizwini layo ngiyathemba.

6 Umphefumulo wami ulindela iNkosi okwedlula abalindele ukusa, belindele ukusa.

7 UIsrayeli kathembele eNKOSIni; ngoba eNKOSIni kulothandolomusa, njalo kuyo kulohlengo olunengi.

8 Yona-ke izahlenga uIsrayeli kuzo zonke iziphambeko zakhe.

LWEZIHLABELELO 131

Ukuthobeka

Ingoma yokwenyuka, ekaDavida

1NKOSI, inhliziyo yami kayikhukhumali, lamehlo ami kawaphakami, njalo kangihambi ezintweni ezinkulu lezintweni ezimangalisayo kakhulu kimi.

2 Sibili ngichumisile ngathulisa umphefumulo wami, njengolunyuliweyo kunina; umphefumulo wami unjengolunyuliweyo phakathi kwami.

3 UIsrayeli kathembele eNKOSIni kusukela khathesi kuze kube laphakade.

LWEZIHLABELELO 132

Isithembiso sikaDavida lesithembiso seNKOSI

Ingoma yokwenyuka

1Khumbula, NKOSI, uDavida, izinhlupheko zakhe zonke,

2 ukuthi wafunga eNKOSIni, wathembisa kuSomandla kaJakobe:

3 Qotho, kangiyikungena ethenteni lendlu yami, qotho, kangiyikwenyukela ecansini lombheda wami;

4 qotho, kangiyikunika amehlo ami ubuthongo, ukuwozela ezinkopheni zami,

5 ngize ngiyitholele iNKOSI indawo, indawo zokuhlala uSomandla kaJakobe.

6 Khangela, sakuzwa eEfratha, sakuthola emasimini egusu.

7 Sizangena ezindlini zayo zokuhlala, sikhonze esenabelweni senyawo zayo.

8 Sukuma, NKOSI, uye ekuphumuleni kwakho, wena lomtshokotsho wamandla akho!

9 Abapristi bakho kabembeswe ukulunga, labangcwele bakho bathabe kakhulu.

10 Ngenxa yenceku yakho uDavida ungafulathelisi ubuso bogcotshiweyo wakho.

11 INKOSI yafunga ngeqiniso kuDavida, kayiyikubuyela emuva kilo: Owesithelo sesizalo sakho ngizambeka esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi.

12 Uba abantwana bakho begcina isivumelwano sami lezifakazelo zami engizabafundisa zona, labantwana babo bazahlala esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi kuze kube nini lanini.

13 Ngoba iNKOSI iyikhethile iZiyoni, iyifisile ibe yindawo yayo yokuhlala.

14 Le yindawo yami yokuphumula kuze kube nini lanini; lapha ngizahlala, ngoba ngiyifisile.

15 Ngizabusisa kakhulu ukudla kwayo, ngisuthise abayanga bayo ngesinkwa.

16 Labapristi bayo ngizabembathisa usindiso, labangcwele bayo bazahlabelela kakhulu ngenjabulo.

17 Lapho ngizahlumisa uphondo lukaDavida; ngimisele ogcotshiweyo wami isibane.

18 Izitha zakhe ngizazembathisa ihlazo, kodwa phezu kwakhe uzakhazimula umqhele wakhe wobukhosi.

LWEZIHLABELELO 133

Ukuthandana kwabazalwane

Ingoma yokwenyuka, ekaDavida

1Khangela, kuhle kangakanani njalo kumnandi kangakanani ukuhlala kwabazalwane ndawonye ngitsho babe munye.

2 Kufanana lamafutha amahle phezu kwekhanda, ehlela endevini, indevu zikaAroni, ehlele emphethweni wezembatho zakhe,

3 njengamazolo eHermoni, ehlela entabeni zeZiyoni; ngoba lapho iNKOSI yalaya isibusiso, impilo kuze kube phakade.

LWEZIHLABELELO 134

Abakhonza ebusuku kababonge iNKOSI

Ingoma yokwenyuka

1Khangelani, libonge iNKOSI lina lonke zinceku zeNKOSI, elimi endlini yeNKOSI ebusuku.

2 Phakamiselani izandla zenu endaweni engcwele, libonge iNKOSI.

3 INKOSI eyenza amazulu lomhlaba kayilibusise iseZiyoni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 135

Ukudumisa iNKOSI ngezimangaliso zayo

1Dumisani iNKOSI! Dumisani ibizo leNKOSI, dumisani lina zinceku zeNKOSI,

2 elimi endlini yeNKOSI, emagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu wethu.

3 Dumisani iNKOSI, ngoba iNKOSI ilungile; hlabelelani indumiso ebizweni layo, ngoba kumnandi.

4 Ngoba iNKOSI izikhethele uJakobe, uIsrayeli abe ngokuligugu kwakhe okukhethekileyo.

5 Ngoba mina ngiyazi ukuthi iNKOSI yinkulu, ukuthi iNkosi yethu iphezu kwabo bonke onkulunkulu.

6 Konke iNKOSI ekuthandayo iyakwenza, emazulwini lemhlabeni, ezinlwandle lenzikini zonke.

7 Yenza izinkungu zenyuke emikhawulweni yomhlaba, yenzela izulu imibane, ikhupha umoya eziphaleni zayo.

8 Eyatshaya izibulo leGibhithe, kusukela emuntwini kuze kube senyamazaneni.

9 Yathumela izibonakaliso lezimangaliso phakathi kwakho, Gibhithe, phezu kukaFaro laphezu kwenceku zakhe zonke.

10 Eyatshaya izizwe ezinengi, yabulala amakhosi alamandla,

11 uSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, loOgi inkosi yeBashani, layo yonke imibuso yeKhanani,

12 yanikela ilizwe labo laba yilifa, ilifa likaIsrayeli, isizwe sayo.

13 NKOSI, ibizo lakho limi kuze kube phakade, ukukhunjulwa kwakho, NKOSI, kusizukulwana ngesizukulwana.

14 Ngoba iNKOSI izakwehlulela abantu bayo, izazisola mayelana lezinceku zayo.

15 Izithombe zezizwe ziyisiliva legolide, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu.

16 Zilemilomo, kodwa kazikhulumi; zilamehlo, kodwa kaziboni;

17 zilendlebe, kodwa kazizwa; lomoya kawukho emlonyeni wazo.

18 Abazenzayo bafanana lazo, laye wonke othembela kuzo.

19 Wena ndlu kaIsrayeli, bongani iNKOSI; wena ndlu kaAroni, bongani iNKOSI;

20 wena ndlu kaLevi, bongani iNKOSI. Lina eliyesabayo iNKOSI, bongani iNKOSI.

21 Kayibongwe iNKOSI iseZiyoni, ehlala eJerusalema.

LWEZIHLABELELO 136

Dumisani iNKOSI!

Ukubonga iNKOSI ngezimangaliso zayo

1Bongani iNKOSI ngoba ilungile, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

2 Bongani uNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, ngoba isihawu sakhe simi kuze kube nininini.

3 Bongani iNkosi yamakhosi, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

4 Yona yodwa eyenza izimangaliso ezinkulu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

5 eyenza amazulu ngokuhlakanipha, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

6 eyendlala umhlaba phezu kwamanzi, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

7 eyenza izikhanyiso ezinkulu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

8 ilanga ukubusa emini, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

9 inyanga lezinkanyezi ukubusa ebusuku, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

10 Yona eyatshaya amaGibhithe kumazibulo awo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

11 yakhupha uIsrayeli phakathi kwabo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

12 ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

13 Yona eyehlukanisa uLwandle oluBomvu lwaba yiziqamu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

14 yenza uIsrayeli adabule phakathi kwalo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

15 kodwa yathintithela uFaro lebutho lakhe oLwandle oluBomvu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

16 Yona eyakhokhela abantu bayo enkangala, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

17 Yona eyatshaya amakhosi amakhulu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

18 yabulala amakhosi adumileyo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

19 uSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

20 loOgi inkosi yeBashani, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

21 yanika ilizwe labo laba yilifa, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

22 ilifa kuIsrayeli inceku yayo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

23 Eyasikhumbula ebuphansini bethu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;

24 yasophula ezitheni zethu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

25 Enika yonke inyama ukudla, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

26 Bongani uNkulunkulu wamazulu, ngoba isihawu sakhe simi kuze kube nininini.

LWEZIHLABELELO 137

Ukukhala kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli abathunjiweyo

1 Emifuleni yeBhabhiloni sahlala phansi khona, yebo sakhala inyembezi, lapho sikhumbula iZiyoni.

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2 Amachacho ethu sawaphanyeka eminyezaneni phakathi kwayo.

3 Ngoba khonapho abasithumbayo basicela amazwi engoma, labasimotshayo bacela injabulo besithi: Sihlabelelenienye yezingoma zeZiyoni.

4 Singahlabela njani ingoma yeNKOSI elizweni lemzini?

5 Uba ngikukhohlwa, Jerusalema, isandla sami sokunene kasikhohlwe ubungcitshi.

6 Ulimi lwami kalunamathele elwangeni lwami, uba ngingakukhumbuli, uba ngingaphakamisi iJerusalema phezu kwentokozo yami enkulu.

7 Khumbula, NKOSI, ngabantwana bakoEdoma, ngosuku lweJerusalema, abathi: Dilizani, dilizani, kuze kube sesisekelweni sayo.

8 Ndodakazi yeBhabhiloni, ozabhujiswa, ubusisiwe ozaphindisela kuwe izenzo ozenze kithi.

9 Ubusisiwe ozabamba asakaze abantwana bakho edwaleni.

LWEZIHLABELELO 138

Ukubonga iNKOSI

EsikaDavida

1Ngizakubonga ngenhliziyo yami yonke; phambi kwabonkulunkulu ngizakuhlabelela indumiso.

2 Ngizakhonza ngikhangele ngasethempelini lakho elingcwele, ngidumise ibizo lakho ngenxa yothando lwakho langenxa yobuqotho bakho; ngoba ukhulisile ilizwi lakho phezu kwalo lonke ibizo lakho.

3 Ngosuku engakhala ngalo wangiphendula, wangiqinisa ngamandla emphefumulweni wami.

4 Wonke amakhosi omhlaba azakudumisa, NKOSI, ngoba azwile amazwi omlomo wakho.

5 Yebo, azahlabelela ngezindlela zeNKOSI, ngoba lukhulu udumo lweNKOSI.

6 Loba iNKOSI iphakeme, kube kanti iyabona othobekileyo; kodwa ozigqajayo iyamazi ekhatshana.

7 Loba ngihamba phakathi kwenhlupheko, uzangiphilisa; uzakwelula isandla sakho umelana lolaka lezitha zami, lesandla sakho sokunene sizangisindisa.

8 INKOSI izaphelelisa okumayelana lami; uthando lwakho, NKOSI, lumi kuze kube nininini. Ungatshiyi imisebenzi yezandla zakho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 139

INKOSI iyazi konke, ikhona ezindaweni zonke

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1NKOSI, ungihlolile, uyangazi.

2 Wena uyakwazi ukuhlala kwami lokusukuma kwami; uyaqedisisa imicabango yami ukhatshana.

3 Uyahlungula ukuhamba kwami lokulala kwami, uzejwayele indlela zami zonke.

4 Ngoba kalikho ilizwi elimini lwami, khangela NKOSI, usulazi lonke.

5 Ungizingelezile emuva langaphambili, ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwami.

6 Lolulwazi lumangalisa kakhulu kimi; luphakeme, kangilakho ukufinyelela kulo.

7 Ngizakuya ngaphi ngisuke kuMoya wakho? Kumbe ngizabalekela ngaphi ngisuke ebusweni bakho?

8 Uba ngisenyukela emazulwini, lapho ukhona; uba ngisendlala icansi lami esihogweni, khangela, ukhona.

9 Uba ngithatha amaphiko okusa, ngihlale emikhawulweni yolwandle,

10 lalapho isandla sakho sizangikhokhela, lesokunene sakho singibambe.

11 Uba ngisithi: Isibili umnyama uzangifihla, ng'khona ubusuku buzakuba yikukhanya kimi inhlangothi zonke.

12 Ngitsho umnyama kawufihli kuwe, kodwa ubusuku bukhanya njengemini; njengomnyama kunjalo ukukhanyakuwe.

13 Ngoba wena ungumnini wezinso zami, wangeluka esiswini sikamama.

14 Ngizakudumisa, ngenxa yokuthi ngenziwe ngokwesabekayo, ngokumangalisayo. Imisebenzi yakho iyamangalisa; lomphefumulo wami uyakwazi kuhle kakhulu.

15 Amathambo ami ayengafihlekanga kuwe, lapho ngangisenziwa ekusithekeni, ngenziwa ngobuciko ezindaweni ezizikileyo zomhlaba.

16 Amehlo akho abona ibumba lami; legwalweni lwakho zonke lezi zabhalwa, izinsuku okwabunjwa ngazo, kungakabikho lakunye kwakho.

17 Iligugu kangakanani-ke kimi imicabango yakho, O Nkulunkulu; bukhulu kangakanani ubunengi bayo!

18 Uba ngingayibala, minengi kuletshebetshebe. Lapho ngivuka, ngilokhu ngilawe.

19 Isibili uzambulala omubi, Nkulunkulu! Ngakho lina bantu abomele igazi sukani kimi;

20 abakhuluma ngenkohliso ngawe, ziphatha ngeze ibizo lakho, izitha zakho.

21 Kangibazondi yini, NKOSI, abakuzondayo, nginengwe ngabakuvukelayo?

22 Ngiyabazonda ngenzondo epheleleyo; sebeyizitha kimi.

23 Ngihlola, Nkulunkulu, uyazi inhliziyo yami; ngilinga, uyazi imicabango yami,

24 ubone ukuthi ikhona indlela embi kimi yini, ungikhokhele endleleni ephakade.

LWEZIHLABELELO 140

Umkhuleko wokucela ukulondolozwa

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1Ngikhulula, NKOSI, emuntwini omubi, ungilondoloze emuntwini olesihluku,

2 abaceba izinto ezimbi enhliziyweni, usuku lonke babuthanela izimpi.

3 Balola ulimi lwabo njengenyoka, ubuhlungu bebululu bungaphansi kwendebe zabo. Sela.

4 Ngilondoloze, NKOSI, ezandleni zomubi, ungivikele emuntwini olesihluku; abaceba ukuwisa inyawo zami.

5 Abazigqajayo bangifihlele umjibila, lezintambo, bendlala imbule eceleni kwendlela; bangibekela izithiyo.Sela.

6 Ngithe eNKOSIni: Wena unguNkulunkulu wami. Beka indlebe elizwini lokuncenga kwami, NKOSI.

7 Jehova, Nkosi, mandla osindiso lwami, wembese ikhanda lami osukwini lwezikhali.

8 Unganiki, NKOSI, izifiso zomubi, ungaphumelelisi icebo lakhe elibi, hlezi baziphakamise. Sela.

9 Ngekhanda labangihanqileyo, ububi bendebe zabo kabubembese.

10 Kakuthi amalahle atshisayo akhithikele phezu kwabo, ubawisela emlilweni, emigodini etshonayo, ukuze bangavuki.

11 Umuntu wolimi kangamiswa elizweni; umuntu olesihluku, ububi buzamzingela kube yikuwiswa kwakhe.

12 Ngiyazi ukuthi iNKOSI izasebenza udaba lohluphekayo, ilungelo labayanga.

13 Isibili abalungileyo bazalidumisa ibizo lakho; abaqotho bazahlala ebusweni bakho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 141

Umkhuleko wokucela ukuvikelwa kwababi

Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1NKOSI, ngiyakhala kuwe; phangisa uze kimi; beka indlebe elizwini lami lapho
ngikhala kuwe.

2 Umkhuleko wami kawumiswe njengempepha phambi kwakho,
ukuphakanyiswa kwezandla zaminjengomnikelo wakusihlwa.

3 NKOSI, bekela umlomo wami umlindi, gcina umnyango wendebe zami.

4 Ungaphenduleli inhliziyo yami entweni embi, ukuthi ngenze izenzo ezimbi
kanye labantu abenza ububi, ngingadli ezibilibocweni zabo.

5 Olungileyo kangitshaye ethandwenilomusa, angisole; kuzakuba ngamafutha
ekhanda, ikhanda lami kalingawali, ngoba lomkhuleko wami usezakuba
sezinhluphekweni zabo.

6 Abahluleli babo baphoselwa emaceleni edwala, bazakuzwa amazwi ami ngoba
amnandi.

7 Amathambo ethu ahlakazekile emlonyeni wengcwaba njengobandayo adabule
emhlabathini.

8 Kodwa amehlo ami akuwe, Jehova, Nkosi; ngithembele kuwe; ungawuchayi
umphefumulo wami.

9 Ngigcina emandleni omjibila abangibekele wona, lezithiyo zabenzi bobubi.

10 Ababi kabawele emambuleni abo kanye, ngize ngidlule mina.

LWEZIHLABELELO 142

Umkhuleko wokucela ukusizwa ekuhluphekeni

IMasikili kaDavida, umkhuleko esebhalwini

1Ngakhalela eNKOSIni ngelizwi lami, ngelizwi lami eNKOSIni ngancenga.

2 Ngathulula isikhalazo sami phambi kwayo, ngatshengisa ukuhlupheka kwami
phambi kwayo.

3 Lapho umoya wami uphela amandla phakathi kwami, wena wayazi indlela
yami. Endleleni engihamba ngayo bangifihlele umjibila.

4 Khangela ngakwesokunene, ubone, kodwa wayengekho ongaziyo; isiphephelo
sangehlula, kakho owakhathalela umphefumulo wami.

5 Ngakhalela kuwe, NKOSI, ngathi: Wena uyisiphephelo sami, isabelo
sami elizweni labaphilayo.

6 Lalela ukukhala kwami, ngoba ngehliselwe phansi kakhulu. Ngikhulula
kwabangizingelayo, ngoba balamandla kulami.

7 Khupha umphefumulo wami entolongweni, ukuze ngidumise ibizo lakho.
Abalungileyo bazangibuthanela, ngoba uzangiphatha kuhle kakhulu.

LWEZIHLABELELO 143

Ukukhulekela ukukhululwa lokuholwa

Isihlabelelo sikaDavida

1NKOSI, zwana umkhuleko wami, ubeke indlebe ekuncengeni kwami. Ungiphendule ngothembeko lwakho, ngokulunga kwakho.

2 Njalo ungangeni kusahlulelo lenceku yakho, ngoba phambi kobuso bakho kakho ophilayo ozalungisiswa.

3 Ngoba isitha sizingele umphefumulo wami, sacindezelela impilo yami emhlabathini, sangenza ngahlala emnyameni omkhulu, njengabakade bafa.

4 Ngakho umoya wami uphela amandla phakathi kwami, lenhliziyo yami ithithibele phakathi kwami.

5 Ngikhumbula insuku zekadeni, ngizindla ngazo zonke izenzo zakho, nginakane ngomsebenzi wezandla zakho.

6 Ngelulela izandla zami kuwe; umphefumulo wami womele wena njengomhlaba owomileyo. Sela.

7 Phangisa ungiphendule, NKOSI; umoya wami uyaphela. Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho, hlezi ngibe njengalabo abehlela emgodini.

8 Ngizwisa uthandolomusa wakho ekuseni, ngoba ngiyathemba kuwe. Ungazise indlela engingahamba ngayo, ngoba ngiyaphakamisela kuwe umphefumulo wami.

9 Ngikhulula ezitheni zami, NKOSI; ngizifihlile kuwe.

10 Ngifundisa ukwenza intando yakho, ngoba wena unguNkulunkulu wami. UMoya wakho muhle, ngikhokhelele elizweni lokuqonda.

11 Ngenxa yebizo lakho, NKOSI, ngiphilisa. Ngokulunga kwakho khupha umphefumulo wami ekuhluphekeni.

12 Langomusa wakho chitha izitha zami, ubhubhise bonke abahlupha umphefumulo wami, ngoba ngiyinceku yakho.

LWEZIHLABELELO 144

Ukunqoba lokuphumelela kuvela eNKOSINI

EsikaDavida

1Kayibongwe iNKOSI, idwala lami, efundisela izandla zami impi, iminwe yami ukulwa;

2 umusa wami, lenqaba yami, umphotshongo wami ophakemeyo, lomkhululi wami, isihlangu sami, lengiphephela kuyo, ethobisa abantu bami ngaphansi kwami.

3 NKOSI, umuntu uyini ukuthi umazi? Indodana yomuntu ukuthi uyinanze?

4 Umuntu unjengeze, insuku zakhe zinjengesithunzi esidlulayo.

5 NKOSI, khothamisa amazulu akho, wehle; thinta izintaba ukuze zithunqe.

6 Phazimisa umbane, ubachithe, uthumele imitshoko yakho, ubahlakaze.

7 Yelula isandla sakho uphezulu, ungikhulule, ungophule emanzini amanengi, esandleni sabantwana besizwe,

8 abamlomo wabo ukhuluma amanga, lesandla sabo sokunene singesokunene senkohliso.

9 Ngizahlabelela kuwe ingoma entsha, Nkulunkulu; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuwe ngogubhu olulentambo ezilitshumi.

10 Wena onika amakhosi usindiso, okhulula uDavida inceku yakho enkembeni embi.

11 Ngophula, ungikhulule esandleni sabantwana besizwe, abamlomo wabo ukhuluma amanga, lesandla sabo sokunene singesokunene senkohliso.

12 Ukuthi amadodana ethu abe njengezilimo ezikhula ebutsheni bazo, amadodakazi ethu njengamatshe engonsi abazwe njengomfanekiso wesigodlo!

13 Ukuthi iziphala zethu zigcwale ziveze uhlobo ngohlobo; izimvu zethu zizale izinkulungwane, yebo, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi emadlelweni ethu!

14 Ukuthi inkabi zethu zingathwaliswa, kungabi lokufohlela phakathi, njalo kungabi lokuphuma, kumbe kungabi lesililo ezitaladeni zethu!

15 Bayathaba abantu okunjalo kubo; bayathaba abantu abaNkulunkulu wabo yiNKOSI.

LWEZIHLABELELO 145

Ukubonga iNKOSI ngobukhulu bayo langesihawu sayo

Ingoma yendumiso, ekaDavida

1 Ngizakuphakamisa, Nkulunkulu wami, Nkosi, ngibonge ibizo lakho kuze kube nini lanini.

2 Ngensuku zonke ngizakubonga, ngidumise ibizo lakho kuze kube nini lanini.

3 Yinkulu iNKOSI, ifanele ukudunyiswa kakhulu, lobukhulu bayo kabuhloleki.

4 Isizukulwana ngesizukulwana sizababaza imisebenzi yakho, sitshumayele izenzo zakho ezilamandla.

5 Ngizakhuluma ngodumo lwakho olukhazimulayo lobukhosi bakho, langendaba zezimangaliso zakho.

6 Njalo bazakhuluma ngamandla ezenzo zakho ezesabekayo, lobukhulu bakho ngibulandise.

7 Bazathulula ngamazwi isikhumbuzo sokulunga kwakho okukhulu, bahlabele ngentokozo ngokulunga kwakho.

8 Ilomusa lesihawu iNKOSI, iyaphuza ukuthukuthela, inkulu ngothando.

9 INKOSI ilungile kubo bonke, lezihawu zayo ziphezu kwayo yonke imisebenzi yayo.

10 Imisebenzi yakho yonke izakudumisa, NKOSI, labangcwele bakho bazakubusisa.

11 Bazakhuluma ngenkazimulo yombuso wakho, balandise ngamandla akho.

12 Ukuze bazise abantwana babantu izenzo zayo ezilamandla, lenkazimulo yobukhosi bombuso wayo.

13 Umbuso wakho ungumbuso wamaphakade wonke, lokubusa kwakho kumi kuso sonke isizukulwana ngesizukulwana.

14 INKOSI isekela bonke abawayo, iphakamise bonke abakhothemeyo.

15 Amehlo abo bonke alindele kuwe, wena-ke uyabanika ukudla kwabo ngesikhathi sakho.

16 Uyavula isandla sakho, usuthise isifiso sakho konke okuphilayo.

17 INKOSI ilungile endleleni zayo zonke, njalo ilomusa emisebenzini yayo yonke.

18 INKOSI iseduze labo bonke abayibizayo, labo bonke abayibiza ngeqiniso.

19 Yenza isifiso sabayesabayo, iyezwa ukukhala kwabo, ibasindise.

20 INKOSI iyabalondoloza bonke abayithandayo; kodwa bonke ababi izababhubhisa.

21 Umlomo wami uzakhuluma indumiso yeNKOSI, layo yonke inyama ibonge ibizo layo elingcwele kuze kube nini lanini.

LWEZIHLABELELO 146

Ukudumisa iNKOSI engumsizi

1 Dumisani iNKOSI! Dumisa iNKOSI, mphefumulo wami.

2 Ngizayidumisa iNKOSI ngisaphila; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wami ngisesekhona.

3 Lingabeki ithemba lenu eziphathamandleni, endodaneni yomuntu okungekho kuyo usindiso.

4 Umoya wakhe uyaphuma, uyabuyela emhlabathini wakhe; ngalolosuku amacebo akhe ayaphela.

5 Ubusisiwe yena oloNkulunkulu kaJakobe ukuthi abe lusizo lwakhe, othemba
lakhe liseNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakhe,
6 owenza amazulu, lomhlaba, ulwandle, lakho konke okukukho, ogcina iqiniso
kuze kube nininini,
7 owenzela abacindezelweyo isahlulelo, obaphayo ukudla abalambileyo.
INKOSI iyakhulula izibotshwa,
8 INKOSI iyavula amehlo eziphofu; iNKOSI iyabalulamisa abakhothemeyo;
iNKOSI iyabathanda abalungileyo.
9 INKOSI ilondoloza abemzini, isekele intandane lomfelokazi; kodwa indlela
yababi iyayigenqula.
10 INKOSI izabusa kuze kube nininini, uNkulunkulu wakho, Ziyoni, kuze kube
sesizukulwaneni ngesizukulwana.

LWEZIHLABELELO 147

Dumisani iNKOSI!

Ukudumisa uNkulunkulu, uSomandla

1Dumisani iNKOSI, ngoba kuhle ukuhlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wethu,
ngoba kumnandi, indumiso ifanele.
2 INKOSI iyayakha iJerusalema, iqoqe abahlakaziweyo bakoIsrayeli.
3 Yelapha abadabukileyo enhliziyweni, ibophe izinsizi zabo.
4 Ibala inani lezinkanyezi, izibize zonke ngamabizo.
5 Yinkulu iNkosi yethu, njalo ngeyamandla amakhulu; ukuqedisisa kwayo
kakulakunaniswa.
6 INKOSI iyaphakamisa abamnene, iyabawisela emhlabathini ababi.
7 Hlabelelani eNKOSIni ngokubonga; lihlabele indumiso kuNkulunkulu wethu
ngechacho.
8 Eyembesa amazulu ngamayezi, elungisela umhlaba izulu, ekhulisa
utshani ezintabeni,
9 enika inyamazana ukudla kwazo, amaphuphu ewabayi akhalayo.
10 Kayithokozi ngamandla ebhiza, kayijabuleli imilenze yomuntu.
11 INKOSI ijabulela abayesabayo, labo abathembela emuseni wayo.
12 Babaza iNKOSI, Jerusalema. Dumisa uNkulunkulu wakho, Ziyoni.
13 Ngoba iqinise imigoqo yamasango akho; ibusise abantwana bakho phakathi
kwakho.

14 Iyenza ukuthula emingceleni yakho; ikusuthise ngamanono engqoloyi.

15 Iyathumela umthetho wayo emhlabeni; ilizwi layo ligijima ngesiqubu esikhulu.

16 Enika iliqhwa elikhithikileyo njengoboya bezimvu; ihaze ungqwaqwane njengomlotha.

17 Iyaphosa isiqhotho sayo njengezigaqa; ngubani ongema phambi komqando wayo?

18 Iyathumela ilizwi layo, ikuncibilikise; ivunguzise umoya wayo, amanzi ageleze.

19 Iyamemezela ilizwi layo kuJakobe, izimiso zayo lezahlulelo zayo kuIsrayeli.

20 Kayenzanga njalo lakusiphi isizwe; lezahlulelo zayo kazizazi.

LWEZIHLABELELO 148

Dumisani iNKOSI!

Izidalwa zonke kazidumise iNKOSI

1Dumisani iNKOSI! Dumisani iNKOSI lisemazulwini, idumiseni endaweni eziphezulu.

2 Idumiseni lonke zingilosi zayo. Idumiseni lonke mabandla ayo.

3 Idumiseni langa lenyanga. Idumiseni lonke zinkanyezi ezikhanyayo.

4 Idumiseni mazulu amazulu, lani manzi aphezu kwamazulu.

5 Kakudumise ibizo leNKOSI; ngoba yona yalaya, kwasekudalwa.

6 Yakumisa kuze kube nini lanini; yakhupha isimiso esingayikwedlula.

7 Dumisani iNKOSI lisemhlabeni, migobho yolwandle, lani zinziki zonke,

8 mlilo lesiqhotho, liqhwa elikhithikileyo lenkungu, siphepho esenza ilizwi layo;

9 zintaba lamaqaqa wonke, zihlahla zezithelo lemisedari yonke,

10 zinyamazana zeganga lezifuyo zonke, zinto ezihuquzelayo lenyoni eziphaphayo.

11 Makhosi omhlaba, lani zizwe zonke, ziphathamandla, lani babusi bomhlaba,

12 majaha, lani-ke zintombi, maxhegu labatsha.

13 Kabadumise ibizo leNKOSI, ngoba ibizo layo lodwa liphakeme; ubukhosi bayo buphezu komhlaba lamazulu.

14 Njalo iphakamisile uphondo lwabantu bayo, indumiso yabo bonke abangcwele bayo, eyabantwana bakoIsrayeli, abantu abaseduze layo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 149

Dumisani iNKOSI!

UIsrayeli kadumise iNkosi

1Dumisani iNkosi! HIabelelani iNkosi ingoma entsha, indumiso yayo ebandleni labangcwele.

2 UIsrayeli kathokoze ngoMenzi wakhe, abantwana beZiyoni kabathabe eNkosini yabo.

3 Kabadumise ibizo layo ngokusina, kabayihlabelele indumiso ngesigujana lechacho.

4 Ngoba iNkosi iyathokoza ngabantu bayo; izacecisa abamnene ngosindiso.

5 Abangcwele kabathokoze ngendumiso, kabahlabelele ngenjabulo emibhedeni yabo.

6 Indumiso zikaNkulunkulu zisemphinjeni wabo, lenkemba esika nhlangothi mbili esandleni sabo,

7 ukuze benze impindiselo phezu kwabahedeni, izijeziso phezu kwezizwe,

8 ukuze babophe amakhosi azo ngamaketane, lezikhulu zazo ngezibopho zensimbi,

9 ukuze benze isahlulelo esibhaliweyo phezu kwazo. Loludumo abangcwele bayo bonke balalo.

LWEZIHLABELELO 150

Dumisani iNkosi

1Dumisani iNkosi! Dumisani uNkulunkulu endlini yakhe engcwele; mdumiseni emkhathini wamandla akhe.

2 Mdumiseni ngenxa yezenzo zakhe ezilamandla, limdumise ngenxa yobunengi bobukhulu bakhe.

3 Mdumiseni ngokuvuthelwa kophondo, limdumise ngogubhu lwezintambo lechacho,

4 limdumise ngesigujana langokusina, limdumise ngezinto zokuhlabelela ezilentambo langomhlanga,

5 limdumise ngensimbi ezincencethayo ezihlokomayo, limdumise ngensimbi ezincencethayo ezikhala kakhulu.

6 Konke okuphefumulayo kakudumise iNkosi. Dumisani iNkosi!

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IZAGA 1

Izaga zilosizo

1 Izaga zikaSolomoni, indodana kaDavida, inkosi yakoIsrayeli;

2 ukwazi inhlakanipho lokulaywa, ukuqedisisa amazwi okuqedisisa,

3 ukwemukela ukulaya kwenhlakanipho, ukulunga, lesahlulelo, lokuqonda;

4 ukunika abangelalwazi inhlakanipho, ijaha ulwazi lengqondo.

5 Ohlakaniphileyo uzakuzwa, andise ukufunda, loqedisisayo uzazuza izeluleko,

6 ukuqedisisa isaga lomzekeliso, amazwi abahlakaniphileyo, lamalibho abo.

Izeluleko kumajaha

7 Ukwesaba iNKOSI kuyikuqala kolwazi; izithutha ziyadelela inhlakanipho lokulaywa.

8 Ndodana yami, zwana ukulaya kukayihlo, ungawudeli umlayo kanyoko;

9 ngoba kuzakuba ngumqhele womusa ekhanda lakho, lemigaxo entanyeni yakho.

10 Ndodana yami, uba izoni zikuhuga, ungavumi.

11 Uba zisithi: Hamba lathi, siyecathamela igazi, sicatshele ongelacala kungelasizatho;

12 sibaginye bephila njengengcwaba, yebo, ngokupheleleyo, njengabehlela egodini.

13 Sizathola yonke impahla eligugu, sigcwalise izindlu zethu ngempango.

14 Phosela inkatho yakho phakathi kwethu; sonke sibe lesikhwama semali sinye.

15 Ndodana yami, ungahambi lazo endleleni; unqande unyawo lwakho emkhondweni wazo.

16 Ngoba inyawo zazo zigijimela ebubini, ziphangisa ukuchitha igazi.

17 Isibili, imbule lendlalelwa ize phambi kwamehlo aloba yiyiphi inyoni.

18 Lalaba bacathamela igazi labo, bacatshele imiphefumulo yabo.

19 Zinjalo indlela zakhe wonke ozuza inzuzo ngokuphanga; ithatha impilo yabaniniyo.

Inhlakanipho iyamemeza

20 UkuHlakanipha kuyamemeza ngaphandle, kukhupha ilizwi lakho emidangeni.

21 Kuyamemeza endaweni eqakathekileyo yokuxokozela, ekungeneni kwamasango; emzini kutsho amazwi akho

22 kusithi: Koze kube nini, lina elingelalwazi, lithanda ukungabi lalwazi, labaklolodayo bezifisela ukukloloda, leziphukuphuku zizonda ulwazi?

23 Phendukelani ekukhuzeni kwami; khangelani, ngizathululela umoya wami kini, ngilazise amazwi ami.

24 Ngoba ngibizile, kodwa lala; ngelulile isandla sami, kodwa kakho onanzayo;

25 ladelela sonke iseluleko sami, kalivumanga ukukhuza kwami;

26 mina-ke ngizahleka ukuchitheka kwenu, ngiklolode ekufikeni kokwesaba kwenu,

27 ekufikeni kokwesaba kwenu njengesiphepho, lokuchitheka kwenu kufika njengesivunguzane, lapho ubuhlungu losizi kulehlela.

28 Khona bazangibiza, kodwa kangiyikusabela; bazangidingisisa, kodwa kabayikungithola.

29 Ngenxa yokuthi babezonda ulwazi, bengakhethanga ukwesaba iNKOSI.

30 Kabavumanga iseluleko sami, bedelela konke ukukhuza kwami.

31 Ngakho bazakudla okwesithelo sendlela yabo, basuthiswe ngamacebo abo.

32 Ngoba ukuhlehla kwabangelalwazi kuzababulala, lokonwaba kweziphukuphuku kuzababhubhisa.

33 Kodwa ongilalelayo uzahlala evikelekile, onwabe ekwesabeni okubi.

IZAGA 2

Umvuzo wenhlakanipho

1Ndodana yami, uba usemukela amazwi ami, ugcine kuwe imilayo yami,

2 ukuthi wenze indlebe yakho ilalele inhlakanipho, uthobise inhliziyo yakho ekuqedisiseni,

3 yebo, uba ukhalela ukuqedisisa, ukhuphele ilizwi lakho ekuzwisiseni,

4 uba ukudinga njengesiliva, ukuphenye njengezimpahla eziligugu ezifihliweyo,

5 khona uzaqedisisa ukuyesaba iNKOSI, uthole ulwazi lukaNkulunkulu.

6 Ngoba iNKOSI inika inhlakanipho; ulwazi lokuqedisisa kuvela emlonyeni wayo.

7 Iyababekela abaqotho inhlakanipho eqotho; iyisihlangu kubo abahamba ngokuqonda,

8 ukugcina indlela zesahlulelo; izalondoloza indlela zabangcwele bayo.

9 Khona uzaqedisisa ukulunga, lesahlulelo, lokuqonda; yonke indlela elungileyo.

10 Lapho inhlakanipho izangena enhliziyweni yakho, lolwazi lube mnandi emphefumulweni wakho;

11 ingqondo izakugcina, ukuqedisisa kukulondoloze;

12 ukukophula endleleni embi, emuntwini okhuluma izinto eziphambeneyo;

13 abatshiya indlela zobuqotho, ukuze bahambe ngendlela zobumnyama;

14 abathokoza ngokwenza okubi, bejabula ekuphambukeni komubi;

15 abandlela zabo ziphambene, begobile emikhondweni yabo;

16 ukukophula kowesifazana wemzini, kowezizwe okhohlisa ngamazwi akhe;

17 otshiya umngane wobutsha bakhe, ekhohlwa isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wakhe;

18 ngoba indlu yakhe itshonela ekufeni, lemikhondo yakhe emimoyeni efileyo.

19 Bonke abangena kuye kabayikubuya, njalo kabayikufinyelela endleleni zempilo.

20 Ukuze uhambe endleleni yabalungileyo, ugcine imikhondo yamalungisa.

21 Ngoba abaqotho bazahlala elizweni, labapheleleyo basale kulo;

22 kodwa abakhohlakeleyo bazaqunywa basuswe elizweni, labaphambekayo badatshulwe basuswe kulo.

IZAGA 3

Ezinye izeluleko emajaheni

1Ndodana yami, ungakhohlwa umlayo wami, kodwa inhliziyo yakho kayigcine imilayo yami.

2 Ngoba yengezelela kuwe ubude bezinsuku leminyaka yempilo lokuthula.

3 Umusa lothembeko kakungakutshiyi, kubophele entanyeni yakho, ukubhale esibhebheni senhliziyo yakho.

4 Ngalokho uzathola umusa lokuqedisisa okuhle emehlweni kaNkulunkulu labantu.

5 Themba eNKOSIni ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, ungeyami ekuqedisiseni kwakho.

6 Ivume endleleni zakho zonke, yona-ke izaqondisa imikhondo yakho.

7 Ungabi ngohlakaniphileyo emehlweni akho; yesabe iNKOSI, usuke ebubini.

8 Kuzakuba yikwelatshwa kwenkaba yakho, lokunathwayo kwamathambo akho.

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9 Hlonipha iNKOSI ngemfuyo yakho, langezithelo zakho zokuqala zesivuno sakho sonke.

10 Khona iziphala zakho zizagcwaliswa ngenala, lezikhamelo zakho zewayini ziphuphume iwayini elitsha.

11 Ndodana yami, ungadeleli ukulaya kweNKOSI, unganengwa yikukhuza kwayo.

12 Ngoba iNKOSI iyamlaya emthandayo, yebo, njengoyise indodana athokoza ngayo.

13 Ubusisiwe umuntu othola inhlakanipho, lomuntu ozuza ukuqedisisa.

14 Ngoba inzuzo yakho ingcono kulenzuzo yesiliva, lokutholakalayo kwakho kulegolide.

15 Kuligugu elidlula amatshe aligugu, lakho konke ongakufisa kakulinganiswa lakho.

16 Ubude bezinsuku busesandleni sakho sokunene, kwesokhohlo sakho inotho lodumo.

17 Izindlela zakho zizindlela zentokozo, lemikhondo yakho yonke iyikuthula.

18 Kuyisihlahla sempilo kwabakubambayo, lobambelela kukho ubusisiwe.

19 Ngenhlakanipho iNKOSI yasekela umhlaba; yamisa amazulu ngokuqedisisa.

20 Ngolwazi lwayo izinziki zaqhekezwa, lamayezi athonta amazolo.

21 Ndodana yami, kakungasuki emehlweni akho; gcina inhlakanipho eqotho lengqondo.

22 Njalo kuzakuba yimpilo yomphefumulo wakho, lesisa entanyeni yakho.

23 Khona uzahamba indlela yakho uvikelekile, lonyawo lwakho kaluyikukhubeka.

24 Nxa ulala phansi, kawuyikwesaba, yebo, uzalala, lobuthongo bakho buzakuba mnandi.

25 Ungesabi uvalo olujumayo, kumbe ukuchitheka kwababi nxa kufika.

26 Ngoba iNKOSI izakuba sethembeni lakho, igcine unyawo lwakho ukuze lungabanjwa.

27 Ungagodleli umninikho okuhle nxa kusemandleni esandla sakho ukukwenza.

28 Ungathi kumakhelwane wakho: Hamba, ubuye, kusasa ngizakunika; nxa ulakho.

29 Ungacebi okubi ngomakhelwane wakho, ngoba yena uhlala lawe evikelekile.

30 Ungaphikisani lomuntu kungelasizatho, nxa engakonanga.

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31 Ungahawukeli umuntu olobudlwangudlwangu; ungakhethi leyodwa yezindlela zakhe.

32 Ngoba ophambeneyo uyisinengiso eNKOSIni, kodwa imfihlo yayo ikwabaqotho.

33 Isiqalekiso seNKOSI sisendlini yomubi, kodwa iyawubusisa umuzi wabalungileyo.

34 Isibili, yona iyabeyisa abeyisayo, kodwa inika umusa kwabathobekileyo.

35 Abahlakaniphileyo bazakudla ilifa lodumo, kodwa abayizithutha, isabelo sabo silihlazo.

IZAGA 4

Inhlakanipho iletha inzuzo ethile

1Zwanini, bantwana bami, umlayo kayihlo, linanzelele ukuze lazi ukuqedisisa.

2 Ngoba ngilinika imfundiso enhle, lingawutshiyi umlayo wami.

3 Ngoba bengiyindodana kababa, ngithambile, ngingedwa phambi kukamama.

4 Wasengifundisa wathi kimi: Inhliziyo yakho kayibambelele emazwini ami; gcina imilayo yami, uphile.

5 Zuza inhlakanipho, uzuze ukuqedisisa, ungakhohlwa; ungaphambuki emazwini omlomo wami.

6 Ungakutshiyi, njalo kuzakulondoloza; ukuthande, njalo kuzakulinda.

7 Okokuqala yinhlakanipho; zuza inhlakanipho; langenzuzo yakho yonke uzuze ukuqedisisa.

8 Kukhulise, njalo kuzakuphakamisa; kuzakunika udumo nxa ukugona.

9 Kuzanika ikhanda lakho umqhele womusa; kuzakulethela umqhele wodumo.

10 Zwana, ndodana yami, wemukele amazwi ami, leminyaka yempilo izakuba minengi kuwe.

11 Ngikufundisile endleleni yenhlakanipho; ngikwenze wanyathela emikhondweni yobuqotho.

12 Ekuhambeni kwakho inyathelo lakho kaliyikufinyezwa, njalo nxa ugijima kawuyikukhubeka.

13 Bambelela ekulayweni, ungakuyekeli; kugcine, ngoba kuyimpilo yakho.

14 Ungangeni emkhondweni wabakhohlakeleyo, ungahambi endleleni yababi.

15 Iyekele, ungedluli ngayo, phambuka kuyo, wedlule.

16 Ngoba kabalali uba bengenzanga okubi; lobuthongo babo buyasuswa uba bengakhubekisanga muntu.

17 Ngoba badla isinkwa senkohlakalo, banathe iwayini lobudlwangudlwangu.

18 Kodwa indlela yabalungileyo injengokukhanya okukhanyayo, kuqhubeka kukhanya kuze kube semini enkulu.

19 Indlela yababi injengomnyama; kabazi ukuthi bazakhutshwa yini.

20 Ndodana yami, lalela amazwi ami, ubeke indlebe yakho ekukhulumeni kwami.

21 Kakungaphunyuki emehlweni akho; ukugcine phakathi kwenhliziyo yakho.

22 Ngoba kuyimpilo kwabakutholayo, lempilo enhle yenyama yabo yonke.

23 Gcina inhliziyo yakho phezu kwakho konke okungagcinwa, ngoba kuvela kikho ukuphuma kwempilo.

24 Susa kuwe ukuphambana komlomo, lokuphambeka kwendebe kususele khatshana lawe.

25 Amehlo akho kawakhangele phambili, lenkophe zakho ziqonde phambi kwakho.

26 Linganisa umkhondo wonyawo lwakho, ukuze zonke indlela zakho ziqine.

27 Ungaphambukeli ngakwesokunene kumbe ngakwesokhohlo; uphambule unyawo lwakho ebubini.

IZAGA 5

Isixwayiso esimayelana lobufebe

1 Ndodana yami, lalela inhlakanipho yami, beka indlebe yakho ekuqedisiseni kwami,

2 ukuze uqaphele ingqondo, lendebe zakho zigcine ulwazi.

3 Ngoba indebe zowesifazana wemzini zithonta uluju, lomlomo wakhe ubutshelezi kulamafutha.

4 Kodwa ukucina kwakhe kuyababa njengomhlonyane, kubukhali njengenkemba esika nhlangothi mbili.

5 Inyawo zakhe zehlela ekufeni; izinyathelo zakhe zibambelela esihogweni.

6 Hlezi ulinganise indlela yempilo, imikhondo yakhe iyazulazula, kananzeleli.

7 Ngakho-ke, bantwana, ngilalelani, lingaphambuki emazwini omlomo wami.

8 Dedisela indlela yakho khatshana laye, ungasondeli emnyango wendlu yakhe;

9 hlezi unikele udumo lwakho kwabanye, leminyaka yakho kolesihluku;

10 hlezi abezizwe bazisuthise ngamandla akho, lemitshikatshika yakho ibe sendlini yowezizweni;

11 njalo ububule ekupheleni kwakho, lapho inyama yakho lomzimba wakho sekudliwe;

12 njalo uthi: Ngikuzonde njani ukulaywa, lenhliziyo yami yadelela ukukhuzwa!

13 Kangizwanga-ke ilizwi labafundisi bami; kangibekanga indlebe zami kwabangifundisayo!

14 Ngaphosa ngaba ebubini bonke phakathi kwebandla lenhlangano.

15 Natha amanzi emgodini wakho, lemifula ephuma phakathi komthombo wakho.

16 Imithombo yakho ichitheke phandle, izifula zamanzi emidangeni.

17 Kakube ngokwakho wedwa, kungabi ngokwabezizweni kanye lawe.

18 Umthombo wakho kawubusiswe; uthokoze ngomfazi wobutsha bakho;

19 impala ethandekayo kakhulu, legogo elibukekayo; amabele akhe kawakusuthise sonke isikhathi, uzule othandweni lwakhe kokuphela.

20 Kungani-ke, ndodana yami, uzule kowesifazana wemzini, ugone isifuba sowemzini?

21 Ngoba indlela zomuntu ziphambi kwamehlo eNKOSI; njalo iyalinganisa yonke imikhondo yakhe.

22 Ezakhe iziphambeko zizabamba omubi, abanjwe zintambo zesono sakhe.

23 Yena uzakufa ngokungalaywa, lebukhulwini bobuthutha bakhe uzaduha.

IZAGA 6

Izixwayiso ezimayelana lezibambiso lobuvila lokwenza okubi

1Ndodana yami, uba uyisibambiso somakhelwane wakho, watshayela owezizwe isandla sakho,

2 uthiywe ngamazwi omlomo wakho, ubanjwe ngamazwi omlomo wakho.

3 Yenza lokhu khathesi, ndodana yami, uzophule, lokhu usesandleni sikamakhelwane wakho; hamba, uzithobe, umncengisise umakhelwane wakho.

4 Unganiki amehlo akho ubuthongo, lokuwozela enkopheni zakho.

5 Uzophule njengomziki esandleni somzingeli, lanjengenyoni esandleni somthiyi wenyoni.

6 Yana ebunyonyweni, vila, ubone indlela zabo, uhlakaniphe.

7 Obuthi, bungelamkhokheli, induna, lombusi,

8 bulungisa isinkwa sabo ehlobo, bubuthe ukudla kwabo esivunweni.

9 Koze kube nini, vila, ulele? Uzavuka nini ebuthongweni bakho?

10 Ubuthongo obuncinyane, ukuwozela okuncinyane, ukusonga izandla okuncinyane ukuthi ulale,

11 besebusiza ubuyanga bakho njengesihambi, lenswelo yakho njengomuntu olesihlangu.

12 Umuntu kaBheliyali, umuntu okhohlakeleyo, ohamba lomlomo ophambeneyo,

13 afice amehlo akhe, akhulume ngenyawo zakhe, afundise ngeminwe yakhe,

14 ukuphambuka kusenhliziyweni yakhe, uceba okubi ngesikhathi sonke, ephosela ingxabano.

15 Ngenxa yalokhu ingozi yakhe izafika masinyane, ahle ephuke, kuze kungabi leselapho.

16 Lezizinto eziyisithupha iNKOSI iyazizonda; yebo, eziyisikhombisa ziyizinengiso emphefumulweni wakhe:

17 Amehlo aphakemeyo, ulimi oluqamba amanga, lezandla ezichitha igazi elingelacala,

18 inhliziyo eceba amacebo amabi, inyawo eziphangisa ukugijimela ububi,

19 umfakazi wamanga ophafuza izinkohliso, lophosela ingxabano phakathi kwabazalwane.

Isixwayiso mayelana lobufebe

20 Ndodana yami, gcina umlayo kayihlo, ungakudeli ukufundisa kukanyoko.

21 Kubophele enhliziyweni yakho njalo, kubophele entanyeni yakho.

22 Ekuhambeni kwakho kuzakukhokhela, ekulaleni kwakho kukulondoloze, lekuvukeni kwakho khona kukhulume lawe.

23 Ngoba umlayo uyisibane, lokufundisa kuyikukhanya, lokukhuza kokulaya kuyindlela yempilo,

24 ukuze kukugcine emfazini omubi, emazwini ayengayo olimi lowesifazana wemzini.

25 Ungaloyisi ubuhle bakhe enhliziyweni yakho; angakuthathi ngenkophe zakhe.

26 Ngoba ngenxa yomfazi oyisiphingi ungafika ecezwini lwesinkwa, lomfazi womuntu uzingela umphefumulo oligugu.

27 Kambe, umuntu angaphatha umlilo esifubeni sakhe, lezigqoko zakhe zingatshi?

28 Umuntu angahamba phezu kwamalahle avuthayo, lenyawo zakhe zingatshi yini?

29 Unjalo ongena kumkamakhelwane wakhe; wonke omthintayo kayikuba msulwa.

30 Kabalideleli isela, nxa liseba ukuthi ligcwalise umphefumulo walo, ngoba lilambile.

31 Uba litholwa, lihlawula kuphindwe kasikhombisa, linika yonke impahla yendlu yalo.

32 Ofeba lowesifazana uswela ingqondo; owenza lokhu nguye ochitha umphefumulo wakhe.

33 Uzathola ukutshaywa lesigcono, lehlazo lakhe kaliyikwesulwa.

34 Ngoba ubukhwele bululaka lomuntu; ngakho kayikuba lasihawu ngosuku lwempindiselo.

35 Kayikunanza loba yiyiphi inhlawulo, kayikuvuma lanxa usandisa isipho.

IZAGA 7

Ubuqili bowesifazana omubi

1 Ndodana yami, gcina amazwi ami, uzibekele imilayo yami.

2 Gcina imilayo yami, uphile, lomthetho wami njengenhlamvu yamehlo akho.

3 Ukubophele eminweni yakho, kubhale esibhebheni senhliziyo yakho.

4 Uthi kunhlakanipho: Ungudadewethu; ubize ukuqedisisa ngokuthi yisihlobo sakho;

5 ukuze kukugcine kumfazi wemzini, kowesifazana wemzini oyengayo ngamazwi akhe.

6 Ngoba ewindini lendlu yami, ngeminxibo yewindi ngalunguza phandle,

7 ngasengibona phakathi kwabangelalwazi, ngananzelela phakathi kwabatsha ijaha eliswele ingqondo,

8 lisedlula esitaladeni eceleni kwengonsi yakhe, linyathela endleleni yendlu yakhe,

9 kusihlwa, ngentambama yosuku, ebusuku obumnyama, lomnyama.

10 Khangela-ke, owesifazana walihlangabeza, lesembatho sewule, elobuqili ngenhliziyo.

11 Lo wayelomsindo, eyisiqholo; inyawo zakhe kazihlali endlini yakhe.

12 Khathesi uphandle, abesesiba ezitaladeni, ecathama kuyo yonke ingonsi.

13 Ngokunjalo walibamba, walanga, waqinisa ubuso bakhe, wathi kulo:

14 Imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula ikimi; lamuhla sengibhadele izifungo zami.

15 Ngakho-ke ngiphumile ukukuhlangabeza, ngidingisise ubuso bakho; ngikutholile.

16 Ngendlele umbheda wami ngezendlalo, ngamalembu acolekileyo kakhulu alemibalabala avela eGibhithe.

17 Ngifafazile umbheda wami ngemure, izinhlaba, lekinamoni.

18 Woza, sizidakise ngothando kuze kuse, sizithokozise ngothando olukhulu.

19 Ngoba indoda kayikho endlini yayo, ihambile uhambo khatshana.

20 Ithethe isaka lemali esandleni sayo; ngosuku lwenyanga egcweleyo izakuza endlini yayo.

21 Walihuga ngobunengi bemfundiso yakhe, walivumisa ngenkulumo zakhe ezincengayo.

22 Lahle lamlandela njengenkabi isiya ekuhlatshweni, lanjengesiphukuphuku sisiya ekujezisweni esongweni lenqagala;

23 uze umtshoko uhlabe isibindi salo, njengenyoni iphangisela esifwini, ingazi ukuthi simelene lempilo yayo.

24 Khathesi-ke, bantwana, ngizweni, lilalele amazwi omlomo wami.

25 Inhliziyo yakho kayingaphambukeli endleleni zakhe; ungaduhi emikhondweni yakhe.

26 Ngoba ubawisele phansi abanengi abalimeleyo, labo bonke ababuleweyo bakhe banengi.

27 Indlu yakhe izindlela zesihogo, ezehlela emakamelweni okufa.

IZAGA 8

Ukudunyiswa kwenhlakanipho

1 Inhlakanipho kayimemezi yini, lokuqedisisa kukhuphe ilizwi lakho?

2 Engqongeni yezindawo eziphakemeyo, ngasendleleni, phakathi kwezindlela kumi.

3 Eceleni kwamasango, entubeni yomuzi, ekungeneni kweminyango kuyamemeza kakhulu kuthi:

4 Kini, madoda, ngiyamemeza, lelizwi lami lisebantwaneni babantu.

5 Lina elingelalwazi, qedisisani inhlakanipho; lani zithutha, qedisisani ngenhliziyo.

6 Zwanini, ngoba ngizakhuluma izinto zobukhosi, lokuvula kwendebe zami kuzakuba yikuqonda.

7 Ngoba umlomo wami ukhuluma iqiniso, lenkohlakalo iyisinengiso endebeni zami.

8 Wonke amazwi omlomo wami asekulungeni; kakukho okutshilekileyo lokugobileyo kuwo.

9 Wonke aqondile kulowo oqedisisayo, alungile kulabo abathola ulwazi.

10 Yemukelani ukufundisa kwami, hatshi isiliva, lolwazi kulegolide elikhethekileyo.

11 Ngoba inhlakanipho ingcono kulamatshe amahle, lakho konke okufisekayo kakulakulinganiswa layo.

12 Mina nhlakanipho ngihlala lokuqedisisa, ngithola ulwazi lamacebo.

13 Ukwesaba iNKOSI kuyikuzonda ububi; ukuzigqaja, lokuziqhenya, lendlela embi, lomlomo wokuphambeka ngiyakuzonda.

14 Iseluleko ngesami, lenhlakanipho eqotho; ngiyikuqedisisa; amandla ngawami.

15 Ngami amakhosi ayabusa, lababusi bamisa ukulunga.

16 Ngami iziphathamandla ziyabusa, lezikhulu, bonke abehluleli bomhlaba.

17 Mina ngiyathanda abangithandayo, lalabo abangidingisisayo bazangithola.

18 Inotho lodumo kukimi, inotho eqhubekayo lokulunga.

19 Isithelo sami singcono kulegolide, legolide elicwengekileyo, lokutholakalayo kwami kulesiliva esikhethekileyo.

20 Ngihamba endleleni yokulunga, phakathi kwemikhondo yesahlulelo;

21 ukuthi ngenze abangithandayo badle ilifa lemfuyo; ngigcwalise iziphala zabo.

22 INKOSI, ngaba ngeyayo, ngaba yikuqala kwendlela yayo, ngaphambi kwemisebenzi yayo yendulo.

23 Ngamiswa kwasephakadeni, kusukela ekuqaleni, kusukela emandulo omhlaba.

24 Kungakabi khona izinziki ngasengizelwe, ingakabi khona imithombo enzima ngamanzi.

25 Intaba zingakamiswa, kungakabi khona amaqaqa, ngasengizelwe.

26 Ingakawenzi umhlaba lemimango, lokuqala kwentuli zomhlaba.

27 Lapho ilungisa amazulu ngangikhonapho; lapho imisa umkhathi ngaphezu kwenziki;

28 lapho imisa amayezi ngaphezulu; lapho iqinisa imithombo yenziki;

29 lapho imisela ulwandle umngcele walo ukuze amanzi angeqi umlayo wayo; lapho imisa izisekelo zomhlaba;

30 khona ngangiseduze layo njengowakhuliswa yiyo, ngizintokozo zayo usuku ngosuku, ngithokoza phambi kwayo ngaso sonke isikhathi,

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31 ngidlala elizweni lomhlaba wayo, lentokozo zami zisebantwaneni babantu.

32 Ngakho-ke, bantwana bami, ngizweni; ngoba babusisiwe abagcina indlela zami.

33 Zwanini ukulaya, lihlakaniphe, lingakudeli.

34 Ubusisiwe umuntu ongizwayo, alinde insuku ngensuku emasangweni ami, alinde emigubazini yeminyango yami.

35 Ngoba ongitholayo uthola impilo, azuze umusa eNKOSIni.

36 Kodwa owona kimi wona umphefumulo wakhe; bonke abangizondayo bathanda ukufa.

IZAGA 9

Inhlakanipho lobuthutha

1 Inhlakanipho enkulu yakhe indlu yayo, ibaze insika zayo eziyisikhombisa.

2 Ihlabe okuhlatshwayo kwayo, ixubanise iwayini layo, futhi yalungisa itafula layo.

3 Ithume incekukazi zayo, iyamemeza engqongeni zendawo eziphakemeyo zomuzi zisithi:

4 Loba ngubani ongelalwazi? Kaphendukele lapha; oswele ingqondo, ithi kuye:

5 Wozani, lidle okwesinkwa sami, linathe okwewayini engilixubanisileyo.

6 Yekelani abangelalwazi liphile, lihambe ngokuqonda ngendlela yokuqedisisa.

7 Osola isiklolodi uzizuzela ihlazo, lokhuza okhohlakeleyo uzizuzela isici.

8 Ungasoli isiklolodi, hlezi sikuzonde; sola ohlakaniphileyo, njalo uzakuthanda.

9 Nika ohlakaniphileyo, njalo uzakuba lokhu ehlakanipha; fundisa olungileyo, njalo uzakwandisa ukufunda.

10 Ukuyesaba iNKOSI kuyikuqala kwenhlakanipho, lolwazi lwabangcwele luyikuqedisisa.

11 Ngoba ngami insuku zakho zizakwandiswa, leminyaka yempilo yengezelelwe kuwe.

12 Uba uhlakaniphile, uzakuba uzihlakaniphele; uba ukloloda, uzakuthwala wedwa.

13 Owesifazana oyisithutha ulomsindo, kalangqondo, kazi lutho.

14 Ngoba uhlala emnyango wendlu yakhe, esihlalweni, endaweni eziphakemeyo zomuzi,

15 ukubiza abadlulayo ngendlela, abahamba beqondile emikhondweni yabo, esithi:

16 Loba ngubani ongelalwazi? Kaphendukele lapha; loswele ingqondo, uthi kuye:

17 Amanzi ebiweyo amnandi, lesinkwa sensitha siyahlabusa.

18 Kodwa kazi ukuthi abafileyo balapho; abanxusiweyo bakhe basenzikini yesihogo.

IZAGA 10

Izaga zikaSolomoni

1 Izaga zikaSolomoni.

Indodana ehlakaniphileyo ithokozisa uyise, kodwa indodana eyisithutha ilusizi kunina.

2 Inotho yenkohlakalo kayisizi lutho, kodwa ukulunga kophula ekufeni.

3 INKOSI kayiyekeli umphefumulo wolungileyo ulambe, kodwa isunduza isifiso sababi.

4 Osebenza ngesandla esixegayo uba ngumyanga, kodwa isandla sabakhutheleyo siyanothisa.

5 Ovuna ehlobo uyindodana ehlakaniphileyo; olala ubuthongo obukhulu ngesikhathi sokuvuna uyindodana ethelela ihlazo.

6 Izibusiso zisekhanda lolungileyo, kodwa ubudlwangudlwangu busibekela umlomo wabakhohlakeleyo.

7 Ukukhunjulwa kolungileyo kungokwesibusiso, kodwa ibizo labakhohlakeleyo lizabola.

8 Ohlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo uyemukela imilayo, kodwa isithutha ngendebe sizawiselwa phansi.

9 Ohamba ngobuqotho uhamba evikelekile, kodwa ophambula indlela zakhe uzakwaziwa.

10 Ociyoza ilihlo ubanga inkathazo, njalo isithutha ngendebe sizawiselwa phansi.

11 Umlomo wolungileyo ungumthombo wempilo, kodwa ubudlwangudlwangu busibekela umlomo wabakhohlakeleyo.

12 Inzondo ibanga ingxabano, kodwa uthando lusibekela iziphambeko zonke.

13 Endebeni zoqedisisayo kutholakala inhlakanipho, kodwa intonga ingeyomhlana woswela ingqondo.

14 Abahlakaniphileyo babekelela ulwazi, kodwa umlomo wesithutha useduze lencithakalo.

15 Inotho yonothileyo ingumuzi wamandla akhe; ubuyanga babayanga buyincithakalo yabo.

16 Umsebenzi wolungileyo ngowempilo; inzuzo yokhohlakeleyo ngeyesono.

17 Ogcina ukulaywa usendleleni yempilo, kodwa odelela ukukhuzwa ubanga ukuduha.

18 Osibekela inzondo ungowendebe zamanga, lohlebayo uyisithutha.

19 Ebunengini bamazwi ukuphambeka kakusileli, kodwa othiba indebe zakhe uhlakaniphile.

20 Ulimi lolungileyo luyisiliva esikhethekileyo; inhliziyo yokhohlakeleyo injengento encinyane.

21 Indebe zolungileyo zondla abanengi, kodwa izithutha ziyafa ngokuswela ingqondo.

22 Isibusiso seNKOSI sona siyanothisa; njalo kayengezi usizi kuso.

23 Kunjengenhlekisa koyisithutha ukwenza okubi; kunjalo inhlakanipho kumuntu wokuqedisisa.

24 Lokho okhohlakeleyo akwesabayo kuzamfikela, kodwa isiloyiso solungileyo sizanikwa.

25 Njengokwedlula kwesivunguzane, unjalo okhohlakeleyo kasekho; kodwa olungileyo uyisisekelo saphakade.

26 Njengeviniga emazinyweni, lanjengentuthu emehlweni, unjalo olivila kwabamthumileyo.

27 Ukuyesaba iNKOSI kwandisa insuku, kodwa iminyaka yabakhohlakeleyo izafinyezwa.

28 Ithemba labalungileyo liyintokozo, kodwa okulindelwayo kwabakhohlakeleyo kuzabhubha.

29 Indlela yeNKOSI iyinqaba koqotho, kodwa iyincithakalo kubenzi bobubi.

30 Olungileyo kayikunyikinywa laphakade, kodwa abakhohlakeleyo kabayikuhlala elizweni.

31 Umlomo wolungileyo ukhupha inhlakanipho, kodwa ulimi oluphambeneyo luzaqunywa.

32 Indebe zolungileyo ziyazi okuthokozisayo, kodwa umlomo wabakhohlakeleyo iziphambeko.

IZAGA 11

1 Isikali esikhohlisayo siyisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa ilitshe lokulinganisa elipheleleyo liyintokozo yayo.

2 Nxa kufika ukuzigqaja, kufika lehlazo; kodwa kwabathobekileyo kukhona inhlakanipho.

3 Ubuqotho babaqotho buzabaqondisa, kodwa ukuphambeka kwabaphambekayo kuzababhubhisa.

4 Inotho kayisizi ngosuku lolaka, kodwa ukulunga kophula ekufeni.

5 Ukulunga kwabaqotho kuzaqondisa indlela yakhe, kodwa okhohlakeleyo uzakuwa ngenkohlakalo yakhe.

6 Ukulunga kwabaqotho kuzabophula, kodwa abaphambukayo bazathunjwa zinkanuko zabo.

7 Nxa umuntu okhohlakeleyo esifa, ithemba lakhe lizabhubha, lethemba lolamandla liyabhubha.

8 Olungileyo ukhululwa ekuhluphekeni, kodwa omubi ungena endaweni yakhe.

9 Ngomlomo umzenzisi uchitha umakhelwane wakhe, kodwa ngolwazi abalungileyo bayakhululwa.

10 Ngempumelelo yabalungileyo umuzi uyathokoza; lekubhubheni kwabakhohlakeleyo kulenjabulo.

11 Ngesibusiso sabaqotho umuzi uyaphakanyiswa, kodwa ngomlomo wabakhohlakeleyo uyachitheka.

12 Oswela ingqondo udelela umakhelwane, kodwa umuntu oqedisisayo uyazithulela.

13 Ohamba enyeya wembula imfihlakalo, kodwa othembekileyo ngomoya ufihla udaba.

14 Lapho kungekho izeluleko abantu bayawa; kodwa ukukhululwa kusebunengini babeluleki.

15 Oba yisibambiso sowezizwe uzahlupheka ngokubi; kodwa ozonda ukutshaya izandla uvikelekile.

16 Owesifazana olomusa ubamba udumo, labalamandla babamba inotho.

17 Umuntu olomusa wenzela umphefumulo wakhe okuhle, kodwa olesihluku ukhathaza inyama yakhe.

18 Okhohlakeleyo wenza umsebenzi wenkohliso, kodwa ohlanyela ukulunga ulomvuzo weqiniso.

19 Njengoba ukulunga kungokwempilo, kunjalo ozingela okubi kungokokufa kwakhe.

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20 Abaphambeneyo ngenhliziyo bayisinengiso eNKOSIni, kodwa abaqotho ngendlela bayintokozo yayo.

21 Isandla esandleni omubi kayikuyekelwa ukujeziswa, kodwa inzalo yabalungileyo izaphepha.

22 Ulisongo legolide empumulweni yengulube owesifazana obukekayo ophambuka engqondweni.

23 Isifiso sabalungileyo singokuhle kuphela; ithemba labakhohlakeleyo lulaka.

24 Kukhona ohlakazayo, kube kanti okunengi kuyengezwa; logodla okwedlula okufaneleyo, kodwa kungokokuswela.

25 Umphefumulo obusisayo uzakhuluphaliswa, lothelelayo uzathelelwa laye.

26 Ogodla amabele, abantu bazamqalekisa; kodwa isibusiso sizakuba phezu kwekhanda lothengisayo.

27 Odingisisa okuhle, udinga umusa; kodwa odinga okubi, kuzakuza kuye.

28 Othemba inotho yakhe yena uzakuwa, kodwa abalungileyo bazahluma njengamahlamvu.

29 Oletha inkathazo emzini wakhe uzakudla ilifa lomoya, lesithutha sizakuba yinceku yohlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo.

30 Isithelo solungileyo siyisihlahla sempilo, lozuza imiphefumulo uhlakaniphile.

31 Khangela, olungileyo uzavuzwa emhlabeni; kakhulu kangakanani omubi lesoni!

IZAGA 12

1Othanda ukulaywa uthanda ulwazi; kodwa ozonda ukukhuzwa uyisithutha.

2 Olungileyo uzuza umusa eNKOSIni, kodwa umuntu wamacebo amabi iyamlahla.

3 Umuntu kayikumiswa yibubi, kodwa impande yabalungileyo kayiyikunyikinywa.

4 Umfazi okhuthalela okulungileyo ungumqhele wendoda yakhe, kodwa oyangisayo unjengokubola emathanjeni ayo.

5 Imicabango yabalungileyo ilungile; izeluleko zababi ziyinkohliso.

6 Amazwi abakhohlakeleyo ngawokucathamela igazi, kodwa umlomo wabaqotho uzabophula.

7 Abakhohlakeleyo bayachithwa, bangabe besaba khona; kodwa indlu yabalungileyo izakuma.

8 Umuntu uzadunyiswa ngokwenhlakanipho yakhe, kodwa ophambeke ngenhliziyo uzakuba ngowokudelelwa.

9 Odelelekayo elesisebenzi ungcono kulozihloniphayo aswele ukudla.

10 Olungileyo unanzelela impilo yesifuyo sakhe, kodwa izihawu zabakhohlakeleyo ziyilunya.

11 Olima insimu yakhe uzasutha ngokudla, kodwa ozingela izinto eziyize uswela ingqondo.

12 Okhohlakeleyo ufisa impango yababi, kodwa impande yabalungileyo iyahluma.

13 Ekuphambekeni kwendebe kulomjibila womubi, kodwa olungileyo uzaphuma enkathazweni.

14 Umuntu uzasutha ngokulungileyo ngesithelo somlomo, lomvuzo wezandla zomuntu uzabuyiselwa kuye.

15 Indlela yesithutha ilungile emehlweni aso, kodwa olalela iseluleko uhlakaniphile.

16 Isithutha, intukuthelo yaso yaziwa ngosuku; kodwa ohlakaniphileyo ufihla ihlazo.

17 Ophefumula iqiniso wazisa ukulunga, kodwa umfakazi wamanga inkohliso.

18 Kukhona ophahluka njengokuhlaba kwenkemba, kodwa ulimi lwezihlakaniphi luyikusilisa.

19 Indebe yeqiniso izamiswa phakade, kodwa ulimi lwamanga lungolomzuzu nje.

20 Inkohliso isenhliziyweni yabaceba okubi, kodwa abeluleki bokuthula balentokozo.

21 Lokukodwa okubi kakuyikubehlela abalungileyo, kodwa abakhohlakeleyo bagcwele ububi.

22 Indebe zamanga ziyisinengiso eNKOSIni, kodwa abenza iqiniso bayintokozo yayo.

23 Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ufihla ulwazi, kodwa inhliziyo yezithutha imemezela ubuthutha.

24 Isandla sabakhutheleyo sizabusa, kodwa amavila azakuba yizibhalwa.

25 Ukukhathazeka enhliziyweni yomuntu kuyayithobisa, kodwa ilizwi elihle liyayithokozisa.

26 Olungileyo ungumholi kamakhelwane wakhe, kodwa indlela yabakhohlakeleyo iyabaduhisa.

27 Olivila kayikosa inyamazana yakhe ayizingeleyo, kodwa impahla yomuntu okhutheleyo iligugu.

28 Endleleni yokulunga kulempilo, lendleleni yomkhondo kakulakufa.

IZAGA 13

1 Indodana ehlakaniphileyo ilalela ukulaya kukayise, kodwa isideleli kasilaleli
ukukhuzwa.

2 Umuntu uzakudla okuhle okuvela esithelweni somlomo, kodwa umphefumulo
weziphambuki ubudlwangudlwangu.

3 Olondoloza umlomo wakhe ugcina umphefumulo wakhe, kodwa ovula indebe
zakhe zibe banzi uzakuba lencithakalo.

4 Umphefumulo wevila uyafisa, kodwa kakulalutho; kodwa umphefumulo
wokhutheleyo uyakhuluphaliswa.

5 Olungileyo uyalizonda ilizwi lamanga; kodwa omubi uzenza abe levumba,
uthelela ihlazo.

6 Ukulunga kulinda oqotho endleleni, kodwa inkohlakalo ichitha isoni.

7 Kukhona ozitshaya onothileyo, kanti kalalutho; ozitshaya ongumyanga,
kanti unothile kakhulu.

8 Inhlawulo yempilo yomuntu yinotho yakhe, kodwa umyanga kezwa
ukukhuzwa.

9 Ukukhanya kwabalungileyo kuyathokoza, kodwa isibane sabakhohlakeleyo
sizacitshwa.

10 Ukuzigqaja kuveza ingxabano kuphela, kodwa inhlakanipho ikwabalulekiweyo.

11 Inotho etholakala ngokuyize izaphunguka, kodwa obuthelela ngesandla
uyayandisa.

12 Ithemba eliphuzayo ligulisa inhliziyo, kodwa isifiso esizayo siyisihlahla
sempilo.

13 Odelela ilizwi yena uzachithwa, kodwa owesaba umlayo yena uzavuzwa.

14 Imfundiso yohlakaniphileyo ingumthombo wempilo, ukuthi asuke emijibileni
yokufa.

15 Ukuqedisisa okuhle kunika umusa, kodwa indlela yabaphambukayo ilukhuni.

16 Wonke ohlakaniphileyo wenza ngolwazi, kodwa isithutha sichaya ubuthutha.

17 Isithunywa esikhohlakeleyo siwela ebubini, kodwa isithunywa
esithembekileyo siyikusilisa.

18 Ubuyanga lehlazo ngokwalowo oyekela ukufundiswa, kodwa onanzelela
ukukhuzwa uzadunyiswa.

19 Isifiso esenziweyo simnandi emphefumulweni, kodwa kuyisinengiso
ezithutheni ukuphenduka ebubini.

20 Ohamba labahlakaniphileyo uzahlakanipha, kodwa umngane wezithutha uzakuba mubi.

21 Ububi buzazingela izoni, kodwa abalungileyo bazavuzwa ngokuhle.

22 Olungileyo uzabenza abantwana babantwana badle ilifa, kodwa inotho yesoni ibekelwa olungileyo.

23 Ukudla okunengi kusengqathweni yabayanga, kodwa kukhona okukhukhulwa ngokungabi lokwahlulela.

24 Ogodla uswazi lwakhe uzonda indodana yakhe, kodwa oyithandayo uyayidinga masinyane ngesijeziso.

25 Olungileyo uyadla kuze kusuthe umphefumulo wakhe, kodwa isisu sabakhohlakeleyo sizaswela.

IZAGA 14

1Wonke owesifazana ohlakaniphileyo uyayakha indlu yakhe, kodwa oyisithutha uyayidiliza ngezandla zakhe.

2 Ohamba ngobuqotho bakhe wesaba iNKOSI, kodwa ophambene ngendlela zakhe uyayidelela.

3 Emlonyeni wesithutha kulentonga yokuzigqaja, kodwa indebe zabahlakaniphileyo ziyabagcina.

4 Lapho okungekho izinkabi khona umkolo uhlanzekile, kodwa kulesivuno esinengi ngamandla enkabi.

5 Umfakazi othembekileyo kaqambi amanga, kodwa umfakazi wamanga uphafuza amanga.

6 Odelelayo udinga inhlakanipho, kodwa kayikho; kodwa ulwazi lulula koqedisisayo.

7 Suka phambi komuntu oyisithutha, nxa ungayikunanzelela kuye indebe zolwazi.

8 Inhlakanipho yokhaliphileyo yikuqedisisa indlela yakhe, kodwa ubuthutha bezithutha buyinkohliso.

9 Izithutha ziyakloloda ngesono, kodwa phakathi kwabaqotho kulomusa.

10 Inhliziyo iyazi ukubaba kwayo ngokwayo, lowemzini kahlanganyeli lentokozo yayo.

11 Indlu yabakhohlakeleyo izachithwa, kodwa ithente labaqotho lizahluma.

12 Kukhona indlela ebonakala ilungile emuntwini, kodwa ukuphela kwayo zindlela zokufa.

13 Lekuhlekeni inhliziyo isebuhlungwini, lokuphela kwaleyontokozo lusizi.

14 Ohlehlela nyovane ngenhliziyo uzasutha ngezindlela zakhe, kodwa umuntu olungileyo uzasutha ngaye ngokwakhe.

15 Ongelalwazi ukholwa lonke ilizwi, kodwa olengqondo unanzelela ukuhamba kwakhe.

16 Ohlakaniphileyo uyesaba, asuke ebubini, kodwa isithutha siyathukuthela, silitshapha.

17 Ophangisa ukuthukuthela wenza ubuthutha, lomuntu wamacebo amabi uzazondwa.

18 Abangelalwazi badla ilifa lobuthutha, kodwa abakhaliphileyo bazathwala umqhele wolwazi.

19 Ababi bakhothama phambi kwabalungileyo, labakhohlakeleyo emasangweni abalungileyo.

20 Umyanga uzondwa langumakhelwane wakhe, kodwa abathanda onothileyo banengi.

21 Odelela umakhelwane wakhe uyona, kodwa olomusa kubayanga ubusisiwe.

22 Kabaduhi yini abaceba okubi? Kodwa umusa leqiniso ngokwalabo abaceba okuhle.

23 Kumtshikatshika wonke kulenzuzo, kodwa inkulumo yendebe ibanga inswelo kuphela.

24 Umqhele wabahlakaniphileyo uyinotho yabo; ubuthutha bezithutha buyibuthutha.

25 Umfakazi oqinisileyo uyophula imiphefumulo, kodwa ophafuza amanga ungumkhohlisi.

26 Ekuyesabeni iNKOSI kulethemba eliqinileyo, labantwana bakhe bazakuba lesiphephelo.

27 Ukuyesaba iNKOSI kungumthombo wempilo, ukusuka emijibileni yokufa.

28 Lusebunengini babantu udumo lwenkosi, kodwa kusekuswelekeni kwabantu ukuchitheka kombusi.

29 Ophuza ukuthukuthela ulokuqedisisa okukhulu, kodwa ophangisa ukuzonda ukhulisa ubuthutha.

30 Inhliziyo ephilileyo iyimpilo yenyama, kodwa umhawu uyikubola kwamathambo.

31 Ocindezela umyanga uthuka uMenzi wakhe, kodwa olomusa koswelayo uyamdumisa.

32 Okhohlakeleyo uwiswa ebubini bakhe, kodwa olungileyo ulethemba ekufeni kwakhe.

33 Inhlakanipho ihlala enhliziyweni yoqedisisayo, kodwa okuphakathi kwezithutha kuyaziwa.

34 Ukulunga kuphakamisa isizwe, kodwa isono silihlazo ebantwini.

35 Umusa wenkosi usencekwini ehlakaniphileyo, kodwa intukuthelo yayo izakuba kwethela ihlazo.

IZAGA 15

1 Impendulo ethambileyo ibuyisela emuva ulaka, kodwa ilizwi elilukhuni livusa intukuthelo.

2 Ulimi lwabahlakaniphileyo lwenza ulwazi lube luhle, kodwa umlomo wezithutha uthulula ubuthutha.

3 Amehlo eNKOSI akuyo yonke indawo, eqaphela ababi labalungileyo.

4 Ukusilisa kolimi kuyisihlahla sempilo, kodwa ukuphambeka kulo kuyikwephuka emoyeni.

5 Isithutha sidelela ukulaya kukayise, kodwa onanza ukukhuzwa uhlakaniphile.

6 Endlini yolungileyo kulenotho enengi, kodwa enzuzweni yomubi kulenkathazo.

7 Indebe zabahlakaniphileyo ziyahlakaza ulwazi, kodwa inhliziyo yezithutha kayinjalo.

8 Umhlatshelo wabakhohlakeleyo uyisinengiso eNKOSIni, kodwa umkhuleko wabaqotho uyintokozo yayo.

9 Indlela yokhohlakeleyo iyisinengiso eNKOSIni, kodwa ithanda ozingela ukulunga.

10 Ukujezisa kubi kotshiya indlela; ozonda ukukhuzwa uzakufa.

11 Isihogo lentshabalalo kuphambi kweNKOSI; kakhulu kangakanani inhliziyo zabantwana babantu!

12 Isideleli kasithandi osikhuzayo, kasiyi kwabahlakaniphileyo.

13 Inhliziyo ethokozayo yenza ubuso bujabule, kodwa ngosizi lwenhliziyo umoya uyadabuka.

14 Inhliziyo yoqedisisayo idinga ulwazi, kodwa umlomo wezithutha udla ubuthutha.

15 Zonke insuku zohluphekayo zimbi, kodwa inhliziyo ethokozayo ilidili njalonjalo.

16 Kungcono okuncinyane kanye lokwesaba iNKOSI kulenotho enengi lenkathazo kanye layo.

17 Kungcono isidlo semibhida lapho okulothando khona kulenkabi enonileyo lenzondo kanye layo.

18 Umuntu ololaka udungula ingxabano, kodwa ophuza ukuthukuthela uzathulisa ingxabano.

19 Indlela yevila injengothango lwameva, kodwa indlela yabaqotho ibuthelelwe.

20 Indodana ehlakaniphileyo ithokozisa uyise, kodwa umuntu oyisithutha weyisa unina.

21 Ubuthutha buyintokozo koswela ingqondo, kodwa umuntu oqedisisayo uyaqondisa ukuhamba kwakhe.

22 Amaqhinga angelaseluleko ayachitheka, kodwa ngabeluleki abanengi ayakuma.

23 Umuntu ulentokozo ngempendulo yomlomo wakhe; lelizwi ngesikhathi salo, lihle kangakanani.

24 Indlela yempilo kohlakaniphileyo iya phezulu, ukuze asuke esihogweni phansi.

25 INKOSI izadiliza indlu yozigqajayo, kodwa izamisa umngcele womfelokazi.

26 Imicabango yomubi iyisinengiso eNKOSIni, kodwa amazwi amnandi ahlambulukile.

27 Ophanga inzuzo ukhathaza indlu yakhe, kodwa ozonda izipho uzaphila.

28 Inhliziyo yolungileyo inakana ukuphendula, kodwa umlomo wababi uthulula izinto ezimbi.

29 INKOSI ikhatshana labakhohlakeleyo, kodwa iyezwa umkhuleko wabalungileyo.

30 Ukukhanya kwamehlo kuthokozisa inhliziyo, lodaba oluhle lwenza amathambo akhuluphale.

31 Indlebe elalela ukukhuzwa kwempilo izahlala phakathi kwabahlakaniphileyo.

32 Owala ukulaywa weyisa umphefumulo wakhe, kodwa olalela ukukhuzwa uzuza ukuqedisisa.

33 Ukuyesaba iNKOSI kuyikufundiswa kwenhlakanipho, lokuthobeka kwandulela udumo.

IZAGA 16

1 Umuntu ulamacebo enhliziyo, kodwa impendulo yolimi ivela eNKOSIni.

2 Zonke indlela zomuntu zihlanzekile emehlweni akhe, kodwa iNKOSI ilinganisa imimoya.

3 Giqela eNKOSIni imisebenzi yakho, lamacebo akho azaqiniswa.

4 INKOSI izenzele konke, lomubi laye usuku lobubi.

5 Wonke ozigqajayo ngenhliziyo uyisinengiso eNKOSIni; isandla esandleni, kayikuyekelwa engajeziswanga.

6 Ngomusa leqiniso isono siyahlawulelwa, langokuyesaba iNKOSI umuntu uyasuka ebubini.

7 Nxa indlela zomuntu zithokozisa iNKOSI, iyenza lezitha zakhe zibe lokuthula laye.

8 Okulutshwana kanye lokulunga kungcono kulobunengi benzuzo engelakulunga.

9 Inhliziyo yomuntu iceba indlela yakhe, kodwa iNKOSI iqondisa inyathelo lakhe.

10 Isinqumo sikaNkulunkulu sisendebeni zenkosi; umlomo wayo kawuyikuphambeka kusahlulelo.

11 Isikali lesilinganiso esilungileyo kungokweNKOSI; wonke amatshe okulinganisa omgodla angumsebenzi wayo.

12 Kuyisinengiso emakhosini ukwenza okubi, ngoba isihlalo sobukhosi simiswa ngokulunga.

13 Indebe zokulunga ziyintokozo yamakhosi; iyathanda okhuluma izinto eziqondileyo.

14 Ulaka lombusi luyizithunywa zokufa, kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uzaluthulisa.

15 Ekukhanyeni kobuso benkosi kulempilo, lomusa wayo unjengeyezi lezulu lamuva.

16 Kungcono kangakanani ukuzuza inhlakanipho kulegolide; lokuzuza ukuqedisisa kukhethwa kulesiliva.

17 Umgwaqo omkhulu wabaqotho yikusuka ebubini; olondoloza umphefumulo wakhe unanzelela indlela yakhe.

18 Ukuzigqaja kuqalela ukubhujiswa, lokuziphakamisa komoya kuqalela ukuwa.

19 Kungcono ukuthobeka ngomoya kanye labamnene, kulokwabelana impango labazigqajayo.

20 Ophatha udaba ngenhlakanipho uzathola okuhle; lothemba eNKOSIni uyathaba.

21 Ohlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo kuthiwa ngoqedisisayo; lobumnandi bendebe bandisa imfundiso.

22 Ukuqedisisa kwabalakho kungumthombo wempilo, kodwa ukulaya kwezithutha kuyibuthutha.

23 Ingqondo yohlakaniphileyo yenza umlomo wakhe uhlakaniphe, izakwandisa imfundiso endebeni zakhe.

24 Amazwi amnandi aluhlanga loluju, amnandi emphefumulweni, ayimpiliso emathanjeni.

25 Kukhona indlela ebonakala iqondile emuntwini, kodwa ukuphela kwayo zindlela zokufa.

26 Indlala yomtshikatshiki iyazitshikatshikela, ngoba umlomo wakhe uyamkhuthaza.

27 Umuntu omubi ugebha ububi; lendebeni zakhe kulokunjengomlilo otshisayo.

28 Umuntu ophambeneyo ungenisa ingxabano, lonyeyayo wehlukanisa umngane oseduze.

29 Umuntu wobudlwangudlwangu uhuga umakhelwane wakhe, amhambise ngendlela engalunganga.

30 Uvala amehlo akhe ukuceba izinto eziphambeneyo, eluma indebe zakhe aqede ububi.

31 Izimvu zekhanda zingumqhele wodumo; zitholakala endleleni yokulunga.

32 Ophuza ukuthukuthela ungcono kuleqhawe, lobusa umoya wakhe kulothumba umuzi.

33 Inkatho iphoselwa ethangazini, kodwa isinqumo sayo sonke sivela eNKOSIni.

IZAGA 17

1 Ucezu olomileyo lokuthula kanye lalo lungcono kulendlu egcwele imihlatshelo lengxabano.

2 Inceku ehlakaniphileyo izabusa phezu kwendodana eyangisayo, yehlukanise ilifa phakathi kwezelamani.

3 Imbiza yokuncibilikisa ngeyesiliva, lesithando ngesegolide, kodwa iNKOSI ihlola izinhliziyo.

4 Umenzi wobubi ulalela indebe ekhohlakeleyo; umqambimanga ubeka indlebe olimini oluchithayo.

5 Oklolodela umyanga uthuka uMenzi wakhe; othokoza encithakalweni kayikuba msulwa.

6 Abantwana babantwana bangumqhele wabadala, lodumo lwabantwana ngoyise.

7 Indebe elobungcwethi kayisifanelanga isithutha; kakhulu kangakanani indebe yamanga isiphathamandla.

8 Isipho siyilitshe eliligugu emehlweni abaniniso; loba ngaphi esiphendukela khona sizaphumelela.

9 Osibekela isiphambeko udinga uthando, kodwa ophindaphinda udaba wehlukanisa umngane oseduze.

10 Ukukhuza kuyajula koqedisisayo kulokutshaya isithutha ngokulikhulu.

11 Omubi udinga ububi kuphela, kodwa isithunywa esilesihluku sizathunyelwa kuye.

12 Kakuthi ibhere elifelwe yimidlwane lihlangane lomuntu, kodwa hatshi isithutha ebuthutheni baso.

13 Ophindisela okubi esikhundleni sokuhle, ububi kabuyikusuka endlini yakhe.

14 Ukuqala kwenkani kunjengokuvulela amanzi; ngakho yekela ingxabano ingakazivezi.

15 Olungisisa omubi lolahla olungileyo bayisinengiso eNKOSIni, ngitsho bobabili.

16 Kungani kulemali yokuthenga inhlakanipho esandleni sesithutha, lokhu singelangqondo?

17 Umngane uyathanda ngaso sonke isikhathi, lomzalwane uzalelwa inhlupheko.

18 Umuntu oswela ingqondo uyabambana ngezandla ukuba yisibambiso phambi kukamakhelwane wakhe.

19 Othanda isiphambeko uthanda inkani; ophakamisa umnyango wakhe udinga ukubhujiswa.

20 Olenhliziyo ephambeneyo katholi okuhle, lophambene ngolimi uwela ebubini.

21 Ozala isithutha, sizakuba lusizi kuye; loyise wesithutha kathokozi.

22 Inhliziyo ethokozayo yenza kuhle njengomuthi, kodwa umoya owephukileyo womisa amathambo.

23 Omubi uthatha isipho esifubeni ukuphambula izindlela zesahlulelo.

24 Inhlakanipho iphambi koqedisisayo, kodwa amehlo esithutha asekucineni komhlaba.

25 Indodana eyisiwula ilusizi kuyise, iyikubaba kowayizalayo.

26 Ukuhlawulisa olungileyo lakho kakulunganga, lokutshaya iziphathamandla ngenxa yobuqotho.

27 Owazi ulwazi ugodla amazwi akhe; umuntu oqedisisayo ulomoya opholileyo.

28 Isithutha esithuleyo laso sithiwa sihlakaniphile; ovala indebe zakhe uthiwa uyaqedisisa.

IZAGA 18

1 Ozehlukanisayo udinga okuloyisekayo kwakhe; ufohlela inhlakanipho yonke.

2 Isithutha kasithokozi ekuqedisiseni, kodwa ukuze inhliziyo yaso iziveze.

3 Lapho okhohlakeleyo esiza, kuza lokudelela, njalo kanye lenhloni, ihlazo.

4 Amazwi omlomo womuntu angamanzi azikileyo; umthombo wenhlakanipho uyisifula esigobhozayo.

5 Kakulunganga ukwemukela ubuso bokhohlakeleyo, ukuphambula olungileyo kusahlulelo.

6 Indebe zesithutha zingena enkanini, lomlomo waso ubiza imivimvinya.

7 Umlomo wesithutha uyintshabalalo yaso, lendebe zaso zingumjibila womphefumulo waso.

8 Amazwi onyeyayo anjengezibondlo ezehlela kokungaphakathi kwesisu.

9 Lolivila emsebenzini wakhe ungumfowabo womchithi.

10 Ibizo leNKOSI lingumphotshongo oqinileyo; olungileyo uzagijimela kuwo amiswe phezulu evikelekile.

11 Inotho yesinothi ingumuzi waso oqinileyo, lanjengomthangala ophakemeyo ekucabangeni kwaso.

12 Mandulo kokubhujiswa inhliziyo yomuntu iyaziphakamisa, njalo mandulo kodumo kulokuthobeka.

13 Ophendula indaba engakezwa, kuyibuwula kuye, lehlazo.

14 Umoya womuntu uzasekela ukugula kwakhe, kodwa umoya owephukileyo, ngubani ongawuthwala?

15 Inhliziyo yoqedisisayo izuza ulwazi, lendlebe yabahlakaniphileyo idinga ulwazi.

16 Isipho somuntu siyamvulela ngokubanzi, simkhokhelela phambi kwabakhulu.

17 Ongowokuqala ecaleni lakhe ubonakala elungile, kodwa umakhelwane wakhe ufika amhlole.

18 Inkatho iqeda izingxabano, yehlukanise phakathi kwabalamandla.

19 Umzalwane owoniweyo wedlula umuzi oqinileyo, lengxabano zinjengomgoqo wenqaba.

20 Isisu somuntu siyasuthiswa yizithelo zomlomo wakhe, uzasuthiswa yinzuzo yendebe zakhe.

21 Ukufa lempilo kusesandleni solimi; labaluthandayo bazakudla isithelo salo.

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22 Othole umfazi uthole okuhle, uzuze umusa eNKOSIni.

23 Umyanga uyakhuluma ngokuncenga, kodwa isinothi siphendula izinto ezilukhuni.

24 Umuntu wabangane abanengi uzachitheka, kodwa kulomngane onamathela kuleselamani.

IZAGA 19

1 Umyanga ohamba ngobuqotho bakhe ungcono kulophambeneyo endebeni zakhe, njalo oyisithutha.

2 Futhi umphefumulo ongelalwazi kawulunganga, lophangisayo ngezinyawo uyona.

3 Ubuthutha bomuntu buphambula indlela yakhe, lenhliziyo yakhe iyayithukuthelela iNKOSI.

4 Inotho yengeza abangane abanengi, kodwa umyanga wehlukaniswa lomngane wakhe.

5 Umfakazi wamanga kayikuyekelwa engajeziswanga, lophafuza amanga kayikuphunyuka.

6 Banengi abancenga umusa weziphathamandla; njalo wonke ungumngane womuntu wezipho.

7 Bonke abazalwane bomyanga bayamzonda; kakhulu kangakanani abangane bakhe besiya khatshana laye; uxotshana labo ngamazwi kodwa kabatholakali.

8 Ozuza ingqondo uthanda umphefumulo wakhe; unanzelela ukuqedisisa uzathola okuhle.

9 Umfakazi wamanga kayikuyekelwa engajeziswanga, lophafuza amanga uzabhubha.

10 Ukutamasa kakusifanele isiwula; kakhulu kangakanani ukuthi inceku ibuse phezu kweziphathamandla.

11 Ukuqedisisa komuntu kuphuzisa ukuthukuthela kwakhe; lodumo lwakhe yikwedlula isiphambeko.

12 Ulaka lwenkosi lunjengokubhonga kwebhongo lesilwane, kodwa umusa wayo unjengamazolo etshanini.

13 Indodana eyisithutha iyincithakalo kayise; lengxabano zomfazi ziyikuthonta njalonjalo.

14 Umuzi lenotho kuyilifa labobaba, kodwa umfazi ohlakaniphileyo uvela eNKOSIni.

15 Ubuvila buphosela ebuthongweni obukhulu, lomphefumulo olivila uzalamba.

16 Ogcina umlayo ugcina umphefumulo wakhe; odelela indlela zakhe uzakufa.

17 Ozwela umyanga weboleka iNKOSI; izambhadala ngesenzo sakhe.

18 Laya indodana yakho kuselethemba, kodwa ungaloyisi ukufa kwayo.

19 Ololaka olukhulu uzathwala inhlawulo; ngoba nxa umophula uzabe lokhu uqhubeka ukwenza.

20 Lalela izeluleko, wemukele imfundiso, ukuze uhlakaniphe ekucineni kwakho.

21 Kulamacebo amanengi enhliziyweni yomuntu, kodwa iseluleko seNKOSI sona sizakuma.

22 Isiloyiso somuntu ngumusa wakhe, njalo umyanga ungcono kulomuntu wamanga.

23 Ukuyesaba iNKOSI kungokwempilo; ngoba olakho uzalala ebusuku esuthi; kayikwethekelelwa yibubi.

24 Ivila lifihla isandla salo emganwini, njalo kaliyikusibuyisela emlonyeni walo.

25 Tshaya isideleli ongelalwazi abesekhalipha; njalo khuza oqedisisayo, uzaqedisisa ulwazi.

26 Ochitha uyise, axotshe unina, uyindodana ethelela inhloni ilethe ihlazo.

27 Yekela, ndodana yami, ukulalela ukulaywa, ukuphambuka emazwini olwazi.

28 Umfakazi omubi udelela isahlulelo, lomlomo wabakhohlakeleyo uginya ububi.

29 Izahlulelo zilungiselwe izideleli, lemivimvinya umhlana wezithutha.

IZAGA 20

1 Iwayini liyisideleli; okunathwayo okulamandla kulomsindo; njalo wonke oduha kukho kahlakaniphanga.

2 Ukwesabeka kwenkosi kunjengokubhonga kwebhongo lesilwane; oyithukuthelisayo wona umphefumulo wakhe.

3 Kuludumo emuntwini ukuyekela inkani; kodwa sonke isiwula siyaziveza.

4 Ngenxa yobusika ivila kaliyikulima; ngakho lizaphanza esivunweni, kodwa kungabi lalutho.

5 Iseluleko enhliziyweni yomuntu sinjengamanzi azikileyo, kodwa umuntu oqedisisayo uzasikha.

6 Inengi labantu limemezela, lowo lalowo ukulunga kwakhe, kodwa ngubani ongathola umuntu othembekileyo?

7 Olungileyo uhamba ngobuqotho bakhe; babusisiwe abantwana bakhe emva kwakhe.

8 Inkosi ehlezi esihlalweni sesahlulelo ihlakaza bonke ububi ngamehlo ayo.

9 Ngubani ongathi: Ngihlanzile inhliziyo yami, ngihlambulukile esonweni sami?

10 Amatshe ezilinganiso ezehlukeneyo, ama-efa ehlukeneyo, kuyisinengiso eNKOSIni, yebo kokubili.

11 Lomntwana uyazazisa ngezenzo zakhe, loba umsebenzi wakhe uhlanzekile kumbe loba uqotho.

12 Indlebe ezwayo lelihlo elibonayo, iNKOSI yakwenza, yebo kokubili.

13 Ungathandi ubuthongo, hlezi ube ngumyanga; vula amehlo akho, usuthe isinkwa.

14 Kubi, kubi, kutsho umthengi; kodwa esehambile abesezincoma.

15 Kulegolide, lobunengi bamatshe aligugu, kodwa indebe zolwazi zingumceciso oligugu.

16 Thatha isembatho sakhe oyisibambiso sowemzini, umbambe abe yisibambiso sabezizwe.

17 Isinkwa samanga simnandi emuntwini, kodwa emva kwalokho umlomo wakhe uzagcwaliswa ngokhethe.

18 Imicabango uyimisa ngeseluleko; ngakho yenza impi ngamaqhinga amahle.

19 Ohambahamba enyeya wembula imfihlakalo; ngakho ungahlangani lokhohlisa ngendebe zakhe.

20 Othuka uyise loba unina, isibane sakhe sizacitshwa ebumnyameni obumnyama.

21 Ilifa lingaphangisiswa ekuqaleni, kodwa ukucina kwalo kakuyikubusiswa.

22 Ungathi: Ngizaphindisela okubi; lindela iNKOSI, njalo izakusindisa.

23 Amatshe ezilinganiso ezehlukeneyo ayisinengiso eNKOSIni, lesikali esikhohlisayo kasilunganga.

24 Izinyathelo zomuntu zivela eNKOSIni; pho, umuntu angaqedisisa njani indlela yakhe?

25 Kungumjibila emuntwini ukuginya okungcwele, lokuhlolisisa emva kwezifungo.

26 Inkosi ehlakaniphileyo ihlakaza ababi, ibuyisela ivili phezu kwabo.

27 Umphefumulo womuntu uyisibane seNKOSI, sihlolisisa wonke amakamelo esisu.

28 Umusa leqiniso kuyayigcina inkosi, isekela isihlalo sayo sobukhosi ngokulunga.

29 Udumo lwejaha lungamandla alo, lobukhosi babadala yizimvu zekhanda.

30 Imivimvinya yenxeba ihlanza ububi, ngokunjalo izidutshuzo zamakamelo esisu.

IZAGA 201

1 Inhliziyo yenkosi isesandleni sikaJehova injengezifula zamanzi; uyiphendulela loba ngaphi athanda khona.

2 Yonke indlela yomuntu ilungile emehlweni akhe, kodwa iNKOSI ihlola izinhliziyo.

3 Ukwenza ukulunga lesahlulelo kukhethekile eNKOSIni kulomhlatshelo.

4 Ukuphakama kwamehlo, lokuzigqaja kwenhliziyo, lokulima kwabakhohlakeleyo, kuyisono.

5 Imicabango yokhutheleyo isenzuzweni kuphela, kodwa eyakhe wonke ophangisayo isekusweleni kuphela.

6 Ukwenza inotho ngolimi lwamanga kuyize eliphephukayo elalabo abadinga ukufa.

7 Isihluku sababi sizabahudula, ngoba besala ukwenza okulungileyo.

8 Indlela yomuntu igobile njalo ilecala, kodwa ohlanzekileyo, umsebenzi wakhe uqondile.

9 Kungcono ukuhlala engonsini yophahla kulalowesifazana wezinkani lendlini yokuhlanganyela.

10 Umphefumulo wokhohlakeleyo uloyisa ububi; umakhelwane wakhe kemukeli umusa emehlweni akhe.

11 Nxa isideleli sijeziswa, umuntu ongelalwazi uyahlakanipha; lalapho ohlakaniphileyo elaywa wemukela ulwazi.

12 Olungileyo uyananzelela indlu yokhohlakeleyo; uNkulunkulu uwisela abakhohlakeleyo ebubini.

13 Ogcika indlebe yakhe ekukhaleni komyanga, laye uzakhala angaphendulwa.

14 Isipho sensitha siyadedisa intukuthelo, lesivalamlomo esifubeni ulaka olulamandla.

15 Kuyintokozo kolungileyo ukwenza ukulunga, kodwa kuluvalo kubenzi bobubi.

16 Umuntu oduha endleleni yokuqedisisa uzahlala ebandleni lemimoya efileyo.

17 Othanda injabulo uzakuba ngumyanga; othanda iwayini lamafutha kayikunotha.

18 Okhohlakeleyo uyinhlawulelo yolungileyo, lesiphambeki esikhundleni sabaqotho.

19 Kungcono ukuhlala elizweni eliyinkangala kulalowesifazana wezingxabano lolaka.

20 Kukhona imfuyo eloyisekayo lamafutha emzini wohlakaniphileyo, kodwa umuntu oyisithutha uyakuginya.

21 Oxotshana lokulunga lomusa uzathola impilo, ukulunga, lodumo.

22 Ohlakaniphileyo ukhwela emzini wamaqhawe, adilizele phansi amandla ethemba lawo.

23 Ogcina umlomo wakhe lolimi lwakhe, ugcina umphefumulo wakhe ezinkathazweni.

24 Isideleli esizikhukhumezayo esizigqajayo libizo lakhe osebenza ngolaka lokuzikhukhumeza.

25 Isiloyiso sevila sizalibulala, ngoba izandla zalo ziyala ukusebenza.

26 Usuku lonke liloyisa isiloyiso, kodwa olungileyo uzakupha, angagodli.

27 Umhlatshelo wabakhohlakeleyo uyisinengiso; kakhulu kangakanani nxa bewuletha ngecebo elibi.

28 Umfakazi wamanga uzabhubha, kodwa umuntu olalelayo uzakhuluma njalonjalo.

29 Umuntu okhohlakeleyo wenza lukhuni ubuso bakhe, kodwa oqotho yena uyananzelela indlela yakhe.

30 Kakulanhlakanipho, njalo kakulakuqedisisa, njalo kakulaseluleko, okumelana leNKOSI.

31 Ibhiza lilungiselwa usuku lwempi, kodwa ukukhululwa ngokweNKOSI.

IZAGA 22

1 Ibizo elihle likhethekile kulenotho enengi; isisa esihle kulesiliva njalo kulegolide.

2 Onothileyo lomyanga bayahlangana; iNKOSI yabenza bonke.

3 Ohlakaniphileyo ubona ububi acatshe, kodwa abangelalwazi bayaqhubeka babesebejeziswa.

4 Umvuzo wokuthobeka lokwesaba iNKOSI kuyinotho lodumo lempilo.

5 Ameva lemijibila kusendleleni yabaphambeneyo; ogcina umphefumulo wakhe uzakuba khatshana labo.

6 Fundisa umntwana endleleni angahamba ngayo; ngitsho esemdala kayikuphambuka kuyo.

7 Onothileyo ubusa abayanga, lomeboleki uyisigqili somebolekisi.

8 Ohlanyela ukonakala uzavuna ukuhlupheka, lentonga yolaka lwakhe izaphela.

9 Olelihlo elilokuhle yena uzabusiswa, ngoba unikile okwesinkwa sakhe kumyanga.

10 Xotsha isideleli, kuzaphuma lenkani, yebo, ingxabano lehlazo kuzaphela.

11 Othanda ukuhlanzeka kwenhliziyo, ngenxa yesisa sendebe zakhe, inkosi ingumgane wakhe.

12 Amehlo eNKOSI alondoloza ulwazi, kodwa izachitha amazwi abangathembekanga.

13 Ivila lithi: Kulesilwane ngaphandle; ngizabulawa phakathi kwezitalada.

14 Umlomo wabesifazana bemzini ungumgodi otshonayo; lowo iNKOSI emthukutheleleyo uzawela khona.

15 Ubuthutha bubotshelwe enhliziyweni yomntwana; uswazi lokuqondisa luzabususela khatshana laye.

16 Ocindezela umyanga ukwandisa alakho, opha onothileyo, isibili uzakuba ngoswelayo.

Amazwi abahlakaniphileyo

17 Beka indlebe yakho, uzwe amazwi abahlakaniphileyo, umise inhliziyo yakho elwazini lami.

18 Ngoba kumnandi uba uwalondoloza emibilini yakho; azahlala elungile kanyekanye endebeni zakho.

19 Ukuze ithemba lakho libe seNKOSIni, ngikwazisile wona lamuhla, ngitsho wena.

20 Kangikubhalelanga yini izinto ezinhle kakhulu kuzeluleko lelwazini?

21 Ukukwazisa ukuqiniseka kwamazwi eqiniso, ukuze ubuyisele amazwi eqiniso kulabo abakuthumileyo.

22 Ungamphangi umyanga ngoba engumyanga, njalo ungamchobozi oswelayo esangweni.

23 Ngoba iNKOSI izamela udaba lwabo, iphange umphefumulo wababaphangayo.

24 Ungahlanganyeli lomuntu ololaka, ungahambisani lomuntu othukuthelayo,

25 hlezi ufunde indlela zakhe, wemukele umjibila emphefumulweni wakho.

26 Ungabi phakathi kwababambana izandla, phakathi kwabayizibambiso ngezikwelede.

27 Uba ungelakho okokuhlawula, kungani ezathatha umbheda wakho ngaphansi kwakho?

28 Ungatshedisi isikhonkwane esidala somngcele, oyihlo abasenzayo.

29 Uyambona yini umuntu oyingcitshi emsebenzini wakhe? Uzazimisa phambi kwamakhosi; kayikuzimisa phambi kwabantukazana.

IZAGA 23

1 Nxa uhlalela ukudla lesiphathamandla, qaphelisa lokuqaphelisa okuphambi kwakho.

2 Ubeke ingqamu emphinjeni wakho uba uyisiminzi.

3 Ungafisi izibondlo zaso, ngoba ziyikudla kwamanga.

4 Ungatshikatshikeli ukunotha; pheza ekuqedisiseni kwakho.

5 Uzandizisa yini amehlo akho kokungekho? Ngoba kuzazenzela lokuzenzela izimpiko njengokhozi oluphaphela emazulwini.

6 Ungadli ukudla kolelihlo elibi, ungafisi izibondlo zakhe.

7 Ngoba njengoba ecabangile emphefumulweni wakhe, unjalo. Uzakuthi: Dlana unathe; kodwa inhliziyo yakhe kayilawe.

8 Ucezu oludlileyo uzaluhlanza, wone amazwi akho amnandi.

9 Ungakhulumi endlebeni zoyisithutha, ngoba uzadelela inhlakanipho yamazwi akho.

10 Ungatshedisi isikhonkwane esidala somngcele; ungangeni emasimini ezintandane;

11 ngoba uMhlengi wazo ulamandla; yena uzamela udaba lwazo kuwe.

12 Beka inhliziyo yakho ekufundisweni, lezindlebe zakho emazwini olwazi.

13 Ungagodleli umntwana isijeziso; nxa umtshaya ngoswazi kayikufa.

14 Wena uzamtshaya ngoswazi, ukhulule umphefumulo wakhe esihogweni.

15 Ndodana yami, uba inhliziyo yakho ihlakanipha, inhliziyo yami izathokoza, yebo eyami;

16 lezinso zami zizajabula ekukhulumeni kwendebe zakho izinto eziqondileyo.

17 Inhliziyo yakho kayingahawukeli izoni; kodwa bana ekwesabeni iNKOSI lonke usuku.

18 Ngoba isibili kukhona umvuzo, lomlindelo wakho kawuyikuqunywa.

19 Lalela wena, ndodana yami, uhlakaniphe, uqondise inhliziyo yakho endleleni.

20 Ungabi phakathi kwabanathi bewayini, phakathi kwezihwaba zenyama.

21 Ngoba isidakwa lesihwaba sizakuba ngumyanga, lokuwozela kugqokisa amadabudabu.

22 Lalela uyihlo owakuzalayo, ungamdeleli unyoko esemdala.

23 Thenga iqiniso, ungalithengisi; inhlakanipho, lemfundiso, lokuqedisisa.

24 Uyise wolungileyo uzathaba lokuthaba; lozala ohlakaniphileyo uzathokoza ngaye.

25 Uyihlo lonyoko kabathokoze, lokuzeleyo kathabe.

26 Ndodana yami, ngiphe inhliziyo yakho, lamehlo akho kawananzelele indlela zami.

27 Ngoba iwule lingumgodi otshonayo, lowesifazana owemzini ungumthombo ongumcingo.

28 Laye ucathama njengomphangi, andise abangathembekanga phakathi kwabantu.

29 Ngubani olo: Maye? Ngubani olo: Wo? Ngubani olenkani? Ngubani olesililo? Ngubani olamanxeba ngeze? Ngubani olamehlo abomvu?

30 Yilabo abalibala ewayinini, yilabo abazedinga iwayini elixutshanisiweyo.

31 Ungakhangeli iwayini, lapho lizibonakalisa libomvu, nxa linika umbala walo enkomitshini, lihamba liqondile.

32 Ekucineni kwalo liluma njengenyoka, lilume njengebululu.

33 Amehlo akho azabona abesifazana bemzini, lenhliziyo yakho ikhulume izinto eziphambeneyo.

34 Yebo, uzakuba njengolala enhliziyweni yolwandle, lanjengolala esihlokweni sensika yomkhumbi.

35 Bangitshayile, kangizwanga buhlungu; bangidutshuzile, kangikunanzanga. Ngizavuka nini? Ngiphinde ngilidinge futhi.

IZAGA 24

1 Ungabi lamhawu ngabantu ababi, ungaloyisi ukuba labo.

2 Ngoba inhliziyo yabo iceba udlakela, lezindebe zabo zikhuluma uhlupho.

3 Ngenhlakanipho indlu iyakhiwa, langokuqedisisa iqiniswe.

4 Langolwazi amakamelo agcwaliswa ngempahla zonke eziligugu lezimnandi.

5 Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ulamandla, lomuntu ololwazi uqinisa amandla.

6 Ngoba ngezeluleko ezihlakaniphileyo ungalawula impi yakho, lokukhululwa kusebunengini babeluleki.

7 Inhlakanipho enkulu iphakeme esiwuleni; esangweni kasivuli umlomo waso.

8 Oceba ukwenza okubi, bazambiza ngokuthi ngumnikazi wamacebo amabi.

9 Umcabango wobuwula yisono, lesideleli siyisinengiso emuntwini.

10 Uba uzitshengisa uxega ngosuku lokuhlupheka, amandla akho mancinyane.

11 Bophule abasiwa ekufeni, labatatalikela ekubulaweni, kungathi ungabanqanda.

12 Uba usithi: Khangela besingakwazi lokhu; ohlola izinhliziyo yena kayikukunanzelela yini? Olondoloza umphefumulo wakho yena kakwazi yini? ngitsho ubuyisela emuntwini njengokomsebenzi wakhe?

13 Dlana uluju, ndodana yami, ngoba lulungile, lohlanga loluju lumnandi elwangeni lwakho.

14 Lunjalo ulwazi lwenhlakanipho emphefumulweni wakho; uba uluthola, kuzakuba lomvuzo, lethemba lakho kaliyikuqunywa.

15 Wena okhohlakeleyo, ungacathameli umuzi wolungileyo; ungachithi indawo yakhe yokuphumula.

16 Ngoba olungileyo uzakuwa kasikhombisa, avuke futhi; kodwa abakhohlakeleyo bazakhubeka ebubini.

17 Ungathokozi ngokuwa kwesitha sakho, lekukhubekeni kwaso inhliziyo yakho kayingajabuli;

18 hlezi iNKOSI ikubone, kube kubi emehlweni ayo, iphendule ulaka lwayo ilususe kuso.

19 Ungazikhathazi ngenxa yabenzi bobubi, ungabi lamhawu ngabakhohlakeleyo;

20 ngoba omubi kayikuba lomvuzo; isibane sabakhohlakeleyo sizacitshwa.

21 Ndodana yami, yesaba uJehova lenkosi; ungahlanganyeli labaguqugugukayo;

22 ngoba incithakalo yabo izavuka masinyane; njalo ngubani owazi ukuchitheka kwabo bobabili?

Amanye amazwi abahlakaniphileyo

23 Lala ngawabahlakaniphileyo. Ukunaka ubuso kusahlulelo kakulunganga.

24 Othi kokhohlakeleyo: Wena ulungile; abantu bazamqalekisa, izizwe zizamthukuthelela.

25 Kodwa kulabo abamkhuzayo kuzakuba lentokozo, lesibusiso esihle sizabehlela.

26 Ophendula ngamazwi aqondileyo uzakwanga indebe.

27 Lungisa umsebenzi wakho ngaphandle, uzilungiselele wona ensimini, emva kwalokho wakhe indlu yakho.

28 Ungabi ngumfakazi umelene lomakhelwane wakho kungelasizatho, kumbe ukhohlise ngendebe zakho.

29 Ungathi: Njengokwenza kwakhe kimi ngizakwenza njalo kuye; ngizaphindisela emuntwini njengokomsebenzi wakhe.

30 Ngedlula ensimini yevila, lesivinini somuntu oswele ingqondo;

31 khangela-ke, konke kwakumile ameva, imbabazane yayisibekele ubuso bakho, lomthangala wakho wamatshe udilikile.

32 Mina-ke ngakukhangela, ngakubeka enhliziyweni yami; ngakubona, ngemukela imfundiso.

33 Ubuthongo obuncinyane, ukuwozela okuncinyane, ukusonga izandla okuncinyane ukuthi kulalwe,

34 besebusiza ubuyanga bakho njengesihambi, lenswelo zakho njengomuntu ohlomileyo.

IZAGA 25

Ezinye izaga zikaSolomoni

1 Lalezi yizaga zikaSolomoni abantu bakaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda abazikopayo.

2 Kuludumo lukaNkulunkulu ukufihla udaba, kodwa kuludumo lwamakhosi ukuhlolisisa udaba.

3 Amazulu ngokuphakama, lomhlaba ngokujula, lenhliziyo yamakhosi kakulakuhlolisiswa.

4 Susa amanyele esiliveni, besekuphuma isitsha somncibilikisi.

5 Susa okhohlakeleyo phambi kwenkosi, besekuqiniswa isihlalo sayo sobukhosi ngokulunga.

6 Ungaziqhenyi phambi kwenkosi, njalo ungemi endaweni yezikhulu;

7 ngoba kungcono kuthiwe kuwe: Yenyukela ngapha, kulokuthi wehliswe phambi kwesiphathamandla, amehlo akho asibonileyo.

8 Ungaphangisi ukuphuma ukuyaphikisana, hlezi wenze ulutho ekucineni kwakho, lapho umakhelwane wakho esekuyangisile.

9 Mela udaba lwakho lomakhelwane wakho, kodwa ungavezi imfihlo yomunye;

10 hlezi okuzwayo akuyangise, lesigcono sakho singaphambuki.

11 Ilizwi elikhulunywe ngokufaneleyo linjengama-apula egolide ezitsheni zesiliva ezibaziweyo.

12 Isongo legolide lesiceciso segolide elihle kungumkhuzi ohlakaniphileyo endlebeni ezwayo.

13 Isithunywa esithembekileyo kwabasithumileyo sinjengomqando weliqhwa elikhithikileyo ngosuku lokuvuna, ngoba sivuselela umphefumulo wamakhosi aso.

14 Umuntu oziqhenya ngesipho samanga unjengamayezi lomoya okungelazulu.

15 Ngokubekezela umbusi angavunyiswa, lolimi oluthambileyo lwephula ithambo.

16 Utholile yini uluju? Dlana okwenele wena, hlezi uludle kakhulu, uluhlanze.

17 Unyawo lwakho kalungavami endlini kamakhelwane wakho, hlezi akusuthe akuzonde.

18 Umuntu ofakaza ubufakazi bamanga ngomakhelwane wakhe uyisagila lenkemba lomtshoko obukhali.

19 Ukuthemba ongathembekanga ngosuku lokuhlupheka kunjengezinyo elephukileyo, lonyawo olwenyeleyo.

20 Ohlabelela izingoma enhliziyweni edabukileyo unjengokhupha isembatho ngosuku lwamakhaza,njengeviniga phakathi kwesoda.

21 Uba okuzondayo elambile, umnike isinkwa adle, njalo uba omile, umnike amanzi anathe;

22 ngoba uzabekelela amalahle omlilo ekhanda lakhe, leNKOSI izakuvuza.

23 Umoya wenyakatho uletha izulu, lolimi lwemfihlo ubuso obulolaka.

24 Kungcono ukuhlala engonsini yophahla kulalowesifazana wezinkani lendlini yokuhlanganyela.

25 Umbiko omuhle ovela elizweni elikhatshana unjengamanzi aqandayo emphefumulweni owomileyo.

26 Olungileyo ozanyazanyiswayo phambi kokhohlakeleyo ungumthombo odungekileyo lesiphethu esonakeleyo.

27 Ukudla uluju olunengi kakulunganga; lokuthi badinge udumo lwabo kakusidumo.

28 Umuntu ongathinti umoya wakhe unjengomuzi ofohlelweyo ongelamthangala.

IZAGA 26

1Njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo ehlobo lanjengezulu ngesikhathi sokuvuna, ngokunjalo udumokalusifanelanga isithutha.

2 Njengenyoni ekuzulazuleni, njengenkonjane ekuphapheni, ngokunjalo isiqalekiso kungelasizatho kasiyikufika.

3 Isiswepu ngesebhiza, itomu ngelikababhemi, loswazi ngolomhlana wezithutha.

4 Ungaphenduli isithutha ngokobuthutha baso, hlezi lawe ufanane laso.

5 Phendula isithutha ngokobuthutha baso, hlezi sibe ngesihlakaniphileyo emehlweni aso.

6 Othumela amazwi ngesandla sesithutha, uquma inyawo, unatha isihluku.

7 Imilenze yesiqhuli iyalengalenga; sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wezithutha.

8 Njengokubophela ilitshe esavutheni, unjalo onika udumo esithutheni.

9 Njengameva enyuka esandleni sesidakwa sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wezithutha.

10 Omkhulu owabumba konke uvuza isithutha, avuze abadlulayo.

11 Njengenja ebuyela emahlanzweni ayo ngokunjalo isithutha siphinda ubuthutha baso.

12 Uyabona yini umuntu ohlakaniphileyo emehlweni akhe? Kulethemba elikhulu esithutheni kulaye.

13 Olivila uthi: Kulesilwane endleleni; isilwane sisezitaladeni.

14 Isivalo siphenduka ngamabhanti aso, ngokunjalo ivila embhedeni walo.

15 Ivila lifihla isandla salo emganwini, liyavilapha ukusibuyisela emlonyeni walo.

16 Ivila lihlakaniphile emehlweni alo okwedlula abayisikhombisa abangaphendula ngenhlakanipho.

17 Odlulayo engenela ingxabano engeyisiyo eyakhe ungobamba indlebe zenja.

18 Njengohlanya oluphosa izikhuni ezivuthayo, imitshoko, lokufa,

19 unjalo umuntu okhohlisa umakhelwane wakhe, abesesithi: Kangisomi yini?

20 Uba kungelankuni umlilo uyacitsha; njalo uba kungelakunyeya, ukuxabana kuyathula.

21 Njengamalahle emalahleni avuthayo, lenkuni emlilweni, unjalo umuntu wenkani ngowokubasa ingxabano.

22 Amazwi onyeyayo anjengezibondlo ezehlela kokungaphakathi kwesisu.

23 Indebe ezivuthayo lenhliziyo embi kungamanyele esiliva ahuqa ukhamba.

24 Ozondayo uyazenzisa ngezindebe zakhe, kodwa ufaka inkohliso ngaphakathi kwakhe.

25 Lapho esenza ilizwi lakhe libe ngelomusa, ungamkholwa, ngoba izinengiso eziyisikhombisa zisenhliziyweni yakhe.

26 Inzondo isibekelwa ngenkohliso; ububi bakhe buzakwembulwa ebandleni.

27 Ogebhayo umgodi uzawela kuwo, logiqa ilitshe, lizabuyela kuye.

28 Ulimi lwamanga luzonda olubachobozayo, lomlomo obutshelezi usebenza incithakalo.

IZAGA 27

1 Ungazincomi ngosuku lwakusasa, ngoba kawazi ukuthi usuku luzazalani.

2 Owemzini kakudumise, njalo hatshi umlomo wakho; owezizwe, njalo hatshi indebe zakho.

3 Ilitshe linzima, letshebetshebe liyasinda, kodwa ulaka lwesithutha lunzima kulakho kokubili.

4 Ulaka lulolunya, lentukuthelo iyisikhukhula; kodwa ngubani ongema phambi komona?

5 Kungcono ukukhuzwa ngokusobala kulothando lwensitha.

6 Amanxeba omngane athembekile, kodwa ukwanga kwesitha kuyakhohlisa.

7 Umphefumulo osuthiyo unyathelela phansi uhlanga loluju, kodwa kumphefumulo olambileyo konke okubabayo kumnandi.

8 Njengenyoni eduha isuka esidlekeni sayo unjalo umuntu oduha esuka endaweni yakhe.

9 Amafutha lempepha kuthokozisa inhliziyo; kunjalo ubumnandi bomngane womuntu ngenxa yeseluleko somphefumulo.

10 Ungadeli umngane wakho lomngane kayihlo; njalo ungangeni endlini yomfowenu ngosuku lwencithakalo yakho; kungcono umakhelwane oseduze kulomfowenu okhatshana.

11 Hlakanipha, ndodana yami, uthokozise inhliziyo yami, ukuze ngibe lempendulo kongisolayo.

12 Okhaliphileyo uyabona ububi acatshe, kodwa abangelalwazi bayaqhubeka bajeziswe.

13 Thatha isigqoko soyisibambiso ngenxa yowemzini, umthathele isibambiso ngenxa yowesifazana wezizwe.

14 Obusisa umngane wakhe ngelizwi elikhulu evuka ekuseni kakhulu, kuzathiwa yisiqalekiso kuye.

15 Ukuchophelela ngosuku lwezulu eliqhubekayo lowesifazana oxabanayo kuyafanana.

16 Omfihlayo ufihla umoya, lamagcobo ahlangana lesandla sakhe sokunene.

17 Insimbi ilolwa ngensimbi; ngokunjalo umuntu ulola ubuso bomngane wakhe.

18 Olondoloza isihlahla somkhiwa uzakudla isithelo saso; lolinda inkosi yakhe uzadunyiswa.

19 Njengemanzini ubuso busebusweni, ngokunjalo inhliziyo yomuntu isemuntwini.

20 Isihogo lencithakalo kakusuthi, ngokunjalo amehlo omuntu kawasuthi.

21 Imbiza yokucenga ngeyesiliva, lesithando ngesegolide; kunjalo umuntu ngokokudunyiswa kwakhe.

22 Lanxa ugiga isithutha ngomgigo engigeni phakathi kwengqoloyi, ubuthutha baso kabuyikusuka kuso.

23 Yazi lokwazi isimo sezimvu zakho, beka inhliziyo yakho kumihlambi yakho,

24 ngoba inotho kayisiyaphakade; kumbe umqhele ube sesizukulwaneni lesizukulwana yini?

25 Utshani buyasuswa, lohlaza lubonakale, kubuthwe lemibhida yezintaba.

26 Amawundlu angawezigqoko zakho, lezimpongo ziyintengo yesiqinti.

27 Kuzakuba lochago lwezimbuzi olwanele ukudla kwakho lokudla kwendlu yakho lempilo yencekukazi zakho.

IZAGA 28

1Ababi babaleka kungekho umzingeli, kodwa abalungileyo balesibindi njengebhongo lesilwane.

2 Ngesiphambeko sesizwe ababusi baso banengi; kodwa ngomuntu olokuqedisisa ololwazi ukuqondakwaso kuyelulwa.

3 Umuntu ongumyanga ocindezela abayanga ulizulu elikhukhulayo ukuze kungabi lokudla.

4 Abadela umlayo badumisa ababi, kodwa labo abagcina umlayo balwa labo.

5 Abantu ababi kabaqedisisi ukulunga, kodwa abadinga iNKOSI baqedisisa konke.

6 Kungcono umyanga ohamba ngobuqotho bakhe kulophambene ngezindlela lanxa enothile.

7 Ogcina umlayo uyindodana eqedisisayo, kodwa ozihlanganisa lezigangi uyangisa uyise.

8 Owandisa inotho yakhe ngenzalo langenzuzo uyibuthela olomusa kubayanga.

9 Ophambula indlebe yakhe ekulaleleni umlayo, lomkhuleko wakhe uzakuba yisinengiso.

10 Oduhisela abaqotho endleleni embi yena uzawela emgodini wakhe, kodwa abaqotho bazakudla ilifa lokuhle.

11 Indoda enothileyo ihlakaniphile emehlweni ayo, kodwa umyanga oqedisisayo uzayihlola.

12 Lapho abalungileyo bethokoza, kulenkazimulo enkulu; kodwa nxa ababi bephakama, umuntu uyadingwa.

13 Osibekela iziphambeko zakhe kayikuphumelela, kodwa ozivumayo azitshiye, uzahawukelwa.

14 Ubusisiwe umuntu owesaba njalonjalo, kodwa owenza inhliziyo yakhe ibe lukhuni uzawela ebubini.

15 Umbusi okhohlakeleyo phezu kwabantu abangabayanga uyisilwane esibhongayo lebhere elizingelayo.

16 Umbusi oswele ukuqedisisa konke wandisa lencindezelo; ozonda inzuzo embi uzakwelula insuku.

17 Umuntu ocindezelwe ligazi lomphefumulo uzabalekela emgodini; kabangamsekeli.

18 Ohamba ngobuqotho uzasindiswa, kodwa ophambene ngendlela ezimbili uzahle awe.

19 Olima umhlaba wakhe uzasutha ukudla, kodwa olandela abayize uzasutha ubuyanga.

20 Umuntu wothembeko lonke uzavama ngezibusiso, kodwa ophangisa ukunotha kayikuba msulwa.

21 Ukuhlonipha ubuso kakulunganga, ngoba umuntu uzakona ngenxa yocezu lwesinkwa.

22 Ophangisa ukunotha ungumuntu olelihlo elibi, njalo engazi ukuthi ubuyanga buzamehlela.

23 Okhuza umuntu uzathola umusa emuva okwedlula okhohlisayo ngolimi.

24 Ophanga uyise kumbe unina, athi: Akusiso isiphambeko; ungumngane womchithi.

25 Ongasuthisekiyo udunga ingxabano, kodwa othemba eNKOSIni uzakhuluphaliswa.

26 Othemba enhliziyweni yakhe uyisithutha, kodwa ohamba ngenhlakanipho uzakhululwa.

27 Opha umyanga kayikuswela, kodwa ofihla amehlo akhe uzakuba leziqalekiso ezinengi.

28 Nxa abakhohlakeleyo bephakanyiswa, umuntu uyacatsha, kodwa nxa bebhubha, abalungileyo bayanda.

IZAGA 29

1 Umuntu othi ekhuzwa kanengi aqinise intamo, uzahle ephulwe, njalo kungabi
lakusiliswa.

2 Lapho abalungileyo besanda, abantu bayathokoza, kodwa lapho okhohlakeleyo
ebusa, abantu bayabubula.

3 Umuntu othanda inhlakanipho uthokozisa uyise, kodwa ohlanganyela
lamawule uchitha inotho.

4 Inkosi iqinisa ilizwe ngesahlulelo, kodwa umuntu wezipho uyalichitha.

5 Umuntu olalisa ngolimi umakhelwane wakhe wendlalela izinyawo zakhe
imbule.

6 Esiphambekweni somuntu omubi kulomjibila, kodwa olungileyo uyamemeza
ngenjabulo ethokoza.

7 Olungileyo uyalwazi udaba lwabayanga; okhohlakeleyo kananzeleli ulwazi.

8 Abantu abadelelayo bayawuthungela umuzi, kodwa abahlakaniphileyo
badedisa ulaka.

9 Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo emangalelana lomuntu oyisithutha, loba elolaka, loba
ehleka, kakulakuthula.

10 Abantu abomele igazi bazonda opheleleyo, kodwa abaqotho badinga
umphefumulo wakhe.

11 Isithutha sikhupha umoya waso wonke, kodwa ohlakaniphileyo uyawuthiba.

12 Umbusi olalela amazwi amanga, zonke izinceku zakhe zikhohlakele.

13 Umyanga lomuntu wencindezelo bayahlangana; iNKOSI ikhanyisa amehlo abo
bobabili.

14 Inkosi eyahlulela abayanga ngothembeko, isihlalo sayo sobukhosi sizamiswa
phakade.

15 Uswazi lokukhuza kunika inhlakanipho, kodwa umntwana
oyekelelwayo uthelela unina inhloni.

16 Lapho abakhohlakeleyo besanda, isiphambeko siyanda, kodwa
abalungileyo bazabona ukuwa kwabo.

17 Laya indodana yakho, izakuphumuza; yebo, izanika izinjabulo
emphefumulweni wakho.

18 Lapho okungelambono khona, abantu babengabambeki; kodwa ubusisiwe
ogcina umlayo.

19 Inceku kayilaywa ngamazwi; lanxa iqedisisa, kayiyikuphendula.

20 Uyambona yini umuntu ophangisa ngamazwi akhe? Kulethemba elingcono esithutheni kulaye.

21 Ototoza inceku yakhe kusukela ebuntwaneni, ekucineni izakuba yindodana kuye.

22 Umuntu ololaka ubanga ukuxabana, lomuntu ovutha intukuthelo wandisa isiphambeko.

23 Ukuzigqaja komuntu kuzamehlisa, kodwa olomoya othobekileyo uzabamba udumo.

24 Owabelana lesela uzonda umphefumulo wakhe; uzwa isiqalekiso, angakhulumi.

25 Ukwesaba abantu kuletha umjibila, kodwa othemba eNKOSIni uzabekwa phezulu evikelekile.

26 Abanengi badinga ubuso bombusi, kodwa isahlulelo salowo lalowo sivela eNKOSIni.

27 Umuntu ongalunganga uyisinengiso kwabalungileyo, kodwa oqotho endleleni uyisinengiso kokhohlakeleyo.

IZAGA 30

Amazwi kaAguri

1 Amazwi kaAguri indodana kaJake umMasa. Umuntu wathi kuIthiyeli, kuIthiyeli loUkhali:

2 Isibili, ngiyisithutha kulomuntu, kangilakuqedisisa komuntu.

3 Kangifundanga inhlakanipho, kangilwazi ulwazi lwabangcwele.

4 Ngubani owenyukela emazulwini njalo wehla? Ngubani oqoqe wafumbatha umoya ezandleni zakhe? Ngubani ogoqele amanzi esembathweni? Ngubani omise yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba? Lingubani ibizo lakhe, lebizo lendodana yakhe lingubani, uba usazi?

5 Lonke ilizwi likaNkulunkulu licwengekile; uyisihlangu kwabaphephela kuye.

6 Ungengezeleli emazwini akhe, hlezi akukhuze, utholwe ungumqambimanga.

Umkhuleko kaAguri

7 Zimbili izinto engizicele kuwe; ungangigodleli zona ngingakafi.

8 Susa khatshana lami ize lamazwi amanga; ungangiphi ubuyanga loba inotho; ungiphe ukudla kwesabelo sami.

9 Hlezi ngisuthe, ngikuphike ngithi: Ngubani iNKOSI? Kumbe hlezi ngibe ngumyanga, ngintshontshe, ngithathengeze ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami.

10 Ungahlebi inceku enkosini yayo, hlezi ikuthuke, ube lecala.

11 Kulesizukulwana esithuka uyise, esingabusisi unina;

12 isizukulwana esihlambulukileyo emehlweni aso, kodwa esingahlanjululwanga engcekezeni yaso;

13 isizukulwana omehlo aso aphakeme kangaka, lenkophe zaso ziphakanyisiwe;

14 isizukulwana omazinyo aso zinkemba, lesimazinyo aso omhlathi zingqamu, zokudla abayanga emhlabeni, labaswelayo ebantwini.

15 Umkhaza ulamadodakazi amabili athi: Phana, phana; lezizontathu kazisuthi; ezine kazitsho ukuthi: Kwanele.

16 Ingcwaba, lesizalo esiyinyumba, umhlaba ongasuthi amanzi, lomlilo ongathi: Kwanele.

17 Ilihlo eliklolodela uyise, lelidelela ukulalela unina, amawabayi esihotsha azalikopola, labantwana bamanqe bazalidla.

18 Lezizinto ezintathu ziyisimangaliso esikhulu kimi, yebo, ezine engingazaziyo:

19 Indlela yokhozi emazulwini, indlela yenyoka edwaleni, indlela yomkhumbi enhliziyweni yolwandle, lendlela yejaha entombini.

20 Injalo indlela yowesifazana oliwule; udla, esule umlomo wakhe, athi: Kangenzanga isiphambeko.

21 Ngenxa yezinto ezintathu umhlaba uyazamazama, yebo, ngenxa yezine ongezithwale:

22 Ngenxa yesigqili nxa sibusa, lesithutha nxa sisuthi ukudla,

23 ngenxa yesaliwakazi nxa sendile, lencekukazi nxa iyindlalifa yenkosikazi yayo.

24 Lezi ezine zingezincinyane zomhlaba, kanti zihlakaniphile zenziwe zihlakaniphe:

25 Ubunyonyo buyisizwe esingelamandla, kanti bulungisa ukudla kwabo ehlobo.

26 Imbila ziyisizwe esingelamandla, kanti zimisa indlu yazo edwaleni.

27 Intethe kazilankosi, kanti zonke ziphuma zehlukene ngamaviyo.

28 Umbankwa ubambelela ngezandla ezimbili, njalo usezigodlweni zenkosi.

29 Lezi ezintathu zinyathela kuhle, yebo, ezine zihamba kuhle:

30 Isilwane esilamandla phakathi kwenyamazana, esingeyikubuyela emuva ngenxa yobuso loba ngobukabani;

31 inja ebhince okhalweni, kumbe impongo; lenkosi ileviyo lamabutho.

32 Uba ube yisithutha ngokuziphakamisa, njalo uba ucebe okubi, beka isandla emlonyeni.

33 Ngoba ukuphehlwa kochago kuveza iphehla, lokucindezelwa kwempumulo kuveza igazi, lokucindezelwa kwentukuthelo kuveza ingxabano.

IZAGA 31

Izeluleko inkosi ezinikwa ngunina

1 Amazwi kaLemuweli inkosi yeMasa, unina amfundisa wona.

2 Ini, ndodana yami! Ini-ke, ndodana yesizalo sami! Ini-ke, ndodana yezithembiso zami!

3 Unganiki amandla akho kwabesifazana, kumbe izindlela zakho ekubhubhiseni amakhosi.

4 Kakusikwamakhosi, Lemuweli, kakusikwamakhosi ukunatha iwayini, kumbe okweziphathamandla ukuloyisa okunathwayo okulamandla.

5 Hlezi anathe, akhohlwe isimiso, aguqule isahlulelo sawo wonke amadodana enhlupheko.

6 Phana okunathwayo okulamandla kobhubhayo, lewayini kwabababayo emphefumulweni.

7 Kanathe, akhohlwe ubuyanga bakhe, angabe esakhumbula usizi lwakhe.

8 Vulela isimungulu umlomo wakho, udaba lwabo bonke abamiselwe incithakalo.

9 Vula umlomo wakho, wahlulele ngokulunga, umele ilungelo lomyanga loswelayo.

Umfazi olungileyo

10 Ngubani ongathola umfazi okhuthela okulungileyo? Ngoba intengo yakhe iyedlula kakhulu amatshe amahle.

11 Inhliziyo yomkakhe ithemba kuye, ukuze angasweli impango.

12 Umenzela okuhle, hatshi okubi, insuku zonke zempilo yakhe.

13 Udinga uboya bezimvu lefilakisi, asebenze ngenjabulo yezandla zakhe.

14 Ufanana lemikhumbi yomthengisi; uletha ukudla kwakhe kuvela khatshana.

15 Uvuka kusesebusuku, anike indlu yakhe ukudla, lesabelo kuzincekukazi zakhe.

16 Anakane ngensimu ayizuze; ngesithelo sezandla zakhe ahlanyele ivini.

17 Uyabhinca ukhalo lwakhe ngamandla, aqinise ingalo zakhe.

18 Uyananzelela ukuthi ukuthengisa kwakhe kuhle; isibane sakhe kasicitshi ebusuku.

19 Welulela izandla zakhe kuluthi lokuphotha, lezandla zakhe zibambe isigodo esilezintambo.

20 Welulela umyanga isandla sakhe, elulele izandla zakhe koswelayo.

21 Kesabi iliqhwa elikhithikileyo ngenxa yabendlu yakhe, ngoba bonke abendlu yakhe bagqokiswe okubomvu.

22 Uzenzela izembeso; isigqoko sakhe sililembu elicolekileyo leliyibubende.

23 Umkakhe uyaziwa emasangweni, lapho ehlezi labadala belizwe.

24 Wenza ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, alithengise; anike umthengi ibhanti.

25 Amandla lodumo kuyisigqoko sakhe; uyahleka mayelana losuku olulandelayo.

26 Uvula umlomo wakhe ngenhlakanipho; lemfundiso yomusa iselimini lwakhe.

27 Uqaphela inhambo zomuzi wakhe; kadli isinkwa sobuvila.

28 Abantwana bakhe bayavuka bathi ubusisiwe, lomkakhe laye uyamdumisa:

29 Manengi amadodakazi enze ngenkuthalo, kodwa wena wenyukile phezu kwawo wonke.

30 Ubuhle buyinkohliso, lokubukeka kuyize; owesifazana owesaba iNKOSI yena uzadunyiswa.

31 Mnikeni okuvela esithelweni sezandla zakhe, lemisebenzi yakhe kayimdumise emasangweni.

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UMTSHUMAYELI

UMTSHUMAYELI 1

UmTshumayeli uthi konke kuyize

1 Amazwi omTshumayeli, indodana kaDavida, inkosi eJerusalema.

2 Ize leze, kutsho umTshumayeli, ize leze, konke kuyize.

3 Kuyinzuzoni emuntwini emtshikatshikeni wakhe wonke awutshikatshika ngaphansi kwelanga?

4 Isizukulwana siyedlula, lesizukulwana size, kodwa umhlaba umi kuze kube nininini.

5 Lelanga liyaphuma, lelanga litshone, litshetshela endaweni lapho eliphuma khona.

6 Umoya uya eningizimu, ujikele enyakatho, ujikajike uhambe, lomoya ubuyele ekubhodeni kwawo.

7 Yonke imifula iya olwandle, kodwa ulwandle kalugcwali; endaweni lapho imifula evela khona, ibuyele iye khona.

8 Zonke izinto ziyadinisa; kakulamuntu olakho ukukukhuluma. Ilihlo kalisuthi ngokubona, lendlebe kayigcwaliswa yikuzwa.

9 Okwake kwaba khona yilokho okuzakuba khona, lokwake kwenziwa yilokho okuzakwenziwa; njalo kakulalutho olutsha ngaphansi kwelanga.

10 Kungaba khona ulutho yini okungathiwa ngalo: Khangela, lokhu kutsha! Kwakuvele kukhona endulo engaphambi kwethu.

11 Kakukho ukukhunjulwa kwezinto zakuqala; njalo lezinto ezizayo ezizakuba khona kakuyikuba khona ukukhunjulwa kwazo lalabo abazakuba khona emva kwalokho.

Konke okwakusenziwa ngumTshumayeli kwakuyize

12 Mina mTshumayeli ngangiyinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli eJerusalema.

13 Ngasenginikela inhliziyo yami ukudinga lokuhlolisisa ngokuhlakanipha ngakho konke okwenziwayongaphansi kwamazulu; lumtshikatshika onzima uNkulunkulu uwunike abantwana babantu ukuthi baphatheke ngawo.

14 Ngiyibonile yonke imisebenzi eyenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga; khangela-ke, konke kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya.

15 Okugobileyo kakulakuqondiswa; lokuswelekayo kakulakubalwa.

16 Ngakhuluma mina lenhliziyo yami ngisithi: Khangela, mina ngikhulile ngandisa inhlakanipho phezu kwabo bonke ababephambi kwami eJerusalema; njalo inhliziyo yami ibonile kakhulu inhlakanipho lolwazi.

17 Nganginikela inhliziyo yami ukwazi inhlakanipho, lokwazi ukuhlanya lobuthutha, ngabona ukuthi lalokhu yikukhathazeka komoya.

18 Ngoba kunhlakanipho enengi kulokukhathazeka okunengi, lowandisa ulwazi wandisa usizi.

UMTSHUMAYELI 2

1Ngathi mina enhliziyweni yami: Woza-ke, ngizakuzama ngentokozo, njalo kholisa okuhle. Khangela-ke, lalokhu kwakuyize.

2 Ngokuhleka ngathi: Kuyibuhlanya! Langentokozo: Kwenzani?

3 Ngadinga enhliziyweni yami ukuthokozisa inyama yami ngewayini (kodwa ngakhokhela inhliziyo yami ngenhlakanipho), lokubambelela ebuthutheni, ngize ngibone ukuthi kuyini lokho okulungele abantwana babantu, abangakwenza ngaphansi kwamazulu, ngenani lensuku zempilo zabo.

4 Ngazenzela imisebenzi emikhulu; ngazakhela izindlu; ngazihlanyelela izivini;

5 ngazenzela izivande lezivande zezihlahla; ngahlanyela kuzo izihlahla zezithelo zohlobo lonke;

6 ngazenzela amachibi amanzi okuthelela ngawo ihlathi lokukhulisa izihlahla;

7 ngathenga izigqili lezigqilikazi, ngaba labazalelwe endlini; njalo ngaba lemfuyo enengi yenkomo lezimvuokwedlula bonke ababekhona ngaphambi kwami eJerusalema;

8 ngazibuthela futhi isiliva legolide lemfuyo ekhethekileyo yamakhosi leyamazwe; ngazizuzela abahlabeleli labahlabelelikazi, lentokozo zabantwana babantu, amantombazana emihlobo yonke.

9 Ngakho ngaba mkhulu nganda okwedlula wonke owayekhona ngaphambi kwami eJerusalema, lenhlakanipho yami yema lami.

10 Lakho konke amehlo ami akufisayo kangiwancitshanga khona, kangigodlanga inhliziyo yami lakuyiphi intokozo; ngoba inhliziyo yami yathokoza ekutshikatshikeni kwami konke; lalokhu kwaba yisabelo sami somtshikatshika wami wonke.

11 Mina ngasengikhangela yonke imisebenzi izandla zami eziyenzileyo, lomtshikatshika engangitshikatshike ukuwenza; khangela-ke, konke kwakuyize lokukhathazeka komoya, njalo kwakungekho nzuzo ngaphansi kwelanga.

12 Mina ngasengibuyela ukubona inhlakanipho lobuhlanya lobuthutha. Ngoba angenzani umuntu olandela inkosi? Lokho okuvele sekwenziwe.

13 Mina ngasengibona ukuthi inhlakanipho ingcono kulobuthutha njengokukhanya kungcono kulomnyama.

14 Ohlakaniphileyo, amehlo akhe asekhanda lakhe, kodwa isithutha sihamba emnyameni; ngasengisazi lami ukuthi isehlakalo sinye sehlela bonke.

15 Mina ngasengisithi enhliziyweni yami: Njengoba kusehlela isithutha kuzangehlela lami; pho, kungani-ke mina ngangihlakaniphe okwedlulisileyo? Ngasengikhuluma enhliziyweni yami ukuthi lokhu lakho kuyize.

16 Ngoba kakukho ukukhunjulwa kohlakaniphileyo okwedlula koyisithutha phakade; ngoba lokhu okukhona khathesi ensukwini ezizayo konke kuzakhohlakala. Ohlakaniphileyo ufa njani? Njengesithutha.

17 Ngasengizonda impilo, ngoba umsebenzi owenziwa ngaphansi kwelanga wawubuhlungu kimi; ngoba konke kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya.

18 Yebo, mina ngawuzonda wonke umtshikatshika wami engawutshikatshika ngaphansi kwelanga, ngoba ngizawutshiyela umuntu ozakuba khona ngemva kwami.

19 Ngubani-ke owaziyo ukuthi uzakuba ngohlakaniphileyo kumbe oyisithutha? Kanti uzabusa phezu kwawo wonke umtshikatshika wami engawutshikatshikayo lengiwenze ngenhlakanipho ngaphansi kwelanga. Lokhu lakho kuyize.

20 Mina ngasengiphenduka ngadangalisa inhliziyo yami ngomtshikatshika wonke engangiwutshikatshika ngaphansi kwelanga.

21 Ngoba kulomuntu omtshikatshika wakhe ukunhlakanipho lakulwazi lakubuqotho, kanti uzawunika umuntu ongatshikatshikanga kuwo ube yisabelo sakhe. Lokhu lakho kuyize, lobubi obukhulu.

22 Ngoba ulani umuntu ngomtshikatshika wakhe wonke langokukhathazeka kwenhliziyo yakhe akutshikatshike ngaphansi kwelanga?

23 Ngoba insuku zakhe zonke zizinsizi, lomsebenzi wakhe uyikudabuka; lebusuku inhliziyo yakhe kayiphumuli. Lokhu lakho kuyize.

24 Kakukho okungcono emuntwini kulokuthi adle anathe abonise umphefumulo wakhe okuhle emtshikatshikeni wakhe. Lokhu lakho mina ngabona ukuthi kuvela esandleni sikaNkulunkulu.

25 Ngoba ngubani ongadla kumbe ngubani ongakholisa kulami?

26 Ngoba yena uyamnika umuntu olungileyo phambi kobuso bakhe inhlakanipho lolwazi lentokozo; kodwa isoni uyasinika umsebenzi wokubutha lokubuthelela ukunika olungileyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Lokhu lakho kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya.

UMTSHUMAYELI 3

Konke kulesikhathi sakho

1 Konke kulesikhathi esimisiweyo, njalo kulesikhathi sayo yonke indaba
ngaphansi kwamazulu:

2 Isikhathi sokuzalwa, lesikhathi sokufa; isikhathi sokuhlanyela, lesikhathi
sokusiphuna okuhlanyelweyo;

3 isikhathi sokubulala, lesikhathi sokuphilisa; isikhathi sokudiliza, lesikhathi
sokwakha;

4 isikhathi sokukhala inyembezi, lesikhathi sokuhleka; isikhathi sokulila,
lesikhathi sokugida;

5 isikhathi sokulahla amatshe, lesikhathi sokubuthelela amatshe; isikhathi
sokugona, lesikhathi sokuba khatshana lokugona;

6 isikhathi sokudinga inzuzo, lesikhathi sokuyekela kulahleke; isikhathi
sokulondoloza, lesikhathi sokulahla;

7 isikhathi sokudabula, lesikhathi sokuthunga; isikhathi sokuthula, lesikhathi
sokukhuluma;

8 isikhathi sokuthanda, lesikhathi sokuzonda; isikhathi sempi, lesikhathi
sokuthula.

9 Ulenzuzo bani osebenzayo kwatshikatshika kikho?

10 Ngiwubonile umsebenzi uNkulunkulu awunike abantwana babantu ukuthi
baphatheke ngawo.

11 Konke ukwenze kwaba kuhle ngesikhathi sakho; wasebeka iphakade
enhliziyweni yabo, ukuze kungabi lomuntu ongafumana umsebenzi uNkulunkulu
awenzayo kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekucineni.

12 Ngiyazi ukuthi kakukho okuhle kubo ngaphandle kokuthokoza lokwenza
okuhle empilweni yakhe.

13 Futhi lokuthi wonke umuntu adle anathe akholise okuhle ngomtshikatshika
wakhe wonke, kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu.

14 Ngiyazi ukuthi konke uNkulunkulu akwenzayo kuzakuba khona phakade;
kakukho okuzakwengezelelwa kukho, njalo kakukho okuzaphungulwa kukho;
uNkulunkulu wakwenza ukuze besabe phambi kwakhe.

15 Lokho okwakukhona kukhona khathesi, lalokho okuzakuba khona sekuvele
kukhona; njalo uNkulunkulu ufuna okuxotshiweyo.

Ukwahlulela lokulunga kakukho emhlabeni

16 Futhi ngasengibona ngaphansi kwelanga indawo yokwahlulela, kwakukhona
ububi lapho; lendawo yokulunga, kwakukhona ububi lapho.

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17 Ngathi mina enhliziyweni yami: UNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela olungileyo lomubi, ngoba kukhona lapho isikhathi sayo yonke indaba lesawo wonke umsebenzi.

18 Ngathi mina enhliziyweni yami ngesimo sabantwana babantu ukuthi uNkulunkulu abatshengise obala ukuthi babone ukuthi bona uqobo bazinyamazana.

19 Ngoba okwehlela abantwana babantu kwehlela lezinyamazana; njalo yinye into ebehlelayo; njengoba omunye esifa, ngokunjalo enye iyafa; yebo konke kulomoya munye, lomuntu kalakho angadlula ngakho inyamazana; ngoba konke kuyize.

20 Konke kuya endaweninye; konke kuvela ethulini, njalo konke kubuyela ethulini.

21 Ngubani owazi umoya wabantwana babantu owenyukela phezulu, lomoya wenyamazana owehlela phansi emhlabathini?

22 Ngakho ngabona ukuthi kakukho okungcono okwedlula ukuthi umuntu azithokozise ngemisebenzi yakhe, ngoba lokhu kuyisabelo sakhe. Ngoba ngubani ongamletha ukuthi abone lokho okuzakuba khona emva kwakhe?

UMTSHUMAYELI 4

1Mina ngasengiphenduka ngabona incindezelo zonke ezenziwa ngaphansi kwelanga; khangela-ke inyembezi zabacindezelweyo, njalo babengelamduduzi; lehlangothini lwababacindezelayo kwakulamandla, kodwa babengelamduduzi.

2 Ngakho ngancoma abafileyo, abavele sebefile, okwedlula abaphilayo, abalokhu besaphila.

3 Yebo ungcono kulabo bobabili, ongakabi khona, ongabonanga umsebenzi omubi owenziwa ngaphansi kwelanga.

4 Ngasengibona mina wonke umtshikatshika lempumelelo yonke yomsebenzi, ngoba lokhu kungumhawu womuntu ovela kumakhelwane wakhe. Lokhu lakho kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya.

5 Isiphukuphuku sigoqa izandla zaso sidle inyama yaso.

6 Singcono isandla esigcwele ukuthula kulezandla ezimbili ezigcwele ukutshikatshika lokukhathazeka komoya.

7 Mina ngasengiphenduka ngabona ize ngaphansi kwelanga.

8 Kukhona oyedwa, njalo kakho owesibili, yebo kalamntwana kumbe umfowabo, njalo kakulakuphela komtshikatshika wakhe wonke, lelihlo lakhe kalisuthiswa yinotho, njalo katsho ukuthi: Ngitshikatshikela bani, ngenze umphefumulo wami uswele okuhle? Lokhu lakho kuyize, yebo, kungumsebenzi omubi.

9 Ababili bangcono kuloyedwa, ngoba balomvuzo omuhle ngokutshikatshika kwabo.

10 Ngoba uba besiwa omunye uzamvusa umngane wakhe; kodwa maye kuye oyedwa nxa esiwa, ngoba kungekho owesibili ongamvusa.

11 Futhi uba ababili belala ndawonye, ngakho balokukhudumala; kodwa ngoyedwa angakhudumala njani?

12 Njalo uba omunye engehlula oyedwa, ababili bazamelana laye; lentambo elemicu emithathu kayiqanyulwa masinyane.

13 Umfana ongumyanga ohlakaniphileyo ungcono kulenkosi endala eyisithutha engasakwazi ukwelulekwa.

14 Ngoba uyaphuma entolongweni ukuthi abe yinkosi, lanxa futhi owayezelwe embusweni wakhe esiba ngumyanga.

15 Ngabona bonke abaphilayo abahamba ngaphansi kwelanga, lomfana wesibili ozakuma esikhundleni sakhe.

16 Kakulasiphetho sabantu bonke, sabo bonke ababephambi kwabo, lalabo abeza emva kabayikuthokoza ngaye. Isibili lokhu lakho kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya.

UMTSHUMAYELI 5

Ukungagcwalisi izifungo kuyibuthutha

1Gcina unyawo lwakho nxa usiya endlini kaNkulunkulu; sondelela ukulalela kulokunikela umhlatshelo wezithutha, ngoba kazazi ukuthi zenza okubi.

2 Ungabi lamawala ngomlomo wakho, lenhliziyo yakho ingaphangisi ukukhupha ilizwi phambi kukaNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu usemazulwini, wena-ke usemhlabeni, ngakho amazwi akho kawabe malutshwana.

3 Ngoba iphupho liza ngobunengi bomsebenzi, lelizwi lesithutha ngobunengi bamazwi.

4 Lapho ufunga isifungo kuNkulunkulu, ungaphuzi ukusikhokha, ngoba kakulantokozo kuziwula; khokha lokho okufungileyo.

5 Kungcono ukuthi ungafungi kulokuthi ufunge ungakhokhi.

6 Ungavumeli umlomo wakho ukuthi wenze inyama yakho yone, futhi ungatsho phambi kwengilosi ukuthi bekuyisiphosiso; uNkulunkulu uzathukuthelelani ilizwi lakho, achithe umsebenzi wezandla zakho?

7 Ngoba ebunengini bamaphupho lamazwi kukhona lokuyize okunengi, kodwa mesabe uNkulunkulu.

Konke kuyize

8 Uba ubona ucindezelo lomyanga lokuphanjulwa kokulunga lesahlulelo ngodlakela esabelweni, ungamangali ngalinto, ngoba ophezulu kophezulu uyananzelela, njalo kulabaphezulu phezu kwabo.

9 Lenzuzo yomhlabathi ngeyabo bonke; inkosi isetshenzelwa yinsimu.

10 Othanda imali kayikweneliswa yimali, njalo othanda okunengi kayikweneliswa yikwanda; lokhu lakho kuyize.

11 Ekwandeni kokuhle, bayanda abakudlayo; njalo kulenzuzo bani kubanini bakho, ngaphandle kokukubuka ngamehlo abo?

12 Bumnandi ubuthongo besisebenzi loba sisidla okulutshwana loba okunengi; kodwa ukusutha kwesinothi kakusivumeli ukulala.

13 Kukhona ububi obubuhlungu esengibubonile ngaphansi kwelanga: Inotho egcinelwe abaniniyo kube yibubi kibo.

14 Kodwa leyonotho ichitheka ngomsebenzi omubi: Esezala umntwana, kungaselalutho esandleni sakhe.

15 Njengokuphuma kwakhe esiswini sikanina, uzabuyela eze ehamba njengokuza kwakhe; njalo kayikuthatha lutho lomtshikatshika wakhe angahamba lalo esandleni sakhe.

16 Lokhu lakho kuyibubi obubuhlungu, kukho konke njengokufika kwakhe ngokunjalo uzahamba. Njalo ulenzuzo bani owatshikatshikela umoya?

17 Njalo insuku zakhe zonke udlela emnyameni, elosizi olukhulu, lomkhuhlane wakhe, lokuthukuthela?

18 Khangela, engikubonileyo mina, kulungile okuhle ukudla lokunatha lokubona okuhle emtshikatshikeni wakhe wonke awutshikatshikayo ngaphansi kwelanga, enanini lensuku zempilo yakhe uNkulunkulu amnike zona, ngoba kuyisabelo sakhe.

19 Laye wonke umuntu, uNkulunkulu amnike inotho lengcebo, wamnika amandla okudla kukho, lokuthatha isabelo sakhe, lokuthokoza emtshikatshikeni wakhe - lokhu kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu.

20 Ngoba kayikukhumbula kakhulu insuku zempilo yakhe, ngoba uNkulunkulu umphendula ngentokozo yenhliziyo yakhe.

UMTSHUMAYELI 6

1Kukhona ububi esengibubonile ngaphansi kwelanga, njalo buvamile ebantwini:

2 Umuntu uNkulunkulu amnike inotho lengcebo lodumo ukuze angasweleli umphefumulo wakhe ulutho kukho konke akufisayo, kodwa uNkulunkulu angamniki amandla ukuthi adle kukho, kodwa owemzini uyakudla; lokhu kuyize, njalo kuyisifo esibi.

3 Uba umuntu ezala abantwana abalikhulu, aphile iminyaka eminengi, ukuze insuku zeminyaka yakhe zibe zinengi, kodwa umphefumulo wakhe ungasuthiswa ngokuhle, futhi angabi lakungcwatshwa, ngithi umphunzo ungcono kulaye.

4 Ngoba uza ngeze, uye emnyameni, lebizo lawo lisitshekelwe emnyameni;

5 futhi kawulibonanga ilanga, kawulalwazi; lo ulokuphumula kulaye.

6 Yebo, lanxa ephila iminyaka eyinkulungwane, ephindwe kabili, kanti engabonanga okuhle; bonke kabayi yini endaweni eyodwa?

7 Wonke umtshikatshika womuntu ngowomlomo wakhe, kube kanti inkanuko kayisuthi.

8 Ngoba ohlakaniphileyo ulani okwedlula isithutha? Ulani umyanga owazi ukuhamba phambi kwabaphilayo?

9 Kungcono ukubona kwamehlo kulokuzulazula kwenkanuko. Lokhu lakho kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya.

10 Osekukhona sekuke kwathiwa ibizo lakho, njalo kuyaziwa ukuthi kungumuntu, lokuthi kalakho ukuphikisana lolamandla kulaye.

11 Ngoba zinengi izinto ezandisa ize; kuyinzuzo bani emuntwini?

12 Ngoba ngubani okwaziyo okulungele umuntu empilweni, enanini lensuku zempilo yakhe eyize ayichitha njengesithunzi? Ngoba ngubani ongatshela umuntu lokho okuzakuba khona emva kwakhe ngaphansi kwelanga?

UMTSHUMAYELI 7

Ukuhlakanipha kuhle okwedlula konke

1 Ibizo elihle lingcono kulamafutha amahle; losuku lokufa kulosuku lokuzalwa kwakhe.

2 Kungcono ukuya endlini yokulila kulokuya endlini yedili; ngoba lokhu kuyisiphetho sakhe wonke umuntu; lophilayo uzakubeka enhliziyweni yakhe.

3 Usizi lungcono kulohleko, ngoba ngokudana kobuso inhliziyo yenziwa ngcono.

4 Inhliziyo yabahlakaniphileyo isendlini yokulila, kodwa inhliziyo yezithutha isendlini yentokozo.

5 Kungcono ukuzwa ukukhuza kohlakaniphileyo kulokuthi umuntu ezwe ingoma yezithutha.

6 Ngoba njengokuchachamba kwameva ngaphansi kwembiza lunjalo uhleko lwesithutha. Lokhu lakho kuyize.

7 Isibili ucindezelo lwenza ohlakaniphileyo abe luhlanya, lesipho siyayichitha inhliziyo.

8 Singcono isiphetho sento kulokuqala kwayo; kungcono ukubekezela komoya kulokuziphakamisa komoya.

9 Ungaphangisi emoyeni wakho ukuthukuthela, ngoba ukuthukuthela kuhlala esifubeni sezithutha.

10 Ungatsho ukuthi: Kwenziwa yini ukuthi insuku zakuqala zibe ngcono kulalezi? Ngoba kawubuzi ngenhlakanipho ngalokhu.

11 Inhlakanipho yinhle ilelifa, njalo kulenzuzo kwabalibonayo ilanga.

12 Ngoba inhlakanipho iyisivikelo, imali iyisivikelo; kodwa ubungcono bolwazi yikuthi lunika impilokubaninilo.

13 Nakana umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu; ngoba ngubani olakho ukwelula akugobisileyo?

14 Thokoza ngosuku lokuphumelela, kodwa ngosuku lobubi nakana: UNkulunkulu ulwenzile lalolu lwaba njengalolo, ukuze umuntu angatholi lutho oluzakuba khona emva kwakhe.

15 Konke ngikubonile ensukwini zokuyize kwami: Kukhona olungileyo obhubhela ekulungeni kwakhe, njalo kukhona omubi owelula impilo yakhe ebubini bakhe.

16 Ungabi ngolungileyo ngokudlulisayo, futhi ungahlakaniphi okwedlulisileyo; uzichithelani?

17 Ungabi ngomubi ngokudlulisayo, futhi ungabi yisiwula; uzafelani kungakabi yisikhathi sakho?

18 Kuhle ukuthi ubambelele kulokhu, yebo, ungabuyisi isandla sakho lakulokho; ngoba omesabayo uNkulunkulu uzaphepha kukho konke.

19 Inhlakanipho iyamqinisa ohlakaniphileyo okwedlula ababusi abalitshumi abasemzini.

20 Ngoba kakulamuntu olungileyo emhlabeni owenza okuhle angoni.

21 Futhi ungabeki inhliziyo yakho emazwini wonke akhulunywayo, ukuze ungezwa ukuthi inceku yakho iyakuthuka.

22 Ngoba ngezikhathi ezinengi lenhliziyo yakho iyakwazi ukuthi lawe uqobo ubathukile abanye.

23 Konke lokhu ngikuhlolile ngenhlakanipho, ngathi: Ngizahlakanipha; kodwa kwakukhatshana lami.

24 Okukhatshana, lokujule kakhulu, ngubani ozakufumana?

25 Ngaphenduka mina lenhliziyo yami ukwazi lokuhlola lokudinga inhlakanipho, lesizatho sezinto, lokwazi inkohlakalo yobuwula, lobuthutha bobuhlanya.

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26 Ngasengithola okubaba kulokufa: Owesifazana onhliziyo yakhe iyimijibila lamambule, lezandla zakhe ziyizibopho. Olungileyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu uzaphepha kuye, kodwa isoni sizabanjwa nguye.

27 Khangela, yilokhu engikutholileyo, utsho umTshumayeli, ngibeka okunye kokunye, ukuthola isizatho sezinto,

28 umphefumulo wami osasidinga kodwa kangisitholanga. Indoda eyodwa phakathi kwenkulungwane ngayithola, kodwa owesifazana phakathi kwabo bonke labo kangimtholanga.

29 Khangela, yilokhu kuphela engikutholileyo, ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu waqonda; kodwa bona sebedinge amacebo amanengi.

UMTSHUMAYELI 8

1Ngubani onjengohlakaniphileyo? Ngubani-ke owazi ukuchasiswa kolutho? Inhlakanipho yomuntuiyakhanyisa ubuso bakhe, lobulukhuni bobuso bakhe buyaguqulwa.

2 Ngithi: Gcina umlayo wenkosi, lanjengokwesifungo sikaNkulunkulu.

3 Ungaphangisi ukusuka phambi kwayo, ungemi edabeni olubi, ngoba yenza konke ekuthandayo.

4 Lapho okulelizwi lenkosi khona kulamandla; njalo ngubani ongathi kuyo: Wenzani?

5 Lowo ogcina umlayo kayikwazi into embi, lenhliziyo yohlakaniphileyo iyasazi isikhathi lokwahlulela.

6 Ngoba kulo lonke udaba kulesikhathi lokwahlulela, ngoba ububi bomuntu bukhulu phezu kwakhe.

7 Ngoba kakwazi ukuthi kuzakuba yini, ngoba ngubani ongamtshela ukuthi kuzakuba nini?

8 Kakulamuntu olamandla phezu komoya ukubamba umoya, njalo kalamandla osukwini lokufa; njalo kakukho ukukhululwa kuleyompi, lobubi kabuyikukhulula abaninibo.

9 Konke lokhu ngikubonile, nganikela inhliziyo yami emsebenzini wonke owenziwa ngaphansi kwelanga; kulesikhathi lapho umuntu abusa khona umuntu kube yikulimala kwakhe.

10 Ngokunjalo-ke ngabona ababi bengcwatshwa, ababevela njalo baye endaweni engcwele, abasebekhohlakele emzini lapho ababenze khona okunjalo. Lokhu lakho kuyize.

11 Ngoba isigwebo ngesenzo esibi singenziwa masinyane, ngenxa yalokho inhliziyo yabantwana babantu igcwele ngaphakathi kwabo ukwenza okubi.

12 Lanxa isoni sisenza okubi izikhathi ezilikhulu, lensuku zaso zelulwe, kube kanti sibili ngiyazi ukuthikuzabalungela labo abamesabayo uNkulunkulu, abesabayo phambi kwakhe.

13 Kodwa omubi kakuyikumlungela; futhi kayikwelula insuku zakhe; unjengesithunzi ngoba kesabi phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

14 Kukhona okuyize okwenziwayo emhlabeni, ukuthi bakhona abalungileyo abehlelwa njengokomsebenzi wababi, bakhona lababi abehlelwa njengokomsebenzi wabalungileyo. Ngathi: Lokhu lakho kuyize.

15 Ngakho mina ngababaza intokozo; ngoba umuntu kalalutho oluhle ngaphansi kwelanga, ngaphandle kokudla lokunatha lokuthokoza, ngoba lokhu kuzahlala laye ekutshikatshikeni kwakhe ensukwini zempilo yakhe uNkulunkulu amnike zona ngaphansi kwelanga.

16 Lapho nganikela inhliziyo ukwazi inhlakanipho lokubona umsebenzi owenziwa emhlabeni, (ngoba futhi ukhona ongaboni ubuthongo ngamehlo akhe emini lebusuku)

17 ngasengibona wonke umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ukuthi umuntu kalakho ukufumana umsebenzi owenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga; ngoba lanxa umuntu etshikatshika ukukudinga, kube kanti kayikukufumana; yebo futhi, lanxa ohlakaniphileyo angathi uyazi, kayikuba lakho ukukuthola.

UMTSHUMAYELI 9

1Ngoba konke lokhu ngakubeka enhliziyweni yami ukuhlolisisa konke lokhu, ukuthi abalungileyo labahlakaniphileyo lezenzo zabo kusesandleni sikaNkulunkulu; loba uthando kumbe inzondo, kakho umuntu okwaziyo, konke okuphambi kwabo.

2 Konke kwehla ngokufananayo kubo bonke; sinye isehlakalo kolungileyo lakomubi, komuhle, lakohlambulukileyo lakongahlambulukanga, lakonikela umhlatshelo lakonganikeli umhlatshelo; njengolungileyo sinjalo isoni, ofungayo njengowesaba isifungo.

3 Yilobu ububi phakathi kwakho konke okwenziwa ngaphansi kwelanga, ukuthi sinye isehlakalo kukho konke, futhi lenhliziyo yabantwana babantu igcwele ububi, lobuhlanya busenhliziyweni yabo besaphila, lemva kwalokhubaya kwabafileyo.

4 Ngoba kulowo ohlanganiswe labo bonke abaphilayo kulethemba, ngoba inja ephilayo ingcono kulesilwane esifileyo.

5 Ngoba abaphilayo bayazi ukuthi bazakufa, kodwa abafileyo kabazi lutho, njalo kabaselawo umvuzo, ngoba ukukhunjulwa kwabo sekukhohlakele.

6 Futhi uthando lwabo lenzondo yabo lomona wabo sekubhubhile, njalo kabasayikuba lesabelo laphakade kukho konke okwenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga.

7 Hamba, udle ukudla kwakho ngentokozo, unathe iwayini lakho ngenhliziyo elenjabulo, ngoba uNkulunkuluusethokozile ngemisebenzi yakho.

8 Izigqoko zakho kazibe ngezimhlophe ngesikhathi sonke, lamafutha angasweleki ekhanda lakho.

9 Kholisa impilo lomkakho omthandayo zonke izinsuku zempilo yakho eyize akunike yona ngaphansi kwelanga, zonke izinsuku zakho eziyize, ngoba lesi yisabelo sakho empilweni, lemtshikatshikeni owutshikatshika ngaphansi kwelanga.

10 Loba kuyini isandla sakho esikutholayo ukukwenza kwenze ngamandla akho, ngoba kawukho umsebenzi lecebo lolwazi lenhlakanipho engcwabeni lapho oya khona.

11 Ngaphenduka ngabona ngaphansi kwelanga ukuthi umjaho kawusiwabalejubane, lempi kayisiyamaqhawe, futhi lesinkwa kasisabahlakaniphileyo, futhi lenotho kayisiyabalolwazi, futhi lomusa kawusiwezingcitshi, kodwa isikhathi lesehlakalo kwehlela bonke.

12 Ngoba futhi umuntu kasazi isikhathi sakhe; njengenhlanzi ezibanjwa embuleni elibi, lanjengezinyoni ezibanjwa emjibileni, njengazo abantwana babantu bayabanjwa esikhathini esibi, lapho sibajuma.

13 Lale inhlakanipho ngayibona ngaphansi kwelanga, njalo yaba nkulu kimi.

14 Kwakukhona umuzi omncinyane, okwakulabantu abalutshwana phakathi kwawo; kwasekusiza inkosi enkulu kuwo, yawuvimbezela, yawakhela amadundulu amakhulu okuvimbezela.

15 Kwasekutholakala phakathi kwawo umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ongumyanga, yena-ke ngenhlakanipho yakhe wawukhulula lowomuzi. Kanti kakho owake wamkhumbula lowomuntu ongumyanga.

16 Mina ngasengisithi: Inhlakanipho ingcono kulamandla, lanxa ukuhlakanipha komyanga kuseyiswa lamazwi akhe engalalelwa.

17 Amazwi abahlakaniphileyo azwiwa ekupholeni ngcono kulokumemeza kobusayo phakathi kwezithutha.

18 Inhlakanipho ingcono kulezikhali zempi, kodwa isoni esisodwa sichitha ubuhle obunengi.

UMTSHUMAYELI 10

1Impukane ezifileyo zinukisa zibilise amagcobo omthaki; ubuthutha obuncinyane benza njalo kohloniphekayo ngenxa yenhlakanipho lodumo.

2 Inhliziyo yohlakaniphileyo ingakwesokunene sakhe, kodwa inhliziyo yesithutha ingakwesokhohlo saso.

3 Yebo-ke lapho oyisithutha ehamba endleleni, ingqondo yakhe iyasilela, uthi kuye wonke uyisithutha.

4 Uba umoya wombusi ukuvukela, ungatshiyi indawo yakho, ngoba ukuthobeka kuyathulisa iziphambeko ezinkulu.

5 Kulobubi engibubone ngaphansi kwelanga, njengesiphosiso esiphuma ebusweni bombusi:

6 Ubuwula bubekwa ezindaweni eziphakemeyo kakhulu, labanothileyo bahlala endaweni ephansi.

7 Ngibonile izigqili zigade amabhiza, leziphathamandla zihamba njengezigqili emhlabeni.

8 Ogebha umgodi uzawela kuwo; lodiliza umthangala, inyoka izamluma.

9 Osusa amatshe uzalinyazwa yiwo; obanda izigodo uzakuba sengozini ngazo.

10 Uba insimbi ibuthundu njalo engaloli ubukhali, ngakho ufanele engezelele amandla; kodwa inhlakanipho yinhle ukulungisa.

11 Uba inyoka iluma kungelakulunjwa, kakulanzuzo kungcitshi yolimi.

12 Amazwi omlomo ohlakaniphileyo alomusa, kodwa indebe zesithutha ziyasiginya.

13 Ukuqala kwamazwi omlomo waso kuyibuthutha, lokucina kwenkulumo yaso kuyibuhlanya obubi,

14 njalo isithutha sandisa amazwi. Umuntu kazi okuzakuba khona; lalokho okuzakuba khona emva kwakhe, ngubani ongamtshela khona?

15 Umtshikatshika wesithuthandini uyasidinisa, ngoba kasazi ukuya emzini.

16 Maye kuwe, lizwe, onkosi yakho ingumntwana, leziphathamandla zakho zidla ekuseni!

17 Ubusisiwe, lizwe, onkosi yakho iyindodana yabakhulu, leziphathamandla zakho zidla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo,zidlela ukuqina, hatshi ukudakwa.

18 Ngobuvila obukhulu intungo ziyabhensa, langokuyekethisa izandla indlu iyanethela.

19 Idili lenzelwa uhleko, lewayini lithokozisa impilo; kodwa imali iyimpendulo yakho konke.

20 Lemcabangweni wakho ungayithuki inkosi, lekamelweni lakho lokulala ungamthuki onothileyo; ngoba inyoni yamazulu izathwala ilizwi, lokulamaphiko kubike udaba.

UMTSHUMAYELI 11

1Phosela isinkwa sakho phezu kobuso bamanzi, ngoba uzasithola emva kwensuku ezinengi.

2 Nika isabelo kwabayisikhombisa, yebo, lakwabayisificaminwembili, ngoba kawazi ukuthi bubi bani obuzakuba emhlabeni.

3 Uba amayezi egcwele izulu, ayalithululela emhlabeni; uba-ke isihlahla siwela ngeningizimu kumbe ngenyakatho, endaweni lapho isihlahla esiwela khona sizakuba khonapho.

4 Onanzelela umoya kayikuhlanyela, lalowo okhangela amayezi kayikuvuna.

5 Njengoba ungazi ukuthi iyini indlela yomoya, akhula njani amathambo esiswini sokhulelweyo, ngokunjalo kawazi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu owenza konke.

6 Hlanyela inhlanyelo yakho ekuseni, lantambama ungaphumuzi isandla sakho; ngoba kawazi ukuthi yiyiphi ezaphumelela, le kumbe leyana, loba zombili zizakuba zinhle ngokufananayo.

Izeluleko kwabatsha

7 Sibili, ukukhanya kumnandi; njalo kuhle emehlweni ukubona ilanga.

8 Kodwa uba umuntu ephila iminyaka eminengi, kathokoze ngayo yonke; kodwa kakhumbule lensuku zomnyama, ngoba zizakuba zinengi. Konke okuzayo kuyize.

9 Thokoza, jaha, ebutsheni bakho, lenhliziyo yakho kayikuthokozise ensukwini zobutsha bakho, uhambe endleleni zenhliziyo yakho lekuboneni kwamehlo akho. Kodwa yazi ukuthi ngenxa yazo zonke izinto uNkulunkulu uzakuletha kusahlulelo.

10 Ngakho susa ukudabuka enhliziyweni yakho, ukhuphe ububi enyameni yakho, ngoba ubutsha lobujaha buyize.

UMTSHUMAYELI 12

1Khumbula-ke uMdali wakho ensukwini zobutsha bakho zingakafiki insuku ezimbi, kumbe kusondele iminyaka, lapho ozakuthi: Kangilantokozo ngayo.

2 Kungakafiphali ilanga lokukhanya lenyanga lezinkanyezi, kumbe amayezi abuyele emva kwezulu.

3 Ngosuku lapho abagcini bendlu bezathuthumela, lamadoda alamandla akhokhobe, labacholayo beme ngoba bebalutshwana, lalabo abalunguza ngamawindi bafiphazeke,

4 lezivalo zivalwe esitaladini, lapho umsindo wokuchola usuncipha, lapho ezavuka ekukhaleni kwenyoni, lamadodakazi wonke engoma ezathotshiswa,

5 lalapho bezakwesaba okuphakemeyo lezesabiso endleleni, lapho isihlahla se-alimondi sesilempoko, lentothoviyane izakuba ngumthwalo kuyo, lesiloyiso sizaphela. Ngoba umuntu uya ekhaya lakhe elilaphakade, labalilayo bazazulazula esitaladeni.

6 Kungakathukululwa intambo yesiliva, lomganu wegolide uphahlazwe, lembiza iphahlazeke emthonjeni, lendirayo yephuke emgodini wamanzi,

7 lothuli lubuyele emhlabathini njengoba lwalunjalo, lomoya ubuyela kuNkulunkulu owawunikayo.

8 Ize leze, kutsho umTshumayeli, konke kuyize.

9 Phezu kwalokho-ke, ngoba umTshumayeli wayehlakaniphile, wayelokhu efundisa abantu ulwazi, yebo wazindla, wadingisisa, wamisa kuhle izaga ezinengi.

10 UmTshumayeli wadinga ukuthola amazwi akholisisayo, lokwabhalwayo kwakuqondile, amazwi eqiniso.

11 Amazwi abahlakaniphileyo anjengezincijo, lanjengezipikili ezibethelwe zatshona, amakhosi emihlangano, enikwa ngumelusi munye.

12 Phezu kwalokho-ke, ndodana yami, xwayiseka: Ekwenzeni ingwalo ezinengi kakulasiphelo, lokufunda okunengi kuyikudinisa inyama.

13 Isiphetho sodaba konke sekuzwakele yilesi: Mesabe uNkulunkulu, ugcine imilayo yakhe; ngoba lokhoyimfanelo yonke yomuntu.

14 Ngoba uNkulunkulu uzaletha wonke umsebenzi kusahlulelo, layo yonke into efihliweyo, loba kuhle laloba kubi.

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1 Ingoma yezingoma engekaSolomoni.

2 Kangange ngokwanga komlomo wakhe; ngoba uthando lwakho lungcono kulewayini.

3 Ngenxa yephunga lamagcobo akho amnandi, ibizo lakho linjengamagcobo athululiweyo; ngakho-ke izintombi ziyakuthanda.

4 Ngidonsa, sizagijima emva kwakho; inkosi ingingenise emakamelweni ayo; sizajabula sithokoze kuwe, sikhumbule uthando lwakho okwedlula iwayini; abaqondileyo bayakuthanda.

5 Ngimnyama, kodwa ngimuhle, madodakazi eJerusalema, njengamathente eKedari, njengamakhetheni kaSolomoni.

6 Lingangibukeli ngoba ngimnyama, ngoba ilanga lingitshisile. Abantwana bakamama bangizondela, bangenza umlindikazi wezivini; isivini sami esingesami kangisilindanga.

7 Ngitshela, wena umphefumulo wami okuthandayo, ukuthi welusela ngaphi, uphumuza ngaphi umhlambiemini; ngoba kungani ngizakuba njengozulayo ngasemihlanjini yabangane bakho?

8 Uba ungazi, wena omuhle kakhulu phakathi kwabesifazana, phuma wena ngezinyathelo zomhlambi, welusele amazinyane akho phansi kwamadumba abelusi.

9 Ngikufananise lebhizakazi ezinqoleni zikaFaro, mthandwa wami.

10 Izihlathi zakho zinhle phakathi kwemiceciso, intamo yakho ngezigqizo.

11 Sizakwenzela imiceciso yegolide lamaqhubu esiliva.

12 Inkosi isesetafuleni layo ledili inadi yami yakhupha iphunga layo.

13 Isithandwa sami kimi siyisamba semure; sizalala phakathi kwamabele ami ebusuku.

14 Isithandwa sami kimi silihlukuzo lesihlahla sehena ezivinini zeEngedi.

15 Khangela, umuhle, mthandwa wami, khangela, umuhle, amehlo akho angawamajuba.

16 Khangela, umuhle, sithandwa sami, isibili uyathokozisa. Lombheda wethu uluhlaza.

17 Imijabo yezindlu zethu yimisedari, intungo zethu ngezefiri.

INGOMA YEZINGOMA 2

1Ngilirozi leSharoni, umduze wezigodi.

2 Njengomduze phakathi kwameva, unjalo mthandwa wami phakathi kwamadodakazi.

3 Njengesihlahla sama-aphula phakathi kwezihlahla zeganga, sinjalo isithandwa sami phakathi kwamadodana. Ngahlala emthunzini waso ngathokoza kakhulu, lesithelo saso simnandi ekunambitheni kwami.

4 Sangisa endlini yewayini, lesiboniso saso phezu kwami siluthando.

5 Ngisekelani ngezinkwa zezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo, lingiqinise ngama-aphula, ngoba ngiguliswa luthando.

6 Isandla saso sokhohlo singaphansi kwekhanda lami, lesokunene saso siyangigona.

7 Ngiyalifungisa, madodakazi eJerusalema, ngemiziki kumbe ngezimpala zeganga, ukuze lingaphazamisi lingavusi uthando aze athande.

8 Ilizwi lesithandwa sami! Khangela sona siyeza, siseqa phezu kwezintaba, siqolotsha phezu kwamaqaqa.

9 Isithandwa sami sinjengomziki kumbe njengethole lendluzele. Khangela simi ngemva komduli wethu, silunguza emawindini, sizibonakalisa eminxibeni yewindi.

10 Isithandwa sami saphendula sathi kimi: Vuka wena, mthandwa wami, omuhle wami, asihambe wena.

11 Ngoba khangela, ubusika sebudlulile, izulu seliphelile, lihambile.

12 Amaluba ayabonakala emhlabeni, isikhathi sokuhlabelela sesifikile, lelizwi lejuba liyezwakala elizweni lakithi.

13 Isihlahla somkhiwa sivuthisa imikhiwa yaso eluhlaza, lamavini alempoko aletha iphunga elimnandi. Vuka wena, mthandwa wami, omuhle wami wena, sihambe.

14 Juba lami, elisengoxweni yedwala, ekusithekeni kweliwa, ngitshengisa ubuso bakho, ngizwise ilizwi lakho, ngoba ilizwi lakho limnandi, lobuso bakho buyabukeka.

15 Sibambeleni amakhanka, amakhanka amancinyane, ona izivini, ngoba izivini zethu zilezimpoko.

16 Isithandwa sami ngesami, lami ngingowaso, eselusa phakathi kwemiduze.

17 Kuze kube semadabukakusa, lamathunzi abaleke, phenduka, sithandwa sami, ube njengomziki kumbe njengethole lendluzele phezu kwezintaba zeBhetheri.

INGOMA YEZINGOMA 3

1Embhedeni wami ebusuku ngamdinga lowo umphefumulo wami omthandayo;
ngamdinga, kodwa kangimtholanga.

2 Sengizasuka ngibhodabhode emzini, ezitaladeni lemagcekeni, ngimdinge yena
umphefumulo wami omthandayo; ngamdinga, kodwa kangimtholanga.

3 Abalindi ababebhodabhoda emzini bangifica. Limbonile yini yena umphefumulo
wami omthandayo?

4 Sengidlule kancinyane kubo ngasengimthola yena umphefumulo wami
omthandayo. Ngambamba, kangimyekelanga ahambe ngaze ngamletha endlini
kamama, lekamelweni lakhe owangimithayo.

5 Ngiyalifungisa, madodakazi eJerusalema, ngemiziki kumbe ngezimpala zeganga,
ukuze lingaphazamisi lingavusi uthando luze luthande.

6 Ngubani lo owenyuka evela enkangala njengezinsika zentuthu,
eqholwe ngemure lempepha, ngakho konke okucholisisiweyo kwabathengisi?

7 Khangela umbheda wakhe ongokaSolomoni, amaqhawe angamatshumi
ayisithupha awugombolozela, emaqhaweni akoIsrayeli.

8 Wonke abambe inkemba efundiselwe impi, yilelo lalelo inkemba yalo emlenzeni
walo ngenxa yokwesabaebusuku.

9 Inkosi uSolomoni yazenzela isihlalo sokuthwalwa ngezigodo zeLebhanoni.

10 Yenza insika zaso ngesiliva, iphansi laso ngegolide, isihlalo
saso ngokuyibubende, ubuphakathi baso bubekelelwe ngothando
ngamadodakazi eJerusalema.

11 Phumani, madodakazi eZiyoni, libone inkosi uSolomoni, ilomqhele unina
amethwesa umqhele ngawo ngosuku lomtshado wayo, langosuku lwentokozo
yenhliziyo yayo.

INGOMA YEZINGOMA 4

1Khangela, umuhle, mthandwa wami, khangela, umuhle. Amehlo akho
angawamajuba ngaphakathi kweveyili lakho; inwele zakho
zinjengomhlambi wembuzi zisehla entabeni iGileyadi.

2 Amazinyo akho anjengomhlambi wezimvukazi ezigundiweyo, ezikhuphuka
ekugezisweni, okuthi zonke zazo zizele amaphahla, njalo kungekho efelwayo
phakathi kwazo.

3 Indebe zakho zinjengentambo ebomvu, lenkulumo yakho yinhle. Inhlafuno
zakho phakathi kweveyili lakhozinjengocezu lwepomegranati.

4 Intamo yakho injengomphotshongo kaDavida owakhiwe waba yindlu yezikhali,
okulenga kuwo amahawu ayinkulungwane, wonke ayizihlangu zamaqhawe.

5 Amabele akho womabili anjengabantwana bomziki, abangamaphahla empala, abadla phakathi kwemiduze.

6 Kuze kube semadabukakusa, lamathunzi abaleke, mina ngizakuya entabeni yemure, leqaqeni lwempepha.

7 Wena wonke umuhle, mthandwa wami, kakukho sici kuwe.

8 Woza lami sisuke eLebhanoni, makoti wami, lami sisuke eLebhanoni. Khangela usengqongeni yeAmana, engqongeni yeSeniri leyeHermoni, ezimbalwini zezilwane, entabeni zezingwe.

9 Uyithumbile inhliziyo yami, dadewethu, makoti, uyithumbile inhliziyo yami ngelinye lamehlo akho, ngesigqizo esisodwa sentamo yakho.

10 Luhle kangakanani uthando lwakho, dadewethu, makoti! Lungcono kangakanani uthando lwakho kulewayini, lephunga lamagcobo akho kulamakha wonke.

11 Indebe zakho, makoti, zithonta njengohlanga loluju; uluju lochago kungaphansi kolimi lwakho, lephunga lezembatho zakho linjengephunga leLebhanoni.

12 Uyisivande esikhiyiweyo, dadewethu, makoti, umthombo okhiyiweyo, isiphethu esinanyekwe ngophawu.

13 Amahlumela akho ayisivande samapomegranati, lezithelo ezimnandi, ihena lenadi,

14 inadi lesafroni, ikhalamu lekinamoni, lezihlahla zonke zempepha, imure lenhlaba, lamakha wonke aqakathekileyo;

15 umthombo wezivande, umgodi wamanzi aphilayo, lezifula ezivela eLebhanoni.

16 Vuka, moya wenyakatho, uze lawe, moya weningizimu, uphephethe esivandeni sami ukuze amakha aso ageleze aphume. Kasize isithandwa sami esivandeni saso, sidle izithelo zaso ezimnandi.

INGOMA YEZINGOMA 5

1Sengingenile esivandeni sami, dadewethu, mlobokazi, sengikhe imure yami lamakha ami, ngidle uhlanga loluju lwami kanye loluju lwami, nginathe iwayini lami lochago lwami. Dlanini, bangane, linathe, linathe kakhulu, bathandekayo.

2 Ngilele, kodwa inhliziyo yami iphapheme. Ilizwi lesithandwa sami liqoqoda, lisithi: Ngivulela, dadewethu, mthandwa wami, juba lami, opheleleyo wami, ngoba ikhanda lami ligcwele amazolo, inwele zami eziphotheneyo amathonsi ebusuku.

3 Ngikhuphile isigqoko sami, ngingasigqoka njani? Ngigezile inyawo zami, ngingazingcolisa njani?

4 Isithandwa sami safaka isandla saso esikhaleni sesivalo, lemibilini yami yasiqubuleka.

5 Ngasukuma mina ukuvulela isithandwa sami; lezandla zami zathonta imure, leminwe yami imure egelezayo, ezibanjeni zekhiye.

6 Mina ngasivulela isithandwa sami, kodwa isithandwa sami sasitshibilike sedlula. Umphefumulo wami wehluleka ekukhulumeni kwaso. Ngasidinga, kodwa kangisitholanga, ngasibiza, kodwa kasingiphendulanga.

7 Abalindi ababebhodabhoda emzini bangifica, bangitshaya, bangilimaza; abalindi bemiduli bangithathela ijali yami.

8 Ngiyalifungisa, madodakazi eJerusalema, uba lithola othandekayo wami, lizamtshelani? Ukuthi ngiguliswaluthando.

9 Isithandwa sakho simedlula ngani omunye othandekayo, wena omuhle phakathi kwabesifazana? Isithandwa sakho simedlula ngani omunye othandekayo ukuthi usifungise njalo?

10 Isithandwa sami simhlophe sibomvana, inhlokonkulu phakathi kwenkulungwane ezilitshumi.

11 Ikhanda laso linjengegolide elicengeke kakhulu, inwele zaso eziphotheneyo ziyibulembu, zimnyama njengewabayi.

12 Amehlo aso anjengamajuba ezifuleni zamanzi, agezwe ngochago, afakwe kakuhle.

13 Izihlathi zaso zinjengombheda wamakha, njengemibundu yamakha akhupha iphunga elimnandi. Indebe zaso zinjengemiduze, zithonta imure egelezayo.

14 Izandla zaso zinjengendandatho zegolide ezigcwele ibherule. Isisu saso sinjengophondo lwendlovu olukhanyayo, luhuqwe ngesafire.

15 Imilenze yaso zinsika zelitshe elimhlophe zimiswe ezisekelweni zegolide elicwengekileyo. Ukukhangeleka kwaso kunjengeLebhanoni, elikhethelo njengemisedari.

16 Umlomo waso umnandi kakhulu, yebo sonke siyathandeka kakhulu. Lesi yisithandwa sami, njalo lesi ngumngane wami, madodakazi eJerusalema.

INGOMA YEZINGOMA 6

1Siye ngaphi isithandwa sakho, wena omuhle phakathi kwabesifazana? Siphendukele ngaphi isithandwa sakho, ukuze sisidinge kanye lawe?

2 Isithandwa sami sehlele esivandeni saso, emibhedeni yamakha, ukudla ezivandeni, lokukha imiduze.

3 Ngingowesithandwa sami, lesithandwa sami singesami, esidla phakathi kwemiduze.

4 Umuhle, mthandwa wami, njengeTiriza, uyabukeka njengeJerusalema, uyesabeka njengebutho eliphethe iziboniso.

5 Susa amehlo akho kimi ngoba ayanginqoba. Inwele zakho zinjengomhlambi wembuzi zisehla eGileyadi.

6 Amazinyo akho anjengomhlambi wezimvukazi ezikhuphuka ekugezisweni, okuthi zonke zazo zizele amaphahla, njalo kungekho eyinyumba phakathi kwazo.

7 Inhlafuno zakho phakathi kweveyili lakho zinjengocezu lwepomegranati.

8 Kukhona izindlovukazi ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, labafazi abancane abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, lezintombi ezingelanani.

9 Linye ijuba lami, opheleleyo wami, nguye yedwa kunina, ongokhethiweyo wakhe owamzalayo. Amadodakazi ambona, ambusisa, izindlovukazi labafazi abancinyane, bambabaza.

10 Ngubani lo obonakala njengokusa, omuhle njengenyanga, ocwebileyo njengelanga, owesabeka njengebutho eliphethe iziboniso?

11 Ngehlela esivandeni senkelo ukubona okuhlumayo esigodini, ukubona ukuthi ivini liyahluma,amapomegranati ayakhahlela yini.

12 Ngingakazi umphefumulo wami wangimisa ezinqoleni zobukhosi zabantu bakithi.

13 Phenduka, phenduka, mShulami, phenduka, phenduka, ukuze sikubuke. Limbukelani umShulami? Kunjengexuku lamabutho amabili.

INGOMA YEZINGOMA 7

1Zinhle kangakanani izinyawo zakho emanyathelweni, ndodakazi yenkosana! Amalunga amathangazi akho anjengemiceciso, umsebenzi wezandla zengcitshi.

2 Inkaba yakho injengomganu oyingubhe ongasweli iwayini elixutshanisiweyo. Isisu sakho sinjengenqumbi yengqoloyi ezingelezelwe yimiduze.

3 Amabele akho womabili anjengabantwana bomziki, abangamaphahla empala.

4 Intamo yakho injengomphotshongo wempondo zendlovu. Amehlo akho ayiziziba zeHeshiboni ngasesangweni leBeti-Rabimi. Impumulo yakho injengomphotshongo weLebhanoni okhangelene leDamaseko.

5 Ikhanda lakho phezu kwakho linjengeKharmeli, lenwele zekhanda lakho ezilengayo zinjengokuyibubende; inkosi ibotshwe emikhandlweni.

6 Umuhle kangakanani, njalo uthandeka kangakanani, thando, ezinjabulweni.

7 Lobu ubude bakho bunjengesihlahla selala, lamabele akho njengamaxha.

8 Ngathi: Ngizakhwela esihlahleni selala ngibambe ingatsha zaso. Khathesi-ke amabele akho azakuba njengamahlukuzo evini, lephunga lamakhala akho linjengama-aphula,

9 lolwanga lwakho lunjengewayini elihle eliya kusithandwa sami kakuhle, kusenza indebe zabaleleyo zikhulume.

10 Ngingowesithandwa sami, lesifiso saso singakimi.

11 Woza, sithandwa sami, kasiphumele egangeni, silale ebusuku emizaneni;

12 kasivuke ngovivi siye ezivinini, sibone ukuthi amavini asehluma, ekhupha impoko, lokuthi amapomegranati akhahlele yini. Lapho ngizakunika uthando lwami.

13 Amamandrake akhupha iphunga elimnandi, langasemasangweni ethu kukhona zonke inhlobo zezithelo ezimnandi kakhulu, ezintsha lezindala, engizibekele wena, sithandwa sami.

INGOMA YEZINGOMA 8

1Kungathi ngabe unjengomfowethu owamunya amabele kamama! Uba bengingakufica phandle, bengingakwanga, yebo, bebengayikungidelela.

2 Bengingakukhokhela ngikungenise endlini kamama, ubengangifundisa; bengingakunathisa okwewayini elilesinongo, okomhluzi wepomegranati lami.

3 Isandla sakhe sokhohlo singaphansi kwekhanda lami, lesokunene saso siyangigona.

4 Ngiyalifungisa, lina madodakazi eJerusalema, ukuze lingaphazamisi lingavusi uthando aze athande.

5 Ngubani lo owenyuka evela enkangala eyeme kothandekayo wakhe? Ngakuvusa ngaphansi kwesihlahla sama-aphula, kulapho unyoko akuhelela khona, kulapho ahelelwa khona owakuzalayo.

6 Ngibeka njengophawu enhliziyweni yakho, njengophawu engalweni yakho; ngoba uthando lulamandla njengokufa, ubukhwele bulesihluku njengengcwaba; amalahle alo angamalahle omlilo, ilangabi elilamandla kakhulu.

7 Amanzi amanengi kawalakulucitsha uthando, lezimpophoma kazilugalulisi. Uba umuntu ubenganika impahla yonke yendlu yakhe ngothando, bebengayidelela lokuyidelela.

8 Silodadewethu omncinyane, njalo kalamabele. Sizamenzelani udadewethu ngosuku mhla kukhulunywa ngaye?

9 Uba engumduli, sizakwakha phezu kwakhe inqaba yesiliva, njalo uba engumnyango, sizamvalela ngamapulanka omsedari.

10 Ngingumduli, lamabele ami anjengemiphotshongo; khona emehlweni akhe ngaba njengokufumene umusa.

11 USolomoni wayelesivini eBhali-Hamoni, wanikela isivini kubalindi; ngulowo lalowo wayezaletha ngezithelo zaso inhlamvu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane.

12 Isivini sami esingesami siphambi kwami; inhlamvu eziyinkulungwane ngezakho, Solomoni, lamakhulu amabili ngawabalindi bezithelo zaso.

13 Wena ohlala ezivandeni, abangane balalela ilizwi lakho; ngizwise lona.

14 Phangisa, sithandwa sami, ube njengomziki kumbe njengethole lendluzele phezu kwezintaba zamakha.

UISAYA

UISAYA 1

UGWALO LOMPROFETHI
UNkulunkulu ukhuza isizwe sakoJuda esonayo

1 Umbono kaIsaya indodana kaAmozi, awubona ngoJuda leJerusalema,
ensukwini zaboUziya, uJothamu, uAhazi, uHezekhiya, amakhosi akoJuda.

2 Zwanini, mazulu, ubeke indlebe, mhlaba, ngoba iNKOSI isikhulumile, yathi:
Ngondlile ngakhulisa abantwana, kodwa bona bangivukele.

3 Inkabi iyamazi umniniyo, lobabhemi umkolo womnikazi
wakhe; kodwa uIsrayeli kazi, abantu bami kabaqedisisi.

4 Hawu, isizwe esonayo, abantu abasindwa yibubi, inzalo yabenzi bobubi,
abantwana abonakalisayo! Bayitshiyile iNKOSI, bamdelele oNgcwele kaIsrayeli,
bahlehlele nyovane.

5 Lizatshayelwani futhi? Belizaqhubeka livukela; ikhanda lonke liyagula,
lenhliziyo yonke ibuthakathaka.

6 Kusukela kungaphansi yonyawo kuze kufike ekhanda kakulandawo
ephilileyo kukho, kodwa izilondalemivimvinya lamanxeba ophayo;
kakukhanywanga, kakubotshwanga, kakuthanjiswanga ngamafutha.

7 Ilizwe lakini liyincithakalo, imizi yenu itshiswe ngomlilo, umhlaba wenu
abezizwe bawudla phambi kwenu, njalo kulencithakalo, njengokugenqulwa
ngabemzini.

8 Indodakazi yeZiyoni isele-ke njengedumba esivinini,
njengengalane ensimini yamakhomane, njengomuzi ovinjezelweyo.

9 Uba iNKOSI yamabandla ibingasitshiyelanga insali eyingcosana, besizakuba
njengeSodoma, sifanane leGomora.

10 Zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, babusi beSodoma, libeke indlebe kumlayo
kaNkulunkulu wethu, bantu beGomora.

11 Buyini kimi ubunengi bemihlatshelo yenu? itsho iNKOSI. Ngenelisiwe
yiminikelo yokutshiswa yezinqama langamahwahwa okunonisiweyo; legazi
lamajongosi lelamawundlu lelezimpongo kangithokozi ngalo.

12 Lapho lisizabonakala phambi kwami, ngubani obize lokhu esandleni senu,
ukugxoba amaguma ami?

13 Lingabe lisaletha umnikelo oyize; impepha iyisinengiso kimi; ukuthwasa
kwenyanga, lesabatha, ukubizwa kwenhlangano, ngingekumele;
kuyisiphambeko, ngitsho umhlangano onzulu.

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14 Umphefumulo wami uyakuzonda ukuthwasa kwezinyanga zenu lemikhosi
yenu emisiweyo; kungumthwalo kimi, sengikhathele yikukuthwala.

15 Lalapho liselula izandla zenu ngizalifihlela amehlo ami; njalo nxa lisandisa
umkhuleko kangiyikuzwa; izandla zenu zigcwele igazi.

16 Gezani, lizihlambulule; susani ububi bezenzo zenu phambi kwamehlo ami;
yekelani ukwenza okubi;

17 fundani ukwenza okuhle; dingani isahlulelo; sizani ocindezelweyo;
yehlulelani intandane; melani umfelokazi.

18 Wozani khathesi, siqondisane, itsho iNKOSI; loba izono zenu zinjengokubomvu
gebhu, zizakuba mhlophe njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo; loba zibomvu
njengokubomvu kakhulu, zizakuba njengoboya bezimvu.

19 Uba livuma lilalela, lizakudla okuhle kwelizwe;

20 kodwa uba lisala libe lenkani, lizadliwa yinkemba; ngoba umlomo
weNKOSI ukhulumile.

Ukwahlulelwa lokukhululwa kweZiyoni

21 Yeka, umuzi othembekileyo usube liwule! Wawugcwele isahlulelo, ukulunga
kwakuhlezi kuwo, kodwa khathesi ababulali.

22 Isiliva sakho sesibe ngamanyele; iwayini lakho laxubana lamanzi.

23 Iziphathamandla zakho zingabahlamuki labangane bamasela; ngulowo lalowo
uthanda isipho, azingele izivalamlomo; kazehluleli izintandane, lendaba
yomfelokazi kayifiki kuzo.

24 Ngakho itsho iNkosi, iNKOSI yamabandla, oLamandla wakoIsrayeli: E,
ngizaziduduza ngezitha zami, ngiziphindisele kwabamelana lami.

25 Ngizabuyisela isandla sami phezu kwakho, ngicwengisise amanyele akho,
ngisuse yonke ingcekeza yokucwengwa kwakho.

26 Ngizabuyisela abahluleli bakho njengekuqaleni, labeluleki bakho
njengakuqala; emva kwalokho ubizwengokuthi ngumuzi wokulunga, umuzi
othembekileyo.

27 IZiyoni izahlengwa ngesahlulelo, labaphendukayo bayo ngokulunga.

28 Lokwephulwa kwabaphambuki lokwezoni kuzakuba kanyekanye, labadela
iNKOSI baqedwe.

29 Ngoba bazakuba lenhloni ngezihlahla zama-okhi elaliziloyisa, liyangeke
ngezivande elizikhethileyo.

30 Ngoba lizakuba njengesihlahla se-okhi omahlamvu aso ayabuna,
lanjengesivande esingelamanzi.

31 Njalo olamandla uzakuba lifilakisi eliyizibi, lomenzi walo abe yinhlansi; njalo kuzakutsha kokubili kanyekanye, kungabi khona ocitshayo.

UISAYA 2

Isithembiso sokuthula

1 Ilizwi uIsaya indodana kaAmozi alibona ngoJuda leJerusalema.

2 Kuzakuthi-ke ekupheleni kwezinsuku intaba yendlu yeNKOSI imiswe engqongeni yezintaba, iphakanyiswe phezu kwamaqaqa; lazo zonke izizwe zizajulukela kuyo.

3 Lezizwe ezinengi zizahamba zithi: Wozani senyukele entabeni yeNKOSI, endlini kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe, njalo uzasifundisa ngendlela zakhe, sihambe emikhondweni yakhe; ngoba kuzaphuma umlayo eZiyoni, lelizwi leNKOSIeJerusalema.

4 Njalo izakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe, ikhuze abantu abanengi; njalo bazakhanda inkemba zabo zibe yizikali zamakhuba, lemikhonto yabo ibe zingqamu zokuthena izihlahla; isizwe kasiyikuphakamisela isizwe inkemba, kazisayikufunda impi futhi.

5 Ndlu kaJakobe, wozani sihambe ekukhanyeni kweNKOSI.

Ukugwetshwa kwabazikhukhumezayo

6 Ngoba ubadelile abantu bakho, indlu kaJakobe, ngoba bagcwele okwempumalanga, bayizanusenjengamaFilisti, bazijabulisa ngabantwana bezizwe.

7 Lelizwe labo ligcwaliswe isiliva legolide, njalo kakulakuphela kwenotho yabo; lelizwe labo ligcwaliswe amabhiza, njalo kakulakuphela kwenqola zabo.

8 Lelizwe labo ligcwaliswe izithombe; bakhothamela imisebenzi yezandla zabo, lokho iminwe yabo ekwenzileyo.

9 Lomuntukazana uyakhothama, lomuntu omkhulu azithobe; ngakho kawubaxoleli.

10 Ngena edwaleni, ucatshe othulini, ngenxa yokwesabeka kweNKOSI, langenxa yodumo lobukhosi bayo.

11 Amehlo aziqhenyayo omuntu azakwehliselwa phansi, lokuzikhukhumeza kwabantu kuzakhothanyiswa, njalo iNKOSI kuphela izaphakanyiswa ngalolosuku.

12 Ngoba usuku lweNKOSI yamabandla luzakuba phezu kwakhe wonke ozigqajayo lozikhukhumezayo, lumelane laye wonke oziphakamisayo, ukuze athotshiswe,

13 lumelane layo yonke imisedari yeLebhanoni emide lephakemeyo, lumelane lazo zonke izihlahla zama-okhi zeBashani,

14 lumelane lazo zonke intaba ezinde, lumelane lawo wonke amaqaqa aphakemeyo,

15 lumelane lawo wonke umphotshongo ophakemeyo, lumelane lawo wonke umthangala obiyelweyo,

16 lumelane layo yonke imikhumbi yeTarshishi, lumelane layo yonke imifanekiso eloyisekayo.

17 Lokuziqhenya kwabantu kuzakhothanyiswa, lokuzikhukhumeza kwabantu kuzathotshiswa, leNKOSI kuphela izaphakanyiswa ngalolusuku.

18 Lezithombe zizaphela du.

19 Bazangena-ke ezimbalwini zamadwala lemihomeni yomhlaba, ngenxa yokwesabeka kweNKOSI langenxa yodumo lokuphakama kwayo, lapho izavuka ukuqhaqhazelisa umhlaba.

20 Ngalolosuku umuntu uzalahlela emagundwaneni lakubolulwane izithombe zakhe zesiliva lezithombe zakhe zegolide abazenzela zona ukuzikhonza,

21 ukungena ezingoxweni zamadwala lezingoxweni zamawa, ngenxa yokwesabeka kweNKOSI langenxa yodumo lokuphakama kwayo, lapho izavuka ukuqhaqhazelisa umhlaba.

22 Lina phezani kumuntu, omphefumulo wakhe usemakhaleni akhe; ngoba unakanwa kukuphi?

UISAYA 3

Ukugwetshwa kweJerusalema loJuda

1Ngoba khangela, iNkosi, uJehova wamabandla, izasusa eJerusalema lakoJuda insika lodondolo, insika yonke yesinkwa, lensika yonke yamanzi,

2 iqhawe, lendoda yempi, umahluleli, lomprofethi, lomvumisi, lomdala,

3 induna yamatshumi amahlanu, lowemukelekayo ngobuso, lomeluleki, lombazi ohlakaniphileyo, lowazi amalumbo.

4 Ngizabanika abafana babe yiziphathamandla zabo, lezihluku zizabusa phezu kwabo.

5 Labantu bazacindezelwa, omunye komunye, njalo ngulowo lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe; ijaha lizadelela omdala, lodelelekayo ohloniphekayo.

6 Lapho umuntu ezabamba umfowabo wendlu kayise athi: Wena ulesembatho, woba ngumbusi wethu, lokhukuchithakala kube ngaphansi kwesandla sakho;

7 uzaphakamisa ngalolosuku athi: Kangiyikuba ngumelaphi, ngoba endlini yami kakulakudla kakulasembatho; lingangimisi ngibe ngumbusi wabantu.

8 Ngoba iJerusalema ikhubekile, loJuda uwile, ngoba ulimi lwabo lezenzo zabo
kumelene leNKOSI, ukuvukela amehlo obukhosi bayo.

9 Ukukhangeleka kobuso babo kuyafakaza ngabo; bememezela izono
zabo njengeSodoma, kabazifihli. Maye kumphefumulo wabo! Ngoba bazenzela
okubi.

10 Tshelani olungileyo ukuthi kuzakuba kuhle kuye; ngoba bazakudla isithelo
sezenzo zabo.

11 Maye kokhohlakeleyo! Kuzakuba kubi kuye; ngoba umvuzo wezandla
zakhe uzakwenziwa kuye.

12 Abantu bami, abacindezeli babo ngabantwana, labesifazana bayababusa. Bantu
bami, abakhokheli benu ngabaduhisi, basanganisa indlela yemikhondo yenu.

13 INKOSI izimisele ukuphikisana, imi ukuthi yahlulele abantu.

14 INKOSI ingena kusahlulelo labadala babantu bayo leziphathamandla zayo;
ngoba lina lidle isivini; impango yomyanga isezindlini zenu.

15 Lina libachobozelani abantu bami, lichola ubuso babayanga? itsho iNkosi
uJehova wamabandla.

Ukugwetshwa kwabesifazana beZiyoni

16 INKOSI yasisithi: Ngenxa yokuthi amadodakazi eZiyoni eziphakamisile, ehamba
elule intamo, ehuga ngamehlo, ehamba ngokuqoqomela ehamba, ekhencezisa
izigqizo enyaweni zawo,

17 ngakho iNkosi izakwenza inkanda yamadodakazi eZiyoni ibe loqweqwe,
leNKOSI izanqunula izitho zawo zangasese.

18 Ngalolosuku iNkosi izasusa ubuhle bezigqizo zawo, lezicwatsho, lamasongo
anjengenyanga,

19 amacici, lamasongo, lezimbombozo,

20 amaqhiye, lezigetsho, lamabhanti, lemifuma, lezintebe,

21 izindandatho, lamacici amakhala,

22 izigqoko zemikhosi, lamajazi, lezembatho, lezamba,

23 lezibuko, lezigqoko zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lamaqhele, lamaveyili.

24 Kuzakuthi-ke endaweni yamakha kube levumba, lendaweni yebhanti kube
khona igoda, lendaweni yenwele ezilungiswe kuhle kube khona impabanga,
lendaweni yesigqoko esihle kube khona isaka, ukutsha endaweni yobuhle.

25 Amadoda akho azakuwa ngenkemba, lamaqhawe akho empini.

26 Lamasango ayo azakhala alile; yenziwe ize izahlala emhlabathini.

UISAYA 4

IJerusalema izakuba lodumo

1 Labesifazana abayisikhombisa bazabamba indoda ibenye ngalolosuku, bathi:
Sizakudla okwethu ukudla, sigqoke ezethu izigqoko; kuphela ibizo lakho
kalibizwe phezu kwethu; susa ihlazo lethu.

2 Ngalolosuku ihlumela leNKOSI lizakuba ngelobuhle, njalo elodumo, lesithelo
selizwe ngesokuhle kakhulu lokokubukeka kwabaphunyukileyo bakoIsrayeli.

3 Kuzakuthi-ke oseleyo eZiyoni lotshiywe eJerusalema athiwe ungcwele, wonke
obhalelwe impilo eJerusalema;

4 iNkosi isigezisile ingcekeza yamadodakazi eZiyoni, yahlambulula amacala egazi
eJerusalema phakathi kwayo, ngomoya wesahlulelo langomoya wokutshisa.

5 LeNKOSI izadala phezu kwayo yonke indawo yokuhlala yentaba yeZiyoni,
laphezu kwenhlangano zayo ezibiziweyo, iyezi emini, lentuthu,
lokukhanya komlilo olamalangabi ebusuku; ngoba phezu kwayo yonke
inkazimulo kuzakuba lesembeso esiluphahla.

6 Njalo kuzakuba ledumba libe ngumthunzi emini ekutshiseni, njalo libe
yisiphephelo, njalo libe yisivikelo esivunguvungwini lezulwini.

UISAYA 5

Umfanekiso wesivini

1 Ake ngihlabelele othandiweyo wami ingoma yomthandwa wami ngesivini
sakhe.

Othandiweyo wami ulesivini oqaqeni oluvundileyo.

2 Wasibiyela, wakhupha amatshe kiso, wasihlanyela ngevini elikhethiweyo,
wakha umphotshongo phakathi kwaso, wagubha lesikhamelo sewayini kiso;
walindela ukuthi sizathela izithelo zevini, kodwa sathela izithelo zevini
ezimunyu.

3 Ngakho-ke, bahlali beJerusalema, lani madoda akoJuda, ake lahlulele phakathi
kwami lesivini sami.

4 Ngabe kwenziwani okunye esivinini sami engingakwenzanga kuso?
Ngalindelelani ukuthi sizathela izithelo zevini, kodwa sathela izithelo zevini
ezimunyu?

5 Ngakho-ke, ake ngilitshele engizakwenza esivinini sami: Ngizasusa uthango
lwaso ukuze sibe lidlelo, ngidilize umduli waso ukuze sibe ngesokugxotshwa.

6 Ngizasenza sibe liganga, singathenwa, singahlakulwa, kodwa kumile ameva
lokhula oluhlabayo. Njalo ngizalaya amayezi ukuthi anganisi izulu phezu kwaso.

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7 Ngoba isivini seNKOSI yamabandla yindlu kaIsrayeli, labantu bakoJuda
bayisithombo sentokozo zayo. Njalo yayilindele isahlulelo, kodwa khangela,
ukuchithwa kwegazi; ukulunga, kodwa khangela, ukukhala.

Amazwi okwahlulela ababi

8 Maye kulabo abahlanganisa indlu lendlu, abasondeza insimu lensimu, kuze
kusweleke indawo, lina-ke lihlale lodwa phakathi kwelizwe!

9 Endlebeni zami iNKOSI yamabandla yathi: Isibili izindlu ezinengi zizakuba
ngamanxiwa, ezinkulu lezinhle zingabi lamhlali.

10 Ngoba indima ezilitshumi zesivini zizathela ibhathi elilodwa, lehomeri
lenhlanyelo lithele i-efa.

11 Maye kwabavuka ekuseni kakhulu, bexotshana lokunathwayo okulamandla,
balibale kuze kuhlwe, lizeiwayini libalumathise!

12 Njalo ichacho lomhubhe, isigubhu lomhlanga, lewayini kusemadilini abo,
kodwa kabananzi isenzo seNKOSI, bengaboni umsebenzi wezandla zayo.

13 Ngakho abantu bami bazakuya ekuthunjweni ngenxa yokungabi lolwazi,
lamadoda abo odumo alendlala, lenengi labo lizakoma ngumhawu.

14 Ngakho ingcwaba lizazinabulula, livule umlomo walo ube banzi
ngokungelasilinganiso, kuze kwehle udumo lwabo lobunengi babo lenxokozelo
yabo lothokozayo phakathi kwabo.

15 Lomuntukazana uzakwehliselwa phansi, lomuntu ophakemeyo athotshiswe,
lamehlo abazikhukhumezayo athotshiswe.

16 Kodwa iNKOSI yamabandla izaphakanyiswa ngesahlulelo, loNkulunkulu
ongcwele uzangcweliswa ngokulunga.

17 Lamawundlu azakudla ngokwendlela yawo, labemzini badle amanxiwa
abakhulupheleyo.

18 Maye kwabadonsa isiphambeko ngentambo zeze, lesono njengamagoda
enqola!

19 Labo abathi: Kaphangise, aphangisise umsebenzi wakhe, ukuze siwubone;
lecebo loNgcwele kaIsrayeli kalisondele lize, ukuze silazi.

20 Maye kwabathi kokubi kuhle, lakokuhle kubi, ababeka umnyama ube
yikukhanya, lokukhanya kube ngumnyama, ababeka okubabayo kube mnandi,
lokumnandi kube ngokubabayo!

21 Maye kwabahlakaniphileyo emehlweni abo, labaqedisisayo phambi kobuso
babo!

22 Maye kwabangamaqhawe okunatha iwayini, lamadoda alamandla
okuhlanganisa okunathwayo okulamandla;

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23 abalungisisa okhohlakeleyo ngenxa yomvuzo, basuse ukulunga kwabalungileyo kubo!

24 Ngakho njengolimi lomlilo lusidla isidindi sotshani, lamakhoba edilika ngelangabi, ngokunjalo impande yabo izakuba njengokubola, lempoko yabo iphephuke njengothuli; ngoba bewalile umlayo weNKOSI yamabandla, balidelela ilizwi loNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

25 Ngenxa yalokho ulaka lweNKOSI lubavuthele abantu bayo, yelula isandla sayo imelene labo, yabatshaya, izintaba zaze zazamazama, lezidumbu zabo zaba njengengcekeza phakathi kwezitalada. Ngenxa yakho konke lokhu ulaka lwayo kaluphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe.

26 Njalo izasiphakamisela isizwe isiboniso ikhatshana, isitshayele ikhwelo isekucineni komhlaba; khangela-ke, sizakuza masinyane ngejubane.

27 Kakho ozadinwa, njalo kakho ozakhubeka phakathi kwaso, kakho ozawozela, njalo kakho ozalala, njalo kakho ozakhululelwa ibhanti lokhalo lwakhe, njalo kakho ozaqanyukelwa ngumchilo wamanyathela akhe.

28 Omitshoko yakhe ibukhali, lomadandili akhe wonke agotshiwe; amasondo amabhiza akhe azabalwa njengelitshe elilukhuni, lamavili akhe njengesivunguzane.

29 Ukubhonga kwakhe kuzakuba njengokwesilwane, njalo uzabhonga njengamabhongo esilwane, abhavume abambe impango, ayilethe ekuvikelekeni, njalo kungekho umemuki.

30 Bazakubhavumela ngalolosuku njengokubhavuma kolwandle. Uba umuntu ekhangela emhlabeni, khangela-ke, umnyama, usizi, lokukhanya kwenziwe kwaba mnyama ngamayezi aso.

UISAYA 6

Umbono lobizo lukaIsaya

1 Ngomnyaka wokufa kwenkosi uUziya ngabona iNkosi ihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi esiphezulu lesiphakemeyo, lemiphetho yesembatho sayo yagcwalisa ithempeli.

2 Amaserafi ayemi ngaphezu kwayo; impiko eziyisithupha, impiko eziyisithupha zalelo lalelo; ngezimbili lagubuzela ubuso balo, langezimbili lagubuzela inyawo zalo, langezimbili laphapha.

3 Lelinye lamemeza kwelinye lathi: Ingcwele, ingcwele, ingcwele iNKOSI yamabandla; umhlaba wonke ugcwele inkazimulo yayo.

4 Insika zomnyango zasezinyikinyeka ngenxa yelizwi lomemezayo, lendlu yagcwala intuthu.

5 Ngasengisithi: Maye kimi, ngoba ngiyabhubha! Ngoba ngingumuntu wendebe ezingcolileyo, futhi ngihlala phakathi kwabantu bendebe ezingcolileyo; ngoba amehlo ami abonile iNkosi, uJehova wamabandla.

6 Kwasekuphaphela kimi elinye lamaserafi lilelahle elivuthayo esandleni salo elalilithethe ngodlawu elathini.

7 Lathinta umlomo wami, lathi: Khangela, lokhu kuzithintile indebe zakho; ngakho ububi bakho bususiwe, lesono sakho senzelwe inhlawulo lokuthula.

8 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: Ngizathuma bani? Njalo ngubani ozasiyela? Ngasengisithi: Khangela, ngilapha, thuma mina.

9 Yasisithi: Hamba, uthi kulababantu: Zwanini lizwe, kodwa kaliyikuqedisisa; njalo bonani libone, kodwa kaliyikubonisisa.

10 Yenza inhliziyo yalababantu ikhuluphale, wenze indlebe zabo zibe nzima, uvale amehlo abo, hlezi babone ngamehlo abo, bezwe ngendlebe zabo, baqedisise ngenhliziyo zabo, baphenduke, babesebesiliswa.

11 Ngasengisithi: Koze kube nini, Nkosi? Yasisithi: Kuze kuchitheke imizi ingabi lamhlali, lezindlu zingabi lamuntu, lelizwe lichitheke lithi nya,

12 leNKOSI ibasusele khatshana abantu, njalo kube lokutshiywa okukhulu phakathi kwelizwe.

13 Kodwa ingxenye eyodwa etshumini isezakuba kulo; izaphenduka, ibe ngeyokudliwa; njengomtherebhintilanjengesihlahla se-okhi, esiwohloza amahlamvu aso, isidindi saso sikuzo; inzalo engcwele iyisidindi salo.

UISAYA 7

Ilizwi likaIsaya kuAhazi

1Kwasekusithi ensukwini zikaAhazi indodana kaJothamu, indodana kaUziya inkosi yakoJuda, uRezini inkosi yeSiriya kanye loPheka indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yakoIsrayeli wenyukela eJerusalema ukuya empini emelene layo, kodwa kabangalakho ukulwa layo ngokuphumelelayo.

2 Kwasekubikwa endlini kaDavida ukuthi iSiriya ihlangene loEfrayimi; inhliziyo yakhe lenhliziyo yabantu bakhe zasezinyikinyeka njengezihlahla zegusu zinyikinywa ngumoya.

3 INKOSI yasisithi kuIsaya: Ake uphume uyehlangabeza uAhazi, wena loSheyari-Yashubi indodana yakho, ekucineni komfolo wechibi elingaphezulu, emgwaqweni omkhulu wensimu yomwatshi,

4 uthi kuye: Nanzelela, uthule, ungesabi, lenhliziyo yakho ingabi buthakathaka ngenxa yemisila emibili yalezizikhuni ezithunqayo, ngenxa yokuvutha kolaka lukaRezini leSiriya, lendodana kaRemaliya.

5 Ngenxa yokuthi iSiriya, uEfrayimi, lendodana kaRemaliya, bacebise okubi
ngawe, besithi:

6 Asenyukele koJuda, simesabise, sizifohlelele kuye, sibeke inkosi phakathi
kwakhe, indodana kaTabeyeli.

7 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kakuyikuma, njalo kakuyikwenzeka.

8 Ngoba inhloko yeSiriya yiDamaseko, lenhloko yeDamaseko nguRezini;
laphakathi kuseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu uEfrayimi
uzakwephulwa, angabi yisizwe.

9 Njalo inhloko kaEfrayimi yiSamariya, lenhloko yeSamariya yindodana
kaRemaliya. Uba lingakholwa, isibili kaliyikuqiniswa.

Ilizwi likaIsaya ngoEmanuweli

10 INKOSI yasiqhubeka ikhuluma kuAhazi isithi:

11 Zicelele isibonakaliso eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho; cela ekujuleni loba
ekuphakameni phezulu.

12 Kodwa uAhazi wathi: Kangiyikucela, kangiyikulinga iNKOSI.

13 Wasesithi: Zwana-ke, ndlu kaDavida; kuyinto encinyane kakhulu kuwe yini
ukuthi udinise abantu, ukuthi udinise loNkulunkulu wami?

14 Ngakho iNkosi uqobo izalinika isibonakaliso: Khangela, intombi emsulwa
izathatha isisu, ibelethe indodana, ibize ibizo layo ngokuthi nguEmanuweli.

15 Uzakudla amasi loluju, aze azi ukwala okubi lokukhetha okuhle.

16 Ngoba umntwana engakakwazi ukwala okubi lokukhetha okuhle, ilizwe
onengwa yilo lizatshiywa ngamakhosi alo amabili.

17 INKOSI izaletha phezu kwakho laphezu kwabantu bakho laphezu kwendlu
kayihlo insuku ezingezanga kusukela osukwini uEfrayimi asuka ngalo koJuda;
yinkosi yeAsiriya.

18 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku iNKOSI itshaye ikhwelo empukaneni esephethelweni
lwemifula yeGibhithe, lenyosini eselizweni leAsiriya.

19 Zizakuza-ke, ziphumule zonke ezigodini zamawa, lezingoxweni zamadwala,
lezihlahleni zonke zameva, lemadlelweni wonke.

20 Ngalolosuku iNkosi izaphuca ngensingo eyebolekwe, phetsheya komfula,
ngenkosi yeAsiriya, ikhanda loboya bezinyawo, futhi ihluthune lendevu.

21 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku umuntu uzagcina kuphila ithokazi lezimvu ezimbili;

22 kuzakuthi-ke ngenxa yobunengi bochago ezilwehlisayo adle amasi; yebo,
wonke oseleyo phakathi kwelizwe uzakudla amasi loluju.

23 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, yonke indawo lapho okwakukhona amavini ayinkulungwane ngenhlamvu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane, kube ngokwameva lokhula oluhlabayo.

24 Bazakuya khona ngemitshoko langedandili, ngoba ilizwe lonke lizakuba ngameva lokhula oluhlabayo.

25 Lazo zonke izintaba ezazilinywa ngekhuba kabayikuya kuzo ngokwesaba ameva lokhula oluhlabayo; kodwa kuzakuba ngokokungenisa inkabi lokokunyathelwa yizimvu.

UISAYA 8

Ibizo lendodana yomprofethi

1 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Zithathele isibhebhe esikhulu, ubhale kiso ngepheni yomuntu ukuthi: Maherishalali-Hashibazi.

2 Ngasengizifakazisela abafakazi abathembekileyo, oUriya umpristi loZekhariya indodana kaJeberekiya.

3 Ngasengisondela kumprofethikazi, wasethatha isisu, wazala indodana. INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Umuthe ibizo lokuthiuMaherishalali-Hashibazi.

4 Ngoba umntwana engakakwazi ukumemeza athi baba, lokuthi, mama, inotho yeDamaseko lempango yeSamariya kuzathwalelwa phambi kwenkosi yeAsiriya.

5 INKOSI yasibuya yakhuluma lami futhi isithi:

6 Ngenxa yokuthi lesisizwe siwalile amanzi eShilowa ahamba kancinyane, njalo kulentokozo kuRezini lendodana kaRemaliya,

7 ngakho-ke, khangela, iNkosi izakwenyusela phezu kwabo amanzi omfula amanengi lalamandla, inkosi yeAsiriya labo bonke ubukhosi bayo; azakwenyukela phezu kwaso yonke imigelo yaso, ahambe phezu kwazo zonke inkumbi zaso,

8 aze adlulele koJuda; akhukhule, adlule, afinyelele entanyeni; lokweluleka kwempiko zawo kuzagcwalisa ilizwe lakho, Emanuweli.

9 Zihlanganiseni, zizwe, kodwa liphahlazwe; bekani indlebe, lina lonke abezizwe ezikhatshana; zibhinceni, kodwa liphahlazwe; zibhinceni, kodwa liphahlazwe.

10 Cebani icebo, kodwa lizafojiswa; khulumani ilizwi, kodwa kaliyikuma; ngoba uNkulunkulu ulathi.

YiNkosi efanele ukwesatshwa

11 Ngoba yatsho njalo iNKOSI kimi ngesandla esilamandla, yangifundisa ukuthi ngingahambi endleleni yalababantu, isithi:

12 Lingatsho ukuthi: Ugobe, kukho konke lababantu abathi ngakho: Ugobe; lingesabi ukwesaba kwabo, lingatshaywa luvalo.

13 INKOSI yamabandla, yona lizayingcwelisa, njalo yona ibe yikwesaba kwenu, njalo yona ibe luvalo lwenu.

14 Njalo izakuba yindawo engcwele, kodwa ibe yilitshe lokukhubekisa, ibe lidwala lokuwisa kuzo zombili izindlu zakoIsrayeli, ibe ngumjibila ibe yisifu kwabakhileyo eJerusalema.

15 Labanengi bazakhubeka phakathi kwabo, bawe, bephuke, bathiywe, bathunjwe.

16 Bopha ubufakazi, unameke umlayo phakathi kwabafundi bami.

17 Ngakho ngizalindela iNkosi efihlela indlu kaJakobe ubuso bayo, ngiyidinge.

18 Khangela mina labantwana iNKOSI enginike bona siyizibonakaliso lezimangaliso koIsrayeli, ezivela eNKOSIni yamabandla ehlala entabeni yeZiyoni.

19 Lalapho bezakuthi kini: Buzani kwabalamadlozi, lakubathakathi abatshaya imilozwi labanyenyezayo: abantu kabayikubuza yini kuNkulunkulu wabo? Abantu babuze yini bemele abaphilayo kwabafileyo?

20 Kuwo umthetho lakubo ubufakazi! Uba bengakhulumi njengalelilizwi, kungokuthi kakukho ukusa kubo.

21 Bazadabula kukho, becindezelwe kakhulu belambile; kuzakuthi-ke belambile bezondile, bathuke inkosi yabo loNkulunkulu wabo, bakhangele phezulu.

22 Njalo bazakhangela emhlabeni, khangela-ke, kuzakuba lokuhlupheka lomnyama, ubumnyama benkathazo, njalo axotshelwe emnyameni.

UISAYA 9

INkosi yokuthula

1Kodwa umnyama kawuyikuba njengenkathazo yalo; njengesikhathini samandulo wakwenza kwaba lulaelizweni lakoZebuluni lelizweni lakoNafithali; kodwa emva kwalokhu wakwenza kwaba nzima ngendlela yolwandle, phetsheya kweJodani, eGalili lezizwe.

2 Abantu ababehamba emnyameni babonile ukukhanya okukhulu; ababehlala elizweni lethunzi lokufa, ukukhanya kubakhanyisele.

3 Wandisile isizwe, wakhulisa intokozo yaso; bayathokoza phambi kwakho njengentokozo ekuvuneni, njengoba bethokoza ekwehlukaniselaneni kwabo impango.

4 Ngoba wephulile ijogwe lomthwalo waso, loswazi lwehlombe laso, intonga yomcindezeli waso, njengasosukwini lukaMidiyani.

5 Ngoba wonke umsindo wempi usenhlokomeni, lesigqoko sigiqwe egazini; njalo
kuzakuba ngesokutshiswa, kube zinkuni zomlilo.

6 Ngoba sizalelwe umntwana, sinikwe indodana; lombuso uzakuba sehlombe
layo, lebizo lakhe lizathiwa: OMangalisayo, uMeluleki, uNkulunkulu olamandla,
uBaba wephakade, iNkosana yokuthula.

7 Ukwanda kombuso lokuthula kakuyikuphela, phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi
sikaDavida laphezu kombuso wakhe, ukuwumisa, lokuwuqinisa ngesahlulelo
langokulunga, kusukela khathesi kuze kube nininini. Ukutshiseka
kweNKOSI yamabandla kuzakwenza lokhu.

INkosi ithukuthelela uIsrayeli

8 INkosi ithumele ilizwi koJakobe, lawela koIsrayeli.

9 Labo bonke abantu bazakwazi, uEfrayimi lomhlali weSamariya, ngokuzigqaja
langokuzikhukhumeza kwenhliziyo, besithi:

10 Izitina ziwile, kodwa sizakwakha ngamatshe abaziweyo; imikhiwa
yesikhamore iganyuliwe, kodwa sizayiguqula ibe yimisedari.

11 Ngakho iNKOSI izaphakamisa abacindezeli bakaRezini phezu kwakhe,
itshotshozele izitha zakhe;

12 amaSiriya ngaphambili lamaFilisti ngemuva, azakudla uIsrayeli ngomlomo
wonke. Kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yayo kayiphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo
silokhu seluliwe.

13 Ngoba abantu kabaphendukeli kulowo owabatshayayo, futhi kabayidingi
iNKOSI yamabandla.

14 Ngakho iNKOSI izaquma kusuke koIsrayeli inhloko lomsila, ugatsha lomhlanga,
ngasuku lunye.

15 Omdala lowemukelwa ngobuso, uyinhloko, kodwa umprofethi ofundisa
amanga, ungumsila.

16 Ngoba abakhokheli balababantu bayaduhisa, labakhokhelwa yibo bayaginywa.

17 Ngenxa yalokho iNkosi kayiyikuthokoza ngamajaha abo, kayiyikuba lasihawu
ngezintandane zabo labafelokazi babo; ngoba bonke bangabazenzisi labenzi
bobubi, lomlomo wonke ukhuluma ubuthutha. Kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo
yayo kayiphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe.

18 Ngoba inkohlakalo itshisa njengomlilo; izakudla ameva lokhula oluhlabayo,
ithungele izixuku zehlathi, ziziphakamise njengokuphakama kwentuthu.

19 Ngolaka lweNKOSI yamabandla ilizwe liyafiphazwa, labantu bazakuba
njengokudla komlilo; umuntu kayikuyekela umfowabo.

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20 Njalo uzahluthuna ngakwesokunene, kodwa alambe; adle ngakwesokhohlo, kodwa angasuthi; ngulowo lalowo adle inyama yengalo yakhe;

21 uManase uEfrayimi, loEfrayimi uManase; bazamelana loJuda kanyekanye. Kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yayo kayiphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe.

UISAYA 10

1 Maye kwabamisa izimiso ezikhohlakeleyo, lakubabhali ababhala uhlupho;

2 ukuphambula abayanga ekwahlulelweni, lokuphanga ilungelo labahluphekayo babantu bami, ukuze abafelokazi babe yimpango yabo lokuthi baphange izintandane!

3 Kodwa lizakwenzani ngosuku lwempindiselo, lencithakalweni ezavela khatshana? Lizabalekela kubani ukuthi libe losizo? Lizatshiya ngaphi udumo lwenu?

4 Ngaphandle kwami bazakhothama ngaphansi kwezibotshwa, liwele ngaphansi kwababuleweyo. Kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yayo kayiphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe.

Ilizwi leNkosi ngeAsiriya

5 Maye kumAsiriya, intonga yentukuthelo yami, lolaka lwami luyinduku esandleni sabo!

6 Ngizamthumela isizwe esizenzisayo, ngizamlaya ukumelana labantu bolaka lwami, ukuphanga impango, lokuthumba okuthunjiweyo, lokukubeka kube ngokunyathelwayo njengodaka lwezitalada.

7 Kodwa yena kanakani njalo, lenhliziyo yakhe kayicabangi njalo; kodwa kusenhliziyweni yakhe ukuchitha, lokuquma izizwe ezingenlutshwana.

8 Ngoba uthi: Iziphathamandla zami zonke kazisimakhosi yini?

9 IKalino kayinjengeKarikemishi yini? IHamathi kayinjengeArpadi yini? ISamariya kayinjengeDamasekoyini?

10 Njengoba isandla sami sithole imibuso yezithombe, ozithombe zayo ezibaziweyo zingcono kulezeJerusalema lakulezeSamariya;

11 njengalokhu ngenzile kuyo iSamariya lezithombe zayo, kangiyikwenza njalo yini kuyo iJerusalema lezithombe zayo?

12 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho iNkosi isiqedile umsebenzi wayo wonke entabeni yeZiyoni laseJerusalema, ngiphindiseleisithelo sokuzikhukhumeza kwenhliziyo yenkosi yeAsiriya lobuhle bokuziqhenya kwamehlo ayo.

13 Ngoba ithe: Ngamandla esandla sami ngikwenzile, langenhlakanipho yami,
ngoba ngiyaqedisisa; njalo ngisusile imikhawulo yezizwe, ngaphanga inotho
yazo; lanjengeqhawe ngehlisela phansi abahlali bazo.

14 Isandla sami sesithole inotho yezizwe njengesidleke; lanjengobuthelela
amaqanda atshiyiweyo, mina ngibuthelele umhlaba wonke; njalo kwakungekho
ophaphazelisa impiko, kumbe ovula umlomo, kumbe otshiyozayo.

15 Ihloka lizazikhukhumeza kuye ogamula ngalo yini? Isaha izazikhulisa kuye
oyinyikinyayo yini? Njengokungathi induku ingaziphakamisa, kungathi
kayisisigodo.

16 Ngalokhu iNkosi uJehova wamabandla izathumela ukucaka phakathi
kwabazimukileyo bayo; langaphansi kodumo lwayo izaphemba ukutshisa
njengokutshisa komlilo.

17 Lokukhanya kukaIsrayeli kuzakuba ngumlilo, loNgcwele wakhe abe lilangabi,
elizatshisa liqede ameva ayo lokhula lwayo oluhlabayo ngasuku lunye.

18 Liqede lodumo lwehlathi lwayo, lensimu yayo ethelayo, kusukela
emphefumulweni kusiya enyameni, ibe njengokuphela kwamandla
womthwalifulegi.

19 Lokuseleyo kwezihlahla zehlathi zayo kuzakuba nlutshwana ngenani, ukuze
umntwana akubale.

Insali yakoIsrayeli

20 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku insali yakoIsrayeli labaphunyukileyo bendlu
kaJakobe kabasayikuqhubeka ukweyama kobatshayileyo; kodwa bazakweyama
eNKOSIni, oNgcwele kaIsrayeli, ngeqiniso.

21 Insali izabuyela, insali kaJakobe, kuNkulunkulu olamandla.

22 Ngoba lanxa abantu bakho, Israyeli, bengangetshebetshebe lolwandle, kube
kanti insali yabo izabuya; ukuchitheka kumisiwe, kuphuphuma ngokulunga.

23 Ngoba ukubhujiswa okupheleleyo okumisiweyo iNkosi uJehova wamabandla
izakwenza phakathi komhlaba wonke.

24 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova wamabandla: Bantu bami, elihlala eZiyoni,
lingesabi iAsiriya lapho ilitshaya ngenduku, iliphakamisela intonga
yayo njengendlela yamaGibhithe.

25 Ngoba kuseyisikhatshana nje ukuthukuthela kuzaphela, lolaka lwami
ekuchithweni kwabo.

26 Njalo iNKOSI yamabandla izabavusela isiswepu, njengokuhlatshwa
kweMidiyani edwaleni leOrebi; lanjengentonga yayo phezu
kolwandle ezayiphakamisa njengendlela yeGibhithe.

27 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku umthwalo wayo usuke ehlombe lakho, lejogwe layo
entanyeni yakho, lejogwe lizakwephulwa ngenxa yokugcotshwa.

Ukuhlasela kwabeAsiriya

28 Uyeza eAyathi, udabula phakathi kweMigironi; eMikimashi wethula impahla
yakhe.

29 Badlula esikhaleni, ebusuku bayalala eGeba; iRama iyathuthumela;
iGibeya kaSawuli iyabaleka.

30 Hlaba umkhosi ngelizwi lakho, ndodakazi kaGalimi! Lizwakalise eLayishi,
Anathothi elusizana!

31 IMadimena iyabaleka, abahlali beGebimi badinga isiphephelo.

32 Kuselamuhla uzakuma eNobi, anyikinye isandla
sakhe emelene lentaba yendodakazi yeZiyoni, uqaqa lweJerusalema.

33 Khangela, iNkosi uJehova wamabandla izaquma ingatsha ngamandla
esabekayo, lalabo abaphakeme ngobudebazaganyulelwa phansi,
labazikhukhumezayo bazathotshiswa.

34 Njalo izagamula izixuku zehlathi ngensimbi, leLebhanoni izakuwa
ngolamandla.

UISAYA 11

Umbuso olokuthula

1Kuzavela-ke uGatsha esidindini sikaJese, leHlumela likhule empandeni zakhe.

2 LoMoya weNKOSI uzahlala phezu kwakhe, uMoya wenhlakanipho lokuqedisisa,
uMoya weseluleko lowamandla, uMoya wolwazi lowokwesaba iNKOSI.

3 Lephunga lakhe lizakuba sekuyesabeni iNKOSI; kayikwahlulela ngokubona
kwamehlo akhe, njalo kayikukhuza ngokuzwa kwezindlebe zakhe;

4 kodwa uzakwahlulela abayanga ngokulunga, akhuze abathobekileyo bomhlaba
ngobuqotho; njalo uzatshayaumhlaba ngentonga yomlomo wakhe, langomoya
wendebe zakhe uzabulala okhohlakeleyo.

5 Njalo ukulunga kuzakuba libhanti lokhalo lwakhe, lobuqotho bube libhanti
lokhalo lwakhe.

6 Lempisi izahlala lewundlu, njalo ingwe ilale lezinyane; lethole, lebhongo
lesilwane, lokunonisiweyo ndawonye; lomfana omncinyane uzakuqhuba.

7 Inkomokazi lebhere kuzakudla; amathole akho alale ndawonye;
lesilwane sizakudla amahlanga njengenkabi.

8 Lomunyayo uzadlalela phezu komlindi wenhlangwana, lolunyuliweyo afake
isandla sakhe emlindini wephimpi.

9 Kabayikwenza okubi, njalo kabayikona entabeni yami yonke engcwele; ngoba umhlaba uzagcwala ulwazi lweNKOSI njengamanzi esibekela ulwandle.

Abathunjiweyo bazabuya

10 Langalolosuku kuzakuba lempande kaJese ezakuma ibe luphawu ezizweni; izizwe zizadinga kuyo, lendawo yayo yokuphumula ibe lodumo.

11 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku iNkosi isebenzise isandla sayo futhi ngokwesibili ukubuyisa insali yabantu bayo, ezasala ivela eAsiriya leGibhithe lePatrosi leEthiyophiya leElamu leShinari leHamathi lezihlen geni zolwandle.

12 Izaphakamisela izizwe uphawu, ibuthe abaxotshiweyo bakoIsrayeli, iqoqe abahlakazekileyo bakoJuda, bevela ezingonsini zozine zomhlaba.

13 Lomhawu kaEfrayimi uzasuka, lezitha zakoJuda zizaqunywa; uEfrayimi kayikuba lomona ngoJuda, loJuda kayikucindezela uEfrayimi.

14 Kodwa bazaphapha phezu kwehlombe lamaFilisti ngentshonalanga; kanyekanye baphange abantwana bempumalanga; bazakwelulela isandla sabo kuEdoma loMowabi; labantwana bakoAmoni babalalele.

15 LeNKOSI izatshabalalisa ulimi lolwandle lweGibhithe, inyikinye isandla sayo phezu komfula ngamandla omoya wayo, iwutshaye ube yizifudlana eziyisikhombisa, ibenze bachaphe ngamanyathela.

16 Kuzakuba khona umgwaqo omkhulu wensali yabantu bakhe abaseleyo bevela eAsiriya, njengalokhu kwakunjalo kuIsrayeli ngosuku lokwenyuka kwakhe elizweni leGibhithe.

UISAYA 12

Ingoma yokubonga

1Langalolosuku uzakuthi: Ngiyakubonga, NKOSI, lanxa wawungithukuthelele, ulaka lwakho seluphendukile, njalo ungiduduzile.

2 Khangela, uNkulunkulu ulusindiso lwami, ngizathemba ngingesabi; ngoba iNKOSI uJehova ingamandla ami lengoma yami, isibe lusindiso lwami.

3 Ngakho ngentokozo lizakukha amanzi emithonjeni yosindiso.

4 Lithi ngalolosuku: Bongani iNKOSI, libize ibizo layo, lazise izenzo zayo phakathi kwezizwe, limemezele ukuthi ibizo layo liphakeme.

5 Hlabelelani eNKOSIni ngoba yenzile izinto ezinhle kakhulu; lokhu kakwaziwe emhlabeni wonke.

6 Memeza, uhlabele ngentokozo, mhlali weZiyoni, ngoba oNgcwele kaIsrayeli mkhulu phakathi kwakho.

UISAYA 13

Umthwalo weBhabhiloni

1 Umthwalo weBhabhiloni awubonayo uIsaya indodana kaAmozi.

2 Phakamisani uphawu entabeni eligceke, libaphakamisele ilizwi, liqhwebe ngesandla, ukuze bangene eminyango yeziphathamandla.

3 Mina ngibalayile abangcwelisiweyo bami, ngibizile lamaqhawe ami kuntukuthelo yami, abathokozayo ngobukhosi bami.

4 Ukuxokozela kwexuku ezintabeni, kungathi ngokwabantu abanengi, umsindo wokuxokozela kwemibuso, kwezizwe ezibutheneyo; iNKOSI yamabandla ibutha ibutho lempi.

5 Bavela elizweni elikhatshana, emkhawulweni wamazulu, iNKOSI kanye lezikhali zentukuthelo yayo, ukuchithailizwe lonke.

6 Qhinqani isililo, ngoba usuku lweNKOSI lusondele; njengokuchitheka okuvela kuSomandla luzafika.

7 Ngenxa yalokhu izandla zonke zizaxega, lenhliziyo yonke yomuntu incibilike;

8 babesebetshaywa luvalo; imihelo lobuhlungu kubabambe; bafuthelwe njengowesifazana obelethayo; bamangale ngulowo ngomakhelwane wakhe; ubuso babo buyibuso bamalangabi.

9 Khangelani, usuku lweNKOSI luyeza, lulesihluku lokufutheka lolaka oluvuthayo, ukubeka umhlaba ube yincithakalo; ibhubhise izoni zawo zisuke kuwo.

10 Ngoba inkanyezi zamazulu lemithala yazo kaziyikukhanyisa ukukhanya kwazo; ilanga lizakuba mnyamaekuphumeni kwalo, lenyanga kayiyikukhanyisa ukukhanya kwayo.

11 Ngoba ngizaphindisela ububi phezu komhlaba, laphezu kwabakhohlakeleyo izono zabo; ngiqede ukuzigqaja kwabazikhukhumezayo; ngithobise ukuzikhukhumeza kwabalesihluku.

12 Ngizakwenza ukuthi indoda ibe ligugu elikhulu kulegolide elicwengekileyo, lomuntu kulegolide leOfiri.

13 Ngenxa yalokhu ngizazamazamisa amazulu, lomhlaba uzanyikinyeka usuke endaweni yawo, entukuthelweniyeNKOSI yamabandla, losukwini lokuvutha kolaka lwayo.

14 Njalo kuzakuba njengomziki oxotshwayo, lanjengezimvu okungelamuntu oziqoqayo; bazaphenduka ngulowo lalowo ebantwini bakibo, babalekele ngulowo lalowo elizweni lakhe.

15 Wonke ozatholakala uzagwazwa, laye wonke ozabanjwa uzakuwa ngenkemba.

16 Labantwana babo bazachotshozwa phambi kwamehlo abo, izindlu zabo ziphangwe, labomkabo badlwengulwe.

17 Khangela, ngizabavusela amaMede, angakhathaleli isiliva, legolide, angathokozi ngalo.

18 Lamadandili awo azachoboza amajaha; njalo kawayikuba lesihawu ngesithelo sesizalo; ilihlo lawokaliyikuhawukela abantwana.

19 LeBhabhiloni, udumo lwemibuso, ubuhle bokuziqhenya kwamaKhaladiya, izakuba njengokugenqulwa nguNkulunkulu kweSodoma leGomora.

20 Kakuyikuba lendawo yokuhlala kuze kube nininini, njalo kayiyikuhlalwa kusizukulwana lesizukulwana; lomArabhiya kayikumisa ithente khona, labelusi kabayikulalisa umhlambi khona.

21 Kodwa izilo zeganga zizalala khona, lezindlu zayo zizagcwala izilo ezikhonyayo; lamadodakazi ezintshe azahlala khona, lamagogo aqolotshe khona.

22 Lezimpisi zizaphendulana emanxiweni ayo, lemigobho ezigodlweni ezilentokozo. Lesikhathi sayo siseduze ukufika, lezinsuku zayo kaziyikuphuziswa.

UISAYA 14

Ukubuya kwabathunjiweyo

1 Ngoba iNKOSI izamhawukela uJakobe, imkhethe futhi uIsrayeli, ibabeke elizweni lakibo; labezizwebazahlangana labo, njalo bazanamathela endlini kaJakobe.

2 Labantu bazabathatha, babase endaweni yabo; lendlu kaIsrayeli izabafuya elizweni leNKOSI, babe yizigqili lezigqilikazi; njalo bazathumba abathumbi babo, babuse abacindezeli babo.

3 Kuzakuthi-ke ngosuku iNKOSI ezaliphumuza ngalo ebuhlungwini benu lekuhluphekeni kwenu lemtshikatshikeni onzima ebelisetshenziswa kiwo,

4 lizaphakamisa lesisaga ngenkosi yeBhabhiloni lithi: Uphele njani umcindezeli! Owegolide usuphelile!

5 INKOSI ilwephule udondolo lwabakhohlakeleyo, intonga yababusi.

6 Owatshaya abantu entukuthelweni ngokutshaya okungapheliyo, owabusa izizwe ngolaka, wazingelwa kungekho onqandayo.

7 Umhlaba wonke uphumule, ulokuthula; baqhamuka ngokuhlabelela.

8 Lezihlahla zefiri ziyathokoza ngawe, imisedari yeLebhanoni, isithi: Selokhu walala phansi, kakulamgamuli owenyukela kithi.

9 Isihogo ngaphansi siyanyakaziswa ngenxa yakho ukukuhlangabeza ekuzeni kwakho; sikuvusela imimoya efileyo, impongo zonke zomhlaba, sisukumise wonke amakhosi ezizwe ezihlalweni zawo zobukhosi.

10 Bonke bazaphendula bathi kuwe: Lawe usubuthakathaka njengathi; usufanana lathi.

11 Ubukhosi bakho sebehliselwe esihogweni, lokukhala kwamachacho akho; izimpethu zizakwendlalwa ngaphansi kwakho, lemihlavane ikugubuzele.

12 Uwe kanganani uvela emazulwini, wena okhanyayo, ndodana yokusa! Uqunyelwe emhlabathini, wena owawisela phansi izizwe!

13 Wena wasusithi enhliziyweni yakho: Ngizakwenyukela emazulwini; ngaphezu kwenkanyezi zikaNkulunkulu ngiphakamise isihlalo sami sobukhosi; ngihlale entabeni yenhlangano ezinhlangothini zenyakatho;

14 ngizakwenyukela ngaphezu kwendawo eziphakemeyo zamayezi; ngizenze ngifanane loPhezukonke.

15 Kodwa uzakwehliselwa esihogweni, ezinhlangothini zomgodi.

16 Abakubonayo bazakujolozela, bakuqaphele, besithi: Nguye lo umuntu yini owenza ukuthi umhlaba uthuthumele, owanyakazisa imibuso,

17 owamisa ilizwe laba njengenkangala, wachitha imizi yalo, ongavulelanga izibotshwa zakhe ziye ekhaya?

18 Wonke amakhosi ezizwe, wonke alala phansi ngodumo, ileyo laleyo endlini yayo;

19 kodwa wena uphoselwe ngaphandle kwengcwaba lakho, njengehlumela elinengekayo, njengelembu lababuleweyo, begwazwe ngenkemba, abehlela phansi ematsheni omgodi, njengesidumbu esinyathelelwe phansi.

20 Kawuyikuhlanganiswa kanye labo ekungcwatshweni, ngoba ulichithile ilizwe lakini, wabulala abantu bakini. Inzalo yabenzi bobubi kayiyikubizwa kuze kube nininini.

21 Lungiselani ukubulawa kwabantwana babo ngenxa yobubi baboyise, ukuze bangavuki badle ilifa lelizwe, bagcwalise ubuso bomhlaba ngemizi.

IBhabhiloni izachitheka

22 Ngoba ngizabavukela, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, ngiqume kusuke eBhabhiloni ibizo, lensali, lendodana, lomzukulu, itsho iNKOSI.

23 Ngizayimisa ibe yindawo yezinhloni lamatete amanzi, ngiyithanyele ngomthanyelo wencithakalo, kutsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

IAsiriya izachitheka

24 INKOSI yamabandla ifungile isithi: Isibili, njengokucabanga kwami kuzakuba njalo, lanjengokweluleka kwami khona kuzakuma!

25 Ukuthi ngimephule umAsiriya elizweni lami, ngimnyathele phezu kwezintaba zami; beselisuka ijogwe lakhe phezu kwabo, lomthwalo wakhe usuke ehlombe labo.

26 Lesi yiseluleko eselulekwe ngomhlaba wonke, njalo lesi yisandla eselulelwe izizwe zonke.

27 Ngoba iNKOSI yamabandla ikucebile, ngubani-ke ongakuphuthisa? Lesandla sayo seluliwe, njalo ngubani ongasibuyisela emuva?

AmaFilisti azachitheka

28 Ngomnyaka wokufa kwenkosi uAhazi kwaba lalo umthwalo:

29 Ungathokozi, wena wonke Filisti, ngokuthi intonga ekutshayileyo yephukile; ngoba empandeni yenyokakuzavela ibululu, lesithelo sabo sibe yinyoka ephaphayo etshisayo.

30 Lamazibulo abayanga azakwelusela, labaswelayo balale bevikelekile; kodwa ngizabulala impande yakho ngendlala, njalo abulale insali yakho.

31 Qhinqa isililo, sango, ukhale, muzi. Uncibilike, Filisti, wonke. Ngoba enyakatho kuvela intuthu, njalo kakho ozakuba yedwa ngezikhathi zakhe ezimisiweyo.

32 Lezithunywa zesizwe zizaphendulwa ngokuthini? Ngokuthi: INKOSI iyisekele iZiyoni, labahluphekayo babantu bayo bazathembela kuyo.

UISAYA 15

Ukukhalela uMowabi

1Umthwalo kaMowabi.

Ngoba ngobusuku iAri kaMowabi ichithekile, iqunyiwe; ngoba ngobusuku iKiri kaMowabi ichithekile, iqunyiwe.

2 Wenyukela eBayiti leDiboni, indawo eziphakemeyo, ukuyalila; uMowabi uzaqhinqa isililo ngeNebolangeMedeba; kulempabanga kuwo wonke amakhanda abo, zonke indevu zigeliwe;

3 ezitaladeni zabo bazibhinca ngamasaka; empahleni zezindlu zabo lezitaladeni zabo wonke uqhinqa isililo, besehla bekhala inyembezi.

4 LeHeshiboni leEleyale kuzakhala; ilizwi labo lizwakale kuze kube seJahazi; ngenxa yalokhu abahlomileyo bakoMowabi bayamemeza; umphefumulo wakhe uyathuthumela kuye.

5 Inhliziyo yami iyamkhalela uMowabi; ababalekayo bakhe bafinyelele eZowari, ithokazi elileminyaka emithathu; ngoba umqanso weLuhithi, bawenyuka bekhala inyembezi; ngoba endleleni yeHoronayimibaphakamisa ukukhala kwencithakalo.

6 Ngoba amanzi eNimirimi azakuba zincithakalo; ngoba utshani buyoma, uhlaza luyaphela, kakukho okuluhlaza.

7 Ngenxa yalokhu ukwanda abakwenzileyo lempahla yabo bazakuthwalela esifuleni seminyezane.

8 Ngoba ukukhala kuzabhoda umngcele kaMowabi, ukuqhinqa kwakhe isililo kufinyelela eEgilayimi, yebo, ukuqhinqa kwakhe isililo kufinyelela eBeri-Elimi.

9 Ngoba amanzi eDiboni agcwele igazi; ngoba ngizamisela iDiboni okunye futhi, isilwane kulabo abaphunyukileyo bakoMowabi lakunsali yelizwe.

UISAYA 16

Ukuhlupheka kukaMowabi

1Thumelani iwundlu kumbusi welizwe lilisusa eSela lisiya enkangala, entabeni yendodakazi yeZiyoni.

2 Ngoba kuzakuthi, njengenyoni ezulazulayo exotshwe esidlekeni, azakuba njalo amadodakazi akoMowabi emazibukweni eArinoni.

3 Lethani iseluleko, lenze isinqumo; wenze isithunzi sakho sibe njengobusuku phakathi kwemini, ufihle abaxotshiweyo, ungavezi obalekayo;

4 Abaxotshiweyo bami kabahlale njengabezizwe phakathi kwakho, Mowabi; ube yisiphephelo kibo ebusweni bomchithi; ngoba umcindezeli usekucineni, ukuchitheka sekunyamalele, lonyathezela phansi usephelile elizweni.

5 Njalo kuzamiswa isihlalo sobukhosi ngomusa, njalo ahlale kiso ngobuqotho ethenteni likaDavida, esahlulela, lodinga isahlulelo, lophangisisa ukulunga.

6 Sizwile ngokuziphakamisa kukaMowabi, uyazigqaja kakhulu; ukuzikhukhumeza kwakhe, lokuziqhenya kwakhe, lolaka lwakhe, ukuwumana kwakhe kakunjalo.

7 Ngakho uMowabi uzaqhinqela uMowabi isililo, bonke baqhinqe isililo; libubulele izisekelo zeKiri-Haresethi; isibili batshayiwe.

8 Ngoba amasimu eHeshiboni ayabuna, ivini leSibima; amakhosi ezizwe atshayele phansi amahlukuzo evini awo; afinyelele eJazeri, azulazule enkangala, ingatsha zawo zeluliwe, zachapha ulwandle.

9 Ngenxa yalokho ngizakhala inyembezi ngokukhala kweJazeri ngevini leSibima; ngikuthambise ngezinyembezi zami, Heshiboni, lawe Eleyale; ngoba ukujabulela izithelo zakho zehlobo lesivuno sakho sekuwile.

10 Intokozo lenjabulo sekususiwe ensimini ethelayo, lezivinini kakuhlatshelwa ngoma; kakulakumemeza; kakulamnyatheli onyathela iwayini ezikhamelweni zewayini; ngimisile ukumemeza kwenjabulo.

11 Ngenxa yalokho imibilini yami iyakhala njengechacho ngoMowabi,
lengaphakathi yami ngeKiri-Haresi.

12 Kuzakuthi sekubonakele ukuthi uMowabi uzidinisile endaweni ephakemeyo,
khona ezangena endlini yakhe engcwele ukukhuleka, kodwa kayikuphumelela.

13 Leli yilizwi iNKOSI elikhulume ngoMowabi kusukela kulesosikhathi.

14 Kodwa khathesi iNKOSI ikhuluma isithi: Phakathi kweminyaka emithathu,
njengeminyaka yoqatshiweyo, udumo lukaMowabi luzadelelwa, elexuku
elikhulu; lensali izakuba nlutshwana, incane, ingelamandla.

UISAYA 17

Umthwalo weDamaseko

1 Umthwalo weDamaseko.

Khangela, iDamaseko izasuswa, ingabi ngumuzi, kodwa ibe lunxiwa oludilikileyo.

2 Imizi yeAroweri izatshiywa, ibe ngeyemihlambi elala phansi, njalo kungabi
lomethusi.

3 Lenqaba izaphela koEfrayimi, lombuso weDamaseko, lensali yeSiriya; bazakuba
njengodumo lwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

Ukugwetshwa kukaIsrayeli

4 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku udumo lukaJakobe lwehliselwe phansi,
lokuzimuka kwenyama yakhe kucakiswe.

5 Njalo kube njengomvuni evuna amabele amiyo, lengalo yakhe iqume
izikhwebu; yebo, kube njengomuntu edobha izikhwebu esigodini seRefayimi.

6 Kodwa umkhothozo uzasala kukho, njengokunyikinyeka kwesihlahla
somhlwathi, imihlwathi emibili lobaemithathu engqongeni yogatsha oluphezulu,
emine loba emihlanu engatsheni zaso ezithelayo, itsho iNKOSIuNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli.

7 Ngalolosuku umuntu uzajolozela kuMenzi wakhe, lamehlo akhe akhangele
koNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

8 Njalo kayikujolozela emalathini, umsebenzi wezandla zakhe; njalo
kayikukhangela kulokho iminwe yakhe ekwenzileyo, loba izixuku loba amalathi
elanga.

9 Ngalolosuku imizi yabo eqinileyo izakuba njengegusu elideliweyo lengqonga
yogatsha abaludelileyo ngenxa yabantwana bakoIsrayeli; njalo kuzakuba
yincithakalo.

10 Ngoba umkhohliwe uNkulunkulu wosindiso lwakho, kawukhumbulanga
idwala lamandla akho; ngenxa yalokho uzahlanyela izithombo ezinhle,
uyihlanyele ngamahlumela angejwayelekanga.

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11 Ngosuku lokuhlanyela kwakho uzakwenza kuhlume, lekuseni wenze inhlanyelo yakho ikhuphe impoko; kodwaisivuno sizakuba yinqumbi ngosuku lomkhuhlane lobuhlungu obungelaphekiyo.

12 Yeka ukuhlokoma kwabantu abanengi abahlokoma njengokuhlokoma kwezinlwandle, lokuduma kwezizweeziduma njengomdumo wamanzi amanengi!

13 Izizwe ziduma njengomdumo wamanzi amanengi, kodwa uzazikhuza ukuze zibalekele khatshana, zixotshwe njengamakhoba ezintaba phambi komoya, lanjengokugiqikayo phambi kwesiphepho.

14 Ngesikhathi sokuhlwa, khangela-ke, ukuthuthumela, kungakasi kasekho. Yiso isabelo sabasiphangayo lenkatho yabasihlaselayo.

UISAYA 18

Ilizwi ngeEthiyophiya

1 Maye elizweni okuhatshaza kulo impiko, elingaphetsheya kwemifula yeEthiyophiya,

2 elithuma izithunywa ngolwandle langemikhumbi yemihlanga ebusweni bamanzi! Hambani, zithunywa ezilejubane, liye esizweni eside lesibutshelezi, esizweni esesabekayo kusukela lapho kusiya phambili, isizwe esingumzilamzila esinyathelela phansi, esilizwe laso imifula iyalehlukanisa.

3 Lina lonke bahlali bomhlaba, lani elihlezi elizweni, bonani lapho kuphakanyiswa uphawu ezintabeni, lizwe lapho kuvuthelwa uphondo.

4 Ngoba yatsho njalo iNKOSI kimi: Ngizathula ngikhangele ngisendaweni yami emisiweyo, njengokukhanya okutshisayo phezu kwesibane, njengeyezi lamazolo ekutshiseni kwesivuno.

5 Ngoba mandulo kwesivuno, ihlumela seliphelele, lesithelo sesivini esingavuthwanga siyavuthwa emvakwamaluba, izaquma amahlumela ngezingqamu zokuthena, isuse izingatsha, iziqume.

6 Zizatshiywa ndawonye zibe ngezenyoni zezintaba ezidla inyama lezenyamazana zomhlaba. Lenyoni ezidla inyama zizachitha ihlobo phezu kwazo, lenyamazana zonke zomhlaba zichithe ubusika phezu kwazo.

7 Ngalesosikhathi kuzalethwa isipho eNKOSIni yamabandla, isizwe eside lesibutshelezi, lesizweni esesabekayo kusukela lapho kusiya phambili, isizwe esingumzilamzila esinyathelela phansi, esilizwe laso imifula iyalehlukanisa, siye endaweni yebizo leNKOSI yamabandla, intaba yeZiyoni.

UISAYA 19

Umthwalo weGibhithe

1 Umthwalo weGibhithe.

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Khangela, iNKOSI igade eyezini elilejubane, izakuza eGibhithe; lezithombe zeGibhithe zizathuthumela phambi kwayo, lenhliziyo yamaGibhithe incibilike phakathi kwawo.

2 Njalo ngizacija amaGibhithe amelane lamaGibhithe, ukuthi alwe, ngulowo lalowo emelene lomfowabo, langulowo lalowo emelene lomakhelwane wakhe, umuzi umelene lomuzi, umbuso umelene lombuso.

3 Lomoya wamaGibhithe uzathululwa phakathi kwawo, njalo ngizaginya icebo lawo; babesebebuza izithombe zawo, labathakathi, labalamadlozi, labalumbayo.

4 Sengizavalela amaGibhithe esandleni samakhosi alukhuni; lenkosi elolaka izabusa phezu kwawo, kutsho iNkosi uJehova wamabandla.

5 Lamanzi elwandle azacitsha, lomfula wome utshe.

6 Njalo bazakwala imifula, lezifudlana zeGibhithe zetshe zicitshe; imihlanga lebhuma kubune.

7 Imihlanga ezifuleni, emilonyeni yezifula, lakho konke okuhlanyelweyo kwezifula kuzakoma, kuphetshethwe, kungabe kusaba khona.

8 Njalo abagoli benhlanzi bazakhala, labo bonke abaphosa ingwegwe zokuthiya inhlanzi esifuleni bazalila; labendlala imbule ebusweni bamanzi bazaphela amandla.

9 Labasebenzi ngefikalisi elicolekileyo labeluka okumhlophe bazakuba lenhloni.

10 Lezisekelo zayo zonke zizachotshozwa, lamadoda ayiziqatshwa azadana emphefumulweni.

11 Isibili, iziphathamandla zeZowani ziyizithutha, iseluleko sabeluleki abahlakaniphileyo bakaFaro siyibuthutha. Litsho njani kuFaro lithi: Ngiyindodana yabahlakaniphileyo, indodana yamakhosi endulo?

12 Pho, bangaphi abahlakaniphileyo bakho? Yebo, ake bakutshele, kabakwazi lokho iNKOSI yamabandla ekucebileyo ngeGibhithe.

13 Iziphathamandla zeZowani sezibe yizithutha, iziphathamandla zeNofi zikhohlisiwe; bazaduhisa iGibhithe, insika yezizwe zayo.

14 INKOSI ithulule umoya ophambeneyo phakathi kwayo; baduhise iGibhithe kukho konke ukwenza kwayo, njengodakiweyo ediyazela ekuhlanzeni kwakhe.

15 Njalo kakuyikuba khona umsebenzi weGibhithe okungawenza inhloko kumbe umsila, ugatsha loba umhlanga.

16 Ngalolosuku iGibhithe izakuba njengabesifazana; izathuthumela yesabe ngenxa yokuzunguza kwesandlaseNKOSI yamabandla esizunguza phezu kwayo.

17 Lelizwe lakoJuda lizakuba yisesabiso eGibhithe; wonke ozakhuluma ngalo uzakwethuka yena ngokwakhe ngenxa yecebo leNKOSI yamabandla elicebileyo imelene layo.

18 Ngalolosuku kuzakuba lemizi emihlanu elizweni leGibhithe ekhuluma ulimi lweKhanani, lefungayo eNKOSIni yamabandla. Omunye uzakuthiwa ngumuzi wokubhujiswa.

19 Ngalolosuku iNKOSI izakuba lelathi phakathi kwelizwe leGibhithe, lensika yeNKOSI emngceleni wayo.

20 Njalo izakuba yisibonakaliso ibe yibufakazi beNKOSI yamabandla elizweni leGibhithe, ngoba bazakhala eNKOSIni ngenxa yabacindezeli, njalo izathuma kubo umsindisi lomkhulu ozabakhulula.

21 LeNKOSI izakwaziwa kumaGibhithe; njalo amaGibhithe azayazi iNKOSI ngalolosuku, azakwenza umhlatshelo lomnikelo, afunge isifungo eNKOSIni, asikhokhe.

22 LeNKOSI izatshaya iGibhithe, itshaye ibuye isilise; njalo bazaphendukela eNKOSIni, ezancengeka ngabo, ibasilise.

23 Ngalolosuku kuzakuba lomgwaqo omkhulu osuka eGibhithe usiya eAsiriya, ukuze amaAsiriya eze eGibhithe, lamaGibhithe eAsiriya; lamaGibhithe akhonze kanye lamaAsiriya.

24 Ngalolosuku uIsrayeli uzakuba ngowesithathu leGibhithe leAsiriya, isibusiso phakathi komhlaba,

25 ezababusisa iNKOSI yamabandla isithi: Ibusisiwe iGibhithe abantu bami, leAsiriya umsebenzi wezandla zami, loIsrayeli ilifa lami.

UISAYA 20

IAsiriya izanqoba iGibhithe leEthiyophiya

1 Ngomnyaka wokufika kukaTharithani eAshidodi, lapho uSarigoni inkosi yeAsiriya emthuma, lapho walwa leAshidodi wayithumba;

2 ngalesosikhathi iNKOSI yakhuluma ngesandla sikaIsaya indodana kaAmozi isithi: Hamba, ukhulule isakaekhalweni lwakho, ukhuphe inyathela lakho enyaweni zakho. Wasesenza njalo, ehambaze engafakanga manyathela.

3 INKOSI yasisithi: Njengalokhu inceku yami uIsaya isihambeze ingafakanga manyathela okweminyaka emithathu, kube yisibonakaliso lesimanga phezu kweGibhithe laphezu kweEthiyophiya;

4 ngokunjalo inkosi yeAsiriya izaqhuba abathunjiweyo beGibhithe labaxotshiweyo beEthiyophiya, abatsha labadala, beze bengafakanga manyathela, lezibunu zisegcekeni, kube lihlazo eGibhithe.

5 Basebesethuka baba lenhloni ngeEthiyophiya ithemba labo, langeGibhithe udumo lwabo.

6 Abahlali balesisihlenge bazakuthi ngalolosuku: Khangela, linjalo ithemba lethu, lapho esabalekelela usizo khona ukuze sikhululwe ebusweni benkosi yeAsiriya. Pho, thina sizaphunyuka njani?

UISAYA 21

Umbono wokunqotshwa kweBhabhiloni

1Umthwalo wenkangala yolwandle.

Njengokudlula kwezivunguzane eningizimu, kuzavela enkangala, elizweni elesabekayo.

2 Ngaziswe umbono olukhuni; umkhohlisi wenza ngenkohliso, lomchithi uyachitha. Yenyuka Elamu, uvimbezele Mede; ngiqede konke ukububula kwayo.

3 Ngenxa yalokhu ukhalo lwami lugcwele ubuhlungu, imihelo ingibambile njengemihelo yobelethayo; ngagotshiswa ngenxa yokuzwa, ngadideka ngenxa yokubona.

4 Inhliziyo yami yaduha, uvalo lwangesabisa; ukuhwalala engikuloyisayo wakwenza kwaba yikuthuthumela kimi.

5 Lungisa itafula, linda emphotshongweni wokulinda, dlana, unathe; sukumani, ziphathamandla, ligcobe isihlangu.

6 Ngoba yatsho njalo iNkosi kimi: Hamba umise umlindi; akhulume akubonayo.

7 Wasebona inqola, abagadi bamabhiza ababili, inqola kababhemi, inqola yekamela; walalela ngesineke, ngesineke esikhulu.

8 Wasememeza esithi: Isilwane, Nkosi, ngimi njalonjalo emphotshongweni wokulinda emini, njalo ngimi emlindweni ubusuku bonke.

9 Khangela-ke, nansi inqola yomuntu isiza, labagadi bamabhiza ababili. Wasephendula wathi: Iwile, iwile iBhabhiloni; lazo zonke izithombe ezibaziweyo zabonkulunkulu bayo uzidilizele emhlabathini.

10 Lina okubhuliweyo kwami, lamabele ebala lami lokubhulela, engikuzwileyo eNKOSIni yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ngilitshelile khona.

Umthwalo weDuma

11 Umthwalo weDuma.

Uyangimemeza eseSeyiri esithi: Mlindi, uthini ngobusuku? Mlindi, uthini ngobusuku?

12 Umlindi wathi: Kuyeza ukusa, lobusuku futhi. Uba libuza, buzani, libuye, lize.

Umthwalo phezu kweArabhiya

13 Umthwalo phezu kweArabhiya.

Ehlathini leArabhiya lizalala ubusuku, lina zindwendwe zeDedani.

14 Mletheleni omileyo amanzi. Abahlali belizwe leTema bahlangabeza obalekayo ngokudla.

15 Ngoba babalekela izinkemba, inkemba ehwatshiweyo, ledandili eligotshiweyo, lobunzima bempi.

16 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi kimi: Kusesephakathi komnyaka, njengeminyaka yoqatshiweyo, lonke udumo lweKedari luzaphela.

17 Lensali yenani labatshoki, amaqhawe amaKedari, bazakuba balutshwana. Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli isikhulumile.

UISAYA 22

Umthwalo weJerusalema

1 Umthwalo wesigodi sombono.

Kutheni kuwe khathesi, ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wakho akhwele empahleni zezindlu?

2 Wena ogcwele imisindo, muzi oxokozelayo, dolobho elilentokozo, ababuleweyo bakho kababulawanga ngenkemba, kabafelanga empini.

3 Bonke ababusi bakho babaleke kanyekanye, babotshwe ngabatshoki, bonke abatholakala kuwe, babotshiwe kanyekanye, babaleke besuka khatshana.

4 Ngenxa yalokhu ngathi: Susani amehlo kimi; kangikhale kabuhlungu; ungaphangisi ukungiduduza ngenxa yokuchitheka kwendodakazi yabantu bakithi.

5 Ngoba kulusuku lokusanganiseka, lolokunyathelela phansi, lolokuphithizela kweNkosi uJehova wamabandlaesigodini sombono, lokudilizela phansi umduli, lolokuhlaba umkhosi kuze kube sentabeni.

6 IElamu yathatha-ke isikhwama semitshoko, kanye lenqola, abantu, abagadi bamabhiza; leKiri yembula isihlangu.

7 Kuzakuthi-ke izigodi zakho ezikhethekileyo zigcwala izinqola, labagadi bamabhiza bazihlele lokuzihlela ngasesangweni.

8 Njalo yena uzakwembula isimbombozo sakoJuda; langalolosuku wena uzakhangela izikhali zendlu yehlathi.

9 Njalo lizabona imikenke yomuzi kaDavida, ukuthi minengi, liqoqe amanzi echibini elingaphansi.

10 Lizabala izindlu zeJerusalema, lidilize izindlu ukuze liqinise umduli.

11 Lizakwenza ichibi phakathi kwemiduli yomibili lisenzela amanzi omgodi omdala. Kodwa kaliyikukhangela kowakwenzayo, kalimnanzanga owakubumbayo kudala.

12 Langalolosuku iNkosi uJehova wamabandla izamemezela ukulila, lokukhala, lokuphucwa kwamakhanda, lokugqokwa kwesaka.

13 Kodwa khangela, injabulo lokuthaba, ukubulawa kwenkomo, lokuhlatshwa kwezimvu, ukudliwa kwenyama, lokunathwa kwewayini; lathi: Asidleni sinathe, ngoba kusasa sizakufa.

14 Kodwa iNKOSI yamabandla yembula endlebeni zami isithi: Isibili lesisono kaliyikusenzelwa inhlawulo yokuthula lize life, kutsho iNkosi uJehova wamabandla.

UEliyakimi uzathatha isikhundla sikaShebina

15 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova wamabandla: Hamba uye kulo umphathi, kuShebina, ophezu kwendlu, uthi:

16 Ulani lapha, njalo ulobani lapha, ukuthi uzigebhele ingcwaba lapha, njengozigebhela ingcwaba lakhe phezulu, ozigubhela indawo yokuhlala edwaleni?

17 Khangela, iNKOSI izakujikijela khatshana ngokujika kwendoda; izakugoqela ngokukugoqela,

18 ikuthandele lokukuthandela njengebhola eligoqelwayo; njengebhola izakuphosela elizweni elibanzi; lalapho uzafela, lalapho izinqola zodumo lwakho zizakuba lihlazo, olwendlu yenkosi yakho!

19 Njalo ngizakusunduza usuke esikhundleni sakho, ikuwise ekumeni kwakho.

20 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku ngibize inceku yami uEliyakhimi indodana kaHilikhiya;

21 ngizamgqokisa isigqoko sakho, ngimqinise ngebhanti lakho, nginikeze umbuso wakho esandleni sakhe; njalo yena uzakuba nguyise kubahlali beJerusalema lendlini yakoJuda.

22 Ngizabeka-ke isihluthulelo sendlu kaDavida ehlombe lakhe; yena uzavula kungavali muntu, avale kungavuli muntu.

23 Ngizambethela njengesikhonkwane endaweni eqinileyo; njalo uzakuba yisihlalo sobukhosi esilodumo endlini kayise.

24 Njalo bazaphanyeka phezu kwakhe udumo lonke lwendlu kayise, inzalo lembewu, zonke izitsha ezincinyane, kusukela ezitsheni zenkezo kusiya kuzo zonke izitsha zeziphiso.

25 Ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, isikhonkwane esabethelwa endaweni eqinileyo sizasuswa, siganyulwe siwe; lomthwalo obuphezu kwaso uzaqunywa; ngoba iNKOSI ikhulumile.

UISAYA 23

Umthwalo weTire

1 Umthwalo weTire.

Qhinqani isililo, mikhumbi yeTarshishi, ngoba ichithiwe, ukuze kungabi lendlu, ukuthi kungabi lokungena. Kuvela elizweni leKitimi kwembuliwe kubo.

2 Thulani, bahlali besihlenge; wena abakugcwalisileyo abathengiselani beSidoni abachapha ulwandle.

3 Langamanzi amakhulu, inzalo yeShihori, isivuno somfula yinzuzo yayo; njalo iyindawo yezizwe yokuthengiselana.

4 Woba lenhloni, Sidoni; ngoba ulwandle lukhulumile, amandla olwandle, lusithi: Kangihelelwa, kangibelethanga, kangikhulisanga amajaha, kangondlanga izintombi ezimsulwa.

5 Njengasembikweni ngeGibhithe bazahelelwa ngombiko weTire.

6 Chaphelani eTarshishi, qhinqani isililo, bahlali besihlenge.

7 Yiwo lo yini umuzi wenu ojabulayo, obudala bawo busukela ensukwini zendulo? Inyawo zawo zizawuthwalela khatshana ukuyahlala njengowezizwe.

8 Ngubani oweluleke lokhu ngeTire, omethesi womqhele, obathengisi bayo bayiziphathamandla, obathengiselani bayo ngabadumileyo emhlabeni?

9 INKOSI yamabandla ikucebisile lokhu, ukonakalisa ukuzigqaja kodumo lonke, ukwenza badeleleke bonke abadumileyo bomhlaba.

10 Dabula ilizwe lakho njengomfula, ndodakazi yeTarshishi; akuselamandla.

11 Yelulele isandla sayo phezu kolwandle, inyikinye imibuso; iNKOSI ilayezile imelene leKhanani, ukuchitha inqaba zayo.

12 Yasisithi: Kawusayikuphinda ujabule, ntombi emsulwa ecindezelweyo, ndodakazi yeSidoni; eKhithimusukuma uchaphe; lakhona kakuyikuba lokuphumula kuwe.

13 Khangela ilizwe lamaKhaladiya; lesisizwe sasingekho; amaSiriya asisekelela bona abahlala enkangala; amisa imiphotshongo yawo yokuvimbezela, abhidliza izigodlo zalo; alenza laba lunxiwa.

14 Qhinqani isililo, mikhumbi yeTarshishi, ngoba inqaba yenu ichithekile.

15 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku iTire ikhohlakale okweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, njengokwensuku zenkosi eyodwa. Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa kuzakuba khona eTire okunjengengoma yewule.

16 Thatha ichacho, ubhode umuzi, wule elikhohlakeleyo, utshaye kamnandi, uhlabele ingoma ezinengi, ukuze ukhunjulwe.

17 Kuzakuthi-ke ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa iNKOSI iyihambele iTire; njalo izabuyela ekuqatshweni kobuwule bayo; izawula layo yonke imibuso yomhlaba phezu kobuso bomhlaba.

18 Lokuthengiselana kwayo lokuqatshwa kwayo kuzakuba yibungcwele eNKOSIni; kakuyikulondolozwa kumbe kubuthelelwe, ngoba inzuzo yayo yokuthengiselana izakuba ngeyabahlala phambi kweNKOSI, ukuze badle basuthe, babe lezigqoko ezinhle.

UISAYA 24

Ukwehlulelwa komhlaba

1Khangela, iNKOSI yenza umhlaba ube yize, iwenze ube yincithakalo, yone ubuso bawo, ihlakaze abahlali bawo.

2 Kuzakuthi njengabantu kube njalo umpristi; njengesisebenzi kube njalo inkosi yaso; njengencekukazi kube njalo inkosikazi yayo; njengomthengi kube njalo umthengisi; njengombolekisi kube njalo obolekayo; njengomniki wesikwelede kube njalo okweledayo.

3 Umhlaba uzachitheka lokuchitheka, uphangwe lokuphangwa; ngoba iNKOSI ilikhulumile lelilizwi.

4 Umhlaba uyalila, ubune, ilizwe liyadangala, libune; abantu bomhlaba abaphakemeyo bayadangala.

5 Umhlaba lawo ungcolisiwe ngaphansi kwabahlali bawo; ngoba beqile imilayo, baguqula isimiso, bephula isivumelwano esilaphakade.

6 Ngenxa yalokho isiqalekiso siwuqedile umhlaba, labahlala kuwo bayachitheka; ngakho-ke abahlali bomhlaba batshisiwe, njalo kusale abantu abalutshwana.

7 Iwayini elitsha liyalila, ivini lidangale, bonke abanhliziyo ethokozayo bayabubula.

8 Injabulo yezigubhu iphelile, umsindo wabajabulayo uphelile, intokozo yechacho iphelile.

9 Kabayikunatha iwayini ngengoma; okunathwayo okulamandla kuzababa kwabakunathayo.

10 Umuzi wencithakalo ubhidlikile, yonke indlu ivaliwe ukuze kungangenwa.

11 Kukhalelwa iwayini ezitaladeni; intokozo yonke ifiphele, injabulo yomhlaba inyamalele.

12 Emzini kusele incithakalo, lesango litshayiwe lachithwa.

13 Ngoba kuzakuba njalo phakathi kwelizwe, phakathi kwabantu, njengokunyikinywa kwesihlahla somhlwathi, njengokukhothoza sesiphelile isivuno sezithelo zevini.

14 Bona bazaphakamisa ilizwi labo, bazahlabelela ubukhosi beNkosi, bamemeze beselwandle.

15 Ngenxa yalokhu dumisani iNKOSI emililweni, ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ezihlengeni zolwandle.

16 Sizwile amahubo avela emkhawulweni womhlaba, udumo kolungileyo. Kodwa ngathi: Ukucaka kwami, ukucaka kwami! Maye kimi! Abenzi benkohliso benze ngokukhohlisa; yebo abenzi benkohliso benze ngokukhohlisa okukhulu.

17 Ukwesaba lomgodi lomjibila kuphezu kwakho, wena mhlali womhlaba.

18 Kuzakuthi-ke obalekela umsindo wokwesaba awele emgodini; lowenyuka phakathi komgodi abanjwe ngumjibila; ngoba amawindi aphezulu avulekile, lezisekelo zomhlaba ziyaqhaqhazela.

19 Umhlaba wephukile lokwephuka, umhlaba udatshudatshuliwe, umhlaba uyanyikinyeka kakhulu.

20 Umhlaba uzadiyazela lokudiyazela njengesidakwa, uzunguzeke njengedumba; lesiphambeko sawo sizakuba nzima phezu kwawo; uzakuwa, ungabe usavuka futhi.

21 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku iNKOSI ijezise ibutho labaphakemeyo abaphezulu, lamakhosi omhlaba phezu komhlaba.

22 Bazabuthelwa ndawonye njengezibotshwa zibuthelwa emgodini, bavalelwe entolongweni, langemva kwensuku ezinengi bethekelelwe.

23 Khona inyanga izayangeka, lelanga libe lenhloni, ngoba iNKOSI yamabandla iyabusa entabeni iZiyoni laseJerusalema, laphambi kwabadala kuzakuba khona inkazimulo.

UISAYA 25

Ingoma yokubonga iNKOSI ngezenzo zayo

1NKOSI unguNkulunkulu wami; ngizakuphakamisa, ngidumise ibizo lakho; ngoba wenzileokumangalisayo; amacebo akho endulo aluthembeko leqiniso.

2 Ngoba wenzile umuzi waba yinqwaba; umuzi obiyelweyo ube lunxiwa; isigodlo sabezizwe singabi ngumuzi; kasiyikwakhiwa kuze kube nininini.

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3 Ngenxa yalokho abantu abalamandla bazakudumisa; umuzi wezizwe
ezilesihluku uzakwesaba.

4 Ngoba ubungamandla kumyanga, amandla kosweleyo ekuhluphekeni kwakhe,
isiphephelo kuzulu lesiphepho, umthunzi ekutshiseni, lapho ukuvuthela
kwabalolunya kunjengezulu lesiphepho emdulini.

5 Uzakwehlisa umsindo wabezizwe njengokutshisa endaweni eyomileyo;
ukutshisa emthunzini weyezi; ingomayabalolunya izathotshiswa.

6 Lakulintaba iNKOSI yamabandla izakwenzela abantu bonke idili lezinto
ezinonileyo, idili lamawayini alenzece, lezinto ezinonileyo zigcwele umnkantsho,
lamawayini alenzece acengekileyo.

7 Izaginya kulintaba ubuso besembeso esembese bonke abantu, lesigubuzelo
eselukiweyo phezu kwezizwe zonke.

8 Izaginya ukufa ekunqobeni, leNkosi uJehova izakwesula inyembezi izisuse
ebusweni bonke, isuse lehlazo labantu bayo emhlabeni wonke; ngoba
iNKOSI ikhulumile.

9 Kuzakuthiwa-ke ngalolosuku: Khangela, lo nguNkulunkulu wethu; silindele
kuye, njalo uzasisindisa; le yiNKOSI; siyilindele, sizathaba, sithokoze kusindiso
lwayo.

10 Ngoba isandla seNKOSI sizaphumula kulintaba, loMowabi uzanyathelelwa
phansi kwayo, njengamahlanga abuthelelweyo enyathelelwa enqunjini yomquba.

11 Njalo izakwelula izandla zayo phakathi kwakhe njengontshezayo ezelula ukuze
antsheze; njalo izathobisa ukuzigqaja kwakhe kanye lokucathamela kwezandla
zakhe.

12 Lenqaba ephakemeyo yemiduli yakho izayidilizela phansi, iyehlisele phansi,
iyifikise emhlabathini, ethulini.

UISAYA 26

Ingoma yokukhululwa

1 Ngalolosuku lingoma izahlatshelwa elizweni lakoJuda ethi: Silomuzi
oqinileyo; uNkulunkulu uzamisa usindiso lube yimiduli lezinqaba.

2 Vulani amasango ukuze singene isizwe esilungileyo esigcina ukuthembeka.

3 Uzamgcina ekuthuleni okupheleleyo ongqondo yakhe yeyama phezu kwakho,
ngoba ethemba kuwe.

4 Thembani eNKOSIni kokuphela, ngoba eNKOSIni uJehova kuLidwala
elilaphakade.

5 Ngoba ibehlisela phansi abahlala engqongeni; umuzi ophakemeyo, iwehlisela
phansi; iwehlisela phansi emhlabathini, iwufikise othulini.

6 Unyawo luzawunyathelela phansi, ngitsho inyawo zabayanga, amanyathela abaswelayo.

7 Indlela yabalungileyo iyikuqonda; wena oqondileyo, uyalinganisa umkhondo wabalungileyo.

8 Yebo, endleleni yezahlulelo zakho, NKOSI, sikulindele; isiloyiso somphefumulo wethu sisebizweni lakholekukukhumbuleni.

9 Ngomphefumulo wami ngikuloyisile ebusuku; yebo, ngomoya wami ophakathi kwami ngizakudinga ngovivi; ngoba lapho izahlulelo zakho zisemhlabeni, abahlali bomhlaba bazafunda ukulunga.

10 Uba okhohlakeleyo etshengiswa umusa, kube kanti kayikufunda ukulunga; elizweni lobuqotho uzakwenza okubi, njalo kayikubona ubukhosi beNKOSI.

11 NKOSI, isandla sakho siphakeme, kabayikubona; kodwa bazabona, babe lenhloni ngokutshisekela kwakhoabantu; intukuthelo yomlilo wezitha zakho uzaziqeda.

12 NKOSI, uzasimisela ukuthula, ngoba lawe usenzele yonke imisebenzi yethu.

13 NKOSI Nkulunkulu wethu, amanye amakhosi ngaphandle kwakho ake abusa phezu kwethu; kodwa ngawekuphela sizakhumbula ibizo lakho.

14 Afile, kawayikuphila; ayimimoya efileyo, kawayikuvuka; ngakho uwaphindisele wawachitha, waqeda konke ukukhunjulwa kwawo.

15 Usandisile isizwe, NKOSI, wasandisa isizwe; uyadunyiswa; usisusele khatshana kuyo yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba.

16 NKOSI, besekuhluphekeni bakwethekelele, bathulula umkhuleko lapho ukujezisa kwakho kuphezu kwabo.

17 Njengowesifazana okhulelweyo sekusondele ukubeletha, esebuhlungwini, ekhala emihelweni yakhe, saba njalo ebusweni bakho, NKOSI.

18 Sasikhulelwe, sasisebuhlungwini, kwakungathi sibelethe umoya. Kasenzanga usindiso emhlabeni, njalo abahlali bomhlaba kabawanga.

19 Abafileyo bakho bazaphila, lesidumbu sami, bazavuka. Vukani, limemeze ngentokozo, lina elihlala ethulini; ngoba amazolo akho anjengamazolo emibhida, lomhlaba uzabakhupha imimoya efileyo.

Ukwahlulelwa lokubuyiswa kukaIsrayeli

20 Hambani bantu bami, lingene emakamelweni enu, livale iminyango yenu ngemva kwenu, licatshe okwesikhatshana, luze ludlule ulaka.

21 Ngoba, khangelani, iNKOSI iyaphuma endaweni yayo ukuthi iphindisele ububi babahlali bomhlaba phezu kwabo; lomhlaba uzaveza igazi lawo, ungabe usabafihla ababuleweyo bawo.

UISAYA 27

Ukubuyiswa kukaIsrayeli

1 Ngalolosuku iNKOSI ngenkemba yayo elukhuni lenkulu lelamandla
izajezisa uLeviyathani, inyoka ebalekayo, ngitsho uLeviyathani inyoka
egoqanayo, ibulale umgobho oselwandle.

2 Ngalolosuku hlabelelani ngaso isivini sewayini elibomvu.

3 Mina NKOSI, ngiyasilondoloza, ngiyasithelela isikhathi sonke; hlezi kube khona
osonayo ngisilondoloze ebusuku lemini.

4 Ukuthukuthela kakukho kimi. Ngubani ongabeka ukhula oluhlabayo
lameva kumelane lami empini? Bengizamatsha ngidabule phakathi kwakho,
ngikutshise kanyekanye.

5 Kumbe kabambelele emandleni ami, enze ukuthula lami; uzakwenza ukuthula
lami.

6 Izakwenza abavela koJakobe bagxile, uIsrayeli uzahluma, akhahlele, agcwalise
ubuso bomhlaba ngezithelo.

7 Imtshayile yini njengokutshaya kwayo oyitshayayo? Ubulewe yini
njengokubulawa kwababuleweyo bakhe?

8 Ngesilinganiso ekukuxotsheni izaphikisana lakho; izakususa ngomoya wayo
olukhuni ngosuku lomoya wempumalanga.

9 Ngakho ngalokhu isiphambeko sikaJakobe sizahlawulelwa; lalokhu kuyisithelo
sonke sokususa isono sakhe, lapho esenza ukuthi wonke amatshe elathi abe
njengamatshe ekalaga avuthuziweyo, izixuku lamalathi elangakakuyikuma.

10 Ngoba umuzi obiyelweyo uzakuba wodwa, indawo yokuhlala ixotshwe,
itshiywe njengenkangala; lapho ithole lizakudla khona, lilale khona, liqede
izingatsha zawo.

11 Lapho ingatsha zawo sezomile zizakwephulwa; abesifazana beze bazibase;
ngoba kabasibantu abaqedisisayo; ngakho-ke lowo owabenzayo
kayikubahawukela, lowababumbayo kayikubatshengisa umusa.

12 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku iNKOSI ibhule kusukela esifudlaneni somfula kuze
kube semfuleni weGibhithe; lina-ke lizabuthwa ngamunye ngamunye, bantwana
bakoIsrayeli.

13 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku kuvuthelwe uphondo olukhulu, lalabo ababebhubhe
elizweni leAsiriyalabaxotshelwe elizweni leGibhithe, bazabuya bayikhonze
iNKOSI entabeni engcwele eJerusalema.

UISAYA 28

UEfrayimi uyaxwayiswa

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1Maye kumqhele wokuzigqaja wezidakwa zakoEfrayimi, obuhle benkazimulo yazo buliluba elibunayo, eliphezu kwekhanda lezihotsha ezivundileyo zalabo abatshaywe liwayini.

2 Khangela, iNkosi ilaye olamandla loqinileyo, ozaphosela emhlabeni ngesandla, njengezulu lesiphepho elilesiqhotho, isiphepho esichithayo, njengempophoma yamanzi alamandla akhukhulayo.

3 Umqhele wokuziqgaja wezidakwa zakoEfrayimi uzanyathelelwa phansi ngezinyawo.

4 Lobuhle benkazimulo yakhe, obuphezu kwekhanda lesihotsha esivunde kakhulu, buzakuba liluba elibunayo, njengesithelo esivuthwe masinyane kungakafiki ihlobo; okuthi osibonileyo asibone, sisesesandleni sakhe asiginye.

5 Ngalolosuku iNKOSI yamabandla izakuba ngumqhele wenkazimulo, lesidlodlo sobuhle kunsali yabantu bayo,

6 lomoya wesahlulelo kulowo ohlalela isahlulelo, lamandla kulabo ababuyisela impi esangweni.

7 Lalaba baduhile ngenxa yewayini, langenxa yokunathwayo okulamandla baphambukile; umpristi lomprofethi baduhile ngenxa yokunathwayo okulamandla, baginywe liwayini, baphambukile ngenxa yokunathwayo okulamandla; bayaduha embonweni, bakhubeke kusahlulelo.

8 Ngoba wonke amatafula agcwele amahlanzo lokungcola, kakulandawo engangcolanga.

9 Izafundisa bani ulwazi, njalo izakwenza bani aqedisise umbiko? Abalunyuliweyo echagweni, abakhunyuliweyo emabeleni.

10 Ngoba umthetho phezu komthetho, umthetho phezu komthetho; umzila phezu komzila, umzila phezu komzila; lapha okuncinyane, laphayana okuncinyane.

11 Ngoba ngendebe eziklolodayo langolunye ulimi izakhuluma kulababantu,

12 eyathi kubo: Lokhu yikuphumula, phumuzani abadiniweyo; lalokhu yikuvuselela; kodwa kabathandanga ukuzwa.

13 Kodwa ilizwi leNKOSI lizakuba kibo ngumthetho phezu komthetho, umthetho phezu komthetho; umzila phezu komzila, umzila phezu komzila; lapha okuncinyane, laphayana okuncinyane; ukuze bahambe, bawe nyovane, bephuke, bathiywe, bathunjwe.

14 Ngakho zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, bantu abaklolodayo, elibusa lababantu abaseJerusalema.

15 Ngoba lithe: Sivumelane isivumelwano lokufa, njalo senze isivumelwano lesihogo; lapho isiswepu esiphuphumayo sisedlula, kasiyikufika kithi; ngoba senze amanga aba yisiphephelo sethu, sacatsha ngaphansi kwenkohliso.

16 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngibeka
eZiyoni ilitshe lesisekelo, ilitshe elihloliweyo, ilitshe lengonsi eliligugu, isisekelo
esisekelweyo; okholwayo kayikuphangisa.

17 Isahlulelo laso ngizasibeka entanjeni, lokulunga entanjeni yokuqondisa;
lesiqhotho sizakhukhula isiphephelo samanga; lamanzi agabhele indawo
yokucatsha.

18 Lesivumelwano senu lokufa sizaphela, lokuvumelana kwenu lesihogo
kakuyikuma; lapho isiswepu esikhukhulayo sisedlula, khona lizanyathelelwa
phansi yikho.

19 Kusukela esikhathini sokwedlula kwaso, sizalithatha; ngoba ukusa ngokusa
sizakwedlula, emini lebusuku; njalo kuzakuba ngokwesabisayo kuphela
ukuqedisisa umbiko.

20 Ngoba umbheda mfitshane kakhulu ukuthi umuntu azelule kuwo, lengubo
yincinyane kakhulu ukuthi umuntuazigoqele ngayo.

21 Ngoba iNKOSI izavuka njengentabeni yePerazimi, ithukuthele
njengesigodini seGibeyoni, ukuze yenze umsebenzi wayo, umsebenzi wayo
ongejwayelekanga, yenze isenzo sayo, isenzo sayo esingejwayelekanga.

22 Ngakho-ke lingahleki usulu, hlezi izibopho zenu ziqiniswe; ngoba ngizwile
eNkosini uJehova wamabandlangokuqedwa okuqunywe phezu komhlaba wonke.

Inhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu

23 Bekani indlebe, lizwe ilizwi lami; lalelani lizwe inkulumo yami.

24 Umlimi ulimela ukuhlanyela lonke usuku yini? Uyavula abhuqe umhlabathi
wakhe yini?

25 Kakunjalo yini, esewuhlelembile ubuso bawo, ukuthi aphose amafitshizi,
ahlakaze ikhumini, afake phezukwakho ingqoloyi enhle kakhulu, lebhali
emisiweyo, lespelite emngceleni wakho?

26 Ngoba uNkulunkulu wakhe uyamazisa ngendlela, amfundise.

27 Ngoba amafitshizi kawabhulwa ngobhulo, levili lenqola kaliphendulwa phezu
kwekhumini; kodwa amafitshizi atshaywa ngoswazi, lekhumini ngentonga.

28 Amabele esinkwa ayachotshozwa; ngoba kayikuhlala ewabhula kokuphela,
loba ewachoboza ngevili lenqola yakhe, njalo kawachobozi ngamabhiza akhe.

29 Lalokhu kuvela eNKOSIni yamabandla; iyamangalisa ekwelulekeni, yinkulu
ekusebenzeni.

UISAYA 29

Okuzakwenzeka eJerusalema

1Maye kuyo iAriyeli, kuyo iAriyeli umuzi uDavida amisa kuwo inkamba!
Yengezelelani umnyaka emnyakeni; kayibhode imikhosi.

2 Kanti ngizayicindezela iAriyeli, njalo kube khona ukulila losizi; njalo kuzakuba
njengeAriyeli kimi.

3 Njalo ngizamisa inkamba inhlangothi zakho zonke,
ngikuvimbezele ngedundulu, ngikumisele izinqabaezimelene lawe.

4 Njalo uzakwehliselwa phansi, ukhulume usemhlabathini, lenkulumo yakho
izakuba phansi ethulini, lelizwi lakho lizakuba njengeloledlozi liphuma
emhlabathini, lenkulumo yakho ibe ngumlozwi ophuma othulini.

5 Njalo ixuku labezizwe bakho lizakuba njengothuli olucholekileyo, lexuku
labalesihluku njengamakhoba adlulayo. Yebo, kuzahle kube masinyane.

6 Uzakwethekelelwa yiNKOSI yamabandla ngomdumo, langokuzamazama
komhlaba, lomsindo omkhulu, isivunguzane, lesiphepho, lelangabi lomlilo
oqothulayo.

7 Lexuku lezizwe zonke elilwa limelene leAriyeli, ngitsho zonke ezilwa zimelene
layo lezinqaba zayo, leziyicindezelayo, zizakuba njengephupho, umbono
wobusuku.

8 Kuzakuba lanjengolambileyo ephupha, khangela-ke, uyadla, kodwa aphaphame,
lomphefumulo wakhe ungelalutho; loba njengowomileyo ephupha, khangela-ke,
uyanatha, kodwa aphaphame, khangela-ke uphelelwa ngamandla, lomphefumulo
wakhe uyalangatha; lizakuba njalo ixuku lazo zonke izizwe ezilwa zimelene
lentaba iZiyoni.

Ukuphumputheka kukaIsrayeli

9 Manini, lithithibale; zithokoziseni liphumputheke; badakiwe, kodwa hatshi
ngewayini; bayadiyazela, kodwa hatshi ngenxa yokunathwayo okulamandla.

10 Ngoba iNKOSI ithululele phezu kwenu umoya wobuthongo obunzima, yavala
amehlo enu; abaprofethi lezinhloko zenu, ababoni, ibagubuzele.

11 Lawo wonke umbono usube kini njengamazwi ogwalo olunanyekiweyo okuthi
balunika owazi umbhalo, besithi: Bala lokhu siyakuncenga; yena athi: Ngingeke,
ngoba lunanyekiwe.

12 Ugwalo beselunikwa ongazi umbhalo, besithi: Bala lokhu, siyakuncenga; yena
athi: Kangiwazi umbhalo.

13 INkosi yasisithi: Ngenxa yokuthi lababantu besondela ngomlomo
wabo langezindebe zabo bengihlonipha, kodwa babeka inhliziyo yabo khatshana
lami, lokungesaba kwabo kufundiswa ngumlayo wabantu;

14 ngakho, khangela, ngizaqhubeka ukukwenza ngokumangalisayo lalababantu,
umsebenzi omangalisayo lesimanga; ngoba inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo
babo izaphela, lokuqedisisa kwabaqedisisayo babo kucatshe.

15 Maye kulabo abajula besuka eNKOSIni ukuze bafihle icebo labo, lemisebenzi
yabo isemnyameni, bathi: Ngubani osibonayo? Njalo ngubani osaziyo?

16 Ukugonqomisa kwenu kuthiwa kunjengebumba lombumbi! Ngoba
umsebenzi uzakutsho yini ngaye owenzileyo ukuthi: Kangenzanga? Kumbe
okubunjiweyo kungatsho yini ngombumbi wakho ukuthi: Kaqedisisi?

17 Kakuseyisikhatshana esifitshane yini, ukuthi iLebhanoni iphendulwe ibe
yinsimu ethelayo, lensimu ethelayoithiwe injengehlathi?

18 Njalo ngalolosuku izacuthe zizakuzwa amazwi ogwalo, lamehlo eziphofu abone
ekufiphaleni lemnyameni.

19 Abathobekileyo labo bazakwandisa intokozo eNKOSIni, labangabayanga
ebantwini bathokoze koNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

20 Ngoba olesihluku uzaphela, lodelelayo uqediwe, labo bonke abalindele okubi
baqunyiwe;

21 abenza umuntu one ngelizwi, bambekele umjibila okhuzayo esangweni,
baphambule olungileyo ngento engelutho.

22 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI eyahlenga uAbrahama, ngendlu kaJakobe: Khathesi
uJakobe kayikuba lanhloni, lobuso bakhe khathesi kabuyikuhloba.

23 Ngoba lapho ebona abantwana bakhe, umsebenzi wezandla zami, phakathi
kwakhe, bazangcwelisa ibizo lami; bangcwelise oNgcwele kaJakobe, besabe
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

24 Lalabo abaduhayo emoyeni bazakwazi ukuqedisisa,
labangungunayo bazafunda imfundiso.

UISAYA 30

Ubuze bokwenza isivumelwano leGibhithe

1Maye ebantwaneni abahlamukayo! itsho iNKOSI, ukuthi benze icebo, kodwa
elingeyisilo elami, lokuthi bembese ngesembeso, kodwa esingesiso somoya
wami, ukuze bengezelele isono phezu kwesono.

2 Abahamba ukwehlela eGibhithe, njalo bengabuzanga umlomo wami, ukuze
baziqinise emandleni kaFaro, bathembele emthunzini weGibhithe!

3 Ngakho amandla kaFaro azakuba lihlazo kini, lokuthembela emthunzini
weGibhithe kube yikuyangeka.

4 Ngoba iziphathamandla zakhe zaziseZowani lezithunywa zakhe zafika eHanesi.

5 Bonke izabayangisa ngabantu ababengelakubasiza, bangabi luncedo njalo
bangabi yinzuzo, kodwa babe luyangiso njalo babe lihlazo.

6 Umthwalo wezilo zeningizimu.

Elizweni lokucindezelwa lembandezelo, lapho okuvela khona ibhongo lesilwane,
ibululu lenyoka ephaphayo elokutshisa, bathwala inotho yabo emhlana
wamathole abobabhemi, lokuligugu kwabo phezu kwamalunda amakamela,
bekusa ebantwini abangelasizo.

7 Ngoba amaGibhithe azasiza ngeze langokungelalutho; ngakho ngakhala
ngalokhu ngathi: Amandla abo yikuhlala bathule.

8 Khathesi hamba, ukubhale phambi kwabo esibhebheni, ukulobe ngokugubha
egwalweni, ukuze kube khona kuze kube lusuku lokucina, kuze kube nininini,
kuze kube phakade.

9 Ngoba bangabantu abavukelayo, abantwana abaqamba amanga, abantwana
abangathandi ukuzwa umlayo weNKOSI;

10 abathi kubaboni: Lingaboni; lakubakhangeli: Lingasikhangeleli izinto
eziqondileyo; khulumani kithi izinto ezibutshelezi, likhangele izinkohliso;

11 phumani endleleni, liphambuke lisuke emkhondweni, lisuse oNgcwele
kaIsrayeli phambi kwethu.

12 Ngakho utsho njalo oNgcwele kaIsrayeli uthi: Ngoba lidelele lelilizwi,
lathembela kucindezelo lokuphambeneyo, labambelela kukho.

13 Ngakho lobububi buzakuba kini njengomkenke osuzakuwa, ukhukhumala
emdulini omude, okudilika kwawo kuhle kufike masinyazana.

14 Yebo, uzawephula njengokwephulwa kwembiza yababumbi ephahaziweyo;
kayikuyekela, ukuze kungatholakali ezicucwini zayo udengezi lokokha umlilo
eziko, kumbe ukukha amanzi emthonjeni.

15 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova, oNgcwele kaIsrayeli: Ngokuphenduka
lokuphumula lizasindiswa; ngokuthula langokwethemba kuzakuba ngamandla
enu; kodwa kalifunanga.

16 Kodwa lathi: Hatshi, ngoba sizabaleka ngamabhiza; ngakho-ke lizabaleka;
njalo: Sizagada amabhizaalejubane; ngakho-ke abalixotshayo bazakuba lejubane.

17 Inkulungwane eyodwa izabaleka ngokukhalima koyedwa; ngokukhalima
kwabahlanu lizabaleka, lize lisale njengensika phezu kwengqonga yentaba,
lanjengesiboniso phezu koqaqa.

Isithembiso sikaNkulunkulu ebantwini bakhe

18 Ngakho-ke iNKOSI izalinda, ukuze ibe lomusa kini, ngakho-ke
izaphakanyiswa ukuthi ibe lesihawu kini; ngoba iNKOSI inguNkulunkulu
wesahlulelo; babusisiwe bonke abalindela kuyo.

19 Ngoba abantu bazahlala eZiyoni eJerusalema; kaliyikukhala lokukhala inyembezi; izakuba lomusa omkhulu kuwe elizwini lokukhala kwakho; lapho ilizwa izakuphendula.

20 Loba iNkosi ilinika isinkwa sosizi lamanzi okuhlupheka, kanti abafundisi bakho kabasayikususelwa engonsini, kodwa amehlo akho azabona abafundisi bakho.

21 Lendlebe zakho zizakuzwa ilizwi emva kwakho lisithi: Le yiyo indlela, hambani ngayo, lapho liphambukela ngakwesokunene lalapho liphambukela ngakwesokhohlo.

22 Lizangcolisa lokuhuqiweyo kwezithombe zakho ezibaziweyo zesiliva, lokunanyekiweyo kwezithombe zakho zegolide ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa; lizihlakaze njengelembu losesikhathini, lithi kuzo: Phumani!

23 Khona izanika izulu lenhlanyelo yakho ozayihlanyela emhlabathini, lesinkwa sesivuno somhlaba; uzavunda ucicime. Ngalolosuku izifuyo zenu zizakudla emadlelweni abanzi;

24 lezinkabi labobabhemi abatsha okulima umhlabathi kuzakudla umncantsha, oweliweyo ngefotsholo langefologwe.

25 Laphezu kwayo yonke intaba ende laphezu kwalo lonke uqaqa oluphakemeyo kuzakuba lemifula lezifudlana zamanzi ngosuku lokubulawa okukhulu, lapho kusiwa imiphotshongo.

26 Futhi ukukhanya kwenyanga kuzakuba njengokukhanya kwelanga, lokukhanya kwelanga kuphindwe kasikhombisa, njengokukhanya kwensuku eziyisikhombisa, mhla iNKOSI ibopha ukwephuka kwabantu bayo, ipholisa umvimvinya wesilonda sabo.

Ukunqotshwa kweAsiriya

27 Khangela, ibizo leNKOSI livela khatshana, livutha ulaka lwayo, lomthwalo unzima; indebe zayo zigcwele intukuthelo, lolimi lwayo lunjengomlilo oqothulayo;

28 lokuphefumula kwayo kunjengesifula esiphuphumayo size sifike phakathi kwentamo, ukuhlungula izizwe ngesihlungulo sobuze; njalo kuzakuba letomu eliduhisayo emihlathini yabantu.

29 Lizakuba lengoma, njengeyobusuku bokwehlukaniswa komkhosi, lokuthokoza kwenhliziyo, njengohamba lomhubhe esiya entabeni yeNKOSI, eDwaleni lakoIsrayeli.

30 INKOSI izazwakalisa-ke ilizwi layo elilodumo, ibonakalise ukwehla kwengalo yayo, ngentukuthelo yolaka, lelangabi lomlilo oqothulayo, isivunguvungu, lezulu lesiphepho, lesiqhotho.

31 Ngoba ngelizwi leNKOSI amaAsiriya azaphahlazwa, itshaya ngenduku.

32 Kuzakuthi loba ngaphi okwedlula khona induku emisiweyo, iNKOSI eyibeka phezu kwayo, kube ngezigubhulangamachacho, langezimpi zokunyikinya ilwe labo.

33 Ngoba iThofethi yahlelwa endulo, layo yamiselwa inkosi; yayenza yatshona, yaba banzi, inqumbi yayo ingumlilo lenkuni ezinengi; ukuphefumula kweNKOSI kuyayithungela njengesifula sesolufa.

UISAYA 31

Ubuze beGibhithe

1Maye kulabo abehlela usizo eGibhithe, abeyama emabhizeni, bethemba izinqola ngoba zizinengi, labagadi bamabhiza ngoba belamandla kakhulu, kodwa bengakhangeli koNgcwele kaIsrayeli, njalo bengadingi iNKOSI!

2 Kanti layo ihlakaniphile, izaletha ububi, njalo kayiyikuwabuyisa amazwi ayo; kodwa izavukela indlu yabenzi bobubi, njalo imelene losizo lwabenzi beziphambeko.

3 Ngoba amaGibhithe angabantu, kabasuNkulunkulu, lamabhiza awo ayinyama, kawayisimoya. Lapho iNKOSIizakwelula isandla sayo, osizayo uzakhubeka losizwayo uzakuwa phansi, njalo bonke baphele kanyekanye.

4 Ngoba iNKOSI itsho njalo kimi: Njengesilwane lebhongo lesilwane kubhongela phezu kwempango yakho, lapho ixuku labelusi libizelwe ukumelana laso, kasiyikwesaba ilizwi labo, njalo kasiyikuzithoba ngenxa yomsindo wabo; ngokunjalo iNKOSI yamabandla izakwehla ukulwela intaba yeZiyoni loqaqa lwayo.

5 Njengenyoni eziphaphayo, ngokunjalo iNKOSI yamabandla izavikela iJerusalema; ivikela, izayophula; isedlula, iyikhulule.

6 Phendukelani kuyo okuyo abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahlubuke ngokujulileyo.

7 Ngoba ngalolosuku bazalahla, wonke umuntu izithombe zakhe zesiliva lezithombe zakhe zegolide, ozandla zenu zilenzele zona ukuba yisono.

8 ISiriya izakuwa-ke ngenkemba engeyisiyo yomuntu olamandla, lenkemba engeyisiyo yomuntukazanaizayiqeda; kodwa izabalekela inkemba, lamajaha ayo abe yizibhalwa.

9 Izakwedlulela edwaleni layo ngokwesaba, leziphathamandla zayo zesabe uphawu, itsho iNKOSI, omlilo wayo useZiyoni, lesithando sayo siseJerusalema.

UISAYA 32

INkosi elungileyo

1Khangela, inkosi izabusa ngokulunga, leziphathamandla zibuse ngesahlulelo.

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2 Lomuntu uzakuba njengendawo yokucatshela umoya lesivikelo kuzulu
lesiphepho; njengemifula yamanzi endaweni eyomileyo, njengomthunzi wedwala
elikhulu elizweni elomileyo.

3 Lamehlo alabo ababonayo kawayikufiphala, lezindlebe zalabo abezwayo
zizalalela.

4 Lenhliziyo yabalamawala izaqedisisa ulwazi, lolimi
lwabagagasayo luzaphangisa ukukhuluma ngokucaca.

5 Isithutha kasisayikubizwa ngokuthi sihloniphekile, loncitshanayo angathiwa
uyaphana.

6 Ngoba isithutha sikhuluma ubuthutha, lenhliziyo yaso isebenze okubi, ukwenza
ubuzenzisi, lokukhuluma okuphambeneyo ngeNKOSI, ukwenza umphefumulo
wolambileyo ube ze, senze kusweleke okunathwayo kowomileyo.

7 Izikhali zoncitshanayo lazo zimbi; yena uceba amacebo akhohlakeleyo ukuze
achithe abayanga ngamazwi amanga, lanxa oswelayo ekhuluma okulungileyo.

8 Kodwa ohloniphekayo uceba izinto ezihloniphekayo; langezinto
ezihloniphekayo yena uzakuma.

Ukuxwayiswa kwabesifazana beJerusalema

9 Vukani, besifazana abonwabileyo, lizwe ilizwi lami; madodakazi avikelekileyo,
bekani indlebe ekukhulumeni kwami.

10 Izinsuku ezedlula umnyaka lizathuthumela, besifazana abavikelekileyo, ngoba
ukuvunwa kwevini kuzaphela, ukubutha kakuyikufika.

11 Thuthumelani, besifazana abonwabileyo, liqhuqhe, bavikelekileyo; khululani,
lizinqunule, libhince amasakaenkalweni.

12 Bazakhalela amabele okumunya, amasimu amahle, ivini elithelayo.

13 Phezu komhlabathi wabantu bami kuzakhula ameva lokhula oluhlabayo; yebo,
phezu kwezindlu zonke zenjabulo, emzini wentokozo.

14 Ngoba isigodlo sizadelwa, inengi lomuzi lizatshiywa; inqaba
lemiphotshongo kuzakuba yimihome kuze kube phakade, intokozo yabobabhemi
beganga, lamadlelo emihlambi;

15 aze athululelwe phezu kwethu uMoya evela phezulu, lenkangala ibe yinsimu
ethelayo, lensimu ethelayo ithiwe lihlathi.

16 Khona isahlulelo sizahlala enkangala, lokulunga kuhlale ensimini ethelayo.

17 Lomsebenzi wokulunga uzakuba yikuthula, lokwenza kokulunga kube
yikuthula lokuqinisekiswa kuze kube nininini.

18 Labantu bami bazahlala endaweni yokuhlala elokuthula, lezindaweni
zokuhlala ezivikelekileyo, lezindaweni zokuphumula ezonwabileyo.

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19 Kodwa lizakuna ngesiqhotho ekwehleni kwehlathi, lomuzi uzathotshiswa endaweni ephansi.

20 Libusisiwe lina elihlanyela ngasemanzini wonke, lithumezela lapho inyawo zezinkabi labobabhemi.

UISAYA 33

INKOSI izakhulula abantu bayo

1 Maye kuwe ochithayo, kodwa ungachithwanga! Lowenza ngenkohliso, bengenzanga ngenkohliso kuwe! Lapho usuqedile ukuchitha, uzachithwa; lapho usucinile ukwenza ngenkohliso, bazakwenza ngenkohliso kuwe.

2 NKOSI, woba lomusa kithi, sikulindele; woba yingalo yabo ekuseni konke, losindiso lwethu ngesikhathi socindezelo.

3 Emsindweni wokuhlokoma abantu babaleka; ekuziphakamiseni kwakho izizwe zahlakazeka.

4 Lempango yenu izabuthwa njengokubutha kwecimbi, njengokugijima kwentethe uzagijima phezu kwayo.

5 INKOSI iphakeme, ngoba ihlala phezulu; igcwalise iZiyoni ngesahlulelo langokulunga.

6 Lenhlakanipho lolwazi kuzakuba yikuqina kwezikhathi zakho, amandla ezinsindiso; ukwesaba iNKOSIkuligugu lakhe.

7 Khangela, amaqhawe abo azakhala ngaphandle; izithunywa zokuthula zizakhala inyembezi ngokubabayo.

8 Imigwaqo emikhulu ize, owedlula ngendlela kakho; wephule isivumelwano, udelele imizi, kananzi muntu.

9 Ilizwe liyalila lidangele; iLebhanoni ilenhloni iyabuna; iSharoni injengenkangala; njalo iBashanileKharmeli kuyakhithiza.

10 Khathesi ngizavuka, kutsho iNKOSI; khathesi ngizadunyiswa; khathesi ngizaphakanyiswa.

11 Lizakhulelwa ngamakhoba, beselizala izibi; umoya wenu, njengomlilo, uzaliqeda.

12 Njalo abantu bazakuba njengokutshisiweyo kwekalaga; njengameva aqunyiweyo bazatshiswa emlilweni.

13 Zwanini, lina elikhatshana, engikwenzileyo; lani eliseduze, vumani amandla ami.

14 Izoni zeZiyoni ziyesaba, ukuthuthumela kubabambile abazenzisi. Ngubani phakathi kwethu ongahlala lomlilo oqothulayo? Ngubani phakathi kwethu ongahlala lokutshisa okulaphakade?

15 Yena ohamba ngokulunga, akhulume ngobuqotho, odelela inzuzo yezincindezelo, othintitha izandla zakhe ekubambeni isivalamlomo, ovala indlebe yakhe ekuzweni ngamacala legazi, ocimeza amehlo akhe ukuze angaboni okubi;

16 yena uzahlala ezindaweni eziphakemeyo; izinqaba zamadwala zibe yisivikelo sakhe; isinkwa sakhe asinikwe; amanzi akhe athembeke.

17 Amehlo akho azabona iNkosi ebuhleni bayo; abone ilizwe elikhatshana kakhulu.

18 Inhliziyo yakho izazindla ukwesabisa. Ungaphi umbhali? Ungaphi umlinganisi? Ungaphi obala imiphotshongo?

19 Kawuyikubona abantu abayiziqholo, abantu abenkulumo ejule okokuthi ungeyizwisise, abolimi olugagasayo ongeluqedisise.

20 Khangela iZiyoni, umuzi wemikhosi yethu emisiweyo; amehlo akho azabona iJerusalema, indawo yokuhlala elokonwaba, ithente elingayikusuka, ozikhonkwane zalo ezizasitshulwa phakade, kakuyikuqamuka leyodwa yezintambo zalo.

21 Kodwa lapho iNKOSI izakuba ngelobukhosi kithi, indawo yemifula, yezifula ezibanzi; umkolo olamaphini okugwedla ongahambi khona, lomkhumbi olamandla ongedluli khona.

22 Ngoba uJehova ungumahluleli wethu, uJehova ungumnikumthetho wethu, uJehova uyinkosi yethu, yena uzasisindisa.

23 Ingoda zakho ziyaxega; kaziyikuqinisa iqonde insika yazo yomkolo, zingeyelule iseyili; khona kuzakwabiwa impango yempango enengi, abaqhulayo baphange impango.

24 Lomhlali kayikuthi: Ngiyagula. Abantu abahlala kuyo bazathethelelwa iziphambeko.

UISAYA 34

INKOSI ithukuthelela izizwe zonke

1Sondelani, zizwe, ukuze lizwe; lani bantu, lilalele; umhlaba kawuzwe, lokugcwala kwawo; ilizwe, lakho konke okuvela kilo.

2 Ngoba intukuthelo yeNKOSI iphezu kwazo zonke izizwe, lolaka phezu kwawo wonke amabutho azo; izitshabalalisile, izinikele ekubulaweni.

3 Ababuleweyo bazo labo bazaphoselwa phandle, levumba labo lizakwenyuka
ezidunjini zabo, lezintaba zizancibilika ngegazi labo.

4 Lalo lonke ibutho lamazulu lizabola; lamazulu agoqwe njengomqulu; lalo lonke
ibutho labo liwele phansi, njengehlamvu liwohloka evinini,
lanjengomkhiwa owohlokayo esihlahleni somkhiwa.

5 Ngoba inkemba yami izacwila emazulwini; khangela, izakwehlela phezu
kukaEdoma laphezu kwabantu bokutshabalalisa kwami ngesigwebo.

6 Inkemba yeNKOSI igcwele igazi, inoniswe ngamafutha, ngegazi lamawundlu
lelezimbuzi, ngamahwahwa ezinso zezinqama; ngoba
iNKOSI ilomhlatshelo eBhozira, lokubulala okukhulu elizweni leEdoma.

7 Lezinyathi zizakwehla kanye lazo, lamajongosi kanye lezinkunzi. Njalo ilizwe
labo lizacwila egazini, lothuli lwabo lunoniswe ngamahwahwa.

8 Ngoba kulusuku lwempindiselo yeNKOSI, umnyaka wokubuyiselwa
kwempikisano yeZiyoni.

9 Lezifula zabo zizaphendulwa zibe yingcino, lothuli lwabo lube yisibabule;
lelizwe labo lizakuba yingcino etshayo.

10 Kaliyikucitshwa ubusuku lemini; intuthu yalo izakwenyuka laphakade;
kusukela esizukulwaneni kusiya kusizukulwana lizakuba yinkangala; kakho
ozadabula phakathi kwalo kuze kube nini lanini.

11 Kodwa iwunkwe lenhloni kuzakudla ilifa lalo; isikhova laso lewabayi kuzahlala
kulo. Njalo izakwelulaphezu kwalo intambo yencithakalo, lamatshe onxiwa.

12 Bazabizela izikhulu zalo embusweni, kodwa kakho ozakuba khona,
leziphathamandla zalo zonke zizakuba yinto engelutho.

13 Lameva azakhula ezigodlweni zalo, imbabazane lokhula oluhlabayo ezinqabeni
zalo; njalo libe yindawo yokuhlala yemigobho, umuzi wamadodakazi ezintshe.

14 Izilo zenkangala lazo zizahlangana lezilo ezihlaba umkhulungwane,
legogo lizakhalela umngane walo; lesikhova esikhalayo sizaphumula khona,
sizitholele indawo yokuphumula.

15 Lapho isikhova esikhulu sizakwakha isidleke, sibekele, sichamisele, sifukamele
ngaphansi komthunzi waso; amanqe lawo azabuthana lapho, yilelo lalelo
lomngane walo.

16 Dingani egwalweni lweNKOSI, lifunde; kakukho lokukodwa kwalokhu
okuzasilela, kakukho okuzaswela umngane wakho; ngoba umlomo wami
ngokwawo ulayile, lomoya wayo ngokwawo ukubuthanisile.

17 Ngoba yona ibenzele inkatho yokuphosa, lesandla sayo sibehlukanisele
ngentambo; lizakuba yilifa labo kuze kube phakade, kusukela kusizukulwana
kuze kube sesizukulwaneni bazahlala kulo.

UISAYA 35

Ukubuyiselwa kwabantu beNkosi

1 Inkangala legwadule kuzajabula ngabo; lehlane ithokoze, ikhahlele njengerosi,

2 ikhahlele kakhulu, ithokoze langentokozo lokuhlabelela. Inkazimulo yeLebhanoni izayinikwa, ubuhle beKharmeli leSharoni; khona kuzabona inkazimulo yeNkosi, ubukhosi bukaNkulunkulu wethu.

3 Qinisani izandla ezibuthakathaka, liqinise amadolo axegayo.

4 Tshonini kwabalenhliziyo ephangisayo lithi: Qinani, lingesabi. Khangelani, uNkulunkulu wenu uzakuza ngempindiselo, uNkulunkulu elomvuzo; yena uzakuza alisindise.

5 Khona amehlo eziphofu ezavuleka, lezindlebe zezacuthe zivuleke.

6 Khona oqhulayo ezakweqa njengendluzele, lolimi lwesimungulu luhlabelele; ngoba amanzi azaqhekeza endaweni elugwadule, lezifula enkangala.

7 Lomhlabathi otshileyo uzakuba lixhaphozi, lomhlabathi owomileyo ube yimithombo yamanzi. Endaweni yokuhlala yemigobho, endaweni yawo yokulala, kube lotshani lemihlanga lebhuma.

8 Kuzakuba lomgwaqo omkhulu khona, lendlela, ezathiwa yindlela yobungcwele; ongcolileyo kayikudlula kuyo, kodwa izakuba ngeyalowo; abahambayo ngaleyondlela, loba beyizithutha, kabayikulahleka.

9 Kakuyikuba khona isilwane lapho, lesilo esiphangayo kasiyikwenyuka phezu kwayo, kasiyikutholwa lapho; kodwa abahlengiweyo bazahamba ngayo.

10 Njalo abenzelwe inhlawulo yokuthula beNkosi bazabuyela, bafike eZiyoni ngengoma, belentokozo ephakade phezu kwekhanda labo; bazazuza intokozo lenjabulo, kubaleke-ke usizi lokububula.

UISAYA 36

Ukuhlaselwa kwelizwe lakoJuda nguSenakheribi

1 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lane wenkosi uHezekhiya, uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wenyuka wamelana lemizi yonke evikelweyo yakoJuda, wayithatha.

2 Njalo inkosi yeAsiriya yathuma uRabi-Shake esuka eLakishi esiya eJerusalema enkosini uHezekhiya lebutho elinzima. Wasesima emfolweni wechibi elingaphezulu, emgwaqweni omkhulu wensimu yomwatshi.

3 Kwasekuphumela kuye uEliyakhimi, indodana kaHilikhiya, owayephezu kwendlu, loShebina umbhali, loJowa indodana kaAsafi umabhalane.

4 URabi-Shake wasesithi kubo: Tshonini khathesi kuHezekhiya ukuthi: Itsho njalo inkosi enkulu, inkosi yeAsiriya: Lithemba bani leli othembele kulo?

5 Ngithi (kodwa yilizwi lendebe): Kuleseluleko lamandla empi. Khathesi uthembele kubani ukuthi ungivukele?

6 Khangela, uthembele kuloludondolo lwalo umhlanga owephukileyo, kuyo iGibhithe, okuthi uba umuntu eseyama kulo, luzangena esandleni sakhe lusihlabe. Unjalo uFaro inkosi yeGibhithe kubo bonke abathembela kuye.

7 Kodwa uba usithi kimi: Sithembela eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wethu; kakusuye yini ozindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo lamalathi akhe uHezekhiya akususileyo, wathi kuJuda leJerusalema: Lizakhonza phambi kwaleli ilathi?

8 Ngakho-ke ake unike isibambiso enkosini yami, inkosi yeAsiriya; njalo ngizakunika amabhiza azinkulungwane ezimbili, uba wena ulakho ukunika abagadi bamabhiza phezu kwawo.

9 Uzabuyisela njani-ke emuva ubuso bombusi oyedwa wabancinyane bezinceku zenkosi yami, wena-ke uthembela eGibhithe ngenxa yezinqola labagadi bamabhiza?

10 Khathesi sengenyukile yini ngingelaNKOSI ngimelene lalelilizwe ukulichitha? INKOSI yathi kimi: Yenyuka umelene lalelilizwe, ulichithe.

11 UEliyakimi loShebina loJowa basebesithi kuRabi-Shake: Ake ukhulume lenceku zakho ngesiSiriya, ngoba siyasiqedisisa; ungakhulumi lathi ngesiJuda, endlebeni zabantu abaphezu komduli.

12 Kodwa uRabi-Shake wathi: Inkosi yami ingithume enkosini yakho lakuwe yini ukukhuluma lamazwi? Kakusebantwini yini abahlezi phezu komduli ukuze badle ubulongwe babo, banathe umchamo wabo kanye lani?

13 URabi-Shake wema-ke, wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ngesiJuda, wathi: Zwanini amazwi enkosi enkulu, inkosi yeAsiriya.

14 Itsho njalo inkosi: UHezekhiya kangalikhohlisi, ngoba kayikuba lakho ukulikhulula.

15 Futhi uHezekhiya angalenzi lithembele eNKOSIni, esithi: INkosi izasikhulula lokusikhulula; lumuzi kawuyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya.

16 Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya, ngoba itsho njalo inkosi yeAsiriya: Dingani umusa wami ngesipho, lisithumele kimi; lidle ngulowo lalowo okwevini lakhe, langulowo lalowo okomkhiwa wakhe, linathe ngulowo lalowo amanzi omthombo wakhe;

17 ngize ngifike, ngilithathe, ngilise elizweni elifanana lelizwe lenu, ilizwe lamabele lewayini elitsha, ilizwe lesinkwa lezivini.

18 UHezekhiya kangalihugi esithi: INKOSI izasikhulula. Onkulunkulu bezizwe bakhulule yini, ngulowo lalowo ilizwe lakhe, esandleni samakhosi eAsiriya?

19 Bangaphi onkulunkulu beHamathi leArpadi? Bangaphi onkulunkulu beSefavayimi? Bayikhulule yini layo iSamariya esandleni sami?

20 Ngobani phakathi kwabo bonke onkulunkulu balawomazwe abakhulule ilizwe labo esandleni sami, ukuthi iNKOSI ikhulule iJerusalema esandleni sami?

21 Kodwa bathula, kabaze bamphendula lizwi, ngoba umlayo wenkosi wawuyikuthi: Lingamphenduli.

22 Kwasekufika uEliyakhimi, indodana kaHilikhiya, owayephezu kwendlu, loShebina umbhali, loJowa indodana kaAsafi, umabhalane, kuHezekhiya, izigqoko zabo zidatshuliwe, bamtshela amazwi kaRabi-Shake.

UISAYA 37

Ukukhululwa kwelizwe lakoJuda

1Kwasekusithi inkosi uHezekhiya isikuzwile, yadabula izigqoko zayo, yazembesa ngesaka, yangena endlini yeNKOSI.

2 Yasithuma uEliyakhimi umphathi wendlu, loShebina umabhalane, labadala babapristi bembethe amasaka, kuIsaya umprofethi indodana kaAmozi.

3 Basebesithi kuye: Utsho njalo uHezekhiya: Lolusuku lusuku lohlupho lolokusolwa lolokweyiswa, ngoba abantwana sebefikile emlonyeni wesizalo, kanti akulamandla okubeletha.

4 Mhlawumbe iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakho, izawezwa amazwi kaRabi-Shake, onkosi yeAsiriya, inkosi yakhe, emthume ukuthuka uNkulunkulu ophilayo, lokusola ngamazwi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ewazwileyo. Ngakho phakamisa umkhuleko ngensali etholakeleyo.

5 Ngakho inceku zenkosi uHezekhiya zafika kuIsaya.

6 UIsaya wasesithi kuzo: Lizakutsho njalo enkosini yenu: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ungesabi amazwi owezwileyo, inceku zenkosi yeAsiriya ezingithuke ngawo.

7 Khangela, ngizafaka umoya kuyo, njalo izakuzwa ihungahunga, ibuyele elizweni layo; njalo ngizayenza ukuthi iwe ngenkemba elizweni layo.

8 URabi-Shake wasebuyela, wafica inkosi yeAsiriya isilwa imelene leLibhina; ngoba wayezwile ukuthi isisukile eLakishi.

9 Wasesizwa ngoTirihaka inkosi yeEthiyophiya kuthiwa: Uphumile ukuzakulwa lawe. Esekuzwile wathuma izithunywa kuHezekhiya esithi:

10 Lizakhuluma kanje kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lithi: UNkulunkulu wakho othembele kuye kangakukhohlisi esithi: IJerusalema kayiyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya.

11 Khangela, wena usuzwile ukuthi amakhosi eAsiriya enzeni kuwo wonke amazwe ngokuwatshabalalisa. Wena-ke uzakhululwa yini?

12 Onkulunkulu bezizwe bazikhulula yini obaba abazichithayo, iGozani leHarani
leRezefi, labantwana beEdeni ababeseTelasari?

13 Ingaphi inkosi yeHamathi, lenkosi yeArpadi, lenkosi yomuzi weSefavayimi,
iHena, leIva?

14 UHezekhiya wasesemukela izincwadi esandleni sezithunywa, wazifunda,
wenyukela endlini yeNKOSI; uHezekhiya wasezichaya phambi kweNKOSI.

15 UHezekhiya wasekhuleka eNKOSIni, esithi:

16 NKOSI yamabandla, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ohlala phakathi kwamakherubhi,
nguwe wedwa onguNkulunkulu wayo yonke imibuso yomhlaba; wena wenze
amazulu lomhlaba.

17 Thoba indlebe yakho, NKOSI, uzwe, vula amehlo akho, NKOSI, ubone; uzwe
wonke amazwi kaSenakheribi awathumele ukuklolodela uNkulunkulu ophilayo.

18 Qiniso, NKOSI, amakhosi eAsiriya achithile zonke izizwe lamazwe azo;

19 aphosela onkulunkulu bazo emlilweni, ngoba babengeyisibo onkulunkulu,
kodwa umsebenzi wezandla zabantu, izigodo lamatshe; ngalokho bababhubhisa.

20 Ngakho-ke, NKOSI Nkulunkulu wethu, sisindise esandleni sakhe, ukuze yonke
imibuso yomhlaba yazi ukuthi wena wedwa uyiNKOSI.

21 UIsaya indodana kaAmozi wasethumela kuHezekhiya, esithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Lokho okukhuleke kimi ngoSenakheribi inkosi
yeAsiriya,

22 leli yilizwi iNKOSI elikhulume ngaye: Intombi emsulwa, indodakazi
yeZiyoni iyakudelela, iyakuklolodela; indodakazi yeJerusalema inikina ikhanda
ngemva kwakho.

23 Ngubani omeyisileyo wamhlambaza? Njalo uphakamisele bani ilizwi,
waphakamisela amehlo akho phezulu? Umelene loNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

24 Uklolodele iNkosi ngesandla sezinceku zakho, wathi: Ngobunengi bezinqola
zami mina ngenyukele endaweni ephakemeyo yezintaba, ezinhlangothini
zeLebhanoni. Njalo ngizagamula imisedari yayo emide, ikhethelo lezihlahla
zamafiri ayo, ngingene ekuphakameni kwemingcele yayo, igusu leKharmeli layo.

25 Mina ngagebha, nganatha amanzi, langengaphansi yenyawo zami ngomisa
yonke imifula yendawo evinjelweyo.

26 Kawuzwanga yini ukuthi ngakwenza endulo, ngakubumba ensukwini zendulo?
Khathesi ngikufikisile, ukuthi ube ngowokudiliza imizi evikelweyo ibe zinqumbi
zamanxiwa.

27 Ngakho abahlali bayo babelesandla esifitshane, besaba, baba lenhloni, baba njengotshani beganga, lemibhida eluhlaza, utshani bempahla, lamabele ahanguliweyo engakami.

28 Kodwa ngiyakwazi ukuhlala kwakho, lokuphuma kwakho, lokungena kwakho, lokungithukuthelela kwakho.

29 Ngenxa yokungithukuthelela kwakho, lokuthi umsindo wakho wenyukele endlebeni zami, ngizakufaka umkhala wami emakhaleni akho, letomu lami endebeni zakho, ngikwenze ubuyele ngendlela oweza ngayo.

30 Lokhu-ke kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe; lonyaka uzakudla okuzikhulelayo; langomnyaka wesibili umkhukhuzela; kuthi ngomnyaka wesithathu lihlanyele, livune, lihlanyele izivini, lidle izithelo zazo.

31 Lokuphephileyo kwendlu yakoJuda okuseleyo kuzaphinda kugxumeke impande phansi, kuthele izithelo ngaphezulu.

32 Ngoba kuzaphuma eJerusalema insali, lokuphephileyo entabeni yeZiyoni. Ukutshiseka kweNKOSI yamabandla kuzakwenza lokhu.

33 Ngakho, utsho njalo uJehova ngenkosi yeAsiriya: Kayiyikungena kulumuzi, kayiyikutshoka umtshoko khona, kayiyikuza phambi kwawo ilesihlangu, kayiyikubuthelela idundulu maqondana lawo.

34 Ngendlela eyeza ngayo, ngayo izabuyela, njalo kayiyikungena kulo umuzi, itsho iNKOSI.

35 Ngoba ngizawuvikela lumuzi ukuwusindisa, ngenxa yami, langenxa kaDavida inceku yami.

36 Khona kwaphuma ingilosi yeNKOSI, yatshaya enkambeni yamaAsiriya abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu. Kwathi bevuka ekuseni kakhulu, khangela-ke, bonke babeyizidumbu ezifileyo.

37 Ngakho uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wasuka, wahamba ebuyela, wahlala eNineve.

38 Kwasekusithi ekhonza endlini kaNisiroki unkulunkulu wakhe, oAdrameleki loSharezeri amadodana akhe bamtshaya ngenkemba; bona basebephephela elizweni leArarathi. UEsarihadoni indodana yakhe wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

UISAYA 38

Ukugula kukaHezekhiya

1 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula waphos'ukufa. UIsaya indodana kaAmozi umprofethi wasefika kuye, wathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Layezela indlu yakho, ngoba uzakufa, kawuyikuphila.

2 UHezekhiya wasephendulela ubuso bakhe ngasemdulini, wakhuleka eNKOSIni,

3 wathi: Ngiyakuncenga, NKOSI, ake ukhumbule ukuthi ngihambe phambi kwakho ngobuqotho langenhliziyo epheleleyo, ngenza okulungileyo emehlweni akho. UHezekhiya wasekhala inyembezi ngokukhala okukhulu.

4 Kwasekufika ilizwi leNKOSI kuIsaya, lisithi:

5 Hamba, uthi kuHezekhiya: Itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaDavida uyihlo: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho, ngibonile inyembezi zakho; khangela, ngizakwengezelela iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu ensukwini zakho,

6 ngikukhulule wena lalumuzi esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya, ngiwuvikele lumuzi.

7 Lalesi yisibonakaliso kuwe esivela eNKOSIni, esokuthi iNKOSI izayenza le into eyikhulumileyo.

8 Khangela, ngizabuyisela emuva isithunzi sezinyathelo esesehlile ezinyathelweni zelanga zikaAhazi, izinyathelo ezilitshumi emuva. Ilanga laselibuyela emuva izinyathelo ezilitshumi, ngezinyathelo elalehle ngazo.

9 Umbhalo kaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lapho egula, esesile emkhuhlaneni wakhe.

10 Mina ngathi: Ekuqunyweni kwezinsuku zami ngizakuya emasangweni engcwaba; ngemukiwe insali yeminyaka yami.

11 Ngathi: Kangiyikubona uJehova, uJehova elizweni labaphilayo; kangisayikubona muntu labahlali bomhlaba.

12 Isizukulwana sami sesisukile, sasuswa kimi njengethente lomelusi; ngiqume impilo yami njengomeluki; uzangiquma njengomkhuhlane ocikizayo; kusukela emini kuze kube sebusuku uzangiqeda.

13 Ngabalisa kwaze kwaba sekuseni; njengesilwane, ngokunjalo uzakwephula amathambo ami wonke; kusukela emini kuze kube sebusuku uzangiqeda.

14 Njengenkonjane kumbe ihemu, ngokunjalo ngatshiyoza; ngilila njengejuba; amehlo ami afiphalangokukhangela phezulu. Nkosi, ngicindezelwe; woba yisibambiso sami.

15 Ngingathini? Ikhulumile kimi, yona uqobo ikwenzile. Ngizahamba kabuthakathaka yonke iminyaka yami ebuhlungwini bomphefumulo wami.

16 Nkosi, ngalezizinto bayaphila, lakuzo zonke lezizinto kulempilo yomoya wami. Njalo uzangelapha, ungiphilise.

17 Khangela, kulokuthula ngibe lobuhlungu obukhulu, kodwa wena uwuthandile umphefumulo wamiwawukhulula egodini lencithakalo, ngoba uphosele ngemva komhlana wakho zonke izono zami.

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18 Ngoba ingcwaba lingekubonge; ukufa kungekudumise; labo abehlela emgodini bangelithembele iqiniso lakho.

19 Ophilayo, ophilayo, yena uzakudumisa, njengami lamuhla; uyise uzakwazisa abantwana iqiniso lakho.

20 INKOSI yayilungele ukungisindisa; ngakho sizahlabelela izingoma zami ngamachacho insuku zonke zempilo yethu endlini yeNKOSI.

21 Ngoba uIsaya wayethe: Kabathathe isigaqa somkhiwa, basifake njengomnameko phezu kwethumba, njalo uzasila.

22 UHezekhiya laye wayethe: Siyini isibonakaliso sokuthi ngizakwenyukela endlini yeNKOSI?

UISAYA 39

Inkosi yeBhabhiloni ithuma izithunywa kuHezekhiya

1 Ngalesosikhathi uMerodaki-Baladani, indodana kaBaladani inkosi yeBhabhiloni, wathumela izincwadi lesipho kuHezekhiya, ngoba wayezwile ukuthi ubekade egula, useqinile.

2 UHezekhiya wasethokoza ngazo, wabatshengisa indlu yokuligugu kwakhe, isiliva, legolide, lamakha, lamafutha amahle, lendlu yonke yezikhali zakhe, lakho konke okwatholakala kokuligugu kwakhe; kakubanga lalutho endlini yakhe lembusweni wakhe wonke uHezekhiya angabatshengisanga lona.

3 Wasefika uIsaya umprofethi enkosini uHezekhiya, wathi kuyo: Atheni lamadoda? Futhi avele ngaphi esiza kuwe? UHezekhiya wasesithi: Avele elizweni elikhatshana esiza kimi, eBhabhiloni.

4 Wasesithi: Aboneni endlini yakho? UHezekhiya wasesithi: Abone konke okusendlini yami; kakulalutho phakathi kokuligugu kwami engingawatshengisanga lona.

5 UIsaya wasesithi kuHezekhiya: Zwana ilizwi leNKOSI yamabandla.

6 Khangela, insuku ziyeza lapho konke okusendlini yakho, lalokho oyihlo abakubuthelelayo kuze kube lamuhla, kuzathwalelwa eBhabhiloni; kakuyikusala lutho, kutsho iNKOSI.

7 Njalo bazathatha emadodaneni akho azaphuma kuwe, ozawazala; njalo abe ngabathenwa esigodlweni senkosi yeBhabhiloni.

8 UHezekhiya wasesithi kuIsaya: Ilizwi leNKOSI olikhulumileyo lilungile. Wathi futhi: Ngoba kuzakuba lokuthula leqiniso ensukwini zami.

UISAYA 40

Abantu bakaNkulunkulu bayaduduzwa

1 Duduzani, liduduze abantu bami, utsho uNkulunkulu wenu.

2 Khulumani kunhliziyo yeJerusalema, limemeze kuyo ukuthi imfazo yayo iphelelisiwe, ukuthi ububi bayo buthethelelwe, ngoba yemukele esandleni seNKOSI okuphindwe kabili ngazo zonke izono zayo.

3 Ilizwi lomemezayo ehlane lithi: Lungisani indlela yeNKOSI, lenzele uNkulunkulu wethu umgwaqo omkhuluoqondileyo enkangala.

4 Sonke isigodi sizaphakanyiswa, layo yonke intaba loqaqa kuzakwehliswa; lokugobileyo kuzakwenziwa kuqonde, lendawo ezimaxhakaxhaka zibe ligceke.

5 Inkazimulo yeNKOSI izabonakaliswa, layo yonke inyama iyibone kanyekanye, ngoba umlomo weNKOSIukhulumile.

6 Ilizwi lathi: Memeza! Wasesithi: Ngizamemeza ngithini? Yonke inyama ibutshani, labo bonke ubuhle bayo bunjengeluba leganga.

7 Utshani buyabuna, iluba liyawohloka, ngoba uMoya weNKOSI uphephetha kukho; isibili abantu babutshani.

8 Utshani buyabuna, iluba liyawohloka; kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu wethu limi kuze kube nini lanini.

9 Wena Ziyoni, oletha izindaba ezinhle, khwela entabeni ende; wena Jerusalema, oletha izindaba ezinhle, phakamisa ilizwi lakho ngamandla, liphakamise ungesabi; tshono emizini yakoJuda uthi: Khangelani, uNkulunkulu wenu.

10 Khangela, iNkosi uJehova izakuza ngamandla, lengalo yayo izayibusela; khangela, umvuzo wayo ilawo, lenkokhelo yayo iphambi kwayo.

11 Izakwelusa umhlambi wayo njengomelusi, izabutha amawundlu ngengalo yayo, iwathwale esifubeni sayo, ikhokhele kuhle ezimunyisayo.

Ngubani onjengoNkulunkulu?

12 Ngubani olinganise amanzi entendeni yesandla sakhe, walinganisa amazulu ngeminwe eyeluliweyo, wahlanganisa uthuli lomhlaba esilinganisweni, walinganisa izintaba ngesikali, lamaqaqa ngesilinganiso?

13 Ngubani oqondise uMoya weNKOSI, kumbe wamfundisa engumeluleki wakhe?

14 Yelulekane lobani, owayenza yaqedisisa, wayifundisa endleleni yesahlulelo, wayifundisa ulwazi, wayazisa indlela yokuqedisisa?

15 Khangela, izizwe zinjengethonsi lenkonxa, zibalwa njengothuli lwesikali. Khangela, uphakamisa izihlengenjengento encinyane kakhulu.

16 LeLebhanoni kayeneli ukutsha, lenyamazana zayo kazeneli umnikelo wokutshiswa.

17 Zonke izizwe zinjengezingasilutho phambi kwayo, zibalwa kuyo zincinyane kulokungelutho lokuyize.

18 Pho, lizamfananisa lobani uNkulunkulu, loba mfanekiso bani elizamlinganisa lawo?

19 Ingcitshi incibilikisa isithombe esibaziweyo, lomkhandi wegolide uyasinameka ngegolide, abumbe ngokuncibilikisa amaketane esiliva.

20 Lowo ongumyanga ongelamnikelo ukhetha isihlahla esingaboliyo, azidingele umbazi oyingcitshi ukuze alungise isithombe esingayikunyikinywa.

21 Kalazi yini? Kalizwanga yini? Kalitshelwanga yini kwasekuqaleni? Kaliqedisisanga yini kwasekusekelwenikomhlaba?

22 Kunguye ohlala phezu kwesigombolozi somhlaba, labahlali bawo banjengentethe; owendlala amazulunjengekhetheni, awelule njengethente lokuhlala;

23 owenza iziphathamandla zingabi yilutho, enze abehluleli bomhlaba babe njengeze.

24 Yebo, kabayikugxunyekwa; yebo, kabayikuhlanyelwa; yebo, isiqu sabo kasiyikugxila emhlabathini; laye uzaphephetha phezu kwabo, babune; lesivunguzane sibasuse njengamabibi.

25 Pho, lizangifananisa lobani, engizafanana laye? kutsho oNgcwele.

26 Phakamiselani amehlo enu phezulu, libone odale lezizinto; okhipha ibutho lazo ngenani; azibize zonke ngamabizo ngobukhulu bamandla akhe, ngoba eqinile emandleni; kayikho leyodwa esilelayo.

27 Utsholoni, wena Jakobe, ukhulume, wena Israyeli ukuthi: Indlela yami isithekile eNKOSIni lesahlulelo samisedlulisiwe nguNkulunkulu wami?

28 Kawazi yini, kawukezwa yini? UNkulunkulu olaphakade, iNKOSI, uMdali wemikhawulo yomhlaba kapheli amandla njalo kadinwa? Kakuphenyeki ukuqedisisa kwakhe.

29 Inika abadangeleyo amandla, lakwabangaqinanga yandisa amandla.

30 Labatsha bazaphelelwa ngamandla, badinwe, lamajaha azakuwa lokuwa;

31 kodwa abalindela iNKOSI bazavuselela amandla; bazaqonga ngempiko njengenkozi, bagijime bangadinwa, bahambe bangapheli amandla.

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UNkulunkulu uzamlondoloza uIsrayeli

1Thulani phambi kwami, zihlenge, kakuthi abantu bavuselele amandla; kabasondele; babesebekhuluma; kasisondele kanyekanye kusahlulelo.

2 Ngubani owavusa olungileyo ngasempumalanga? Wambizela enyaweni lwakhe; wanikela izizwe phambi kwakhe, wamenza wabusa phezu kwamakhosi,

wawanikela enkembeni yakhe njengothuli, edandilini lakhe njengezibi eziqhutshelwayo.

3 Waxotshana lawo, wedlula ephephile, ngendlela angayihambanga ngenyawo zakhe.

4 Ngubani okusebenzileyo, wakwenza, ebiza izizukulwana kwasekuqaleni? Mina iNKOSI ngingowokuqala, njalo ngilabokucina; nginguye.

5 Izihlenge zakubona, zesaba; imikhawulo yomhlaba yathuthumela; yasondela, yafika.

6 Basiza, ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe, wonke wasesithi kumfowabo: Qina!

7 Umbazi waseqinisa umkhandi wegolide, lololonga ngesando lowo otshaya isikhandelo, esithi: Kulungele ukunuselwa; wakuqinisa ngezipikili ukuze kunganyikinyeki.

8 Kodwa wena Israyeli, nceku yami, Jakobe engikukhethileyo, nzalo kaAbrahama isithandwa sami,

9 wena engakubambayo kwasemikhawulweni yomhlaba, ngakubiza ezikhulwini zawo, ngathi kuwe: Uyinceku yami, ngikukhethile, kangikulahlanga;

10 ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe, ungathalathalazi, ngoba mina nginguNkulunkulu wakho; ngizakuqinisa, yebo ngizakusiza, yebo ngizakusekela ngesandla sami sokunene esokulunga kwami.

11 Khangela bonke abakuthukuthelelayo bazayangeka badaniswe, bazakuba njengento engesilutho; labantu abalwa lawe bazabhubha.

12 Uzabadinga, ungabatholi; abantu abaphikisana lawe bazakuba njengento engesilutho, labantu abalwa lawe bazakuba njengeze.

13 Ngoba mina NKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakho, ngibamba isandla sakho sokunene, ngisithi kuwe: Ungesabi, mina ngizakusiza.

14 Ungesabi, mpethu enguJakobe, bantu bakoIsrayeli; mina ngizakusiza, kutsho iNKOSI, lomhlengi wakho, oNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

15 Khangela, ngizakwenza ube lubhulo olubukhali olutsha, olubukhali nhlangothi zombili; uzabhula izintaba uzichoboze, wenze amaqaqa abe njengamakhoba;

16 uzawela, lomoya uzawasusa, lesivunguzane siwachithachithe; njalo wena uthokoze ngeNKOSI, uzidumisengoNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

17 Abayanga labaswelayo badinga amanzi, kodwa engekho; ulimi lwabo lome ngokoma; mina NKOSIngizabaphendula; mina Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli kangiyikubadela.

18 Ngizavula imifula emadundulwini, lemithombo phakathi kwezigodi;
ngizakwenza inkangala ibe yisiziba samanzi, lomhlabathi owomileyo ube
yiziphethu zamanzi.

19 Ngizamisa enkangala umsedari, isihlahla sesinga, lemiteli, lesihlahla
samafutha; ngibeke egwaduleni isihlahla sefiri, umangwe, lomsayiphuresi
ndawonye;

20 ukuze babone, bazi, baqaphelise, baqedisise kanyekanye, ukuthi isandla
seNKOSI sikwenzile lokhu, loNgcwele kaIsrayeli ukudalile.

Abanye onkulunkulu bayize

21 Sondezani indaba yenu, itsho iNKOSI, lisondeze izizatho zenu eziqinileyo, itsho
iNkosi kaJakobe.

22 Kabasondeze, basitshele okuzakwenzakala; kabakhulume izinto zamandulo,
ukuthi ziyini, ukuze sizibeke enhliziyweni yethu, sazi isiphetho sazo; loba yenza
ukuthi sizwe izinto ezizayo.

23 Tshonini izinto ezizakuza ngasemuva, ukuze sazi ukuthi lingonkulunkulu;
yebo, yenzani okuhle kumbe lenze okubi, ukuze simangale, sikhangele
kanyekanye.

24 Khangelani, livela kokungekho, lomsebenzi wenu uvela emayeni; uyisinengiso
olikhethayo.

25 Ngimvusile ovela enyakatho, njalo uzafika, evela lapho eliphuma khona
ilanga uzabiza ibizo lami; njalo uzakwehlela phezu kweziphathamandla
njengodaka, lanjengombumbi evoxa ibumba.

26 Ngubani owabikayo kwasekuqaleni, ukuze sazi? langaphambili ukuze
sitsho ukuthi: Ulungile? Yebo, kakho obikayo, yebo, kakho ozwakalisayo, yebo,
kakho owezwayo amazwi enu.

27 Owokuqala uzakuthi eZiyoni: Khangela, ubakhangele; njalo ngizanika
iJerusalema oletha izindaba ezinhle.

28 Ngoba ngakhangela, njalo kwakungelamuntu, laphakathi kwabo kungekho
umeluleki, ukuthi, lapho ngibabuza, baphendule ilizwi.

29 Khangela, bonke bayize; imisebenzi yabo kayisilutho; izithombe zabo
ezibunjiweyo zingumoya lokusanganiseka.

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Inceku yeNKOSI

1Khangela inceku yami, engiyisekelayo, umkhethwa wami,
othokoza ngaye umphefumulo wami; ngibekile uMoya wami phezu kwakhe;
uzavezela izizwe isahlulelo.

2 Kayikumemeza, kayikuphakamisa ilizwi, kayikwenza ilizwi lakhe lizwakale esitaladeni.

3 Umhlanga ofecekileyo kayikuwephula, lentambo yesibane ethunqayo kayikuyicitsha; uzaveza isahlulelo ngeqiniso.

4 Kayikudinwa, kayikwephulwa, aze amise isahlulelo emhlabeni; lezihlenge zizalindela umlayo wakhe.

5 Utsho njalo uNkulunkulu iNKOSI, owadala amazulu, wawelula, owendlala umhlaba lalokho okuphuma kuwo, onika abantu abakuwo ukuphefumula, lomoya kulabo abahamba kuwo.

6 Mina NKOSI ngikubizile ngokulunga, ngizabamba isandla sakho, ngikulondoloze, ngikunike ube yisivumelwano sabantu, ube yikukhanya kwabezizwe.

7 Ukuthi uvule amehlo eziphofu, ukuthi ukhuphe izibotshwa entolongweni, labahlezi emnyameni endlini yezibotshwa.

8 NgiyiNKOSI, lelo libizo lami; lodumo lwami kangiyikulunika omunye, kumbe indumiso yami ezithombeni ezibaziweyo.

9 Khangela, izinto zamandulo sezifikile; sengimemezela izinto ezintsha; zingakahlumi ngilitshela ngazo.

Ingoma entsha yokudumisa iNKOSI

10 Hlabelelani iNKOSI ingoma entsha, indumiso zayo kusukela emkhawulweni womhlaba; lina elehlela elwandle, lokugcwala kwalo, zihlenge, labahlali bazo.

11 Kakuthi inkangala lemizi yayo kuphakamise ilizwi, lemizi uKedari ahlala kuyo; kakuthi abahlali bedwala bahlabelele, bamemeze besengqongeni yezintaba.

12 Kabayinike udumo iNKOSI, bamemezele indumiso yayo ezihlengeni.

13 INKOSI izaphuma njengeqhawe, ivuselele ukutshiseka njengendoda yempi; izamemeza, yebo iklabalale, izinqobe izitha zayo.

14 Kwasendulo ngithule, ngathi zwi, ngazibamba; ngizakhala njengowesifazana obelethayo; ngiphefuzele, ngikhefuzele kanyekanye.

15 Ngizabhidliza izintaba lamaqaqa, ngomise konke okuluhlaza kwazo, ngenze imifula ibe yizihlenge, ngomise amachibi.

16 Njalo ngizakwenza iziphofu zihambe ngendlela ezingayaziyo, ngizikhokhelele emikhondweni ezingayaziyo; ngizakwenza umnyama ube yikukhanya phambi kwazo, lezinto ezigobileyo ziqonde; lezizinto ngizazenza kuzo, ngingaziyekeli.

UIsrayeli wahlupheka ngenxa yokungalaleli umlayo weNKOSI

17 Bazabuyiselwa emuva, bayangeke ngenhloni abathembela ezithombeni ezibaziweyo, abathi ezithombeni ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa: Lingonkulunkulu bethu.

18 Zwanini lina zacuthe, lani ziphofu likhangele, ukuze libone.

19 Ngubani oyisiphofu ngaphandle kwenceku yami, kumbe oyisacuthe njengesithunywa sami engisithumayo? Ngubani oyisiphofu njengopheleleyo, loyisiphofu njengenceku yeNKOSI?

20 Wena ubona izinto ezinengi, kodwa ungaziqaphelisi; yena uvula izindlebe, kodwa kezwa.

21 INKOSI iyathokoza ngenxa yokulunga kwayo; ikhulise umlayo, iwenze ube lodumo.

22 Kodwa laba ngabantu abantshontshelwayo baphangwa, bonke bathiyiwe emigodini, bafihlwa ezintolongweni; bangabokuphangwa, njalo kungekho okhululayo; bayimpango, njalo kungabikho othi: Buyisela.

23 Ngubani phakathi kwenu ozabeka indlebe kulokhu, ozalalela azwe esikhathini esizayo?

24 Ngubani owanikela uJakobe ekuphangweni, loIsrayeli kubaphangi? Kwakungeyisiyo yini iNKOSI esone kuyo? Ngoba bengavumanga ukuhamba endleleni zayo, njalo bengalalelanga umlayo wayo.

25 Ngakho yathululela phezu kwakhe ukuvutha kolaka lwayo, lamandla empi; njalo kwamthungela ngomliloinhlangothi zonke, kodwa kakwazanga; kwamtshisa, kodwa kakubekanga enhliziyweni.

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Uhlengo lukaIsrayeli

1Kodwa khathesi itsho njalo iNKOSI eyakudalayo, wena Jakobe, leyakubumbayo, wena Israyeli: Ungesabi, ngoba ngikuhlengile, ngakubiza ngebizo lakho; ungowami.

2 Lapho udabula emanzini ngizakuba lawe, lemifuleni, kayiyikukukhukhula; lapho uhamba udabula emlilweni, kawuyikutsha, lelangabi kaliyikukulumathisa.

3 Ngoba ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, oNgcwele kaIsrayeli, uMsindisi wakho. Nginikele iGibhithe libelihlawulo lokuthula lakho, iEthiyophiya leSeba esikhundleni sakho.

4 Njengoba wawuligugu emehlweni ami, wawudumile, njalo mina ngikuthandile. Ngakho ngizanika abantuesikhundleni sakho, lezizwe endaweni yempilo yakho.

5 Ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe; ngizaletha inzalo yakho ivela empumalanga, ngikubuthe uvela entshonalanga;

6 ngizakutsho kuyo inyakatho: Phana; lakuningizimu: Ungagodli; lethani amadodana ami akhatshana, lamadodakazi ami asemkhawulweni womhlaba,

7 wonke obizwa ngebizo lami; ngoba ngimdalele udumo lwami, ngimbumbile,
yebo ngimenzile.

8 Khuphani abantu abayiziphofu abalamehlo, lezacuthe ezilendlebe.

9 Izizwe zonke kazibuthane ndawonye, labantu bahlangane. Ngubani phakathi
kwabo ongamemezela lokhu, asenze sizwe izinto zamandulo? Kabalethe
abafakazi babo, ukuze balungisiswe, kumbe bezwe bathi: Kuliqiniso.

10 Lingabafakazi bami, kutsho iNKOSI, lenceku yami engiyikhethileyo; ukuze lazi,
lingikholwe, liqedisise ukuthi nginguye; ngaphambi kwami kakubunjwanga
unkulunkulu, langemva kwami kayikuba khona.

11 Mina, mina ngiyiNKOSI; langaphandle kwami kakulamsindisi.

12 Ngimemezele, ngasindisa, ngazwakalisa,
kungakabikho unkulunkulu wezizwe phakathi kwenu; ngakho lingabafakazi
bami, kutsho iNKOSI, ukuthi nginguNkulunkulu.

13 Yebo, kungakabi khona usuku, mina nginguye; njalo kakho ongakhulula
esandleni sami; ngizasebenza, njalo ngubani ongakubuyisela emuva?

14 Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uMhlengi wenu, oNgcwele kaIsrayeli: Ngenxa yenu
ngithumele eBhabhiloni, ngehlisele phansi bonke ababalekayo babo,
lamaKhaladiya okukhala kwawo kusemikhunjini.

15 NgiyiNKOSI, oNgcwele wenu, uMdali kaIsrayeli, inkosi yenu.

16 Itsho njalo iNKOSI, eyenza indlela olwandle, lomkhondo emanzini alamandla,

17 ekhupha inqola lebhiza, ibutho lamandla; kuzalala ndawonye, kakuyikuvuka;
kuzaphela du, kucitshe njengentambo yesibane.

18 Lingakhumbuli izinto zakuqala, linganakani ngezinto zendulo.

19 Khangelani, ngizakwenza into entsha; khathesi izahluma, kaliyikuyazi yini?
Yebo, ngizakwenza indlela enkangala, imifula ogwaduleni.

20 Inyamazana zeganga zizangidumisa, imigobho lamadodakazi ezintshe; ngoba
nginika amanzi enkangala, imifula ogwaduleni, ukunathisa abantu bami,
abakhethiweyo bami.

21 Lababantu ngizibumbele bona; bazalandisa udumo lwami.

22 Kanti kawungibizanga, Jakobe, kodwa udiniwe ngami, Israyeli.

23 Kawulethanga kimi izimvu zomnikelo wakho wokutshiswa,
kawungihloniphanga ngemihlatshelo yakho. Kangikwenzanga wakhonza
ngomnikelo, kangikudinisanga ngempepha.

24 Kawungithengelanga umhlanga olephunga elimnandi ngemali, njalo kawungisuthisanga ngamahwahwa emihlatshelo yakho; kodwa ungenze ngasebenza ngezono zakho, wangidinisa ngeziphambeko zakho.

25 Mina, mina nginguye owesula iziphambeko zakho ngenxa yami, kangiyikuzikhumbula izono zakho.

26 Ngikhumbuza; kasehlulelane; landisa wena, ukuze ulungisiswe.

27 Uyihlo wokuqala wona, labachasisi bakho baphambukile bemelene lami.

28 Ngakho ngingcolise iziphathamandla zendlu engcwele, nganikela uJakobe ekutshabalalisweni, loIsrayeli ekuthukweni.

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INKOSI inguNkulunkulu yodwa

1 Kodwa khathesi zwana, Jakobe nceku yami, lawe Israyeli engikukhethileyo.

2 Itsho njalo INKOSI umenzi wakho lombumbi wakho kusukela esiswini, ezakusiza: Ungesabi, Jakobe, nceku yami, lawe Jeshuruni engikukhethileyo.

3 Ngoba ngizathela amanzi phezu kwakhe owomileyo, lezikhukhula emhlabathini owomileyo; ngizathela umoya wami phezu kwenzalo yakho, lesibusiso sami phezu kwembewu yakho.

4 Bazahluma phakathi kotshani, njengeminyezane ngasezifuleni zamanzi.

5 Omunye uzakuthi: Mina ngingoweNKOSI; lomunye azibize ngebizo likaJakobe, lomunye abhale esandleni sakheukuthi: NgingoweNKOSI; azibonge ngebizo likaIsrayeli.

6 Utsho njalo uJehova, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, loMhlengi wakhe, iNKOSI yamabandla: Ngingowokuqala njalo ngingowokucina; njalo ngaphandle kwami kakho uNkulunkulu.

7 Njalo ngubani ongabiza njengami, akumemezele, angihlelele khona, kusukela ngimisa abantu bendulo? Lezinto ezizayo, lezizakuza, kabazimemezele kubo.

8 Lingatshaywa luvalo, lingesabi; kangikuzwisanga yini kusukela ngalesosikhathi, ngakumemezela? Njalo lina lingabafakazi bami. Kukhona yini uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami? Yebo, kalikho elinye iDwala; kangilazi.

Ngezithombe

9 Bonke ababumba izithombe ezibaziweyo bayize, lezinto zabo ezithandekayo kazisizi lutho; labo bangabafakazi babo, kababoni, kabazi; ukuze bayangeke.

10 Ngubani obumbe unkulunkulu, loba wabumba ngokuncibilikisa isithombe esibaziweyo esingasizi lutho?

11 Khangela, bonke abangane bakhe bazayangeka; lababazi bangababantu; kababuthane bonke, basukume; bazakwesaba, bayangeke kanyekanye.

12 Umkhandi wensimbi ukhanda ihloka, asebenze emalahleni, alibumbe ngezando, alisebenze ngamandla engalo yakhe; yebo, alambe, aze aphele amandla; kanathi manzi, aze adinwe.

13 Umbazi welula intambo yokulinganisa, adwebe ngosungulo, asenze ngezancele, asidwebe ngekhampasi, asenze ngomfanekiso womuntu, ngokobuhle bomuntu, ukuze sihlale endlini.

14 Uzigamulela imisedari, athathe umsayiphuresi lesihlahla se-okhi, aziqinisela zona phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu, ahlanyele ifiri, lezulu liyikhulise.

15 Kuzakuba-ke ngokomuntu ukuthi akubase, njalo uzathatha kukho, othe; yebo akubase, abhake isinkwa; yebo enze unkulunkulu, amkhonze, enze isithombe esibaziweyo, akhothame kuso.

16 Atshise ingxenye yakho emlilweni; ngengxenye yakho adle inyama, ose amawoso asuthe; yebo, uyotha athi: Alala! ngiyakhudumala, ngiwubonile umlilo.

17 Njalo okuseleyo kwakho akwenze kube ngunkulunkulu, kube yisithombe sakhe esibaziweyo; akhothame kuso, akhonze, akhuleke kuso athi: Ngophula, ngoba ungunkulunkulu wami.

18 Kabazanga, kabaqedisisanga; ngoba ebhade amehlo abo ukuze bangaboni; lenhliziyo zabo ukuze bangaqedisisi.

19 Kakho ocabanga enhliziyweni yakhe, njalo kakulalwazi njalo kakulakuqedisisa kokuthi: Ngibasile ingxenye yakho emlilweni, yebo ngibhake isinkwa phezu kwamalahle akho, ngosa inyama, ngayidla; kambe ngizakwenza insali yakho isinengiso yini? Ngizakhothamela okwesihlahla yini?

20 Udla umlotha; inhliziyo ekhohlisiweyo imphambule, okokuthi angekhulule umphefumulo wakhe njalo kathi: Kakulamanga yini esandleni sami sokunene?

21 Khumbula lezizinto, Jakobe, lawe Israyeli, ngoba uyinceku yami; ngikubumbile, uyinceku yami. Wena Israyeli, kawuyikukhohlwa yimi.

22 Ngesule iziphambeko zakho njengeyezi elinzima, lanjengeyezi izono zakho; buyela kimi, ngoba ngikuhlengile.

INkosi ingumhlengi kaIsrayeli

23 Hlabelelani, lina mazulu, ngoba iNkosi ikwenzile; memezani, zindawo eziphansi zomhlaba; qhamukani lihlabele, zintaba, gusu, laso sonke isihlahla esiphakathi kwakho; ngoba iNkosi imhlengile uJakobe, yazidumisa koIsrayeli.

24 Itsho njalo iNkosi, uMhlengi wakho, leyakubumba kwasesiswini: NgiyiNkosi eyenza zonke izinto; eyendlala amazulu, mina ngedwa; eyeneka umhlaba ngokwami;

25 efubisa izibonakaliso zabaqambimanga; yenze izanuse zihlanye; ebuyisela emuva abahlakaniphileyo; yenze ulwazi lwabo lube yibuthutha;

26 eqinisa ilizwi lenceku yayo; ifeze amacebo ezithunywa zayo; ethi kuyo iJerusalema: Uzahlalwa; lemizini yakoJuda: Lizakwakhiwa; futhi ngizavusa amanxiwa ayo;

27 etshoyo enzikini: Tshana; njalo ngizakomisa imifula yakho;

28 etshoyo ngoKoresi: Ungumelusi wami, uzaphelelisa intokozo yami yonke; ithi lakuJerusalema: Kayakhiwe; lethempelini: Isisekelo sakho kasibekwe.

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Ubizo lukaKoresi

1 Itsho njalo iNKOSI kogcotshiweyo wayo, kuKoresi, osandla sakhe sokunene ngisibambile ukuze ngehlisele phansi izizwe phambi kwakhe; ngithukulule izinkalo zamakhosi, ukuvula phambi kwakhe amasango alezivalo ezimbili, lamasango angavalwa.

2 Mina ngizahamba phambi kwakho, ngenze indawo ezigobileyo ziqonde, ngiphahlaze izivalo zethusi, ngiqume phakathi imigoqo yensimbi.

3 Ngizakunika okuligugu kobumnyama, lenotho ethukuziweyo yezindawo ezisithekileyo, ukuze wazi ukuthi mina NKOSI, engikubiza ngebizo lakho, nginguNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

4 Ngenxa yenceku yami uJakobe, loIsrayeli umkhethwa wami, ngikubizile ngitsho ngebizo lakho, ngakunika isibongo, lanxa ungangazanga.

5 NgiyiNKOSI, njalo kakho omunye, ngaphandle kwami kakulaNkulunkulu; ngikubhincisile lanxa ungangazanga.

6 Ukuze bazi kusukela lapho eliphuma khona ilanga, njalo kusukela entshonalanga, ukuthi kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami; ngiyiNKOSI, njalo kakho omunye.

7 Ngibumba ukukhanya, ngidale umnyama; ngenza ukuthula, ngidale ububi; mina NKOSI ngenza zonke lezizinto.

8 Thontisani, mazulu, kuvela phezulu, lamayezi athulule ukulunga; umhlaba kawuvuleke, njalo kuthele usindiso, njalo kakuthi ukulunga kumile kanyekanye; mina NKOSI ngikudalile.

9 Maye kuye ophikisana loMbumbi wakhe, udengezi lezindengezi zomhlabathi! Ibumba lizakutsho yini kolibumbayo ukuthi: Wenzani? kumbe: Umsebenzi wakho, kawulazandla yini?

10 Maye kuye othi kuyise: Uzalani? kumbe kowesifazana: Ubeletheni?

11 Itsho njalo iNKOSI, oNgcwele kaIsrayeli, loMbumbi wakhe: Buzani kimi ngezinto ezizayo, ngamadodana ami, langomsebenzi wezandla zami liyangilaya.

12 Mina ngiwenzile umhlaba, ngadala umuntu phezu kwawo; mina, izandla zami zendlale amazulu, ngalawula amabutho awo wonke.

13 Mina ngimvusile ngokulunga, njalo ngizaqondisa zonke izindlela zakhe; yena uzakwakha umuzi wami, akhulule abathunjiweyo bami, hatshi ngentengo njalo hatshi ngesivalamlomo, kutsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

14 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Umsebenzi weGibhithe, lokuthengiswayo kweEthiyophiya lokwamaShebha, amadoda amade, kuzadlulela kuwe, kuzakuba ngokwakho; bazakulandela, bedlule besemaketaneni, bakhothame kuwe, balabhele kuwe besithi: Isibili uNkulunkulu ukuwe, njalo kakho omunye, kakho omunye uNkulunkulu.

15 Isibili unguNkulunkulu ozifihlayo, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli, uMsindisi.

16 Bazayangeka, ngitsho babe lenhloni, bonke; bazahamba belehlazo kanyekanye ababazi bezithombe.

17 Kodwa uIsrayeli uzasindiswa eNKOSIni ngosindiso olulaphakade; kaliyikuyangeka, kaliyikuba lenhloni, kuze kube nini lanini.

18 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI eyadala amazulu, yona enguNkulunkulu, eyabumba umhlaba yawenza; yona yawumisa, ingawudalelanga ize, yawubumbela ukuze kuhlalwe kuwo: NgiyiNKOSI, njalo kakho omunye.

19 Kangikhulumelanga ekusithekeni, endaweni emnyama yomhlaba; kangitshongo kuyo inzalo kaJakobe ukuthi: Ngidingani ngeze. Mina NKOSI ngikhuluma iqiniso, ngimemezela izinto eziqotho.

INKOSI inguNkulunkulu wakho konke

20 Buthanani libuye; sondelani kanyekanye, lina elaphunyuka ezizweni; abathwala izigodo zezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo kabazi, abakhuleka kunkulunkulu ongelakusindisa.

21 Tshelani, libasondeze; yebo kabacebisane kanyekanye: Ngubani owazwakalisa lokhu kwasendulo? owakukhulumayo kusukela kulesosikhathi na? Kakusimi iNKOSI yini? Njalo kakho omunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami, uNkulunkulu olungileyo loMsindisi; kakho ngaphandle kwami.

22 Khangelani kimi, lisindiswe, lina lonke mikhawulo yomhlaba; ngoba nginguNkulunkulu, njalo kakho omunye.

23 Ngizifungile mina, ilizwi liphumile emlonyeni wami ngokulunga, njalo kaliyikuphenduka, elithi: Kimi lonke idolo lizaguqa, lonke ulimi luzafunga.

24 Ngeqiniso, omunye uzakuthi: ENKOSIni ngilokulunga lamandla; kuyo bazakuza; kodwa bonke abayithukuthelelayo bazayangeka.

25 ENKOSIni yonke inzalo yakoIsrayeli izalungisiswa, izincome.

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Izithombe zeBhabhiloni kazilakusiza

1UBeli uyakhothama, uNebo uyazithoba; izithombe zabo zazingezezifuyo, njalo zazingezezinkomo; imithwalo yenu ethwelweyo ingumthwalo enyamazaneni ediniweyo.

2 Bayaguqa, bakhothame kanyekanye, kabalakophula umthwalo, kodwa bona ngokwabo baya ekuthunjweni.

3 Ngilalela, ndlu kaJakobe, lensali yonke yendlu kaIsrayeli, abathwalwa yimi kwasesibelethweni, abasingathwekwasesizalweni.

4 Kuze kube sekugugeni nginguye; yebo, kuze kube sebumpungeni mina ngizalithwala; mina ngenzile, mina-ke ngizaphakamisa, ngitsho mina ngithwale, ngikhulule.

5 Lizangifananisa, lingilinganise, lingiqathanise lobani ukuze sifanane?

6 Bathulula igolide esikhwameni, balinganise isiliva esilinganisweni, baqatshe umkhandi akwenze unkulunkulu; bathi mbo phansi, yebo, bakhonze.

7 Bametshata ehlombe, bamthwale, bambeke endaweni yakhe, ame; angasuki endaweni yakhe. Yebo, umuntuememeza kuye, kodwa kaphenduli, kamsindisi enkathazweni yakhe.

8 Khumbulani lokhu, lizibonakalise liqinile; kubuyiseleni enhliziyweni, lina bahlamuki.

9 Khumbulani izinto zakuqala zendulo; ngoba nginguNkulunkulu, njalo kakho omunye; nginguNkulunkulu, njalo kakho ofanana lami;

10 engimemezela isiphetho kwasekuqaleni, njalo kusukela endulo izinto ezingakenziwa, ngisithi: Icebo lami lizakuma, njalo ngizakwenza yonke intokozo yami;

11 engibiza inyoni edla inyama ivela empumalanga, umuntu wecebo lami evela elizweni elikhatshana; yebo, ngikhulumile, yebo, ngizakufeza; ngikumisile, yebo, ngizakwenza.

12 Ngilalelani, lina abalenhliziyo eziqinileyo, lina elikhatshana lokulunga.

13 Ngiyasondeza ukulunga kwami, kakuyikuba khatshana; losindiso lwami kaluyikuphuza; kodwa ngizanika usindiso eZiyoni, udumo lwami koIsrayeli.

UISAYA 47

Ukuwa kweBhabhiloni

1Yehla, uhlale othulini, ntombi emsulwa, ndodakazi yeBhabhiloni; hlala emhlabathini; akulasihlalo sobukhosi, ndodakazi yamaKhaladiya; ngoba kawusayikubizwa ngokuthi uthambile njalo ubuthakathaka.

2 Thatha amatshe okuchola, uchole impuphu, wembule isimbombozo sakho, ukhwince ilogwe, uveze umlenze, uchaphe imifula.

3 Ubunqunu bakho buzakwembulwa, yebo, ihlazo lakho libonakale. Ngizaphindisela, ngingahlangani lawe njengomuntu.

4 UMhlengi wethu, iNKOSI yamabandla libizo lakhe, oyiNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

5 Hlala ngokuthula, ungene emnyameni, ndodakazi yamaKhaladiya; ngoba kawusayikubizwa ngokuthi: Nkosikazi yemibuso.

6 Ngabathukuthelela abantu bami, ngangcolisa ilifa lami, ngabanikela esandleni sakho; kawubenzelanga izihawu; walenza laba nzima kakhulu ijogwe lakho phezu komdala.

7 Wena wathi: Ngizakuba yinkosikazi njalonjalo; kawukabeki lezizinto enhliziyweni yakho, kawukhumbulanga isiphetho sakho.

8 Khathesi-ke zwana lokhu, wena ozithokozisayo, ohlezi uvikelekile, othi enhliziyweni yakho: Yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami; kangiyikuhlala okomfelokazi, kangiyikwazi ukufelwa ngabantwana.

9 Kodwa lezizinto ezimbili zizakwehlela ngokucwayiza kwelihlo ngasuku lunye: Ukufelwa ngabantwana lobufelokazi; kuzakwehlela phezu kwakho ngokuphelela kwakho, ngenxa yobunengi bobuthakathi bakho, ngenxa yobunengi obukhulu bamalumbo akho.

10 Ngoba wathembela ebubini bakho, wathi: Kakho ongibonayo. Inhlakanipho yakho lolwazi lwakho khona kwakuphambula, wathi enhliziyweni yakho: Yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami.

11 Ngakho ububi buzakwehlela, kawusoze wazi lapho obenyuka khona; lengozi izakwehlela, ongelakho ukwenza inhlawulo yokuthula ngayo; lencithakalo ihle yehlele phezu kwakho, ungazi.

12 Mana khathesi ngamalumbo akho langobunengi bobuthakathi bakho otshikatshike kukho kusukela ebutsheni bakho; mhlawumbe uzakuba lakho ukuba lenzuzo, mhlawumbe unqobe.

13 Udiniwe ebunengini bamacebo akho; kakuthi basukume khathesi abahloli bamazulu, abakhangela izinkanyezi, abazisa ngezinyanga, bakusindise kwezizakwehlela.

14 Khangela, bazakuba njengamabibi; umlilo uzabatshisa; kabayikuzophula emandleni elangabi; lingabikho ilahle lokotha, umlilo wokuhlala phambi kwawo.

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15 Bazakuba njalo kuwe labo owatshikatshika labo, owathengiselana labo kusukela ebutsheni bakho; bazazulazula, ngulowo lalowo ngendlela yakhe; kakuyikuba lomsindisi wakho.

UISAYA 48

UNkulunkulu uyiNkosi yezinto ezizayo

1 Zwanini lokhu, lina ndlu kaJakobe, elabizwa ngebizo likaIsrayeli, elaphuma emanzini akoJuda, elifungangebizo leNkosi, elikhumbuza ngoNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kodwa kungeyisikho ngeqiniso, njalo kungeyisikho ngokulunga.

2 Ngoba bazibiza ngokuthi bangabomuzi oyingcwele, beseyama kuNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli; iNkosi yamabandla libizo lakhe.

3 Ngamemezela izinto zamandulo kwasekuqaleni, zaphuma emlonyeni wami, ngazizwakalisa; ngenza masinyane, zafika.

4 Ngoba ngangisazi ukuthi ulukhuni, lentamo yakho ingumsipha wensimbi, lebunzi lakho lilithusi;

5 ngitsho kwasekuqaleni ngamemezela kuwe, kungakenzakali ngakwenza wakuzwa, hlezi uthi: Isithombe samisizenzile, lesithombe sami esibaziweyo, lesithombe sami esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa sikulayile.

6 Usuzwile, khangela konke lokhu; njalo kaliyikukumemezela yini? Ngikwenze uzwe izinto ezintsha kusukela khathesi, lezinto ezifihlakeleyo obungazazi.

7 Zidalwe khathesi, kungeyisikho ekuqaleni; ngitsho lungakafiki lolusuku ungakezwa ngazo, hlezi uthi: Khangela, bengizazi.

8 Yebo, kawuzwanga; yebo, kawazanga; yebo, kusukela ngalesosikhathi indlebe yakho yayingavulekanga; ngoba bengisazi ukuthi uzakwenza lokwenza ngenkohliso, wabizwa ngokuthi uyisiphambuki kusukela esizalweni.

9 Ngenxa yebizo lami ngizaphuzisa ulaka lwami, langenxa yodumo lwami ngizibambe ngawe, ukuze ngingakuqumi.

10 Khangela, ngikuhlolile, kodwa hatshi ngesiliva, ngikukhethile esithandweni senhlupheko.

11 Ngenxa yami, ngenxa yami ngiyakwenza; ngoba ibizo lami lingangcoliswa njani? Njalo kangiyikunika udumo lwami komunye.

UKoresi ungokhethiweyo yiNkosi

12 Ngilalela, Jakobe, lawe Israyeli obiziweyo wami: Nginguye; ngingowokuqala, njalo ngingowokucina.

13 Isandla sami laso sabeka isisekelo somhlaba, lesandla sami sokunene sendlale amazulu; lapho ngikubiza, kuyasukuma kanyekanye.

14 Buthanani lina lonke, lizwe; ngubani phakathi kwabo omemezele lezizinto? INKOSI imthandile; izakwenza intando yayo eBhabhiloni, lengalo yayo izakuba phezu kwamaKhaladiya.

15 Mina uqobo ngikhulumile; yebo ngambiza, ngimlethile, njalo uzaphumelelisa indlela yakhe.

INKOSI izahlenga uIsrayeli

16 Sondelani kimi, lizwe lokhu; kangikhulumanga ensitha kusukela ekuqaleni; kusukela kulesosikhathi kusenzeka, ngikhona. Khathesi-ke iNkosi uJehova kanye loMoya wayo ingithumile.

17 Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uMhlengi wakho, oNgcwele kaIsrayeli: NgiyiNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakho, ekufundisa okukusizayo, ekukhokhela ngendlela ofanele ukuthi uhambe ngayo.

18 Kungathi ngabe walalela imilayo yami! Khona ukuthula kwakho kwakuzakuba njengomfula, lokulunga kwakho njengamagagasi olwandle.

19 Inzalo yakho layo yayizakuba njengetshebetshebe, lembewu yemibilini yakho njengezinhlamvu zalo; ibizo lawo belingayikuqunywa kumbe lichithwe lisuke phambi kwami.

20 Phumani eBhabhiloni, libalekele amaKhaladiya, limemeze ngelizwi lokuhlabelela, likuzwakalise, likuphumisele ngasemkhawulweni womhlaba, lithi: INKOSI ihlengile inceku yayo uJakobe.

21 Njalo kabomanga lapho ibakhokhela bedabula izinkangala; yenza amanzi abagelezela evela edwaleni, futhi yaqhekeza idwala, lamanzi ampompoza.

22 Akulakuthula, itsho INKOSI, kwabakhohlakeleyo.

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Inceku yeNKOSI

1Ngilalelani, zihlenge; lizwe, lina bantu abakhatshana: INKOSI ingibizile ngisesiswini; ngisemibilini kamama yaqamba ibizo lami.

2 Yasisenza umlomo wami waba njengenkemba ebukhali, yangifihla ngaphansi komthunzi wesandla sayo; yangenza ngibe ngumtshoko ololiweyo, yangifihla esambeni sayo semitshoko.

3 Yathi kimi: Uyinceku yami, Israyeli, engizazidumisa ngayo.

4 Ngasengisithi mina: Ngitshikatshikele ize, amandla ami ngiwachithele okungelutho lokuyize; qiniso, isahlulelo sami siseNKOSIni, lomvuzo wami ukuNkulunkulu wami.

5 Khathesi-ke itsho iNKOSI, eyangibumba kwasesiswini ukuba yinceku yayo yokubuyisela uJakobe kuyo; lanxa uIsrayeli engabuthwanga, kube kanti

ngizadunyiswa emehlweni eNKOSI; njalo uNkulunkulu wami uzakuba ngamandla ami.

6 Yasisithi: Kuyinto encane ukuthi ube yinceku yami yokuvusa izizwe zikaJakobe, lokubuyisela abalondoloziweyo bakoIsrayeli; ngizakupha futhi ube yikukhanya kwabezizwe, ukuze ube lusindiso lwami kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba.

7 Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uMhlengi kaIsrayeli, oNgcwele wakhe, kumphefumulo odelelwayo, kuye onengwa yisizwe, kunceku yababusi: Amakhosi azabona asukume, iziphathamandla lazo zizakhonza, ngenxa yeNKOSIethembekileyo, oNgcwele kaIsrayeli, ekukhethileyo.

UIsrayeli uzabuyiselwa elizweni lakhe

8 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngesikhathi esemukelekayo ngikuphendulile, langosuku losindiso ngikusizile; njalo ngizakulondoloza, ngikunike ube yisivumelwano sabantu, ukuvuselela umhlaba, ukubenza badle amafa achithekileyo,

9 ukuze uthi kuzibotshwa: Phumani; kwabasemnyameni: Zivezeni. Bazakudla ezindleleni, ledlelo labo libe semadundulwini wonke.

10 Kabayikulamba, kumbe bome, njalo ukutshisa kumbe ilanga kakuyikubatshaya, ngoba yena olesihawu kibo uzabakhokhela, lemithonjeni yamanzi uzabaqondisa.

11 Njalo ngizakwenza zonke intaba zami zibe yindlela, lemigwaqo yami iphakame.

12 Khangela laba bazavela khatshana, njalo khangela laba ngasenyakatho langasentshonalanga, lalaba elizweni leSinimi.

13 Hlabelelani, mazulu, uthokoze, lawe mhlaba, lihlokome ngokuhlabela, lani zintaba, ngoba iNKOSI ibaduduzile abantu bayo, izakuba lesihawu kwabahluphekileyo bayo.

14 Kodwa iZiyoni yathi: UJehova ungidelile, njalo iNkosi yami ingikhohliwe.

15 Owesifazana angamkhohlwa yini umntanakhe omunyayo, ukuba angabi lasihawu kuyo indodana yesisu sakhe? Yebo, bona bangakhohlwa, kodwa mina kangiyikukukhohlwa.

16 Khangela, ngikubhale ngokugubha ezintendeni zezandla; imiduli yakho ihlezi iphambi kwami.

17 Abantwana bakho bazaphangisa; abachithi bakho labakumotshayo bazaphuma kuwe.

18 Phakamisa amehlo akho inhlangothi zonke, ukhangele; bonke laba bayabuthana, beze kuwe. Kuphila kwami, itsho iNKOSI, isibili, uzazigqokisa ngabo bonke njengesiceciso, uzibhince ngabo njengomakoti.

19 Ngoba indawo zakho ezichithekileyo lamanxiwa akho, lelizwe lencithakalo yakho, isibili khathesi lizaminyana kakhulu ngenxa yabahlali; lalabo abakuginyayo bazakuba khatshana.

20 Abantwana bokufelwa kwakho bazakuthi futhi endlebeni zakho: Lindawo iminyene kakhulu kimi; ngivulela indawo ukuze ngihlale!

21 Khona uzakuthi enhliziyweni yakho: Ngubani ongizalele laba, njengoba ngafelwa ngabantwana, ngabanjengenyumba, ngingumthunjwa, ngisiwa le lale? Njalo ngubani okhulise laba? Khangela mina ngangisele ngedwa; laba babengaphi?

22 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizaphakamisela izizwe isandla sami, ngimise uphawu lwami ebantwini; njalo bazaletha amadodana akho esifubeni, lamadodakazi akho bewetshete.

23 Lamakhosi azakuba ngabondli bakho, lezindlovukazi zawo zibe ngabalizane bakho. Bazakukhothamela ngobuso emhlabathini, bakhothe uthuli lwezinyawo zakho. Njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina ngiyiNKOSI, ngoba abangithembayo kabayikuyangeka.

24 Impango izathathwa yini kolamandla, kumbe umthunjwa ngokomthetho akhululwe?

25 Kodwa itsho njalo iNKOSI: Yebo, abathunjiweyo beqhawe bazathathwa, lempango yabesabekayo izakophulwa; ngoba mina ngizalwisana laye olwisana lawe, mina-ke ngisindise abantwana bakho.

26 Njalo ngizadlisa abacindezeli bakho eyabo inyama, badakwe ngelabo igazi kungathi ngewayini elimnandi. Njalo yonke inyama izakwazi ukuthi mina NKOSI nginguMsindisi wakho, loMhlengi wakho, oLamandla kaJakobe.

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1Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ingaphi incwadi yesehlukaniso kanyoko engamlahla ngayo? Loba ngubani kubakweledisi bami engilithengise kuye? Khangelani, lathengiswa ngenxa yobubi benu, langenxa yeziphambeko zenu unyoko walahlwa.

2 Kungani ekufikeni kwami kwakungelamuntu? ngibiza, kodwa engekho ophendulayo? Isandla sami sifinyeziwe lokufinyezwa yini ukuthi singehlenge? Kumbe kakulamandla kimi okukhulula yini? Khangela ngokukhuza kwami ngomisa ulwandle, ngenza imifula ibe yinkangala; izinhlanzi zayo zibe levumba ngoba kungelamanzi, zife ngenxa yokoma.

3 Ngigqokisa amazulu ngobumnyama, ngenze isaka libe yisembeso sawo.

Ukulalela kwenceku yeNKOSI

4 INkosi uJehova inginike ulimi lwabafundileyo, ukuze ngazi ukukhuluma
ilizwi ngesikhathi esifaneleyo kokhatheleyo. Iyavuka ukusa ngokusa; ivusa
indlebe yami, ukuze ngizwe njengabafundileyo.

5 INkosi uJehova ivule indlebe yami, njalo mina kangibanga lenkani,
kangibuyelanga emuva.

6 Nganika umhlana wami kubatshayi, lezihlathi zami kulabo abacutha indevu;
kangifihlanga ubuso bami ehlazweni elikhulu lamathe.

7 Ngoba iNkosi uJehova izangisiza; ngakho-ke kangiyangiswa; ngakho-ke ngimise
ubuso baminjengensengetshe, njalo ngiyazi ukuthi kangiyikuyangeka.

8 Useduze yena ongilungisisayo. Ngubani ongalwisana lami? Kasime ndawonye.
Ngubani ummangaleli wami? Kasondele kimi.

9 Khangela, iNkosi uJehova izangisiza; ngubani ozangilahla? Khangela, bonke
bazaguga njengesembatho; inundu izabadla.

10 Ngubani phakathi kwenu oyesabayo iNKOSI, olalela ilizwi lenceku yayo,
ohamba emnyameni, njalo engelakukhanya? Kathembele ebizweni leNKOSI,
eyame kuNkulunkulu wakhe.

11 Khangelani, lina lonke eliphemba umlilo, elizigombolozela ngenhlansi:
Hambani ekukhanyeni komlilo wenu, lenhlansini elizibasileyo. Lokhu
kuzakwenzakala kini kuvela esandleni sami; lizalala phansi ngobuhlungu.

UISAYA 51

INKOSI iyaduduza iZiyoni

1 Lalelani kimi, lina elidingisisa ukulunga, lina elidinga iNKOSI; khangelani
edwaleni elacezulwa kulo, lemlindini wegodi elagejwa kuwo.

2 Khangelani kuAbrahama uyihlo, lakuSara owalizalayo; ngoba
ngambiza eyedwa, ngambusisa, ngamandisa.

3 Ngoba iNKOSI izayiduduza iZiyoni, iduduze wonke amanxiwa ayo, njalo
izakwenza inkangala yayo ifanane leEdeni, logwadule lwayo lufanane lensimu
yeNKOSI; injabulo lentokozo kuzatholakala kuyo, ukubonga lelizwi lokuhlabelela.

4 Lalelani kimi, bantu bami, libeke indlebe kimi, sizwe sami; ngoba
umlayo uzaphuma kimi, njalo ngizakwenza ukwahlulela kwami kuphumule kube
yikukhanya kwabantu.

5 Ukulunga kwami kuseduze, usindiso lwami luphumile, lengalo
zami zizakwehlulela abantu; izihlengezingilindele, zithembele engalweni yami.

6 Phakamiselani amehlo enu emazulwini, likhangele emhlabeni phansi; ngoba
amazulu azanyamalala njengentuthu, lomhlaba uguge njengesembatho, labahlezi

kuwo bafe ngokunjalo; kodwa usindiso lwami luzakuba phakade, lokulunga kwami kakuyikuchithwa.

7 Lalelani kimi, lina elazi ukulunga, abantu abamlayo wami usenhliziyweni yabo; lingesabi ukusola kwabantu, kumbe lethuswe yizithuko zabo.

8 Ngoba inundu izabadla njengesembatho, lempethu ibadle njengoboya bezimvu, kodwa ukulunga kwami kuzakuba laphakade, losindiso lwami esizukulwaneni lezizukulwana.

9 Vuka, vuka, uzembathise amandla, wena ngalo yeNKOSI; vuka njengensukwini zendulo, ezizukulwanenizaphakade. Kawusuwe yini lowo owaquma iRahabi, wagwaza umgobho?

10 Kawusuwe yini lowo owomisa ulwandle, amanzi enziki enkulu, owenza ukujula kolwandle kwaba yindlela yokuchapha kwabahlengiweyo?

11 Ngakho abahlengiweyo beNKOSI bazaphenduka, beze eZiyoni ngokuhlabelela; lentokozo elaphakade izakuba phezu kwekhanda labo; bazazuza intokozo lenjabulo, usizi lokububula kuzabaleka.

12 Mina, mina nginguye oliduduzayo; ungubani wena ozakwesaba umuntu ozakufa, lendodana yomuntuezakwenziwa ibe njengotshani?

13 Ubusukhohlwa iNKOSI, umenzi wakho, eyendlala amazulu, yabeka izisekelo zomhlaba, uqhubeka usesaba usuku lonke ngenxa yentukuthelo yomcindezeli, kungathi uzimisele ukuchitha? Ingaphi-ke intukuthelo yomcindezeli?

14 Isibotshwa esithunjiweyo siyaphangisa ukuze sikhululwe; singafeli emgodini, lokudla kwaso kungasweleki.

15 Ngoba ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho eyavusa ulwandle ukuze amagagasi alo ahlokome; iNKOSI yamabandla libizo layo.

16 Njalo ngifakile amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho, ngakusibekela emthunzini wesandla sami, ukuze ngihlanyele amazulu, ngibeke izisekelo zomhlaba, ngithi kuyo iZiyoni: Wena uyisizwe sami.

17 Vuka, vuka, usukume, Jerusalema, wena onathe esandleni seNKOSI inkezo yolaka lwayo, wanatha inzecezenkezo yokudengezela, wazikhoca.

18 Kakho ongayikhokhela kuwo wonke amadodana ewazeleyo; njalo kakho ongayibamba ngesandla kuwo wonke amadodana ewakhulisileyo.

19 Lokhu kokubili kukwehlele, ngubani ozakuzwela usizi? Incithakalo, lokubhujiswa, lendlala, lenkemba; ngizakududuza ngobani?

20 Amadodana akho aphelelwe ngamandla, alele esihlokweni sezitalada zonke, njengenkunzi yendle embuleni; agcwele ulaka lweNKOSI, ukukhuza kukaNkulunkulu wakho.

21 Ngakho khathesi zwana lokhu, wena ohluphekayo lodakiweyo, kodwa hatshi ngewayini.

22 Itsho njalo iNkosi yakho, uJehova loNkulunkulu wakho olabhelela udaba lwabantu bakhe: Khangela, ngisusile esandleni sakho inkezo yokudengezela, inzece zenkezo yolaka lwami, kawusayikuyinatha futhi.

23 Kodwa ngizayibeka esandleni salabo abakuhluphayo, abathe emphefumulweni wakho: Khothama, ukuze sedlule phezulu; usubeke umhlana wakho njengomhlabathi, lanjengesitalada kwabadlula phezulu.

UISAYA 52

UNkulunkulu uzakhulula iZiyoni

1Vuka, vuka, wembathe amandla akho, Ziyoni! Yembatha izembatho zakho ezinhle, Jerusalema, muzi ongcwele! Ngoba kakusayikungena kuwe futhi ongasokanga longcolileyo.

2 Zithintithe usuke othulini, sukuma, uhlale phansi, Jerusalema! Zikhulule kuzibopho zentamo yakho, ndodakazi ethunjiweyo yeZiyoni!

3 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Lathengiswa ngeze; njalo lizahlengwa ngaphandle kwemali.

4 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Abantu bami behlela eGibhithe esikhathini sendulo ukuhlala njengabezizwe khona, njalo iAsiriya yabacindezela ngaphandle kwesizatho.

5 Khathesi-ke, ngilani lapha, itsho iNKOSI, ukuthi abantu bami bathethwe ngeze? Labo abababusayo babenza baqhinqe isililo, itsho iNKOSI, lebizo lami liqhubeka lihlanjazwa lonke usuku.

6 Ngakho abantu bami bazalazi ibizo lami; ngakho ngalolosuku bazakwazi ukuthi yimi engikhulumayo; khangela, yimi.

7 Zinhle kangakanani phezu kwezintaba inyawo zalowo oletha izindaba ezinhle, omemezela ukuthula, oletha indaba ezinhle zokulunga, ozwakalisa usindiso, othi kuyo iZiyoni: UNkulunkulu wakho uyabusa.

8 Ilizwi labalindi bakho! Bazaphakamisa ilizwi, bahlabele kakhulu kanyekanye, ngoba bazabona ilihlo ngelihlo, lapho iNKOSI izabuyisa iZiyoni.

9 Qhamukani ngentokozo, lihlabelele kanyekanye, lina manxiwa eJerusalema, ngoba iNKOSI isibaduduzile abantu bayo, iyihlengile iJerusalema.

10 INKOSI yembule ingalo yayo engcwele emehlweni azo zonke izizwe, njalo imikhawulo yonke yomhlaba izabona usindiso lukaNkulunkulu wethu.

11 Sukani, sukani, liphume lapha, lingathinti okungcolileyo, phumani phakathi kwayo, banini ngabahlambulukileyo, lina elithwala izitsha zeNKOSI.

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12 Ngoba kaliyikuphuma ngokuphangisa, kumbe lihambe ngokubaleka, ngoba iNKOSI izahamba phambi kwenu, loNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli uzakuba ngumvikeli wenu ngasemuva.

Ukuhlupheka kwenceku yeNKOSI

13 Khangela, inceku yami izakwenza ngenhlakanipho, iphakeme njalo iphakanyisiwe, iphakeme kakhulu.

14 Njengoba abanengi babethithibele ngawe; ukukhangeleka kwayo kwakonakele kangaka, okwedlula loba nguwuphi, lesimo sayo okwedlula amadodana abantu.

15 Ngokunjalo izafafaza izizwe ezinengi; amakhosi azayivalela umlomo wawo; ngoba lokho abangakulandiselwanga bazakubona, lalokho abangakuzwanga bazakuqedisisa.

UISAYA 53

1Ngubani okholwe umbiko wethu? Njalo ingalo yeNKOSI yembulelwe bani?

2 Ngoba uzakhula phambi kwakhe njengesihlahla esibuthakathaka, lanjengempande emhlabathini owomileyo; kalasimo kumbe ubuhle; lapho simbona, kalakubukeka ukuthi simloyise.

3 Uyeyiswa njalo udelelwa ngabantu; umuntu wezinsizi, njalo ejwayele inhlungu; kwangathi sifihla ubuso kuye; weyiswa, kasimnanzanga.

4 Isibili yena wathwala inhlungu zethu, waphatha insizi zethu; kanti thina sathi ujezisiwe, utshayiwe nguNkulunkulu, njalo uhlutshiwe.

5 Kodwa walinyazwa ngenxa yeziphambeko zethu, wachotshozwa ngenxa yobubi bethu; ukujeziswa kokuthula kwethu kwakuphezu kwakhe, langemivimvinya yakhe thina sisilisiwe.

6 Thina sonke njengezimvu siduhile; saphendukela ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe; njalo iNKOSI yehlisele phezu kwakhe ububi bethu sonke.

7 Wacindezelwa njalo yena wahlutshwa, kube kanti kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe; walethwa ekuhlatshweni njengewundlu, lanjengemvu ithule phambi kwabagundi bayo, laye kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe.

8 Wasuswa ekucindezelweni lekwahlulelweni; njalo ngubani ongakhuluma ngesizukulwana sakhe? Ngoba waqunywa wasuswa elizweni labaphilayo; ngenxa yesiphambeko sabantu bami watshaywa.

9 Wenza ingcwaba lakhe kanye lababi, njalo kanye lonothileyo ekufeni kwakhe; ngoba engenzanga okubi, njalo kungekho inkohliso emlonyeni wakhe.

10 Kanti iNKOSI yathanda ukumchoboza, yamenza adabuke. Lapho uzakwenza umphefumulo wakhe umnikelo wesono, uzabona inzalo yakhe, elule izinsuku zakhe, lentando yeNKOSI izaphumelela esandleni sakhe.

11 Uzabona okuvela ekuhluphekeni komphefumulo wakhe, eneliswe; ngolwazi lwayo, inceku yami elungileyoizalungisisa abanengi, ngoba yona izathwala ububi babo.

12 Ngakho ngizayabela kanye labakhulu, yabelane impango kanye labalamandla; ngoba yathulula umphefumulo wayo ekufeni, yabalwa ndawonye labaphambeki; njalo yona yathwala isono sabanengi, yalabhelela abaphambeki.

UISAYA 54

Uthando lweNkosi kuIsrayeli

1Hlabelela, nyumba, wena ongazalanga; qhamuka ngokuhlabelela, umemeze, wena ongazange uhelelwe! Ngoba banengi abantwana botshiyiweyo kulabantwana bowendileyo, itsho iNkosi.

2 Qhelisa indawo yethente lakho, kabatshombulule amakhetheni endawo yakho yokuhlala; ungagodli, yelula izintambo zakho, uqinise izikhonkwane zakho.

3 Ngoba uzaqhamuka ngakwesokudla langakwesokunene, lenzalo yakho izafuya abezizwe, yenze imizi echithekileyo ihlalwe.

4 Ungesabi, ngoba kawuyikuyangeka; njalo ungabi lenhloni, ngoba kawuyikuyangiswa; ngoba uzakhohlwa ihlazo lobutsha bakho, ungabe usakhumbula ukuyangeka kobufelokazi bakho.

5 Ngoba uMenzi wakho ungumyeni wakho, iNkosi yamabandla libizo lakhe; loMhlengi wakho ungoNgcwele kaIsrayeli, uzabizwa ngokuthi nguNkulunkulu womhlaba wonke.

6 Ngoba iNkosi ikubizile njengomfazi olahliweyo lodabukileyo emoyeni, lomfazi wobutsha, lapho waliwe, kutsho uNkulunkulu wakho.

7 Okomzuzwana omncinyane ngakutshiya, kodwa ngezihawu ezinkulu ngizakubutha.

8 Ngolaka oluncinyane ngakufihlela ubuso bami okomzuzwana, kodwa ngothandolomusa waphakadengizakuhawukela, itsho iNkosi, uMhlengi wakho.

9 Ngoba lokhu kunjengamanzi kaNowa kimi, lapho ngafunga ukuthi amanzi kaNowa kawaseyikwedlula emhlabeni; ngokunjalo ngifungile ukuthi kangiyikukuthukuthelela, ngikusole.

10 Ngoba izintaba zizasuka, lamaqaqa azamazame, kodwa umusa wami kawuyikusuka kuwe, lesivumelwano sami sokuthula kasiyikuzamazama, itsho iNkosi elesihawu kuwe.

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11 Wena ohluphekileyo, ophoswe yisiphepho, ongaduduzwanga, khangela, ngizabeka amatshe akho abe mahle, ngibeke isisekelo sakho ngamasafire.

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12 Ngizakwenza imiphotshongo yakho nge-agate, lamasango akho ngama-emeraldi, lawo wonke umngcele wakho ngamatshe entokozo.

13 Labantwana bakho bonke bazafundiswa yiNKOSI, njalo kube kukhulu ukuthula kwabantwana bakho.

14 Uzaqiniswa ekulungeni; ube khatshana locindezelo, ngoba kawuyikwesaba; levalweni, ngoba kakuyikusondela kuwe.

15 Khangela bazabuthana sibili, kodwa hatshi ngami; loba ngubani ozabuthana emelene lawe uzakuwa ngenxa yakho.

16 Khangela mina ngidale umkhandi wensimbi ovuthela amalahle emlilweni, lovezela umsebenzi wakhe isikhali; njalo mina ngidale umchithi ukuthi achithe.

17 Kakulasikhali esibunjelwe ukumelana lawe esizaphumelela; lalo lonke ulimi olukuvukelayo ekwehluleleni uzalulahla. Lokhu kuyilifa lezinceku zeNKOSI, lokulunga kwazo kuvela kimi, itsho iNKOSI.

UISAYA 55

INKOSI izakuba lomusa kubo bonke abaphendukela kuyo

1We lina lonke elomileyo, wozani emanzini, laye ongelamali, wozani, lithenge, lidle; yebo, wozani lithenge ngaphandle kwemali langaphandle kwentengo, iwayini lochago.

2 Kungani lichitha imali kokungeyisikho kudla, lomtshikatshika wenu kokungenelisiyo? Ngilalelani lokungilalela, lidle okuhle, lomphefumulo wenu kawuzithokozise kokunonileyo.

3 Thobani indlebe yenu, lize kimi, zwanini, njalo umphefumulo wenu uzaphila; njalo ngizakwenza isivumelwano esilaphakade lani, izisa eziqinisekileyo zikaDavida.

4 Khangela, ngimnike waba ngumfakazi ebantwini, umkhokheli lomlawuli ebantwini.

5 Khangela, uzabiza isizwe ongasaziyo, lezizwe ebezingakwazi zizagijimela kuwe, ngenxa yeNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakho, langoNgcwele kaIsrayeli, ngoba ekudumisile.

6 Dingani iNKOSI iselokutholwa, ibizeni iseseduze.

7 Omubi katshiye indlela yakhe, lomuntu ongalunganga imicabango yakhe; kabuyele eNKOSIni, njalo izakuba lomusa kuye, lakuNkulunkulu wethu, ngoba uzathethelela ngokukhulu.

8 Ngoba imicabango yami kayisiyo imicabango yenu, lendlela zenu kayisizo izindlela zami, itsho iNKOSI.

9 Ngoba njengoba amazulu ephakeme kulomhlaba, ngokunjalo indlela zami
ziphakeme kulendlela zenu, lemicabango yami kulemicabango yenu.

10 Ngoba njengalokhu izulu lisehla, leliqhwa elikhithikileyo kuvela emazulwini,
kungabuyeli khona, kodwa kuthelela umhlaba, kuwenze ukuthi uthele uhlume,
ukuze unike inhlanyelo kumhlanyeli, lokudla kodlayo,

11 lizakuba njalo ilizwi lami eliphuma emlonyeni wami; kaliyikubuyela kimi lize,
kodwa lizakwenza lokho engikufisayo, liphumelele kulokhu engilithumele khona.

12 Ngoba lizaphuma ngentokozo, njalo likhokhelwe ngokuthula; izintaba
lamaqaqa kuzaqhamuka ngokuhlabelaphambi kwenu, lezihlahla zonke
zeganga zitshaye izandla.

13 Endaweni yameva kuzamila ifiri, lendaweni yokhula oluhlabayo kumile imiteli;
kuzakuba seNKOSIni libizo, kube yisibonakaliso esilaphakade esingayikuqunywa.

UISAYA 56

Ukubusiswa kwabezizwe ababambelela esivumelwaneni seNKOSI

1Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Gcinani isahlulelo, lenze ukulunga, ngoba usindiso
lwami luseduze ukuthi lufike, lokulunga kwami ukuthi kubonakaliswe.

2 Ubusisiwe umuntu owenza lokhu, lendodana yomuntu ebambelela kukho;
ogcina isabatha engalingcolisi, egcina isandla sakhe ukuthi singenzi loba yikuphi
okubi.

3 Kayingakhulumi-ke indodana yowezizweni, ezihlanganise leNKOSI, isithi:
INKOSI ingehlukanise ngokupheleleyo labantu bayo; lomthenwa kangathi:
Khangela ngiyisihlahla esomileyo.

4 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI kubathenwa abagcina amasabatha ami, abakhetha
engikuthandayo, lababambelela esivumelwaneni sami:

5 Ngizabanika labo endlini yami langaphakathi kwemiduli
yami indawo lebizo elingcono kulelamadodana lakulelamadodakazi; ngizabanika
ibizo elingapheliyo, elingayikuqunywa.

6 Lamadodana awemzini azihlanganisa leNKOSI ukuyikhonza lokuthanda ibizo
leNKOSI, ukuba zinceku zayo, wonke ogcina isabatha engalingcolisi,
lababambelela esivumelwaneni sami;

7 lalabo ngizabaletha entabeni yami engcwele, ngibathokozise endlini yami
yomkhuleko; iminikelo yabo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo yabo kuzakwemukeleka
phezu kwelathi lami, ngoba indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthiyindlu yomkhuleko
yabantu bonke.

8 INkosi uJehova oqoqa abaxotshiweyo bakoIsrayeli uthi:
Ngisezabuthelela abanye kuye ngaphandle kwababuthiweyo bakhe.

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9 Lina lonke zilo zeganga, wozani lidle, lina lonke zilo eziseguswini.

10 Abalindi bakhe bayiziphofu, bonke kabalalwazi; bonke bayizinja eziyizimungulu, bangeke bakhonkothe; balele, bacambalele, bathanda ukuwozela.

11 Yebo bayizinja ezihahayo, ezingasoze zisuthe; njalo bangabelusi abangakwaziyo ukuqedisisa; bonke baphendukela kweyabo indlela, ngulowo lalowo enzuzweni yakhe ephethelweni lakhe.

12 Uthi: Wozani, ngizaletha iwayini, sinathe kakhulu okunathwayo okulamandla; lekusasa izakuba njengalamuhla, kwengezelelwe ngokukhulukazi.

UISAYA 57

1Olungileyo uyabhubha, njalo kakulamuntu okubeka enhliziyweni; njalo abantu abalomusa bayasuswa, engekho okunanzayo ukuthi olungileyo ususiwe ngaphambi kobubi.

2 Uzangena ekuthuleni. Bazaphumula emibhedeni yabo, ngulowo lalowo ehamba ebuqothweni bakhe.

UIsrayeli wonakele

3 Kodwa lina sondelani lapha, madodana omthakathikazi, nzalo yesifebe, lawe wule.

4 Lidlala limelene lobani? Livulela bani umlomo ube banzi, likhupha ulimi? Alisibantwana besiphambeko yini, inzalo yenkohliso,

5 lizitshisa phakathi kwezihlahla zama-okhi ngaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza, libulalela abantwanaezihotsheni ngaphansi kwezingoxo zamadwala?

6 Isabelo sakho siphakathi kwamatshe abutshelezi esifula; wona, wona ayinkatho yakho; njalo kiwo uthululele umnikelo wokunathwayo, waletha umnikelo wokudla. Ngizazisola ngalezizinto yini?

7 Phezu kwentaba ende lephakemeyo ubekile umbheda wakho; ngitsho lapho wenyukela khona ukuyanikela umhlatshelo.

8 Langemva kwesivalo lensika yomnyango wabeka isikhumbuzo sakho; ngoba uzivezile komunye kulakimi, wenyuka, waqhelisa umbheda wakho, wazenzela isivumelwano labo; wathanda umbheda wabo lapho uwubona.

9 Waya enkosini ulamafutha, wandisa amakha akho, wathuma izithunywa zakho khatshana, wazehlisela esihogweni.

10 Wadinwa yibukhulu bendlela yakho, kodwa kawutshongo ukuthi: Kakulathemba; wathola impilo yesandla sakho, ngakho-ke kawuphelanga amandla.

11 Njalo wesaba bani watshaywa luvalo, ukuthi uqambe amanga, ungangikhumbuli, ungakufaki enhliziyweni yakho? Kangithulanga yini ngitsho kwasendulo, njalo mina ungangesabi?

12 Mina ngizamemezela ukulunga kwakho, lemisebenzi yakho; ngoba kakuyikukusiza.

Ukusiza lokusilisa kukaNkulunkulu

13 Lapho ukhala, amaxuku akho kawakukhulule! Kanti umoya uzawaphephula wonke, ize lizawathatha. Kodwa othemba kimi uzakudla ilifa lelizwe, adle ilifa lentaba yami engcwele.

14 Azakuthi: Buthelelani, buthelelani, lungisani indlela, susani isikhubekiso endleleni yabantu bami.

15 Ngoba utsho njalo ophezulu lophakemeyo, ohlala ephakadeni, obizo lakhe lingoNgcwele, uthi: Ngihlalaendaweni ephakemeyo lengcwele, njalo kanye laye olomoya odabukileyo lozithobayo, ukuvuselela umoya wabathobekileyo, lokuvuselela inhliziyo yabadabukileyo.

16 Ngoba kangiyikulwisa kuze kube phakade, kangiyikuthukuthela njalonjalo; ngoba umoya ungaphela amandla phambi kwami, lemiphefumulo mina engiyenzileyo.

17 Ngenxa yobubi bokufisa kwakhe ngathukuthela, ngamtshaya, ngazifihla, ngathukuthela; kodwa waqhubeka ehlubuka ngendlela yenhliziyo yakhe.

18 Ngizibonile izindlela zakhe, njalo ngizamsilisa, ngimkhokhele, ngibuyisele izinduduzo kuye labalilayo bakhe.

19 Ngidala izithelo zezindebe; ukuthula, ukuthula kokhatshana loseduze, itsho iNKOSI; njalo ngizamsilisa.

20 Kodwa ababi banjengolwandle olutshukumayo; ngoba kalulakuphumula, lamanzi alo akhafula udaka lengcekeza.

21 Kakulakuthula, utsho uNkulunkulu wami, kwababi.

UISAYA 58

Ukuzila ukudla okuyikho

1Memeza ngomphimbo, ungayekeli, uphakamise ilizwi lakho njengophondo, utshele abantu bami isiphambeko sabo, lendlu kaJakobe izono zabo.

2 Kanti bayangidinga mina usuku ngosuku, bethokoza ukwazi indlela zami; njengesizwe esenza ukulunga, esingadelanga isimiso sikaNkulunkulu waso, babuza kimi izimiso zokulunga, bathokoza ekusondeleni kuNkulunkulu.

3 Besithi: Kungani sizile ukudla, wena-ke ungaboni? Kungani sihluphe umphefumulo wethu, wena-ke ungakwazi? Khangelani, ngosuku lokuzila kwenu ukudla, lithola intokozo, licindezele zonke izisebenzi zenu.

4 Khangelani, lizila ukudla lisenzela ingxabano lokuphikisana, lokutshaya ngenqindi yenkohlakalo; lingazili ukudla njengalamuhla, ukwenza ilizwi lenu lizwakale phezulu.

5 Kunjalo yini ukuzila ukudla engikukhethileyo? Lusuku lokuthi umuntu ahluphe umphefumulo wakhe yini? Ukuthi akhothamise ikhanda lakhe njengomhlanga, endlale phansi kwakhe isaka lomlotha? Lokhu ungakubiza yini ngokuthi yikuzila ukudla, losuku olwemukelekayo eNKOSIni?

6 Kayisikho lokhu yini ukuzila ukudla engikukhethileyo: Ukuthukulula izibopho zobubi, ukukhulula imichilo yejogwe, ukuyekela abacindezelweyo bahambe bekhululekile, lokuthi lephule lonke ijogwe?

7 Kayisikho yini ukwabela olambileyo isinkwa sakho, lokungenisa abayanga abayimihambuma endlini, lapho ubona onqunu umembese, lokuthi ungacatsheli inyama yakho?

8 Khona ukukhanya kwakho kuzaqhamuka njengokusa, lokusila kwakho kuhlume masinyane; lokulunga kwakho kuhambe phambi kwakho; inkazimulo yeNKOSI ibe ngumvikeli wakho ngasemuva.

9 Khona uzabiza, iNKOSI iphendule, uzakhala, ibisisithi: Khangela ngilapha. Uba ususa phakathi kwakho ijogwe, ukukhomba ngomunwe, lokukhuluma okubi,

10 ukhuphele olambileyo umphefumulo wakho, usuthise umphefumulo ohluphekileyo, khona ukukhanya kwakho kuzaphuma emnyameni, lobumnyama bakho bube njengemini enkulu.

11 Njalo iNKOSI izakukhokhela njalonjalo, isuthise umphefumulo wakho engwaduleni, iqinise amathambo akho, ube njengesivande esithelelwayo, lanjengomthombo wamanzi, omanzi awo angapheliyo.

12 Labakho bazakwakha amanxiwa amadala; uzavusa izisekelo zezizukulwana ngezizukulwana; uzabizwangokuthi: UMvalisikhala, uMbuyiseli wemikhondo yokuhlala.

Ukugcinwa kwesabatha

13 Uba uphendula unyawo lwakho lusuka kusabatha, ungenzi intokozo yakho ngosuku lwami olungcwele; ulibize isabatha ngokuthi yintokozo, olungcwele lweNKOSI, oluhloniphekayo; njalo uluhlonipha, ungenzi indlela zakho, ungatholi intokozo yakho, loba ukhulume ilizwi lakho,

14 khona uzazithokozisa eNKOSIni, ngizakugadisa ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, ngizakwenza udle ilifa likaJakobe uyihlo; ngoba umlomo weNKOSI ukhulumile.

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UISAYA 59

Izono zabantwana bakoIsrayeli

1Khangela isandla seNKOSI kasifinyezwanga ukuthi singasindisi, lendlebe yayo
kayinzima ukuthi ingezwa.

2 Kodwa iziphambeko zenu zehlukanisile phakathi kwenu loNkulunkulu wenu,
lezono zenu zibusithile ubuso bakhe kini, ukuthi angezwa.

3 Ngoba izandla zenu zingcoliswe ngegazi, leminwe yenu ngenkohlakalo; indebe
zenu zikhulume amanga, lolimi lwenu lungunguna ububi.

4 Kakho omemeza ngokulunga, njalo kakho olabhela ngeqiniso; bathemba
okuyize, bakhulume amanga; bamitha ububi, bazale isiphambeko.

5 Bachamusela amaqanda enhlangwana, beluke ubulembu besayobe; odla
okwamaqanda awo uyafa; lelichotshoziweyo liqhamuka lilibululu.

6 Ubulembu babo kabuyikuba yizembatho, njalo kabayikuzembesa ngemisebenzi
yabo. Imisebenzi yabo yimisebenzi yobubi, lesenzo sodlakela sisezandleni zabo.

7 Inyawo zabo zigijimela ebubini; baphangisa ukuchitha igazi elingelacala;
imicabango yabo yimicabango yobubi; ukubhubhisa lokuchitha kusezindleleni
zabo.

8 Indlela yokuthula kabayazi; njalo kakulasahlulelo emikhondweni yabo;
bazenzela izindlela zabo ezimazombazombe; loba ngubani ohamba kuzo
kayikwazi ukuthula.

Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bavuma izono zabo

9 Ngakho-ke isahlulelo sikhatshana lathi, lokulunga kakusifinyeleli. Silindela
ukukhanya, kodwa khangela, ubumnyama; silindela
ukukhazimula, kodwa sihamba emnyameni omkhulu.

10 Siphumputha umduli njengeziphofu, siphumputhe kwangathi kasilamehlo;
sikhubeke emini enkulu kwangathi kukusihlwa, sisendaweni ezichithekileyo
njengabafileyo.

11 Sonke siyabhonga njengamabhere, silile lokulila njengamajuba; silindela
isahlulelo, kodwa kasikho; losindiso,kodwa lukhatshana lathi.

12 Ngoba iziphambeko zethu zandile phambi kwakho, lezono zethu zifakaza
zimelene lathi; ngoba iziphambeko zethu zilathi, lobubi bethu siyabazi;

13 ukuphambuka, lokuqambela iNKOSI amanga, lokusuka ekulandeleni
uNkulunkulu wethu, ukukhuluma incindezelo lokuhlamuka, ukukhulelwa
lokukhuluma amazwi amanga aphuma enhliziyweni.

14 Ngakho isahlulelo sibuyiselwa emuva, lokulunga kumi khatshana; ngoba
iqiniso liyakhubeka esitaladeni, lobuqotho kabulakungena.

15 Yebo, iqiniso liyasilela, lowehlukana lobubi uzenza impango. INKOSI yasikubona, njalo kwaba kubi emehlweni ayo ukuthi kakulasahlulelo.

16 Yasibona ukuthi kwakungelamuntu, yamangala kakhulu ukuthi kwakungelamlamuli; ngakho ingalo yayo yaletha usindiso kuye, lokulunga kwayo khona kwamsekela.

17 Ngoba yembatha ukulunga njengebhatshi lensimbi, lengowane yosindiso ekhanda layo; yembatha izembatho zempindiselo njengesembatho, yazembesa ukutshiseka njengejazi.

18 Njengokwezenzo, ngokunjalo izaphindisela, ulaka kwabamelana layo, umvuzo ezitheni zayo; ezihlengeniuzabuyisela umvuzo.

19 Ngokunjalo bazalesaba ibizo leNKOSI kusukela entshonalanga, lodumo lwayo kusukela lapho okuphuma khona ilanga. Lapho isitha sizangena njengomfula, uMoya weNKOSI uzaphakamisa isiboniso esimelene laso.

20 LoMhlengi uzafika eZiyoni, lakulabo abaphenduka eziphambekweni koJakobe, itsho iNKOSI.

21 Mina-ke, lesi yisivumelwano sami labo, itsho iNKOSI: UMoya wami ophezu kwakho, lamazwi ami engiwafake emlonyeni wakho, kawayikusuka emlonyeni wakho, lemlonyeni wenzalo yakho, lemlonyeni wenzalo yenzalo yakho, itsho iNKOSI, kusukela khathesi kuze kube phakade.

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Udumo oluzayo lweZiyoni

1Vuka, ukhanye, ngoba ukukhanya kwakho kufikile, lodumo lweNKOSI luphume phezu kwakho.

2 Ngoba khangela, umnyama uzasibekela umhlaba, lomnyama omkhulu izizwe; kodwa iNKOSI izaphuma phezu kwakho, lodumo lwayo luzabonakala phezu kwakho.

3 Labezizwe bazakuza ekukhanyeni kwakho, lamakhosi ekukhazimuleni kokuphuma kwakho.

4 Phakamisa amehlo akho inhlangothi zonke, ubone; bonke bayabuthana, beze kuwe; amadodana akho azavela khatshana, lamadodakazi akho azakondliwa eceleni.

5 Khona uzabona, ugeleze ndawonye, lenhliziyo yakho izakwesaba, yenziwe banzi; ngoba ubunengi bolwandlebuzaphendulelwa kuwe, amabutho ezizwe azakuza kuwe.

6 Ubunengi bamakamela buzakwembesa, amakamela amatsha eMidiyani leEfa; wonke evela eShebha azakuza; azaletha igolide lempepha, amemezele indumiso zeNKOSI.

7 Yonke imihlambi yeKedari izabuthelwa kuwe; izinqama zeNebayothi zizakukhonza; zizakuza ngokwemukeleka phezu kwelathi lami, njalo ngizadumisa indlu yodumo lwami.

8 Ngobani laba abandiza njengeyezi, lanjengamajuba esiya emawindini awo?

9 Qotho izihlenge zizangilindela, lemikhumbi yeThashishi kuqala, ukuletha amadodana akho evela khatshana, isiliva sawo legolide lawo kanye lawo, kulo ibizo leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, lakoNgcwele kaIsrayeli, ngoba ukudumisile.

10 Lamadodana abezizwe azakwakha imiduli yakho, lamakhosi abo akukhonze; ngoba elakeni lwami ngakutshaya, kodwa ngomusa wami ngikuhawukele.

11 Njalo amasango akho azahlala evulekile, emini lebusuku kawayikuvalwa, ukuze bakulethele inotho yabezizwe, lamakhosi azo alethwe.

12 Ngoba isizwe lombuso okungayikukukhonza kuzabhubha; yebo, lezozizwe zizaphela nya.

13 Udumo lweLebhanoni luzakuza kuwe, isihlahla sefiri, umangwe, lomsayiphuresi kanyekanye, ukucecisa indawo yendlu yami engcwele; njalo ngizakwenza indawo yenyawo zami ikhazimule.

14 Amadodana lawo awabakucindezelayo azakuza kuwe akhothame; labo bonke abakudelelayo bazakhothamela kungaphansi yezinyawo zakho, bakubize ngokuthi umuzi weNKOSI, iZiyoni yoNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

15 Esikhundleni sokuthi wawutshiyiwe, wazondwa, okokuthi kwakungekho odabula phakathi kwakho, ngizakwenza ube ludumo laphakade, intokozo yezizukulwana ngezizukulwana.

16 Uzamunya futhi uchago lwabezizwe, yebo, umunye amabele amakhosi; njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina NKOSInginguMsindisi wakho loMhlengi wakho, oLamandla kaJakobe.

17 Endaweni yethusi ngizaletha igolide, lendaweni yensimbi ngilethe isiliva, lendaweni yesigodo ithusi, lendaweni yamatshe insimbi. Ngizakwenza futhi ababonisi bakho babe yikuthula, labacindezeli bakho babe yikulunga.

18 Udlakela kalusayikuzwakala elizweni lakho, ukuchitheka lokubhubhisa phakathi kwemingcele yakho; kodwa uzabiza imiduli yakho ngokuthi luSindiso, lamasango akho iNdumiso.

19 Ilanga kalisayikuba yikukhanya kuwe emini, lenyanga kayisayikukukhanyisela kube yikukhazimula; kodwa iNKOSI izakuba yikukhanya okulaphakade kuwe, loNkulunkulu wakho abe ludumo lwakho.

20 Ilanga lakho kalisayikutshona, lenyanga yakho kayiyikuhlehlela nyovane; ngoba iNKOSI izakuba yikukhanya kwakho okulaphakade, lensuku zokulila kwakho zizaphela.

21 Njalo abantu bakho bonke bazakuba ngabalungileyo, badle ilifa lelizwe kuze kube laphakade, ugatsha lokuhlanyela kwami, umsebenzi wezandla zami, ukuze ngidunyiswe.

22 Omncinyane uzakuba yinkulungwane, lomncane abe yisizwe esilamandla. Mina NKOSI ngizakuphangisisa ngesikhathi sakhe.

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Indaba ezinhle zokukhululwa

1UMoya weNkosi uJehova uphezu kwami, ngoba iNkosi ingigcobile ukuthi ngitshumayele indaba ezinhlekwabamnene; ingithumile ukubopha abalenhliziyo ezidabukileyo, ukumemezela inkululekokwabathunjiweyo, lokuvulwa kwentolongo kwababotshiweyo;

2 ukumemezela umnyaka owemukelekayo weNKOSI, losuku lwempindiselo lukaNkulunkulu wethu; ukududuza bonke abalilayo;

3 ukumisa kwabalilayo beZiyoni, ukubanika ubuhle esikhundleni somlotha, amafutha enjabulo endaweni yokulila, isembatho sendumiso endaweni yomoya obuthakathaka; ukuze babizwe ngokuthi yizihlahla ezinkulu zokulunga, ukuhlanyelwa kweNKOSI, ukuze idunyiswe.

4 Njalo bazakwakha amanxiwa amadala, bavuse izincithakalo zakuqala, balungise imizi engamanxiwa, izincithakalo zezizukulwana ngezizukulwana.

5 Labezizwe bazakuma beluse imihlambi yenu, lamadodana awemzini abe ngabalimi benu labaphathi benu bezivini.

6 Kodwa lina lizabizwa ngokuthi lingabaPristi beNKOSI; lithiwe liyiziKhonzi zikaNkulunkulu wethu; lizakudla inotho yabezizwe, lizincome ngodumo lwazo.

7 Esikhundleni sehlazo lenu lizakuba lokuphindwe kabili; langokuyangeka bazajabula ngesabelo sabo; ngakho elizweni labo bazafuya okuphindwe kabili, intokozo elaphakade ibe ngeyabo.

8 Ngoba mina NKOSI ngithanda isahlulelo; ngizonda impango emhlatshelweni otshiswayo; njalo ngizanika umvuzo wabo ngeqiniso, ngenze labo isivumelwano esilaphakade.

9 Lenzalo yabo izakwaziwa phakathi kwabezizwe, lembewu yabo phakathi kwabantu; bonke abababonayo bazabazi ukuthi bayinzalo iNKOSI eyibusisileyo.

10 Ngizathokoza lokuthokoza eNKOSIni; umphefumulo wami uzajabula kuNkulunkulu wami; ngoba ungigqokise izembatho zosindiso; ungembese

ngebhatshi lokulunga, njengomyeni ezicecise ngesiceciso sobukhosi, lanjengomakoti ezicecise ngokuligugu kwakhe.

11 Ngoba njengomhlaba uveza ihlumela lawo, lanjengesivande sikhulisa okuhlanyelweyo kiso, ngokunjalo iNkosi uJehova izakwenza ukulunga lodumo kuhlume phambi kwezizwe zonke.

UISAYA 62

1Ngenxa yeZiyoni kangiyikuthula, langenxa yeJerusalema kangiyikuphumula, kuze kuphume ukulungakwayo njengokukhanya, losindiso lwayo njengesibane esivuthayo.

2 Labezizwe bazabona ukulunga kwakho, lamakhosi wonke inkazimulo yakho; njalo uzabizwa ngebizo elitsha, umlomo weNKOSI ozakutha lona.

3 Njalo uzakuba ngumqhele wobuhle esandleni seNKOSI, lomqhele wobukhosi esandleni sikaNkulunkulu wakho.

4 Kawusayikuthiwa ngoTshiyiweyo, lelizwe lakho kalisayikuthiwa ngeliLahliweyo; kodwa uzabizwa ngokuthinguHefiziba, lelizwe lakho ngokuthi yiBhewula; ngoba iNKOSI ithokoza ngawe, lelizwe lakho lizakwenda.

5 Ngoba njengejaha lithatha intombi emsulwa, ngokunjalo amadodana akho azakuthatha; lanjengomyeniethokoza ngomakoti, ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu wakho uzathokoza ngawe.

6 Ngibekile abalindi phezu kwemithangala yakho, Jerusalema, abangayikuthula kokuphela imini yonke lobusuku bonke. Lina elikhumbuza ngeNKOSI, lingabi lokuthula,

7 lingayiphumuzi, ize imise, njalo ize yenze iJerusalema ibe ludumo emhlabeni.

8 INKOSI ifungile ngesandla sayo sokunene, langengalo yamandla ayo: Isibili kangisayikunika amabele akho abeyikudla kwezitha zakho, njalo isibili amadodana awezizwe kawayikunatha iwayini lakho elitsha olitshikatshikeleyo.

9 Kodwa labo abawabuthileyo bazawadla, badumise iNKOSI; lalabo abaliqoqileyo bazalinatha emagumeni obungcwele bami.

10 Dabulani, dabulani emasangweni; lungisani indlela yabantu; phakamisani, phakamisani umgwaqo omkhulu, likhuphe amatshe, liphakamisele abantu uphawu.

11 Khangelani, iNKOSI iyezwakala kuze kube sephethelweni lomhlaba: Tshonini kundodakazi yeZiyoni: Khangela, usindiso lwakho luyeza; khangela umvuzo wayo ilawo, lenkokhelo yayo iphambi kwayo.

12 Bazababiza ngokuthi ngaBantu abaNgcwele, abaHlengiweyo beNKOSI; yebo, uzabizwa ngokuthingoDingiweyo, uMuzi ongaTshiywanga.

UISAYA 63

Usuku lwempindiselo yeNkosi

1 Ngubani lo ovela eEdoma, elezembatho ezibomvu ezivela eBhozira? lo
odumisekileyo ngezembatho zakhe, ehamba ngobukhulu bamandla akhe? Yimi
engikhuluma ngokulunga, engilamandla okusindisa.

2 Kungani izigqoko zakho zibomvu, lezembatho zakho zinjengezonyathela
esikhamelweni sewayini?

3 Ngisinyathele ngedwa isikhamelo sewayini, lebantwini kwakungekho loyedwa
lami; ngoba ngizabanyathela ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngibahlifize elakeni lwami;
legazi labo lizafafazwa ezembathweni zami, ngingcolise izigqoko zami zonke.

4 Ngoba usuku lwempindiselo lusenhliziyweni yami, lomnyaka wabahlengwa
bami usufikile.

5 Njalo ngakhangela, kodwa kwakungekho osizayo, ngamangala kakhulu ukuthi
kwakungekho osekelayo; ngakho ingalo yami yaletha usindiso kimi, lolaka
lwami lona lwangisekela.

6 Besenginyathela abantu ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngibadakise olakeni lwami,
ngehlisele emhlabathini amandla abo.

Ukulunga kweNkosi kuIsrayeli

7 Ngizakhumbuza ngothandolomusa omkhulu weNkosi, izindumiso zeNkosi,
njengakho konke iNkosi esinike khona, lobuhle obukhulu ngasendlini kaIsrayeli,
ebanike bona ngokwezisa zayo, lanjengobunengi bothandolomusa wayo
omkhulu.

8 Ngoba yathi: Isibili bangabantu bami, abantwana abangayikukhuluma amanga;
ngakho yaba nguMsindisi wabo.

9 Enhluphekweni yabo yonke yahlupheka, lengilosi yobukhona bayo yabasindisa;
ngothando lwayo langesihawu sayo yona yabahlenga, yabaphakamisa,
yabathwala zonke izinsuku zendulo.

10 Kodwa bona baba lenkani, badabukisa uMoya wayo oNgcwele; ngakho
yaphenduka yaba yisitha sabo, yona yalwa imelene labo.

11 Yasikhumbula insuku zendulo, uMozisi, labantu bakhe, isithi: Ungaphi lowo
owabakhuphula olwandlelabelusi bomhlambi wakhe? Ungaphi lowo owafaka
uMoya wakhe oyiNgcwele phakathi kwakhe?

12 Owakhokhela ingalo yakhe elodumo esandleni sokunene sikaMozisi,
esehlukanisa amanzi phambi kwabo, ukuzenzela ibizo eliphakade?

13 Owabakhokhela ezinzikini, njengebhiza enkangala kabakhubekanga?

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14 Njengenkomo isehlela esigodini, uMoya weNKOSI wabaphumuza. Ngokunjalo wabakhokhela abantu bakho, ukuze uzenzele ibizo elilodumo.

Umkhuleko wokucela isihawu losizo

15 Khangela phansi usemazulwini, ubone usendaweni yakho yokuhlala yobungcwele bakho leyodumo lwakho. Kungaphi ukutshiseka kwakho lamandla akho? Ubunengi bemibilini yakho, lezihawu zakho kimi, kuyazibamba yini?

16 Isibili wena ungubaba; lanxa uAbrahama engasazi, loIsrayeli engasivumi; wena NKOSI ungubaba wethu, umhlengi wethu; ibizo lakho lisukela ephakadeni.

17 NKOSI, kungani usenza siduhe ezindleleni zakho, usenza inhliziyo yethu ibe lukhuni sisuka ekukwesabeni? Phenduka ngenxa yenceku zakho, izizwe zelifa lakho.

18 Abantu bobungcwele bakho babe lakho okwesikhatshana; izitha zethu zinyathelele phansi indlu yakho engcwele.

19 Singabakho; kawuzange ubuse phezu kwabo; kababizwanga ngebizo lakho.

UISAYA 64

1Kungathi ungadabula amazulu, wehlele phansi, izintaba zigeleze ebukhoneni bakho;

2 njengokutshisa komlilo oncibilikisayo, umlilo wenze amanzi abile, ukulazisa ibizo lakho ezitheni zakho,ukuze izizwe zithuthumele ebukhoneni bakho.

3 Ekwenzeni kwakho izinto ezesabekayo esasingazilindelanga, wehlela phansi; izintaba zageleza ebukhoneni bakho.

4 Ngoba kusukela endulo kabezwanga, kabalalelanga ngendlebe, ilihlo kalibonanga, Nkulunkulu, ngaphandle kwakho, osebenzela lowo olindele kuye.

5 Uhlangabeza othokozayo lowenza ukulunga, abakukhumbulayo ezindleleni zakho. Khangela, wena wathukuthela, ngoba sonile; kuzo kulokuqhubeka, njalo sizasindiswa.

6 Kodwa sonke sinjengongcolileyo, lakho konke ukulunga kwethu kunjengezidwedwe ezingcolileyo; njalo sonke siyabuna njengehlamvu, leziphambeko zethu, njengomoya, zisiphephule.

7 Njalo kakho obiza ibizo lakho, ozivusela ukubambelela kuwe; ngoba ufihlile ubuso bakho kithi, wasicikiza ngenxa yeziphambeko zethu.

8 Kodwa, khathesi, NKOSI, wena ungubaba wethu; thina silibumba, wena-ke ungumbumbi wethu; njalo sonke singumsebenzi wesandla sakho.

9 Ungathukutheli wedlulise, NKOSI, ungakhumbuli ububi phakade. Khangela, ake ubone, sonke singabantu bakho.

10 Imizi yakho engcwele isiyinkangala, iZiyoni isiyinkangala, iJerusalema iyincithakalo.

11 Indlu yethu engcwele leyethu enhle, lapho obaba abakudumisela khona, itshisiwe ngomlilo; lazo zonke izinto zethu ezithandekayo sezilunxiwa.

12 Uzazithinta yini ngenxa yalezizinto, NKOSI? Uzathula yini, usihluphe wedlulise?

UISAYA 65

Abavukela iNKOSI bazatshaywa

1Ngadingwa yilabo abangangicelanga; ngatholwa yilabo abangangidinganga. Ngathi: Ngikhangelani, ngikhangelani, esizweni esingabizwa ngebizo lami.

2 Ngelule izandla zami usuku lonke ebantwini abavukelayo, abahamba ngendlela engalunganga, belandela imicabango yabo;

3 abantu abangithukuthelisayo njalonjalo ebusweni bami, abenza imihlatshelo ezivandeni, betshisa impepha phezu kwezitina;

4 abahlala emangcwabeni, balale endaweni ezisithekileyo, abadla inyama yengulube, lomhluzi wezinto ezinengekayo emiganwini yabo.

5 Abathi: Xeka wena, ungasondeli kimi; ngoba ngingcwele kulawe. Laba bayintuthu emakhaleni ami, umlilo otshisayo usuku lonke.

6 Khangela, kubhaliwe phambi kwami: Kangiyikuthula, kodwa ngizaphindisela, yebo ngiphindisele esifubeni sabo,

7 iziphambeko zenu, leziphambeko zaboyihlo kanyekanye, itsho iNKOSI, abatshise impepha phezu kwezintaba, bangithuka phezu kwamaqaqa; ngakho ngizalinganisa imisebenzi yabo yakuqala esifubeni sabo.

8 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Njengewayini elitsha litholwa ehlukuzweni, lomunye athi: Ungalibhubhisi, ngoba isibusiso sikulo; ngizakwenza njalo ngenxa yenceku zami, ukuze ngingazibhubhisi zonke.

9 Njalo ngizaveza inzalo ivela kuJakobe, lakoJuda kuvele indlalifa yezintaba zami; labakhethiweyo bami bazakudla ilifa lazo, lenceku zami zihlale khona.

10 Njalo iSharoni izakuba yisibaya semihlambi, lesihotsha seAkori sibe yindawo yokulala yenkomo, eyabantu bami abangidingayo.

11 Kodwa lina elidela iNKOSI, elikhohlwa intaba yami engcwele, elihlelele leloviyo itafula, njalo eligcwalisele lelonani umnikelo wokunathwayo.

12 Ngakho ngizalimisela inkemba, njalo lonke lizakhothamela ukuhlatshwa; ngoba ngalibiza, kodwa kaliphendulanga, ngakhuluma, kodwa kalizwanga, kodwa lenza okubi emehlweni ami, lakhetha lokho engingathokozanga ngakho.

13 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, izinceku zami zizakudla, kodwa
lina lizalamba; khangela, inceku zami zizanatha, kodwa lina lizakoma; khangela,
inceku zami zizathokoza, kodwa lina lizayangeka;

14 khangela, inceku zami zizahlabela ngentokozo yenhliziyo, kodwa lina lizakhala
ngenxa yokudabuka kwenhliziyo, liqhinqe isililo ngenxa yokudabuka komoya.

15 Njalo lizatshiya ibizo lenu libe yisiqalekiso kwabakhethiweyo bami, ngoba
iNkosi uJehova izalibulala; kodwa izabiza inceku zayo ngelinye ibizo;

16 ukuthi lowo ozibusisa emhlabeni uzazibusisa kuNkulunkulu weqiniso, lalowo
ofunga emhlabeni uzafungangoNkulunkulu weqiniso; ngoba inhlupheko
zakuqala sezikhohlakele, njalo ngoba zisithekile emehlweni ami.

Amazulu amatsha lomhlaba omutsha

17 Ngoba khangela, ngidala amazulu amatsha lomhlaba omutsha; okwakuqala
kakusayikukhunjulwa, kumbe kuvele enhliziyweni.

18 Kodwa jabulani, lithokoze kuze kube laphakade ngengikudalayo, ngoba
khangela, ngidala iJerusalema ibeyintokozo, labantu bayo babe yinjabulo.

19 Ngizathokoza-ke ngeJerusalema, ngijabule ngabantu bami; njalo
kalisayikuzwakala kuyo ilizwi lokulilalelizwi lokukhala.

20 Kusukela lapho kakusayikuba khona usane lwezinsuku, kumbe ixhegu
elingagcwalisi insuku zalo; ngoba omutsha uzakufa eleminyaka elikhulu, kodwa
isoni esileminyaka elikhulu sizaqalekiswa.

21 Njalo bazakwakha izindlu, bahlale kuzo; bahlanyele izivini, badle izithelo zazo.

22 Kabayikwakha, kuhlale-ke omunye; kabayikuhlanyela, kudle-ke omunye;
ngoba insuku zabantu bami zizakuba njengensuku zesihlahla, labakhethwa
bami bazakholisa umsebenzi wezandla zabo okwesikhathi eside.

23 Kabayikutshikatshikela ize, loba bazalele uhlupho; ngoba
bayinzalo yababusisiweyo beNKOSI, lembewu yabo kanye labo.

24 Kuzakuthi-ke bengakabizi, mina ngiphendule; lapho besakhuluma, mina-ke
ngizwe.

25 Impisi lewundlu kuzakudla ndawonye, lesilwane sidle amahlanga
njengenkomo, lothuli lube yikudla kwenyoka. Kaziyikulimaza kumbe
zibhubhise kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele, itsho iNKOSI.

UISAYA 66

INKOSI izagweba izizwe; izabusisa iZiyoni

1Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Amazulu ayisihlalo sami sobukhosi, lomhlaba uyisenabelo
senyawo zami. Ingaphi leyondlu elizangakhela yona? Njalo ingaphi indawo yami
yokuphumula?

2 Ngoba zonke lezizinto isandla sami sazenza, lazo zonke lezizinto zikhona, itsho iNKOSI. Kodwa kulowo ngizakhangela, kulowo ongumyanga lolomoya odabukileyo, lothuthumela ngelizwi lami.

3 Ohlaba inkabi unjengobulala umuntu; onikela umhlatshelo ngewundlu unjengowephula intamo yenja; onikela umnikelo wokudla unjengonikela igazi lengulube; otshisa impepha yesikhumbuzo unjengobusisa isithombe. Yebo, bona bakhethile izindlela zabo, lomphefumulo wabo uthokoza ngezinengiso zabo.

4 Lami ngizakhetha izigcono zabo, ngibehlisele abakwesabayo; ngoba ngabiza, akwaphendula muntu; ngakhuluma, akwalalela muntu; kodwa benza okubi emehlweni ami, bakhetha lokho engingathokozanga ngakho.

5 Zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, lina elithuthumela ngelizwi layo. Abafowenu abalizondayo, abalixotsha ngenxa yebizo lami, bathi: Kayidunyiswe iNKOSI; khona sizabona intokozo yenu; bona-ke bazayangeka.

6 Ilizwi lomsindo elivela emzini, ilizwi elivela ethempelini, ilizwi leNKOSI elibuyisela izinzuzo ezitheni zayo.

7 Ingakahelelwa, yazala; kungakafiki ubuhlungu bayo, yabeletha owesilisa.

8 Ngubani owake wezwa okunje? Ngubani owake wabona izinto ezinje? Umhlaba uzakwenziwa uzale yini ngosuku olulodwa? Kumbe isizwe singabelethwa yini ngesikhathi sinye? Ngoba iZiyoni ithe ihelelwa, yazala abantwana bayo.

9 Mina ngizasondeza ekuzalweni, ngingazalisi yini? itsho iNKOSI. Ngizazalisa, besengivala yini? utsho uNkulunkulu wakho.

10 Thokozani kanye leJerusalema, lijabule layo, lina lonke eliyithandayo; thokozani kanye layo ngentokozo, lina lonke eliyililelayo;

11 ukuze limunye, lisuthe ngamabele ezinduduzo zayo; ukuze limunyisise lizithokozise ngobunengi bodumo lwayo.

12 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangelani, ngizaqhelisa ukuthula kuye njengomfula, lodumo lwezizwenjengesifula esikhukhulayo; khona lizamunya, lithwalwe enhlangothini, lidlaliswe emadolweni.

13 Njengalowo unina amduduzayo, ngokunjalo mina ngizaliduduza; njalo lizaduduzeka eJerusalema.

14 Lapho libona lokhu, inhliziyo yenu izathokoza, lamathambo enu ahlume njengohlaza; lesandla seNKOSIsizakwaziwa ngasezincekwini zayo, njalo izakuba lolaka ngasezitheni zayo.

15 Ngoba khangela, iNKOSI izafika ngomlilo, lezinqola zayo njengesivunguzane, ukubuyisela intukuthelo yayo ngokufutheka, lokukhuza kwayo ngamalangabi omlilo.

16 Ngoba ngomlilo langenkemba yayo iNKOSI izangena ekwahluleleni layo yonke inyama, lababuleweyo beNKOSI bazakuba banengi.

17 Labo abazingcwelisayo, bazihlambulule ezivandeni ngemva kwesihlahla esisodwa esiphakathi, besidla inyama yezingulube, lesinengiso, legundwane, bazaqedwa kanyekanye, itsho iNKOSI.

18 Ngoba mina ngiyayazi imisebenzi yabo lemicabango yabo; kuzafika ukuthi ngibuthe zonke izizwe lezinlimi; njalo zizafika, zibone udumo lwami.

19 Ngizabeka-ke isibonakaliso phakathi kwazo, ngithume abaphunyukileyo babo baye ezizweni, eTarshishi, iPhuli, leLudi, abadonsa idandili, eThubhali, leJavani, izihlenge ezikhatshana ezingakezwa indumela yami, lezingakaboni udumo lwami; njalo zizamemezela udumo lwami phakathi kwezizwe.

20 Bazaletha-ke bonke abafowenu babe ngumnikelo eNKOSIni bephuma kuzo zonke izizwe bephezu kwamabhiza, langezinqola, langamathala, laphezu kwezimbongolo, laphezu kwezinyamazana ezilejubane, entabeni yami engcwele eJerusalema, itsho iNKOSI, njengabantwana bakoIsrayeli beletha umnikelo ngesitsha esihlambulukileyo endlini yeNKOSI.

21 Ngizathatha-ke lakubo babe ngabapristi njalo babe ngamaLevi, itsho iNKOSI.

22 Ngoba njengamazulu amatsha lomhlaba omutsha engizakwenza kuzakuma phambi kwami, itsho iNKOSI, ngokunjalo inzalo yakho lebizo lakho kuzakuma.

23 Kuzakuthi-ke ekuthwaseni kwenye inyanga kusiya kwenye, njalo kusukela kwelinye isabatha kusiya kwelinye, yonke inyama izakuzakhonza phambi kwami, itsho iNKOSI.

24 Bazaphuma-ke, babone izidumbu zabantu abaphambeke bemelene lami; ngoba impethu yabo kayiyikufa, lomlilo wabo kawuyikucitsha; njalo bazakuba yisinengiso kuyo yonke inyama.

UJEREMIYA

UJEREMIYA 1

UGWALO LOMPROFETHI
Ubizo lukaJeremiya

1 Amazwi kaJeremiya, indodana kaHilikhiya wabapristi ababeseAnathothi
elizweni lakoBhenjamini;

2 okwafika kuye ilizwi leNKOSI ensukwini zikaJosiya indodana kaAmoni, inkosi
yakoJuda, ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu wokubusa kwakhe.

3 Lafika futhi ensukwini zikaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi
yakoJuda, kwaze kwaba sekupheleni komnyaka wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya
indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, kwaze kwaba sekuthunjweni
kweJerusalema enyangeni yesihlanu.

4 Kwasekufika kimi ilizwi leNKOSI lisithi:

5 Ngingakakubumbi esiswini ngakwazi, njalo ungakaphumi
esizalweni ngakwehlukanisa; ngakubeka waba ngumprofethi ezizweni.

6 Ngasengisithi: Hawu Nkosi Jehova! Khangela, angikwazi ukukhuluma, ngoba
ngingumntwana.

7 Kodwa iNKOSI yathi kimi: Ungatsho ukuthi: Ngingumntwana; ngoba uzakuya
kubo bonke engikuthuma kubo, lakho konke engikulaya khona uzakukhuluma.

8 Ungesabi ubuso babo, ngoba mina ngilawe ukukophula, itsho iNKOSI.

9 INKOSI yasiselula isandla sayo, yathinta umlomo wami; iNKOSI yasisithi kimi:
Khangela, ngibekile amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho.

10 Bona, ngikubekile lamuhla phezu kwezizwe laphezu kwemibuso, ukusiphuna,
lokudiliza, lokubhubhisa, lokuphosela phansi, ukwakha, lokuhlanyela.

11 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi: Ubonani, Jeremiya? Ngasengisithi: Ngibona
uswazi lwesihlahla se-alimondi.

12 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Ubone kuhle, ngoba ngizalinda ilizwi lami ukuze ngilenze.

13 Njalo ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi ngokwesibili lisithi: Ubonani? Ngasengisithi:
Ngibona imbiza ebilayo, njalo ubuso bayo bungasenyakatho.

14 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Okubi kuzaqutshulwa kuvela enyakatho phezu kwabo
bonke abakhileyo belizwe.

15 Ngoba khangela, ngibiza insapho zonke zemibuso yenyakatho, itsho iNKOSI;
njalo zizafika, zimise ngasinye isihlalo salo sobukhosi ekungeneni kwamasango
eJerusalema, zimelene lemiduli yayo yonke inhlangothi zonke, zimelene lemizi
yonke yakoJuda.

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16 Ngizakhuluma izigwebo zami zimelene labo ngenxa yabo bonke ububi babo, abangidelileyo, batshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha, bakhonza imisebenzi yezandla zabo.

17 Wena-ke, bopha ukhalo lwakho, usukume, ukhulume kibo konke mina engikulaya khona. Ungethuki ngenxa yobuso babo, hlezi ngikwethuse phambi kwabo.

18 Ngoba khangela, mina ngikubekile lamuhla ube ngumuzi ovikelweyo, njalo ube yinsika yensimbi, njalo ube yimiduli yethusi, ukumelana lelizwe lonke, ukumelana lamakhosi akoJuda, ukumelana leziphathamandla zayo, ukumelana labapristi bayo, lokumelana labantu belizwe.

19 Njalo bazakulwa bemelene lawe; kodwa kabayikukwehlula; ngoba ngilawe, itsho iNKOSI, ukukophula.

UJEREMIYA 2

Ukuhlamuka kukaIsrayeli

1 Laselifika kimi ilizwi leNKOSI lisithi:

2 Hamba uyememezela endlebeni zeJerusalema usithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngiyakukhumbula, umusa wobutsha bakho, uthando lokuganwa kwakho, ukungilandela kwakho enkangala, elizweni elingahlanyelwanga.

3 UIsrayeli wayeyibungcwele eNKOSIni, izithelo zokuqala zesivuno sayo; bonke abamudlayo bazakuba lecala,ububi buzabehlela, itsho iNKOSI.

4 Zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, ndlu kaJakobe, lensendo zonke zendlu kaIsrayeli.

5 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Yibubi bani oyihlo ababuthola kimi, ukuze baye khatshana lami, balandele okuyize, babe yize?

6 Njalo kabatshongo ukuthi: Ingaphi iNKOSI eyasenyusa elizweni leGibhithe, eyasikhokhela enkangala, elizweni elilamagwadule lelilemigodi, elizweni lokoma, lelethunzi lokufa, elizweni umuntu angalidabulanga, lalapho okungahlalanga muntu khona?

7 Njalo ngaliletha elizweni elivundileyo, ukuze lidle izithelo zalo lokuhle kwalo; kodwa selingenile lalingcolisa ilizwe lami, lenza ilifa lami laba yisinengiso.

8 Abapristi kabatshongo ukuthi: Ingaphi iNKOSI? Lalabo abaphatha umlayo kabangazanga; lababusi baphambuka bemelene lami; labaprofethi baprofetha ngoBhali, balandela izinto ezingasiziyo.

9 Ngakho ngisezaphikisana lawe, itsho iNKOSI, njalo ngizaphikisana labantwana babantwana benu.

10 Ngoba dlulelani ezihlengeni zeKhithimi libone, lithumele eKedari, linakane kuhle, libone ukuthi kukhona into enjengale yini?

11 Isizwe sake santshintsha yini onkulunkulu baso, abangeyisibo onkulunkulu? Kodwa abantu bami bantshintshile uDumo lwabo ngalokho okungasizi lutho.

12 Mangalani kakhulu, mazulu, ngalokhu, lethuke, lichitheke kakhulu, itsho iNKOSI.

13 Ngoba abantu bami benzile izinto ezimbi ezimbili; bangidelile mina mthombo wamanzi aphilayo, ukuthi bazigebhele izikhongozelo, izikhongozelo ezidabukileyo, ezingegcine manzi.

14 UIsrayeli uyisigqili yini? kumbe esizelwe ekhaya yini? Kungani waba yimpango?

15 Amabhongo ezilwane abhongele phezu kwakhe, akhupha ilizwi lawo, enza ilizwe lakhe laba yincithakalo;imizi yakhe itshisiwe ingelamhlali.

16 Futhi abantwana beNofi leThahaphanesi badlele enkanda yakho.

17 Kawuzenzelanga lokhu yini, ngokuthi udele iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, ngesikhathi ikukhokhela endleleni?

18 Khathesi-ke ulani lendlela yeGibhithe, ukuthi unathe amanzi eSihori? Futhi ulani lendlela yeAsiriya, ukuthi unathe amanzi omfula?

19 Ububi bakho buzakulaya, lokuhlehlela kwakho nyovane kuzakukhuza. Ngakho yazi ubone ukuthi kubi njalo kubuhlungu ukuthi uyidelile iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, lokuthi ukungesaba kakukho kuwe, itsho iNkosi uJehova wamabandla.

20 Ngoba kwasendulo ngephula ijogwe lakho, ngaqamula izibopho zakho; wasusithi: Kangiyikukhonza; kodwa phezu kwalo lonke uqaqa oluphakemeyo langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza wazulazulanjengesifebe.

21 Kube kanti mina ngakuhlanyela, ulivini elihle, inhlanyelo ethembekileyo ngokupheleleyo. Pho, usuphenduke njani waba lugatsha olonakeleyo lwevini lemzini kimi?

22 Ngoba lanxa ugeza ngesoda, uzithathele isepa enengi, kanti ububi bakho bube lichatha phambi kwami,itsho iNkosi uJehova.

23 Ungatsho njani ukuthi: Kangingcolanga, kangilandelanga oBhali? Bona indlela yakho esigodini, wazi ukuthi wenzeni, kamela elisikazi elilejubane elizulazula ezindleleni zalo.

24 Ungubabhemi weganga owejwayele inkangala, ophembela umoya enkanukweni yenhliziyo yakhe. Ngubani ongamvimbela enkanukweni yakhe? Bonke abamdingayo kabayikuzidinisa; ngenyanga yakhe bazamthola.

25 Nqanda unyawo lwakho ekungabini ngolungelasicathulo, lomphimbo wakho
ekomeni; kodwa wena wathi:Kakulathemba; hatshi; ngoba ngathanda
abemzini, njalo ngizabalandela.

26 Njengesela lilenhloni lapho selibanjiwe, ngokunjalo indlu kaIsrayeli ilenhloni,
bona, amakhosi abo, iziphathamandla zabo, labapristi babo, labaprofethi babo,

27 besithi esigodweni: Wena ungubaba; lelitsheni: Wena wangizala. Ngoba
baphendulele umhlana kimi, hatshi-ke ubuso; kodwa ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka
kwabo bazakuthi: Sukuma, usisindise!

28 Kodwa bangaphi onkulunkulu bakho ozenzele bona? Kabasukume uba
bengakusindisa ngesikhathi sobubi bakho; ngoba njengenani lemizi
yakho bangako onkulunkulu bakho, Juda.

29 Liphikisanelani lami? Lonke liphambekile kimi, itsho iNKOSI.

30 Ngibatshayile abantwana benu ngeze; kabemukelanga ukuqondiswa; inkemba
yenu ibadlile abaprofethi benu,njengesilwane esichithayo.

31 Wena sizukulwana, lina bonani ilizwi leNKOSI. Bengiyinkangala yini
kuIsrayeli? ilizwe lobumnyama obunzima yini? Batsholoni abantu bami ukuthi:
Sizulazulile; kasisayikuza kuwe?

32 Intombi ingazikhohlwa yini iziceciso zayo, kumbe umakoti amabhanti
akhe? Kanti abantu bami bangikhohliwe insuku ezingelanani.

33 Kungani ulungisa indlela yakho ekudingeni uthando? Ngakho ubafundisile labo
ababi izindlela zakho.

34 Lezigqokweni zakho kutholakala igazi lemiphefumulo yabayanga
abangelacala; kawubatholanga befohlela phakathi, kodwa phezu kwakho konke
lokhu.

35 Kanti wena uthi: Ngoba kangilacala, isibili intukuthelo yakhe izaphenduka
isuke kimi. Khangela, ngizakwehlulelana lawe, ngoba uthi: Kangonanga.

36 Kungani uzulazula kangaka ukuntshintsha indlela yakho? Uzayangiswa
yiGibhithe layo, njengoba wayangiswa yiAsiriya.

37 Yebo, uzaphuma usuka lapha, lezandla zakho ziphezu kwekhanda lakho, ngoba
iNKOSI iwalile amathemba akho, njalo kawuyikuphumelela ngawo.

UJEREMIYA 3

1Kuthiwa: Uba indoda ilahla umkayo, asuke kuyo, abe ngowenye indoda,
izabuyela kuye futhi yini?Lelolizwe belingayikungcoliswa kakhulu yini? Kanti
wena ufebile lezithandwa ezinengi; kodwa buyela kimi, itsho iNKOSI.

2 Phakamisela amehlo akho emadundulwini, ubone; kungaphi lapho ongalalwanga khona? Ezindleleni wabahlalela, njengomArabhiya enkangala; njalo ulingcolisile ilizwe ngobufebe bakho langenkohlakalo yakho.

3 Ngakho izihlambo zigodliwe; njalo lalingekho izulu langemuva; njalo waba lebunzi lewule, wala ukuba lenhloni.

4 Kawuyikuthi kusukela khathesi ukhale yini kimi uthi: Baba, ungumeluleki wobutsha bami?

5 Yena uzalugcina yini ulaka lwakhe phakade? Uzalulondoloza kuze kube sekucineni yini? Khangela, ukhulumile, wenza izinto ezimbi, uphumelele.

UIsrayeli loJuda bacelwa ukuphenduka

6 INKOSI yasisithi kimi ensukwini zikaJosiya inkosi: Ubonile yini lokho uIsrayeli ohlehlele nyovane akwenzileyo?Yena waya kuyo yonke intaba ephakemeyo, langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza, waphingela khona.

7 Ngasengisithi esezenzile zonke lezizinto: Buyela kimi; kodwa kabuyelanga. Lodadewabo ongathembekangauJuda wakubona lokho.

8 Ngasengibona, lapho ngenxa yazo zonke imbangela uIsrayeli ohlehlela nyovane aphinga ngazo, ngamxotsha ngamnika incwadi yesehlukaniso, ukuthi udadewabo ongathembekanga, uJuda, kesabanga, kodwa laye wayafeba.

9 Kwasekusithi ngenxa yendumela yokufeba kwakhe wangcolisa ilizwe, waphinga lamatshe lezihlahla.

10 Kube kanti kukho konke lokhu udadewabo ongathembekanga, uJuda, kabuyelanga kimi ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke, kodwa ngenkohliso, itsho iNKOSI.

11 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: UIsrayeli ohlehlela nyovane uzilungisise kuloJuda okhohlisayo.

12 Hamba uyememezela lamazwi ngasenyakatho uthi: Phenduka, Israyeli ohlehlela nyovane, itsho iNKOSI. Kangiyikwenza ulaka lwami lwehlele phezu kwakho, ngoba ngilesihawu, itsho iNKOSI, njalo kangiyikugcinaulaka lwami kuze kube phakade.

13 Yazi kuphela isiphambeko sakho ukuthi uphambekile umelene leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho, wahlakaza izindlela zakho kwabezizweni ngaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza, njalo kawulalelanga ilizwi lami,itsho iNKOSI.

14 Phendukani, bantwana abahlehlela nyovane, itsho iNKOSI, ngoba mina ngiliganile; njalo ngizalithatha, abe munye emzini, lababili kulo usendo, ngililethe eZiyoni.

15 Njalo ngizalinika abelusi njengokwenhliziyo yami, abazalelusa ngolwazi lokuqedisisa.

16 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho selandile laba banengi elizweni, ngalezonsuku, itsho iNKOSI, kabasayikuthi: Umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNKOSI; njalo kawuyikufika enhliziyweni, njalo kabayikuwukhumbula, futhi kabayikuwuhambela, kungabuyi kwenziwe futhi.

17 Ngalesosikhathi bazabiza iJerusalema ngokuthi yisihlalo sobukhosi seNKOSI; lezizwe zonke zizabuthaniswa kuyo, ngebizo leNKOSI, eJerusalema; futhi kazisayikulandela inkani yenhliziyo yazo embi.

18 Ngalezonsuku indlu yakoJuda izakuya kuyo indlu yakoIsrayeli, ziphume kanyekanye elizweni lenyakatho,zize elizweni engalinika oyihlo libe yilifa labo.

19 Kodwa mina ngathi: Ngizakubeka njani phakathi kwabantwana, ngikunike ilizwe eliloyisekayo, ilifa elihle kakhulu lezizwe. Ngasengisithi: Uzangibiza ngokuthi: Baba; njalo ungaphambuki ekungilandeleni.

20 Isibili, njengomfazi ungathembekanga kumkakhe, ngokunjalo kalithembekanga kimi, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli, itsho iNKOSI.

21 Ilizwi lezwakala emadundulwini, ukukhala lokuncenga kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngoba bephambule indlela yabo, bayikhohlwa iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo.

22 Phendukani, lina bantwana abahlehlela nyovane; ngizakwelapha ukuhlehlela nyovane kwenu. Khangela, thina siyeza kuwe, ngoba uyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu.

23 Isibili kuyize ukuthembela kusindiso oluvela emaqaqeni, lebunengini bezintaba. Isibili luseNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wethu usindiso lukaIsrayeli.

24 Ngoba ihlazo liwuqedile umtshikatshika wabobaba kusukela ebutsheni bethu, izimvu zabo lenkomo zabo, amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo.

25 Silala phansi ehlazweni lethu, lenhloni zethu zisimbozile; ngoba sonile eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wethu, thina labobaba, kusukela ebutsheni bethu kuze kube lamuhla, njalo kasilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu.

UJEREMIYA 4

1Uba uphenduka, Israyeli, itsho iNKOSI, phendukela kimi; njalo uba ususa phambi kwami izinengiso zakho, kawuyikuphambuka.

2 Futhi uzafunga: Kuphila kukaJehova, ngeqiniso, ngokwahlulela, langokulunga; lezizwe zizazibusisa kuyo,lakuyo zizincome.

3 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI kumadoda akoJuda leJerusalema: Qhathani ingqatho yenu, lingahlanyeli phakathi kwameva.

4 Zisokeleni eNKOSIni, lisuse amajwabu enhliziyo yenu, madoda akoJuda labahlali beJerusalema; hlezi ulaka lwami luphume njengomlilo, lutshise, kungabi khona ongalucitsha, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zenu.

Ilizwe lakoJuda lizahlaselwa

5 Bikani koJuda, lizwakalise eJerusalema, lithi: Vuthelani uphondo elizweni; klabalalani ngokugcweleyo lithi: Buthanani, singene emizini ebiyelweyo.

6 Misani uphawu ngaseZiyoni, balekani, lingemi; ngoba ngizaletha ububi buvela enyakatho, lokwephuka okukhulu.

7 Isilwane sesenyukile siphuma ehlathini laso, lomchithi wezizwe usukile, uphumile endaweni yakhe ukuze ulenze ilizwe lakho incithakalo; imizi yakho izakuba ngamanxiwa, ingabi lomhlali.

8 Ngenxa yalokhu bhincani amasaka, lilani liqhinqe isililo; ngoba ulaka lweNKOSI oluvuthayo kaluphendukanga lusuka kithi.

9 Njalo kuzakuthi ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI, inhliziyo yenkosi izaphela, lenhliziyo yeziphathamandla; labapristi bazamangala kakhulu, labaprofethi bazathithibala.

10 Ngasengisithi: Hawu, Nkosi Jehova! isibili ubakhohlisile lokubakhohlisa lababantu leJerusalema usithi: Lizakuba lokuthula; kanti inkemba ifinyelela emphefumulweni.

11 Ngalesosikhathi kuzakuthiwa kulabobantu lakuyo iJerusalema: Umoya otshisayo wamadundulu enkangala,indlela yendodakazi yabantu bami, ungeyisiwo wokwela njalo ungeyisiwo wokuhlambulula.

12 Umoya ogcweleyo ovela kuwo uzakuza kimi. Khathesi lami ngizakhuluma izahlulelo zimelene labo.

13 Khangela, uzakwenyuka njengamayezi, lenqola zakhe njengesivunguzane; amabhiza akhe alesiqubu kulezinkozi. Maye kithi, ngoba sichithiwe!

14 Jerusalema, hlambulula inhliziyo yakho kuphume inkohlakalo, ukuze usindiswe. Koze kube nini imicabango yakho emibi ihlala phakathi kwakho?

15 Ngoba ilizwi liyamemeza lisuka koDani, lizwakalisa uhlupho oluvela entabeni yakoEfrayimi.

16 Khumbuzani izizwe, khangelani, lizwakalise limelene leJerusalema; kufika abalindi bevela elizweni elikhatshana, baphakamisa ilizwi labo bemelene lemizi yakoJuda.

17 Njengabalindi bensimu bamelene layo inhlangothi zonke, ngoba ingivukele, itsho iNKOSI.

18 Indlela yakho lezenzo zakho kukwenzele lezizinto; lokhu kuyinkohlakalo yakho, ngoba kubuhlungu, ngoba kufinyelela enhliziyweni yakho.

19 Imibilini yami, imibilini yami! Ngilobuhlungu emidulini yenhliziyo yami. Inhliziyo yami yenza umsindo phakathi kwami; ngingeke ngithule; ngoba wena mphefumulo wami, uzwile ukukhala kophondo, umkhosi wempi.

20 Kuyamenyezelwa incithakalo phezu kwencithakalo, ngoba ilizwe lonke lichithekile. Amathente ami ahle achithwa, amakhetheni ami ngokucwayiza kwelihlo.

21 Koze kube nini ngibona isiboniso, ngizwe ukukhala kophondo?

22 Ngoba abantu bami bayizithutha, mina kabangazi; bangabantwana abayiziphukuphuku, kabalakuqedisisa; bahlakaniphele ukwenza okubi, kodwa ukwenza okuhle kabakwazi.

23 Ngabona umhlaba, khangela-ke, wawungelasimo, ungelalutho; lemazulwini, kodwa kakukho ukukhanya kwawo.

24 Ngabona izintaba, khangela-ke, zazinyikinyeka, lamaqaqa wonke ayenyakazela.

25 Ngabona, khangela-ke, kwakungelamuntu, lenyoni zonke zamazulu zibalekile.

26 Ngabona, khangela-ke, ilizwe elivundileyo laliyinkangala, lemizi yalo yonke yayidiliziwe phambi kweNKOSI, phambi kokuvutha kolaka lwayo.

27 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ilizwe lonke lizakuba lunxiwa, kodwa kangiyikuqeda ngokupheleleyo.

28 Ngenxa yalokhu umhlaba uzalila, lamazulu aphezulu abe mnyama; ngenxa yokuthi ngikhulumile, ngikuhlosile, njalo kangiyikuzisola, njalo kangiyikubuyela emuva ngisuka kukho.

29 Umuzi wonke uzabaleka ngenxa yomsindo wabagadi bamabhiza labatshoki ngamadandili; bazangena ezixukwini, bakhwele emadwaleni; wonke umuzi uzatshiywa, njalo kungabi lamuntu ohlala kuwo.

30 Wena-ke ozachitheka, uzakwenzani? Loba ugqoka okubomvu, loba uzicecisa ngezigqizo zegolide, loba ucomba amehlo akho ngomphendulo, uzenza ube muhle ngeze, izithandwa zakho zizakudelela, zidinga impilo yakho.

31 Ngoba ngizwile ilizwi kungathi ngelowesifazana ohelelwayo, ubuhlungu obunjengobeletha umntwana olizibulo, ilizwi lendodakazi yeZiyoni, ikhefuzela, iselula izandla zayo isithi: Maye-ke mina! Ngoba umphefumulo wami uphele amandla ngenxa yababulali.

UJEREMIYA 5

Izono zeJerusalema

1Hambani liye le lale ezitaladeni zeJerusalema, libone khathesi, lazi, lidinge
ezindaweni zayo ezingamagceke, uba lingathola umuntu, uba ekhona owenza
isahlulelo, odinga iqiniso; khona ngizayithethelela.

2 Loba-ke besithi: Kuphila kukaJehova; kanti bafunga amanga.

3 NKOSI, amehlo akho kawakho eqinisweni yini? Ubatshayile, kodwa kabezwanga
buhlungu; ubaqothule, kodwabala ukwemukela ukulaywa. Benzile ubuso babo
bube lukhuni kuledwala, bala ukuphenduka.

4 Mina ngasengisithi: Qiniso, laba ngabayanga, bayizithutha; ngoba kabayazi
indlela yeNKOSI, isahlulelo sikaNkulunkulu wabo.

5 Mina ngizakuya kwabakhulu, ngikhulume labo, ngoba bona bayayazi indlela
yeNKOSI, isahlulelo sikaNkulunkulu wabo; kodwa labo kanyekanye balephulile
ijogwe, baqamula izibopho.

6 Ngakho-ke isilwane esiphuma ehlathini sizababulala, impisi yezinkangala
ibachithe, ingwe ilinde imelene lemizi yabo; wonke ophuma kiyo
uzadatshudatshulwa; ngoba iziphambeko zabo zinengi, ukuhlehlela
nyovanekwabo kwandile.

7 Ngingakuthethelela njani ngalokhu? Abantwana bakho
bangidelile, bafunga ngabangeyisibo
onkulunkulu.Sengibasuthisile, basebefeba, babuthana ngamaxuku endlini
yezifebe.

8 Babenjengamabhiza asuthayo ekuseni, bakhonya, omunye lomunye kumfazi
kamakhelwane wakhe.

9 Kangiyikujezisa yini ngenxa yalezizinto? itsho iNKOSI; kumbe umphefumulo
wami kawuyikuphindisela yini esizweni esinjengalesi?

10 Yenyukelani emidulini ayo, lichithe, kodwa lingenzi isiphetho
esipheleleyo; susani ingatsha zayo, ngoba kazisizo zeNKOSI.

11 Ngoba indlu kaIsrayeli lendlu kaJuda zenze ngenkohliso enkulu zimelene
lami, itsho iNKOSI.

12 Bayiphikile iNKOSI, bathi: Kayisiyo; njalo ububi kabuyikusehlela, futhi
kasiyikubona inkemba loba indlala.

13 Labaprofethi bazakuba ngumoya, lelizwi kalikho kubo; kuzakwenziwa njalo
kibo!

14 Ngalokho itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wamabandla: Ngoba likhuluma
lelilizwi, khangela, ngizakwenza amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho abe
ngumlilo, lalababantu babe zinkuni, njalo uzabaqothula.

15 Khangelani, ngizaletha phezu kwenu isizwe esivela khatshana, ndlu kaIsrayeli,
itsho iNKOSI; yisizwe esilamandla, yisizwe esidala, isizwe ongalwaziyo ulimi
lwaso, longayikuzwa esikukhulumayo.

16 Isamba saso semitshoko sinjengengcwaba elivulekileyo; bonke
bangamaqhawe.

17 Njalo sizakudla isivuno sakho lokudla kwakho; sizakudla amadodana akho
lamadodakazi akho; sizakudla izimvu zakho lenkomo zakho; sizakudla ivini lakho
lomkhiwa wakho; lemizi yakho ebiyelweyo othembela kiyo, sizayithelela
ubuyanga ngenkemba.

18 Kodwa langalezonsuku, itsho iNKOSI, kangiyikwenza isiphetho esipheleleyo
kini.

19 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho lisithi: INKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu yenzeleni zonke
lezizinto kithi? Khona uzakutsho kubouthi: Njengoba lingidelile, lakhonza
onkulunkulu bemzini elizweni lakini, ngokunjalo lizakhonza abezizwe elizweni
elingeyisilo lenu.

20 Memezelani lokhu endlini kaJakobe, likuzwakalise koJuda, lisithi:

21 Zwanini-ke lokhu, lina bantu abayizithutha labangelangqondo, elilamehlo,
kodwa lingaboni, elilendlebe, kodwa lingezwa.

22 Kalingesabi yini? itsho iNKOSI; kaliyikuthuthumela phambi kwami yini,
engabeka itshebetshebe labangumngcele wolwandle ngesimiso
saphakade olungeledlule? Lanxa amagagasi alo etshayana kube kanti angenqobe;
lanxa ehlokoma kube kanti kawayikudlula phezu kwawo.

23 Kodwa lababantu balenhliziyo evukelayo lephikayo; baphambukile, bahamba.

24 Futhi kabatsho enhliziyweni zabo ukuthi: Ake sesabe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu
wethu, enika izulu lakuqalalelamuva ngesikhathi salo, esigcinela amaviki
amisiweyo esivuno.

25 Iziphambeko zenu ziphambule lezizinto, lezono zenu zaligodlela okuhle.

26 Ngoba phakathi kwabantu bami kutholakala abakhohlakeleyo;
bacatheme njengabathiya inyoni; babeka umgibe ochithayo, babambe abantu.

27 Njengezongo ligcwele inyoni, zinjalo izindlu zabo zigcwele inkohliso; ngakho-
ke sebebakhulu, banothile.

28 Bazimukile, bancwaba, yebo, bedlula imisebenzi yomubi; kabameli
udaba, udaba lwezintandane, kube kanti bayaphumelela; lelungelo labaswelayo
kabalahluleli.

29 Kangiyikubajezisa ngalezizinto yini? kutsho iNKOSI. Umphefumulo wami
kawuyikuphindisela esizweni esinjengalesi yini?

30 Okwethusayo lokwesabekayo kwenzakele elizweni.

31 Abaprofethi baprofetha ngamanga, labapristi babusa ngezandla zabo; labantu bami bakuthanda kunjalo;kodwa lizakwenzani ekupheleni kwakho?

UJEREMIYA 6

Ukubhujiswa kweJerusalema

1Lina bantwana bakoBhenjamini, buthanelani ukubaleka liphume phakathi kweJerusalema, livuthele uphondo eThekhowa, liphakamise uphawu lomlilo eBeti-Hakeremi: ngoba ububi bubona busenyakatho,lencithakalo enkulu.

2 Indodakazi yeZiyoni ngiyifananise lowesifazana omuhle obuthakathaka.

3 Abelusi bazafika kuye lemihlambi yabo; bazamisa amathente beqondene laye inhlangothi zonke, beluse ngulowo lalowo endaweni yakhe.

4 Zehlukaniseleni impi limelene layo; sukumani, kasenyuke emini enkulu. Maye kithi! ngoba ilanga selithambeme, ngoba amathunzi okuhlwa aselulekile.

5 Sukumani, senyuke ngobusuku, sidilize izigodlo zayo.

6 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Gamulani izihlahla, libuthelele umduli wokuvimbezela limelene leJerusalema. Yiwo lo umuzi ozajeziswa; kulocindezelo kuphela phakathi kwawo.

7 Njengomthombo umpompoza amanzi awo, ngokunjalo umpompoza inkohlakalo yawo; udlakela lencithakalo kuzwakala kuwo; phambi kwami kulenhlungu lamanxeba njalonjalo.

8 Layeka, Jerusalema, hlezi umphefumulo wami wehlukane lawe; hlezi ngikwenze unxiwa, ilizwe elingahlalwanga.

9 Itsho njalo INKOSI yamabandla: Bazayikhothoza lokuyikhothoza insali kaIsrayeli njengevini; buyisela isandla sakho ezitsheni njengomvuni wevini.

10 Ngizakhuluma kubani, ngixwayise, ukuze bezwe? Khangela, indlebe yabo kayisokwanga, kabalakulalela;khangela, ilizwi leNKOSI lilihlazo kibo, kabathokozi ngalo.

11 Ngakho ngigcwele ulaka lweNKOSI, ngikhathele yikuzithiba. Ngizakuthululela phezu kwabantwana esitaladeni lemhlanganweni wamajaha ndawonye, ngoba lendoda kanye lomfazi bazathathwa, omdala kanye logcwele izinsuku.

12 Lezindlu zabo zizanikelwa kwabanye, amasimu labafazi kanyekanye; ngoba ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwabahlali belizwe, itsho iNKOSI.

13 Ngoba kusukela komncinyane wabo kuze kufike komkhulu wabo bonke bayizihwaba zenzuzo embi; njalo kusukela komprofethi kuze kube kompristi bonke benza ngenkohliso.

14 Bapholisa kancane inxeba labantu bami, besithi: Ukuthula, ukuthula; lapho kungekho ukuthula.

15 Baba lenhloni yini lapho besenza isinengiso? Hatshi, kababanga lanhloni lakanye, futhi kabakwazi ukuyangeka. Ngakho bazakuwa phakathi kwabawayo; ngesikhathi sokubahambela kwami bazakhubeka, itsho iNKOSI.

16 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Manini ezindleleni, libone, libuze ngemikhondo yasendulo, ukuthi ingaphi indlela enhle, lihambe kuyo, njalo lizazuzela imiphefumulo yenu ukuthula. Kodwa bathi: Kasiyikuhamba ngayo.

17 Futhi ngilibekele abalindi, ngisithi: Lalelani ukukhala kophondo. Kodwa bathi: Kasiyikulalela.

18 Ngakho zwanini, lina zizwe, wazi, wena bandla, okuphakathi kwabo.

19 Zwana, wena mhlaba; khangela, ngizaletha ububi phezu kwalababantu, isithelo semicabango yabo, ngoba bengalalelanga amazwi ami, lomlayo wami, kodwa bawalile.

20 Izelani kimi impepha ivela eShebha, lomhlanga olephunga elimnandi ovela elizweni elikhatshana? Iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa kayemukeleki, lemihlatshelo yenu kayimnandi kimi.

21 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngizabeka izikhubekiso phambi kwalababantu, njalo oyise lamadodana bakhubeke kanyekanye kuzo, umakhelwane lomngane wakhe, bazabhubha.

22 Itsho njalo INKOSI: Khangela, abantu bayeza bevela elizweni lenyakatho, lesizwe esikhulu sizavuswa ezinhlangothini zomhlaba.

23 Bazabamba idandili lomkhonto; balesihluku, kabalasihawu; ilizwi labo lihlokoma njengolwandle; bagade amabhiza, behleliwe njengabantu bempi bemelene lawe, ndodakazi yeZiyoni.

24 Siyizwile indumela yakho, izandla zethu ziyadangala; usizi lusibambile, ubuhlungu obunjengobowesifazana obelethayo.

25 Lingaphumi liye egangeni, lingahambi endleleni, ngoba kukhona inkemba yesitha, ukwesaba inhlangothi zonke.

26 Wena ndodakazi yabantu bami, bhinca amasaka, ubhuquze emlotheni, uzenzele isililo, esinjengesendodanaeyiyo yodwa, ukukhala okubabayo kakhulu; ngoba umchithi uzafika kithi masinyane.

27 Ngikubekile ube ngumphotshongo lenqaba phakathi kwabantu bami, ukuze wazi uhlole indlela yabo.

28 Bonke bangabahlamuki abalenkani, behamba behleba; balithusi lensimbi, bonke bangabonakalisi.

29 Imvutho itshile, umnuso usuqedwe ngumlilo; umncibilikisi uncibilikisela ize, ngoba ababi kabakhutshwa.

30 Bazababiza ngokuthi bayisiliva esilahliweyo, ngoba iNKOSI ibalahlile.

UJEREMIYA 7

UJeremiya utshumayela ethempelini

1 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni lisithi:

2 Mana esangweni lendlu yeNKOSI umemezele khona lelilizwi uthi: Zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, lina bonke bakoJuda, abangena kulamasango ukuzakhonza iNKOSI.

3 Itsho njalo INKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli: Lungisani indlela zenu lezenzo zenu, khona ngizalenza ukuthi lihlale kulindawo.

4 Lingathembi lina emazwini amanga okuthi: La alithempeli leNKOSI, ithempeli leNKOSI, ithempeli leNKOSI.

5 Ngoba uba lilungisisa lokulungisa izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu; uba lisenza lokwenza isahlulelo phakathi komuntu lomakhelwane wakhe;

6 lingacindezeli owezizweni, intandane, lomfelokazi, lingachithi igazi elingelacala kulindawo; futhi lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukuze kube kubi kini;

7 khona ngizalenza ukuthi lihlale kulindawo, elizweni engalinika oyihlo, kusukela endulo kuze kube nininini.

8 Khangelani, lina lithembela emazwini amanga angasizi lutho.

9 Lizakweba, libulale, lifebe, lifunge amanga, litshisele uBhali impepha, lilandele abanye onkulunkulu elingabaziyo yini?

10 Beselisiza lime phambi kwami kulindlu, ebizwa ngebizo lami, lithi: Sikhululwe ukuze senze zonke lezizinengiso.

11 Indlu le, ebizwa ngebizo lami, isibe lubhalu lwabaphangi emehlweni enu yini? Khangelani, mina sengibonile, itsho iNKOSI.

12 Ngoba yanini khathesi endaweni yami eseShilo, lapho engamisa khona ibizo lami kuqala, libone engikwenzileyo kiyo ngenxa yobubi babantu bami uIsrayeli.

13 Khathesi-ke, ngoba lenzile yonke le imisebenzi, itsho iNKOSI, njalo ngikhulumile lani, ngivuka ngovivi ngikhuluma, kodwa kalizwanga, ngalibiza, kodwa kaliphendulanga;

14 ngakho ngizakwenza kulindlu, ebizwa ngebizo lami, elithemba kiyo, lakundawo engayinika lina laboyihlo,njengalokho engakwenza eShilo.

15 Njalo ngizalixotsha lisuke ebusweni bami, njengalokho ngaxotsha bonke abafowenu, inzalo yonke kaEfrayimi.

16 Ngakho wena ungabakhulekeli lababantu, ungabaphakamiseli ukukhala loba umkhuleko, ungalabheli kimi, ngoba kangiyikukuzwa.

AbakoJuda badumisa onkulunkulu babezizwe

17 Kawukuboni yini abakwenza emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema?

18 Abantwana batheza inkuni, laboyise baphembe umlilo, labesifazana baxove inhlama, ukuze benzele indlovukazi yamazulu amaqebelengwana, bathululele abanye onkulunkulu iminikelo yokunathwayo, ukuze bangithukuthelise.

19 Bathukuthelisa mina yini? itsho iNKOSI. Kabazenzeni yini kuze kusanganiseke ubuso babo?

20 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, intukuthelo yami lolaka lwami kuzathululelwa kulindawo,phezu komuntu, laphezu kwenyamazana, laphezu kwezihlahla zasendle, laphezu kwesithelo somhlabathi; njalo kuzakutsha, kungacitshwa.

AbakoJuda bazatshaywa ngenxa yokuhlamuka kwabo

21 Itsho njalo INKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Fakani iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa kanye lemihlatshelo yenu, lidle inyama.

22 Ngoba kangikhulumanga kuboyihlo, njalo kangibalayanga ngosuku engabakhupha ngalo elizweni leGibhithe, mayelana lendaba zeminikelo yokutshiswa kumbe imihlatshelo.

23 Kodwa ngabalaya le into ngisithi: Lalelani ilizwi lami, njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu, lina-ke libe ngabantu bami; njalo hambani ngayo yonke indlela engililaya yona, ukuze kulilungele.

24 Kodwa kabalalelanga, kabathobanga indlebe yabo; kodwa bahamba ngamacebo, ngenkani yenhliziyo yabo embi, bahlehlela nyovane, hatshi-ke phambili.

25 Kusukela osukwini oyihlo abaphuma ngalo elizweni leGibhithe kuze kube yilolusuku, ngithume kini zonke inceku zami, abaprofethi, insuku ngensuku ngivuka ngovivi, ngithuma.

26 Kanti kabangilalelanga, njalo kababekanga indlebe yabo, kodwa benza intamo yabo yaba lukhuni; benza kubi kulaboyise.

27 Ngakho uzakhuluma wonke lamazwi kibo, kodwa kabayikukulalela; futhi uzababiza, kodwa kabayikukuphendula.

28 Ngakho uzakuthi kibo: Lesi yisizwe esingalaleli ilizwi leNKOSI, uNkulunkulu waso, lesingemukeli ukulaywa;iqiniso liphelile, liqunyiwe emlonyeni waso.

29 Gela inwele zakho, wena Jerusalema, uzilahle, uphakamise isililo emadundulwini; ngoba iNKOSI isalile yasidela isizukulwana solaka lwayo.

30 Ngoba abantwana bakoJuda benzile ububi emehlweni ami, itsho iNKOSI; babekile izinengiso zabo endliniebizwa ngebizo lami, ukuze bayingcolise.

31 Bakhile-ke indawo eziphakemeyo zeTofethi, ezisesihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu, ukuze batshise amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo ngomlilo; engingabalayanga khona, lokungavelanga enhliziyweni yami.

32 Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho engasayikubizwa ngokuthi yiTofethi, loba isihotsha sendodana kaHinomu, kodwa isihotsha sokubulala; ngoba bazangcwaba eTofethi, kuze kungabi landawo.

33 Lezidumbu zalababantu zizakuba yikudla kwenyoni zamazulu, lezezinyamazana zomhlaba, kungekhoozazethusa.

34 Khona ngizakwenza kuphele emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema ilizwi lenjabulo, lelizwi lentokozo, ilizwi lomyeni, lelizwi likamakoti, ngoba ilizwe lizakuba lunxiwa.

UJEREMIYA 8

1Ngalesosikhathi, itsho iNKOSI, bazakhupha amathambo amakhosi akoJuda, lamathambo eziphathamandla zayo, lamathambo abapristi, lamathambo abaprofethi, lamathambo abahlali beJerusalema, emangcwabeni abo;

2 baweneke elangeni lenyangeni, lakulo lonke ibutho lamazulu, abakuthandayo, labakusebenzelayo, labakulandelayo, labakudingayo, labakukhonzayo; kawayikubuthwa, kawayikungcwatshwa; azakuba ngawomquba phezu kobuso bomhlaba.

3 Njalo ukufa kuzakhethwa kulempilo yiyo yonke insali yabaseleyo balolusapho olubi, kuzo zonke indawo zabaseleyo lapho engibaxotshele khona, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

Izono lokugweba

4 Uzakuthi kibo futhi: Itsho njalo INKOSI: Bazakuwa bangavuki yini? Uzaphambuka angaphenduki yini?

5 Pho, baphambukelani lababantu eJerusalema ngokuphambuka okulaphakade? Babambelela enkohlisweni,bayala ukuphenduka.

6 Ngilalele ngezwa, kabakhulumanga kuhle; kakulamuntu ozisolayo ngobubi bakhe esithi: Ngenzeni? Wonke uphendukela emjahweni wakhe njengebhiza ligijimela empini.

7 Yebo ingabuzane emazulwini liyazazi izikhathi zalo ezimisiweyo; lejuba
lehemu lenkonjane kuyagcina isikhathi sokubuya kwakho; kodwa abantu bami
kabazazi izimiso zeNKOSI.

8 Litsho njani ukuthi: Sihlakaniphile, lomlayo weNKOSI ulathi? Khangelani, isibili
usiba lwamanga lwababhali lusebenzela ize.

9 Abahlakaniphileyo bayangekile, besabe kakhulu bathethwe; khangela, balalile
ilizwi leNKOSI; pho balenhlakanipho bani?

10 Ngakho omkabo ngizabanika abanye, amasimu abo kwabazakudla ilifa labo;
ngoba kusukela komncinyane kuze kufike komkhulu bonke bayizihwaba zenzuzo
embi, kusukela kumprofethi kuze kube kumpristi wonke wenza ngenkohliso.

11 Ngoba balipholise kancane inxeba lendodakazi yabantu bami, besithi:
Ukuthula, ukuthula! khona kungelakuthula.

12 Baba lenhloni yini lapho sebenze amanyala? Hatshi, kababanga lanhloni
lakanye, futhi kabakwazi ukuyangeka; ngakho bazakuwa phakathi kwabawayo;
ngesikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwabo bazawiselwa phansi, itsho iNKOSI.

13 Isibili ngizabaqeda, itsho iNKOSI; kakuyikuba khona izithelo zevini
evinini; njalo kakuyikuba khona imikhiwa emkhiweni, lehlamvu
lizabuna; lengibanike khona kuzakwedlula kibo.

14 Sihlaleleni? Buthanani, singene emizini evikelweyo, sithule khona; ngoba
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu isithulisile, yasinathisa amanzi enyongo, ngoba sonile
eNKOSIni.

15 Salindela ukuthula, kodwa kakubanga lokuhle; isikhathi sokwelatshwa, kodwa
khangela, luhlupho.

16 Ukuthimula kwamabhiza akhe kwezwakala kusukela koDani; ilizwe lonke
lathuthumela emsindweni wokukhonya kwalamandla akhe; ngoba afikile, adla
ilizwe lokugcwala kwalo, umuzi labahlala kiwo.

17 Ngoba khangelani, ngithumela phakathi kwenu
izinyoka, amabululu, angelakulunjwa, njalo azaliluma, itsho iNKOSI.

UJeremiya ukhalela ilizwe lakoJuda

18 Ukududuzwa kwami kusosizini, inhliziyo yami iphelelwa ngamandla kimi.

19 Khangelani, ilizwi lokukhala kwendodakazi yabantu bami livela elizweni
elikhatshana. INKOSI kayikho eZiyoni yini? Inkosi yayo kayikho phakathi kwayo
yini? Bangicunuleleni ngezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo, ngokuyize kwabezizwe?

20 Isivuno sidlulile, ihlobo liphelile, kanti thina kasisindiswanga.

21 Ngokwephuka kwendodakazi yabantu bami
ngephukile; ngimnyama; ukumangala okukhulu kungibambile.

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22 Kakulabhalisamu yini eGileyadi? Kakho yini umelaphi khona? Ngoba kungani kungaveli ukwelatshwakwendodakazi yabantu bami?

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1 Kungathi ngabe ikhanda lami lingamanzi, lamehlo ami umthombo wezinyembezi, ukuze ngikhalele ababuleweyo bendodakazi yabantu bami emini lebusuku!

2 Kungathi ngabe ngilendawo yokulala yezihambi enkangala, ukuze ngitshiye abantu bami, ngisuke kubo! Ngoba bonke bayizifebe, ixuku labakhohlisayo.

3 Njalo bagobisa ulimi lwabo njengedandili labo besenzela amanga; kodwa kabaliqineli iqiniso elizweni; ngoba baqhubeka kusukela kokubi kusiya kokubi, mina-ke kabangazi, itsho iNKOSI.

4 Qaphelani, ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe, lingathembi lawuphi umfowenu, ngoba wonke umfowenu uzakhohlisa lokukhohlisa, laye wonke umakhelwane uzahamba ngokuhleba.

5 Njalo bazakhohlisa, ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe, bengakhulumi iqiniso; balufundisile ulimi lwabo ukukhuluma amanga, bezidinisa ngokwenza okubi.

6 Indawo yakho yokuhlala iphakathi kwenkohliso; ngenkohliso bayala ukungazi, itsho iNKOSI.

7 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Khangela, ngizabancibilikisa, ngibahlole; ngoba ngizakwenza njaningenxa yendodakazi yabantu bami?

8 Ulimi lwabo lungumtshoko wokubulala, lukhuluma inkohliso; ngulowo lalowo ukhuluma ukuthula ngomlomo wakhe kumakhelwane wakhe, kodwa ngaphakathi kwakhe uyamcathamela.

9 Kangiyikubajezisa yini ngenxa yalezizinto? itsho iNKOSI; umphefumulo wami kawuyikuphindisela yini esizweni esinjengalesi?

10 Ngizaphakamisa ukukhala lesililo phezu kwezintaba, laphezu kwezindawo zokuhlala zenkangala ingoma yokulila, ngoba kutshisiwe, okokuthi kungekho odlulayo; njalo bangezwa ilizwi lezifuyo; kusukela enyonini zamazulu kusiya enyamazaneni kubalekile, kuhambile.

11 Ngizayenza iJerusalema ibe zinqumbi, umlindi wemigobho; lemizi yakoJuda ngizayenza ibe lunxiwa, ingabi lamhlali.

Ilizwe liyachitheka labantu bayakhala

12 Ngubani umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ongaqedisisa lokhu? Njalo ngubani umlomo weNKOSI okhulume kuye, ukuze akubike? Kungani ilizwe libhubhile litshiswe njengenkangala, kuze kungabikho odlulayo?

13 INKOSI yasisithi: Ngoba bedelile umlayo wami engawubeka phambi kwabo, njalo bengalilalelanga ilizwi lami, bengahambanga ngalo;

14 kodwa balandela inkani yenhliziyo yabo, belandela oBhali, oyise ababafundisa khona.

15 Ngalokho itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangela, ngizabondla lababantu ngomhlonyane, ngibanathise amanzi enyongo.

16 Njalo ngizabahlakaza phakathi kwezizwe abangazanga bazazi bona laboyise, ngithume inkemba emva kwabo, ngize ngibaqede.

17 Itsho njalo INKOSI yamabandla: Qaphelani, libize abesifazana abalilayo ukuthi beze; lithumele kwabesifazana abahlakaniphileyo, ukuthi beze.

18 Kabaphangise, basiphakamisele isililo, ukuze amehlo ethu ehlise inyembezi, lenkophe zethu zimpompoze amanzi.

19 Ngoba ilizwi lokulila liyezwakala liphuma eZiyoni lisithi: Yeka ukuchitheka kwethu! Silenhloni kakhulu, ngoba silitshiyile ilizwe, ngoba babhidlizile izindawo zethu zokuhlala.

20 Kanti zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, lina besifazana, lendlebe zenu zilemukele ilizwi lomlomo wayo; lifundise amadodakazi enu ukuqhinqa isililo, kube ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe ingoma yokulila.

21 Ngoba ukufa kwenyukele emawindini ethu, kwangena ezigodlweni zethu, ukuquma abantwana ezitaladeni,amajaha emidangeni.

22 Khuluma uthi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngitsho isidumbu somuntu sizakuwa njengamalongwe ebusweni bensimu,lanjengomzila wamabele asikiweyo emva komvuni, njalo kungabi lobuthayo.

Wonke umuntu kazibonge ngokwazi uNkulunkulu

23 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ohlakaniphileyo kangazincomi ngenhlakanipho yakhe, leqhawe lingazincomi ngobuqhawe balo, isinothi singazincomi ngenotho yaso;

24 kodwa ozincomayo kazincome ngalokhu, ukuthi uyaqedisisa uyangazi mina, ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI esebenzisa uthandolomusa, isahlulelo, lokulunga emhlabeni; ngoba kulezizinto ngiyathokoza, itsho iNKOSI.

25 Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, ukuthi ngizajezisa bonke abasokileyo ejwabini:

26 IGibhithe, loJuda, loEdoma, labantwana bakoAmoni, loMowabi, labo bonke abaphoselwe engonsini, abahlala enkangala; ngoba zonke izizwe kazisokwanga, layo yonke indlu kaIsrayeli kayisokwanga enhliziyweni.

UJEREMIYA 10

Izithombe zingonkulunkulu bamanga; yiNkosi kuphela enguNkulunkulu

1 Zwanini ilizwi iNkosi elikhuluma kini, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli.

2 Itsho njalo INkosi: Lingafundi indlela yabahedeni, lingatshaywa luvalo ngezibonakaliso zamazulu,ngenxa yokuthi abahedeni bayazesaba.

3 Ngoba imikhuba yabantu iyize; ngoba kuganyulwa isihlahla ehlathini, umsebenzi wezandla zengcitshi, ngehloka.

4 Basicecisa ngesiliva langegolide, basiqinisa ngezipikili langezando, ukuze singazamazami.

5 Zinjengesihlahla selala, kodwa kazikhulumi; kusweleka zithwalwe, ngoba zingehambe; lingazesabi, ngoba zingelakwenza okubi, futhi kakukho ukwenza okuhle kuzo.

6 Njengoba kungekho onjengawe, Nkosi; umkhulu, lebizo lakho likhulu ngobuqhawe.

7 Ngubani ongekwesabe, wena Nkosi yezizwe? ngoba kukufanele. Ngoba phakathi kwabo bonke abahlakaniphileyo bezizwe, lakuyo yonke imibuso yabo, kakho onjengawe.

8 Kodwa kanyekanye banjengezinyamazana bayiziphukuphuku; isigodo siyimfundiso sokuyize.

9 Isiliva esikhandiweyo silethwa sivela eTarshishi, legolide livela eUfazi, umsebenzi wengcitshi, lowezandla zomkhandi wegolide; ziluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende izigqoko zabo; konke kungumsebenzi wabahlakaniphileyo.

10 Kodwa iNkosi inguNkulunkulu weqiniso, inguNkulunkulu ophilayo lenkosi yaphakade. Ekuthukutheleni kwayo umhlaba uyazamazama, lezizwe kazilakulumela ulaka lwayo.

11 Lizakutsho njalo kubo: Onkulunkulu abangenzanga amazulu lomhlaba bazabhubha basuke emhlabeni langaphansi kwala amazulu.

12 Owenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe, wamisa ilizwe ngenhlakanipho yakhe, langokuqedisisa kwakhe wendlala amazulu.

13 Lapho ekhupha ilizwi, kulenhlokomo yamanzi emazulwini; wenza inkungu yenyuke emkhawulweni womhlaba, wenza imibane lezulu, akhuphe umoya eziphaleni zakhe.

14 Wonke umuntu unjengenyamazana elwazini; wonke umkhandi wegolide uyangiswa yisithombe esibaziweyo;ngoba isithombe sakhe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa siyinkohliso, njalo kakulamphefumulo kuzo.

15 Ziyize, umsebenzi wezinkohliso; ngesikhathi sempindiselo yazo zizabhubha.

16 Isabelo sikaJakobe kasinjengazo, ngoba ungumbumbi wakho konke, loIsrayeli uyintonga yelifa lakhe; iNKOSIyamabandla libizo layo.

17 Qoqa impahla yakho uyikhuphe elizweni, wena mhlalikazi wenqaba.

18 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngizabajikijela ngaphandle abahlali belizwe ngalesisikhathi,ngibacindezele ukuze bakuthole.

Ukuchitheka kwelakoJuda

19 Maye kimi ngenxa yokwephuka kwami! Inxeba lami linzima; kodwa mina ngathi: Isibili lokhu yinhluphekoyami engizayithwala.

20 Ithente lami lidiliziwe, lentambo zami zonke ziqamukile; abantwana bami basukile kimi, njalo kabakho; kakho ongelula ithente lami futhi, amise amakhetheni ami.

21 Ngoba abelusi sebenjengenyamazana, kabadinganga iNKOSI; ngakho-ke kabaphumelelanga, lomhlambi wabo wonke uhlakazekile.

22 Khangela, umsindo wombiko ufikile, lokuzamazama okukhulu okuvela elizweni lenyakatho, okuzakwenza imizi yakoJuda ibe lunxiwa, indawo yokuhlala yemigobho.

23 NKOSI, ngiyazi ukuthi indlela yomuntu kayikho kuye; kakukho emuntwini ohambayo ukuthi aqondise ukunyathela kwakhe.

24 NKOSI, ngilaya, kodwa ngesahlulelo, hatshi olakeni lwakho, hlezi unginciphise.

25 Thululela ulaka lwakho phezu kwabahedeni abangakwaziyo, laphezu kwensendo ezingabizi ibizo lakho; ngoba bamdlile uJakobe, bamginya, bamqeda, bachitha indawo yakhe yokuhlala.

UJEREMIYA 11

UJeremiya lesivumelwano

1Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni, lisithi:

2 Zwanini amazwi alesisivumelwano, likhulume ebantwini bakoJuda lakubahlali beJerusalema.

3 Njalo uthi kibo: Itsho njalo INKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Uqalekisiwe umuntu ongalaleli amazwi alesisivumelwano,

4 engawalayela oyihlo ngosuku engibakhupha ngalo elizweni leGibhithe, esithandweni sensimbi, ngisithi: Lalelani ilizwi lami, liwenze njengakho konke engililaya khona; ngalokho lizakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu,

5 ukuze ngimise isifungo engasifunga kuboyihlo ukuthi ngibanike ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, njengalamuhla.Ngasengiphendula ngathi: Ameni, NKOSI.

6 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Memezela wonke lamazwi emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni
zeJerusalema, usithi: Zwanini amazwi alesisivumelwano, liwenze.

7 Ngoba ngafakaza lokufakaza kuboyihlo ngosuku engabakhuphula ngalo
elizweni leGibhithe, kuze kube lamuhla, ngivuka ngovivi ngifakaza, ngisithi:
Lalelani ilizwi lami.

8 Kodwa kabalalelanga, kababekanga indlebe yabo, kodwa bahamba, ngulowo
lalowo ngobulukhuni benhliziyo yabo embi. Ngakho ngizaletha phezu kwabo
wonke amazwi alesisivumelwano, engabalaya ukuthi bawenze,kodwa
kabawenzanga.

9 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Kutholakele ugobe phakathi kwabantu
bakoJuda, laphakathi kwabahlali beJerusalema.

10 Sebebuyele eziphambekweni zabokhokho babo, abala ukuzwa ilizwi lami;
bona balandela abanye onkulunkulu ukuze babakhonze; indlu yakoIsrayeli
lendlu yakoJuda zisephulile isivumelwano sami engasenza laboyise.

11 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngizaletha okubi phezu kwabo, abangeke
baphume kukho; lapho bekhala kimi, kangiyikubezwa.

12 Khona imizi yakoJuda labahlali beJerusalema bezahamba bakhale
kubonkulunkulu ababatshisela impepha, kodwa kabayikubasindisa
lokubasindisa ngesikhathi sobubi babo.

13 Ngoba njengenani lemizi yakho babenjalo onkulunkulu bakho, Juda,
lanjengenani lezitalada zeJerusalema limisile amalathi kulokhu okuyangisayo,
amalathi okutshisela uBhali impepha.

14 Ngakho wena ungabakhulekeli lababantu, futhi ungabaphakamiseli ukukhala
kumbe umkhuleko, ngoba kangiyikuzwa ngesikhathi sokukhala kwabo kimi
ngenxa yenhlupheko yabo.

15 Othandekayo wami ulani endlini yami, lokhu enze
amanyala labanengi, lenyama engcwele isiyedlule kuwe
yini? Lapho usenza okubi, kulapho uthokoza.

16 INKOSI yabiza ibizo lakho ngokuthi: Isihlahla somhlwathi esiluhlaza esihle
ngezithelo ezinhle; ngomsindo wenhlokomo enkulu izasithungela
ngomlilo, lengatsha zaso zephuke.

17 Ngoba iNKOSI yamabandla, eyakuhlanyelayo, ikhulumile okubi ngawe, ngenxa
yobubi bendlu yakoIsrayeli lobendlu yakoJuda, abakwenzileyo bemelene labo
ngokwabo ukungicunula ngokutshisela uBhali impepha.

Icebo lokubulala uJeremiya

18 INKOSI yasingazisa ukuthi ngazi; wasungitshengisa izenzo zabo.

19 Kodwa mina nganginjengewundlu kumbe inkabi kusiwa ekuhlatshweni; ngoba
ngangingazi ukuthi baceba amacebo bemelene lami, besithi: Asichithe isihlahla
lesithelo saso; asimqume asuke elizweni labaphilayo,ukuze ibizo lakhe lingabe
lisakhunjulwa.

20 Kodwa, wena NKOSI yamabandla, umahluleli olungileyo, ohlola
izinso lenhliziyo, kangibone impindiselo yakho kibo; ngoba ngembule udaba
lwami kuwe.

21 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI ngamadoda eAnathothi, adinga impilo yakho, esithi:
Ungaprofethi ngebizo leNKOSI, ukuze ungafi ngesandla sethu.

22 Ngakho itsho njalo INKOSI yamabandla: Khangela, ngizawajezisa; amajaha
azakufa ngenkemba, amadodana awo lamadodakazi awo azakufa ngendlala,

23 njalo kakuyikuba lensali kuwo; ngoba ngizaletha okubi phezu
kwamadoda eAnathothi, ngomnyaka wempindiselo yawo.

UJEREMIYA 12

Ukusola kukaJeremiya

1Ulungile wena NKOSI, lapho ngiphikisana lawe; kanti ngizakhuluma
lawe ngezahlulelo zakho. Kungani indlela yabakhohlakeleyo iphumelela? behlezi
kuhle bonke abenza inkohliso ngenkohliso?

2 Ubahlanyele, yebo, bagxilile impande; bayaqhubeka, yebo, bathele izithelo;
useduze emlonyeni wabo, kanti ukhatshana lezinso zabo.

3 Kodwa wena, NKOSI, uyangazi, ungibonile, wahlola inhliziyo yami
ngakuwe. Bahudule njengezimvu zokuhlatshwa, ubehlukanisele usuku
lokuhlatshwa.

4 Koze kube nini ilizwe lilila, lohlaza lweganga lonke lubuna? Ngenxa yobubi
babakhileyo kulo izinyamazana lenyoni ziyabhubha; ngoba bathi: Kayiyikubona
isiphetho sethu.

5 Uba ugijime labezinyawo, bakudinisa, pho, ungancintisana njani
lamabhiza? Uba uthembela elizweni elilokuthula, pho, uzakwenza njani
ekukhukhumaleni kweJodani?

6 Ngoba ngitsho abafowenu lendlu kayihlo, ngitsho labo bakuphatha
ngenkohliso, yebo, bona bayamemeza emva kwakho ngokugcweleyo;
ungabakholwa, loba bekhuluma izinto ezinhle kuwe.

Usizi lweNKOSI

7 Ngiyidelile indlu yami, ngilitshiyile ilifa lami; nginikele othandiweyo
womphefumulo wami esandleni sezitha zakhe.

8 Ilifa lami kimi linjengesilwane ehlathini; lingiphumisele ilizwi; ngakho-ke ngilizondile.

9 Ilifa lami kimi linjengenyoni elamabalabala edla inyama, inyoni ezidla inyama ziyihanqile zimelene layo;wozani, libuthe zonke izilo zeganga, lizilethe ukuthi zidle.

10 Abelusi abanengi basichithile isivini sami, banyathelele phansi isabelo sami, basenzile isabelo sami esiloyisekayo saba yinkangala elunxiwa.

11 Basenze saba lunxiwa, sililela kimi silunxiwa; ilizwe lonke lilunxiwa, ngoba kakulamuntu okubeka enhliziyweni.

12 Abachithi bafikile phezu kwawo wonke amadundulu enkangala; ngoba inkemba yeNKOSI izakudla kusukela komunye umkhawulo welizwe kusiya komunye umkhawulo welizwe; kakulakuthula kuyo yonke inyama.

13 Bahlanyele ingqoloyi, kodwa bazavuna ameva; bazihluphe, kabayikuzuza; njalo lizakuba lenhloni ngezivuno zenu, ngenxa yokuvutha kolaka lweNKOSI.

14 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Mayelana labo bonke omakhelwane bami ababi abathinta ilifa engenze isizwe sami uIsrayeli ukuthi sidle ilifa lalo: Khangela, ngizabasiphuna elizweni labo, ngiyisiphune indlu yakoJuda isuke phakathi kwabo.

15 Kuzakuthi-ke emva kokubasiphuna kwami, ngizabuya ngibe lesihawu kubo, ngibabuyise, kube ngulowo lalowo elifeni lakhe, langulowo lalowo elizweni lakhe.

16 Kuzakuthi-ke uba bezazifunda ngokukhuthala izindlela zabantu bami, ukuthi bafunge ngebizo lami bathi: Kuphila kukaJehova; njengalokho bafundisa abantu bami ukufunga ngoBhali, khona bezakwakhiwa phakathi kwabantu bami.

17 Kodwa uba bengalaleli, ngizasisiphuna lesosizwe, ngisisiphune ngisibhubhise, itsho iNKOSI.

UJEREMIYA 13

Umfanekiso webhanti lelembu

1Itsho njalo INKOSI kimi: Hamba uzithengele ibhanti lelembu elicolekileyo, ulifake ekhalweni lwakho, ungalifaki emanzini.

2 Ngasengithenga ibhanti njengokwelizwi leNKOSI, ngalifaka ekhalweni lwami.

3 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi ngokwesibili lisithi:

4 Thatha ibhanti olithengileyo elisokhalweni lwakho, usukume uye eYufrathi, ulifihle khona engoxweni yedwala.

5 Ngasengihamba, ngalifihla ngaseYufrathi njengoba iNKOSI ingilayile.

6 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezinengi, iNKOSI yasisithi kimi: Sukuma, uye eYufrathi, uyethatha khona ibhanti engakulaya ukuthi ulifihle khona.

7 Ngasengisiya eYufrathi, ngagebha, ngalithatha ibhanti endaweni lapho engangilifihle khona; khangela-ke, ibhanti lalonakele, lalingasasizi lutho.

8 Laselifika kimi ilizwi leNKOSI lisithi:

9 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngalindlela ngizakonakalisa ukuziqhenya kukaJuda lokuziqhenya okukhulu kweJerusalema.

10 Lababantu ababi, abala ukuzwa amazwi ami, abahamba ngobulukhuni benhliziyo yabo, belandela abanye onkulunkulu ukubakhonza, lokubakhothamela, bazakuba njengalelibhanti elingasizi lutho.

11 Ngoba njengoba ibhanti linamathela okhalweni lomuntu, ngokunjalo nginamathelise kimi indlu yonke yakoIsrayeli lendlu yonke yakoJuda, itsho iNKOSI; ukuze kimi babe ngabantu, lebizo, lendumiso,lenkazimulo; kodwa kabalalelanga.

Umfanekiso wezimbiza ezigcwaliswa ngewayini

12 Ngakho uzakhuluma kibo lelilizwi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Yonke imbodlela izagcwaliswa ngewayini. Njalo bazakuthi kuwe: Isibili kasikwazi yini ukuthi yonke imbodlela izagcwaliswa ngewayini?

13 Ubususithi kibo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngizagcwalisa bonke abakhileyo balelilizwe, lamakhosi ahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida, labapristi, labaprofethi, labo bonke abahlali beJerusalema, ngokudakwa.

14 Njalo ngizabaphahlaza omunye komunye, laboyise lamadodana ndawonye, itsho iNKOSI; kangiyikuhawukela, kangiyikuyekela, kangiyikuba lomusa, ukuthi ngingabachithi.

AbakoJuda bazathunjwa ngenxa yokungaphenduki kwabo

15 Zwanini, libeke indlebe, lingaziqhenyi, ngoba iNKOSI ikhulumile.

16 Inikeni iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu udumo, ingakalethi ubumnyama, lenyawo zenu zingakakhubeki ezintabeni zokuhwalala, lisalindela ukukhanya, ikwenze kube lithunzi lokufa, ikwenze kube ngumnyama onzima.

17 Kodwa uba lingalaleli, umphefumulo wami uzakhala inyembezi endaweni zensitha ngenxa yokuziqhenyakwenu, lelihlo lami lizakhala inyembezi kabuhlungu, lehlise inyembezi, ngoba umhlambi weNKOSI uthunjiwe.

18 Tshono enkosini lendlovukazini uthi: Zithobeni, hlalani phansi; ngoba imiqhele yenu izawela phansi, umqhele wodumo lwenu.

19 Imizi yeningizimu izavalwa, njalo kakho ozayivula; uJuda uzathunjwa, yena wonke, uzathunjwa ngokupheleleyo.

20 Phakamisani amehlo enu, libone labo abavela enyakatho. Ungaphi umhlambi owaphiwa wona, umhlambi wakho omuhle?

21 Uzakuthini uba esenza isijeziso phezu kwakho, ngoba wena ubafundise ukuthi babe yizinduna lenhloko phezu kwakho; inhlungu kaziyikukubamba yini njengowesifazana obelethayo?

22 Njalo uba usithi enhliziyweni yakho: Kungani lezizinto zenzakele kimi? Ngenxa yobunengi bobubi bakho amalogwe akho embuliwe, lezithende zakho zaphathwa ngodlakela.

23 UmEthiyophiya angasiphendula yini isikhumba sakhe, kumbe ingwe amabala ayo? Khona lani lizakuba lakho ukwenza okuhle elejwayele ukwenza okubi.

24 Ngakho ngizabahlakaza njengamakhoba edluliswa ngomoya wenkangala.

25 Le yinkatho yakho, isabelo sezilinganiso zakho ezivela kimi, itsho iNKOSI, ngoba ungikhohliwe, wathemba emangeni.

26 Ngakho lami ngizakwembula amalogwe akho phezu kobuso bakho, ukuze kubonakale ihlazo lakho.

27 Ngibonile ubufebe bakho, lokukhonya kwakho, inkohlakalo zokuphinga kwakho, phezu kwamaqaqa egangeni, amanyala akho. Maye kuwe, Jerusalema! kawuyikuhlambuluka yini? Kusezadlula nini?

UJEREMIYA 14

Ilizwi leNKOSI mayelana lembalela

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI elafika kuJeremiya mayelana lendaba zembalela.

2 UJuda uyalila, lamasango akhe adangele; amnyama kuze kube semhlabathini, lokukhala kweJerusalema kwenyukile.

3 Njalo izikhulu zakhe zithuma abancinyane bazo emanzini; bafika emithonjeni, bangatholi manzi; babuyele inkonxa zabo zingelalutho, belenhloni, beyangekile, bembomboze ikhanda labo.

4 Ngoba umhlabathi udabukile, ngoba kungekho izulu elizweni, abalimi balenhloni, bambomboza ikhanda labo.

5 Yebo impala layo iyazala egangeni, ikutshiye, ngoba kungelatshani.

6 Labobabhemi beganga bayema emadundulwini, baphembele umoya njengemigobho; amehlo abo ayaphela, ngoba kungelatshani.

7 Lanxa izono zethu zifakaza zimelana lathi, NKOSI, yenza ngenxa yebizo lakho; ngoba ukuhlehlela nyovane kwethu kunengi, sonile kuwe.

8 Wena themba likaIsrayeli, uMsindisi wakhe ngesikhathi sembandezelo, kungani uzakuba njengowezizweni elizweni, lanjengesihambi esiphambukela eceleni ukulala ubusuku?

9 Kungani uzakuba njengomuntu odidekileyo, njengeqhawe elingelakusindisa. Kanti wena uphakathi kwethu, NKOSI, lebizo lakho libizwe phezu kwethu; ungasitshiyi.

10 Itsho njalo iNKOSI ngalababantu: Ngokunjalo bathanda ukuzula, kabazinqandanga inyawo zabo; ngakho iNKOSIkayithokozi ngabo, khathesi izakhumbula ububi babo, izihambele izono zabo.

11 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Ungakhulekeli lababantu kube kuhle.

12 Lapho bezila ukudla, kangiyikuzwa ukukhala kwabo; lalapho benikela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla, kangiyikuthokoza ngabo; kodwa ngizabaqeda ngenkemba langendlala langomatshayabhuqe wesifo.

13 Ngasengisithi: Hawu, Nkosi Jehova! Khangela, abaprofethi bathi kubo: Kaliyikubona inkemba, kaliyikuba lendlala, kodwa ngizalinika ukuthula okuqinisekileyo kulindawo.

14 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Abaprofethi baprofetha amanga ngebizo lami. Kangibathumanga, njalo kangibalayanga, njalo kangikhulumanga kibo; baprofetha kini umbono wamanga, lokuhlahlula, lokuyize, lenkohliso yenhliziyo yabo.

15 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI mayelana labaprofethi abaprofetha ebizweni lami, ngoba mina ngingabathumanga, kanti bathi: Inkemba lendlala kakuyikuba khona kulelilizwe: Ngenkemba langendlala labobaprofethi bazaqedwa.

16 Labantu, abaprofetha kibo, bazakuba ngabaphoselwa ezitaladeni zeJerusalema ngenxa yendlala lenkemba; njalo kungekho obangcwabayo, bona, omkabo, lamadodana abo, lamadodakazi abo; ngoba ngizathululela ububi babo phezu kwabo.

17 Ngakho uzakutsho lelilizwi kibo elokuthi: Amehlo ami kawehlise inyembezi ebusuku lemini, zingakhawuli, ngoba intombi emsulwa yabantu bami yephukile ngokwephuka okukhulu, ukutshaywa okubuhlungu kakhulu.

18 Uba ngiphumela emaphandleni, khangela-ke, ababulewe ngenkemba. Njalo uba ngingena emzini, khangela-ke, abagulayo ngendlala. Yebo, bobabili umprofethi lompristi babhodabhoda elizweni kodwa bengazi.

19 Usumalile isibili uJuda yini? Umphefumulo wakho unengwa yiZiyoni yini? Usitshayeleni njalo singabi lokwelatshwa? Salindela ukuthula, kodwa kakubanga lokuhle; lesikhathi sokwelatshwa, kodwa khangela, uvalo.

20 Siyazi, NKOSI, ukukhohlakala kwethu lobubi babobaba, ngoba sonile kuwe.

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21 Ungasideleli, ngenxa yebizo lakho, ungayangisi isihlalo sobukhosi sodumo lwakho; khumbula, ungasephuli isivumelwano sakho lathi.

22 Kukhona yini phakathi kokuyize kwabezizwe okunganisa izulu? Kumbe amazulu anganika izihlambo yini? Akusuwe yini, NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wethu? Ngakho sizalindela kuwe; ngoba nguwe owenze zonke lezizinto.

UJEREMIYA 15

Ukuthukuthela kweNKOSI ngoJuda

1 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Loba bekumi phambi kwami oMozisi loSamuweli, inhliziyo yami ibingebe kulababantu; baxotshe phambi kwami, bayekele baphume.

2 Kuzakuthi-ke uba besithi kuwe: Sizaphuma siye ngaphi? Uzabatshela-ke uthi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Abokufa baya ekufeni, labenkemba baya enkembeni, labendlala baya endlaleni, labokuthunjwa baya ekuthunjweni.

3 Ngoba ngizabamisela izinhlobo ezine, itsho iNKOSI: Inkemba yokubulala, lezinja zokudonsa, lenyoni zamazululezinyamazana zomhlaba zokudla lezokubhubhisa.

4 Ngizabanikela babe yinto eyesabekayo kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba, ngenxa kaManase indodana kaHezekhiya, inkosi yakoJuda, ngalokho akwenza eJerusalema.

5 Ngoba ngubani ozakuhawukela, wena Jerusalema? njalo ngubani ozakulilela? njalo ngubani ozaphambukela eceleni ukubuza ngokuthula kwakho?

6 Wena ungidelile, itsho iNKOSI, wabuyela emuva; ngakho ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelene lawe, ngikuchithe; ngikhathele yikuhawukela.

7 Njalo ngizabela ngoluthi lokwela emasangweni elizwe; ngizabemuka abantwana, ngibhubhise abantu bami; kabaphendukanga endleleni zabo.

8 Abafelokazi babo bandile kimi kuletshebetshebe lolwandle. Ngilethe phezu kwabo, phezu kukanina, ijaha, umchithi emini enkulu; ngiwisele phezu kwabo uvalo lezesabiso benganangzelele.

9 Owazala abayisikhombisa usekhathele; usephefumule okokucina; ilanga lakhe litshone kusesemini; waba lenhloni, wayangeka; lensali yabo ngizayinikela enkembeni phambi kwezitha zabo, itsho iNKOSI.

Ukusola kukaJeremiya

10 Maye mina, mama, ukuthi ungizele, umuntu wokuphikisana lomuntu wokuxabana emhlabeni wonke! Kangebolekisanga ngenzuzo, futhi kabangebolekisanga ngenzuzo, kanti bayangithuka, ngulowo lalowo wabo.

11 INKOSI yathi: Isibili kuzakuba kuhle ngensali yakho; isibili ngizakuncengela esitheni ngesikhathi sokubi langesikhathi sosizi.

12 Insimbi ingayephula yini insimbi evela enyakatho lethusi?

13 Inotho yakho lokuligugu kwakho ngizakunikela kube yimpango, kungelantengo, langenxa yezono zakho zonke, ngitsho emingceleni yakho yonke.

14 Ngizakwenza ukuthi udlule kanye lezitha zakho uye elizweni ongalaziyo; ngoba umlilo ubasiwe olakeni lwami; uzabhebha phezu kwenu.

15 Wena uyazi, NKOSI; ngikhumbula, ungihambele, ungiphindiselele kwabangizingelayo; ungangisusi ekubekezeleni kwakho; yazi ukuthi ngenxa yakho ngithwele ihlazo.

16 Amazwi akho atholakala njalo ngawadla; lelizwi lakho kimi laba yinjabulo njalo laba yintokozo yenhliziyo yami; ngoba ibizo lakho labizwa phezu kwami, wena NKOSI, Nkulunkulu wamabandla.

17 Kangihlalanga emhlanganweni wabahleka usulu, kumbe ngijabule; ngenxa yesandla sakho ngahlala ngedwa;ngoba ungigcwalise ngentukuthelo.

18 Kungani ubuhlungu bami bube khona njalonjalo, lenxeba lami lingelapheki, lisala ukuphola? Isibili uzakuba njengomqambimanga kimi yini, njengamanzi angathembekanga?

19 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI: Uba ubuya, ngizakubuyisa, ume phambi kwami; njalo uba ukhupha okuligugu kokungasizi lutho, uzakuba njengomlomo wami. Bona kababuyele kuwe, kodwa wena ungabuyeli kubo.

20 Ngoba ngizakwenza ube ngumduli wethusi ovikelweyo kulababantu; njalo bazakulwa bemelene lawe, kodwa kabayikukwehlula, ngoba mina ngilawe ukukusindisa lokukophula, itsho iNKOSI.

21 Ngizakophula esandleni sababi, ngikuhlenge esandleni sabalesihluku.

UJEREMIYA 16

INKOSI izatshaya abakoJuda

1Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

2 Ungazithatheli umfazi, njalo ungabi lamadodana kumbe amadodakazi kulindawo.

3 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI mayelana lamadodana lamayelana lamadodakazi azalelwe kulindawo, lamayelana labonina abawazalayo lamayelana laboyise abawazalele kulelilizwe:

4 Bazakufa izimfa zemikhuhlane; kabayikulilelwa, futhi kabayikungcwatshwa; bazakuba ngumquba phezu kobuso bomhlaba; njalo bazaqedwa yinkemba layindlala; lezidumbu zabo zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zamazulu lokwenyamazana zomhlaba.

5 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ungangeni endlini yesililo, ungayikulila,
ungabakhaleli; ngoba ngikususile ukuthula kwami kulababantu, itsho iNKOSI,
uthandolomusa lezihawu.

6 Njalo abakhulu labancinyane bazakufa kulelilizwe;
kabayikungcwatshwa, kabayikubalilela, kabayikuzisika,kabayikuziphuca ngenxa
yabo.

7 Futhi kabayikubahlephulela isinkwa esililweni, ukubaduduza ngenxa yofileyo;
futhi kakho ozabanathisa inkezo yezinduduzo ngenxa kayise langenxa kanina.

8 Njalo ungangeni endlini yedili, ukuhlala labo, ukudla lokunatha.

9 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangelani,
ngizakwenza ukuthi kuphele kule indawo, emehlweni enu, lensukwini zenu,
ilizwi lentokozo, lelizwi lenjabulo, ilizwi lomyeni, lelizwi likamakoti.

10 Njalo kuzakuthi lapho utshela lababantu wonke lamazwi, babesebesithi kuwe:
INKOSI ikhulumelani konke lokhu okubi okukhulu imelene lathi, njalo buyini
ububi bethu, njalo yisiphi isono sethu esisonileyo simelene leNKOSIuNkulunkulu
wethu?

11 Khona uzakuthi kubo: Ngenxa yokuthi oyihlo bangidelile, itsho iNKOSI,
balandela abanye onkulunkulu,babasebenzela, babakhonza, bangidela mina,
kabagcinanga umlayo wami;

12 lina-ke lenze okubi kulaboyihlo; ngoba khangelani, lilandela, ngulowo lalowo
ubulukhuni benhliziyo yakhe embi, ukuthi bangangilaleli.

13 Ngakho ngizaliphosela ngaphandle kwalelilizwe, liye elizweni elingalaziyo, lina
laboyihlo; lapho-ke lizasebenzela abanye onkulunkulu emini lebusuku, ngoba
kangiyikulinika umusa.

14 Ngakho, khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho kungasayikuthiwa:
Kuphila kweNKOSI, eyakhuphula abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe;

15 kodwa: Kuphila kweNKOSI, eyakhuphula abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni
lenyakatho lakuwo wonke amazwe eyayibaxotshele kiwo; ngoba ngizababuyisa
futhi elizweni lakibo engalinika oyise.

16 Khangela, ngizathumela kubagoli benhlanzi abanengi, itsho iNKOSI,
babesebebagola; lemva kwalokho ngizathumela kubazingeli abanengi,
babazingele bebasusa kuyo yonke intaba, lakulo lonke uqaqa, lasezingoxweni
zamadwala.

17 Ngoba amehlo ami aphezu kwazo zonke izindlela zabo; kazifihlakalanga
ebusweni bami, lobubi babo kabucatshanga phambi kwamehlo ami.

18 Kuqala-ke ngizaphindisela isiphambeko sabo lesono sabo ngokuphindiweyo, ngoba bengcolise ilizwe lami,bagcwalisa ilifa lami ngezidumbu zamanyala abo lezinengiso zabo.

19 NKOSI, wena mandla ami, lenqaba yami, lesiphephelo sami ngosuku lwembandezelo, abezizwe bazafika kuwe bevela emikhawulweni yomhlaba, bathi: Isibili obaba badlile ilifa lamanga, okuyize, lokungekho inzuzo kukho.

20 Umuntu angazenzela onkulunkulu yini, kanti kabayisibo onkulunkulu?

21 Ngakho, khangela, ngizabenza bazi okwalesisikhathi, ngizabenza bazi isandla sami lobuqhawe bami; bazakwazi-ke ukuthi ibizo lami linguJehova.

UJEREMIYA 17

Isono sakoJuda

1Isono sakoJuda sibhaliwe ngepheni yensimbi, ngomcijo wendayimana; sibhalwe ngokugujwa esibhebheni senhliziyo yabo, lezimpondweni zamalathi enu;

2 abantwana babo besakhumbula amalathi abo lezixuku zabo ngasezihlahleni eziluhlaza phezu kwamaqaqa aphakemeyo.

3 Wena ntaba yami esegangeni, ngizanikela imfuyo yakho lakho konke okuligugu kwakho empangweni,lezindawo zakho eziphakemeyo, ngenxa yesono kuyo yonke imingcele yakho.

4 Lawe, ngitsho ngokwakho, uzayekela ilifa lakho engakunika lona; njalo ngizakwenza usebenzele izitha zakhoelizweni ongalaziyo; ngoba usuphembe umlilo ekuthukutheleni kwami; uzavutha kuze kube nininini.

5 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Uqalekisiwe umuntu othembela emuntwini, esenza inyama ibe yingalo yakhe, lonhliziyo yakhe iphambuka eNKOSIni.

6 Ngoba uzakuba njengesihlahlanyana enkangala, esingayikubona nxa okuhle kusiza; kodwa uzahlalaezindaweni ezomileyo enkangala, elizweni letshwayi, elingahlalwayo.

7 Ubusisiwe umuntu othembela eNKOSIni, lothemba lakhe liyiNKOSI.

8 Ngoba uzakuba njengesihlahla esihlanyelwe ngasemanzini, esinabisela impande zaso ngasemfuleni, esingesabi lapho kufika ukutshisa, kodwa ihlamvu laso lizakuba luhlaza; kasikhathazeki emnyakeni wokubalela, kasiyekeli ukuthela isithelo.

9 Inhliziyo ilenkohliso okwedlula konke, futhi imbi kakhulu; ngubani ongayazi?

10 Mina NKOSI ngihlola inhliziyo, ngilinge izinso, ngitsho ukupha wonke umuntu njengokwezindlela zakhe,njengokwesithelo sezenzo zakhe.

11 Njengethendele elifukamela amaqanda lingawachamuseli, unjalo lowo owenza inotho kodwa hatshi ngokulunga; uzakutshiya phakathi kwensuku zakhe, lekucineni kwakhe abe yisithutha.

12 Isihlalo sobukhosi esilenkazimulo, esiphakanyisiweyo kwasekuqaleni, siyindawo yendlu yethu engcwele.

13 NKOSI, themba likaIsrayeli, bonke abakudelayo bazayangeka; labasuka kimi bazabhalwa emhlabathini, ngoba bayidelile iNKOSI, umthombo wamanzi aphilayo.

14 Ngisilisa, NKOSI, njalo ngizasila; ngisindisa, njalo ngizasindiswa; ngoba uyindumiso yami.

15 Khangela, bathi kimi: Lingaphi ilizwi leNKOSI? Kalize khathesi!

16 Kodwa mina kangiphangisanga ukuthi ngingabi ngumelusi emva kwakho; futhi kangilufisanga usuku olwesabekayo; wena uyakwazi; okwaphuma emlonyeni wami kwakuphambi kobuso bakho.

17 Ungabi luvalo kimi; wena uyisiphephelo sami osukwini lobubi.

18 Kabayangeke labo abangizingelayo, kodwa mina kangingayangeki, kabesabe bona, kodwa mina kangingesabi; behlisele usuku lobubi, ubephule ngokwephula okuphindiweyo.

Isabatha limele ukugcinwa

19 Itsho njalo iNKOSI kimi: Hamba uyekuma esangweni labantwana babantu, angena ngalo amakhosi akoJuda,aphuma ngalo, lakuwo wonke amasango eJerusalema,

20 ubususithi kubo: Zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, lina makhosi akoJuda, loJuda wonke, labo bonke abahlali beJerusalema, abangena ngala amasango!

21 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ziqapheleni, lingathwali mthwalo ngosuku lwesabatha, kumbe liwungenise ngamasango eJerusalema.

22 Futhi lingakhuphi umthwalo ezindlini zenu ngosuku lwesabatha, lingenzi loba yiwuphi umsebenzi; kodwa lungcweliseni usuku lwesabatha, njengalokhu ngalaya oyihlo.

23 Kodwa kabalalelanga, kababekanga indlebe yabo, kodwa benza intamo yabo yaba lukhuni ukuze bangezwa,lokuze bangemukeli ukulaywa.

24 Kuzakuthi-ke uba lina lingilalela lokungilalela, itsho iNKOSI, ukuthi lingangenisi mthwalo ngamasango alumuzi ngosuku lwesabatha, kodwa lilungcwelise usuku lwesabatha, ukuthi lingenzi loba yiwuphi umsebenzi ngalo;

25 khona kuzangena ngamasango alumuzi amakhosi leziphathamandla abahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida,begade izinqola lamabhiza, wona leziphathamandla zawo, abantu bakoJuda, labahlali beJerusalema; lalumuzi uzahlalwa kuze kube nininini.

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26 Bazakuza-ke bevela emizini yakoJuda, lezindaweni ezizingelezele iJerusalema, lelizweni lakoBhenjamini,legcekeni, lezintabeni, lasezansi, beletha umnikelo wokutshiswa, lomhlatshelo, lomnikelo wokudla, lenhlaka, beletha umhlatshelo wokubonga, endlini yeNKOSI.

27 Kodwa uba lingangilaleli, ukwenza usuku lwesabatha lube ngcwele, ukuthi lingathwali mthwalo nxa lingena ngamasango eJerusalema ngosuku lwesabatha, khona ngizaphemba umlilo emasangweni ayo, ozaqothula izigodlo zeJerusalema, ongayikucitshwa.

UJEREMIYA 18

UJeremiya uya endlini yombumbi

1Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni lisithi:

2 Sukuma, wehlele endlini yombumbi, lapho-ke ngizakuzwisa amazwi ami.

3 Ngasengisehlela endlini yombumbi, khangela-ke wayesenza umsebenzi emavilini.

4 Njalo imbiza ayeyenza ngebumba yonakala esandleni sombumbi; wasebuya wenza ngayo enye imbiza njengoba kwakuqondile emehlweni ombumbi ukwenza.

5 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

6 Ndlu kaIsrayeli, ngingeze ngenza kini njengalo umbumbi yini? itsho iNKOSI. Khangela, njengebumba esandleni sombumbi, linjalo lina esandleni sami, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli.

7 Ngesikhatshana ngizakhuluma ngesizwe langombuso ukuthi ngizakusiphuna, ngikudilize, ngikuchithe;

8 uba lesosizwe engikhulume ngimelene laso siphenduka ebubini baso, ngizazisola ngokubi ebengicabanga ukuthi ngizakwenza kiso.

9 Langesikhatshana ngizakhuluma ngesizwe langombuso, ukwakha lokukuhlanyela;

10 uba kusenza okubi emehlweni ami, kungalaleli ilizwi lami, khona ngizazisola ngokuhle ebengisithi ngizakwenzela okuhle ngakho.

11 Ngakho khathesi ake ukhulume ebantwini bakoJuda lakwabahlali beJerusalema, usithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangelani, ngilibumbela okubi, ngilicebela icebo. Phendukani khathesi, ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe embi,lenze indlela zenu lezenzo zenu zibe zinhle.

12 Kodwa bathi: Kakulathemba; kodwa sizalandela awethu amacebo, senze, ngulowo lalowo inkani yenhliziyo yakhe embi.

13 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI: Buzani khathesi phakathi kwabahedeni, ngubani owake wezwa izinto ezinje? Intombi emsulwa yakoIsrayeli yenzile into eyesabekayo kakhulu.

14 Umuntu angatshiya yini iliqhwa elikhithikileyo leLebhanoni elivela edwaleni leganga? Angatshiywa yini amanzi aqandayo ageleza evela kwezinye indawo?

15 Kodwa abantu bami bangikhohliwe, batshisela okuyize impepha, babenza bakhubeka ezindleleni zabo,emikhondweni yasendulo, ukuthi bahambe ezindledlaneni, endleleni engabuthelelwanga;

16 besenza ilizwe labo libe lunxiwa, ukuncifelwa njalonjalo; wonke owedlula khona uzamangala kakhulu, anikine ikhanda lakhe.

17 Ngizabahlakaza njengomoya wempumalanga phambi kwesitha; ngizabatshengisa umhlana, hatshi ubuso, ngosuku lwengozi yabo.

Abantu benzela uJeremiya ugobe

18 Basebesithi: Wozani simcebele amacebo uJeremiya; ngoba umthetho kawuyikuphela kumpristi, lokweluleka kohlakaniphileyo, lelizwi kumprofethi. Wozani simtshaye ngolimi, singananzi lawaphi amazwi akhe.

19 Nginakekela, NKOSI, ulalele ilizwi labaphikisana lami.

20 Kuyavuzwa okubi esikhundleni sokuhle yini? ngoba bagebhele umphefumulo wami umgodi. Khumbula ukuthi ngema phambi kwakho ukubakhulumela okuhle, ukuphambula ulaka lwakho kibo.

21 Ngakho nikela abantwana babo endlaleni, ubanikele emandleni enkemba; labafazi babo balahlekelwe ngabantwana, babe ngabafelokazi, lamadoda abo abulawe yikufa, amajaha abo atshaywe ngenkemba empini.

22 Kakuzwakale ukukhala endlini zabo, lapho uzahle ulethe iviyo phezu kwabo; ngoba begebhe umgodi ukungibamba, bafihlela inyawo zami imijibila.

23 Kanti wena, NKOSI, uyawazi wonke amacebo abo bemelene lami ukungibulala. Ungathetheleli isiphambeko sabo, lesono sabo ungasicitshi sisuke phambi kwakho; kodwa kabawiswe phambi kwakho, bana lokwenza labo ngesikhathi sokuthukuthela kwakho.

UJEREMIYA 19

Inqayi efileyo

1Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Hamba uyethenga isiphiso sombumbi esebumba; uthathe ebadaleni babantulebadaleni babapristi.

2 Ubusuphuma uye esihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu esisekungeneni kwesango lodengezi, umemezele khona amazwi engizakutshela wona.

3 Uthi: Zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, lina makhosi akoJuda lani bakhileyo
beJerusalema: Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli:
Khangelani, ngizaletha okubi phezu kwalindawo, okuzakuthi loba ngubani
okuzwayo, indlebe zakhe zizakhenceza.

4 Ngenxa yokuthi bangidelile, bayenza lindawo yaba ngeyabezizwe, batshisela
kiyo impepha kwabanye onkulunkulu, abangabazanga bona laboyise lamakhosi
akoJuda; futhi bayigcwalisa lindawo ngegazi labangelacala.

5 Futhi bakha izindawo eziphakemeyo zikaBhali, ukutshisa amadodana abo
ngomlilo abe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuBhali, engingakulayanga,
engingakukhulumanga, okungavelanga enhliziyweni yami.

6 Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho lindawo
ingasayikubizwa ngokuthi yiTofethi, loba isiHotsha sendodana kaHinomu, kodwa
isiHotsha sokuBulawa.

7 Njalo ngizachitha icebo lakoJuda leJerusalema kulindawo, ngenze ukuthi bawe
ngenkemba phambi kwezitha zabo, langesandla sabazingela impilo zabo; nginike
izidumbu zabo zibe yikudla kwenyoni zezulu lokwenyamazana zomhlaba.

8 Ngenze lumuzi ube lunxiwa, lokokuncifelwa; wonke owedlula kuwo
uzamangala kakhulu ancife ngenxa yazo zonke inhlupheko zawo.

9 Njalo ngizabenza badle inyama yamadodana abo lenyama yamadodakazi
abo; njalo bazakudla ngulowo inyama kamakhelwane wakhe ekuvinjezelweni
lekucindezelweni, ezizabacindezela ngakho izitha zabo labadinga impilo yabo.

10 Khona uzaphahlaza isiphiso emehlweni amadoda ahamba lawe;

11 ubususithi kiwo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Ngokunjalo ngizabaphahlaza
lababantu lalumuzi,njengomuntu ephahlaza imbiza yombumbi, engebuye
ilungiswe futhi; njalo bazabangcwaba eThofethi, ngoba kungasoze kube lendawo
yokungcwaba.

12 Ngizakwenza njalo kulindawo, itsho iNKOSI, lakwabakhileyo bayo, ukuthi
ngenze lumuzi ube njengeThofethi.

13 Njalo izindlu zeJerusalema lezindlu zamakhosi akoJuda zizangcoliswa
njengendawo yeThofethi, ngenxa yazo zonke izindlu abatshisela phezu
kwempahla zazo impepha kulo lonke ibutho lamazulu, bathululela abanye
onkulunkulu iminikelo yokunathwayo.

14 Khona wabuya uJeremiya evela eTofethi, lapho iNKOSI eyayimthume khona
ukuprofetha, wasesima egumeni lendlu yeNKOSI, wathi ebantwini bonke:

15 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangelani,
ngizakwehlisela kulumuzi lakuyo yonke imizana yawo konke okubi
engikutshiloyo ngawo, ngoba benze lukhuni intamo yabo, ukuze bangezwa
amazwi ami.

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UJEREMIYA 20

UPashuri uyaqalekiswa

1 Kwathi uPashuri umpristi, indodana kaImeri, umpristi, owayengumbonisi
oyinduna endlini yeNKOSI,wamuzwa uJeremiya eprofetha lezizinto,

2 uPashuri wasemtshaya uJeremiya umprofethi, wamfaka
esitokisini esisesangweni lakoBhenjamini elingaphezulu,elalingasendlini
yeNKOSI.

3 Kwasekusithi ngosuku olulandelayo, uPashuri wamkhupha uJeremiya
esitokisini. UJeremiya wasesithi kuye: INKOSI kayibizanga ibizo
lakho ngokuthi uPashuri, kodwa uMagori-Misabibi.

4 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngizakwenza ube yinto eyesabekayo kuwe
uqobo, lakubo bonke abangane bakho; njalo bazakuwa ngenkemba yezitha zabo,
lamehlo enu azakubona. Njalo ngizanikela wonke uJuda esandleni senkosi
yeBhabhiloni, ezabathumba ibase eBhabhiloni, ibatshaye ngenkemba.

5 Futhi ngizanikela yonke inotho yalumuzi, lawo wonke umsebenzi wawo, lakho
konke okuligugu kwawo, lazo zonke iziphala zamakhosi akoJuda, ngikunikele
esandleni sezitha zabo, ezizakuphanga, zikuthathe, zikulethe eBhabhiloni.

6 Lawe Pashuri, lani lonke bahlali bendlu yakho, lizakuya ekuthunjweni; njalo
uzakuya eBhabhiloni, ufele khona, ungcwatshelwe khona, wena labangane bakho
bonke, oprofethe kibo amanga.

Ukusola kukaJeremiya

7 NKOSI, wangiyenga, ngayengeka; ulamandla kulami, unqobile; ngaba yinhlekisa
lonke usuku, bonke bayangiklolodela.

8 Ngoba loba nini ngikhuluma, ngiyakhala, ngimemeze udlakela
lencithakalo; ngoba ilizwi leNKOSI selibe lihlazolenhlekisa kimi usuku lonke.

9 Ngasengisithi: Kangiyikuyikhumbula, kangisayikukhuluma ngebizo layo; kodwa
enhliziyweni yami kunjengomlilo ovuthayo ovalelwe emathanjeni
ami; sengikhathele yikugodla, ngingeke ngenelise.

10 Ngoba ngizwile ukuhleba kwabanengi, ukwesaba inhlangothi zonke, besithi:
Bikani, lathi sizakubika!Bonke abalokuthula lami balindele ukukhubeka
kwami, besithi: Mhlawumbe angakhohliseka, khona sizamehlula, siphindisele
impindiselo yethu kuye.

11 Kodwa iNKOSI ilami njengeqhawe elesabekayo; ngakho-ke abangizingelayo
bazakhubeka, kabayikunqoba;bazayangeka kakhulu, ngoba bengayikuphumelela;
ihlazo labo elilaphakade kaliyikukhohlakala.

12 Kodwa, NKOSI yamabandla, ohlolayo olungileyo, obona izinso
lenhliziyo, ngibone impindiselo yakho kibo,ngoba kuwe ngambulile udaba lwami.

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13 Hlabelelani eNKOSIni, dumisani iNKOSI; ngoba yophule umphefumulo woswelayo esandleni sabenzi bobubi.

14 Kaluqalekiswe usuku engazalwa ngalo; usuku umama angizala ngalo kalungabusiswa.

15 Kaqalekiswe umuntu owaletha izindaba kubaba, esithi: Uzalelwe umntwana wesilisa; emenza athokoze kakhulu.

16 Njalo lowomuntu kabe njengemizi iNKOSI eyayigenqulayo, ingazisoli; njalo kezwe ukukhala ekuseni,lokuhlaba umkhosi ngesikhathi semini enkulu.

17 Ngoba ingangibulalanga kwasesiswini; kumbe umama waba lingcwaba lami, lesisu sakhe sakhulelwa kokuphela.

18 Ngaphumelani esiswini ukuthi ngibone uhlupho losizi, ukuthi insuku zami ziphele ehlazweni?

UJEREMIYA 21

IJerusalema izachithwa

1 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni lapho inkosi uZedekhiya ethuma kuye uPashuri indodana kaMalikiya, loZefaniya indodana kaMahaseya, umpristi, isithi:

2 Ake usibuzele eNKOSIni, ngoba uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ulwa emelene lathi; mhlawumbe iNKOSIingasenzela njengokwezimangaliso zayo zonke, ukuze enyuke asuke kithi.

3 UJeremiya wasesithi kubo: Lizakutsho njalo kuZedekhiya:

4 Itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangelani, ngizaphendulela emuva izikhali zempi ezisezandleni zenu, elilwa ngazo lenkosi yeBhabhiloni lamaKhaladiya, abalivimbezeleyo ngaphandle komduli, ngibaqoqe ngaphakathi kwalumuzi.

5 Njalo mina ngizakulwa lani ngesandla eseluliweyo, langengalo elamandla, langentukuthelo, langokufutheka, langolaka olukhulu.

6 Njalo ngizatshaya abakhileyo balumuzi, umuntu kanye lesifuyo; bazakufa ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo omkhulu.

7 Kuthi emva kwalokhu, itsho iNKOSI, uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, lenceku zakhe, labantu, labaseleyo phakathi kwalumuzi kumatshayabhuqe wesifo, enkembeni, lendlaleni, ngizabanikela esandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lesandleni sezitha zabo, lesandleni salabo abadinga impilo yabo. Njalo uzabatshaya ngobukhali benkemba; kayikubayekela, kayikuhawukela, kayikuba lomusa.

8 Njalo kulababantu uzakuthi: Itsho njalo INKOSI: Khangelani, ngibeka phambi kwenu indlela yokuphila lendlela yokufa.

9 Osala kulumuzi uzakufa ngenkemba langendlala langomatshayabhuqe wesifo;
kodwa ophumayo, awele kumaKhaladiya alivimbezelayo, uzaphila, lempilo yakhe
izakuba yimpango kuye.

10 Ngoba ngimisile ubuso bami bumelene lalumuzi ngokubi, hatshi ngokuhle,
itsho iNKOSI; uzanikelwa esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni, iwutshise ngomlilo.

Amazwi mayelana lamakhosi akoJuda

11 Lamayelana lendlu yenkosi yakoJuda, zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI:

12 Wena ndlu kaDavida, itsho njalo INKOSI: Yehlulelani isahlulelo ekuseni, lophule
ophangiweyo esandleni somcindezeli, hlezi ulaka lwami luphume
njengomlilo, lutshise, ukuthi kungabi khona ocitshayo, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo
zenu.

13 Khangela, ngimelene lawe, wena mhlali wesigodi, dwala legceke, itsho iNKOSI;
lina elithi: Ngubaniozakwehla amelane lathi? Kumbe ngubani ozangena
endaweni zethu zokuhlala?

14 Kodwa ngizalijezisa njengokwesithelo sezenzo zenu, itsho iNKOSI, ngiphembe
umlilo ehlathini lakho, ozaqeda konke inhlangothi zonke zakho.

UJEREMIYA 22

1Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Yehlela endlini yenkosi yakoJuda, ukhulume khona lelilizwi,

2 uthi: Zwana ilizwi leNKOSI, wena nkosi yakoJuda, ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi
sikaDavida, wena, lezinceku zakho, labantu bakho abangena ngalamasango.

3 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Yenzani isahlulelo lokulunga, lophule ophangiweyo
esandleni somcindezeli; lingacindezeli, lingenzi udlakela kowezizwe, izintandane,
lomfelokazi, njalo lingachithi igazi elingelacala kulindawo.

4 Ngoba uba lisenza linto isibili, khona kuzangena ngamasango alindlu
amakhosi ahlalela uDavida esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, egade izinqola
lamabhiza, yona lenceku zayo labantu bayo.

5 Kodwa uba lingawalaleli lamazwi, ngiyafunga ngami, kutsho iNKOSI, ukuthi
lindlu izakuba lunxiwa.

6 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI mayelana lendlu yenkosi yakoJuda: UyiGileyadi kimi,
inhloko yeLebhanoni; isibili ngizakwenza inkangala, imizi engahlalwayo.

7 Ngizakulungisela abachithi, ngulowo elezikhali zakhe; njalo bazagamula
ikhethelo lemisedari yakho,bayiphosele emlilweni.

8 Lezizwe ezinengi zizadlula kulumuzi, zithi, ngulowo kumakhelwane wakhe:
INKOSI yenzeleni kanje kulumuzi omkhulu?

9 Khona bazakuthi: Ngenxa yokuthi basidelile isivumelwano
seNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo, bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, babasebenzela.

10 Lingamkhaleli ofileyo, lingamlileli; khalelani kakhulu ohambileyo, ngoba kasayikubuya kumbe abone ilizwe lokuzalwa kwakhe.

11 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI mayelana loShaluma indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, owabusa esikhundleni sikaJosiya uyise, owaphuma kulindawo: Kasayikubuya lapha;

12 kodwa uzafela endaweni abamthumbele kuyo, kasayikulibona lelilizwe.

13 Maye kowakha indlu yakhe ngokungalungi, lamakamelo akhe aphezulu ngokungaqondanga, osebenzisa umakhelwane wakhe ngeze, angamniki umvuzo wakhe;

14 othi: Ngizazakhela indlu enkulu lamakamelo aphezulu abanzi; azisikele amawindi, yembeswe ngemisedari,iconjwe ngokubomvu.

15 Uzabusa yini, ngoba utshisekela ulaka ugqoke imisedari? Uyihlo kadlanga yini wanatha, wenza isahlulelo lokulunga, kwasekusiba kuhle kuye?

16 Wehlulela udaba lomyanga loswelayo; khona kwaba kuhle. Lokhu kakusikungazi yini? itsho iNKOSI.

17 Kodwa amehlo akho lenhliziyo yakho kakukho kokunye ngaphandle kwemhawini wakho, lekuchitheni igazi elingelacala, lencindezelweni, lekwenzeni udlakela.

18 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI mayelana loJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda: Kabayikumkhalelabesithi: Hawu mfowethu! kumbe: Hawu dadewethu! Kabayikumkhalela besithi: Hawu nkosi! loba: Hawu, bukhosi bakhe!

19 Uzangcwatshwa ngokungcwatshwa kukababhemi, ehudulwa alahlwe ngaphandle kwamasango eJerusalema.

20 Yenyukela eLebhanoni, umemeze, uphakamise ilizwi lakho eBashani, umemeze useAbarimi, ngoba zonke izithandwa zakho zibhujisiwe.

21 Ngakhuluma lawe ekonwabeni kwakho, kodwa wathi: Kangiyikulalela. Lokhu bekuyindlela yakho kusukela ebutsheni bakho, ukuthi ungalilaleli ilizwi lami.

22 Umoya uzakudla bonke abelusi bakho, lezithandwa zakho zizakuya ekuthunjweni; isibili khona uzakuba lenhloni, uyangeke, ngenxa yobubi bakho bonke.

23 Wena ohlala eLebhanoni, owakhe isidleke phakathi kwemisedari, uzahawukelwa kangakanani ekuzeni kwenhlungu kuwe, ubuhlungu obunjengobowesifazana ohelelwayo.

24 Kuphila kwami, itsho iNKOSI, loba uKoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi, inkosi yakoJuda, ebeyindandatho elophawu esandleni sami sokunene, kanti bengizakuhluthula kuso,

25 ngikunikele esandleni sabadinga impilo yakho, lesandleni salabo owesaba ubuso babo, ngitsho esandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lesandleni samaKhaladiya,

26 ngikuphosele phandle kanye lonyoko owakubelethayo, liye kwelinye ilizwe, elingazalelwanga kulo; njalo lizafela khona.

27 Kodwa elizweni abaphakamisa umphefumulo wabo ukubuyela kulo, kabayikubuyela kulo.

28 Lumuntu uKoniya uyisithombe esidelelekayo lesiphahlazekileyo yini? Uyisitsha okungelantokozo kuso yini?Baphoselwani phandle, yena lenzalo yakhe, yebo, bephoselwa elizweni abangalaziyo?

29 Lizwe, lizwe, lizwe, zwana ilizwi leNKOSI.

30 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Bhalani lumuntu ukuthi kalabantwana, umuntu ongayikuphumelela ensukwini zakhe; ngoba kakulamuntu enzalweni yakhe ozaphumelela, ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida, esabusa koJuda.

UJEREMIYA 23

Ukubuya kwabaseleyo

1Maye kubelusi abachitha behlakaza izimvu zedlelo lami! itsho iNKOSI.

2 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, imelene labelusi abelusa abantu bami: Lizihlakazile izimvu zami, lazixotsha, kalizethekelelanga. Khangelani, ngizaphindisela phezu kwenu ububi bezenzo zenu, itsho iNKOSI.

3 Mina-ke ngizabutha insali yezimvu zami iphume kuwo wonke amazwe lapho engizixotshele khona, ngizibuyise futhi esibayeni sazo; njalo zizazala, zande.

4 Ngizamisa phezu kwazo abelusi abazazelusa; njalo kazisayikwesaba, kaziyikutshaywa luvalo, kaziyikulahleka, itsho iNKOSI.

5 Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho engizavusela uDavida iHlumela elilungileyo; njalo iNkosi izabusa iphumelele, izakwenza isahlulelo lokulunga emhlabeni.

6 Ensukwini zalo uJuda uzasindiswa, loIsrayeli ahlale evikelekile. Njalo leli libizo layo ezabizwa ngalo: INKOSIUKULUNGA KWETHU.

7 Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho abangasayikuthi: Kuphila kweNKOSI, eyabakhuphula abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe.

8 Kodwa: Kuphila kweNKOSI eyakhuphula eyaletha inzalo yendlu kaIsrayeli isuka elizweni lenyakatho lakuwo wonke amazwe engangiyixotshele khona. Njalo bazahlala elizweni lakibo.

Abapristi bamanga

9 Mayelana labaprofethi: Inhliziyo yami yephukile ngaphakathi
kwami; amathambo ami wonke ayathuthumela;nginjengesidakwa,
lanjengomuntu owehlulwe liwayini, ngenxa yeNKOSI, langenxa yamazwi
obungcwele bayo.

10 Ngoba ilizwe ligcwele izifebe; ngoba ngenxa yesiqalekiso ilizwe
liyalila; amadlelo enkangala omile,lokuhamba kwabo kubi, lamandla abo
kawaqondanga.

11 Ngoba lomprofethi lompristi kabamesabi uNkulunkulu; ngitsho endlini yami
ngitholile ububi babo, itsho iNKOSI.

12 Ngakho indlela yabo izakuba kibo
njengezindlela ezitshelelayo emnyameni; bafuqelwa phansi, bawele kuyo; ngoba
ngizabehlisela okubi ngomnyaka wokuhanjelwa kwabo, itsho iNKOSI.

13 Ngibonile-ke ubuwula kubaprofethi beSamariya; baprofetha
ngoBhali, baduhisa abantu bami uIsrayeli.

14 Kodwa kubaprofethi beJerusalema ngibonile into
eyesabekayo; bayafeba, bahambe emangeni, baqinisa izandla zabenzi
bobubi ukuze bangaphenduki ngulowo ebubini bakhe; bonke
sebenjengeSodoma kimi, labakhileyo bayo njengeGomora.

15 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla mayelana labaprofethi: Khangela,
ngizabadlisa umhlonyane,ngibanathise amanzi enyongo; ngoba kusukela
kubaprofethi beJerusalema ukungamesabi uNkulunkulu kuphumele ilizwe lonke.

16 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Lingalaleli amazwi abaprofethi abaprofetha
kini; balenza libe yize; bakhuluma umbono wenhliziyo yabo, hatshi ovela
emlonyeni weNKOSI.

17 Baqhubeka besithi kwabangidelelayo: INKOSI ithe: Lizakuba lokuthula; njalo
bathi kuye wonke ohamba ngenkani yenhliziyo yakhe: Ububi kabuyikukwehlela.

18 Ngoba ngubani omi kucebo leNKOSI, wabona wezwa ilizwi layo? Ngubani
oqaphelise ilizwi lakhe, walizwa?

19 Khangela, isivunguzane seNKOSI, ulaka luphumile, ngitsho isivunguzane
esibuhlungu; sizakwehlela ngamandla phezu kwekhanda labakhohlakeleyo.

20 Ulaka lweNKOSI kaluyikuphenduka, ize yenze, njalo ize iqinise iminakano
yenhliziyo yayo. Ekucineni kwezinsuku lizakuqedisisa lokukuqedisisa.

21 Kangibathumanga lababaprofethi, kanti bona bagijima; kangikhulumanga labo,
kanti bona baprofetha.

22 Kodwa uba bebemi kucebo lami, ngabe benza abantu bami bezwa amazwi ami,
ngabe babaphendula endleleni yabo embi lebubini bezenzo zabo.

23 NginguNkulunkulu oseduze yini, itsho iNKOSI, njalo hatshi uNkulunkulu okhatshana?

24 Ukhona yini ongacatsha endaweni ezisithekileyo ukuze ngingamboni? itsho iNKOSI. Kangigcwalisi yini amazulu lomhlaba? itsho iNKOSI.

25 Ngizwile ukuthi abaprofethi batheni, abaprofetha amanga ebizweni lami besithi: Ngiphuphile, ngiphuphile!

26 Koze kube nini kusenhliziyweni yabaprofethi abaprofetha amanga? Yebo, bangabaprofethi benkohliso yenhliziyo yabo;

27 abacabanga ukwenza abantu bami bakhohlwe ibizo lami ngamaphupho abo abawalandisa ngulowo umakhelwane wakhe, njengaboyise bakhohlwa ibizo lami ngenxa kaBhali.

28 Umprofethi olephupho, kalilandise iphupho; lolelizwi lami, kalikhulume ilizwi lami ngeqiniso. Amahlanga ayini lamabele? itsho iNKOSI.

29 Ilizwi lami kalinjalo njengomlilo yini, itsho iNKOSI, lanjengesando esiqhekeza idwala libe yizicucu?

30 Ngakho khangela, ngimelene labaprofethi, itsho iNKOSI, abeba amazwi ami, ngulowo kumakhelwane wakhe.

31 Khangela, ngimelene labaprofethi, itsho iNKOSI, abasebenzisa ulimi lwabo, bathi: Ithi.

32 Khangela, ngimelene labaprofetha amaphupho amanga, itsho iNKOSI, bawalandisa, baduhise abantu bami ngamanga abo, langokuwalazela kwabo, kanti mina ngingabathumanga, ngingabalayanga; ngakho kabayikubasiza ngitsho ngalutho lababantu, itsho iNKOSI.

33 Lalapho lababantu, loba umprofethi, kumbe umpristi, bekubuza, besithi: Uyini umthwalo weNKOSI? Khona uzakuthi kibo: Umthwalo bani? Ukuthi ngizalidela, itsho iNKOSI.

34 Mayelana lomprofethi, lompristi, labantu, abazakuthi: Umthwalo weNKOSI; ngizamjezisa lalowomuntu lendlu yakhe.

35 Lizakhuluma ngalindlela, ngulowo kumakhelwane wakhe, langulowo kumfowabo: INKOSI iphendule yathini?Lokuthi: INKOSI ikhulumeni?

36 Kodwa umthwalo weNKOSI kalisayikukhuluma ngawo. Ngoba ilizwi langulowo lalowomuntu lizakuba ngumthwalo wakhe, ngoba liwahlanekele amazwi kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu wethu.

37 Uzakutsho ngokunjalo kumprofethi: INKOSI ikuphenduleni? njalo: INKOSI ikhulumeni?

38 Kodwa uba lisithi: Umthwalo weNKOSI; ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngoba likhuluma lamazwi okuthi: Umthwalo weNKOSI; njalo ngithumele kini ngisithi: Lingabokuthi: Umthwalo weNKOSI;

39 ngakho khangelani, mina ngizalikhohlwa ngokupheleleyo, ngitshiye lina lomuzi engalinika wona laboyihlo,lisuke ebusweni bami.

40 Njalo ngizabeka phezu kwenu ihlazo elilaphakade lokuyangeka okulaphakade, okungayikukhohlakala.

UJEREMIYA 24

Umfanekiso womkhiwa omuhle lomkhiwa omubi

1INKOSI yangenza ngibone, khangela-ke, izitsha ezimbili zemikhiwa zibekwe phambi kwethempeli leNKOSI, emva kokuthi uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni esethumbe uJekoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi, inkosi yakoJuda, leziphathamandla zakoJuda, lababazi, labakhandi, wabasusa eJerusalema, wabasa eBhabhiloni.

2 Esinye isitsha sasilemikhiwa emihle kakhulu njengemikhiwa evuthwe kuqala; kodwa esinye isitshasasilemikhiwa emibi kakhulu, eyayingeke idliwe ngenxa yobubi bayo.

3 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Ubonani, Jeremiya? Ngasengisithi: Imikhiwa, imikhiwa emihle, emihle kakhulu; lemibi, emibi kakhulu, engeke idliwe ngenxa yobubi bayo.

4 Lafika kimi futhi ilizwi leNKOSI lisithi:

5 Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Njengalimikhiwa emihle, ngokunjalo ngizananzelela abathunjiweyo bakoJuda, engibaxotshe ngabasusa kulindawo ngabasa elizweni lamaKhaladiya, kube kuhle.

6 Ngoba ngizabeka ilihlo lami phezu kwabo ngokuhle, ngibabuyisele kulelilizwe; ngibakhe, ngingabadilizi;njalo ngizabahlanyela, ngingabasiphuni.

7 Njalo ngizabanika inhliziyo yokuthi bangazi mina, ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI; njalo bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo; ngoba bazabuyela kimi ngenhliziyo yabo yonke.

8 Kodwa njengemikhiwa emibi engeke idliwe ngenxa yobubi bayo, isibili itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngokunjalo ngizanika uZedekhiya, inkosi yakoJuda, leziphathamandla zakhe, lensali yeJerusalema, eseleyo kulelilizwe, lalabo abahlala elizweni leGibhithe,

9 ngibanikele babe yinto eyesabekayo, babe yibubi, kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba, babe lihlazo, lesaga,inhlekisa, lesiqalekiso, kuzo zonke indawo engizabaxotshela khona.

10 Njalo ngizathumela phakathi kwabo inkemba, indlala, lomatshayabhuqe wesifo, baze baqedwe basuke elizweni engalinika bona laboyise.

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Ilizwe lakoJuda lizakuba yinkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa

1 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya mayelana labantu bonke bakoJuda, ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda (kwakungumnyaka wokuqala kaNebhukadirezari, inkosi yeBhabhiloni),

2 alikhulumayo uJeremiya umprofethi kubo bonke abantu bakoJuda, lakubo bonke abahlali beJerusalema, esithi:

3 Kusukela emnyakeni wetshumi lantathu kaJosiya, indodana kaAmoni, inkosi yakoJuda, kuze kube lamuhla, sekuyiminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu, ilizwi leNKOSI lifikile kimi, njalo ngilikhulumile kini, ngivuka ngovivi ngikhuluma; kodwa kalilalelanga.

4 Futhi iNKOSI ithumile kini zonke izinceku zayo, abaprofethi, ivuka ngovivi ibathuma; kodwa kalilalelanga,kalibekanga indlebe yenu ukuthi lizwe;

5 besithi: Phendukani khathesi ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe embi, lebubini bezenzo zenu, lihlale elizweni iNKOSI elinike lina laboyihlo kusukela nininini kuze kube nininini;

6 njalo lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukubasebenzela lokubakhonza, lingangithukuthelisi ngomsebenzi wezandla zenu; khona ngingayikulenzela okubi.

7 Kodwa kalingilalelanga, itsho iNKOSI, ukuze lingithukuthelise ngomsebenzi wezandla zenu, kuze kube kubi kini.

8 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Ngenxa yokuthi lingawalalelanga amazwi ami,

9 khangela, ngizathuma, ngilande zonke izinsapho zenyakatho, itsho iNKOSI, lakuNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni inceku yami, ngibalethe bamelane lalelilizwe bamelane labakhileyo balo, bamelane lazo zonke lezizizwe inhlangothi zonke, ngibatshabalalise, ngibenze babe yisesabiso, babe ngokuncifelwayo, babe zincithakalo ezilaphakade.

10 Futhi ngizaphelisa ngisuse kubo ilizwi lentokozo lelizwi lenjabulo, ilizwi lomyeni lelizwi likamakoti, umsindo wamatshe okuchola, lokukhanya kwesibane.

11 Lelizwe lonke leli lizakuba lunxiwa libe yisesabiso; lalezizizwe zizasebenzela inkosi yeBhabhiloni iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa.

12 Kuzakuthi-ke iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa isiphelele ngijezise inkosi yeBhabhiloni lalesosizwe, itsho iNKOSI, ngobubi babo, lelizwe lamaKhaladiya, ngilenze libe ngamanxiwa laphakade.

13 Ngehlisele phezu kwalelolizwe wonke amazwi ami engawakhuluma ngimelene lalo, konke okubhaliweyo kulolugwalo, uJeremiya akuprofethayo ngazo zonke izizwe.

14 Ngoba izizwe ezinengi lamakhosi amakhulu zizabasebenzisa bona uqobo; njalo ngizabaphindisela njengokwenza kwabo lanjengokomsebenzi wezandla zabo.

Inkezo yewayini egcwele ulaka lweNkosi

15 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli kimi: Thatha inkezo yewayini yalolulaka esandleni sami,wenze zonke izizwe engikuthuma kuzo ziyinathe.

16 Njalo zizanatha, zidiyazele, zihlanye, ngenxa yenkemba engizayithuma phakathi kwazo.

17 Ngasengithatha inkezo esandleni seNkosi, nganathisa zonke izizwe iNkosi eyayingithume kizo,

18 iJerusalema, lemizi yakoJuda, lamakhosi ayo, leziphathamandla zayo, ukubenza babe yincithakalo, babe yisesabiso, babe yinto yokuncifelwa, babe yisiqalekiso, njengalamuhla;

19 uFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, lezinceku zakhe, leziphathamandla zakhe, labantu bakhe bonke;

20 labo bonke abaxubeneyo, lawo wonke amakhosi elizwe leUzi, lawo wonke amakhosi elizwe lamaFilisti,leAshikeloni, leGaza, leEkhironi, lensali yeAshidodi;

21 iEdoma, loMowabi, labantwana bakoAmoni;

22 lawo wonke amakhosi eTire, lawo wonke amakhosi eSidoni, lamakhosi ezihlenge ezingaphetsheya kolwandle;

23 iDedani, leTema, leBuzi, labo bonke abaqunywe ezingonsini;

24 lamakhosi wonke eArabhiya, lamakhosi wonke abantu abaxubeneyo abahlala enkangala;

25 lamakhosi wonke eZimri, lamakhosi wonke eElamu, lamakhosi wonke eMede;

26 lawo wonke amakhosi enyakatho, aseduze lakhatshana, omunye lomunye, layo yonke imibuso yomhlaba, esebusweni bomhlaba; lenkosi yeSheshaki izanatha emva kwabo.

27 Ubususithi kibo: Itsho njalo INkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Nathani lidakwe, lihlanze, liwe, lingasukumi, ngenxa yenkemba engizayithuma phakathi kwenu.

28 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho besala ukuthatha inkezo esandleni sakho ukuthi banathe, uthi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosiyamabandla: Lizanatha isibili.

29 Ngoba khangela, ngiyaqala ukwenza okubi emzini obizwa ngebizo lami, lina-ke belizakuba ngabangelacala isibili yini? Kaliyikuba ngabangelacala; ngoba

ngizabizela inkemba phezu kwabo bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba,itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

30 Wena-ke profetha wonke lamazwi umelene labo, uthi kubo: INKOSI izabhonga iphezulu, iphumise ilizwi layoisendaweni yayo engcwele; izabhonga kakhulu phezu kwendawo yayo yokuhlala, imemeze iphendule njengabanyathela izithelo zevini, imelene labo bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba.

31 Umsindo uzafika emkhawulweni womhlaba; ngoba iNKOSI ilempikisano lezizwe, izakwehlulela yonke inyama; abakhohlakeleyo izabanikela enkembeni, itsho iNKOSI.

32 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Khangela, ububi buzaphuma esizweni busiya esizweni, lesivunguzane esikhulusizavuswa sisuka ezinhlangothini zomhlaba.

33 Langalolosuku ababuleweyo beNKOSI bazasukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba baze bafike komunyeumkhawulo; kabayikulilelwa, kabayikubuthwa, kabayikungcwatshwa; b azakuba ngumquba phezu kobuso bomhlaba.

34 Qhinqani isililo, belusi, likhale, lizibhuqe emlotheni, zikhulu zomhlambi; ngoba izinsuku zokuhlatshwa lezokuhlakazeka kwenu zigcwalisekile, njalo lizakuwa njengesitsha esiloyisekayo.

35 Lokubaleka kuzaphela kubelusi, lokuphunyuka kuzikhulu zomhlambi.

36 Kuzakuba lelizwi lokukhala kwabelusi lokuqhinqa isililo kwezikhulu zomhlambi; ngoba iNKOSI izachitha idlelo labo.

37 Lezibaya ezilokuthula zizachithwa ngenxa yokuvutha kolaka lweNKOSI.

38 Itshiyile ubhalu lwayo njengesilwane esitsha, ngoba ilizwe labo seliyincithakalo ngenxa yokuvutha komcindezeli, langenxa yokuvutha kolaka lwayo.

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Abantu bathi uJeremiya ufanele ukubulawa

1Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda kwafika lelilizwi livela eNKOSIni lisithi:

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Mana egumeni lendlu yeNKOSI, ukhulume kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda, efikayo ukuzakhonza endlini yeNKOSI, wonke amazwi engikulaya ukuthi uwakhulume kubo; unganciphisi lalizwi.

3 Mhlawumbe bazalalela, baphenduke ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe embi, ukuze ngizisole ngokubi ebengicabanga ukukwenza kubo ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zabo.

4 Uzakuthi-ke kibo: Itsho njalo INKOSI: Uba lingayikungilalela, ukuthi lihambe
ngomlayo wami engiwubeka phambi kwenu,
5 ukuthi lilalele amazwi enceku zami abaprofethi engibathume kini, yebo ngivuka
ngovivi ngibathuma, kodwa kalilalelanga,
6 ngizakwenza-ke lindlu ibe njengeShilo, ngenze lumuzi ube yisiqalekiso kuzo
zonke izizwe zomhlaba.
7 Ngakho abapristi labaprofethi labo bonke abantu bamuzwa uJeremiya
ekhuluma lamazwi endlini yeNKOSI.
8 Kwathi uJeremiya eseqedile ukukhuluma konke iNKOSI eyayimlaye ukuthi
akukhulume ebantwini bonke, abapristi labaprofethi labo bonke abantu
bambamba besithi: Uzakufa lokufa!
9 Kungani uprofetha ngebizo leNKOSI usithi: Lindlu izakuba njengeShilo, lomuzi lo
uzakuba lunxiwa, ungabi lamhlali? Bonke abantu basebembuthanela uJeremiya
endlini yeNKOSI.
10 Kwathi iziphathamandla zakoJuda sezizwile lezizinto, zenyuka zivela endlini
yenkosi zafika endlini yeNKOSI, zahlala emnyango wesango elitsha lendlu
yeNKOSI.
11 Abapristi labaprofethi basebekhuluma kuzo iziphathamandla lakubo bonke
abantu besithi: Umuntu lo ufanele isigwebo sokufa, ngoba uprofethe emelene
lalumuzi, njengoba lizwile ngendlebe zenu.
12 Wasekhuluma uJeremiya kuzo zonke iziphathamandla lakubo bonke abantu
esithi: INKOSI yangithuma ukuprofetha ngimelene lalindlu ngimelene lalumuzi
wonke amazwi eliwezwileyo.
13 Ngakho-ke lungisani indlela zenu lezenzo zenu, lilalele ilizwi
leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu; khona iNKOSIizazisola ngobubi ebukhulume imelene
lani.
14 Kodwa mina, khangela, ngisesandleni senu; yenzani kimi njengokulungileyo
lanjengokuqondileyo emehlweni enu.
15 Kodwa yazini isibili ukuthi uba lingibulala, isibili lizakwehlisela igazi
elingelacala phezu kwenu laphezu kwalumuzi laphezu kwabakhileyo bawo;
ngoba ngeqiniso iNKOSI ingithume kini ukuthi ngikhulume wonke la amazwi
endlebeni zenu.
16 Iziphathamandla labo bonke abantu basebesithi kubapristi lakubaprofethi:
Lumuntu kafanele isigwebo sokufa, ngoba ukhulumile kithi ebizweni
leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu.
17 Kwasekusukuma abanye babadala belizwe, bakhuluma kulo lonke ibandla
labantu, besithi:

18 UMika umMorashethi waprofetha ensukwini zikaHezekhiya inkosi
yakoJuda, wakhuluma kibo bonke abantu bakoJuda esithi: Itsho njalo
INKOSI yamabandla: IZiyoni izalinywa njengensimu, leJerusalema ibe zinqumbi,
lentaba yendlu ibe zindawo eziphakemeyo zegusu.

19 UHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda layo wonke uJuda bambulala isibili yini?
Kayesabanga yini iNKOSI, wancenga ubuso beNKOSI, njalo iNKOSI yazisola ngokubi
eyayikukhulume imelene labo? Ngalokho senza ububi obukhulu simelene
lemiphefumulo yethu.

20 Kwakukhona njalo umuntu owaprofetha ebizweni leNKOSI, uUriya indodana
kaShemaya oweKiriyathi-Jeyarimi,owaprofetha ngalumuzi langalelilizwe
njengokwamazwi wonke kaJeremiya.

21 Kwathi inkosi uJehoyakhimi lawo wonke amaqhawe akhe lazo zonke
iziphathamandla zakhe besizwa amazwi akhe, inkosi yadinga ukumbulala;
kwathi uUriya ekuzwa, wesaba, wabaleka, waya eGibhithe.

22 Inkosi uJehoyakhimi yasithuma amadoda eGibhithe, uElinathani indodana
kaAkhibhori, lamanye amadoda kanye laye eGibhithe,

23 basebemkhipha uUriya eGibhithe, bamletha enkosini uJehoyakhimi,
owambulala ngenkemba, waphosela isidumbu sakhe emangcwabeni abantwana
babantu.

24 Kodwa isandla sikaAhikhamu indodana kaShafani sasiloJeremiya, ukuze
bangamnikeli esandleni sabantu ukuthi bambulale.

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Umfanekiso wamajogwe

1Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi
yakoJuda, kwafika lelilizwi kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni, lisithi:

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI kimi: Zenzele imichilo lamajogwe, ukugaxe entanyeni yakho,

3 ukuthumele enkosini yeEdoma lenkosini yakoMowabi lenkosini yabantwana
bakoAmoni lenkosini yeTirelenkosini yeSidoni, ngesandla sezithunywa ezifika
eJerusalema kuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda;

4 uzilaye ukuthi zithi emakhosini azo: Itsho njalo NKOSI yamabandla,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Lizakutsho njalo emakhosini enu:

5 Mina ngenze umhlaba, umuntu, lenyamazana, okuphezu kobuso bomhlaba,
ngamandla ami amakhulu langengalo yami eyeluliweyo, ngiwunike lowo
okuqondileyo emehlweni ami.

6 Khathesi mina sengiwanikele wonke lamazwe esandleni sikaNebhukadinezari
inkosi yeBhabhiloni inceku yami;njalo ngimnikile lenyamazana zeganga ukuthi
zimsebenzele.

7 Lezizwe zonke zizasebenzela yena, lendodana yakhe, lendodana yendodana yakhe, kuze kufike isikhathi selakhe ilizwe uqobo; khona izizwe ezinengi lamakhosi amakhulu bezamkhonzisa.

8 Kuzakuthi-ke isizwe lombuso okungayikumsebenzela yena, uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lokungayikubeka intamo yakho ngaphansi kwejogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, lesosizwe ngizasijezisa, itsho iNKOSI, ngenkemba langendlala langomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngize ngikuqede ngesandla sakhe.

9 Lina-ke lingabalaleli abaprofethi benu labavumisi benu labaphuphi benu labachasisi bemibono benu labalumbi benu abakhuluma kini besithi: Kaliyikuyisebenzela inkosi yeBhabhiloni.

10 Ngoba baprofetha amanga kini, ukuze balisuse liye khatshana lelizwe lakini, lokuze ngilixotshe liphume, libhubhe.

11 Kodwa isizwe esizangenisa intamo yaso ngaphansi kwejogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, siyisebenzele, ngizasiyekela elizweni laso, itsho iNKOSI, ukuthi silisebenze, sihlale kulo.

12 Ngakhuluma lakuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda njengokwalawomazwi wonke ngathi: Ngenisani intamo zenu ngaphansi kwejogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, lisebenzele yona labantu bayo, liphile.

13 Lizafelani, wena labantu bakho, ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo, njengokutsho kweNKOSImayelana lesizwe esingayikuyisebenzela inkosi yeBhabhiloni?

14 Ngakho lingawalaleli amazwi abaprofethi abakhuluma kini besithi: Kaliyikuyisebenzela inkosi yeBhabhiloni;ngoba baprofetha amanga kini.

15 Ngoba kangibathumanga, itsho iNKOSI, kodwa baprofetha amanga ngebizo lami, ukuze ngilixotshe, libhubhe, lina labaprofethi abaprofetha kini.

16 Ngasengikhuluma kubapristi lakulababantu bonke, ngisithi: Itsho njalo INKOSI: Lingawalaleli amazwi abaprofethi benu abaprofetha kini besithi: Khangelani, izitsha zendlu yeNKOSI zizabuyiswa khathesi masinyane zivela eBhabhiloni; ngoba baprofetha amanga kini.

17 Lingabalaleli; sebenzelani inkosi yeBhabhiloni, liphile. Kungani umuzi lo ube lunxiwa?

18 Kodwa uba bengabaprofethi, njalo uba ilizwi leNKOSI likubo, khathesi kabayincenge iNKOSI yamabandla, ukuthi izitsha eziseleyo endlini yeNKOSI lendlini yenkosi yakoJuda leJerusalema zingayi eBhabhiloni.

19 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla mayelana lezinsika, langolwandle, langezisekelo, langensali yezitsha ezisele kulumuzi,

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20 uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni angazithathanga, ekuthumbeni kwakhe uJekoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda eJerusalema emusa eBhabhiloni, lazo zonke izikhulu zakoJuda leJerusalema;

21 yebo, itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli mayelana lezitsha eziseleyo endlini kaJehova lendlini yenkosi yakoJuda leJerusalema:

22 Zizasiwa eBhabhiloni, zibe khona kuze kube lusuku engizakuzihambela ngalo, itsho iNKOSI; khona ngizazenyusa, ngizibuyisele kulindawo.

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UHananiya utshumayela amanga

1Kwasekusithi ngalowomnyaka, ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, ngomnyaka wesine, ngenyanga yesihlanu, uHananiya indodana kaAzuri umprofethi owayengoweGibeyoni wakhuluma kimi endlini yeNKOSI emehlweni abapristi labantu bonke, esithi:

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, isithi: Ngilephulile ijogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni.

3 Kusesephakathi kweminyaka emibili yezinsuku ngizabuyisela kulindawo izitsha zonke zendlu yeNKOSI,uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni azisusa kulindawo wazisa eBhabhiloni.

4 Futhi uJekoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda, labo bonke abathunjwa bakoJuda, abaya eBhabhiloni, ngizababuyisela kulindawo, itsho iNKOSI; ngoba ngizalephula ijogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni.

5 Wasekhuluma uJeremiya umprofethi kuHananiya umprofethi emehlweni abapristi lemehlweni abantu bonke ababemi endlini yeNKOSI;

6 uJeremiya umprofethi wasesithi: Ameni! iNKOSI kayenze njalo, iNKOSI kayiqinise amazwi akho owaprofethileyo, ukuthi ibuyise izitsha zendlu yeNKOSI, labo bonke abathunjwa, kusuke eBhabhiloni kuze kulindawo.

7 Kodwa ake uzwe lelilizwi engilikhuluma endlebeni zakho lendlebeni zabo bonke abantu:

8 Abaprofethi ababephambi kwami lababephambi kwakho kwasendulo baprofetha bemelene lamazwe amanengi bemelene lemibuso emikhulu, ngempi langobubi langomatshayabhuqe wesifo.

9 Umprofethi oprofetha ngokuthula, lapho ilizwi lomprofethi selifikile, lowomprofethi uzakwaziwa ukuthi iNKOSIimthumile ngeqiniso.

10 Umprofethi uHananiya waselisusa ijogwe entanyeni kaJeremiya umprofethi, walephula.

11 UHananiya wasekhuluma emehlweni abantu bonke esithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngokunjalo ngizalephula ijogwe likaNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ngilisuse entanyeni yezizwe zonke kusesephakathi kweminyaka emibili yezinsuku. UJeremiya umprofethi wasehamba ngendlela yakhe.

12 Laselifika ilizwi leNKOSI kuJeremiya, emva kokuthi uHananiya umprofethi esephulile ijogwe elisusa entanyeni kaJeremiya umprofethi, lisithi:

13 Hamba uyetshela uHananiya usithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Wephulile amajogwe esigodo; kodwa uzawenza amajogwe ensimbi endaweni yawo.

14 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Ngigaxile ijogwe lensimbi entanyeni yazo zonke lezizizwe ukuze zisebenzele uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni; futhi zizamsebenzela, njalo ngimnikile lezinyamazana zeganga.

15 UJeremiya umprofethi wasesithi kuHananiya umprofethi: Ake uzwe, Hananiya; iNKOSI kayikuthumanga, kodwa wena wenza lababantu ukuthi bathembe amanga.

16 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngizakuxotsha ebusweni bomhlaba; lonyaka uzakufa, ngoba ukhulumile ukuhlamuka umelene leNKOSI.

17 Wafa-ke uHananiya umprofethi ngalowomnyaka ngenyanga yesikhombisa.

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Incwadi kaJeremiya kwabathunjelwe eBhabhiloni

1La-ke ngamazwi encwadi ayithumelayo uJeremiya umprofethi ivela eJerusalema isiya kunsali yabadala babathunjiweyo lakubapristi lakubaprofethi lebantwini bonke ayebathumbile uNebhukadinezari besuka eJerusalema wabasa eBhabhiloni

2 (emva kokuphuma kukaJekoniya inkosi, lendlovukazi, labathenwa, iziphathamandla zakoJuda lezeJerusalema, lababazi, labakhandi, besuka eJerusalema),

3 ngesandla sikaElasa indodana kaShafani, loGemariya indodana kaHilikhiya, uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda eyabathuma eBhabhiloni kuNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, isithi:

4 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kibo bonke abathunjiweyo engabenza bathunjwa besuswa eJerusalema basiwa eBhabhiloni:

5 Yakhani izindlu, lihlale kizo, lihlanyele izivande, lidle izithelo zazo;

6 lithathe abafazi, lizale amadodana lamadodakazi, lithathele amadodana enu abafazi, lendise amadodakazi enu emadodeni, ukuze azale amadodana lamadodakazi, lande khona, linganciphi.

7 Lidinge ukuthula komuzi lapho engilithumbele khona, liwukhulekele
eNKOSIni; ngoba ekuthuleni kwawo lizakuba lokuthula.

8 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Akuthi
abaprofethi benu labavumisi benuabaphakathi kwenu
bangalikhohlisi; lingawalaleli amaphupho enu eliwenza aphutshwe;

9 ngoba baprofetha amanga kini ngebizo lami; kangibathumanga, itsho iNKOSI.

10 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Qiniso, lapho iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa
isigcwalisekile eBhabhiloni,ngizalihambela, ngiqinise ilizwi lami elihle
kini, ukuthi ngilibuyise kulindawo.

11 Ngoba mina ngiyazi imicabango engiyicabanga ngani, itsho iNKOSI, imicabango
yokuthula, kayisiyo eyokubi, ukuthi ngilinike isiphetho lokulindelweyo.

12 Khona lizangibiza liyekhuleka kimi, ngilizwe.

13 Njalo lizangidinga, lingithole, lapho lingidingisisa ngenhliziyo yenu yonke.

14 Njalo ngizatholwa yini, itsho iNKOSI, ngibuyise ukuthunjwa kwenu, ngiliqoqe
kuzo zonke izizwe lakuzo zonke indawo lapho engilixotshele khona, itsho iNKOSI,
ngilibuyise endaweni engalithumba livela khona.

15 Ngoba litshilo: INKOSI isivusele abaprofethi eBhabhiloni.

16 Ngoba utsho njalo uJehova ngenkosi ehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi
sikaDavida langabo bonke abantu abahlala kulumuzi, abafowenu
abangaphumelanga ekuthunjweni kanye lani:

17 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Khangelani, ngizathumela phakathi kwabo
inkemba, indlala, lomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngibenze babe njengemikhiwa
eyenyanyekayo, engadlekiyo ngenxa yobubi.

18 Ngixotshane labo ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo,
ngibanikele ukuba yisesabiso kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba, babe
yisiqalekiso, lento eyesabekayo, lokuncifelwayo, lehlazo, phakathi kwazo zonke
izizwe lapho engibaxotshele khona;

19 ngenxa yokuthi bengawalalelanga amazwi ami, itsho iNKOSI, engawathumela
kibo ngenceku zami abaprofethi, ngivuka ngovivi ngibathuma, kodwa
kalilalelanga, itsho iNKOSI.

20 Lina-ke zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, lina lonke bathunjiweyo, engabathuma besuka
eJerusalema besiya eBhabhiloni:

21 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, mayelana loAhabi
indodana kaKolaya, lamayelana loZedekhiya indodana kaMahaseya, abaprofetha
amanga kini ngebizo lami: Khangelani, ngizabanikela esandleni
sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ozababulala phambi kwamehlo enu.

22 Njalo kuzathathwa kubo isiqalekiso yibo bonke abathunjiweyo koJuda abaseBhabhiloni kuthiwe: Kungathi iNKOSI ikumise njengoZedekhiya lanjengoAhabi, inkosi yeBhabhiloni eyamosa ngomlilo;

23 ngenxa yokuthi benze ubuthutha koIsrayeli, bafeba labafazi babomakhelwane babo, baqamba amazwi angamanga ngebizo lami, engingabalayanga wona; njalo yimi engaziyo, engingumfakazi, itsho iNKOSI.

24 Uzakhuluma kuShemaya umNehelami usithi:

25 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, isithi: Ngenxa yokuthi wena uthumele izincwadi ngebizo lakho kubo bonke abantu abaseJerusalema, lakuZefaniya indodana kaMahaseya umpristi, lakubo bonke abapristi, usithi:

26 INKOSI isikwenze ube ngumpristi esikhundleni sikaJehoyada umpristi, ukuthi libe ngababonisi bendlu yeNKOSIphezu kwakhe wonke umuntu ohlanyayo ozitshaya umprofethi, ukuthi limfake esitokisini elezankosi entanyeni.

27 Khathesi-ke, kungani ungamkhuzanga uJeremiya umAnathothi ozitshaya umprofethi kini?

28 Ngoba ngenxa yalokhu usethumele kithi eBhabhiloni esithi: Kuzakuba kude; yakhani izindlu, lihlale kizo, lihlanyele izivande, lidle izithelo zazo.

29 UZefaniya umpristi waseyifunda lincwadi endlebeni zikaJeremiya umprofethi.

30 Laselifika ilizwi leNKOSI kuJeremiya lisithi:

31 Thumela kubo bonke abathunjiweyo usithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI ngoShemaya umNehelami: Ngenxa yokuthi uShemaya eprofethe kini, mina-ke ngingamthumanga, walenza ukuthi lithembe amanga,

32 ngakho itsho iNKOSI: Khangela, ngizajezisa uShemaya umNehelami kanye lenzalo yakhe; kayikuba lamuntu ozahlala phakathi kwalababantu, angaboni okuhle engizakwenzela abantu bami, itsho iNKOSI, ngoba ukhulume ukuhlamuka emelene leNKOSI.

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Ukubuyela kwabathunjiweyo kuyathenjiswa

1Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni lisithi:

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, isithi: Zibhalele encwadini wonke amazwi engiwakhulume kuwe.

3 Ngoba khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, ukuthi ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami uIsrayeli loJuda,itsho iNKOSI, ngibabuyisele elizweni engalinika oyise, njalo bazakudla ilifa lalo.

4 Lala ngamazwi iNKOSI eyawakhuluma mayelana loIsrayeli lamayelana loJuda.

5 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Sizwile ilizwi lokuthuthumela; kulokwesaba, hatshi ukuthula.

6 Ake libuze, libone uba indoda ingabeletha yini? Kungani ngibona ngulowo lalowo owesilisa isandla sakhe siphezu kokhalo lwakhe njengowesifazana obelethayo, lobuso bonke sebuphenduke baba mhlotshana?

7 Maye! ngoba lukhulu lolosuku, okokuthi kalukho olunjengalo; kuyisikhathi sokuhlupheka kukaJakobe, kodwa uzasindiswa kukho.

8 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, ngizakwephula ijogwe lakhe entanyeni yakho,ngiqamule izibopho zakho; labezizwe kabasayikumsebenzisa.

9 Kodwa bazasebenzela uJehova, uNkulunkulu wabo, loDavida inkosi yabo engizabavusela yena.

10 Ngakho wena ungesabi, nceku yami Jakobe, itsho iNKOSI; futhi ungatshaywa luvalo, Israyeli; ngoba khangela, ngizakusindisa ukhatshana, lenzalo yakho elizweni lokuthunjwa kwayo; njalo uJakobe uzaphenduka, athule,onwabe, njalo kakho ozamenza esabe.

11 Ngoba mina ngilawe, itsho iNKOSI, ukukusindisa; ngoba ngizakwenza ukuphela kuzo zonke izizwe engikuhlakazele khona, kodwa kangiyikwenza ukuphela kuwe; kodwa ngizakulaya ngokufaneleyo,kangiyikukuyekela ungajeziswanga ngokupheleleyo.

12 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ukwaphuka kwakho kakwelapheki, isilonda sakho sibi.

13 Kakho owahlulela udaba lwakho, ukuthi abophe isilonda sakho; kawulamithi epholisayo.

14 Zonke izithandwa zakho zikukhohliwe; kazikudingi; ngoba ngikutshayile ngokutshaya kwesitha, ngokulaywa kololunya, ngenxa yobunengi besiphambeko sakho, izono zakho zandile.

15 Ukhalelani ngokwephuka kwakho? Usizi lwakho kalwelapheki ngenxa yobunengi besiphambeko sakho;ngoba izono zakho zandile, ngizenzile lezizinto kuwe.

16 Ngakho bonke abakudlayo bazadliwa; lazo zonke izitha zakho, zonke zizakuya ekuthunjweni; labakuphangayo bazakuba yimpango, labo bonke abakwemukayo ngizabanikela ekwemukweni.

17 Ngoba ngizakwenyusela ukuphila kuwe, ngikwelaphe emanxebeni akho, itsho iNKOSI; ngoba bakubizengokuthi oXotshiweyo, besithi: YiZiyoni, kakulamuntu oyidingayo.

18 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwamathente
kaJakobe, ngihawukele amakhaya abo;njalo umuzi uzakwakhiwa phezu
kwenqumbi yawo, lesigodlo sizahlala njengomkhuba waso.

19 Njalo kuzaphuma kubo ukubonga, lelizwi labathokozayo; njalo
ngizabandisa, kabayikuba balutshwana; ngibadumise, kabayikweyiswa.

20 Labantwana babo bazakuba njengendulo, lenhlangano yabo izamiswa phambi
kwami; njalo ngizajezisa bonke ababacindezelayo.

21 Lesikhulu sabo sizavela kubo, lombusi wabo uzaphuma evela phakathi kwabo;
njalo ngizamsondeza, asondele kimi; ngoba ngubani lowo ongenza inhliziyo
yakhe isibambiso sokusondela kimi? itsho iNKOSI.

22 Njalo lizakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu.

23 Khangelani isivunguzane seNKOSI, ukuvutha kuphumile, isivunguzane
esikhukhulayo; sizakwehla ngamandla phezu kwekhanda lababi.

24 Ukuvutha kolaka lweNKOSI kakuyikudeda, ize ikwenze, ize iqinise injongo
zenhliziyo yayo; ekucineni kwezinsuku lizanakana ngalokhu.

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1Ngalesosikhathi, itsho iNKOSI, ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wensapho zonke
zakoIsrayeli; bona-ke bazakuba ngabantu bami.

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Abantu babaseleyo benkemba bathola umusa
enkangala; ngitsho uIsrayeli, laphongisiyamphumuza.

3 INKOSI yabonakala kimi ikhatshana isithi: Yebo, ngikuthandile ngothando
olulaphakade, ngakho-ke ngikudonsile ngothandolomusa.

4 Ngizabuya ngikwakhe, wakheke, wena ntombi emsulwa yakoIsrayeli; uzabuya
uvunuliswe ngezigujana zakho,uphume phakathi kokugida kwabathokozayo.

5 Uzabuya uhlanyele izivini phezu kwezintaba zeSamariya; abahlanyeli
bazahlanyela, badle izithelo.

6 Ngoba kuzakuba khona usuku abazamemeza ngalo abalindi entabeni
yakoEfrayimi besithi: Sukumani, senyukesiye eZiyoni, eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu
wethu.

7 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Mhlabeleleni uJakobe ngentokozo, limemezele
phakathi kwenhloko yezizwe;zwakalisani, dumisani, lithi: NKOSI, sindisa abantu
bakho, insali yakoIsrayeli.

8 Khangelani, ngizabaletha bevela elizweni lenyakatho, ngibabuthe emaceleni
omhlaba; phakathi kwabo kukhona iziphofu labaqhulayo, abesifazana
abakhulelweyo lababelethayo ndawonye; bazabuya lapha belibandla elikhulu.

9 Bazabuya belokukhala, ngizabakhokhela belokuncenga; ngizabahambisa emifuleni yamanzi ngendlela eqondileyo, abangayikukhubeka kuyo; ngoba nginguyise kaIsrayeli, loEfrayimi ulizibulo lami.

10 Zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, lina zizwe, lilimemeze ezihlengeni ezikhatshana, lithi: Yena owachitha uIsrayeli uzambutha, amgcine, njengomelusi umhlambi wakhe.

11 Ngoba iNKOSI imhlengile uJakobe, yamhlawulela emsusa esandleni solamandla kulaye.

12 Ngakho bazakuza bahlabelele ekuphakameni kweZiyoni, bagelezele kokuhle kweNKOSI, ngamabele,langewayini elitsha, langamafutha, langamazinyane ezimvu, lenkomo; lomphefumulo wabo ube njengesivande esithelelweyo, kabasayikubuya babe losizi.

13 Khona intombi izathokoza ekugideni, lamajaha labadala kanyekanye; ngoba ngizaphendula ukulila kwabo kube yintokozo, ngibaduduze, ngibathokozise, bangabi losizi.

14 Njalo ngizasuthisa umphefumulo wabapristi ngamanono, labantu bami bazasuthiswa ngokuhle kwami, itsho iNKOSI.

15 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ilizwi lezwakala eRama, ukulila, ukukhala inyembezi okubabayo kakhulu; uRasheli ekhalela abantwana bakhe, esala ukududuzwa ngabantwana bakhe, ngoba bengasekho.

16 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Bamba ilizwi lakho ekukhaleni, lamehlo akho ezinyembezini; ngoba kulomvuzo womsebenzi wakho, itsho iNKOSI, ngoba bazabuya bevela elizweni lesitha.

17 Kukhona-ke ithemba enzalweni yakho, itsho iNKOSI; ngoba abantwana bakho bazabuyela emngceleni wakibo.

18 Ngizwile lokuzwa uEfrayimi ezililela esithi: Ungilayile, njalo ngalaywa njengethole elingathambanga; ngiphenduka, njalo ngizaphendula; ngoba uyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wami.

19 Isibili emva kokuphenduka kwami, ngazisola, lemva kokufundiswa kwami ngatshaya phezu kwethangazi lami;ngaba lenhloni, njalo ngayangeka, ngoba ngathwala ihlazo lobutsha bami.

20 UEfrayimi uyindodana yami eligugu yini, ungumntwana wami othokozisayo yini? Ngoba selokhu ngakhuluma ngimelene laye, ngisamkhumbula ngoqotho; ngenxa yalokho imibilini yami iyakhala ngaye; isibili ngizakuba lesihawu kuye, kutsho iNKOSI.

21 Zibekele izitshengiso zendlela, uzimisele izinsika zeziqondiso, ubeke inhliziyo yakho kumgwaqo omkhulu,indlela owahamba ngayo; phenduka, ntombi emsulwa yakoIsrayeli, uphendukele kule imizi yakini.

22 Koze kube nini uzulazula, ndodakazi ehlehlela nyovane? Ngoba iNKOSI idale into entsha emhlabeni: Owesifazana uzahanqa indoda.

23 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Bazabuya batsho lelilizwi elizweni lakoJuda lemizini yakho, lapho ngibuyisela ukuthunjwa kwabo: Kwangathi iNKOSI ingakubusisa, khaya lokulunga, ntaba yobungcwele.

24 Njalo kuzahlala kulo uJuda layo yonke imizi yakhe ndawonye, abalimi labahamba lemihlambi.

25 Ngoba ngisuthise umphefumulo okhatheleyo, ngigcwalise wonke umphefumulo ophela amandla.

26 Ngasengiphaphama, ngabona; lobuthongo bami babumnandi kimi.

27 Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho ngizahlanyela indlu kaIsrayeli lendlu kaJuda ngenhlanyelo yabantu lenhlanyelo yenyamazana.

28 Kuzakuthi-ke njengalokho ngibalindile ukuthi ngisiphune lokuthi ngidilize lokuthi ngichithe lokuthi ngibhubhise lokuthi ngenze okubi, ngokunjalo ngizabalinda ukuze ngakhe ngihlanyele, itsho iNKOSI.

29 Ngalezonsuku kabasayikuthi: Oyise badlile izithelo zevini ezimunyu, amazinyo abantwana asetshelela.

30 Kodwa ngulowo lalowo uzafela ububi bakhe; wonke umuntu odla izithelo zevini ezimunyu, amazinyo akhe azatshelela.

Isivumelwano esitsha

31 Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho ngizakwenza isivumelwano esitsha lendlu kaIsrayeli lendlu kaJuda;

32 kungeyisikho njengesivumelwano engasenza laboyise mhla ngibamba isandla sabo ukubakhupha elizweni leGibhithe, osivumelwano sami bona abasephulayo, lanxa mina nganginguмyeni wabo, itsho iNKOSI.

33 Kodwa yilesi isivumelwano engizasenza lendlu kaIsrayeli emva kwalezonsuku, itsho iNKOSI: Ngizafaka umlayo wami emibilini yabo, ngiwubhale enhliziyweni yabo, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, labo babe ngabantu bami.

34 Kabasayikufundisa-ke, ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe, langulowo lalowo umfowabo, esithi: Yazi iNKOSI; ngoba bonke bazangazi, kusukela komncinyane wabo kuze kufike komkhulu wabo, itsho iNKOSI; ngoba ngizathethelela isiphambeko sabo, lesono sabo kangisayikusikhumbula.

35 Itsho njalo iNKOSI, enika ilanga libe yikukhanya emini, izimiso zenyanga lezezinkanyezi zibe yikukhanya ebusuku, enyakazisa ulwandle ukuze amagagasi alo ahlokome; iNKOSI yamabandla libizo layo.

36 Uba lezozimiso zingasuka phambi kwami, itsho iNKOSI, inzalo yakoIsrayeli layo izaphela ekubeni yisizwe phambi kwami zonke insuku.

37 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Uba engalinganiswa amazulu phezulu, zihlolwe izisekelo zomhlaba phansi, lami ngizayala yonke inzalo yakoIsrayeli ngenxa yakho konke abakwenzileyo, itsho iNKOSI.

38 Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho umuzi uzakwakhelwa iNKOSI, kusukela emphotshongweni kaHananeli kuze kufike esangweni leNgonsi.

39 Lentambo yokulinganisa isezaphuma maqondana layo kuze kube soqaqeni lweGarebi, iphendukele ngaseGowa.

40 Lesihotsha sonke sezidumbu lesomlotha, lawo wonke amasimu kuze kufike esifuleni seKidroni, kuze kufike engonsini yeSango lamabhiza ngempumalanga, kuzakuba yibungcwele beNKOSI. Kakuyikusitshunwakakusayikudilizwa kuze kube nininini.

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UJeremiya uthenga insimu

1Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni emnyakeni wetshumi kaZedekhiya, inkosi yakoJuda,owawungumnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili kaNebhukadirezari.

2 Ngoba ngalesosikhathi ibutho lenkosi yeBhabhiloni layivimbezela iJerusalema; uJeremiya umprofethi wayevalelwe-ke egumeni lentolongo, elalisendlini yenkosi yakoJuda.

3 Ngoba uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wayemvalele esithi: Kungani wena uprofetha usithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngiwunikela lumuzi esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni, njalo izawuthumba;

4 loZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kayiyikuphunyuka esandleni samaKhaladiya, kodwa uzanikelwa isibili esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni, lomlomo wakhe uzakhuluma lomlomo wayo, lamehlo akhe abone amehlo ayo;

5 izakhokhela-ke uZedekhiya imuse eBhabhiloni, abe khona ngize ngimhambele, itsho iNKOSI; lanxa lisilwa lamaKhaladiya, kaliyikuphumelela.

6 UJeremiya wasesithi: Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi lisithi:

7 Khangela, uHanameli indodana kaShaluma umalumakho uzafika kuwe esithi: Zithengele insimu yami eseAnathothi, ngoba nguwe olelungelo lokuhlenga ukuthi uthenge.

8 Kwasekufika kimi uHanameli indodana kamalumami, njengokutsho kweNKOSI, egumeni lentolongo, wasesithi kimi: Ake uthenge insimu yami eseAnathothi eselizweni lakoBhenjamini, ngoba ulelungelo lelifa, ulohlengo; zithengele yona. Ngasengisazi ukuthi yilizwi leNKOSI.

9 Ngasengiyithenga insimu kuHanameli indodana kamalumami, eseAnathothi, ngamlinganisela imaliengamashekeli ayisikhombisa lenhlamvu ezilitshumi zesiliva.

10 Ngasengibhala incwadi, ngayiphawula, ngenza abafakazi bafakaze, ngalinganisa imali ngesikali.

11 Ngasengithatha incwadi yokuthenga enanyekiweyo njengokomthetho lezimiso, levulekileyo,

12 nganika incwadi yokuthenga kuBharukhi indodana kaNeriya, indodana kaMahaseya, phambi kwamehlo kaHanameli indodana kamalumami, laphambi kwamehlo abafakazi ababephawule incwadi yokuthenga, phambi kwamehlo awo wonke amaJuda ayehlezi egumeni lentolongo.

13 Ngasengilaya uBharukhi phambi kwamehlo abo ngisithi:

14 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Thatha lezizincwadi, le incwadi yokuthenga, zombili enanyekiweyo lale incwadi evulekileyo, uzifake embizeni yebumba, ukuze zihlale insuku ezinengi.

15 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Kuzabuya kuthengwe izindlu lamasimu lezivinikulelilizwe.

16 Ngasengikhuleka eNKOSIni, senginike uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya incwadi yokuthenga, ngisithi:

17 Hawu Nkosi Jehova! Khangela, nguwe owenze amazulu lomhlaba ngamandla akho amakhulu langengalo yakho eyeluliweyo; kakuladaba olunzima kakhulu kuwe;

18 owenza uthandolomusa kwabayizinkulungwane, uphindisela isiphambeko saboyise kusifuba sabantwana babo emva kwabo; uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla, iNKOSI yamabandla libizo layo;

19 omkhulu ngeseluleko, lolamandla ngokwenza; ngoba amehlo akho avulekele zonke indlela zamadodana abantu, ukunika ngulowo lalowo ngokwendlela zakhe, lanjengesithelo sezenzo zakhe;

20 owamisa izibonakaliso lezimangaliso elizweni leGibhithe, kuze kube lamuhla, lakoIsrayeli laphakathi kwabantu; wasuzenzela ibizo njengalamuhla.

21 Wabakhupha abantu bakho uIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe ngezibonakaliso, langezimangaliso, langesandla esilamandla, langengalo eyeluliweyo, langokwesabeka okukhulu;

22 wabanika lelilizwe, owafunga kuboyise ukubanika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.

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23 Basebengena badla ilifa lalo, kodwa kabalilalelanga ilizwi lakho, kabahambanga ngomlayo wakho, kabakwenzanga konke owabalaya khona ukuthi bakwenze; ngakho ubehlisele bonke lobububi.

24 Khangela amadundulu; afikile emzini ukuwuthumba, lomuzi unikelwe esandleni samaKhaladiya alwa emelene lawo; ngenxa yenkemba lendlala lomatshayabhuqe wesifo; lalokho owakukhulumayo kwenzakele; khangela-ke, uyakubona.

25 Kanti, wena Nkosi Jehova, uthe kimi: Zithengele insimu ngemali, wenze abafakazi bafakaze; ngoba umuzi unikelwe esandleni samaKhaladiya.

26 Laselifika ilizwi leNKOSI kuJeremiya lisithi:

27 Khangela, ngiyiNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wayo yonke inyama; kambe, kukhona loba yini okunzima kakhulu kimi?

28 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngiwunikela lumuzi esandleni samaKhaladiya, lesandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ozawuthumba.

29 LamaKhaladiya alwa emelene lalumuzi azangena, awuthungele lumuzi ngomlilo, awutshise kanye lezindluobekunikelelwa phezu kwazo impepha kuBhali, lobekuthululelwa phezu kwazo iminikelo yokunathwayo kwabanye onkulunkulu, ukuze bangithukuthelise.

30 Ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli labantwana bakoJuda bebesenza okubi kuphela emehlweni ami, kusukela ebutsheni babo; ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli bangizondisile kuphela ngesenzo sezandla zabo, itsho iNKOSI.

31 Ngoba lumuzi ubukimi ngokolaka lwami langokwentukuthelo yami, kusukela ngosuku abawakha ngalo kuze kube lamuhla, ukuze ngiwususe ebusweni bami;

32 ngenxa yabo bonke ububi babantwana bakoIsrayeli lobabantwana bakoJuda abakwenzayo ukungithukuthelisa,bona, amakhosi abo, iziphathamandla zabo, abapristi babo, labaprofethi babo, labantu bakoJuda, labahlali beJerusalema.

33 Basebengiphendulela umhlana, hatshi-ke ubuso; lanxa ngibafundisile ngivuka ngovivi ngibafundisa; kanti kabalalelanga ukwemukela ukulaywa.

34 Kodwa bamisa izinengiso zabo endlini, obizo lami libizwa kuyo, ukuze bayingcolise.

35 Basebesakha indawo eziphakemeyo zikaBhali ezisesihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu, ukuthi badabulise amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo emlilweni aye kuMoleki, engingabalayanga khona lokungafikanga enhliziyweni yami, ukuthi benze lesisinengiso, ukuze benze uJuda one.

36 Khathesi-ke, ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, mayelana lomuzi lo elithi ngawo: Unikelwe esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni ngenkemba langendlala langomatshayabhuqe wesifo:

37 Khangelani, ngizabaqoqa bevela emazweni wonke lapho engibaxotshele khona ekuthukutheleni kwami langokufutheka kwami langolaka olukhulu; njalo ngizababuyisa kulindawo, ngibenze bahlale bevikelekile.

38 Yebo, bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo.

39 Ngizabanika inhliziyonye lendlelanye, ukuze bangesabe zonke insuku, kube kuhle kubo lakubantwana babo emva kwabo.

40 Njalo ngizakwenza labo isivumelwano esilaphakade, ukuze ngingaphenduki ekubalandeleni, ukuthi ngibenzele okuhle, ngifake ukungesaba enhliziyweni yabo, ukuze bangaphenduki basuke kimi.

41 Yebo, ngizathokoza ngabo ukubenzela okuhle, ngibahlanyele ngobuqotho kulelilizwe, ngenhliziyo yami yonke langomphefumulo wami wonke.

42 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Njengoba ngehlisele phezu kwalababantu bonke lobububi obukhulu, ngokunjalo ngizabehlisela konke okuhle engikukhulumileyo ngabo.

43 Amasimu azathengwa-ke kulelilizwe elithi ngalo: Liyinkangala engelamuntu lenyamazana, linikelwe esandleni samaKhaladiya.

44 Bazathenga amasimu ngemali, babhale izincwadi, baphawule, benze abafakazi bafakaze, elizweni lakoBhenjamini lemaphandleni eJerusalema lemizini yakoJuda lemizini yezintaba lemizini yesihotsha lemizini yeningizimu; ngoba ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabo, itsho iNKOSI.

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Okuhle kuzabuyiswa eJerusalema

1Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kuJeremiya ngokwesibili, esavalelwe egumeni lentolongo, lisithi:

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI, ekwenzayo, iNKOSI, ekubumbayo, ukukumisa; uJehova libizo lakhe:

3 Ngibiza, ngikuphendule, ngikwazise izinto ezinkulu lezifihlakeleyo elingazaziyo.

4 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli, ngezindlu zalumuzi langezindlu zamakhosi akoJuda, ezidilizelwe phansi ukuba ngamadundulu langenxa yenkemba:

5 Beza ukulwa lamaKhaladiya, kodwa bayazigcwalisa ngezidumbu zabantu engibatshayileyo ekuthukutheleni kwami lekufuthekeni kwami, njalo engifihle ubuso bami kulumuzi ngenxa yobubi babo bonke.

6 Khangela, ngizawandisela impilo enhle lokusiliswa; ngibelaphe, ngibembulele ukwanda kokuthula leqiniso.

7 Ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kukaJuda lokuthunjwa kukaIsrayeli, ngibakhe njengakuqala.

8 Ngibahlambulule kubo bonke ububi babo abona ngabo kimi, ngithethelele zonke iziphambeko zabo abona ngazo kimi labaphambeka ngazo kimi.

9 Njalo kuzakuba kimi libizo lenjabulo, kube ludumo, njalo kube yibuhle, kuzo zonke izizwe zomhlaba ezizakuzwa konke okuhle engibenzela khona; zesabe zithuthumele ngakho konke okuhle langakho konke ukuthula engibenzela khona.

10 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Kuzabuya kuzwakale kulindawo, elithi ngayo, ilunxiwa, engelamuntu lengelanyamazana,emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema, ezilunxiwa okungelamuntu lokungelamhlali lokungelanyamazana,

11 ilizwi lokuthaba, lelizwi lentokozo, ilizwi lomyeni, lelizwi likamakoti, ilizwi labathi: Dumisani iNKOSIyamabandla, ngoba iNKOSI ilungile, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; ilizwi lalabo abaletha indumiso endlini yeNKOSI. Ngoba ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwelizwe njengakuqala, itsho iNKOSI.

12 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Kule indawo elunxiwa engelamuntu kuze kube senyamazaneni, lemizini yonke yayo, kuzabuya kube khona imizi yabelusi abazakwenza imihlambi ilale kuyo.

13 Emizini yentabeni, emizini yesihotsha, lemizini yeningizimu, lelizweni lakoBhenjamini, lemaphandleni eJerusalema, lemizini yakoJuda, izimvu zizabuya zedlule ngaphansi kwezandla zalowo obalayo, itsho iNKOSI.

14 Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho ngizamisa ilizwi elihle engilikhulume endlini kaIsrayeli lendlini kaJuda.

15 Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi ngizahlumisela uDavida iHlumela elilungileyo; njalo uzakwenza isahlulelo lokulunga elizweni.

16 Ngalezonsuku uJuda uzasindiswa, leJerusalema ihlale ivikelekile. Njalo yileli ibizo elizabizwa ngalo: INKOSIukulunga kwethu.

17 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Kakuyikuqunywa muntu kuDavida ohlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sendlu kaIsrayeli.

18 Njalo kakuyikuqunywa muntu kubapristi, amaLevi, ebusweni bami, onikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, atshise umnikelo wokudla, enze umhlatshelo insuku zonke.

19 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi:

20 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Uba lingasephula isivumelwano sami semini lesivumelwano sami sobusuku, ukuze kungabi khona imini lobusuku ngesikhathi sakho,

21 khona sizakwephulwa isivumelwano sami loDavida inceku yami, ukuze angabi
landodana yokubusa esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, lesivumelwano lamaLevi,
abapristi, izikhonzi zami.

22 Njengoba ibutho lamazulu lingebalwe, letshebetshebe lolwandle
lingelinganiswe, ngokunjalo ngizakwandisa inzalo kaDavida inceku yami
lamaLevi angikhonzayo.

23 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi:

24 Kawubonanga yini abakutshoyo lababantu besithi: Izinsapho ezimbili
iNKOSI ebizikhethile izilahlile? Yebo badelela abantu bami, ukuthi bangabe
besaba yisizwe phambi kwabo.

25 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Uba isivumelwano sami singeyisiso esemini
lesebusuku, uba ngingamisanga izimiso zamazulu lezomhlaba,

26 khona ngizayala inzalo kaJakobe lekaDavida inceku yami, ukuthi
kangiyikuthatha enzalweni yakhe ukuzeabuse phezu kwenzalo kaAbrahama,
uIsaka, loJakobe; ngoba ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabo, ngibe lesihawu kibo.

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UJeremiya uxwayisa uZedekhiya

1 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni, lapho uNebhukadinezari inkosi
yeBhabhiloni, lebutho lakhe lonke, lemibuso yonke yomhlaba yokubusa
kwesandla sakhe, lazo zonke izizwe, babesilwa bemelene leJerusalema bemelene
layo yonke imizi yayo, lisithi:

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Hamba ukhulume kuZedekhiya
inkosi yakoJuda uthi kuye: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, nginikela lumuzi
esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni, ukuthi iwutshise ngomlilo.

3 Lawe kawuyikuphunyuka esandleni sayo, kodwa uzabanjwa isibili, unikelwe
esandleni sayo; lamehlo akho azabona amehlo enkosi yeBhabhiloni, lomlomo
wayo uzakhuluma lomlomo wakho; njalo uzakuya eBhabhiloni.

4 Kodwa zwana ilizwi leNKOSI, Zedekhiya, nkosi yakoJuda: Itsho njalo
iNKOSI ngawe: Kawuyikufa ngenkemba.

5 Uzakufa ngokuthula, lanjengokubaselwa kwaboyihlo, amakhosi endulo,
ayephambi kwakho, ngokunjalo bazakubasela, bakulilele, besithi: Maye inkosi!
Ngoba mina ngilikhulumile lelolizwi, itsho iNKOSI.

6 UJeremiya umprofethi wasewakhuluma wonke lamazwi kuZedekhiya inkosi
yakoJuda eJerusalema,

7 lapho ibutho lenkosi yeBhabhiloni lisilwa limelene leJerusalema limelene layo
yonke imizi yakoJuda eyayisele, limelene leLakishi limelene leAzeka; ngoba yiyo
imizi ebiyelweyo eyayisisele phakathi kwemizi yakoJuda.

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Mayelana lezigqili ezazingakhululwanga

8 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni, emva kokuthi inkosi uZedekhiya esenzile isivumelwano labo bonke abantu ababeseJerusalema ukumemezela inkululeko kubo,

9 ukuthi ngulowo lalowo ayekele isigqili sakhe sihambe sikhululekile, langulowo lalowo isigqilikazi sakhe, umHebheru kumbe umHebherukazi, ukuze kungabi khona umuntu owenza umJuda engumfowabo abe yisigqili.

10 Kwasekulalela zonke iziphathamandla labo bonke abantu ababengene lesosivumelwano sokuthi ngulowo lalowo ayekele isigqili sakhe langulowo lalowo isigqilikazi sakhe sihambe sikhululekile, bangaphindi bazenze zibe yizigqili; basebelalela, baziyekela zahamba.

11 Kodwa emva kwalokho baphenduka, bazibuyisa izigqili lezigqilikazi ababeziyekele zihambe zikhululekile,bazehlisela phansi zaba yizigqili lezigqilikazi.

12 Ngakho ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni, lisithi:

13 Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Mina ngenza isivumelwano laboyihlo mhla ngibakhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili, ngisithi:

14 Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa lizayekela ahambe, ngulowo lalowo umfowabo umHebheruowayethengiswe kuwe, esekusebenzele iminyaka eyisithupha, umyekele ahambe ekhululekile esuka kuwe. Kodwa oyihlo kabangilalelanga, kababekanga indlebe yabo.

15 Lina seliphendukile lamuhla, lenza okulungileyo emehlweni ami, limemezela inkululeko, ngulowo lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe, lenza isivumelwano phambi kwami endlini ebizwa ngebizo lami.

16 Kodwa liphendukile, langcolisa ibizo lami, libuyisa, ngulowo lalowo isigqili sakhe langulowo lalowo isigqilikazi sakhe, ebeliziyekele zahamba zikhululekile njengokufisa kwazo, lazehlisela phansi, zaba yizigqili lezigqilikazi zenu.

17 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI: Lina kalingilalelanga, ukumemezela inkululeko, kube ngulowo lalowo kumfowabo langulowo lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe; khangelani, ngizamemezela kini, itsho iNKOSI, inkululeko enkembeni,kumatshayabhuqe wesifo, lendlaleni; ngilinikele libe yisesabiso kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba.

18 Nginikele amadoda aseqileyo isivumelwano sami, angaqinisanga amazwi esivumelwano asenza phambi kwami,lapho adabula ithole kabili, adlula phakathi kweziqa zalo;

19 iziphathamandla zakoJuda, leziphathamandla zeJerusalema, abathenwa, labapristi, labo bonke abantu belizwe, abadabula phakathi kweziqa zethole.

20 Yebo, ngizabanikela esandleni sezitha zabo lesandleni salabo abadinga impilo yabo; lezidumbu zabo zizakuba yikudla kwenyoni zamazulu lenyamazana zomhlaba.

21 LoZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda leziphathamandla zakhe ngizabanikela esandleni sezitha zabo, lesandleni salabo abadinga impilo yabo, lesandleni sebutho lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, abenyuke basuka kini.

22 Khangelani, ngizalaya, itsho iNKOSI, ngibabuyise kulumuzi; njalo bazakulwa bemelene lawo, bawuthumbe,bawutshise ngomlilo; lemizi yakoJuda ngizayenza ibe lunxiwa olungelamhlali.

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Ukulalela kwamaRekabi

1Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni ensukwini zikaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda,lisithi:

2 Yana endlini yamaRekabi, ukhulume lawo, uwalethe endlini yeNKOSI kwelinye lamakamelo, uwanathise iwayini.

3 Ngasengithatha uJahazaniya, indodana kaJeremiya, indodana kaHabaziniya, labafowabo, lawo wonke amadodana akhe, lendlu yonke yamaRekabi.

4 Ngabaletha endlini yeNKOSI, ekamelweni lamadodana kaHanani, indodana kaIgidaliya, umuntu kaNkulunkulu,elaliseduze lekamelo leziphathamandla, elalingaphezu kwekamelo likaMahaseya, indodana kaShaluma,umlindimbundu.

5 Ngasengibeka phambi kwamadodana endlu yamaRekabi izimbiza ezigcwele iwayini, lezinkezo, ngathi kibo: Nathani iwayini.

6 Kodwa bathi: Kasilinathi iwayini, ngoba uJonadabi, indodana kaRekabi, ubaba, wasilaya esithi: Linganathi iwayini, lina labantwana benu, kuze kube nininini.

7 Njalo lingakhi izindlu, lingahlanyeli inhlanyelo, lingahlanyeli izivini, lingabi lazo; kodwa lihlale emathenteni zonke insuku zenu, ukuze liphile insuku ezinengi ebusweni bomhlaba lapho elihlala khona njengabezizwe.

8 Ngakho salilalela ilizwi likaJonadabi, indodana kaRekabi, ubaba, kukho konke asilaya ngakho, ukuthi singanathi iwayini zonke insuku zethu, thina, omkethu, amadodana ethu, lamadodakazi ethu;

9 lokuthi singakhi izindlu zokuhlala kwethu; njalo singabi lesivini kumbe insimu kumbe inhlanyelo;

10 kodwa sihlala emathenteni, silalele senze njengakho konke uJonadabi ubaba asilaya khona.

11 Kodwa kwathi lapho uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni esenyukela elizweni, sathi: Wozani siye eJerusalema ngenxa yebutho lamaKhaladiya langenxa yebutho lamaSiriya. Sasesihlala eJerusalema.

12 Laselifika ilizwi leNKOSI kuJeremiya lisithi:

13 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Hamba uthi ebantwini bakoJuda lakwabahlali beJerusalema: Kaliyikwemukela yini ukulaywa ukuthi lilalele amazwi ami? itsho iNKOSI.

14 Aqiniswa amazwi kaJonadabi, indodana kaRekabi, awalaya abantwana bakhe ukuthi banganathi iwayini; ngoba kabalinathanga kuze kube lamuhla, ngoba bawulalele umlayo kayise. Lami ngikhulumile kini ngivuke ngovivi ngikhuluma, kodwa kalingilalelanga.

15 Futhi ngithume kini zonke inceku zami abaprofethi, ngivuka ngovivi ngibathuma, ngisithi: Ake liphenduke, ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe embi, lenze izenzo zenu zibe zinhle, lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukuthi libakhonze, ukuze lihlale elizweni engalinika lina laboyihlo. Kodwa kalibekanga indlebe yenu, kalilalelanga kimi.

16 Ngoba amadodana kaJonadabi, indodana kaRekabi, awuqinisile umlayo kayise awalaya wona, kodwa lababantu kabangilaleli,

17 ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangelani, ngizakwehlisela phezu kukaJuda laphezu kwabakhileyo bonke beJerusalema bonke ububi engibukhulume ngabo; ngoba ngikhulumile kibo, kodwa kabalalelanga, ngibabizile, kodwa kabaphendulanga.

18 Lakuyo indlu yamaRekabi uJeremiya wathi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Ngenxa yokuthi lilalele umlayo kaJonadabi uyihlo, lagcina yonke imilayo yakhe, lenza njengakho konke alilaya khona,

19 ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Kakuyikuqunywa muntu kuJonadabi indodana kaRekabi oma phambi kwami insuku zonke.

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Ukubalwa lokutshiswa komqulu wencwadi

1Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi, indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, lelilizwi lafika kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni, lisithi:

2 Zithathele umqulu wogwalo, ubhale kiwo wonke amazwi engiwakhulume kuwe ngoIsrayeli langoJuda langazo zonke izizwe, kusukela ngosuku lokukhuluma kwami kuwe, kusukela ensukwini zikaJosiya, kuze kube lamuhla.

3 Mhlawumbe abendlu kaJuda bazakuzwa bonke ububi engicabanga ukubenza
kubo; ukuze baphenduke, ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe embi, ukuze
ngithethelele ububi babo lesono sabo.

4 UJeremiya wasebiza uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya; uBharukhi wasebhala
okuvela emlonyeni kaJeremiya, wonke amazwi eNKOSI eyayiwakhulume kuye,
emqulwini wogwalo.

5 UJeremiya waselaya uBharukhi esithi: Ngivinjelwe, kangilakungena endlini
yeNKOSI.

6 Ngakho hamba wena, ufunde emqulwini owubhalileyo, kuvela emlonyeni wami,
amazwi eNKOSI endlebeni zabantu endlini yeNKOSI ngosuku lokuzila
ukudla; uwafunde futhi endlebeni zakhe wonke uJuda abavela emizini yabo.

7 Mhlawumbe ukuncenga kwabo kuzakuwa phambi kweNKOSI, baphenduke,
ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe embi; ngoba lukhulu ulaka lentukuthelo
iNKOSI ekukhulume kulababantu.

8 UBharukhi indodana kaNeriya wasesenza njengakho konke uJeremiya
umprofethi ayemlaye khona, efunda egwalweni amazwi eNKOSI endlini yeNKOSI.

9 Kwasekuthi emnyakeni wesihlanu kaJehoyakhimi, indodana kaJosiya, inkosi
yakoJuda, ngenyanga yesificamunwemunye, bamemezela ukuzila ukudla phambi
kweNKOSI, bonke abantu eJerusalema, labantu bonke abavela emizini yakoJuda
eJerusalema.

10 UBharukhi wasefunda egwalweni amazwi kaJeremiya endlini yeNKOSI,
ekamelweni likaGemariya, indodana kaShafani, umbhali, egumeni
elingaphezulu, emnyango wesango elitsha lendlu yeNKOSI, endlebeni zabantu
bonke.

11 UMikhaya, indodana kaGemariya, indodana kaShafani, wasesizwa wonke
amazwi eNKOSI avela kulolugwalo,

12 wehlela endlini yenkosi, ekamelweni lombhali; khangela-ke, zonke
iziphathamandla zazihlezi lapho, uElishama umbhali, loDelaya indodana
kaShemaya, loElinathani indodana kaAkhibhori, loGemariya indodana
kaShafani, loZedekhiya indodana kaHananiya, leziphathamandla zonke.

13 UMikhaya wasebatshela wonke amazwi ayewezwile, lapho uBharukhi efunda
egwalweni endlebeni zabantu.

14 Zonke iziphathamandla zasezithuma uJehudi, indodana kaNethaniya, indodana
kaShelemiya, indodana kaKushi, kuBharukhi, zisithi: Umqulu ofunde kuwo
endlebeni zabantu, uthathe ngesandla sakho uze. Ngakho uBharukhi indodana
kaNeriya wathatha umqulu ngesandla sakhe, waya kuzo.

15 Zasezisithi kuye: Ake uhlale phansi, uwufunde endlebeni zethu. UBharukhi
wasefunda endlebeni zazo.

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16 Kwasekusithi sezizwile wonke amazwi, zethukile, ngulowo lalowo ekhangele kumakhelwane wakhe, zathi kuBharukhi: Sizayitshela isibili inkosi wonke amazwi la.

17 Zasezimbuza uBharukhi zisithi: Ake usitshele, wawabhala njani wonke lamazwi emlonyeni wakhe?

18 UBharukhi wasesithi kuzo: Wangifundela wonke lamazwi evela emlonyeni wakhe, ngawabhala egwalweni ngeyinki.

19 Iziphathamandla zasezisithi kuBharukhi: Hamba ucatshe, wena loJeremiya, kakungabi lamuntu owaziyo lapho elikhona.

20 Zasezingena enkosini egumeni, kodwa umqulu zawubeka ekamelweni likaElishama umbhali; zakhuluma wonke amazwi endlebeni zenkosi.

21 Inkosi yasithuma uJehudi ukuthi awulande umqulu; wasewuthatha ekamelweni likaElishama umbhali; uJehudi wawufunda endlebeni zenkosi lendlebeni zazo zonke iziphathamandla ezazimi enkosini.

22 Inkosi yayihlezi-ke endlini yobusika ngenyanga yesificamunwemunye; umlilo wawuvutha embawuleni phambi kwayo.

23 Kwasekusithi lapho uJehudi esefundile amakhasi amathathu loba amane, yawasika ngengqamu yombhali, yawaphosela emlilweni osembawuleni, waze watsha waphela umqulu wonke emlilweni osembawuleni.

24 Kodwa kabesabanga, kabadabulanga izembatho zabo, inkosi lenceku zayo zonke, abawezwayo wonke lamazwi.

25 Loba kunjalo labo oElinathani loDelaya loGemariya beyincenga inkosi ukuthi ingawutshisi umqulu, kodwa kayibalalelanga.

26 Kodwa inkosi yalaya uJerameli indodana yenkosi, loSeraya indodana kaAziriyeli, loShelemiya indodana kaAbideli, ukuze babambe uBharukhi umbhali loJeremiya umprofethi; kodwa iNKOSI yabafihla.

27 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kuJeremiya emva kokuthi inkosi isiwutshisile umqulu lamazwi uBharukhi ayewabhalile evela emlonyeni kaJeremiya, lisithi:

28 Zithathele futhi omunye umqulu, ubhale kuwo wonke amazwi okuqala ayesemqulwini wokuqala, uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda eyawatshisayo.

29 Njalo uzakuthi kuJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Wena utshisile lumqulu, usithi: Ubhaleleni kiwo usithi: Inkosi yeBhabhiloni izafika isibili, ilichithe lelilizwe, yenze ukuthi kuphele kulo abantu lenyamazana?

30 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI mayelana loJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda: Kayikuba lamuntu ohlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida; lesidumbu sakhe sizaphoselwa ekutshiseni kwemini lekuqandeni kobusuku.

31 Ngizamjezisa-ke yena, lenzalo yakhe, lenceku zakhe, ububi babo; ngehlisele phezu kwabo laphezu kwabahlali beJerusalema laphezu kwabantu bakoJuda konke okubi engikukhulume kubo, kodwa kabalalelanga.

32 UJeremiya wasethatha omunye umqulu, wawunika uBharukhi, indodana kaNeriya, umbhali, owabhala kiwo okuvela emlonyeni kaJeremiya wonke amazwi ogwalo uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda eyalutshisayo ngomlilo; kwengezelelwa-ke kiwo amanye amazwi amanengi afanana lawo.

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UJeremiya ufakwa entolongweni

1Inkosi uZedekhiya indodana kaJosiya wabusa-ke esikhundleni sikaKoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi,uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ambeka abe yinkosi elizweni lakoJuda.

2 Kodwa kawalalelanga, yena lenceku zakhe labantu belizwe, amazwi eNKOSI eyayiwakhulume ngesandla sikaJeremiya umprofethi.

3 Inkosi uZedekhiya yasithuma uJehukali indodana kaShelemiya loZefaniya indodana kaMahaseya umpristi kuJeremiya umprofethi, isithi: Ake usikhulekele eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wethu.

4 UJeremiya wangena-ke waphuma phakathi kwabantu, ngoba babengakamfaki entolongweni.

5 Ibutho likaFaro laliphumile-ke eGibhithe; kwathi amaKhaladiya ayevimbezela iJerusalema esizwa amahungahunga ngabo, enyuka asuka eJerusalema.

6 Laselifika ilizwi leNKOSI kuJeremiya umprofethi lisithi:

7 Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Lizakutsho njalo enkosini yakoJuda elithume kimi ukungibuza:Khangela, ibutho likaFaro eliphumele ukulisiza lizabuyela elizweni lalo, iGibhithe.

8 AmaKhaladiya azabuya futhi, alwe emelene lalumuzi, awuthumbe, awutshise ngomlilo.

9 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Lingakhohlisi imiphefumulo yenu lisithi: AmaKhaladiya isibili azasuka kithi; ngoba kawayikusuka.

10 Ngoba loba lilitshaya ibutho lonke lamaKhaladiya alwa emelene lani, kusale amadoda agwaziweyo phakathi kwabo, azasukuma, yileyo laleyo ethenteni layo, awutshise lumuzi ngomlilo.

11 Kwasekusithi ibutho lamaKhaladiya selenyukile lisuka eJerusalema ngenxa yebutho likaFaro,

12 uJeremiya waphuma eJerusalema ukuya elizweni lakoBhenjamini ukuthi amonyuke phakathi kwabantu.

13 Kwasekusithi esesesangweni lakoBhenjamini, kwakukhona lapho induna yabalindi obizo layo lalinguIrija, indodana kaShelemiya, indodana kaHananiya; yasimbamba uJeremiya umprofethi, isithi: Uhlubukela kumaKhaladiya.

14 UJeremiya wasesithi: Ngamanga; kangihlubukeli kumaKhaladiya. Kodwa kamlalelanga; ngokunjalo uIriya wambamba uJeremiya, wamletha kuziphathamandla.

15 Iziphathamandla zasezithukuthela ngoJeremiya, zamtshaya, zamfaka entolongweni, endlini kaJonathani umbhali, ngoba zaziyenze yaba yintolongo.

16 UJeremiya esengene endlini yomgodi lezitokisini, uJeremiya esehlale khona insuku ezinengi,

17 inkosi uZedekhiya yasithuma, yamthatha; inkosi yasimbuza endlini yayo ensitha yathi: Likhona yini ilizwi elivela eNKOSIni? UJeremiya wasesithi: Likhona. Wathi: Uzanikelwa esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni.

18 UJeremiya wathi futhi enkosini uZedekhiya: Ngoneni kuwe lezincekwini zakho lakulababantu ukuthi lingifake entolongweni?

19 Bangaphi khathesi abaprofethi benu abaprofetha kini besithi: Inkosi yeBhabhiloni kayiyikufika imelane lani kumbe imelane lalelilizwe?

20 Khathesi-ke, ake uzwe, nkosi yami, nkosi, kakuthi ukuncenga kwami kuwe phambi kwakho, ungangibuyiseliendlini kaJonathani umbhali, hlezi ngifele khona.

21 Ngakho inkosi uZedekhiya yalaya ukuthi bamfake uJeremiya egumeni lentolongo, lokuthi anikwe isinkwa sibe sinye ngosuku esivela esitaladini sabaphekizinkwa, size siphele sonke isinkwa emzini. Ngokunjalo uJeremiya wahlala egumeni lentolongo.

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Ukukhutshwa kukaJeremiya emgodini

1UShefathiya indodana kaMathani, loGedaliya indodana kaPashuri, loJukali indodana kaShelemiya,loPashuri indodana kaMalikiya, sebezwile amazwi uJeremiya ayewakhuluma kubo bonke abantu esithi:

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Osala kulumuzi uzakufa ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo; kodwa ophuma aye kumaKhaladiya uzaphila, ngoba uzakuba lempilo yakhe ibe yimpango, aphile.

3 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Lumuzi uzanikelwa isibili esandleni sebutho lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, elizawuthumba.

4 Iziphathamandla zasezisithi enkosini: Ake abulawe lumuntu, ngoba ngalindlela uyekethisa izandla zamadoda empi asele kulumuzi, lezandla zabo bonke abantu,

ngokukhuluma kibo amazwi anje; ngoba lumuntu kadingi ukuthula kwalababantu, kodwa okubi.

5 Inkosi uZedekhiya yasisithi: Khangela, usesandleni senu, ngoba inkosi kayilakho okuphambene lani ngalutho.

6 Basebemthatha uJeremiya, bamphosela emgodini kaMalikiya indodana yenkosi, owawusegumeni lentolongo,bamehlisa uJeremiya ngamagoda; kwakungelamanzi emgodini, kodwa udaka; uJeremiya wasetshona odakeni.

7 Kwathi uEbedimeleki umEthiyophiya indoda umthenwa, owayesendlini yenkosi, esizwa ukuthi uJeremiya bamfake emgodini (lapho inkosi yayihlezi esangweni lakoBhenjamini),

8 uEbedimeleki waphuma endlini yenkosi, wakhuluma lenkosi esithi:

9 Nkosi yami, nkosi, abantu laba benzile okubi ngakho konke abakwenze kuJeremiya umprofethi, abamphosele emgodini, ngoba uzakufa endaweni yakhe ngenxa yendlala, ngoba kakusekho isinkwa emzini.

10 Inkosi yasimlaya uEbedimeleki umEthiyophiya, isithi: Thatha lapha amadoda angamatshumi amathathu ngaphansi kwesandla sakho, umenyule uJeremiya umprofethi emgodini engakafi.

11 Ngakho uEbedimeleki wathatha amadoda ngaphansi kwesandla sakhe, wangena endlini yenkosi waze waba ngaphansi kwesiphala, wathatha khona izidwedwe ezidabukileyo lezidwedwe ezigugileyo, wazehlisela kuJeremiya emgodini ngamagoda.

12 UEbedimeleki umEthiyophiya wasesithi kuJeremiya: Ake ufake izidwedwe ezidabukileyo lezigugileyo ngaphansi kwamakhwapha akho ngaphansi kwamagoda. UJeremiya wasesenza njalo.

13 Basebemdonsa uJeremiya ngamagoda, bamenyula emgodini. UJeremiya wasehlala egumeni lentolongo.

UZedekhiya uyelulekwa nguJeremiya

14 Inkosi uZedekhiya yasithuma yathatha uJeremiya umprofethi yamusa kuye, ekungeneni kwesithathu okusendlini yeNKOSI. Inkosi yasisithi kuJeremiya: Ngizakubuza udaba, ungangifihleli lutho.

15 UJeremiya wasesithi kuZedekhiya: Uba ngikutshela, kawuyikungibulala lokungibulala yini? Loba ngikweluleka, kawuyikungilalela.

16 Inkosi uZedekhiya yasifunga kuJeremiya ekusithekeni isithi: Kuphila kukaJehova owasenzela lumphefumulo:Isibili kangiyikukubulala, futhi isibili kangiyikukunikela esandleni salamadoda adinga umphefumulo wakho.

17 UJeremiya wasesithi kuZedekhiya: Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Uba uphuma isibili uye kuziphathamandla

zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, umphefumulo wakho uzaphila, lalumuzi kawuyikutshiswa ngomlilo; uzaphila wena lendlu yakho.

18 Kodwa uba ungaphumi uye kuziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, lumuzi uzanikelwa esandleni samaKhaladiya, awutshise ngomlilo; lawe kawuyikuphunyuka esandleni sawo.

19 Inkosi uZedekhiya yasisithi kuJeremiya: Ngiyawesaba amaJuda ahlubukele kumaKhaladiya, hlezi anginikele esandleni sawo, angiklolodele.

20 UJeremiya wasesithi: Kawayikukunikela; ake ulalele ilizwi leNKOSI njengalelo engilikhuluma kuwe, khona kukulungele, futhi umphefumulo wakho uzaphila.

21 Kodwa uba usala ukuphuma, yileli ilizwi iNKOSI engibonise lona lokuthi:

22 Khangela-ke, bonke abesifazana abasele endlini yenkosi yakoJuda bazakhitshelwa kuziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, bathi: Abangane bakho bakukhuthazile, bakwehlula; inyawo zakho zitshone odakeni; babuyele emuva.

23 Njalo azakhuphela abafazi bonke bakho lamadodana akho kumaKhaladiya; lawe kawuyikuphunyuka esandleni sawo, kodwa uzabanjwa ngesandla senkosi yeBhabhiloni, lalumuzi uzawutshisa ngomlilo.

24 UZedekhiya wasesithi kuJeremiya: Kakungabi khona umuntu owaziyo lamazwi, khona ungayikufa.

25 Kodwa nxa iziphathamandla zisizwa ukuthi ngikhulume lawe, zize kuwe zithi kuwe: Ake usitshele, ubusithini enkosini, ungakufihli kithi, khona kasiyikukubulala; njalo inkosi ikhulumeni kuwe;

26 uzakuthi-ke kuzo: Mina ngiwise ukuncenga kwami phambi kwenkosi ukuthi ingangibuyiseli endlini kaJonathani ukuze ngifele khona.

27 Zasezifika zonke iziphathamandla kuJeremiya, zambuza; yena waziphendula njengawo wonke lamazwi inkosi ewalayileyo. Zasezithula kuye, ngoba udaba lwalungezwakali.

28 UJeremiya wasehlala egumeni lentolongo kwaze kwaba lusuku iJerusalema eyathunjwa ngalo; wayekhona lapho iJerusalema ithunjwa.

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Ukunqotshwa kweJerusalema

1 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye kaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, ngenyanga yetshumi, kwafika uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni lebutho lakhe lonke, bamelana leJerusalema, bayivimbezela.

2 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya, ngenyanga yesine, ngolwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga, umuzi wafohlelwa.

3 Zonke iziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni zasezingena, zahlala esangweni eliphakathi, oNerigali-Sharezi, uSamiganebo, uSarisekimi, uRabisarisi, uNerigali-Sharezi, uRabimagi, lazo zonke ezinye iziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni.

4 Kwasekusithi lapho uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lawo wonke amadoda empi bezibona, babaleka, baphuma emzini ebusuku ngendlela yesivande senkosi, ngesango eliphakathi kwemiduli emibili; waphuma ngendlela yamagceke.

5 Kodwa ibutho lamaKhaladiya laxotshana labo, lamfica uZedekhiya emagcekeni eJeriko; selimbambile lamenyusela kuNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni eRibila, elizweni leHamathi, owakhuluma izigwebo ezimelene laye.

6 Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibulala amadodana kaZedekhiya eRibila emehlweni akhe; inkosi yeBhabhiloni yabuya yabulala zonke izikhulu zakoJuda.

7 Yasiphumputhekisa amehlo kaZedekhiya, yambopha ngamaketane ethusi amabili ukuze imuse eBhabhiloni.

8 AmaKhaladiya asetshisa indlu yenkosi lezindlu zabantu ngomlilo, adilizela phansi imiduli yeJerusalema.

9 Lensali yabantu eyayisele emzini, lalabo ababehlubukile, ababehlubukile kuyo, lensali yabantu eyayisele, uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi yabathumba yabasa eBhabhiloni.

10 Kodwa uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi watshiya elizweni lakoJuda ebantwini ababengabayangaababengelalutho, wabanika izivini lamasimu ngalolosuku.

11 UNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni waselaya ngesandla sikaNebuzaradani induna yabalindi ngoJeremiya esithi:

12 Mthathe, umise amehlo akho kuye, ungamenzeli ulutho olubi, kodwa njengokukhuluma kwakhe kuwe wenze njalo ngaye.

13 Ngakho bathuma oNebuzaradani induna yabalindi, loNebushazibani, uRabisarisi, loNerigali-Sharezi,uRabimagi, lazo zonke induna zenkosi yeBhabhiloni,

14 bathuma, bamthatha uJeremiya egumeni lentolongo, bamnikela kuGedaliya, indodana kaAhikhamu, indodana kaShafani, ukuze amkhuphe amuse endlini yakhe. Wasehlala phakathi kwabantu.

UEbedimeleki uzakhululwa yiNkosi

15 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJeremiya esavalelwe egumeni lentolongo, lisithi:

16 Hamba ukhulume kuEbedimeleki umEthiyophiya uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangela, ngizakwehlisela amazwi ami kulumuzi ngokubi kungeyisikho ngokuhle, njalo azakuba phambi kwakho ngalolosuku.

17 Kodwa ngizakophula ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI, njalo kawuyikunikelwa esandleni sabantu obesabayo.

18 Ngoba ngizakukhulula isibili, kawuyikuwa-ke ngenkemba, kodwa impilo yakho izakuba yimpango kuwe,ngoba uthembele kimi, itsho iNKOSI.

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UGedaliya umbusi

1Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNKOSIni emva kokuthi uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi esemyekele wahamba esuka eRama, esemthethe ebotshiwe ngamaketane phakathi kwabo bonke ababethunjwe eJerusalema lakoJuda, abasiwa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni.

2 Induna yabalindi yasimthatha uJeremiya yathi kuye: INKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakho, yakhuluma lokhu okubi ngalindawo.

3 INKOSI isikulethile yakwenza njengokutsho kwayo, ngoba lonile eNKOSIni, kalilalelanga ilizwi layo; ngakho loludaba lwenzakele kini.

4 Khathesi-ke, khangela, lamuhla ngiyakukhulula kulamaketane asezandleni zakho. Uba kukuhle emehlweni akho ukuya lami eBhabhiloni, woza, ngimise ilihlo lami phezu kwakho; kodwa uba kukubi emehlweni akho ukuya lami eBhabhiloni, yekela. Bona, ilizwe lonke liphambi kwakho; lapho kukuhle kuqondile emehlweni akho ukuhamba, hamba uye khona.

5 Kodwa engakabuyeli, wathi: Buyela kuGedaliya, indodana kaAhikhamu, indodana kaShafani, emmisileyo inkosi yeBhabhiloni abe phezu kwemizi yakoJuda, uhlale laye phakathi kwabantu; kumbe loba kungaphi lapho kuqondile emehlweni akho ukuya khona, hamba. Ngakho induna yabalindi yasimnika umphako lesipho,yamyekela ukuthi ahambe.

6 Ngakho uJeremiya wafika kuGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu eMizipa, wahlala laye phakathi kwabantu ababesele elizweni.

7 Kwathi zonke induna zamabutho ezazisegangeni, zona kanye lamadoda azo, besizwa ukuthi inkosi yeBhabhiloni ibekile uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu abe phezu kwelizwe, lokuthi inikele kuye amadodana labesifazana labantwana, lakwabangabayanga belizwe, kulabo ababengathunjelwanga eBhabhiloni,

8 khona beza kuGedaliya eMizipa, oIshmayeli, indodana kaNethaniya, loJohanani, loJonathani, amadodana kaKareya, loSeraya, indodana kaTanihumethi, lamadodana kaEfayi, umNetofa, loJezaniya, indodana yomMahakathi, bona lamadoda abo.

9 UGedaliya, indodana kaAhikhamu, indodana kaShafani, wasefunga kibo lamadoda abo, esithi: Lingesabi ukusebenzela amaKhaladiya; hlalani elizweni, liyisebenzele inkosi yeBhabhiloni; khona kuzalilungela.

10 Khangelani-ke, mina ngihlala eMizipa ukuma phambi kobuso bamaKhaladiya azafika kithi; kodwa lina buthani iwayini lezithelo zehlobo lamafutha, likufake ezitsheni zenu, lihlale emizini yenu eliyithetheyo.

11 Futhi, lapho wonke amaJuda ayekoMowabi laphakathi kwabantwana bakoAmoni leEdoma lawayekuwo wonke amazwe esezwile ukuthi inkosi yeBhabhiloni itshiyile insali yakoJuda, lokuthi yabeka phezu kwabo uGedaliya, indodana kaAhikhamu, indodana kaShafani;

12 wonke amaJuda asebuya esuka endaweni zonke ayexotshelwe khona, eza elizweni lakoJuda, kuGedaliya eMizipa; abutha iwayini lezithelo zehlobo, kwaba kunengi kakhulu.

Ukubulawa kukaGedaliya

13 UJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna zamabutho ayesegangeni basebesiza kuGedaliya eMizipa,

14 bathi kuye: Uyakwazi isibili yini ukuthi uBhahalisi inkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni uthume uIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya ukukutshaya empilweni? Kodwa uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu kabakholwanga.

15 UJohanani indodana kaKareya wasekhuluma loGedaliya ensitha eMizipa esithi: Ake ungiyekele ngihambe ngiyetshaya uIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya, kungabi lamuntu okwaziyo. Uzakutshayelani empilweni, ukuze bahlakazeke bonke abakoJuda ababuthene kuwe, kubhubhe insali yakoJuda?

16 Kodwa uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu wathi kuJohanani indodana kaKareya: Ungayenzi le indaba, ngoba uqamba amanga ngoIshmayeli.

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1Kwasekusithi ngenyanga yesikhombisa kwafika uIshmayeli, indodana kaNethaniya, indodana kaElishama, owenzalo yesikhosini, lezinduna zenkosi, lamadoda alitshumi laye, kuGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu eMizipa, badla isinkwa khona ndawonye eMizipa.

2 UIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wasesukuma, lamadoda alitshumi ayelaye, bamtshaya uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu indodana kaShafani ngenkemba, bambulala yena inkosi yeBhabhiloni eyayimbeke phezu kwelizwe.

3 UIshmayeli wabulala lawo wonke amaJuda ayelaye, eloGedaliya, eMizipa, lamaKhaladiya atholakala khona,amadoda empi.

4 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesibili esembulele uGedaliya, kungelamuntu okwaziyo,

5 kwafika amadoda evela eShekema, eShilo, leSamariya, amadoda angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, ephucile indevu, lezigqoko

zidatshuliwe, ezisikile, elomnikelo wokudla lempepha esandleni sawo, ukukuletha endlini yeNKOSI.

6 UIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wasephuma eMizipa ukuwahlangabeza, ehamba, ehamba ekhala inyembezi. Kwasekuthi lapho ehlangana lawo, wathi kuwo: Wozani kuGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu.

7 Kwasekusithi sebefikile phakathi komuzi, uIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wawabulala wawaphoselaphakathi komgodi, yena lamadoda ayelaye.

8 Kodwa kwatholakala amadoda alitshumi phakathi kwawo, athi kuIshmayeli: Ungasibulali, ngoba sileziphala ensimini, ingqoloyi lebhali lamafutha loluju. Ngakho wawayekela, kaze awabulala phakathi kwabafowabo.

9 Njalo umgodi uIshmayeli ayephosele kuwo zonke izidumbu zabantu ayebatshayile kanye loGedaliya, wawuyiwo inkosi uAsa eyawenzayo ngenxa kaBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli; lowo uIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wawugcwalisa ngababuleweyo.

10 UIshmayeli wasethumba yonke insali yabantu ababeseMizipa, amadodakazi enkosi, labo bonke abantu ababesele eMizipa, uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi eyayibamisele uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu. UIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wasebathumba, wahamba ukuthi achaphele kubantwana bakoAmoni.

11 Kwathi uJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna zamabutho ezazilaye besizwa konke okubi uIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya ayekwenzile,

12 bathatha wonke amadoda, bayakulwa loIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya; bamfica emanzini amanengiaseGibeyoni.

13 Kwasekusithi bonke abantu ababeloIshmayeli bebona uJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna zamabutho ezazilaye, bathokoza.

14 Basebetshibilika abantu bonke uIshmayeli ayebathumbe besuka eMizipa, baphenduka baya kuJohanani indodana kaKareya.

15 Kodwa uIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya waphunyuka wasuka phambi kukaJohanani, lamadoda ayisificaminwembili, waya ebantwaneni bakoAmoni.

16 UJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna zamabutho ezazilaye basebethatha yonke insali yabantuayebabuyisile besuka kuIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya eMizipa, esetshaye uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu, amadoda, amadoda empi, labafazi, labantwana, labathenwa, ayebabuyisile bevela eGibeyoni.

17 Basebesuka bayahlala eGeruthi-Kimihamu eseduze leBhethelehema, ukuyangena eGibhithe

18 ngenxa yamaKhaladiya; ngoba babewesaba, ngoba uIshmayeli indodana
kaNethaniya wayebulele uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu, inkosi yeBhabhiloni
eyayimmise phezu kwelizwe.

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Ilizwi likaJeremiya kuJohanani

1Zasezisondela zonke induna zamabutho, loJohanani indodana
kaKareya, loJezaniya indodana kaHoshaya, labo bonke abantu, kusukela
komncinyane kuze kube komkhulu,

2 bathi kuJeremiya umprofethi: Ake kuthi ukuncenga kwethu kuwe phambi
kwakho, usikhulekele eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakho, umele le insali yonke, ngoba
sisele sibalutshwana kwabanengi, njengalokho amehlo akho esibona;

3 ukuze iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakho, isazise indlela esizahamba ngayo, lento
esizayenza.

4 UJeremiya umprofethi wasesithi kibo: Sengizwile; khangelani, ngizakhuleka
eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wenu njengokwamazwi enu; kuzakuthi-ke, lonke ilizwi
iNKOSI ezaliphendula ngizalitshela lona, kangiyikuligodlela lizwi.

5 Bona basebesithi kuJeremiya: INKOSI kayibe ngumfakazi
oqinisileyo lothembekileyo phakathi kwethu, uba singenzi ngokunjalo njengalo
lonke ilizwi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho ekuthuma kithi ngalo.

6 Loba kukuhle loba kukubi, sizalalela ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu,
esikuthuma kuyo, ukuze kusilungelelapho sililalela ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu
wethu.

7 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezilitshumi, ilizwi leNKOSI lafika
kuJeremiya.

8 Wasebiza uJohanani indodana kaKareya, lazo zonke induna
zamabutho ezazilaye, labantu bonke kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu;

9 wathi kibo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, elingithume kiyo ukuthi
ngenze ukuncenga kwenu kuwe phambi kwayo:

10 Uba lihlala lokuhlala kulelilizwe, ngizalakha ngingalidilizi,
ngilihlanyele, ngingalisiphuni; ngoba ngiyazisola ngokubi engikwenzileyo kini.

11 Lingayesabi inkosi yeBhabhiloni eliyesabayo, lingayesabi, itsho iNKOSI; ngoba
mina ngilani ukuze ngilisindisengilophule esandleni sayo.

12 Ngilinike izihawu, ukuze ibe lomusa kini, ilibuyisele elizweni lakini.

13 Kodwa uba lisithi: Kasiyikuhlala kulelilizwe; ukuthi lingalaleli ilizwi
leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu;

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14 lisithi: Hatshi; kodwa sizangena elizweni leGibhithe, lapho esingayikubona impi khona, singayikuzwa ukukhala kophondo, singalambelanga isinkwa, sihlale khona;

15 khathesi-ke, ngakho zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, nsali yakoJuda: Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Uba lina libeka ubuso benu ngokupheleleyo ukuya eGibhithe, lingene ukuyahlala njengabezizwe khona,

16 kuzakuthi-ke inkemba eliyesabayo izalifica khona elizweni leGibhithe, lendlala elinqineka ngayo izanamathela emva kwenu khona eGibhithe, lifele khona.

17 Bazakuba njalo bonke abantu ababeka ubuso babo ukuya eGibhithe, ukuze bahlale njengabezizwe khona;bazakufa ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo; njalo kabayikuba lensali kumbe ophunyuke phambi kokubi engizabehlisela khona.

18 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Njengokuthululwa kolaka lwami lentukuthelo yami phezu kwabahlali beJerusalema, ngokunjalo intukuthelo yami izathululelwa phezu kwenu, nxa lingena eGibhithe. Njalo lizakuba yisithuko lokwesabekayo lesiqalekiso lehlazo, lingaphindi liyibone lindawo.

19 INKOSI ithe ngani, nsali yakoJuda: Lingangeni eGibhithe. Yazini isibili ukuthi lamuhla ngifakazile ngimelene lani.

20 Ngoba liyikhohlisile imiphefumulo yenu; ngoba lina lingithume eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu wenu, lisithi:Sikhulekele eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wethu; lanjengakho konke iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu ekutshoyo, ngokunjalo sitshele, sikwenze.

21 Sengilitshelile lamuhla, kodwa kalililalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, laloba yiyiphi into engithume yona kini.

22 Khathesi-ke yazini isibili ukuthi lizakufa ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo, endaweni eliloyisa ukuyahlala khona njengabezizwe.

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Abantu baya eGibhithe

1Kwasekusithi lapho uJeremiya eseqedile ukukhuluma kubo bonke abantu wonke amazwi eNKOSIuNkulunkulu wabo, iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo eyayimthume ngawo kibo, ngitsho wonke lamazwi;

2 wasekhuluma uAzariya indodana kaHoshaya, loJohanani indodana kaKareya, labo bonke abantu abazikhukhumezayo, besithi kuJeremiya: Uqamba amanga. INKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu kayikuthumanga ukuze uthi: Lingayi eGibhithe ukuze lihlale njengabezizwe khona;

3 kodwa uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya uyakukhuthaza emelene lathi, ukuze
asinikele esandleni samaKhaladiya,ukuze asibulale, asithumbele eBhabhiloni.

4 Ngakho uJohanani indodana kaKareya, lazo zonke induna zamabutho, labo
bonke abantu, kabalilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI, ukuze bahlale elizweni lakoJuda.

5 Kodwa uJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna zamabutho bathatha
yonke insali yakoJuda eyayibuyele ivela kuzo zonke izizwe lapho ababexotshelwe
khona, ukuhlala elizweni lakoJuda;

6 amadoda, labafazi, labantwana, lamadodakazi enkosi, laye wonke umuntu
uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi ayebatshiye kuGedaliya indodana
kaAhikhamu indodana kaShafani, loJeremiya umprofethi, loBharukhi indodana
kaNeriya.

7 Basebengena elizweni leGibhithe, ngoba kabalilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI;
basebefika eThahaphanesi.

8 Laselifika ilizwi leNKOSI kuJeremiya eThahaphanesi lisithi:

9 Thatha esandleni sakho amatshe amakhulu, uwafihle ebumbeni
ewondweni, esekungeneni kwendlu kaFaro eThahaphanesi, emehlweni amadoda
angamaJuda,

10 uthi kiwo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangelani,
ngizathuma ngilande uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni inceku yami, ngifake
isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi phezu kwalamatshe engiwafihlileyo, endlale ithente
lakhe lesikhosini phezu kwawo.

11 Eze atshaye ilizwe leGibhithe; labo abokufa ekufeni, lalabo abokuthunjwa
ekuthunjweni, lalabo abenkemba enkembeni.

12 Ngiphembe umlilo ezindlini zabonkulunkulu beGibhithe, abatshise,
abathumbe, azithandele ngelizwe leGibhithe njengomelusi ezithandela
ngesigqoko sakhe, aphume khona ngokuthula.

13 Njalo uzakwephula insika zeBetshemeshi eziyizithombe eziselizweni
leGibhithe, atshise ngomlilo izindlu zabonkulunkulu beGibhithe.

UJEREMIYA 44

UJeremiya utshumayeza amaJuda eGibhithe

1Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya ngawo wonke amaJuda ayehlala elizweni leGibhithe
ahlala eMigidolileThahaphanesi leNofi lelizweni lePatrosi, lisithi:

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Lina likubonile konke
okubi engakwehlisela phezu kweJerusalema laphezu kwayo yonke imizi
yakoJuda. Khangelani-ke, lamuhla ilunxiwa, njalo kakho ohlala phakathi kwayo,

3 ngenxa yobubi babo ababenzileyo, ukungithukuthelisa, ngokuyatshisa
impepha, ngokukhonza abanye onkulunkulu abangabaziyo, bona, lina, laboyihlo.

4 Kanti ngathuma kini inceku zami zonke abaprofethi, ngivuke ngovivi
ngathuma, ngisithi: Ake lingayenzi linto enengekayo engiyizondayo.

5 Kodwa kabalalelanga kababekanga indlebe yabo, ukuthi baphenduke ebubini
babo, ukuze bangatshiseli abanye onkulunkulu impepha.

6 Ngakho kwathululwa intukuthelo yami lolaka lwami, kwavutha emizini
yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema; zaze zaba
lunxiwa lencithakalo, njengalamuhla.

7 Ngakho-ke, itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli: Libenzelani ububi obukhulukangaka limelene lemiphefumulo
yenu, ukuthi liziqumele indoda lomfazi, umntwana losane, basuke phakathi
kwakoJuda, ukuze lingazitshiyeli insali,

8 ngokungithukuthelisa ngemisebenzi yezandla zenu, ngokutshisela abanye
onkulunkulu impepha elizweni leGibhithe, lapho eseliyehlala khona
njengabezizwe, ukuze liziqume, lokuze libe yisiqalekiso lehlazo phakathi kwazo
zonke izizwe zomhlaba?

9 Selakhohlwa yini izinto ezimbi zaboyihlo, lezinto ezimbi zamakhosi akoJuda,
lezinto ezimbi zabomkabo, lezinto zenu ezimbi, lezinto ezimbi
zabomkenu, abazenza elizweni lakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema?

10 Kabadabukanga kuze kube lamuhla, kabesabanga, kabahambanga ngomlayo
wami langezimiso zami engazibeka phambi kwenu laphambi kwaboyihlo.

11 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangelani,
ngimisa ubuso bami bumelene lani ngokubi ukuze ngiqume uJuda wonke.

12 Ngithathe insali yakoJuda, abamise ubuso babo ukungena elizweni leGibhithe
ukuhlala khona njengabezizwe;njalo bonke bazaphela bawe elizweni leGibhithe;
baqedwe ngenkemba langendlala; kusukela komncinyane kuze kube
komkhulu bafe ngenkemba langendlala; babe yisifungo, babe ngokwesabisayo,
babe yisiqalekiso, babe lihlazo.

13 Ngoba ngizajezisa labo abahlezi elizweni leGibhithe, njengoba ngajezisa
iJerusalema, ngenkemba, ngendlala,langomatshayabhuqe wesifo;

14 ukuze insali yakoJuda efikileyo ukuhlala khona njengowezizwe elizweni
leGibhithe ingabi lophunyukayo losilayo, ukubuyela elizweni lakoJuda,
umphefumulo wayo ofisa ukubuyela kulo ukuhlala khona; ngoba
kabayikubuyela, ngaphandle kwabaphunyukileyo.

15 Khona wonke amadoda ayesazi ukuthi omkabo batshisela abanye onkulunkulu
impepha, labo bonke abesifazana ababemi khona, ixuku elikhulu, labo bonke
abantu ababehlala elizweni leGibhithe, ePatrosi,bamphendula uJeremiya, besithi:

16 Lelilizwi olikhulume kithi ebizweni leNKOSI, kasiyikukulalela.

17 Kodwa sizakwenza lokwenza loba yiyiphi into ephume emlonyeni wethu, ukutshisela indlovukazi yamazulu impepha, siyithululele iminikelo yokunathwayo, njengoba besisenza, thina, labobaba, amakhosi ethu, leziphathamandla zethu, emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema; khona sasutha isinkwa, sasiphilile,kasibonanga okubi.

18 Kodwa kusukela lapho sayekela ukutshisela indlovukazi yamazulu impepha lokuyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo, siswele konke, siqedwe ngenkemba layindlala.

19 Futhi lapho sitshisela indlovukazi yamazulu impepha, siyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo, siyayenzela amakhekhe ngokwesifanekiso sayo, siyithululela iminikelo yokuthululwa, ngaphandle kwamadoda enu yini?

20 UJeremiya wasekhuluma kubo bonke abantu, emadodaneni, lakwabesifazana, lakubo bonke abantu ababemphendule ngalelolizwi, esithi:

21 Impepha elayitshisa emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema, lina, laboyihlo, amakhosi enu, leziphathamandla zenu, labantu belizwe, iNKOSI kayiyikukukhumbula yini, kuvele enhliziyweni yayo?

22 Kwaze kwathi iNKOSI yayingaselakukuthwala, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zenu, ngenxa yezinengiso elazenzayo; ngakho ilizwe lenu laba yincithakalo lokwesabisayo lesiqalekiso, ukuze kungahlali muntu, njengalamuhla.

23 Ngenxa yokuthi litshisile impepha, lokuthi lonile eNKOSIni, kalilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI, kalihambanga ngomlayo wayo langezimiso zayo langezifakazelo zayo; ngenxa yalokho okubi lokhu kwenzakele kini,njengalamuhla.

24 UJeremiya wasesithi kubo bonke abantu lakwabesifazana bonke: Zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, wonke uJuda oselizweni leGibhithe.

25 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ithi: Lina labomkenu, likhulumile ngomlomo wenu,lakugcwalisa ngezandla zenu, lisithi: Sizakwenza lokwenza izithembiso zethu esizithembisayo zokutshisela indlovukazi yamazulu impepha, lokuyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo. Lizaqinisa lokuqinisa izithembiso zenu, lenze sibili izithembiso zenu!

26 Ngakho zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, lonke Juda elihlala elizweni leGibhithe: Khangelani, mina ngifungile ngebizo lami elikhulu, itsho iNKOSI: Ibizo lami kalisayikubizwa ngumlomo waloba ngubani wakoJuda, elizweni lonke leGibhithe, esithi: Kuphila kweNkosi uJehova.

27 Khangela, ngizabalindela ngokubi, kungeyisikho ngokuhle; lawo wonke amadoda akoJuda aselizweni leGibhithe azaqedwa ngenkemba layindlala, aze aphele.

28 Lalabo abaphepha enkembeni bazabuyela elizweni lakoJuda bevela elizweni leGibhithe, balutshwana ngenani; layo yonke insali yakoJuda eze elizweni leGibhithe ukuhlala khona njengowezizwe, izakwazi ukuthi ilizwi elizakuma ngelikabani, elami kumbe elayo.

29 Lalokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kini, kutsho iNKOSI, ukuthi ngizalijezisa kulindawo, ukuze lazi ukuthi amazwi ami azakuma lokuma emelana lani ngokubi.

30 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangelani, ngizanikela uFaro Hofira inkosi yeGibhithe esandleni sezitha zakhe, lesandleni salabo abadinga impilo yakhe, njengoba nganikela uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda esandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, isitha sakhe, esadinga impilo yakhe.

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Ilizwi likaJeremiya kuBharukhi

1Ilizwi uJeremiya umprofethi alikhuluma kuBharukhi indodana kaNeriya, ekubhaleni kwakhe lamazwi egwalweni evela emlonyeni kaJeremiya, ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi, indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, lisithi:

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kuwe Bharukhi:

3 Uthi wena: Hawu maye mina! ngoba iNKOSI yengezelela usizi ebuhlungwini bami, sengikhathele yikububula kwami, njalo kangitholi ukuphumula.

4 Uzakutsho njalo kuye: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, lokho engikwakhileyo ngiyakudiliza, lalokho engikuhlanyeleyo ngiyakusiphuna; yebo, ilizwe leli lonke.

5 Wena-ke uzazidingela izinto ezinkulu yini? Ungazidingi; ngoba khangela, ngiletha okubi phezu kwayo yonke inyama, itsho iNKOSI; kodwa ngizakunika impilo yakho ibe yimpango kuzo zonke indawo lapho oya khona.

UJEREMIYA 46

Ilizwi ngeGibhithe

1Ilizwi leNKOSI elafika kuJeremiya umprofethi limelene labezizwe;

2 limelene leGibhithe, limelene lebutho likaFaro Neko inkosi yeGibhithe, elalingasemfuleni iYufrathi, eKarikemishi, alitshayayo uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi, indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda:

3 Hlelani ihawu lesihlangu, lisondele empini.

4 Bophelani amabhiza, ligade, bagadi bamabhiza, lizimise lilezingowane, lilole imikhonto, ligqoke amabhatshi ensimbi.

5 Ngibaboneleni betshaywa luvalo, bebuyela emuva? Lamaqhawe abo
ephulaphuliwe, ayabaleka ngesiqubu, kawanyemukuli emuva; kulokwesaba
inhlangothi zonke, itsho iNKOSI.

6 Olejubane kangabaleki, leqhawe kalingaphunyuki; bazakhubeka bawele
ngenyakatho eceleni komfula iYufrathi.

7 Ngubani lo okhukhumala njengesifula, omanzi aso aqubuka njengomfula?

8 IGibhithe ikhukhumala njengesifula, lamanzi aqubuka njengemifula; ithi:
Ngizakhukhumala, ngiwusibekele umhlaba, ngichithe umuzi labahlala kiwo.

9 Yenyukani mabhiza, lihlanye zinqola; kawaphume amaqhawe; amaEthiyophiya,
lamaPuti aphatha isihlangu, lamaLudi aphatha anyathela idandili.

10 Ngoba lolu lusuku lweNkosi uJehova wamabandla, usuku
lwempindiselo, ukuthi iziphindisele ezitheni zayo; lenkemba izakudla, isuthe,
idakwe ligazi labo; ngoba iNkosi uJehova wamabandla ilomhlatshelo elizweni
lenyakatho ngasemfuleni iYufrathi.

11 Yenyukela eGileyadi, uyethatha ibhalisamu, ntombi emsulwa, ndodakazi
yeGibhithe; imithi uyandisela ize, kakulakwelatshwa kuwe.

12 Izizwe zizwile ihlazo lakho, lomhlaba ugcwele ukukhala kwakho; ngoba
akhubekile, iqhawe limelene leqhawe, womabili awele phansi ndawonye.

13 Ilizwi iNKOSI eyalikhuluma kuJeremiya umprofethi ngokuza
kukaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ukutshaya ilizwe leGibhithe:

14 Memezelani eGibhithe, lizwakalise eMigidoli, lizwakalise
eNofi leThahaphanesi, lithi: Zimise, uzilungiselele, ngoba inkemba izakudla
inhlangothi zonke zakho.

15 Kungani amadoda akho alamandla ekhukhuliwe? Kawemanga ngoba
iNKOSI iwafuqile.

16 Yandisa abakhubekayo, yebo, omunye wawela phezu komunye; basebesithi:
Sukumani, sibuyele ebantwini bakithi, lelizweni lokuzalwa kwethu, sisuke
enkembeni ecindezelayo.

17 Bamemeza khona, bathi: UFaro inkosi yeGibhithe ungumsindo; udlulise
isikhathi esimisiweyo.

18 Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi, obizo layo yiNKOSI yamabandla: Isibili
njengeThabhori phakathi kwezintabalanjengeKharmeli ngaselwandle uzafika.

19 Zenzele izikhali zokuthunjwa, ndodakazi ehlala eGibhithe; ngoba iNofi izakuba
yincithakalo, itshiswe, kungabi lomhlali.

20 IGibhithe ilithokazi elihle kakhulu; isibawu siyeza, sivela enyakatho.

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21 Labaqatshiweyo bayo phakathi kwayo banjengethole lesibaya; ngoba labo baphendukile, babaleka kanyekanye; kabemanga, ngoba usuku lokuhlupheka kwabo lubehlele, isikhathi sempindiselo yabo.

22 Ilizwi layo lizahamba njengenyoka; ngoba bazahamba lebutho, beze kuyo belamahloka, njengabagamuli bezihlahla.

23 Bagamule ihlathi layo, itsho iNKOSI, lanxa lingephenywe, ngoba banengi okwedlula isikhonyane,kabalakubalwa.

24 Indodakazi yamaGibhithe izayangeka, izanikelwa esandleni sabantu benyakatho.

25 INKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ithi: Khangela, ngizajezisa uAmoni weNo, loFaro, leGibhithe, labonkulunkulu bayo, lamakhosi ayo, yebo uFaro labathembela kuye.

26 Ngibanikele esandleni salabo abadinga impilo yabo, lesandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lesandleni senceku zakhe; lemva kwalokho ihlalwe njengensukwini zendulo, itsho iNKOSI.

27 Kodwa wena, ungesabi, nceku yami Jakobe, ungatshaywa luvalo, Israyeli, ngoba khangela, ngizakusindisa usekhatshana, lenzalo yakho elizweni lokuthunjwa kwayo; uJakobe uzaphenduka-ke, athule, onwabe, njalo kakho ozamethusa.

28 Wena, ungesabi, nceku yami Jakobe, itsho iNKOSI, ngoba ngilawe; ngoba ngizaqeda ngokupheleleyo zonke izizwe engikuxotshele kuzo, kodwa kangiyikukuqeda ngokupheleleyo, ngikukhuze ngokufaneleyo, kodwa kangiyikukuyekela lokukuyekela ungajeziswanga.

UJEREMIYA 47

Ilizwi ngamaFilisti

1Ilizwi leNKOSI elafika kuJeremiya umprofethi limelene lamaFilisti, uFaro engakatshayi iGaza.

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, amanzi azakhukhumala evela enyakatho, azakuba yisifula esikhukhulayo, akhukhule ilizwe lokugcwala kwalo, umuzi labahlala kiwo; labantu bazakhala, labo bonke abakhileyo belizwe bazaqhinqa isililo,

3 ngomsindo wokugidiza kwamasondo amabhiza akhe alamandla, ngomdumo wenqola zakhe, inhlokomo yamavili akhe; oyise kabanyemukuli kubantwana ngenxa yokuyekethiswa kwezandla;

4 ngenxa yosuku oluzayo ukuchitha wonke amaFilisti, ukuquma asuke eTire leSidoni wonke umsizi oseleyo; ngoba iNKOSI izawachitha amaFilisti, insali yesihlenge seKafitori.

5 Ubumpabanga sebufikile eGaza, iAshikeloni iqunyiwe, insali yesihotsha sabo; uzazisika kuze kube nini?

6 Hawu, nkemba yeNKOSI; koze kube nini ungathuli? Zibuthele emgodleni wakho, phumula, uthule.

7 Ungathula njani, lapho iNKOSI iyilawulile? Imelene leAshikeloni, imelene lokhumbi lolwandle, lapho iyimisele khona.

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Ilizwi ngoMowabi

1Imelene loMowabi, itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Maye ngeNebo, ngoba ichithiwe; iKiriyathayimi iyangekile, ithunjiwe; indawo ephakemeyo iyangekile, idilikile.

2 Kakusayikuba khona udumo lukaMowabi eHeshiboni; baceba okubi bemelene layo, besithi: Wozani siyiqume ekubeni yisizwe; lawe Madimeni, uzathula, inkemba izakulandela.

3 Ilizwi lokukhala livela eHoronayimi, incithakalo lokwephuka okukhulu!

4 UMowabi wephukile; abancinyane bakhe benze ukukhala kuzwakale.

5 Ngoba ekwenyukeni kweLubithi ukukhala kuzakwenyuka lokukhala, ngoba ekwehleni kweHoronayimi izitha zizwile ukukhala kokuchitheka.

6 Balekani, likhulule impilo yenu, libe njengesihlahla esiyize enkangala.

7 Ngoba ngenxa yokuthembela kwakho emisebenzini yakho lemagugwini akho lawe uzathunjwa; loKemoshiuzaphumela ekuthunjweni, abapristi bakhe lezikhulu zakhe kanyekanye.

8 Lomchithi uzafikela wonke umuzi, njalo kakulamuzi ozaphunyuka; isihotsha laso sizachitheka, legcekeliqothulwe, njengokutsho kweNKOSI.

9 Nikani uMowabi amaphiko, ngoba uzaphapha aphume; lemizi yakhe izakuba lunxiwa, engelamhlali kuyo.

10 Uqalekisiwe lowo owenza umsebenzi weNKOSI ngokunganakekeli; uqalekisiwe lalowo ogodla inkemba yakhe egazini.

11 UMowabi wonwabile kusukela ebutsheni bakhe, uphumule enzeceni zakhe, kathululelwanga esuka embizeni esiya embizeni, kahambanga ekuthunjweni; ngakho-ke ukunambitheka kwakhe kumi kuye, lephunga lakhe kaliphenduki.

12 Ngakho, khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho ngizathuma kuye abathambeki abazamthambeka,bathulule imbiza zakhe, babulale izinqayi zabo.

13 Khona uMowabi uzakuba lenhloni ngoKemoshi, njengalokho indlu kaIsrayeli yaba lenhloni ngeBhetheli, ithemba layo.

14 Lingatsho njani ukuthi: Singamaqhawe lamadoda empi alamandla?

15 UMowabi uchithiwe, wenyuka emizini yakhe, lekhethelo lamajaha akhe selehlele ekubulaweni, itsho iNkosi, obizo layo nguJehova wamabandla.

16 Inkathazo kaMowabi iseduze ukufika, lobubi bakhe buyaphangisa kakhulu.

17 Mlileleni, lina lonke elimzingelezeleyo, lani lonke elazi ibizo lakhe; lithi: Yephuke njani induku elamandla,udondolo oluhle!

18 Yehla ebukhosini, uhlale ekomeni, wena ndodakazi ohlala eDiboni; ngoba umchithi kaMowabi usenyukele ukumelana lawe, wachitha inqaba zakho.

19 Mana endleleni, ulinde, mhlalikazi weAroweri, ubuze obalekayo lowesifazana ophunyukileyo, uthi: Kwenzakaleni?

20 UMowabi uyangekile, ngoba udilikile; qhinqani isililo likhale; libike eArinoni ukuthi uMowabi uchithiwe.

21 Lesahlulelo sehlele phezu kwelizwe elilamagceke, phezu kweHoloni, laphezu kweJahaza, laphezu kweMefahathi,

22 laphezu kweDiboni, laphezu kweNebo, laphezu kweBeti-Dibilathayimi,

23 laphezu kweKiriyathayimi, laphezu kweBeti-Gamuli, laphezu kweBeti-Meyoni,

24 laphezu kweKeriyothi, laphezu kweBhozira, laphezu kwayo yonke imizi yelizwe lakoMowabi, ekhatshana leseduze.

25 Uphondo lukaMowabi luqunyiwe, lengalo yakhe yephukile, itsho iNKOSI.

26 Mdakiseni, ngoba ezikhulisile emelene leNKOSI; uMowabi uzazibhixa emahlanzweni akhe, abe yinhlekisa,ngitsho yena.

27 Ngoba uIsrayeli kabanga yinhlekisa yini kuwe? Watholakala yini phakathi kwamasela? Ngoba kusukela ngesikhathi samazwi akho ngaye wanyikinya ikhanda.

28 Tshiyani imizi, lihlale edwaleni, bahlali beMowabi, libe njengejuba elakha isidleke emaceleni omlomo weliwa.

29 Sizwile ngokuzigqaja kukaMowabi (uyazigqaja kakhulu), ukuziphakamisa kwakhe, lokuzigqaja kwakhe, lokuzikhukhumeza kwakhe, lokuphakama kwenhliziyo yakhe.

30 Mina ngiyayazi, itsho iNKOSI, intukuthelo yakhe, kodwa kakuyikuba njalo; ukusoma kwakhe kakungenzi njalo.

31 Ngalokho-ke ngizaqhinqa isililo ngoMowabi, yebo, ngikhale ngaye wonke uMowabi; bazabubula ngabantu beKiri-Heresi.

32 Ngokukhala inyembezi kweJazeri ngizakukhalela inyembezi, wena
vini leSibima. Ingatsha zakho zedlula ulwandle, zafinyelela elwandle
lweJazeri; umchithi wehlele phezu kwezithelo zakho zehlobo lemavinini akho
avuniweyo.

33 Lokuthaba lentokozo kususiwe esivandeni lelizweni lakoMowabi; ngiqedile
lewayini ezikhamelweni;kabayikunyathela ngomsindo wentokozo; umsindo
wentokozo kawuyikuba ngumsindo wentokozo.

34 Ngenxa yokukhala kweHeshiboni, kuze kube seEleyale, kuze kube
seJahazi, bakhupha ilizwi labo, kusukela eZowari kuze kufike
eJoronayimi, ithokazi leminyaka emithathu; ngoba lamanzi eNimirimi azakuba
yincithakalo.

35 Njalo ngizaqeda koMowabi, itsho iNKOSI, lowo onikela endaweni
ephakemeyo, lotshisela onkulunkulu bakhe impepha.

36 Ngenxa yalokho inhliziyo yami izakhalela uMowabi njengemihubhe, lenhliziyo
yami izakhala njengemihubhe ngabantu beKiri-Heresi; ngoba inotho
ababeyizuzile ichithekile.

37 Ngoba lonke ikhanda liyimpabanga, lazo zonke indevu zigeliwe; izandla zonke
zisikiwe, lokhalwenikulesaka.

38 Phezu kwazo zonke impahla zezindlu zakoMowabi lezitaladeni zakhe yonke
indawo kulokuqhinqa isililo, ngoba ngimphahlazile uMowabi njengembiza
engathokozelwayo, itsho iNKOSI.

39 Bazaqhinqa isililo besithi: Udilike njani! uMowabi uphendule njani
umhlana elenhloni! Ngakho uMowabi waba yinhlekisa lesesabiso kuye wonke
omzingelezeleyo.

40 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, uzaphapha ngesiqubu njengokhozi, elulele
impiko zakhe phezu kukaMowabi.

41 Imizi ithunjiwe, lezinqaba zibanjiwe, lenhliziyo yamaqhawe akoMowabi
ngalolosuku ibe njengenhliziyoyowesifazana ohelelwayo.

42 LoMowabi uzachithwa angabi yisizwe, ngoba wazikhulisa emelene leNKOSI.

43 Ukwesaba lomgodi lomjibila kuphezu kwakho, mhlali wakoMowabi, itsho
iNKOSI.

44 Obalekela ukwesaba uzawela emgodini, lowenyuka ephuma emgodini
uzabanjwa ngumjibila; ngoba ngizakwehlisela phezu kwakhe, phezu
kukaMowabi, umnyaka wempindiselo yabo, itsho iNKOSI.

45 Emthunzini weHeshiboni ababalekayo bayema bengelamandla, ngoba umlilo
uphumile eHeshiboni, lelangabi livela phakathi kukaSihoni, njalo kudlile ingonsi
yakoMowabi, lenkanda yabantwana besiphithiphithi.

46 Maye kuwe, Mowabi! Abantu bakaKemoshi baphelile, ngoba amadodana akho
athethwe asiwa ekuthunjweni, lamadodakazi akho ekuthunjweni.

47 Kodwa ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kukaMowabi ekucineni kwezinsuku, itsho
iNKOSI.

Kuze kube lapha kuyisehlulelo sakoMowabi.

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Ilizwi ngamaAmoni

1 Mayelana labantwana bakoAmoni itsho njalo iNKOSI: UIsrayeli kalamadodana
yini? Kalayo indlalifa yini? Kungani uMilkomu esidla ilifa lakoGadi, labantu bakhe
behlala emizini yayo?

2 Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho ngizakwenza ukuthi
kuzwakale umkhosi wempi eRaba yabantwana bakoAmoni; njalo izakuba
yinqumbi yencithakalo, lamadodakazi ayo atshiswe ngomlilo; loIsrayeli adle ilifa
labadla ilifa lakhe, itsho iNKOSI.

3 Qhinqa isililo, Heshiboni, ngoba iAyi ichithiwe; khalani, madodakazi
eRaba, libhince amasaka, lilile, liye le lale ezintangweni; ngoba uMilkomu
uzahamba ekuthunjweni, abapristi bakhe leziphathamandla zakhe ndawonye.

4 Uzincomelani ngezihotsha? Isihotsha sakho siyageleza, ndodakazi ehlehlela
nyovane, ethemba amagugu ayo,usithi: Ngubani ozakuza kimi?

5 Khangela, ngizakwehlisela phezu kwakho uvalo, itsho iNkosi, uJehova
wamabandla, luvela kubo bonke abakuhanqileyo; njalo lizaxotshwa, ngulowo
lalowo phambi kwakhe; njalo kakho ozabutha ozulayo.

6 Kodwa emva kwalokho ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantwana
bakoAmoni, itsho iNKOSI.

Ilizwi ngeEdoma

7 Mayelana leEdoma, itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Kakuselanhlakanipho
yini eThemani? Icebo liphelile yini kwabaqedisisayo? Inhlakanipho yabo
isinyamalele yini?

8 Balekani, buyelani emuva, hlalani endaweni ejulileyo, bahlali beDedani; ngoba
ngizakwehlisela inhlupheko kaEsawu phezu kwakhe, isikhathi sokumhambela
kwami.

9 Uba abavuni bamavini befika kuwe bebengayikutshiya yini umkhothozo? Uba
amasela efika ebusuku,azaphanga aze anele?

10 Kodwa mina ngimhlubule uEsawu, ngizembule indawo zakhe zensitha, ukuze
angabi lakho ukucatsha; inzalo yakhe ichithiwe, labafowabo, labomakhelwane
bakhe, yena kasekho.

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11 Tshiya izintandane zakho, mina ngizazilondoloza ziphila, labafelokazi bakho kabathembele kimi.

12 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, labo okugwetshwa kwabo kwakungeyisikho ukunatha inkezo bazayinatha lokuyinatha, wena-ke nguwe yini ozayekelwa ungajeziswanga ngokupheleleyo? Kawuyikuyekelwa ungelacala, kodwa isibili uzanatha.

13 Ngoba ngifungile ngami uqobo, itsho iNKOSI, ukuthi iBhozira izakuba ngokwesabekayo, ibe lihlazo, ibe lunxiwa, ibe yisiqalekiso; lemizi yayo yonke izakuba ngamanxiwa aphakade.

14 Ngizwile umbiko ovela eNKOSIni, lesithunywa sithunywe phakathi kwezizwe, sisithi: Buthanani, lize limelane layo, lisukumele impi.

15 Ngoba khangela, ngizakwenza ube mncinyane phakathi kwezizwe, udeleleke phakathi kwabantu.

16 Ukwesabeka kwakho kukukhohlisile, ukuziqhenya kwenhliziyo yakho, wena ohlala ezingoxweni zamadwala,obamba izingqonga zoqaqa. Loba usenza isidleke sakho sibe phezulu njengokhozi, ngizakwehlisa usuka khona,itsho iNKOSI.

17 IEdoma layo izakuba yinto eyesabekayo; wonke odlula kuyo uzamangala kakhulu, ancife ngenxa yenhlupheko yonke yayo.

18 Njengokuchithwa kweSodoma leGomora, labomakhelwane bayo, itsho iNKOSI; kakulamuntu ozahlala khona, kakulandodana yomuntu ezahlala khona njengowezizwe.

19 Khangela, njengesilwane esivela ekukhukhumaleni kweJodani uzakwenyuka emelene lendawo yokuhlala okungapheliyo, kodwa ngizahle ngimgijimise asuke kuyo; njalo ngubani okhethiweyo engingammisa emelene layo? Ngoba ngubani onjengami? Ngubani-ke ozangibizela ukulandisa? Njalo nguwuphi lowomelusi ongema phambi kwami?

20 Ngakho, zwanini icebo leNKOSI elicebe imelene leEdoma, lemicabango yayo eyicabange emelene labahlali beThemani: Isibili abancinyane bomhlambi bazabadonsa; isibili izachitha indawo yabo yokuhlala phezu kwabo.

21 Ngomsindo wokuwa kwabo umhlaba uyazamazama; ukukhala, umsindo wakho wezwakala eLwandle oluBomvu.

22 Khangela, uzakwenyuka andize ngesiqubu njengokhozi, elulele impiko zakhe phezu kweBhozira; lenhliziyo yamaqhawe eEdoma ngalolosuku izakuba njengenhliziyo yowesifazana ohelelwayo.

Ilizwi ngeDamaseko

23 Mayelana leDamaseko. IHamathi leArpadi kuyangekile, ngoba bazwile umbiko omubi; bancibilika, kulokunqineka elwandle, kungeke kube lokuthula.

24 IDamaseko isibuthakathaka, itshibilike ukuze ibaleke, lokwethuka kuyibambile, ukucindezelwa losizi kuyibambile njengobelethayo.

25 Kawutshiywanga njani umuzi wodumo, umuzi wentokozo yami!

26 Ngakho amajaha awo azawela ezitaladeni zawo, lawo wonke amadoda empi azabhujiswa ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

27 Ngizaphemba-ke umlilo emdulini weDamaseko, ozaqothula izigodlo zikaBenihadadi.

Ilizwi ngeKedari leHazori

28 Mayelana leKedari njalo mayelana lemibuso yeHazori owayitshayayo uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Sukumani, lenyukele eKedari, lichithe amadodana empumalanga.

29 Bazathatha amathente abo lemihlambi yabo, amakhetheni abo lempahla yabo yonke lamakamela abobazazithwalela khona; bamemeze kibo bathi: Uvalo enhlangothini zonke.

30 Balekani, lizulazule kakhulu, lihlale ngokujula, lina bahlali beHazori, itsho iNKOSI; ngoba uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni waceba icebo emelene lani, wacabanga umcabango emelene lani.

31 Sukumani, lenyuke limelene lesizwe esonwabileyo, esihlala ekuvikelekeni, itsho iNKOSI, esingelamasango, esingelamigoqo, esizihlalele sodwa.

32 Lamakamela abo azakuba yimpango, lemihlambi yezifuyo zabo izakuba yimpango; njalo ngizabachithachitha kuyo yonke imimoya, abaphoselwe engonsini, ngilethe inkathazo yabo evela inhlangothi zonke zaso, itsho iNKOSI.

33 LeHazori izakuba yindawo yokuhlala yamakhanka, unxiwa kuze kube nininini; kakuyikuhlala muntu khona,lendodana yomuntu kayiyikuhlala kuyo njengowezizwe.

Ilizwi ngeElamu

34 Ilizwi leNKOSI elafika kuJeremiya umprofethi limelene leElamu ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaZedekhiya, inkosi yakoJuda, lisithi:

35 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Khangela, ngizakwephula idandili leElamu, induna yamandla abo.

36 Ngilethele iElamu imimoya emine evela emikhawulweni emine yamazulu, ngibahlakazele kuyo yonke leyomimoya; njalo kakuyikuba khona isizwe lapho abaxotshiweyo beElamu abangayikufika khona.

37 Ngoba ngizakwenza abeElamu besabe phambi kwezitha zabo laphambi kwalabo abadinga impilo yabo, ngibehlisele okubi, ukuvutha kolaka lwami, itsho iNKOSI, ngithume inkemba emva kwabo, ngize ngibaqede.

38 Ngizamisa-ke isihlalo sami sobukhosi eElamu, ngichithe kuyo inkosi leziphathamandla, itsho iNKOSI.

39 Kodwa kuzakuthi ekucineni kwezinsuku ngibuyise ukuthunjwa kukaElamu, itsho iNKOSI.

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Ilizwi ngeBhabhiloni

1 Ilizwi iNKOSI eyalikhuluma imelene leBhabhiloni, imelene lelizwe lamaKhaladiya, ngesandla sikaJeremiya umprofethi, lisithi:

2 Memezani phakathi kwezizwe, lizwakalise; misani uphawu, lizwakalise, lingakufihli, lithi: IBhabhiloni ithunjiwe, uBheli uyangekile, uMerodaki ubhidliziwe; izithombe zayo ziyangisiwe, imifanekiso yayo ibhidliziwe.

3 Ngoba isizwe senyuka simelene layo esivela enyakatho, esizakwenza ilizwe layo libe lunxiwa, ukuze kungabi lomhlali kulo; kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni kuyabaleka kuhambile.

4 Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi, itsho iNKOSI, abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazakuza, bona labantwana bakoJuda kanyekanye; behamba bekhala inyembezi, bazahamba, bedinga iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo.

5 Bazabuza indlela eZiyoni, ubuso babo bukhangele ngakuyo; wozani, lizihlanganise leNKOSI ngesivumelwano esiphakade esingayikukhohlakala.

6 Abantu bami bebeyizimvu ezilahlekileyo; abelusi babo babaduhisile, bebaphendulela ezintabeni; bahamba besuka entabeni besiya eqaqeni, bakhohlwa indawo yabo yokulala.

7 Bonke ababatholayo babadla, lezitha zabo zathi: Kasiyikuba lacala, ngenxa yokuthi bonile eNKOSIni, ikhaya lokulunga, ngitsho iNKOSI, ithemba laboyise.

8 Balekani liphume phakathi kweBhabhiloni, liphume elizweni lamaKhaladiya, libe njengezimpongo phambi komhlambi.

9 Ngoba khangela, ngizavusa ngenze ukuthi kwenyukele eBhabhiloni ixuku lezizwe ezinkulu zivela elizweni lenyakatho, zizihlele zimelene layo; kusukela lapho zithunjwe; imitshoko yakhe njengeqhawe elilamandlakayiyikubuyela ize.

10 Njalo iKhaladiya izakuba yimpango; bonke abayiphangayo bazasutha, itsho iNKOSI.

11 Ngoba lalijabula, ngoba lathokoza, lina bachithi belifa lami, ngoba liqolotsha njengethokazi etshanini,likhonye njengamabhiza amaduna;

12 unyoko ulenhloni kakhulu, owalizalayo uyangekile. Khangela, ingemuva yezizwe iyinkangala eyomileyoleligwadule.

13 Ngenxa yolaka lweNKOSI kayiyikuhlalwa, kodwa izakuba yincithakalo yonke; wonke owedlula eBhabhiloni uzamangala kakhulu, ancife ngenxa yazo zonke inhlupheko zayo.

14 Zihleleleni ukumelana leBhabhiloni inhlangothi zonke, lina lonke eligobisa idandili, litshoke kuyo, lingagodli mtshoko, ngoba yonile eNKOSIni.

15 Memezani limelene layo inhlangothi zonke; isinike isandla sayo, izisekelo zayo ziwile, imiduli yayo idiliziwe; ngoba lokho kuyimpindiselo yeNKOSI; phindiselani kuyo, lenze kuyo njengokwenza kwayo.

16 Qumani umhlanyeli asuke eBhabhiloni, laye ophatha isikela ngesikhathi sokuvuna; ngenxa yenkemba ecindezelayo bazaphenduka, ngulowo lalowo kwabakibo, babaleke, ngulowo lalowo elizweni lakibo.

17 UIsrayeli uyimvu ehlakazekileyo; izilwane zimxotshile; kuqala inkosi yeAsiriya yamudla, emva kwalokho lo uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni wephule amathambo akhe.

18 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangela, ngizayijezisa inkosi yeBhabhiloni lelizwe layo, njengalokho ngayijezisa inkosi yeAsiriya.

19 Njalo ngizabuyisela uIsrayeli endaweni yakhe yokuhlala, njalo uzadlisa eKharmeli leBashani,lomphefumulo wakhe usuthe entabeni yakoEfrayimi leGileyadi.

20 Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi, itsho iNKOSI, kuzadingwa ububi koIsrayeli, kodwa bungabi khona, lezono zikaJuda, kodwa zingatholwa; ngoba ngizabathethelela labo engibenza babe yinsali.

21 Umelene lelizwe leMerathayimi, yenyuka umelene layo, njalo umelene labahlali bePhekhodi; uchithe, utshabalalise emva kwabo, itsho iNKOSI, wenze njengakho konke engikulaye khona.

22 Umsindo wempi uselizweni, lokuchitheka okukhulu.

23 Yeka ukuganyulwa lokwephuka kwesando somhlaba wonke! Yeka ukwenziwa kweBhabhiloni unxiwa phakathi kwezizwe!

24 Ngakuthiya ngomjibila, futhi lawe wathunjwa, Bhabhiloni, lawe wawungazi; watholwa, futhi wabanjwa, ngoba waphikisana leNKOSI.

25 INKOSI ivulile isiphala sayo, yakhupha izikhali zolaka lwayo, ngoba lokhu kungumsebenzi weNkosi uJehova wamabandla elizweni lamaKhaladiya.

26 Wozani limelane layo livela ephethelweni, livule izibuya zayo, liyibuthelele njengezinqumbi, liyitshabalalise,ingabi lansali.

27 Bulalani amajongosi ayo wonke, kawehlele ekuhlatshweni. Maye kuwo! ngoba usuku lwawo lufikile,isikhathi sempindiselo yawo.

28 Ilizwi lababalekayo labaphunyukayo bevela elizweni leBhabhiloni, ukuze bamemeze eZiyoni impindiselo yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, impindiselo yethempeli layo.

29 Bizani abatshoki bamelane leBhabhiloni, bonke abagobisa idandili, limise inkamba limelane layo inhlangothi zonke; kayingabi lokuphunyuka; liyiphindisele njengomsebenzi wayo, lenze kuyo njengakho konke ekwenzileyo; ngoba yenze ngokuziqhenya imelene leNKOSI, imelene loNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

30 Ngakho amajaha ayo azakuwa ezitaladeni zayo, lawo wonke amadoda ayo empi azabhujiswa ngalolosuku,itsho iNKOSI.

31 Khangela, ngimelana lawe, wena oziqhenyayo, itsho iNkosi uJehova wamabandla; ngoba usuku lwakho selufikile, isikhathi engizakuhambela ngaso.

32 Khona oziqhenyayo ezakhubeka awe, njalo kungekho ozamvusa; njalo ngizaphemba umlilo emizini yakheozakudla konke okumhanqileyo.

33 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Babecindezelwe abantwana bakoIsrayeli labantwana bakoJuda ndawonye; njalo bonke ababathumbileyo babagagadlele; bala ukubayekela bahambe.

34 Umhlengi wabo ulamandla, iNKOSI yamabandla libizo layo; isibili izamela udaba lwabo, ukuze inike umhlaba ukuphumula, kodwa inyakazise abahlali beBhabhiloni.

35 Inkemba iphezu kwamaKhaladiya, itsho iNKOSI, laphezu kwabahlali beBhabhiloni, laphezu kweziphathamandla zayo, laphezu kwabahlakaniphileyo bayo.

36 Inkemba iphezu kwabaqambimanga ukuze benze ngobuthutha; inkemba iphezu kwamaqhawe ayo ukuze adilizwe.

37 Inkemba iphezu kwamabhiza ayo, laphezu kwenqola zayo, laphezu kwayo yonke ingxube yexuku ephakathi kwayo, ukuze babe ngabesifazana; inkemba iphezu kokuligugu kwayo, ukuze kuphangwe.

38 Imbalela iphezu kwamanzi ayo, ukuze ome, ngoba iyilizwe lezithombe ezibaziweyo; bayahlanya ngenxa yezithombe ezesabekayo.

39 Ngakho izilo zenkangala lamakhanka kuzahlala khona, lamadodakazi ezintshe azahlala kuyo,kakusayikuhlala muntu kuyo kuze kube nininini, kakuyikwakhelwa kuyo esizukulwaneni kusiya esizukulwaneni.

40 Njengoba uNkulunkulu wagenqula iSodoma leGomora labomakhelwane bayo, itsho iNKOSI, ngokunjalokakuyikuhlala muntu khona, njalo kakulandodana yomuntu ezahlala njengowezizwe kuyo.

41 Khangela, abantu bazavela enyakatho, lesizwe esikhulu, lamakhosi amanengi azavuswa evela emikhawulweni yomhlaba.

42 Bazabamba idandili lomkhonto; balesihluku, kabayikuba lomusa; ilizwi labo lizahlokoma njengolwandle, bagade amabhiza, ngulowo lalowo ehleliwe njengomuntu wempi emelene lawe, ndodakazi yeBhabhiloni.

43 Inkosi yeBhabhiloni izwile umbiko wabo, lezandla zayo zaba buthakathaka; ucindezelo lwayibamba, umhelo njengowobelethayo.

44 Khangela, njengesilwane esivela ekukhukhumaleni kweJodani uzakwenyuka emelene lendawo yokuhlala okungapheliyo, kodwa ngizahle ngimgijimise asuke kuyo; njalo ngubani okhethiweyo engingammisa phezu kwayo? Ngoba ngubani onjengami? Ngubani-ke ozangibizela ukulandisa? Njalo nguwuphi lowomelusi ongema phambi kwami?

45 Ngakho, zwanini icebo leNKOSI elicebe imelene leBhabhiloni, lemicabango yayo eyicabange imelene lelizwe lamaKhaladiya: Isibili abancinyane bomhlambi bazabadonsa; isibili izachitha indawo yokuhlala phezu kwabo.

46 Ngomsindo wokuthunjwa kweBhabhiloni umhlaba uyazamazama, lokukhala kuzwakala phakathi kwezizwe.

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INKOSI igweba iBhabhiloni

1 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela ngizavusela iBhabhiloni lalabo abahlala enhliziyweni yalabo abangivukelayoumoya ochithayo.

2 Ngithume eBhabhiloni abelayo, abazakuyela, bathulule ilizwe layo, ngoba bazamelana layo bevela inhlangothi zonke ngosuku lobubi.

3 Kakuthi otshokayo agobise idandili lakhe emelene loligobisayo, njalo emelene loziphakamisayo ebhatshini lakhe lensimbi; njalo lingawayekeli amajaha ayo, lilitshabalalise ibutho layo lonke.

4 Ngokunjalo ababuleweyo bazakuwa elizweni lamaKhaladiya, labagwazwe ezitaladeni zayo.

5 Ngoba uIsrayeli kayikutshiywa, loJuda nguNkulunkulu wabo, yiNKOSI yamabandla, lanxa ilizwe labo ligcwele icala koNgcwele kaIsrayeli.

6 Balekani liphume phakathi kweBhabhiloni, likhulule ngulowo lalowo umphefumulo wakhe; lingaqunywa esiphambekweni sayo; ngoba lesi yisikhathi sempindiselo yeNKOSI, ophindisela impindiselo kuyo.

7 IBhabhiloni yayiyinkezo yegolide esandleni seNKOSI, eyayidakisa umhlaba wonke; izizwe zanatha okwewayini layo; ngenxa yalokho izizwe zahlanya.

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8 IBhabhiloni yahle yawa, yephuka; qhinqani isililo ngayo, lithathele ubuhlungu bayo ibhalisamu, mhlawumbe ingelatshwa.

9 Besingayelapha iBhabhiloni, kodwa kayelaphekanga; itshiyeni, asihambeni ngulowo lalowo aye elizweni lakhe; ngoba isigwebo sayo sifinyelele emazulwini, siphakanyisiwe kwaze kwafika esibhakabhakeni.

10 INKOSI ikhuphe ukulunga kwethu; wozani, silandise eZiyoni umsebenzi weNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu.

11 Lolani imitshoko, liqoqe izihlangu; iNKOSI ivusile umoya wamakhosi amaMede; ngoba icebo layo limelene leBhabhiloni ukuyichitha; ngoba lokho kuyimpindiselo yeNKOSI, impindiselo yethempeli layo.

12 Phakamisani isiboniso phezu kwemiduli yeBhabhiloni, liqinise ukulinda, libeke abalindi, lilungise abacathami, ngoba iNKOSI isikucebile, futhi izakwenza lokho ekukhulume ngabahlali beBhabhiloni.

13 Wena ohlala emanzini amanengi, owande ngamagugu, ukuphela kwakho sekufikile, isilinganiso senzuzo yakho embi.

14 INKOSI yamabandla ifungile ngomphefumulo wayo yathi: Isibili ngizakugcwalisa ngabantu njengamacimbi,njalo bazahlabelela umkhosi ngawe.

15 Wenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe, walimisa ilizwe ngenhlakanipho yakhe, langokuqedisisa kwakhe wendlala amazulu.

16 Lapho ekhupha ilizwi lakhe, kulokuhlokoma kwamanzi amanengi emazulwini, ukhuphula inkungu ivela emkhawulweni womhlaba, enze imibane kanye lezulu, akhuphe umoya eziphaleni zakhe.

17 Wonke umuntu uyisiphukuphuku kalalwazi; wonke umkhandi wegolide uyangiswa yisithombe esibaziweyo, ngoba isithombe sakhe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa siyinkohliso, njalo kakulamoya kuzo.

18 Ziyize, umsebenzi wezinkohliso; ngesikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwazo zizabhubha.

19 Isabelo sikaJakobe kasinjengazo; ngoba yena nguye umbumbi wakho konke, loIsrayeli uyintonga yelifa lakhe;iNKOSI yamabandla libizo lakhe.

20 Wena uyinduku yami yempi, izikhali zempi; ngoba ngawe ngizaphahlaza izizwe, langawe ngichithe imibuso,

21 langawe ngiphahlaze ibhiza lomgadi walo, langawe ngiphahlaze inqola lomkhweli wayo,

22 langawe ngiphahlaze indoda lowesifazana, langawe ngiphahlaze ixhegu lomutsha, langawe ngiphahlaze ijaha lentombi,

23 langawe ngiphahlaze umelusi lomhlambi wakhe, langawe ngiphahlaze umlimi lesipani sakhe, langawe ngiphahlaze ababusi lezinduna.

24 Njalo ngizayiphindisela iBhabhiloni labo bonke abahlali beKhaladiya konke okubi kwabo abakwenzileyo eZiyoni emehlweni enu, itsho iNKOSI.

25 Khangela, ngimelana lawe, wena ntaba echithayo, itsho iNKOSI, echitha umhlaba wonke; ngizakwelulela isandla sami kuwe, ngikugiqe usuke emadwaleni, ngikwenze ube yintaba yokutshiswa.

26 Njalo kabayikuthatha kuwe ilitshe libe ngelengonsi, lelitshe libe ngelezisekelo; ngoba uzakuba ngamanxiwa aphakade, itsho iNKOSI.

27 Phakamisani isiboniso elizweni, livuthele uphondo phakathi kwezizwe, lilungise izizwe ukumelana layo,liyibizele ndawonye imibuso yeArarathi, iMini, leAshikenazi; libeke umlawuli webutho emelene layo, lenyuse amabhiza njengentethe ezimaxhakaxhaka.

28 Lungisani izizwe ukumelana layo, amakhosi amaMede, induna zayo, lababusi bayo bonke, lelizwe lonke lombuso wayo.

29 Lelizwe lizazamazama libe lobuhlungu, ngoba ngalinye lamacebo eNKOSI lima limelene leBhabhiloni,ukwenza ilizwe leBhabhiloni libe yincithakalo engelamhlali.

30 Amaqhawe eBhabhiloni ayekele ukulwa, ahlala ezinqabeni, amandla awo aphelile, sebengabesifazana;bathungele indawo zayo zokuhlala, imigoqo yayo yephukile.

31 Isigijimi sizagijima ukuhlangana lesigijimi, lombiki ukuhlangana lombiki, ukutshela inkosi yeBhabhiloni ukuthi umuzi wayo uthunjiwe kusukela ekucineni,

32 lamazibuko abanjiwe, lamaxhaphozi atshiswe ngomlilo, lamadoda empi ethukile.

33 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Indodakazi yeBhabhiloni injengebala lokubhulela; kuyisikhathi sokuyinyathela; kuseyisikhatshana, lesikhathi sesivuno sizafika kuyo.

34 UNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ungidlile, ungichobozile; wangibeka ngaba yimbiza engelalutho, wangiginya njengomgobho, wagcwalisa isisu sakhe ngezibondlo zami, wangixotsha.

35 Udlakela lwami lolwenyama yami kube phezu kweBhabhiloni, utsho umhlalikazi weZiyoni; legazi lami libe phezu kwabahlali beKhaladiya, itsho iJerusalema.

36 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngizalumela udaba lwakho, ngiphindisele impindiselo yakho; ngomiseulwandle lwayo, ngenze umthombo wayo wome.

37 LeBhabhiloni izakuba ngamadundulu, indawo yokuhlala yemigobho, isesabiso, lento yokuncifelwa,kungelamhlali.

38 Bazabhonga kanyekanye njengamabhongo ezilwane, bahwabhe njengemidlwane yezilwane.

39 Ekutshisekeni kwabo ngizabenzela amadili, ngibadakise ukuze bathokoze, balale ubuthongo obulaphakade,bangavuki, itsho iNKOSI.

40 Ngizabehlisa njengamawundlu ekuhlatshweni, njengezinqama kanye lezimpongo.

41 Ithunjwe njani iSheshaki; yebo, lubanjiwe udumo lomhlaba wonke! IBhabhiloni isibe njani yisesabiso phakathi kwezizwe!

42 Ulwandle lukhukhumele phezu kweBhabhiloni, isibekelwe ngobunengi bamagagasi alo.

43 Imizi yayo isingamanxiwa, ilizwe elomileyo, lenkangala, ilizwe okungahlali muntu kulo, okungadluli kulo indodana yomuntu.

44 Njalo ngizajezisa uBheli eBhabhiloni, ngikhuphe emlonyeni wakhe lokho akuginyileyo; lezizwe kazisayikujulukela kuyo; yebo, umduli weBhabhiloni uwile.

45 Phumani phakathi kwayo, bantu bami, likhulule ngulowo lalowo umphefumulo wakhe ekuvutheni kolaka lweNKOSI.

46 Njalo hlezi inhliziyo yenu ibe buthakathaka, lesabe ngombiko ozwakala elizweni; ngoba kuzafika umbiko ngomunye umnyaka, lemva kwalokho umbiko ngomnyaka olandelayo, lodlakela elizweni, lombusi avukele umbusi.

47 Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza lapho engizahambela izithombe ezibaziweyo zeBhabhiloni; lelizwe lonke layo lizayangeka, lababuleweyo bayo bonke bawele phakathi kwayo.

48 Kuzakuthi-ke amazulu lomhlaba lakho konke okukukho kuhlabelele ngeBhabhiloni, ngoba abachithi bazayifikela bevela enyakatho, itsho iNKOSI.

49 Njengalokhu iBhabhiloni yenza bawe ababuleweyo bakoIsrayeli, ngokunjalo ababuleweyo bomhlaba wonke bazakuwa eBhabhiloni.

50 Lina eliphunyukileyo enkembeni, hambani, lingemi; khumbulani iNKOSI lisekhatshana, leJerusalema ivele enhliziyweni yenu.

51 Siyangekile ngoba sizwile ihlazo; inhloni zisibekele ubuso bethu, ngoba abezizwe sebefikile ezindaweni ezingcwele zendlu yeNKOSI.

52 Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho engizahambela izithombe zayo ezibaziweyo; lakulo lonke ilizwe layo kuzabubula ogwaziweyo.

53 Loba iBhabhiloni ingaphakamela emazulwini, njalo loba ingaqinisa ukuphakama kwamandla ayo, kube kantiabachithi bazayifikela bevela kimi, itsho iNKOSI.

54 Kulomsindo wokukhala ovela eBhabhiloni, lokufohlela okukhulu elizweni lamaKhaladiya.

55 Ngoba iNKOSI ichithile iBhabhiloni, yabhubhisa kuyo ilizwi elikhulu. Lapho amagagasi abo ahlokoma njengamanzi amanengi, umsindo wawo uzakhupha ilizwi.

56 Ngoba umchithi wehlela phezu kwayo, phezu kweBhabhiloni, amaqhawe ayo azathunjwa, amadandili awo ephukile; ngoba iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wezimpindiselo, uzayivuza sibili.

57 Ngizadakisa-ke iziphathamandla zayo, lezihlakaniphi zayo, ababusi bayo, lenduna zayo, lamaqhawe ayo; njalo bazalala ubuthongo obulaphakade, bangavuki, itsho iNkosi, obizo layo nguJehova wamabandla.

58 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Imiduli ebanzi yeBhabhiloni izadilizwa ngokupheleleyo, lamasango ayo aphakemeyo athungelwe ngomlilo, labantu batshikatshikele ize, lezizwe zitshikatshikele umlilo, zikhathale.

59 Ilizwi uJeremiya umprofethi alilaya uSeraya indodana kaNeriya, indodana kaMahaseya, ekuhambeni kwakhe loZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ukuya eBhabhiloni emnyakeni wesine wokubusa kwakhe. Njalo uSeraya wayeyisiphathamandla sokuthula.

60 UJeremiya wasebhala egwalweni konke okubi okuzakwehlela iBhabhiloni, wonke lamazwi abhaliweyo emelene leBhabhiloni.

61 UJeremiya wasesithi kuSeraya: Lapho usufikile eBhabhiloni, ubone ufunde wonke lamazwi.

62 Ubususithi: NKOSI, wena ukhulumile ngalindawo ukuthi uzayiquma, ukuze kungabi khona umhlali kiyo,kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni, kodwa ibe zincithakalo phakade.

63 Kuzakuthi-ke usuqedile ukulufunda lolugwalo, ubophele ilitshe kulo, uluphosele phakathi kweYufrathi,

64 ubususithi: Ngokunjalo iBhabhiloni izatshona, ingabe isavumbuluka, ngenxa yobubi engizayehlisela bona; njalo bazadinwa.

Kuze kube lapha ngamazwi kaJeremiya.

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Ukuwa kweJerusalema

1UZedekhiya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lanye eJerusalema; lebizo likanina lalinguHamuthali, indodakazi kaJeremiya weLibhina.

2 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNKOSI, njengakho konke akwenzayo uJehoyakhimi.

3 Ngoba ngenxa yokuthukuthela kweNKOSI kwenzeka eJerusalema loJuda yaze yabaphosela khatshana lobuso bayo; uZedekhiya wasevukela inkosi yeBhabhiloni.

4 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye wokubusa kwakhe, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni wafika, yena lebutho lakhe lonke, ukumelana leJerusalema; basebemisa inkamba bemelene layo, bayakhela izinqaba zokuvimbezela bemelene layo inhlangothi zonke.

5 Ngokunjalo umuzi wangena ekuvinjezelweni kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wetshumi lanye wenkosi uZedekhiya.

6 Ngenyanga yesine, ngolwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga, lapho indlala yayiqinile phakathi komuzi, abantu belizwe kababanga lokudla.

7 Basebewufohlela umuzi; wonke amadoda empi asebaleka, aphuma emzini ebusuku, ngendlela yesango, phakathi kwemiduli emibili, elisesivandeni senkosi (amaKhaladiya ayemelene lomuzi inhlangothi zonke), ahamba ngendlela yegceke.

8 Kodwa ibutho lamaKhaladiya laxotshana lenkosi, lafica uZedekhiya emagcekeni eJeriko; lebutho lakhe lonke lahlakazeka lisuka kuye.

9 Basebeyibamba inkosi, bayenyusela enkosini yeBhabhiloni eRibila elizweni leHamathi, eyakhuluma izigwebo kuyo.

10 Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibulala amadodana kaZedekhiya emehlweni akhe, futhi yazibulala lazo zonke iziphathamandla zakoJuda eRibila.

11 Yasiphumputhekisa amehlo kaZedekhiya, yambopha ngamaketane ethusi amabili, ukuze inkosi yeBhabhiloni imuse eBhabhiloni, yamfaka entolongweni, kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe.

12 Njalo ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga (lo umnyaka wawungumnyaka wetshumi lesificamunwemunye wenkosi uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni), uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi, eyayimi phambi kwenkosi yeBhabhiloni, wangena eJerusalema.

13 Watshisa indlu kaJehova, lendlu yenkosi, lezindlu zonke zeJerusalema lezindlu zonke zabakhulu wazitshisa ngomlilo.

14 Lebutho lonke lamaKhaladiya, elalilenduna yabalindi, labhidliza yonke imiduli yeJerusalema inhlangothi zonke.

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15 UNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wasethumba abathile kwabangabayanga babantu, lensali yabantu eyayisele emzini, lalabo ababehlamukile, ababehlamukele enkosini yeBhabhiloni, labaseleyo bexuku.

16 Kodwa uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi watshiya abanye kwabangabayanga belizwe ukuthi babe ngabaphathi bezivini labalimi.

17 Lensika zethusi ezazisendlini yeNKOSI, lezisekelo, lolwandle lwethusi olwalusendlini yeNKOSI, amaKhaladiya akuphahlaza, athwala lonke ithusi lakho alisa eBhabhiloni.

18 Athatha izimbiza, lamafotsholo, lezindlawu, lemiganu yokufafaza, lezinkezo, lazo zonke izitsha zethusi abakhonza ngazo,

19 lemiganu, lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo, lemiganu yokufafaza, lezimbiza, lezinti zezibane, lezinkezo,lemiganu yomnikelo wokuthululwa; okwakuligolide golide lokwakuyisiliva siliva induna yabalindi yakuthatha.

20 Insika zombili, ulwandle olulodwa, lenkabi zethusi ezazilitshumi lambili ezazingaphansi kwezisekelo inkosi uSolomoni eyayikwenzele indlu yeNKOSI; ithusi lazo zonke lezizitsha lalingelakulinganiswa ngesisindo.

21 Mayelana lezinsika, ubude bensika eyodwa babuzingalo ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili, lentambo yezingalo ezilitshumi lambili yayigombolozela, lohlonzi lwayo lwaluyiminwe emine, yayilomwolo.

22 Lesiduku esiphezu kwayo sasilithusi, lobude besiduku esisodwa babuzingalo ezinhlanu, lembule,lamapomegranati phezu kwesiduku inhlangothi zonke; konke kwakulithusi. Lensika yesibili yayilokufanana lalezi, lamapomegranati.

23 Njalo kwakulamapomegranati angamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesithupha eceleni; wonke amapomegranati ayelikhulu phezu kwembule inhlangothi zonke.

24 Induna yabalindi yasithatha uSeraya umpristi oyinhloko, loZefaniya umpristi owesibili, labalindi bombundu labo bobathathu.

25 Yasithatha emzini umthenwa othile owayengumphathi phezu kwamadoda empi, lamadoda ayisikhombisa kulabo ababona ubuso benkosi, atholakala emzini, lomabhalane wenduna yebutho eyayibuthela abantu belizwe emabuthweni, lamadoda angamatshumi ayisithupha abantu belizwe, ayetholakala phakathi komuzi.

26 UNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wasebathatha, wabasa enkosini yeBhabhiloni eRibila.

27 Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibatshaya, yababulalela eRibila elizweni leHamathi. Ngokunjalo uJuda wathunjwa esuswa elizweni lakhe.

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28 Laba ngabantu uNebhukadirezari abathumbayo: Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa, amaJuda azinkulungwane ezintathu lamatshumi amabili lantathu;

29 ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili kaNebhukadirezari, kwasuka eJerusalema imiphefumulo engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amathathu lambili;

30 ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lantathu kaNebhukadirezari, uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wathumba amaJuda, imiphefumulo engamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lanhlanu; yonke imiphefumulo yayizinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha.

31 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa wokuthunjwa kukaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda, ngenyanga yetshumi lambili ngolwamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lwenyanga, uEvili-Merodaki inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe, waphakamisa ikhanda likaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda,wamkhupha entolongweni,

32 wasekhuluma kuhle laye, wabeka isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi samakhosi ayelaye eBhabhiloni.

33 Wasentshintsha izigqoko zokubotshwa kwakhe; njalo wadla isinkwa phambi kwayo njalonjalo insuku zonke zempilo yakhe.

34 Mayelana lesabelo sakhe, isabelo esimiyo wasinikwa yinkosi yeBhabhiloni, into yosuku ngosuku lwayo, kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe, zonke insuku zempilo yakhe.

IZILILO

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ZIKAJEREMIYA

Usizi lweJerusalema echithekileyo

1 Yeka ukuhlala kodwa komuzi owawugcwele abantu!
Usunjengomfelokazi owawumkhulu phakathi
kwezizwe, owawuyinkosikazi phakathi kwezabelo usuyisibhalwa!

2 Uyakhala lokukhala inyembezi ebusuku, lezinyembezi zawo zisezihlathini zawo.
Kawulamduduzi phakathi kwazo zonke izithandwa zawo. Bonke abangane bawo
bawuphethe ngenkohliso, sebeyizitha zawo.

3 UJuda useye ekuthunjweni ngenxa yokuhlupheka langenxa yobukhulu
bobugqili; yena uhlala phakathi kwabezizwe, katholi ukuphumula; bonke
abamzingelayo bamfica ephakathi kwezimbandezelo.

4 Indlela zeZiyoni ziyalila, ngoba kungekho ozayo emkhosini omisiweyo; wonke
amasango ayo angamanxiwa; abapristi bayo bayabubula, izintombi zayo
ezimsulwa zidabukile, layo isekubabeni.

5 Abamelani bayo sebeyinhloko, izitha zayo zonwabile; ngoba
iNKOSI iyidabulile ngenxa yobunengi beziphambeko zayo; abantwana
bayo sebeye ekuthunjweni phambi kwesitha.

6 Labo bonke ubuhle bayo busukile kundodakazi yeZiyoni. Iziphathamandla zayo
zinjengezindluzele ezingatholi idlelo, njalo ziyahamba zingelamandla phambi
komzingeli.

7 Ezinsukwini zenhlupheko yayo lokuzulazula kwayo iJerusalema yakhumbula
zonke izinto zayo eziloyisekayookwakukhona kusukela ezinsukwini zasendulo,
lapho abantu bayo bawela esandleni sesitha, njalo ingelamsizi; izitha zayibona,
zahleka usulu amasabatha ayo.

8 IJerusalema yonile kakhulu, ngakho-ke isingcolile; bonke ababeyihlonipha
bayidelela, ngoba sebebonile ubuze bayo; yona isibubula, ibuyele emuva.

9 Ukungcola kwayo kwakusemiphethweni yezigqoko zayo;
kayikhumbulanga ukucina kwayo; ngakho yehla ngokumangalisayo,
yayingelamduduzi.

NKOSI, bona inhlupheko yami, ngoba isitha sizikhulisile.

10 Isitha selule isandla saso phezu kwazo zonke izinto zayo eziloyisekayo; ngoba
ibonile izizwe zingena endaweni yayo engcwele, owazilaya ukuthi
zingangeni phakathi kwebandla lakho.

11 Bonke abantu bayo bayabubula, bedinga isinkwa; banike izinto
zabo eziloyisekayo ngokudla ukuthibavuselele umphefumulo.

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Bona, NKOSI, ukhangele, ngoba ngiyadelelwa.

12 Kakusilutho kini yini lonke elidlulayo ngendlela? Khangelani libone
uba kukhona yini usizi njengosizi lwami, olwenziwe kimi,
iNKOSI engidabule ngalo osukwini lokuvutha kolaka lwayo.

13 Iphezulu, ithumele umlilo emathanjeni ami, wawehlula; ithiyele unyawo lwami
imbule, ingibuyisele emuva; ingenze ngaba lunxiwa, ngaphela amandla usuku
lonke.

14 Ijokwe leziphambeko zami libotshwe ngesandla sayo; zelukiwe,
zenyukele entanyeni yami, iwisile amandla ami; iNkosi inginikele ezandleni zabo,
ngingelakho ukuvuka.

15 INkosi yeyisile wonke amaqhawe ami phakathi kwami; yabiza umhlangano
omelene lami ukuchoboza amajaha ami; iNkosi inyathelele intombi emsulwa,
indodakazi yakoJuda, isikhamelo sewayini.

16 Ngenxa yalezizinto ngiyakhala inyembezi; ilihlo lami, ilihlo lami lehlisa amanzi,
ngoba umduduziobengavuselela umphefumulo wami ukhatshana lami;
abantwana bami bachithakele ngoba isitha sinqobile.

17 IZiyoni iyelula izandla zayo, kakho oyiduduzayo. INKOSI ilayile ngoJakobe
ukuthi abamzingelezeleyo babe yizitha zakhe. IJerusalema
injengowesifazana ongcolileyo phakathi kwabo.

18 INKOSI ilungile, ngoba ngivukele umlomo wayo. Ake lizwe, bantu lonke, libone
usizi lwami. Intombi zami ezimsulwa lamajaha ami baye ekuthunjweni.

19 Ngabiza izithandwa zami, kodwa zona zangikhohlisa. Abapristi bami labadala
bami baphefumula okokucina emzini, besazidingela ukudla ukuze bavuselele
umphefumulo wabo.

20 Bona, NKOSI, ngoba ngilusizi; imibilini yami idungekile, inhliziyo yami
iphendukile phakathi kwami, ngoba ngaba lenkani kakhulu.
Ngaphandle inkemba iyemuka abantwana, endlini kunjengokufa.

21 Bezwile ukuthi mina ngiyabubula; kangilomduduzi; zonke izitha zami zizwile
ngobubi bami; ziyathokoza ngoba wena ukwenzile. Uzalufikisa usuku
osulumemezile, khona zizakuba njengami.

22 Kabufike bonke ububi bazo phambi kwakho, wenze kizo njengalokhu wenzile
kimi ngenxa yazo zonke iziphambeko zami; ngoba ukububula kwami kunengi,
lenhliziyo yami iphela amandla.

IZILILO 2

Usizi lweJerusalema luvela eNKOSIni

1INkosi iyigubuzele kangakanani indodakazi yeZiyoni ngeyezi entukuthelweni yayo, yaphosa ubuhlebukaIsrayeli busuka emazulwini busiya emhlabeni; njalo kayisikhumbulanga isenabelo senyawo zayo ngosuku lwentukuthelo yayo!

2 INkosi iginyile zonke indawo zokuhlala zikaJakobe, ingahawukeli; ekuthukutheleni kwayo idilizile izinqaba zendodakazi yakoJuda, yazisa emhlabathini; yangcolisa umbuso leziphathamandla zawo.

3 Iqumile ngokuvutha kolaka lwayo lonke uphondo lwakoIsrayeli; yabuyisela emuva isandla sayo sokunene phambi kwesitha; yatshisa imelene loJakobe njengomlilo welangabi oqothula inhlangothi zonke.

4 Igobisile idandili layo njengesitha; yema ngesandla sayo njengesitha; yabulala zonke izinto eziloyisekayo zamehlo ethenteni lendodakazi yeZiyoni; yathulula ulaka lwayo njengomlilo.

5 INkosi yaba njengesitha; yaginya uIsrayeli, yaginya zonke izigodlo zakhe, yachitha inqaba zakhe; yandisa ukulila lesililo kundodakazi yakoJuda.

6 Ithethe ngodlakela idumba layo njengesivande; yachitha indawo yakhe yokuhlanganyela; uJehova wenza ukuthi kukhohlakale eZiyoni umkhosi omisiweyo lesabatha; wadelela inkosi lompristi ngokuvutha kolaka lwakhe.

7 INkosi ilahlile ilathi layo; yadelela indawo yayo engcwele; yanikela esandleni sesitha imiduli yezigodlo zayo. Zakhupha umsindo endlini yeNKOSI njengosukwini lomkhosi omisiweyo.

8 INKOSI yacabanga ukuchitha umduli wendodakazi yeZiyoni; yelulile intambo yokulinganisa; kayibuyisanga isandla sayo ekuginyeni; ngakho yenza ukuthi kulile umthangala lomduli, kanyekanye kuphele amandla.

9 Amasango ayo atshonile emhlabathini; yabhubhisa yephula imigoqo yayo; inkosi yayo leziphathamandla zayo ziphakathi kwabezizwe; kakulamthetho; labaprofethi bayo kabatholi umbono uvela eNKOSIni.

10 Abadala bendodakazi yeZiyoni bahlezi emhlabathini, bathule, bathele uthuli ekhanda labo, babhinceamasaka; izintombi zeJerusalema zikhothamisele emhlabathini amakhanda azo.

11 Amehlo ami ayaphela ngezinyembezi, imibilini yami idungekile, isibindi sami sithululelwe emhlabathini, ngenxa yokwephuka kwendodakazi yabantu bami; ngoba umntwana lomunyayo bayadangala ezitaladeni zomuzi.

12 Bathi kubonina: Angaphi amabele lewayini? lapho bedangala njengabagwaziweyo ezitaladeni zomuzi, lapho umphefumulo wabo uzithululela esifubeni sabonina.

13 Ngingakufakazelani? Kuyini engingakufananisa lawe, wena ndodakazi yeJerusalema? Kuyiniengingakulinganisa lawe, ukuze ngikududuze, ntombi

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emsulwa ndodakazi yeZiyoni? Ngoba ukwephuka kwakho kukhulu njengolwandle; ngubani ongakwelapha?

14 Abaprofethi bakho bakubonele okuyize lokungafanelanga, kabakuvezanga ukona kwakho, ukuze babuyiseukuthunjwa kwakho, kodwa bakubonele imithwalo yamanga lezinkohliso.

15 Bonke abedlulayo ngendlela batshaya izandla ngawe, bancife, banikine ikhanda labo ngendodakazi yeJerusalema, besithi: Yiwo lo umuzi yini abathi ngawo uyikuphelela kobuhle, intokozo yomhlaba wonke?

16 Zonke izitha zakho zikukhamisele umlomo wazo, ziyancifa, zigedle amazinyo, zithi: Siwuginyile; isibili lolu lusuku ebesilulindele, sesilutholile, silubonile.

17 INKOSI yenzile ebikucebile, igcwalisile ilizwi layo eyalilaya kusukela ensukwini zendulo; idilizile, kayihawukelanga; yenzile ukuthi isitha sithokoze phezu kwakho; yaphakamisa uphondo lwabamelene lawe.

18 Inhliziyo yabo yakhala eNkosini: Wena mthangala wendodakazi yeZiyoni, inyembezi kazehle njengomfula imini lobusuku; ungaziphi ukuphumula, inhlamvu yelihlo lakho ingapheli!

19 Sukuma, unqongoloze ebusuku ekuqaleni kwemilindo, uthulule inhliziyo yakho njengamanzi phambi kobuso beNkosi; uphakamise izandla zakho kuyo ngenxa yempilo yabantwana bakho abancinyane, abaphelaamandla ngenxa yendlala ekuqaleni kwaso sonke isitalada.

20 Bona, NKOSI, ukhangele ukuthi wenze njalo kubani. Abesifazana bazakudla isithelo sabo yini, abantwana abancinyane ababasingathileyo? Umpristi lomprofethi bazabulawa endaweni engcwele yeNkosi yini?

21 Abatsha labadala balele emhlabathini ezitaladeni; intombi zami ezimsulwa lamajaha ami bawile ngenkemba; ubabulele osukwini lolaka lwakho, ujuqile kawuhawukelanga.

22 Wabiza njengosukwini olumisiweyo izesabiso zami inhlangothi zonke, ukuze ngosuku lolaka lweNKOSI kakho ophunyukileyo loseleyo; labo engabasingathayo ngabakhulisa isitha sami sabaqedile.

IZILILO 3

UNkulunkulu uzasiza ngenxa yesihawu sakhe

1 Ngiyindoda ebone inhlupheko ngentonga yolaka lwayo.

2 Ingikhokhele yangihambisa emnyameni kodwa hatshi ekukhanyeni.

3 Isibili iphenduke yamelana lami; iphendule isandla sayo imelene lami usuku lonke.

4 Igugisile inyama yami lesikhumba sami; yephulile amathambo ami.

5 Yakhile imelene lami, yangihanqa ngenyongo lobunzima.

6 Ingihlalise endaweni ezimnyama, njengabafa endulo.

7 Ingibiyele ukuze ngingaphumi, yenza iketane lami lethusi laba nzima.

8 Njalo nxa ngikhala ngimemeza, ivalela phandle umkhuleko wami.

9 Ibiyele indlela yami ngamatshe abaziweyo, yenza izindlela zami zagoba.

10 Yaba kimi njengebhere elicathemeyo, isilwane ezindaweni zensitha.

11 Iphambule izindlela zami, yangidabudabula, yangenza unxiwa.

12 Igobisile idandili layo, yangimisa njengento yokunenjwa ngomtshoko.

13 Yenze amadodana esamba semitshoko yayo angena ezinsweni zami.

14 Ngaba yinhlekisa kibo bonke abantu bakithi, ingoma yabo usuku lonke.

15 Ingisuthise ngezinto ezibabayo, yanginathisa umhlonyane.

16 Njalo ichoboze amazinyo ami ngokhethe, yangigiga emlotheni.

17 Njalo wena walahla umphefumulo wami khatshana lokuthula; ngikhohlwe okuhle.

18 Ngakho ngithi: Kubhubhile amandla ami lethemba lami eNKOSIni.

19 Khumbula inhlupheko yami lokuzulazula kwami, umhlonyane lenyongo.

20 Umphefumulo wami uhlala ukukhumbula, njalo ukhotheme phakathi kwami.

21 Lokhu ngiyakubuyisela enhliziyweni yami, ngakho-ke ngiyathemba.

22 Kuyizihawu zeNKOSI ukuthi kasiqedwanga, ngoba izisa zakhe kazipheli;

23 zintsha ikuseni yonke; lukhulu uthembeko lwayo.

24 INKOSI iyisabelo sami, kutsho umphefumulo wami; ngakho-ke ngizathemba kiyo.

25 INKOSI ilungile kwabayilindelayo, kumphefumulo oyidingayo.

26 Kuhle ukuthi umuntu athembe, njalo ngokuthula kusindiso lweNKOSI.

27 Kuhle emuntwini ukuthi athwale ijogwe ebutsheni bakhe.

28 Kahlale yedwa, athule, ngoba isimethese lona.

29 Kabeke umlomo wakhe othulini; mhlawumbe kungaba khona ithemba.

30 Kanikele isihlathi sakhe komtshayayo; asuthe inhlamba.

31 Ngoba iNkosi kayiyikulahla kuze kube phakade.

32 Ngoba lanxa idabukisile, kanti izakuba lesihawu ngobunengi bezisa zayo.

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33 Ngoba kayihluphi ngenhliziyo yayo idabukise abantwana babantu;

34 ukuchoboza ngaphansi kwenyawo zayo zonke izibotshwa zomhlaba;

35 ukuphambukisa ilungelo lomuntu phambi kobuso boPhezukonke;

36 ukuphambanisa umuntu kudaba lwakhe, iNkosi kayikuboni yini?

37 Ngubani ongakukhuluma, njalo kwenzeke, nxa iNkosi ingakulayanga?

38 Kakuphumi ububi lokuhle emlonyeni woPhezukonke yini?

39 Ngakho usolelani umuntu ophilayo, umuntu ngezono zakhe?

40 Asihlole silinge izindlela zethu, sibuyele eNKOSIni.

41 Asiphakamisele inhliziyo lezandla zethu kuNkulunkulu emazulwini.

42 Siphambukile, saba lenkani; wena kawuthethelelanga.

43 Wembese ngolaka, waxotshana lathi, wabulala, kawuhawukelanga.

44 Uzembese ngeyezi, ukuze kungedluli umkhuleko.

45 Usenze saba yimfucuza lezibi phakathi kwezizwe.

46 Zonke izitha zethu zivule umlomo wazo zimelene lathi.

47 Ukwesaba lomgodi kukhona phambi kwethu, incithakalo lokwephuka.

48 Ilihlo lami lehlisa imifula yamanzi ngokuchitheka kwendodakazi yabantu bami.

49 Ilihlo lami liyajuluka, kaliyekeli, kungelakuma,

50 ize ikhangele phansi ibone iNKOSI isezulwini.

51 Ilihlo lami lenza umphefumulo wami ube buhlungu ngenxa yawo wonke amadodakazi omuzi wakithi.

52 Izitha zami zingizingele kabuhlungu njengenyoni, kungelasizatho.

53 Bayiqumile impilo yami emgodini, baphosa ilitshe phezu kwami.

54 Amanzi ageleza phezu kwekhanda lami; ngathi: Ngiqunyiwe.

55 Ngabiza ibizo lakho, NKOSI, ngisemgodini phansi;

56 wezwa ilizwi lami; ungafihli indlebe yakho ekuphefumuleni kwami, ekukhaleleni kwami usizo.

57 Wasondela ngosuku lapho ngikubiza, wathi: Ungesabi.

58 Nkosi, uzimele izindaba zomphefumulo wami, wahlenga impilo yami.

59 NKOSI, ubonile ukoniwa kwami; yahlulela udaba lwami.

60 Ubonile yonke impindiselo yabo, wonke amacebo abo amelene lami.

61 Uzwile inhlamba yabo, NKOSI, wonke amacebo abo amelene lami,

62 indebe zabangivukelayo, lokuzindla kwabo kumelene lami lonke usuku.

63 Khangela ukuhlala kwabo, lokusukuma kwabo; ngiyingoma yabo.

64 Buyisela kibo impindiselo, NKOSI, njengokomsebenzi wezandla zabo.

65 Banike ubulukhuni benhliziyo, isiqalekiso sakho kibo.

66 Xotshana labo ngolaka, ubabhubhise bangabi ngaphansi kwamazulu eNKOSI.

IZILILO 4

Ukuhlutshwa kweJerusalema sekuphelele

1 Yeka ukufiphala kwegolide, ukuphenduka kwegolide elihle kakhulu! Amatshe endawo engcwele achithiwe ekuqaleni kwazo zonke izitalada.

2 Amadodana aligugu eZiyoni, alinganiswa legolide elihle, yeka ukuthiwa kwawo ayizitsha zebumba, umsebenzi wezandla zombumbi!

3 Ngitsho amakhanka ehlisa ibele, amunyise imidlwane yawo; kodwa indodakazi yabantu bami isilesihluku, njengezintshe enkangala.

4 Ulimi lomunyayo lunamathela olwangeni lwakhe ngenxa yokoma; abantwanyana bacela isinkwa, kakho obahlephulelayo.

5 Ababesidla izibiliboco baphundlekile ezitaladeni; abondliwa ngeziyibubende bagona inqumbi zomquba.

6 Ngoba icala lendodakazi yabantu bami likhulu kulesono seSodoma, eyachithwa kwangathi ngomzuzwana, kungelazandla ezayonayo.

7 AmaNazari ayo ayehlambulukile kuleliqhwa elikhithikileyo, emhlophe kulochago, ebomvana ngomzimbakulamakorali, isimo sawo sasingesesafire.

8 Ukubonakala kwawo sekumnyama kulomsizi, kawaziwa ezitaladeni; isikhumba sawo sinamathele emathanjeni awo, somile, saba njengogodo.

9 Ababulawa ngenkemba bangcono kulababulawa yindlala; ngoba laba bayacikizeka behlatshwa yikuswela izithelo zensimu.

10 Izandla zabesifazana abalesihawu zapheka abantwana babo; baba yikudla kwabo ekwephukeni kwendodakazi yabantu bami.

11 INKOSI iphelelisile intukuthelo yayo, ithululile ukuvutha kolaka lwayo, yaphemba umlilo eZiyoni oqothule izisekelo zayo.

12 Amakhosi omhlaba labo bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba babengayikukholwa ukuthi umcindezeli lesitha babengangena emasangweni eJerusalema.

13 Kwakungenxa yezono zabaprofethi bayo leziphambeko zabapristi bayo, abachitha igazi labalungileyo phakathi kwayo.

14 Bazula njengeziphofu ezitaladeni, bangcoliswa ngegazi, kangangokuthi abantu kabangelakuthinta izembatho zabo.

15 Bamemeza kubo bathi: Sukani, kungcolile, sukani, sukani, lingathinti! Lapho bebaleka njalo bezula, bathi phakathi kwabezizwe: Kabasayikuhlala njengabezizwe.

16 Ubuso beNKOSI bubahlakazile, kayisayikubananza; kabahloniphanga ubuso babapristi, kababanga lomusa kubadala.

17 Thina, amehlo ethu asaphela kusizo lwethu oluyize; ekulindeleni kwethu salindela isizweesingelakusisindisa.

18 Bazingela izinyathelo zethu ukuze singahambi ezitaladeni zethu; isiphetho sethu sisondele, insuku zethuzigcwalisekile, ngoba isiphetho sethu sesifikile.

19 Abasizingelayo balejubane kulamanqe amazulu; baxotshana lathi ngokutshiseka ezintabeni; basicathamela enkangala.

20 Umoya wamakhala ethu, ogcotshiweyo weNKOSI, wabanjwa emigodini yabo, esathi ngaye: Ngaphansikomthunzi wakhe sizaphila phakathi kwezizwe.

21 Jabula uthokoze, ndodakazi yeEdoma, ohlala elizweni leUzi; inkezo izadlulela lakuwe, uzadakwa, uzinqunule.

22 Ububi bakho buphelile, ndodakazi yeZiyoni; kasayikukuthumba; uzahambela ububi bakho, ndodakazi yeEdoma; uzakwembula izono zakho.

IZILILO 5

Umkhuleko wokucela isihawu

1Khumbula, NKOSI, ukuthi kwenzakaleni kithi; khangela, ubone ihlazo lethu.

2 Ilifa lethu seliphendulelwe kwabezizwe, izindlu zethu kwabemzini.

3 Siyizintandane, kungelababa; omama banjengabafelokazi.

4 Amanzi ethu siwanathile ngemali; inkuni zethu ziza ngentengo.

5 Sizingelwa ezintanyeni zethu, sidiniwe, kasilakuphumula.

6 Sinike isandla sethu kwabeGibhithe, labeAsiriya, ukuze sisuthiswe ngesinkwa.

7 Obaba bona, kabasekho, njalo thina sithwele iziphambeko zabo.

8 Izigqili ziyasibusa, kakho ongasihluthuna esandleni sazo.

9 Sizuza isinkwa sethu ngengozi yempilo yethu, ngenxa yenkemba yenkangala.

10 Ijwabu lethu limnyama njengeziko ngenxa yokutshisa okukhulu kwendlala.

11 Badlova abesifazana eZiyoni, izintombi ezimsulwa emizini yakoJuda.

12 Iziphathamandla zaphanyekwa ngesandla sazo; ubuso babadala kabuhlonitshwanga.

13 Amajaha athwala amatshe okuchola, labafana bakhubeka ngaphansi kwenkuni.

14 Abadala baphelile esangweni, amajaha ekuhlabeleleni.

15 Intokozo yenhliziyo yethu iphelile, ukugida kwethu kwaphenduka ukulila.

16 Umqhele wekhanda lethu uwile; hawu, maye kithi, ngoba sonile!

17 Ngenxa yalokhu inhliziyo yethu iphela amandla; ngenxa yalezizinto amehlo ethu afiphele.

18 Ngenxa yentaba yeZiyoni elunxiwa, amakhanka ahamba phezu kwayo.

19 Wena, NKOSI, uhlezi kuze kube nininini, isihlalo sakho sobukhosi sisuka esizukulwaneni sisiya esizukulwaneni.

20 Usikhohlweleni njalonjalo, usidela okobude bezinsuku?

21 Siphendulele kuwe, NKOSI, sizaphenduka; yenza insuku zethu zibe zintsha njengasendulo.

22 Kodwa ususilahlile isibili; usithukuthelele kakhulukazi.

UHEZEKELI

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UGWALO LOMPROFETHI

Umprofethi ubona isihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu

1 Kwasekusithi-ke ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu, ngenyanga yesine,
ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga, lapho ngangiphakathi kwabathunjiweyo ngasemfuleni
iKebari, avuleka amazulu, ngasengibona imibono kaNkulunkulu.

2 Ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga, okungumnyaka wesihlanu wokuthunjwa kwenkosi
uJehoyakhini,

3 ilizwi leNKOSI leza liqonde kuHezekeli, indodana kaBuzi, umpristi, elizweni
lamaKhaladiya ngasemfuleni iKebari; lesandla seNKOSI saba phezu kwakhe lapho.

4 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, umoya wesivunguzane wavela enyakatho, iyezi
elikhulu, lomlilo ozimumetheyo, lokucwazimula inhlangothi zonke zalo,
laphakathi kwalo kwavela kwangathi libala lethusi, livela phakathi komlilo.

5 Laphakathi kwalo kwavela umfanekiso wezidalwa ezine eziphilayo. Lalokhu
kwakuyisimo sazo: Zazilomfanekiso womuntu.

6 Njalo yileso laleso sasilobuso obune, njalo yileso laleso sazo sasilempiko ezine.

7 Lenyawo zazo zazizinyawo eziqondileyo, lengaphansi yezinyawo zazo
yayinjengengaphansi yonyawo lwethole, zacwazimula njengombala wethusi
elilolongiweyo.

8 Njalo kwakulezandla zomuntu ngaphansi kwempiko zazo enhlangothini zazo
zozine. Njalo zozine zazilobuso bazo lempiko zazo.

9 Impiko zazo zazihlangene olunye kolunye; aziphendukanga ekuhambeni
kwazo; zahamba, yileso laleso siqonde phambili.

10 Njalo umfanekiso wobuso bazo wawuyibuso bomuntu, njalo zozine zazilobuso
besilwane ngakwesokunene; njalo zozine zazilobuso benkabi ngakwesokhohlo;
futhi zozine zazilobuso belinqe.

11 Babunjalo ubuso bazo; lempiko zazo zazehlukene ngaphezulu; yileso laleso
sasilezimbili zihlanganisiwe kolunye, lezimbili zigubuzele imizimba yazo.

12 Zahamba yileso laleso siqonde phambili; zaya lapho umoya owaya khona,
zingaphenduki ekuhambeni kwazo.

13 Mayelana lomfanekiso wezidalwa eziphilayo, ukubonakala kwazo
kwakunjengamalahle omlilo avuthayo, njengokubonakala kwezibane; kwahamba
kusiya le lale phakathi kwezidalwa eziphilayo; njalo umlilo wawulokukhazimula,
njalo emlilweni kwakuphuma umbane.

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14 Lezidalwa eziphilayo zagijima zaphenduka njengokubonakala kokuphazima kombane.

15 Ngathi ngikhangela izidalwa eziphilayo, khangela-ke, ivili elilodwa lalisemhlabeni eceleni kwezidalwa eziphilayo, ebusweni baso obune.

16 Ukubonakala kwamavili lomsebenzi wawo kwakufanana lombala webherule; njalo zozine zazilesimo sinye; lokubonakala kwazo lomsebenzi wazo kwakunjengokuthi livili phakathi kwevili.

17 Ekuhambeni kwawo ahamba ngezinhlangothi zawo zozine; kawaphendukanga ekuhambeni kwawo.

18 Mayelana lamarimu awo, ayephakeme kangangokuthi ayesesabeka; njalo amarimu awo ayegcwele amehlo inhlangothi zonke zawo zozine.

19 Ekuhambeni kwezidalwa eziphilayo amavili ahamba eceleni kwazo; lekuphakanyisweni kwezidalwa eziphilayo emhlabeni lamavili aphakanyiswa.

20 Lapho umoya owawusiya khona zaya khona, kulapho umoya owawuzakuya khona; lamavili aphakanyiswa eqondene lawo; ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini.

21 Lapho lezi zihamba, lawo ahamba; lalapho lezi zisima, lawo ema; lalapho lezi ziphakanyiswa emhlabeni, amavili aphakanyiswa eqondene lazo; ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini.

22 Njalo isimo somkhathi ngaphezu kwamakhanda ezidalwa eziphilayo sasinjengombala wekristali elesabekayo, seluliwe phezu kwamakhanda azo ngaphezulu.

23 Langaphansi komkhathi impiko zazo zaziqondile, olunye lusiya kolunye; yileso laleso silezimbili ezembese imizimba yazo ngapha, njalo yileso laleso silezimbili ezembese ngaphayana.

24 Lekuhambeni kwazo ngezwa umsindo wempiko zazo unjengomsindo wamanzi amanengi, njengelizwilikaSomandla, umsindo wokuhlokoma, njengomsindo wenkamba; lapho zisima zehlisa impiko zazo.

25 Kwasekusiba lelizwi elavela phezu komkhathi ongaphezu kwekhanda lazo lapho sezimi sezehlise impiko zazo.

26 Langaphezu komkhathi owawuphezu kwekhanda lazo kwakunjengesimo selitshe lesafire, umfanekiso wesihlalo sobukhosi; langaphezu komfanekiso wesihlalo sobukhosi kwakulomfanekiso onjengokubonakala komuntu phezu kwakho ngaphezulu.

27 Ngasengibona njengombala wethusi, njengokubonakala komlilo phakathi kwakho inhlangothi zonke, kusukela ekubonakaleni kokhalo lwakhe

langaphezulu, njalo kusukela ekubonakaleni kokhalo lwakhe langaphansi, ngabona kunjengokubonakala komlilo, lokukhazimula inhlangothi zakhe zonke.

28 Njengokubonakala komchilo wamakhosikazi osemayezini ngosuku lwezulu, kwakunjalo ukubonakala kokukhazimula inhlangothi zonke. Lokhu kwakuyikubonakala kwesimo senkazimulo yeNKOSI. Ngathi ngikubona, ngathi mbo ngobuso, ngasengisizwa ilizwi lowakhulumayo.

UHEZEKELI 2

Ubizo lukaHezekeli

1Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, mana ngenyawo zakho, ngikhulume lawe.

2 Kwasekungena kimi uMoya lapho ekhuluma kimi, wangimisa ngenyawo zami; ngasengimuzwa okhuluma kimi.

3 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, ngiyakuthuma ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, ezizweni ezivukelayo, abangivukeleyo; bona laboyise baphambukile kimi, kuze kube yilolusuku kanye.

4 Ngoba bangabantwana abalukhuni ngobuso labalukhuni ngenhliziyo; ngikuthuma kubo, njalo uzakuthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova.

5 Bona-ke, loba bezakuzwa, kumbe loba beyekela (ngoba beyindlu evukelayo), bazakwazi ukuthi ubekhona umprofethi phakathi kwabo.

6 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, ungabesabi, ungawesabi lamazwi abo, lanxa ameva lokhula oluhlabayo kukuwe, njalo uhlezi phakathi kwabofezela; ungawesabi amazwi abo, ungatshaywa luvalo ngobuso babo, ngoba beyindlu evukelayo.

7 Kodwa uzakhuluma amazwi ami kibo, loba bezakuzwa kumbe bayekele; ngoba bevukela.

8 Kodwa wena, ndodana yomuntu, zwana engikutshoyo kuwe; ungabi ngovukelayo njengaleyana indlu evukelayo; vula umlomo wakho, udle engikunika khona.

9 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, isandla sithunyelwe kimi; khangela-ke umqulu wogwalo wawukuso.

10 Wasewendlala phambi kwami, njalo wawubhaliwe phambili langemuva; njalo kwakubhalwe phakathi kwawo izililo, lokukhala, losizi.

UHEZEKELI 3

1Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, dlana lokho ozakuthola; dlana lumqulu, uhambe uyekhuluma kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli.

2 Ngasengivula umlomo wami, yasingidlisa lowomqulu.

3 Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, yenza isisu sakho sidle, ugcwalise amathumbu akho ngalumqulu engikunika wona. Ngasengisidla; njalo waba emlonyeni wami njengoluju ngenxa yobumnandi.

4 Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, hamba uye endlini yakoIsrayeli, ukhulume ngamazwi ami kibo.

5 Ngoba kawuthunywanga ebantwini abalenkulumo ejulileyo lolimi olunzima, kodwa endlini yakoIsrayeli.

6 Hatshi ebantwini abanengi abalenkulumo ejulileyo lolimi olunzima, abamazwi abo ongeke uwezwe. Isibili, uba bengikuthume kubo, bona bebezakukuzwa.

7 Kodwa indlu kaIsrayeli kayiyikuvuma ukukulalela, ngoba kabavumi ukungilalela; ngoba yonke indlu yakoIsrayeli ilobuso obuqinileyo, njalo balukhuni ngenhliziyo.

8 Khangela, ngenze ubuso bakho baqina bumelene lobuso babo, lebunzi lakho liqine limelene lebunzi labo.

9 Ngenze ibunzi lakho libe njengendayimana elukhuni kulensengetshe. Ungabesabi, ungatshaywa luvalo yibuso babo, lanxa beyindlu evukelayo.

10 Futhi yathi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, wonke amazwi ami engizawakhuluma kuwe, emukele enhliziyweni yakho, uzwe ngendlebe zakho.

11 Hamba-ke, uye kwabathunjiweyo, ebantwaneni babantu bakho, ukhulume kibo, uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova; loba bezakuzwa loba bezayekela.

12 UMoya wasengiphakamisa; ngasengisizwa emva kwami ilizwi lomdumo omkhulu, lisithi: Kayidunyiswe inkazimulo yeNKOSI ivela endaweni yayo.

13 Ngezwa futhi umsindo wempiko zezidalwa eziphilayo, ezazithintana, lomsindo wamavili maqondana lazo, lomsindo womdumo omkhulu.

14 UMoya wasengiphakamisa, wangisusa; ngasengihamba ngokubaba ekuvutheni komoya wami; kodwa isandla seNKOSI sasilamandla phezu kwami.

15 Ngasengifika kwabathunjiweyo eTelabibi, ababehlala ngasemfuleni iKebari; ngahlala lapho ababehlala khona, ngahlala khona insuku eziyisikhombisa ngithithibele phakathi kwabo.

Umprofethi ngumlindi koIsrayeli

16 Kwasekusithi ekucineni kwensuku eziyisikhombisa, ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi, lisithi:

17 Ndodana yomuntu, ngikwenzile waba ngumlindi kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli. Ngakho zwana ilizwi elivela emlonyeni wami, ubaxwayise kuvela kimi.

18 Lapho ngisithi kokhohlakeleyo: Uzakufa lokufa; wena-ke ungamxwayisi, loba ungakhulumi ukumxwayisa okhohlakeleyo ukuthi asuke endleleni yakhe

ekhohlakeleyo, ukuze agcine impilo yakhe, lowo okhohlakeleyouzafela ebubini bakhe; kodwa igazi lakhe ngizalibiza esandleni sakho.

19 Kodwa uba wena umxwayisa okhohlakeleyo, angaphenduki ekukhohlakaleni kwakhe lendleleni yakhe ekhohlakeleyo, yena uzafela ebubini bakhe; kodwa wena ukhulule umphefumulo wakho.

20 Futhi, uba olungileyo ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, enze isiphambeko, njalo ngibeke isikhubekiso phambi kwakhe, yena uzakufa; ngoba wena ungamxwayisanga, uzafela esonweni sakhe, lokulunga kwakhe akwenzileyo kungakhunjulwa; kodwa igazi lakhe ngizalibiza esandleni sakho.

21 Kodwa uba wena umxwayisa olungileyo, ukuze olungileyo angoni, yena-ke angaze ona, isibili yena uzaphila, ngoba exwayisiwe; futhi wena uwukhulule umphefumulo wakho.

Umprofethi uba yisimungulu

22 Isandla seNKOSI sasesiphezu kwami lapho, yasisithi kimi: Sukuma, uphume uye egcekeni, lalapho ngizakhuluma lawe.

23 Ngasengisukuma ngaphuma ngaya egcekeni; khangela-ke, inkazimulo yeNKOSI yayimi khona, njengenkazimulo engangiyibone ngasemfuleni iKebari; ngasengisithi mbo ngobuso bami.

24 UMoya wasengena kimi, wangimisa ngenyawo zami, wakhuluma kimi wathi kimi: Hamba uyezivalela phakathi kwendlu yakho.

25 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, khangela, bazafaka izibopho phezu kwakho, bakubophe ngazo, ukuze ungaphumi phakathi kwabo.

26 Njalo ngizakwenza ulimi lwakho lunamathele olwangeni lwakho, ukuze ube yisimungulu, njalo ungabi ngumuntu okhuzayo kibo; ngoba bayindlu evukelayo.

27 Kodwa lapho ngikhuluma lawe, ngizavula umlomo wakho, ubususithi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ozwayo kezwe, loyekelayo kayekele; ngoba bayindlu evukelayo.

UHEZEKELI 4

Umfanekiso wokuvinjezelwa kweJerusalema

1Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, zithathele isitina, usibeke phambi kwakho, ubhale ngokugubha kiso umuzi, iJerusalema;

2 wenze ukuvinjezelwa umelene lawo, wakhe inqaba umelene lawo, ubuthelele idundulu umelene lawo, wenze izinkamba umelene lawo, umise izinqama zokudiliza inhlangothi zonke zimelene lawo.

3 Futhi wena uzithathele umganu wensimbi, uwumise ube ngumduli wensimbi phakathi kwakho lomuzi; umise ubuso bakho bumelene lawo, njalo ube

sekuvinjezelweni, futhi uzawuvimbezela. Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kundlu kaIsrayeli.

4 Futhi wena lala ngomhlubulo wakho wangasekhohlo, ubeke isiphambeko sendlu kaIsrayeli phezu kwayo;njengokwenani lezinsuku ozalala phezu kwawo uzathwala isiphambeko sabo.

5 Ngoba mina ngikumisele iminyaka yesiphambeko sabo, njengokwenani lezinsuku, izinsuku ezingamakhulu amathathu layisificamunwemunye; ngokunjalo uzathwala isiphambeko sendlu kaIsrayeli.

6 Lapho usuziphelelisile lezo, lala okwesibili ngomhlubulo wakho wangakwesokunene, uthwale isiphambeko sendlu kaJuda insuku ezingamatshumi amane; ngikunike usuku lube ngumnyaka, usuku lube ngumnyaka.

7 Ngakho uzamisa ubuso bakho ekuvinjezelweni kweJerusalema, lengalo yakho izakwembulwa, uprofethe umelene layo.

8 Khangela-ke, ngizabeka izibopho phezu kwakho, ukuze ungaphenduki usuka komunye umhlubulo usiya komunye umhlubulo, uze uqede izinsuku zokuvimbezela kwakho.

9 Futhi wena zithathele ingqoloyi lebhali lendumba lamalentili lenyawuthi lespelite, ukubeke esitsheni esisodwa, uzenzele kube yisinkwa; njengokwenani lezinsuku olala ngazo ngomhlubulo wakho, izinsuku ezingamakhulu amathathu lesificamunwemunye uzakudla sona.

10 Lokudla kwakho ozakudla kuzakuba ngesilinganiso, amashekeli angamatshumi amabili ngelanga; ukudle isikhathi ngesikhathi.

11 Lamanzi uzawanatha ngesilinganiso, ingxenye yesithupha yehini, uwanathe isikhathi ngesikhathi.

12 Njalo uzakudla iqebelengwana lebhali, ulipheke emehlweni abo ngamalongwe aphuma emuntwini.

13 INKOSI yasisithi: Ngokunjalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazakudla isinkwa sabo esingcolileyo phakathi kwezizwe engizabaxotshela kuzo.

14 Ngasengisithi: Hawu Nkosi Jehova! khangela, umphefumulo wami kawuzanga ungcoliswe; ngoba kwasebutsheni bami kuze kube lakhathesi kangizanga ngidle okuzifeleyo kumbe okudatshuliweyo, njalokakulanyama enengekayo eseyake yangena emlonyeni wami.

15 Yasisithi kimi: Bona, ngikunike amalongwe enkomo esikhundleni samalongwe omuntu, njalo uzalungisa isinkwa sakho ngawo.

16 Yathi futhi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, khangela, ngizakwephula udondolo lwesinkwa eJerusalema; njalo bazakudla isinkwa ngesisindo langokunqineka, banathe amanzi ngesilinganiso langovalo;

17 ukuze baswele isinkwa lamanzi, bethuke omunye lomunye, bacikizeke ngobubi babo.

UHEZEKELI 5

1Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, zithathele ingqamu ebukhali, zithathele impuco yabageli, uyihambise phezu kwekhanda lakho laphezu kwesilevu sakho; ubusuzithathela isikali sokulinganisa, wehlukanise inwele.

2 Ingxenye yesithathu uzayitshisa ngomlilo phakathi komuzi sezigcwalisekile insuku zokuvimbezela; uthathe ingxenye yesithathu utshaye inhlangothi zonke zayo ngenkemba; lengxenye yesithathu uyihlakaze emoyeni; njalo ngizahwatsha inkemba emva kwabo.

3 Njalo uzathatha ezinlutshwana ngenani kuzo, uzigoqele emaphethelweni ezembatho zakho.

4 Ubusuthatha kuzo futhi, uziphosele phakathi komlilo, uzitshise emlilweni; kuzaphuma kuwo umlilo uye kuyo yonke indlu kaIsrayeli.

5 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Le yiJerusalema; ngiyimisile phakathi kwezizwe lamazwe inhlangothi zonke zayo.

6 Kodwa iphendule izahlulelo zami zaba yibubi okwedlula izizwe, lezimiso zami okwedlula amazwe ayihanqileyo; ngoba bazalile izahlulelo zami, lezimiso zami kabahambanga kuzo.

7 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba leyisile okwedlula izizwe ezilihanqileyo, lingahambanga ezimisweni zami, lingazenzanga izahlulelo zami, lingenzanga njengokwezahlulelo zezizwe ezilihanqileyo;

8 ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelene lawe, ngitsho mina, njalo ngizakwenza izahlulelo phakathi kwakho, emehlweni ezizwe.

9 Ngenze phakathi kwakho engingazange ngikwenze, lengingasayikukwenza okunjengakho, ngenxa yamanyala akho wonke.

10 Ngakho oyise bazakudla amadodana phakathi kwakho, lamadodana azakudla oyise. Njalo ngizakwenza izahlulelo phakathi kwakho, lensali yakho yonke ngizayihlakaza kuwo wonke umoya.

11 Ngakho, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili, ngoba ungcolisile indawo yami engcwele ngazo zonke izinengiso zakho langamanyala akho wonke, ngakho lami ngizakunciphisa, futhi ilihlo lami kaliyikuhawukela, futhi lami kangiyikuyekela.

12 Ingxenye yesithathu yakho izakufa ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo, langendlala bazaqedwa phakathi kwakho; lengxenye yesithathu izakuwa ngenkemba enhlangothini zonke zakho; lengxenye yesithathu ngizayihlakaza kuwo wonke umoya, ngihwatshe inkemba emva kwabo.

13 Ngokunjalo ukuthukuthela kwami kuzapheleliswa, ngenze ukufutheka kwami kuphumule phezu kwabo, ngiduduzeke; njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina iNKOSI ngikhulumile ekutshisekeni kwami, lapho sengiphelelise ukufutheka kwami kibo.

14 Futhi ngizakwenza ube lunxiwa ube lihlazo phakathi kwezizwe ezikuhanqileyo, emehlweni akhe wonke owedlulayo.

15 Ngakho kuzakuba lihlazo, lenhlekisa, imfundiso, lesesabiso ezizweni ezikuhanqileyo nxa ngisenza izahlulelo phakathi kwakho ngolaka langokufutheka langokukhuza kokufutheka; mina NKOSI ngikhulumile.

16 Lapho ngithumela phezu kwabo imitshoko emibi yendlala, ezakuba ngeyokubhubhisa, engizayithumela ukulibhubhisa, ngizakwandisa indlala phezu kwenu, ngephule udondolo lwesinkwa kini.

17 Ngokunjalo ngizathuma phezu kwenu indlala lezilo ezimbi, ezizakwemuka abantwana; lomatshayabhuqe wesifo legazi kudabule phakathi kwakho; ngilethe inkemba phezu kwakho. Mina NKOSI ngikhulumile.

UHEZEKELI 6

Ilizwi leNKOSI ngezintaba zakoIsrayeli langezithombe

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho ngasezintabeni zakoIsrayeli, uprofethe umelene lazo.

3 Uthi: Lina zintaba zakoIsrayeli, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi uJehova. Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova ezintabeni, lemaqaqeni, ezifuleni, lezihotsheni: Khangelani, mina ngizakwehlisela phezu kwenu inkemba, ngichithe indawo zenu eziphakemeyo.

4 Lamalathi enu azachithwa, lamalathi enu elanga aphahlazwe, lababuleweyo benu ngibaphosele phansi phambi kwezithombe zenu.

5 Ngibeke izidumbu zabantwana bakoIsrayeli phambi kwezithombe zabo, ngihlakaze amathambo enu inhlangothi zonke zamalathi enu.

6 Kuzo zonke indawo zenu zokuhlala imizi izachithwa, lendawo eziphakemeyo zibe ngamanxiwa, ukuze amalathi enu achithwe abe ngamanxiwa, lezithombe zenu ziphahlazwe ziphele, lamalathi enu elanga aqunywe, lemisebenzi yenu itshabalaliswe.

7 Lababuleweyo bazakuwa phakathi kwenu, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

8 Kodwa ngizatshiya insali ukuze libe labanye abazaphepha inkemba phakathi kwezizwe lapho lizahlakazekela emazweni.

9 Labaphunyukileyo benu bazangikhumbula phakathi kwezizwe lapho abathunjelwe khona; ngoba ngidabukile ngenxa yenhliziyo yabo ephingayo, esukileyo kimi, langamehlo abo aphingayo elandela izithombe zabo. Njalo bazazenyanya ngobubi ababenzileyo kuwo wonke amanyala abo.

10 Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI; kangikhulumanga ngeze ukuthi ngizakwenza lokho okubi kibo.

11 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Tshaya ngesandla sakho, utshaye phansi ngonyawo lwakho, uthi: Maye! ngenxa yawo wonke amanyala amabi endlu yakoIsrayeli, ngoba bazakuwa ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo.

12 Okhatshana uzakufa ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo, loseduze uzakuwa ngenkemba, loseleyo wavinjezelwa uzakufa yindlala. Ngokunjalo ngizaphelelisa ukufutheka kwami phezu kwabo.

13 Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, lapho ababuleweyo babo sebephakathi kwezithombe zabo behanqe amalathi abo, phezu kwalo lonke uqaqa olude, ezingqongeni zonke zezintaba, langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza, langaphansi kwalo lonke i-okhi eliqatha, indawo ababenikela khona iphunga elimnandi kuzo zonke izithombe zabo.

14 Ngokunjalo ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwabo, ngenze ilizwe libe lunxiwa, yebo, libe lunxiwa kulenkangala ngaseDibila, kuzo zonke izindawo zabo zokuhlala. Khona bezakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

UHEZEKELI 7

Ukuphela sekufika

1Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

2 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kulo ilizwe lakoIsrayeli: Isiphetho, isiphetho sesifikile phezu kwamagumbi womane elizwe.

3 Khathesi isiphetho siphezu kwakho, njalo ngizathumela ukuthukuthela kwami phakathi kwakho, ngikwahlulele njengokwezenzo zakho, ngehlisele phezu kwakho wonke amanyala akho.

4 Lelihlo lami kaliyikukuhawukela, kangiyikuyekela, kodwa ngizakwehlisela izindlela zakho phezu kwakho, lamanyala akho azakuba phakathi kwakho. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

5 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ububi, ububi obubodwa, khangela, sebufikile.

6 Isiphetho sesifikile, isiphetho sesifikile, siyakuvukela; khangela, sesifikile.

7 Ukusa sekufikile kuwe, wena mhlali welizwe; isikhathi sesifikile, usuku
lwenkathazo luseduze, njalo kungeyisikho ukumemeza ngenjabulo kwezintaba.

8 Khathesi, kuseduze ukuthi ngithululele ulaka lwami phezu kwakho, ngiphelelise
intukuthelo yami phakathi kwakho, ngikwahlulele njengokwezindlela zakho,
ngehlisele phezu kwakho wonke amanyala akho.

9 Lelihlo lami kaliyikuhawukela, njalo kangiyikuyekela; ngizanika
njengokwezindlela zakho phezu kwakho, lamanyala akho azakuba phakathi
kwakho. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI etshayayo.

10 Khangela usuku, khangela, selufikile; ukusa sekuphumile; intonga ihlumile,
ukuziqhenya kukhahlele.

11 Udlakela lusukume lwaba yintonga yobubi; kakuyikusala kubo, hatshi-ke
exukwini labo, hatshi-ke okwabo, njalo kakuyikuba khona ukuqhinqa isililo
phakathi kwabo.

12 Isikhathi sesifikile, usuku selusondele; umthengi kangathokozi, lomthengisi
angalili, ngoba ulaka luphezu kwexuku lonke lalo.

13 Ngoba umthengisi kayikubuyela kokuthengisiweyo, lanxa impilo yabo
isesephakathi kwabaphilayo; ngoba umbono mayelana lexuku lonke lalo
kawuyikuphenduka; futhi kakulamuntu ongaqinisa impilo yakhe ngesiphambeko
sakhe.

14 Baluvuthele uphondo ukuthi balungise konke, kodwa kakho oya empini, ngoba
ulaka lwami luphezu kwexuku lalo lonke.

15 Inkemba ingaphandle, lomatshayabhuqe wesifo lendlala kungaphakathi;
osegangeni uzakufa ngenkemba, losemzini indlala lomatshayabhuqe wesifo
kuzamqeda.

16 Kodwa abaphunyukayo babo bazaphunyuka, babe
sezintabeni njengamajuba ezihotsha, bonke belila, ngulowo lalowo ngenxa
yesiphambeko sakhe.

17 Zonke izandla zizaphela amandla, lamadolo wonke ageleze njengamanzi.

18 Njalo bazabhinca amasaka, lovalo luzabembesa, lenhloni zibe sebusweni
bonke, lempabanga phezu kwamakhanda abo wonke.

19 Bazalahla isiliva sabo ezitaladeni, legolide labo libe yikungcola; isiliva sabo
legolide labo kakuyikuba lakho ukubophula ngosuku lokuthukuthela kweNKOSI;
kabayikonelisa umphefumulo wabo, bangagcwalisi amathumbu abo; ngoba
kuyisikhubekiso sesiphambeko sabo.

20 Lobuhle besiceciso sakhe wabumisa ebukhosini, kodwa benza kubo
imifanekiso yokunengekayo kwabolezinengiso zabo; ngenxa yalokho ngibumise
bube yinto engcolileyo kubo.

21 Njalo ngizakunikela esandleni sabezizwe kube yimpango, lakwabakhohlakeleyo bomhlaba kube yimpango, njalo bazakungcolisa.

22 Njalo ngizaphendula ubuso bami busuke kibo, bangcolise indawo yami yensitha; ngoba abaphangi bazangena kuyo, bayingcolise.

23 Yenza iketane, ngoba ilizwe ligcwele amacala egazi, lomuzi ugcwele udlakela.

24 Ngakho ngizaletha ababi bezizwe, abazakudla ilifa lezindlu zabo; ngikwenze kuphele ukuziqhenya kwabalamandla; lendawo zabo ezingcwele zizangcoliswa.

25 Ukwethuka kuyeza; bazadinga-ke ukuthula, kodwa kakuyikuba khona.

26 Incithakalo izakuza phezu kwencithakalo, lombiko ube phezu kombiko; khona bezadinga umbono kumprofethi, kodwa umlayo uzabhubha kumpristi, leseluleko kubadala.

27 Inkosi izalila, lesiphathamandla sembathiswe incithakalo, lezandla zabantu belizwe zizathuthumela. Ngizakwenza kibo ngokwendlela yabo, ngibahlulele ngezahlulelo zabo; khona bezakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

UHEZEKELI 8

Ukukhonzwa kwezithombe ethempelini

1Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesithupha, ngenyanga yesithupha, ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga, ngihlezi endlini yami, labadala bakoJuda behlezi phambi kwami, isandla seNkosi uJehova sawa lapho phezu kwami.

2 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, umfanekiso onjengokubonakala komlilo; kusukela ekubonakaleni kokhalo lwakhe kusiya phansi, umlilo; futhi kusukela kukhalo lwakhe kusiya phezulu kunjengokubonakala kokukhazimula, njengombala wethusi.

3 Waseselula isimo sesandla, wangithatha ngesihluthu sekhanda lami; uMoya wasengiphakamisela phakathi komhlaba lamazulu, wangiletha eJerusalema emibonweni kaNkulunkulu, esivalweni sesango elingaphakathi, elikhangele ngenyakatho, lapho okwakulesihlalo sesithombe sobukhwele esibanga ubukhwele.

4 Khangela-ke, inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yayilapho, injengokubonakala engangikubone esihotsheni.

5 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, ake uphakamisele amehlo akho ngasendleleni yenyakatho. Ngasengiphakamisela amehlo ami ngasendleleni yenyakatho, khangela-ke, ngasenyakatho kwesango lelathikwakulalesisithombe sobukhwele entubeni.

6 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, uyakubona yini abakwenzayo, amanyala amakhulu ewenzayo indlu kaIsrayeli lapha, ukuze ngiye khatshana lendawo yami engcwele? Kodwa phenduka futhi, uzabona amanyala amakhulu kulala.

7 Wasengisa emnyango weguma; lapho ngibona, njalo khangela, kwakulesikhala emdulini.

8 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, ake ugebhe emdulini. Ngathi ngigebha emdulini, khangela-ke kwakulomnyango.

9 Wasesithi kimi: Ngena, ubone izinengiso ezimbi abazenzayo lapha.

10 Ngasengingena, ngabona, khangela-ke, sonke isimo sokuhuquzelayo lenyamazana ezinengekayo lazo zonke izithombe zendlu yakoIsrayeli, kubaziwe phezu komduli inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo.

11 Futhi kwakumi phambi kwazo amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa akwabadala bendlu kaIsrayeli, loJahazaniya indodana kaShafani emi phakathi kwabo; yileyo laleyo ilodengezi lwayo esandleni sayo, njalo iyezi eliqatha lempepha lenyuka.

12 Wasesithi kimi: Ukubonile yini, ndodana yomuntu, lokho abadala bendlu kaIsrayeli abakwenzayo emnyameni, ngulowo emakamelweni emifanekiso yakhe? Ngoba bathi: INKOSI kayisiboni; iNKOSI iwutshiyile umhlaba.

13 Wasesithi kimi: Phenduka futhi, uzabona izinengiso ezinkulu kakhulu abazenzayo.

14 Wasengisa emnyango wesango lendlu yeNKOSI eyayingasenyakatho; khangela-ke, kwakuhlezi abesifazana belilela uTamuzi.

15 Wasesithi kimi: Ubonile yini, ndodana yomuntu? Phenduka futhi, uzabona izinengiso ezinkulu kulalezi.

16 Wasengingenisa egumeni lendlu yeNKOSI elingaphakathi; khangela-ke, emnyango wethempeli leNKOSIphakathi kwekhulusi lelathi kwakulamadoda phose angaba ngamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, imihlane yawoingasethempelini leNKOSI, lobuso bawo bungasempumalanga; njalo bakhonza ilanga ngasempumalanga.

17 Wasesithi kimi: Ubonile yini, ndodana yomuntu? Kuyinto elula kundlu yakoJuda ukwenza izinengisoabazenzayo lapha yini? ngoba bagcwalise ilizwe ngobudlwangudlwangu, baphendukele ukungithukuthelisa; khangela-ke, bafaka ugatsha empumulweni yabo.

18 Ngakho lami ngizakwenza ngentukuthelo; ilihlo lami kaliyikuhawukela, futhi kangiyikuyekela; lanxa bekhala endlebeni zami ngelizwi elikhulu, kangiyikubezwa.

UHEZEKELI 9

Ukubulawa kwabalecala

1Wasememeza ezindlebeni zami ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Yenza ababonisi bomuzi basondele, ngitsho wonke umuntu elesikhali sakhe sokuchitha esandleni sakhe.

2 Khangela-ke, amadoda ayisithupha eza evela ngendlela yesango eliphezulu elikhangele ngasenyakatho; njalo wonke umuntu elesikhali sakhe sokuphahlaza esandleni sakhe; njalo umuntu oyedwa phakathi kwawo wayegqoke ilembu elicolekileyo, elophondo lweyinki lombhali ngasokhalweni lwakhe; asengena, ema duze kwelathi lethusi.

3 Lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yenyuka isuka ngaphezu kwekherubhi eyayiphezu kwalo, yaya embundwini wendlu; wasememeza umuntu owayegqoke ilembu elicolekileyo owayelophondo lweyinki lombhali okhalweni lwakhe.

4 INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Dabula phakathi komuzi, phakathi kweJerusalema, ufake uphawu emabunzini abantuababubulayo labakhalayo ngenxa yazo zonke izinengiso ezenziwa phakathi kwawo.

5 Lakwabanye yathi endlebeni yami: Dabulani phakathi komuzi emva kwakhe, litshaye, ilihlo lenu lingahawukeli, njalo lingayekeli.

6 Bulalani ngokuchitha abadala, abatsha, lezintombi, labantwana abancinyane, labesifazana; kodwa lingasondeli lakuwuphi umuntu okulophawu phezu kwakhe, liqalise endaweni yami engcwele. Basebeqalisa emadodeni amadala ayephambi kwendlu.

7 Yasisithi kibo: Ngcolisani indlu, ligcwalise amaguma ngababuleweyo. Phumani. Basebephuma, babulala emzini.

8 Kwasekusithi besababulala, mina-ke ngasala, ngathi mbo ngobuso bami, ngakhala ngathi: Hawu, Nkosi Jehova! Uzachitha yini yonke insali yakoIsrayeli ekuthululeni kwakho intukuthelo yakho phezu kweJerusalema?

9 Khona yathi kimi: Ububi bendlu yakoIsrayeli loJuda bukhulu kakhulukazi, lelizwe ligcwele amacala egazi, lomuzi ugcwele ukuphambuka, ngoba bathi: INKOSI ilidelile ilizwe, njalo iNKOSI kayiboni.

10 Lami-ke ilihlo lami kaliyikuhawukela, njalo kangiyikuyekela; ngizakwehlisela indlela yabo ekhanda labo.

11 Khangela-ke, lowomuntu owayegqoke ilembu elicolekileyo, owayelophondo lweyinki okhalweni lwakhe, wabuyisela ilizwi esithi: Ngenzile njengoba ungilayile.

UHEZEKELI 10

Inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu iyasuka ethempelini

1Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, emkhathini owawungaphezu kwekhanda lamakherubhi kwakulokunjengelitshe lesafire, kunjengokubonakala komfanekiso wesihlalo sobukhosi; kwabonakala phezu kwawo.

2 Wasekhuluma emuntwini ogqoke ilembu elicolekileyo, wathi: Ngena ngaphakathi kwamavili, ngaphansi kwekherubhi, ugcwalise intende zezandla zakho ngamalahle omlilo avela phakathi kwamakherubhi, uwahlakaze phezu komuzi. Wasengena phambi kwamehlo ami.

3 Njalo amakherubhi ayemi ngakwesokunene kwendlu, lapho lowomuntu engena; iyezi laseligcwalisa iguma elingaphakathi.

4 Inkazimulo yeNKOSI yasiphakama isuka phezu kwekherubhi, phezu kombundu wendlu; indlu yasigcwaliswa liyezi, leguma lagcwala ukukhanya kwenkazimulo yeNKOSI.

5 Lomdumo wempiko zamakherubhi wezwakala kwaze kwaba segumeni elingaphandle, njengelizwi likaNkulunkulu uSomandla nxa ekhuluma.

6 Kwasekusithi isimlayile umuntu ogqoke ilembu elicolekileyo isithi: Thatha umlilo phakathi kwamavili, phakathi kwamakherubhi; wangena, wema duze kwevili.

7 Ikherubhi laseliselulela isandla salo sisuka phakathi kwamakherubhi kuwo umlilo owawuphakathi kwamakherubhi, lawuthatha, lawubeka ezandleni zalowo owayembethe ilembu elicolekileyo; owawuthatha waphuma.

8 Kwasekubonakala kiwo amakherubhi isimo sesandla somuntu ngaphansi kwempiko zawo.

9 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke amavili amane eceleni kwamakherubhi, ivili elilodwa eceleni kwelinye ikherubhi, levili elilodwa eceleni kwelinye ikherubhi; lokubonakala kwamavili kwakunjengombala welitshe lebherule.

10 Mayelana lokubonakala kwawo, womane ayelesimo sinye, njengokungathi livili eliphakathi kwevili.

11 Ekuhambeni kwawo, ahamba ngenhlangothi zawo zozine, awaphendukanga ekuhambeni kwawo, kodwa indawo lapho ikhanda elalikhangele khona, ayilandela, awaphendukanga ekuhambeni kwawo.

12 Lomzimba wawo wonke, lemihlane yawo, lezandla zawo, lempiko zawo, lamavili, kwakugcwele amehlo inhlangothi zonke, amavili azo zozine ezazilawo.

13 Mayelana lamavili, kwamenyezwa kiwo endlebeni zami ukuthi: Vili!

14 Njalo yilelo lalelo lalilobuso obune; ubuso bokuqala babuyibuso bekherubhi, lobuso besibili babuyibuso bomuntu, lobesithathu buyibuso besilwane, lobesine buyibuso belinqe.

15 Amakherubhi aseziphakamisa. Lesi yisidalwa esiphilayo engasibona ngasemfuleni iKebari.

16 Kwathi lapho amakherubhi ehamba, amavili ahamba eceleni kwawo; lalapho amakherubhi ephakamisa impiko zawo ukuze enyuke asuke emhlabeni, lawomavili kawaphendukanga esuka eceleni lawo futhi.

17 Lapho esima, lawo ema; lalapho ephakama, lawo aphakama; ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawukiwo.

18 Inkazimulo yeNKOSI yasiphuma yasuka phezu kombundu wendlu, yema phezu kwamakherubhi.

19 Amakherubhi asephakamisa impiko zawo, enyuka esuka emhlabeni phambi kwamehlo ami, lapho ephuma, lamavili lawo ayemaqondana lawo; njalo yilelo lalelo lema emnyango wesango elingasempumalanga kwendlu yeNKOSI; lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yayiphezu kwawo ngaphezulu.

20 Lesi yisidalwa esiphilayo engasibona ngaphansi kukaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ngasemfuleni iKebari; ngasengisazi ukuthi ngamakherubhi.

21 Yilelo lalelo lalilobuso obune, lalelo lalelo lilempiko ezine; lesimo sezandla zomuntu singaphansi kwempiko zazo.

22 Lesimo sobuso bawo sasiyibuso engabubona ngasemfuleni iKebari, ukubonakala kwawo, lawo ngokwawo. Ahamba, yilelo lalelo ngaphambi kobuso balo.

UHEZEKELI 11

AbeJerusalema bazagwetshwa

1UMoya wasengiphakamisa, wangiletha esangweni lempumalanga lendlu yeNKOSI, elikhangele ngempumalanga; khangela-ke, emnyango wesango kwakukhona amadoda angamatshumi amabili lanhlanu; laphakathi kwawo ngabona uJahazaniya indodana kaAzuri, loPelatiya indodana kaBhenaya, iziphathamandla zabantu.

2 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, lawa ngamadoda acabanga inkohlakalo, aceba iseluleko esibi kulumuzi,

3 athi: Kakuseduze ukwakha izindlu; lumuzi uyimbiza, lathi siyinyama.

4 Ngakho profetha umelene lawo, profetha, ndodana yomuntu.

5 UMoya weNKOSI wasewela phezu kwami, wathi kimi: Khuluma uthi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Litshilo njalo, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli, ngoba izinto ezivela engqondweni yenu, mina ngiyazazi yileyo laleyo yazo.

6 Landisile ababuleweyo benu kulumuzi, lagcwalisa izitalada zawo ngababuleweyo.

7 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ababuleweyo benu elibabeke phakathi kwawo, bona bayinyama, laloumuzi uyimbiza; kodwa lina ngizalikhupha phakathi kwawo.

8 Liyesabile inkemba, njalo ngizayiletha inkemba phezu kwenu, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

9 Njalo ngizalikhupha phakathi kwawo, ngilinikele esandleni sabezizwe, ngenze izigwebo phakathi kwenu.

10 Lizakuwa ngenkemba, ngiligwebe emngceleni wakoIsrayeli; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

11 Lo umuzi kawuyikuba yimbiza yenu, kumbe lina libe yinyama phakathi kwawo; ngizaligweba emngceleni wakoIsrayeli.

12 Njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI; ngoba kalihambanga ezimisweni zami, lezahlulelo zami kalizenzanga, kodwa lenze njengokwezahlulelo zezizwe ezilihanqileyo.

13 Kwasekusithi ngisaprofetha, uPelatiya indodana kaBhenaya wafa. Ngasengisithi mbo ngobuso bami phansi, ngamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ngathi: Hawu, Nkosi Jehova, uzaqeda ngokupheleleyo yini insali yakoIsrayeli?

INKOSI ithembisa ukubuyisa abathunjiweyo

14 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

15 Ndodana yomuntu, abafowenu, abafowenu, abantu bezihlobo zakho, layo yonke indlu yakoIsrayeli, yonke, bayilabo abahlali beJerusalema abathi kubo: Sukani khatshana leNKOSI; lelilizwe linikwe thina ukuze libe yilifa.

16 Ngakho wothi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lanxa ngibase khatshana phakathi kwezizwe, njalo lanxa ngibahlakaze phakathi kwamazwe, kanti ngizakuba kubo yindawo engcwele encinyane emazweni abafika kiwo.

17 Ngakho wothi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Yebo, ngizaliqoqa ezizweni, ngilibuthe emazweni engilihlakazele kiwo, ngilinike ilizwe lakoIsrayeli.

18 Njalo bazafika kulo, basuse kulo zonke izinto ezinengekayo zalo lawo wonke amanyala alo.

19 Njalo ngizabanika inhliziyo eyodwa, ngifake umoya omutsha phakathi kwenu, ngikhuphe inhliziyo yelitshe enyameni yabo, ngibanike inhliziyo yenyama;

20 ukuze bahambe ngezimiso zami, bagcine izahlulelo zami bazenze; njalo bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo.

21 Kodwa labo abanhliziyo yabo ihamba ngokwenhliziyo yezinto zabo ezinengekayo lamanyala abo, ngizakwehlisela indlela yabo phezu kwekhanda labo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

22 Amakherubhi asephakamisa impiko zawo, lamavili eceleni kwawo; lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yayiphezu kwawo ngaphezulu.

23 Lenkazimulo yeNKOSI yenyuka isuka phakathi komuzi, yema phezu kwentaba engasempumalanga komuzi.

24 UMoya wasengiphakamisa, wangisa ngombono ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu eKhaladiya kubo abokuthunjwa. Ngokunjalo umbono engangiwubonile wenyuka wasuka kimi.

25 Ngasengikhuluma kubo abokuthunjwa wonke amazwi eNKOSI eyayingibonise wona.

UHEZEKELI 12

Umfanekiso wokuthunjwa

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika futhi kimi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, uhlala phakathi kwendlu evukelayo, abalamehlo okubona, kodwa bengaboni, balendlebe zokuzwa, kodwa bengezwa; ngoba bayindlu evukelayo.

3 Ngakho, wena ndodana yomuntu, zenzele impahla yokuthunjwa, usuke emini phambi kwamehlo abo, usuke endaweni yakho uye kwenye indawo phambi kwamehlo abo. Mhlawumbe bazabona lanxa beyindlu evukelayo.

4 Ubusukhupha impahla yakho emini phambi kwamehlo abo njengempahla yokuthunjwa; wena-ke uzaphuma ntambama phambi kwamehlo abo njengabaphuma besiya ekuthunjweni.

5 Uzibhobozele umduli phambi kwamehlo abo, uyikhuphe kiwo.

6 Phambi kwamehlo abo uzayithwala emahlombe, uyikhiphe emnyameni, ugubuzele ubuso bakho ukuze ungaboni umhlabathi; ngoba ngikubeke waba yisibonakaliso kuyo indlu yakoIsrayeli.

7 Ngasengisenza ngokunjalo njengokulaywa kwami: Ngakhupha impahla yami emini, njengempahla yokuthunjwa; kwathi kusihlwa ngazibhobozela umduli ngesandla, ngayikhupha emnyameni ngayithwala emahlombe phambi kwamehlo abo.

8 Ekuseni ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

9 Ndodana yomuntu, kayitshongo yini kuwe indlu kaIsrayeli, indlu evukelayo, ukuthi: Wenzani?

10 Tshono kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lo umthwalo umayelana lesiphathamandla eJerusalema, layo yonke indlu kaIsrayeli ephakathi kwabo.

11 Wothi: Ngiyisibonakaliso senu; njengoba ngenzile, kuzakwenziwa njalo kibo, bazakuya ekuthunjweni ngokuthunjwa.

12 Njalo isiphathamandla esiphakathi kwabo sizayithwala emahlombe emnyameni, siphume; bazabhoboza umduli ukuze bakhuphe ngawo; sizagubuzela ubuso baso, ukuze singaboni umhlabathi ngamehlo.

13 Njalo ngizakwendlala imbule lami phezu kwaso, ukuthi sibanjwe emgibeni wami; ngisilethe eBhabhiloni, ilizwe lamaKhaladiya; kanti kasiyikulibona, loba sizafela khona.

14 Labo bonke abasihanqileyo ukuba lusizo lwaso lalo lonke ibutho laso ngizabahlakazela kuwo wonke umoya; ngihwatshe inkemba emva kwabo.

15 Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI nxa ngibahlakazela ezizweni, ngibachithachithela emazweni.

16 Kodwa ngizatshiya amadoda amalutshwana kibo asuke enkembeni, endlaleni, lakumatshayabhuqe wesifo, ukuze balandise ngawo wonke amanyala abo phakathi kwezizwe abazafika kizo; njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

17 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

18 Ndodana yomuntu, dlana isinkwa sakho ngokuqhaqhazela, unathe amanzi akho ngokuthuthumela langokukhathazeka.

19 Ubususithi ebantwini belizwe: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova ngabahlali beJerusalema, ngelizwe lakoIsrayeli: Bazakudla isinkwa sabo ngokukhathazeka, banathe amanzi abo ngokwesabisayo, ukuze ilizwe labo libe lunxiwangokugcwala kwalo ngenxa yodlakela lwabo bonke abahlala kilo.

20 Lemizi okuhlalwa kiyo izakuba ngamanxiwa, lelizwe libe yinkangala; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

21 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

22 Ndodana yomuntu, kuyini lesisaga elilaso elizweni lakoIsrayeli esithi: Insuku ziyelulwa, lawo wonke umbono uyabhubha?

23 Ngakho batshele uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngizakwenza lesisaga siphele, njalo kabasayikusisebenzisa njengesaga koIsrayeli; kodwa tshono kibo: Kusondele izinsuku lelizwi lawo wonke umbono.

24 Ngoba kakusayikuba khona lamunye umbono oyize, lokuvumisa okubutshelezi phakathi kwendlu yakoIsrayeli.

25 Ngoba mina NKOSI ngizakhuluma; ilizwi engizalikhuluma lizakwenzeka, kalisayikuphuziswa; ngoba ezinsukwini zenu, lina ndlu evukelayo, ngizakhuluma ilizwi, ngilenze, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

26 Lafika futhi kimi ilizwi leNKOSI lisithi:

27 Ndodana yomuntu, khangela, abendlu yakoIsrayeli bathi: Umbono awubonayo ungowensuku ezinengi, njalo uprofetha ngezikhathi ezikhatshana.

28 Ngakho uthi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kakusayikuphuziswa lelilodwa lamazwi ami, kodwa ilizwi engizalikhuluma lizakwenzeka, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

UHEZEKELI 13

INKOSI izamelana labaprofethi bamanga

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, profetha umelene labaprofethi bakoIsrayeli abaprofethayo, utsho kibo abaprofetha okwenhliziyo yabo: Zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI.

3 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Maye kubaprofethi abayizithutha, abalandela umoya wabo, abangabonanga lutho!

4 Israyeli, abaprofethi bakho banjengamakhanka emanxiweni.

5 Kalenyukelanga ezikhexeni, kumbe libiyele indlu kaIsrayeli uthango ukuze ime empini ngosuku lweNKOSI.

6 Babone okuyize, lokuvumisa kwamanga, abathi: INKOSI ithi; kanti iNKOSI ingabathumanga; bathemba ekuqinisweni kwelizwi.

7 Kalibonanga yini umbono oyize njalo likhulume ukuvumisa okungamanga yini? Kanti lithi: INKOSI ithi; kodwa mina ngingakhulumanga.

8 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba likhulume okuyize, labona amanga, ngakho, khangelani, ngimelene lani, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

9 Njalo isandla sami sizakuba phezu kwabaprofethi ababona okuyize, labavumisa amanga; kabayikuba senhlanganweni yabantu bami, futhi kabayikubhalwa embhalweni wendlu yakoIsrayeli, futhi kabayikungena elizweni lakoIsrayeli; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uJehova.

10 Ngoba, yebo ngoba beduhise abantu bami, besithi: Ukuthula! khona kungelakuthula; kwathi omunye wakha umduli ongaqinanga, khangela-ke, abanye bawubhada ngodaka olungalunganga.

11 Tshono kulabo abawubhada ngekalaga ukuthi uzakuwa. Kuzakuba khona izulu elikhukhulayo; lawe, matshe amakhulu esiqhotho, uzakuwa, lomoya wesiphepho uwuqhekeze.

12 Khangela-ke, nxa umduli usuwile, kakuyikutshiwo yini kini ukuthi: Lungaphi udaka elalibhade ngalo?

13 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngizawuqhekeza ngomoya wesiphepho ekuthukutheleni kwami, kube khona izulu elikhukhulayo ngolaka lwami, lamatshe esiqhotho ngentukuthelo yami ukuwuqeda.

14 Ngokunjalo ngizadiliza umduli eliwubhade ngekalaga, ngiwuwisele emhlabathini, ukuze kwembuleke isisekelo sawo, uwe; njalo lizaqedwa phakathi kwawo; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

15 Ngokunjalo ngizaphelelisa ulaka lwami emdulini laphezu kwalabo abawubhade ngekalaga, besengisithi kini: Umduli kawusekho, lalabo abawubhadayo kabakho;

16 okutsho abaprofethi bakoIsrayeli abaprofetha ngeJerusalema, labayibonela umbono wokuthula, kanti kungelakuthula, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

17 Wena-ke ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene lamadodakazi abantu bakho, abaprofetha okuvela enhliziyweni yabo, uprofethe umelene labo.

18 Ubususithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Maye kwabesifazana abathungela izigqizo kuzo zonke izihlakala, abenza izimbombozo ezinde phezu kwekhanda labo bonke ubude, ukuze bazingele imiphefumulo! Lizazingela imiphefumulo yabantu bami yini, njalo lizazigcinela imiphefumulo iphila yini?

19 Futhi lizangingcolisa yini phakathi kwabantu bami ngenxa yezandla ezigcwele ibhali, langenxa yezincezu zezinkwa, ukuthi libulale imiphefumulo ebingayikufa, lokuthi ligcine iphila imiphefumulo ebingayikuphila, ngokuqamba amanga kwenu ebantwini bami abalalela amanga?

20 Ngalokho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangelani, ngimelene lezigqizo zenu, elizingela ngazo lapho imiphefumulo liyenza iphaphe; ngizaziqamula engalweni zenu, ngiyekele imiphefumulo ihambe, ngitsho imiphefumulo eliyizingelayo liyenza iphaphe.

21 Lezimbombozo zenu ezinde ngizazidabula, ngophule abantu bami esandleni senu, ukuthi bengasayikuba sesandleni senu ukuba yimpango; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

22 Ngoba lidanisile inhliziyo yolungileyo ngamanga, engingamdabukisanga mina, langoba laqinisa izandla zomubi ukuze angaphenduki endleleni yakhe embi, ukumgcina ephila.

23 Ngakho kalisayikubona okuyize njalo kaliyikuvumisa okuvunyiswayo; ngoba ngizakophula abantu bami esandleni senu; beselisazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

UHEZEKELI 14

Abakhonza izithombe bazatshaywa yiNKOSI

1Kwasekufika kimi abanye babadala bakoIsrayeli, bahlala phambi kwami.

2 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

3 Ndodana yomuntu, lamadoda amise izithombe zawo enhliziyweni yawo, abeka isikhubekiso sesiphambeko sawo phambi kobuso bawo: Ngingabuzwa yiwo ngeqiniso yini?

4 Ngakho khuluma lawo, uthi kuwo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Wonke umuntu wendlu kaIsrayeli omisa izithombe zakhe enhliziyweni yakhe, abeke isikhubekiso sesiphambeko sakhe phambi kobuso bakhe, abesesiza kumprofethi, mina iNKOSI ngizamphendula njengobunengi bezithombe zakhe;

5 ukuze ngibambe indlu kaIsrayeli ngenhliziyo yabo, ngoba bonke bazenze abemzini kimi ngezithombe zabo.

6 Ngakho tshono kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Phendukani, lifulathele izithombe zenu, lifulathelise ubuso benu kuzo zonke izinengiso zenu.

7 Ngoba ngulowo lalowo wendlu kaIsrayeli, kumbe owezizweni ohlala koIsrayeli njengowezizwe ozehlukanisa ekungilandeleni, amise izithombe zakhe enhliziyweni yakhe, abeke isikhubekiso sobubi bakhe phambi kobuso bakhe, eze kumprofethi ukubuza kuye ngami; mina NKOSI ngizamphendula ngokwami.

8 Ngizamisa ubuso bami ngimelane lalowomuntu, ngimenze abe yisibonakaliso lezaga, ngimqume asuke phakathi kwabantu bami; lizakwazi-ke ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

9 Futhi uba umprofethi ekhohliseka, nxa ekhulume ilizwi, mina NKOSI ngimkhohlisile lowomprofethi; njalo ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwakhe, ngimbhubhise asuke phakathi kwabantu bami uIsrayeli.

10 Njalo bazathwala icala labo. Njengecala lobuzayo lizakuba njalo icala lomprofethi;

11 ukuze indlu kaIsrayeli ingabe isaphambuka ekungilandeleni, futhi ingabuyi izingcolise ngeziphambeko zabo zonke, kodwa ukuthi babe ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

AbeJerusalema bakufanele ukutshaywa nguNkulunkulu

12 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

13 Ndodana yomuntu, lapho ilizwe lisona kimi ngokuphambeka okukhulu, ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwalo, ngephule udondolo lwesinkwa salo, ngithume indlala kulo, ngiqume kulo umuntu lenyamazana;

14 lanxa lamadoda amathathu, oNowa, uDaniyeli, loJobe, ayephakathi kwalo, wona ayezakhulula umphefumulo wawo wodwa ngokulunga kwawo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

15 Uba ngidabulisa izilo ezimbi elizweni, zenze lifelwe ngabantwana, lize libe lunxiwa, kuze kungabi khona odlulayo ngenxa yezilo,

16 loba lamadoda amathathu abephakathi kwalo, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, abengayikukhulula amadodana kumbe amadodakazi; wona wodwa abezakhululwa, kodwa ilizwe libe lunxiwa.

17 Kumbe uba ngisehlisela inkemba phezu kwalelolizwe ngithi: Nkemba, dabula phakathi kwelizwe, ukuze ngiqume ngisuse kulo umuntu lenyamazana;

18 loba lamadoda amathathu abephakathi kwalo, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, abengayikukhulula amadodana kumbe amadodakazi, kodwa wona wodwa abezakhululwa.

19 Kumbe uba ngithumela umatshayabhuqe wesifo kulelolizwe, ngithululele ukuthukuthela kwami phezu kwalo ngegazi, ukuze ngiqume ngisuse kulo umuntu lenyamazana;

20 loba oNowa, uDaniyeli, loJobe bebephakathi kwalo, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, bebengayikukhulula indodana loba indodakazi; bona bebezakhulula umphefumulo wabo wodwa ngokulunga kwabo.

21 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kakhulu kangakanani lapho ngithuma izahlulelo zami ezine ezimbi phezu kweJerusalema, inkemba, lendlala, lesilo esibi, lomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ukuze ngiqume ngisuse kiyo umuntu lenyamazana.

22 Kodwa khangela, kuzasala kiyo abaphephileyo abazakhutshwa, amadodana lamadodakazi; khangela, bazaphuma besiza kini, libone indlela yabo lezenzo zabo; njalo lizaduduzwa mayelana lokubi engikulethe phezu kweJerusalema, mayelana lakho konke engikulethe phezu kwayo.

23 Ngokunjalo bazaliduduza nxa libona indlela yabo lezenzo zabo; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi kangikwenzanga ngaphandle kwesizatho, konke engikwenzileyo phakathi kwayo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

UHEZEKELI 15

IJerusalema injengevini elingelazithelo

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, isihlahla sevini siyini ngaphezu kwaso sonke isihlahla, kumbe ugatsha oluphakathi kwezihlahla zegusu?

3 Kuzathathwa kiso isigodo yini ukwenza umsebenzi? Bangathatha kiso isikhonkwane yini ukuthi balengise lasiphi isitsha kiso?

4 Khangela, siyanikelwa emlilweni sibe yikudla, umlilo uqede izihloko zaso zombili, lokuphakathi kwaso kutshiswe. Siselosizo kuwo umsebenzi yini?

5 Khangela, lapho sisaphelele, asenziwanga sibe ngumsebenzi; kuncane kangakanani lapho umlilo ususiqedile sesitshile sisezakwenziwa sibe ngumsebenzi!

6 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Njengesihlahla sevini phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu, engisinikele emlilweni sibe yikudla, ngokunjalo ngizanikela abahlali beJerusalema.

7 Ngoba ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane labo; bazaphuma komunye umlilo kuthi omunye umlilo ubaqede; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, sengimise ubuso bami bamelana labo.

8 Njalo ngizakwenza ilizwe libe lunxiwa, ngoba benze isiphambeko, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

UHEZEKELI 16

Ukungathembeki kweJerusalema

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, yenza iJerusalema yazi amanyala ayo,

3 uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kuyo iJerusalema: Ukudabuka kwakho lokuzalwa kwakho kungokwelizwe lamaKhanani; uyihlo wayengumAmori lonyoko umHethi.

4 Mayelana lokuzalwa kwakho, ngosuku owazalwa ngalo inkaba yakho kayiqunywanga, njalo kawugeziswanga emanzini ukuthi uhlanjululwe, kawugcotshwanga ngetshwayi ngitsho, kawugoqelwanga ngamalembu ngitsho.

5 Kakulalihlo elakuhawukelayo, ukuthi lenze yiloba yikuphi kwalezizinto kuwe, ukuthi likuhawukele. Kodwa waphoselwa ebusweni bendle, ekunengekeni kobuntu bakho, ngosuku owazalwa ngalo.

6 Kwathi ngisedlula kuwe ngikubona uqhatsha egazini lakho, ngathi kuwe usegazini lakho: Phila; yebo ngathi kuwe usegazini lakho: Phila.

7 Ngikwenzile waba linani elikhulu, waba njengehlumela leganga, wanda, wakhula, wafika emicecisweni emihle; amabele akho abumbekile, lenwele zakho zakhula; kanti wawunqunu uze.

8 Kwathi ngisedlula kuwe ngakubona, khangela-ke, isikhathi sakho sasiyisikhathi sothando; ngasengisendlala umphetho wesembatho sami phezu kwakho, ngembesa ubunqunu bakho; yebo, ngafunga kuwe, ngangena esivumelwaneni lawe, itsho iNkosi uJehova, wasusiba ngowami.

9 Ngasengikugezisa ngamanzi, ngahlambulula igazi lakho elinengi kuwe, ngakugcoba ngamafutha.

10 Ngakugqokisa ilembu elifekethisiweyo, ngakufaka amanyathela ezikhumba zikamantswane, ngakubhincisa ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, ngakwembesa ngesilika.

11 Ngakucecisa ngeziceciso, ngafaka amasongo ezandleni zakho, leketane entanyeni yakho.

12 Ngafaka isongo emakhaleni akho, lamacici ezindlebeni zakho, lomqhele omuhle ekhanda lakho.

13 Ngokunjalo waceciswa ngegolide lesiliva, lesembatho sakho sasingeselembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lesilika, lelembu elifekethisiweyo; wadla impuphu ecolekileyo, loluju, lamafutha; waba muhle kakhulukazi, waphumelela waba ngumbuso.

14 Lodumo lwakho lwaphumela ezizweni ngobuhle bakho, ngoba babuphelele ngenkazimulo yami, engayibeka phezu kwakho, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

15 Kodwa wathembela ebuhleni bakho, wawula ngenxa yebizo lakho, wathululela ukuwula kwakho kuye wonke odlulayo, kwaba ngokwakhe.

16 Wathatha ezembathweni zakho, wazenzela indawo eziphakemeyo ngemibala, wawulela phezu kwazo; izinto ezinje kaziyikuza, njalo kakuyikwenzeka.

17 Wathatha futhi izitsha zakho ezinhle egolideni lami lesiliveni sami engangikunike khona, wazenzela izithombe zabesilisa, wawula lazo.

18 Wathatha izembatho zakho ezifekethisiweyo, wazisibekela; wabeka amafutha ami lempepha yami phambi kwazo.

19 Lokudla kwami engakunika khona, impuphu ecolekileyo lamafutha loluju engangikondla ngakho, wakubeka phambi kwazo kwaba liphunga elimnandi; kwaba njalo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

20 Wasuthatha amadodana akho lamadodakazi akho, owawungizalele wona, wawahlabela zona ukuze adliwe. Ukuphinga kwakho kwakukuncinyane yini,

21 ukuze ubulale abantwana bami, ubanikela ukuba ubadabulise emlilweni kuzo?

22 Lakuwo wonke amanyala akho lokuwula kwakho kawukhumbulanga insuku zobutsha bakho, lapho wawunqunu uze, uqhatsha egazini lakho.

23 Kwasekusithi emva kwayo yonke inkohlakalo yakho (maye, maye kuwe! itsho iNkosi uJehova),

24 wazakhela idundulu, wazenzela indawo ephakemeyo kuso sonke isitalada.

25 Kuyo yonke inhloko yendlela wakhile indawo yakho ephakemeyo, wenza ubuhle bakho banengeka, wavulela bonke abedlulayo izinyawo zakho, wandisa ukuwula kwakho.

26 Njalo waphinga labantwana bamaGibhithe, omakhelwane bakho, abakhulu ngenyama, wandisa ukuwula kwakho, ukuze ungithukuthelise.

27 Ngakho, khangela, ngelulele isandla sami phezu kwakho, nganciphisa isabelo sakho esimisiweyo, ngakunikela entandweni yabakuzondayo, amadodakazi amaFilisti, alenhloni ngendlela yakho embi.

28 Uwulile futhi labantwana bamaAsiriya ngoba ungasuthiseki; yebo, uwulile lawo, kube kanti kawusuthisekanga.

29 Wandisa futhi ukuwula kwakho elizweni leKanani kuze kube seKhaladiya;
kodwa langalokhu kawusuthisekanga.

30 Ibuthakathaka kangakanani inhliziyo yakho, itsho iNkosi uJehova, ekwenzeni
kwakho zonke lezizinto, umsebenzi wowesifazana ophingayo, obusayo,

31 ekwakheni kwakho idundulu lakho enhlokweni yayo yonke indlela, wenza
indawo yakho ephakemeyo kuso sonke isitalada, kanti kawubanga njengewule
ngoba wadelela iholo lewule.

32 Umfazi ofebayo, endaweni yendoda yakhe uthatha abemzini!

33 Bapha isipho kuwo wonke amawule. Kodwa wena unika isipho sakho kuzo
zonke izithandwa zakho, uzithenga ukuze zize kuwe enhlangothini zonke
ngokuwula kwakho.

34 Ngakho kuwe kulokuphambene labesifazana ekuwuleni kwakho, ngoba kakho
olandela wena ukuyawula; lekunikeni kwakho iholo lewule, njalo unganikwanga
iholo lewule, ngakho usube ngophambeneyo.

35 Ngakho, wena wule, zwana ilizwi leNKOSI.

36 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba ukuwula kwakho kuthululiwe, lobunqunu
bakho bembulwa ngokuwula kwakho lezithandwa zakho, langazo zonke
izithombe zezinengiso zakho, langegazi labantwana bakhoowazinika bona.

37 Ngakho, khangela, ngizaqoqa zonke izithandwa zakho obuthokoza lazo, lazo
zonke obuzithanda kanye lazo zonke obuzizonda; ngiziqoqe zimelane lawe zivela
enhlangothini zonke, ngembule ubunqunu bakho kuzo ukuze zibone bonke
ubunqunu bakho.

38 Njalo ngizakugweba ngezahlulelo zabesifazana abafebayo labachithi begazi,
ngikuphe igazi lentukuthelo lobukhwele.

39 Ngizakunikela futhi esandleni sazo, ziwisele phansi idundulu lakho, zidilize
indawo zakho eziphakemeyo, zikuhlubule izigqoko zakho, zithathe izinto zakho
ezinhle, zikutshiye unqunu uze.

40 Zikwenyuselele ixuku, zikukhande ngamatshe, zikugwaze ngezinkemba zazo.

41 Zitshise izindlu zakho ngomlilo, zenze izahlulelo phezu kwakho phambi
kwamehlo abesifazana abanengi. Njalo ngizakwenza uyekele ekubeni liwule,
njalo kawusayikupha iholo lewule futhi.

42 Ngokunjalo ngizakwenza ukukuthukuthelela kwami kuphumule, lobukhwele
bami busuke kuwe; njalo ngizathula, ngingabe ngisathukuthela.

43 Ngenxa yokuthi ungakhumbulanga insuku zobutsha bakho, kodwa
ungithukuthelisile ngazo zonke lezizinto, khangela, mina-ke ngizakwehlisela
futhi indlela yakho phezu kwekhanda lakho, itsho iNkosi uJehova. Njalo
kawuyikwenza lobububi phezu kwazo zonke izinengiso zakho.

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44 Khangela, wonke osebenzisa izaga uzasebenzisa isaga ngawe esithi: Njengonina injalo indodakazi yakhe.

45 Wena uyindodakazi kanyoko, owayesenyanya indoda yakhe labantwana bakhe; lawe ungudade wabodadewenu, ababesenyanya amadoda abo labantwana babo; unyoko wayengumHethi loyihlo umAmori.

46 Lodadewenu omdala yiSamariya, yena lamadodakazi akhe abahlala ngakwesokhohlo sakho; lodadewenu omncane kuwe, ohlala ngakwesokunene sakho, yiSodoma lamadodakazi ayo.

47 Kanti kawuhambanga ngezindlela zabo, wenze njengokwezinengiso zabo; kwakunjengento encinyane enengekayo; kodwa wonakala kulabo kuzo zonke izindlela zakho.

48 Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili iSodoma udadewenu kayenzanga, yona lamadodakazi ayo, njengokwenza kwakho, wena lamadodakazi akho.

49 Khangela, lesi sasiyisiphambeko seSodoma udadewenu: Ukuzigqaja, ukusutha isinkwa, lokuchelesa okulokuthula kwakukuyo lakumadodana ayo, kodwa kaqinisanga isandla sabayanga labaswelayo.

50 Babeziphakamisa, benza isinengiso phambi kwami; ngakho ngabasusa njengokubona kwami.

51 Futhi iSamariya kayonanga ngengxenye yezono zakho; kodwa wena wandisile izinengiso zakho kulabo, walungisisa odadewenu ngezinengiso zakho zonke ozenzileyo.

52 Lawe, thwala ihlazo lakho, wena owahlulele odadewenu, ngezono zakho ozenzileyo ngokunengeka okwedlula bona; balungile kulawe. Ngakho lawe woba lenhloni, uthwale ihlazo lakho, ngoba ubalungisisile odadewenu.

53 Lapho ngizabuyisa abathunjiweyo babo, abathunjwa beSodoma lamadodakazi ayo, labathunjwa beSamariya lamadodakazi ayo, khona ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabathunjwa bakho phakathi kwabo.

54 Ukuze uthwale ihlazo lakho, ube lenhloni ngakho konke okwenzileyo ekubaduduzeni kwakho.

55 Lapho odadewenu iSodoma lamadodakazi ayo bezabuyela esimeni sabo sakuqala, leSamariya lamadodakazi ayo babuyele esimeni sabo sakuqala, lawe lamadodakazi akho lizabuyela esimeni senu sakuqala.

56 Ngoba iSodoma udadewenu kayibanga semlonyeni wakho njengombiko ngosuku lokuzigqaja kwakho,

57 bungakembulwa ububi bakho, ngesikhathi sehlazo lamadodakazi eSiriya, labo bonke abayizingelezeleyo, amadodakazi amaFilisti, abakweyisayo inhlangothi zonke.

58 Wena uthwele amacebo akho amabi lezinengiso zakho, itsho iNKOSI.

59 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngizakwenza lakuwe njengokwenza kwakho, odelela isifungongokwephula isivumelwano.

60 Kube kanti mina ngizakhumbula isivumelwano sami lawe ensukwini zobutsha bakho, ngimise lawe isivumelwano esilaphakade.

61 Khona uzakhumbula izindlela zakho, ube lenhloni, lapho usemukela odadewenu, omdala kuwe lomncinyane kuwe; ngoba ngizakunika bona babe ngamadodakazi, kodwa kungabi ngesivumelwano sakho.

62 Njalo mina ngizamisa isivumelwano sami lawe, uzakwazi-ke ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

63 Ukuze ukhumbule, ube lenhloni, ungabe usavula umlomo wakho ngenxa yehlazo lakho, lapho sengikwenzele inhlawulo yokuthula ngakho konke okwenzileyo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

UHEZEKELI 17

Umfanekiso wokhozi levini

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, yenza ilibho, ukhulume ngomfanekiso kuyo indlu yakoIsrayeli,

3 uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ukhozi olukhulu, olukhulu ngempiko, olude ngezimpaphe, olugcwele insiba, olulemibalabala, lweza eLebhanoni, lwathatha isihloko somsedari,

4 lwaqunta isihloko sezingatshana zawo ezintsha, lwasisa elizweni lokuthengiselana, lwasibeka emzini wabathengisi.

5 Lwaseluthatha okwenhlanyelo yalelolizwe, lwayifaka ensimini yenhlanyelo, lwayibeka ngasemanzini amanengi, lwayibeka njengomyezane.

6 Yasihluma, yaba livini elinabayo, elifitshane ngesithombo, ongatsha zalo zaphendukela kulo, lempande zalo zaba ngaphansi kwalo. Ngokunjalo laba livini, laveza ingatsha, lakhupha amahlumela.

7 Kwasekusiba khona olunye ukhozi olukhulu, olukhulu ngempiko, lwande ngensiba. Khangela-ke, lelivinilatshekisela impande zalo ngakulo, lakhuphela ingatsha zalo ngakulo, ukuze lulithelele ngemigelo yendawo yalo ehlanyelweyo.

8 Lalihlanyelwe ensimini enhle ngasemanzini amanengi ukuthi liveze ingatsha, lokuthi lithele isithelo, libe livini elihlekazi.

9 Wothi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lizaphumelela yini? Kaluyikusiphuna yini impande zalo, luqume izithelo zalo, libune? Lizabuna kuwo wonke amahlamvu alo amatsha okumila kwalo, kungengengalo enkulu labantu abanengi, ukulisiphuna ngempande zalo.

10 Yebo, khangela, selihlanyelwe lizaphumelela yini? Kaliyikubuna ngokupheleleyo yini nxa umoya wempumalanga ulitshaya? Lizabunela ensimini yokumila kwalo.

11 Laselifika ilizwi leNKOSI kimi lisithi:

12 Tshono khathesi kuyo indlu evukelayo: Kalazi yini ukuthi lezizinto ziyini? Uthi: Khangela, inkosi yeBhabhiloni yafika eJerusalema, yathatha inkosi yayo leziphathamandla zayo, yabaletha ngakuyo eBhabhiloni.

13 Yathatha owenzalo yesikhosini, yenza isivumelwano laye, yamngenisa phansi kwesifungo; yathathaabalamandla belizwe;

14 ukuze umbuso ube phansi, ungaziphakamisi, ukuthi ngokulondoloza isivumelwano sakhe ume.

15 Kodwa wayivukela ngokuthuma izithunywa zakhe eGibhithe, ukuze bamnike amabhiza labantu abanengi. Uzaphumelela yini? Owenza lezizinto uzaphepha yini? Kumbe angasephula isivumelwano aphephe yini?

16 Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili endaweni yenkosi, embeka ukuthi abe yinkosi, osifungo sayo wasidelela, losivumelwano sayo wasephula, uzakufa layo phakathi kweBhabhiloni.

17 Njalo uFaro, lebutho elilamandla lexuku elikhulu, kayikumsiza empini ngokubuthelela idundululangokwakha inqaba, ukuquma abantu abanengi.

18 Ngoba edelele isifungo ngokwephula isivumelwano, lapho, khangela, esenikele isandla sakhe, wazenza zonke lezizinto, kayikuphunyuka.

19 Ngakho, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kuphila kwami, isibili, isifungo sami asideleleyo, lesivumelwano sami asephulileyo, ngizakwehlisela phezu kwekhanda lakhe.

20 Ngizakwendlala imbule lami phezu kwakhe, ukuthi abanjwe emjibileni wami, ngimlethe eBhabhiloni, ngimahlulele khona ngesiphambeko sakhe aphambeke ngaso kimi.

21 Labo bonke ababalekayo bakhe kanye lawo wonke amaviyo akhe bazakuwa ngenkemba, labaseleyo bazahlakazekela kuwo wonke umoya. Lizakwazi-ke ukuthi mina iNKOSI ngikhulumile.

22 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lami ngizathatha esihlokweni somsedari omude, ngikumise. Ngizaqunta kuso isihloko sengatshana zawo ezintsha olubuthakathaka, mina ngiluhlanyele phezu kwentaba ende lephakemeyo.

23 Entabeni yengqonga yakoIsrayeli ngizaluhlanyela; njalo luzakhupha ingatsha, luthele isithelo, lube ngumsedari omhlekazi; langaphansi kwawo kuzahlala yonke inyoni yophiko lonke; emthunzini wengatsha zawo zizahlala.

24 Ngokunjalo zonke izihlahla zeganga zizakwazi ukuthi mina iNKOSI ngithobisile isihlahla eside, ngaphakamisa isihlahla esifitshane, ngomisa isihlahla esiluhlaza, ngenza isihlahla esomileyo sihlume. Mina NKOSIngikhulumile, ngakwenza.

UHEZEKELI 18

Umuntu owonayo uzakufa ngenxa yezakhe izono

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

2 Litshoni, ukuthi lisebenzise lesisaga ngelizwe lakoIsrayeli, lisithi: Oyise badlile izithelo zevini ezimunyu, lamazinyo abantwana asetshelela?

3 Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili kakusayikuba kini ukusebenzisa lesisaga koIsrayeli.

4 Khangela, yonke imiphefumulo ngeyami; njengomphefumulo kayise, unjalo lomphefumulo wendodana, kungokwami. Umphefumulo owonayo, wona uzakufa.

5 Kodwa uba umuntu elungile, enze ukwahlulela lokulunga,

6 engadleli phezu kwezintaba, engaphakamiseli amehlo akhe ezithombeni zendlu yakoIsrayeli, engangcolisi umfazi kamakhelwane wakhe, engasondeli kowesifazana osemfuleni,

7 engacindezeli muntu, ebuyisela kowebolekayo isibambiso sakhe, engaphangi impango, enika olambileyo isinkwa sakhe, esembesa oze ngesembatho,

8 enganiki ngenzuzo, engathathi okwengezelelweyo, ebuyisa isandla sakhe esiphambekweni, esenza isahlulelo esiqinisileyo phakathi komuntu lomuntu,

9 ehamba ngezimiso zami, egcina izahlulelo zami, ukwenza iqiniso; yena uqondile, uzaphila isibili, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

10 Uba ezala indodana engumphangi, umchithi wegazi, lowenza okufanana lokunye kwalezizinto,

11 longenzi zonke lezozinto, kodwa ngitsho edlela phezu kwezintaba, engcolisa umfazi womakhelwane wakhe,

12 ecindezela umyanga loswelayo, ephanga impango, engabuyiselanga isibambiso, ephakamisele amehlo akhe ezithombeni, enze okunengekayo,

13 enika ngenzuzo, athathe ngokwengezelelweyo, uzaphila yini? Kayikuphila; wenze zonke lezizinengiso; uzakufa lokufa, amacala akhe egazi azakuba phezu kwakhe.

14 Khangela-ke, uzala indodana ebona zonke izono zikayise azenzileyo, ibona, ingenzi njengalezizinto,

15 ingadleli phezu kwezintaba, ingaphakamiseli amehlo ayo ezithombeni zendlu
yakoIsrayeli, ingangcolisi umfazi womakhelwane wayo,

16 ingacindezeli muntu, ingagodli isibambiso, ingaphangi impango, isipha
olambileyo isinkwa sayo, yembese oze ngesembatho,

17 isuse isandla sayo kongumyanga, ingemukeli inzuzo lokwengezelelweyo,
isenza izahlulelo zami, ihambe ngezimiso zami, yona kayiyikufela isiphambeko
sikayise, izaphila isibili.

18 Uyise, ngoba ecindezele ngocindezelo, waphanga impango kumfowabo, wenza
okungalunganga phakathi kwabantu bakibo, khangela-ke, uzafela ebubini bakhe.

19 Kanti lithi: Kungani indodana ingathwali isiphambeko sikayise? Nxa indodana
yenzile isahlulelo lokulunga, igcinile zonke izimiso zami, yazenza, izaphila isibili.

20 Umphefumulo owonayo, wona uzakufa. Indodana kayiyikuthwala isiphambeko
sikayise, loyise kayikuthwala isiphambeko sendodana. Ukulunga kolungileyo
kuzakuba phezu kwakhe, lenkohlakalo yokhohlakeleyo izakuba phezu kwakhe.

Indlela kaNkulunkulu ilungile

21 Kodwa uba omubi ephenduka ezonweni zakhe zonke azenzileyo, agcine zonke
izimiso zami, enze isahlulelo lokulunga, uzaphila isibili, kayikufa.

22 Iziphambeko zakhe zonke azenzileyo kaziyikukhunjulelwa kuye; ekulungeni
kwakhe akwenzileyo, uzaphila.

23 Ngiyathokoza lokuthokoza ngokufa kokhohlakeleyo yini? itsho iNkosi uJehova;
kakusikuthi aphenduke ezindleleni zakhe, aphile yini?

24 Kodwa nxa olungileyo ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, esenza isiphambeko,
enze njengokwezinengiso zonke azenzayo omubi, uzaphila yini? Ukulunga
kwakhe konke akwenzileyo kakuyikukhunjulwa; esiphambekweni sakhe
aphambeke ngaso, lesonweni sakhe asonileyo, uzafela kikho.

25 Kanti lithi: Indlela yeNkosi kayilingani. Zwanini-ke, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli; indlela
yami kayilingani yini? Kayisizo yini izindlela zenu ezingalinganiyo?

26 Lapho olungileyo ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, enze iziphambeko, afele
kuzo, eziphambekweni azenzileyo uzakufa.

27 Futhi nxa omubi ephenduka ebubini bakhe abenzileyo, enze isahlulelo
lokulunga, yena uzagcina umphefumulo wakhe uphila.

28 Ngoba ebona, ephenduka kuzo zonke iziphambeko zakhe azenzileyo, uzaphila
isibili, kayikufa.

29 Kanti indlu kaIsrayeli ithi: Indlela yeNkosi kayilingani. Wena ndlu kaIsrayeli,
indlela zami kazilingani yini? Kayisizo yini indlela zenu ezingalinganiyo?

30 Ngakho ngizalahlulela, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli, ngulowo lalowo njengokwendlela zakhe, itsho iNkosi uJehova. Phendukani, libuye lisuke eziphambekweni zenu zonke; ukuze ububi bungabi yisikhubekiso kini.

31 Lahlani lisuse kini zonke iziphambeko zenu eliphambeke ngazo, lizenzele inhliziyo entsha lomoya omutsha; ngoba lizafelani, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli?

32 Ngoba kangithokozi ngokufa kofayo, itsho iNkosi uJehova; ngakho phendukani liphile.

UHEZEKELI 19

Isililo ngezikhulu zakoIsrayeli

1Wena-ke, phakamisa isililo ngezikhulu zakoIsrayeli,

2 uthi: Uyini unyoko? Isilwanekazi; salala phakathi kwezilwane, sakhulisa imidlwane yaso phakathi kwezilwane ezintsha.

3 Sakhulisa omunye wemidlwane yaso, waba libhongo, wafunda ukudabula impango, wadla abantu.

4 Izizwe zasezisizwa ngawo, wabanjwa emgodini wazo, zawusa elizweni leGibhithe ngamaketane.

5 Kwathi sibona ukuthi sesilindile, lokuthi ithemba laso selibhubhile, sathatha omunye wemidlwane yaso, sawenza waba libhongo.

6 Wahamba waya le lale phakathi kwezilwane, waba libhongo, wafunda ukudabula impango, wadla abantu.

7 Wazazi inqaba zabo, wachitha imizi yabo; ilizwe laselisiba yinkangala, lokugcwala kwalo, ngomsindo wokubhonga kwawo.

8 Izizwe zasezisima zimelene lawo inhlangothi zonke zivela ezabelweni, zendlala imbule lazo phezu kwawo; wabanjwa emgodini wazo.

9 Zawufaka ekhejini ngamaketane, zawusa enkosini yeBhabhiloni, zawuletha ezinqabeni, ukuze ilizwi lawo lingabe lisezwakala phezu kwezintaba zakoIsrayeli.

10 Unyoko unjengevini egazini lakho, elihlanyelwe ngasemanzini; laba lezithelo ligcwele izingatsha ngenxa yamanzi amanengi.

11 Lalilezinti eziqinileyo ezaba zintonga zababusayo, njalo ubude balo babuphakeme phakathi kwengatsha eziqatha, libonakala ngobude balo ngokwanda kwengatsha zalo.

12 Kodwa lasitshunwa ngokuthukuthela, laphoselwa emhlabathini, lomoya wempumalanga womisa isithelo salo; izinti zalo eziqinileyo zephuka zoma; umlilo waziqeda.

13 Khathesi selihlanyelwe enkangala, emhlabathini otshileyo lowomileyo.

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14 Umlilo usuphume oluthini lwezingatsha zalo, waqeda isithelo salo, ukuze lingabi loluthi oluqinileyo lube yintonga yokubusa.

Lesi yisililo, njalo sizakuba yisililo.

UHEZEKELI 20

UIsrayeli uhlamuka uNkulunkulu

1Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesikhombisa, ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, abathile babadala bakoIsrayeli beza ukuzabuza iNKOSI, bahlala phambi kwami.

2 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

3 Ndodana yomuntu, khuluma kubadala bakoIsrayeli, uthi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lize ukuzangibuza yini? Kuphila kwami, isibili kangiyikubuzwa yini, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

4 Uzabahlulela yini, uzabahlulela yini, ndodana yomuntu? Bazise izinengiso zaboyise;

5 uthi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngosuku engakhetha ngalo uIsrayeli, ngaphakamisa isandla sami kunzalo yendlu kaJakobe, ngazazisa kibo elizweni leGibhithe, lapho ngiphakamisa isandla sami kibo, ngisithi: NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.

6 Ngalolusuku ngaphakamisa isandla sami kibo, ukuthi ngibakhuphe elizweni leGibhithe ngibase elizweni engangibahlolele lona, eligeleza uchago loluju, eliludumo lwawo wonke amazwe.

7 Ngasengisithi kibo: Lahlani ngulowo lalowo izinengiso zamehlo akhe, lingazingcolisi ngezithombe zeGibhithe: NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

8 Kodwa bangivukela, bengavumi ukulalela kimi, kabalahlanga ngulowo lalowo izinengiso zamehlo abo, kabatshiyanga izithombe zeGibhithe. Ngasengisithi ngizathululela ukuthukuthela kwami phezu kwabo, ukuze ngiphelelise ulaka lwami ngimelene labo phakathi kwelizwe leGibhithe.

9 Kodwa ngakwenza ngenxa yebizo lami, ukuze lingangcoliswa emehlweni ezizwe, ababephakathi kwazo, engazazisa kibo phambi kwamehlo azo, ukubakhupha elizweni leGibhithe.

10 Ngakho ngabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe, ngabangenisa enkangala.

11 Ngabanika izimiso zami, ngabazisa izahlulelo zami, okuthi nxa umuntu ezenza, uzaphila ngazo.

12 Ngabanika futhi amasabatha ami ukuze abe yisibonakaliso phakathi kwami labo, ukuze bazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSIebangcwelisayo.

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13 Kodwa indlu kaIsrayeli yangivukela enkangala; kabahambanga ngezimiso zami, badelela izahlulelo zami, okuthi nxa umuntu ezenza, uzaphila ngazo; lamasabatha ami bawangcolisa kakhulu. Ngasengisithi ngizathululela ukuthukuthela kwami phezu kwabo enkangala, ukuze ngibaqede.

14 Kodwa ngakwenza ngenxa yebizo lami, ukuze lingangcoliswa emehlweni ezizwe, engabakhupha emehlweni azo.

15 Futhi lami ngabaphakamisela isandla sami enkangala, ukuthi kangiyikubaletha elizweni engangilinike bona, eligeleza uchago loluju, eliludumo lwawo wonke amazwe;

16 ngoba badelela izahlulelo zami, kabahambanga ngezimiso zami, kodwa bangcolisa amasabatha ami, ngoba inhliziyo yabo yalandela izithombe zabo.

17 Lanxa kunjalo ilihlo lami labahawukela ukuze ngingababhubhisi, futhi kangibaqedanga enkangala.

18 Kodwa ngathi kubantwana babo enkangala: Lingahambi ngezimiso zaboyihlo, lingagcini izahlulelo zabo, lingazingcolisi ngezithombe zabo.

19 NgiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu; hambani ngezimiso zami, ligcine izahlulelo zami, lizenze.

20 Lingcwelise amasabatha ami, abe yisibonakaliso phakathi kwami lani, ukuze lazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSIuNkulunkulu wenu.

21 Kodwa abantwana bangivukela; kabahambanga ngezimiso zami, kabagcinanga izahlulelo zami ukuthi bazenze; okuthi nxa umuntu ezenza, uzaphila ngazo; bawangcolisa amasabatha ami; ngasengisithi ngizathululela intukuthelo yami phezu kwabo, ukuthi ngiphelelise ulaka lwami ngimelene labo enkangala.

22 Kodwa ngabuyisa isandla sami, ngenza ngenxa yebizo lami, ukuze lingangcoliswa phambi kwamehlo ezizwe, engangibakhuphe phambi kwamehlo azo.

23 Mina ngabaphakamisela isandla sami futhi enkangala, ukuthi ngizabahlakaza phakathi kwezizwe, ngibasabalalisele emazweni;

24 ngoba bengazenzanga izahlulelo zami, kodwa badelela izimiso zami, bangcolisa amasabatha ami, lamehlo abo alandela izithombe zaboyise.

25 Ngakho mina ngabanika futhi izimiso ezazingalunganga, lezahlulelo ababengeke baphile ngazo.

26 Ngasengibangcolisa kuzo izipho zabo, ekudabuliseni kwabo emlilweni konke okuvula isizalo, ukuze ngibachithe, ukuze bazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

27 Ngakho, ndodana yomuntu, khuluma kuyo indlu yakoIsrayeli, uthi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lakulokhu oyihlo bangihlambazile, ngokuthi baphambeke isiphambeko bemelene lami.

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28 Lapho sengibalethe elizweni, engaphakamisela isandla sami ngalo ukuthi ngibanike lona, babona lonke uqaqa oluphakemeyo, lazo zonke izihlahla eziqatha, bahlaba khona imihlatshelo yabo, banikela khona isicunulo somnikelo wabo, bafaka khona iphunga labo elimnandi, bathulula khona iminikelo yabo yokunathwayo.

29 Ngasengisithi kibo: Iyini indawo ephakemeyo eliya kuyo? Lebizo layo lithiwa yiNdawo ePhakemeyo kuze kube lamuhla.

30 Ngakho tshono kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lizazingcolisa ngendlela yaboyihlo yini, liphinge lilandela izinengiso zabo?

31 Ngoba lapho linikela izipho zenu, lapho lisenza amadodana enu adabule emlilweni, liyazingcolisa ngezithombe zenu zonke kuze kube lamuhla. Mina-ke ngizabuzwa yini na, wena ndlu kaIsrayeli? Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili kangiyikubuzwa yini.

32 Lalokho okuvela engqondweni yenu kakuyikuba khona ngitsho, elikutshoyo ukuthi: Sizakuba njengabezizwe, njengensapho zamazwe, ukuthi sikhonze isigodo lelitshe.

33 Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili ngizabusa phezu kwenu ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo langolaka oluthululiweyo!

34 Ngoba ngizalikhupha ebantwini, ngiliqoqe emazweni elihlakazekele kuwo, ngesandla esilamandlalangengalo eyeluliweyo langolaka oluthululiweyo.

35 Njalo ngizaliletha enkangala yabantu, ngizaphikisana lani lapho ubuso ngobuso.

36 Njengalokhu ngaphikisana laboyihlo enkangala yelizwe leGibhithe, ngokunjalo ngizaphikisana lani, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

37 Njalo ngizalidlulisa ngaphansi kwentonga, ngilingenise kusibopho sesivumelwano.

38 Ngihlanze ngikhuphe phakathi kwenu abavukeli lalabo abaphambeka bemelene lami, ngibakhuphe elizweni lokuhlala kwabo njengabezizwe, kodwa kabayikungena emhlabathini wakoIsrayeli. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

39 Lina-ke, ndlu kaIsrayeli, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova, hambani likhonze, ngulowo lalowo izithombe zakhe, langemva kwalokho, uba lingangilaleli; kodwa lingangcolisi futhi ibizo lami elingcwele ngezipho zenu langezithombe zenu.

40 Ngoba entabeni yami engcwele, entabeni yengqonga yakoIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uJehova, lapho izangikhonza indlu yonke yakoIsrayeli, bonke elizweni; khona ngizabemukela, lakhona ngibize iminikelo yenu, lezithelo zokuqala zeminikelo yenu, lazo zonke izinto zenu ezingcwele.

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41 Ngizalemukela ngephunga elimnandi nxa ngilikhupha ebantwini, ngiliqoqe emazweni ebelihlakazelwe kuwo; njalo ngizangcweliswa phakathi kwenu phambi kwamehlo ezizwe.

42 Lizakwazi-ke ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, lapho sengilingenise emhlabathini wakoIsrayeli, elizweni engaliphakamisela isandla sami ukulinika oyihlo.

43 Lapho-ke lizakhumbula izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu zonke, elazingcolisa ngazo; njalo lizazenyanya phambi kobuso benu ngenxa yazo zonke izinto ezimbi elizenzileyo.

44 Beselisazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, nxa ngenze kini ngenxa yebizo lami, hatshi njengokwezindlela zenu ezimbi, kumbe njengokwezenzo zenu zenkohlakalo, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

Ilizwi leNKOSI ngeningizimu

45 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

46 Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho ngasendleleni yeningizimu, utshumayele ngaseningizimu, uprofethe umelene legusu lensimu yeningizimu;

47 uthi kilo igusu leningizimu: Zwana ilizwi leNKOSI: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizaphemba umlilo phakathi kwakho, njalo uzaqeda phakathi kwakho sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza laso sonke isihlahla esomileyo; ilangabi elivuthayo kaliyikucitshwa, kodwa kuzatshiswa ngalo bonke ubuso kusukela eningizimu kuze kufike enyakatho.

48 Futhi yonke inyama izabona ukuthi mina NKOSI ngiwuphembile, kawuyikucitshwa.

49 Ngasengisithi: Hawu, Nkosi Jehova! Bathi ngami: Kakhulumi imifanekiso yini?

UHEZEKELI 21

Inkemba yeNKOSI

1Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho ngaseJerusalema, utshumayele ngasezindaweni ezingcwele, uprofethe umelane lelizwe lakoIsrayeli;

3 uthi elizweni lakoIsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngimelene lawe, njalo ngizahwatsha inkemba yami esikhwameni sayo, ngiqume ngisuse kuwe olungileyo lomubi.

4 Ngenxa yokuthi ngizaquma ngisuse kuwe olungileyo lomubi, ngakho inkemba yami izaphuma esikhwameni sayo iye kuyo yonke inyama, kusukela eningizimu kuze kube senyakatho;

5 ukuthi yonke inyama ikwazi ukuthi mina NKOSI ngiyihwatshile inkemba yami esikhwameni sayo; kayisayikubuyela futhi.

6 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, bubula ngokudabuka kokhalo, langokubaba ububule phambi kwamehlo abo.

7 Kuzakuthi-ke nxa besithi kuwe: Wena ububulelani? uzaphendula: Ngenxa yombiko; ngoba uyeza; layo yonke inhliziyo izancibilika, lazo zonke izandla zizakuba buthakathaka, lawo wonke umoya udangale, lawo wonke amadolo ageleze njengamanzi. Khangela kuyeza, kuzakwenzeka, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

8 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

9 Ndodana yomuntu, profetha uthi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Wothi: Inkemba, inkemba iloliwe, futhi ilolongiwe.

10 Ilolelwe ukuthi ibulale lokubulala, yalolongelwa ukuthi ibe lokuphazima; sizathokoza yini? Iyintongayendodana yami, idelela sonke isigodo.

11 Njalo uyinikele ukuthi ilolongwe ukuze iphathwe ngesandla; le inkemba iyalolwa njalo yona ilolongelweukuyinikela esandleni sombulali.

12 Khala, uqhinqe isililo, ndodana yomuntu, ngoba yona izakuba phezu kwabantu bami, izakuba phezu kwazo zonke iziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli; zizaphoselwa enkembeni kanye labantu bami; ngakho, tshaya ethangazini lakho.

13 Ngoba kuyikuhlolwa, pho, kuzakuba njani nxa intonga idelela? Kakuyikuba khona, kutsho iNkosi uJehova.

14 Ngakho wena, ndodana yomuntu, profetha, utshaye isandla esandleni, lenkemba kayiphindwe okwesithathu; yinkemba yababuleweyo, yinkemba yabakhulu ababuleweyo, ebahanqayo.

15 Ngimise umcijo wenkemba umelene lamasango abo wonke, ukuze inhliziyo incibilike lezikhubekiso zande. Hawu! yenziwe ukuthi iphazime, ilolongwe ukuthi ibulale.

16 Hamba ngendlela enye kumbe ngenye, ngakwesokunene, umise ngakwesokhohlo, lapho ubuso bakho obumiswe khona.

17 Lami-ke ngizatshaya isandla sami esandleni sami, ngiphumuze intukuthelo yami. Mina NKOSI ngikhulumile.

18 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

19 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, zimisele izindlela ezimbili, ukuze inkemba yenkosi yeBhabhiloni ibuye; elizweni linye zizaphuma zombili; njalo khetha indawo, uyikhethe enhlokweni yendlela yomuzi.

20 Misa indlela, ukuze inkemba ize eRabathi yabantwana bakoAmoni, lakoJuda eJerusalema ebiyelweyo.

21 Ngoba inkosi yeBhabhiloni yema kunina wendlela, enhlokweni yezindlela ezimbili, ukuze ivumise ukuvumisa; ikhuhluze imitshoko, ibuze izithombe, ikhangele esibindini.

22 Esandleni sakhe sokunene kwakulokuvumisa ngeJerusalema, ukumisa izinqama zokudiliza, ukuvula umlomo ekubulaleni, ukuphakamisa ilizwi ngokumemeza, ukumisa izinqama zokudiliza imelene lamasango, ukubuthelela idundulu, ukwakha umduli wokuvimbezela.

23 Njalo kuzakuba kubo njengokuvumisa kwamanga emehlweni abo, kubo abafunge izifungo; kodwa izakhumbula isiphambeko, ukuze babanjwe.

24 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba lenze ububi benu bukhunjulwe, ngokwembulwa kweziphambeko zenu, kuze kuthi izono zenu zibonakale kuzo zonke izenzo zenu, ngoba likhunjulwe, lizabanjwa ngesandla.

25 Wena-ke, siphathamandla esingcolileyo esikhohlakeleyo sakoIsrayeli, osuku lwaso selufikile, ngesikhathi sobubi bokucina,

26 itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Susa iqhiye, wethule umqhele; lokhu kakuyikuba yikho; phakamisa ophansi, wehlisele phansi ophakemeyo.

27 Ngizakwenza kube lunxiwa, unxiwa, unxiwa; lokhu kungabi kusaba khona, kuze kufike lowo olelungelo, ngimnike khona.

28 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, profetha uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova ngabantwana bakoAmoni, lamayelana lehlazo labo; wothi: Inkemba, inkemba ihwatshiwe, ilolongelwe ukubulala, ukuze iqede, ukuze iphazime.

29 Besakubonela okuyize, besakuvumisela amanga, ukuthi bakubeke ezintanyeni zababuleweyo babakhohlakeleyo, abasuku lwabo selufikile ngesikhathi sesiphambeko sokucina.

30 Buyisela inkemba esikhwameni sayo. Ngizakwahlulela endaweni owadalelwa kuyo, elizweni lomdabuko wakho.

31 Njalo ngizathululela intukuthelo yami phezu kwakho; ngivuthele ngimelene lawe ngomlilo wolaka lwami; ngikunikele esandleni sabantu abalolunya, abayizingcwethi zokuchitha.

32 Uzakuba yikudla komlilo; igazi lakho libe phakathi kwelizwe; kawuyikukhunjulwa; ngoba mina NKOSIngikhulumile.

UHEZEKELI 22

Umuzi wegazi

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

2 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, uzakwehlulela yini, wahlulele umuzi wegazi? Yebo uzawazisa zonke izinengiso zawo.

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3 Ubususithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Umuzi ochitha igazi phakathi kwawo,
ukuze isikhathi sawo sifike, wenze izithombe ezimelene lawo, ukuze uzingcolise.

4 Wena usulecala ngegazi olichithileyo, wazingcolisa ngezithombe zakho
ozenzileyo, wasondeza insuku zakho, usufikile eminyakeni yakho. Ngalokho
ngikwenzile waba lihlazo ezizweni lenhlekisa kuwo wonke amazwe.

5 Abaseduze labakhatshana lawe bazakuhleka usulu, wena ongcolileyo ngebizo,
ogcwele isiphithiphithi.

6 Khangela, iziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli zaziphakathi kwakho, yileso laleso
ngengalo yaso, ukuthi sichithe igazi.

7 Baphathe uyihlo lonyoko ngokweyisa kuwe; benze ngocindezelo
kowemzini phakathi kwakho; bacindezele izintandane lomfelokazi kuwe.

8 Uzidelele izinto zami ezingcwele, wangcolisa amasabatha ami.

9 Abantu abahlebayo babekuwe ukuze bachithe igazi; badla kuwe phezu
kwezintaba; benza amanyala phakathi kwakho.

10 Bembule ubunqunu baboyise phakathi kwakho; bathobise kuwe
owesifazana ongcoliswe yikuba semfuleni.

11 Futhi omunye wenze amanyala lomfazi kamakhelwane wakhe, lomunye
wangcolisa umalokazana wakhe ngokuhlazisayo, lomunye uthobise udadewabo
phakathi kwakho, indodakazi kayise.

12 Phakathi kwakho bemukele izipho ukuze bachithe igazi; uyemukela inzalo
lokwengezelelweyo, uphangile umakhelwane wakho ngocindezelo,
wangikhohlwa, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

13 Khangela-ke ngitshayile isandla sami ngenzuzo yakho embi oyenzileyo,
langegazi lakho ebeliphakathi kwakho.

14 Inhliziyo yakho izakuma yini, kumbe izandla zakho ziqine, ensukwini
engizaphathana lawe kizo? Mina NKOSIngikhulumile, njalo ngizakwenza.

15 Ngikuhlakaze phakathi kwezizwe, ngikusabalalise phakathi kwamazwe,
ngiqede ukungcola kwakho kuwe.

16 Njalo uzangcoliswa phakathi kwakho emehlweni abezizwe; ubususazi ukuthi
ngiyiNKOSI.

17 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

18 Ndodana yomuntu, indlu kaIsrayeli isibengamanyele kimi; bonke balithusi,
lezenge, lensimbi, lomnuso, phakathi kwesithando; bangamanyele esiliva.

19 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba lonke selibengamanyele, ngakho
khangelani, ngizalibuthelela phakathi kweJerusalema.

20 Njengoba bebuthelela isiliva lethusi lensimbi lomnuso lezenge phakathi kwesithando, ukuze bafuthe umlilo phezu kwakho ukukuncibilikisa; ngokunjalo ngizalibuthelela ekuthukutheleni kwami lelakeni lwami, ngilitshiye, ngilincibilikise.

21 Yebo, ngizalibuthelela, ngivuthele phezu kwenu emlilweni wentukuthelo yami, beselincibilikiswa phakathi kwawo.

22 Njengesiliva sincibilikiswa phakathi kwesithando, ngokunjalo lizancibilikiswa phakathi kwaso; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi mina NKOSI ngithulule ulaka lwami phezu kwenu.

23 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

24 Ndodana yomuntu, wothi kiyo: Wena uyilizwe elingahlanjululwanga, lelinganethwanga ngosuku lwentukuthelo.

25 Ugobe lwabaprofethi bayo phakathi kwayo lunjengesilwane esibhongayo esidlithiza impango; bayidlile imiphefumulo, bathatha inotho lezinto eziligugu, benza abafelokazi baba banengi phakathi kwayo.

26 Abapristi bayo baphathe umlayo wami ngodlakela, bangcolisa izinto zami ezingcwele; kabenzanga mehluko phakathi kokungcwele lokungcolileyo; kabazisanga umehluko phakathi kokungcolileyo lokuhlambulukileyo; bafihla amehlo abo kumasabatha ami; ngakho ngangcoliswa phakathi kwabo.

27 Iziphathamandla zayo phakathi kwayo zinjengezimpisi ezidlithiza impango, ukuthi zichithe igazi, zibhubhise imiphefumulo, ukuze zizuze inzuzo embi.

28 Labaprofethi bayo babacombe ngekalaga, bebona okuyize, bebavumisa amanga, besithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova; kanti iNKOSI ingakhulumanga.

29 Abantu belizwe bacindezele ngocindezelo, baphanga impango, bacindezela umyanga loswelayo, bacindezela owezizwe kungelakulunga.

30 Njalo ngadinga umuntu phakathi kwabo ongabiya uthango, ame esikhexeni phambi kwami emele ilizwe ukuze ngingalichithi, kodwa kangimtholanga.

31 Ngakho ngithululele intukuthelo yami phezu kwabo, ngibaqede ngomlilo wolaka lwami; ngehlisele indlela yabo phezu kwekhanda labo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

UHEZEKELI 23

Odade ababili

1Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, kwakulabesifazana ababili, amadodakazi omfazi oyedwa.

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3 Basebesenza ubuwule eGibhithe; benza ubuwule ebutsheni babo; amabele abo
abotozwa khonapho, lengono zobuntombi babo zacindezelwa khonapho.

4 Lamabizo abo ayenguOhola omdala, loOholiba umnawakhe. Njalo babengabami,
bazala amadodana lamadodakazi. Lamabizo abo: UOhola uyiSamariya, loOholiba
uyiJerusalema.

5 UOhola wasesenza ubuwule engaphansi kwami, wakhanuka izithandwa zakhe,
amaAsiriya aseduze,

6 agqoke okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, abalawulimabutho lababusi, bonke
bengamajaha aloyisekayo, abagadi bamabhiza begade amabhiza.

7 Ngokunjalo wanika ubuwule bakhe kubo, bonke belikhethelo labantwana
beAsiriya, lakubo bonke obakhanukayo; wazingcolisa ngazo zonke izithombe
zabo.

8 Futhi kabuyekelanga ubuwule bakhe abuya labo eGibhithe, ngoba ebutsheni
bakhe balala laye, bona-ke bacindezela izingono zobuntombi bakhe, bathululela
ukuphinga kwabo phezu kwakhe.

9 Ngakho ngamnikela esandleni sezithandwa zakhe, esandleni sabantwana
beAsiriya ayebakhanuka.

10 Bona baveza ubunqunu bakhe; bathatha amadodana lamadodakazi akhe,
bambulala ngenkemba; wasesiba libizo phakathi kwabesifazana, lapho benza
isahlulelo phezu kwakhe.

11 Kwathi umnawakhe uOholiba ekubona, wonakala ekukhanukeni kwakhe
kulaye, lebuwuleni bakhe okwedlula ubuwule bukadadewabo.

12 Wakhanuka abantwana beAsiriya, abalawulimabutho lababusi abaseduze,
abagqoke okupheleleyo, abagadi bamabhiza begade amabhiza, bonke
bengamajaha akhanukekayo.

13 Ngasengibona ukuthi ungcolisiwe; bobabili babelendlelanye.

14 Wasesengezelela ebuwuleni bakhe; lapho ebona abesilisa bebazwe
ngokugujwa emdulini, izithombezamaKhaladiya zibazwe ngokugujwa
ngokubomvu,

15 bebhince ibhanti ezinkalweni zabo, belamaqhiye alengayo emakhanda abo,
bonke bekhangeleka beyiziphathamandla, umfanekiso wabantwana
beBhabhiloni, beKhaladiya, ilizwe lokuzalwa kwabo.

16 Wasebakhanuka ekubaboneni ngamehlo akhe, wathuma izithunywa
kubo eKhaladiya.

17 Amadodana eBhabhiloni afika kuye embhedeni wothando, amngcolisa
ngokuphinga kwawo, wasengcoliswa yiwo; khona umphefumulo wakhe
wehlukaniswa lawo.

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18 Wasesembula ubuwule bakhe, wembula ubunqunu bakhe; khona umphefumulo wami wehlukaniswa laye, njengalokhu umphefumulo wami wehlukaniswa lodadewabo.

19 Kodwa wandisa ubuwule bakhe, ngokukhumbula izinsuku zobutsha bakhe afebe ngazo elizweni leGibhithe.

20 Wasekhanuka izithandwa zabo, onyama yazo iyinyama yabobabhemi, lokukhihliza kwazo kuyikukhihliza kwamabhiza.

21 Ngokunjalo wena wakhumbula amanyala obutsha bakho, ekucindezelweni kwengono zakho ngamaGibhithe, ngenxa yamabele obutsha bakho.

22 Ngakho, wena Oholiba, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizavusa izithandwa zakho zimelane lawe, owehlukana lazo umphefumulo wakho, ngizilethe zimelane lawe zivela inhlangothi zonke;

23 abantwana beBhabhiloni, lamaKhaladiya wonke, iPekodi, leShowa, leKowa, labo bonke abantwana beAsiriya kanye labo, bonke bengamajaha akhanukekayo, abalawulimabutho, lababusi, izinduna, labalodumo, bonke begade amabhiza.

24 Njalo bazakuza bemelene lawe belezikhali, izinqola, lamavili, langexuku labantu; bazamisa bemelene lawe ihawu lesihlangu lekhowa inhlangothi zonke; njalo ngizabeka isigwebo phambi kwabo, bakugwebe njengokwezigwebo zabo.

25 Njalo ngizabeka ubukhwele bami bumelane lawe, bakuphathe ngolaka; bazasusa impumulo yakho lendlebe zakho, lensali yakho izakuwa ngenkemba; bona bazathatha amadodana lamadodakazi akho, lensali yakho izadliwa ngumlilo.

26 Futhi bazakuhlubula izigqoko zakho, bathathe iziceciso zakho ezinhle.

27 Ngokunjalo ngizaqeda amanyala akho kuwe, lobuwule bakho owasuka labo elizweni leGibhithe, ukuze ungabe uphakamisela amehlo akho kubo, ungabe usakhumbula iGibhithe.

28 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizakunikela esandleni salabo obazondayo, esandleni salabo umphefumulo wakho owehlukaniswe labo.

29 Njalo bazakuphatha ngenzondo, bathathe wonke umtshikatshika wakho, bakutshiye unqunu uze; lobunqunu bobuwule bakho buzakwembulwa, lamanyala akho lobuwule bakho.

30 Lezizinto zizakwenziwa kuwe, ngoba ulandele abezizweni ngokuwula, langenxa yokuthi wangcoliswa ngezithombe zabo.

31 Uhambile ngendlela kadadewenu; ngakho ngizanikela inkezo yakhe esandleni sakho.

32 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Uzanatha inkezo kadadewenu ezikileyo lebanzi;
uzakuba yinhlekisa lokuklolodelwa; imumethe okunengi.

33 Uzagcwala ukudakwa losizi, inkezo yesesabiso lencithakalo, inkezo
kadadewenu iSamariya.

34 Yebo, uzayinatha, uyibhije, uphahlaze indengezi zayo, utshuphule amabele
akho; ngoba ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

35 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba ungikhohliwe, wangilahlela ngemva
komhlana wakho, ngakho lawe thwala amanyala akho lobuwule bakho.

36 INKOSI yathi futhi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, uzakwahlulela uOhola loOholiba
yini? Yebo, batshele izinengiso zabo.

37 Ngoba bafebile, legazi lisezandleni zabo, njalo bafebile lezithombe zabo, futhi
lamadodana abo, abangizalele wona, bawadabulise emlilweni ukuthi abe yikudla.

38 Babuye benza lokhu kimi: Bangcolise indawo yami engcwele ngalolosuku,
bangcolisa lamasabatha ami.

39 Ngoba sebebulalele izithombe zabo abantwana babo, basebengena ngalona
lolosuku endaweni yami engcwele ukuthi bayingcolise; khangela-ke, benze njalo
phakathi kwendlu yami.

40 Lalokho ukuthi bathumele kumadoda avela khatshana, okwathunywa kiwo
isithunywa, khangela-ke, afika; owawagezelayo, wacomba amehlo akho,
wazicecisa ngeziceciso.

41 Wahlala embhedeni okhazimulayo, letafula lalungiswa phambi kwawo,
owabeka phezu kwalo impepha yamilamafutha ami.

42 Lelizwi lexuku elonwabileyo lalilaye; lakumadoda exuku labantu kwalethwa
amaSabeya avela enkangala, afaka amasongo ezandleni zawo, lomqhele omuhle
emakhanda awo.

43 Ngasengisithi kowesifazana owayeguge ngokufeba: Khathesi bazakwenza
ubuwule laye, yena-ke labo.

44 Basebengena kuye, njengoba besiya kowesifazana oyisifebe; ngokunjalo
bangena kuOhola lakuOholiba, abesifazana abalamanyala.

45 Kodwa amadoda alungileyo wona azabagweba, ngokwendlela yezifebekazi
langendlela yabesifazana abachitha igazi; ngoba bayizifebekazi, njalo igazi
lisezandleni zabo.

46 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngizabenyusela ixuku, ngibanikele babe
yisesabiso njalo babe yimpango.

47 Njalo ixuku lizabakhanda ngamatshe, libaqume ngezinkemba zalo, libulale
amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo, litshise izindlu zabo ngomlilo.

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48 Ngokunjalo ngizakwenza amanyala aphele elizweni, ukuze bonke abesifazana bafundiswe ukuthi bangenzi ngokwamanyala enu.

49 Ngokunjalo bazabeka amanyala enu phezu kwenu, lithwale izono zezithombe zenu. Lizakwazi-ke ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uJehova.

UHEZEKELI 24

Umfanekiso wembiza ebilayo

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi, ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, zibhalele ibizo losuku, lwalona lolusuku; inkosi yeBhabhiloni yazimisa ukumelana leJerusalema ngalona lolusuku.

3 Njalo tshono umfanekiso kuyo indlu evukelayo uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Beka imbiza, ibeke, futhi uthele amanzi kuyo,

4 ubuthele iziqa zayo kiyo, zonke iziqa ezinhle, umlenze lomkhono, uyigcwalise ngekhethelo lamathambo.

5 Thatha ikhethelo lomhlambi, ubuthelele lamathambo ngaphansi kwayo, kwenze kubile kuhle, kuphekwe lamathambo phakathi kwayo.

6 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Maye kuwo umuzi wegazi, imbiza omengulo wayo uphakathi kwayo, lomengulo wayo kawuphumanga kuyo! Khupha isiqa ngesiqa, inkatho kayingaweli kuyo.

7 Ngoba igazi lawo liphakathi kwawo, ulibeke edwaleni elize, kawulithululelanga phezu komhlabathiukuligqibela ngenhlabathi.

8 Ukuze ngivuse intukuthelo, ukuze ngiphindisele impindiselo, ngibekile igazi lawo edwaleni elize, ukuze lingagqitshelwa.

9 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Maye kuwo umuzi wegazi! Lami ngizakwenza ibonda libe likhulu.

10 Yandisa izinkuni, uphembe umlilo, uqede inyama, uxubanise izinongo, lamathambo atshiswe.

11 Ubusuyibeka phezu kwamalahle ayo ingelalutho, ukuze kutshise kuvuthe ithusi layo, lokungcola kwayo kuncibilike phakathi kwayo, kuqedwe umengulo wayo.

12 Izidinisile ngomtshikatshika, lomengulo wayo omnengi kawuphumanga kuyo. Umengulo wayo usemlilweni.

13 Kulamanyala ekungcoleni kwakho; ngoba ngikuhlambulule, kodwa kawuhlambulukanga, kawuyikuhlambuluka ekungcoleni kwakho futhi, ngize ngihlalise ukuthukuthela kwami phezu kwakho.

14 Mina NKOSI ngikhulumile; kuzafika, ngikwenze; kangiyikuyekela, kangiyikuba lesihawu, kangiyikuzisola; njengokwendlela zakho lanjengokwezenzo zakho bazakugweba, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

Ukufa komkaHezekeli

15 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi, lisithi:

16 Ndodana yomuntu, khangela, ngizasusa kuwe isiloyiso samehlo akho ngokutshaya; kodwa ungalili, ungakhali inyembezi, futhi inyembezi zakho zingaveli.

17 Bubula, uthule, ungenzi isililo ngabafileyo, ubophe iqhiye yakho phezu kwakho, ufake amanyathela akho enyaweni zakho, ungambombozi indevu zendebe yakho yangaphezulu, ungadli isinkwa sabantu.

18 Ngasengikhuluma labantu ekuseni, lakusihlwa umkami wafa. Ngasengisenza ekuseni njengokulaywa kwami.

19 Abantu basebesithi kimi: Kawuyikusitshela yini ukuthi lezizinto ziyini kithi, ukuthi wenze nje?

20 Ngasengisithi kubo: Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi lisithi:

21 Tshono kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizangcolisa indawo yami engcwele, udumo lwamandla enu, isiloyiso samehlo enu, lokuzwelwa ngumphefumulo wenu; njalo amadodana enu lamadodakazi enu eliwatshiyileyo azakuwa ngenkemba.

22 Khona lizakwenza njengoba ngenzile; kaliyikumbomboza indevu zendebe yangaphezulu, kaliyikudla isinkwa sabantu.

23 Lamaqhiye enu azakuba phezu kwamakhanda enu, lamanyathela enu ezinyaweni zenu; kaliyikulilakaliyikukhala inyembezi; kodwa lizacikizeka ngenxa yeziphambeko zenu, libubule, omunye komunye.

24 Ngokunjalo uHezekeli uzakuba yisibonakaliso kini; lizakwenza njengakho konke akwenzileyo; lapho sekufika lokhu, lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uJehova.

25 Futhi, wena ndodana yomuntu, kakuyikuba njalo yini ngalolosuku lapho engizasusa kubo inqaba yabo, intokozo yobuhle babo, isiloyiso samehlo abo, lokuphakama komphefumulo wabo, amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo,

26 ngalolosuku kuzafika kuwe ophunyukileyo, ukwenza indlebe zakho zizwe?

27 Ngalolosuku umlomo wakho uzavulekela yena ophunyukileyo; njalo uzakhuluma, ungabe usaba yisimungulu; ngokunjalo uzakuba yisibonakaliso kibo; khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

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Ilizwi leNKOSI ngamaAmoni

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi, lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene labantwana bakoAmoni, uprofethe umelene labo.

3 Uthi kubantwana bakoAmoni: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi uJehova: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba wathi: Aha! ngenxa yendawo yami engcwele, lapho ingcoliswa, langenxa yelizwe lakoIsrayeli, lapho lalichithiwe, langenxa yendlu yakoJuda, lapho baya ekuthunjweni,

4 ngakho, khangela, ngizakunikela ebantwaneni basempumalanga ube yilifa, ukuthi bamise inkamba zabo phakathi kwakho, benze izindawo zabo zokuhlala phakathi kwakho; bona bazakudla izithelo zakho, bona banathe uchago lwakho.

5 Njalo ngizakwenza iRaba ibe yisitebele samakamela, labantwana bakoAmoni babe yindawo yokucambalala yemihlambi. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

6 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba utshayile isandla, watshaya phansi ngonyawo, wathokoza emphefumulweni ngokudelela kwakho konke umelene lelizwe lakoIsrayeli;

7 ngakho, khangela, ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwakho, ngikunikele ube yimpango kwabezizwe, ngikuqume usuke ebantwini, ngizakwenza ubhubhe emazweni, ngikuchithe. Khona uzakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

Ilizwi leNKOSI ngoMowabi

8 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba oMowabi loSeyiri bathi: Khangela, indlu kaJuda injengezizwe zonke;

9 ngakho khangela, ngizavula uhlangothi lukaMowabi kusukela emizini, kusukela emizini yakhe, kusukela emngceleni wakhe, ubuhle belizwe, iBeti-Jeshimothi, iBhali-Meyoni, leKiriyathayimi;

10 njalo ngizayinikela emadodaneni empumalanga kube yilifa ngimelene labantwana bakoAmoni, ukuze abantwana bakoAmoni bangakhunjulwa phakathi kwezizwe.

11 Ngizakwenza izahlulelo laphakathi kukaMowabi; njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

Ilizwi leNKOSI ngeEdoma

12 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba uEdoma enze ngokuphindisela impindiselo emelene lendlu kaJuda, wonile ngokona, waziphindisela phezu kwabo;

13 ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lami ngizakwelula isandla sami phezu kukaEdoma, ngiqume kuye umuntu lenyamazana, ngimenze incithakalo kusukela eThemani, njalo kuze kufike eDedani bazakuwa ngenkemba.

14 Njalo ngizabeka impindiselo yami phezu kukaEdoma ngesandla sabantu bami uIsrayeli, benze kuEdoma njengokwentukuthelo yami lanjengokolaka lwami; khona bezakwazi impindiselo yami, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

Ilizwi leNkosi ngamaFilisti

15 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba amaFilisti enze ngempindiselo, aphindisela impindiselo ngokudelela emphefumulweni, ukuthi achithe ngenzondo yaphakade;

16 ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwamaFilisti, ngiqumeamaKerethi, ngibhubhise insali yokhumbi lolwandle.

17 Ngenze izimpindiselo ezinkulu phezu kwabo ngokukhuza kwentukuthelo; khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, lapho ngibeka impindiselo yami phezu kwabo.

UHEZEKELI 26

Ilizwi leNkosi ngeTire

1Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi, lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, ngenxa yokuthi iTire itshilo ngeJerusalema isithi: Aha! yephukile ebingamasango abantu; isiphendukele kimi; ngizagcwaliswa, ichithekile.

3 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane lawe, wena Tire, ngenze izizwe ezinengi zenyuke zimelane lawe, njengolwandle lusenza amagagasi alo enyuke.

4 Njalo zizachitha imiduli yeTire, zibhidlizele phansi imiphotshongo yayo; ngiphale inhlabathi yayo kuyo, ngiyenze ibe lidwala elize.

5 Izakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule, phakathi kolwandle; ngoba mina ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi uJehova; njalo izakuba yimpango yezizwe.

6 Lamadodakazi ayo asensimini azabulawa ngenkemba. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

7 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizaletha phezu kweTire uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, inkosi yamakhosi, evela enyakatho, elamabhiza, lezinqola, labagadi bamabhiza, lamaxuku, labantu abanengi.

8 Uzabulala ngenkemba amadodakazi akho ensimini, enze umduli wokuvimbezela emelene lawe, abuthelele idundulu emelene lawe, aphakamise isihlangu esikhulu simelene lawe.

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9 Uzamisa imigqala yokudiliza imelane lemiduli yakho, adilizele phansi imiphotshongo yakho ngezinkemba zakhe.

10 Ngenxa yobunengi bamabhiza akhe uthuli lwawo luzakusibekela; imiduli yakho izanyikinywa ngumsindo wabagadi bamabhiza lamavili lezinqola, nxa ezangena emasangweni akho, njengokungena emzini ofohlelwayo.

11 Ngamasondo amabhiza akhe uzanyathela zonke izitalada zakho; uzabulala abantu bakho ngenkemba, lensika zakho eziqinileyo ziwele emhlabathini.

12 Njalo bazaphanga inotho yakho, bathumbe impahla yakho ethengiswayo, badilizele phansi imiduli yakho, babhidlize izindlu zakho eziloyisekayo, bafake amatshe akho lezigodo zakho lothuli lwakho phakathi kwamanzi.

13 Ngizakwenza kuphele umsindo wengoma zakho, lelizwi lamachacho akho kalisayikuzwakala.

14 Njalo ngizakwenza ube lidwala elize; uzakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule, kawusayikwakhiwa; ngoba mina NKOSI ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

15 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kuyo iTire: Izihlenge kaziyikunyikinyeka yini ngomdumo wokuwa kwakho, lapho abalimeleyo bebubula, lapho kubulawa okubulawayo phakathi kwakho?

16 Khona zonke iziphathamandla zolwandle zizakwehla ezihlalweni zazo zobukhosi, zikhulule izigqoko zazo, zikhuphe izembatho zazo ezifekethisiweyo; zizembathise ukuthuthumela, zihlale emhlabathini, zithuthumelengaso sonke isikhathi, zimangale kakhulu ngawe.

17 Zizakuphakamisela isililo, zithi kuwe: Uchithwe njani ezinlwandle wena owawuhlalwa, umuzi olodumo, owawulamandla olwandle, wona labahlali bawo, abamisa ukwesabeka kwabo kuye wonke umhlali wawo!

18 Khathesi izihlenge zizathuthumela ngosuku lokuwa kwakho, yebo, izihlenge eziselwandle zizakhathazeka ngokuphuma kwakho.

19 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lapho ngizakwenza ube ngumuzi olunxiwa, njengemizi engahlalwayo; lapho ngizakwenyusa ukujula phezu kwakho, lamanzi amanengi akusibekele;

20 khona ngizakwehlisela phansi lalabo abehlela emgodini, ebantwini basendulo, ngikuhlalise ezindaweni eziphansi zomhlaba, emanxiweni asendulo, lalabo abehlela emgodini, ukuze ungahlalwa; njalo ngizabeka udumo elizweni labaphilayo.

21 Ngizakwenza ube ngokwesabekayo okukhulu, ungasabikho; lanxa udingwa, ungatholakali futhi kuze kube nininini, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

UHEZEKELI 22

Isililo ngeTire

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

2 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, phakamisa isililo ngeTire,

3 uthi kiyo iTire, ehlezi ngasekungeneni kolwandle, ethengiselana labantu ezihlengeni ezinengi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Tire, wena uthi: Ngiphelele ngobuhle.

4 Imingcele yakho isenhliziyweni yezinlwandle; abakhi bakho baphelelise ubuhle bakho.

5 Benzile wonke amapulanka akho ngezihlahla zefiri eSeniri; bathatha imisedari eLebhanoni ukukwenzela insika yomkolo.

6 Ngama-okhi eBashani benza amaphini akho okugwedla; indodakazi yamaAsiriya yenze amabhodi akho ngempondo zendlovu ezivela ezihlengeni zeKhithimi.

7 Ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu elifekethisiweyo elivela eGibhithe laba yiseyili yakho ukuba yisiboniso sakho; okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende okuvela ezihlengeni zeElisha kwaba yisimbombozo sakho.

8 Abakhileyo beSidoni leArvadi babengabagwedli bakho; izihlakaniphi zakho, wena Tire, ezazikuwe zingabatshayeli bakho bomkhumbi.

9 Abadala beGebali lezihlakaniphi zayo baba kuwe, bengabalungisi bezikhala zakho; yonke imikhumbi yolwandle labatshayeli bayo yaba kuwe ukuthi bathengiselane ngempahla yakho yokuthengiselana.

10 AmaPerisiya lamaLudi lamaPuti asebuthweni lakho, amadoda akho empi; aphanyeka isihlangu lekhowa kuwe; wona aveza ubuhle bakho.

11 Amadodana eArvadi lebutho lakho ayephezu kwemiduli yakho inhlangothi zonke, lamaGamadi ayesemiphotshongweni yakho; aphanyeka izihlangu zawo phezu kwemiduli yakho inhlangothi zonke; wona aphelelisa ubuhle bakho.

12 ITarshishi yathengiselana lawe ngenxa yobunengi benotho yonke; benana impahla zakho ngesiliva, insimbi, izenge, lomnuso.

13 IJavani, iThubhali, leMesheki babengabathengiselani bakho, benana impahla yakho ngabantu boqobo lezitsha zethusi.

14 Abendlu kaTogarima benana impahla zakho ngamabhiza labagadi bamabhiza lezimbongolo.

15 Amadodana eDedani ayengabathengiselani bakho; izihlenge ezinengi zazingezokuthengiselana zesandla sakho; abuyisela kuwe izimpondo zezindlovu le-eboni kube yisipho.

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16 ISiriya yayingumthengiselani wakho ngenxa yokwanda kwemisebenzi yakho;
benana impahla zakho ngama-emeraldi, okuyibubende, lokufekethisiweyo,
lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lekorali le-agate.

17 UJuda lelizwe lakoIsrayeli babengabathengiselani bakho, benana impahla
yakho ngengqoloyi yeMinithi, lePanagi, loluju, lamafutha, lenhlaka.

18 IDamaseko yayingumthengiselani wakho ngobunengi bemisebenzi yakho,
ngenxa yobunengi benotho yonke; ngewayini leHeliboni loboya bezimvu
obumhlophe.

19 Njalo iDani leJavani yayihamba isiya le lale yazinikela empahleni zakho;
insimbi ekhandiweyo, ikhasiya,lekalamu kwakuyimpahla yakho
yokuthengiselana.

20 IDedani yayingumthengiselani wakho ngamalembu aligugu ezinqola.

21 IArabhiya lazo zonke iziphathamandla zeKedari babengabathengiselani
besandla sakho, ngamawundlu lezinqama lezimbuzi, ngalezi babethengiselana
lawe.

22 Abathengiselani beShebha leRahama babengabathengiselani bakho, benana
impahla zakho ngenhloko yawo wonke amakha, langamatshe wonke aligugu,
legolide.

23 IHarani leKane leEdeni, abathengiselani beSheba, iAshuri, iKilimadi,
babengabathengiselani bakho.

24 Laba babengabathengiselani bakho ngezinto eziphelelelyo, ngezigqoko
eziluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokufekethisiweyo, langamabhokisi omsedari
elembu elifekethisiweyo, abotshwe aqiniswa ngezintambo, phakathi
kokuthengiswayo kwakho.

25 Imikhumbi yeThashishi yayihlabelela ngawe ngenxa yempahla yakho
yokuthengiselana; njalo wagcwaliswa, wadunyiswa kakhulu enhliziyweni
yezinlwandle.

26 Abagwedli bakho bakusa emanzini amanengi; umoya wempumalanga
usukwephulele enhliziyweni yezinlwandle.

27 Inotho yakho, lempahla zakho, impahla yakho yokuthengiselana, abemikhumbi
bakho, labatshayeli bakho, abalungisi bezikhala zakho, labathengisi bempahla
yakho, lawo wonke amadoda akho empi akuwe, kanye lalo lonke ixuku lakho
eliphakathi kwakho, kuzawela enhliziyweni yezinlwandle ngosuku lokuwa
kwakho.

28 Ngelizwi lokukhala kwabatshayeli bakho bomkhumbi amadlelo azamazama.

29 Njalo bonke abaphatha isigwedlo, abemikhumbi, bonke abatshayeli bolwandle,
bazakwehla emikhunjini yabo, beme emhlabathini.

30 Bazwakalise ilizwi labo bemelene lawe, bakhale ngokubaba, baphosele uthuli phezu kwamakhanda abo, bazigiqe emlotheni,

31 bazenze ompabanga ngokupheleleyo ngenxa yakho, bazibhince ngamasaka, bakukhalele inyembezingokubaba komphefumulo lesililo esibabayo.

32 Lekulileni kwabo bazaphakamisa isililo ngawe, bakulilele bathi: Ngubani onjengeTire, njengokuchithekileyo phakathi kolwandle?

33 Ekuphumeni kwezimpahla zakho zokuthengiselana ezinlwandle wasuthisa abantu abanengi; ngobunengi benotho yakho lempahla zakho wanothisa amakhosi omhlaba.

34 Ngesikhathi okwephulwa ngaso ezinlwandle ezinzikini zamanzi, kwawa impahla yakho yokuthengiselanalexuku lakho lonke eliphakathi kwakho.

35 Bonke abakhileyo bezihlenge bazamangala ngawe, lamakhosi abo akwesabe kakhulu, ubuso babo bunyukumale.

36 Abathengiselani phakathi kwabantu bayakuncifela; usuyisesabiso; kawusayikuba khona kuze kube nininini.

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Ilizwi leNkosi ngenkosi yeTire

1 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi futhi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, tshono kusiphathamandla seTire: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba inhliziyo yakho iziphakamisile, njalo utshilo ukuthi: Mina nginguNkulunkulu, ngihlezi esihlalweni sikaNkulunkuluenhliziyweni yezinlwandle; kanti wena ungumuntu, hatshi-ke uNkulunkulu, lanxa umisa inhliziyo yakho njengenhliziyo kaNkulunkulu.

3 Khangela, uhlakaniphile kuloDaniyeli; kakulamfihlo abangayifihla kuwe.

4 Ngenhlakanipho yakho langokuqedisisa kwakho uzenzele inotho, wabuthela igolide lesiliva kokuligugu kwakho.

5 Ngobukhulu benhlakanipho yakho ekuthengiselaneni kwakho wandisile inotho yakho; lenhliziyo yakho iphakeme ngenxa yenotho yakho.

6 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba usumise inhliziyo yakho njengenhliziyo kaNkulunkulu,

7 ngakho, khangela, ngizaletha abezizwe phezu kwakho, abesabekayo bezizwe; abazahwatsha izinkemba zabobemelene lobuhle benhlakanipho yakho, bangcolise inkazimulo yakho.

8 Bazakwehlisela phansi egodini, ufe izimfa zalabo ababulawelwa enhliziyweni yezinlwandle.

9 Usezakutsho yini phambi kwabakubulalayo: NginguNkulunkulu? kanti ungumuntu, hatshi-ke uNkulunkulu, esandleni salowo okugwazayo.

10 Uzakufa izimfa zongasokanga ngesandla sabezizwe; ngoba mina ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

Isililo ngenkosi yeTire

11 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

12 Ndodana yomuntu, phakamisa isililo ngenkosi yeTire, uthi kiyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Wena uphawule okupheleleyo, ugcwele inhlakanipho, uphelele ngobuhle.

13 WawuseEdeni, isivande sikaNkulunkulu; lonke ilitshe eliligugu laliyisimbombozo sakho, isardiyusi,itopazi, lendayimana, ibherule, i-onikse, lejaspi, isafire, i-emeraldi, lerubi, legolide; umsebenziwezigujana zakho lemihlanga yakho wawukuwe; ngosuku owadalwa ngalo walungiswa.

14 Wena ulikherubhi eligcotshiweyo elisibekelayo, njalo ngikumisile; wawuphezu kwentaba engcwele kaNkulunkulu; wahamba usiya le lale phakathi kwamatshe omlilo.

15 Wawuphelele ezindleleni zakho kusukela osukwini owadalwa ngalo kwaze kwatholakala ububi kuwe.

16 Ngobunengi bokuthengiselana kwakho sebegcwalise ingaphakathi yakho ngodlakela, wasusona. Ngakho ngizakulahla njengongcolisiweyo usuke entabeni kaNkulunkulu, ngikuchithe, wena kherubhi elisibekelayo, usuke phakathi kwamatshe umlilo.

17 Inhliziyo yakho yaziphakamisa ngenxa yobuhle bakho; wonakalise inhlakanipho yakho ngenxa yenkazimulo yakho. Ngizakuphosela emhlabathini; ngizakumisa phambi kwamakhosi ukuze akubone.

18 Ngobunengi beziphambeko zakho, ngobubi bokuthengiselana kwakho, ungcolise indawo zakho ezingcwele; ngakho ngizakhupha umlilo ngaphakathi kwakho, wona uzakuqeda, ngikwenze ube ngumlotha emhlabathini emehlweni abo bonke abakubonayo.

19 Bonke abakwaziyo phakathi kwezizwe bazamangala kakhulu ngawe; uzakuba yizesabiso, kawusayikuba khona kuze kube nininini.

Ilizwi leNKOSI ngeSidoni

20 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi, lisithi:

21 Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene leSidoni, uprofethe ngayo,

22 uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelene lawe, wena Sidoni, ngizadunyiswa phakathi kwakho. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI lapho sengenze izahlulelo phakathi kwayo, ngangcweliswa kiyo.

23 Ngoba ngizathumela umatshayabhuqe wesifo kiyo, legazi ezitaladeni zayo; labalimeleyo bazakuwa phakathi kwayo ngenkemba phezu kwayo inhlangothi zonke. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

24 Njalo kakusayikuba khona kuyo indlu yakoIsrayeli ukhula oluhlabayo kumbe ameva azwisa ubuhlungu kuvela kubo bonke ababahanqileyo ababadelelayo. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uJehova.

25 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Nxa sengibuthe indlu kaIsrayeli ivela ezizweni abahlakazwe kizo, ngangcweliswa kibo emehlweni ezizwe, kulapho bezahlala elizweni labo engalinika inceku yami uJakobe.

26 Njalo bazahlala kilo belondolozekile, bakhe izindlu, bahlanyele izivini; yebo, bazahlala belondolozekile nxa sengenze izahlulelo phezu kwabo bonke ababadelelayo inhlangothi zonke. Ng'khona bezakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo.

UHEZEKELI 29

Ilizwi leNKOSI ngeGibhithe

1Ngomnyaka wetshumi, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngolwetshumi lambili lwenyanga, ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi, lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene loFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, uprofethe umelene laye, njalo umelene layo yonke iGibhithe.

3 Khuluma uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane lawe, Faro, nkosi yeGibhithe, umgobho omkhulu olele phakathi kwemifula yawo, othi: Umfula wami ngowami, ngazenzela wona.

4 Kodwa ngizafaka izingwegwe emihlathini yakho, ngenze inhlanzi zemifula yakho zinamathele emaxolweni akho, ngikukhuphule phakathi kwemifula yakho, lazo zonke inhlanzi zemifula yakho zizanamathela emaxolweni akho.

5 Njalo ngizakutshiya enkangala, wena lazo zonke inhlanzi zemifula yakho; uzawela ebusweni beganga; kawuyikuhlanganiswa, kawuyikubuthwa; ngizakunikela ube yikudla kuzo izilo zeganga lenyoni zamazulu.

6 Labo bonke abahlali beGibhithe bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, ngoba bebeludondolo lomhlanga kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli.

7 Lapho bekubamba ngesandla, wephula wadabula lonke ihlombe labo; lalapho beseyama kuwe, wephuka, wenza zonke inkalo zabo zama.

8 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizaletha inkemba phezu kwakho, ngiqume kusuke kuwe umuntu lenyamazana.

9 Lelizwe leGibhithe lizakuba yincithakalo lenkangala. Khona bezakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI. Ngoba uthe: Umfula ngowami, mina-ke ngiwenzile.

10 Ngakho, khangela, ngimelene lawe, ngimelene lemifula yakho; ngenze ilizwe leGibhithe libe yizincithakalo isibili lenkangala, kusukela emphotshongweni kusiya eSevene kuze kube semngceleni weEthiyophiya.

11 Kakulanyawo lomuntu oluzadlula kilo, kakulanyawo lwenyamazana oluzadlula kilo; futhi kaliyikuhlalwaokweminyaka engamatshumi amane.

12 Ngoba ngizakwenza ilizwe leGibhithe libe yincithakalo phakathi kwamazwe wonke achithekileyo; lemizi yalo phakathi kwemizi engamanxiwa izakuba yincithakalo okweminyaka engamatshumi amane; njalo ngizahlakaza amaGibhithe phakathi kwezizwe, ngiwasabalalise emazweni.

13 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amane ngizabutha amaGibhithe ebantwini abahlakazekele khona.

14 Njalo ngizabuyisela abathunjwa beGibhithe, ngibenze babuyele elizweni lePatrosi, elizweni lokuzalwa kwabo; lapho-ke bazakuba ngumbuso ophansi.

15 Lizakuba phansi kulayo imibuso, futhi kalisayikuziphakamisa phezu kwezizwe; ngoba ngizabanciphisa ukuze bangabuyi babuse phezu kwezizwe.

16 Njalo kalisayikuba lithemba kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli, eletha ukukhunjulwa kwesiphambeko, lapho bephenduka ukulandela bona. Kodwa bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uJehova.

17 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa, ngenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi, lisithi:

18 Ndodana yomuntu, uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni wenza ibutho lakhe lakhonza inkonzo enkululimelene leTire; lonke ikhanda laphucwa, lalo lonke ihlombe lasutshulwa; kanti yena kalamvuzo, lebutho lakhe, ngenxa yeTire, ngenxa yenkonzo ayikhonza emelene layo.

19 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizanikela ilizwe leGibhithe kuNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni; njalo uzathatha ixuku layo, athumbe ukuthunjwa kwayo, aphange impango yayo; njalo kuzakuba liholo lebutho lakhe.

20 Ngimnike ilizwe leGibhithe kube ngumvuzo akhonza ngawo kulo, ngoba bangisebenzela, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

21 Ngalolosuku ngizakwenza uphondo lwendlu kaIsrayeli lukhahlele, ngikunike ukukhamisa komlomo phakathi kwabo. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

UHEZEKELI 30

Ukuchitheka kweGibhithe

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi, lisithi:

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2 Ndodana yomuntu, profetha uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Qhinqani isililo:
Maye ngalolosuku!

3 Ngoba usuku luseduze, ngitsho usuku lweNKOSI luseduze, usuku olulamayezi;
kuzakuba yisikhathi sezizwe.

4 Lenkemba izafika eGibhithe, losizi luzakuba seEthiyophiya, lapho ababuleweyo
bezakuwa eGibhithe; ngoba bazasusa ixuku layo, lezisekelo zayo zidilizelwe
phansi.

5 IEthiyophiya, lePuti, leLudi, labo bonke abantu abahlanganisiweyo, leKhubi,
labantwana belizwe lesivumelwano, bazakuwa ngenkemba kanye labo.

6 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Yebo, abasekela iGibhithe bazakuwa, lokuzigqaja kwamandla
ayo kuzakwehla; kusukela eMigidoli kuze kube seSevene bazakuwa kuyo
ngenkemba, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

7 Njalo bazachitheka phakathi kwamazwe achithekileyo; lemizi yayo izakuba
phakathi kwemizi engamanxiwa.

8 Khona bezakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, sengibeke umlilo eGibhithe, lapho bonke
abasizi bayo sebephuliwe.

9 Ngalolosuku izithunywa zizaphuma phambi kwami
ngemikhumbi ukuyakwethusa amaEthiyophiya onwabileyo, losizi luzakuba
phakathi kwabo osukwini lweGibhithe, ngoba, khangela, luyeza.

10 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Yebo, ngizaqeda ixuku leGibhithe ngesandla
sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni.

11 Yena, labantu bakhe kanye laye, abesabekayo bezizwe, bazalethwa
ukuzachitha ilizwe; njalo bazahwatsha izinkemba zabo bemelene leGibhithe,
bagcwalise ilizwe ngababuleweyo.

12 Njalo ngizakwenza imifula itshe, ngithengise ilizwe esandleni
sabakhohlakeleyo, ngilichithe ilizwelokugcwala kwalo ngesandla sabezizwe;
mina NKOSI ngikhulumile.

13 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngizabhubhisa lezithombe, ngiqede
izifanekiso eNofi; njalo kakusayikuba khona isiphathamandla esivela elizweni
leGibhithe; njalo ngizaletha ukwesaba elizweni leGibhithe.

14 Ngenze iPatrosi ibe lunxiwa, ngibeke umlilo eZowani, ngenze izahlulelo eNo.

15 Ngithulule ulaka lwami phezu kweSini, amandla eGibhithe; ngiqume
ixuku leNo.

16 Ngibeke umlilo eGibhithe; iSini izakuba lobuhlungu obukhulu; leNo
izadatshulwa phakathi; leNofiizakhathazeka nsuku zonke.

17 Amajaha eAvene lePhibhesethi azakuwa ngenkemba, lale imizi izakuya ekuthunjweni.

18 Njalo eThahaphanesi imini izakuba mnyama, lapho ngizakwephula khona amajogwe eGibhithe, lokuzikhukhumeza kwamandla ayo kuzaphela kiyo. Yona, iyezi lizayisibekela, lamadodakazi ayo azakuya ekuthunjweni.

19 Ngokunjalo ngizakwenza izahlulelo eGibhithe. Khona bezakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

20 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngenyanga yokuqala, ngolwesikhombisa lwenyanga, ilizwi leNKOSIlafika kimi, lisithi:

21 Ndodana yomuntu, ngiyephule ingalo kaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe; khangela-ke kayibotshwanga ukuthi kunikwe ukuphola, ukuthi kufakwe uhlaka lokuyibopha, ukuyiqinisela ukubamba inkemba.

22 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelene loFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, njalo ngizakwephula ingalo zakhe, elamandla, laleyo eyephukileyo, ngenze inkemba iwe esandleni sakhe.

23 Ngihlakazele amaGibhithe phakathi kwezizwe, ngiwasabalalisele emazweni.

24 Ngiqinise ingalo zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, ngibeke inkemba yami esandleni sayo; kodwa ngizakwephula izingalo zikaFaro, abubule phambi kwayo ngokububula kogwaziweyo.

25 Kodwa ngizaqinisa ingalo zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, lengalo zikaFaro zizawela phansi; njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, sengifake inkemba yami esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni, isiyelule phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe.

26 Njalo ngizahlakaza amaGibhithe phakathi kwezizwe, ngiwasabalalisele emazweni. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

UHEZEKELI 31

IGibhithe ifanana lesihlahla somkusu

1Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngenyanga yesithathu, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi leNKOSIlafika kimi, lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, tshono kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe lexukwini lakhe: Ufanana lobani ebukhulwini bakho?

3 Khangela, iAsiriya yayingumsedari eLebhanoni, omuhle ngengatsha, njengegusu elilomthunzi, njalo umude ngokuphakama, lesihloko sawo sasiphakathi kwengatsha eziqatha.

4 Amanzi awukhulisa, inziki yawuphakamisa, imifula yawo yageleza yazingelezela indawo ohlanyelwe kiyo, wakhuphela izifudlana zawo kuzo zonke izihlahla zeganga.

5 Ngakho-ke ubude bawo baphakama bedlula zonke izihlahla zeganga, lengatsha zawo zanda, lamahlumela awo aba made, ngenxa yamanzi amanengi, lapho uwaphumisa.

6 Lazo zonke izinyoni zamazulu zakha izidleke zazo ezingatsheni zawo, lenyamazana zonke zeganga zazalela ngaphansi kwengatsha zawo, langaphansi komthunzi wawo kwahlala izizwe zonke ezinkulu.

7 Ngokunjalo wawumuhle ebukhulwini bawo, ebudeni bengatsha zawo; ngoba impande yawo yayingasemanzini amanengi.

8 Imisedari esivandeni sikaNkulunkulu yayingewufiphaze; izihlahla zamafiri zazingafanani lengatsha zawo; lezingelamaxolo zazingafanani lamahlumela awo; futhi kwakungekho sihlahla esivandeni sikaNkulunkulu esinjengawo ebuhleni bawo.

9 Ngawenza waba muhle ngobunengi bezingatsha zawo, kwaze kwathi zonke izihlahla zeEdeni, ezazisesivandeni sikaNkulunkulu, zaba lomhawu ngawo.

10 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngenxa yokuthi uziphakamisile ngobude, uthutshise isihloko sawongaphakathi kwezingatsha eziqatha, lenhliziyo yawo yaziphakamisa ngobude bawo;

11 ngakho ngizawunikela esandleni solamandla wezizweni; uzakwenza lokwenza lawo; ngiwuxotshile ngenxa yenkohlakalo yawo.

12 Njalo abemzini, abesabekayo bezizwe, bawuqumile bawutshiya; lengatsha zawo ziwele ezintabeni lakuzo zonke izihotsha; lamahlumela akhe ephulwe kuyo yonke imifula yelizwe; labo bonke abantu bomhlaba behlile basuka emthunzini wawo, bawutshiya.

13 Zonke inyoni zamazulu zizahlala phezu kwencithakalo yawo, lazo zonke inyamazana zeganga zizakuba phezu kwengatsha zawo.

14 Ukuze kungabi khona kuzo zonke izihlahla ngasemanzini eziziphakamisayo ngenxa yobude bazo, futhi zingafuqi isihloko sazo ngaphakathi kwezingatsha eziqatha, futhi zingemi ngokwazo ngobude bazo, zonke ezinatha amanzi; ngoba zonke zinikelwe ekufeni endaweni engaphansi yomhlaba, phakathi kwabantwana babantu, kulabo abehlela egodini.

15 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Mhla usehlela engcwabeni ngenza isililo, ngasibekela inziki ngenxa yawo, ngavimba izifula zayo, lamanzi amanengi amiswa; ngenza iLebhanoni ibe mnyama ngenxa yawo, lezihlahla zonke zeganga zabuna ngenxa yawo.

16 Ngenza izizwe zithuthumele ngomdumo wokuwa kwawo, lapho ngiwehlisela esihogweni lalabo abehlela egodini; lazo zonke izihlahla zeEdeni, ikhethelo lokuhle kweLebhanoni, zonke ezinatha amanzi, zaziduduzaendaweni engaphansi yomhlaba.

17 Lazo zehlela esihogweni kanye lawo, kulabo ababebulewe ngenkemba; lababeyingalo yawo ababehlala ngaphansi komthunzi wawo phakathi kwezizwe.

18 Ufanana lobani ngokunjalo ngodumo langobukhulu phakathi kwezihlahla zeEdeni? Kanti uzakwehliselwa kanye lezihlahla zeEdeni endaweni engaphansi yomhlaba, ulale phakathi kwabangasokanga, kanye labo ababulewe ngenkemba. Lo nguFaro lexuku lakhe lonke, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

UHEZEKELI 32

UFaro ufanana lengwenya

1Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili, ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, phakamisa isililo ngoFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, uthi kuye: Ufanana lebhongo lesilwane lezizwe, futhi wena ufanana lomgobho phakathi kwezinlwandle, waphutsha emifuleni yakho, wadunga amanzi ngenyawo zakho, wangcolisa imifula yazo.

3 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngakho ngizakwendlala imbule lami phezu kwakho ngexuku labantu abanengi, bakukhuphule ngembule lami.

4 Besengikutshiya emhlabathini, ngikujikijele egcekeni, ngenze zonke inyoni zamazulu zihlale phezu kwakho, ngisuthise izilo zawo wonke umhlaba ngawe.

5 Ngizabeka inyama yakho phezu kwezintaba, ngigcwalise izihotsha ngobude bakho.

6 Ngizathelela ilizwe ngokuntshaza kwegazi lakho kuze kube sezintabeni; lezifula zizagcwala ngawe.

7 Lalapho ngikucitsha ngizasibekela amazulu, ngenze inkanyezi zawo zibe mnyama; ngizasibekela ilanga ngeyezi, lenyanga kayiyikukhanyisa ngokukhanya kwayo.

8 Zonke izibane ezikhanyisayo emazulwini ngizazenza zibe mnyama phezu kwakho, ngibeke ubumnyama phezu kwelizwe lakho, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

9 Njalo ngizakhathaza inhliziyo zabantu abanengi, nxa ngizaletha incithakalo yakho phakathi kwezizwe emazweni ongawaziyo.

10 Yebo, ngizakwenza abantu abanengi bamangale kakhulu ngawe, lamakhosi abo azahlasimuka umzimba kakhulu ngawe, lapho ngiphazimisa inkemba yami phambi kwabo; njalo bazathuthumela isikhathi sonke, ngulowo lalowo ngempilo yakhe, ngosuku lokuwa kwakho.

11 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Inkemba yenkosi yeBhabhiloni izakwehlela.

12 Ngezinkemba zamaqhawe ngizakwenza ixuku lakho liwe, abesabekayo bezizwe, bonke; njalo azachitha ukuziphakamisa kweGibhithe, lexuku layo lonke lizabhujiswa.

13 Njalo ngizabhubhisa zonke izinyamazana zayo ngasemanzini amanengi; lonyawo lomuntukalusayikuwadunga, lamasondo ezinyamazana kawayikuwadunga.

14 Besengisenza amanzi abo atshone, ngenze imifula yabo igeleze njengamafutha, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

15 Mhla ngizakwenza ilizwe leGibhithe libe yincithakalo, lelizwe liphundlwe ukugcwala kwalo, lapho ngitshaya bonke abahlala kilo, khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

16 Lesi yisililiselo abazasililisela; amadodakazi ezizwe azasililisela; bazasililisela, ngeGibhithe, langexuku layo lonke, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

17 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili, ngolwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga, ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi lisithi:

18 Ndodana yomuntu, khala ngenxa yexuku leGibhithe, ubehlisele, yona lamadodakazi ezizwe ezidumileyo, ezindaweni ezingaphansi zomhlaba, kanye labo abehlela emgodini.

19 Wedlula bani ngokuthandeka? Yehla, ulaliswe labangasokanga.

20 Bazawela phakathi kwababulewe ngenkemba. Inikelwe enkembeni; ihuduleni kanye lamaxuku ayo wonke.

21 Abalamandla bamaqhawe bazakhuluma laye bephakathi kwesihogo, kanye labayisizayo; behlele phansi, balele abangasokanga, babulewe ngenkemba.

22 IAsiriya ilapho lexuku layo lonke; amangcwaba ayo asenhlangothini zayo zonke, bonke bebulewe, bewile ngenkemba.

23 Omangcwaba ayo enziwe emaceleni egodi, lexuku layo lihanqe ingcwaba layo, bonke bebulewe, bewile ngenkemba, ababenika isesabiso elizweni labaphilayo.

24 Ikhona lapho iElamu lexuku layo lonke inhlangothi zonke zengcwaba layo, bonke bebulewe, abawileyo ngenkemba, abehle bengasokanga baya ezindaweni ezingaphansi zomhlaba, abanika isethuso sabo elizweni labaphilayo; kanti bethwele ihlazo labo kanye labo abehlela egodini.

25 Bayenzele umbheda phakathi kwababuleweyo kanye lexuku layo lonke; amangcwaba ayo ayihanqile; bonke bengasokanga, bebulewe ngenkemba; ngoba isethuso sabo sanikelwa elizweni labaphilayo, kanti bathwala ihlazo labo kanye labo abehlela egodini; ibekwa phakathi kwababuleweyo.

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26 Kukhona lapho iMesheki leThubhali, kanye lexuku layo lonke; amangcwaba ayo ayihanqile; bonke bengasokanga, bebulewe ngenkemba; ngoba banikile isethuso sabo elizweni labaphilayo.

27 Kodwa kabayikulala lamaqhawe awileyo angawabangasokanga, ehlela esihogweni lezikhali zawo zempi, abeka inkemba zawo ngaphansi kwamakhanda awo; kodwa ububi bawo buzakuba phezu kwamathambo awo; ngoba isethuso samaqhawe sasiselizweni labaphilayo.

28 Wena-ke uzakwephulwa phakathi kwabangasokanga, ulale lababulewe ngenkemba.

29 Kukhona lapho iEdoma, amakhosi ayo lazo zonke iziphathamandla zayo, abalaliswe lababulewe ngenkemba, kanye lamandla abo; bona bazalala labangasokanga, labehlela egodini.

30 Kukhona lapho iziphathamandla zenyakatho, zonke zazo, lawo wonke amaSidoni, asehle lababuleweyo; kusesabiso sabo balenhloni ngenxa yobuqhawe bawo; njalo balele bengasokanga kanye lababuleweyo ngenkemba, bethwele ihlazo labo kanye labo abehlela egodini.

31 UFaro uzababona, aduduzeke ngenxa yexuku lakhe lonke, uFaro lebutho lakhe lonke, ababulewe ngenkemba, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

32 Ngoba ngibekile isethuso sami elizweni labaphilayo; ngakho uzalaliswa phakathi kwabangasokanga kanye lababulewe ngenkemba, uFaro lexuku lakhe lonke, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

UHEZEKELI 33

Umprofethi ngumlindi koIsrayeli

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi, lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, khuluma kubantwana babantu bakho, uthi kubo: Ilizwe, lapho ngiletha inkemba phezu kwalo, labantu belizwe bathathe umuntu emingceleni yakibo, bambeke abe ngumlindi wabo,

3 lapho ebona inkemba isiza phezu kwelizwe, avuthele uphondo, axwayise abantu,

4 kuzakuthi loba ngubani ozwa umsindo wophondo, kodwa angaxwayi, lapho inkemba ifika, imsuse, igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe.

5 Uzwile ukukhala kophondo, kodwa angaxwayi; igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwakhe. Kodwa oxwayayo uzawophula umphefumulo wakhe.

6 Kodwa nxa umlindi ebona inkemba isiza, angavutheli uphondo, abantu bengaxwayiswa, aluba inkemba ifika, isuse umuntu phakathi kwabo, yena ususwa esesonweni sakhe, kodwa igazi lakhe ngizalibiza esandleni somlindi.

7 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, ngikubeke waba ngumlindi endlini kaIsrayeli;
ngakho uzakuzwa ilizwi elivela emlonyeni wami, ubaxwayise ngokuvela kimi.

8 Uba ngisithi komubi: Mubi, uzakufa lokufa; uba wena ungakhulumi ukuxwayisa
omubi atshiye indlela yakhe, lowo omubi uzafela esonweni sakhe, kodwa igazi
lakhe ngizalibiza esandleni sakho.

9 Kodwa wena uba umxwayisa omubi ngendlela yakhe ukuthi aphenduke kuyo;
uba engaphenduki endleleni yakhe, yena uzafela ebubini bakhe, kodwa wena
usuwophule umphefumulo wakho.

Indlela kaNkulunkulu ilungile

10 Ngakho, wena ndodana yomuntu, tshono kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli: Likhuluma
ngokunjalo lisithi: Ngoba iziphambeko zethu lezono zethu ziphezu kwethu, thina
sicikizeke sikuzo, pho, sizaphila njani?

11 Tshono kibo: Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili kangithokozi ngokufa
komubi, kodwa ngokuthi omubi aphenduke endleleni yakhe aphile. Phendukani,
phendukani ezindleleni zenu ezimbi; ngoba lizafelani, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli?

12 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, tshono ebantwaneni babantu bakini uthi:
Ukulunga kolungileyo kakuyikumophula ngosuku lwesiphambeko sakhe;
mayelana lenkohlakalo yokhohlakeleyo, kayikuwa ngayo ngosuku azaphenduka
ngalo enkohlakalweni yakhe; lolungileyo kayikuba lakho ukuphila ngokulunga
kwakhengosuku ona ngalo.

13 Lapho ngizakutsho kolungileyo ukuthi uzaphila isibili; uba yena ethembela
ekulungeni kwakhe, enze isiphambeko, konke ukulunga kwakhe
kakuyikukhunjulwa; kodwa ngenxa yobubi bakhe abenzileyo, uzabufela.

14 Futhi uba ngisitsho kokhohlakeleyo ukuthi: Uzakufa lokufa; uba ephenduka
esonweni sakhe, enze isahlulelo lokulungileyo,

15 okhohlakeleyo ebuyisela isibambiso, abhadale impango, ahambe ngezimiso
zempilo, ukuthi angenzi isiphambeko, uzaphila isibili, kayikufa.

16 Kakukho lasinye sezono zakhe azenzileyo esizakhunjulwa kuye; wenzile
isahlulelo lokulungileyo; uzaphila isibili.

17 Kodwa abantwana babantu bakini bathi: Indlela yeNkosi kayilingani; kanti
ngeyabo indlela engalinganiyo.

18 Nxa olungileyo ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, enze isiphambeko, uzakufa
ngenxa yaso.

19 Kodwa uba okhohlakeleyo ephenduka kunkohlakalo yakhe, enze isahlulelo
lokulungileyo, yena uzaphila ngakho.

20 Kanti lithi: Indlela yeNkosi kayilingani. Wena ndlu kaIsrayeli, ngizalahlulela,
ngulowo lalowo njengendlela zakhe.

Ukuwa kweJerusalema

21 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wokuthunjwa kwethu, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga, owayephunyukile eJerusalema wafika kimi esithi: Umuzi usutshayiwe.

22 Kwathi isandla seNKOSI saba phezu kwami kusihlwa, ophunyukileyo engakafiki, savula umlomo wami, waze wafika kimi ekuseni. Ngokunjalo umlomo wami wavuleka, kangabe ngisaba yisimungulu.

23 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi, lisithi:

24 Ndodana yomuntu, abahlali balawomanxiwa elizwe lakoIsrayeli bakhuluma besithi: UAbrahama wayemunye, wadla ilifa lelizwe; kodwa thina sibanengi; ilizwe silinikiwe ukuba yilifa.

25 Ngakho tshono kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lidla okulegazi, liphakamisele amehlo enu ezithombeni zenu, lichithe igazi; kambe lizakudla ilifa lelizwe yini?

26 Lima phezu kwenkemba yenu, lenze isinengiso, lingcolise, ngulowo lalowo umfazi kamakhelwane wakhe; kambe lizakudla ilifa lelizwe yini?

27 Tshono njalo kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kuphila kwami, isibili labo abasemanxiweni bazakuwa ngenkemba; lalowo osegcekeni ngizamnikela ezilweni ukuthi zimudle, lalabo abasezinqabenilabasezimbalwini bazakufa ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo.

28 Ngoba ngizalenza ilizwe libe lunxiwa lencithakalo, lokuziqhenya kwamandla alo kuzaphela, lezintaba zakoIsrayeli zibe yinkangala, ukuze kungabi khona odlulayo.

29 Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, lapho sengenze ilizwe laba yinkangala lesesabiso ngenxa yawo wonke amanyala abo abawenzileyo.

30 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, abantwana babantu bakini basakhuluma ngawe ngasemidulini laseminyango yezindlu, njalo omunye ekhuluma komunye, ngulowo lalowo kumfowabo, besithi: Wozani, ngiyacela, sizwe ukuthi yilizwi bani eliphuma eNKOSIni.

31 Njalo bayeza kuwe njengokuza kwabantu, bahlale phambi kwakho njengabantu bami, bezwe amazwi akho, kodwa bangawenzi; ngoba ngomlomo wabo babonakalisa uthando olukhulu, kodwa inhliziyo yabo ilandela inzuzo yabo embi.

32 Khangela-ke, kibo unjengengoma ethandekayo, ilizwi elimnandi, lowazi kuhle ukutshaya ichacho; ngoba besizwa amazwi akho kodwa bengawenzi.

33 Kodwa ekufikeni kwalokhu (khangela, kuzafika), khona bazakwazi ukuthi bekukhona umprofethi phakathi kwabo.

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Ilizwi leNkosi ngabelusi bakoIsrayeli

1 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, profetha umelene labelusi bakoIsrayeli, profetha uthi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kubelusi: Maye kubelusi bakoIsrayeli abazelusayo bona! Abelusi bebengayikuzelusa izimvu yini?

3 Lidla amanono, lizigqokise ngoboya, lihlabe ezinonileyo, umhlambi kaliwelusi.

4 Ezibuthakathaka kaliziqinisanga, lezigulayo kalizelaphanga, lezephukileyo kalizibophanga, lebezixotshiwe kalizibuyisanga, lebezilahlekile kalizidinganga; kodwa ngamandla langesihluku lizibusile.

5 Ngokunjalo zahlakazeka ngoba kungelamelusi; zaba yikudla kuzo zonke izilo zeganga, lapho zihlakazekile.

6 Izimvu zami zazulazula kuzo zonke izintaba, laphezu kwalo lonke uqaqa oluphakemeyo; yebo umhlambi wami wawuhlakazeke phezu kobuso bonke bomhlaba, njalo kungekho ozidingayo, kungekho ozibhudulayo.

7 Ngakho, lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi.

8 Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili, ngoba umhlambi wami usube yimpango, lomhlambi wami usube yikudla kwaso sonke isilo seganga, ngoba kungelamelusi, labelusi bami bengazidinganga izimvu zami, kodwa abelusi bezelusile bona, bengazelusanga izimvu zami;

9 ngakho, lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi.

10 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane labelusi, ngizabiza umhlambi wami esandleni sabo, ngibenze bayekele ukwelusa umhlambi, ukuthi abelusi bangabuyi bazeluse bona; ngiwophule umhlambi wami emlonyeni wabo, ukuze ungabi yikudla kwabo.

11 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, mina, ngitsho mina ngizafuna izimvu zami, ngizidinge.

12 Njengomalusi edinga umhlambi wakhe ngosuku ephakathi kwezimvu zakhe ezihlakazekileyo, ngokunjalo ngizadinga izimvu zami, ngizophule kuzo zonke izindawo lapho ezihlakazekele khona ngosuku lweyezilolomnyama.

13 Ngizazikhupha ebantwini, ngizibuthe emazweni, ngizise elizweni lazo, ngizeluse phezu kwezintaba zakoIsrayeli ngasemifuleni lakuzo zonke indawo zokuhlala zelizwe.

14 Ngizazelusa edlelweni elivundileyo, lesibaya sazo sizakuba sezintabeni eziphakemeyo zakoIsrayeli. Zizalala lapho esibayeni esihle, zidle edlelweni elihle ezintabeni zakoIsrayeli.

15 Mina ngizawelusa umhlambi wami, mina ngiwulalise phansi, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

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16 Ngizadinga ezilahlekileyo, ngibuyise ezixotshiweyo, ngibophe ezephukileyo, ngiqinise ezigulayo; kodwa ezinonileyo leziqinileyo ngizazibhubhisa, ngizeluse ngesahlulelo.

17 Lina-ke, mhlambi wami, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwemvu lemvu, phakathi kwezinqama lezimpongo.

18 Kuyinto encane kini yini ukuthi lidle edlelweni elihle, linyathelele phansi ngenyawo zenu insali yamadlelo enu? lokuthi linathe amanzi acengekileyo, kodwa lidunge aseleyo ngenyawo zenu?

19 Kodwa umhlambi wami udla lokhu elikunyathele ngenyawo zenu, wanatha lokho elikudunge ngenyawo zenu.

20 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kuzo: Khangelani, mina, ngitsho mina ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwezimvu ezinonileyo lezimvu ezicakileyo.

21 Ngoba lisunduza ngomhlubulo langehlombe, lihlabe zonke ezigulayo ngezimpondo zenu, lize lizihlakazele ngaphandle;

22 ngakho ngizasindisa umhlambi wami, njalo kawusayikuba yimpango; ngahlulele phakathi kwemvu lemvu.

23 Ngimise umalusi oyedwa phezu kwazo, azeluse, inceku yami uDavida; yena uzazelusa, yena abe ngumelusi wazo.

24 Mina-ke NKOSI ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wazo, lenceku yami uDavida ibe yisiphathamandla phakathi kwazo. Mina NKOSI ngikhulumile.

25 Njalo ngizakwenza lazo isivumelwano sokuthula, ngenze izilo ezimbi ziphele elizweni; njalo zizahlala zivikelekile enkangala, zilale emahlathini.

26 Futhi ngizakwenza zona lezindawo ezihanqe uqaqa lwami kube yisibusiso; ngenze umkhizo wehle ngesikhathi sawo, kuzakuba lemikhizo yesibusiso.

27 Lesihlahla sasendle sizathela izithelo zaso, lomhlaba uveze isivuno sawo; njalo zizakuba ngezivikelekileyo elizweni lazo, zazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, nxa sengephule izikeyi zejogwe lazo, ngizophule esandleni salabo abazisebenzisayo.

28 Njalo kazisayikuba yimpango yabezizwe, njalo izilo zelizwe kazisayikuzidla; kodwa zizahlala zivikelekile, njalo kakukho okungazethusa.

29 Njalo ngizazivusela isilimo esilebizo njalo kazisayikususwa yindlala elizweni, kazisayikuthwala ihlazo labezizwe.

30 Ngalokho zizakwazi ukuthi mina NKOSI, uNkulunkulu wazo, ngilazo, lokuthi zona, indlu kaIsrayeli, zingabantu bami, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

31 Lina-ke, mhlambi wami, mhlambi wedlelo lami, lingabantu; mina nginguNkulunkulu wenu, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

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Ilizwi leNkosi ngentaba yeSeyiri

1 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene lentaba iSeyiri, uprofethe umelene layo,

3 uthi kuyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane lawe, wena ntaba yeSeyiri, njalo ngizakwelula isandla sami simelene lawe, ngikwenze ube lunxiwa lencithakalo.

4 Ngizakwenza imizi yakho ibe lunxiwa, wena-ke ube yincithakalo; njalo uzakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

5 Ngoba waba lenzondo engapheliyo, wathululela abantwana bakoIsrayeli emandleni enkemba ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo, ngesikhathi sesiphambeko sokuphela;

6 ngakho, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili ngizakulungiselela igazi, legazi lizakuzingela; ngoba ungalizondanga igazi, igazi lizakuzingela.

7 Njalo ngizakwenza intaba yeSeyiri ibe yincithakalo lonxiwa, ngiqume kiyo odlulayo lophendukayo.

8 Ngigcwalise intaba zayo ngababuleweyo bayo; amaqaqa akho, lezihotsha zakho, layo yonke imifula yakho, ababuleweyo ngenkemba bazakuwa kukho.

9 Ngizakwenza ube ngamanxiwa aphakade, lemizi yakho kayiyikuhlalwa; khona uzakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

10 Ngoba uthi: Lezizizwe ezimbili lala amazwe amabili kuzakuba ngokwami, sidle ilifa lakho; lanxa iNkosiibikhona lapho;

11 ngakho, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, lami ngizakwenza ngokolaka lwakho lanjengokomhawu wakho owakusebenzisayo ngenzondo yakho umelene labo; ngizenze ngaziwe phakathi kwabo, lapho sengikwahlulele.

12 Khona uzakwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi ngizwile zonke izithuko zakho owazikhuluma umelene lezintaba zakoIsrayeli usithi: Zichithekile, sizinikiwe zibe yikudla.

13 Ngokunjalo lizikhulisile limelene lami ngomlomo wenu, landisa amazwi enu limelene lami; mina ngizwile.

14 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Njengokwentokozo yelizwe lonke, ngizakwenza ube yincithakalo.

15 Njengoba lathokoza ngelifa lendlu kaIsrayeli ngenxa yokuthi lichitheka, ngokunjalo ngizakwenza kuwe; uzakuba yincithakalo, wena ntaba yeSeyiri, leEdoma yonke, yona yonke. Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

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Ukubuyiswa kukaIsrayeli

1Wena-ke ndodana yomuntu, profetha kuzo izintaba zakoIsrayeli, uthi: Lina
zintaba zakoIsrayeli, zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI.

2 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba isitha sitshilo simelene lani: Aha! ngitsho
izindawo zasendulo eziphakemeyo ziyilifa lethu;

3 ngakho profetha uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba, yebo, ngoba bakwenze
incithakalo, baliginya inhlangothi zonke, ukuze libe yilifa kuyo insali yabezizwe,
liphakanyiswa endebeni zolimi, laba lunyeyo lwabantu;

4 ngakho, lina zintaba zakoIsrayeli, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi uJehova: Itsho njalo
iNKOSI uJehova ezintabeni, lemaqaqeni, emifuleni, lezihotsheni, lemanxiweni
achithekileyo, lemizini etshiyiweyo, esibe yimpangolenhlekisa kunsali yezizwe
ezizingelezeleyo.

5 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Isibili ngomlilo wobukhwele
bami sengikhulume ngimelene lensali yabezizwe, ngimelene leEdoma yonke,
abazinikele ilizwe lami ukuthi libe yilifa ngentokozo yenhliziyo yonke,
ngengqondo yokudelela, ngenxa yokuliphosa libe yimpango.

6 Ngakho profetha ngelizwe lakoIsrayeli, uthi ezintabeni, lemaqaqeni, emifuleni,
lezihotsheni: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngikhulumile ebukhweleni
bami lelakeni lwami, ngoba lithwele ihlazo lezizwe.

7 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Mina ngiphakamisile isandla sami. Isibili
izizwe ezilihanqileyo, yizo ezizathwala ihlazo lazo.

8 Kodwa lina, zintaba zakoIsrayeli, lizaveza ingatsha zenu, lithele isithelo senu
kubantu bami uIsrayeli, ngoba basondela ukubuya.

9 Ngoba, khangelani, ngilani, ngiphendukele ngakini, njalo lizalinywa lihlanyelwe.

10 Njalo ngizakwandisa abantu phezu kwenu, yonke indlu kaIsrayeli, yona yonke;
lemizi izahlalwa, lamanxiwa azakwakhiwa.

11 Njalo ngizakwandisa phezu kwenu umuntu lenyamazana, njalo kuzakwanda
kuthele izithelo; ngilenze lihlale njengasezindaweni zenu zendulo, ngikwenze
kube kuhle kulezikhathi zenu zokuqala. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

12 Yebo ngizakwenza abantu bahambe phezu kwenu, abantu bami uIsrayeli;
badle ilifa lakho, wena ube yilifa labo, kawusayikubenza bafelwe ngabantwana
futhi.

13 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba bathi kini: Wena ungumudli wabantu, wenze
izizwe zakho zifelwe ngabantwana.

14 Ngakho kawusayikudla abantu, kawusayikukhubekisa izizwe zakho, itsho
iNkosi uJehova.

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15 Njalo kangisayikuzwakalisa kuwe ihlazo lezizwe, kawusayikuthwala inhloni zabantu, kawusayikukhubekisa izizwe, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

16 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

17 Ndodana yomuntu, abendlu kaIsrayeli besahlala elizweni lakibo, balingcolisa ngendlela yabo langezenzo zabo; indlela yabo phambi kwami yayifanana lokungcola kowesifazana osemfuleni.

18 Ngakho ngathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngenxa yegazi ababelichithe elizweni, langenxa yezithombe zabo ababelingcolise ngazo.

19 Ngasengibahlakaza phakathi kwezizwe, basabalaliswa phakathi kwamazwe; ngabahlulela njengokwendlela yabo lanjengokwezenzo zabo.

20 Lapho befika kwabezizwe, lapho abaya khona, bangcolisa ibizo lami elingcwele, lapho kwathiwa ngabo: Laba ngabantu beNKOSI, baphume elizweni layo.

21 Kodwa ngalihawukela ibizo lami elingcwele, indlu kaIsrayeli eyayilingcolise phakathi kwezizwe, lapho abaya khona.

22 Ngakho tshono kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kangikwenzi ngenxa yenu, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli, kodwa ngenxa yebizo lami elingcwele, elilingcolisileyo phakathi kwezizwe, lapho elaya khona.

23 Njalo ngizangcwelisa ibizo lami elikhulu, elingcoliswe phakathi kwezizwe, elilingcolisileyo phakathi kwazo; lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, itsho iNkosi uJehova, lapho ngizangcweliswa kini emehlweni abo.

24 Ngoba ngizalithatha ezizweni, ngilibuthe emazweni wonke, ngililethe elizweni lenu.

25 Khona ngizafafaza amanzi ahlambulukileyo phezu kwenu, lihlambuluke; kukho konke ukungcola kwenu, lakuzo zonke izithombe zenu, ngizalihlambulula.

26 Ngilinike inhliziyo entsha, ngifake umoya omutsha phakathi kwenu, ngisuse inhliziyo yelitshe enyameni yenu, ngilinike inhliziyo yenyama.

27 Ngifake uMoya wami phakathi kwenu, ngilenze ukuthi lihambe ngezimiso zami, ligcine izahlulelo zamilizenze.

28 Lizahlala-ke elizweni engalinika oyihlo, libe ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu.

29 Njalo ngizalisindisa kukho konke ukungcola kwenu; ngibize amabele, ngiwandise, ngingabeki ndlala phezu kwenu.

30 Ngandise isithelo sesihlahla, lesivuno sensimu, ukuze lingaphindi lemukele ihlazo lendlala phakathi kwezizwe.

31 Khona lizakhumbula izindlela zenu ezimbi lezenzo zenu ezingalunganga;
linengeke ngani ngokwenu ngobubi benu langenxa yezinengiso zenu.

32 Kangikwenzi ngenxa yenu, itsho iNkosi uJehova; kakwaziwe kini. Banini
lenhloni libe lehlazo ngenxa yezindlela zenu, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli.

33 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Mhla ngilihlambulula kubo bonke ububi benu,
ngizakwenza imizi ihlalwe, lamanxiwa akhiwe.

34 Lelizwe elichithekileyo lizalinywa, endaweni yokuthi beliyinkangala
emehlweni abo bonke abadlulayo.

35 Njalo bazakuthi: Lelilizwe ebeselichithekile selinjengesivande seEdeni; lemizi
eyinkangala lengamanxiwa lediliziweyo isibiyelwe yahlalwa.

36 Khona izizwe ezisele zilizingelezele zizakwazi ukuthi mina iNKOSI ngakha
indawo ezidiliziweyo, ngihlanyele ezichithekileyo. Mina NKOSI ngikhulumile,
ngizakwenza.

37 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Langalokhu ngizacelwa yindlu kaIsrayeli, ukuthi
ngiyenzele khona; ngizabandisa ngabantu njengomhlambi.

38 Njengomhlambi ongcwele, njengomhlambi weJerusalema emikhosini yawo
emisiweyo, ngokunjalo imizi echithekileyo izagcwala ngemihlambi yabantu.
Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

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Isihotsha samathambo omileyo

1Isandla seNKOSI sasiphezu kwami, sangikhupha ngoMoya weNKOSI, sangibeka
phakathi kwesihotshaesasigcwele amathambo.

2 Yangidlulisa kuwo ngibhoda inhlangothi zonke; khangela-ke, ayemanengi
kakhulu ebusweni besihotsha, njalo khangela, ayomile kakhulu.

3 Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, amathambo la angaphila yini? Ngasengisithi:
Nkosi Jehova, nguwe owaziyo.

4 Yasisithi kimi: Profetha phezu kwalamathambo, uthi kiwo: Lina mathambo
omileyo, zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI.

5 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kula amathambo: Khangelani, ngizakwenza umoya
ungene kini, liphile.

6 Ngibeke imisipha phezu kwenu, ngivuselele inyama phezu kwenu, ngilembese
ngesikhumba, ngifake umoya kini, liphile. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

7 Ngasengiprofetha njengokulaywa kwami; kwasekusiba lomsindo ngisaprofetha,
khangela-ke ukunyikinyeka, amathambo asesondelelana, ithambo kuthambo lalo.

8 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, kwakulemisipha phezu kwawo, yavela inyama, lesikhumba sawasibekela ngaphezulu; kodwa kwakungelamoya kiwo.

9 Yasisithi kimi: Profetha emoyeni, profetha ndodana yomuntu, uthi emoyeni: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Woza uvela emimoyeni emine, wena moya, uphefumulele kulaba ababuleweyo ukuze baphile.

10 Ngasengiprofetha njengalokho yayingilayile; umoya wasungena kiwo, aphila, ema ngenyawo zawo, ibutho elikhulu kakhulukazi.

11 Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, la amathambo ayindlu yonke kaIsrayeli. Khangela, bathi: Amathambo ethu omile, lethemba lethu libhubhile, siqunyiwe ngokwethu.

12 Ngakho profetha uthi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangelani, ngizavula amangcwaba enu, ngilikhuphule emangcwabeni enu, lina bantu bami, ngilise elizweni lakoIsrayeli.

13 Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, lapho ngivula amangcwaba enu, ngilikhuphule emangcwabeni enu, lina bantu bami.

14 Besengifaka umoya wami kini, liphile, besengilibeka elizweni lenu; khona lizakwazi ukuthi mina NKOSIngikhulumile, ngakwenza, itsho iNKOSI.

Ilizwi leNKOSI ngokuhlanganiswa kwamaIsrayeli lamaJuda

15 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

16 Wena-ke ndodana yomuntu, zithathele intonga eyodwa, ubhale phezu kwayo uthi: EkaJuda, leyabantwana bakaIsrayeli abangane bakhe; ubusuthatha enye intonga, ubhale phezu kwayo uthi: EkaJosefa, intonga kaEfrayimi, layo yonke indlu kaIsrayeli abangane bakhe.

17 Ubusuzisondeza, enye kwenye kuwe, zibe yintonga eyodwa; njalo zizakuba ngeyodwa esandleni sakho.

18 Lalapho abantwana babantu bakini bekhuluma kuwe besithi: Kawuyikusitshela yini ukuthi lezi ziyini kuwe?

19 Tshono kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizathatha intonga kaJosefa, esesandleni sikaEfrayimi, lezizwe zakoIsrayeli abangane bakhe, ngizibeke kuyo, kuyo intonga kaJuda, ngizenze zibe yintonga eyodwa, zibe ngeyodwa esandleni sami.

20 Njalo izintonga obhale kizo zizakuba sesandleni sakho phambi kwamehlo abo.

21 Ubususithi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangelani, ngizathatha abantwana bakoIsrayeli phakathi kwezizwe, abaye kizo, ngibabuthe inhlangothi zonke, ngibalethe elizweni labo;

22 ngibenze babe yisizwe esisodwa elizweni phezu kwezintaba zakoIsrayeli; njalo
inkosi eyodwa izakuba yinkosi yabo bonke; njalo kabasayikuba yizizwe ezimbili,
kabasayikwehlukaniswa babe yimibuso emibili futhi.

23 Kabasayikuzingcolisa ngezithombe zabo, langamanyala abo, langasiphi
seziphambeko zabo; kodwa ngizabasindisa baphume kuzo zonke indawo zabo
zokuhlala, abona kizo, ngibahlambulule. Ngalokho bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami
ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo.

24 Njalo inceku yami uDavida izakuba yinkosi phezu kwabo; labo bonke
bazakuba lomalusi munye; futhi bazahamba kuzahlulelo zami, bagcine izimiso
zami, bazenze.

25 Bahlale elizweni engalinika inceku yami uJakobe, ababehlala kulo oyihlo, yebo,
bazahlala kulo, bona, labantwana babo, labantwana babantwana babo, kuze kube
phakade. Futhi uDavida inceku yami uzakuba yisiphathamandla sabo kuze kube
phakade.

26 Futhi ngizakwenza isivumelwano sokuthula labo; sizakuba yisivumelwano
esilaphakade labo; ngibamise, ngibandise, ngibeke indawo yami engcwele
phakathi kwabo kuze kube phakade.

27 Ithabhanekele lami lalo lizakuba kibo, njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo,
labo bazakuba ngabantu bami.

28 Lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi mina NKOSI ngenza uIsrayeli abe ngcwele, nxa
indawo yami engcwele izakuba phakathi kwabo kuze kube phakade.

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Ilizwi leNkosi ngoGogi

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

2 Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene loGogi, ilizwe likaMagogi,
isiphathamandlaesiyinhloko yeMesheki leThubhali, uprofethe umelene laye,

3 uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelene lawe, wena
Gogi isiphathamandla esiyinhlokoyeMesheki leThubhali.

4 Njalo ngizakuphendula, ngifake izingwegwe emihlathini yakho, ngikukhuphe
wena lebutho lakho lonke, amabhiza labagadi bamabhiza, bonke begqoke
bephelele, ixuku elikhulu elilomhawu lesihlangu, bonke bephethe izinkemba.

5 IPerisiya, iEthiyophiya, lePuti ilabo; bonke belesihlangu lengowane.

6 IGomeri lamaviyo ayo wonke, indlu kaTogarima ezinhlangothini zenyakatho,
lamaviyo ayo wonke; abantu abanengi kanye lawe.

7 Lunga, uzilungisele, wena lexuku lakho lonke elibuthene kuwe, ube ngumgcini
wabo.

8 Emva kwensuku ezinengi uzahanjelwa; ekucineni kweminyaka uzakuza
elizweni elabuyiswa enkembeni, elabuthwa ezizweni ezinengi, ngasezintabeni
zakoIsrayeli, ezaziyincithakalo njalonjalo. Kodwa selikhutshwe emazweni, njalo
bazahlala bevikelekile bonke.

9 Khona uzakwenyuka, uze njengesiphepho, ube njengeyezi lokusibekela
umhlaba, wena, lawo wonke amaviyo akho, labantu abanengi kanye lawe.

10 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku kuvele izinto
enhliziyweni yakho, unakane icebo elibi,

11 uthi: Ngizakwenyukela elizweni lemizi engabiyelwanga; ngizakuya
kwabalokuthula, abahlezi bevikelekile, bonke behlezi bengelamduli,
bengelamgoqo lezivalo,

12 ukuphanga impango, lokubamba okubanjiweyo; ukuphendulela isandla sakho
phezu kwezindawo ezingamanxiwa esezihlalwa, laphezu kwabantu ababuthwe
ezizweni, abazuze izifuyo lempahla, abahlala enkabeni yelizwe.

13 IShebha, leDedani, labathengiselani beTarshishi, lazo zonke izilwane zayo
ezintsha, kuzakuthi kuwe: Ufike yini ukuzaphanga impango? Ixuku lakho
ulibuthanisele ukubamba okubanjiweyo yini? ukususa isiliva legolide, ukuthatha
izifuyo lempahla, ukuphanga impango enkulu yini?

14 Ngakho, profetha, ndodana yomuntu, uthi kuGogi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Ngalolosuku, mhla abantu bami uIsrayeli behlezi ngokuvikeleka, kawuyikukwazi
yini?

15 Khona uzakuza uvele endaweni yakho, ezinhlangothini zenyakatho, wena,
labantu abanengi kanye lawe, bonke begade amabhiza, ixuku elikhulu, lebutho
elilamandla.

16 Njalo uzakwenyuka umelane labantu bami uIsrayeli, njengeyezi elisibekela
umhlaba. Kuzakwenzeka ekucineni kwezinsuku, ngikuse umelane lelizwe lami,
ukuze izizwe zingazi, lapho ngizangcweliswa kuwe, wena Gogi, phambi
kwamehlo azo.

17 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Unguwe yini engakhuluma ngaye ensukwini
zasendulo ngesandla sezinceku zami abaprofethi bakoIsrayeli, abaprofetha
ngalezonsuku okweminyaka eminengi ukuthi ngizakuletha umelane labo?

18 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku mhla uGogi ezakuza ukumelana lelizwe lakoIsrayeli,
itsho iNkosi uJehova, ulaka lwami luvuke ebusweni bami.

19 Ngoba ebukhweleni bami lemlilweni wolaka lwami ngathi: Isibili
ngalolosuku kuzakuba khona ukuzamazama okukhulu elizweni lakoIsrayeli.

20 Ukuze kuthuthumele ebukhoneni bami izinhlanzi zolwandle, lenyoni
zamazulu, lenyamazana zeganga, lazo zonke izinto ezihuquzelayo, ezihuquzela

emhlabathini, labo bonke abantu abasebusweni bomhlaba, lezintaba zizawiselwa phansi, lamawa azawela phansi, lawo wonke umduli uwele emhlabathini.

21 Njalo ngizabiza inkemba imelane laye kuzo zonke izintaba zami, itsho iNkosi uJehova; inkemba yalowo lalowomuntu izamelana lomfowabo.

22 Futhi ngizamehlulela ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo langegazi; nginise phezu kwakhe, laphezu kwamaxuku akhe, laphezu kwezizwe ezinengi ezilaye, izulu elikhukhulayo, lamatshe esiqhotho, umlilo, lesolufa.

23 Ngalokho ngizazikhulisa ngizingcwelise, ngaziwe phambi kwamehlo ezizwe ezinengi; khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

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1Wena-ke ndodana yomuntu, profetha umelene loGogi, uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane lawe, wena Gogi, siphathamandla esiyinhloko seMesheki leThubhali.

2 Ngizakutshibilikisa, ngitshiye ingxenye yesithupha, ngikwenze wenyuke uvela emaceleni enyakatho, ngikulethe phezu kwezintaba zakoIsrayeli.

3 Besengitshaya idandili lakho lisuke esandleni sakho sokhohlo, ngenze imitshoko yakho iwe esandleni sakho sokunene.

4 Uzawela phezu kwezintaba zakoIsrayeli, wena, lamaviyo akho wonke, labantu abalawe. Ngizakunikela enyonini ezidla inyama, enyonini zalo lonke uphiko, lakuzilo zeganga, ube yikudla.

5 Uzawela ebusweni bomhlaba, ngoba mina ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

6 Njalo ngizathumela umlilo kuMagogi, laphakathi kwabahlala ngokonwaba ezihlengeni. Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI.

7 Njalo ngizakwenza ukuthi ibizo lami elingcwele laziwe phakathi kwabantu bami uIsrayeli; kangisayikungcolisa ibizo lami elingcwele; lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, oyiNgcwele koIsrayeli.

8 Khangelani, sekufikile sekwenzakele, itsho iNkosi uJehova; yilo lolusuku engakhuluma ngalo.

9 Labahlali bemizi yakoIsrayeli bazaphuma, batshise baphembe umlilo ngezikhali, lezihlangu ezinkulu lamahawu, ngamadandili, langemitshoko, langezinduku zesandla, langemikhonto, baphembe umlilo ngakho iminyaka eyisikhombisa;

10 ukuze bangathezi izinkuni egangeni, bangagamuli emaguswini; ngoba bazaphemba umlilo ngezikhali; baphange labo ababaphangayo, bemuke ababemukayo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

11 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, ngiphe uGogi lapho indawo yengcwaba koIsrayeli, isihotsha sabadluli empumalanga kolwandle, esizavimbela abadluli. Lalapho bazangcwaba uGogi lexuku lakhe lonke; basibizengokuthi yisiHotsha sexuku likaGogi.

12 Njalo indlu yakoIsrayeli izabangcwaba, ukuze bahlambulule ilizwe, okwenyanga eziyisikhombisa.

13 Yebo bonke abantu belizwe bazabangcwaba, kube libizo kubo ngosuku engizadunyiswa ngalo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

14 Njalo bazakwehlukanisa amadoda ahlezi edabula phakathi kwelizwe ukuyangcwaba, labedlulayo, labo abaseleyo ebusweni belizwe, ukuze balihlambulule. Ekupheleni kwenyanga eziyisikhombisa bazahlola.

15 Labedlulayo bazadlula phakathi kwelizwe, lapho bebona ithambo lomuntu, uzakwakha isibonakaliso phansi kwalo, baze abangcwabi balingcwabe esihotsheni sexuku likaGogi.

16 Futhi lebizo lomuzi lizakuba yiHamona. Ngokunjalo bazahlambulula ilizwe.

17 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Tshono enyonini yalo lonke uphiko, lakuyo yonke inyamazana yeganga: Zihlanganiseni, lize, libuthane livele inhlangothi zonke kumhlatshelo wami engiwuhlabele lina, umhlatshelo omkhulu phezu kwezintaba zakoIsrayeli, ukuze lidle inyama linathe igazi.

18 Lizakudla inyama yamaqhawe, linathe igazi leziphathamandla zomhlaba, elezinqama, elamawundlu, lelezimbuzi, elamajongosi, konke kungokunonisiweyo kweBashani.

19 Njalo lizakudla amafutha lize lisuthe, linathe igazi lize lidakwe, ngomhlatshelo wami engilihlabele wona.

20 Ngokunjalo lizasutha etafuleni lami ngamabhiza lezinqola, ngamaqhawe, langawo wonke amadoda empi, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

21 Njalo ngizamisa inkazimulo yami phakathi kwezizwe; lezizwe zonke zizabona isahlulelo sami engisenzileyo, lesandla sami engisibeke phezu kwabo.

22 Ngokunjalo abendlu kaIsrayeli bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo kusukela ngalolosukukusiya phambili.

23 Lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi abendlu kaIsrayeli bathunjwa ngenxa yobubi bayo; ngenxa yokuthi baphambuka bemelene lami ngakho ngafihla ubuso bami kibo, ngabanikela esandleni sezitha zabo; ngokunjalo bonke bawa ngenkemba.

24 Ngabaphatha njengokokungcola kwabo lanjengokweziphambeko zabo, ngafihla ubuso bami kibo.

25 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khathesi ngizabuyisa abathunjwa
bakaJakobe, ngibe lesihawu phezu kwayo yonke indlu kaIsrayeli, ngibe
lobukhwele ngebizo lami elingcwele.

26 Sebethwele ihlazo labo, laso sonke isiphambeko sabo abaphambeke ngaso
bemelene lami, lapho bahlala bevikelekile elizweni labo, engekho obethusayo.

27 Sengibabuyisile bevela ebantwini, ngabaqoqa bevela emazweni ezitha zabo,
ngangcweliswa kibo emehlweni ezizwe ezinengi.

28 Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, engenza ukuthi
bakhokhelelwe ekuthunjweni phakathi kwezizwe; kodwa ngizabaqoqela
elizweni lakibo, kangisayikutshiya lamunye wabo khona.

29 Njalo kangisayikufihla ubuso bami kibo, ngoba ngithululele umoya wami
phezu kwendlu kaIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

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Umbono womprofethi ngethempeli elitsha

1 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lanhlanu wokuthunjwa kwethu, ekuqaliseni
komnyaka, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, ngomnyaka wetshumi lane emva kokuthi
umuzi usutshayiwe, ngalona lolosuku isandla seNKOSI saba phezu kwami,
wangiletha lapho.

2 Ngemibono kaNkulunkulu wangisa elizweni lakoIsrayeli, wangibeka phezu
kwentaba ende kakhulu; njalo eceleni kwayo kwakulokunjengesakhiwo somuzi
ngaseningizimu.

3 Wasengiletha khona, khangela-ke, kwakulomuntu osimo sakhe sasinjengesimo
sethusi, elentambo yefilakisi esandleni sakhe, lomhlanga wokulinganisa; wema-
ke esangweni.

4 Lowomuntu wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, bona ngamehlo akho, uzwe
ngendlebe zakho, ubeke inhliziyo yakho phezu kwakho konke engizakutshengisa
khona; ngoba ulethwe lapha ukuze ngikutshengise khona. Landisa konke
okubonayo kuyo indlu yakoIsrayeli.

5 Khangela-ke, kwakulomduli ngaphandle kwendlu ozingelezeleyo inhlangothi
zonke, lesandleni somuntu kwakulomhlanga wokulinganisa wezingalo
eziyisithupha, ngengalo lobubanzi besandla. Waselinganisa ububanzi besakhiwo,
baba ngumhlanga owodwa, lokuphakama, kwaba ngumhlanga owodwa.

6 Wasesiza esangweni elikhangele indlela yempumalanga, wakhwela
ngezinyathelo zalo, walinganisa umbundu wesango, ububanzi baba ngumhlanga
owodwa, lomunye umbundu, ububanzi baba ngumhlanga owodwa.

7 Njalo yilelo lalelokamelo, ubude baba ngumhlanga owodwa, lobubanzi baba
ngumhlanga owodwa; laphakathi kwamakamelo kwaba yizingalo ezinhlanu;

lombundu wesango ngasekhulusini lesango ngaphakathi waba ngumhlanga owodwa.

8 Walinganisa lekhulusi lesango ngaphakathi, laba ngumhlanga owodwa.

9 Waselinganisa ikhulusi lesango, laba yizingalo eziyisificaminwembili; lemigubazi yawo, yaba zingalo ezimbili; lekhulusi lesango lalingaphakathi.

10 Lamakamelo esango ngendlela yempumalanga ayemathathu ngapha lamathathu ngapha; njalo womathathu ayelesilinganiso sinye; lemigubazi yayilesilinganiso sinye ngapha langapha.

11 Waselinganisa ububanzi bentuba yesango, baba yizingalo ezilitshumi; ubude besango, baba yizingalo ezilitshumi lantathu.

12 Lomkhawulo phambi kwamakamelo wawuyingalo eyodwa ngapha, lomkhawulo wengalo eyodwa ngapha; lekamelo laliyizingalo eziyisithupha ngapha, lezingalo eziyisithupha ngapha.

13 Waselinganisa isango kusukela ephahleni lwelinye ikamelo kusiya ephahleni lwelinye; ububanzi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, umnyango phambi komnyango.

14 Wenza futhi imigubazi yaba zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, ngitsho kuze kube semgubazini weguma inhlangothi zonke zesango zizingelezele.

15 Njalo kusukela ebusweni besango lokungena kuze kube sebusweni bekhulusi lesango elingaphakathi kwaba zingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu.

16 Futhi kwakulamawindi avaliweyo emakamelweni, lasemigubazini yawo ngaphakathi kwesango inhlangothi zonke azingelezeleyo; langokunjalo amakhulusi; lamawindi inhlangothi zonke azingelezeleyo ngaphakathi; laphezu kwemigubazi kwakulezihlahla zelala.

17 Wasengingenisa egumeni elingaphandle, khangela-ke, kwakulamakamelo, lendawo egandelweyo eyenzelwe iguma inhlangothi zonke ezingelezeleyo; kwakulamakamelo angamatshumi amathathu phezu kwendawo egandelweyo.

18 Lendawo egandelweyo yayingasemasangweni maqondana lobude bamasango; kwakuyindawo egandelweyo engaphansi.

19 Waselinganisa ububanzi, kusukela ngaphambi kwesango elingaphansi kusiya ngaphambi kweguma elingaphakathi ngaphandle, kwaba yizingalo ezilikhulu, ngasempumalanga langasenyakatho.

20 Lesango elikhangele indlela yenyakatho, kulo iguma elingaphandle, walinganisa ubude balo lobubanzi balo.

21 Lamakamelo alo ayemathathu ngapha, njalo emathathu ngapha; lemigubazi yalo lamakhulusi alo kwakunjengesilinganiso sesango lokuqala. Ubude balo

babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu.

22 Lamawindi alo lamakhulusi alo lezihlahla zalo zelala kwakunjengesilinganiso sesango elikhangele indlela yempumalanga. Njalo benyukela kilo ngezinyathelo eziyisikhombisa; lamakhulusi alo ayephambi kwakho.

23 Lesango leguma elingaphakathi lalimaqondana lesango elingasenyakatho langasempumalanga. Waselinganisa kusukela esangweni kusiya esangweni, kwaba zingalo ezilikhulu.

24 Emva kwalokho wangiletha ngendlela yeningizimu, khangela-ke, kwakukhona isango ngasendleleniyeningizimu; waselinganisa imigubazi yalo lamakhulusi alo njengokwalezizilinganiso.

25 Kwakukhona amawindi kilo lakuwo amakhulusi alo azingelezeleyo inhlangothi zonke, njengalawomawindi. Ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu.

26 Kwakukhona izinyathelo eziyisikhombisa zokwenyukela kilo, lamakhulusi alo ayephambi kwazo; njalo lalilezihlahla zelala, esinye ngapha, lesinye ngapha, phezu kwemigubazi yalo.

27 Kwakukhona isango egumeni elingaphakathi ngendlela yeningizimu; waselinganisa kusukela esangweni kusiya esangweni ngendlela yeningizimu, kwaba zingalo ezilikhulu.

28 Wasengiletha egumeni elingaphakathi ngesango leningizimu, walinganisa isango leningizimu njengokwezilinganiso lezi.

29 Lamakamelo alo lemigubazi yalo lamakhulusi alo kwakunjengokwezilinganiso lezi. Njalo kwakukhona amawindi kilo lakuwo amakhulusi alo inhlangothi zonke azingelezeleyo. Lobude babuyizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu.

30 Kwakulamakhulusi azingelezeleyo inhlangothi zonke; ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi babuzingalo ezinhlanu.

31 Lamakhulusi alo aba ngasegumeni elingaphandle, lezihlahla zelala zaziphezu kwemigubazi yalo, lokwenyukela kilo kwakulezinyathelo eziyisificaminwembili.

32 Wasengiletha egumeni elingaphakathi ngasendleleni yempumalanga; walinganisa isango njengokwezilinganiso lezi.

33 Lamakamelo alo lemigubazi yalo lamakhulusi alo kwakunjengokwezilinganiso lezi; kwakukhona amawindi kilo lakuwo amakhulusi alo inhlangothi zonke kuzingelezele. Ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu.

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34 Lamakhulusi alo ayengasegumeni elingaphandle; lezihlahla zelala zazisemigubazini yalo, ngapha langapha; lokwenyukela kilo kwakulezinyathelo eziyisificaminwembili.

35 Wasengisa esangweni elingenyakatho, walinganisa njengezilinganiso lezi.

36 Amakamelo alo, imigubazi yalo, lamakhulusi alo, lamawindi ayekulo inhlangothi zonke azingelezeleyo; ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu.

37 Lemigubazi yalo yayingasegumeni elingaphandle, lezihlahla zelala zazisemigubazini yalo, ngapha langapha; lokwenyukela kilo kwakulezinyathelo eziyisificaminwembili.

38 Njalo amakamelo leminyango yalo kwakungasemigubazini yamasango; lapho babegezisela umnikelo wokutshiswa.

39 Lekhulusini lesango kwakukhona amatafula amabili ngapha, lamatafula amabili ngapha, ukuhlabela phezu kwawo umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wesono lomnikelo wecala.

40 Laseceleni ngaphandle ekwenyukeleni kuso isivalo sesango lenyakatho kwakulamatafula amabili, laseceleni elinye elingasekhulusini lesango kwakulamatafula amabili.

41 Amatafula amane ngapha, lamatafula amane ngapha, ngaseceleni kwesango; amatafula ayisificaminwembili, ababehlabela phezu kwawo.

42 Lamatafula amane omnikelo wokutshiswa awamatshe abaziweyo; ubude babuyingalo eyodwa lengxenye, lobubanzi babuyingalo eyodwa lengxenye, lokuphakama kwakuyingalo eyodwa. Phezu kwawo babeka izikhali abahlaba ngazo umnikelo wokutshiswa lomhlatshelo.

43 Kwakulezingwegwe, eziyibubanzi besandla sinye, zimisiwe ngaphakathi inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo; laphezu kwamatafula kwakulenyama yomnikelo.

44 Langaphandle kwesango elingaphakathi kwakulamakamelo abahlabeleli egumeni elingaphakathi, elaliseceleni kwesango elisenyakatho, lokukhangela kwalo kusendleleni yeningizimu; elilodwa liseceleni kwesango eliseningizimu, likhangele ngasendleleni yenyakatho.

45 Wasesithi kimi: Lelikamelo okukhangela kwalo kusendleleni yeningizimu, lingelabapristi, abagcina umlindo wendlu.

46 Lekamelo okukhangela kwalo kusendleleni yenyakatho lingelabapristi, abagcina umlindo welathi. Langamadodana kaZadoki phakathi kwamadodana kaLevi, asondela eNKOSIni ukuyikhonza.

47 Waselinganisa iguma; ubude baba zingalo ezilikhulu, lobubanzi baba zingalo ezilikhulu, lilingene inhlangothi zozine; lelathi laliphambi kwendlu.

48 Wasengiletha ekhulusini lendlu, walinganisa umgubazi wekhulusi, izingalo ezinhlanu ngapha lezingalo ezinhlanu ngapha, lobubanzi besango, izingalo ezintathu ngapha, lezingalo ezintathu ngapha.

49 Ubude bekhulusi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi buzingalo ezilitshumi lanye; wasengilethangezinyathelo abenyukela kulo ngazo; futhi kwakulezinsika ngasemigubazini, enye ngapha, lenye ngapha.

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1Wasengingenisa ethempelini, walinganisa imigubazi, ububanzi babuyizingalo eziyisithupha ngapha, lobubanzi buyizingalo eziyisithupha langapha, ububanzi bethente.

2 Lobubanzi bomnyango babuzingalo ezilitshumi; lamacele omnyango ayezingalo ezinhlanu kulolu uhlangothi, lezingalo ezinhlanu kuloluya uhlangothi. Waselinganisa ubude balo, izingalo ezingamatshumi amane, lobubanzi, izingalo ezingamatshumi amabili.

3 Wasengena ngaphakathi, walinganisa umgubazi womnyango, ingalo ezimbili; lomnyango, ingalo eziyisithupha; lobubanzi bomnyango, ingalo eziyisikhombisa.

4 Waselinganisa ubude bayo, ingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; lobubanzi, ingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, ngaphambi kwethempeli. Wasesithi kimi: Le yingcwele yezingcwele.

5 Waselinganisa umduli wendlu, izingalo eziyisithupha; lobubanzi bamakamelo aseceleni, izingalo ezine, inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezele indlu inhlangothi zonke.

6 Njalo amakamelo aseceleni ayemathathu, ikamelo eliseceleni phezu kwekamelo eliseceleni, aphindwa ngamatshumi amathathu; njalo angena emdulini owawungowendlu yamakamela aseceleni inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo, ukuze abe lokubambeka, kodwa angabambeki emdulini wendlu.

7 Kwaba khona ukuqhela, lokuzingelezela kusenyuka lokwenyuka kusiya emakamelweni aseceleni; ngoba ukuzingelezela kwendlu kwaqhubeka kusenyuka inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezele indlu; ngokunjalo-ke ububanzi bendlu baba sekwenyukeni; ngakho-ke kwenyuka kusuke kweliphansi kusiya kweliphezulu ngelingaphakathi.

8 Ngabona futhi ukuphakama kwendlu inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo; izisekelo zamakamelo asecelenizazingumhlanga ogcweleyo; ingalo kwakuyimihlanga eyisithupha.

9 Ubuqatha bomduli, owawungowekamelo eliseceleni ngaphandle, babuzingalo ezinhlanu; njalo okuseleyokwakuyindawo yamakamelo aseceleni ayengakuyo indlu.

10 Laphakathi kwamakamelo kwakulobubanzi bengalo ezingamatshumi amabili inhlangothi zonke zendlu, inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo.

11 Lezivalo zamakamelo aseceleni zazingakukho okuseleyo, esinye isivalo ngasendleleni yenyakatho, lesinye isivalo ngaseningizimu; lobubanzi bendawo yokuseleyo babuzingalo ezinhlanu inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo.

12 Mayelana lesakhiwo esasiphambi kwendawo eyehlukanisiweyo ehlangothini ngendlela yentshonalanga, ububanzi babuyizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa; lomduli wesakhiwo wawuzingalo ezinhlanu ngobuqatha inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo, lobude bawo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye.

13 Waselinganisa indlu, ubude babuyizingalo ezilikhulu; lendawo eyehlukanisiweyo, lesakhiwo, lemiduli yayo, ubude babuyizingalo ezilikhulu;

14 lobubanzi bobuso bendlu, lobendawo eyehlukanisiweyo ngasempumalanga, izingalo ezilikhulu.

15 Waselinganisa ubude besakhiwo maqondana lendawo eyehlukanisiweyo eyayingemva kwaso, lemikhandlo yaso ngapha langapha, izingalo ezilikhulu, lethempeli elingaphakathi, lamakhulusi eguma.

16 Imibundu, lamawindi avaliweyo, lemikhandlo inhlangothi zonke kokuthathu, maqondana lombundu, kwembeswe ngamapulanka azingelezeleyo inhlangothi zonke, kusukela emhlabathini kusiya emawindini; amawindi-ke ayesibekelwe;

17 kuze kube phezu komnyango, kuze kube sendlini engaphakathi lengaphandle, lakuwo wonke umduli inhlangothi zonke uzingelezele ngaphakathi langaphandle, ngezilinganiso.

18 Njalo kwakwenziwe ngamakherubhi lezihlahla zelala, kuze kuthi isihlahla selala sasiphakathi kwekherubhi lekherubhi; njalo yilelo lalelo ikherubhi lalilobuso obubili.

19 Kuze kuthi ubuso bomuntu babukhangelene lesihlahla selala ngapha, lobuso bebhongo lesilwane bukhangelene lesihlahla selala ngapha. Kwakwenziwe endlini yonke inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo.

20 Kusukela emhlabathini kuze kube phezu komnyango kwakwenziwe amakherubhi lezihlahla zelala, lasemduliniwethempeli.

21 Imigubazi yethempeli yayilingana inhlangothi zone; mayelana lobuso bendawo engcwele, isimo sobunyesasinjengesimo sobunye.

22 Ilathi lesigodo lalizingalo ezintathu ngokuphakama, lobude balo buzingalo ezimbili, lamagumbi alo, lobude balo, lemiduli yalo, kwakungokwezigodo. Wasesithi kimi: Leli litafula eliphambi kweNKOSI.

23 Kwakulezivalo ezimbili kulo ithempeli lakuyo indawo engcwele.

24 Njalo izivalo zazilempiko ezimbili, impiko ezimbili ezitshibilikayo; ezimbili ezesivalo esinye, lempiko ezimbili ezesinye.

25 Njalo kwenziwa kuzo, kuzo izivalo zethempeli, amakherubhi lezihlahla zelala, njengokwakwenziwe emidulini; kwakulamapulanka aqatha ebusweni bekhulusi ngaphandle.

26 Kwakukhona amawindi avaliweyo lezihlahla zelala ngapha langapha, emaceleni ekhulusi lamakamelo endlu eceleni lamapulanka aqatha.

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1Wasengikhuphela egumeni elingaphandle, ngendlela ekhangele ngasenyakatho; wangiletha ekamelweni eliqondene lendawo eyehlukeneyo, njalo eliqondene lesakhiwo ngasenyakatho.

2 Phambi kobude bezingalo ezilikhulu kwakulomnyango wenyakatho; lobubanzi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu.

3 Maqondana lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ezazingezeguma langaphakathi, lamaqondana lendawo egandelweyo eyayingeyeguma elingaphandle, kwakulomkhandlo maqondana lomkhandlo, ngezitezi ezintathu.

4 Laphambi kwamakamelo kwakulendawo yokuhamba ezingalo ezilitshumi ngobubanzi ngaphakathi, indlela eyingalo eyodwa, leminyango yawo yayingasenyakatho.

5 Amakamelo angaphezulu-ke ayemafitshane; ngoba imikhandlo yayinciphisa kuwo, kulakwaphansilakulakwaphakathi kwesakhiwo.

6 Ngoba ayelezitezi ezintathu, kodwa zazingelazinsika njengezinsika zamaguma; ngakho-ke isakhiwo sasinciphilekulakwaphansi lakulakwaphakathi kusukela emhlabathini.

7 Lomduli owawungaphandle maqondana lamakamelo, indlela yeguma elingaphandle ngaphambi kwamakamelo, ubude bawo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu.

8 Ngoba ubude bamakamelo ayesegumeni elingaphandle babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu; khangela-ke, ngaphambi kwethempeli kwakuzingalo ezilikhulu.

9 Langaphansi kwalamakamelo kwakulokungena ngasempumalanga, lapho umuntu engena kuwo evela egumeni elingaphandle.

10 Amakamelo ayesebubanzini bomduli weguma, indlela yempumalanga, ngaphambi kwendawo eyehlukanisiweyo, langaphambi kwesakhiwo.

11 Lendlela phambi kwawo yayinjengesimo samakamelo ayesendleleni yenyakatho, njengobude bawo, ngokunjalo njengobubanzi bawo. Lakho konke ukuphuma kwawo kwakunjengokwemikhuba yawo lanjengokweminyango yawo.

12 Lanjengokweminyango yamakamelo ayesendleleni yeningizimu kwakulomnyango esihlokweni sendlela, indlela phambi komduli oqondileyo, lapho umuntu engena indlela yempumalanga.

13 Wasesithi kimi: Amakamelo enyakatho lamakamelo eningizimu, aphambi kwendawo eyehlukanisiweyo, angamakamelo angcwele, lapho abapristi abasondela eNKOSIni abazakudla khona izinto ezingcwelengcwele; babeke khona izinto ezingcwelengcwele, lomnikelo wokudla, lomnikelo wesono, lomnikelo wecala, ngoba indawo ingcwele.

14 Lapho abapristi bengena, kabayikuphuma endaweni engcwele baye egumeni elingaphandle, kodwa bazabeka lapho izembatho zabo abakhonza ngazo, ngoba zingcwele; bagqoke ezinye izembatho, basondele kukho okungokwabantu.

15 Eseqedile izilinganiso zendlu engaphakathi, wangikhupha ngendlela yesango elikhangele indlela yempumalanga, wayilinganisa inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo.

16 Walinganisa uhlangothi lwempumalanga ngomhlanga wokulinganisa, imihlanga engamakhulu amahlanu, ngomhlanga wokulinganisa inhlangothi zonke.

17 Walinganisa uhlangothi lwenyakatho, imihlanga engamakhulu amahlanu, ngomhlanga wokulinganisa inhlangothi zonke.

18 Walinganisa uhlangothi olungeningizimu, imihlanga engamakhulu amahlanu, ngomhlanga wokulinganisa.

19 Wasephendukela kuhlangothi lwentshonalanga, walinganisa imihlanga engamakhulu amahlanu ngomhlanga wokulinganisa.

20 Wayilinganisa ezinhlangothini zozine. Yayilomduli inhlangothi zonke uzingelezele, ubude bangamakhulu amahlanu, lobubanzi bungamakhulu amahlanu, ukwehlukanisa phakathi kokungcwele lokungangcwele.

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Inkazimulo yeNKOSI igcwalisa ithempeli

1 Wasengiyisa esangweni, isango elikhangele indlela yempumalanga.

2 Khangela-ke, inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yeza ivela ngendlela yempumalanga; lelizwi lakhe lalinjengomsindo wamanzi amanengi; lomhlaba wakhanya ngenkazimulo yakhe.

3 Futhi kwakunjengesimo sombono engangiwubonile, njengombono engangiwubone lapho ngize ukuzachitha umuzi; lemibono yayinjengombono engangiwubone ngasemfuleni iKebari. Ngasengisithi mbo ngobuso bami.

4 Inkazimulo yeNKOSI yasingena endlini ngendlela yesango elikhangele indlela yempumalanga.

5 UMoya wasengiphakamisa, wangingenisa egumeni elingaphakathi; khangela-ke, inkazimulo yeNKOSI yagcwalisa indlu.

6 Ngasengimuzwa ekhuluma lami engasendlini; futhi umuntu wayemi eceleni kwami.

7 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, le yindawo yesihlalo sami sobukhosi, lendawo yengaphansi yenyawo zami, lapho engizahlala khona phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli kuze kube phakade; njalo indlu kaIsrayeli kayisayikungcolisa ibizo lami elingcwele, bona lamakhosi abo, ngobuwule babo langezidumbu zamakhosi aboendaweni zabo eziphakemeyo,

8 ekumiseni kwabo umbundu wabo embundwini wami, lomgubazi wabo eceleni komgubazi wami, kube ngumduli nje phakathi kwami labo, futhi bangcolise ibizo lami elingcwele ngamanyala abo abawenzileyo, ngakho ngibaqedile olakeni lwami.

9 Khathesi kabadedisele ubufebe babo lezidumbu zamakhosi abo khatshana lami; khona ngizahlala phakathi kwabo kuze kube phakade.

Ilathi elisethempelini elitsha

10 Wena, ndodana yomuntu, tshengisa indlu yakoIsrayeli le indlu, ukuze babe lenhloni ngenxa yeziphambeko zabo; njalo kabalinganise isibonelo.

11 Uba-ke belenhloni ngakho konke abakwenzileyo, bazise isimo sendlu, lokukhangeleka kwayo, lezindawo zayo zokuphuma, lezindawo zayo zokungena, lazo zonke izimo zayo, lazo zonke izimiso zayo, yebo zonke izimo zayo, layo yonke imilayo yayo; ukubhale phambi kwamehlo abo, ukuze bagcine isimo sayo sonke, lezimiso zayo zonke, bazenze.

12 Lo ngumlayo wendlu: Phezu kwengqonga yentaba wonke umngcele wayo inhlangothi zonke ozingelezeleyo uzakuba yingcwelengcwele. Khangela, lo ngumlayo wendlu.

13 Futhi lezi yizilinganiso zelathi ngezingalo, ingalo iyingalo lobubanzi besandla; lenkaba ibe yingalo, lobubanzi bube yingalo, lomngcele walo emphethweni walo inhlangothi zonke ube yikwelulwa okukodwa kweminwe. Njalo le izakuba ngumhlane welathi.

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14 Njalo kusukela kusisekelo emhlabathini kuze kube semngceleni ophansi kube zingalo ezimbili, lobubanzi bube yingalo eyodwa; futhi kusukela emngceleni omncane kusiya emngceleni omkhulu kube zingalo ezine, lobubanzi bube yingalo.

15 Njalo iziko lelathi libe zingalo ezine, njalo kusukela eziko lelathi kusiya phezulu kube lezimpondo ezine.

16 Njalo iziko lelathi libe yizingalo ezilitshumi lambili ngobude, ezilitshumi lambili ngobubanzi, kulingana inhlangothi zozine ezinhlangothini zalo zozine.

17 Umngcele ube yizingalo ezilitshumi lane ngobude, lezilitshumi lane ngobubanzi, ezinhlangothini zozine zalo; lomphetho inhlangothi zonke zalo ube yingxenye yengalo, lenkaba yalo ibe yingalo inhlangothi zonke, lezinyathelo zalo zikhangele empumalanga.

18 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lezi yizimiso zelathi, mhla bezalenza, ukuthi banikele umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwalo, lokuthi bafafaze igazi phezu kwalo.

19 Njalo uzanika kubapristi amaLevi abenzalo kaZadoki, abasondelayo kimi, itsho iNkosi uJehova, ukuze bangikhonze, ijongosi ithole lenkomo libe ngumnikelo wesono.

20 Uthathe okwegazi layo, ulifake ezimpondweni zozine zalo, lasemagumbini omane omngcele, laphezu komphetho ozingelezeleyo. Ngokunjalo uzalihlambulula, ulenzele inhlawulo yokuthula.

21 Futhi uzathatha ijongosi lomnikelo wesono, alitshise endaweni emisiweyo yendlu ngaphandle kwendawo engcwele.

22 Langosuku lwesibili uzasondeza izinyane lembuzi elingelasici libe ngumnikelo wesono; njalo bazahlambulula ilathi njengoba babelihlambulule ngejongosi.

23 Nxa usuqedile ukuhlambulula, uzasondeza ijongosi ithole lenkomo elingelasici, lenqama engelasici evela emhlanjini.

24 Ukusondeze phambi kweNKOSI; njalo abapristi bazathela itshwayi phezu kwakho, bakunikele kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni.

25 Insuku eziyisikhombisa uzalungisa insuku zonke imbuzi yomnikelo wesono; futhi bazalungisa ijongosi ithole lenkomo, lenqama evela emhlanjini, kungelasici.

26 Insuku eziyisikhombisa bazakwenzela ilathi inhlawulo yokuthula, balihlambulule, balehlukanise.

27 Nxa seziphelile lezonsuku, kuzakuthi ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kusiya phambili, abapristi benze iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa phezu kwelathi, leminikelo yenu yokuthula; njalo ngizalemukela, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

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Inkonzo yethempeli elitsha

1 Wasengibuyisela ngendlela yesango lendawo engcwele engaphandle,
elikhangele ngasempumalanga, elalivalekile.

2 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Lelisango lizahlala livaliwe, kaliyikuvulwa, kakulamuntu
ozangena ngalo; ngoba iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ingene ngalo, ngakho
lizakuba livalekile.

3 Libe ngelesiphathamandla; isiphathamandla, sona sizahlala kilo, ukuthi sidle
isinkwa phambi kweNKOSI. Ngendlela yekhulusi lesango sizangena, langendlela
yalo sizaphuma.

4 Wasengiletha ngendlela yesango lenyakatho ngaphambi kwendlu.
Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, inkazimulo yeNKOSI yagcwalisa indlu yeNKOSI;
ngasengisithi mbo ngobuso bami.

5 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, beka inhliziyo yakho, ubone ngamehlo
akho, uzwe ngendlebe zakho, konke engizakutshela khona mayelana lezimiso
zonke zendlu yeNKOSI, lemilayo yayo yonke; ubeke inhliziyo yakho kuyo indawo
yokungena yendlu, lazo zonke izindawo zokuphuma zendawo engcwele.

6 Njalo uzakuthi kibo abavukelayo, kiyo indlu kaIsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Sekwanele kini, ngenxa yazo zonke izinengiso zenu, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli.

7 Ngoba lingenisile abezizwe, abangasokanga ngenhliziyo labangasokanga
ngenyama, ukuthi babe sendaweni yami engcwele, ukuyingcolisa, ngitsho indlu
yami, lapho linikela isinkwa sami, amafutha, legazi, futhi bephulile isivumelwano
sami ngamanyala enu wonke.

8 Njalo kaligcinanga umlindo wezinto zami ezingcwele; kodwa lizimisele abagcini
bomlindo wami endaweni yami engcwele.

9 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kakulamuntu wezizwe, ongasokanga enhliziyweni,
kumbe ongasokanga enyameni, ozangena endaweni yami engcwele, kuye wonke
owezizwe ophakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

10 Kodwa amaLevi asuka aya khatshana lami, lapho uIsrayeli eduha, aduha esuka
kimi elandela izithombe zawo, ngitsho azathwala isiphambeko sawo.

11 Kube kanti azakuba yizikhonzi endaweni yami engcwele, belobubonisi
bamasango endlu, njalo ekhonza endlini; wona azahlaba umnikelo wokutshiswa
lomhlatshelo owenzelwa abantu, wona ame phambi kwabo ukuze abakhonze.

12 Ngenxa yokuthi bebakhonze phambi kwezithombe zabo, baba yisikhubekiso
sesiphambeko kuyo indlu yakoIsrayeli, ngalokho ngiphakamise isandla sami
ngimelene labo, itsho iNKOSI uJehova, ukuthi bazathwala isiphambeko sabo.

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13 Njalo kabayikusondela kimi, ukuze bangisebenzele njengabapristi, loba basondele lakuziphi izinto zami ezingcwele, endaweni eyingcwelengcwele; kodwa bazathwala ihlazo labo, lamanyala abo abawenzileyo.

14 Kodwa ngizabenza abagcini bomlindo wendlu, kuwo wonke umsebenzi wayo, lakukho konke okuzakwenziwa kiyo.

15 Kodwa abapristi abangamaLevi, amadodana kaZadoki, abagcina umlindo wendawo yami engcwele lapho abantwana bakoIsrayeli beduha besuka kimi, bona bazasondela kimi ukungikhonza, beme phambi kwamiukunikela kimi amahwahwa legazi, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

16 Bona bazangena endaweni yami engcwele, bona basondele etafuleni lami ukungikhonza, bagcine umlindo wami.

17 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho bengena emasangweni eguma elingaphakathi, bagqoke izembatho zelembu elicolekileyo, kodwa uboya bezimvu kabuyikuza phezu kwabo, besakhonza emasangweni eguma elingaphakathi, langaphakathi.

18 Kuzakuba lamaqhiye elembu elicolekileyo emakhanda abo, labokabhudula bangaphansi belembu elicolekileyo babe enkalweni zabo, bangabhinci ngokuginqisayo.

19 Lalapho bephumela egumeni elingaphandle, ngitsho egumeni elingaphandle besiya ebantwini, bazakhulula izembatho zabo abakhonza ngazo, bazibeke emakamelweni angcwele, bagqoke ezinye izigqoko, njalo kabayikungcwelisa abantu ngezembatho zabo.

20 Futhi kabayikuphuca amakhanda abo, kabayikuvumela izihluthu zenwele zikhule zibe zinde; bazagela lokugela amakhanda abo.

21 Futhi kabayikunatha iwayini, ngulowo lalowompristi, ekungeneni kwabo egumeni elingaphakathi.

22 Njalo kabayikuzithathela umfelokazi kumbe olahliweyo babe ngabafazi, kodwa bazathatha izintombi ezimsulwa zenzalo yendlu yakoIsrayeli, loba umfelokazi ongumfelokazi wompristi.

23 Njalo bazafundisa abantu bami umehluko phakathi kokungcwele lokungangcwele, babazise umehlukophakathi kokungcolileyo lokuhlambulukileyo.

24 Lekuphikisaneni bona bazakuma ekwahluleleni, bahlulele ngokwezahlulelo zami. Bagcine imilayo yami lezimiso zami kiyo yonke imikhosi yami emisiweyo, bangcwelise amasabatha ami.

25 Njalo kabayikuza emuntwini ofileyo ukuzingcolisa; kodwa ngoyise, kumbe ngonina, kumbe ngendodana, kumbe ngendodakazi, ngomfowabo, kumbe ngodadewabo ongeyisuye wendoda, bangazingcolisa.

26 Langemva kokuhlanjululwa kwakhe bazambalela insuku eziyisikhombisa.

27 Langosuku azangena ngalo endaweni engcwele, egumeni elingaphakathi, ukuyakhonza endaweni engcwele, uzanikela umnikelo wakhe wesono, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

28 Lokhu kuzakuba yilifa kubo; ngiyilifa labo; njalo kaliyikubanika imfuyo koIsrayeli; mina ngiyinzuzo yabo.

29 Bona bazakudla umnikelo wokudla, lomnikelo wesono, lomnikelo wecala, lakho konke okwehlukanisiweyo koIsrayeli kuzakuba ngokwabo.

30 Lokuqala kwazo zonke izithelo zokuqala zakho konke, lawo wonke umnikelo wakho konke, kuyo yonke iminikelo yenu, kuzakuba ngokwabapristi; lokuqala kwenhlama yenu likunike umpristi, ukuhlalisa isibusiso phezu kwendlu yakho.

31 Abapristi kabayikudla loba kuyini okuzifeleyo, loba okudatshuliweyo, okwenyoni kumbe okwenyamazana.

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Ukwehlukaniswa kwelizwe; isabelo seNkosi

1Kuzakuthi-ke lapho lisaba ilizwe ngenkatho ukuthi libe yilifa, lizanikela umnikelo eNkosini, indawoengcwele yelizwe; ubude buzakuba yibude bezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi buzakuba zinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Leyo izakuba ngcwele kuyo yonke imingcele yayo inhlangothi zonke.

2 Kuleyo kuzakuba lokwendawo engcwele engamakhulu amahlanu, lamakhulu amahlanu, ilingana inhlangothi zone ezizingelezeleyo; ibe legceke ngengalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu inhlangothi zonke.

3 Langalesisilinganiso lizalinganisa; ubude bube zingalo ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi bube zinkulungwane ezilitshumi, laphakathi kwayo kuzakuba khona indawo engcwele, lengcwele yezingcwele.

4 Kuzakuba yindawo engcwele yelizwe; izakuba ngeyabapristi, abakhonzi bendawo engcwele, abasondela ukuze bakhonze iNkosi; njalo izakuba kubo yindawo yezindlu, lendawo engcwele yendlu engcwele.

5 Lobude bezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi bezinkulungwane ezilitshumi, amaLevi, abakhonzi bendlu, azakuba labo, bube yimfuyo, amakamelo angamatshumi amabili.

6 Njalo lizanika imfuyo yomuzi, ububanzi bezinkulungwane ezinhlanu, lobude bamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, maqondana lomnikelo ongcwele; izakuba ngeyendlu yonke kaIsrayeli.

7 Njalo isiphathamandla sizakuba lesabelo ngapha langapha komnikelo wesabelo esingcwele lakwemfuyo yomuzi, phambi komnikelo

wesabelo ongcwele, laphambi kwemfuyo yomuzi, kusukela ngentshonalanga kuqonda entshonalanga, lakusukela ngempumalanga kuqonda empumalanga. Lobude buzaqondana lesinye sezabelo, kusukela emngceleni wentshonalanga kuze kube semngceleni wempumalanga.

8 Mayelana lelizwe, uzakuba lalo libe yimfuyo koIsrayeli. Njalo iziphathamandla zami kazisayikubacindezela abantu bami, kodwa zizanika ilizwe kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli njengokwezizwe zabo.

9 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Sekwanele kini, lina ziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli! Susani udlakela lokuchitha, lenze isahlulelo lokulunga, lisuse ukuxotsha kwenu kubo abantu bami, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

10 Lizakuba lesikali esilungileyo, le-efa elilungileyo, lebhathi elilungileyo.

11 I-efa lebhathi kuzakuba yisilinganiso sinye, ukuthi ibhathi limumethe ingxenye eyodwa etshuminiyehomeri, le-efa ingxenye eyodwa etshumini yehomeri; isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngokwehomeri.

12 Leshekeli lizakuba ngamagera angamatshumi amabili; amashekeli angamatshumi amabili, amashekeli angamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lamashekeli alitshumi lanhlanu, azakuba yimane kini.

Mayelana leminikelo lemikhosi

13 Lokhu kungumnikelo elizawunikela: Ingxenye eyodwa kweziyisithupha ye-efa yehomeri yengqoloyi, futhi lizakupha ingxenye eyodwa kweziyisithupha ye-efa yehomeri yebhali.

14 Mayelana lesimiso samafutha, ibhathi lamafutha, lizanikela ingxenye eyodwa etshumini yebhathi kulo ikhori,eliyihomeri yamabhathi alitshumi; ngoba amabathi alitshumi alihomeri.

15 Lewundlu elilodwa emhlanjini, kuwo amakhulu amabili, endaweni elamanzi kaIsrayeli, libe ngumnikelo wokudla, libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, libe yiminikelo yokuthula, yokubenzela ukubuyisana, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

16 Bonke abantu belizwe bazakuba kulowomnikelo kusenzelwa isiphathamandla koIsrayeli.

17 Kuzakuba phezu kwesiphathamandla ukunikela iminikelo yokutshisa, lomnikelo wempuphu, lomnikelo wokunathwayo, emikhosini, lekuthwaseni kwezinyanga, lemasabatheni, kuyo yonke imikhosi emisiweyo yendlu yakoIsrayeli. Sona sizalungisa umnikelo wesono, lomnikelo wempuphu, lomnikelo wokutshiswa, leminikelo yokuthula, ukwenzela indlu yakoIsrayeli ukubuyisana.

18 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, uzathatha ijongosi elilithole lenkomo elingelasici, uhlambulule indawo engcwele.

19 Njalo umpristi uzathatha okwegazi lomnikelo wesono, alifake emigubazini yendlu, lezingonsini ezine zomngcele welathi, lemigubazini yesango leguma langaphakathi.

20 Futhi uzakwenza njalo ngolwesikhombisa lwenyanga ngenxa yomuntu oduhayo, langenxa yongelalwazi; ngokunjalo uzakwenzela indlu inhlawulo yokuthula.

21 Ngenyanga yokuqala, ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga, lizakuba lephasika, umkhosi wensuku eziyisikhombisa; isinkwa esingelamvubelo sizadliwa.

22 Langalolosuku isiphathamandla sizazilungisela sona kanye labo bonke abantu belizwe ijongosi lomnikelo wesono.

23 Ngensuku eziyisikhombisa zomkhosi uzalungisa umnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni, amajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa ezingelasici ngosuku, okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, lomnikelo wesono wezinyane lezimbuzi ngosuku.

24 Uzalungisa-ke umnikelo wokudla, i-efa ngejongosi, le-efa ngenqama, lehini yamafutha nge-efa.

25 Ngenyanga yesikhombisa, ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga, uzakwenza njengalokhu emkhosini, insuku eziyisikhombisa, njengomnikelo wesono, njengomnikelo wokutshiswa, lanjengomnikelo wokudla, lanjengamafutha.

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1Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Isango leguma elingaphakathi elikhangele ngasempumalanga lizavaleka insuku eziyisithupha zokusebenza. Kodwa ngosuku lwesabatha lizavulwa, langosuku lokuthwasa kwenyanga lizavulwa.

2 Njalo isiphathamandla sizangena ngendlela yekhulusi lalelosango sivela phandle, sime emgubazini wesango. Abapristi balungise umnikelo waso wokutshiswa leminikelo yaso yokuthula, sona sizakhonza sisembundwini wesango, siphume; kodwa isango kaliyikuvalwa kuze kube kusihlwa.

3 Ngokunjalo abantu belizwe bazakhonza emnyango walelisango ngamasabatha langokuthwasa kwezinyangaphambi kweNKOSI.

4 Lomnikelo wokutshiswa isiphathamandla esizawunikela eNKOSIni ngosuku lwesabatha uzakuba ngamawundlu ayisithupha angelasici, lenqama engelasici.

5 Lomnikelo wokudla uzakuba yi-efa ngenqama, lomnikelo wokudla ngamawundlu uzakuba yisipho sesandla saso, kanye lehini yamafutha nge-efa.

6 Langosuku lokuthwasa kwenyanga kuzakuba lijongosi ithole lenkomo elingelasici, lamawundlu ayisithupha, lenqama; kungabi lasici.

7 Njalo sizalungisa umnikelo wokudla, i-efa ngejongosi, le-efa ngenqama, langamawundlu njengalokho isandla saso singafinyelela kukho, lehini lamafutha nge-efa.

8 Lalapho isiphathamandla singena, sizangena ngendlela yekhulusi lalelosango, siphume ngendlela yalo.

9 Kodwa lapho abantu belizwe besiza phambi kweNKOSI emikhosini emisiweyo, lowo ongena ngendlela yesango elingenyakatho ukuzakhonza uzaphuma ngendlela yesango elingeningizimu, longena ngendlela yesango elingeningizimu uzaphuma ngendlela yesango elingenyakatho. Kayikubuyela ngendlela yesango angene ngalo, kodwa uzaphuma maqondana lalo.

10 Lesiphathamandla sizangena siphakathi kwabo lapho bengena; lalapho bephuma sizaphuma.

11 Lemadilini lemikhosini emisiweyo umnikelo wokudla uzakuba li-efa ngejongosi, le-efa ngenqama, lesipho sesandla sakhe ngamawundlu, lehini lamafutha nge-efa.

12 Lalapho isiphathamandla silungisa umnikelo wesihle, umnikelo wokutshiswa, loba iminikelo yokuthula, umnikelo wesihle eNKOSIni, omunye uzasivulela isango elikhangele ngasempumalanga, silungise umnikelo waso wokutshiswa, leminikelo yaso yokuthula, njengokwenza kwaso ngosuku lwesabatha; siphume, njalo omunyeuzavala isango emva kokuphuma kwaso.

13 Njalo uzalungisa iwundlu elilomnyaka munye elingelasici libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNKOSIni insuku zonke. Uzalilungisa ngaleyo laleyo ikuseni.

14 Futhi uzalilungisela umnikelo wokudla ngaleyo laleyo ikuseni, ingxenye yesithupha ye-efa, lengxenye yesithathu yehini yamafutha, ukuthambisa impuphu ecolekileyo, kube ngumnikelo wokudla eNKOSIni, ngezimiso eziphakade njalonjalo.

15 Ngokunjalo bazalungisa iwundlu lomnikelo wokudla lamafutha ngaleyo laleyo ikuseni kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa njalonjalo.

16 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Uba isiphathamandla sinika isipho kuloba yiyiphi yamadodana aso, ilifa laso, amadodana aso azakuba lalo, lizakuba yimpahla yawo ngokwelifa.

17 Kodwa uba sinika isipho selifa laso kwenye yezinceku zaso, sizakuba ngesayo kuze kube ngumnyaka wenkululeko; khona sizabuyela kusiphathamandla; kodwa siyilifa laso, amadodana aso azakuba laso.

18 Futhi isiphathamandla kasiyikuthatha ulutho elifeni labantu ukubacindezela basuke emfuyweni yabo; sizanika ilifa emadodaneni aso emfuyweni yaso; ukuze abantu bami bangahlakazwa ngulowo asuke emfuyweni yakhe.

19 Wasengingenisa ekungeneni, okwakuseceleni kwesango, kusiya emakamelweni angcwele abapristi, akhangele ngasenyakatho; khangela-ke kwakulendawo kunhlangothi zombili ngasentshonalanga.

20 Wasesithi kimi: Yiyo le indawo lapho abapristi abazaphekela khona umnikelo wecala lomnikelo wesono, lapho abazabhakela khona umnikelo wokudla, ukuze bangakukhupheli egumeni elingaphandle, ukungcwelisa abantu.

21 Wasengikhuphela egumeni elingaphandle, wangidlulisa engonsini zozine zeguma; khangela-ke, kuleyo laleyongonsi yeguma kwakulelinye iguma.

22 Ezingonsini zozine zeguma kwakulamaguma ahlanganisiweyo; ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amane, lobubanzi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu; lezizingonsi zozine zazilesilinganiso sinye.

23 Njalo kwakulomzila wesakhiwo inhlangothi zonke kuzo, inhlangothi zonke zozine, njalo kwenziwe amaziko okubilisa ngaphansi kwemizila yesakhiwo inhlangothi zonke.

24 Wasesithi kimi: Lezi yizindlu zokuphekela, lapho abakhonzi bendlu abazaphekela khona umhlatshelo wabantu.

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Amanzi aphilisayo asethempelini

1Emva kwalokho wangibuyisela emnyango wendlu, khangela-ke, amanzi aphuma ngaphansi kombundu wendlu ngasempumalanga; ngoba ingaphambili yendlu yayingasempumalanga; lamanzi ehla esuka ngaphansi esuka ehlangothini lokunene lwendlu, ngaseningizimu kwelathi.

2 Wasengikhupha ngendlela yesango ngasenyakatho, wangibhodisa ngendlela engaphandle wangisa esangweni elingaphandle, ngendlela ekhangele ngasempumalanga. Khangela-ke, kwageleza amanzi avela ehlangothini lwesokunene.

3 Ekuphumeni kwendoda ngasempumalanga, elentambo esandleni sayo, yalinganisa izingalo eziyinkulungwane, yangidabulisa phakathi kwamanzi; amanzi afika enqagaleni.

4 Walinganisa futhi inkulungwane, wangidabulisa emanzini; amanzi afika emadolweni. Walinganisa futhi inkulungwane, wangidabulisa; amanzi afika ekhalweni.

5 Walinganisa futhi inkulungwane; kwaba ngumfula engingeke ngiwuchaphe, ngoba amanzi ayesephakeme, amanzi ongantsheza kuwo, umfula owawungeke wachatshwa.

6 Wasesithi kimi: Ubonile yini, ndodana yomuntu? Wasengihambisa, wangenza ngabuyela ekhunjini lomfula.

7 Ekubuyeleni kwami, khangela-ke, ekhunjini lomfula kwakulezihlahla ezinengi kakhulu ngapha langapha.

8 Wasesithi kimi: La amanzi aphumela ngaselizweni lempumalanga, ehlele enkangala, abesesiya elwandle; athi esekhutshelwe olwandle, amanzi azakwelatshwa.

9 Kuzakuthi-ke, sonke isidalwa esiphilayo, esinyakazelayo, loba ngaphi lapho imifula efika khona, sizaphila. Futhi kuzakuba khona inhlanzi ezinengi kakhulu, ngoba amanzi la azafika lapho; ngoba zizakwelatshwa; ngoba kuzaphila konke lapho umfula ofika khona.

10 Kuzakuthi-ke, abagoli benhlanzi beme ngakuwo kusukela e-Engedi kuze kube se-Enegilayimi; kuzakuba lendawo yokuchaya amambule. Inhlanzi zabo zizakuba ngenhlobo zazo, njengenhlanzi zolwandle olukhulu, ezinengi kakhulu.

11 Kodwa izindawo zawo ezilodaka lamaxhaphozi awo kakuyikwelatshwa; kuzanikelwa ekubeni litshwayi.

12 Futhi ngasemfuleni ekhunjini lwawo, ngapha langapha, kuzakhula sonke isihlahla sokudla, ohlamvu lasokaliyikubuna, lesithelo saso kasiyikuphela. Sizathela isithelo saso esitsha njengokwenyanga zaso, ngoba amanzi aso aphuma endaweni engcwele. Isithelo saso sizakuba yikudla, lehlamvu laso libe ngelokwelapha.

Imingcele yelizwe

13 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lo uzakuba ngumngcele, elizakudla ilifa lelizwe ngawo njengokwezizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakoIsrayeli. UJosefa uzakuba lezabelo ezimbili.

14 Njalo lizakudla ilifa lalo, omunye njengomunye, engaphakamisa isandla sami ngalo ukulinika oyihlo. Njalo lelilizwe lizawela kini libe yilifa.

15 Njalo lokhu kuzakuba ngumngcele welizwe ngakuhlangothi lwenyakatho, kusukela olwandle olukhulu, indlela yeHethiloni, ekungeneni eZedadi.

16 IHamathi, iBerotha, iSibirayimi ephakathi komngcele weDamaseko lomngcele weHamathi, iHazeri-Hathikhoni esemngceleni weHawurani.

17 Lomngcele osuka elwandle uzakuba yiHazari-Enoni, umngcele weDamaseko, lenyakatho ngasenyakatho, lomngcele weHamathi. Lalolu luhlangothi lwenyakatho.

18 Futhi uhlangothi lwempumalanga lizalulinganisa lusuka phakathi kweHawurani, lusuka phakathi kweDamaseko, lusuka phakathi kweGileyadi, lusuka phakathi kwelizwe lakoIsrayeli ngaseJodani, kusuke emngceleni kuze kufike elwandle olungempumalanga. Lalolu luzakuba luhlangothi lwempumalanga.

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19 Lohlangothi lweningizimu ngaseningizimu, kusukela eTamari kuze kube semanzini eMeribathi-Kadeshi, emfuleni kuze kube selwandle olukhulu. Lalolu luzakuba luhlangothi lweningizimu ngaseningizimu.

20 Lohlangothi lwentshonalanga luzakuba lulwandle olukhulu kusukela emngceleni, kuze kube maqondana lokungena eHamathi. Lolu luhlangothi lwentshonalanga.

21 Ngokunjalo lizazehlukanisela lelilizwe njengokwezizwe zakoIsrayeli.

22 Kuzakuthi-ke, lilabe ngenkatho libe yilifa kini, lakwabezizwe abahlala phakathi kwenu, abazazala abantwana phakathi kwenu. Njalo bazakuba kini njengabazalelwe elizweni phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. Bazakudla ilifa ngenkatho kanye lani phakathi kwezizwe zakoIsrayeli.

23 Kuzakuthi-ke, esizweni owezizwe ahlala njengowezizwe kiso, lapho lizamnika ilifa lakhe, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

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Ukwabiwa kwelizwe

1La-ke ngamabizo ezizwe. Kusukela ekucineni kwasenyakatho, kuze kube seceleni kwendlela yeHethiloni, ekungeneni kweHamathi, iHazari-Enani, umngcele weDamaseko ngasenyakatho, kuze kube seceleni kweHamathi; ngoba lezi zinhlangothi zakhe empumalanga lentshonalanga, isabelo esisodwasikaDani.

2 Langasemngceleni kaDani, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga, isabeloesisodwa sikaAsheri.

3 Langasemngceleni kaAsheri, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga,isabelo esisodwa sikaNafithali.

4 Langasemngceleni kaNafithali, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga,isabelo esisodwa sikaManase.

5 Langasemngceleni kaManase, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga,isabelo esisodwa sikaEfrayimi.

6 Langasemngceleni kaEfrayimi, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga,isabelo esisodwa sikaRubeni.

7 Langasemngceleni kaRubeni, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga,isabelo esisodwa sikaJuda.

8 Langasemngceleni kaJuda, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga, kuzakuba ngumnikelo elizawunikela, ububanzi buzakuba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobude njengesinye sezabelo, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga kuze kube sehlangothini lwentshonalanga; njalo indawo engcwele izakuba phakathi kwaso.

9 Umnikelo elizawunikela eNKOSIni uzakuba yibude obuyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi bezinkulungwane ezilitshumi.

10 Njalo kuzakuba kuso umnikelo ongcwele wabapristi, ngenyakatho izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, langentshonalanga ububanzi obuyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, langempumalanga ububanzi obuyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, langeningizimu ubude obuyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu; njalo indawo engcwele yeNKOSI izakuba phakathi kwaso.

11 Sizakuba ngesabapristi abangcwelisiweyo bamadodana kaZadoki, abagcine umlindo wami, abangaduhanga lapho abantwana bakoIsrayeli beduha, njengalokho amaLevi aduha.

12 Lokunikelweyo komnikelo welizwe kuzakuba kubo yinto engcwelengcwele ngasemngceleni wamaLevi.

13 Njalo maqondana lomngcele wabapristi, amaLevi azakuba lobude bezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi bezinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Ubude bonke buzakuba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi bube zinkulungwane ezilitshumi.

14 Njalo kabayikuthengisa okwakho, kabayikuntshintshisa, kabayikudlulisa izithelo zakuqala zelizwe, ngoba kungcwele eNKOSIni.

15 Lezinkulungwane ezinhlanu eziseleyo ebubanzini maqondana lezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, zizakuba ngezingengcwele zomuzi, ezokuhlala, lezamadlelo; lomuzi uzakuba phakathi kwazo.

16 Lalezi zizakuba yizilinganiso zaso; uhlangothi lwenyakatho luzakuba zinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, lohlangothi lweningizimu izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, lehlangothini lwempumalanga izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, lohlangothi lwentshonalanga izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu.

17 Njalo amadlelo omuzi azakuba ngamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngasenyakatho, lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngaseningizimu, lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngasempumalanga, lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngasentshonalanga.

18 Lokuseleyo ngobude maqondana lomnikelo ongcwele kuzakuba zinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngempumalanga, lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngentshonalanga; njalo kuzakuba maqondana lomnikelo ongcwele. Lenzuzo yakho izakuba yikudla kwezisebenzi zomuzi.

19 Njalo izisebenzi zomuzi zizawusebenzela zivela kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli.

20 Wonke umnikelo uzakuba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lezinkungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. Lizanikela umnikelo ongcwele ulingane inhlangothi zozine, kanye lelifa lomuzi.

21 Njalo okuseleyo kuzakuba ngokwesiphathamandla, ngapha langapha komnikelo ongcwele, lokwenzuzo yomuzi, ngaphambi kwezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu zomnikelo, kuze kube semngceleni wempumalanga lentshonalanga, ngaphambi kwezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, ngasemngceleni wentshonalanga, maqondana lezigaba zeziphathamandla; lomnikelo ongcwele lendawo engcwele yendlu kuzakuba phakathi kwakho.

22 Futhi kusukela enzuzweni yamaLevi, lakusukela enzuzweni yomuzi, ephakathi kokungokwesiphathamandla, phakathi komngcele kaJuda lomngcele kaBhenjamini, kuzakuba ngokwesiphathamandla.

23 Mayelana lokuseleyo kwezizwe, kusukela kuhlangothi lwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi lwentshonalanga, uBhenjamini uzakuba lesabelo esisodwa.

24 Lasemngceleni wakoBhenjamini, kusukela kuhlangothi lwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi lwentshonalanga, uSimeyoni uzakuba lesisodwa.

25 Lasemngceleni kaSimeyoni, kusukela kuhlangothi lwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi lwentshonalanga, uIsakari uzakuba lesisodwa.

26 Lasemngceleni kaIsakari, kusukela kuhlangothi lwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi lwentshonalanga, uZebuluni uzakuba lesisodwa.

27 Lasemngceleni kaZebuluni, kusukela kuhlangothi lwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi lwentshonalanga, uGadi uzakuba lesisodwa.

28 Lasemngceleni kaGadi, kuhlangothi lweningizimu ngaseningizimu, umngcele uzasuka eTamari kuze kube semanzini eMeribathi-Kadeshi, kuze kube semfuleni, kuze kube selwandle olukhulu.

29 Yilo ilizwe elizalaba ngenkatho libe yilifa kuzo izizwe zakoIsrayeli, njalo lezi yizabelo zazo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

Amasango eJerusalema

30 Lalokhu yikuphuma komuzi kuvela ehlangothini lwenyakatho, izilinganiso ezizinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu.

31 Njalo amasango omuzi azakuba ngamabizo ezizwe zakoIsrayeli; amasango amathathu ngasenyakatho; isango elilodwa elikaRubeni, isango elilodwa elikaJuda, isango elilodwa elikaLevi.

32 Lehlangothini lwempumalanga izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, lamasango amathathu; ngitsho isango elilodwa elikaJosefa, isango elilodwa elikaBhenjamini, isango elilodwa elikaDani.

33 Lehlangothini lweningizimu izilinganiso ezizinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, lamasango amathathu; isango elilodwa elikaSimeyoni, isango elilodwa elikaIsakari, isango elilodwa elikaZebuluni.

34 Uhlangothi lwentshonalanga, izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, amasango azo amathathu; isango elilodwa elikaGadi, isango elilodwa elikaAsheri, isango elilodwa elikaNafithali.

35 Inhlangothi zonke yizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili. Njalo ibizo lomuzi kusukela ngalolosuku lizakuba: INKOSI ilapha.

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UGWALO

ODaniyeli labangane bakhe esigodlweni sikaNebhukadinezari

1 Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda, kwafika
uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni eJerusalema, wayivimbezela.

2 INkosi yasinikela uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda esandleni sakhe, lengxenye
yezitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu; wasezisa elizweni leShinari, endlini kankulunkulu
wakhe; waletha izitsha endlini yenotho kankulunkulu wakhe.

3 Inkosi yasikhuluma kuAshipenazi induna yabathenwa bayo, ukuthi
alethe abanye kubantwana bakoIsrayeli, lakunzalo yesikhosini,
lakuziphathamandla;

4 amajaha okungelalasici kuwo, amahle ngesimo, azingcwethi kuyo yonke
inhlakanipho, alolwazi ngolwazi, alokuqedisisa ekwazini, lokwakulamandla
kuwo okuma esigodlweni senkosi, lokuthi bawafundise izincwadi
lolimi lwamaKhaladiya.

5 Inkosi yasiwamisela into yosuku ngosuku lwayo esabelweni sokudla kwenkosi,
lewayinini lokunatha kwayo, lokuthi bawakhulise iminyaka emithathu, ukuze
ekupheleni kwayo azekuma phambi kwenkosi.

6 Njalo kwakukhona phakathi kwabo kubantwana bakoJuda: ODaniyeli,
uHananiya, uMishayeli, loAzariya.

7 Njalo induna yabathenwa yabatha amabizo; ngoba yamutha
uDaniyeli ngokuthi nguBeliteshazari; loHananiyangokuthi nguShadraki;
loMishayeli ngokuthi nguMeshaki; loAzariya ngokuthi nguAbedinego.

8 Kodwa uDaniyeli wazimisela enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi
angazingcolisi ngesabelo sokudla kwenkosi, langewayini yokunatha kwayo;
ngakho wacela enduneni yabathenwa ukuthi angazingcolisi.

9 UNkulunkulu wasemnika uDaniyeli umusa lesihawu phambi kwenduna
yabathenwa.

10 Induna yabathenwa yasisithi kuDaniyeli: Ngiyayesaba inkosi yami, inkosi,
emise ukudla kwenu lokunathwayo kwenu; ngoba kungani izabona ubuso benu
budanile kulamajaha ayintanga yenu? Ngokunjalo lizafaka ikhanda lami engozini
enkosini.

11 UDaniyeli wasesithi kumphathi, induna yabathenwa eyayimmise waba phezu
kwaboDaniyeli, uHananiya, uMishayeli, loAzariya:

12 Ake ulinge inceku zakho insuku ezilitshumi; njalo basinike okwemibhida
eyimidumba ukuthi sidle, lamanzi ukuthi sinathe.

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13 Kakuthi-ke izimo zethu zibonakale phambi kwakho, lezimo zamajaha adla isabelo sokudla kwenkosi; wenze-ke ezincekwini zakho njengokubona kwakho.

14 Wasebalalela kuloludaba, wabalinga insuku ezilitshumi.

15 Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku ezilitshumi izimo zabo zabonakala zizinhle njalo zizimukile enyameni kulawo wonke amajaha ayesidla isabelo sokudla kwenkosi.

16 Ngakho-ke umphathi wasusa isabelo sokudla kwabo, lewayini lokunatha kwabo, wabanika imibhida.

17 Mayelana lala amajaha amane, uNkulunkulu wawanika ulwazi lokuqedisisa kuzo zonke izincwadi, lenhlakanipho. Njalo uDaniyeli waqedisisa ngayo yonke imibono lamaphupho.

18 Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku inkosi eyayitshilo ukuthi bazawangenisa ngazo, induna yabathenwa yawangenisa phambi kukaNebhukadinezari.

19 Inkosi yasikhuluma lawo; njalo phakathi kwawo wonke kakutholwanga onjengoDaniyeli, uHananiya, uMishayeli, loAzariya; ngakho ema phambi kwenkosi.

20 Mayelana lazo zonke izindaba zenhlakanipho lokuqedisisa, inkosi eyayiwabuza ngazo, yawathola esedlula ngokuphindwe katshumi bonke abalumbi lezangoma abasembusweni wayo wonke.

21 Njalo uDaniyeli waba khona kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wokuqala wenkosi uKoresi.

LUKADANIYELI 2

Iphupho likaNebhukadinezari

1Ngomnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaNebhukadinezari, uNebhukadinezari waphupha amaphupho; umoya wakhe wasukhathazeka, lobuthongo bakhe basuka kuye.

2 Inkosi yasisithi kubizwe izanuse lezangoma labavumisayo lamaKhaladiya, ukuze batshengise inkosi amaphupho ayo. Beza-ke, bema phambi kwenkosi.

3 Inkosi yasisithi kibo: Ngiphuphe iphupho; umoya wami wasukhathazeka ukulazi iphupho.

4 AmaKhaladiya asekhuluma enkosini ngesiAramu: Nkosi, phila kuze kube nininini! Tshela inceku zakho iphupho, thina sizatshengisa ingcazelo.

5 Inkosi yaphendula yathi kumaKhaladiya: Into isisukile kimi; uba lingayikungazisa iphupho lengcazelo yalo, lizakwenziwa iziqa, lezindlu zenu zenziwe inqumbi yomquba.

6 Kodwa uba litshengisa iphupho lengcazelo yalo, lizakwemukela kimi izipho lomvuzo lodumo olukhulu. Ngakho ngitshengisani iphupho lengcazelo yalo.

7 Baphendula okwesibili bathi: Inkosi kayitshele inceku zayo iphupho, thina sizabonisa ingcazelo yalo.

8 Inkosi yaphendula yathi: Mina ngiyazi isibili ukuthi lithenga isikhathi, ngoba liyabona ukuthi into isukile kimi.

9 Kodwa uba lingangazisi iphupho, kulesimiso esisodwa ngani; ngoba livumelene ukukhuluma ilizwi lamangaelikhohlakeleyo phambi kwami, kuze kuguquke isikhathi. Ngakho ngitshelani iphupho, besengisazi ukuthi lingangitshela ingcazelo yalo.

10 AmaKhaladiya aphendula phambi kwenkosi, athi: Kakulamuntu emhlabeni olakho ukutshengisa udaba lwenkosi; ngakho kayikho inkosi enkulu kumbe umbusi owake wabuza into enje kuloba yisiphi isanuse kumbe isangoma kumbe umKhaladiya.

11 Futhi kuyinto enzima inkosi eyibuzayo, njalo kakho omunye ongayibonisa phambi kwenkosi, ngaphandlekwabonkulunkulu, okuhlala kwabo kakukho kwabasenyameni.

12 Ngenxa yalokhu inkosi yaba lolaka yathukuthela kakhulu, yalaya ukuthi kubhujiswe bonke abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni.

13 Kwasekuphuma isimiso, ukuthi abahlakaniphileyo babulawe; basebedinga uDaniyeli labangane bakhe ukuthi babulawe.

14 Khona uDaniyeli wabuyisela icebo lokuqonda kuAriyoki induna yabalindi benkosi, owayephumele ukubulala abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni.

15 Waphendula wathi kuAriyoki induna yenkosi: Kungani isimiso singesesiphangiphangi esivela enkosini? Khona uAriyoki wamazisa uDaniyeli indaba.

16 UDaniyeli wasengena, wacela enkosini ukuthi imnike isikhathi sokuthi ayitshengise inkosi ingcazelo.

17 Khona uDaniyeli waya endlini yakhe, wabazisa oHananiya, uMishayeli, loAzariya, abangane bakhe, loludaba;

18 ukuze bacele izihawu kuNkulunkulu wezulu ngalimfihlakalo; ukuze bangabhubhi oDaniyeli labangane bakhe kanye labanye abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni.

19 Khona imfihlakalo yembulelwa uDaniyeli embonweni wobusuku. Khona uDaniyeli wamdumisauNkulunkulu wamazulu.

20 UDaniyeli waphendula wathi: Kalidunyiswe ibizo likaNkulunkulu kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade, ngoba inhlakanipho lamandla kungokwakhe.

21 Ngoba uyaguqula izikhathi lezikhathi ezimisiweyo, uyasusa amakhosi, amise amakhosi, upha inhlakanipho kwabahlakaniphileyo, lolwazi kulabo abazi ukuqedisisa.

22 Uyembula okujulileyo lokufihlakeleyo, uyakwazi okusemnyameni, lokukhanya kuhlala kanye laye.

23 Ngiyakubonga ngikudumise, wena Nkulunkulu wabobaba, ongiphe inhlakanipho lamandla, ongazise khathesi lokho esikucelileyo kuwe, ngoba usazisile udaba lwenkosi.

24 Ngakho uDaniyeli wangena kuAriyoki, inkosi eyayimmisele ukuthi abhubhise abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni; wahamba, wakhuluma kanje kuye: Ungabhubhisi abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni; ngingenisa phambi kwenkosi, mina ngizayitshengisa inkosi ingcazelo.

25 Khona uAriyoki wangenisa uDaniyeli phambi kwenkosi ngokuphangisa, watsho njalo kuyo: Ngithole indoda kwabathunjiweyo bakoJuda, ezakwazisa inkosi ingcazelo.

26 Inkosi yaphendula yathi kuDaniyeli, obizo lakhe lalinguBeliteshazari: Ulakho yini ukungazisa iphupho engilibonileyo, lengcazelo yalo?

27 UDaniyeli waphendula phambi kwenkosi, wathi: Imfihlakalo inkosi eyibuzayo, abahlakaniphileyo, izangoma, izanuse, abalumbi bangeyibonise inkosi.

28 Kodwa ukhona uNkulunkulu emazulwini owembula izimfihlakalo, uyitshengisile inkosi uNebhukadinezari okuzakwenzeka ekucineni kwezinsuku; iphupho lakho lemibono yekhanda lakho embhedeni wakho yilokhu:

29 Wena, nkosi, usembhedeni wakho kwavela imicabango yakho ngalokhu okuzakwenzeka emva kwalokhu; lalowo owembula izimfihlakalo ukwazisile wena lokho okuzakwenzeka.

30 Mayelana lami, limfihlakalo yembulwa kimi hatshi ngenxa yenhlakanipho ephakathi kwami okwedlula bonke abaphilayo, kodwa ukuthi kwaziswe ingcazelo enkosini, lokuthi wazi imicabango yenhliziyo yakho.

31 Wena nkosi, wabona, khangela-ke, isithombe esikhulu. Lesisithombe esikhulu, okukhazimula kwaso kwakusedlulisa, sema phambi kwakho; lesimo saso sasisesabeka.

32 Ikhanda lalesisithombe lalingelegolide elihle, isifuba saso lengalo zaso kwakungokwesiliva, isisu saso lamathangazi aso kwakungokwethusi,

33 imilenze yaso yayingeyensimbi, inyawo zaso ingxenye yayingeyensimbi lengxenye yayingeyebumba.

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34 Wasubona kwaze kwasikwa ilitshe kungengezandla, elatshaya isithombe ezinyaweni zaso ezensimbi lebumba, lazichoboza.

35 Khona kwachotshozwa ndawonye insimbi, ibumba, ithusi, isiliva, legolide, kwaba njengamakhoba amabala okubhulela ehlobo, lomoya wakususa, akwaze kwatholelwa ndawo. Njalo ilitshe elatshaya isithombe laba yintaba enkulu, lagcwalisa umhlaba wonke.

36 Yilo lelo iphupho; sesizakutsho ingcazelo yalo phambi kwenkosi.

37 Wena, nkosi, uyinkosi yamakhosi, ngoba uNkulunkulu wamazulu ukunikile umbuso, amandla, lokuqina, lodumo.

38 Njalo loba kungaphi lapho abantwana babantu abahlezi khona, izinyamazana zeganga lezinyoni zamazulu uzinikele esandleni sakho, wakwenza waba ngumbusi phezu kwazo zonke. Wena uyilelikhanda legolide.

39 Langemva kwakho kuzavela omunye umbuso omncinyane kulowakho, lomunye owesithathu umbusowethusi, ozabusa emhlabeni wonke.

40 Lombuso wesine uzaqina njengensimbi; ngoba njengoba insimbi ichoboza yehlisele phansi konke, njalo njengensimbi echoboza konke lokhu, ngokunjalo uzachoboza wephule.

41 Njalo njengoba wabona izinyawo lamazwane, kuyingxenye yebumba lombumbi lengxenye yensimbi, umbuso uzadatshulwa phakathi. Kodwa kuzakuba kuwo okwamandla ensimbi, njengoba wabona insimbi ihlanganiswe lebumba eliludaka.

42 Njengoba amazwane enyawo ayelengxenye yensimbi lengxenye yebumba; umbuso uzakuba lamandla nganxanye, wephuke lula nganxanye.

43 Njalo njengoba wabona insimbi ihlanganiswe lebumba eliludaka, bazazihlanganisa lenzalo yabantu, kodwa kabayikunamathelana, njengoba insimbi ingahlanganiswa lebumba.

44 Langensuku zalamakhosi uNkulunkulu wamazulu uzamisa umbuso, ongayikuchithwa kuze kube phakade; lombuso kawuyikutshiyelwa abanye abantu; uzachoboza uqede yonke limibuso, wona-ke uzakuma kuze kube phakade.

45 Ngenxa yokuthi wabona ukuthi ilitshe liqetshulwa entabeni, kungengezandla, lokuthi lachoboza insimbi, ithusi, ibumba, isiliva, legolide; uNkulunkulu omkhulu uyazisile inkosi okuzakwenzeka emva kwalokhu; iphupho liqinisekile, lengcazelo yalo ithembekile.

46 Khona inkosi uNebhukadinezari yathi mbo ngobuso bayo, yakhuleka kuDaniyeli, yathi kuthululelwe kuye umnikelo lezimpepha.

47 Inkosi yamphendula uDaniyeli, yathi: Kuliqiniso ukuthi uNkulunkulu wenu unguNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, leNkosi yamakhosi, lomambuli wezimfihlakalo, ngoba ubelakho ukwembula limfihlakalo.

48 Khona inkosi yamenza uDaniyeli waba ngomkhulu, yamupha izipho ezinkulu ezinengi, yamenza waba ngumbusi phezu kwesabelo sonke seBhabhiloni, lenduna yababusi phezu kwabo bonke abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni.

49 UDaniyeli wasecela enkosini, njalo yamisa oShadraki, uMeshaki loAbedinego phezu komsebenzi wesabelo seBhabhiloni; kodwa uDaniyeli waba sesangweni lenkosi.

LUKADANIYELI 3

UNebhukadinezari wenza isithombe segolide

1UNebhukadinezari inkosi wenza isithombe segolide; ubude baso babuzingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, ububanzi baso buzingalo eziyisithupha; yasimisa egcekeni leDura, esabelweni seBhabhiloni.

2 UNebhukadinezari inkosi wasethumela ukubuthela ndawonye iziphathamandla, ababusi, lezinduna, abeluleki, abaphathizikhwama, abehluleli, abathonisisi, labo bonke ababusi bezabelo, ukuze beze ekwehlukanisweni kwesithombe uNebhukadinezari inkosi ayesimisile.

3 Khona iziphathamandla, ababusi, lezinduna, abeluleki, abaphathizikhwama, abehluleli, abathonisisi, labo bonke ababusi bezabelo babuthana ndawonye ekwehlukanisweni kwesithombe uNebhukadinezari inkosi ayesimisile; basebesima phambi kwesithombe uNebhukadinezari ayesimisile.

4 Ummemezeli wasememeza ngamandla wathi: Liyalaywa, lina bantu, zizwe, lezindimi, ukuthi:

5 Ngesikhathi elizwa ngaso ukukhala kophondo, umhlanga, ichacho, ichachwana, ugubhu lwezintambo, umfece, layo yonke imihlobo yokukhaliswayo, liwele phansi, likhonze isithombe segolide uNebhukadinezari inkosi asimisileyo.

6 Njalo loba ngubani ongawi phansi, akhonze, ngalesosikhathi uzaphoselwa phakathi kwesithando somlilo esivuthayo.

7 Ngakho ngalesosikhathi, lapho abantu bonke besizwa ukukhala kophondo, umhlanga, ichacho, ichachwana, ugubhu lwezintambo, layo yonke imihlobo yokukhaliswayo, bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi, bawela phansi, bakhonza isithombe segolide uNebhukadinezari inkosi ayesimisile.

8 Ngakho ngalesosikhathi amaKhaladiya athile asondela, ahleba amaJuda.

9 Aphendula athi kuNebhukadinezari inkosi: Nkosi, phila kuze kube nininini!

10 Wena nkosi, wenzile umlayo, ukuthi wonke umuntu ozakuzwa ukukhala kophondo, umhlanga, ichacho, ichachwana, ugubhu lwezintambo, lomfece, layo yonke imihlobo yokukhaliswayo, uzawela phansi akhonze isithombe segolide;

11 njalo loba ngubani ongawi phansi, akhonze, uzaphoselwa phakathi kwesithando somlilo ovuthayo.

12 Kukhona amaJuda athile owamise phezu komsebenzi wesabelo seBhabhiloni, oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego; la amadoda, nkosi, kawakunakanga; kawakhonzi onkulunkulu bakho, kawakhothameli isithombe segolide osimisileyo.

13 Khona uNebhukadinezari ekuthukutheleni lekuvutheni kolaka walaya ukuletha oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego. Khonokho lawomadoda alethwa phambi kwenkosi.

14 UNebhukadinezari waphendula wathi kibo: Kungamabomu yini, Shadraki, Meshaki, loAbedinego, lingakhonzi onkulunkulu bami, lingakhothameli isithombe segolide engisimisileyo?

15 Khathesi, uba selilungile ukuthi ngesikhathi lisizwa ukukhala kophondo, umhlanga, ichacho, ichachwana, ugubhu lwezintambo, lomfece, layo yonke imihlobo yokukhaliswayo, liwele phansi, likhonze isithombe engisenzileyo, kuhle; kodwa uba lingakhonzi, ngalesosikhathi lizaphoselwa phakathi kwesithando somlilo ovuthayo. Ngubani-ke lowoNkulunkulu ozalikhulula ezandleni zami?

16 OShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego baphendula bathi enkosini: Nebhukadinezari, kasidingi ukukuphendula kuloludaba.

17 Uba kungenzeka, uNkulunkulu wethu esimkhonzayo ulakho ukusikhulula esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo; njalo uzasikhulula esandleni sakho, nkosi.

18 Kodwa uba kungenjalo, kakwaziwe kuwe, nkosi, ukuthi kasiyikubakhonza onkulunkulu bakho, lokuthi kasiyikukhothamela isithombe segolide osimisileyo.

Isithando somlilo

19 Khona uNebhukadinezari wagcwala ulaka, lesimo sobuso bakhe sabaguqukela oShadraki, uMeshaki loAbedinego; waphendula, walaya ukuthi batshise isithando kasikhombisa ngaphezu kwalokho okwejwayeleke ukutshiswa ngakho.

20 Waselaya amadoda alamandla ayesebuthweni lakhe ukuthi abophe oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego, ukuthi babaphosele esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo.

21 Lawomadoda asebotshwa embethe izembatho zawo, amabhulugwe awo, lezingowane zawo, lezinye izigqoko zawo, aphoselwa phakathi kwesithando somlilo ovuthayo.

22 Ngakho ngenxa yokuthi ilizwi lenkosi belibukhali, lesithando sitshisa kakhulu, ilangabi lomlilo labulala lawomadoda ayethwele oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego.

23 Lala amadoda amathathu, oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego, awela phansi ebotshiwe phakathi kwesithando somlilo esivuthayo.

24 Khona uNebhukadinezari inkosi wethuka, wasukuma ngokuphangisa, waphendula wathi kubeluleki bakhe: Kasiphoselanga amadoda amathathu ebotshiwe phakathi komlilo yini? Baphendula bathi enkosini: Liqiniso, nkosi.

25 Yaphendula yathi: Khangelani, ngibona amadoda amane ekhululekile ehamba phakathi komlilo, njalo kakukho ukonakala kuwo; njalo isimo seyesine sifanana lendodana yabonkulunkulu.

26 Khona uNebhukadinezari wasondela emnyango wesithando somlilo esivuthayo, waphendula, wathi: Shadraki, Meshaki, loAbedinego, lina zinceku zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, phumani, lize. Khona oShadraki, Meshaki, loAbedinego baphuma phakathi komlilo.

27 Iziphathamandla, ababusi, lezinduna, labeluleki benkosi, sebebuthene, babona la amadoda, umlilo owawungazanga ube lamandla phezu kwemizimba yawo, okwakungahangulwanga lonwele lwekhanda lawo, lezambatho zawo ezazingaguqukanga, lokunuka komlilo okwakungedlulanga kiwo.

28 UNebhukadinezari waphendula, wathi: Kadunyiswe uNkulunkulu kaShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego, othume ingilosi yakhe, wakhulula izinceku zakhe ezimthembileyo, zaze zaguqula ilizwi lenkosi, zanikela imizimba yazo, ukuze zingakhonzi zingakhuleki lakuwuphi unkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wazo.

29 Ngakho umlayo wenziwa yimi, ukuthi bonke abantu, isizwe, lolimi, olukhuluma okungafanelanga okumelene loNkulunkulu kaShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego, uzaqunywa iziqa, lendlu yakhe yenziwe inqumbi yomquba; ngoba engekho omunye unkulunkulu olakho ukophula njengalokhu.

30 Khona inkosi yabaphumelelisa oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego, esabelweni seBhabhiloni.

LUKADANIYELI 4

Iphupho lesibili lobuhlanya bukaNebhukadinezari

1UNebhukadinezari inkosi, kubo bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi, ezihlala emhlabeni wonke: Ukuthula kwenu kakwande!

2 Bekukuhle kimi ukuthi ngikwazise izibonakaliso lezimangaliso uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke azenze kimi.

3 Yeka ubukhulu bezibonakaliso zakhe, njalo yeka amandla ezimangaliso zakhe!
Umbuso wakhe ungumbuso ongulaphakade, lokubusa kwakhe
kungokwesizukulwana lesizukulwana.

4 Mina, uNebhukadinezari, ngangonwabile endlini yami, ngahluma esigodlweni
sami,

5 ngabona iphupho elangesabisayo; lemicabango phezu kombheda wami,
lemibono yekhanda lami kwangethusa.

6 Ngakho umlayo wenziwa yimi wokuthi kungeniswe phambi kwami bonke
abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni, ukuze bangazise ingcazelo yephupho.

7 Kwasekungena izanuse, izangoma, amaKhaladiya, labalumbi; ngasengikhuluma
iphupho phambi kwabo, kodwa kabangazisanga ingcazelo yalo.

8 Kodwa ngasekucineni uDaniyeli wangena phambi kwami, obizo lakhe
lalinguBeliteshazari, ngokwebizo likankulunkulu wami, lokukuye umoya
wabonkulunkulu abangcwele; ngasengikhuluma iphupho phambi
kwakhe, ngisithi:

9 Wena Beliteshazari, nduna yezanuse, ngoba mina ngiyazi ukuthi umoya
wabonkulunkulu abangcwele ukuwe, lokuthi kakulamfihlakalo leyodwa
ekuhluphayo, ngitshela imibono yephupho lami engilibonileyo, lengcazelo yalo.

10 Yayinjalo imibono yekhanda lami embhedeni wami: Ngabona, khangela-ke,
isihlahla phakathi komhlaba, lobude baso babubukhulu.

11 Isihlahla sakhula saba sikhulu, saqina, lobude baso bafinyelela emazulwini,
lokubonakala kwaso kwaze kwaba sekucineni komhlaba wonke.

12 Amahlamvu aso ayemahle, lesithelo saso sasisinengi, kwakukhona kiso ukudla
kwabo bonke; inyamazana zeganga zaba lomthunzi ngaphansi kwaso, lenyoni
zamazulu zahlala ezingatsheni zaso, layo yonke inyama yondliwa kiso.

13 Ngabona emibonweni yekhanda lami embhedeni wami, khangela-ke, umlindi,
ngitsho ongcwele, wehla evela emazulwini.

14 Wamemeza ngamandla watsho njalo: Sigamuleni isihlahla, liqume izingatsha
zaso, liphulule amahlamvu aso, lichithachithe izithelo zaso; izinyamazana
kazisuke ngaphansi kwaso, lezinyoni ngasezingatsheni zaso.

15 Lanxa kunjalo tshiyani isidindi sempande zakhe emhlabathini, langebhanti
lensimbi lethusi ohlazeni lwasendle; njalo kakumanziswe ngamazolo amazulu,
lesabelo sakhe kasibe kanye lezinyamazana etshanini bomhlaba.

16 Inhliziyo yakhe kayiphenduke ingabi ngeyomuntu, kayiphiwe inhliziyo
yenyamazana; futhi kakwedlule phezu kwakhe izikhathi eziyisikhombisa.

17 Loludaba lungesimemezelo sabalindi, lesilayezelo ngelizwi labangcwele;
ukuze abaphilayo bazi ukuthioPhezukonke uyabusa embusweni wabantu,

njalo awunike loba kukubani amthandayo, amise phezu kwawo ophansi ebantwini.

18 Leliphupho ngilibonile mina nkosi uNebhukadinezari. Wena-ke, Beliteshazari, yitsho ingcazelo yalo; ngobabonke abahlakaniphileyo bombuso wami bengelakho ukungitshela ingcazelo; kodwa wena ulakho; ngoba umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele ukuwe.

19 Ng'khona uDaniyeli, obizo lakhe lalinguBeliteshazari, wamangala kakhulu okwesikhatshana, lemicabango yakhe yamkhathaza. Inkosi yaphendula, yathi: Beliteshazari, iphupho lengcazelo yalo kakungakukhathazi. UBeliteshazari waphendula wathi: Nkosi yami, iphupho kalibe kwabakuzondayo, lengcazelo yalo kuzo izitha zakho.

20 Isihlahla osibonileyo, esakhula saba sikhulu saqina, lobude baso bafinyelela emazulwini, lokubonakala kwaso kwaze kwaba semhlabeni wonke,

21 esimahlamvu aso ayemahle, lesithelo saso sisinengi, njalo kiso kulokudla kwabo bonke, lezinyamazana zeganga zahlala phansi kwaso, lenyoni zamazulu zahlala ezingatsheni zaso;

22 singuwe, wena nkosi, osukhulile waba mkhulu waqina; ngoba ubukhulu bakho bukhulile, bafinyelela emazulwini, lombuso wakho ekucineni komhlaba.

23 Njengalokho inkosi yabona umlindi, ngitsho ongcwele, esehla evela emazulwini owathi: Gamulani isihlahla lisichithe; kodwa litshiye isidindi sezimpande emhlabathini sibotshwe ngebhanti lensimbi lethusi ohlazeni lwasendle; kakumanziswe ngamazolo amazulu, lesabelo sakhe kasibe kanye lezinyamazana zeganga, kuze kwedlule izikhathi eziyisikhombisa phezu kwakhe.

24 Nansi ingcazelo, nkosi, njalo nansi isimemezelo soPhezukonke, esiza phezu kwenkosi yami, inkosi:

25 Ukuthi bazakuxotsha ebantwini, lenhlalo yakho izakuba kanye lezinyamazana zeganga, bazakudlisa utshaninjengezinkabi, bazakumanzisa ngamazolo amazulu, lezikhathi eziyisikhombisa zizadlula phezu kwakho, uze wazi ukuthi oPhezukonke uyabusa emibusweni yabantu, ayinike loba kukubani amthandayo.

26 Njengalokho bathi kutshiywe isidindi sempande zesihlahla, umbuso wakho uzakuma kuwe, emva kokuthi ususazi ukuthi amazulu ayabusa.

27 Ngakho, nkosi, kasemukeleke kuwe iseluleko sami; wephule izono zakho ngokulunga, lobubi bakhongokutshengisa isihawu kwabangabayanga, aluba kungaba lokwelulwa kokuthula kwakho.

28 Konke lokhu kwamehlela uNebhukadinezari inkosi.

29 Ekupheleni kwenyanga ezilitshumi lambili wayehambahamba phezu kwesigodlo sombuso weBhabhiloni.

30 Inkosi yaphendula yathi: Kayisiyo yini le iBhabhiloni enkulu mina engiyakhe ukuba yindlu yombuso, ngamandla engalo yami, njalo ibe ludumo lobukhosi bami?

31 Ilizwi lisesemlonyeni wenkosi, kwawa ilizwi livela emazulwini lisithi: Wena nkosi Nebhukadinezari, kuyatshiwo kuwe ukuthi: Umbuso usukile kuwe.

32 Bazakuxotsha usuke ebantwini, lenhlalo yakho izakuba kanye lenyamazana zeganga, bazakudlisa utshani njengezinkabi, lezikhathi eziyisikhombisa zizadlula phezu kwakho, uze wazi ukuthi oPhezukonke uyabusa emibusweni yabantu, ayinike loba kukubani amthandayo.

33 Ngalesosikhathi lolulutho lwagcwaliseka phezu kukaNebhukadinezari; wasexotshwa ebantwini, wadla utshani njengezinkabi, lomzimba wakhe wamanziswa ngamazolo amazulu, zaze inwele zakhe zakhula njengensibazelinqe, lenzipho zakhe njengezenyoni.

34 Njalo ekupheleni kwezinsuku, mina Nebhukadinezari ngaphakamisela amehlo ami emazulwini, ngoba ukuqedisisa kwami kwabuyela kimi; ngasengibusisa oPhezukonke, ngamdumisa, ngamhlonipha yena ophila phakade, ngoba ukubusa kwakhe kuyikubusa okulaphakade, lombuso wakhe ungowesizukulwana lesizukulwana;

35 futhi bonke abahlali bomhlaba babalwa njengokungelutho, njalo wenza njengentando yakhe ebuthweni lamazulu lakubahlali bomhlaba; njalo kakho ongavimbela isandla sakhe, loba athi kuye: Wenzani?

36 Ngasona lesosikhathi ingqondo yami yabuyela kimi, futhi ngenxa yenkazimulo yombuso wami udumo lwami lokucwebezela kwami kwabuyela kimi; njalo abeluleki bami lezikhulu zami zangidinga; ngasengimiswa futhi embusweni wami; lobukhulu obudluleleyo bengezelelwa kimi.

37 Khathesi, mina, Nebhukadinezari, ngiyayidumisa ngiyiphakamise ngiyihloniphe iNkosi yamazulu, ngoba imisebenzi yayo yonke iliqiniso, lezindlela zayo ziyisahlulelo; lalabo abahamba ngokuzigqaja ilakho ukubathobisa.

LUKADANIYELI 5

Umbhalo obhalwa emdulini

1UBelishazari inkosi wenzela iziphathamandla zakhe eziyinkulungwane idili elikhulu, wanatha iwayini phambi kwaleyonkulungwane.

2 UBelishazari, esalinambitha iwayini, walaya ukuthi balethe izitsha zegolide lezesiliva uyise uNebhukadinezari ayezikhuphe ethempelini elaliseJerusalema; ukuze inkosi, leziphathamandla zayo, omkayo, labafazi bayo abancane, banathele kizo.

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3 Khona baletha izitsha zegolide ezazikhutshwe ethempelini lendlu
kaNkulunkulu eyayiseJerusalema; njalo inkosi, leziphathamandla zayo, omkayo,
labafazi bayo abancane, banathela kizo.

4 Banatha iwayini, badumisa onkulunkulu begolide, labesiliva, abethusi,
abensimbi, abesigodo, labelitshe.

5 Ngalesosikhathi kwaphuma iminwe yesandla somuntu, yabhala maqondana
lesiqobane sesibane phezu kokubhadiweyo komduli wesigodlo senkosi; inkosi
yasibona inhlanekela yesandla esasibhala.

6 Khonokho ukucwebezela kobuso benkosi kwaphenduka, lemicabango yayo
yayihlupha, kwaze kwaxega amalunga okhalo lwayo, lamadolo ayo atshayana.

7 Inkosi yamemeza ngamandla ukuthi balethe izangoma, amaKhaladiya,
labalumbi. Inkosi yaphendula, yathi kwabahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni: Wonke
umuntu ongafunda lumbhalo, angitshengise ingcazelo yawo, uzagqokiswa
okuyibubende, leketane yegolide entanyeni yakhe, abe ngumbusi wesithathu
embusweni.

8 Khona bangena bonke abahlakaniphileyo benkosi; kodwa babengelakho
ukuwubala umbhalo, lokwazisa inkosi ingcazelo yawo.

9 Khona inkosi uBelishazari yethuka kakhulu, lokucwebezela kobuso bayo
kwaphenduka kuyo, leziphathamandla zayo zadideka.

10 Indlovukazi, ngenxa yamazwi enkosi leziphathamandla zayo, yangena endlini
yedili. Indlovukazi yaphendula yathi: Nkosi, phila kuze kube nininini! Imicabango
yakho kayingakwethusi, lokucwebezela kobuso bakho kakungaphenduki.

11 Kulomuntu embusweni wakho okulomoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele kuye;
ngoba ensukwini zikayihlo kwatholwa kuye ukukhanya lokuqedisisa
lenhlakanipho, njengenhlakanipho yabonkulunkulu; ngakho inkosi
uNebhukadinezari uyihlo wamenza waba yinduna yezanuse, yezangoma,
yamaKhaladiya, yabalumbi, uyihlo, nkosi.

12 Ngoba umoya owedlulisileyo, lolwazi, lokuqedisisa, ukuchasisa amaphupho,
lokuchasisa imizekeliso, lokutshombulula amafindo, kwatholakala kuye,
kuDaniyeli, inkosi eyamutha ibizo elithi uBeliteshazari. Khathesi kabizwe
uDaniyeli, uzatshengisa ingcazelo.

13 Khona uDaniyeli walethwa phambi kwenkosi; inkosi yaphendula yathi
kuDaniyeli: UngulowoDaniyeli, ongowabathunjwa bakoJuda, inkosi ubaba
eyabaletha bevela koJuda yini?

14 Sengizwile ngawe ukuthi umoya wabonkulunkulu ukuwe, lokuthi ukukhanya,
lokuqedisisa, lenhlakanipho edlulisileyo kutholakala kuwe.

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15 Khathesi sebengenisiwe phambi kwami abahlakaniphileyo, izangoma, ukuze bawufunde lumbhalo, bangazise ingcazelo yawo; kodwa babengelakho ukutshengisa ingcazelo yalinto.

16 Kodwa mina ngizwile ngawe, ukuthi ulakho ukuchasisa izingcazelo, lokutshombulula amafindo. Khathesiuba ulakho ukufunda lumbhalo, ungazise ingcazelo yawo, uzagqokiswa okuyibubende, leketane yegolide entanyeni yakho, ube ngumbusi wesithathu embusweni.

17 Khona uDaniyeli waphendula wathi phambi kwenkosi: Izipho zakho kazibe ngezakho, lemivuzo yakho uyinike omunye. Loba kunjalo ngizayifundela inkosi umbhalo, ngiyazise ingcazelo.

18 Wena nkosi, uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke wanika uNebhukadinezari uyihlo umbuso, lobukhulu, lodumo, lenkazimulo.

19 Langenxa yobukhulu amnika bona, bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi, bathuthumela besaba phambi kwakhe; lowo ayethanda wambulala, lalowo ayethanda wamgcina ephila, lalowo ayethanda wamphakamisa, lalowo ayethanda wamehlisela phansi.

20 Kodwa lapho inhliziyo yakhe yaziphakamisa, lenhliziyo yakhe isiba lukhuni ngokuzigqaja, wehliswa esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi sombuso, bamthathela udumo lwakhe.

21 Wasexotshwa ebantwaneni babantu, lenhliziyo yakhe yenziwa yafanana leyenyamazana, lendawo yakhe yokuhlala yaba labobabhemi beganga; bamdlisa utshani njengenkabi, lomzimba wakhe waba manzi ngamazolo amazulu, waze wazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke uyabusa embusweni wabantu, lokuthi umisa phezu kwawo loba ngubani amthandayo.

22 Wena-ke, ndodana yakhe, Belishazari, kawuyithobisanga inhliziyo yakho, lanxa ukwazile konke lokhu.

23 Kodwa uziphakamisile wamelana leNkosi yamazulu; njalo baletha izitsha zendlu yayo phambi kwakho; wena-ke, leziphathamandla zakho, omkakho, labafazi bakho abancane, lanathela kuzo iwayini; udumisile onkulunkulu besiliva, labegolide, abethusi, abensimbi, abesigodo, labelitshe, abangaboniyo labangezwayo, labangaziyo; kodwa uNkulunkulu omphefumulo wakho usesandleni sakhe, lozindlela zakho zonke zingezakhe, kawumdumisanga.

24 Khonokho le inhlanekela yesandla yathunywa ivela kuye; lumbhalo wasubhalwa.

25 Njalo nanku umbhalo owabhalwayo: MENE, MENE, TEKELI, UFARISINI.

26 Nansi ingcazelo yalolulutho: MENE: UNkulunkulu ubalile umbuso wakho, wawuqeda.

27 TEKELI: Ulinganisiwe esilinganisweni, watholwa usilela.

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28 UPERESI: Umbuso wakho wehlukanisiwe, wanikwa amaMede lamaPerisiya.

29 Khona uBelishazari walaya, basebemgqokisa uDaniyeli ngokuyibubende, leketane yegolide entanyeni yakhe, basebememezela ngaye ukuthi abe ngumbusi wesithathu embusweni.

30 Ngalobobusuku uBelishazari inkosi yamaKhaladiya wabulawa.

31 UDariyusi umMede wasesemukela umbuso, eleminyaka phose engamatshumi ayisithupha lambili.

LUKADANIYELI 6

UDaniyeli usemgodini wezilwane

1 Kwaba kuhle kuDariyusi ukubeka phezu kombuso iziphathamandla ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili, ukuthi zibe phezu kombuso wonke,

2 laphezu kwazo ababonisi abathathu, uDaniyeli aba ngowokuqala kubo; ukuthi leziziphathamandla zilandise kubo, njalo inkosi ingabi lomonakalo.

3 Khona uDaniyeli lo wenza ngcono kulababonisi leziphathamandla, ngoba umoya owedlulisileyo wawukuye. Njalo inkosi yacabanga ukumbeka phezu kombuso wonke.

4 Khona ababonisi leziphathamandla badinga ukuthola ithuba bemelene loDaniyeli mayelana lombuso; kodwa bengelakho ukuthola ithuba kumbe insolo; ngoba wayethembekile, futhi kungelampambaniso kumbe insolookwatholakala kuye.

5 Khona lawomadoda athi: Kasiyikuthola thuba ngaye lo uDaniyeli ngaphandle kokuthi silithole limelene laye emlayweni kaNkulunkulu wakhe.

6 Khona labobabonisi leziphathamandla babuthana ndawonye enkosini, batsho kanje kuyo: Dariyusi nkosi, phila kuze kube nininini!

7 Bonke ababonisi bombuso, izinduna, leziphathamandla, abeluleki, lababusi bacebisa ukumisa umthetho wesikhosini, lokwenza isimiso esiqinileyo, ukuthi loba ngubani ozacela isicelo lakuwuphi unkulunkulu loba umuntu phakathi kwezinsuku ezingamatshumi amathathu ngaphandle kuwe, nkosi, uzaphoselwa ebhalwini lwezilwane.

8 Khathesi, nkosi, misa umlayo uphawule umbhalo, ukuthi ungaguqulwa, njengokomthetho wamaMede lamaPerisiya, ongadluliyo.

9 Ngakho inkosi uDariyusi yaphawula umbhalo lesimiso.

10 Kwathi lapho uDaniyeli asesazi ukuthi umbhalo uphawuliwe, wangena endlini yakhe; njalo amawindi ekamelo lakhe eliphezulu elikhangele eJerusalema evulekile; waguqa ngamadolo akhe izikhathi ezintathu ngosuku,

wakhuleka, wapha izibongo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wakhe, njengokwenza kwakhe mandulo kwalokhu.

11 Khona la amadoda abuthana, athola uDaniyeli ekhuleka encenga phambi kukaNkulunkulu wakhe.

12 Khona asondela, akhuluma phambi kwenkosi mayelana lesimiso senkosi athi: Kawuphawulanga isimiso yini, sokuthi wonke umuntu ocela lakuwuphi unkulunkulu loba umuntu phakathi kwezinsuku ezingamatshumi amathathu ngaphandle kuwe, nkosi, uzaphoselwa ebhalwini lwezilwane? Inkosi yaphendula yathi: Linto iliqiniso, ngokomthetho wamaMede lamaPerisiya ongadluliyo.

13 Khona aphendula athi phambi kwenkosi: UDaniyeli ongowabantwana bokuthunjwa bakoJuda kakunanzi, nkosi, lesimiso osiphawulileyo, kodwa uyakhuleka isicelo sakhe izikhathi ezintathu ngosuku.

14 Kwathi lapho inkosi isizwile lelilizwi, yazizondela kakhulu, yabeka ingqondo kuDaniyeli ukumkhulula; yebo, yalwisa laze latshona ilanga ukumophula.

15 Khona abuthana enkosini lawomadoda, athi enkosini: Yazi, nkosi, ukuthi umthetho wamaMede lamaPerisiyauthi: Kakulasimiso kumbe umthetho inkosi eyawumisayo ongaguqulwa.

16 Khona inkosi yalaya, bamletha uDaniyeli, bamphosela ebhalwini lwezilwane. Inkosi yaphendula yathi kuDaniyeli: UNkulunkulu wakho, omkhonzayo njalonjalo, kungathi angakukhulula!

17 Kwasekulethwa ilitshe, labekwa phezu komlomo wobhalu; inkosi yasilinameka ngendandatho elophawu lwayo, langendandatho elophawu lwamakhosi ayo, ukuze kungaguqulwa ulutho mayelana loDaniyeli.

18 Khona inkosi yaya esigodlweni sayo, yachitha ubusuku izila ukudla; lamachacho kawalethwanga phambi kwayo; lobuthongo bayibalekela.

19 Khona inkosi yavuka emadabukakusa, yaya ngokuphangisa ebhalwini lwezilwane.

20 Yathi isisondele ebhalwini, yamemeza ngelizwi lokulila kuDaniyeli; inkosi yaphendula yathi kuDaniyeli: Daniyeli, nceku kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, uNkulunkulu wakho omkhonzayo njalonjalo, ulakho ukukukhulula yini ezilwaneni?

21 Khona uDaniyeli wathi enkosini: Nkosi, phila kuze kube nininini!

22 UNkulunkulu wami uthumile ingilosi yakhe, yavala imilomo yezilwane, okokuthi kazingilimazanga, ngoba phambi kwakhe ukungabi lecala kutholakale kimi; njalo phambi kwakho, nkosi, kangenzanga bubi.

23 Khona inkosi yamthokozela kakhulu, yalaya ukukhuphula uDaniyeli ebhalwini. UDaniyeli wasekhutshulwa ebhalwini, kakwatholwa kulimala kuye, ngoba ekholwe kuNkulunkulu wakhe.

24 Inkosi yasilaya, kwasekulethwa lawomadoda ayehlebe uDaniyeli, bawaphosela ebhalwini lwezilwane, wona, abantwana bawo, labomkawo; kwathi bengakafiki phansi ebhalwini, izilwane zazibusa phezu kwabo, zachoboza wonke amathambo abo.

25 Khona inkosi uDariyusi yabalela bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi, ezihlezi emhlabeni wonke, yathi: Kakwandiswe ukuthula kwenu.

26 Umlayo wenziwa yimi, ukuthi kukho konke ukubuswa kombuso wami bathuthumele besabe phambi kukaNkulunkulu kaDaniyeli; ngoba enguNkulunkulu ophilayo, lomi kuze kube nininini, lombuso wakhengongayikuchithwa, lokubusa kwakhe kuzakuba khona kuze kube sekupheleni.

27 Uyakhulula, ophule, enze izibonakaliso lezimangaliso emazulwini lemhlabeni, osekhulule uDaniyeli emandleni ezilwane.

28 Ngakho uDaniyeli lo waphumelela embusweni kaDariyusi, lembusweni kaKoresi umPerisiya.

LUKADANIYELI 7

Iphupho likaDaniyeli ngezilo ezine

1Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaBelishazari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, uDaniyeli wabona iphupho lemibono yekhanda lakhe embhedeni wakhe. Khona walibhala iphupho, wakhuluma indikimba yezindaba.

2 UDaniyeli waphendula wathi: Ngabona embonweni wami ebusuku, khangela-ke, imimoya yomine yamazulu yavumbuluka phezu kolwandle olukhulu.

3 Izilo ezine ezinkulu zakhuphuka elwandle, zehlukile esinye kwesinye.

4 Esokuqala sasinjengesilwane, esilempiko zenkozi. Ngakhangela zaze zacuthwa impiko zaso, sasesiphakanyiswa sisuswa emhlabeni, samiswa ngenyawo njengomuntu, sanikwa inhliziyo yomuntu.

5 Khangela-ke esinye isilo, esesibili, sasinjengebhere, sazimisa ehlangothini olulodwa, silembambo ezintathu emlonyeni waso phakathi kwamazinyo aso. Basebesithi njalo kuso: Sukuma, udle inyama enengi.

6 Emva kwalokhu ngabona, khangela-ke esinye, sasinjengengwe, silempiko ezine zenyoni emhlana waso, njalo isilo sasilamakhanda amane, lokubusa kwaphiwa kuso.

7 Emva kwalokhu ngabona emibonweni yebusuku, khangela-ke isilo sesine, esesabekayo, esethusayo, silamandla kakhulukazi, silamazinyo amakhulu

ensimbi, sadla safohloza, sanyathela okuseleyo ngenyawo zaso. Njalo sasehlukile kuzo zonke izilo ezazingaphambi kwaso; futhi sasilempondo ezilitshumi.

8 Ngakhangelisisa izimpondo, khangela-ke, kwenyuka phakathi kwazo olunye uphondo oluncinyane; lezintathu zezimpondo zokuqala zasitshunwa ngezimpande phambi kwalo; khangela-ke, amehlo anjengamehlo omuntu aba sephondweni lolu, lomlomo okhuluma izinto ezinkulu.

9 Ngakhangela, kwaze kwabekwa izihlalo zobukhosi, kwahlala oMdala wezinsuku, ozembatho zakhezazimhlophe njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo, lenwele zekhanda lakhe njengoboya bemvu obuhlanzekileyo; isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sililangabi lomlilo, amavili aso angumlilo ovuthayo.

10 Isifudlana somlilo sageleza saphuma phambi kwakhe. Inkulungwane zezinkulungwane zamkhonza, lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zema phambi kwakhe. Isahlulelo sazimisa, lezincwadi zavulwa.

11 Khona ngakhangela, ngenxa yomsindo wamazwi amakhulu uphondo olwawakhulumayo. Ngakhangela saze sabulawa isilo, lomzimba waso wachithwa, wanikelwa emlilweni obhebhayo.

12 Mayelana lezinye izilo, umbuso wazo wasuswa, kanti ukwelulwa empilweni kwanikwa kuzo kwaze kwaba yisikhathi esimisiweyo lethuba.

13 Ngabona emibonweni yebusuku, khangela-ke, onjengendodana yomuntu weza ngamayezi amazulu, wafika kuMdala wezinsuku, basebemsondeza phambi kwakhe.

14 Wasenikwa ukubusa, lodumo, lombuso, ukuze bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi kumkhonze. Ukubusa kwakhe kuyikubusa kwaphakade, okungayikudlula, lombuso wakhe ngongayikuchithwa.

15 Mina Daniyeli, umoya wami wadabuka phakathi komzimba, lemibono yekhanda lami yangethusa.

16 Ngasondela komunye wababemi khona, ngabuza kuye iqiniso lakho konke lokhu. Wasengitshela, wangazisa ingcazelo yezindaba.

17 Lezizilo ezinkulu, zozine, zingamakhosi amane, azasukuma evela emhlabeni.

18 Kodwa abangcwele boPhezukonke bazakwemukela umbuso, babe lombuso kuze kube phakade, ngitsho kuze kube nini lanini.

19 Khona ngathanda iqiniso ngesilo sesine, esasehlukile kuzo zonke, sisesabeka kakhulukazi, omazinyo aso ayengawensimbi, lenzipho zaso zingezethusi; sadla, safohloza, sanyathela okuseleyo ngenyawo zaso;

20 langezimpondo ezilitshumi ezazisekhanda laso, lolunye olwenyukayo, lezawa phambi kwalo ezintathu; ngitsho lolophondo olwalulamehlo, lomlomo owakhuluma izinto ezinkulu, lokubonakala kwalo kwakukukhulu kulezinye.

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21 Ngabona, ukuthi loluphondo lusilwa labangcwele, lwabanqoba,

22 kwaze kwafika oMdala wezinsuku, lesahlulelo saphiwa abangcwele boPhezukonke; kwasekufika isikhathi esimisiweyo sokuthi abangcwele babe lombuso.

23 Watsho njalo: Isilo sesine sizakuba ngumbuso wesine emhlabeni, ozakwehluka kuyo yonke imibuso, sidle wonke umhlaba, siwunyathelele phansi, siwufohloze.

24 Mayelana lempondo ezilitshumi, amakhosi alitshumi azasukuma evela kulo umbuso, lenye izasukuma emva kwawo. Yona-ke izakwehluka kwawokuqala, iwehlisele phansi amakhosi amathathu.

25 Njalo izakhuluma amazwi imelene loPhezukonke, ihluphe njalonjalo abangcwele boPhezukonke, inakanengokuguqula izikhathi lomlayo; njalo bazanikelwa esandleni sayo kuze kube yisikhathi lezikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi.

26 Kodwa isahlulelo sizahlala, basuse umbuso wayo, ukuthi bawuchithe bawuqede kuze kube sekupheleni.

27 Njalo umbuso lokubusa lobukhulu bemibuso ngaphansi kwamazulu wonke kuzanikwa abantu babangcwele boPhezukonke, ombuso wabo ngumbuso ongulaphakade, lemibuso yonke izamkhonza ilalele.

28 Kuze kube lapha yisicino sendaba. Mina Daniyeli, imicabango yami yangethusa kakhulu, lokucwebezelakobuso bami kwaguquka kimi; kodwa ngalugcina udaba enhliziyweni yami.

LUKADANIYELI 8

Inqama lempongo

1Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwenkosi uBelishazari kwabonakala umbono kimi, mina Daniyeli, emva kwalowo owabonakala kimi kuqala.

2 Ngabona-ke embonweni; kwasekusithi, sengibonile, ngiseShushani isigodlo, esisesabelweni seElamu; ngasengibona embonweni, mina ngangingasemfuleni iUlayi.

3 Ngasengiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona, khangela-ke, kwema phambi komfula inqama elempondo ezimbili. Impondo zombili zaziphakeme, kodwa olunye lwaluphakeme okwedlula olunye, njalo oluphakemeyo lwenyuka muva.

4 Ngabona inqama ihlaba ikhangele ngentshonalanga langenyakatho langeningizimu; ukuze kungabi lezinyamazana ezingema phambi kwayo, njalo kungekho ongophula esandleni sayo; kodwa yenza njengentando yayo, yazikhulisa.

5 Kwathi mina ngisacabanga, khangela-ke, kweza impongo yembuzi ivela ngentshonalanga phezu kobuso bomhlaba wonke, njalo kayiwuthintanga

umhlabathi. Njalo limpongo yayilophondo olunanzelelekayo phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo ayo.

6 Yasisiza enqameni eyayilempondo ezimbili, engangiyibone imi phambi komfula, yagijimela kuyo ngolaka lwamandla ayo.

7 Ngasengiyibona isondela ngasenqameni, yathukuthela kakhulu imelene layo, yayitshaya inqama, yephula impondo zayo zombili. Kwakungaselamandla enqameni okuma phambi kwayo; kodwa impongo yayiwisela emhlabathini, yayinyathelela phansi; njalo kwakungekho owayengayophula inqama esandleni sayo.

8 Ngakho impongo yembuzi yazikhulisa kakhulukazi; yathi isilamandla, uphondo olukhulu lwephuka; njalo endaweni yalo kwenyuka ezine ezinanzelelekayo ngasemimoyeni emine yamazulu.

9 Njalo kolunye lwazo kwaphuma uphondo oluncinyane, olwakhula kakhulukazi, ngaseningizimulangasempumalanga langaselizweni elihle.

10 Lwaselukhula kwaze kwaba sebuthweni lamazulu; lwaseluwisela emhlabathini okwebutho lokwezinkanyezi, lwakunyathelela phansi.

11 Yebo, lwazikhulisa kwaze kwaba sesiphathamandleni sebutho, langalo umhlatshelo oqhubekayo wasuswa, lendawo yendlu yaso engcwele yadilizelwa phansi.

12 Kwasekunikelwa ibutho limelene lomhlatshelo oqhubekayo ngenxa yesiphambeko, laphosela emhlabathiniiqiniso, lenza, laphumelela.

13 Ngasengisizwa ongcwele oyedwa ekhuluma, njalo omunye ongcwele wathi kulowo othile owakhulumayo: Koze kube nini uzakuba khona lumbono mayelana lomhlatshelo oqhubekayo, lesiphambeko sencithakalo, ukunikela indawo engcwele kanye lebutho ukuthi kunyathelelwe phansi?

14 Wasesithi kimi: Kuze kube zintambama lekuseni okuzinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amathathu; kube sekuhlanjululwa indawo engcwele.

15 Kwasekusithi mina Daniyeli sengiwubonile umbono ngadinga ukuqedisisa, khangela-ke, kwema phambi kwami okunjengesimo somuntu.

16 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lomuntu phakathi kwezinkumbi zeUlayi, elamemeza lathi: Gabriyeli, yenza lo aqedisise umbono.

17 Wasesiza eceleni kwalapho engangimi khona. Esefikile, ngethuka, ngathi mbo ngobuso bami. Kodwa wathi kimi: Qedisisa, ndodana yomuntu, ngoba umbono ungowesikhathi sokucina.

18 Kwathi esakhuluma lami, ngangilele ubuthongo obukhulu ngobuso bami emhlabathini; kodwa wangithinta, wangimisa endaweni yami yokuma.

19 Wasesithi: Khangela, ngizakwenza wazi okuzakuba sekupheleni kwentukuthelo, ngoba ukucina kuzakuba ngesikhathi esimisiweyo.

20 Inqama oyibonileyo elempondo ezimbili ngamakhosi eMede lePerisiya.

21 Njalo impongo eyisiyephu iyinkosi yeGriki, lophondo olukhulu oluphakathi laphakathi kwamehlo ayoluyinkosi yokuqala.

22 Ngolwephukayo, njengoba kwema ezine endaweni yalo, kuzakuma imibuso emine kuso isizwe, kodwa hatshi ngamandla alo.

23 Njalo ekucineni kwemibuso yazo, lapho abaphambeki sebephelele, izakuma inkosi elukhuni ngobuso, eqedisisa imizekeliso.

24 Lamandla ayo azaqina, kodwa hatshi ngamandla ayo. Njalo izachitha ngokumangalisayo, iphumelele, yenze, ichithe abalamandla lesizwe sabangcwele.

25 Langobuqili bayo izaphumelelisa inkohliso esandleni sayo, izikhulise enhliziyweni yayo, ichithe abanengi ngokuthula, futhi izamelana leNkosana yamakhosana, kodwa izakwephulwa kungelasandla.

26 Njalo umbono wantambama lowekuseni olandisiweyo uliqiniso; wena-ke valela umbono, ngoba ungowensuku ezinengi.

27 Mina-ke Daniyeli, ngaphela amandla ngagula okwensuku ezithile; emva kwalokho ngasukuma, ngenza umsebenzi wenkosi; njalo ngamangala kakhulu ngombono, kodwa kakho owaqedisisayo.

LUKADANIYELI 9

UDaniyeli ukhulekela abantu bakibo

1Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyusi indodana kaAhasuwerusi, owenzalo yamaMede, owenziwa waba yinkosi phezu kombuso wamaKhaladiya,

2 ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe, mina Daniyeli ngaqedisisa ngezincwadi inani leminyaka, ilizwi leNKOSI eleza ngayo kuJeremiya umprofethi, ukugcwalisa iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa encithakalweni zeJerusalema.

3 Ngasengikhangelisa ubuso bami kuyo iNkosi uNkulunkulu, ukudinga ngomkhuleko, lokuncenga, ngokuzila ukudla, lesaka, lomlotha.

4 Ngasengikhuleka eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wami, ngenza uvumo, ngathi: Hawu Nkosi, uNkulunkulu omkhulu lowesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa kwabamthandayo lakulabo abagcina imilayo yakhe.

5 Sonile, senza okubi, senza ngenkohlakalo, senza umvukela, ngokuphambuka emilayweni yakho lezahlulelweni zakho.

6 Futhi kasilalelanga izinceku zakho abaprofethi, ezikhulume ebizweni
lakho emakhosini ethu, iziphathamandla zethu, labobaba, lakibo bonke abantu
belizwe.

7 Nkosi, kukhona ukulunga kuwe, kodwa kithi ukusanganiseka kobuso,
njengalolusuku; ebantwini bakoJuda, lakubahlali beJerusalema, lakuIsrayeli
wonke, abaseduze labakhatshana, kuwo wonke amazwe lapho obaxotshele
khona, ngenxa yesiphambeko abaphambeka ngaso bemelene lawe.

8 Nkosi, kukhona kithi ukusanganiseka kobuso, emakhosini ethu,
eziphathamandleni zethu, lakubobaba, ngoba sonile simelene lawe.

9 ENkosini uNkulunkulu wethu kukhona izisa lezintethelelo; lanxa siyivukele.

10 Futhi kasilalelanga ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuthi sihambe
emilayweni yakhe, ayibeka phambi kwethu ngesandla sezinceku zakhe
abaprofethi.

11 Yebo, uIsrayeli wonke weqile umlayo wakho, ngokuphambuka, ukuze
bangalaleli ilizwi lakho; ngakho isiqalekiso sithululelwe phezu kwethu, lesifungo
esibhalwe emlayweni kaMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu, ngoba sonile kuye.

12 Futhi uwaqinisile amazwi akhe, awakhuluma emelene lathi, njalo emelene
labehluleli bethu abasehlulelayo, ngokusehlisela ububi obukhulu, ngoba
ngaphansi kwamazulu wonke kakuzanga kwenziwe okunjengokwenziwe
eJerusalema.

13 Njengoba kubhaliwe emlayweni kaMozisi, bonke lobububi busehlele. Kanti
kasincenganga ubuso beNKOSIuNkulunkulu wethu, ukuze siphenduke
eziphambekweni zethu, siqedisise iqiniso lakho.

14 Ngakho iNKOSI yalinda phezu kobubi, yabehlisela phezu kwethu; ngoba
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu ilungile emisebenzini yayo yonke eyenzayo, ngoba
singalalelanga ilizwi layo.

15 Khathesi-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, owakhupha abantu bakho elizweni
leGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla, wazenzela ibizo, njengalamuhla; sonile, senze
okubi.

16 Nkosi, njengakho konke ukulunga kwakho, ngiyakuncenga, kakuthi ulaka
lwakho lentukuthelo yakho kuphendulwe emzini wakho iJerusalema, intaba
yakho engcwele. Ngoba ngenxa yezono zethu, langeziphambeko zabobaba,
iJerusalema labantu bakho sebelihlazo kubo bonke abasihanqileyo.

17 Khathesi-ke, Nkulunkulu wethu, zwana umkhuleko wenceku yakho,
lokuncenga kwayo, wenze ubuso bakho bukhanye endaweni yakho
engcwele esilunxiwa, ngenxa yeNkosi.

18 Nkulunkulu wami, beka indlebe yakho, uzwe; vula amehlo akho, ubone
ukuchitheka kwethu, lomuzi obizwa ngebizo lakho; ngoba kasiwisi ukuncenga

kwethu phambi kwakho ngenxa yokulunga kwethu, kodwa ngenxa yezihawu zakho ezinkulu.

19 Nkosi, zwana! Nkosi, thethelela! Nkosi, lalela wenze, ungalibali; ngenxa yakho, Nkulunkulu wami; ngoba umuzi wakho labantu bakho kubizwa ngebizo lakho.

Ingcazelo mayelana lamaviki angamatshumi ayisikhombisa

20 Kwathi ngisakhuluma, ngikhuleka, ngivuma isono sami lesono sabantu bakithi uIsrayeli, ngiwisa ukuncenga kwami phambi kweNKOSI uNkulunkulu wami ngenxa yentaba engcwele kaNkulunkulu wami;

21 yebo, ngisakhuluma ngomkhuleko, ngitsho lowomuntu uGabriyeli, engangimbone embonweni ekuqaleni, esenziwe waphapha masinyane, wangithinta ngesikhathi somnikelo wakusihlwa.

22 Wangazisa, wakhuluma lami, wathi: Daniyeli, khathesi ngiphumele ukuzakupha inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa.

23 Ekuqaliseni kokuncenga kwakho ilizwi laphuma, mina-ke ngize ukukutshela lona; ngoba uthandiwe kakhulu. Ngakho qedisisa loludaba, unakane ngalumbono.

24 Amaviki angamatshumi ayisikhombisa amiswe phezu kwabantu bakho laphezu komuzi wakho ongcwele, ukuqeda isiphambeko, lokuphelelisa izono, lokwenzela isiphambeko inhlawulo yokuthula, lokungenisa ukulunga okulaphakade, lokuphawula umbono lesiprofetho, lokugcoba ingcwele yezingcwele.

25 Yazi-ke uqedisise: Kusukela ekuphumeni kwelizwi lokubuyisela lokwakha iJerusalema kuze kube kuMesiyaiNkosana, kungamaviki ayisikhombisa, lamaviki angamatshumi ayisithupha lambili. Kuzabuya kwakhiwe izitalada lemifolo, kodwa ngokuhlupheka kwezikhathi.

26 Langemva kwamaviki angamatshumi ayisithupha lambili uMesiya uzaqunywa, kodwa kungenzelwa yena; lesizwe sesiphathamandla esizakuza sizachitha umuzi lendawo engcwele; lokuphela kwawo kuzakubangozamcolo; njalo kuze kube sekupheleni kuzakuba khona impi, kumiswe izincithakalo.

27 Njalo uzaqinisa isivumelwano labanengi okweviki eyodwa; laphakathi kweviki uzakwenza kukhawule umhlatshelo lomnikelo; laphezu kophiko lwezinengiso kuzakuba lomchithi, ngitsho kuze kube sekupheleni, lokumisiweyo kuzathululelwa phezu konxiwa.

LUKADANIYELI 10

Umbono kaDaniyeli emfuleni

1Ngomnyaka wesithathu kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya ulutho lwembulelwa uDaniyeli, obizo lakhe labizwangokuthi nguBeliteshazari. Njalo lolulutho

lwaluliqiniso mayelana lokulwisana okukhulu. Njalo waluqedisisa lolulutho, waba lokuqedisisa ngombono.

2 Ngalezonsuku, mina Daniyeli ngangilila okwamaviki amathathu agcweleyo.

3 Kangidlanga sinkwa esiloyisekayo, njalo kakuzanga nyama kumbe iwayini emlonyeni wami, futhikangizigcobanga ngitsho, kwaze kwagcwaliseka amaviki amathathu ezinsuku.

4 Kwathi ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yokuqala, mina ngiseceleni komfula omkhulu, oyiHidekeli;

5 ngasengiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona, khangela-ke umuntu othile egqoke ilembu elicolekileyo, okhalo lwakhe lwalubhincwe ngegolide elicwengekileyo leUfazi.

6 Lomzimba wakhe wawunjengebherule, lobuso bakhe babunjengesimo sombane, lamehlo akhe njengezibane zomlilo, lengalo zakhe lenyawo zakhe njengombala wethusi elikhazimulayo, lelizwi lamazwi akhe njengomsindo wexuku.

7 Yimi ngedwa uDaniyeli engabona lowombono, ngoba abantu ababelami kabawubonanga umbono. Kodwa ukuqhuqha okukhulu kwabehlela, baze babaleka ukuze bacatshe.

8 Ngakho mina ngasala ngedwa, ngabona lumbono omkhulu, futhi kakusalanga mandla kimi, lobuhle bami baguquka kimi baba yikonakala, kangisalelwanga ngamandla.

9 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lamazwi akhe; njalo lapho ngisizwa ilizwi lamazwi akhe, mina ngehlelwa yibuthongo obukhulu ebusweni bami, ngobuso bami ngasemhlabathini.

10 Khangela-ke, isandla sangithinta, sangimisa ngithuthumela ngamadolo ami lempama zezandla zami.

11 Wasesithi kimi: Daniyeli, umuntu othandwe kakhulu, zwisisa amazwi engiwakhuluma kuwe, ume ngokuma kwakho, ngoba khathesi ngithunywe kuwe. Esekhulume lelilizwi kimi, ngema ngithuthumela.

12 Wasesithi kimi: Ungesabi, Daniyeli, ngoba kusukela osukwini lokuqala owabeka ngalo inhliziyo yakho ukuqedisisa lokuzithoba phambi kukaNkulunkulu wakho, amazwi akho ezwakala, ngizile-ke mina ngenxa yamazwi akho.

13 Kodwa isiphathamandla sombuso wamaPerisiya samelana lami okwensuku ezingamatshumi amabili lanye; kodwa khangela, uMikayeli omunye weziphathamandla zakuqala weza ukuzangisiza; mina ngasengisala khona ngasemakhosini ePerisiya.

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14 Khathesi ngizile ukuthi ngikwenze uqedisise okuzakwehlela abantu bakho
ekucineni kwezinsuku, ngoba umbono usengowezinsuku ezinengi.

15 Esekhulumile amazwi anje kimi, ngakhangelisa ubuso bami emhlabathini,
ngaba yisimungulu.

16 Khangela-ke, omunye njengomfanekiso wendodana yomuntu wathinta indebe
zami; ngasengivula umlomo wami, ngakhuluma, ngathi kulowo owayemi phambi
kwami: Nkosi yami, ngenxa yombono izinsizi zamiseziphendukele phezu kwami,
kangaba lamandla.

17 Ngoba inceku yale inkosi yami ingaba lakho ukukhuluma njani lale inkosi
yami? Mayelana lami, kusukela ngalesosikhathi kakusalanga mandla kimi,
lokuphefumula kwakungasekho kimi.

18 Wasebuya wangithinta onjengomfanekiso womuntu, wangiqinisa.

19 Wasesithi: Ungesabi, muntu othandiweyo kakhulu; ukuthula kakube kuwe,
qina, yebo, qina. Kwathi esekhulume lami, ngaqiniswa, ngathi: Kayikhulume
inkosi yami, ngoba ungiqinisile.

20 Wasesithi: Uyazi yini ukuthi ngizeleni kuwe? Khathesi-ke ngizabuyela
ukuzakulwa lesiphathamandla sePerisiya; lalapho sengiphumile, khangela-ke,
isiphathamandla seGriki sizafika.

21 Kodwa ngizakutshela lokho okubhaliweyo embhalweni weqiniso; njalo kakho
loyedwa obambisana lami kulezizinto, ngaphandle kukaMikayeli
isiphathamandla senu.

LUKADANIYELI 11

1Lami-ke, ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyusi umMede, ngema ukumqinisa
lokumvikela.

Inkosi yenyakatho leyaseningizimu

2 Khathesi sengizakutshela iqiniso. Khangela, kusezakuma amakhosi amathathu
ePerisiya; njalo eyesine izanotha ngenotho enkulu okwedlula wonke. Kuthi
isiqinile ngenotho yayo ibavuse bonke bamelane lombuso weGriki.

3 Kuzasukuma-ke inkosi elamandla, ezabusa ngokubusa okukhulu, yenze
ngokwentando yayo.

4 Lalapho isukuma, umbuso wayo uzaqanyulwa, wehlukaniswe
ngasemimoyeni emine yamazulu; kodwa ungabi ngowenzalo yayo, ungabi
njengombuso ebiwubusa; ngoba umbuso wayo uzasitshunwa, ube ngowabanye
ngaphandle kwalaba.

5 Lenkosi yeningizimu izakuba lamandla, lomunye weziphathamandla
zayo; yena-ke uzakuba lamandla kulayo, abuse; umbuso wakhe uzakuba
ngumbuso omkhulu.

6 Lekupheleni kweminyaka bazahlangana, ngoba indodakazi yombusi weningizimu izakuza kumbusi wenyakatho ukuzakwenza isivumelwano esilinganayo, kodwa kayiyikugcina amandla engalo; futhi kayiyikuma, layo ingalo yakhe; kodwa izanikelwa, labayilethileyo, loyizeleyo, loyiqinisileyo ngalezizikhathi.

7 Kodwa kuzasukuma ogatsheni lwempande zayo esikhundleni sakhe, ozabuya lebutho, angene enqabeni yenkosi yenyakatho, enze emelene labo, ehlule.

8 Labonkulunkulu babo kanye leziphathamandla zabo kanye lezitsha zabo eziloyisekayo ezesiliva legolide uzakuletha eGibhithe ekuthunjweni; yena-ke uzakuma okweminyaka kulenkosi yenyakatho.

9 Ngokunjalo inkosi yeningizimu izangena embusweni, ibuyele elizweni layo.

10 Kodwa amadodana ayo azadungeka, ahlanganise ixuku lamabutho amakhulu; ngeqiniso kufike omunye, agabhe, adabule; abuyele, adungeke, kuze kube senqabeni yakhe.

11 Lenkosi yeningizimu izathukuthela kakhulu, iphume ilwe layo, lenkosi yenyakatho; yona izavusa ixuku elikhulu, kodwa lelixuku lizanikelwa esandleni sayo.

12 Selisusiwe lelixuku, inhliziyo yayo izaziphakamisa, iwisele phansi izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amanengi, kodwa kayiyikuba lamandla.

13 Ngoba inkosi yenyakatho izaphenduka, ivuse ixuku elikhulu kulelokuqala; njalo ekupheleni kwezikhathi zeminyaka izafika isibili ilebutho elikhulu lempahla ezinengi.

14 Langalezozikhathi abanengi bazasukuma bamelene lenkosi yeningizimu. Labalesihluku babantu bakho bazaziphakamisa ukuze bawuqinise umbono, kodwa bazakhubeka.

15 Ngakho inkosi yenyakatho izafika, ibuthelele idundulu, ithumbe imizi ebiyelweyo. Futhi izingalo zeningizimu kaziyikuma, kanye labakhethiweyo bakhe, futhi kakuyikuba lamandla okuma.

16 Kodwa eza ukuzamelana layo izakwenza ngokwentando yayo, engekho ongema phambi kwayo. Izakuma lelizweni elihle, lokutshabalaliswa kuzakuba sesandleni sayo.

17 Njalo izamisa ubuso bayo ukungena ngamandla ombuso wayo wonke, labaqotho belayo, ngokunjalo izakwenza; futhi izayinika indodakazi yabafazi, ukuwuchitha; kodwa kayiyikuma, kayiyikuba ngeyayo.

18 Emva kwalokho izaphendulela ubuso bayo ezihlengeni, ithumbe ezinengi; kodwa isiphathamandla sizakwenza ihlazo layo limphelele; ngaphandle kokuthi izabuyisela ihlazo layo kuyo.

19 Ibisiphendulela ubuso bayo ngasezinqabeni zelizwe lakibo, kodwa izakhubeka iwe, njalo ingatholwa.

20 Khona kuzasukuma esikhundleni sayo odlulisa umthelisi kudumo lombuso; kodwa phakathi kwezinsuku ezinlutshwana uzabhujiswa, kungabi ngezintukuthelo, kungabi ngezimpi.

21 Khona kuzasukuma esikhundleni sakhe odelelekileyo, abangayikumnika udumo lombuso, kodwa ezangena ngokuthula, awubambe umbuso ngamazwi abutshelezi.

22 Lezingalo zikazamcolo zizakhukhulwa phambi kobuso bakhe, zifohlozwe; yebo, laso isiphathamandla sesivumelwano.

23 Langemva kokuhlangana laye uzasebenza ngenkohliso; ngoba ezakwenyuka, abe lamandla elesizwe esincane.

24 Uzangena ngokuthula laphezu kwezindawo ezivunde kakhulu zesabelo; enze lokho oyise loba oyise baboyise abangakwenzanga; uzahlakaza phakathi kwabo impango lokuthunjiweyo lempahla; acebe amacebo akhe emelene lezinqaba, kodwa kuze kube yisikhathi.

25 Futhi uzavusa amandla akhe lenhliziyo yakhe emelene lenkosi yeningizimu elebutho elikhulu; njalo inkosi yeningizimu izadungeka ilebutho elikhulu elilamandla amakhulu; kodwa kayiyikuma, ngoba bazaceba amacebo bemelene layo.

26 Yebo, labo abadla isabelo sokudla sayo bazayibhubhisa, lebutho layo lizakhukhula, labanengi bazakuwa bebulewe.

27 Njalo inhliziyo zalamakhosi amabili zikukho okubi, akhulume amanga etafuleni elilodwa; kodwa kakuyikuphumelela, ngoba isiphetho sisezakuba khona ngesikhathi esimisiweyo.

28 Khona ezabuyela elizweni lakhe elempahla ezinengi; kodwa inhliziyo yakhe izamelana lesivumelwano esingcwele; njalo uzakwenza, abesebuyela elizweni lakhe.

29 Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo uzaphenduka, eze ngaseningizimu; kodwa kakuyikuba njengakuqala loba njengokucina.

30 Ngoba imikhumbi yeKitimi izakuza imelane laye; ngakho uzadabuka, abuyele emuva, athukutheleleisivumelwano esingcwele; njalo uzakwenza, abesebuyela, anakane labo abadele isivumelwano esingcwele.

31 Lezingalo zizakuma zivela kuye, zingcolise indawo engcwele eyinqaba, asuse umnikelo oqhubekayo, amise isinengiso esichithayo.

32 Lalabo abenza inkohlakalo bemelene lesivumelwano uzabangcolisa ngamazwi abutshelezi; kodwa abantu abamaziyo uNkulunkulu wabo bazaqina, benze.

33 Njalo abaqedisisayo babantu bazafundisa abanengi; kanti bazakuwa ngenkemba, langelangabi, ngokuthunjwa, langokuphangwa, izinsuku ezinengi.

34 Kuzakuthi lapho besiwa, basizwe ngosizo oluncinyane, kodwa abanengi bazazihlanganisa labo ngamazwi abutshelezi.

35 Kodwa abanye kwabaqedisisayo bazakuwa, ukubalinga, lokubahlambulula, lokubenza babe mhlophe, kuze kube yisikhathi sokuphela; ngoba kusezakuba ngokwesikhathi esimisiweyo.

36 Njalo inkosi izakwenza njengokwentando yayo, iziphakamise, izikhulise ngaphezu kwabo bonke onkulunkulu, ikhulume izinto ezimangalisayo imelene loNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, iphumelele kuze kuphelele intukuthelo; ngoba lokho okumisiweyo kuzakwenziwa.

37 Futhi kayiyikunaka onkulunkulu baboyise, lesiloyiso sabesifazana, njalo kayiyikunaka loba nguwuphi unkulunkulu; ngoba izazikhulisa phezu kwabo bonke.

38 Kodwa esikhundleni sakhe uzadumisa unkulunkulu wezinqaba, ngitsho unkulunkulu oyise ababengamazi amdumise ngegolide langesiliva langamatshe aligugu langezinto eziloyisekayo.

39 Njalo izakwenza ezinqabeni ezilamandla kanye lonkulunkulu wezizweni; amnanzelelayo amandisele udumo. Izabenza babuse phezu kwabanengi, yehlukanise ilizwe ngentengo.

40 Langesikhathi sokuphela inkosi yeningizimu izamsunduza; kodwa inkosi yenyakatho izamelana layo njengesivunguzane, ilezinqola, labagadi bamabhiza, lemikhumbi eminengi; ingene emazweni, ikhukhule, idlule.

41 Njalo izangena elizweni elihle, njalo amazwe amanengi azakuwa; kodwa la azaphunyuka esandleni sakhe, iEdoma loMowabi lekhethelo labantwana bakoAmoni.

42 Njalo izakwelulela isandla sayo emazweni, lelizwe leGibhithe kaliyikuphepha.

43 Kodwa izabusa phezu kwamagugu afihliweyo egolide lawesiliva, laphezu kwazo zonke izinto eziliguguzeGibhithe. Njalo amaLibiya lamaEthiyophiya azakuba sezinyathelweni zakhe.

44 Kodwa imibiko evela empumalanga levela enyakatho izamethusa, ngakho uzaphuma ngokuthukuthela okukhulu ukuyachitha lokutshabalalisa abanengi.

45 Njalo uzagxumeka amathente esigodlo sakhe phakathi laphakathi kwezinlwandle entabeni enhle engcwele; kanti uzafika ekupheleni kwakhe, angabi lomsizi.

LUKADANIYELI 12

Isikhathi sokucina

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1Langalesosikhathi uMikayeli uzasukuma, isiphathamandla esikhulu esimela abantwana babantu bakini. Njalo kuzakuba khona isikhathi sokuhlupheka, esingazanga sibe khona lokhe kwaba lesizwe kuze kube yilesosikhathi. Kodwa ngalesosikhathi abantu bakini bazakhululwa, wonke otholwa ebhaliwe ogwalweni.

2 Labanengi babo abalele othulini lomhlaba bazavuka, abanye besiya empilweni elaphakade, labanye besiya kumahlazo ekunengweni okulaphakade.

3 Njalo abahlakaniphileyo bazakhanya njengokukhazimula kwesibhakabhaka, lalabo abaphendulela abanengi ekulungeni, njengezinkanyezi kuze kube nini lanini.

4 Kodwa wena, Daniyeli, vala lamazwi, unameke ugwalo, kuze kube sesikhathini sokuphela. Abanengi bazagijima baye le lale, lolwazi luzakwandiswa.

5 Mina, Daniyeli, ngasengibona, khangela-ke, abanye ababili bemi, omunye enganeno kokhumbi lomfulalomunye engaphetsheya kokhumbi lomfula.

6 Kwasekuthiwa kulowomuntu ogqoke ilembu elicolekileyo, owayengaphezu kwamanzi omfula: Koze kube niniukuze kuphele lezizimangaliso?

7 Ngasengisizwa lowomuntu ogqoke ilembu elicolekileyo, owayengaphezu kwamanzi omfula, lapho ephakamisela isandla sakhe sokunene lesandla sakhe sokhohlo emazulwini, efunga ngalowo ophila phakade, ukuthi kuzakuba ngokwesikhathi esimisiweyo, izikhathi ezimisiweyo, lengxenye; lalapho esephelelise ukuhlakaza amandla abantu abangcwele, zonke lezizinto zizaphela.

8 Mina ngasengisizwa, kodwa kangiqedisisanga. Ngasengisithi: Nkosi yami, kuzakuba yini ukuphela kwalezizinto?

9 Wasesithi: Hamba, Daniyeli, ngoba amazwi avalelwe ananyekwa kuze kube yisikhathi sokuphela.

10 Abanengi bazahlanjululwa, benziwe mhlophe, bahlolwe; kodwa ababi bazakwenza okubi; njalo kakho loyedwa wababi ozaqedisisa; kodwa abahlakaniphileyo bazaqedisisa.

11 Njalo kusukela esikhathini sokususwa komnikelo oqhubekayo, lokumiswa kwesinengiso esichithayo, kuzakuba lezinsuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye.

12 Ubusisiwe olindayo aze afinyelele ezinsukwini eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu.

13 Kodwa wena, hamba kuze kube sekupheleni; ngoba uzaphumula, ume esabelweni sakho ekupheleni kwezinsuku.

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UHOSEYA

UHOSEYA 1

UmkaHoseya labantwana bakhe

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI elafika kuHoseya indodana kaBeyeri ensukwini zaboUziya,
uJothamu, uAhazi, uHezekhiya, amakhosi akoJuda, lensukwini
zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaJowasi inkosi yakoIsrayeli.

2 Ukuqala kwelizwi leNKOSI ngoHoseya. INKOSI yasisithi kuHoseya:
Hamba uzithathele umfazi wobuwule, labantwana bobuwule; ngoba
ilizwe liyawula kakhulu ngokungayilandeli iNKOSI.

3 Wasehamba wathatha uGomeri indodakazi kaDibilayimi; wasekhulelwa,
wamzalela indodana.

4 INKOSI yasisithi kuye: Biza ibizo layo uthi nguJizereyeli, ngoba
kuseseyisikhatshana ngizaphindisela icala legazi leJizereyeli phezu kwendlu
kaJehu, ngiwuqede umbuso wendlu kaIsrayeli.

5 Kuzakuthi ngalolosuku ngephule idandili likaIsrayeli esigodini seJizereyeli.

6 Wasebuya ekhulelwa, wazala indodakazi. UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye: Biza
ibizo layo uthi nguLo-Ruhama, ngoba kangisayikubuya ngihawukele indlu
kaIsrayeli, kodwa ngizabasusa lokubasusa.

7 Kodwa ngizayihawukela indlu yakoJuda, ngibasindise ngeNKOSI uNkulunkulu
wabo; njalo kangiyikubasindisangedandili, loba ngenkemba, loba ngempi,
ngamabhiza, kumbe ngabagadi bamabhiza.

8 Esemlumulile uLo-Ruhama, wakhulelwa, wazala indodana.

9 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Biza ibizo layo uthi nguLo-Ami; ngoba kalisibo abantu
bami, ngakho mina kangisuye owenu.

10 Kube kanti inani labantwana bakoIsrayeli lizakuba ngangetshebetshebe
lolwandle elingeke lilinganiswe elingeke libalwe. Njalo kuzakuthi, endaweni
yokuthi kuthiwe kibo: Kalisibo abantu bami; kuzakuthiwa
kibo:Lingabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo.

11 Labantwana bakoJuda labantwana bakoIsrayeli bazabuthaniswa ndawonye,
bazimisele inhloko eyodwa, benyuke baphume elizweni. Ngoba luzakuba lukhulu
usuku lweJizereyeli.

UHOSEYA 2

INKOSI ithanda abantu bayo abangathembekanga

1 Khulumani kubafowenu lithi: Ami; lakubodadewenu lithi: Ruhama.

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2 Phikisanani lonyoko, liphikise, ngoba kasuye umkami, lami kangisiyo indoda yakhe, ukuthi asuse ukuwulakwakhe phambi kwami, lokufeba kwakhe ngaphakathi kwamabele akhe,

3 hlezi ngimhlubule abe nqunu, ngimbeke abe njengosukwini lokuzalwa kwakhe, ngimenze afanane lenkangala, ngimbeke njengelizwe elomileyo, ngimbulale ngokoma.

4 Labantwana bakhe kangiyikubahawukela, ngoba bangabantwana bobufebe.

5 Ngoba unina uwulile, owabazalayo wenzile ihlazo; ngoba wathi: Ngizazilandela izithandwa zami, ezingiphaukudla kwami, lamanzi ami, uboya bezimvu bami, lefilakisi yami, amafutha ami, lokunathwayo kwami.

6 Ngakho, khangela, ngizabiya indlela yakho ngameva, ngimakhele umduli ukuze angatholi imikhondo yakhe.

7 Alandele izithandwa zakhe, kodwa angazifici; uzazidinga, kodwa angazitholi. Abesesithi: Ngizahambangibuyele endodeni yami yokuqala, ngoba kwakungcono kimi ngalesosikhathi kulakhathesi.

8 Ngoba wayengazi ukuthi mina ngamnika amabele, lewayini elitsha, lamafutha, ngamandisela isiliva legolide,abalisebenzisela uBhali.

9 Ngakho ngizabuyela, ngithathe amabele ami ngesikhathi sawo, lewayini lami elitsha ngesikhathi salo esimisiweyo, ngihluthune uboya bezimvu bami lefilakisi yami okwembesa ubunqunu bakhe.

10 Khathesi sengizakwambula ihlazo lakhe emehlweni ezithandwa zakhe, njalo kungabi khona omophulayo esandleni sami.

11 Sengizaqeda intokozo yakhe yonke, amadili akhe, ukuthwasa kwenyanga zakhe, lamasabatha akhe, lemikhosi yakhe yonke emisiweyo.

12 Sengizachitha ivini lakhe lomkhiwa wakhe, atsho ngakho ukuthi: Lokhu kungumvuzo wobuwule bami izithandwa zami ezinginike khona; kodwa ngizakwenza kube ligusu, ukuze inyamazana zeganga zikudle.

13 Njalo ngizaphindisela phezu kwakhe insuku zaboBhali, ayebatshisela ngazo impepha, ezicecisangamasongo akhe langamangqongqo akhe, walandela izithandwa zakhe, kodwa wangikhohlwa, itsho iNKOSI.

14 Ngakho, khangela, ngizamhuga, ngimuse enkangala, ngikhulume enhliziyweni yakhe.

15 Ngibe sengimnika izivini zakhe kusukela lapho, lesihotsha seAkori, sibe ngumnyango wethemba. Njalo uzahlabela lapho njengensukwini zobutsha bakhe, lanjengosuku lokwenyuka kwakhe elizweni leGibhithe.

16 Kuzakuthi ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI, ungibize uthi: Ndoda yami; ungabe usangibiza ngokuthi: Bhali wami.

17 Ngoba ngizasusa amabizo aboBhali emlonyeni wakhe, bangabe besakhunjulwa futhi ngebizo labo.

18 Langalolosuku ngizabenzela isivumelwano lenyamazana zeganga lenyoni zamazulu lezinto ezihuquzelayo zomhlaba; ngephule idandili, lenkemba, lempi kusuke emhlabeni, ngibalalise phansi bevikelekile.

19 Njalo ngizakugana ube ngowami kuze kube phakade, yebo, ngikugane ube ngowami ngokulunga langesahlulelo langothandolomusa langezihawu.

20 Yebo, ngizakugana ube ngowami ngothembeko; njalo uzayazi iNKOSI.

21 Kuzakuthi ngalolosuku, ngizaphendula, itsho iNKOSI, ngizaphendula amazulu, wona aphendule umhlaba,

22 lomhlaba uphendule amabele lewayini elitsha lamafutha, khona kuphendule uJizereyeli.

23 Besengizihlanyelela yena emhlabeni, ngibe lomusa phezu kongazuzanga umusa, ngithi kwababengasibantu bami: Lina lingabantu bami; bona bathi: Nkulunkulu wami.

UHOSEYA 3

UHoseya lesifebe

1INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Hamba futhi, uthande owesifazana, othandwe ngumngane wakhe kanti uyafeba, njengeNKOSI ithanda abantwana bakoIsrayeli, kodwa bakhangela kwabanye onkulunkulu, bethanda izinkwazezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo.

2 Ngasengizithengela yena ngezinhlamvu zesiliva ezilitshumi lanhlanu, lehomeri yebhali lengxenye yehomeriyebhali.

3 Ngasengisithi kuye: Uzahlala ungowami insuku ezinengi; ungawuli, ungabi ngowenye indoda, ngokunjalo lami ngizakuba ngowakho.

4 Ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazahlala insuku ezinengi bengelankosi, bengelasiphathamandla, bengelamhlatshelo, bengelansika eyisithombe, bengela-efodi lamatherafi.

5 Emva kwalokho abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazaphenduka, badinge iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo, loDavida inkosi yabo; bayesabe iNKOSI lokulunga kwayo ekucineni kwezinsuku.

UHOSEYA 4

1Zwanini ilizwi leNKOSI, bantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngoba iNKOSI ilempikisano labahlali belizwe; ngoba kakulaqiniso, njalo kakulamusa, njalo kakulalwazi lukaNkulunkulu elizweni.

2 Kulokufunga, lokuqamba amanga, lokubulala, lokweba, lokufeba; bayafohla, lamacala egazi athinta amacala egazi.

3 Ngenxa yalokho ilizwe lizalila, laye wonke ohlala kilo udangele, kanye lenyamazana zeganga, njalo kanye lenyoni zamazulu; yebo lenhlanzi zolwandle zizasuswa.

4 Kodwa kakungabi khona umuntu ophikisayo, kangasoli omunye; ngoba abantu bakho banjengabaphikisanalompristi.

5 Ngakho uzakhubeka emini, yebo, lomprofethi uzakhubeka kanye lawe ebusuku; njalo ngizamchitha unyoko.

6 Abantu bami babhujisiwe ngokuswela ulwazi; ngoba wena ulwalile ulwazi, lami ngizakwala, ukuze ungangisebenzeli njengompristi. Lokhu usuwukhohliwe umlayo kaNkulunkulu wakho, lami ngizakhohlwa abantwana bakho.

7 Njengokwanda kwabo ngokunjalo bonile kimi. Udumo lwabo ngizaluphendula lube lihlazo.

8 Badla isono sabantu bami, baphakamisela umphefumulo wabo esiphambekweni sabo.

9 Kuzakuthi-ke njengabantu abe njalo umpristi; ngizajezisa izindlela zabo phezu kwabo, ngiphindisele izenzo zabo kubo.

10 Ngoba bazakudla, kodwa bangasuthi; bawule, kodwa bangandi; ngoba bayekele ukuqaphela iNKOSI.

11 Ubuwule lewayini lewayini elitsha kususa inhliziyo.

12 Abantu bami babuza esigodweni sabo, lentonga yabo izabatshela. Ngoba umoya wokuwula ubaduhisile, ukuze bawule besuka phansi kukaNkulunkulu wabo.

13 Benza imihlatshelo engqongeni zezintaba, batshisa impepha phezu kwamaqaqa, ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi, lephophula, lesihlahla esikhulu, ngoba umthunzi waso muhle. Ngenxa yalokho amadodakazi enuazawula, labomakoti benu bazafeba.

14 Kangiyikuwajezisa amadodakazi enu lapho ewula, labomakoti benu lapho befeba; ngoba bona ngokwabo bazehlukanisa lamawule, basebesenza imihlatshelo kanye lezifebe zethempeli; ngakho abantu abangelakuqedisisa bazawiselwa phansi.

15 Loba wena Israyeli uwula, uJuda kangabi lacala. Lingangeni-ke eGiligali, lingenyukeli eBeti-Aveni, lingafungi lithi: Kuphila kukaJehova.

16 Ngoba uIsrayeli ujila njengejongosi eliyisiqholo; khathesi iNKOSI izabelusa njengewundlu endaweni ebanzi.

17 UEfrayimi uhlangene lezithombe; myekele.

18 Okunathwayo kwabo okulamandla kusukile, bazinikela ekuwuleni, ababavikelayo bathanda ngokuthandaihlazo.

19 Umoya ubabophele empikweni zawo, njalo bazakuba lenhloni ngenxa yemihlatshelo yabo.

UHOSEYA 5

INKOSI izatshaya uIsrayeli ngenxa yobubi bakhe

1Zwanini lokhu, bapristi, lilalele, ndlu kaIsrayeli, libeke indlebe, lani ndlu yenkosi. Ngoba isahlulelo singakini, ngoba selibe ngumjibila eMizipa, lembule elendlalwe phezu kweThabhori.

2 Labahlamuki batshonisa ukuhlaba, kodwa ngizakuba ngumlayi wabo bonke.

3 Mina ngiyamazi uEfrayimi, loIsrayeli kafihlakalanga kimi; ngoba khathesi ufebile, wena Efrayimi, uIsrayeliuzingcolisile.

4 Kabaqondisi izenzo zabo ukuze baphendukele kuNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba umoya wokuwula uphakathi kwabo, leNKOSI kabayazi.

5 Lokuzigqaja kukaIsrayeli kuyafakaza ebusweni bakhe; ngakho uIsrayeli loEfrayimi bazakhubeka esiphambekweni sabo, loJuda uzakhubeka kanye labo.

6 Bazahamba lezimvu zabo lenkomo zabo ukuyadinga iNKOSI, kodwa kabayikuyithola; imonyukile kibo.

7 Benze ngenkohliso ngakuyo iNKOSI, ngoba bazele abantwana bezizweni. Khathesi inyanga ethwasayo izabaqeda lezabelo zabo.

8 Vuthelani uphondo lwenqama eGibeya, uphondo eRama, lihlabe umkhosi eBeti-Aveni lithi: Emvakwakho, wena Bhenjamini.

9 UEfrayimi uzakuba yincithakalo ngosuku lokujeziswa; phakathi kwezizwe zakoIsrayeli ngikwazisile okuliqiniso.

10 Iziphathamandla zakoJuda sezinjengalabo abatshedisa umngcele; ngizathululela phezu kwabo ulaka lwami njengamanzi.

11 UEfrayimi ucindezelwe wachotshozwa ngesahlulelo, ngoba wavuma ukuhamba elandela umlayo.

12 Ngakho ngizakuba njengenundu koEfrayimi, lanjengokubola endlini yakoJuda.

13 Kwathi uEfrayimi ebona umkhuhlane wakhe, loJuda isilonda sakhe, uEfrayimi waya eAsiriya, wathumelailizwi enkosini yeJarebhi; kodwa yona kayiyikuba lakho ukulelapha, kayiyikupholisa isilonda senu.

14 Ngoba ngizakuba njengesilwane koEfrayimi, lanjengebhongo lesilwane endlini yakoJuda. Mina, uqobo lwami, ngizadabudabula, besengihamba, ngisuse, kungabi lomophuli.

15 Ngizahamba ngibuyele endaweni yami, baze bavume icala labo, badinge ubuso bami; ekucindezelweni kwabo bazangidinga ngovivi.

UHOSEYA 6

Ukuphenduka kukaIsrayeli kakuqotho

1Wozani sibuyele eNKOSIni, ngoba yona idwengulile, njalo izaselapha; itshayile, njalo izasibopha.

2 Izasivuselela emva kwensuku ezimbili, ngosuku lwesithathu isivuse, njalo siphile phambi kwayo.

3 Khona sizakwazi, silandele ukuyazi iNKOSI; ukuphuma kwayo kulungiswe njengokusa; njalo izafika kithi njengezulu, njengezulu lemuva lelokuqala emhlabeni.

4 Ngizakwenzani kuwe, Efrayimi? Ngizakwenzani kuwe, Juda? Ngoba umusa wenu unjengeyezi lekuseni, lanjengamazolo ovivi athintithekayo.

5 Ngenxa yalokhu ngibagamule ngabaprofethi, ngababulala ngamazwi omlomo wami; lezahlulelo zakho zinjengokukhanya okuphumayo.

6 Ngoba ngaloyisa umusa, hatshi-ke umhlatshelo, lolwazi lukaNkulunkulu kuleminikelo yokutshiswa.

7 Kodwa bona baseqile isivumelwano njengoluntu; lapho benza ngenkohliso kimi.

8 IGileyadi ingumuzi wabenzi bokubi, ilemikhondo yegazi.

9 Njengamaviyo abaphangi acathamele umuntu, linjalo ixuku labapristi; bayabulala endleleni yeShekema; ngoba benza inkohlakalo.

10 Endlini yakoIsrayeli ngibone into eyesabekayo; lapho kulobuwule bukaEfrayimi, uIsrayeli ungcolisiwe.

11 Lawe Juda, ukumisele isivuno, lapho ngibuyise ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami.

UHOSEYA 7

1Lapho bengingelapha uIsrayeli, khona isiphambeko sikaEfrayimi sembulwa, lobubi beSamariya; ngoba benza amanga, lesela liyangena, leviyo labaphangi liyaphanga ngaphandle.

2 Njalo kabangatsho enhliziyweni yabo ukuthi ngiyabukhumbula bonke ububi babo. Khathesi izenzo zabozibahanqile, ziphambi kobuso bami.

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3 Bayayithokozisa inkosi ngobubi babo, leziphathamandla ngamanga abo.

4 Bonke bayafeba; banjengeziko elibaselwa ngumphekizinkwa, oyekela ukukhwezela umlilo kusukela ekuxoveni inhlama kuze kube sekubileni kwayo.

5 Kulusuku lwenkosi yethu; iziphathamandla ziyigulise ngokutshisa kwewayini; yelulela isandla sayo kanye labaklolodayo.

6 Ngoba zalungisa inhliziyo yazo njengeziko ngokucathamela kwazo; umphekizinkwa wazo ulala ubusuku bonke; ekuseni libhebhe njengomlilo olelangabi.

7 Zonke ziyatshisa njengeziko; zidle abehluleli bazo; amakhosi azo wonke awile; kakulamuntu phakathi kwazo ongibizayo.

8 UEfrayimi yena uzihlanganise lezizwe; uEfrayimi uliqebelengwana elingaphendulwanga.

9 Abezizwe badla amandla akhe, kodwa yena kazi. Yebo, inwele ezimpunga zihlakazekile phezu kwakhe, kodwa yena kazi.

10 Lokuzigqaja kukaIsrayeli kuyafakaza ebusweni bakhe, kodwa kababuyeli eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wabo, kabayidingi ngakho konke lokhu.

11 Njalo uEfrayimi unjengejuba eliyisiphukuphuku elingelangqondo; bakhalela iGibhithe, baye eAsiriya.

12 Lapho behamba ngizakwendlala imbule lami phezu kwabo, ngibehlise phansi njengenyoni zamazulu, ngibajezise njengokwezwakala ebandleni labo.

13 Maye kibo, ngoba babalekile kimi! Incithakalo kubo, ngoba baphambukile bemelene lami. Lanxa minabengingabahlenga, kube kanti bona baqamba amanga bemelene lami.

14 Kabakhaleli-ke kimi ngenhliziyo yabo, lapho beqhinqa isililo emibhedeni yabo; babuthana ngenxa yamabele lewayini elitsha, bayaphambuka bemelene lami.

15 Lanxa mina ngibalaya ngiqinisa izingalo zabo, kanti baceba okubi bemelene lami.

16 Bayaphenduka kodwa kunge koPhezukonke; banjengedandili elikhohlisayo; iziphathamandla zabo ziwa ngenkemba ngenxa yentukuthelo yolimi lwabo. Lokhu kuzakuba yinhlekisa yabo elizweni leGibhithe.

UHOSEYA 8

INKOSI isola amaIsrayeli ngezithombe zawo

1Uphondo emlonyeni wakho. Uzakuza njengokhozi lumelene lendlu yeNKOSI; ngoba sebeqe isivumelwano sami, baphambuke bemelene lomlayo wami.

2 Bazamemeza kimi: Nkulunkulu wami, thina, uIsrayeli, siyakwazi.

3 UIsrayeli walile okuhle; isitha sizaxotshana laye.

4 Bona babeke amakhosi, kodwa kungengami; bamisa iziphathamandla, kodwa ngangingakwazi; ngesiliva sabolegolide labo bazenzela izithombe, ukuze baqunywe.

5 Ithole lakho, Samariya, likwalile; intukuthelo yami iyavutha imelene labo; koze kube nini ukuthi banganelisi ukuba msulwa?

6 Ngoba laleli livela koIsrayeli; umbazi walenza, njalo kalisuye Nkulunkulu; kodwa ithole leSamariya lizakubayizihlephu.

7 Ngoba bahlanyele umoya, bazavuna isivunguzane; kakuyikuba lamabele emiyo; ihlumela kaliyikwenza impuphu; uba mhlawumbe lingayiveza, abezizwe bazayiginya.

8 UIsrayeli useginyiwe; khathesi baphakathi kwezizwe, njengesitsha okungelantokozo kiso.

9 Ngoba bona benyukele eAsiriya, ubabhemi weganga oyedwa ngokwakhe. UEfrayimi uqatshe izithandwa.

10 Yebo, lanxa beqatsha phakathi kwezizwe, sengizabaqoqa; yebo, bazaqala ukuba balutshwana ngenxa yomthwalo wenkosi yeziphathamandla.

11 Ngoba uEfrayimi wandise amalathi ngawokona, amalathi azakuba ngawokona kuye.

12 Ngimbhalele izinto ezinkulu zomlayo wami kodwa zabalwa njengento yemzini.

13 Mayelana lemihlatshelo yeminikelo yami, bahlaba inyama, bayidle, kodwa iNKOSI kayithokozi ngabo. Khathesi izakhumbula ububi babo, iphindisele izono zabo; bona bazabuyela eGibhithe.

14 Ngoba uIsrayeli umkhohliwe uMenzi wakhe, wakha amathempeli; njalo uJuda wandisile imizi ebiyelweyo; kodwa ngizathumela umlilo emizini yakhe, ozaqothula izigodlo zakhe.

UHOSEYA 9

UIsrayeli uzatshaywa ngenxa yokungathembeki kwakhe

1Ungajabuli, wena Israyeli, kube yinjabulo, njengezizwe, ngoba uwulile usuka kuNkulunkulu wakho; uthanda umvuzo wobuwule emabaleni wonke okubhulela amabele.

2 Ibala lokubhulela lesikhamelo sewayini kakuyikubondla, lewayini elitsha lizabakhohlisa.

3 Kabayikuhlala elizweni leNKOSI, kodwa uEfrayimi uzabuyela eGibhithe, badle okungcolileyo eAsiriya.

4 Kabayikuthululela iwayini eNKOSIni, kabayikuyithokozisa; imihlatshelo yabo izakuba njengesinkwa sokulila kubo; bonke abasidlayo bazangcola; ngoba isinkwa sabo ngesomphefumulo wabo, kasiyikufika endlini yeNKOSI.

5 Lizakwenzani ngosuku lomkhosi omisiweyo, langosuku lwedili leNKOSI?

6 Ngoba khangela, bahambile ngenxa yokuchitheka, iGibhithe izababutha, iMofi ibangcwabe, izindawo zabo eziloyisekayo zesiliva, ukhula oluhlabayo luzakudla ilifa lazo, ameva abe semathenteni abo.

7 Insuku zokuhanjelwa sezifikile, insuku zempindiselo sezifikile; uIsrayeli uzakwazi; umprofethi uyisithutha, umuntu womoya uyahlanya, ngenxa yobunengi bobubi benu, lenzondo enkulu.

8 Umlindi wakoEfrayimi uloNkulunkulu wami, kodwa umprofethi uyisifu somthiyi wenyoni endleleni zakhe zonke, inzondo endlini kaNkulunkulu wakhe.

9 Bazonakalisile ngokujulileyo njengensukwini zeGibeya. Uzakhumbula ububi babo, ajezise izono zabo.

10 Ngamthola uIsrayeli njengezithelo zevini enkangala, ngababona oyihlo njengezithelo zokuqala emkhiweni ekuqaleni kwazo. Kodwa bona baya eBhali-Peyori, bazehlukanisela lelohlazo, baba ngokunengekayo njengokuthanda kwabo.

11 NgoEfrayimi, udumo lwabo luzaphapha luhambe njengenyoni, kusukela ekuzalweni, njalo kusukela esiswini, njalo kusukela ekumithweni.

12 Loba bekhulisa abantwana babo, kube kanti ngizabenza bafelwe, kungasali muntu. Yebo-ke, maye kibo ekusukeni kwami kibo!

13 UEfrayimi, njengokubona kwami iTire, uhlanyelwe endaweni yokuhlala; kodwa uEfrayimi uzakhuphelaabantwana bakhe kumbulali.

14 Banike, NKOSI! Uzanikani? Banike isizalo esiphunzayo, lamabele omileyo.

15 Bonke ububi babo buseGiligali, ngoba ngabazonda khona, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zabo, ngizabaxotsha endlini yami, kangisayikubathanda; zonke iziphathamandla zabo zingabahlamuki.

16 UEfrayimi utshayiwe; impande yabo yomile, kabayikuthela isithelo; yebo loba bezala, ngizabulala izithelozesizalo sabo ezithandekayo.

17 UNkulunkulu wami uzabala, ngoba kabamlaleli; bazakuba ngabazulayo phakathi kwezizwe.

UHOSEYA 10

1UIsrayeli ulivini elithululwayo, lizenzela izithelo; njengobunengi bezithelo zakhe wandisa amalathi akhe; ngobuhle belizwe lakhe wenza insika zakhe eziyizithombe zibe zinhle.

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2 Iyehlukanisile inhliziyo yabo; khathesi bazakuba lecala; yona izabhidliza amalathi abo, ichithe insika zabo eziyizithombe.

3 Ngoba khathesi bazakuthi: Kasilankosi; ngoba kasimesabanga uJehova; pho, inkosi izakwenzani kithi?

4 Bakhulume amazwi, befunga amanga besenza isivumelwano; ngakho isahlulelo sizahluma njengokhula oluyitshefu emifolweni yensimu.

5 Abahlali beSamariya bazakwesaba ngenxa yethole leBeti-Aveni; ngoba abantu bayo bazalililela, labapristibalo ababethokoza ngalo, ngodumo lwalo, ngoba lusukile kulo.

6 Yebo, lizathwalelwa eAsiriya, libe yisipho enkosini uJarebhi. UEfrayimi uzakuba lenhloni, loIsrayeli ayangekengenxa yeseluleko sakhe.

7 ISamariya iqunyiwe, lenkosi yayo injengebazelo ebusweni bamanzi.

8 Lendawo eziphakemeyo zeAveni, isono sikaIsrayeli, kuzachithwa; ameva lokhula oluhlabayo kuzamila phezu kwamalathi abo. Njalo bazakuthi ezintabeni: Sisibekeleni; lemaqaqeni: Welani phezu kwethu.

9 Kusukela ensukwini zeGibeya wonile, Israyeli; lapho bema; impi eGibeya emelene labantwana bobubi kayibaficanga.

10 Kusesiloyisweni sami ukubajezisa; izizwe zizabuthana zimelene labo, lapho ngizababopha ngenxa yeziphambeko zabo ezimbili.

11 Njalo uEfrayimi ulithokazi elifundisiweyo, elithanda ukubhula, kodwa mina ngedlule phezu kwentamo yakhe yobuhle; ngigadise uEfrayimi, uJuda uzalima, uJakobe uzaziharera.

12 Zihlanyeleleni ekulungeni, livune emuseni; qhathani ingqatho yenu; ngoba sekuyisikhathi sokuyidinga iNKOSI, ize ifike, inise ukulunga phezu kwenu.

13 Lilime inkohlakalo, lavuna isiphambeko, lidle izithelo zamanga; ngoba lithembele endleleni yenu, ebunengini bamaqhawe enu.

14 Ngalokho kuzakuba khona ukuxokozela phakathi kwabantu bakho, lenqaba zakho zonke zizachithwa, njengalokhu uShalimani wachitha iBeti-Aribeli ngosuku lwempi; unina wachotshozwa phezu kwabantwana.

15 Izakwenza njalo iBhetheli kini, ngenxa yobubi bobubi bakho; emadabukakusa inkosi yakoIsrayeli izaqunywa lokuqunywa.

UHOSEYA 11

UNkulunkulu uthanda abantu bakhe abaduhileyo

1UIsrayeli esengumntwana ngamthanda, ngayibiza indodana yami ukuthi iphume eGibhithe.

2 Kwathi bebabiza, ngokunjalo basuka phambi kwabo; bahlabela oBhali,
batshisela izithombe ezibaziweyo impepha.

3 Mina-ke ngacathulisa uEfrayimi; ngababamba ngezingalo zabo; kodwa
kabazanga ukuthi ngibelaphile.

4 Ngabadonsa ngamagoda omuntu, ngentambo zothando, ngaba kibo njengalabo
abasusa ijogwe ezihlathini zabo, ngakhothama kibo, ngabanika ukudla.

5 Kayikubuyela elizweni leGibhithe, kodwa umAsiriya yena uzakuba yinkosi
yakhe, ngoba balile ukuphenduka.

6 Inkemba izatheleka emizini yakhe, iqede imigoqo yakhe, ibadle, ngenxa
yamacebo abo.

7 Njalo abantu bami banamathela ekuhlehleleni muva kimi; lanxa
bebabizela koPhezukonke, kakho ngitsho owayengamphakamisa.

8 Ngizakunikela njani, Efrayimi? ngikudele, Israyeli? Ngizakwenza njani ube
njengeAdima? ngikubeke njengeZeboyimi? Inhliziyo yami isiphendukile phakathi
kwami, izihawu zami ziyakhudumala kanyekanye.

9 Kangiyikwenza ukuvutha kolaka lwami; kangiyikubuyela ngichithe uEfrayimi;
ngoba nginguNkulunkulu, kangisuye umuntu, oNgcwele phakathi kwakho;
kangiyikungena emzini.

10 Bazayilandela iNKOSI; izabhonga njengesilwane; lapho yona izabhonga, khona
abantwana bazavela entshonalanga beqhaqhazela.

11 Bazaqhaqhazela njengenyoni evela eGibhithe, lanjengejuba elivela elizweni
leAsiriya; njalo ngizabenza bahlale ezindlini zabo, itsho iNKOSI.

12 UEfrayimi ungizingelezele ngamanga, lendlu kaIsrayeli ngenkohliso; kodwa
uJuda usabusa loNkulunkulu, uthembekile kanye labangcwele.

UHOSEYA 12

Ukungathembeki kukaIsrayeli loJuda

1 UEfrayimi udla umoya, axotshane lomoya wempumalanga; usuku lonke wandisa
amanga lencithakalo; benza isivumelwano leAsiriya, lamafutha
athwalelwa eGibhithe.

2 INKOSI layo ilengxabano loJuda, izahambela uJakobe ngokwendlela zakhe,
imphindisele ngokwezenzo zakhe.

3 Esiswini wabamba umfowabo ngesithende, langamandla akhe wabindana
loNkulunkulu.

4 Yebo, waba lamandla phezu kwengilosi, wanqoba, wakhala inyembezi
wayincenga; eBhetheli wamthola, lalapho wakhuluma lathi.

5 Ngitsho iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, iNKOSI iyisikhumbuzo sayo.

6 Ngakho wena, phendukela kuNkulunkulu wakho, gcina umusa lokulunga, ulindele uNkulunkulu wakho njalonjalo.

7 Ungumthengisi, izilinganiso ezikhohlisayo zisesandleni sakhe, uthanda ukucindezela.

8 LoEfrayimi uthi: Kanti nginothile, sengizitholele inotho; kuyo yonke imitshikatshika yami kabayikungitholela ububi, obuyisono.

9 Kodwa ngiyiNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakho, kusukela elizweni leGibhithe; ngisezakuhlalisa emathenteninjengensukwini zomkhosi omisiweyo.

10 Ngizakhuluma futhi labaprofethi, mina ngandise umbono, ngisebenzise imifanekiso ngesandla sabaprofethi.

11 Bukhona yini ububi eGileyadi? Isibili bayize, bahlaba izinkunzi eGiligali; yebo, amalathi abo anjengenqumbiemiseleni yamasimu.

12 Kanti uJakobe wabalekela elizweni leSiriya, loIsrayeli wasebenzela umfazi, welusa izimvu ngenxa yomfazi.

13 Langomprofethi iNKOSI yamenyusa uIsrayeli eGibhithe, langomprofethi walondolozwa.

14 UEfrayimi uyicunule ngobuhlungu obukhulu; ngakho izayekela igazi lakhe phezu kwakhe, leNkosi yakhe ilibuyisele kuye ihlazo lakhe.

UHOSEYA 13

Ukuchitheka kukaIsrayeli

1 Lapho uEfrayimi ekhuluma eqhuqha, waziphakamisa koIsrayeli; kodwa waba lecala ngoBhali, wafa.

2 Khathesi-ke baqhubeka besona, bazenzela izithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa zesiliva sabo, izithombe njengokuqedisisa kwabo, zonke zingumsebenzi wezingcitshi; abathi ngazo: Abantu abanikela imihlatshelo bazakwanga amathole.

3 Ngakho bazakuba njengeyezi lekuseni, lanjengamazolo ovivi ahambayo; njengomule ophetshulwa yisivunguzane ebaleni lokubhulela, njengentuthu ephuma etshiminini.

4 Kube kanti mina ngiyiNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wakho, kusukela elizweni leGibhithe; ngakho kawuyikwazi unkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami, ngoba kakho umsindisi ngaphandle kwami.

5 Mina ngakwazi enkangala, elizweni elomileyo kakhulu.

6 Njengokwedlelo labo, ngokunjalo basutha; basutha, lenhliziyo yabo yaphakama;
ngenxa yalokho bangikhohlwa.

7 Ngakho ngizakuba kubo njengesilwane, njengengwe
endleleni ngizabacathamela.

8 Ngizabahlangabeza njengebhere elithathelwe imidlwane, ngidabule isisibekelo
senhliziyo yabo, ngibadlele lapho njengesilwane; isilo seganga sizabadabudabula.

9 Kukuchithile, Israyeli, kodwa kimi kulosizo lwakho.

10 Pho, ingaphi inkosi yakho, ukuthi ikusindise emizini yakho yonke? Labehluleli
bakho owathi ngabo: Nginike inkosi leziphathamandla?

11 Ngakunika inkosi ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngayisusa ngolaka lwami.

12 Ububi bukaEfrayimi bubotshiwe, isono sakhe sibekiwe.

13 Insizi zowesifazana ohelelwayo zizamfikela; uyindodana engahlakaniphanga,
ngoba ingehlale isikhathiemlonyeni wesizalo sabantwana.

14 Ngizabenzela inhlawulo yokuthula emandleni engcwaba, ngibahlenge ekufeni.
Kufa, bangaphi omatshayabhuqe bezifo zakho? Ngcwaba, ingaphi incithakalo
yakho? Uphenduko luzasitheliswa emehlweni ami.

15 Loba yena engaveza izithelo phakathi kwabafowabo, kuzafika umoya
wempumalanga, umoya weNKOSI, usenyuka enkangala, lomthombo
wakhe uzakutsha, kome lesiphethu sakhe; wona uzaphanga okuligugu kwazo
zonke izitsha eziloyisekayo.

16 ISamariya izakuba lunxiwa, ngoba ihlamukele uNkulunkulu wayo; bazakuwa
ngenkemba, labantwana babo bachotshozwe, labesifazana babo abakhulelweyo
baqhaqhwe.

UHOSEYA 14

UIsrayeli uyacelwa ukubuyela eNKOSINI

1Buyela, Israyeli, eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu wakho; ngoba ukhubekile
ngesiphambeko sakho.

2 Thathani amazwi lani, libuyele eNKOSIni, lithi kiyo: Susa bonke ububi,
usemukele ngomusa; ngakho sizabhadala amajongosi endebe zethu.

3 IAsiriya kayiyikusisindisa, kasiyikugada amabhiza; kasisayikutsho kuyo
imisebenzi yezandla zethu ukuthi:Lingonkulunkulu bethu; ngoba kuwe
intandane izatshengiswa umusa.

4 Ngizakwelapha ukuhlehlela muva kwabo, ngizabathanda ngesihle, ngoba
intukuthelo yami iphanjulwe kuye.

5 Ngizakuba njengamazolo kuIsrayeli; uzakhahlela njengomduze, agxilise impande zakhe njengeLebhanoni.

6 Amahlumela akhe azanaba, lenkazimulo yakhe ibe njengesihlahla somhlwathi, abe lephunga njengeLebhanoni.

7 Bazabuyela abahlala emthunzini wakhe, bavuseleleke njengamabele, bakhahlele njengevini, isikhumbuzo sakhe sibe njengewayini leLebhanoni.

8 Efrayimi, ngiseselani lezithombe? Mina ngimphendule, ngimnanzelele; ngibe njengefiri eliluhlaza; isithelo sakho sifunyanwa kimi.

9 Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo aqedisise lezizinto? okhaliphileyo azazi? Ngoba indlela zeNKOSI ziqondile, labalungileyo bazahamba ngazo, kodwa abaphambuki bazakhubeka kuzo.

UJOWELI

UJOWELI 1

Ilizwe lichithwa zintethe

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI elafika kuJoweli indodana kaPethuweli.

2 Zwanini lokhu, badala, libeke indlebe, lonke bahlali belizwe. Kwake kwenzeka
lokhu yini ensukwini zenu, kumbe lensukwini zaboyihlo?

3 Landiselani abantwana benu ngakho, labantwana benu abantwana babo,
labantwana babo esinye isizukulwana.

4 Okutshiywe zintothoviyane isikhonyane sikudlile; lokutshiywe
yisikhonyane iqhwagi likudlile; lokutshiywe liqhwagi inswabanda ikudlile.

5 Phaphamani, zidakwa, likhale inyembezi, liqhinqe isililo, lonke banathi
bewayini, ngenxa yewayini elitsha, ngoba liqunyiwe lasuka emlonyeni wenu.

6 Ngoba isizwe senyukele elizweni lami, esilamandla, esingelanani; amazinyo aso
angamazinyo esilwane, silamazinyo emihlathi esilwane esisikazi.

7 Senze ivini lami laba yincithakalo, lesihlahla sami somkhiwa saba zimvava;
sakwebula lokukwebula, sakuphosela phansi, ingatsha zakho zaba mhlophe.

8 Qhinqani isililo njengentombi emsulwa ebhinciswe isaka ngenxa yomyeni
wobutsha bayo.

9 Umnikelo wokudla lomnikelo wokunathwayo uqunyiwe wasuka endlini
yeNKOSI. Abapristi, izikhonzi zeNKOSI, bayalila.

10 Insimu ichithiwe, umhlabathi uyalila; ngoba amabele achithiwe, iwayini
elitsha lomile, amafutha aphela amandla.

11 Banini lenhloni, balimi, qhinqani isililo, baphathizivini, ngenxa yengqoloyi
langenxa yebhali; ngoba isivuno sensimu sichithekile.

12 Ivini libunile, lomkhiwa uphele amandla; ipomegranati, lesihlahla selala,
lesihlahla se-aphula, zonke izihlahla zeganga zomile, ngoba intokozo ibunile
yasuka ebantwaneni babantu.

13 Bhincani, lilile, bapristi, qhinqani isililo, zikhonzi zelathi. Wozani, lilale
ebusuku emasakeni, zikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu wami; ngoba umnikelo wokudla
lomnikelo wokunathwayo kugodliwe endlini kaNkulunkulu wenu.

14 Yehlukanisani ukuzila ukudla, libize umhlangano onzulu,
libuthanise abadala, labo bonke abahlali belizwe,endlini yeNKOSI uNkulunkulu
wenu, likhale eNKOSIni.

15 Maye ngalolosuku! Ngoba usuku lweNKOSI luseduze, luzafika
njengencithakalo evela kuSomandla.

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16 Ukudla kakuqunywanga yini phambi kwamehlo ethu, ukuthaba lentokozo kusuka endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu?

17 Inhlanyelo iyabola ngaphansi kwamagade ayo; izibuya zingamanxiwa, iziphala zidilizelwe phansi, ngoba amabele abunile.

18 Yeka ukububula kwezifuyo! Imihlambi yenkomo ididekile, ngoba kayilalo idlelo; lemihlambi yezimvu iyahlupheka.

19 Ngiyakhala kuwe, NKOSI, ngoba umlilo uqedile amadlelo enkangala, lelangabi lilumathise zonke izihlahla zeganga.

20 Lenyamazana zeganga ziyakhala kuwe, ngoba izifudlana zamanzi zitshile, lomlilo uqede amadlelo enkangala.

UJOWELI 2

Usuku lweNKOSI

1Vuthelani uphondo eZiyoni, lihlabe umkhosi entabeni yami engcwele; kabathuthumele bonke abahlali belizwe, ngoba usuku lweNKOSI luyeza, ngoba luseduze.

2 Usuku lomnyama lobumnyama, usuku lwamayezi lomnyama onzima, njengemadabukakusa lembese phezu kwezintaba; isizwe esikhulu lesilamandla, kakuzanga kube khona esinjengaso kusukela endulo, futhi kakusayikuba khona emva kwaso kuze kube yiminyaka yezizukulwana lezizukulwana.

3 Umlilo uyaqeda phambi kwaso, langemva kwaso kuvutha ilangabi. Phambi kwaso ilizwe lifanana lesivande seEdeni, kodwa ngemva kwaso liyinkangala yencithakalo; yebo kakulakuphunyuka kuso.

4 Isimo saso sinjengesimo samabhiza, lanjengabagadi bamabhiza ngokunjalo bazagijima.

5 Bazakweqa njengomsindo wezinqola ezingqongeni zezintaba, njengomsindo welangabi lomlilo oqeda izidindi, njengabantu abalamandla abahlelelwe impi.

6 Phambi kobuso babo abantu bazakuba lobuhlungu; bonke ubuso buzanyukumala.

7 Bazagijima njengamaqhawe, bakhwele imiduli njengamadoda empi, bahambe ngulowo lalowo ngezindlela zakhe, kabayikuphambuka emikhondweni yabo.

8 Kabasunduzani omunye lomunye; bazahamba ngulowo lalowo ngomgwaqo wakhe omkhulu; lapho bewela phezu kwesikhali, kabayikulimala.

9 Bazahaluzela bedabula umuzi, bagijime phezu komduli, bakhwele bangene ezindlini, bangene ngamawindinjengesela.

10 Umhlaba uzanyikinyeka phambi kwabo, amazulu athuthumele; ilanga lenyanga kube mnyama, lezinkanyezi zigodle ukukhanya kwazo.

11 Njalo iNKOSI izakhupha ilizwi layo phambi kwebutho layo, ngoba inkamba yayo yinkulu kakhulu; ngoba ilamandla eyenza ilizwi layo; ngoba usuku lweNKOSI lukhulu, luyesabeka kakhulu; ngubani-ke ongalumela?

Abantu bacelwa ukuphenduka

12 Ngakho lakhathesi, itsho iNKOSI, phendukelani kimi ngenhliziyo yenu yonke, langokuzila ukudla, langokukhala inyembezi, langokulila.

13 Lidabule inhliziyo yenu, hatshi izembatho zenu, liphendukele eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu wenu, ngoba ilesisalesihawu, iphuza ukuthukuthela, njalo inkulu ngomusa, iyazisola ngobubi.

14 Ngubani owaziyo, ingaphenduka izisole, itshiye isibusiso ngemva kwayo, umnikelo wokudla lomnikelo wokunathwayo eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu wenu.

15 Vuthelani uphondo eZiyoni, yehlukanisani ukuzila ukudla, libize umhlangano onzulu,

16 libuthanise abantu, lingcwelise ibandla, lihlanganise abadala, libuthanise abantwana, labamunya amabele; umyeni kaphume ekamelweni lakhe, lomakoti exhibeni lakhe.

17 Kakuthi abapristi, izikhonzi zeNKOSI, bakhale inyembezi phakathi kwekhulusi lelathi, bathi: Yekela abantu bakho, NKOSI; unganikeli ilifa lakho ehlazweni, ukuthi abahedeni bababuse. Bazatsholoni phakathi kwezizweukuthi: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo?

Isihawu seNKOSI

18 Khona iNKOSI izatshisekela ilizwe layo, ihawukele abantu bayo.

19 Yebo iNKOSI izaphendula ithi ebantwini bayo: Khangelani, ngizalithumela amabele lewayini elitshalamafutha, ukuthi lisuthe ngakho; kangisayikulenza inhlamba phakathi kwezizwe.

20 Kodwa ngizasusela khatshana lani okuvela enyakatho, ngikuxotshele elizweni elomileyo leliyinkangala, ubuso bakho bungaselwandle lwempumalanga, lokucina kwakho ngaselwandle olungemuva; njalo kwenyuke ivumba lakho, kwenyuke iphunga lakho elibi, ngoba kwenze izinto ezinkulu.

21 Ungesabi, lizwe, jabula uthokoze, ngoba iNKOSI yenze izinto ezinkulu.

22 Lingesabi, zinyamazana zeganga, ngoba amadlelo enkangala asehlumile; ngoba isihlahla sithela isithelo saso, umkhiwa levini kunike amandla akho.

23 Lani bantwana beZiyoni, thabani lithokoze eNKOSIni, uNkulunkulu wenu; ngoba ilinikile izulu lensewula ngokulunga, yalinisela izulu, izulu lensewula lezulu lamuva njengakuqala.

24 Lamabala okubhulela azagcwala amabele, lezikhamelo zewayini ziphuphume ngewayini elitsha lamafutha.

25 Njalo ngizabuyisela kini iminyaka eyadliwa yintothoviyane, yisikhonyane, leqhwagi, lenswabanda, ibutho lami elikhulu engalithumela phakathi kwenu.

26 Njalo lizakudla lokudla, lisuthe, lidumise ibizo leNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wenu, oliphethe ngokumangalisayo. Njalo abantu bami kabayikuyangiswa lanininini.

27 Njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiphakathi kukaIsrayeli, lokuthi ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu, njalo kakho omunye. Njalo abantu bami kabayikuyangiswa lanininini.

Ukuthelwa koMoya kaNkulunkulu

28 Kuzakuthi emva kwalokho ngithele uMoya wami phezu kwayo yonke inyama; njalo amadodana enulamadodakazi enu azaprofetha; abadala benu baphuphe amaphupho, amajaha enu abone imibono.

29 Yebo, laphezu kwenceku laphezu kwencekukazi ngizathela uMoya wami ngalezonsuku.

30 Njalo ngizaveza izimangaliso emazulwini lemhlabeni, igazi, lomlilo, lezinsika zentuthu.

31 Ilanga lizaphenduka libe ngumnyama, lenyanga ibe ligazi, lungakafiki usuku lweNKOSI olukhululolwesabekayo.

32 Kuzakuthi-ke loba ngubani ozabiza ibizo leNKOSI asindiswe; ngoba entabeni yeZiyoni leJerusalema kuzakuba khona ukukhululwa, njengokutsho kweNKOSI, laphakathi kwabaseleyo iNKOSI ezababiza.

UJOWELI 3

Ukugwetshwa kwezizwe

1Ngoba khangela, ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi lapho ngibuyisa ukuthunjwa kukaJuda leJerusalema,

2 ngizabutha zonke izizwe, ngizehlisele esigodini sikaJehoshafathi, ngizigwebe khona ngenxa yabantu bamilelifa lami uIsrayeli, ezibahlakaze phakathi kwezizwe, zalaba ilizwe lami,

3 zenza inkatho yokuphosa ngabantu bami, zanika umfana ngewule, zathengisa inkazana ngewayini, ukuze zinathe.

4 Yebo-ke, lilani kimi, Tire leSidoni, lani lonke mingcele yeFilisti? Lizangibuyisela umvuzo yini? Uba-ke lingibuyisela, masinyane ngokuphangisa ngizabuyisela umvuzo wenu ekhanda lenu.

5 Ngoba lithethe isiliva sami legolide lami, laletha izinto zami eziloyisekayo ezinhle emathempelini enu.

6 Lathengisa abantwana bakoJuda labantwana beJerusalema ebantwaneni bamaGriki, ukuze libasusele khatshana lomngcele wabo.

7 Khangelani, ngizabavusa endaweni elabathengisa kiyo, ngibuyisele umvuzo
wenu ekhanda lenu.

8 Njalo ngizathengisa amadodana enu lamadodakazi enu esandleni sabantwana
bakoJuda, abazabathengisa kumaSabeya esizweni esikhatshana; ngoba
iNKOSI ikhulumile.

9 Memezelani lokhu phakathi kwezizwe; lingcwelise impi; livuse amaqhawe;
kawasondele enyuke wonke amadoda empi.

10 Khandani amakhuba enu abe yizinkemba, lengqamu zenu zokuthena zibe
yimikhonto; obuthakathaka athi: Ngiliqhawe.

11 Phangisani lize, lina zizwe zonke ezizingelezeleyo, libuthane; NKOSI, yehlisa
amaqhawe akho kuleyondawo.

12 Kazizivuse izizwe zenyukele esihotsheni sikaJehoshafathi; ngoba kulapho
engizahlala khona ukugweba zonke izizwe inhlangothi zonke.

13 Fakani isikela, ngoba isivuno sivuthiwe; wozani lehlele phansi, ngoba
isikhamelo sewayini sigcwele, amafatshi ewayini ayaphuphuma, ngoba ububi
babo bukhulu.

14 Amaxuku, amaxuku esihotsheni sesinqumo; ngoba usuku
lweNKOSI luseduze esihotsheni sesinqumo.

15 Ilanga lenyanga kuzakuba mnyama, lezinkanyezi zigodle ukukhanya kwazo.

16 INKOSI izabhonga-ke iseZiyoni, ikhuphe ilizwi layo iseJerusalema, kunyikinyeke
amazulu lomhlaba. Kodwa iNKOSI ibe yisiphephelo sabantu bayo, lamandla
abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

17 Ngalokho lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wenu, ohlala eZiyoni,
intaba yobungcwele bami. Njalo iJerusalema izakuba yibungcwele, labezizwe
kabasayikudlula phakathi kwayo.

18 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku izintaba zithontise iwayini elimnandi,
lamaqaqa ageleze uchago, lazo zonke izifula zakoJuda zigeleze amanzi,
lomthombo uphume endlini yeNKOSI, uthelele isihotsha seShithimi.

19 IGibhithe izakuba lunxiwa, leEdoma ibe yinkangala elunxiwa, ngenxa
yodlakela olumelene labantwana bakoJuda, ngoba bachithe igazi
elingelacala elizweni labo.

20 Kodwa uJuda uzahlala kuze kube nininini, leJerusalema kuze kube
yisizukulwana lesizukulwana.

21 Ngoba ngizahlanza igazi labo, engangingalihlanzanga; ngoba iNKOSI ihlala
eZiyoni.

UAMOSI

UAMOSI 1

Ukwahlulelwa kwezizwe ezakhelene loIsrayeli

1 Amazwi kaAmosi owayephakathi kwabelusi beThekhowa, awabona ngoIsrayeli,
ensukwini zikaUziya inkosi yakoJuda, lensukwini zikaJerobhowamu indodana
kaJowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli, iminyaka emibili ngaphambi kokuzamazama
komhlaba.

2 Wasesithi:

INKOSI izabhonga iseZiyoni, ikhuphe ilizwi layo iseJerusalema; lendawo zokuhlala
zabelusi zizalila, lengqongayeKharmeli ibune.

3 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zeDamaseko, langenxa
yezine, kangiyikuphambulaisijeziso sabo, ngoba babhule iGileyadi ngembulo
zensimbi.

4 Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo endlini kaHazayeli, ozaqeda izigodlo
zikaBenihadadi.

5 Njalo ngizakwephula umgoqo weDamaseko, ngiqume umhlali wegceke leAveni,
lophethe intonga, esuka eBeti-Edeni; njalo abantu beSiriya bazathunjelwa eKiri,
itsho iNKOSI.

6 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zeGaza, langenxa yezine,
kangiyikukuphambula; ngoba babathumba ngokuthunjwa okupheleleyo, ukuthi
babanikele e-Edoma.

7 Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo emdulini weGaza, ozaqeda izigodlo zayo.

8 Ngiqume umhlali eAshidodi, lophethe intonga eAshikeloni, ngiphendulele
isandla sami ngimeleneleEkhironi; njalo insali yamaFilisti izabhubha; itsho
iNkosi uJehova.

9 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zeTire, langenxa yezine,
kangiyikuphambula isijeziso sabo, ngoba babathumba ngokuthunjwa
okupheleleyo babesa kuEdoma, kabakhumbulanga isivumelwano sabazalwane.

10 Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo emdulini weTire ozaqeda izigodlo zayo.

11 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zeEdoma, langenxa yezine,
kangiyikukuphambula, ngoba yaxotshana labafowabo ngenkemba, yonakalisa
izihawu zayo, lolaka lwayo lwadabudabula njalonjalo, yagcina intukuthelo yayo
kokuphela.

12 Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo eThemani ozaqeda izigodlo zeBhozira.

13 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zabantwana bakoAmoni, langenxa yezine, kangiyikuphambula isijeziso sabo, ngoba baqhaqha abesifazana abazithweleyo beGileyadi, ukuze bandise umngcele wabo.

14 Ngakho ngizaphemba umlilo emdulini weRaba, ozaqeda izigodlo zayo, ngokumemeza osukwini lwempi, ngesiphepho osukwini lwesivunguzane;

15 lenkosi yabo izakuya ekuthunjweni, yona kanye leziphathamandla zayo; itsho iNKOSI.

UAMOSI 2

1Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zikaMowabi, langenxa yezine, kangiyikuphambulaisijeziso sabo, ngoba watshisa amathambo enkosi yeEdoma aba yikalaga.

2 Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo koMowabi, ozaqeda izigodlo zeKeriyothi, uMowabi afele phakathi kokuxokozela, ngokumemeza, ngokukhala kophondo.

3 Ngiqume umahluleli asuke phakathi kwakhe, ngibulale zonke iziphathamandla zakhe kanye laye, itsho iNKOSI.

4 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zakoJuda, langenxa yezine, kangiyikuphambula isijezisosabo, ngoba bawalile umlayo weNKOSI, kabagcinanga izimiso zayo, lamanga abo abaduhisile, oyise abawalandelayo.

5 Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo koJuda, futhi uzaqeda izigodlo zeJerusalema.

Ukugwetshwa kukaIsrayeli

6 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zakoIsrayeli, langenxa yezine, kangiyikuphambula isijezisosabo, ngoba bathengisa olungileyo ngesiliva, loswelayo ngamanyathela amabili,

7 abaphefuzelela uthuli lomhlaba oluphezu kwekhanda labayanga, baphambukisa indlela yabamnene; njalo umuntu loyise baya entombini, ukuze bangcolise ibizo lami elingcwele.

8 Bacambalale ezembathweni zesibambiso eceleni kwalelo lalelo ilathi, banathe iwayini labalahliweyo endliniyabonkulunkulu babo.

9 Kanti mina ngachitha umAmori phambi kwabo, obude bakhe babunjengobude bamasedari, eqine njengama-okhi; kodwa ngachitha isithelo sakhe ngaphezulu, lempande zakhe ngaphansi.

10 Futhi mina ngalenyusa elizweni leGibhithe, ngalikhokhela enkangala iminyaka engamatshumi amane, ukuze lidle ilifa lelizwe lomAmori.

11 Ngavusa abanye emadodaneni enu babe ngabaprofethi, labanye emajaheni enu babe ngamaNaziri. Kakunjalo yini, lina bantwana bakoIsrayeli? itsho iNKOSI.

12 Kodwa lawanathisa amaNaziri iwayini, lalaya abaprofethi lisithi: Lingaprofethi.

13 Khangelani, ngizalicindezela phansi, njengenqola igcwele izithungo icindezela.

14 Ngakho ukubaleka kuzabhubha kolejubane, lolamandla kayikuqinisa amandla akhe, leqhawe kaliyikukhulula impilo yalo.

15 Lophethe idandili kayikuma, lolenyawo ezilula kayikuzikhulula, logade ibhiza kayikukhulula impilo yakhe.

16 Lolenhliziyo eqinileyo phakathi kwamaqhawe uzabaleka eze ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI.

UAMOSI 3

Umsebenzi womprofethi

1Zwanini lelilizwi iNKOSI elikhulume imelene lani, lina bantwana bakoIsrayeli, imelene losendo lonke engalwenyusa elizweni leGibhithe, isithi:

2 Yini kuphela engilaziyo kuzo zonke izinsendo zomhlaba; ngakho-ke ngizaphindisela phezu kwenu bonke ububi benu.

3 Ababili bangahamba kanyekanye yini ngaphandle kokuthi behlangene?

4 Kambe isilwane singabhonga ehlathini singelampango? Ibhongo lesilwane lingakhupha ilizwi lalo ebhalwinilwalo lingabambanga lutho yini?

5 Inyoni ingawela emjibileni emhlabeni lapho okungelasifu khona kuyo yini? Umjibila ungathanya yini emhlabathini uba ungabambanga ulutho?

6 Uphondo lungavuthelwa yini emzini abantu bengethuki? Kulobubi yini emzini iNKOSI engabenzanga?

7 Isibili iNkosi uJehova kayenzi lutho ngaphandle kokuthi yembule icebo layo eliyimfihlo encekwini zayo abaprofethi.

8 Isilwane sesibhongile, ngubani ongayikwesaba? INkosi uJehova isikhulumile, ngubani ongayikuprofetha?

Ukugwetshwa kweSamariya

9 Zwakalisani ezigodlweni zeAshidodi lezigodlweni zelizwe leGibhithe, lithi: Buthanani phezu kwezintaba zeSamariya, libone iziphithiphithi ezinkulu phakathi kwayo lezincindezelo phakathi kwayo.

10 Ngoba kabakwazi ukwenza okuqondileyo, itsho iNKOSI, ababuthelela udlakela lencithakalo ezigodlweni zabo.

11 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Isitha, esizazingelezela ilizwe, esizakwehlisa amandla akho kuwe, lezigodlo zakho ziphangwe.

12 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Njengalokho umelusi esophula imilenze emibili emlonyeni wesilwane, loba isiqa sendlebe, ngokunjalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli abahlala eSamariya bazakophulwa egumbini lombheda ledamaseko yethala.

13 Zwanini lifakaze endlini kaJakobe, itsho iNkosi uJehova uNkulunkulu wamabandla,

14 ukuthi mhla ngizaphindisela iziphambeko zikaIsrayeli phezu kwakhe, ngizaphindisela futhi phezu kwamalathieBhetheli, lempondo zelathi zizaqunywa ziwele emhlabathini.

15 Ngizatshaya indlu yebusika kanye lendlu yehlobo, lezindlu zempondo zendlovu zizabhubha, lezindlu ezinkulu ziphele; itsho iNKOSI.

UAMOSI 4

1Zwanini lelilizwi, mankomokazi eBashani, elisentabeni yeSamariya, elicindezela abayanga, elichoboza abaswelayo, elithi emakhosini abo: Lethani sinathe.

2 INkosi uJehova ifungile ngobungcwele bayo, ukuthi, khangelani, insuku zizafika phezu kwenu lapho abazalihudula ngezingwegwe, labalilandelayo ngengwegwe zokubamba inhlanzi.

3 Njalo lizaphuma ngezikhala, ngulowo lalowo phambi kwakhe, liziphosele ngasesigodlweni, itsho iNKOSI.

UIsrayeli kaphendukelanga eNKOSIni

4 Wozani eBhetheli, liphambeke, eGiligali landise iziphambeko; lilethe imihlatshelo yenu ekuseni, okwetshumi kwenu ngomnyaka wesithathu;

5 litshise umhlatshelo wokubonga ngokuvutshelweyo, limemezele iminikelo yesihle, lizwakalise; ngoba ngokunjalo likuthanda, bantwana bakoIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

6 Ngakho mina ngilinikile futhi ukuhlanzeka kwamazinyo emizini yonke yenu, lenswelo yesinkwa endaweni zenu zonke; kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNKOSI.

7 Futhi-ke mina ngaligodlela izulu, kuseselenyanga ezintathu kusiya ekuvuneni; ngalinisa komunye umuzi, kodwa kalinanga komunye umuzi; esinye isiqinti sanethwa, kodwa isiqinti esinganethwanga satsha.

8 Kwasekuzula imizi emibili loba emithathu yayanatha amanzi emzini owodwa, kodwa kayikholwanga; kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNKOSI.

9 Ngalitshaya ngokuhanguka langengumane; ukwanda kwezivande zenu, lezivini zenu, lezihlahla zenu zemikhiwa, lezihlahla zenu zemihlwathi, kwadliwa zintethe; kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNKOSI.

10 Ngathumela phakathi kwenu umatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngokwendlela yeGibhithe, ngabulala amajaha enu ngenkemba, kanye lokuthunjwa kwamabhiza enu; njalo ngenza ivumba lenkamba yenu lenyuka ngitsho emakhaleni enu; kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNKOSI.

11 Ngachitha abanye phakathi kwenu njengalokho uNkulunkulu wachitha iSodoma leGomora, lalinjengesikhuniesophulwe ekutsheni; kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNKOSI.

12 Ngakho ngizakwenza ngokunjalo kuwe, Israyeli; ngenxa yokuthi ngizakwenza lokhu kuwe, zilungiselele ukuhlangana loNkulunkulu wakho, Israyeli.

13 Ngoba khangela, obumba izintaba, lodala umoya, lotshela umuntu ukuthi umcabango wakhe uyini, owenza ukusa kube mnyama, onyathela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, libizo lakhe.

UAMOSI 5

UIsrayeli utshelwa ukuthi aphenduke

1Zwanini lelilizwi engiliphakamisa phezu kwenu, isililo, ndlu kaIsrayeli.

2 Intombi emsulwa yakoIsrayeli iwile, kayiyikuvuka futhi; ideliwe emhlabathini wayo, kakho oyivusayo.

3 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Umuzi ophuma labayinkulungwane uzasala labalikhulu, lophuma labalikhulu uzasala labalitshumi, kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli.

4 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI endlini kaIsrayeli: Ngidingani liphile.

5 Kodwa lingadingi iBhetheli, lingangeni eGiligali, lingedluleli eBherishebha, ngoba iGiligali izathunjwa lokuthunjwa, leBhetheli izakuba yize.

6 Dingani iNKOSI liphile, hlezi ifohlele indlu kaJosefa njengomlilo oqothulayo, kungabi khona owucitshayo eBhetheli.

7 Lina eliphendula isahlulelo sibe ngumhlonyane, lilalise ukulunga emhlabathini.

8 Owenza isiLimela leziNja, lophendula umthunzi wokufa ube yikusa, lowenza imini ibe mnyamanjengobusuku, obiza amanzi olwandle, awathulule ebusweni bomhlabathi; iNKOSI libizo lakhe.

9 Okhazimulisa incithakalo phezu kolamandla, ukuze incithakalo ize phezu kwenqaba.

10 Bayamzonda okhuzayo esangweni, banengwe ngokhuluma ngokuqonda.

11 Ngenxa yokuthi linyathelela phansi umyanga, limthathele umthwalo wamabele, lakhe izindlu zamatshe abaziweyo, kodwa kaliyikuhlala kuzo; lihlanyele izivini zentokozo, kodwa kaliyikunatha iwayini lazo.

12 Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi iziphambeko zenu zinengi, lokuthi izono zenu zilamandla; lina elihlupha olungileyo, elemukela isivalamlomo, eliphambula abayanga esangweni.

13 Ngakho ohlakaniphileyo uzathula ngalesosikhathi, ngoba kuyisikhathi esibi.

14 Dingani okuhle, hatshi-ke okubi, ukuze liphile, ukuze ngokunjalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wamabandla ibe lani, njengokutsho kwenu.

15 Zondani ububi, lithande okuhle, limise isahlulelo esangweni; mhlawumbe iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wamabandlaingaba lesisa kunsali yakoJosefa.

16 Ngakho utsho njalo uJehova, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, iNkosi: Kuzakuba khona isililo emidangeni yonke, lakuzo zonke izitalada bazakuthi: Maye! Maye! Njalo bazabizela umlimi ekulileni, lesililo sizakuba labazi ukulila.

17 Lakuzo zonke izivini kuzakuba lokulila, ngoba ngizadabula phakathi kwenu, itsho iNKOSI.

18 Maye kulabo abaloyisa usuku lweNKOSI! Luzakuba ngolwani kini usuku lweNKOSI? Luzakuba ngumnyama, kungeyisikho ukukhanya.

19 Kunjengomuntu obaleke phambi kwesilwane, ahlangane lebhere; loba angene endlini abambelele ngesandla sakhe emdulini, lenyoka imlume.

20 Usuku lweNKOSI kaluyikuba ngumnyama yini, hatshi-ke ukukhanya, lomnyama omkhulu ongelakukhanya kuwo?

21 Ngiyayizonda, ngiyayidelela imikhosi yenu, kangiyikunuka emihlanganweni yenu enzulu.

22 Ngoba lanxa linikela kimi iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yenu yokudla, kangithokozi, leminikelo yokuthula yezifuyo zenu ezinonileyo kangiyinanzi.

23 Susani kimi umsindo wezingoma zenu, ngoba kangiyikuzwa ukukhala kwamachacho enu.

24 Kodwa isahlulelo kasikhukhule njengamanzi, lokulunga njengesifula esigeleza njalo.

25 Lanikela yini kimi imihlatshelo leminikelo yokudla enkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli?

26 Kodwa lathwala uSikuthi inkosi yenu, loKhiwuni izithombe zenu, inkanyezi kankulunkulu wenu, elizenzele zona.

27 Ngakho ngizalithumbela ngaphetsheya kweDamaseko, itsho iNKOSI, obizo layo nguNkulunkulu wamabandla.

UAMOSI 6

Ukuchithwa kukaIsrayeli

1 Maye kubo abonwabileyo eZiyoni, labavikelekileyo entabeni yeSamariya, abakhethekileyo bokuqala bezizwe, abaya kubo abendlu kaIsrayeli!

2 Dlulelani eKaline, libone, lisuke lapho liye eHamathi enkulu, lehlele eGathi yamaFilisti. Bangcono yini kulalimibuso? Umngcele wabo mkhulu yini kulomngcele wenu?

3 Lina elibeka khatshana usuku olubi, lisondeza eduze isihlalo sodlakela.

4 Labo abalala phezu kwemibheda yophondo lwendlovu, bacambalale phezu kwamathala abo, badle amawundlu avela emhlanjini, lamankonyana avela phakathi kwesibaya;

5 abatshotsha ngokukhala kwechacho, beziqambela izinto zokukhaliswa, njengoDavida;

6 benatha iwayini ngemiganu yokufafaza, bazigcobe ngamagcobo akhethekileyo, kodwa kabadabukeliukuchitheka kukaJosefa.

7 Ngakho khathesi bazakuya ekuthunjweni labakuqala abaya ekuthunjweni, ledili labacambalalayo lizasuswa.

8 INkosi uJehova ifungile ngayo uqobo, itsho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wamabandla: Ngiyakwenyanya ukuziqhenya kukaJakobe, ngizonda izigodlo zakhe; ngakho ngizawunikela umuzi lokugcwala kwawo.

9 Kuzakuthi-ke uba kusele amadoda alitshumi endlini eyodwa, azakufa.

10 Njalo umalume womuntu uzamphakamisa, lalowo omtshisayo, ukukhupha amathambo endlini, abesesithi kosemaceleni endlu: Kusekhona yini olawe? njalo uzakuthi: Kakho. Khona uzakuthi: Thula, ngoba kakusikokuqamba ibizo leNKOSI.

11 Ngoba khangela, iNKOSI iyalaya, njalo izatshaya indlu enkulu ibe yizihlephu, lendlu encinyane ibe yizicucu.

12 Amabhiza angagijima edwaleni yini? umuntu angalima khona ngezinkabi yini? Ngoba liphendulele isahlulelo saba yinyongo, lesithelo sokulunga saba ngumhlonyane.

13 Lina elithokoza ngento engelutho, elithi: Kasizithathelanga izimpondo yini ngamandla ethu?

14 Ngoba khangelani, ngizalivusela, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli, itsho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wamabandla, isizwe, esizalihlupha kusukela ekungeneni kweHamathi kuze kube sesifuleni senkangala.

UAMOSI 7

UAmosi utshengiswa isikhonyane lomlilo lentambo yokuqondisa

1INkosi uJehova yangibonisa kanje; khangela-ke, yabumba isikhonyane ekuqaleni kokuhluma kotshani bamuva, njalo khangela, kwakubutshani bamuva emva kokusika kwenkosi.

2 Kwasekusithi lapho sesiqedile ukudla utshani belizwe, ngathi: Nkosi Jehova, ake
uthethelele. UJakobe uzakumanjani? ngoba emncinyane.

3 INKOSI yazisola ngalokhu; kakuyikwenzeka, itsho iNKOSI.

4 INkosi uJehova yangibonisa kanje; khangela-ke, iNkosi uJehova yabiza ukulwa
ngomlilo, owaqothula ukujula okukhulu waqothula isabelo.

5 Ngasengisithi: Nkosi Jehova, ake ume. UJakobe uzakuma njani? ngoba
emncinyane.

6 INKOSI yazisola ngalokhu. Lalokhu kakuyikwenzeka, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

7 Yangibonisa kanje; khangela-ke, iNkosi yayimi emdulini owenziwa
njengokwentambo yokuqondisa; kwakulentambo yokuqondisa esandleni sayo.

8 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Ubonani, Amosi? Ngathi: Intambo yokuqondisa. INkosi
yasisithi: Khangela, ngizabeka intambo yokuqondisa phakathi kwabantu bami
uIsrayeli; kangisayikubedlula futhi.

9 Kodwa indawo eziphakemeyo zikaIsaka zizakuba ngamanxiwa, lezindawo
ezingcwele zakoIsrayeli zizadilizwa; ngiyivukele indlu kaJerobowamu
ngenkemba.

UAmaziya loAmosi

10 UAmaziya umpristi weBhetheli wasethumela kuJerobhowamu inkosi
yakoIsrayeli, esithi: UAmosi wenze ugobe emelene lawe phakathi kwendlu
kaIsrayeli; ilizwe kalilakuwathwala wonke amazwi akhe.

11 Ngoba utsho njalo uAmosi: UJerobhowamu uzakufa ngenkemba, loIsrayeli
athunjwe lokuthunjwa aphume elizweni lakhe.

12 UAmaziya wasesithi kuAmosi: Wena mboni, hamba ubalekele elizweni
lakoJuda, lapho udle isinkwa khona, lalapho uprofethe.

13 Kodwa eBhetheli ungabe usaprofetha futhi, ngoba iyindawo
engcwele yenkosi njalo iyindlu yombuso.

14 UAmosi wasephendula wathi kuAmaziya: Ngangingasumprofethi mina, futhi
ngangingasindodana yomprofethi mina; kodwa ngangingumelusi wenkomo,
lomvuni wemikhiwa yesikhamore.

15 Kodwa iNKOSI yangithatha ekulandeleni umhlambi, iNKOSI yathi kimi: Hamba
uyeprofetha ebantwini bami uIsrayeli.

16 Ngakho-ke zwana ilizwi leNKOSI. Wena uthi: Ungaprofethi umelene loIsrayeli,
ungatshumayeli umelenelendlu kaIsaka.

17 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI: Umkakho uzawula phakathi komuzi, lamadodana
akho lamadodakazi akho azakuwa ngenkemba, lelizwe lakini lizakwabiwa

ngentambo, wena-ke uzafela elizweni elingcolileyo, loIsrayeli athunjwe lokuthunjwa aphume elizweni lakhe.

UAMOSI 8

UAmosi utshengiswa izithelo zehlobo

1 INkosi uJehova yangibonisa kanje; khangela-ke, isitsha sezithelo zehlobo.

2 Yasisithi: Ubonani, Amosi? Ngathi: Isitsha sezithelo zehlobo. INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Ukuphela sekufikile ebantwini bami uIsrayeli; kangisayikubedlula futhi.

3 Kodwa izingoma zethempelini zizaqhinqa isililo mhlalokho, itsho iNkosi uJehova; kuzakuba lezidumbu ezinengi; kuyo yonke indawo bazaziphosela ngokuthula.

Ukugwetshwa kukaIsrayeli sekusondele

4 Zwanini lokhu, lina eliginya oswelayo, lokuthi lichithe abayanga belizwe;

5 elithi: Ukuthwasa kwenyanga kuzadlula nini ukuze sithengise amabele? lesabatha ukuze sivule ingqoloyi, sisenza i-efa libe lincinyane, sisenza ishekeli libe likhulu, siphambanisa izilinganiso zenkohliso.

6 Ukuze sithenge abayanga ngesiliva, loswelayo ngamanyathela amabili, yebo sithengise amakhoba amabele?

7 INKOSI ifungile ngobukhosi bukaJakobe: Isibili kangiyikukhohlwa zonke izenzo zabo kuze kube nininini.

8 Kawuyikuqhaqhazela yini umhlaba ngalokhu, alile laye wonke ohlala kuwo? Yebo ukhukhumale wonke njengomfula, uphoseke le lale utshone njengomfula weGibhithe.

9 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi uJehova, ngizatshonisa ilanga emini enkulu, ngenze umhlaba ube mnyama emini ekhanyayo.

10 Ngiphendule imikhosi yenu ibe yikulila, lengoma zenu zonke zibe yisililo, ngilethe isaka enkalweni zonke, lempabanga ekhanda lonke, ngikwenze kube njengesililo sendodana eyodwa, lokucina kwalo njengosuku olubabayo.

11 Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi uJehova, lapho ngizathumela indlala elizweni, kungabi yindlala yokudla, kungabi ngeyokomela amanzi, kodwa eyokuzwa amazwi eNKOSI.

12 Njalo bazazula kusukela elwandle kuze kube selwandle, njalo kusukela enyakatho kuze kube sempumalanga, bagijimele le lale ukudinga ilizwi leNKOSI, kodwa bengalitholi.

13 Ngalolosuku intombi ezimsulwa ezinhle lamajaha azaqaleka ngenxa yokoma.

14 Labo abafunga ngecala leSamariya bathi: Kuphila kukankulunkulu wakho, Dani; lokuthi: Kuphila kwendlela yeBherishebha; bazakuwa-ke, bangabe besavuka.

UAMOSI 9

Ukwehlulela kweNkosi

1 Ngabona iNkosi imi phezu kwelathi, yathi: Tshaya isihloko ukuze imibundu inyikinyeke, ubaqumeekhanda, bonke babo; labokucina babo ngibabulale ngenkemba; kakuyikubaleka obalekayo wabo, kakuyikuphunyuka ophunyukayo wabo.

2 Loba begebha besiya esihogweni, isandla sami sizabathatha khona; loba bekhwela-ke besiya emazulwini, ngizabehlisa khona;

3 loba becatsha-ke engqongeni yeKharmeli, ngizabadinga ngibathathe khona; loba becatsha-ke basuke phambi kwamehlo ami kuphansi yolwandle, ngizalaya inyoka ivela lapho ezabaluma;

4 loba besiya-ke ekuthunjweni phambi kwezitha zabo, ngizalaya inkemba ivela lapho ukuze izebabulala; ngimise ilihlo lami ngokubi, hatshi-ke ngokuhle.

5 Njalo kuyiNkosi uJehova wamabandla ethinta umhlaba, ukuze uncibilike, balile bonke abahlala kuwo, ukhukhumale wonke njengomfula, utshone njengomfula weGibhithe.

6 Eyakha amakamelo ayo aphezulu emazulwini, yamisa amaviyo ayo emhlabeni, ebiza amanzi olwandle, iwathululele ebusweni bomhlaba; iNkosi libizo layo.

7 Kimi kalinjengabantwana bamaEthiyopiya yini, lina bantwana bakoIsrayeli? itsho iNkosi. Kangikhuphulanga yini uIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe, lamaFilisti eKafitori, lamaSiriya eKiri?

8 Khangela, amehlo eNkosi uJehova aphezu kombuso owonayo; njalo ngizawuchitha usuke ebusweni bomhlaba, kube kanti kangiyikuyichitha ngokupheleleyo indlu kaJakobe, itsho iNkosi.

9 Ngoba khangela, ngizalaya ngihlungule indlu kaIsrayeli phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe njengamabeleehlungulwa ngokhomane, kodwa kakuyikuwela emhlabathini ilitshe elincinyane.

10 Zonke izoni zabantu bami zizakufa ngenkemba, ezithi: Okubi kakuyikufinyelela kithi kumbe kusihlangabeze.

11 Ngalolosuku ngizavusa idumba likaDavida eliwileyo, ngivale izikhala zalo, ngivuse amanxiwa alo, ngilakhe njengensukwini zendulo;

12 ukuze badle ilifa lensali yeEdoma, lezizwe zonke ezibizwa ngebizo lami, itsho iNkosi eyenza lokhu.

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13 Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNKOSI, lapho olimayo ezasondela kovunayo, lonyathela izithelo zevini kohlanyela inhlanyelo; lentaba zizathonta iwayini elimnandi, lamaqaqa wonke ancibilike.

14 Njalo ngizaphendula ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami uIsrayeli, bayakhe imizi echithekileyo, bahlale kiyo; bahlanyele izivini, banathe iwayini lazo, benze izivande, badle izithelo zazo.

15 Ngibahlanyele elizweni labo, bangabe besasitshulwa elizweni engibanike lona, itsho iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho.

UOBHADIYA

UOBHADIYA 1

Ukuthotshiswa kukaEdoma

1 Umbono kaObhadiya. Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova mayelana leEdoma: Sizwile
umbiko ovela eNKOSIni, njalo kuthunywe isithunywa phakathi kwezizwe:
Sukumani, kasimvukele empini!

2 Khangela, ngikwenze waba mncinyane phakathi kwezizwe, udelelwe kakhulu.

3 Ukuziqhenya kwenhliziyo yakho kukukhohlisile, wena ohlala ezingoxweni
zamadwala, ondawo yakhe yokuhlala iphakeme, othi enhliziyweni yakhe:
Ngubani ozangehlisela emhlabathini?

4 Loba uphakeme njengokhozi, njalo loba ubeka isidleke sakho phakathi
kwezinkanyezi, ngizakwethula khona, itsho iNKOSI.

5 Uba amasela efika kuwe, loba abaphangi ebusuku (uqunywe kangakanani!)
bebengayikuntshontsha baze banele yini? Uba abavuni bezithelo zevini
bebengafika kuwe, bebengayikutshiya umkhothozo yini?

6 Yeka ukuhlolwa kwezinto zikaEsawu, ukudingisiswa kokuligugu kwakhe
okufihliweyo!

7 Wonke amadoda esivumelwano sakho akuxotshele emngceleni; amadoda
okuthula kwakho akukhohlisile, akwehlule, adla isinkwa sakho abeke imbule
ngaphansi kwakho; kakukho ukuqedisisa kuye.

8 Kakuyikuba njalo yini ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI, ukuthi ngizachitha
abahlakaniphileyo eEdoma lokuqedisisaentabeni kaEsawu.

9 Lamaqhawe akho azatshaywa luvalo, Themani, ukuze ngulowo lalowo aqunywe
entabeni kaEsawu ngokubulawa.

10 Ngenxa yodlakela lwakho umelene lomfowenu uJakobe inhloni zizakusibekela,
uqunywe kuze kube phakade.

11 Ngosuku owema ngalo ngaphambili, ngosuku abezizweni abathumba ngalo
amabutho akhe, abezizwe abangena emasangweni akhe, abenza inkatho
yokuphosa ngeJerusalema, lawe wawunjengomunye wabo.

12 Kodwa wawungafanelanga ukukhangela ngosuku lomfowenu ngosuku
lwenhlupheko yakhe; njalo wawungafanelanga uthokoze ngabantwana bakoJuda
ngosuku lokuchitheka kwabo; njalo wawungafanelanga ukhulise umlomo wakho
ngosuku lokuhlupheka.

13 Ngabe kawungenanga ngesango labantu bami osukwini lwenhlupheko yabo;
ngabe kawukhangelanga, lawe, ebubini babo osukwini lwenhlupheko yabo; njalo

ngabe kawelulelanga isandla sakho enothweni yabo osukwini lwenhlupheko yabo.

14 Ngabe kawumanga emehlukanweni endlela ukuquma abaphunyukayo bakhe;
njalo ngabe kawunikelanga abasalayo bakhe osukwini losizi.

15 Ngoba usuku lweNKOSI lusondele ezizweni zonke. Njengokwenza kwakho
kuzakwenziwa kuwe; umvuzo wakho uzabuyela ekhanda lakho.

16 Ngoba njengoba linathile entabeni yami engcwele, ngokunjalo zonke izizwe
zizanatha njalonjalo, yebo, zizanatha, ziginye, zibe kungathi kazizanga zibe
khona.

Ukuphakanyiswa kukaIsrayeli

17 Kodwa entabeni yeZiyoni kuzakuba khona ukuphunyuka, kube lobungcwele;
lendlu kaJakobe izakudla ilifa lamafa ayo.

18 Lendlu kaJakobe izakuba ngumlilo, lendlu kaJosefa ibe lilangabi, lendlu
kaEsawu ibe yisidindi; bazitshisebazidle; njalo kakuyikuba khona oseleyo endlini
kaEsawu; ngoba iNKOSI ikhulumile.

19 Labeningizimu bazakudla ilifa lentaba kaEsawu, lalabo abemagcekeni
amaFilisti, yebo bazakudla ilifa lensimu yakoEfrayimi lensimu yeSamariya,
loBhenjamini iGileyadi.

20 Labathunjiweyo bale inqaba yabantwana bakoIsrayeli bazakudla
ilifa elalingelamaKhanani, kuze kufike eZarefathi; labathunjiweyo beJerusalema
abaseSefaredi bazakudla ilifa lemizi yeningizimu.

21 Labasindisi bakhwele entabeni yeZiyoni ukwahlulela intaba kaEsawu;
lombuso uzakuba ngoweNKOSI.

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UJONA

UJONA 1

UJona ubalekela eTarshishi

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kuJona indodana kaAmithayi, lisithi:

2 Sukuma, uye eNineve, umuzi omkhulu, umemeze umelene lawo; ngoba ububi babo benyukele phambi kwami.

3 Kodwa uJona wasukuma ukuze abalekele eTarshishi esuka ebusweni beNKOSI, wehlela eJopha, wathola umkhumbi oya eTarshishi, wanika imali yawo, wehlela kuwo, ukuze ahambe labo eTarshishi, asuke ebusweni beNKOSI.

4 Kodwa iNKOSI yaphosa umoya omkhulu elwandle; kwasekusiba lesiphepho esikhulu elwandle, okungangokuthi umkhumbi wacatshangelwa ukwephuka.

5 Abatshayeli bomkhumbi basebesesaba, bakhala, ngulowo lalowo kunkulunkulu wakhe, baphosela olwandle izimpahla ezazisemkhunjini, ukuwenza ube lula kubo. Kodwa uJona wayehlele emaceleni omkhumbi, walala ubuthongo obukhulu.

6 Ngakho induna yomkhumbi yasondela kuye, yathi kuye: Ulani wena olobuthongo obukhulu? Vuka, ubize kuNkulunkulu wakho; mhlawumbe lowoNkulunkulu angasikhumbula, ukuze singabhubhi.

7 Basebesithi, ngulowo kumngane wakhe: Wozani senze inkatho yokuphosa, ukuze sazi ukuthi kungenxa kabani lobububi buphezu kwethu. Basebesenza inkatho yokuphosa; inkatho yasiwela phezu kukaJona.

8 Basebesithi kuye: Akusitshele ukuthi kungenxa kabani lobububi buphezu kwethu. Umsebenzi wakho uyini? Njalo uvela ngaphi? Yiliphi ilizwe lakini? Njalo ungowabaphi abantu?

9 Wasesithi kibo: NgingumHebheru, ngiyayesaba iNKOSI, uNkulunkulu wamazulu, owenza ulwandle lomhlabathi owomileyo.

10 Amadoda asesesaba ngokwesaba okukhulu, athi kuye: Ukwenzeleni lokhu? Ngoba amadoda akwazi ukuthi ubalekile ebusweni beNKOSI, ngoba wayesewatshelile.

11 Asesithi kuye: Senzeni kuwe ukuze ulwandle luthule kithi? Ngoba ulwandle lwaqhubeka lwaba lesiphepho.

12 Wasesithi kiwo: Ngiphakamisani, lingiphosele olwandle; ngalokho ulwandle luzalithulela; ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lesisiphepho esikhulu siphezu kwenu ngenxa yami.

13 Kodwa amadoda agwedla ngamandla ukuze awubuyisele umkhumbi emhlabathini owomileyo, kodwa ehluleka, ngoba ulwandle lwaqhubeka lwaba lesiphepho lumelene lawo.

14 Ngakho akhala eNKOSIni, athi: Siyakuncenga, NKOSI, kasingabhubhi ngenxa yempilo yalumuntu, ungabeki phezu kwethu igazi elingelacala; ngoba wena, NKOSI, wenzile njengokukuthokozisayo.

15 Asephakamisa uJona, amphosela elwandle; ulwandle lwaselusima ekuvubekeni kwalo.

16 Amadoda aseyesaba iNKOSI ngokwesaba okukhulu, anikela umhlatshelo eNKOSIni, afunga izifungo.

17 Njalo iNKOSI yayimise inhlanzi enkulu ukuze imginye uJona; njalo uJona waba semathunjini enhlanzi insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu.

UJONA 2

Umkhuleko kaJona

1UJona wasekhuleka eNKOSIni uNkulunkulu wakhe esemathunjini enhlanzi,

2 wathi: Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngakhala eNKOSIni, yangiphendula; ngisesiswini sesihogo ngamemeza, wena walizwa ilizwi lami.

3 Ngoba wangiphosela enzikini, enhliziyweni yezinlwandle, lempophoma yangihanqa; wonke amagagasi akho lamavinqo akho kwedlula phezu kwami.

4 Ngasengisithi mina: Ngixotshiwe phambi kobuso bakho; kanti ngizabuya ngikhangele ngasethempelini lakho elingcwele.

5 Amanzi angihanqile kuze kube semphefumulweni; inziki ingizingelezele; imihlanga yathandela ikhanda lami.

6 Ngehlela ezisekelweni zezintaba; umhlaba, imigoqo yawo yangihanqa laphakade; kanti wenyuse impilo yamiemgodini, NKOSI Nkulunkulu wami.

7 Lapho umphefumulo wami uphela amandla phakathi kwami ngakhumbula iNKOSI; lomkhuleko wami wafika kuwe, ethempelini lakho elingcwele.

8 Labo abagcina amanga ayize batshiya umusa wabo.

9 Kodwa mina ngizakwenza umhlatshelo kuwe ngelizwi lokubonga, ngikhokhe lokho engikufungileyo; usindiso ngolweNKOSI.

10 INKOSI yasikhuluma kuyo inhlanzi, yasimhlanza uJona emhlabathini owomileyo.

UJONA 3

Ukuphenduka kweNineve

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1 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kuJona ngokwesibili, lisithi:

2 Sukuma, uye eNineve, lowana umuzi omkhulu, utshumayele kuwo intshumayelo engikutshela yona.

3 UJona wasesukuma, waya eNineve, njengokwelizwi leNKOSI. Phela iNineve yayingumuzi omkhulu kakhulu, uhambo lwezinsuku ezintathu.

4 UJona waseqala ukungena emzini, uhambo losuku olulodwa. Wamemeza, wathi: Kusesezinsuku ezingamatshumi amane, khona iNineve izagenqulwa.

5 Abantu beNineve basebekholwa kuNkulunkulu, bamemezela ukuzila kokudla, bagqoka amasaka, kusukela komkhulu wabo kwaze kwaba komncinyane wabo.

6 Ngoba ilizwi lafinyelela enkosini yeNineve; yasisukuma esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, yakhulula isembatho sayo kuyo, yazimboza ngesaka, yahlala emlotheni.

7 Yasimemezela yathi kuyo iNineve ngomthetho wenkosi labakhulu bayo, isithi: Kakungabi lomuntu, kumbe inyamazana, inkomo, lemvu, okuzanambitha loba yini; kakungadli, kakunganathi amanzi.

8 Kodwa kakuthi umuntu lenyamazana kwembeswe amasaka, bakhale kuNkulunkulu ngamandla, yebo, baphenduke, ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe embi, lebudlwangudlwangwini obusezandleni zabo.

9 Ngubani owaziyo, uNkulunkulu angaphenduka azisole, aphenduke asuke kukuvutha kolaka lwakhe, ukuze singabhubhi.

10 UNkulunkulu wasebona imisebenzi yabo, ukuthi baphendukile endleleni yabo embi; uNkulunkulu wazisola ngobubi ayethe uzabenza kibo, akaze abenza.

UJONA 4

Ukusola kukaJona lesihawu sikaNkulunkulu

1 Kodwa kwaba kubi kakhulukazi kuJona, wathukuthela yena.

2 Wasekhuleka eNkosini, wathi: Ngiyakuncenga, NKOSI, leli lalingesilo ilizwi lami ngiseselizweni lakithi yini? Ngenxa yalokhu ngandulela ngokubalekela eTarshishi; ngoba ngangisazi ukuthi wena unguNkulunkulu olomusalolesihawu, ophuza ukuthukuthela, omkhulu ngothando, njalo ozisola ngokubi.

3 Ngakho-ke, NKOSI, susa, ngiyakuncenga, impilo yami kimi, ngoba kungcono kimi ukufa kulokuphila.

4 INkosi yasisithi: Wenza kuhle yini ngokuthukuthela kwakho?

5 UJona wasephuma emzini, wayahlala ngasempumalanga komuzi, wazenzela idumba khona, wahlala ngaphansi kwalo emthunzini, aze abone okuzakwenzakala emzini.

6 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasimisa umhlafutho, yawukhulisa ngaphezu kukaJona,
ukuze ube ngumthunzi phezu kwekhanda lakhe, ukumkhulula kubuhlungu
bakhe. UJona wasethokoza ngenxa yomhlafutho ngentokozo enkulu.

7 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamisa impehlane ekuveleni kokusa kusasa, yatshaya
umhlafutho, waze wabuna.

8 Kwasekusithi ekuphumeni kwelanga, uNkulunkulu wamisa umoya
wempumalanga otshisayo; njalo ilanga latshaya phezu kwekhanda likaJona, waze
waphela amandla; wafisa emphefumulweni wakhe ukuthi afe, wathi: Kungcono
kimi ukufa kulokuphila.

9 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuJona: Wenza kuhle yini ngokuthukuthela kwakho
ngenxa yomhlafutho? Wasesithi: Ngenza kuhle ngokuthukuthela kwami kuze
kube sekufeni.

10 INKOSI yasisithi: Wena ube lozwelo phezu komhlafutho
ongawutshikatshikelanga, ongawukhulisanga; owaba khona ngobusuku bunye,
wabhubha ngobusuku bunye.

11 Mina-ke ngabe kangihawukelanga yini iNineve, umuzi omkhulu, okuthi kuwo
kulabantu abedlula izinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili
abangaziyo ukwehlukanisa phakathi kwesandla sabo sokunene lesandla sabo
sokhohlo, kanye lenkomo ezinengi?

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UMIKA 1

Isililo ngeSamariya leJerusalema

1 Ilizwi leNKOSI elafika kuMika umMorashethi ensukwini zikaJothamu,
uAhazi, loHezekhiya, amakhosi akoJuda, alibona mayelana leSamariya
leJerusalema.

2 Zwanini, lina zizwe lonke; ulalele, wena mhlaba, lokugcwala kwawo; kakuthi
iNkosi uJehova ibe ngumfakazi omelene lani, iNkosi isethempelini layo
elingcwele.

3 Ngoba khangela, iNKOSI iyaphuma endaweni yayo, yehle inyathele endaweni
eziphakemeyo zomhlaba.

4 Lezintaba zizancibilika ngaphansi kwayo, lezihotsha ziqhekezeke, njengengcino
phambi komlilo, njengamanzi athululwa emthezukweni.

5 Konke lokhu kungenxa yesiphambeko sikaJakobe, langenxa yezono zendlu
kaIsrayeli. Siyini isiphambeko sikaJakobe? KakusiSamariya yini? Njalo ziyini
izindawo eziphakemeyo zikaJuda? KakusiJerusalema yini?

6 Ngakho ngizakwenza iSamariya ibe yinqumbi yensimu, ibe zindawo
zokuhlanyelwa kwesivini; njalo ngizathululela amatshe ayo esihotsheni,
ngembule izisekelo zayo.

7 Lazo zonke izithombe zayo ezibaziweyo zizaphahlazwa, layo yonke imivuzo
yayo izatshiswa ngomlilo, lazo zonke izithombe zayo ngizazenza zibe
yincithakalo. Ngoba izibuthelele ngenhlawulo yewule, njalo zizabuyela
kunhlawulo yewule.

8 Ngenxa yalokhu ngizalila ngiqhinqe isililo, ngizahamba
ngihlutshulwe nginqunu; ngenze isililo njengamakhanka, ngikhale
njengamadodakazi ezintshe.

9 Ngoba inxeba layo kalelapheki; ngoba sekufikile koJuda; kufinyelele esangweni
labantu bami, eJerusalema.

10 Lingakukhulumi eGathi, lingalili lokulila; lizibhuqe othulini endlini kaAfera.

11 Dlula wena, mhlalikazi weShafiri, ohlazo lakho linqunuliwe; umhlalikazi
weZawanani kaphumanga; isililo siseBhethi-Ezeli; uzakwemukela ukuma
kwakhe kini.

12 Ngoba umhlalikazi weMarothi ulomhelo ngokuhle, ngoba okubi kwehla kuvela
eNKOSIni, kwaze kwaba sesangweni leJerusalema.

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13 Bophela inqola ebhizeni elilejubane, wena mhlalikazi weLakishi; lona liyikuqala kwesono kundodakazi yeZiyoni; ngoba iziphambeko zakoIsrayeli zatholakala kuwe.

14 Ngakho uzakupha uMorashethi-Gathi izipho zokuvalelisana; izindlu zeAkizibi zizakuba yinkohliso emakhosini akoIsrayeli.

15 Ngisezakulethela indlalifa, wena mhlalikazi weMaresha; uzakuza eAdulamu udumo lukaIsrayeli.

16 Zenze ube lempabanga uziphuce, ngenxa yabantwana bothando lwakho; khulisa impabanga yakhonjengokhozi, ngoba bathunjiwe besuka kuwe.

UMIKA 2

Ukuxwayiswa kwabacindezeli

1Maye kwabaceba ububi, benze okubi emibhedeni yabo! Ekukhanyeni kokusa bayakwenza, ngoba kusemandleni esandla sabo.

2 Njalo bahawukela amasimu, bawaphange; lezindlu, bazithathe; ngokunjalo bayacindezela indoda lendlu yayo, yebo, umuntu lelifa lakhe.

3 Ngakho itsho njalo iNKOSI: Khangela, ngiyacabanga okubi ngimelene lalolusendo, elingayikukhupha intamo zenu kukho, futhi kaliyikuhamba ngokuzikhukhumeza, ngoba kuyisikhathi esibi.

4 Ngalolosuku kuzaphakanyiswa umzekeliso ngani, bakhale isililo esilosizi, bathi: Sichithiwe ngokupheleleyo; uguqulile isabelo sabantu bami; usisuse kangakanani kimi! uwabile amasimu ethu kuye ohlehlela muva.

5 Ngakho kawuyikuba lophosela intambo ngenkatho ebandleni leNKOSI.

6 Lingaprofethi, bayaprofetha; uba bengayikuprofetha lezizinto, amahlazo kawayikusuka.

7 Wena obizwa ngokuthi uyindlu kaJakobe, umoya weNKOSI ufinyeziwe yini? Lezi yizenzo zayo yini? Amazwi ami kawenzi okuhle yini kohamba ngobuqotho?

8 Kodwa mandulo abantu bami basukume baba yisitha; maqondana lesigqoko lihlubula isembatho kulabo abedlulayo bevikelekile befulathele ukulwa.

9 Abesifazana babantu bami libaxotshile, ngulowo lalowo endlini yentokozo yakhe; lisuse ebantwaneni bakheudumo lwami kuze kube phakade.

10 Sukumani, lihambe, ngoba le kayisiyo indawo yokuphumula; ngoba ingcolile, izalichitha, ngitshongencithakalo ebuhlungu.

11 Uba umuntu ohamba ngomoya lenkohliso eqamba amanga esithi: Ngizaprofetha kuwe ngewayini langokunathwayo okulamandla; yena uzakuba ngumprofethi walababantu.

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12 Isibili ngizakubuthanisa, Jakobe, wena wonke; isibili ngizaqoqa insali yakoIsrayeli; ngizababeka ndawonye njengezimvu zeBhozira, njengomhlambi phakathi kwedlelo lawo; bazabanga umsindo ngenxa yobunengibabantu.

13 Umfohli ukhuphukile phambi kwabo; bafohlile, bedlula esangweni, baphuma ngalo. Njalo inkosi yabo izadlula phambi kwabo, leNKOSI esihlokweni sabo.

UMIKA 3

Ukusolwa kwabakhokheli ababi

1Ngasengisithi: Ake lizwe, lina zinhloko zakoJakobe, lani zinhloko zendlu yakoIsrayeli. Kakuyisikho okwenu yini ukwazi isahlulelo?

2 Elizonda okuhle, lithande okubi, elebula isikhumba lisisusa kubo, lenyama yabo emathanjeni abo;

3 futhi elidla inyama yabantu bami, lihlinze isikhumba sabo lisisusa kubo; lephule amathambo abo, liwaqobaqobe njengawembiza, lanjengenyama phakathi kwebhodo.

4 Khona bezakhala eNKOSIni, kodwa kayiyikubaphendula; njalo izabafihlela ubuso bayo ngalesosikhathi, njengalokho benze izenzo zabo zaba zimbi.

5 Itsho njalo iNKOSI mayelana labaprofethi abaduhisa abantu bami, abaluma ngamazinyo abo, abamemeza: Ukuthula; kodwa ongabeki lutho emlonyeni wabo, balungisa impi bemelene laye.

6 Ngakho kuzakuba yibusuku kini, lingabi lombono; kube mnyama kini, lingabi lokuvumisa; lelanga lizabatshonela abaprofethi, losuku lube mnyama phezu kwabo.

7 Khona ababoni bezayangeka, labavumisi babe lenhloni. Yebo bonke bazambomboza izindebe zangaphezulu; ngoba kungelampendulo kaNkulunkulu.

8 Kodwa isibili mina ngigcwele amandla ngomoya weNKOSI, lesahlulelo, lengalo, ukumemezela kuJakobe isiphambeko sakhe, lakuIsrayeli isono sakhe.

9 Ake lizwe lokhu, lina zinhloko zendlu kaJakobe, lani babusi bendlu kaIsrayeli, elenyanya isahlulelo, lihlanekele konke ukuqonda.

10 Elakha iZiyoni ngecala legazi, leJerusalema ngobubi.

11 Inhloko zayo zahlulelela isipho, labapristi bayo bafundisela inkokhelo, labaprofethi bayo bavumisela imali; kanti beyame eNKOSIni, besithi: INKOSI kayikho phakathi kwethu yini? Ububi kabuyikusehlela.

12 Ngakho ngenxa yenu iZiyoni izalinywa njengensimu, leJerusalema ibe zinqumbi, lentaba yendlunjengezindawo eziphakemeyo zehlathi.

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Isithembiso sokuthula

1 Kodwa kuzakuthi ekupheleni kwezinsuku, intaba yendlu yeNKOSI iqiniswe
phezu kwengqonga yezintaba, njalo iphakanyiswe ngaphezu kwamaqaqa;
labantu bazagelezela kuyo.

2 Lezizwe ezinengi zizahamba, zithi: Wozani, senyukele entabeni yeNKOSI,
lendlini kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe, njalo uzasifundisa ngezindlela zakhe, sihambe
emikhondweni yakhe. Ngoba umlayo uzaphuma eZiyoni, lelizwi
leNKOSIeJerusalema.

3 Njalo izakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi, ikhuze izizwe ezilamandla
ezikhatshana; njalo zizakhanda inkemba zazo zibe yizikali zamakhuba,
lemikhonto yazo ibe zingqamu zokuthena izihlahla; isizwe kasiyikuphakamisela
isizwe inkemba, kazisayikufunda impi futhi.

4 Kodwa bazahlala ngulowo lalowo ngaphansi kwesihlahla sakhe sevini,
langaphansi kwesihlahla sakhe somkhiwa; njalo kakho ozabesabisa; ngoba
umlomo weNKOSI yamabandla ukhulumile.

5 Ngoba bonke abantu bazahamba ngulowo lalowo ebizweni likankulunkulu
wakhe, kodwa thina sizahamba ebizweni leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wethu kuze kube
phakade laphakade.

Ukukhululwa kukaIsrayeli ekuthunjweni

6 Ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI, ngizabuthanisa lowo oqhulayo, ngiqoqe lowo
oxotshiweyo, lalowo engimhluphileyo.

7 Ngizakwenza oqhulayo abe yinsali, loxotshelwe khatshana abe yisizwe
esilamandla; njalo iNKOSI izabusa phezu kwabo entabeni yeZiyoni kusukela
khathesi kuze kube nininini.

8 Ngakho wena, mphotshongo weEderi, uqaqa lwendodakazi yeZiyoni, kuzafika
kuwe, yebo, kuzafika ukubusa kwakuqala, umbuso kundodakazi yeJerusalema.

9 Khathesi ukhalelani kakhulu? Inkosi kayikho kuwe yini? Umeluleki wakho
usebhubhile yini? Ngoba umhelo ukubambile njengowesifazana obelethayo.

10 Bana lobuhlungu, uhelelwe ukuze ubelethe, wena ndodakazi yeZiyoni,
njengowesifazana obelethayo; ngoba khathesi uzaphuma emzini, uhlale
egangeni, ubusufika eBhabhiloni; khona uzakhululwa; khona iNKOSIizakuhlenga
esandleni sezitha zakho.

11 Khathesi-ke izizwe ezinengi zibuthene zimelene lawe, ezithi: Kangcoliswe,
lelihlo lethu kalikhangele eZiyoni.

12 Kodwa bona kabayazi imicabango yeNKOSI, kabaliqedisisi icebo layo; ngoba
uzababuthelela njengezithungo ebaleni lokubhulela.

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13 Sukuma ubhule, wena ndodakazi yeZiyoni; ngoba ngizakwenza uphondo lwakho lube yinsimbi, ngenze amasondo akho abe lithusi. Njalo uzachoboza abantu abanengi; njalo ngizakwehlukanisela iNKOSI inzuzo yabo, lenotho yabo kuyo iNkosi yomhlaba wonke.

UMIKA 5

1Khathesi buthana ube ngamaviyo, wena ndodakazi yeviyo; yena ubekile ukuvimbezela ngakithi; ngenduku bazatshaya umahluleli wakoIsrayeli esihlathini.

2 Kodwa wena, Bhethelehema Efratha, lanxa umncinyane phakathi kwezinkulungwane zakoJuda, uzaphuma kuwe eze kimi lowo ozakuba ngumbusi koIsrayeli; okuphuma kwakhe ngokwasendulo, ezinsukwini zaphakade.

3 Ngakho uzabanikela, kuze kube yisikhathi sokuthi lowo ohelelwayo azale; khona insali yabafowabo izabuyela ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli.

4 Njalo uzakuma eluse emandleni eNKOSI, ekuphakameni kwebizo leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakhe; njalo bazahlala; ngoba khathesi uzakuba mkhulu kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba.

5 Njalo lumuntu uzakuba yikuthula; lapho umAsiriya engena elizweni lakithi, lalapho enyathela ezigodlweni zethu, kulapho sizamvusela abelusi abayisikhombisa, leziphathamandla zabantu eziyisificaminwembili.

6 Njalo bazalidla ilizwe leAsiriya ngenkemba, lelizwe likaNimrodi ezintubeni zalo. Ngalokho uzasophula kumAsiriya lapho engena elizweni lakithi, lalapho enyathela phakathi komngcele wethu.

7 Lensali kaJakobe izakuba phakathi kwabantu abanengi njengamazolo avela eNKOSIni, njengemikhizo phezu kotshani, okungalindeli muntu, lokungameleli bantwana babantu.

8 Lensali kaJakobe izakuba phakathi kwabezizwe, phakathi kwabantu abanengi, njengesilwane phakathi kwezinyamazana zeganga, njengebhongo lesilwane phakathi kwemihlambi yezimvu; elithi lapho lisedlula, linyathelele phansi lidabudabule, kungekho ongophula.

9 Isandla sakho sizaphakama phezu kwabamelana lawe, njalo zonke izitha zakho zizaqunywa.

10 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI, ngiqume amabhiza akho aphume phakathi kwakho, ngichithe izinqola zakho.

11 Njalo ngizaquma imizi yelizwe lakho, ngidilizele phansi zonke izinqaba zakho.

12 Njalo ngizaquma ubuthakathi esandleni sakho; kawusayikuba lezanuse.

13 Njalo ngizaquma izithombe zakho ezibaziweyo lezinsika zakho eziyizithombe zisuke phakathi kwakho; kawusayikuphinda ukhothamele umsebenzi wezandla zakho.

14 Njalo ngizasiphuna izixuku zakho ziphume phakathi kwakho, ngichithe imizi yakho.

15 Njalo ngizakwenza impindiselo ngentukuthelo langolaka kuzo izizwe ezingalalelanga.

UMIKA 6

INKOSI iphikisana lamaIsrayeli

1 Ake lizwe lokhu iNKOSI ekutshoyo: Sukuma, ulwe lezintaba, lamaqaqa kawalizwe ilizwi lakho.

2 Zwanini, lina zintaba, impikisano leNKOSI, lani zisekelo zomhlaba ezihlezi zikhona; ngoba iNKOSIilempikisano labantu bayo, njalo izalungisana loIsrayeli.

3 Wena sizwe sami, ngenzeni kuwe? Njalo kuyini engikudinise kukho? Fakaza umelene lami.

4 Ngoba ngakukhuphula elizweni leGibhithe, ngakuhlenga endlini yobugqili; ngathuma phambi kwakho oMozisi, uAroni, loMiriyamu.

5 Sizwe sami, ake ukhumbule lokho uBalaki inkosi yakoMowabi eyakucebayo, lalokho uBalami indodana kaBeyori owakuphendula kuye, kusukela eShitimi kwaze kwaba seGiligali; ukuze wazi ukulunga kweNKOSI.

Okubizwa yiNKOSI emuntwini

6 Ngizakuza lani phambi kweNKOSI, ngikhothame phambi kukaNkulunkulu ophakemeyo? Ngizakuza phambi kwayo ngileminikelo yokutshiswa, ngilamathole alomnyaka owodwa yini?

7 INKOSI izathokoza yini ngezinkulungwane zezinqama, ngezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zemifula yamafutha? Ngizanikela izibulo lami yini ngenxa yesiphambeko sami, isithelo sesisu sami ngenxa yesono somphefumulo wami?

8 Ikutshengisile, wena muntu, lokho okuhle; njalo iNKOSI ifunani kuwe, ngaphandle kokwenza isahlulelo, lokuthanda umusa, lokuhamba ngokuzithoba loNkulunkulu wakho?

9 Ilizwi likaJehova liyamemeza kuwo umuzi, lenhlakanipho izabona ibizo lakho; zwanini uswazi, lolumisileyo.

10 Kusekhona inotho yenkohlakalo yini endlini yokhohlakeleyo, le-efa elinciphayo elinengekayo?

11 Bengingaba ngohlanzekileyo ngesikali sobubi yini,
langesikhwama sezilinganiso zenkohliso?

12 Ngoba abanothileyo bayo bagcwele udlakela, labakhileyo bayo bakhuluma
amanga, lolimi lwabolulenkohliso emlonyeni wabo.

13 Ngakho lami ngizakugulisa ngokukutshaya, ngikwenze incithakalo ngenxa
yezono zakho.

14 Wena uzakudla, kodwa ungasuthi; njalo ukuphelelwa ngamandla kwakho
kuzakuba ngaphakathi kwakho; futhi uzasusa, kodwa ungakhululi; lalokhu
okukhululayo ngizakunikela enkembeni.

15 Wena uzahlanyela, kodwa ungavuni; wena uzanyathela izithelo zemihlwathi,
kodwa ungazigcobi wenangamafutha; lewayini elitsha, kodwa unganathi iwayini.

16 Ngoba izimiso zikaOmri ziyagcinwa, lawo wonke umsebenzi wendlu kaAhabi,
futhi lihamba ngamacebo abo; ukuze ngikwenze ube yincithakalo, labakhileyo
bayo babe ngokuncifelwayo; ngokunjalo lizathwala ihlazo labantu bami.

UMIKA 7

Izono zikaIsrayeli

1Maye kimi! ngoba nginjengokuvunwa kwezithelo zasehlobo,
njengokukhothozwa kwesivini; kakulahlukuzo lokudliwa; umphefumulo wami
uloyisa isithelo sokuqala somkhiwa esivuthiweyo.

2 Olungileyo ubhubhile esuka emhlabeni; njalo kakho oqotho phakathi kwabantu;
bonke bacathamele igazi, bayazingela ngulowo lalowo umfowabo ngembule.

3 Ukuze benze okubi ngezandla zombili ngokutshiseka, isiphathamandla siyacela,
lomahluleli uyacela umvuzo; lomkhulu ukhuluma inkanuko yomphefumulo
wakhe, bayakwelukanisa.

4 Ongcono wabo unjengameva; oqotho kibo mubi kulothango; usuku lwabalindi
bakho, ukuhanjelwa kwakho sekufikile; khathesi kuzakuba khona ukudideka
kwabo.

5 Lingabeki ithemba kumngane, lingakholwa umhlobo; gcina iminyango
yomlomo wakho kuye umfazi olala esifubeni sakho.

6 Ngoba indodana idelela uyise, indodakazi ivukela unina, umalokazana avukele
uninazala; izitha zomuntu ngabantu bendlu yakhe.

7 Ngakho mina ngizakhangela eNKOSIni, ngilindele uNkulunkulu wosindiso
lwami; uNkulunkulu wami uzangizwa.

8 Ungathokozi ngami, sithakazi sami; lapho ngisiwa, ngizavuka; lapho ngihlezi
emnyameni, iNKOSI izakuba yikukhanya kimi.

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9 Ngizaluthwala ulaka lweNKOSI, ngoba ngonile kuyo, ize imele udaba lwami, ingenzele isahlulelo. Izangikhuphela ekukhanyeni, ngibone ukulunga kwayo.

10 Ngakho isithakazi sami sizabona, lehlazo limembese yena owathi kimi: Ingaphi iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho? Amehlo ami azambona; khathesi uzanyathelelwa phansi njengodaka lwezitalada.

11 Ngosuku imiduli yakho ezakwakhiwa ngalo, ngalolosuku isimiso sizakuba khatshana.

12 Ngalolosuku kuzafika lakuwe kuvela eAsiriya, lemizini ebiyelweyo; njalo kusukela ezinqabeni kuze kube semfuleni, kusukela elwandle kusiya elwandle, kusukela entabeni kusiya entabeni.

13 Lanxa kunjalo ilizwe lizakuba yincithakalo ngenxa yabahlali balo, ngenxa yesithelo sezenzo zabo.

Isihawu seNkosi kuIsrayeli

14 Yelusa abantu bakho ngentonga yakho, umhlambi welifa lakho, ohlala wodwa ehlathini, phakathi kweKharmeli. Kabadle eBashani leGileyadi, njengensukwini zasendulo.

15 Njengezinsukwini zokuphuma kwakho elizweni leGibhithe, ngizamtshengisa izimangaliso.

16 Izizwe zizabona ziyangeke ngamandla azo wonke; zizabeka isandla phezu komlomo; indlebe zazo zibe yizacuthe.

17 Zizakhotha uthuli njengenyoka, njengezihuquzelayo zomhlaba zizathuthumela ekuvalekeni kwazo, zizamesaba uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, zesabe ngenxa yakho.

18 Ngubani onguNkulunkulu njengawe, othethelela isono, adlule esiphambekweni sensali yelifa lakhe? Kagcini ulaka lwakhe kuze kube phakade, ngoba ethokoza emuseni.

19 Uzaphenduka, asihawukele; uzanyathelela phansi iziphambeko zethu; wena uzaphosela zonke izono zaboezinzikini zolwandle.

20 Uzanika iqiniso kuJakobe, umusa kuAbrahama, owakufungela obaba bethu kusukela ensukwini zendulo.

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Ulaka lweNkosi oluvuthayo ngeNineve

1 Umthwalo weNineve. Ugwalo lombono kaNahume umElikoshi.

2 INkosi inguNkulunkulu olobukhwele lophindiselayo; iNkosi ingumphindiseli, njalo ilolaka; iNkosiingumphindiseli ezitheni zayo, igcinela izitha zayo ulaka.

3 INkosi iyaphuza ukuthukuthela, yinkulu ngamandla, kayiyikumkhulula lokumkhulula olecala; iNkosi, indlela yayo isesivunguzaneni lesiphepheni, lamayezi aluthuli lwenyawo zayo.

4 Ikhuza ulwandle, ilwenze lome, yomise yonke imifula: iBashani iyabuna, leKharmeli, leluba leLebhanoniliyabuna.

5 Izintaba ziyanyikinyeka phambi kwayo, lamaqaqa ayancibilika; lelizwe liyaphakama phambi kwayo, lomhlaba, labo bonke abahlala kuwo.

6 Ngubani ongema phambi kwentukuthelo yayo? Njalo ngubani ongema ekuvutheni kolaka lwayo? Intukuthelo yayo iyathululeka njengomlilo, lamadwala awiselwe phansi yiyo.

7 INkosi ilungile, iyinqaba ngosuku lwenhlupheko; iyabazi abaphephela kuyo.

8 Kodwa ngesikhukhula esiphuphumayo izaqeda indawo yakho, lobumnyama buxotshane lezitha zayo.

9 Lenza amacebo bani amelane leNkosi? Yona izakwenza isiphetho esipheleleyo; ukuhlupheka kakuyikuvuka ngokwesibili.

10 Ngoba besathandelene njengameva, bedakiwe njengezidakwa, bazaqedwa njengamabibi omileyongokugcweleyo.

11 Kuphumile kuwe onakana okubi emelene leNkosi, umcebisi omubi.

12 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Loba bephelele, langokunjalo bebanengi, kanti ngokunjalo bazaqunywa, lapho esedlula. Loba ngikuhluphile, kangisayikukuhlupha.

13 Ngoba khathesi ngizakwephula ijogwe lakhe lisuke kuwe, ngiqamule izibopho zakho.

14 Njalo iNkosi ilayile ngawe ukuthi kakusayikuhlanyelwa lutho lwebizo lakho; ngizaquma izithombe ezibaziweyo lezithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa ziphume endlini yabonkulunkulu bakho; ngizakwenza ingcwaba lakho; ngoba udelelekile.

15 Khangelani ezintabeni izinyawo zoletha izindaba ezinhle, omemezela ukuthula! Wena Juda, gubha imikhosi yakho, khokha izifungo zakho; ngoba omubi kasayikudabula kuwe futhi, uqunyiwe ngokupheleleyo.

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UNAHUME 2

1Umhlakazi ukhuphukile phambi kobuso bakho; gcina inqaba, linda indlela, qinisa ukhalo, yenza amandla akho aqine kakhulu.

2 Ngoba iNKOSI ibuyisile ubukhosi bukaJakobe, njengobukhosi bukaIsrayeli. Ngoba abathululayo babathululile, bona izingatsha zabo.

3 Isihlangu samaqhawe akhe senziwe saba bomvu, amadoda alesibindi agqoke okubomvu; izinqola ziphakathi lomlilo wensimbi ngosuku lokuzilungiselela kwakhe; lezihlahla zamafiri zizazanyazanyiswa.

4 Izinqola ziyahlanya ezitaladeni, zihaluzela ziye le lale emidangeni; ukubonakala kwazo kunjengezibane, zigijime njengemibane.

5 Uzakhumbula izikhulu zakhe; zizakhubeka ekuhambeni kwazo; ziphangise emthangaleni wakhe, sesimisiwe isivikelo.

6 Amasango emifula azavulwa, lesigodlo sincibilike.

7 Njalo uHuzabhi uzakhokhelwa engothunjiweyo, uzakhutshulwa, lezincekukazi zakhe zimkhokhele kwangathingelizwi lamajuba, zitshaya ezifubeni zazo.

8 Loba iNineve injengechibi lamanzi kusukela kwasendulo, kanti bazabaleka. Bathi: Manini! manini! kodwa kakho ozaphenduka.

9 Phangani isiliva, phangani igolide; ngoba kakulakuphela kokubuthelelweyo, lenkanzimulo kuzo zonke izitsha eziloyisekayo.

10 Iyize, kayiselalutho, ichithekile; inhliziyo iyancibilika, lamadolo ayatshayana, lobuhlungu obukhulu busezinkalweni zonke, lobuso babo bonke bunyukumele.

11 Ingaphi indawo yokuhlala yezilwane, lendawo yokudlela yamabhongo esilwane, lapho esasihamba khona isilwane, isilwane esidala, lomdlwane wesilwane, njalo kungekho okuzethusayo?

12 Isilwane sadabudabula okwenele imidlwane yaso, sakhamela izilwanekazi zaso, sagcwalisa imilindi yasongempango, lezindawo zaso zokuhlala ngokudatshuliweyo.

13 Khangela, ngimelene lawe, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, ngizazitshisa inqola zakhe entuthwini, lenkemba izaqeda amabhongo ezilwane akho; njalo ngizaquma impango yakho kusuke emhlabeni, lelizwi lezithunywa zakho kalisayikuzwakala.

UNAHUME 3

Ukuchithwa kweNineve

1Maye kumuzi wezingazi, wonke ugcwele amanga lempango! Okuphangiweyo kakusuki.

2 Umsindo wesiswepu, lomsindo wokugedlezela kwamavili, lowamabhiza amathayo, lowezinqola ezeqayo.

3 Umgadi webhiza uphakamisa kokubili inkemba ephazimayo lomkhonto ocwazimulayo, njalo kulexuku lababuleweyo, lenani elikhulu lezidumbu; yebo kakulasiphelo sezidumbu; bayakhubeka phezu kwezidumbu zabo.

4 Ngenxa yobunengi bokufeba kwesiphingi, inkosazana ekhangayo yobuthakathi, esithengisa izizwe ngokuphinga kwaso, lemideni ngobuthakathi baso.

5 Khangela, ngimelene lawe, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla; ngizakwembulela amalogwe akho phezu kobuso bakho, ngitshengise izizwe ubunqunu bakho, lemibuso ihlazo lakho.

6 Ngiphosele amanyala phezu kwakho, ngikwenze udeleleke, ngikumise njengento yokubukelwa.

7 Kuzakuthi-ke wonke okubonayo akubalekele, athi: INineve ichithekile. Ngubani ozayililela? Ngizakudingela ngaphi abaduduzi?

8 Ungcono yini kuleNo-Amoni eyayihlezi phakathi kwemifula, elamanzi inhlangothi zonke, omthangala wawowawululwandle, umduli wawo wawusukela elwandle?

9 IEthiyophiya leGibhithe kwakungamandla ayo angelakuphela; iPuti leLubhimi babengabasizi bakho.

10 Kanti yona yathuthwa yaya ekuthunjweni; lezingane zayo zachotshozwa esihlokweni sazo zonke izitalada; njalo benza inkatho yokuphosa ngabahloniphekayo bayo, labo bonke abakhulu bayo babotshwa ngamaketane.

11 Lawe-ke uzadakwa, uzacatsha; futhi wena uzadinga isiphephelo ngenxa yesitha.

12 Inqaba zakho zonke zizakuba njengezihlahla zemikhiwa ezilezithelo zokuqala; uba zinyikinywa, ziwela emlonyeni wodlayo.

13 Khangela, abantu bakho bangabesifazana phakathi kwakho; amasango elizwe lakho azavulekela kakhulu izitha zakho; umlilo uzaqeda imigoqo yakho.

14 Zikhelele amanzi okuvinjezelwa, uqinise izinqaba zakho; ngena odakeni, uxove ibumba, uqinise ihondo yezitina.

15 Lapho umlilo uzakuqeda, inkemba ikuqume, ikudle njengesikhonyane, uzandise njengesikhonyane, uzandise njengentethe.

16 Wandise abathengisi bakho ngaphezu kwenkanyezi zamazulu; iqhwagi liyona, liphaphe lihambe.

17 Abetheswe umqhele bakho banjengezintethe, labalawulimabutho bakho banjengentethe ezinengi, ezimisa inkamba ezintangweni ngosuku lomqando; ilanga seliphumile, ziyasuka zibaleke, ingabe isaziwa indawo yazo ukuthi zingaphi.

18 Abelusi bakho bayawozela, wena nkosi yeAsiriya; abakhulu bakho bazahlala; abantu bakho bazahlakazeka ezintabeni, njalo kungekho obabuthayo.

19 Kakukho ukupholiswa kokwephuka kwakho, inxeba lakho libuhlungu; bonke abezwa umbiko ngawebaqakeza izandla ngawe; ngoba kukubani obungadlulanga kuye ububi bakho njalonjalo?

UHABHAKHUKHI

UHABHAKHUKHI 1

UHabhakhukhi uyasola eNkosini

1 Umthwalo uHabhakhukhi umprofethi awubonayo.

2 NKOSI, ngizakhala kuze kube nini, wena ungezwa! ngimemeza kuwe ngodlakela,
wena ungasindisi!

3 Ungitshengiselani isiphambeko, ukhangele inkathazo? Ngoba
incithakalo lodlakela kuphambi kwami, njalo kulenkani, kuphakame ingxabano.

4 Ngakho-ke umlayo uyayekethisa, lesahlulelo kasiphumi lakanye; ngoba
omubi uhanqa olungileyo; ngakho-ke isahlulelo esigobileyo siyaphuma.

INkosi ivusela uJuda amaKhaladiya

5 Bonani phakathi kwabezizwe, likhangele, mangalani limangale, ngoba
ngizakwenza umsebenzi ezinsukwini zenu, elingayikuwukholwa, lanxa
ulandiswa.

6 Ngoba, khangelani, ngivusa amaKhaladiya, isizwe esilesihluku lesiphangisayo,
esizahamba ebubanzini bomhlaba, ukudla ilifa lendawo zokuhlala ezingeyisizo
ezaso.

7 Siyesabeka, siyethusa; isahlulelo saso lokuphakama kwaso kuzaphuma kuso.

8 Amabhiza aso lawo alejubane kulezingwe, njalo abukhali kulezimpisi
zakusihlwa; labagadi bamabhiza baso bazasabalala, labagadi bamabhiza baso
bazavela khatshana; bazandiza njengokhozi oluphangisela ukudla.

9 Bonke bazafikela udlakela; ukubuthana kobuso babo kungasempumalanga;
babuthe abathunjiweyonjengetshebetshebe.

10 Bona-ke bazaklolodela amakhosi, lababusi bazakuba yinhlekisa kibo; bona
bazahleka usulu ngayo yonke inqaba, ngoba bazabuthelela uthuli, bayithumbe.

11 Besesikhukhula njengomoya, sedlule, siphambeke, sibalela la amandla aso
kunkulunkulu waso.

UHabhakhukhi uyasola eNkosini

12 Kawusukeli ephakadeni yini, NKOSI Nkulunkulu wami, oNgcwele wami?
Kasiyikufa. Wena, NKOSI, ubamisele isahlulelo; lawe Dwala, ubamisele isijeziso.

13 Wena uhlambuluke kakhulu emehlweni kulokuthi ubone okubi,
ongelakukhangela inkathazo. Ubakhangelelani abakhohlisayo, uthula lapho
omubi eginya olungileyo kulaye?

14 Esenza abantu babe njengenhlanzi zolwandle, njengezinto
ezihahabayo, ezingelambusi phezu kwazo?

15 Bayabakhupha bonke ngengwegwe, bababambe embuleni labo, bababuthe embuleni labo; ngakho-ke bayathokoza bajabule.

16 Ngakho-ke bayalihlabela imbule labo, batshisele imbule labo impepha; ngoba ngakho isabelo sabo sinonile, lokudla kwabo kulamafutha.

17 Ngakho-ke bayathulula imbule labo yini, bangayekeli yini ukubulala izizwe njalonjalo?

UHABHAKHUKHI 2

Impendulo yeNkosi

1Ngizakuma endaweni yami yokulinda, ngizimise enqabeni, ngilinde, ukuze ngibone ukuthi izakuthini kimi, lokuthi ngizaphendula ngithini ekusolweni kwami.

2 INkosi yasingiphendula yathi: Bhala umbono, uwenze ucace phezu kwezibhebhe, ukuze ogijimayo awufunde.

3 Ngoba umbono usezakuba ngowesikhathi esimisiweyo; kodwa uzakhuluma ekucineni, ungaqambi amanga; lanxa uphuza, uwulindele; ngoba isibili uzafika, kawuyikuphuza.

4 Khangela, uzikhukhumeza, umphefumulo wakhe kawuqondanga kuye; kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo lwakhe.

5 Yebo futhi, ngoba ekhohlisa ngewayini, engumuntu ozikhukhumezayo, engahlali ekhaya, ekhulisa isiloyiso sakhe njengesihogo, futhi unjengokufa, kasuthiseki, kodwa ubuthelela kuye zonke izizwe, aziqoqele bonke abantu.

6 Bonke laba kabayikuphakamisa umzekeliso ngaye yini, lesaga esiyinhlekisa ngaye? Njalo bazakuthi: Maye kuye owandisa okungeyisikho okwakhe! Koze kube nini? Lozethwesa ngezibambiso.

7 Kabayikuhle basukume bakulume yini, bavuke abazakuthuthumelisa yini? Njalo uzakuba yizimpango kubo.

8 Ngoba wena uziphangile izizwe ezinengi, yonke insali yabantu izakuphanga; ngenxa yegazi elinengi labantu, lodlakela lwelizwe, umuzi, labo bonke abahlala kiwo.

9 Maye kozuzela indlu yakhe inzuzo embi, ukuze abeke isidleke sakhe ngaphezulu, ukuze akhululwe esandleni sobubi.

10 Indlu yakho usuyicebele ihlazo, ngokuquma abantu abanengi; wonile umelene lomphefumulo wakho.

11 Ngoba ilitshe lizakhala lisemdulini, lothungo luliphendule lusesigodweni.

12 Maye kowakha umuzi ngegazi elinengi, amise idolobho ngesiphambeko.

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13 Khangela, kakuveli eNKOSIni yamabandla yini ukuthi izizwe zizatshikatshikela umlilo, labantu bazidinisengeze?

14 Ngoba umhlaba uzagcwala ngolwazi lwenkazimulo yeNKOSI, njengamanzi esibekela ulwandle.

15 Maye konathisa umakhelwane wakhe, othulula imbodlela yakho, omdakisa laye, ukuze ubukele ubunqunu babo!

16 Uzasutha ngehlazo kulodumo; natha lawe, wembule ijwabu! Inkezo yesandla seNKOSI sokunene izaphendukela kuwe, lehlazo libe phezu kodumo lwakho.

17 Ngoba udlakela lweLebhanoni luzakusibekela, lokuchitheka kwezinyamazana kubethuse, ngenxa yegazi elinengi labantu, lodlakela lwelizwe, umuzi, labo bonke abahlala kiwo.

18 Sisizani isithombe esibaziweyo lokhu umbumbi waso esibazile? Kumbe isithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, lomfundisi wamanga, okuthi umbumbi athembe kokubunjiweyo kwakhe, ukwenza izithombe eziyizimungulu?

19 Maye kuye otsho kuso isigodo: Phaphama! Lelitsheni eliyisimungulu: Vuka, lona lizafundisa! Khangela, kunanyekwe ngegolide lesiliva, njalo kungekho moya phakathi kwakho.

20 Kodwa iNKOSI isethempelini layo elingcwele; thula phambi kwayo, mhlaba wonke.

UHABHAKHUKHI 3

Umkhuleko kaHabhakhukhi

1Umkhuleko kaHabhakhukhi umprofethi ngamaShigayoni.

2 NKOSI, ngizwile umbiko wakho, ngesaba; NKOSI, vuselela umsebenzi wakho phakathi kweminyaka, phakathi kweminyaka wenze kwaziwe; olakeni ukhumbule umusa.

3 UNkulunkulu wavela eThemani, loNgcwele entabeni yeParani. Sela. Inkazimulo yakhe yasibekela amazulu, lomhlaba wagcwala indumiso yakhe.

4 Lokucwazimula kwakunjengokukhanya, wayelemisebe ephuma esandleni sakhe; njalo kulapho okwafihlwa amandla akhe.

5 Phambi kwakhe kwahamba umatshayabhuqe wesifo, lelangabi laphuma ezinyaweni zakhe.

6 Wema, walinganisa umhlaba; wabona, wathuthumelisa izizwe; lentaba zaphakade zahlakazeka, amaqaqa amandulo akhothama; izindlela zaphakade zingezakhe.

7 Ngabona amathente eKushani phansi kwenhlupheko; amakhetheni elizwe leMidiyani athuthumela.

8 INKOSI yathukuthelela imifula yini? Ulaka lwakho lwalumelene lemifula yini? Intukuthelo yakho yayimelene lolwandle yini, lokhu ugade amabhiza akho, izinqola zakho zosindiso?

9 Idandili lakho lembuliwe lavela obala, njengokwezifungo zezizwe, ngitsho ilizwi lakho. Sela. Waqhekeza umhlaba ngemifula.

10 Intaba zakubona, zathuthumela; isikhukhula samanzi sedlula; ukujula kwakhupha ilizwi lakho, kwaphakamisela izandla zakho phezulu.

11 Ilanga lenyanga kwema endaweni yakho yokuhlala; ekukhanyeni imitshoko yakho yahamba, ngokukhazimula kokuphazima komkhonto wakho.

12 Ngokuthukuthela wanyathela ilizwe, ngolaka wabhula izizwe.

13 Waphumela usindiso lwabantu bakho, usindiso logcotshiweyo wakho; ulimaza ikhanda endlini yokhohlakeleyo, ngokwembula isisekelo kuze kube sentanyeni. Sela.

14 Wahlaba ngemikhonto yakhe inhloko yamadoda akhe empi; baba njengesivunguzane ukungihlakaza; ukuthokoza kwabo kwakunjengokudla abayanga ngasese.

15 Wanyathela phakathi kolwandle ngamabhiza akho, inqumbi yamanzi amanengi.

16 Lapho ngisizwa, isisu sami sathuthumela; indebe zami zaqhaqhazela ngelizwi; ukubola kwangena emathanjeni ami, ngathuthumela endaweni yami, ukuze ngiphumule ngosuku lohlupho; lapho esenyuka emelene labantu uzabahlasela.

17 Loba umkhiwa ungakhahleli, kungekho lesivuno sesivini, umsebenzi womhlwathi uzaphutha, lamasimu angavezi ukudla, izimvu zizaqunywa zisuke esibayeni, kungabi khona inkomo ezibayeni;

18 kanti mina ngizathokoza eNKOSIni, ngijabule kuNkulunkulu wosindiso lwami.

19 UJehova iNKOSI ungamandla ami; njalo uzakwenza inyawo zami zibe njengezezimpala, ingenze ukuthi nginyathele ezindaweni zami eziphakemeyo. Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela ngamachacho ami.

UZEFANIYA

UZEFANIYA 1

Usuku lweNkosi lusondele

1 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuZefaniya, indodana kaKushi, indodana kaGedaliya,
indodana kaAmariya, indodana kaHezekhiya, ezinsukwini zikaJosiya, indodana
kaAmoni, inkosi yakoJuda.

2 Ngizaqeda lokuqeda konke kusuke ebusweni bomhlabathi, itsho iNkosi.

3 Ngizaqeda umuntu lenyamazana, ngiqede izinyoni zamazulu, lezinhlanzi
zolwandle, lezikhubekiso kanye lababi, ngiqume umuntu asuke ebusweni
bomhlabathi, itsho iNkosi.

4 Futhi ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kukaJuda, laphezu kwabo bonke
abahlali beJerusalema, ngiqume insali kaBhali isuke kulindawo,
ibizo lamaKhemarimi kanye labapristi;

5 lalabo abakhonza ibutho lamazulu phezu kwezimpahla zezindlu; lalabo
abakhonza bafunge ngeNkosi, njalo bafunge ngoMalikamu,

6 lababuyela emuva ekuyilandeleni iNkosi, labangayidinganga iNkosi,
bengabuzanga ngayo.

7 Thula ebukhoneni beNkosi uJehova; ngoba usuku lweNkosi luseduze; ngoba
iNkosi ilungisile umhlatshelo, yangcwelisa abanxusiweyo bayo.

8 Kuzakuthi-ke ngosuku lomhlatshelo weNkosi ngijezise iziphathamandla,
lamadodana enkosi, labo bonke abagqoke izigqoko zabezizwe.

9 Langalolosuku ngizajezisa bonke abeqa phezu kombundu, abagcwalisa indlu
yamakhosi abo ngodlakela langenkohliso.

10 Langalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, kuzakuba lelizwi lokukhala livela esangweni
lenhlanzi, lokuqhinqa isililo kuvela kwelesibili, lokufohloza okukhulu kuvela
emaqaqeni.

11 Qhinqani isililo, lina bahlali beMaketeshi, ngoba bonke abantu abathengisayo
baqunyelwe phansi; bonke abathwala isiliva baqunyiwe.

12 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalesosikhathi ngihlole iJerusalema ngezibane, ngijezise
amadoda ajiyileyo ezinzeceni zawo, athi enhliziyweni yawo: INkosi kayiyikwenza
okuhle, futhi kayiyikwenza okubi.

13 Ngakho inotho yabo izakuba yimpango, lezindlu zabo zibe lunxiwa. Futhi
bazakwakha izindlu, kodwa bangahlali kuzo; njalo bazahlanyela izivini, kodwa
banganathi iwayini lazo.

14 Usuku olukhulu lweNkosi luseduze, luseduze, luyaphangisa kakhulu; ilizwi
losuku lweNkosi; iqhawelizakhala khona kabuhlungu.

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15 Lolosuku lusuku lolaka, usuku lokuhlupheka losizi, usuku lwencithakalo legwadule, usuku lomnyama lobumnyama, usuku lwamayezi lobumnyama obunzima,

16 usuku lophondo lolomkhosi omelene lemizi ebiyelwe ngemithangala, lolumelene lezingonsi eziphakemeyo.

17 Njalo ngizabacindezela abantu, ukuze bahambe njengeziphofu, ngoba bonile eNKOSIni; legazi labo lizathululwa njengothuli, lenyama yabo njengobulongwe.

18 Lesiliva sabo legolide labo kakuyikuba lakho ukubakhulula ngosuku lolaka lweNKOSI; kodwa ilizwe lonke lizaqedwa ngumlilo wobukhwele bayo; ngoba izaqeda, ngitsho ngesiphangiphangi, ngabo bonke abahlali belizwe.

UZEFANIYA 2

Ukugwetshwa kwezizwe

1Zibuthaniseni, lizibuthanise, lina sizwe esingaloyisekiyo,

2 isimiso singakazali, lalolosuku lwedlule njengamakhoba, intukuthelo yolaka lweNKOSI ingakalehleli, usuku lolaka lweNKOSI lungakalehleli.

3 Dingani iNKOSI, lina lonke abamnene bomhlaba, elenze isahlulelo sayo; dingani ukulunga, lidinge ubumnene; mhlawumbe lingafihlwa ngosuku lolaka lweNKOSI.

4 Ngoba iGaza izadelwa, leAshikeloni ibe lunxiwa; bazaxotsha iAshidodi emini enkulu, leEkhironiisitshunwe.

5 Maye kwabakhileyo belizwe lolwandle, isizwe samaKerethi! Ilizwi leNKOSI limelene lani. Wena Khanani, lizwe lamaFilisti, ngizakuchitha, kuze kungabi lomhlali.

6 Lelizwe lolwandle lizakuba ngamadlelo, izigodi zabelusi, lezibaya zezimvu.

7 Njalo ilizwe lizakuba ngelensali yendlu kaJuda; bazakudla kulo; kusihlwa bazalala ezindlini zeAshikeloni; ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo izabahambela, iphendule ukuthunjwa kwabo.

8 Ngiyizwile inhlamba kaMowabi, lokuthuka kwamadodana kaAmoni, abahlambaze ngakho abantu bami, bezikhulisa bemelene lomngcele wabo.

9 Ngakho kuphila kwami, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, isibili uMowabi uzakubanjengeSodoma, labantwana bakaAmoni njengeGomora, indawo yezimbabazane, lemigodi yetshwayi, lencithakalo kuze kube phakade. Insali yabantu bami izabaphanga, labaseleyo babantu bami badle ilifa labo.

10 Lokhu bazakuba lakho endaweni yokuziphakamisa kwabo, ngoba bathuka, bazikhulisa bemelene labantu beNKOSI yamabandla.

11 INKOSI izakwesabeka kibo, ngoba izacakisa bonke onkulunkulu bomhlaba;
njalo bazakhothama kuye, ngulowo lalowo esendaweni yakhe, zonke izihlenge
zezizwe.

12 Lani maEthiyophiya, lizakuba ngababuleweyo ngenkemba yami.

13 Njalo izakwelula isandla sayo imelene lenyakatho, ichithe iAsiriya, ibeke
iNineve ibe lunxiwa, yome njengenkangala.

14 Njalo imihlambi izalala phansi phakathi kwayo, zonke izinyamazana zezizwe;
lalo iwunkwe kanye lenhloni kulale ezidukwini zayo; ilizwi lizahlabela ewindini,
incithakalo ibe sembundwini; ngoba ezakwembulaumsebenzi womsedari.

15 Lo ngumuzi ojabulayo, obuhlezi ngokuvikeleka, owawusithi enhliziyweni
yawo: Yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami. Yeka ukuba kwawo
yincithakalo, indawo yokulala yezinyamazana! Wonke owedlula kiwouyancifa,
anyikinye isandla sakhe.

UZEFANIYA 3

Isono seJerusalema lokukhululwa kwayo

1Maye kowenyanyekayo longcolileyo, umuzi ocindezelayo!

2 Kawulalelanga ilizwi; kawemukelanga ukulaywa; kawuthembelanga eNKOSIni;
kawusondelanga kuNkulunkulu wawo.

3 Iziphathamandla zawo phakathi kwawo ziyizilwane ezibhongayo; abahluleli
bawo bazimpisi zokuhlwa; kazikhukhuzi ithambo ekuseni.

4 Abaprofethi bawo bangabangakhathaliyo, abantu abakhohlisayo; abapristi
bawo sebengcolise indawo engcwele, benze udlakela kumthetho.

5 INKOSI elungileyo iphakathi kwawo, kayiyikwenza ububi; ukusa ngokusa ibeka
isahlulelo sayo ekukhanyeni, kayiphuthi; kodwa ongalunganga kazi inhloni.

6 Ngiziqumile izizwe, izingonsi zazo zingamanxiwa, ngenzile izitalada zazo
incithakalo, ukuze kungadluli muntu; imizi yazo idiliziwe, kakusekho muntu,
kakulamhlali.

7 Ngathi: Isibili uzangesaba, wemukele ukulaywa; ukuze indawo yakhe yokuhlala
ingaqunywa, konke engimjezisa ngakho; sibili bavuka ngovivi, bazonakalise
zonke izenzo zabo.

8 Ngakho ngilindelani, itsho iNKOSI, kuze kube lusuku engizavukela
impango ngalo. Ngoba isahlulelo sami siyikubuthelela izizwe, ukuze ngiqoqe
imibuso, ngithululele phezu kwabo intukuthelo yami, konke ukuvutha kolaka
lwami; ngoba umhlaba wonke uzaqothulwa ngumlilo wobukhwele bami.

9 Ngoba ngalesosikhathi ngizabuyisela ebantwini ulimi oluhlambulukileyo, ukuze
bonke babize ibizo leNKOSI, ukuze bayikhonze ngahlombe linye.

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10 Kusukela phetsheya kwemifula yeEthiyophiya abancengi bami, indodakazi yabahlakazekileyo bami, bazaletha umnikelo wami.

11 Ngalolosuku kawuyikuyangeka ngenxa yezenzo zakho zonke, ophambuke ngazo kimi, ngoba ngalesosikhathi ngizakhupha phakathi kwakho abathokoza ekuzikhukhumezeni kwakho; futhi kawusayikubuya uziphakamise entabeni yami engcwele.

12 Njalo ngizatshiya phakathi kwakho abantu abahluphekileyo labangabayanga; bona bazathemba ebizweni likaJehova.

13 Insali yakoIsrayeli kayiyikwenza ububi, kayiyikukhuluma amanga; njalo kakuyikufunyanwa ulimi olukhohlisayo emlonyeni wayo; ngoba bona bazakudla balale phansi, njalo kungekho obesabisayo.

14 Hlabelela, ndodakazi yeZiyoni; memeza, Israyeli; thokoza, ujabule ngenhliziyo yonke, ndodakazi yeJerusalema.

15 INKOSI isusile izahlulelo zakho, isixotshile isitha sakho; inkosi yakoIsrayeli, uJehova, iphakathi kwakho; kawusayikubona okubi.

16 Ngalolosuku kuzakuthiwa kuyo iJerusalema: Ungesabi; lawe Ziyoni, kazingadangali izandla zakho.

17 INKOSI uNkulunkulu wakho phakathi kwakho ilamandla, izasindisa; izajabula ngawe ngentokozo; izathula othandweni lwayo, ithabe ngawe ngokuhlabelela.

18 Ngizababutha abadabuka ngenxa yenhlangano emisiweyo, bevela kuwe; ihlazo lingumthwalo kubo.

19 Khangela, ngalesosikhathi ngizakuba lokwenza labo bonke abakuhluphayo; ngisindise oqhulayo, ngibutheoxotshiweyo; ngibabeke babe yindumiso lebizo kulo lonke ilizwe lehlazo labo.

20 Ngalesosikhathi ngizalingenisa, langesikhathi engizalibuthelela ngaso; ngoba ngizalenza libe libizolendumiso phakathi kwabantu bonke bomhlaba, lapho sengibuyisa abathunjiweyo benu phambi kwamehlo enu, itsho iNKOSI.

UHAGAYI

UHAGAYI 1

Abantu bakhuthazwa ukwakha ithempeli

1 Ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyusi inkosi, ngenyanga yesithupha, ngosuku
lokuqala lwenyanga, kwafika ilizwi leNKOSI ngesandla sikaHagayi umprofethi
kuZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lakuJoshuwa
indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi omkhulu, lisithi:

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, isithi: Lababantu bathi: Isikhathi kasikafiki,
isikhathi sokuthi indlu yeNKOSIyakhiwe.

3 Laselifika ilizwi leNKOSI ngesandla sikaHagayi umprofethi, lisithi:

4 Kuyisikhathi senu lina ngokwenu yini, sokuthi lihlale ezindlini zenu ezembeswe
ngaphakathi ngamapulanka, kanti le indlu ilunxiwa?

5 Ngakho khathesi itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Bekani inhliziyo yenu
ezindleleni zenu.

6 Lihlanyele okunengi, langenisa okulutshwana; liyadla, kodwa kalisuthi;
liyanatha, kodwa kalikholwa; liyagqoka, kodwa kakho okhudumalayo, lohola
umholo uholela umholo esikhwameni esibhobokileyo.

7 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Bekani inhliziyo yenu ezindleleni zenu.

8 Yenyukelani entabeni, lilethe izigodo, lakhe indlu; njalo ngizathokoza ngayo,
ngidunyiswe, itsho iNKOSI.

9 Belikhangele okunengi, kodwa khangelani, kube kulutshwana; lapho likuletha
ekhaya, ngikuphephethile. Kungani? itsho iNKOSI yamabandla. Ngenxa yendlu
yami elunxiwa, kanti lina liyagijima ngulowo lalowo esiya endlini yakhe.

10 Ngakho-ke amazulu phezu kwenu ayagodla ukuze kungabi lamazolo,
lomhlabathi uyagodla izithelo zawo.

11 Ngasengibiza imbalela phezu kwelizwe, laphezu kwezintaba, laphezu
kwamabele, laphezu kwewayini elitsha, laphezu kwamafutha, laphezu kwalokho
umhlabathi okuvezayo, laphezu kwabantu, laphezu kwezinkomo, laphezu kwawo
wonke umsebenzi wezandla.

12 Khona uZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, loJoshuwa
indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi omkhulu, layo yonke insali yabantu, balilalela
ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo, lamazwi kaHagayi umprofethi, njengoba
iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo wayemthumile; njalo abantu besaba phambi
kweNKOSI.

13 Wasekhuluma uHagayi isithunywa seNKOSI ngelizwi leNKOSI ebantwini, esithi:
Ngilani, itsho iNKOSI.

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14 INKOSI yasivusa umoya kaZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lomoya kaJoshuwa indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi omkhulu, lomoya wensali yonke yabantu; basebesiza, benza umsebenzi endlini yeNKOSI yamabandla, uNkulunkulu wabo,

15 ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga, ngeyesithupha, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyusi inkosi.

UHAGAYI 2

Ubuhle bethempeli elitsha

1Ngenyanga yesikhombisa, ngolwamatshumi amabili lanye lwenyanga, kwafika ilizwi leNKOSI ngesandla sikaHagayi umprofethi, lisithi:

2 Khuluma khathesi kuZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lakuJoshuwa indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi omkhulu, lakunsali yabantu, usithi:

3 Ngubani oseleyo phakathi kwenu owabona lindlu enkazimulweni yayo yakuqala? Liyibona njani khathesi? Kayinjengento engekho yini emehlweni enu nxa ilinganiswa layo?

4 Kanti khathesi qina, Zerubhabheli, itsho iNKOSI; uqine, Joshuwa, ndodana kaJehozadaki, mpristi omkhulu; liqine, lani lonke bantu belizwe, itsho iNKOSI, lisebenze: ngoba ngilani, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla,

5 njengokwelizwi engavumelana ngalo lani ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe, ngokunjalo umoya wami uhlala phakathi kwenu; lingesabi.

6 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Kusekanye, kuyisikhatshana, ngizazamazamisa amazulu, lomhlaba, lolwandle, lomhlabathi owomileyo;

7 ngizamazamise izizwe zonke, lesiloyiso sezizwe zonke sizafika; ngigcwalise lindlu ngenkazimulo, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

8 Isiliva ngesami, legolide ngelami, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

9 Inkazimulo yalindlu yokucina izakuba nkulu kuleyokuqala, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla; lakulindawo ngizanika ukuthula, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

Abantu bakhuzwa ngokungathembeki kwabo

10 Ngolwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyusi, lafika ilizwi leNKOSI ngesandla sikaHagayi umprofethi, lisithi:

11 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Buza khathesi abapristi ngomthetho, usithi:

12 Uba umuntu ethwala inyama engcwele emphethweni wesembatho sakhe, athinte isinkwa ngomphetho wakhe, kumbe ukudla okuphekiweyo, kumbe iwayini, kumbe amafutha, kumbe loba yikuphi ukudla, kuzakuba ngcwele yini? Abapristi basebephendula bathi: Hatshi.

13 Wasesithi uHagayi: Uba ongcoliswe yisidumbu ethinta loba yiziphi zalezi, kuzangcola yini? Abapristi basebephendula bathi: Kuzangcola.

14 Khona uHagayi waphendula wathi: Banjalo lababantu, futhi sinjalo lesisizwe phambi kwami, itsho iNKOSI, futhi unjalo wonke umsebenzi wezandla zabo, lalokho abakunikelayo lapho kungcolile.

15 Khathesi-ke, ake libeke inhliziyo yenu kukho, kusukela kulolusuku kusiya phambili, kungakabekwa ilitshe phezu kwelitshe ethempelini leNKOSI;

16 kusukela lapho umuntu efika enqwabeni yezilinganiso ezingamatshumi amabili, kwakuletshumi kuphela; esiya esikhamelweni sewayini ukukha imbiza ezingamatshumi amahlanu esikhamelweni, kwakulamatshumi amabilikuphela.

17 Ngalitshaya ngokuhanguka langengumane langesiqhotho, wonke umsebenzi wezandla zenu; kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNKOSI.

18 Ake libeke inhliziyo yenu kukho kusukela kulolusuku kusiya phezulu, kusukela osukwini lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, ngitsho kusukela osukwini isisekelo sethempeli leNKOSI sibekwa, libeke inhliziyo yenu.

19 Inhlanyelo isesesiphaleni yini? Yebo, ivini, lomkhiwa, lepomegranati, lesihlahla somhlwathi kakukatheli. Kusukela kulolusuku ngizalibusisa.

Isithembiso seNKOSI kuZerubhabheli

20 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika ngokwesibili kuHagayi ngolwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga, lisithi:

21 Khuluma kuZerubhabheli, umbusi wakoJuda, usithi: Ngizazamazamisa amazulu lomhlaba.

22 Ngigenqule isihlalo sobukhosi semibuso, ngichithe amandla emibuso yezizwe, ngigenqule inqola labagadi bayo; lamabhiza labagadi bawo bazakwehla, ngulowo ngenkemba yomfowabo.

23 Ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, ngizakuthatha, wena Zerubhabheli, ndodana kaSheyalithiyeli, nceku yami, itsho iNKOSI, ngikwenze ube njengendandatho elophawu; ngoba ngikukhethile, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

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UZEKHARIYA

UZEKHARIYA 1

Abantu balaywa ukuphenduka ezonweni zabo

1 Ngenyanga yesificaminwembili, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyusi, kwafika ilizwi
leNKOSI kuZekhariya, indodana kaBerekiya, indodana kaIdo umprofethi, lisithi:

2 INKOSI yabathukuthelela oyihlo ngentukuthelo.

3 Ngakho wothi kubo: Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Phendukelani kimi, itsho
iNKOSI yamabandla, lami ngizaphendukela kini, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

4 Lingabi njengaboyihlo, abaprofethi bakuqala abamemeza kibo, besithi: Itsho
njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Ake liphenduke ezindleleni zenu ezimbi lezenzweni
zenu ezimbi; kodwa kabezwanga, kabangilalelanga, itsho iNKOSI.

5 Oyihlo, bangaphi? Labaprofethi, baphila laphakade yini?

6 Kodwa amazwi ami lezimiso zami, engakulaya izinceku zami abaprofethi,
kakubaficanga oyihlo yini? Basebephenduka bathi: Njengalokhu
iNKOSI yamabandla yayinakana ukukukwenza kithi, njengokwezindlela
zethu lanjengokwezenzo zethu, ngokunjalo yenze kithi.

Umbono womprofethi ngamabhiza

7 Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yetshumi lanye, okuyinyanga
uShebati, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyusi, lafika ilizwi leNKOSI kuZekhariya,
indodana kaBerekiya, indodana kaIdo umprofethi, lisithi:

8 Ngabona ebusuku, khangela-ke umuntu owayegade ibhiza elibomvu, njalo
wayemi phakathi kwezihlahla zamamiteli eziseliweni, lemva kwakhe
kwakulamabhiza abomvu, alibhidi, lamhlophe.

9 Ngasengisithi: Bayini laba, nkosi yami? Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yasisithi
kimi: Mina ngizakutshengisa ukuthi laba bayini.

10 Umuntu owayemi phakathi kwezihlahla zamamiteli wasephendula wathi: Laba
yibo iNKOSI ebathumileyoukuhamba besiya le lale emhlabeni.

11 Basebephendula ingilosi yeNKOSI eyayimi phakathi kwezihlahla zamamiteli,
bathi: Sihambile, saya le lale emhlabeni, khangela-ke, wonke umhlaba uhlezi
uthule.

12 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasiphendula yathi: NKOSI yamabandla, koze kube nini wena
ungabi lesihawu phezu kweJerusalema laphezu kwemizi yakoJuda,
osuyithukuthelele okweminyaka le engamatshumi ayisikhombisa?

13 INKOSI yasiphendula ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami ngamazwi amahle, amazwi
aduduzayo.

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14 Ngakho ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yathi kimi: Memeza, usithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Ngilobukhwele ngeJerusalema langeZiyoni ngobukhwele obukhulu.

15 Njalo ngiyathukuthela ngentukuthelo enkulu ngezizwe ezonwabileyo; ngoba mina ngizondile kancinyane, kodwa zona zancedisa ngasebubini.

16 Ngalokho, itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngibuyele eJerusalema ngilezihawu; indlu yami izakwakhiwa kuyo, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, lentambo yokulinganisa izakwelulwa phezu kweJerusalema.

17 Phinda umemeze, usithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Imizi yami isezasatshalaliswa ngokuhle; njalo iNKOSIisezaduduza iZiyoni, isezayikhetha iJerusalema.

Umbono womprofethi ngezimpondo ezine labakhandi

18 Ngasengiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona, khangela-ke, impondo ezine.

19 Ngasengisithi kuyo ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami: Kuyini lokhu? Yasisithi kimi: Lezi zimpondo ezichithachithe uJuda, uIsrayeli, leJerusalema.

20 INKOSI yasingitshengisa ababazi abane.

21 Ngasengisithi: Laba bazekwenzani? Yasikhuluma isithi: Lezi zimpondo ezihlakaze uJuda, kwaze kwangabi lomuntu ophakamisa ikhanda lakhe; kodwa laba beze ukuzethusa, ukulahla izimpondo zabezizwe, ezaphakamisa uphondo phezu kwelizwe lakoJuda ukulihlakaza.

UZEKHARIYA 2

Umbono womprofethi ngentambo yokulinganisa

1Ngaphakamisa amehlo ami futhi, ngabona, khangela-ke umuntu, olentambo yokulinganisa esandleni sakhe.

2 Ngasengisithi: Uya ngaphi? Wasesithi kimi: Ukuyalinganisa iJerusalema, ukubona ukuthi bungakanani ububanzi bayo, lokuthi bungakanani ubude bayo.

3 Khangela-ke, ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yaphuma, lenye ingilosi yaphuma ukuyihlangabeza.

4 Yathi kuyo: Gijima, ukhulume lalelijaha usithi: IJerusalema izahlalwa njengemizi engelamiduli ngenxa yobunengi babantu lezifuyo okuphakathi kwayo.

5 Ngoba mina, itsho iNKOSI, ngizakuba kuyo ngumduli womlilo inhlangothi zonke, ngibe yinkazimulo phakathi kwayo.

Abantu abathunjiweyo bayabizwa

6 Heyi, heyi! Balekani-ke lisuke elizweni lenyakatho, itsho iNKOSI; ngoba ngilihlakazile njengemimoya yomine yamazulu, itsho iNKOSI.

7 Heyi, Ziyoni, phunyuka, wena ohlala lendodakazi yeBhabhiloni!

8 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Emva kwenkazimulo yangithuma ezizweni ezaliphangayo; ngoba olithintayo uthinta inhlamvu yelihlo layo.

9 Ngoba, khangela, ngizanyikinya isandla sami phezu kwazo, njalo zizakuba yimpango kuzo izinceku zabo; ng'khona lizakwazi ukuthi iNKOSI yamabandla ingithumile.

10 Hlabelela uthokoze, ndodakazi yeZiyoni; ngoba, khangela ngiyeza, njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwakho, itsho iNKOSI.

11 Lezizwe ezinengi zizahlanganiswa leNKOSI ngalolosuku, zibe ngabantu bami; njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwakho, njalo uzakwazi ukuthi iNKOSI yamabandla ingithumile kuwe.

12 Ng'khona iNKOSI izakudla ilifa lakoJuda isabelo sayo, elizweni elingcwele, ikhethe iJerusalema futhi.

13 Thula, nyama yonke, phambi kweNKOSI; ngoba ivusiwe endaweni yayo yokuhlala engcwele.

UZEKHARIYA 3

Umbono womprofethi ngoJoshuwa umpristi omkhulu

1Yasingitshengisa uJoshuwa umpristi omkhulu emi phambi kwengilosi yeNKOSI; loSathane emi esandleni sakhe sokunene ukumelana laye.

2 INKOSI yasisithi kuSathane: INKOSI kayikukhuze, wena Sathane, yebo kayikukhuze iNKOSI, eyikhethileyo iJerusalema. Lo kayisiso isikhuni yini esophulwe emlilweni?

3 UJoshuwa-ke wayembethe izigqoko ezingcolileyo; njalo emi phambi kwengilosi.

4 Yasiphendula yakhuluma kulabo ababemi phambi kwayo isithi: Susani izigqoko ezingcolileyo kuye. Yasisithi kuye: Bona, ngenzile isiphambeko sakho sedlule kuwe, ngikugqokise izembatho zomkhosi.

5 Ngasengisithi: Kababeke iqhiye ehlambulukileyo ekhanda lakhe. Basebebeka iqhiye ehlambulukileyo ekhanda lakhe, bamgqokisa izembatho; njalo ingilosi yeNKOSI yayimi khona.

6 Ingilosi yeNKOSI yasifakaza kuJoshuwa isithi:

7 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Uba uzahamba ezindleleni zami, njalo uba uzagcina umlindo wami, ng'khona lawe uzakwahlulela indlu yami, ugcine lamaguma ami; njalo ngizakunika ilungelo lokuhamba phakathi kwalaba abemi khona.

8 Zwana khathesi, Joshuwa mpristi omkhulu, wena labangane bakho abahlezi phambi kwakho, ngoba bangabantu besibonakaliso. Ngoba, khangela, ngizaveza inceku yami, iHlumela.

9 Ngoba khangela ilitshe engilibeke phambi kukaJoshuwa; phezu kwelitshe elilodwa kuzakuba lamehlo ayisikhombisa. Khangela, ngizabhala ngokugubha okugujiweyo kwalo, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, njalo ngizasusa isiphambeko salelolizwe ngosuku olulodwa.

10 Ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, lizabiza, ngulowo lalowo umngane wakhe ngaphansi kwesivini langaphansi komkhiwa.

UZEKHARIYA 4

Uluthi lwesibane lezihlahla zemihlwathi

1 Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yabuya futhi, yangivusa, njengomuntu ovuswa ebuthongweni bakhe.

2 Yathi kimi: Ubonani? Ngasengisithi: Ngibonile, khangela-ke uluthi lwesibane lwegolide lonke, lomganu phezu kwesihloko salo, lezibane zalo eziyisikhombisa phezu kwalo; kulezimpompi eziyisikhombisa leziyisikhombisa eziya ezibaneni, eziphezu kwesihloko salo.

3 Lezihlahla zomhlwathi ezimbili eceleni kwalo, esinye ngakwesokunene komganu, lesinye ngakwesokhohlo kwawo.

4 Ngasengiphendula ngikhuluma kuyo ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami, ngisithi: Lezizinto ziyini, nkosi yami?

5 Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yasiphendula yathi kimi: Kawazi yini ukuthi lezizinto ziyini? Ngasengisithi: Hatshi, nkosi yami.

6 Yasiphendula yakhuluma lami isithi: Leli yilizwi leNKOSI kuZerubhabheli, lisithi: Hatshi ngamandla, hatshi-ke ngengalo, kodwa ngomoya wami, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

7 Ungubani wena, ntaba enkulu? Phambi kukaZerubhabheli uzakuba ligceke. Yena uzaveza ilitshe eliyinhlokongokumemeza okukhulu: Umusa, umusa kulo!

8 Ilizwi leNKOSI lafika kimi futhi lisithi:

9 Izandla zikaZerubhabheli zibekile isisekelo salindlu; futhi izandla zakhe zizayiqeda. Ng'khona uzakwazi ukuthi iNKOSI yamabandla ingithumile kini.

10 Ngoba ngubani odelele usuku lwezinto ezincinyane? Ngoba bazathokoza, babone ilitshe lomthofu esandlenisikaZerubhabheli lalawo ayisikhombisa; angamehlo eNKOSI, agijima aye le lale emhlabeni wonke.

11 Ngasengiphendula ngathi kuyo: Ziyini lezizihlahla zomhlwathi ezimbili ngakwesokunene soluthi lwesibane langakwesokhohlo kwalo?

12 Ngasengiphendula ngokwesibili, ngathi kuyo: Ziyini lezizingatsha ezimbili zezihlahla zomhlwathi ezithi ngempompi ezimbili zegolide zithulule igolide liphume kizo?

13 Yasikhuluma lami isithi: Kawazi yini ukuthi lezi ziyini? Ngathi: Hatshi, nkosi yami.

14 Yasisithi: Laba bangabagcotshiweyo ababili abema ngaseNkosini yomhlaba wonke.

UZEKHARIYA 5

Umqulu wencwadi ondizayo

1Ngasengiphenduka, ngaphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona, khangela-ke, umqulu ondizayo.

2 Yasisithi kimi: Ubonani? Ngasengisithi: Ngibona umqulu ondizayo; ubude bawo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi bawo izingalo ezilitshumi.

3 Yasisithi kimi: Lesi yisiqalekiso esiphumela ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. Ngoba wonke owebayo uzaqunywanganeno mayelana laso, laye wonke ofungayo uzaqunywa ngale mayelana laso.

4 Ngizasikhupha, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, ukuthi singene endlini yesela lasendlini yalowo ofunga amanga ngebizo lami; sihlale phakathi kwendlu yakhe, siyiqede kanye lezigodo zayo lamatshe ayo.

Owesifazana phakathi kwe-efa

5 Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yasiphuma, yathi kimi: Phakamisa amehlo akho khathesi, ubone ukuthi kuyini lokhu okuphumayo.

6 Ngasengisithi: Kuyini? Yasisithi: Lokhu kuyi-efa ephumayo. Yathi futhi: Lesi yisimo sabo elizweni lonke.

7 Khangela-ke, kwaphakanyiswa isisibekelo somnuso; njalo lo wayengowesifazana owayehlezi phakathi kwe-efa.

8 Yasisithi: Lokhu kuyibubi; yasimphosa ngaphakathi kwe-efa; yasiphosa isisindo somnuso emlonyeni walo.

9 Ngasengiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona, khangela-ke, kwaphuma abesifazana ababili, lomoya wawusempikweni zabo; ngoba babelezimpiko njengezimpiko zengabuzane. Basebephakamisa i-efa phakathi komhlaba lamazulu.

10 Ngasengisithi kuyo ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami: Balithwalela ngaphi i-efa?

11 Yasisithi kimi: Ukumakhela indlu elizweni leShinari; njalo izamiswa ibekwe lapho phezu kwesisekelo sakhe.

UZEKHARIYA 6

Izinqola ezine

1 Ngasengibuya ngaphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona, khangela-ke, kwaphuma
inqola ezine phakathi kwezintaba ezimbili; lezintaba zazizintaba zethusi.

2 Enqoleni yokuqala kwakulamabhiza abomvu, lenqoleni yesibili amabhiza
amnyama,

3 lenqoleni yesithathu amabhiza amhlophe, lenqoleni yesine amabhiza
alamabala alamandla.

4 Ngasengiphendula ngathi kuyo ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami: Ayini lawo, nkosi
yami?

5 Ingilosi yasiphendula yathi kimi: Lawo ayimimoya emine yamazulu,
ephuma ekumeni phambi kweNkosi yomhlaba wonke.

6 Amabhiza amnyama akhonapho aphuma esiya elizweni lenyakatho; lamhlophe
aphuma ewalandela; lalamabala aphuma esiya elizweni leningizimu.

7 Alamandla asephuma, adinga ukuhamba ukuze aye le lale emhlabeni. Yasisithi:
Hambani liye le lale emhlabeni. Asesiya le lale emhlabeni.

8 Yasingimemeza, yakhuluma kimi, isithi: Khangela, la aphuma aya elizweni
lenyakatho awuphumuzile umoya wami elizweni lenyakatho.

Ukugcotshwa kukaJoshuwa umpristi omkhulu

9 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kimi lisithi:

10 Thatha kwabathunjiweyo, kuHelidayi, lakuTobiya, lakuJedaya, abavele
eBhabhiloni, ubuye wena ngalolosuku, uye endlini kaJosiya indodana kaZefaniya,

11 ubusuthatha isiliva legolide, wenze imiqhele, uyibeke phezu kwekhanda
likaJoshuwa indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi omkhulu;

12 ubusukhuluma kuye, usithi: Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, isithi: Khangela,
umuntu obizo lakhe nguHlumela, uzahluma-ke ephuma endaweni yakhe, akhe
ithempeli leNKOSI.

13 Yena-ke uzakwakha ithempeli leNKOSI; yena athwale ubukhosi, ahlale abuse
phezu kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi. Futhi uzakuba ngumpristi phezu kwesihlalo
sakhe sobukhosi; leseluleko sokuthula sizakuba phakathi kwabo bobabili.

14 Lemiqhele izakuba kuHelemi, lakuThobhiya, lakuJedaya, lakuHeni indodana
kaZefaniya, kube yisikhumbuzo ethempelini leNKOSI.

15 Labakhatshana bazafika bakhe ethempelini leNKOSI, beselisazi ukuthi
iNKOSI yamabandla ingithumile kini.Lokhu kuzakwenzeka, uba lilalela lokulalela
ilizwi leNKOSI uNkulunkulu wenu.

UZEKHARIYA 7

Ukuzila okuyikho

1Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesine kaDariyusi inkosi, ilizwi leNKOSI lafika
kuZekhariya ngolwesine lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, kuKisilevi.

2 Sebethume endlini kaNkulunkulu oSharezeri loRegem-Meleki lamadoda akhe,
ukuyacela ubuso beNKOSI,

3 ukukhuluma kubapristi ababesendlini yeNKOSI yamabandla, lakubaprofethi,
besithi: Ngikhale inyembezi yiningenyanga yesihlanu, ngokuzehlukanisa,
njengoba ngenzile okweminyaka le engaka?

4 Laselifika kimi ilizwi leNKOSI yamabandla, lisithi:

5 Khuluma ebantwini bonke belizwe, lakubapristi, usithi: Lapho lazila ukudla
lalila ngenyanga yesihlanuleyesikhombisa, ngitsho leyominyaka engamatshumi
ayisikhombisa, lazila lokuzila kimi, ngitsho kimi yini?

6 Lalapho lisidla, lalapho linatha, bekungayisini yini elidlayo, lina-ke elinathayo?

7 Kakusiwo amazwi iNKOSI eyawamemeza ngesandla sabaprofethi bokuqala yini,
lapho iJerusalema yahlalwa iphumelela, lemizi yayo inhlangothi zonke zayo,
lapho ihlalwa iningizimu legceke?

Abantu bathunjwa ngenxa yokungalaleli kwabo

8 Ilizwi leNKOSI laselifika kuZekhariya, lisithi:

9 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla, isithi: Yahlulelani isahlulelo esiqotho, lenze
umusa lezihawu, ngulowo lalowo kumfowabo.

10 Lingacindizeli umfelokazi, lentandane, owemzini, lomyanga; linganakani okubi
enhliziyweni yenu ngulowo emelene lomfowabo.

11 Kodwa bala ukulalela, banika ihlombe elenkani, benza indlebe zabo zaba
nzima, ukuze bangezwa.

12 Yebo, benza inhliziyo yabo yaba njengelitshe elilukhuni, ukuze bangawuzwa
umlayo, lamazwi iNKOSIyamabandla eyayiwathumeze ngomoya wayo ngesandla
sabaprofethi bokuqala. Ngakho kwaba khona intukuthelo enkulu ivela eNKOSIni
yamabandla.

13 Ngakho sekwenzakele, njengoba yamemeza, kabaze bezwa; ngokunjalo
bazamemeza, ngingaze ngezwa, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

14 Kodwa ngabahlakaza ngesivunguzane phakathi kwezizwe zonke ababengazazi.
Ngakho ilizwe lachithakalaemva kwabo, ukuze kungabi khona odlulayo
lophendukayo; ngoba benza ilizwe eliloyisekayo laba yincithakalo.

UZEKHARIYA 8

Kuthenjiswa ukuthi iJerusalema izahlalwa futhi

1 Laselifika ilizwi leNKOSI yamabandla lisithi:

2 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Ngilobukhwele ngeZiyoni ngobukhwele obukhulu, yebo, ngilobukhwele ngayo ngokuvutha okukhulu.

3 Itsho njalo iNKOSI: Ngibuyele eZiyoni, njalo ngizahlala phakathi kweJerusalema; leJerusalema izakuthiwa ngumuzi weqiniso, lentaba yeNKOSI yamabandla, intaba engcwele.

4 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Kusezakuhlala amaxhegu lezalukazi ezitaladeni zeJerusalema, ngulowo lalowo elodondolo esandleni sakhe ngenxa yobunengi bezinsuku.

5 Lezitalada zomuzi zizagcwala abafana lamankazana bedlala ezitaladeni zawo.

6 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Uba kumangalisa emehlweni ensali yalababantu ngalezozinsuku, kungamangalisa lemehlweni ami yini? itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

7 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Khangela, ngizasindisa abantu bami elizweni lempumalanga, lelizweni lokutshona kwelanga;

8 ngibalethe, bahlale phakathi kweJerusalema; njalo bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, ngeqiniso langokulunga.

9 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Izandla zenu kaziqine, lina elizwayo ngalezinsuku amazwi la ngomlomo wabaprofethi, ababekhona mhla isisekelo sendlu yeNKOSI yamabandla sibekwa, ukuze ithempeli lakhiwe.

10 Ngoba ngaphambi kwalezonsuku kwakungelaholo lomuntu, kwakungekho iholo lenyamazana; futhi kungekho ukuthula kulowo owayephuma kumbe angene ngenxa yenhlupheko; ngoba ngathuma wonke umuntu ngulowo emelene lomakhelwane wakhe.

11 Kodwa khathesi kangiyikuba kunsali yalababantu njengensukwini zakuqala, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

12 Ngoba inhlanyelo izaphumelela, ivini lithele izithelo zalo, lomhlabathi uphe isivuno sawo, lamazulu aphe amazolo awo; njalo ngizakwenza insali yalababantu ukuthi idle ilifa lazo zonke lezizinto.

13 Kuzakuthi-ke njengoba laliyisiqalekiso phakathi kwabezizwe, wena ndlu kaJuda, lawe ndlu kaIsrayeli, ngokunjalo ngizalisindisa, libe yisibusiso. Lingesabi, izandla zenu kaziqine.

14 Ngoba itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Njengoba nganginakane ukwenza okubi kini, lapho oyihlo bengithukuthelisa, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, njalo kangizisolanga;

15 ngokunjalo ngibuye ngacabanga kulezinsuku ukwenza okuhle kuyo iJerusalema lakuyo indlu kaJuda; lingesabi.

16 Lezi yizinto elizazenza: Khulumani iqiniso, ngulowo lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe; yehlulelani iqinisolesahlulelo sokuthula emasangweni enu.

17 Lingacabangi ububi enhliziyweni yenu ngulowo lalowo emelene lomakhelwane; lingathandi isifungo samanga; ngoba zonke lezizinto yilezo engizizondayo, itsho iNKOSI.

18 Ilizwi leNKOSI yamabandla laselifika kimi, lisithi:

19 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Ukuzila ukudla kwenyanga yesine, lokuzila ukudla kweyesihlanu, lokuzila ukudla kweyesikhombisa, lokuzila ukudla kweyetshumi, kuzakuba yintokozo, lokuthaba, lezikhathi ezimisiweyo zezinjabulo kuyo indlu yakoJuda. Ngakho thandani iqiniso lokuthula.

20 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Kusezakwenzeka ukuthi kufike abantu labahlali bemizi eminengi.

21 Labahlali bomunye umuzi bazakuya komunye, besithi: Kasihambeni ngokuphangisa ukuyancenga phambi kweNKOSI, lokudinga iNKOSI yamabandla; lami ngizahamba.

22 Yebo, kuzakuza abantu abanengi lezizwe ezilamandla ukuzadinga iNKOSI yamabandla eJerusalema, lokuncenga phambi kweNKOSI.

23 Itsho njalo iNKOSI yamabandla: Ngalezonsuku kuzakuthi abambe amadoda alitshumi ezindimini zonke zezizwe, yebo abambe umphetho wesembatho somuntu ongumJuda, athi: Sizahamba lani; ngoba sizwile ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulani.

UZEKHARIYA 9

Ukuchithwa kwezitha zakoIsrayeli

1Umthwalo welizwi leNKOSI elizweni leHadiraki, leDamaseko indawo yayo yokuphumula, lapho ilihlo lomuntu lelazo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli lizakuba seNKOSIni.

2 LeHamathi layo izakhawula kiyo; iTire leSidoni, lanxa ihlakaniphile kakhulu.

3 LeTire yazakhela inqaba, yabuthelela isiliva njengothuli, legolide njengodaka lwezitalada.

4 Khangela, iNkosi izayixotsha, itshaye amandla ayo elwandle; yona idliwe ngumlilo.

5 IAshikeloni izabona, yesabe; leGaza, ibe lusizi kakhulu; leEkhironi; ngoba ebikulindele kuzayangisa; njalo inkosi yeGaza izabhubha, leAshikeloni kayiyikuhlalwa.

6 Njalo ozelwe ngobufebe uzahlala eAshidodi; njalo ngizaquma ukuzigqaja
kwamaFilisti.

7 Ngizasusa igazi lakhe emlonyeni wakhe, lezinengiso zakhe phakathi
kwamazinyo akhe; kodwa oseleyo, ngitsho yena, uzakuba ngokaNkulunkulu
wethu, abe njengenduna koJuda, leEkhironi njengomJebusi.

8 Besengimisa inkamba ngasendlini yami ngenxa yebutho, ngenxa yowedlulayo,
langenxa yophendukayo, njalo kakusayikudlula umcindezeli kubo; ngoba
khathesi sengibonile ngamehlo ami.

INkosi yeZiyoni

9 Thokoza kakhulu, wena ndodakazi yeZiyoni! Memeza wena ndodakazi
yeJerusalema! Khangela, iNkosi yakho iyeza kuwe, ilungile, njalo ilosindiso;
ithobekile, igade ubabhemi, lethole, inkonyana kababhemikazi.

10 Njalo ngizaquma inqola isuke koEfrayimi, lebhiza eJerusalema; ledandili lempi
lizaqunywa; njalo izakhuluma ukuthula kwabezizwe; lombuso wayo uzasukela
elwandle usiya elwandle, njalo kusukela emfulenikuze kube semikhawulweni
yomhlaba.

11 Lawe, ngegazi lesivumelwano sakho ngikhuphile izibotshwa zakho emgodini
ongelamanzi.

12 Phendukelani enqabeni, lina zibotshwa ezilethemba; lalamuhla
ngiyamemezela ukuthi ngizabuyisela kuwe ngokuphindwe kabili;

13 lapho sengizigobisele uJuda, ngagcwalisa idandili ngoEfrayimi, ngavusa
amadodana akho, wena Ziyoni, amelana lamadodana akho, wena Griki,
ngakwenza ube njengenkemba yeqhawe.

14 Njalo iNKOSI izabonakala phezu kwabo, lomtshoko wayo
uzaphuma njengombane; iNkosi uJehova izavuthela uphondo, ihambe
lezivunguzane zeningizimu.

15 INKOSI yamabandla izabavikela; njalo bazakudla, behlisele phansi amatshe
esavutha; banathe, benze umsindo njengewayini; bagcwale njengomganu,
njengamagumbi elathi.

16 Njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo izabasindisa ngalolosuku njengomhlambi
wabantu bayo; ngoba bazakubangamatshe omqhele, bephakanyisiwe phezu
kwelizwe lakhe.

17 Ngoba kungakanani ukulunga kwakhe, njalo bungakanani ubuhle bakhe!
Amabele azathokozisa amajaha, lewayini elitsha izintombi.

UZEKHARIYA 10

INKOSI izahlenga abantu bayo

1Celani eNKOSIni izulu ngesikhathi sezulu langemuva; iNKOSI yenza imibane,
ibanike izihlambo zezulu, kulowo lalowo utshani egangeni.

2 Ngoba izithombe zikhulume ize, labavumisi babone amanga,
balandisa amaphupho ayinkohliso, baduduzangokuyize. Ngakho-ke bazihambela
njengezimvu, badubeka, ngoba kungelamelusi.

3 Intukuthelo yami yavutha imelene labelusi, ngajezisa izimpongo; ngoba
iNKOSI yamabandla izawuhambela umhlambi wayo, indlu kaJuda; ibenze babe
njengebhiza layo elihlekazi empini.

4 Kwaphuma kuye igumbi, kuye isikhonkwane, kuye idandili lempi, kuye wonke
umcindezeli ndawonye.

5 Futhi bazakuba njengamaqhawe anyathela odakeni lwezitalada empini; njalo
bazakulwa, ngoba iNKOSI ilabo, bayangise abagadi bamabhiza.

6 Njalo ngizaqinisa indlu kaJuda, ngisindise indlu kaJosefa, ngibabuyise, ngoba
ngilesihawu kibo. Njalo bazakuba njengokungathi kangizanga ngibalahle; ngoba
ngiyiNKOSI uNkulunkulu wabo, ngibezwe.

7 Njalo amaEfrayimi azakuba njengeqhawe, lenhliziyo yawo ithokoze
njengangewayini. Yebo abantwana bawo bazakubona, bathokoze; inhliziyo yawo
izathokoza eNKOSIni.

8 Ngizabatshayela ukhwelo, ngibabuthe; ngoba ngibahlengile; njalo
bazakwanda njengoba sebandile.

9 Njalo ngizabahlanyela phakathi kwezizwe, bangikhumbule endaweni
ezikhatshana; baphile labantwana babo, baphenduke.

10 Ngibabuyise bevela elizweni leGibhithe, ngibaqoqe baphume eAsiriya;
ngibalethe elizweni leGileyadileLebhanoni, kodwa kabayikutholelwa ndawo.

11 Njalo uzadabula olwandle lenhlupheko, atshaye amagagasi olwandle, lazo
zonke izinziki zomfula zizakoma; lokuzigqaja kweAsiriya kwehliswe, lentonga
yobukhosi yeGibhithe isuke.

12 Njalo ngizabaqinisa eNKOSIni; bahambe besiya le lale ebizweni layo, itsho
iNKOSI.

UZEKHARIYA 11

1Vula iminyango yakho, wena Lebhanoni, ukuze umlilo udle imisedari yakho.

2 Qhinqa isililo, wena sihlahla sefiri; ngoba umsedari usuwile,
ngoba izihlahla zobukhosi ziyachithwa. Qhinqani isililo lina ma-okhi eBashani,
ngoba igusu elingangenekiyo seliwile.

3 Kulelizwi lokuqhinqa isililo kwabelusi, ngoba udumo lwabo luyachithwa; ilizwi
lokubhonga kwamabhongo ezilwane, ngoba ubuhle beJodani buyachithwa.

Abelusi ababili

4 Itsho njalo iNKOSI uNkulunkulu wami: Yelusa izimvu zokuhlatshwa;

5 obathengi bazo bayazibulala, bathi kabalacala; labazithengisayo bathi: Kayibusiswe iNKOSI; ngoba nginothile; labelusi bazo kabalasihawu ngazo.

6 Ngoba kangisayikuyekela abahlali belizwe, itsho iNKOSI; kodwa khangela, ngizanikela abantu, ngulowo lalowo esandleni sikamakhelwane wakhe, lesandleni senkosi yakhe; njalo bazaliphahlaza ilizwe, njalo kangiyikubophula esandleni sabo.

7 Njalo ngizakwelusa izimvu zokuhlatshwa, isibili, eziyangekileyo zezimvu. Njalo ngazithathela intonga ezimbili; enye ngayibiza ngokuthi nguBuhle, lenye ngayibiza ngokuthi nguZibopho; ngazelusa izimvu.

8 Ngasengiquma abelusi abathathu ngenyanga eyodwa; lomphefumulo wami wadabuka ngabo, lomphefumulo wabo lawo wangenyanya.

9 Ngasengisithi: Kangisayikulelusa; ofayo kafe, loqunywayo kaqunywe; kakuthi-ke abaseleyo badle, ngulowo lalowo inyama yomunye.

10 Ngasengithatha intonga yami, uBuhle, ngayiqamula, ukuze ngephule isivumelwano sami engangisenze labantu bonke.

11 Sephulwa-ke ngalolosuku; ngakho-ke eziyangekileyo zezimvu ezazilindele kimi zakwazi ukuthi yilizwi leNKOSI.

12 Ngasengisithi kizo: Uba kulungile emehlweni enu, nikani inkokhelo yami; kodwa uba kungenjalo, yekelani. Basebelinganisela inkokhelo yami, inhlamvu ezingamatshumi amathathu zesiliva.

13 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Ziphosele kumbumbi; intengo enkulu ebengiyilinganiselwe yibo! Ngasengithatha inhlamvu ezingamatshumi amathathu zesiliva, ngaziphosela kumbumbi endlini yeNKOSI.

14 Ngasengiqamula intonga yami yesibili, uZibopho, ukuze ngephule ubuzalwane phakathi kukaJuda loIsrayeli.

15 INKOSI yasisithi kimi: Zithathele futhi izikhali zomelusi oyisithutha.

16 Ngoba khangela, ngizavusa umelusi elizweni; ongayikuhambela eziqunyiweyo, ongayikudinga
ezintsha,ongayikwelapha ezephukileyo, ongayikusekela ezizimeleyo; kodwa adle inyama yezinonileyo, adabule iziqa amasondo azo.

17 Maye kumelusi ongasizi lutho otshiya izimvu! Inkemba izakuba phezu kwengalo yakhe, laphezu kwelihlo lakhe lokunene. Ingalo yakhe izatshwabhana isibili, lelihlo lakhe lokunene lifiphale ngokupheleleyo.

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Ukukhululwa kweJerusalema

1Umthwalo welizwi leNKOSI ngoIsrayeli, itsho INKOSI, eyelula amazulu, yabeka isisekelo somhlaba, yadala umoya womuntu ngaphakathi kwakhe:

2 Khangela, ngizakwenza iJerusalema ibe yinkezo yokudengezelisa kibo bonke abantu abazingelezeleyo; yebo, izakuba laphezu kukaJuda ekuvinjezelweni kumelene leJerusalema.

3 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku ngenze iJerusalema ibe yilitshe elingumthwalo kubo bonke abantu; bonke abazithwalisa ngalo bazaqunywa lokuqunywa; labo bonke abantu bomhlaba bazabuthana bemelene layo.

4 Ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI, ngizatshaya lonke ibhiza ngokudideka, lomgadi walo ngobuhlanya, ngivule amehlo ami phezu kwendlu kaJuda, ngitshaye lonke ibhiza lezizwe ngobuphofu.

5 Khona ababusi bakoJuda bazakutsho enhliziyweni yabo: Abahlali beJerusalema bangamandla ami eNKOSIni yamabandla uNkulunkulu wabo.

6 Ngalolosuku ngizakwenza ababusi bakoJuda babe njengembawula yomlilo phakathi kwezigodo, lanjengesihlanti somlilo esithungweni; njalo bazaqeda ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo bonke abantu inhlangothi zonke; iJerusalema-ke izahlalwa futhi endaweni yayo eJerusalema.

7 Futhi iNKOSI izasindisa amathente akoJuda kuqala, ukuze udumo lwendlu kaDavida lodumo lwabakhileyo beJerusalema lungazikhulisi lumelene loJuda.

8 Ngalolosuku iNKOSI izavikela abakhileyo beJerusalema; lalowo obuthakathaka phakathi kwabo ngalolosukuabe njengoDavida; lendlu kaDavida ibe njengoNkulunkulu, njengengilosi yeNKOSI phambi kwabo.

9 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku ngidinge ukuchitha zonke izizwe eziza ukumelana leJerusalema.

10 Njalo ngizathululela phezu kwendlu kaDavida laphezu kwabahlali beJerusalema umoya womusalowokuncenga, njalo bazangikhangela mina abamgwazayo, bamlilele, njengokulilela indodana eyodwa, abe lobuhlungu ngayo, njengobuhlungu ngezibulo.

11 Ngalolosuku kuzakuba kukhulu ukulila eJerusalema, njengokulila kukaHadadirimoni esigodini seMegidoni.

12 Futhi ilizwe lizalila, usapho ngosapho lulodwa, usapho lwendlu kaDavida lulodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa; usapho lwendlu kaNathani lulodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa;

13 usapho lwendlu kaLevi lulodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa; usapho lukaShimeyi lulodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa;

14 zonke izinsapho eziseleyo, usapho ngosapho lulodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa.

UZEKHARIYA 13

1Ngalolosuku kuzakuba lomthombo ovulelwe indlu kaDavida labahlali beJerusalema, ngenxa yesono langenxa yokungcola.

2 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, ngiqume amabizo ezithombe asuke elizweni, kazisayikukhunjulwa; ngenze labaprofethi lomoya ongcolileyo bedlule basuke elizweni.

3 Kuzakuthi-ke, loba ngubani esaprofetha, uyise lonina abamzalayo bathi kuye: Kawuyikuphila, ngoba ukhuluma amanga ebizweni leNKOSI. Uyise lonina abamzalayo babesebemgwaza lapho eprofetha.

4 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku abaprofethi bazakuba lenhloni, ngulowo lalowo ngombono wakhe ekuprofetheni kwakhe; futhi kabayikugqoka izigqoko zoboya ukuze bakhohlise;

5 kodwa uzakuthi: Kangisuye mprofethi, ngingumlimi womhlabathi; ngoba umuntu wangithenga kusukela ebutsheni bami.

6 Lomunye uzakuthi kuye: Ayini lamanxeba asezandleni zakho? Yena uzakuthi: Engatshaywa ngawo endliniyabangane bami.

Umelusi wamanga uzabulawa

7 Vuka, nkemba, umelane lomelusi wami, umelane lomuntu ongumngane wami, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla. Tshaya umelusi, izimvu zihlakazeke; besengiphendulela isandla sami kwezincinyane.

8 Kuzakuthi-ke elizweni lonke, itsho iNKOSI, ingxenye ezimbili kulo zizaqunywa ziphele; kodwa eyesithathu izasala kulo.

9 Njalo eyesithathu ngizayidabulisa emlilweni, ngibacwengisise njengoba isiliva sicwengisiswa, ngibalingenjengoba igolide lilingwa. Bona bazabiza ibizo lami, mina-ke ngizabaphendula. Ngizakuthi: Bangabantu bami; bona-ke bazakuthi: INKOSI inguNkulunkulu wami.

UZEKHARIYA 14

Usuku lokwehlulela kweNKOSI

1Khangela, usuku lweNKOSI luyeza, lempango yakho izakwehlukaniswa phakathi kwakho.

2 Ngoba ngizabuthanisa zonke izizwe zimelane leJerusalema empini; njalo umuzi uzathunjwa, lezindlu ziphangwe, labesifazana badlwengulwe; lengxenye yomuzi izaphuma iye ekuthunjweni, kodwa insali yabantu kayiyikuqunywa isuke emzini.

3 Khona iNKOSI izaphuma, ilwe imelene lalezozizwe, njengamhla isilwa ngosuku lwempi.

4 Langalolosuku inyawo zayo zizakuma entabeni yeMihlwathi, emaqondana
leJerusalema ngasempumalanga; lentaba yeMihlwathi izaqhekezeka phakathi
kwayo ngasempumalanga langasentshonalanga, kube lesihotsha esikhulukazi;
lengxenye yentaba izatshedela ngasenyakatho, lengxenye yayo ngaseningizimu.

5 Lizabaleka-ke ngesihotsha sezintaba zami; ngoba isihotsha sezintaba
sizafinyelela eAzali. Yebo, lizabaleka njengokubaleka kwenu phambi
kokuzamazama komhlaba ngezinsuku zikaUziya inkosi yakoJuda. Khona
iNKOSIuNkulunkulu wami izafika, labo bonke abangcwele belawe.

6 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku kungabi khona ukukhanya, kube mnyama.

7 Kodwa kuzakuba lusuku olulodwa oluzakwaziwa eNKOSIni, kungabi yimini,
kungabi yibusuku; kodwa kuzakuthi ngesikhathi sakusihlwa kube khona
ukukhanya.

8 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, amanzi aphilayo aphume eJerusalema; ingxenye
yawo iye ngaselwandle lwasempumalanga, lengxenye yawo iye ngaselwandle
lwentshonalanga; kuzakuba khona ehlobo lebusika.

9 Njalo uJehova uzakuba yiNkosi phezu komhlaba wonke; ngalolosuku
kuzakuba leNKOSI eyodwa, lebizo layo libe linye.

10 Ilizwe lonke lizaphendulwa libe njengegceke kusukela eGeba kuze kube
seRimoni eningizimu kweJerusalema; liphakanyiswe, lihlale endaweni yalo,
kusukela esangweni lakoBhenjamini kuze kube sendaweni yesango lokuqala,
kuze kube sesangweni lengonsi, njalo kusukela emphotshongweni kaHananeli
kuze kube sezikhamelweni zewayini zenkosi.

11 Njalo bazahlala kilo, kungabe kusaba khona ukutshabalala; kodwa iJerusalema
izahlala ivikelekile.

12 Lalokhu kuzakuba yinhlupheko iNKOSI ezatshaya ngayo zonke izizwe ezilwe
zimelene leJerusalema: Izabolisa inyama yazo zisemi ngenyawo zazo, lamehlo
azo abolele ezikhoxweni zawo, lolimi lwazo lubolele emlonyeni wazo.

13 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, isiphithiphithi esikhulu seNKOSI sibe phakathi
kwabo; babambe ngulowo lalowo isandla sikamakhelwane wakhe, futhi isandla
sakhe siphakamele ukumelana lesandla sikamakhelwane wakhe.

14 LoJuda laye uzakulwa eJerusalema; lenotho yazo zonke izizwe ezizingelezeleyo
izabuthwa, igolide lesilivalezembatho ngobunengi obukhulu.

15 Izakuba njalo-ke inhlupheko yebhiza, eyembongolo, eyekamela, lekababhemi,
leyazo zonke inyamazana ezizakuba kulezizinkamba, njengaleyonhlupheko.

16 Kuzakuthi-ke, bonke abaseleyo ezizweni zonke ezeza ukumelana
leJerusalema benyuke iminyaka ngeminyakaukuyakhonza iNkosi, uJehova
wamabandla, lokugcina umkhosi wamadumba.

17 Kuzakuthi-ke loba ngubani ongayikwenyuka kuzo insapho zomhlaba aye
eJerusalema ukukhonza iNkosi, uJehova wamabandla, kakuyikuba khona izulu
phezu kwabo.

18 Futhi uba usapho lweGibhithe lungenyuki luze, kakuyikuba lezulu phezu
kwalo, kuzakuba lenhlupheko iNKOSIezatshaya ngayo izizwe ezingenyukeli
ukuyagcina umkhosi wamadumba.

19 Lokhu kuzakuba yisijeziso sesono seGibhithe, lesijeziso sesono sazo zonke
izizwe ezingenyukeli ukugcina umkhosi wamadumba.

20 Ngalolosuku kuzakuba semabhereni amabhiza: UBUNGCWELE KUJEHOVA;
lezimbiza endlini yeNKOSIzizakuba njengemiganu yokufafaza phambi kwelathi.

21 Yebo, yileyo laleyo imbiza eJerusalema lakoJuda izakuba yibungcwele eNKOSIni
yamabandla, njalo bonke abenza umhlatshelo bazakuza bathathe kuzo, bapheke
kuzo. Njalo kakusayikuba khona umKhanani endlini
yeNKOSI yamabandla ngalolosuku.

UMALAKI

UMALAKI 1

Uthando lweNkosi kuJakobe

1 Umthwalo welizwi leNkosi kuIsrayeli ngesandla sikaMalaki.

2 Ngilithandile, itsho iNkosi. Kodwa lithi: Usithande ngani? UEsawu kasuye yini umfowabo kaJakobe? itsho iNkosi. Kanti ngamthanda uJakobe,

3 loEsawu ngamzonda; ngenza izintaba zakhe incithakalo, lelifa lakhe laba ngelamakhanka enkangala.

4 Lanxa uEdoma esithi: Senziwe abayanga, kodwa sizabuyela siyekwakha amanxiwa; itsho njalo iNkosiyamabandla: Bona bangakha, kodwa mina ngizadiliza, njalo bazababiza ngokuthi: Ngumngcele wobubi, labantuiNkosi ebathukutheleleyo kuze kube phakade.

5 Lamehlo enu azabona, lani lithi: INkosi izakhuliswa ngale komngcele wakoIsrayeli.

INkosi ikhuza abapristi

6 Indodana iyamhlonipha uyise, lenceku inkosi yayo. Uba-ke nginguyihlo, kungaphi ukuhlonitshwa kwami? Uba-ke ngiyiNkosi, kungaphi ukwesatshwa kwami? itsho iNkosi yamabandla kini, bapristi elidelela ibizo lami; kodwa lithi: Silidelele ngani ibizo lakho?

7 Lisondeza isinkwa esingcolileyo phezu kwelathi lami, lisithi: Sikungcolise ngani? Ngokuthi kwenu: ItafulaleNkosi liyadeleleka.

8 Njalo nxa lisondeza okuyisiphofu kube ngumhlatshelo, kakukubi yini? Lalapho lisondeza okuqhulayo lokugulayo, kakukubi yini? Ake ukusondeze kumbusi wakho; angaba lomusa kuwe yini? kumbe angabemukelayini ubuso bakho? itsho iNkosi yamabandla.

9 Khathesi-ke ake lincenge ubuso bukaNkulunkulu ukuze abe lomusa kithi; lokhu kube ngesandla senu; uzabemukela ubuso benu yini? itsho iNkosi yamabandla.

10 Ngubani okhona ngitsho phakathi kwenu ongavala izivalo? Yebo, lingabaseli ize umlilo phezu kwelathi lami. Kangithokozi ngani, kutsho iNkosi yamabandla, njalo kangiyikwemukela umnikelo esandleni senu ngentokozo.

11 Ngoba kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kuze kube sekutshoneni kwalo, ibizo lami lizakuba likhulu phakathikwezizwe; lakuyo yonke indawo impepha izatshiselwa ibizo lami, lomnikelo ohlambulukileyo; ngoba ibizo lami lizakuba likhulu phakathi kwezizwe, itsho iNkosi yamabandla.

12 Kodwa liyalingcolisa ngokuthi kwenu: Itafula leNkosi lingcolisiwe; lesithelo salo, ukudla kwalo, kudelelekile.

13 Njalo lithi: Khangela, kudinisa kangakanani! Njalo likuchilela amakhala, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla: njalo lilethe impango, lokuqhulayo, lokugulayo; ngokunjalo lilethe umnikelo. Ngikwemukele lokhu yini ngokuthokoza esandleni senu? itsho iNKOSI.

14 Kaqalekiswe-ke umkhohlisi oleduna emhlanjini wakhe, ofunga ahlabele iNkosi okonakeleyo; ngoba ngiyiNkosi enkulu, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, lebizo lami liyesabeka phakathi kwezizwe.

UMALAKI 2

Ukukhohlisa kukaIsrayeli

1Khathesi-ke, bapristi, umlayo lo ngowenu.

2 Uba lingalaleli, njalo uba lingakubeki enhliziyweni ukunika ibizo lami udumo, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, ngizathumela isiqalekiso phakathi kwenu, ngiqalekise izibusiso zenu. Yebo, sengiziqalekisile, ngoba kalikubekienhliziyweni.

3 Khangelani, ngizakona inzalo yenu, ngithele umswane ebusweni benu, umswane wamadili enu, lisuswekanye lawo.

4 Njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngithumele lumlayo kini, ukuze isivumelwano sami sibe loLevi, itsho iNKOSIyamabandla.

5 Isivumelwano sami besilaye siyikuphila lokuthula; ngamnika khona kube yikwesaba angesaba ngakho; wathuthumela phambi kwebizo lami.

6 Umlayo weqiniso wawusemlonyeni wakhe, lesiphambeko kasitholakalanga endebeni zakhe. Wahamba lami ngokuthula langobuqotho, waphendula abanengi ebubini.

7 Ngoba indebe zompristi ziyagcina ulwazi, njalo bayadinga umlayo emlonyeni wakhe, ngoba uyisithunywaseNKOSI yamabandla.

8 Kodwa lina liphambukile endleleni, lakhubekisa abanengi emlayweni; lona isivumelwano sikaLevi, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

9 Ngakho lami ngilenzile laba ngabadelelekayo labehliselwe phansi phambi kwabantu bonke, njengokubalingagcinanga izindlela zami, kodwa lamukele ubuso emlayweni.

Ukukhohlisa kukaIsrayeli

10 Kasilababa munye yini thina sonke? UNkulunkulu munye kasidalanga yini? Kungani sisenza ngenkohliso, omunye emelene lomfowabo, ngokungcolisa isivumelwano sabobaba?

11 UJuda wenze ngenkohliso, njalo kwenziwe amanyala koIsrayeli leJerusalema; ngoba uJuda ungcolisile ubungcwele bukaJehova abuthandayo, uthethe indodakazi kankulunkulu wezizweni.

12 INKOSI izaquma umuntu owenza lokhu, ovusayo lophendulayo, asuke emathenteni kaJakobe, lalowo oletha umnikelo eNKOSIni yamabandla.

13 Lalokhu likwenzile kabili; lisibekela ilathi leNKOSI ngezinyembezi, ngokukhala, langokububula, okungangokuthi kayisawunanzi umnikelo, kumbe ukuwemukela ngokuthokoza esandleni senu.

14 Kanti lithi: Kungani? Kungoba iNKOSI yayingumfakazi phakathi kwakho lomfazi wobutsha bakho, wena omphethe ngenkohliso, kanti engumngane wakho, lomfazi wesivumelwano sakho.

15 Kenzanga yini oyedwa? njalo elomoya oseleyo, njalo kungani oyedwa? Wadinga inzalo kaNkulunkulu. Ngakho qaphelisani ngomoya wenu, njalo kakungabi lophatha umfazi wobutsha bakhe ngenkohliso.

16 Ngoba iNKOSI uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ithi iyazonda ukwalana. Ngoba omunye usibekela udlakela ngesembatho sakhe, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. Ngakho qaphelisani ngomoya wenu, ukuze lingenzi ngenkohliso.

Usuku lokwahlulela luyeza

17 Liyidinisile iNKOSI ngamazwi enu. Kanti lithi: Siyidinise ngani? Ngokuthi kwenu: Wonke owenza okubi ulungile emehlweni eNKOSI, njalo iyathokoza ngabo; kumbe: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wesahlulelo?

UMALAKI 3

Isithunywa seNkosi

1Khangelani, ngithuma isithunywa sami, esizalungisa indlela phambi kwami; leNkosi eliyidingayo izafikamasinyane ethempelini layo, ngitsho isithunywa sesivumelwano elithokoza ngaso; khangela siyeza, itsho iNkosi yamabandla.

2 Kodwa ngubani ongalumela usuku lokuza kwaso, njalo ngubani ongema ekubonakaleni kwaso? Ngobasinjengomlilo womcwengi wegolide, lanjengesepa yomwatshi.

3 Sizahlala njengomcwengi lomhlambululi wesiliva, sihlambulule amadodana kaLevi, siwacwenge njengegolide lanjengesiliva, aze asondeze iminikelo ngokulunga eNKOSIni.

4 Ng'khona umnikelo wakoJuda loweJerusalema uzakuba mnandi eNKOSIni njengensukwini zendulo, lanjengeminyakeni yakuqala.

5 Njalo ngizasondela kini ngokwahlulela; ngibe ngumfakazi ophangisayo ngimelene labathakathi, ngimelene lezifebe, ngimelene labafungi bamanga, ngimelene labacindezeli bamaholo abaqatshiweyo, umfelokazi, lentandane,

labasunduzela abezizweni eceleni, njalo abangangesabiyo, itsho iNkosi yamabandla.

6 Ngoba ngiyiNKOSI, kangiphenduki; ngakho lina madodana kaJakobe kaliqedwa.

7 Ngitsho kusukela ensukwini zaboyihlo liphambukile ezimisweni zami, kalizigcinanga. Buyelani kimi, lami ngizabuyela kini, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla. Kanti lithi: Sizabuyela ngani?

8 Umuntu angamphanga yini uNkulunkulu? Kanti lina lingiphangile. Kodwa lithi: Sikuphange ngani?Ngokwetshumi langomnikelo.

9 Liqalekisiwe ngesiqalekiso, ngoba lingiphangile, lesisizwe sonke.

10 Lethani konke okwetshumi esiphaleni ukuze kube lokudla endlini yami. Lingihlole-ke khathesi kukho, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, uba ngingayikulivulela amawindi amazulu, ngilithululele isibusiso kuze kungabi lendawoeyaneleyo.

11 Ngizakhuza odlayo ngenxa yenu, njalo kayikulichithela izithelo zomhlabathi; levini kaliyikulibozisela ensimini, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

12 Njalo zonke izizwe zizakuthi libusisiwe, ngoba lina lizakuba yilizwe elithokozisayo, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

Ukwehlukaniswa phakathi kwabalungileyo lababi

13 Amazwi enu abelukhuni emelene lami, itsho iNKOSI. Kanti lithi: Sikhulumeni simelene lawe?

14 Lithe: Kuyize ukukhonza uNkulunkulu. Njalo kuyinzuzo bani ukuthi sigcine imfanelo yakhe, lokuthi sihambe sikwezimnyama phambi kweNKOSI yamabandla?

15 Khathesi-ke sithi abaziqhenyayo babusisiwe; yebo, labo abenza inkohlakalo bayakhiwa; yebo balingauNkulunkulu, baphephe.

16 Khona labo abayesabayo iNkosi bakhulumisana; njalo iNKOSI yalalela, yezwa; logwalo lwesikhumbuzo lwalotshwa phambi kwayo ngabo abayesabayo iNKOSI, langalabo abazindla ngebizo layo.

17 Njalo bazakuba ngabami, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, ngalolosuku engizakwenza ngalo okuligugu kwami, njalo ngizabayekela njengendoda eyekela indodana yayo eyisebenzelayo.

18 Beselibuya libona umehluko phakathi kolungileyo lomubi, phakathi kokhonza uNkulunkulu lalowo ongamkhonziyo.

UMALAKI 4

Usuku lweNKOSI luyeza

1Ngoba khangelani, luyeza usuku oluvutha njengeziko; labo bonke abazigqajayo,
yebo, bonke abenzangenkohliso bazakuba libibi; losuku oluzayo luzabatshisa,
itsho iNKOSI yamabandla, ukuze lungabatshiyeli impande kumbe ugatsha.

2 Kodwa kini elesaba ibizo lami, iLanga lokulunga lizaphuma
lilokusilisa empikweni zalo. Njalo lizaphumaliqolotsha njengamathole esibaya.

3 Lizanyathelela phansi ababi, ngoba bazakuba ngumlotha ngaphansi
kwengaphansi yenyawo zenu ngosuku engizakwenza, itsho iNKOSI yamabandla.

4 Khumbulani umlayo kaMozisi inceku yami, engamlaya wona
eHorebe ngoIsrayeli wonke, izimisolezahlulelo.

5 Khangelani, ngizathuma uElija umprofethi kini lungakafiki usuku
lweNKOSI olukhulu lolwesabekayo.

6 Uzaphendulela-ke inhliziyo yaboyise ebantwaneni, lenhliziyo yabantwana
kuboyise, hlezi ngize ngitshayeilizwe ngesiqalekiso.

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NGUMATHEWU

NGUMATHEWU 1

IVANGELI ELALOTSHWA
Okhokho bakaJesu

1 Ugwalo lokuzalwa kukaJesu Kristu, iNdodana kaDavida, indodana kaAbrahama.

2 UAbrahama wazala uIsaka; uIsaka wasezala uJakobe; uJakobe wasezala uJuda
labafowabo;

3 uJuda wasezala uFaresi loZara kuTamari; uFaresi wasezala uEsiromu;
uEsiromu wasezala uAramu;

4 uAramu wasezala uAminadaba; uAminadaba wasezala uNashoni; uNashoni
wasezala uSalimoni;

5 uSalimoni wasezala uBowosi kuRahabi; uBowosi wasezala uObedi kuRuthe;
uObedi wasezala uJese;

6 uJese wasezala uDavida inkosi; uDavida inkosi wasezala uSolomoni
kowayengumkaUriya;

7 uSolomoni wasezala uRehobhowamu; uRehobhowamu wasezala uAbhiya;
uAbhiya wasezala uAsa;

8 uAsa wasezala uJehoshafathi; uJehoshafathi wasezala uJoramu; uJoramu
wasezala uOziya;

9 uOziya wasezala uJothamu; uJothamu wasezala uAhazi; uAhazi wasezala
uHezekhiya;

10 uHezekhiya wasezala uManase; uManase wasezala uAmoni; uAmoni wasezala
uJosiya;

11 uJosiya wasezala uJekoniya labafowabo esikhathini sokuthunjelwa
eBhabhiloni.

12 Kwathi emva kokuthunjelwa eBhabhiloni uJekoniya wazala uSalatiyeli;
uSalatiyeli wasezala uZerubhabheli;

13 uZerubhabheli wasezala uAbiyudi; uAbiyudi wasezala uEliyakhimi;
uEliyakhimi wasezala uAzori;

14 uAzori wasezala uZadoki; uZadoki wasezala uAkimi; uAkimi wasezala
uEliyudi;

15 uEliyudi wasezala uEleyazare; uEleyazare wasezala uMathani; uMathani
wasezala uJakobe;

16 uJakobe wasezala uJosefa indoda kaMariya, okwazalwa kuye uJesu othiwa
nguKristu.

17 Ngakho izizukulwana zonke ezisukela kuAbrahama zisiya kuDavida
ziyizizukulwana ezilitshumi lane; lezisukela kuDavida ziye ekuthunjelweni
eBhabhiloni ziyizizukulwana ezilitshumi lane; lezisukela ekuthunjelweni
eBhabhiloni ziye kuKristu ziyizizukulwana ezilitshumi lane.

Ukuzalwa kukaJesu

18 Ngakho ukuzalwa kukaJesu Kristu kwaba nje. Ngoba unina uMariya esegane
uJosefa, bengakahlangani wabonakala eselesisu ngoMoya oNgcwele.

19 Kodwa uJosefa indoda yakhe engolungileyo, njalo engathandi ukumthela
ihlazo, wayefuna ukumala ensitha.

20 Kwathi esanakana lezizinto, khangela, ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala kuye
ephutsheni, yathi: Josefa, ndodana kaDavida, ungesabi ukumthatha uMariya
umkakho. Ngoba lokho akukhulelweyo kungoMoya oNgcwele;

21 njalo uzazala indodana, ubusuyitha ibizo uthi nguJesu; ngoba yena uzasindisa
abantu bakhe ezonweni zabo.

22 Konke lokhu-ke kwenzeka ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa yiNkosi
ngomprofethi ukuthi:

23 Khangela, intombi izathatha isisu ibelethe indodana, njalo bazabiza ibizo
layo ngokuthi nguEmanuweli, okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, uNkulunkulu
ulathi.

24 Kwathi uJosefa esephapheme ebuthongweni wenza njengalokho ingilosi
yeNkosi imlayile, wasethatha umkakhe;

25 kodwa kazange amazi waze wabeletha indodana yakhe eyingqabutho;
waseyitha ibizo wathi nguJesu.

NGUMATHEWU 2

Izazi zempumalanga

1Kwathi uJesu esezelwe eBhethelehema yeJudiya, ensukwini zikaHerodi inkosi,
khangela, kwafika izazieJerusalema zivela empumalanga,

2 zisithi: Ungaphi ozelwe eyinkosi yamaJuda? Ngoba sibonile inkanyezi yakhe
empumalanga, njalo sesize ukumkhonza.

3 Ngakho uHerodi inkosi esezwile wakhathazeka, leJerusalema yonke kanye laye.

4 Esebuthanisile bonke abapristi abakhulu lababhali babantu, wabuza
kubo ukuthi uKristu uzazalelwa ngaphi.

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5 Basebesithi kuye: EBhethelehema yeJudiya; ngoba kulotshiwe ngokunjalo
ngumprofethi ukuthi:

6 Lawe, Bhethelehema lizwe lakoJuda, kawusuye omncinyane lakanye phakathi
kwababusi bakoJuda; ngoba kuzavela kuwe umbusi, ozakwelusa abantu bami
uIsrayeli.

7 Khona uHerodi, esezibizile izazi ensitha, wabuzisisa kuzo isikhathi
sokubonakala kwenkanyezi.

8 Wasezithuma eBhethelehema wathi: Hambani libuzisise ngomntwana;
kuzakuthi nxa limtholile, libike kimi, ukuze lami ngiye ngimkhonze.

9 Kwathi seziyizwile inkosi zasuka zahamba; njalo khangela, inkanyezi, ezayibona
empumalanga, yahamba phambi kwazo, yaze yafika yema phezu kwalapho usane
olwalukhona.

10 Zathi ukuyibona inkanyezi zathokoza ngentokozo enkulu kakhulu.

11 Zasezingena endlini, zabona usane kanye loMariya unina, zawela phansi
zalukhonza, zavula impahla zazo eziligugu zalukhunga ngezipho, igolide
lempepha lemure.

12 Kwathi sezilayiwe nguNkulunkulu ephutsheni ukuthi zingabuyeli kuHerodi,
zasuka zabuyela elizweni lakizo ngenye indlela.

Ukubalekela eGibhithe

13 Kwathi sezisukile, khangela, ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala kuJosefa ephutsheni,
isithi: Vuka uthathe usane lonina, ubusubalekela eGibhithe, ube khona ngize
ngikutshele; ngoba uHerodi uzaludinga usane, ukuze alubulale.

14 Wavuka-ke wathatha usane lonina ebusuku wasuka waya eGibhithe,

15 wasehlala khona kwaze kwaba yikufa kukaHerodi; ukuze kugcwaliswe
okwakhulunywa yiNkosi ngomprofethi isithi: Ngiyibizile indodana yami iphume
eGibhithe.

Ukubulawa kwabantwana beBhethelehema

16 Kwathi uHerodi, esebonile ukuthi uphicwe yizazi, wathukuthela kakhulu,
wathuma wabulala abantwana bonke ababeseBhethelehema lemingceleni yayo
yonke, kusukela eminyakeni emibili langaphansi, njengesikhathi abebuzisise
ngaso kuzazi.

17 Kwasekugcwaliseka okwakhulunywa nguJeremiya umprofethi, ukuthi:

18 Kwezwakala ilizwi eRama, ukukhala lokulila lokudabuka okukhulu, uRasheli
elilela abantwana bakhe, njalo engavumi ukududuzwa, ngoba bengasekho.

Ukubuyela elizweni lakoIsrayeli

19 Kodwa kwathi esefile uHerodi, khangela ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala
ephutsheni kuJosefa eGibhithe,

20 isithi: Vuka uthathe umntwana omncinyane lonina, ubususiya elizweni
lakoIsrayeli; ngoba sebefile ababedinga umphefumulo womntwana.

21 Wavuka-ke wathatha umntwana omncinyane lonina wasefika elizweni
lakoIsrayeli.

22 Kodwa esezwile ukuthi uAkelawu usebusa eJudiya esikhundleni sikaHerodi
uyise, wesaba ukuya khona; kodwa esexwayisiwe nguNkulunkulu ephutsheni,
wasuka waya kungxenye zeGalili,

23 wasefika wahlala emzini othiwa yiNazaretha; ukuze kugcwaliseke
okwakhulunywa ngabaprofethi ukuthi: Uzabizwa ngokuthi ngumNazaretha.

NGUMATHEWU 3

Ukutshumayela kukaJohane uMbhabhathizi

1Ngalezonsuku kwasekufika uJohane uMbhabhathizi, etshumayela enkangala
yeJudiya

2 esithi: Phendukani; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ususondele.

3 Ngoba nguye okwakhulunywa ngaye nguIsaya umprofethi, esithi: Ilizwi
lomemezayo enkangala, lithi: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi; qondisani indledlana
zayo.

4 Njalo uJohane lo wayelesembatho sakhe soboya bekamela, lozwezwe
lwesikhumba ekhalweni lwakhe; lokudla kwakhe kwakuzintethe loluju
lweganga.

5 Kwasekuphumela kuye iJerusalema leJudiya yonke lelizwe lonke elizingelezele
iJodani;

6 basebebhabhathizwa nguye eJodani bevuma izono zabo.

7 Kwathi ebona abanengi babaFarisi labaSadusi besiza ekubhabhathizeni
kwakhe, wathi kubo: Nzalo yezinyoka, ngubani olibonise ukubalekela ulaka
oluzayo?

8 Ngakho thelani izithelo ezifanele ukuphenduka;

9 njalo lingacabangi ukutsho phakathi kwenu lithi: SiloAbrahama ongubaba;
ngoba ngithi kini: UNkulunkulu ulamandla okumvusela uAbrahama abantwana
kulawa amatshe.

10 Lakhathesi ihloka selibekiwe empandeni zezihlahla; ngakho sonke isihlahla
esingatheli isithelo esihle siyaganyulwa siphoselwe emlilweni.

11 Mina ngilibhabhathiza ngamanzi kube sekuphendukeni; kodwa yena oza emva kwami ulamandla kulami, engingafanele ukuphatha amanyathela akhe; yena uzalibhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo;

12 okhomane lwakhe lokwela lusesandleni sakhe, njalo uzathanyelisisa isibuya sakhe, abesebuthela amabele akhe esiphaleni sakhe, kodwa amakhoba uzawatshisa ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo.

Ukubhabhathizwa kukaJesu

13 Khona uJesu evela eGalili wafika eJodani kuJohane, ukuze abhabhathizwe nguye.

14 Kodwa uJohane wayemalela esithi: Mina ngiswela ukubhabhathizwa nguwe, kanti wena uza kimi?

15 Kodwa uJesu ephendula wathi kuye: Vuma khathesi; ngoba kusifanele ukuthi sigcwalise ngokunjalo ukulunga konke. Wasemvumela.

16 UJesu esebhabhathiziwe wahle wakhuphuka emanzini; njalo khangela, amazulu amvulekela, wasebona uMoya kaNkulunkulu esehla kungathi lijuba esiza phezu kwakhe.

17 Njalo khangela, ilizwi livela emazulwini, lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo, engithokoza ngayo.

NGUMATHEWU 4

Ukulingwa kukaJesu

1Khona uJesu wakhokhelelwa nguMoya enkangala, ukuze alingwe ngudiyabhola.

2 Esezile ukudla insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, ekucineni walamba.

3 Kwasekusiza kuye umlingi wathi: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, tshono ukuthi lamatshe abe yizinkwa.

4 Kodwa yena waphendula wathi: Kulotshiwe ukuthi: Umuntu kayikuphila ngesinkwa sodwa, kodwa ngalo lonke ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni kaNkulunkulu.

5 Udiyabhola wasemthatha wamusa emzini ongcwele, wasemmisa engqongeni yethempeli,

6 wasesithi kuye: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziwisele phansi; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzalaya ingilosi zakhe ngawe, besezikuphatha ngezandla, hlezi loba nini ukhube unyawo lwakho elitsheni.

7 UJesu wathi kuye: Kulotshiwe futhi ukuthi: Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.

8 Udiyabhola wabuya wamusa entabeni ende kakhulu, wamtshengisa imibuso yonke yomhlaba lokukhazimula kwayo,

9 wathi kuye: Zonke lezizinto ngizakunika zona, uba uwela phansi ungikhonza.

10 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Suka, Sathane! Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzakhothamela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, njalo uzakhonza yona yodwa.

11 Udiyabhola wasemyekela; njalo khangela, kwafika ingilosi zasezimsebenzela.

UJesu uqala ukusebenza eGalili

12 Kwathi uJesu esezwile ukuthi uJohane unikelwe entolongweni, wasuka waya eGalili;

13 wasesuka eNazaretha, weza wahlala eKapenawume engaselwandle, emingceleni yakoZebuloni leyakoNafithali;

14 ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi uIsaya, ukuthi:

15 Ilizwe lakoZebuloni lelizwe lakoNafithali, endleleni yaselwandle, ngaphetsheya kweJodani, iGalili labezizwe,

16 abantu ababehlezi emnyameni babonile ukukhanya okukhulu, lababehlezi elizweni lethunzini lokufa ukukhanya kuphumele kubo.

UJesu uqala ukutshumayela

17 Kusukela kulesosikhathi uJesu waqala ukutshumayela lokuthi: Phendukani; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ususondele.

Ukubizwa kwabafundi bakuqala

18 Kwathi uJesu ehambahamba elwandle lweGalili wabona izelamani ezimbili, uSimoni othiwa nguPetro, loAndreya umfowabo, bephosela imbule olwandle; ngoba babengabagoli benhlanzi.

19 Wasesithi kubo: Ngilandelani, njalo ngizalenza libe ngabagoli babantu.

20 Bahle-ke batshiya amambule bamlandela.

21 Eseqhubeke esuka lapho, wabona ezinye izelamani ezimbili, uJakobe okaZebediya loJohane umfowabo, besemkhunjini kanye loZebediya uyise, belungisa amambule abo; wasebabiza.

22 Njalo bahle batshiya umkhumbi loyise bamlandela.

UJesu usebenza elizweni leGalili

23 UJesu wasebhoda iGalili yonke, efundisa emasinagogeni abo, etshumayela ivangeli lombuso, eselapha sonke isifo lobuthakathaka bonke ebantwini.

24 Indumela yakhe yasiphumela kuyo yonke iSiriya; basebeletha kuye bonke abagulayo, ababephethwe yizifo ngezifo lobuhlungu, lababengenwe ngamadimoni, lababelezithuthwane, lezigoga; wasebasilisa.

25 Amaxuku amanengi asemlandela evela eGalili leDikapolisi leJerusalema leJudiya langaphetsheya kweJodani.

NGUMATHEWU 5

Intshumayelo yentabeni

1 Kwathi ebona amaxuku wenyukela entabeni. Esehlezi phansi, abafundi bakhe beza kuye;

2 wasevula umlomo wakhe, wabafundisa, wathi:

Ababusisiweyo

3 Babusisiwe abayanga emoyeni; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ungowabo.

4 Babusisiwe abalilayo; ngoba bona bazaduduzwa.

5 Babusisiwe abamnene; ngoba bona bazakudla ilifa lomhlaba.

6 Babusisiwe abalambela labomela ukulunga; ngoba bona bazasuthiswa.

7 Babusisiwe abalesihawu; ngoba bona bazahawukelwa.

8 Babusisiwe abamhlophe ngenhliziyo; ngoba bona bazabona uNkulunkulu.

9 Babusisiwe abalamulayo; ngoba bona bazathiwa ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu.

10 Babusisiwe abazingelwayo ngenxa yokulunga; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ungowabo.

11 Lina libusisiwe, nxa belithuka belizingela, bekhuluma okubi konke bemelana lani beqamba amanga, ngenxa yami;

12 thokozani lithabe kakhulu, ngoba umvuzo wenu mkhulu emazulwini; ngoba ngokunjalo babazingela abaprofethi abalandulelayo.

Itshwayi lokukhanya emhlabeni

13 Lina lilitshwayi lomhlaba; kodwa uba itshwayi seliduma lizatshwaywa ngani? Kalisasizi lutho, ngaphandle kokulahlwa phandle beselinyathelwa ngabantu.

14 Lina liyikukhanya komhlaba; umuzi omiswe phezu kwentaba ungesitheke;

15 njalo kabalumathisi isibane basibeke ngaphansi kwesitsha, kodwa phezu kwesiqobane sesibane, besesibakhanyisela bonke abasendlini.

16 Ngokunjalo kakukhanye ukukhanya kwenu phambi kwabantu, ukuze babone imisebenzi yenu emihle, badumise uYihlo osemazulwini.

Umlayo omdala lomlayo kaJesu Kristu

17 Lingacabangi ukuthi ngize ukuchitha umlayo kumbe abaprofethi; angizanga ukuchitha kodwa ukugcwalisa.

18 Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kuze kudlule izulu lomhlaba, kakusoze kudlule ibadlana libe linye kumbe ichatshana libe linye lomlayo kuze kwenzeke konke.

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19 Ngakho owephula owodwa kulimilayo emincinyane, afundise abantu ngokunjalo, uzathiwa ngomncinyane embusweni wamazulu; kodwa oyenzayo ayifundise, lowo uzathiwa mkhulu embusweni wamazulu.

20 Ngoba ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi ukulunga kwenu kwedlule okwababhali lokwabaFarisi, kalisoze lingene embusweni wamazulu.

21 Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo: Ungabulali; laloba ngubani obulalayo, uzakuba lecala lokugwetshwa;

22 kodwa mina ngithi kini: Wonke othukuthelela umfowabo kungelasizatho uzakuba lecala lokugwetshwa; lotshoyo kumfowabo ukuthi: Siphukuphukundini! uzakuba lecala emphakathini; lotshoyo ukuthi: Sithuthandini! uzakuba lecala elokuya esihogweni somlilo.

23 Ngakho uba uletha umnikelo wakho elathini, ubusukhumbula ulapho ukuthi umfowenu ulolutho olumelana lawe,

24 tshiya lapho umnikelo wakho phambi kwelathi, uhambe, uqale ubuyisane lomfowenu, ubusuzonikela umnikelo wakho.

25 Phangisa uzwane laye omangalelane lawe usesendleleni laye, hlezi omangalelane lawe akunikele kumahluleli, futhi umahluleli akunikele epholiseni, ubusuphoselwa entolongweni.

26 Ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Kawusoze uphume khona, uze ubhadale indibilitshi yokucina.

27 Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo: Ungafebi.

28 Kodwa mina ngithi kini: Wonke okhangela owesifazana ukumkhanuka usefebile laye enhliziyweni yakhe.

29 Njalo uba ilihlo lakho lokunene likukhubekisa, likhuphe ulilahlele khatshana lawe; ngoba kungcono kuwe ukuthi kubhubhe sibe sinye sezitho zakho, lokuthi umzimba wakho wonke ungaphoselwa esihogweni.

30 Njalo uba isandla sakho sokunene sikukhubekisa, siqume usilahlele khatshana lawe; ngoba kungcono kuwe ukuthi kubhubhe sibe sinye sezitho zakho, lokuthi umzimba wakho wonke ungaphoselwa esihogweni.

31 Kwathiwa-ke: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe, kumele amnike incwadi yesehlukaniso;

32 kodwa mina ngithi kini: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe, ngaphandle kodaba lokufeba, umenza afebe, njalo loba ngubani omthathayo owaliweyo uyafeba.

33 Lizwile futhi ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo: Ungafungi amanga, kodwa gcwalisa izifungo zakho eNkosini.

34 Kodwa mina ngithi kini: Lingafungi lakanye; loba ngezulu, ngoba liyisihlalo
sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu;

35 loba ngomhlaba, ngoba uyisenabelo senyawo zakhe; loba ngeJerusalema,
ngoba ingumuzi weNkosi enkulu;

36 njalo ungafungi ngekhanda lakho, ngoba ungelwenze unwele lalunye lube
mhlophe kumbe lube mnyama.

37 Kodwa ilizwi lenu kalibe ngelokuthi: Yebo yebo, hatshi hatshi; kodwa okudlula
lokho kuvela komubi.

Ukuthanda izitha

38 Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa: Ilihlo ngelihlo, lezinyo ngezinyo;

39 kodwa mina ngithi kini: Lingamelani lobubi; kodwa loba ngubani okuwakala
esihlathini sokunene, mphendulele lesinye;

40 lalowo ofuna ukukumangalela lokuthatha isigqoko sakho, mtshiyele
lesembatho;

41 laloba ngubani okubamba ngamandla ukuthi uhambe imayili libe linye, hamba
laye abe mabili.

42 Mnike ocela kuwe; njalo ungamfulatheli ofisa ukweboleka kuwe.

43 Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho, njalo uzonde isitha
sakho;

44 kodwa mina ngithi kini: Thandani izitha zenu, libabusise abaliqalekisayo,
libaphathe kuhle abalizondayo, libakhulekele abaliphatha kubi, labalizingelayo;

45 ukuze libe ngabantwana bakaYihlo osemazulwini, ngoba yena uphumisa ilanga
lakhe phezu kwababi labahle, anise izulu phezu kwabalungileyo
labangalunganga.

46 Ngoba aluba lithanda labo abalithandayo, lilomvuzo bani? Kabenzi njalo
labathelisi yini?

47 Futhi uba libingelela abafowenu bodwa, lenzani okukhulu
okwedlula okwabanye? Kabenzi njalo labathelisi yini?

48 Ngakho lina banini ngabapheleleyo, njengoba uYihlo osemazulwini ephelele.

NGUMATHEWU 6

Intshumayelo yentabeni iyaqhubeka. Ukwenza ukulunga

1 Qaphelani ukuthi umsebenzi wenu womusa lingawenzi phambi kwabantu ukuze
libonwe yibo; nxa kungenjalo, alilamvuzo kuYihlo osemazulwini.

2 Ngakho nxa usenza umsebenzi womusa, ungakhalisi uphondo phambi kwakho,
njengokwenza kwabazenzisi emasinagogeni lezindleleni, ukuze badunyiswe
ngabantu; ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Sebewemukele umvuzo wabo.

3 Kodwa wena nxa usenza umsebenzi womusa isandla sakho sokhohlo
kasingakwazi esikwenzayo esokunene sakho,

4 ukuze umsebenzi wakho womusa ube sekusithekeni; njalo uYihlo obona
ekusithekeni, yena uzakuvuza obala.

5 Lalapho likhuleka, lingabi njengabazenzisi, ngoba bathanda ukukhuleka bemi
emasinagogeni lemahlanganweni endlela, ukuze babonwe ngabantu; ngiqinisile
ngithi kini: Sebewemukele umvuzo wabo.

6 Kodwa wena nxa ukhuleka, ngena endlini yakho yensitha, ubusuvala umnyango
wakho, ukhuleke kuYihlo osensitha; njalo uYihlo obona ekusithekeni uzakuvuza
obala.

7 Njalo uba likhuleka lingaphindaphindi njengabezizwe; ngoba bacabanga ukuthi
bazakuzwiwa ngokukhuluma kwabo okunengi.

8 Ngakho lingafanani labo; ngoba uYihlo uyakwazi elikuswelayo, lingakaceli kuye.

UJesu ufundisa ngokukhuleka

9 Ngakho lina khulekani ngokunje: Baba wethu osemazulwini, kalihlonitshwe
ibizo lakho;

10 umbuso wakho kawuze; intando yakho kayenziwe, lemhlabeni njengezulwini;

11 siphe lamuhla ukudla kwethu kwensuku zonke;

12 njalo usithethelele amacala ethu, njengalokhu lathi sibathethelela abalamacala
kithi;

13 njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usikhulule ebubini. Ngoba umbuso
ungowakho lamandla lenkazimulo kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.

14 Ngoba uba lithethelela abantu iziphambeko zabo, uYihlo osezulwini
uzalithethelela lani.

15 Kodwa uba lingathetheleli abantu iziphambeko zabo, loYihlo
kayikulithethelela iziphambeko zenu.

Ukuzila ukudla

16 Futhi nxa lizila ukudla, lingabi lobuso obudanileyo njengabazenzisi; ngoba
benyukumalisa ubuso babo, ukuze babonakale ebantwini ukuthi bazilile;
ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Sebewemukele umvuzo wabo.

17 Kodwa wena nxa uzila ukudla gcoba ikhanda lakho, ugeze ubuso bakho,

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18 ukuze ungabonakali ebantwini ukuthi uzilile ukudla, kodwa kuYihlo osekusithekeni; njalo uYihlo obona ekusithekeni uzakuvuza obala.

Inotho eqotho lokukhanya okuqotho

19 Lingazibekeli impahla eziligugu emhlabeni, lapho inundu lokuthomba okona khona, lalapho amasela afohlela khona ebe;

20 kodwa zibekeleni izinto eziligugu ezulwini, lapho inundu lokuthomba okungoni khona, lalapho amasela angafohleli khona ebe.

21 Ngoba lapho okukhona impahla yenu eligugu, lenhliziyo yenu izakuba lapho.

22 Isibane somzimba yilihlo; ngakho uba ilihlo lakho liphilile, umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ukukhanya;

23 kodwa uba ilihlo lakho lilibi, umzimba wakho wonke uzakuba lobumnyama. Ngakho uba ukukhanya okuphakathi kwakho kuyibumnyama, umnyama mkhulu kangakanani!

24 Kakho ongakhonza amakhosi amabili; ngoba uzazonda enye, athande enye; kumbe uzabambelela kwenye, adelele enye. Lingekhonze uNkulunkulu loMamona.

Ukukhathazeka, lokuthemba kuNkulunkulu

25 Ngakho ngithi kini: Lingaphisekeli impilo yenu, ukuthi lizakudlani lokuthi lizanathani; lomzimba wenu, ukuthi lizakwembathani. Impilo kayidluli yini ukudla, lomzimba izembatho?

26 Khangelani inyoni zezulu, ukuthi kazihlanyeli njalo kazivuni, kazibutheli eziphaleni; kanti uYihlo osezulwini uyazondla; lina kalizidluli kakhulu yini?

27 Njalo nguwuphi kini ngokuphisekela ongengezelela ingalo ibenye ebudeni bakhe?

28 Langezembatho liphisekelani? Qaphelisani imiduze yeganga, ukuthi ikhula njani; kayitshikatshiki, kayiphothi;

29 kodwa ngithi kini: LoSolomoni ebucwazicwazini bakhe bonke wayengembathiswanga njengomunye wayo.

30 Njalo uba uNkulunkulu esembathisa ngokunjalo utshani beganga, obukhona lamuhla, kuthi kusasa buphoswe eziko, kayikulembathisa kakhulu yini, lina abokholo oluncinyane?

31 Ngakho lingaphisekeli lutho, lisithi: Sizakudlani? Kumbe: Sizanathani? Loba: Sizakwembathani?

32 Ngoba zonke lezizinto izizwe ziyazidinga; ngoba uYihlo osezulwini uyazi ukuthi liyaziswela zonke lezizinto.

33 Kodwa dingani kuqala umbuso kaNkulunkulu lokulunga kwakhe, njalo zonke lezizinto zizakwengezelelwa kini.

34 Ngakho lingaphisekeli ikusasa; ngoba ikusasa izaziphisekela yona; bulwanele usuku obalo ububi.

NGUMATHEWU 7

Ukwehlulela abanye

1 Lingehluleli, ukuze lingehlulelwa,

2 ngoba lizakwahlulelwa ngokwehlulela elehlulela ngakho; langesilinganiso elilinganisa ngaso, lizalinganiselwa ngaso lani.

3 Kanti ukhangelelani ucezwana oluselihlweni lomfowenu, kodwa ungalunanzeleli ugodo olukwelakho ilihlo?

4 Kumbe ungatsho njani kumfowenu ukuthi: Kahle ngikhuphe ucezwana oluselihlweni lakho; khangela kanti ugodo luselihlweni lakho?

5 Mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe ugodo elihlweni lakho, khona-ke uzabona kuhle ukukhupha ucezwana elihlweni lomfowenu.

6 Linganiki izinja okungcwele; lingaphoseli amapharele enu phambi kwezingulube, hlezi ziwanyathele ngenyawo zazo, besezitshibilika ziliklebhule.

Ukucela kuNkulunkulu; ukuphathana

7 Celani, lizaphiwa; dingani, lizathola; qoqodani, lizavulelwa.

8 Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyemukela, lodingayo uyathola, loqoqodayo uzavulelwa.

9 Kumbe nguwuphi kini ongathi, nxa indodana yakhe icela isinkwa, ayinike ilitshe?

10 Uba-ke icela inhlanzi, ayinike inyoka yini?

11 Ngakho uba lina, elingababi, likwazi ukupha abantwana benu izipho ezinhle, uYihlo osemazulwini uzabapha kakhulu kangakanani izinto ezinhle abacela kuye?

12 Ngakho konke elithanda ukuthi abantu bakwenze kini, kwenzeni lani ngokunjalo kubo; ngoba lokhu kungumlayo labaprofethi.

Lokho okuqinisekileyo lalokho okungaqinisekanga

13 Ngenani ngesango elincinyane; ngoba isango likhulu, lendlela ibanzi eya ekubhujisweni, njalo banengi abangena ngalo;

14 ngoba isango lincinyane, lendlela ilukhonjwana eya empilweni, njalo balutshwana abayitholayo.

15 Kodwa nanzelelani abaprofethi bamanga, abeza kini bembathise okwezimvu, kodwa ngaphakathi bazimpisi eziphangayo.

16 Lizabazi ngezithelo zabo; bayazikha yini izithelo zevini emeveni, kumbe imikhiwa ekhuleni oluhlabayo?

17 Ngokunjalo sonke isihlahla esihle siyathela izithelo ezinhle; kodwa isihlahla esibi siyathela izithelo ezimbi;

18 isihlahla esihle singethele izithelo ezimbi, lesihlahla esibi singethele izithelo ezinhle.

19 Sonke isihlahla esingatheli isithelo esihle siyaganyulwa siphoselwe emlilweni.

20 Ngakho-ke lizabazi ngezithelo zabo.

21 Kakusibo bonke abatshoyo kimi ukuthi: Nkosi, Nkosi, abazangena embusweni wamazulu; kodwa lowo oyenzayo intando kaBaba osemazulwini.

22 Abanengi bazakuthi kimi ngalolosuku: Nkosi, Nkosi, kasiprofethanga yini ngelakho ibizo, sakhupha amadimoni ngelakho ibizo, senza imisebenzi elamandla eminengi ngelakho ibizo?

23 Njalo khona ngizakutsho obala kubo ukuthi: Angizanga ngilazi; sukani kimi lina benzi bobubi.

Umfanekiso wezindlu ezimbili

24 Ngakho wonke owezwayo la amazwi ami njalo awenze, ngizamfananisa lendoda ehlakaniphileyo, eyakha indlu yayo phezu kwedwala;

25 laselisina izulu, kwasekufika impophoma, kwasekuvunguza imimoya yayitshaya leyondlu; kodwa kayiwanga; ngoba yayisekelwe phezu kwedwala.

26 Njalo wonke owezwayo la amazwi ami njalo angawenzi, uzafananiswa lendoda eyisithutha, eyakha indlu yayo phezu kwetshebetshebe;

27 laselisina izulu, kwasekufika impophoma, kwasekuvunguza imimoya yayitshaya leyondlu; yawa; kwaba kukhulu ukuwa kwayo.

28 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile lawomazwi amaxuku ababaza ngemfundiso yakhe;

29 ngoba wabafundisa njengolamandla, njalo kungenjengababhali.

NGUMATHEWU 8

UJesu usilisa umlephero

1Kwathi esehlile entabeni, amlandela amaxuku amakhulu;

2 njalo khangela, umlephero weza wamkhonza wathi: Nkosi, aluba uthanda ungangihlambulula.

3 UJesu waseselula isandla, wamthinta, wathi: Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka. Njalo
ubulephero bakhe bahle bahlanjululwa.

4 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Khangela ungatsheli muntu; kodwa hamba, uziveze
kumpristi, unikele umnikelo uMozisi awulayayo, kube yibufakazi kubo.

Ukusiliswa kwenceku yenduna

5 Kwathi uJesu esengenile eKapenawume, kweza kuye induna yekhulu imncenga,

6 yasisithi: Nkosi, inceku yami ilele endlini iyisigoga, isebuhlungwini obukhulu.

7 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Mina ngizakuza ngiyisilise.

8 Induna yekhulu yasiphendula yathi: Nkosi, kangifanele ukuthi ungene
ngaphansi kophahla lwami; kodwa kuphela khuluma ilizwi, njalo inceku yami
izasiliswa.

9 Ngoba lami ngingumuntu ongaphansi kwamandla, ngilamabutho ngaphansi
kwami; njalo ngithi kuleli: Hamba, beselihamba; lakwelinye: Woza, beselisiza;
lencekwini yami: Yenza lokhu, njalo ikwenze.

10 Kwathi uJesu esezwile wamangala, wathi kwabalandelayo: Ngiqinisile ngithi
kini: Angitholanga ukholo olungaka ngitsho lakoIsrayeli.

11 Njalo ngithi kini: Abanengi bazakuza bevela empumalanga lentshonalanga,
bahlale loAbrahama loIsaka loJakobe, embusweni wamazulu;

12 kodwa abantwana bombuso bazaphoselwa emnyameni ongaphandle; lapha
kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.

13 UJesu wasesithi enduneni yekhulu: Hamba, futhi kakube kuwe njengoba
ukholiwe. Inceku yakhe yasisiliswa ngalelohola.

Uninazala kaPetro labanye abagulayo bayasiliswa

14 Kwathi uJesu engene endlini kaPetro, wabona uninazala elele njalo ebulawa
luqhuqho.

15 Wasebamba isandla sakhe, njalo uqhuqho lwamyekela; wasesukuma,
wabancedisa.

16 Kwathi sekuhlwile baletha kuye abanengi ababengenwe ngamadimoni;
wasekhupha omoya ngelizwi, wasilisa bonke abagulayo;

17 ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa nguIsaya umprofethi ukuthi: Yena
wathatha ubuthakathaka bethu, wazithwala izifo zethu.

Ukumlandela uJesu

18 Kwathi uJesu ebona amaxuku amakhulu emhanqile, walaya ukuthi bachaphele
ngaphetsheya.

19 Kwasekusondela umbhali othile wathi kuye: Mfundisi, ngizakulandela loba
kungaphi lapho oya khona.

20 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Amakhanka alemilindi, lenyoni zezulu izidleke; kodwa
iNdodana yomuntu kayila lapho engaqamelisa ikhanda khona.

21 Omunye wabafundi bakhe wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, ngivumela ukuthi ngiqale
ngiyengcwaba ubaba.

22 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Ngilandela, uyekele abafileyo bangcwabe ababo
abafileyo.

Ukuthuliswa kwesiphepho

23 Kwathi esengenile emkhunjini, abafundi bakhe bamlandela.

24 Njalo khangela, kwavuka isiphepho esikhulu olwandle, okungangokuthi
umkhumbi wagutshuzelwa ngamagagasi; kodwa yena wayelele.

25 Basebesondela abafundi bakhe bamvusa, besithi: Nkosi, sisindise, siyabhubha!

26 Wasesithi kubo: Lesabelani, lina abokholo oluncinyane? Wasesukuma
wakhuza imimoya lolwandle; kwasekusiba khona ukuthula okukhulu.

27 Kodwa abantu bamangala, besithi: Ngonjani lo, ukuthi lemimoya lolwandle
kumlalele?

Ukukhutshwa kwabomoya ababi

28 Kwathi esefikile ngaphetsheya elizweni lamaGergesi, bamhlangabeza
ababili ababengenwe ngamadimoni bephuma emangcwabeni, belolaka kakhulu,
okungangokuthi kwakungekho odlula ngaleyondlela;

29 njalo khangela, bamemeza besithi: Silani lawe, Jesu Ndodana kaNkulunkulu?
Uze lapha yini ukusihlupha kungakafiki isikhathi?

30 Kwakukhona khatshana labo umhlambi wengulube ezinengi usidla.

31 Amadimoni asemncenga, esithi: Uba usikhupha, sivumela ukuthi sihambe
singene emhlanjini wengulube.

32 Wasesithi kuwo: Hambani. Esephumile angena emhlanjini wengulube; futhi
khangela, umhlambi wonke wengulube waphaphatheka eliweni usiya olwandle,
wafela emanzini.

33 Abazelusayo basebebaleka, basebesiya emzini babika konke,
lezindaba zababengenwe ngamadimoni.

34 Njalo khangela, umuzi wonke waphuma ukumhlangabeza uJesu; bathi
bembona, bancenga ukuthi asuke emikhawulweni yakibo.

NGUMATHEWU 9

UJesu usilisa umuntu oyisigoga

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1Wasengena emkhunjini wachapha wafika emzini wakibo.

2 Futhi khangela, baletha kuye umuntu oyisigoga elele ehlakeni; uJesu ebona-ke ukholo lwabo wathi koyisigoga: Mana isibindi, mntwana; uthethelelwe izono zakho.

3 Njalo khangela, abanye bababhali bakhulumela ngaphakathi bathi: Lo uyahlambaza.

4 Njalo uJesu ebona imicabango yabo wathi: Linakanelani okubi enhliziyweni zenu?

5 Ngoba yikuphi okulula, ukuthi: Uthethelelwe izono zakho; kumbe ukuthi: Sukuma uhambe?

6 Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu ilamandla emhlabeni okuthethelela izono (wasesithi koyisigoga): Sukuma uthathe uhlaka lwakho, uye endlini yakho.

7 Wasesukuma waya endlini yakhe.

8 Kwathi amaxuku esebonile, amangala, adumisa uNkulunkulu, onike abantu amandla anje.

Ukubizwa kukaMathewu

9 Esedlula lapho uJesu wabona umuntu, othiwa nguMathewu, ehlezi endlini yokuthelisela, wathi kuye: Ngilandela. Wasesukuma wamlandela.

10 Kwasekusithi ehlezi ekudleni endlini, khangela-ke, abathelisi abanengi lezoni beza bahlala ekudleni loJesu labafundi bakhe.

11 AbaFarisi sebebonile bathi kubafundi bakhe: Kungani umfundisi wenu esidla labathelisi lezoni?

12 Kwathi uJesu esizwa wathi kubo: Abaphilileyo kabadingi melaphi, kodwa abagulayo.

13 Kodwa hambani lifunde ukuthi kutshoni ukuthi: Ngifuna isihawu, njalo hatshi umhlatshelo; ngoba angizanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni zize ekuphendukeni.

Ukuzila ukudla

14 Khona kwafika kuye abafundi bakaJohane, besithi: Kungani thina labaFarisi sizila ukudla kanengi, kodwa abafundi bakho bengazili ukudla?

15 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Abantwana bendlu yomthimba bangalila yini, selokhu umyeni elabo? Kodwa zizafika insuku lapho umyeni ezasuswa kubo; khona-ke bezazila ukudla.

16 Futhi kakho obekela isichibi selembu elingakafinyeli esembathweni esidala; ngoba lokho okubekelwe kuso kuzadabuka esembathweni, besesiqhela isikhala.

17 Njalo kabatheli iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala; uba-ke kungenjalo imigodla iyadabuka, lewayini lichitheke, lemigodla yonakale; kodwa iwayini elitsha balifaka emigodleni emitsha, besekulondolozeka kokubili.

Indodakazi kaJayirosi ivuswa ekufeni. Owesifazana owayelomopho uyasiliswa

18 Kwathi esakhuluma lezizinto kubo, khangela, kwafika umphathi othile waguqa phambi kwakhe, wathi: Indodakazi yami isanda ukufa; kodwa woza ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwayo, njalo izaphila.

19 Wasesukuma uJesu wamlandela, labafundi bakhe.

20 Njalo khangela, owesifazana owayelomopho okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, wasondela ngemuva kwakhe, wathinta umphetho wesembatho sakhe.

21 Ngoba wathi ngaphakathi kwakhe: Aluba ngithinta nje isembatho sakhe, ngizasindiswa.

22 Kodwa uJesu etshibilika embona, wathi: Mana isibindi, ndodakazi; ukholo lwakho lukusindisile. Owesifazana wasesila kusukela ngalelohola.

23 UJesu wasefika endlini yomphathi, wabona abakhalisa imihlanga lexuku liphithizela,

24 wathi kubo: Dedani; ngoba intombazana kayifanga, kodwa ilele. Basebemhleka usulu.

25 Kodwa ixuku selikhutshiwe, wangena wabamba isandla sayo, intombazana yasivuka.

26 Indumela yalokho yasiphumela kulelolizwe lonke.

UJesu uhawukela iziphofu lesimungulu labakhathazekileyo

27 Kwathi uJesu esedlula lapho, iziphofu ezimbili zamlandela, zimemeza zisithi: Sihawukele, Ndodana kaDavida!

28 Esengenile endlini, iziphofu zeza kuye; uJesu wasesithi kuzo: Liyakholwa yini ukuthi ngingakwenza lokhu? Zathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi.

29 Wasethinta amehlo azo, wathi: Akwenzeke kini njengokholo lwenu.

30 Asevulwa amehlo azo; uJesu wasezilayisisa kakhulu wathi: Qaphelani, kakungabi lamuntu okwaziyo.

31 Kodwa zaphuma zaxoxa ngaye kulo lonke lelolizwe.

32 Kwathi ekuphumeni kwazo, khangela, baletha kuye umuntu oyisimungulu owayengenwe lidimoni;

33 kwathi idimoni selikhutshiwe, isimungulu sakhuluma; amaxuku asemangala, athi: Kakuzanga kubonwe okunje koIsrayeli.

34 Kodwa abaFarisi bathi: Ukhupha amadimoni ngenkosi yamadimoni.

35 UJesu wasebhoda emizini yonke lemizaneni, efundisa emasinagogeni abo, etshumayela ivangeli lombuso,eselapha sonke isifo lobuthakathaka bonke ebantwini.

36 Kwathi ebona amaxuku, waba lesihelo ngawo, ngoba ayekhathele ehlakazekile njengezimvu ezingelamelusi.

37 Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Isibili isivuno sikhulu, kodwa izisebenzi zinlutshwana;

38 ngakho ncengani iNkosi yesivuno, ukuze ithume izisebenzi esivunweni sayo.

NGUMATHEWU 10

UJesu ubiza abaphostoli bakhe abalitshumi lambili

1Wasebizela kuye abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili, wabanika amandla phezu kwabomoya abangcolileyo, ukuthi babakhuphe, lokuthi belaphe sonke isifo lobuthakathaka bonke.

2 Njalo amabizo abaphostoli abalitshumi lambili yiwo la: Owokuqala nguSimoni othiwa nguPetro, loAndreya umfowabo; uJakobe okaZebediya, loJohane umfowabo;

3 uFiliphu, loBartolomewu; uTomasi, loMathewu umthelisi; uJakobe okaAlfewu, loLabewu othiwa njalo nguTadewu;

4 uSimoni umKhanani, loJudasi Iskariyothi yena futhi owamnikelayo.

Ukuthunywa kwabaphostoli

5 Laba abalitshumi lambili uJesu wabathuma, wabalaya, esithi: Lingahambi ngendlela yabezizwe, lingangeni emzini wamaSamariya;

6 kodwa yanini ikakhulu ezimvini ezilahlekileyo zendlu kaIsrayeli.

7 Futhi ekuhambeni kwenu tshumayelani, lisithi: Umbuso wamazulu usondele.

8 Silisani abagulayo, lihlambulule amalephero, livuse abafileyo, likhuphe amadimoni. Lemukeliswe ngesihle, phanini ngesihle.

9 Lingazithatheli igolide, loba isiliva, loba ithusi emixhakeni yenu,

10 loba isikhwama sendlela, loba izigqoko ezimbili, loba amanyathela, loba udondolo; ngoba isisebenzi sifanele ukudla kwaso.

11 Lakuwuphi umuzi kumbe umzana elingena kuwo, buzani ukuthi ngubani ofaneleyo kuwo; lihlale khona, lize lisuke.

12 Njalo nxa lingena endlini, liyibingelele.

13 Njalo uba indlu ifanele, ukuthula kwenu kakube phezu kwayo; kodwa uba ingafanele, ukuthula kwenu kakubuyele kini.

14 Njalo loba ngubani ongalemukeliyo kumbe ongalaleli amazwi enu, nxa liphuma
kuleyondlu kumbe kulowomuzi, thintithani uthuli lwenyawo zenu.

15 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kuzakuba ngcono kulizwe leSodoma leleGomora
ngosuku lwesigwebo, kulakulowomuzi.

Abaphostoli bazahlutshwa

16 Khangelani, mina ngiyalithuma njengezimvu phakathi kwezimpisi; ngakho
hlakaniphani njengezinyoka, libe msulwa njengamajuba.

17 Kodwa limukani abantu; ngoba bazalinikela emiphakathini, balitshaye
ngesiswepu emasinagogeni abo;

18 njalo lizalethwa laphambi kwababusi lamakhosi ngenxa yami, kube yibufakazi
kubo lakwabezizwe.

19 Kodwa nxa belinikela, lingakhathaleli ukuthi lizakhuluma njani kumbe into
bani; ngoba lizanikwa ngalelohola lokho elizakukhuluma;

20 ngoba kakusini elikhulumayo, kodwa nguMoya kaYihlo okhuluma phakathi
kwenu.

21 Futhi umfowabo uzanikela umfowabo ekufeni, loyise umntwana; labantwana
bazavukela abazali, bababulale.

22 Njalo lizazondwa yibo bonke ngenxa yebizo lami; kodwa ophikelelayo kuze
kube sekupheleni, nguye ozasindiswa.

23 Kodwa nxa belizingela kulo umuzi, balekelani komunye; ngoba ngiqinisile
ngithi kini: Kaliyikuqeda imizi yonke yakoIsrayeli, kuze kufike iNdodana
yomuntu.

24 Umfundi kaphezu komfundisi, lenceku kayiphezu kwenkosi yayo.

25 Kumanele umfundi ukuthi abe njengomfundisi wakhe, lenceku njengenkosi
yayo. Aluba bebizile umninindlungokuthi nguBhelezebhule, kakhulu
kangakanani labo abendlu yakhe?

UJesu uxwayisa abafundi bakhe

26 Ngakho lingabesabi; ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo, okungayikubonakaliswa;
lokuthukuziweyo, okungayikwaziwa.

27 Lokho engikutsho kini emnyameni, kukhulumeni ekukhanyeni; lalokho
elikuzwa endlebeni, kumemezeleni phezu kwezimpahla.

28 Njalo lingabesabi ababulala umzimba, kodwa bengelamandla okubulala
umphefumulo; kodwa mesabeni kakhulu olamandla okubhubhisa kokubili
umphefumulo lomzimba esihogweni.

29 Kazithengiswa yini intaka ezimbili ngendibilitshi? Kodwa kakuyikuwa
emhlabathini lanye yazo, ngaphandle kukaYihlo.

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30 Kodwa lezenu inwele zekhanda zibaliwe zonke.

31 Ngakho lingesabi; lina liyazidlula intaka ezinengi.

32 Ngakho wonke ozangivuma phambi kwabantu, lami ngizamvuma phambi kukaBaba osemazulwini.

33 Kodwa loba ngubani ongiphika phambi kwabantu, lami ngizamphika phambi kukaBaba osemazulwini.

Izibonakaliso zezikhathi

34 Lingacabangi ukuthi ngize ukuletha ukuthula emhlabeni; angizanga ukuletha ukuthula, kodwa inkemba.

35 Ngoba ngize ukwehlukanisa umuntu loyise, lendodakazi lonina, lomalokazana loninazala;

36 lezitha zomuntu ngabendlu yakhe.

37 Othanda uyise kumbe unina kulami kangifanele; lothanda indodana kumbe indodakazi kulami kangifanele;

38 longathathi isiphambano sakhe njalo angilandele, kangifanele.

39 Lowo othola impilo yakhe uzalahlekelwa yiyo; lolahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayithola.

40 Owemukela lina wemukela mina; lowemukela mina wemukela ongithumileyo.

41 Owemukela umprofethi ebizweni lomprofethi uzazuza umvuzo womprofethi; lowemukela olungileyo ebizweni lolungileyo uzazuza umvuzo wolungileyo.

42 Njalo loba ngubani ozanathisa omunye walababancinyane inkezo nje yamanzi aqandayo ebizweni lomfundi, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kasoze alahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe.

NGUMATHEWU 11

1Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile ukulaya abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili, wasuka lapho ukuyafundisa lokutshumayela emizini yabo.

Ukufakaza kukaJesu kubafundi bakaJohane lakubantu

2 Kwathi uJohane esentolongweni esezwile imisebenzi kaKristu, wathuma ababili babafundi bakhe,

3 wathi kuye: Wena unguye ozayo yini, kumbe silindele omunye?

4 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Hambani limtshele uJohane izinto elizizwayo lelizibonayo:

5 Iziphofu zibuye zibone, leziqhuli ziyahamba, amalephero ayahlanjululwa, lezacuthe ziyezwa, abafileyo bayavuswa, labayanga bayatshunyayezwa ivangeli;

6 njalo ubusisiwe loba ngubani ongakhubekiyo ngami.

7 Kwathi bona besuka uJesu waqala ukukhuluma emaxukwini ngoJohane wathi: Laphuma laya enkangala ukuyabonani? Umhlanga onyikinywa ngumoya yini?

8 Kanti laphumela ukuyabonani? Umuntu owembethe izembatho ezibuthakathaka yini? Khangelani, abembethe ezibuthakathaka basezindlini zamakhosi.

9 Pho laphumela ukuyabonani? Umprofethi yini? Yebo, ngithi kini: Loba owedlula umprofethi;

10 ngoba lo nguye okulotshwe ngaye ukuthi: Khangela, mina ngiyathuma isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho.

11 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakuvelanga phakathi kwabazelwe ngabesifazana omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhabhathizi. Kodwa omncinyane embusweni wamazulu mkhulu kulaye.

12 Njalo kusukela ensukwini zikaJohane uMbhabhathizi kuze kube khathesi umbuso wamazulu uphathwa ngodlakela, labalodlakela bawuthatha ngamandla.

13 Ngoba abaprofethi bonke lomlayo baprofetha kwaze kwaba nguJohane;

14 njalo uba livuma ukukwemukela, lo unguElija obezakuza.

15 Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe.

16 Kodwa ngizasifananisa lani lesisizukulwana? Sifanana labantwana abahlezi emamakethe, bememeza kubangane babo,

17 besithi: Salitshayela umhlanga, kodwa kalisinanga; salililela, kodwa kalikhalanga.

18 Ngoba uJohane wafika engadli enganathi, basebesithi: Uledimoni.

19 INdodana yomuntu yafika isidla inatha, basebesithi: Khangelani, umuntu oligovu lesinathi sewayini, umngane wabathelisi lezoni. Kodwa inhlakanipho ithiwa ilungile ngabantwana bayo.

Ukusolwa kwemizi engaphendukanga

20 Waseqala ukusola imizi okwakwenziwe phakathi kwayo ubunengi bemisebenzi yakhe yamandla, ngoba ingaphendukanga, wathi:

21 Maye kuwe, Korazini! Maye kuwe, Bhethisayida! Ngoba uba kwakwenziwe eTire leSidoni imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kini, ngabe kade baphenduka emasakeni lemlotheni.

22 Kodwa ngithi kini: Kuzakuba ngcono eTire leSidoni ngosuku lwesigwebo kulakini.

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23 Lawe, Kapenawume, ophakanyiselwe ezulwini, uzaphoselwa phansi esihogweni; ngoba uba yayenziwe eSodoma imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kuwe, ngabe isekhona kuze kube lamuhla.

24 Kodwa ngithi kini: Kuzakuba ngcono kulizwe leSodoma ngosuku lwesigwebo, kulakuwe.

UJesu udumisa uYise; unxusa abahluphekileyo beze kuye

25 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu waphendula wathi: Ngiyakubonga, Baba, Nkosi yezulu lomhlaba, ngoba uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labaqedisisayo, kodwa wazembulela izingane;

26 yebo Baba, ngoba ngokunjalo kwaba kuhle phambi kwakho.

27 Konke kwanikelwa kimi nguBaba; njalo kakho oyaziyo iNdodana, ngaphandle kukaYise; kakho futhi omaziyo uYise ngaphandle kweNdodana, njalo loba ngubani iNdodana ethanda ukumembulela.

28 Wozani kimi lonke elikhatheleyo lelisindiweyo, njalo mina ngizaliphumuza.

29 Thathani ijogwe lami lilibeke phezu kwenu lifunde kimi, ngoba ngimnene ngithobekile enhliziyweni; njalo lizathola ukuphumula emiphefumulweni yenu;

30 ngoba ijogwe lami libutshelezi, lomthwalo wami ulula.

NGUMATHEWU 12

UJesu uchasisa umlayo wesabatha

1Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wadabula emasimini amabele ngesabatha; futhi abafundi bakhe babelambile, baqala ukukha izikhwebu, badla.

2 Kodwa abaFarisi bekubona bathi kuye: Khangela, abafundi bakho benza okungavunyelwanga ukwenziwa ngesabatha.

3 Kodwa wathi kubo: Kalifundanga yini uDavida akwenzayo, mhla elambile yena lababelaye;

4 ukuthi wangena njani endlini kaNkulunkulu, wadla izinkwa zokubukiswa, ayengavunyelwa ukuzidla, ngitsho lababelaye, ngaphandle kwabapristi bodwa?

5 Ingabe kalifundanga yini emlayweni, ukuthi ngamasabatha abapristi bayalona isabatha ethempelini, bangabi lacala?

6 Kodwa ngithi kini: Kukhona lapha omkhulu kulethempeli.

7 Kodwa aluba belisazi ukuthi kutshoni ukuthi: Ngifisa isihawu hatshi umhlatshelo, ngabe kalibalahlanga abangelacala.

8 Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu iyiNkosi leyesabatha.

UJesu usilisa ngesabatha

9 Futhi wasuka lapho wangena esinagogeni labo;

10 njalo khangela, kwakukhona umuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo; basebembuza besithi: Kuvunyelwe yini ukusilisa ngamasabatha? ukuze bambeke icala.

11 Kodwa wathi kubo: Nguwuphi umuntu phakathi kwenu, elemvu eyodwa, futhi uba yona iwele emgodini ngesabatha, ongayikuyibamba ayikhuphule?

12 Umuntu uyedlula-ke kangakanani imvu! Ngakho kuvunyelwe ukwenza okuhle ngamasabatha.

13 Wasesithi kumuntu: Yelula isandla sakho. Waseselula, sasesisiliswa saphila njengesinye.

Inceku ekhethiweyo

14 Basebephuma abaFarisi becebisana ngaye, ukuthi bangambulala njani.

15 Kodwa uJesu esekwazi wasuka lapho; amaxuku amakhulu asemlandela, wasebasilisa bonke.

16 Wasebalayisisa ukuthi bangamvezi;

17 ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa nguIsaya umprofethi, ukuthi:

18 Khangela, inceku yami engiyikhethileyo; othandekayo wami othokoza ngaye umphefumulo wami; ngizabeka uMoya wami phezu kwakhe, njalo uzatshumayela ukwahlulela kwabezizwe.

19 Kayikubangisa, kayikumemeza, njalo kakho ozalizwa ilizwi lakhe ezindleleni.

20 Umhlanga ofecekileyo kayikuwephula, lentambo yesibane ethunqayo kayikuyicitsha, aze aphumelelise ukwahlulela ekunqobeni.

21 Lezizwe zizathemba ebizweni lakhe.

Isono sokuhlambaza

22 Kwasekulethwa kuye ongenwe lidimoni, eyisiphofu lesimungulu; wasemsilisa, kwaze kwathi isiphofuesiyisimungulu sakhuluma njalo sabona.

23 Asemangala amaxuku wonke athi: Lo kayisiyo yini iNdodana kaDavida?

24 Kodwa abaFarisi sebezwile bathi: Lumuntu kakhuphi amadimoni, ngaphandle ngoBhelezebhule inkosi yamadimoni.

25 Kodwa uJesu, eseyazi imicabango yabo, wathi kubo: Wonke umbuso owehlukene umelene lawo ngokwawo uyachitheka; lawo wonke umuzi kumbe indlu eyehlukene imelene layo ngokwayo ingeze yema.

26 Njalo uba uSathane ekhupha uSathane, wehlukene emelene laye ngokwakhe; pho umbuso wakhe uzakuma njani?

27 Futhi uba mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule, amadodana enu akhupha ngobani? Ngakho wona azakuba ngabagwebi benu.

28 Kodwa uba mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu, umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini.

29 Kumbe umuntu angangena njani endlini yesiqhwaga aphange impahla yaso, ngaphandle kokuthi asibophe kuqala isiqhwaga? Abesephanga-ke indlu yaso.

30 Ongelami, umelene lami, longabuthi lami, uyachithiza.

31 Ngakho ngithi kini: Abantu bazathethelelwa sonke isono lokuhlambaza; kodwa ukuhlambaza uMoya kakuyikuthethelelwa abantu.

32 Lalowo okhuluma ilizwi elimelana leNdodana yomuntu, uzathethelelwa; kodwa lowo okhuluma emelana loMoya oyiNgcwele, kayikuthethelelwa, kungeyisikho kulesisikhathi loba kwesizayo.

33 Loba yenzani isihlahla sibe ngesilungileyo, lesithelo saso sibe ngesilungileyo, kumbe lenze isihlahla sibe sibi, lesithelo saso sibe sibi, ngoba isihlahla saziwa ngesithelo.

34 Nzalo yezinyoka, lingakhuluma njani izinto ezinhle, libabi? Ngoba umlomo ukhuluma ngokugcwala kwenhliziyo.

35 Umuntu olungileyo ukhupha izinto ezilungileyo kokuligugu elilungileyo lenhliziyo; lomuntu omubi ukhupha izinto ezimbi kokuligugu elibi.

36 Kodwa ngithi kini: Lonke ilizwi eliyize abalikhulumayo abantu, bazaziphendulela ngalo ngosuku lokwahlulela.

37 Ngoba ngamazwi akho uzalungisiswa, langamazwi akho uzalahlwa.

Abafuna isibonakaliso

38 Abanye bababhali labaFarisi basebephendula, bathi: Mfundisi, sifuna ukubona isibonakaliso esivela kuwe.

39 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Isizukulwana esibi lesifebayo sidinga isibonakaliso; kodwa kasiyikunikwa isibonakaliso, ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona umprofethi.

40 Ngoba njengalokhu uJona waba sesiswini sensikabayitshiye insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu, ngokunjalo iNdodana yomuntu izakuba semathunjini omhlaba insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu.

41 Amadoda eNineve azasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lalesisizukulwana, asilahle; ngoba aphenduka ngokutshumayela kukaJona; njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloJona ulapha.

42 Indlovukazi yeningizimu izasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lalesisizukulwana, isilahle; ngoba yavela emikhawulweni yomhlaba ukuzakuzwa inhlakanipho kaSolomoni; njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloSolomoni ulapha.

Ukuphenduka okungaphelelanga

43 Kodwa nxa umoya ongcolileyo esephumile emuntwini, uyahamba adabule indawo ezomileyo, edinga ukuphumula, kodwa engakutholi.

44 Abesesithi: Ngizabuyela endlini yami engaphuma kuyo; njalo esefikile ayifice ize, ithanyelwe, njalo ilungisiwe.

45 Abesehamba athathe kanye laye abanye omoya abayisikhombisa ababi kulaye uqobo, besebengena bahlale khona; njalo ukucina kwalowomuntu kube kubi kulokuqala. Kuzakuba njalo lakulesisizukulwana esibi.

Izihlobo zikaJesu eziyizo

46 Kwathi esakhuluma emaxukwini, khangela, unina labafowabo bema ngaphandle, bedinga ukukhuluma laye.

47 Omunye wasesithi kuye: Khangela, unyoko labafowenu bemi phandle, badinga ukukhuluma lawe.

48 Kodwa waphendula wathi komtshelileyo: Ngubani umama? Labafowethu ngobani?

49 Waseselulela isandla sakhe kubafundi bakhe wathi: Khangelani, umama labafowethu.

50 Ngoba loba ngubani owenza intando kaBaba osemazulwini, nguye ongumfowethu lodadewethu lomama.

NGUMATHEWU 13

Umfanekiso womhlanyeli

1Kwathi ngalolosuku uJesu waphuma endlini wahlala phansi elwandle.

2 Kwasekubuthana kuye amaxuku amakhulu, waze wangena emkhunjini wahlala phansi; lexuku lonke lema ekhunjini.

3 Wasekhuluma labo izinto ezinengi ngemifanekiso, wathi: Khangelani, kwaphuma umhlanyeli ukuyahlanyela.

4 Kwathi ekuhlanyeleni kwakhe, enye inhlanyelo yawela eceleni kwendlela; kwasekufika inyoni, zayidla zayiqeda.

5 Kodwa enye yawela emhlabathini olamatshe, lapho eyayingelamhlabathi omnengi khona; futhi yahle yamila, ngoba kwakungelakutshona komhlabathi;

6 kwathi ekuphumeni kwelanga yahangulwa; njalo ngoba yayingelampande yabuna.

7 Kodwa enye yawela emeveni; ameva asekhula ayiminyanisa.

8 Kodwa enye yawela emhlabathini omuhle, yathela isithelo, enye ikhulu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye amatshumi amathathu.

9 Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe.

Umsebenzi wemifanekiso

10 Kwasekufika abafundi bathi kuye: Ukhulumelani kubo ngemifanekiso?

11 Wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngoba kuphiwe kini ukwazi imfihlo zombuso wamazulu, kodwa bona kabakunikwanga.

12 Ngoba loba ngubani olakho uzaphiwa, abe lokwengezelelweyo; kodwa lowo ongelakho, uzakwemukwalalokho alakho.

13 Ngakho ngikhuluma labo ngemifanekiso, ngoba bebona kababoni, njalo besizwa kabezwa, futhi kabaqedisisi.

14 Kubo besekugcwaliseka isiprofetho sikaIsaya, esithi: Ukuzwa lizakuzwa, kodwa kalisoze liqedisise; lokubona lizabona, kodwa kalisoze libonisise;

15 ngoba inhliziyo yalababantu seyaba lukhuni, njalo bezwa kanzima ngendlebe, lamehlo abo bawacimezile; hlezi loba nini babone ngamehlo, njalo bezwe ngendlebe, futhi baqedisise ngenhliziyo, njalo baphenduke, besengibasilisa.

16 Kodwa abusisiwe amehlo enu, ngoba ayabona; lendlebe zenu, ngoba ziyezwa.

17 Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Abaprofethi abanengi labalungileyo babethanda ukubona izinto elizibonayo, kodwa kabazibonanga; lokuzwa izinto elizizwayo kodwa kabazizwanga.

Ukuchasiswa komfanekiso womhlanyeli

18 Ngakho lina zwanini umfanekiso womhlanyeli.

19 Kuthi wonke ozwayo ilizwi lombuso kodwa engaqedisisi, omubi afike, ahluthune okuhlanyelwe enhliziyweni yakhe. Lo nguye ohlanyelwe eceleni kwendlela.

20 Kodwa ohlanyelwe emhlabathini olamatshe, nguye olizwayo ilizwi, ahle alemukele ngentokozo;

21 kodwa kalampande phakathi kwakhe, kodwa uhlala isikhathi; kuthi sekufika inkathazo kumbe ukuzingelwa ngenxa yelizwi, ahle akhubeke.

22 Lohlanyelwe emeveni, nguye olizwayo ilizwi, kodwa impisekelo yalumhlaba lenkohliso yenotho kuyaliminyanisa ilizwi, futhi lingatheli isithelo.

23 Kodwa ohlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle, nguye olizwayo ilizwi aliqedisise; athele izithelo, aveze, omunye ikhulu, lomunye amatshumi ayisithupha, lomunye amatshumi amathathu.

Umfanekiso womfaba, lowemasitedi, lowemvubelo

24 Wabeka phambi kwabo omunye umfanekiso, esithi: Umbuso wamazulu
ufananiswa lomuntu owahlanyela inhlanyelo enhle ensimini yakhe.

25 Kodwa abantu besalele, kwafika isitha sakhe sahlanyela umfaba phakathi
kwamabele, sahamba.

26 Kodwa kwathi selumilile usungulo lwathela isithelo, lomfaba wasubonakala.

27 Zasezisondela inceku zomninimuzi zathi kuye: Nkosi, kawuhlanyelanga yini
inhlanyelo enhle ensimini yakho? Pho iwuthethe ngaphi umfaba?

28 Wasesithi kuzo: Umuntu oyisitha ukwenzile lokhu. Inceku zasezisithi kuye:
Uthanda ukuthi siyewubutha yini?

29 Kodwa wathi: Hatshi, hlezi, ekubutheni kwenu umfaba, lisiphune amabele
kanye lawo.

30 Yekelani kukhule kokubili ndawonye kuze kube yisivuno; langesikhathi
sokuvuna ngizakuthi kwabavunayo: Buthani kuqala umfaba, liwubophe
izinyanda ukuze liwutshise; kodwa amabele liwabuthele esiphaleni sami.

31 Wasebabekela omunye umfanekiso, esithi: Umbuso wamazulu unjengohlamvu
lwemasitedi, aluthatha umuntu waluhlanyela ensimini yakhe;

32 lona kambe luncinyane kulazo zonke inhlamvu; kodwa nxa selukhulile, lukhulu
kulezilimo, njalo luba yisihlahla, kuze kufike inyoni zezulu, zakhele engatsheni
zaso.

33 Wabatshela omunye umfanekiso, wathi: Umbuso wamazulu unjengemvubelo,
ayithathayo owesifazana wayifaka emagokokweni amathathu empuphu, kwaze
kwabila konke.

34 Lezizinto zonke uJesu wazikhuluma emaxukwini ngemifanekiso, futhi
ngaphandle komfanekiso kakhulumanga kubo;

35 ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi, esithi: Ngizavula umlomo
wami ngemifanekiso, ngizaveza izinto ezifihlakeleyo kusukela ekusekelweni
komhlaba.

36 Kwathi uJesu esewayekele amaxuku ahamba wangena endlini; basebesondela
kuye abafundi bakhe, besithi: Sichasisele umfanekiso womfaba ensimini.

37 Wasephendula wathi kibo: Ohlanyela inhlanyelo enhle yiNdodana yomuntu;

38 lensimu ngumhlaba; lenhlanyelo enhle, yona ingabantwana bombuso; kodwa
umfaba ungabantwana bomubi;

39 lesitha esawuhlanyelayo ngudiyabhola; lesivuno siyikuphela kwesikhathi;
labavunayo bazingilosi.

40 Ngakho-ke njengalokhu umfaba uyabuthwa utshiswe emlilweni, kuzakuba njalo ekupheleni kwalesisikhathi.

41 INdodana yomuntu izathuma ingilosi zayo, besezibutha zikhuphe embusweni wayo konke okukhubekisayo lalabo abenza okubi,

42 besezibaphosela esithandweni somlilo; lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.

43 Khona abalungileyo bezakhanya njengelanga embusweni kaYise. Olendlebe zokuzwa akezwe.

Umfanekiso wenotho, lowamangqongqo aligugu lowembule

44 Futhi umbuso wamazulu unjengempahla eligugu efihliweyo ensimini, okuthi umuntu eseyificile wayifihla; entokozweni yakhe uyahamba, athengise konke alakho, athenge leyonsimu.

45 Futhi umbuso wamazulu unjengomuntu ongumthengi odinga amapharele amahle;

46 esethole elinye ipharele eliligugu kakhulu, wasuka wathengisa konke alakho, walithenga.

47 Futhi umbuso wamazulu unjengembule elaphoswa olwandle, laselibutha zonke inhlobo;

48 lona, lithe seligcwele, balidonsela ekhunjini, bahlala phansi, babuthela ezilungileyo ezitsheni, kodwa ezimbi bazilahlela ngaphandle.

49 Kuzakuba njalo ekupheleni kwesikhathi; ingilosi zizaphuma, zehlukanise ababi zibasuse phakathi kwabalungileyo,

50 besezibaphosela esithandweni somlilo; lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.

51 UJesu wathi kubo: Seliziqedisisile zonke lezizinto yini? Bathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi.

52 Wasesithi kubo: Ngakho wonke umbhali ofundiselwe umbuso wamazulu unjengomuntu ongumninimuzi, okhupha empahleni yakhe eligugu okutsha lokudala.

UJesu udelelwa emzini wakibo

53 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile limifanekiso, wasuka lapho.

54 Wathi esefikile emzini wakibo wabafundisa esinagogeni labo, baze bamangala bathi: Ivela ngaphi kuyenalo linhlakanipho lalimisebenzi yamandla?

55 Lo kayisiyo yini indodana yombazi? Unina kathiwa nguMariya yini, labafowabo oJakobe loJose loSimoni loJudasi?

56 Labodadewabo kabakho yini bonke kithi? Pho, zivela ngaphi zonke lezizinto kuye?

57 Basebekhubeka ngaye. Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Umprofethi kasweli ukudunyiswa ngaphandle kwelizweni lakibo lendlini yakwabo.

58 Njalo kenzanga lapho imisebenzi yamandla eminengi, ngenxa yokungakholwa kwabo.

NGUMATHEWU 14

Ukubulawa kukaJohane uMbhabhathizi

1 Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi umtetrarki wezwa indumela kaJesu,

2 wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Lo nguJohane uMbhabhathizi; yena uvukile kwabafileyo, kungakho-ke imisebenzi yamandla isebenza kuye.

3 Ngoba uHerodi wayembambile uJohane wambopha wamfaka entolongweni, ngenxa kaHerodiyasi umkaFiliphu umfowabo;

4 ngoba uJohane wayethe kuye: Kawuvunyelwa ukuba laye.

5 Njalo efuna ukumbulala, wesaba ixuku, ngoba lalimphatha njengomprofethi.

6 Kodwa kwathi kugcinwa usuku lokuzalwa kukaHerodi, indodakazi kaHerodiyasi yagida phakathi kwabo, yamthokozisa uHerodi.

7 Ngakho wathembisa ngesifungo ukuyinika loba yini ezayicela.

8 Kodwa yona, isilayiwe ngunina, yathi: Ngiphe lapha emganwini ikhanda likaJohane uMbhabhathizi.

9 Inkosi yasisiba losizi, kodwa ngenxa yezifungo langalabo ababehlezi layo ekudleni yalaya ukuthi inikwe.

10 Yasithuma yamquma uJohane ikhanda entolongweni.

11 Ikhanda lakhe laselilethwa ngomganu, lanikwa intombi; yona yasilisa kunina.

12 Kwasekusiza abafundi bakhe bathatha isidumbu, basingcwaba; basebesuka bambikela uJesu.

UJesu usuthisa amadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu

13 UJesu esezwile wasuka lapho ngomkhumbi waya endaweni eyinkangala eyedwa; kodwa amaxuku ekuzwa amlandela ngenyawo evela emizini.

14 UJesu esephumile wabona ixuku elikhulu, waba lesihelo ngabo, wasilisa abagulayo babo.

15 Kwathi sekuhlwile abafundi bakhe beza kuye, bathi: Lindawo iyinkangala, lesikhathi sesihambile; liyekele ixuku lihambe, ukuze baye emizaneni bazithengele ukudla.

16 Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Kakuswelekanga ukuthi bahambe; banikeni lina ukuthi badle.

17 Kodwa bathi kuye: Kasila lapha ngaphandle kwezinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili.

18 Wasesithi: Zileteni lapha kimi.

19 Waselaya amaxuku ukuthi ahlale phansi etshanini, wathatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, wakhangela phezulu ezulwini, wazibusisa, esezihlephule wabanika abafundi izinkwa, labafundi bapha amaxuku.

20 Basebesidla bonke, basutha; badobha imvuthu ezazisele, izitsha ezigcweleyo ezilitshumi lambili.

21 Lalabo abasebedlile babengamadoda angaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu, ngaphandle kwabesifazana labantwana.

UJesu uhamba phezu kolwandle

22 Njalo uJesu wahle wacindezela abafundi bakhe ukuthi bangene emkhunjini, njalo bamqalele ukuya ngaphetsheya, esayekela amaxuku ahambe.

23 Kwathi eseyekele amaxuku ahamba, wenyukela entabeni eyedwa ukuze akhuleke; kwathi sekuhlwile, wayeyedwa lapho.

24 Kodwa umkhumbi wawusuphakathi kolwandle, utshukunyiswa ngamagagasi; ngoba umoya wawuphambenelabo.

25 Kwathi ngesikhathi somlindo wesine wobusuku uJesu weza kubo, ehamba phezu kolwandle.

26 Kodwa kwathi abafundi bembona ehamba phezu kolwandle bethuka, bathi: Lithonga. Basebekhala ngokwesaba.

27 Kodwa uJesu wahle wakhuluma labo, wathi: Manini isibindi; yimi; lingesabi.

28 UPetro wasemphendula wathi: Nkosi, uba kunguwe, ngilaya ukuthi ngize kuwe phezu kwamanzi.

29 Wasesithi: Woza. UPetro wasesehla emkhunjini wahamba phezu kwamanzi, ukuze aye kuJesu.

30 Kodwa ebona umoya olamandla wesaba; wathi eseqala ukutshona wakhala, wathi: Nkosi, ngisindisa!

31 Njalo uJesu wahle welula isandla, wambamba, wathi kuye: Wena olokukholwa okuncinyane, uthandabuzelani?

32 Sebengenile emkhunjini, umoya wathula.

33 Abasemkhunjini basebesiza bamkhonza bathi: Ngeqiniso wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

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UJesu usilisa elizweni leGenesaretha

34 Kwathi sebechaphile bafika elizweni leGenesaretha.

35 Esemazi amadoda akuleyondawo athumela ilizwi kuso sonke lesosigaba esizingelezeleyo, aletha kuye bonke abagulayo.

36 Basebemncenga, ukuthi bathinte nje umphetho wesembatho sakhe; njalo bonke abathintayo basiliswa.

NGUMATHEWU 15

AbaFarisi lababhali basolwa ngenxa yezimiso zabo

1 Kwasekufika kuJesu ababhali labaFarisi ababevela eJerusalema, bathi:

2 Kungani abafundi bakho besephula isiko labadala? Ngoba kabagezi izandla zabo, nxa besidla isinkwa.

3 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Lani-ke kungani lisephula umlayo kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yesiko lenu?

4 Ngoba uNkulunkulu walaya, wathi: Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko; lokuthi: Othuka uyise kumbe unina kumele afe lokufa;

5 kodwa lina lithi: Loba ngubani othi kuyise kumbe kunina: Kungumnikelo, loba yini evela kimi ingakusiza,

6 njalo engasoze amhloniphe uyise kumbe unina; ngalokho lenza umlayo kaNkulunkulu ube yize ngenxa yesiko lenu.

7 Bazenzisi, uIsaya waprofetha kuhle ngani, esithi:

8 Lababantu basondela kimi ngomlomo wabo, langendebe bangidumise; kodwa inhliziyo yabo ikhatshana lami.

9 Kodwa bangikhonza ngeze, befundisa izimfundiso eziyimilayo yabantu.

10 Esebizele kuye ixuku, wathi kilo: Lalelani futhi liqedisise.

11 Kakusikho okungena emlonyeni okungcolisa umuntu; kodwa okuphuma emlonyeni, yikho okungcolisa umuntu.

12 Abafundi bakhe basebesondela bathi kuye: Uyazi yini ukuthi abaFarisi bathe ukulizwa lelilizwi bakhubeka?

13 Kodwa waphendula wathi: Sonke isihlahlakazana, uBaba osezulwini angasihlanyelanga, sizasitshunwa.

14 Bayekeleni; bangabakhokheli beziphofu abayiziphofu; njalo nxa isiphofu sikhokhela isiphofu, zizawela emgodini zombili.

15 UPetro wasephendula wathi kuye: Sichasisele lumfanekiso.

16 UJesu wasesithi: Kanti lani lisengabangelakuqedisisa?

17 Lilokhe lingaqedisisi yini, ukuthi konke okungena emlonyeni kuya esiswini,
futhi kuyelahlelwa ngaphandle?

18 Kodwa izinto eziphuma emlonyeni zivela enhliziyweni; lezi ziyamngcolisa
umuntu.

19 Ngoba enhliziyweni kuvela imicabango emibi, ukubulala, ubufebe, ukuphinga,
ukweba, ukufakaza amanga, ukuhlambaza;

20 yizo lezozinto ezimngcolisayo umuntu; kodwa ukudla ngezandla
ezingagezwanga kakumngcolisi umuntu.

Owesifazana weKhanani

21 UJesu wasesuka lapho, waya kungxenye zeTire lezeSidoni.

22 Njalo khangela, owesifazana ongumKhanani ovela kuleyomikhawulo, wakhala
kuye esithi: Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, akungihawukele! Indodakazi yami
ihlaselwe kubi lidimoni.

23 Kodwa kamphendulanga ngalizwi. Basebesondela kuye abafundi bakhe
bamncenga, bathi: Mxotshe, ngoba uyakhala ngemva kwethu.

24 Kodwa waphendula wathi: Kangithunywanga, ngaphandle kuzo izimvu
ezilahlekileyo zendlu yakoIsrayeli.

25 Kodwa weza wamkhonza wathi: Nkosi, ngisize.

26 Kodwa waphendula wathi: Kakukuhle ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana,
lokusiphosela izinjana.

27 Kodwa yena wathi: Yebo, Nkosi, kodwa lezinjana ziyadla okwemvuthuluka
eziwa etafuleni labaninizo.

28 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: O mama, lukhulu ukholo lwakho! Kakube
kuwe njengokuthanda kwakho. Indodakazi yakhe yasisila kusukela kulelohola.

UJesu usilisa izigulane

29 UJesu wasesuka lapho weza eduzane kolwandle lweGalili; wenyukela entabeni
wahlala phansi khona.

30 Kwasekusiza kuye amaxuku amakhulu, beleziqhuli, iziphofu, izimungulu,
izingini, labanye abanengi, basebebaphosela enyaweni zikaJesu, wasebasilisa;

31 aze amangala amaxuku, ebona izimungulu zikhuluma, izingini ziphilile, iziqhuli
zihamba, leziphofu zibona; basebemdumisa uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

UJesu usuthisa amadoda azinkulungwane ezine

32 UJesu wasebizela kuye abafundi bakhe wathi: Ngilesihelo ngexuku, ngoba
sebelami insuku ezintathu, bengelalutho lokudla; njalo kangithandi ukuthi
ngibayekele bahambe bengadlanga, hlezi bayathe endleleni.

33 Abafundi bakhe basebesithi kuye: Sizazuza ngaphi enkangala izinkwa ezinengi
kangaka, ukuthi zisuthise ixuku elikhulu kangaka?

34 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Basebesithi: Eziyisikhombisa,
lenhlanzana ezinlutshwana.

35 Waselaya amaxuku ukuthi ahlale phansi emhlabathini.

36 Wasethatha izinkwa eziyisikhombisa lenhlanzi, esebongile wazihlephula,
wazinika abafundi bakhe, labafundi ixuku.

37 Basebesidla bonke basutha; basebedobha imvuthu ezazisele, izitsha
eziyisikhombisa zigcwele.

38 Lalabo abadlayo babengamadoda azinkulungwane ezine, ngaphandle
kwabesifazana labantwana.

39 Eseyekele amaxuku ahamba wangena emkhunjini, weza emikhawulweni
yeMagadala.

NGUMATHEWU 16

Abafuna isibonakaliso

1 AbaFarisi labaSadusi basebesiza bacela kuye ukuthi abatshengise isibonakaliso
esivela ezulwini bemlinga.

2 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Kusihlwa lithi: Umkhathi muhle; ngoba
isibhakabhaka sibomvu;

3 lekuseni lithi: Umkhathi mubi lamuhla; ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu
sinyukubele. Bazenzisi, liyakwazi ukwehlukanisa umumo wesibhakabhaka;
kodwa izibonakaliso zezikhathi lingeke yini?

4 Isizukulwana esibi lesifebayo sidinga isibonakaliso; kodwa kasiyikunikwa
isibonakaliso, ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona umprofethi. Wasebatshiya,
wahamba.

UJesu ukhuza abafundi ngokungaqedisisi kwabo

5 Sebefikile ngaphetsheya abafundi bakhe babekhohliwe ukuthatha izinkwa.

6 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Nanzelelani liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi.

7 Basebezindlisana besithi: Ngoba singathathanga izinkwa.

8 UJesu esekwazi wathi kubo: Lina abokholo oluncinyane, kungani lizindlisana
ngokuthi alithathanga izinkwa?

9 Kalikaqedisisi yini, futhi kalikhumbuli izinkwa ezinhlanu zenkulungwane
ezinhlanu, lokuthi labutha izitsha ezingaki?

10 Futhi lezinkwa eziyisikhombisa zenkulungwane ezine, lokuthi labutha izitsha
ezingaki?

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11 Kaliqedisisi njani, ukuthi bekungemayelana lesinkwa ebengikukhuluma
kini ukuthi liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi?

12 Basebeqedisisa ukuthi katshongo ukuthi baqaphele imvubelo yezinkwa,
kodwa imfundiso yabaFarisi labaSadusi.

Isivumo sokholo sikaPetro

13 Kwathi uJesu esefikile kungxenye zeKesariya yeFiliphu wababuza abafundi
bakhe, esithi: Abantu bathi, mina, iNdodana yomuntu, ngingubani?

14 Basebesithi: Abanye bathi: NguJohane uMbhabhathizi; labanye bathi: NguElija;
labanye bathi: NguJeremiya, kumbe ngomunye wabaprofethi.

15 Wathi kubo: Lina-ke lithi ngingubani?

16 USimoni Petro wasephendula wathi: Wena unguKristu,
iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo.

17 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: Ubusisiwe, Simoni ndodana kaJona, ngoba
inyama legazikakukwembulelanga lokhu, kodwa uBaba osemazulwini.

18 Lami-ke ngiyakutshela, ukuthi wena unguPetro; laphezu kwalelidwala
ngizalakha ibandla lami, lamasango esihogo kawayikulehlula.

19 Futhi ngizakunika izihluthulelo zombuso wamazulu; njalo loba yini
ozayibopha emhlabeni, izakuba ibotshiwe emazulwini; njalo loba yini
ozayithukulula emhlabeni, izakuba ithukululwe emazulwini.

20 Wasebalayisisa abafundi ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ukuthi yena unguJesu
onguKristu.

UJesu ukhuluma ngokuhlupheka kwakhe

21 Kusukela kulesosikhathi uJesu waqala ukubatshengisa abafundi bakhe ukuthi
umele ukuya eJerusalema, njalo ahlupheke okunengi ngabadala labapristi
abakhulu lababhali, abulawe, avuswe ngosuku lwesithathu.

22 UPetro wasesiya laye eceleni waqala ukumkhuza esithi: Kakungabi kuwe,
Nkosi; lokhu kakusoze kwenziwa kuwe.

23 Kodwa yena watshibilika wathi kuPetro: Suka ngemva kwami, Sathane,
uyisikhubekiso kimi; ngoba kawucabangi izinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa
ezabantu.

Ukuhlutshwa kukaJesu lokwabamlandelayo

24 UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuza ngemva kwami,
kazidele, athathe isiphambano sakhe, angilandele.

25 Ngoba loba ngubani othanda ukusindisa impilo yakhe izamlahlekela; kodwa
loba ngubani olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayithola;

26 ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu nxa ezuza umhlaba wonke, kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe? Kumbe umuntu uzanikani kube lihlawulo lomphefumulo wakhe?

27 Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu izakuza ngenkazimulo kaYise kanye lengilosi zayo, khona izavuza ngulowo lalowo njengokwenza kwakhe.

28 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Bakhona abanye kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze bezwe ukufa, baze bayibone iNdodana yomuntu isiza embusweni wayo.

NGUMATHEWU 17

Ukukhazimuliswa kukaJesu entabeni

1Lemva kwensuku eziyisithupha uJesu wathatha uPetro loJakobe loJohane umfowabo, wasekhwela labo entabeni ende bebodwa.

2 Waseguqulwa isimo phambi kwabo, njalo ubuso bakhe bakhanya njengelanga, lezembatho zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya.

3 Futhi khangela, kwasekubonakala kubo uMozisi loElija, bekhuluma laye.

4 UPetro wasephendula wathi kuJesu: Nkosi, kuhle ukuthi sibe lapha. Uba uthanda, asakhe lapha amadumba amathathu, elinye ngelakho, lelinye ngelikaMozisi, lelinye ngelikaElija.

5 Kwathi esakhuluma, khangela, iyezi elikhanyayo labasibekela; futhi khangela, ilizwi laphuma eyezini, lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo, engithokoza ngayo; zwanini yona.

6 Sebezwile abafundi, bawa phansi ngobuso babo, besaba kakhulu.

7 Kodwa uJesu weza wabathinta wathi: Sukumani lingesabi.

8 Sebephakamisile amehlo abo, kababonanga muntu, ngaphandle kukaJesu yedwa.

9 Sebesehla entabeni, uJesu wabalaya, wathi: Lingatsheli muntu lowombono, ize ivuke kwabafileyo iNdodana yomuntu.

10 Abafundi bakhe basebembuza bathi: Pho batsholoni ababhali ukuthi uElija ufanele ukufika kuqala?

11 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: UElija uzafika kuqala isibili, uzabuyisela zonke izinto;

12 kodwa ngitsho kini ukuthi uElija sewafika, kodwa kabamazanga, kodwa benza kuye konke ababekuthanda; ngokunjalo leNdodana yomuntu izahlutshwa yibo.

13 Abafundi basebeqedisisa ukuthi wakhuluma labo ngoJohane uMbhabhathizi.

Ukusiliswa komfana owayelesithuthwane

14 Kwathi sebefikile exukwini, kweza kuye umuntu waguqa phambi kwakhe wathi:

15 Nkosi, akuhawukele indodana yami, ngoba ilesithuthwane iyahlupheka kakhulu; ngoba iwele kanengi emlilweni, futhi kanengi emanzini.

16 Njalo ngiyilethe kubafundi bakho, kodwa bebengelakho ukuyisilisa.

17 UJesu wasephendula wathi: O sizukulwana esingelakholo lesonakeleyo, koze kube nini ngizakuba lani? Koze kube nini ngizalibekezelela? Mletheni kimi lapha.

18 UJesu waselikhuza, idimoni laseliphuma kuyo, umntwana wasesila kusukela kulelohola.

19 Abafundi basebesiza kuJesu bebodwa bathi: Kungani thina sehlulekile ukulikhupha?

20 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Kungenxa yokungakholwa kwenu. Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Aluba lilokholoolunjengohlamvu lwemasitedi, lizakuthi kulintaba: Suka lapha uye laphaya; njalo izasuka; futhi kaliyikwehlulwa lutho.

21 Kodwa loluhlobo kaluphumi ngaphandle kwangomkhuleko langokuzila ukudla.

UJesu uphinda akhulume ngokuhlupheka kwakhe

22 Besahlezi eGalili, uJesu wathi kubo: INdodana yomuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu,

23 njalo bazayibulala, kodwa ngosuku lwesithathu izavuswa. Basebedabuka kakhulu.

UJesu uthela umthelo

24 Kwathi sebefikile eKapenawume, abemukela umthelo beza kuPetro bathi: Umfundisi wenu katheli yini?

25 Wathi: Yebo. Esengenile endlini, uJesu wamandulela wathi: Ucabangani, Simoni? Amakhosi omhlaba emukela kubani imfanelo kumbe imithelo? Kumadodana abo yini, kumbe kwabezizwe?

26 UPetro wathi kuye: Kwabezizwe. UJesu wathi kuye: Ngakho-ke amadodana akhululekile.

27 Kodwa-ke ukuze singabakhubekisi, hamba uye elwandle uphose ingwegwe, uthathe inhlanzi ezaphuma kuqala; kuzakuthi usuvule umlomo wayo uzathola imali; uyithathe ubanike ibe ngeyami leyakho.

NGUMATHEWU 18

UJesu ufundisa ngokuthobeka langezikhubekiso

1Ngalesosikhathi abafundi beza kuJesu, bathi: Kanti ngubani omkhulu embusweni wamazulu?

2 UJesu wasebizela kuye umntwana omncane wammisa phakathi kwabo,

3 wathi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi liphenduke libe njengabantwana abancane, kalisoze lingene embusweni wamazulu.

4 Ngakho lowo ozazithoba njengalumntwana omncane, nguye omkhulu embusweni wamazulu.

5 Njalo loba ngubani owemukela abe munye umntwana omncane onje ebizweni lami, wemukela mina.

6 Kodwa loba ngubani okhubekisa omunye walaba abancinyane abakholwa kimi, kungakuhle kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola elikhulu lilengiswe entanyeni yakhe, abesetshoniswa enzikini yolwandle.

7 Maye kuwo umhlaba ngenxa yezikhubekiso! Ngoba izikhubekiso zimele ukufika; kodwa maye kulowomuntu, esifika ngaye isikhubekiso!

8 Njalo uba isandla sakho kumbe unyawo lwakho kukukhubekisa, kuqume ukulahlele khatshana lawe; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyingini kumbe uyisiqhwala, kulokuthi ulezandla ezimbili kumbe inyawo ezimbili uphoselwe emlilweni olaphakade.

9 Futhi uba ilihlo lakho likukhubekisa, likhuphe ulilahlele khatshana lawe; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni ulelihlo elilodwa, kulokuthi ulamehlo amabili uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo.

10 Qaphelani lingadeleli omunye walaba abancinyane, ngoba ngithi kini: Emazulwini ingilosi zabo zihlala zibona ubuso bukaBaba osemazulwini.

11 Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu ize ukusindisa okwakulahlekile.

Imvu elahlekileyo

12 Licabangani? Uba umuntu othile elezimvu ezilikhulu, besekulahleka enye yazo, kazitshiyi yini ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye, ahambe ezintabeni ukuyadinga elahlekileyo?

13 Futhi uba kungenzakala ukuthi ayithole, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Uthokoza ngayo kakhulu kulalezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye ezingalahlekanga.

14 Ngokunjalo kayisiyo intando kaYihlo osemazulwini ukuthi kubhubhe abe munye walaba abancinyane.

Ukuphathwa kwabenza okubi

15 Kodwa nxa umfowenu ekona, hamba umsole phakathi kwakho laye lilodwa. Uba ekuzwa, umzuzile umfowenu;

16 kodwa uba engakuzwa, thatha abe munye kumbe babe babili kanye lawe futhi, ukuze lonke ilizwi liqiniswe ngomlomo wabafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu;

17 njalo nxa esala ukubezwa bona, tshela ibandla; uba esala ukuzwa lalo ibandla, kabe njengowezizwe lomthelisi kuwe.

18 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Konke elizakubopha emhlabeni, kuzakuba kubotshiwe ezulwini; njalo konke elizakukhulula emhlabeni, kuzakuba kukhululiwe ezulwini.

Ukukhuleka kwabahlanganyelayo

19 Njalo ngithi kini: Uba ababili benu bevumelana emhlabeni loba ngaluphi ulutho abalucelayo, bazalwenzelwanguBaba osemazulwini.

20 Ngoba lapho ababili kumbe abathathu ababuthene khona ebizweni lami, ngikhona lapho phakathi kwabo.

Umfanekiso wenceku engelasihawu

21 UPetro wasemsondelela wathi: Nkosi, umfowethu uzangona kangaki, njalo ngimthethelela? Kuze kube kasikhombisa yini?

22 UJesu wathi kuye: Kangitsho kuwe ukuthi kuze kube kasikhombisa, kodwa kuze kube ngamatshumi ayisikhombisa aphindwe kasikhombisa.

23 Ngakho umbuso wamazulu ufananiswa lomuntu oyinkosi, owayethanda ukulandiselana lenceku zakhe.

24 Kwathi eseqalile ukulandisa, kwalethwa kuye enye elomlandu kuyo wamathalenta azinkulungwane ezilitshumi.

25 Kodwa njengoba yayingelalutho lokuhlawula, inkosi yayo yalaya ukuthi ithengiswe, lomkayo labantwana bayo, lakho konke elakho, besekuhlawulwa.

26 Ngakho inceku yawa phansi imkhothamela, yathi: Nkosi, ngibekezelela, futhi ngizakuhlawula konke.

27 Inkosi yaleyonceku yasisiba lesihelo yayikhulula, yayixolela umlandu.

28 Kodwa yaphuma leyonceku yathola omunye oyinceku kanye layo, olomlandu kuyo wabodenariyo abalikhulu, yambamba yamkhama, yathi: Ngihlawula okufaneleyo.

29 Ngakho oyinceku kanye layo wawa phansi ezinyaweni zayo wayincenga, wathi: Ungibekezelele, futhi ngizakuhlawula konke.

30 Kodwa yona kayivumanga, kodwa yasuka yayiphosela entolongweni, ize iwuhlawule umlandu.

31 Kwathi abayizinceku kanye layo bebona izinto ezazenzakele badabuka kakhulu; beza babikela inkosi yabo konke okwakwenzekile.

32 Inkosi yayo yasiyibizela kiyo yathi kiyo: Wena nceku embi, ngakuxolela wonke lowomlandu, ngoba wangincenga;

33 ngabe lawe kawumhawukelanga yini omunye oyinceku kanye lawe, njengoba lami ngakuhawukela?

34 Inkosi yayo yasithukuthela yayinikela kubahlukuluzi, ize ihlawule konke okufaneleyo kuyo.

35 Uzakwenza njalo kini laye uBaba osezulwini, uba lingathetheleli lowo lalowo umfowenu iziphambeko zabo ngenhliziyo zenu.

NGUMATHEWU 19

Ukuhlalisana kwabathatheneyo

1Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile lawomazwi, wasuka eGalili, weza emikhawulweni yeJudiya ngaphetsheya kweJodani.

2 Amaxuku amakhulu asemlandela, wasewasilisa lapho.

3 Basebesiza kuye abaFarisi bemlinga, bathi kuye: Kuvunyelwe yini endodeni ukuthi yale umkayo ngaso sonke isizatho?

4 Wasephendula wathi kubo: Kalifundanga yini ukuthi owabadabula kusukela ekuqaleni wabenza owesilisa lowesifazana?

5 Wasesithi: Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina, inamathele kumkayo; labo ababili bazakuba nyamanye.

6 Ngakho kabasebabili, kodwa sebenyamanye. Ngakho lokho uNkulunkulu akuhlanganisileyo kakungabi lamuntu okwehlukanisayo.

7 Bathi kuye: Pho uMozisi walayelani ukunika incwadi yesehlukaniso, lokumala?

8 Wathi kubo: Ngenxa yobulukhuni benhliziyo zenu uMozisi walivumela ukwala omkenu; kodwa kusukela ekuqaleni kwakungenjalo.

9 Kodwa ngithi kini: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe, ngaphandle kokufeba, abesethatha omunye, uyafeba; futhi othatha owaliweyo uyafeba.

10 Abafundi bathi kuye: Uba udaba lomuntu lomfazi lunjalo, akusizi ukuthatha.

11 Kodwa wathi kubo: Kakusibo bonke abangalemukela lelilizwi, ngaphandle kwabakunikiweyo.

12 Ngoba kukhona abathenwa, abazalwa benjalo kusukela esiswini sikanina; njalo kukhona abathenwa, abathenwa ngabantu; kukhona futhi abathenwa, abazithenileyo ngenxa yombuso wamazulu. Lowo ongakwemukela lokhokakwamukele.

Ukubusiswa kwabantwana abancane

13 Khona kwalethwa kuye abantwana abancane, ukuze abeke izandla zakhe phezu kwabo, akhuleke; kodwa abafundi babakhuza.

14 Kodwa uJesu wathi: Vumelani abantwana abancane, lingabenqabeli ukuza kimi; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ungowabanje.

15 Wasebeka izandla phezu kwabo, wasuka lapho.

Ijaha elinothileyo

16 Njalo khangela, kwasondela omunye wathi kuye: Mfundisi olungileyo, ngizakwenzani okulungileyo, ukuze ngibe lempilo elaphakade?

17 Wasesithi kuye: Ungibizelani ngokuthi olungileyo? Kakho olungileyo, ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu. Kodwa uba uthanda ukungena ekuphileni, gcina imilayo.

18 Wathi kuye: Yiyiphi? UJesu wasesithi: Ungabulali; ungafebi; ungebi; ungafakazi amanga;

19 hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko; njalo, wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena.

20 Ijaha lathi kuye: Konke lokhu ngikugcinile kusukela ebutsheni bami; ngisaswelani?

21 UJesu wathi kulo: Uba uthanda ukuphelela, hamba uthengise impahla zakho uphe abayanga, njalo uzakuba lempahla eligugu ezulwini; njalo uze lapha, ungilandele.

22 Kodwa selizwile lelilizwi ijaha lasuka lidanile; ngoba lalilempahla ezinengi.

23 UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Onothileyo uzangena ngokulukhuni embusweni wamazulu.

24 Njalo futhi ngithi kini: Kulula ukuthi ikamela lingene ngentunja yenalithi, kulokuthi onothileyo angene embusweni wezulu.

25 Sebezwile abafundi bakhe bamangala kakhulu, bathi: Pho kungasindiswa bani?

26 Kodwa uJesu wabakhangela wathi kibo: Kubantu kakulakwenzeka, kodwa kuNkulunkulu zonke izinto zingenzeka.

Umvuzo wokuzidela

27 Khona uPetro waphendula wathi kuye: Khangela, thina sitshiye konke sakulandela; pho sizazuzani?

28 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lina elingilandeleyo, ekuvuselelweni lapho iNdodana yomuntu isihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi senkazimulo yayo, lani lizahlala ezihlalweni zobukhosi ezilitshumi lambililahlulele izizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakoIsrayeli.

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29 Laye wonke otshiye izindlu, kumbe abafowabo, kumbe odadewabo, kumbe uyise, kumbe unina, kumbe umkakhe, kumbe abantwana, kumbe amasimu, ngenxa yebizo lami, uzakwemukela ngekhulu, adle ilifa lempilo elaphakade.

30 Kodwa abanengi abokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina, labokucina ngabokuqala.

NGUMATHEWU 20

Umfanekiso wezisebenzi zesivini

1 Ngoba umbuso wamazulu ufanana lomuntu ongumninindlu, owaphuma ekuseni kakhulu ukuqatsha izisebenzi ziye esivinini sakhe;

2 esevumelene lezisebenzi ngodenariyo ngosuku, wazithuma esivinini sakhe.

3 Wasephuma sekungaba lihola lesithathu, wabona abanye bemi emdangeni bengenzi lutho;

4 lakulabo wathi: Yanini lani esivinini; njalo loba yini efaneleyo ngizalinika yona. Bahamba-ke.

5 Wabuya waphuma sekungaba lihola lesithupha langelesificamunwemunye, wenza njalo.

6 Kwathi sekungaba lihola letshumi lanye waphuma, wathola abanye bemi bengenzi lutho, wathi kubo: Limeleni lapha usuku lonke lingenzi lutho?

7 Bathi kuye: Ngoba akulamuntu osiqatshileyo. Wathi kubo: Yanini lani esivinini, njalo lizakwemukela loba kuyini okufaneleyo.

8 Kwathi sekuntambama umninisivini wathi enduneni yakhe: Biza izisebenzi, uzibhadale iholo, uqale ngezokucina kuze kube ngezokuqala.

9 Kuthe befika abaqatshwa ngehola letshumi lanye ngulowo lalowo wemukela udenariyo.

10 Njalo sebezile abokuqala bacabanga ukuthi bazakwemukela okungaphezulu; kodwa labo bemukela udenariyo ngamunye.

11 Kwathi beyemukela bamsola umninindlu,

12 besithi: Labo abokucina basebenze ihola elilodwa, kodwa ubalinganise lathi esithwele ubunzima bosuku lokutshisa.

13 Kodwa ephendula wathi komunye wabo: Mngane, angikoni; kanti kawuvumelananga lami ngodenariyo?

14 Thatha okwakho uhambe; ngiyathanda ukumnika lowokucina njengawe.

15 Kumbe angivunyelwa yini ukwenza engikuthandayo ngezinto zami? Loba ilihlo lakho libi yini, ngoba mina ngilungile?

16 Kunjalo-ke abokucina bazakuba ngabokuqala, labokuqala ngabokucina; ngoba banengi ababiziweyo, kodwa balutshwana abakhethiweyo.

UJesu ukhuluma ngokuhlupheka kwakhe

17 Kwathi uJesu esesenyukela eJerusalema wathatha abalitshumi lambili bebodwa besendleleni, wathi kubo:

18 Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalema, njalo iNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa kubapristi abakhulu lakubabhali; besebeyilahlela ukufa,

19 bayinikele kwabezizwe ukuthi bayiyangise bayitshaye ngesiswepu bayibethele; njalo ngosuku lwesithathu izabuya ivuke.

UJesu ukhuza amadodana kaZebediya

20 Kwasekusiza kuye unina wamadodana kaZebediya kanye lamadodana akhe, waguqa wacela ulutho kuye.

21 Wasesithi kuye: Ufunani? Wathi kuye: Tshono ukuthi la amadodana ami amabili ahlale, enye ngakwesokunene sakho, lenye ngakwesokhohlo, embusweni wakho.

22 Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi: Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Linganatha yini inkezo engizayinatha mina, njalo libhabhathizwe ngobhabhathizo engibhabhathizwa ngalo mina? Bathi kuye: Singakwenza.

23 Wasesithi kubo: Ngeqiniso lizayinatha inkezo yami, libhabhathizwe ngobhabhathizo mina engizabhabhathizwa ngalo; kodwa ukuhlala ngakwesokunene sami langakwesokhohlo sami, kayisikho okwami ukuphana ngakho, kodwa kungokwalabo abakulungiselweyo nguBaba.

Ubukhulu obuqotho

24 Kwathi sebezwile abalitshumi, bathukuthela ngezelamani ezimbili.

25 Kodwa uJesu wababizela kuye wathi: Liyazi ukuthi ababusi bezizwe bayazibusa ngobulukhuni, lezikhulu zisebenzisa amandla phezu kwazo.

26 Kodwa akuyikuba njalo phakathi kwenu; kodwa loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngomkhulu phakathi kwenukabe yisisebenzi senu;

27 njalo loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngowokuqala phakathi kwenu kabe yisisebenzi senu;

28 njengalokhu iNdodana yomuntu kayizanga ukukhonzwa, kodwa ukukhonza, lokunika impilo yayo ibe lihlawulo labanengi.

UJesu usilisa iziphofu ezimbili

29 Kwathi bephuma eJeriko, ixuku elikhulu lamlandela.

30 Njalo khangela, iziphofu ezimbili zihlezi endleleni, sezizwile ukuthi uJesu uyadlula, zamemeza, zathi: Sihawukele, Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida!

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31 Ixuku laselizikhuza ukuthi zithule, kodwa zamemeza kakhulu, zisithi: Sihawukele, Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida!

32 UJesu wasesima wazibiza, wathi: Lifuna ukuthi ngilenzeleni?

33 Zathi kuye: Nkosi, ukuthi amehlo ethu avuleke.

34 UJesu esesiba lesihelo wathinta amehlo azo; njalo amehlo azo ahle abuya abona, zasezimlandela.

NGUMATHEWU 21

UJesu ungena eJerusalema

1Kwathi-ke sebesondele eJerusalema, sebefikile eBetfage entabeni yeMihlwathi, khona uJesu wathuma abafundi ababili,

2 esithi kubo: Hambani liye emzaneni okhangelene lani, lizahle libone ubabhemi ekhulekiwe, lethole lilaye; libakhulule, libalethe kimi.

3 Futhi uba umuntu ekhuluma ulutho kini, lizakuthi: INkosi iyabaswela; njalo uzahle abathumele.

4 Njalo konke lokhu kwenzeka, ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi, ukuthi:

5 Tshelani indodakazi yeSiyoni ukuthi: Khangela, iNkosi yakho iyeza kuwe, imnene igade ubabhemi, lethole inkonyana yenyamazana yokuthwala.

6 Abafundi bahamba-ke, benza njengalokhu uJesu wayebalayile,

7 baletha ubabhemi lethole, babeka izembatho zabo phezu kwabo, bamhlalisa phezu kwazo.

8 Lenengi lexuku lendlala ezalo izembatho endleleni; labanye bagamula ingatsha zezihlahla, bazendlala endleleni.

9 Lamaxuku ayehamba phambili lababelandela bamemeza, besithi: Hosana kuyo iNdodana kaDavida! Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi. Hosana kweliphezulu!

10 Esengenile eJerusalema umuzi wonke wanyakazela usithi: Ngubani lo?

11 Amaxuku asesithi: Lo nguJesu umprofethi, oweNazaretha yeGalili.

Ukuhlanjululwa kwethempeli

12 UJesu wasengena ethempelini likaNkulunkulu, wabaxotsha bonke ababethengisa lababethenga ethempelini, wasegenqula amatafula ababentshintshelana imali, lezihlalo zalabo ababethengisa amajuba.

13 Wasesithi kubo: Kulotshiwe ukuthi: Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yomkhuleko; kodwa lina liyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi.

14 Kwasekufika kuye iziphofu leziqhuli ethempelini; wasezisilisa.

15 Kodwa abapristi abakhulu lababhali sebebonile izimangaliso azenzayo, labantwana bememeza ethempelini, besithi: Hosana eNdodaneni kaDavida! bathukuthela,

16 basebesithi kuye: Uyakuzwa lokhu yini abakutshoyo laba? UJesu wasesithi kubo: Yebo; alikaze lifunde yini ukuthi: Emlonyeni wezingane lowabamunyayo uphelelise indumiso?

17 Wasebatshiya waphuma phandle komuzi esiya eBethani, walala khona.

Ukuthukwa komkhiwa

18 Kwathi ebuyela emzini ekuseni, walamba;

19 kwathi ebona umkhiwa othile endleleni, wasondela kuwo, kodwa katholanga lutho kuwo ngaphandle kwamahlamvu wodwa; wathi kuwo: Kakungabe kusavela isithelo kuwe lanini. Njalo umkhiwa wahle wabuna.

20 Kwathi bebona lokhu abafundi bakhe bamangala, besithi: Umkhiwa uhle wabuna njani?

21 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Uba lilokholo, lingathandabuzi, kaliyikwenza lokhu okomkhiwa kuphela, kodwa loba lisithi lakulintaba: Qutshunwa uphoselwe olwandle, kuzakwenzeka.

22 Njalo konke loba kuyini elikucelayo emkhulekweni, likholwa, lizakwemukela.

Igunya likaJesu

23 Kwathi esengenile ethempelini, abapristi abakhulu labadala babantu basondela kuye esafundisa, bathi: Izinto lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya? Njalo ngubani okunike leligunya?

24 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo ube munye; uba lingitshela lokhu, lami ngizalitshela ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya:

25 Ubhabhathizo lukaJohane lwavela ngaphi? Ezulwini kumbe ebantwini? Basebezindlisana, besithi: Uba sisithi: Ezulwini, uzakuthi kithi: Pho kalikholwanga kuye ngani?

26 Kodwa uba sisithi: Ebantwini, siyesaba ixuku; ngoba bonke bamphatha uJohane njengomprofethi.

27 Basebemphendula uJesu bathi: Kasazi. Wasesithi kubo: Lami kangilitsheli ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya.

Umfanekiso wamadodana amabili

28 Kanti licabangani? Umuntu wayelamadodana amabili; waya kweyokuqala wathi: Mntanami, hamba, uyesebenza lamuhla esivinini sami.

29 Kodwa yaphendula yathi: Angifuni. Kodwa emva kwalokho yaphenduka, yahamba.

30 Wasesiya kweyesibili watsho ngokunjalo. Yona-ke yaphendula yathi: Ngiyahamba, nkosi. Kodwa kayiyanga.

31 Yiyiphi kulawo amabili eyenza intando kayise? Bathi kuye: Eyokuqala. UJesu wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Abathelisi lezifebe bayangena embusweni kaNkulunkulu phambi kwenu.

32 Ngoba uJohane wafika kini ngendlela yokulunga, kalikholwanga kuye; kodwa abathelisi lezifebe bakholwa kuye; kodwa lina selikubonile kaliphendukanga emva kwalokho ukuthi likholwe kuye.

Umfanekiso wabalimi besivini

33 Zwanini omunye umfanekiso. Kwakukhona umuntu othile ongumninimuzi, owahlanyela isivini, wasibiyela ngothango, wagebha isikhamelo kuso, wakha umphotshongo, wasiqatshisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye ilizwe.

34 Kwathi sekusondele isikhathi sezithelo, wathuma inceku zakhe kubalimi, ukuze zemukele izithelo zakhe.

35 Abalimi basebezibamba inceku zakhe, enye bayitshaya, lenye bayibulala, lenye bayikhanda ngamatshe.

36 Wabuya wathuma ezinye inceku ezinengi kulezokuqala; basebesenza njalo kulezo.

37 Ekucineni wasethuma indodana yakhe kubo, esithi: Bazayihlonipha indodana yami.

38 Kodwa abalimi sebeyibonile indodana bakhulumisana besithi: Le yindlalifa; wozani, siyibulale, njalo sibambe ilifa layo.

39 Basebeyibamba bayiphosela ngaphandle kwesivini, bayibulala.

40 Ngakho mhla kufika umninisivini, uzabenzani abalimi labo?

41 Bathi kuye: Uzababhubhisa kakubi labo ababi, njalo uzaqatshisa isivini kwabanye abalimi, abazamnika izithelo ngezikhathi zazo.

42 UJesu wathi kubo: Alikaze lifunde yini emibhalweni ukuthi: Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo, yilo eseliyinhloko yengonsi; lokhu yikwenza kweNkosi; njalo kuyamangalisa emehlweni ethu?

43 Ngakho ngithi kini: Lizakwemukwa umbuso kaNkulunkulu, unikwe isizwe esithela izithelo zawo.

44 Lalowo owela phezu kwalelilitshe uzaphahlazwa; kodwa loba ngubani eliwela phezu kwakhe lizamchoboza.

45 Kwathi abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi sebezwile imifanekiso yakhe bazi ukuthi ubekhuluma ngabo.

46 Kwathi sebedinga ukumbamba besaba amaxuku, ngoba ayemphatha njengomprofethi.

NGUMATHEWU 22

Umfanekiso wedili lomtshado

1 UJesu wasephendula wabuya wakhuluma labo ngemifanekiso, wathi:

2 Umbuso wamazulu ufananiswa lomuntu oyinkosi, owenzela indodana yakhe idili lomtshado;

3 wasethuma inceku zakhe ukuthi zibize abanxusiweyo emtshadweni, kodwa kabavumanga ukubuya.

4 Wabuya wathuma ezinye inceku, esithi: Batsheleni abanxusiweyo ukuthi: Khangelani, sengilungisile ukudla kwami kwemini, inkabi zami lokunonileyo sekuhlatshiwe, izinto zonke sezilungile; wozani emtshadweni.

5 Kodwa kabananzanga, bazihambela, omunye ensimini yakhe, omunye ekuthengiselaneni kwakhe;

6 abaseleyo basebezibamba inceku zakhe baziphatha kubi bazibulala.

7 Kodwa kwathi inkosi ikuzwa lokho yathukuthela, yathuma amabutho ayo yabhubhisa labobabulali, yatshisa umuzi wabo.

8 Yasisithi encekwini zayo: Umtshado usulungile, kodwa abanxusiweyo bebengafanelanga.

9 Ngakho yanini emahlanganweni ezindlela, njalo bonke elingabathola, libabizele emtshadweni.

10 Lezonceku zaseziphuma zaya ezindleleni zabutha bonke ezabatholayo, ababi kanye labalungileyo; indlu yomtshado yasigcwala ngabahleziyo.

11 Kwathi inkosi ingena ukukhangela ababehlezi ekudleni yabona khona umuntu owayengembathangaisembatho somtshado;

12 yasisithi kuye: Mngane, ungene njani lapha ungelasembatho somtshado? Kodwa yena waqunywa umlomo.

13 Inkosi yasisithi ezincekwini: Mbopheni inyawo lezandla, limsuse limphosele emnyameni ongaphandle; lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.

14 Ngoba banengi ababiziweyo, kodwa balutshwana abakhethiweyo.

Umthelo kaKesari

15 Khona-ke abaFarisi basuka, bacebisana ngokuthi bangamthiya njani ekukhulumeni.

16 Basebethuma kuye abafundi babo kanye labakaHerodi, besithi: Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena uqotho, ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso, kawukhathaleli muntu, ngoba kawunanzi isimo sabantu.

17 Ngakho sitshele, wena ucabangani? Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthela kuKesari, kumbe hatshi?

18 Kodwa uJesu ebazi ububi babo wathi: Bazenzisi, lingilingelani?

19 Ngitshengisani imali yokuthela. Basebemlethela udenariyo.

20 Wasesithi kubo: Ngokabani lumfanekiso lalumbhalo?

21 Bathi: NgokaKesari. Wasesithi kubo: Ngakho mnikeni uKesari izinto zikaKesari; loNkulunkulu izinto zikaNkulunkulu.

22 Kwathi sebezwile bamangala; bamtshiya bahamba.

Ukuvuka kwabafileyo

23 Ngalolosuku kweza kuye abaSadusi, abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, basebembuza,

24 besithi: Mfundisi, uMozisi wathi: Uba umuntu esifa engelabantwana, umfowabo uzamthatha umkakhe, amvusele umfowabo inzalo.

25 Kwakukhona phakathi kwethu izelamani eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala wasethatha umfazi wafa; futhi engelanzalo, watshiya umkakhe kumfowabo.

26 Kwaba njalo lowesibili, lowesithathu, kwaze kwaba kowesikhombisa.

27 Kwathi emva kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi.

28 Ngakho ekuvukeni kwabafileyo, uzakuba ngumkabani kwabayisikhombisa? Ngoba bonke babelaye.

29 Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Liduhile, lingayazi imibhalo, loba amandla kaNkulunkulu;

30 ngoba ekuvukeni kwabafileyo kabathathani, kabendiswa, kodwa banjengengilosi zikaNkulunkulu ezulwini.

31 Kodwa mayelana lokuvuka okwabafileyo, kalifundanga yini okwakhulunywa kini nguNkulunkulu, esithi:

32 Mina nginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, loNkulunkulu kaIsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe? UNkulunkulu kayisuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo.

33 Kwathi amaxuku ekuzwa amangala kakhulu ngokufundisa kwakhe.

Umlayo wokuqala

34 Kwathi abaFarisi, sebezwile ukuthi uJesu ubaqume umlomo abaSadusi, babuthana ndawonye.

35 Lomunye wabo, isazumthetho, wambuza, emlinga, esithi:

36 Mfundisi, yiwuphi umlayo omkhulu emthethweni?

37 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langengqondo yakho yonke;

38 yiwo lowo umlayo owokuqala lomkhulu.

39 Lowesibili ufanana lawo uthi: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena.

40 Kuleyomilayo emibili kumisiwe umthetho wonke labaprofethi.

UKristu losendo lwakhe

41 Kwathi sebebuthene abaFarisi, uJesu wababuza,

42 esithi: Licabangani ngoKristu? Uyindodana kabani? Bathi kuye: NgekaDavida.

43 Wathi kubo: Pho uDavida wambiza njani ekuMoya ngokuthi yiNkosi, esithi:

44 INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho?

45 Ngakho uba uDavida embiza ngokuthi yiNkosi, uyiNdodana yakhe njani?

46 Njalo kwakungekho owayengamphendula ilizwi; kusukela ngalolosuku kakwabe kusaba khona umuntu olesibindi sokumbuza.

NGUMATHEWU 23

UJesu usola ababhali labaFarisi

1Khona uJesu wakhuluma emaxukwini lakubafundi bakhe,

2 esithi: Ababhali labaFarisi bahlezi esihlalweni sikaMozisi;

3 ngakho konke lokhu abalitshela khona ukuthi likugcine, kugcineni likwenze; kodwa lingenzi njengokwemisebenzi yabo, ngoba bayakhuluma bangenzi.

4 Ngoba bayabopha imithwalo enzima njalo elukhuni ukuthwalwa, bayibeke emahlombe abantu, kodwa kabafuni ukuyisusa ngomunwe wabo.

5 Njalo imisebenzi yabo yonke bayenza ukuze babonwe ngabantu; ngoba benza amafilakteriyu abo abe banzi, njalo bakhulisa intshaka zezembatho zabo;

6 bathanda izihlalo zabahloniphekayo ekudleni kwantambama, lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogeni,

7 lokubingelelwa emidangeni, lokubizwa ngabantu ngokuthi: Rabi, Rabi.

8 Kodwa lina kalingabizwa ngokuthi Rabi; ngoba munye ongumfundisi wenu, uKristu; njalo lina lonke lingabazalwane.

9 Futhi lingabizi muntu emhlabeni ngokuthi nguyihlo; ngoba munye onguYihlo, osemazulwini;

10 kalingabizwa ngokuthi lingabafundisi; ngoba munye ongumfundisi wenu, uKristu.

11 Kodwa omkhulu kini uzakuba yinceku yenu.

12 Lalowo oziphakamisayo, uzathotshiswa; lalowo ozithobayo, uzaphakanyiswa.

13 Kodwa maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba livalela abantu umbuso wamazulu; ngoba kalingeni lina, labangenayo kalibavumeli ukuthi bangene.

14 Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lidla izindlu zabafelokazi, langokuzenzisa lenza imikhuleko emide; ngakho lizakwemukela ukulahlwa okukhulu.

15 Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba libhoda ulwandle lomhlaba ukuthi lenze abe munye ophendukela kumaJuda, kuthi nxa esenziwe njalo, limenze umntwana wesihogo ngokuphindiweyo kulani.

16 Maye kini, bakhokheli abayiziphofu, abathi: Loba ngubani ofunga ngethempeli, akulutho; kodwa loba ngubani ofunga ngegolide lethempeli, ulomlandu.

17 Zithutha leziphofu! Ngoba yikuphi okukhulu, igolide, kumbe ithempeli elenza igolide libe ngcwele?

18 Njalo: Loba ngubani ofunga ngelathi, akulutho; kodwa loba ngubani ofunga ngomnikelo ophezu kwalo, ulomlandu.

19 Zithutha leziphofu! Ngoba yikuphi okukhulu, umnikelo, kumbe ilathi elenza umnikelo ube ngcwele?

20 Ngakho ofunga ngelathi ufunga ngalo langakho konke okuphezu kwalo;

21 lofunga ngethempeli ufunga ngalo langaye ohlala kulo;

22 lofunga ngezulu ufunga ngesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu langaye ohlala phezu kwaso.

23 Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lithela okwetshumi kwetshwayi leganga ledile lekhumini; liyekele okunzima komlayo, ukwahlulela lesihawu lokholo; belifanele ukwenza lezizinto, lingaziyekeli lalezo.

24 Bakhokheli abayiziphofu, likhetha umiyane, kodwa liginye ikamela.

25 Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lihlambulula ingaphandle yenkezo leyomganu, kodwa ngaphakathi kugcwele ukuphanga lobuhwaba.

26 MFarisi oyisiphofu! Hlambulula kuqala ingaphakathi yenkezo leyomganu, ukuze kuhlambuluke lengaphandle yakho.

27 Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lifanana lamangcwaba aconjwe aba mhlophe, abonakala emahle ngaphandle, kanti ngaphakathi agcwele amathambo abafileyo lokungcola konke.

28 Kunjalo lani ngaphandle libonakala ebantwini lilungile, kanti ngaphakathi ligcwele ukuzenzisa lobubi.

29 Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lakha amangcwaba abaprofethi, licecise amangcwaba abalungileyo,

30 lithi: Uba besikhona ensukwini zabobaba bethu, besingayikuhlanganyela labo egazini labaprofethi.

31 Kunjalo liyazifakazela lina ukuthi lingamadodana alabo ababulala abaprofethi;

32 lina-ke gcwalisani isilinganiso saboyihlo!

33 Zinyoka, nzalo yamabululu, lizaphepha njani ukulahlwa kwesihogo?

34 Ngakho, khangelani, mina ngithuma kini abaprofethi labahlakaniphileyo lababhali; labanye babo lizababulala libabethele; labanye lizabatshaya ngesiswepu emasinagogeni enu libazingele imizi ngemizi;

35 ukuze kwehlele phezu kwenu igazi lonke elilungileyo elachithwa emhlabeni, kusukela egazini likaAbela olungileyo, kuze kufike egazini likaZakariya indodana kaBarakiya, elambulala phakathi kwethempeli lelathi.

36 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Zonke lezizinto zizakwehlela phezu kwalesisizukulwana.

UJesu ukhalela iJerusalema

37 Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena obulala abaprofethi njalo obakhanda ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe! Bengithanda kangakanani ukubuthela ndawonye abantwana bakho, njengesikhukhukazi sibuthela amatsiyane asongaphansi kwempiko, kodwa kalivumanga.

38 Khangelani, indlu yenu itshiyiwe kini ilunxiwa.

39 Ngoba ngithi kini: Kalisoze langibona kusukela khathesi, lize lithi: Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi.

NGUMATHEWU 24

UJesu ukhuluma ngokuchithwa kweJerusalema langokuphela kwesikhathi

1UJesu wasephuma wasuka ethempelini; basebesondela abafundi bakhe ukumtshengisa izakhiwo zethempeli.

2 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Kaliziboni yini zonke lezizinto? Ngiqinisile ngithi kini:
Akusoze kutshiywe lapha ilitshe elilodwa phezu kwelitshe, elingasoze lidilizelwe
phansi.

3 Kwathi esehlezi entabeni yeMihlwathi, abafundi beza kuye bebodwa, bathi:
Sitshele, lezizinto zizakuba nini? Lesibonakaliso sokuza kwakho, lesokuphela
kwesikhathi sizakuba yini?

4 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Qaphelani, kungabi khona oliduhisayo;

5 ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami, besithi: Mina nginguKristu; futhi
baduhise abanengi.

6 Njalo lizakuzwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga ezimpi; nanzelelani, lingethuki;
ngoba konke lokhu kufanele kwenzeke; kodwa ukuphela kakukabi khona.

7 Ngoba isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso; njalo kuzakuba
khona indlala labomatshayabhuqe bezifo lokuzamazama komhlaba indawo
ngendawo;

8 kodwa zonke lezizinto ziyikuqala kwemihelo.

9 Lapho-ke bazalinikela ekuhluphekeni, balibulale; futhi lizazondwa yizizwe
zonke ngenxa yebizo lami.

10 Njalo ngalesosikhathi abanengi bazakhubeka, banikelane, bazondane.

11 Futhi kuzavuka abaprofethi bamanga abanengi, baduhise abanengi.

12 Njalo ngenxa yokwanda kobubi, uthando lwabanengi luzaphola;

13 kodwa ophikelelayo kuze kube sekupheleni, nguye ozasindiswa.

14 Njalo lelivangeli lombuso lizatshunyayelwa emhlabeni wonke kube yibufakazi
ezizweni zonke; khona-ke kuzafika ukuphela.

15 Ngakho nxa libona amanyala encithakalo, akhulunywa nguDaniyeli
umprofethi, emi endaweni engcwele(obalayo kaqedisise),

16 khona labo abaseJudiya kababalekele ezintabeni;

17 ophezu kophahla lwendlu angehli ukuthatha ulutho endlini yakhe;

18 losemasimini angabuyeli emuva ukuyathatha izembatho zakhe.

19 Kodwa maye kwabakhulelweyo labamunyisayo ngalezonsuku!

20 Kodwa khulekani ukuthi ukubaleka kwenu kungabi sebusika, loba ngesabatha.

21 Ngoba ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba khona ukuhlupheka okukhulu, okungazanga
kube khona kusukela ekuqaleni komhlaba kuze kube khathesi, njalo
okungasayikuba khona.

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22 Uba-ke lezonsuku bezingafinyezwanga, bekungesindiswe nyama; kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo lezonsuku zizafinyezwa.

23 Ngalesosikhathi nxa umuntu esithi kini: Khangelani, nangu uKristu, kumbe nanguya, lingakholwa.

24 Ngoba kuzavuka okristu bamanga labaprofethi bamanga, benze izibonakaliso ezinkulu lezimangaliso, ukuze kuthi, nxa kungenzeka, baduhise labakhethiweyo.

25 Khangelani, sengilitshelile ngaphambili.

26 Ngakho uba bengathi kini: Khangelani, usenkangala, lingaphumi; khangelani, usendlini yensitha, lingakholwa.

27 Ngoba njengalokhu umbane ubaneka empumalanga ukhanye lentshonalanga, kuzakuba njalo lokufika kweNdodana yomuntu.

28 Ngoba loba ngaphi lapho okukhona isidumbu, lapho amanqe azakubuthana khona.

29 Njalo masinyane emva kokuhlupheka kwalezonsuku, ilanga lizafiphazwa, lenyanga kayiyikupha ukukhanya kwayo, lenkanyezi zizakuwa ezulwini, lamandla amazulu azazanyazanyiswa.

30 Khona-ke sizabonakala ezulwini isibonakaliso seNdodana yomuntu; njalo besezikhala zonke izizwe zomhlaba, sezibona iNdodana yomuntu isiza emayezini ezulu ilamandla lenkazimulo enkulu.

31 Njalo izathuma izingilosi zayo lokukhala okukhulu kophondo, beseziqoqa abakhethiweyo bayo emimoyeni emine, kusukela emkhawulweni omunye wamazulu kuze kube komunye umkhawulo wawo.

32 Kodwa fundani umfanekiso emkhiweni; nxa khathesi ugatsha lwawo selusiba buthakathaka, njalo luhlume amahlamvu, liyazi ukuthi ihlobo seliseduze;

33 ngokunjalo lani, nxa libona lezizinto zonke, yazini ukuthi kuseduze kuseminyango.

34 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lesisizukulwana asisoze sidlule, kuze kwenzeke zonke lezizinto.

35 Kuzadlula izulu lomhlaba, kodwa amazwi ami awasoze adlule.

36 Kodwa lolosuku lehola kakho owaziyo ngalo, ngitsho lezingilosi zemazulwini, ngaphandle kukaBaba kuphela.

37 Kodwa njengensuku zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo ukufika kweNdodana yomuntu.

38 Ngoba njengakulezonsuku ezaziphambili kukazamcolo babesidla benatha, bethatha besendiswa, kwaze kwafika usuku uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini,

39 njalo babengazi, kwaze kwafika uzamcolo wasebasusa bonke, kuzakuba njalo
lokufika kweNdodana yomuntu.

40 Ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba khona ababili ensimini; omunye athathwe, lomunye
atshiywe;

41 kuzakuthi abesifazana ababili bechola elitsheni; omunye athathwe, lomunye
atshiywe.

42 Ngakho lindani, ngoba kalazi ukuthi iNkosi yenu izafika ngaliphi ihola.

43 Kodwa yazini lokhu, ukuthi uba umninindlu ebewazi umlindo isela elizafika
ngawo, ubezalinda, futhi ubengayikuvuma ukuthi indlu yakhe ifohlelwe.

44 Ngakho lani hlalani lilungile; ngoba ngehola elingalicabangiyo, iNdodana
yomuntu izakuza.

Umfanekiso wenceku ethembekileyo lowengathembekanga

45 Pho ngubani inceku ethembekileyo lehlakaniphileyo, inkosi yayo eyibeke
phezu kwabendlu yayo, ukuthi ibanike ukudla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo?

46 Ibusisiwe leyonceku, okuzakuthi inkosi yayo nxa ifika izayifica isenza njalo.

47 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Izayibeka phezu kwakho konke elakho.

48 Kodwa nxa leyonceku embi isithi enhliziyweni yayo: Inkosi yami iphuzile
ukubuya,

49 njalo ibisiqala ukutshaya abayizinceku kanye layo, lokudla lokunatha
lezidakwa,

50 inkosi yaleyonceku izafika ngosuku engayilindele ngalo, langehola engalaziyo,

51 izayiquma phakathi, izanika isabelo sayo labazenzisi; kuzakuba khona lapho
ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.

NGUMATHEWU 25

Umfanekiso wentombi ezilitshumi

1Ngalesosikhathi umbuso wamazulu uzafananiswa lentombi
ezilitshumi ezathatha izibane zazo zaphuma ukuhlangabeza umyeni.

2 Njalo ezinhlanu zazo zazihlakaniphile, lezinhlanu zaziyizithutha.

3 Eziyizithutha zathatha izibane zazo, kazithathanga amafutha kanye lazo;

4 kodwa ezihlakaniphileyo zathatha amafutha ezitsheni kanye lezibane zazo.

5 Kwathi umyeni esephuzile, zawozela zonke zalala ubuthongo.

6 Kodwa phakathi kobusuku kwamenyezwa: Khangelani, umyeni uyeza, phumani
liyemhlangabeza!

7 Zasezivuka lezontombi zonke, zalungisa izibane zazo.

8 Eziyizithutha zasezisithi kwezihlakaniphileyo: Sipheni okwamafutha enu, ngoba izibane zethu ziyacitsha.

9 Kodwa ezihlakaniphileyo zaphendula, zathi: Hlezi angaseneli thina lani; kodwa kungcono ukuthi lihambe liye kwabathengisayo lizithengele.

10 Kwathi zisiyathenga, weza umyeni. Ezasezilungile zasezingena laye emtshadweni, kwasekuvalwa umnyango.

11 Kwathi emva kwalokho zafika lalezontombi ezinye, zathi: Nkosi, Nkosi, sivulele!

12 Kodwa yena waphendula wathi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Angilazi lina.

13 Ngakho lindani, ngoba kalilwazi usuku lehola iNdodana yomuntu efika ngalo.

Umfanekiso wemali

14 Ngoba kunjengomuntu owaya kwelinye ilizwe wabiza inceku zakhe, wazinika impahla zakhe;

15 kwathi enye wayinika amathalenta amahlanu, lenye amabili, lenye lalinye, kwaba yileyo laleyo njengamandla ayo; njalo wahle wasuka.

16 Leyo eyayemukele amathalenta amahlanu yasihamba yathengiselana ngawo, yenza amanye amathalenta amahlanu.

17 Ngokunjalo laleyo elamabili, layo yazuza amanye amabili.

18 Kodwa leyo eyayemukele elilodwa yasuka yagebha emhlabathini yayifihla imali yenkosi yayo.

19 Kwathi emva kwesikhathi eside inkosi yalezozinceku yafika, yasilandiselana lazo.

20 Kwasekusiza eyayemukele amathalenta amahlanu yaletha amanye amathalenta amahlanu, yathi: Nkosi, wanginika amathalenta amahlanu; khangela, ngizuzile amanye amathalenta amahlanu phezu kwawo.

21 Inkosi yayo yasisithi kiyo: Kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo, ubuthembekile ezintweni ezinlutshwana, ngizakubeka phezu kwezinengi; ngena entokozweni yenkosi yakho.

22 Kwasekusiza laleyo eyayemukele amathalenta amabili yathi: Nkosi, wanginika amathalenta amabili; khangela, ngizuzile amanye amathalenta amabili phezu kwawo.

23 Inkosi yayo yathi kiyo: Kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo, ubuthembekile ezintweni ezinlutshwana, ngizakubeka phezu kwezinengi; ngena entokozweni yenkosi yakho.

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24 Kodwa kweza laleyo eyayemukele ithalenta elilodwa yathi: Nkosi, bengikwazi
wena ukuthi ungumuntu olukhuni, uvuna lapho ongahlanyelanga khona, njalo
ubutha lapho ongahlakazanga khona;

25 ngasengisesaba, ngasuka ngalifihla ithalenta lakho emhlabathini; khangela,
ulokwakho.

26 Kodwa inkosi yayo yaphendula yathi kiyo: Nceku embi lelivila, ubusazi ukuthi
ngivuna lapho engingahlanyelanga khona, njalo ngibutha lapho
engingahlakazanga khona;

27 ngakho ngabe ubekile imali yami ebhanga, njalo ekufikeni kwami ngabe
ngemukele okwami lenzuzo.

28 Ngakho mthatheleni ithalenta, lilinike yena olamathalenta alitshumi.

29 Ngoba wonke olakho uzaphiwa, uzakwengezelelwa; kodwa ongelakho
uzathathelwa lalokho alakho.

30 Laleyonceku engasizi lutho iphoseleni emnyameni ongaphandle; kuzakuba
khona lapho ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.

Ukwahlulela kweNdodana yomuntu

31 Njalo nxa isiza iNdodana yomuntu ngobukhosi bayo, lengilosi ezingcwele
zonke laye, khona izahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sodumo lwayo,

32 kuzabuthelwa phambi kwayo izizwe zonke, njalo izabehlukanisa abanye
kwabanye, njengomelusiesehlukanisa izimvu embuzini;

33 ibisibeka izimvu ngakwesokunene sayo, kodwa imbuzi ngakwesokhohlo.

34 Khona-ke iNkosi izakuthi kubo abangakwesokunene sayo: Wozani, lina
elibusisiweyo nguBaba, lidle ilifalombuso eliwulungiselweyo kusukela
ekusekelweni komhlaba.

35 Ngoba ngangilambile, langinika ukudla; ngangomile, langinathisa;
ngangingowemzini, langemukela;

36 ngangize, langigqokisa; ngangigula, leza ukungibona; ngangisentolongweni,
leza kimi.

37 Khona abalungileyo bezayiphendula, besithi: Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile,
njalo sakunika ukudla, kumbe womile, njalo sakunathisa?

38 Njalo sakubona nini ungowemzini, futhi sakwemukela, kumbe uze, futhi
sakugqokisa?

39 Njalo sakubona nini ugula, loba usentolongweni, njalo seza kuwe?

40 Futhi iNkosi izaphendula ithi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Njengoba likwenzile
komunye walaba abazalwane bami abancinyane, likwenzile kimi.

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41 Ngalesosikhathi izakuthi njalo kubo abangakwesokhohlo: Sukani kimi, lina eliqalekisiweyo, liye emlilweni olaphakade, olungiselwe udiyabhola lengilosi zakhe.

42 Ngoba ngangilambile, kodwa kalinginikanga ukudla; ngangomile, kodwa kalinginathisanga;

43 ngangingowemzini, kodwa kalingemukelanga; ngangize, kodwa kalingigqokisanga; ngangigula,ngangisentolongweni, kodwa kalizanga ukungibona.

44 Khona lalaba bezamphendula, besithi: Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile, loba womile, loba ungowemzini, loba uze, loba ugula, loba usentolongweni, kodwa kasakusiza?

45 Isizabaphendula, ithi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Njengoba lingakwenzanga komunye walaba abancinyane, kalikwenzanga lakimi.

46 Lalaba bazakuya ekujezisweni okulaphakade; kodwa abalungileyo empilweni elaphakade.

NGUMATHEWU 26

Iqhinga lokubulala uJesu

1Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile wonke lamazwi, wathi kubafundi bakhe:

2 Liyazi ukuthi emva kwensuku ezimbili kuzakuba liphasika, leNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa ukuze ibethelwe.

3 Kwasekubuthana abapristi abakhulu lababhali labadala babantu egumeni lompristi omkhulu othiwa nguKayafasi,

4 basebecebisana ukuthi bambambe uJesu ngobuqili bambulale.

5 Kodwa bathi: Kungabi ngomkhosi, hlezi kube khona isiphithiphithi ebantwini.

UJesu ugcotshwa eBethani

6 Kwathi uJesu eseBethani endlini kaSimoni umlephero,

7 kwafika kuye owesifazana ephethe umfuma we-alibasta ulamagcobo aligugu elikhulu, wasewuthululela ekhanda lakhe ehlezi ekudleni.

8 Kodwa abafundi bebona lokhu bathukuthela, bathi: Ngokwani ukumotsha lokhu?

9 Ngoba la amagcobo angathengiswa ngokunengi, besekunikwa abayanga.

10 Kodwa uJesu ekwazi wathi kubo: Limhluphelani owesifazana? Ngoba wenzile umsebenzi omuhle kimi;

11 ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, kodwa mina kalihlali lilami.

12 Ngoba ngokuthululela la amagcobo emzimbeni wami, ukwenzele umngcwabo wami.

13 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngaphi emhlabeni wonke lapho okuzatshunyayelwa khona lelivangeli, lalokho akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa ngakho, kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye.

Umvuzo wokunikela uJesu

14 Omunye wabalitshumi lambili, othiwa nguJudasi Iskariyothi, wasesiya kubapristi abakhulu,

15 wathi: Lizanginikani, mina-ke ngizamnikela kini? Basebevumelana laye ngenhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu.

16 Njalo kusukela lapho wadinga ithuba elihle lokumnikela.

Ukumiswa kwesidlo esingcwele

17 Kwathi ngolokuqala lwesinkwa esingelamvubelo abafundi beza kuJesu, besithi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi sikulungisele ngaphi ukuthi udle iphasika?

18 Wasesithi: Hambani liye emzini kusibanibani, lithi kuye: UMfundisi uthi: Isikhathi sami sesiseduze; ngizakwenza iphasika kwakho kanye labafundi bami.

19 Benza-ke abafundi njengoba uJesu ebalayile, basebelungisa iphasika.

20 Kwathi ifika intambama wayehlezi labalitshumi lambili.

21 Bathi besidla wathi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Omunye wenu uzanginikela.

22 Basebedabuka kakhulu baqala ukuthi kuye ngamunye wabo: Nkosi, yimi yini?

23 Wasephendula wathi: Ofaka isandla sakhe kanye lami emganwini, nguye ozanginikela.

24 Sibili iNdodana yomuntu ihamba, njengokulotshiweyo ngayo; kodwa maye kulowomuntu iNdodana yomuntu enikelwa nguye! Bekungakuhle kuye aluba lowomuntu wayengazalwanga.

25 Wasephendula uJudasi owamnikelayo wathi: Rabi, yimi yini? Wathi kuye: Utshilo wena.

26 Kwathi besidla, uJesu wathatha isinkwa, wasesibusisa, wasihlephula wabanika abafundi, wathi: Thathani, lidle; lokhu kungumzimba wami.

27 Wasethatha inkezo, wabonga, wabanika, esithi: Nathani lonke kuyo;

28 ngoba lokhu kuligazi lami, elesivumelwano esitsha, elichithelwa abanengi kukho ukuthethelelwa kwezono.

29 Kodwa ngithi kini: Kusukela khathesi kangiyikunatha okwalesisithelo sevini, kuze kufike lolosuku lapho ngizasinatha lani sisitsha embusweni kaBaba.

30 Kwathi sebehlabele ingoma yokudumisa baphuma baya entabeni yeMihlwathi.

Ukuxwayiswa kukaPetro

31 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lina lonke lizakhubeka ngami ngalobubusuku; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngizatshaya umelusi, izimvu zomhlambi besezihlakazeka.

32 Kodwa emva kokuvuswa kwami, ngizalandulela ukuya eGalili.

33 Kodwa uPetro waphendula wathi kuye: Lanxa bonke bezakhubeka ngawe, mina angisoze ngikhubeke.

34 UJesu wathi kuye: Ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Ngalobubusuku, lingakakhali iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu.

35 UPetro wathi kuye: Loba kudingeka ngife lawe, angisoze ngikuphike. Basebesitsho njalo bonke abafundi.

EGetsemane

36 UJesu wasefika labo endaweni ethiwa yiGetsemane, wasesithi kubafundi: Hlalani phansi lapha, ngisayakhuleka laphaya.

37 Wasethatha kanye laye uPetro lamadodana amabili kaZebediya, waqala ukudabuka lokukhathazeka kakhulu.

38 Wasesithi kubo: Umphefumulo wami udabukile kakhulu kuze kube sekufeni; hlalani lapha lilinde lami.

39 Waseqhubeka ibangana, wawa ngobuso bakhe wakhuleka wathi: Baba, uba kungenzeka, kakudlule kimi linkezo; kodwa kungabi njengoba ngithanda mina, kodwa njengoba uthanda wena.

40 Wasesiza kubafundi, wabafica belele, wathi kuPetro: Kanti belingelinde lami ihola ibenye?

41 Lindani likhuleke, ukuze lingangeni ekulingweni; umoya isibili uyavuma, kodwa inyama ibuthakathaka.

42 Wabuya wasuka ngokwesibili wakhuleka, wathi: Baba, uba inkezo le ingedlule kimi, ngaphandle kokuthi ngiyinathe, kayenziwe intando yakho.

43 Wasebuya wabafica futhi belele, ngoba amehlo abo ayenzima.

44 Wasebatshiya wahamba futhi wakhuleka ngokwesithathu, esitsho wona lawomazwi.

45 Wasesiza kubafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Qhubekani lilele liphumule; khangelani, isikhathi sesisondele, futhi iNdodana yomuntu iyanikelwa ezandleni zezoni.

46 Sukumani, sihambe; khangelani, onginikelayo useduze.

Ukubotshwa kukaJesu lokuthethwa kwecala lakhe

47 Kwathi esakhuluma, khangela, kwafika uJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, lexuku elikhulu lilaye elilezinkemba lezinduku, livela kubapristi abakhulu labadala babantu.

48 Laye omnikelayo wayebanike isiboniso, esithi: Lowo engizamanga, nguye; limbambe.

49 Njalo wahle wasondela kuJesu wathi: Mpilo enhle, Rabi! Wasemanga.

50 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Mngane, ulandeni? Basebesondela bamdumela uJesu ngezandla, bambamba.

51 Futhi khangela, omunye walabo ababeloJesu welula isandla, wakhokha inkemba yakhe, wagadla inceku yompristi omkhulu waquma indlebe yayo.

52 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Buyisela inkemba yakho endaweni yayo; ngoba bonke ababamba inkemba bazabhubha ngenkemba.

53 Kumbe ucabanga ukuthi ngingemcele uBaba yini khathesi, futhi anginike amabutho amakhulu ezingilosiedlula itshumi lambili?

54 Pho ingagcwaliseka njani imibhalo, ukuthi kumele ukuthi kube njalo?

55 Ngalelohola uJesu wathi emaxukwini: Liphume njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini lilezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba? Bengihlezi insuku ngensuku ethempelini ngifundisa, kodwa kalingibambanga.

56 Kodwa konke lokhu kwenzakele, ukuze kugcwaliseke imibhalo yabaprofethi. Basebemtshiya bonke abafundi babaleka.

UJesu uphambi kompristi omkhulu

57 Lababembambile uJesu bamqhuba bamusa kuKayafasi umpristi omkhulu, lapho ababebuthene khona ababhali labadala.

58 Kodwa uPetro wamlandela ekhatshana, kwaze kwaba segumeni lompristi omkhulu, njalo wangena phakathi wahlala phansi lezinceku, ukuze abone isicino.

59 Njalo abapristi abakhulu labadala lomphakathi wonke badinga ubufakazi bamanga obumelana loJesu, ukuze bambulale,

60 kodwa kababutholanga; lanxa kwavela abafakazi abanengi bamanga, ababutholanga. Kwathi emva kwalokho kwavela ababili abafakazi bamanga,

61 bathi: Lo wathi: Ngilakho ukudiliza ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, njalo ngilakhe ngensuku ezintathu.

62 Kwasekusukuma umpristi omkhulu wathi kuye: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? Bafakazani laba okumelana lawe?

63 Kodwa uJesu wathula. Umpristi omkhulu wasephendula wathi kuye: Ngikufungisa ngoNkulunkulu ophilayo, ukuthi usitshele ukuthi unguKristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

64 UJesu wathi kuye: Utshilo wena. Kodwa ngithi kini: Kusukela khathesi lizabona iNdodana yomuntu ihlezi ngakwesokunene samandla isiza phezu kwamayezi ezulu.

65 Umpristi omkhulu wasedabula izembatho zakhe, wathi: Usehlambazile; sisadingelani abafakazi? Khangelani, khathesi seliyizwile inhlamba yakhe;

66 licabangani? Basebephendula besithi: Ulecala lokufa.

67 Basebemkhafulela amathe ebusweni bamdutshuza; labanye bamwakala,

68 bathi: Profetha kithi, Kristu, ngubani okutshayileyo?

UPetro ulandula uJesu

69 UPetro wayesehlezi ngaphandle egumeni; kwasekusiza kuye incekukazi ethile, yathi: Lawe ubuloJesu weGalili.

70 Kodwa waphika phambi kwabo bonke, wathi: Kangikwazi lokho okutshoyo.

71 Kwathi esephuma esiya esangweni, enye incekukazi yambona, yathi kwababekhona: Laye lo ubeloJesu weNazaretha.

72 Wasebuya ephika ngesifungo esithi: Kangimazi lumuntu.

73 Kwathi emva kwesikhatshana labo ababemi khona basondela bathi kuPetro: Ngeqiniso lawe ungowabo; ngoba lokukhuluma kwakho kuyakuveza.

74 Waseqala ukuqalekisa lokufunga esithi: Kangimazi lumuntu. Njalo lahle lakhala iqhude.

75 UPetro wasekhumbula ilizwi likaJesu esithi kuye: Lingakakhali iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu. Wasephumela ngaphandle wakhala ngokubabayo.

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UJesu unikelwa kuPilatu umbusi

1Kwathi sekusile, bonke abapristi abakhulu labadala babantu bacebisana ngoJesu ukuthi bambulale;

2 sebembophile bamqhuba bamnikela kuPontiyusi Pilatu umbusi.

Ukuzibulala kukaJudasi

3 Kwathi uJudasi owamnikelayo esebonile ukuthi ulahliwe, wazisola wabuyisela inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu kubapristi abakhulu labadala,

4 wathi: Ngonile nginikele igazi elingelacala. Kodwa bona bathi: Kulani lathi? Zibonele wena.

5 Wasephosela inhlamvu zesiliva ethempelini, wasuka; wayaziphanyeka.

6 Abapristi abakhulu basebethatha inhlamvu zesiliva bathi: Kakuvunyelwa ukuzifaka emnikelweni, ngoba ziyintengo yegazi.

7 Basebecebisana bathenga ngazo isiqinti sombumbi, sibe ngesokungcwaba abezizwe.

8 Ngakho lesosiqinti sathiwa yisiqinti segazi, kuze kube lamuhla.

9 Kwasekugcwaliseka okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi uJeremiya, esithi: Basebethatha inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu, intengo yalowo owalinganiswayo, abantwana bakoIsrayeli abamlinganisayo;

10 basebebapha zona ngensimu yombumbi, njengoba iNkosi ingilayile.

UJesu uphambi kukaPilatu

11 UJesu wasesima phambi kombusi; umbusi wasembuza, wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? UJesu wasesithi: Utshilo wena.

12 Kwathi nxa esemangalelwe ngabapristi abakhulu labadala, kaphendulanga lutho.

13 UPilatu wasesithi kuye: Kawuzwa yini izinto ezingaka abazifakaza ngawe?

14 Kodwa kamphendulanga lakwelilodwa ilizwi, waze wamangala kakhulu umbusi.

15 Futhi ngomkhosi umbusi wayejwayele ukukhululela ixuku isibotshwa esisodwa, elisifunayo.

16 Njalo ngalesosikhathi babelesibotshwa esidumileyo, esithiwa nguBarabasi.

17 Ngakho sebebuthene, uPilatu wathi kubo: Lithanda ukuthi ngilikhululele bani, uBarabasi, kumbe uJesu othiwa nguKristu?

18 Ngoba wayekwazi ukuthi bamnikele ngomona.

19 Kwathi esehlezi esihlalweni sokwahlulela, umkakhe wathumela kuye, wathi: Ungabi landaba lalowo olungileyo; ngoba lamuhla ngihluphekile kakhulu ngaye ephutsheni.

20 Kodwa abapristi abakhulu labadala bancengana lamaxuku ukuthi acele uBarabasi, ambhubhise uJesu.

21 Wasephendula umbusi wathi kubo: Lithanda ukuthi ngilikhululele bani kulaba ababili? Basebesithi: UBarabasi.

22 UPilatu wathi kubo: Pho ngimenzeni uJesu othiwa nguKristu? Bonke bathi kuye: Kabethelwe.

23 Umbusi wasesithi: Ngoba wenze bubi bani? Kodwa bamemeza kakhulu, bathi: Kabethelwe!

24 Kwathi uPilatu esebonile ukuthi kakusizi lutho, kodwa kwasekuqala kulalokhu ukuba lesiphithiphithi, wathatha amanzi, wageza izandla phambi kwexuku, wathi: Angilacala ngegazi lalumuntu olungileyo; ziboneleni lina.

25 Bonke abantu basebephendula bathi: Igazi lakhe kalibe phezu kwethu laphezu kwabantwana bethu.

26 Wasebakhululela uBarabasi; kodwa esemtshaye ngesiswepu uJesu wamnikela ukuthi abethelwe.

Abebutho bamenza uJesu inhlekisa

27 Abebutho bombusi basebemngenisa uJesu endlini yombusi, baqoqela kuye ibutho lonke;

28 bamhlubula, bamgqokisa isembatho esibomvu,

29 sebelukile umqhele wameva, bamethesa wona ekhanda, bamphathisa lomhlanga esandleni sakhe sokunene; baguqa phambi kwakhe bamklolodela, bathi: Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda!

30 Bamkhafulela amathe, bathatha umhlanga, batshaya ikhanda lakhe.

31 Sebemklolodele, bamhlubula isembatho, bamgqokisa izigqoko zakhe, bamqhuba ukuze bambethele.

32 Kwathi sebephuma, bafica umuntu weKurene, uSimoni ngebizo; bambamba ngamandla lowo ukuthi athwale isiphambano sakhe.

UJesu esiphambanweni

33 Sebefikile endaweni ethiwa yiGolgotha, okuyikuthi iNdawo yokhakhayi,

34 bamnika iviniga elixutshaniswe lenyongo ukuze alinathe; kodwa eselizwile kavumanga ukunatha.

35 Futhi sebembethele, babelana izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa; ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi ukuthi: Babelana izembatho zami, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngesigqoko sami.

36 Njalo sebehlala phansi bamlinda khona.

37 Babeka ngaphezu kwekhanda lakhe incwadi yecala lakhe ilotshiwe ukuthi: LO NGUJESU INKOSI YAMAJUDA.

38 Kwasekubethelwa abaphangi ababili kanye laye, omunye ngakwesokunene lomunye ngakwesokhohlo.

39 Labadlulayo bamhlambaza, benikina amakhanda abo,

40 besithi: Wena odiliza ithempeli ulakhe ngensuku ezintathu, zisindise; uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, yehla esiphambanweni.

41 Langokunjalo labapristi abakhulu labo bekloloda kanye lababhali labadala bathi:

42 Wasindisa abanye, yena angezisindise. Uba eyiNkosi yakoIsrayeli, kehle khathesi esiphambanweni, futhi sizamkholwa.

43 Wathemba kuNkulunkulu; kamkhulule khathesi, uba emthanda. Ngoba wathi: NgiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

44 Labaphangi ababebethelwe kanye laye bamyangisa ngokufananayo.

Ukufa kukaJesu

45 Njalo kusukela ngehola lesithupha kwaba lobumnyama emhlabeni wonke kwaze kwaba liholalesificamunwemunye;

46 sekungaba lihola lesificamunwemunye uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, wathi: "Eli, Eli, lama sabaktani?" Okuyikuthi: Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyeleni?

47 Njalo abanye kwababemi khona besizwa bathi: Lo ubiza uElija.

48 Njalo omunye wabo wahle wagijima, wathatha uzipho, walugcwalisa ngeviniga, waluhloma emhlangeni, wamnika ukuthi anathe.

49 Kodwa abanye bathi: Yekelani sibone ukuthi uElija uzakuza amsindise.

50 UJesu wasebuya ememeza ngelizwi elikhulu wanikela umoya.

51 Futhi khangela, iveyili lethempeli ladatshulwa incezu ezimbili laqala phezulu lisiya phansi; lomhlaba wazamazama; lamadwala aqhekezeka;

52 lamangcwaba avuleka; lezidumbu ezinengi zabangcwele abasebelele zavuswa;

53 sebephumile emangcwabeni emva kokuvuka kwakhe bangena emzini ongcwele, babonakala kwabanengi.

54 Kwathi induna yekhulu lalabo ababelayo belinde uJesu, sebebonile ukuzamazama komhlaba lezinto ezenzekileyo, besaba kakhulu, bathi: Ngeqiniso lo ubeyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

55 Kwakukhona lapho abesifazana abanengi bebukele bekhatshana, ababemlandele uJesu bevela eGalili, bemncedisa;

56 okwakukhona phakathi kwabo oMariya Magadalena, loMariya unina kaJakobe loJose, lonina wamadodana kaZebediya.

Ukungcwatshwa kukaJesu

57 Kwathi sekuhlwile, kwafika umuntu onothileyo evela eArimathiya, ibizo lakhe linguJosefa, owayengumfundi kaJesu laye;

58 yena waya kuPilatu, wacela isidumbu sikaJesu. UPilatu waselaya ukuthi isidumbu asinikwe.

59 UJosefa wasethatha isidumbu wasigoqela ngelembu elicolekileyo elihlambulukileyo,

60 wasibeka engcwabeni lakhe elitsha, elaligujiwe edwaleni; wasegiqela ilitshe elikhulu emnyango wengcwaba, wahamba.

61 Futhi kwakukhona lapho uMariya Magadalena, lomunye uMariya, behlezi maqondana lengcwaba.

62 Langosuku olulandelayo, olulandela olwamalungiselelo, abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi babuthana kuPilatu,

63 besithi: Nkosi, siyakhumbula ukuthi lowomkhohlisi esaphila wathi: Emva kwensuku ezintathu ngizavuka.

64 Ngakho laya ukuthi ingcwaba liqiniswe kuze kube lusuku lwesithathu; hlezi abafundi bakhe bafike ebusuku bamebe, besebesithi ebantwini: Uvukile kwabafileyo; kuthi inkohliso yokucina ibembi kuleyokuqala.

65 UPilatu wasesithi kubo: Lilabalindi; hambani, liliqinise njengokubona kwenu.

66 Bahamba-ke baliqinisa ingcwaba, beliphawula ilitshe, belabalindi.

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Ukuvuka lokuzibonakalisa kukaJesu

1Kwathi ekupheleni kwesabatha, emadabukakusa kusiya osukwini lokuqala lweviki, kwafika uMariya Magadalena, lomunye uMariya, ukuzabona ingcwaba.

2 Futhi khangela, kwaba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu; ngoba ingilosi yeNkosi yehla ivela ezulwini, yasondela yagiqa ilitshe yalisusa emnyango, yahlala phezu kwalo.

3 Lokubonakala kwayo kwakunjengombane, lesembatho sayo sasimhlophe njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo.

4 Abalindi basebethuthumela ngokuyesaba, baba njengabafileyo.

5 Kodwa ingilosi yaphendula yathi kwabesifazana: Lingesabi lina; ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lidinga uJesu obebethelwe;

6 kakho lapha; ngoba uvukile, njengokutsho kwakhe; wozani libone indawo lapho iNkosi ebilele khona.

7 Hambani masinyane litshele abafundi bakhe ukuthi uvukile kwabafileyo; njalo khangelani, uzalandulela ukuya eGalili; lizambona khona; khangelani, sengilitshelile.

8 Basebephuma engcwabeni ngokuphangisa belokwesaba lentokozo enkulu, bagijima baya ukubikela abafundi bakhe.

9 Kwathi besiyatshela abafundi bakhe, futhi khangela, uJesu wabahlangabeza, wathi: Mpilo enhle! Basebesondela babamba inyawo zakhe, bamkhonza.

10 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lingesabi; hambani, libikele abafowethu ukuthi baye eGalili, njalo bazangibona khona.

11 Kwathi sebehamba, khangela, abanye kubalindi baya emzini babikela abapristi abakhulu konke okwenzakeleyo.

12 Sebebuthene labadala, benza icebo, banika abebutho imali enengi,

13 besithi: Kalibokuthi: Abafundi bakhe beze ebusuku bameba silele thina.

14 Futhi uba lokhu kuzwakala kumbusi, thina sizamncenga, silenze lingabi senkathazweni.

15 Basebethatha imali benza njengalokhu ababekufundisiwe. Lalelilizwi landa phakathi kwamaJuda kuze kube lamuhla.

Ukulayezela kokucina kukaJesu

16 Kwathi abafundi abalitshumi lanye baya eGalili, entabeni uJesu ayebalayele yona;

17 sebembonile bamkhonza; kodwa abanye bathandabuza.

18 UJesu wasesondela wakhuluma labo, esithi: Wonke amandla aphiwe mina ezulwini lemhlabeni;

19 ngakho hambani lenze izizwe zonke zibe ngabafundi, libabhabhathize ebizweni likaYise leleNdodana lelikaMoya oNgcwele;

20 libafundise ukugcina konke engililaye khona; futhi khangelani, mina ngilani insuku zonke kuze kube sekupheleni kwesikhathi. Ameni.

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NGUMARKO 1

IVANGELI ELALOTSHWA

Ukufika kukaJesu Kristu kuyamenyezelwa nguJohane uMbhabhathizi

1 Ukuqala kwevangeli likaJesu Kristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu;

2 njengokulotshiweyo kubaprofethi ukuthi: Khangela, mina ngiyathuma
isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi
kwakho.

3 Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala, lithi: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi; qondisani
izindledlana zayo.

4 Kweza uJohane ebhabhathiza enkangala, etshumayela ubhabhathizo
lokuphenduka kukho ukuthethelelwa kwezono,

5 kwaphumela kuye ilizwe lonke leJudiya, labo abeJerusalema,
basebebhabhathizwa bonke nguye emfuleni iJodani, bevuma izono zabo.

6 Futhi uJohane wayembethe uboya bekamela, elozwezwe lwesikhumba
ekhalweni lwakhe, wayesidla intethe loluju lweganga.

7 Watshumayela, esithi: Olamandla kulami uyeza emva kwami, engingafanele
ukukhothama ngithukulule umchilo wamanyathela akhe.

8 Mina isibili ngilibhabhathize ngamanzi; kodwa yena uzalibhabhathiza ngoMoya
oNgcwele.

Ukubhabhathizwa kukaJesu

9 Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku kwafika uJesu evela eNazaretha yeGalili,
wabhabhathizwa nguJohane eJodani.

10 Wenela ukukhuphuka emanzini, wabona amazulu eqhekezeka, loMoya
kungathi lijuba esehlela phezu kwakhe;

11 kwasekusiza ilizwi livela emazulwini, lathi: Wena uyiNdodana yami
ethandekayo, engithokoza ngayo.

Ukulingwa kukaJesu

12 Njalo uMoya wahle wamqhubela enkangala.

13 Wayekhona-ke lapho enkangala insuku ezingamatshumi amane elingwa
nguSathane, wayelezilo, ingilosi zasezimnceda.

UJesu uqala ukutshumayela

14 Kwathi emva kokunikelwa kukaJohane, uJesu wafika eGalili, etshumayela
ivangeli lombuso kaNkulunkulu,

15 wasesithi: Isikhathi sigcwalisekile, njalo umbuso kaNkulunkulu ususondele;
phendukani, likholwe ivangeli.

Ukubizwa kwabafundi bakuqala

16 Kwathi ehambahamba elwandle lweGalili wabona uSimoni loAndreya
umfowabo, bephosela imbule olwandle; ngoba babengabagoli benhlanzi.

17 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngilandelani, ngizalenza libe ngabagoli babantu.

18 Njalo bahle batshiya amambule abo, bamlandela.

19 Eseqhubeke ibangana esuka lapho, wabona uJakobe okaZebediya, loJohane
umfowabo, labo babesemkhunjini belungisa amambule abo.

20 Njalo wahle wababiza; basebetshiya uyise uZebediya emkhunjini leziqatshwa,
basuka bamlandela.

Ukusiliswa kwezigulane eKapenawume

21 Basebengena eKapenawume; kwathi ngesabatha wahle wangena esinagogeni,
wafundisa.

22 Basebebabaza ngemfundiso yakhe; ngoba wabafundisa njengolamandla, njalo
kungenjengababhali.

23 Futhi kwakukhona esinagogeni labo umuntu owayelomoya ongcolileyo,
wasememeza,

24 wathi: Yekela, silani lawe, Jesu weNazaretha? Uze ukusibhubhisa yini?
Ngiyakwazi wena ukuthi ungubani: ONgcwele kaNkulunkulu.

25 UJesu wasemkhuza, wathi: Thula, uphume kuye.

26 Futhi umoya ongcolileyo emhlukuluza ekhala ngelizwi elikhulu, waphuma
kuye.

27 Basebemangala bonke, baze babuzana, bathi: Kuyini lokhu? Yimfundiso bani
entsha le, ukuthi ngamandla uyalaya labomoya abangcolileyo, futhi bamlalele.

28 Njalo yahle yaphuma indumela yakhe esigabeni sonke seGalili
esizingelezeleyo.

Uninazala kaPetro labanye abagulayo bayasiliswa

29 Njalo bahle baphuma esinagogeni, bangena endlini kaSimoni loAndreya, kanye
loJakobe loJohane.

30 Futhi uninazala kaSimoni wayelele eloqhuqho, njalo bahle bamtshela ngaye;

31 wasesondela, wabamba isandla sakhe wamvusa; futhi uqhuqho lwahle
lwamyekela, wabasebenzela.

32 Kwathi sekuhlwile, ilanga selitshona, baletha kuye bonke abagulayo
lababengenwe ngamadimoni;

33 njalo umuzi wonke wawubuthene emnyango.

34 Wasesilisa abanengi ababegula izifo ezitshiyeneyo, wakhupha amadimoni amanengi, kodwa kavumelanga amadimoni ukuthi akhulume, ngoba ayemazi.

UJesu uyakhuleka; uyasuka eKapenawume

35 Njalo ekuseni kusesemnyama kakhulu wavuka waphuma, waya endaweni eyinkangala, wakhuleka khona.

36 USimoni lababelaye basebemdingisisa;

37 sebemtholile bathi kuye: Bonke bayakudinga.

38 Wasesithi kubo: Asiye emizini eseduze, ukuze ngitshumayele lakhona; ngoba ngiphumele lokhu.

39 Wasetshumayela emasinagogeni abo kulo lonke eleGalili, ekhupha amadimoni.

UJesu usilisa umlephero

40 Kwasekufika kuye umlephero, emncenga eguqa ngamadolo phambi kwakhe, esithi kuye: Aluba uthanda, ungangihlambulula.

41 UJesu wasesiba lesihelo, welula isandla, wamthinta, wathi kuye: Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka;

42 esekhulumile bahle basuka ubulephero kuye, wahlanjululwa.

43 Wasemlayisisa, wahle wamyekela wahamba,

44 esithi kuye: Khangela ungatsheli muntu ulutho; kodwa hamba, uziveze kumpristi, unikele ngokuhlanjululwa kwakho lokho uMozisi akulayayo, kube yibufakazi kubo.

45 Kodwa yena esephumile waqala ukutshumayela kakhulu walwandisa udaba, kwaze kwathi wayengaselakho ukungena emzini obala, kodwa wayengaphandle ezindaweni ezizinkangala; beza kuye bevela enhlangothini zonke.

NGUMARKO 2

UJesu usilisa umuntu oyisigoga

1Njalo wabuya wangena eKapenawume emva kwezinsuku; kwasekuzwakala ukuthi usendlini.

2 Njalo kwahle kwabuthana abanengi, akwazabe kusaba lendawo yabo, ngitsho langasemnyango; wasekhuluma ilizwi kubo.

3 Basebesiza kuye, beletha oyisigoga, ethwelwe ngabane.

4 Babengelakusondela kuye ngenxa yexuku, bavula uphahla lapho ayekhona, bathi sebelubhobozile behlisa icansi alele kulo oyisigoga.

5 Njalo uJesu ebona ukholo lwabo wathi koyisigoga: Mntwana, izono zakho uzithethelelwe.

6 Kodwa abanye bababhali ababehlezi lapho, banakana enhliziyweni zabo, bathi:

7 Ukhulumelani inhlamba enje lo? Ngubani ongathethelela izono ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu?

8 Njalo khonokho ekwazi uJesu emoyeni wakhe ukuthi babenakana njalo phakathi kwabo, wathi kubo: Linakanelani izinto lezi enhliziyweni zenu?

9 Yikuphi okulula, ukuthi koyisigoga: Izono zakho uzithethelelwe, kumbe ukuthi: Sukuma, uthathe icansi lakho, uhambe?

10 Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono emhlabeni (wathi koyisigoga):

11 Ngithi kuwe: Sukuma uthathe icansi lakho, uye endlini yakho.

12 Njalo wahle wasukuma, wathatha icansi, waphuma phambi kwabo bonke; baze bamangala bonke, bamdumisa uNkulunkulu, besithi: Kasizange sikubone okunje.

Ukubizwa kukaLevi

13 Wasebuya esiya elwandle, ixuku lonke laselisiza kuye, wasebafundisa.

14 Esedlula wabona uLevi okaAlfewu ehlezi endlini yokuthelisela, wasesithi kuye: Ngilandela. Wasesukuma wamlandela.

15 Kwasekusithi ehlezi endlini yakhe, labathelisi abanengi lezoni bahlala ekudleni loJesu labafundi bakhe; ngoba babebanengi, njalo bemlandela.

16 Kwathi ababhali labaFarisi, bembona esidla labathelisi lezoni, bathi kubafundi bakhe: Kungani esidla enatha labathelisi lezoni?

17 Kwathi uJesu esezwile wathi kubo: Abaphilileyo kabadingi melaphi, kodwa labo abagulayo. Kangizanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni zize ekuphendukeni.

Ukuzila ukudla

18 Njalo abafundi bakaJohane lababaFarisi babezila ukudla; basebesiza bathi kuye: Kungani abafundi bakaJohane lababaFarisi bezila ukudla, kodwa abafundi bakho bengazili ukudla?

19 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Amadodana endlu yomthimba angazila yini ukudla, umyeni eselawo? Angezile, ingqe ngesikhathi umyeni eselawo;

20 kodwa zizafika insuku lapho umyeni azasuswa kuwo, njalo khona azazila ukudla ngalezonsuku.

21 Futhi kakho othungela isichibi selembu elingakafinyeli esembathweni esidala;
uba-ke kungenjalo okubekelweyo kudabuke kiso, okutsha kwesidala, kuqhele
ukudabuka.

22 Futhi kakho othela iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala; uba-ke kungenjalo
iwayini elitsha lidabula imigodla, lichitheke iwayini lemigodla yonakale; kodwa
iwayini elitsha limele lifakwe emigodleni emitsha.

UJesu uchasisa umlayo wesabatha

23 Kwasekusithi edabula emasimini amabele ngesabatha, abafundi bakhe
basebeqala ukukha izikhwebu behamba.

24 AbaFarisi basebesithi kuye: Khangela, kungani besenza lokho
okungavunyelwayo ngesabatha?

25 Yena wasesithi kubo: Kalizange libale yini uDavida akwenzayo, mhla eswele,
elambile, yena lababelaye?

26 Ukuthi wayangena njani endlini kaNkulunkulu esikhathini uAbhiyatha
engumpristi omkhulu, wadla izinkwa zokubukiswa ezingavunyelwa ukudliwa
ngaphandle kwabapristi, wabanika lababelaye?

27 Wasesithi kubo: Isabatha lenziwa ngenxa yomuntu, njalo umuntu kenziwanga
ngenxa yesabatha;

28 ngakho iNdodana yomuntu iyiNkosi leyesabatha.

NGUMARKO 3

UJesu usilisa ngesabatha

1Wasebuya engena esinagogeni, njalo kwakukhona lapho umuntu olesandla
esitshwabheneyo.

2 Basebemqaphela ukuthi uzamsilisa ngesabatha, ukuze bambeke icala.

3 Wasesithi kumuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo: Sukuma uye phakathi.

4 Wathi kubo: Kuvunyelwe yini ngamasabatha ukwenza okulungileyo, kumbe
ukwenza okubi? Ukusindisa impilo, kumbe ukubulala? Kodwa bathula.

5 Wasebathalaza ngokuthukuthela, edabukile ngobulukhuni benhliziyo yabo,
wathi kumuntu: Yelula isandla sakho. Waselula, isandla sakhe sasesisiliswa
saphila njengesinye.

6 Basebephuma abaFarisi bahle bacebisana labakaHerodi bemelane laye, ukuthi
bangambulala njani.

UJesu usilisa abanye abantu

7 Kodwa uJesu wasuka wahamba labafundi bakhe ngaselwandle; ixuku elikhulu
laselimlandela livela eGalili, leJudiya;

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8 leJerusalema, leIdumiya, langaphetsheya kweJodani, labemimangweni yeTire
leSidoni, ixuku elikhulu, selizwile izinto ezinkulu abezenza, leza kuye.

9 Wasetshela abafundi bakhe ukuthi umkolo umlindele ngenxa yexuku, ukuze
lingamcindezeli.

10 Ngoba wayesilisa abanengi, baze bawela phezu kwakhe bonke abalezifo, ukuze
bamthinte.

11 Futhi omoya abangcolileyo, bembona, babesiwa phansi phambi kwakhe,
bekhala besithi: Wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

12 Wasebalayisisa kakhulu ukuthi bangamvezi.

Ukukhethwa kwabaphostoli

13 Wasesenyukela entabeni, wabizela kuye labo ayebafuna yena; basebesiza
kuye.

14 Wasemisa abalitshumi lambili, ukuze babe laye, lokuze abathume
ukuyatshumayela,

15 futhi babe lamandla okwelapha imikhuhlane, lawokukhupha amadimoni.

16 LoSimoni wamutha ibizo lokuthi nguPetro;

17 loJakobe okaZebediya, loJohane umfowabo kaJakobe; wabatha
amabizo wathi ngoBowanegesi, okuyikuthi, amadodana omdumo;

18 loAndreya, loFiliphu, loBartolomewu, loMathewu, loTomasi, loJakobe
okaAlfewu, loTadewu, loSimoni umKhanani,

19 loJudasi uIskariyothi, laye owamnikelayo. Basebengena endlini.

Isono sokuhlambaza

20 Ixuku laselibuthana futhi, kwaze kwathi bona abasazange benelise lokudla
isinkwa.

21 Kwathi abakibo sebezwile lokhu baphuma ukuyambamba; ngoba bathi:
Uyahlanya.

22 Lababhali abavela eJerusalema bathi: UloBhelezebhule, lokuthi: Ukhupha
amadimoni ngenkosi yamadimoni.

23 Wasebabizela kuye, wathi kubo ngemifanekiso: USathane angakhupha njani
uSathane?

24 Futhi uba umbuso wehlukene umelene lawo ngokwawo, lowombuso ungeme.

25 Lendlu uba yehlukene imelana layo ngokwayo, leyondlu ingeme.

26 LoSathane uba ezivukela yena, ahlukane, angeme, kodwa uyaphela.

27 Kakho ongangena endlini yesiqhwaga, aphange impahla yaso, uba engasibophi isiqhwaga kuqala, abesephanga indlu yaso.

28 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Zonke izono zizathethelelwa kubantwana babantu, lezinhlamba loba ziphi abahlambaza ngazo;

29 kodwa loba ngubani ohlambaza emelene loMoya oyiNgcwele, kalakuthethelelwa lanini, kodwa ulecala lokulahlwa okulaphakade;

30 ngoba bathi: Ulomoya ongcolileyo.

Izihlobo zikaJesu eziyizo

31 Kwasekufika abafowabo lonina, bema ngaphandle bathumela kuye, bembiza.

32 Njalo ixuku lalihlezi limphahlile; basebesithi kuye: Khangela, unyoko labafowenu baphandle bayakudinga.

33 Wasebaphendula wathi: Ngubani umama kumbe abafowethu?

34 Wasethalaza labo ababehlezi bemphahlile, wathi: Khangelani umama labafowethu.

35 Ngoba loba ngubani owenza intando kaNkulunkulu, nguye ongumfowethu lodadewethu lomama.

NGUMARKO 4

Umfanekiso womhlanyeli

1Wasebuya waqala ukufundisa ngaselwandle; kwasekubuthana kuye ixuku elikhulu, waze wangena emkhunjini wahlala olwandle; njalo ixuku lonke lalisemhlabathini ngaselwandle.

2 Wasebafundisa izinto ezinengi ngemifanekiso, lekufundiseni kwakhe wathi kubo:

3 Lalelani; khangelani, kwaphuma umhlanyeli ukuyahlanyela.

4 Kwasekusithi ekuhlanyeleni, enye yawela eceleni kwendlela, kwasekufika inyoni zezulu zayidla zayiqeda.

5 Kodwa enye yawela emhlabathini olamatshe, lapho eyayingelamhlabathi omnengi khona; futhi yahle yamila, ngoba yayingelakutshona komhlabathi;

6 kwathi ekuphumeni kwelanga yahangulwa yabuna ngoba yayingelampande.

7 Enye yasiwela emeveni, ameva asekhula, ayiminyanisa, futhi ayithelanga isithelo.

8 Njalo enye yawela emhlabathini omuhle; yathela isithelo esakhulayo sanda, yazala enye amatshumi amathathu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye ikhulu.

9 Wasesithi kubo: Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe.

Umsebenzi wemifanekiso

10 Kwathi eseyedwa, labo ababemphahlile kanye labalitshumi lambili bambuza ngomfanekiso.

11 Wasesithi kubo: Kuphiwe kini ukwazi imfihlo yombuso kaNkulunkulu; kodwa labo abangaphandle benzelwa izinto zonke ngemifanekiso;

12 ukuze bebona babone, bangabonisisi; njalo besizwa bezwe, bangaqedisisi; hlezi loba nini baphenduke, bathethelelwe izono zabo.

Ukuchasiswa komfanekiso womhlanyeli

13 Wasesithi kubo: Kaliwazi lumfanekiso yini? Pho lizayazi njani imifanekiso yonke?

14 Umhlanyeli uhlanyela ilizwi.

15 Njalo abaseceleni kwendlela, yilabo lapho okuhlanyelwa khona ilizwi, futhi nxa belizwa, uSathane ahle afike alisuse ilizwi elihlanyelwe enhliziyweni zabo.

16 Lalabo ngokunjalo abahlanyelwe emhlabathini olamatshe, abathi, lapho besizwa ilizwi, bahle balemukele ngentokozo,

17 njalo kabalampande phakathi kwabo, kodwa bahlala okwesikhathi; kuthi sekufika inkathazo kumbe ukuzingelwa ngenxa yelizwi, bahle bakhubeke.

18 Lalaba yilabo abahlanyelwe emeveni, abalizwayo ilizwi,

19 kodwa impisekelo yalumhlaba, lenkohliso yenotho, lenkanuko yezinye izinto kungene kuminyanise ilizwi, futhi ibe ingasatheli.

20 Lalaba yilabo abahlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle, abathi belizwile ilizwi, balemukele, bathele, enye amatshumi amathathu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye ikhulu.

Umfanekiso wesibane lowenhlanyelo

21 Wasesithi kubo: Kanti isibane silethwa ukuze sibekwe ngaphansi kwesitsha kumbe ngaphansi kombheda? Angithi ukuze sibekwe esiqobaneni sesibane?

22 Ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo okungayikubonakaliswa; akukho okwenzeka kube yimfihlo, kodwa ukuze kube sobala.

23 Nxa umuntu elendlebe zokuzwa akezwe.

24 Wasesithi kubo: Qaphelisani elikuzwayo. Ngesilinganiso elilinganisa ngaso lizalinganiselwa ngaso, njalo lina elizwayo lizaphiwa ngokwengezelelweyo.

25 Ngoba loba ngubani olakho, uzaphiwa; kodwa loba ngubani ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho alakho.

26 Wasesithi: Unjalo umbuso kaNkulunkulu, njengokuba nxa umuntu ephosa inhlanyelo emhlabathini,

27 njalo alale abesevuka ebusuku lemini, lenhlanyelo imile njalo ikhule, yena kakwazi ukuthi njani.

28 Ngoba umhlabathi uyathela ngokwawo, kuqala usungulo, kulandele isikhwebu, kulandele amabele apheleleyo esikhwetshini.

29 Kodwa nxa sesivuthiwe isithelo, uhle athumeze isikela, ngoba ukuvuna sekufikile.

30 Wathi futhi: Sizawufananisa lani umbuso kaNkulunkulu? Kumbe sizawufananisa ngomfanekiso bani?

31 Unjengohlamvu lwemasitedi, oluthi nxa seluhlanyelwe emhlabathini, luncinyane kulazo zonke inhlamvu ezisemhlabeni;

32 njalo nxa seluhlanyelwe, lukhule, lube lukhulu lwedlule izilimo zonke, lwenze ingatsha ezinkulu, kuze kuthi inyoni zezulu zingakhela ngaphansi komthunzi wazo.

33 Waselikhuluma kubo ilizwi ngemifanekiso eminengi enjalo, njengamandla abo okuzwa;

34 kodwa ngaphandle komfanekiso kakhulumanga kubo; kodwa sebebodwa wabachasisela abafundi bakhe izinto zonke.

Ukuthuliswa kwesiphepho

35 Ngalolosuku sekuhlwile, wasesithi kubo: Asichapheleni ngaphetsheya.

36 Sebeyekele ixuku lahamba, bamthatha bahamba laye njengoba enjalo emkhunjini. Futhi leminye imikolo yayilaye.

37 Kwasekuvuka isiphepho esikhulu somoya; lamagagasi aphoseka emkhunjini, waze wagcwala khathesi.

38 Njalo yena wayengemuva emkhunjini elele emqamelweni; basebemvusa, bathi kuye: Mfundisi, kawukhathali yini ukuthi siyabhubha?

39 Wasevuka wakhuza umoya, wathi kulo ulwandle: Thula, uthi zwi! Umoya wasuqamuka, kwasekusiba khona ukuthula okukhulu.

40 Wasesithi kubo: Kungani lisesaba kangaka? Kalilakholo ngani?

41 Basebesesaba ngokwesaba okukhulu, bathi omunye komunye: Kanti ungubani lo, ukuthi lomoya lolwandle kumlalele?

NGUMARKO 5

Ukukhutshwa kwabomoya ababi

1 Basebefika ngaphetsheya kolwandle, elizweni lamaGadarene.

2 Esephumile emkhunjini, wahle wamhlangabeza umuntu ovela emangcwabeni elomoya ongcolileyo,

3 owayehlala emangcwabeni; njalo kwakungelamuntu owayengambopha ngitsho
langamaketane,

4 ngoba wayebotshiwe kanengi ngezibopho langamaketane, kodwa amaketane
ayeqanyulwa nguye, lezibopho zaqanyuqanyulwa; njalo kwakungekho
owayengamthambisa;

5 langezikhathi zonke, ebusuku lemini, wayesezintabeni lemangcwabeni
eklabalala ezisika ngamatshe.

6 Kwathi ebona uJesu ekhatshana, wagijima wamkhonza,

7 wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Ngilani lawe, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu
oPhezukonke? Ngikufungisa ngoNkulunkulu, ungangihluphi.

8 Ngoba wathi kuye: Phuma emuntwini, moya ongcolileyo.

9 Wasembuza wathi: Ibizo lakho ungubani? Wasephendula, wathi: Ibizo lami
nginguLegiyoni, ngoba sibanengi.

10 Wasemncenga kakhulu, ukuthi angabaxotsheli ngaphandle kwelizwe.

11 Kwakukhona lapho ngasezintabeni umhlambi omkhulu wengulube usidla;

12 lamadimoni wonke amncenga, athi: Sithume engulubeni, singene kuzo.

13 Njalo uJesu wahle wawavumela. Omoya abangcolileyo basebephuma bangena
ezingulubeni; umhlambi wasuphaphatheka eliweni usiya olwandle; njalo
zazingaba zinkulungwane ezimbili; zaminzwa olwandle.

14 Abazelusayo ingulube basebebaleka, bayabika emzini lemaphandleni.
Basebephuma ukubona ukuthi kuyini okwenzakeleyo;

15 bafika kuJesu, bambona obengenwe ngamadimoni ehlezi egqokile eqondile,
yena owayelelegiyoni; basebesesaba.

16 Labo ababekubonile babatshela ukuthi kwenzeke njani kowayengenwe
ngamadimoni, langengulube.

17 Basebeqala ukumncenga ukuthi asuke elizweni lakibo.

18 Wathi engena emkhunjini, owayengenwe ngamadimoni wamncenga, ukuthi
abe laye.

19 Kodwa uJesu kamvumelanga, kodwa wathi kuye: Hamba uye ekhaya
kwabakini, ubatshele ukuthi iNkosi ikwenzele okungakanani, ikuhawukele.

20 Wasesuka ehamba waqala ukutshumayela eDikapolisi ukuthi uJesu umenzele
okungakanani; basebemangala bonke.

Indodakazi kaJayirosi ivuswa ekufeni. Owesifazana owayelomopho uyasiliswa

21 UJesu esebuye wachaphela ngaphetsheya ngomkhumbi, kwabuthana kuye
ixuku elikhulu, futhi wayengasolwandle.

22 Njalo khangela, kwafika omunye wabaphathi besinagoge, uJayirosi ngebizo;
embona, wawa phansi enyaweni zakhe,

23 wamncenga kakhulu, esithi: Indodakazi yami encane
isiphela; ngiyakuncenga ukuthi ubuye ubeke izandla phezu kwayo, ukuze
isindiswe, njalo izaphila.

24 Wasehamba laye; ixuku elikhulu laselimlandela, lamminyezela.

25 Njalo owesifazana othile owayelomopho wegazi okweminyaka elitshumi
lambili,

26 ehluphekile kakhulu kubelaphi abanengi, echithile konke ayelakho,
engasizakalanga, kodwa kulokhu kumqinela,

27 esezwile ngoJesu, weza exukwini ngemuva, wathinta isembatho sakhe;

28 ngoba wathi: Aluba ngithinta izembatho zakhe nje, ngizasindiswa.

29 Futhi wahle woma umthombo wegazi lakhe, wasesizwa emzimbeni ukuthi
usilile esifweni.

30 Njalo uJesu wahle wazi phakathi kwakhe ukuthi amandla aphumile kuye,
watshibilika esexukwini, wathi: Ngubani othinte izembatho zami?

31 Abafundi bakhe basebesithi kuye: Uyabona ixuku likuminyezela, kodwa uthi:
Ngubani ongithintileyo?

32 Wasethalaza ukuthi ambone owenze lokhu.

33 Kodwa owesifazana esesaba ethuthumela, ekwazi okwenzekileyo kuye, weza
wawa phambi kwakhe, wamtshela iqiniso lonke.

34 Wasesithi kuye: Ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula,
siliswa esifweni sakho.

35 Esakhuluma, kwafika abanye bomphathi wesinagoge, bathi: Indodakazi yakho
isifile; usamkhathazelani uMfundisi?

36 Kwahle kwathi uJesu esizwa ilizwi elikhulunywayo wathi kumphathi
wesinagoge: Ungesabi, kholwa kuphela.

37 Futhi kavumelanga muntu ukuthi amlandele, ngaphandle kukaPetro
loJakobe loJohane umfowabo kaJakobe.

38 Bafika-ke endlini yomphathi wesinagoge, wabona isiphithiphithi, labakhalayo
labalilayo kakhulu,

39 esengenile wathi kubo: Liphithizelelani, likhala? Umntwana omncane kafanga,
kodwa ulele.

40 Basebemhleka usulu. Kodwa yena, esebakhuphile bonke, wathatha uyise womntwana omncane lonina lalabo ababelaye, wangena lapho okwakulele khona umntwana omncane.

41 Wabamba isandla somntwana omncane, wathi kuye: "Thalitha, kumi"; okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa: Wena ntombazana encane, ngithi kuwe, vuka.

42 Njalo yahle yavuka intombazana encane, yahamba, ngoba yayileminyaka elitshumi lambili; basebesanganiseka ngokusanganiseka okukhulu.

43 Wasebalayisisa kakhulu ukuthi lokhu kungaziwa muntu; wathi kayinikwe ukudla.

NGUMARKO 6

UJesu udelelwa ngabeNazaretha

1 Wasesuka lapho, waya emzini wakibo; abafundi bakhe basebemlandela.

2 Sekufike isabatha, waqala ukufundisa esinagogeni; labanengi abamuzwayo bamangala, bathi: Zivela ngaphi lezizinto kuye? Njalo yinhlakanipho bani ayinikiweyo, ukuthi lalimisebenzi yamandla enje yenziwe ngezandla zakhe?

3 Lo kayisuye umbazi yini, indodana kaMariya, lomfowabo kaJakobe loJose loJudasi loSimoni? Labodadewabo kabakho yini lapha kithi? Basebekhubeka ngaye.

4 Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Umprofethi kasweli ukudunyiswa, ngaphandle kwelizweni lakibo, lezihlotsheni zakhe lendlini yakwabo.

5 Futhi wayengelakho ukwenza lowodwa umsebenzi wamandla lapho, ngaphandle kokubeka izandla phezu kwabagulayo abalutshwana, wabasilisa.

6 Wasemangala ngokungakholwa kwabo. Wabhodabhoda imizana efundisa.

Ukuthunywa kwabaphostoli

7 Wasebizela kuye abalitshumi lambili, waqala ukubathuma ngababili, wabanika amandla phezu kwabomoya abangcolileyo.

8 Wabalaya ukuthi bangaphathi lutho lwendlela, ngaphandle kodondolo kuphela; lasikhwama, lasinkwa, lamaliezwezweni;

9 kodwa bafake amanyathela; futhi bangembathi izembatho ezimbili.

10 Wasesithi kubo: Lapho elingena khona endlini, hlalani kiyo lize liphume khona.

11 Njalo loba ngobani abangayikulemukela, kumbe balizwe, nxa liphuma lapho, thintithani uthuli olungaphansi kwenyawo zenu kube yibufakazi kubo. Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kuzakuba lula eSodoma kumbe laseGomora ngosuku lwesigwebo, kulakulowomuzi.

12 Sebephumile batshumayela ukuthi baphenduke;

13 bakhupha amadimoni amanengi, bagcoba abanengi abagulayo ngamagcobo babasilisa.

Ukubulawa kukaJohane uMbhabhathizi

14 Inkosi uHerodi wasesizwa ngakho, ngoba ibizo lakhe laba sobala, wasesithi: UJohane owabhabhathizayo uvukile kwabafileyo, futhi kungakho lamandla esebenza kuye.

15 Abanye bathi: UnguElija; labanye bathi: Ungumprofethi, kumbe unjengomunye wabaprofethi.

16 Kodwa uHerodi esizwa wathi: Lo nguJohane, mina engamquma ikhanda; yena uvukile kwabafileyo.

17 Ngoba yena uHerodi wayethumele wambamba uJohane, wambopha entolongweni, ngenxa kaHerodiyasi umkaFiliphu umfowabo, ngoba wayemthethe.

18 Ngoba uJohane wayethe kuHerodi: Kawuvunyelwa ukuba lomkamfowenu.

19 UHerodiyasi wasembambela inhliziyo, wafuna ukumbulala; kodwa kenelisanga;

20 ngoba uHerodi wayemesaba uJohane, esazi ukuthi uyindoda elungileyo lengcwele, wamlondoloza; lalapho emuzwa, wenza izinto ezinengi, wamuzwa ngokuthokoza.

21 Kwathi selufikile usuku oluhle, uHerodi ngelanga lakhe lokuzalwa wenzela izikhulu zakhe lenduna zenkulungwane labalisa beGalili ukudla kwantambama,

22 kwathi indodakazi kaHerodiyasi lo isingenile yagida, yamkholisa uHerodi lalabo ababehlezi ekudleni laye, inkosi yathi entombini: Cela kimi loba kuyini okuthandayo, njalo ngizakupha;

23 wafunga kuyo esithi: Loba kuyini ongakucela kimi, ngizakunika, kuze kube yingxenye yombuso wami.

24 Yasiphuma isithi kunina: Ngizacelani? Yena wasesithi: Ikhanda likaJohane uMbhabhathizi.

25 Njalo yahle yangena enkosini ngokuphangisa, yacela, yathi: Ngifuna ukuthi unginike khathesinje emganwini ikhanda likaJohane uMbhabhathizi.

26 Inkosi yasidabuka kakhulu, kodwa ngenxa yezifungo langalabo ababehlezi layo ekudleni kayithandanga ukuyilandulela.

27 Njalo inkosi yahle yathuma ibutho yalaya ukuthi kulethwe ikhanda lakhe. Wasehamba wamquma ikhanda entolongweni,

28 waletha ikhanda lakhe ngomganu, walinika intombi; intombi yasilinika unina.

29 Kwathi abafundi bakhe sebezwile beza, bathatha isidumbu sakhe, basibeka engcwabeni.

UJesu usuthisa amadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu

30 Abaphostoli basebebuthana kuJesu, bambikela konke, lababekwenzile kanye lababekufundisile.

31 Wasesithi kubo: Wozani lina lodwa endaweni eyinkangala, liphumule kancinyane. Ngoba babebanengi abafikayo labahambayo, futhi bengelathuba lokudla.

32 Bakhuphuka ngomkhumbi baya endaweni eyinkangala bebodwa.

33 Amaxuku asebabona besuka, labanengi bamazi, bagijimela khona ndawonye ngenyawo bevela emizini yonke, basebebadlula, bahlangana kuye.

34 Kwathi uJesu esephuma wabona ixuku elikhulu, waba lesihelo ngabo, ngoba babenjengezimvu ezingelamelusi; waseqala ukubafundisa izinto ezinengi.

35 Kwathi isikhathi sesihambile, abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi: Lindawo iyinkangala, lesikhathi sesihambile;

36 bayekele, ukuze baye ezigabeni ezizingelezeleyo lemizaneni bazithengele izinkwa. Ngoba bengelalutho abangaludla.

37 Wasephendula wathi kubo: Banikeni lina ukuthi badle. Basebesithi kuye: Sihambe yini siyethenga izinkwangabodenariyo abangamakhulu amabili, sibaphe badle?

38 Wasesithi kubo: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Hambani liyebona. Sebesazi bathi: Zinhlanu, lenhlanzi ezimbili.

39 Wasebalaya ukuthi babahlalise bonke phansi ngezigaba ngezigaba etshanini obuluhlaza.

40 Basebehlala phansi ngamaviyo ngamaviyo, ngamakhulu langamatshumi amahlanu.

41 Wasethatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, ekhangela phezulu ezulwini, wabonga, wazihlephula izinkwa, wazinika abafundi bakhe ukuthi bazibeke phambi kwabo; lenhlanzi ezimbili wazabela bonke.

42 Basebesidla bonke, basutha.

43 Basebedobha izitsha ezilitshumi lambili ezagcwala imvuthu ezazisele, lokuseleyo kwenhlanzi.

44 Lalabo abadlayo izinkwa, babengaba ngamadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu.

UJesu uhamba phezu kolwandle

45 Njalo wahle wacindezela abafundi bakhe ukuthi bangene emkhunjini, njalo bamqalele ukuya ngaphetsheyaeBhethisayida, yena esayekela ixuku lihamba.

46 Esebavalelisile, wasuka waya entabeni ukuyakhuleka.

47 Sekuhlwile, umkhumbi wawuphakathi kolwandle, futhi yena wayeyedwa emhlabathini.

48 Wababona behlupheka kakhulu ekugwedleni, ngoba umoya wawuphambene labo, wasesiza kubo sokungaba yisikhathi somlindo wesine wobusuku, ehamba phezu kolwandle; wasefuna ukubadlula.

49 Sebembonile ehamba phezu kolwandle, basebecabanga ukuthi lithonga, bakhala kakhulu;

50 ngoba bambona bonke, bethuka. Kodwa wahle wakhuluma labo, wathi kubo: Manini isibindi; yimi, lingesabi.

51 Wasesenyukela kubo emkhunjini, umoya wasuthula; basebesanganiseka kakhulu okwedlula amalawulo ngaphakathi, bamangala.

52 Ngoba babengaqedisisanga ngezinkwa; ngoba inhliziyo yabo yayilukhuni.

UJesu usilisa elizweni leGenesaretha

53 Kwathi sebechaphile bafika elizweni leGenesaretha, babophela umkhumbi ekhunjini.

54 Bathi sebephumile emkhunjini, bahle bamazi,

55 bagijimela kuso sonke lesosigaba esizingelezeleyo, baqala ukubhoda bethwala abagulayo ngamathala bebasa lapho abebesizwa ukuthi ukhona.

56 Njalo loba ngaphi angena khona emizaneni loba emizini, loba emaphandleni, babeka abagulayo emidangeni, bamncenga ukuthi bathinte umphetho wesembatho sakhe nje; njalo bonke abamthintayo basindiswa.

NGUMARKO 7

AbaFarisi lababhali basolwa ngenxa yezimiso zabo

1Kwasekubuthana kuye abaFarisi, labanye bababhali, ababevela eJerusalema;

2 sebebonile ukuthi abanye babafundi bakhe badla izinkwa ngezandla ezingcolileyo, okuyikuthi ezingagezwanga, basola.

3 Ngoba abaFarisi lamaJuda bonke kabadli, ngaphandle kokuthi bagezisise izandla zabo, belondoloza isiko labadala.

4 Nxa bevela emdangeni, kabadli, ngaphandle kokuthi bageze; futhi zikhona ezinye izinto ezinengi abazemukelayo ukuzilondoloza, ukugezisa inkezo lembiza lezitsha zethusi lemibheda.

5 Emva kwalokhu abaFarisi lababhali bambuza bathi: Kungani abafundi bakho bengahambi ngesiko labadala, kodwa badla isinkwa ngezandla ezingahlanjwanga?

6 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: UIsaya waprofetha kuhle ngani lina bazenzisi, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Lesisizwe singidumisa ngezindebe, kodwa inhliziyo yabo ikhatshana lami.

7 Kodwa zingikhonza ngeze, zifundisa izimfundiso eziyimilayo yabantu.

8 Ngoba liyekela umlayo kaNkulunkulu, ligcine isiko labantu, ukugezisa imbiza lenkezo; lezinye izinto ezinengi ezinjalo liyazenza.

9 Wasesithi kubo: Liyachitha kuhle umlayo kaNkulunkulu, ukuze lilondoloze isiko lenu.

10 Ngoba uMozisi wathi: Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko; lokuthi: Othuka uyise kumbe unina kumele afe ukufa;

11 kodwa lina lithi: Aluba umuntu esithi kuyise kumbe kunina: Lokho obungasizwa yimi ngakho, "liKhobane", okuyikuthi umnikelo kuNkulunkulu;

12 kalisamvumeli ukwenzela uyise kumbe unina ulutho,

13 lilenza ize ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngesiko lenu eliliqhubayo; lezinto ezinengi ezinjalo liyazenza.

14 Esebizile kuye ixuku lonke, wathi kilo: Ngilalelani lonke, liqedisise.

15 Kalukho ulutho olungaphandle komuntu olungamngcolisa lungena kuye; kodwa izinto eziphuma kuye, yizo lezo ezingcolisa umuntu.

16 Uba ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa akezwe.

17 Esengenile endlini evela exukwini, abafundi bakhe bambuza ngomfanekiso.

18 Wasesithi kubo: Ngokunjalo lani lingabangelakuqedisisa yini? Kaliqedisisi yini ukuthi konke okungaphandle okungena emuntwini kungemngcolise?

19 Ngoba kakungeni enhliziyweni yakhe, kodwa esiswini; kuphumela ngaphandle, kuhlambulula ukudla konke.

20 Wasesithi: Okuphumayo emuntwini, yikho okungcolisa umuntu.

21 Ngoba kuphuma ngaphakathi enhliziyweni yabantu imicabango emibi, ukuphinga, ukufeba, ukubulala,

22 ukweba, ubuhwaba, ukuxhwala, inkohliso, amanyala, ilihlo elibi, inhlamba, ukuzigqaja, ubuthutha;

23 zonke lezizinto ezimbi zivela ngaphakathi, zimngcolise umuntu.

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24 Wasesukuma lapho waya emikhawulweni yeTire leSidoni. Wangena endlini, engathandi ukuthi umuntu akwazi, kodwa wayengelakufihlakala.

25 Ngoba owesifazana, olentombazana yakhe elomoya ongcolileyo, esezwile ngaye, weza wawa phansi enyaweni zakhe;

26 njalo owesifazana wayengumGriki, engumSirofenike ngokuzalwa; wasemncenga ukuthi akhuphe idimoni endodakazini yakhe.

27 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Ake kusuthe abantwana kuqala; ngoba kakukuhle ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana sisiphosele izinjana.

28 Kodwa waphendula wathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi; kodwa lezinjana ezingaphansi kwetafula ziyadla imvuthuluka yabantwana.

29 Wasesithi kuye: Ngenxa yalokhukutsho hamba-ke; idimoni liphumile endodakazini yakho.

30 Wasesuka waya endlini yakhe, wafica idimoni seliphumile, lendodakazi ilele embhedeni.

Isacuthe esigagasayo siyasiliswa

31 Wasebuya wasuka emikhawulweni yeTire leSidoni, weza elwandle lweGalili, phakathi kwemikhawulo yeDikapolisi.

32 Basebeletha kuye isacuthe esigagasayo, bamncenga ukuthi abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwaso.

33 Wasesikhupha exukwini sabasodwa, wafaka iminwe yakhe endlebeni zaso, wakhafula wathinta ulimi lwaso,

34 ekhangela phezulu ezulwini, wabubula, wathi kuso: "Efatha"; okuyikuthi: Vulwa!

35 Njalo zahle zavulwa indlebe zaso; yasithukululwa intambo yolimi lwaso, sasesikhuluma saqonda.

36 Wasebalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu; kodwa lanxa wayebalayile kakhulu, kwang'khona bekumemezela ngamandla.

37 Basebemangala kakhulukazi sibili, bathi: Uzenzile kuhle izinto zonke; wenza kokubili izacuthe ukuthi zizwe, lezimungulu ukuthi zikhulume.

NGUMARKO 8

UJesu usuthisa amadoda azinkulungwane ezine

1Ngalezonsuku kwakukhona ixuku elikhulu kakhulu, njalo lalingelakho okokudla, uJesu wabizela kuye abafundi bakhe wathi kubo:

2 Ngilesihelo ngexuku; ngoba sebehlezi lami insuku ezintathu, bengelalutho lokudla;

3 njalo uba ngibayekela baye emakhaya abo bengadlanga, bazayatha endleleni;
ngoba abanye babo bavela khatshana.

4 Abafundi bakhe basebemphendula bathi: Zingavela ngaphi izinkwa umuntu
angasuthisa ngazo laba lapha enkangala?

5 Wasebabuza wathi: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Basebesithi: Eziyisikhombisa.

6 Waselaya ixuku ukuthi lihlale phansi emhlabathini; wasethatha izinkwa
eziyisikhombisa, esebongile wazihlephula wazinika abafundi bakhe, ukuthi
babeke phambi kwabo; basebebeka phambi kwexuku.

7 Njalo babelenhlanzana ezinlutshwana; esebusisile wathi bazibeke lazo
phambi kwabo.

8 Basebesidla, basutha; basebedobha imvuthu ezazisele, izitsha eziyisikhombisa.

9 Lababedlile babengaba zinkulungwane ezine; wasebayekela bahamba.

10 Njalo wahle wangena emkhunjini labafundi bakhe, weza kungxenye
zeDalmanutha.

Abafuna isibonakaliso

11 AbaFarisi basebephuma, baqala ukuphikisana laye, befunisisa kuye
isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini, bemlinga.

12 Wasebubula kakhulu emoyeni wakhe wathi: Lesisizukulwana sidingelani
isibonakaliso? Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Qiniso akulasibonakaliso esizanikwa
kulesisizukulwana.

13 Wasebatshiya, wangena emkhunjini futhi, wasuka waya ngaphetsheya.

UJesu ukhuza abafundi ngokungaqedisisi kwabo

14 Njalo abafundi babekhohliwe ukuthatha izinkwa, bengelalutho emkhunjini
ngaphandle kwesinkwa esisodwa.

15 Wasebalaya, wathi: Nanzelelani, liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi lemvubelo
kaHerodi.

16 Basebezindlisana, besithi: Ngoba kasilazinkwa.

17 UJesu esekwazi wathi kubo: Kungani likhulumisana ngokuthi kalilazinkwa?
Kalikaboni, njalo kaliqedisisi yini? Lokhe lilenhliziyo ezilukhuni yini?

18 Lilamehlo kaliboni yini? Futhi lilendlebe kalizwa yini? Njalo kalikhumbuli yini?

19 Mhla ngahlephulela abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu izinkwa ezinhlanu, ladobha
izitsha ezingaki ezigcwele imvuthu? Bathi kuye: Ezilitshumi lambili.

20 Njalo mhla ziyisikhombisa kwabazinkulungwane ezine, ladobha izitsha
ezingaki ezigcwele imvuthu? Basebesithi: Eziyisikhombisa.

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21 Wasesithi kubo: Yinindaba lingaqedisisi?

Isiphofu seBhethisayida

22 Wasefika eBhethisayida. Basebeletha kuye isiphofu, bamncenga ukuthi asithinte.

23 Wasesibamba isiphofu ngesandla, wasikhuphela ngaphandle komzana; esekhafulele emehlweni aso, wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwaso, wasibuza ukuthi ngabe sibona ulutho.

24 Sasesikhangela phezulu sathi: Ngibona abantu behambahamba kungathi yizihlahla.

25 Emva kwalokhu wabuya wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwamehlo aso, wasenza sakhangela phezulu; sasesisiliswa, sabona bonke ngokucacileyo.

26 Wasesithuma endlini yaso, wathi: Ungangeni emzaneni, njalo ungatsheli muntu loyedwa emzaneni.

Isivumo sokholo sikaPetro

27 UJesu wasephuma labafundi bakhe baya emizaneni yeKesariya yeFiliphu; besendleleni wababuza abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Abantu bathi ngingubani?

28 Basebephendula bathi: UJohane uMbhabhathizi; labanye: UElija; labanye: Omunye wabaprofethi.

29 Yena wasesithi kubo: Lina-ke lithi ngingubani? UPetro wasephendula wathi kuye: Wena unguKristu.

30 Wasebalayisisa ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ngaye.

UJesu ukhuluma ngokufa lokuvuka kwakhe

31 Waseqala ukubafundisa, ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu imele ukuhlupheka izinto ezinengi, ilahlwe ngabadala labapristi abakhulu lababhali, ibulawe, ibuye ivuke emva kwensuku ezintathu.

32 Waselikhuluma lelilizwi obala. UPetro wasemthatha waqala ukumkhuza.

33 Kodwa etshibilika, wabona abafundi bakhe, wamkhuza uPetro, wathi: Suka ngemva kwami, Sathane; ngoba kawucabangi ngezinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngezabantu.

Ukuhlutshwa kukaJesu lokwabamlandelayo

34 Kwathi esebizele kuye ixuku kanye labafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuza ngemva kwami, kazidele, athathe isiphambano sakhe, angilandele.

35 Ngoba loba ngubani othanda ukusindisa impilo yakhe, izamlahlekela; kodwa loba ngubani olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami levangeli, yena uzayisindisa.

36 Ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu, nxa ezuza umhlaba wonke, kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe?

37 Kumbe umuntu uzanikani kube lihlawulo lomphefumulo wakhe?

38 Ngoba loba ngubani olenhloni ngami langamazwi ami kulesisizukulwana esifebayo lesonakeleyo, iNdodana yomuntu layo izakuba lenhloni ngaye, nxa isiza enkazimulweni kaYise kanye lengilosi ezingcwele.

NGUMARKO 9

1Wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Bakhona abanye kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze bezwe ukufa, baze babone umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile ngamandla.

Ukukhazimuliswa kukaJesu entabeni

2 Emva kwensuku eziyisithupha uJesu wasethatha uPetro loJakobe loJohane, wasebakhuphulela entabeni ende ebehlukanisa bodwa; waseguqulwa isimo phambi kwabo;

3 lezembatho zakhe zacwazimula, zaba mhlophe nke njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo, kakulamcoli welembu emhlabeni ongazenza zibe mhlophe kangako.

4 Kwasekubonakala kubo uElija eloMozisi, njalo bekhuluma loJesu.

5 UPetro wasephendula wathi kuJesu: Rabi, kuhle ukuthi sibe lapha; futhi asakhe amadumba amathathu, elinye ngelakho, lelinye ngelikaMozisi, lelinye ngelikaElija.

6 Ngoba wayengakwazi angakutsho; ngoba babesesaba kakhulu.

7 Kwasekufika iyezi labasibekela; kwaba lelizwi elivela eyezini, lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo; zwanini yona.

8 Njalo bahle bathalaza, kababe besabona muntu, kodwa uJesu yedwa elabo.

9 Kwathi besehla entabeni, wabalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu izinto abazibonileyo, ize ivuke kwabafileyo iNdodana yomuntu.

10 Njalo bazigcinela lelilizwi, bebuzana ukuthi kutshoni ukuvuka okwabafileyo.

11 Basebembuza, besithi: Batsholoni ababhali ukuthi uElija ufanele ukufika kuqala?

12 Wasephendula, wathi kubo: UElija ufika kuqala isibili, abuyisele zonke izinto; njalo kubhalwe njani ngeNdodana yomuntu, ukuthi imele ihlupheke izinto ezinengi njalo idelelwe.

13 Kodwa ngitsho kini ukuthi uElija laye sewafika, basebesenza kuye konke abakuthandayo, njengokulotshiweyo ngaye.

Ukusiliswa komfana owayelesithuthwane

14 Kwathi efika kubafundi, wabona ixuku elikhulu libahanqile, lababhali
bephikisana labo.

15 Lahle lathi ukumbona ixuku lonke laselimangala, lagijimela kuye lambingelela.

16 Wasebabuza ababhali wathi: Liphikisana ngani labo?

17 Omunye wexuku wasephendula wathi: Mfundisi, ngilethe kuwe indodana
yami, elomoya oyisimungulu;

18 kuthi loba ngaphi oyibamba khona, uyidabule; ikhihlize amagwebu, igedle
amazinyo ayo, yome qha; njalo ngikhulume labafundi bakho ukuthi bawukhuphe,
kodwa behluleka.

19 Wasemphendula wathi: O sizukulwana esingelakholo, koze kube nini ngilani?
Koze kube nini ngilibekezelela? Iletheni kimi.

20 Basebeyiletha kuye; kwathi umbona, umoya wahle wayihlukuza; yawela
emhlabathini, yazigiqagiqa ikhihliza amagwebu.

21 Wasebuza uyise wathi: Kulesikhathi esingakanani, lokhu kwenzeka kiyo?
Wasesithi: Kusukela ebuntwaneni.

22 Futhi uyiphosele kanengi emlilweni lemanzini, ukuze uyibhubhise; kodwa nxa
kukhona ongakwenza, sihawukele, usisize.

23 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Nxa usenelisa ukukholwa, zonke izinto ziyenzeka
kokholwayo.

24 Njalo uyise womntwana wahle wamemeza ngezinyembezi wathi:
Ngiyakholwa, Nkosi, siza ukungakholwa kwami.

25 Kwathi uJesu esebona ukuthi ixuku ligijima kanyekanye ndawonye, wakhuza
umoya ongcolileyo, esithi kuwo: Wena moya oyisimungulu loyisacuthe, mina
ngiyakulaya: Phuma kuye, ungabe usangena kuye.

26 Usumemezile, wayihlukuza kakhulu, waphuma; yasisiba njengofileyo, kwaze
kwathi abanengi bathi isifile.

27 Kodwa uJesu wayibamba ngesandla, wayiphakamisa; yasisukuma.

28 Wathi esengenile endlini, abafundi bakhe bambuza bebodwa bathi: Kungani
thina sehlulekile ukuwukhupha?

29 Wasesithi kubo: Loluhlobo lungeke luphume ngalutho, ngaphandle
komkhuleko lokuzila ukudla.

UJesu uphinda akhulume ngokuhlupheka kwakhe

30 Basebesuka lapho badabula eGalili; wayengathandi ukuthi loba ngubani
akwazi,

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31 ngoba wayefundisa abafundi bakhe, esithi kubo: INdodana yomuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu, njalo bazayibulala; isibulewe izavuka ngosuku lwesithathu.

32 Kodwa kabaqedisisanga lumutsho, besaba ukumbuza.

UJesu ufundisa ngokuthobeka

33 Wasefika eKapenawume. Kwathi esendlini wababuza wathi: Beliphikisana ngani endleleni?

34 Kodwa bathula; ngoba endleleni babephikisene ngokuthi ngubani omkhulu.

35 Wasehlala phansi wabiza abalitshumi lambili, wathi kubo: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuba ngowokuqala, uzakuba ngowokucina kubo bonke, lesisebenzi sabo bonke.

36 Wasethatha umntwana omncane, wammisa phakathi kwabo; wamgona, wathi kubo:

37 Loba ngubani owemukela omunye wabantwana abancane abanje ebizweni lami, wemukela mina; njalo loba ngubani owemukela mina, kemukeli mina, kodwa yena ongithumileyo.

38 UJohane wasemphendula, wathi: Mfundisi, sabona omunye ongasilandeliyo ekhupha amadimoni ngebizo lakho; sasesimenqabela, ngoba engasilandeli.

39 Kodwa uJesu wathi: Lingamenqabeli; ngoba kakho owenza umsebenzi wamandla ebizweni lami, njalo olamandla okukhuluma kubi ngami masinyane;

40 ngoba ongamelani lathi, ungowethu.

41 Ngoba loba ngubani ozalinathisa inkezo yamanzi ngebizo lami, ngoba lingabakaKristu, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kasoze alahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe.

Izikhubekiso

42 Futhi loba ngubani okhubekisa omunye walaba abancinyane abakholwa kimi, kungcono kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola ligaxwe entanyeni yakhe, abesephoselwa olwandle.

43 Njalo uba isandla sakho sikukhubekisa, siqume; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyingini, kulokuthi ulezandla ezimbili usuke uye esihogweni, emlilweni ongacitshekiyo,

44 lapho impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona.

45 Njalo uba unyawo lwakho lukukhubekisa, luqume; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyisiqhwala, kulokuthi ulenyawo ezimbili uphoselwe esihogweni, emlilweni ongacitshekiyo,

46 lapho impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona.

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47 Njalo uba ilihlo lakho likukhubekisa, likhuphe; kungcono kuwe ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu ulelihlo elilodwa, kulokuthi ulamehlo amabili uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo,

48 lapho impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona.

Ngetshwayi

49 Ngoba wonke uzatshwaywa ngomlilo; njalo wonke umhlatshelo uzatshwaywa ngetshwayi.

50 Itshwayi lihle; kodwa uba itshwayi lingelabutshwayi, lizalivuselela ngani? Banini letshwayi phakathi kwenu, njalo lihlalisane ngokuthula.

NGUMARKO 10

Ukuhlalisana kwabathatheneyo

1Wasesukuma lapho weza emingceleni yeJudiya edabula ngaphetsheya kweJodani; amaxuku asebuya abuthana kuye; wasephinda ukubafundisa, njengokwejwayela kwakhe.

2 Kwasekusiza kuye abaFarisi bambuza ukuthi: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthi indoda yale umkayo? bemlinga.

3 Wasephendula wathi kubo: UMozisi walilayani?

4 Basebesithi: UMozisi wavuma ukubhala incwadi yesehlukaniso, lokumala.

5 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngenxa yobulukhuni benhliziyo yenu walibhalela lumlayo;

6 kodwa kusukela ekuqaleni kokudaliweyo, uNkulunkulu wabenza owesilisa lowesifazana.

7 Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina, inamathele kumkayo,

8 njalo labo ababili bazakuba nyamanye. Ngakho kabasebabili, kodwa banyamanye.

9 Ngakho lokho uNkulunkulu akuhlanganisileyo, kakungabi lamuntu okwehlukanisayo.

10 Endlini abafundi bakhe basebebuya bembuza ngalokhu.

11 Wasesithi kubo: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe athathe omunye, uyafeba kuye;

12 lomfazi uba esala indoda yakhe endele kwenye, uyafeba.

Ukubusiswa kwabantwana abancane

13 Basebeletha abantwana abancane kuye ukuze ababambe; kodwa abafundi bakhe babakhuza ababalethayo.

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14 Kodwa uJesu ekubona wathukuthela, wathi kubo: Vumelani abantwana abancane beze kimi, lingabenqabeli. Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowabanje.

15 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngubani ongemukeli umbuso kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana omncane, kasoze angene kuwo.

16 Njalo ebagona, ebeka izandla zakhe phezu kwabo, wababusisa.

Ijaha elinothileyo

17 Esephumele endleleni, omunye wamgijimela, eguqa phambi kwakhe wambuza wathi: Mfundisi olungileyo, ngingenzani ukuze ngidle ilifa lempilo elaphakade?

18 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Ungibizelani ngokuthi olungileyo? Kakho olungileyo, ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu.

19 Uyayazi imilayo ethi: Ungafebi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga, ungadlelezeli, hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko.

20 Wasephendula wathi kuye: Mfundisi, lezizinto zonke ngizigcinile kusukela ebutsheni bami.

21 Njalo uJesu emkhangela wamthanda, wathi kuye: Kunye okusweleyo; hamba, uthengise konke olakho, uphe abayanga, njalo uzakuba lokuligugu ezulwini; njalo uze, uthathe isiphambano, ungilandele.

22 Kodwa edanile ngalelilizwi wasuka wahamba edabukile; ngoba wayelempahla ezinengi.

23 UJesu wasethalaza wathi kubafundi bakhe: Kuzakuba lukhuni kangakanani kwabalenotho ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu.

24 Abafundi basebemangala ngamazwi akhe. Kodwa uJesu ephendula futhi wathi kubo: Bantwana, kulukhuni kangakanani kwabathembela enothweni ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu;

25 kulula ukuthi ikamela lithutshe entunjeni yenalithi, kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu.

26 Basebemangala kakhulukazi, bekhulumisana bathi: Pho kungasindiswa bani?

27 UJesu wasebakhangela wathi: Kubantu kakulakwenzeka, kodwa kakunjalo kuNkulunkulu; ngoba zonke izinto ziyenzeka kuNkulunkulu.

Umvuzo wokuzidela

28 UPetro waseqala ukuthi kuye: Khangela, thina sitshiye konke, sakulandela.

29 UJesu wasephendula wathi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakukho muntu otshiye indlu, kumbe abafowabo, kumbe odadewabo, kumbe uyise, kumbe unina, kumbe umkakhe, kumbe abantwana, kumbe amasimu, ngenxa yami levangeli,

30 ongayikwemukela ngokwekhulu khathesi ngalesisikhathi, izindlu labafowabo labodadewabo labonina labantwana lamasimu, kanye lokuzingelwa, lempilo elaphakade esikhathini esizayo.

31 Kodwa abanengi abokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina, labokucina ngabokuqala.

UJesu uphinda akhulume ngokufa lokuvuka kwakhe

32 Njalo besendleleni benyukela eJerusalema; uJesu wayesehamba phambi kwabo, njalo babemangele, belandela babesesaba. Wasethatha futhi abalitshumi lambili, waqala ukubatshela izinto ezazizakwenzakala kuye

33 ukuthi: Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalema, futhi iNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa kubapristi abakhulu lakubabhali, njalo bazayigwebela ukufa, bayinikele kwabezizwe,

34 bazayiyangisa, bayitshaye ngesiswepu, bayikhafulele amathe, bayibulale; njalo ngosuku lwesithathu izabuya ivuke ekufeni.

UJesu ukhuza amadodana kaZebediya

35 Kwasekusiza kuye uJakobe loJohane, amadodana kaZebediya, besithi: Mfundisi, sithanda ukuthi usenzele loba yini esizayicela.

36 Wasesithi kubo: Lithanda ukuthi ngilenzeleni?

37 Basebesithi kuye: Siphe ukuthi sihlale omunye ngakwesokunene sakho lomunye ngakwesokhohlo sakho ebukhosini bakho.

38 Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Linganatha yini inkezo engiyinathayo mina, njalo libhabhathizwe ngobhabhathizo engibhabhathizwa ngalo mina?

39 Basebesithi kuye: Singakwenza. Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Isibili inkezo engiyinathayo mina lizayinatha; lizabhabhathizwa ngobhabhathizo engibhabhathizwa ngalo mina;

40 kodwa ukuhlala ngakwesokunene sami langakwesokhohlo sami kayisikho okwami ukukupha, kodwakungokwalabo abakulungiselweyo.

Ubukhulu obuqotho

41 Kwathi sebezwile abalitshumi baqala ukuthukuthela ngoJakobe loJohane.

42 Kodwa uJesu wababizela kuye wathi kubo: Liyazi ukuthi labo okuthiwa babusa izizwe bazibusa ngobulukhuni; lezikhulu zazo zisebenzisa amandla phezu kwazo.

43 Kodwa akuyikuba njalo phakathi kwenu; kodwa loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngomkhulu phakathi kwenu, kabe yisisebenzi senu;

44 njalo loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngowokuqala phakathi kwenu, kabe yisisebenzi sabo bonke.

45 Ngoba leNdodana yomuntu kayizanga ukukhonzwa, kodwa ukukhonza, lokunika impilo yayo ibe lihlawulo labanengi.

UBartimewu isiphofu

46 Basebefika eJeriko; kwathi esephuma eJeriko, labafundi bakhe, lexuku elikhulu, indodana kaTimewu, uBartimewu oyisiphofu wayehlezi endleleni ephanza.

47 Kwathi esezwile ukuthi nguJesu weNazaretha, waqala ukumemeza lokuthi: Jesu Ndodana kaDavida, akungihawukele!

48 Abanengi basebemkhuza ukuthi athule; kodwa wamemeza kakhulukazi, esithi: Ndodana kaDavida, akungihawukele!

49 UJesu esima wasesithi kabizwe; basebesibiza isiphofu, besithi kuso: Mana isibindi; sukuma, uyakubiza.

50 Sasesilahla isembatho saso sasukuma seza kuJesu.

51 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuso: Ufuna ukuthi ngikwenzeleni? Isiphofu sasesisithi kuye: Raboni, ukuthi ngibuye ngibone.

52 UJesu wasesithi kuso: Hamba; ukholo lwakho lukusindisile. Njalo sahle sabuye sabona, salandela uJesu endleleni.

NGUMARKO 11

UJesu ungena eJerusalema

1Kwathi besondela eJerusalema, eBetfage leBethani, entabeni yeMihlwathi, wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe,

2 wathi kubo: Hambani liye emzaneni okhangelene lani; lizahle lithi lingena kuwo lifice ithole likababhemi likhulekiwe, okungazange kuhlale kulo umuntu; lilikhulule lililethe.

3 Njalo uba umuntu esithi kini: Likwenzelani lokhu? Lithi: INkosi iyaliswela; njalo uzahle alithumele lapha.

4 Bahamba-ke bafica ithole likhulekiwe lisesangweni ngaphandle, endleleni; basebelikhulula.

5 Labanye kwababemi khona bathi kubo: Lenzani likhulula ithole?

6 Basebesitsho kubo njengoba uJesu elayile; basebebayekela bahamba.

7 Basebeliletha ithole kuJesu, baphosela izembatho zabo phezu kwalo, wasehlala phezu kwalo.

8 Labanengi bendlala izembatho zabo endleleni; labanye bagamula izingatsha lamahlamvu ezihlahleni, bakwendlala endleleni.

9 Lalabo ababehamba phambili lababelandela bamemeza, besithi: Hosana!
Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi;

10 ubusisiwe umbuso kababa wethu uDavida, ozayo ebizweni leNkosi. Hosana
kweliphezulu!

11 UJesu wasengena eJerusalema, lethempelini; wathi esekhangele izinto zonke
jikelele, sekuhlwile, waphuma waya eBethani labalitshumi lambili.

Ukuthukwa komkhiwa

12 Lakusisa bephuma eBethani, walamba.

13 Ebona umkhiwa ukhatshana, ulamahlamvu, wasondela ukuthi mhlawumbe
angathola ulutho kuwo; njalo efika kuwo, katholanga lutho ngaphandle
kwamahlamvu; ngoba kwakungesiso isikhathi somkhiwa.

14 UJesu ekhuluma wathi kuwo: Kakungabi kusadla muntu isithelo kuwe kuze
kube nininini. Labafundi bakhe bakuzwa.

Ukuhlanjululwa kwethempeli

15 Basebefika eJerusalema; uJesu wasengena ethempelini waqala ukuxotsha labo
ababethengisa lababethenga ethempelini; wasegenqula amatafula
ababentshintshelana imali, lezihlalo zalabo ababethengisa amajuba;

16 wayengavumeli ukuthi umuntu athwale impahla adabule ethempelini.

17 Wasefundisa, wathi kubo: Kakulotshiwe yini ukuthi: Indlu yami izabizwa
ngokuthi yindlu yomkhuleko yezizwe zonke? Kodwa lina seliyenze ubhalu
lwabaphangi.

18 Ababhali labapristi abakhulu basebekuzwa, badinga ukuthi bangambulala
njani; ngoba babemesaba, ngoba lonke ixuku lamangala kakhulu ngokufundisa
kwakhe.

19 Sekusihlwa, waphuma phandle komuzi.

Ukuzuza amandla ngokholo

20 Ekuseni kakhulu besedlula, babona umkhiwa womile kusukela empandeni.

21 UPetro wasekhumbula wathi kuye: Rabi, khangela, umkhiwa owuqalekisileyo
womile.

22 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Banini lokholo kuNkulunkulu.

23 Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngubani ozakuthi kulintaba: Phakanyiswa,
uphoselwe olwandle; njalo engathandabuzi enhliziyweni yakhe, kodwa ekholwa
ukuthi akutshoyo kuyenzeka, kuzakwenzeka kuye loba yini akutshoyo.

24 Ngakho ngithi kini: Konke loba yini elikucelayo likhuleka, kholwani ukuthi
liyakwemukela, njalo lizakuba layo.

25 Njalo nxa limi likhuleka, thethelelani uba lilolutho olumelana lomuntu; ukuze uYihlo osemazulwini laye alithethelele iziphambeko zenu.

26 Kodwa uba lina lingathetheleli, loYihlo osemazulwini kayikulithethelela iziphambeko zenu.

Amandla kaJesu

27 Basebebuya bafika eJerusalema; kwathi ehambahamba ethempelini, abapristi abakhulu lababhali labadala beza kuye,

28 bathi kuye: Izinto lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya; njalo ngubani okunike leligunya lokuthi wenze lezizinto?

29 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo ube munye, njalo lingiphendule, khona ngizalitshela ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya.

30 Ubhabhathizo lukaJohane lwavela ezulwini, kumbe ebantwini? Ngiphendulani.

31 Basebezindlisana, besithi: Uba sisithi: Ezulwini, uzakuthi: Pho kalikholwanga kuye ngani?

32 Kodwa uba sisithi: Ebantwini; besaba abantu; ngoba bonke babemphatha uJohane, ngokuthi ungumprofethi ngeqiniso.

33 Basebephendula bathi kuJesu: Kasazi. UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami kangilitsheli ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya.

NGUMARKO 12

Umfanekiso wabalimi besivini

1Waseqala ukukhuluma labo ngemifanekiso wathi: Umuntu wahlanyela isivini, wasibiyela ngothango, wagebha isikhamelo, wakha umphotshongo, wasiqatshisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye ilizwe.

2 Kwathi sekuyisikhathi esifaneleyo wathuma inceku kubalimi, ukuze yemukele kubalimi okwesithelo sesivini.

3 Kodwa bayibamba bayitshaya, bayimukisa ize.

4 Wasebuya ethuma kubo enye inceku; laleyo bayitshaya ngamatshe bayilimaza ekhanda, bayixotsha isithelwe inhloni.

5 Wasebuya ethuma enye; yona basebeyibulala; lezinye ezinengi, ezinye bazitshaya, lezinye bazibulala.

6 Ngakho eseselendodana eyodwa ethandekayo kuye, ekucineni wayithuma kubo layo, esithi: Bazayihlonipha indodana yami.

7 Kodwa labobalimi bakhulumisana besithi: Le yindlalifa; wozani, siyibulale, lelifa lizakuba ngelethu.

8 Basebeyibamba bayibulala, bayiphosela ngaphandle kwesivini.

9 Ngakho uzakwenzani umninisivini? Uzakuza ababhubhise abalimi, anikele isivini kwabanye.

10 Kalibalanga yini lumbhalo othi: Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo, yilo eseliyinhloko yengonsi;

11 lokhu kwenziwe yiNkosi, njalo kuyisimanga emehlweni ethu?

12 Basebedinga ukumbamba, kodwa besaba ixuku; ngoba babesazi ukuthi wayekhuluma lumfanekiso emelane labo. Basebemtshiya bahamba.

Umthelo kaKesari

13 Basebethuma kuye abanye babaFarisi labakaHerodi, ukuze bamthiye ekukhulumeni.

14 Basebesiza bathi kuye: Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena uqotho, njalo kawukhathali ngomuntu; ngoba kawunanzi isimo somuntu, kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthela kuKesari kumbe hatshi?

15 Sithele, kumbe singatheli? Kodwa ekwazi ukuzenzisa kwabo wathi kubo: Lingilingelani? Lethani kimiudenariyo, ukuze ngibone.

16 Basebeletha. Wasesithi kubo: Ngokabani lumfanekiso lalumbhalo? Basebesithi kuye: NgokaKesari.

17 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Mnikeni uKesari okukaKesari, loNkulunkulu okukaNkulunkulu. Basebemangala ngaye.

Ukuvuka kwabafileyo

18 Basebesiza kuye abaSadusi, abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo; bambuza, bathi:

19 Mfundisi, uMozisi wasibhalela, ukuthi: Uba umfowabo womuntu esifa, atshiye umkakhe, engatshiyi bantwana, umfowabo kamthathe umkakhe, amvusele umfowabo inzalo;

20 kwakulezelamani eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala wasethatha umfazi, wafa engatshiyanga inzalo;

21 lowesibili wamthatha, wafa, laye engatshiyanga inzalo; lowesithathu kwaba njalo;

22 lalaba boyisikhombisa bamthatha, kabatshiyanga inzalo. Ekucineni kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi.

23 Ngakho ekuvukeni kwabafileyo, mhla bevukayo, uzakuba ngumkabani kubo; lokhu abayisikhombisa babelaye engumkabo?

24 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Kaliduhanga yini ngalokhu, ngoba lingayazi imibhalo, loba amandla kaNkulunkulu?

25 Ngoba mhla bevukayo ekufeni, kabathathani, njalo kabendiswa, kodwa banjengengilosi ezisemazulwini.

26 Kodwa mayelana labafileyo, ukuthi bayavuswa, kalifundanga yini egwalweni lukaMozisi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu esihlahleni wakhuluma njani kuye, esithi: NginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, loNkulunkulu kaIsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe?

27 Kayisuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa uNkulunkulu wabaphilayo; ngakho lina liduhile kakhulu.

Umlayo wokuqala

28 Wasefika omunye wababhali, esezwile bebuzana, esebonile ukuthi ubaphendule kuhle, wambuza wathi: Yiwuphi umlayo wokuqala kuyo yonke?

29 UJesu wasemphendula wathi: Owokuqala kuyo yonke imilayo ngowokuthi: Zwana, Israyeli: INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, iNkosi yinye;

30 njalo wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langengqondo yakho yonke, langamandla akho wonke. Yilo umlayo owokuqala.

31 Lowesibili uyafanana, yilo: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. Kawukho omunye umlayo omkhulu kulale.

32 Umbhali wasesithi kuye: Kuhle, Mfundisi, utsho okuqotho ukuthi kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa, langaphandle kwakhe kakho omunye;

33 lokumthanda ngenhliziyo yonke, langokuqedisisa konke, langomphefumulo wonke, langamandla wonke, lokuthanda umakhelwane njengawe, kuyedlula yonke iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo.

34 UJesu esembona ukuthi uphendule ngenhlakanipho, wathi kuye: Kawukhatshana lombuso kaNkulunkulu. Njalo kakwabe kusaba khona umuntu olesibindi sokumbuza.

UKristu losendo lwakhe

35 UJesu, efundisa ethempelini, wasephendula wathi: Batsho njani ababhali ukuthi uKristu uyindodana kaDavida?

36 Ngoba uDavida uqobo lwakhe ngoMoya oyiNgcwele wathi: INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngibeke izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho.

37 Ngakho uDavida uqobo lwakhe umbiza ngokuthi yiNkosi; pho uyindodana yakhe njani?

Lexuku elikhulu lamuzwa ngokuthokoza.

UJesu usola ababhali

38 Wasesithi kubo ekufundiseni kwakhe: Qaphelani ababhali, abathanda ukuhamba bembethe izembatho ezinde, lokubingelelwa emidangeni,

39 lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogeni, lezihlalo zabahloniphekayo ekudleni kwantambama;

40 abadla izindlu zabafelokazi, bekhuleka isikhathi eside ngokuzenzisa; laba bazakwemukela ukulahlwa okukhulu.

Umnikelo womfelokazi

41 UJesu wasehlala phansi maqondana lesitsha somnikelo wabona ukuthi ixuku liphosela njani imali esitsheni somnikelo; labanothileyo abanengi baphosela okunengi.

42 Kwasekufika umfelokazi othile ongumyanga waphosela inhlamvana ezimbili ezincane zemali, ezenza indibilitshi.

43 Wasebizela kuye abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lumfelokazi ongumyanga uphosele okwedlula bonke laba abaphoseleyo esitsheni somnikelo;

44 ngoba bonke baphosele kokunengi kwabo; kodwa yena ebuyangeni bakhe uphosele konke alakho, konke okwempilo yakhe.

NGUMARKO 13

UJesu ukhuluma ngokuchithwa kweJerusalema langokuphela kwesikhathi

1Kwathi ephuma ethempelini, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye: Mfundisi, khangela, amatshe anjani lezakhiwo ezinjani!

2 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: Uyabona lezizakhiwo ezinkulu yini? Akusoze kutshiywe ilitshe phezu kwelitshe, elingasoze lidilizelwe phansi.

3 Esehlezi entabeni yeMihlwathi maqondana lethempeli, uPetro loJakobe loJohane loAndreya bambuza bebodwa,

4 bathi: Sitshele, lezizinto zizakuba nini? Lesibonakaliso siyini lapho sezizapheleliswa lezizinto zonke?

5 UJesu ebaphendula waseqala ukuthi: Qaphelani kungabi khona oliduhisayo.

6 Ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami, besithi: Mina nginguye; futhi baduhise abanengi.

7 Kodwa nxa lisizwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga ezimpi, lingethuki; ngoba kufanele kwenzeke; kodwa ukuphela kakukabi khona.

8 Ngoba isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso; njalo kuzakuba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba indawo ngendawo, njalo kuzakuba khona indlala lezinhlupheko; lezizinto ziyikuqala kwemihelo.

9 Kodwa ziqapheleni lina; ngoba bazalinikela emiphakathini, lemasinagogeni lizatshaywa, lizalethwa laphambi kwababusi lamakhosi ngenxa yami, kube yibufakazi obumelene labo.

10 Kodwa ivangeli limele ukutshunyayelwa kuqala kuzo zonke izizwe.

11 Kodwa nxa belidonsa belinikela, lingakhathaleli ngaphambili elizakukhuluma, linganakani; kodwa loba yini elizayinikwa ngalelohola, ikhulumeni; ngoba kakusini elikhulumayo, kodwa uMoya oyiNgcwele.

12 Futhi umfowabo uzanikela umfowabo ekufeni, loyise umntwana; labantwana bazavukela abazali, besebebabulala;

13 njalo lizazondwa yibo bonke ngenxa yebizo lami; kodwa ophikelelayo kuze kube sekupheleni, nguye ozasindiswa.

14 Kodwa nxa libona amanyala encithakalo, akhulunywa nguDaniyeli umprofethi, emi lapho angafanele khona (ofundayo kaqedisise), khona labo abaseJudiya kababalekele ezintabeni;

15 lophezu kophahla lwendlu angehleli endlini, angangeni ukuthatha ulutho endlini yakhe;

16 losemasimini angabuyeli emuva, ukuyathatha isembatho sakhe.

17 Kodwa maye kwabakhulelweyo labamunyisayo ngalezonsuku!

18 Kodwa khulekani ukuthi ukubaleka kwenu kungabi sebusika.

19 Ngoba ngalezonsuku kuzakuba khona ukuhlupheka, okungazanga kube khona kusukela ekuqaleni kokudaliweyo uNkulunkulu akudalayo kuze kube khathesi, lokungasoze kwaba khona.

20 Njalo uba iNkosi ibingazifinyezanga lezonsuku, bekungesindiswe nyama; kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, ebakhethileyo, izifinyezile insuku.

21 Langalesosikhathi nxa umuntu esithi kini: Khangelani, nangu uKristu; kumbe: Khangelani, ulaphayana; lingakholwa;

22 ngoba kuzavuka okristu bamanga labaprofethi bamanga, besebesenza izibonakaliso lezimangaliso, ukuduhisa, nxa kungenzeka, labakhethiweyo.

23 Kodwa qaphelani lina; khangelani, sengilitshelile konke ngaphambili.

24 Kodwa ngalezonsuku, emva kwalokhokuhlupheka, ilanga lizafiphazwa, lenyanga kayiyikupha ukukhanya kwayo,

25 lenkanyezi zezulu zizabe zisiwa, lamandla asemazulwini azazanyazanyiswa.

26 Khona-ke bezabona iNdodana yomuntu isiza emayezini ilamandla amakhulu lenkazimulo,

27 khona-ke izathuma ingilosi zayo, ibisiqoqa abakhethiweyo bayo emimoyeni yomine, kusukela emkhawulweni womhlaba kuze kube semkhawulweni wezulu.

28 Fundani-ke umfanekiso emkhiweni; nxa ugatsha lwawo selusiba buthakathaka luhlume amahlamvu, liyazi ukuthi ihlobo seliseduze;

29 ngokunjalo lani, nxa libona lezizinto zisenzeka, yazini ukuthi kuseduze
kuseminyango.

30 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lesisizukulwana asisoze sidlule, zize zenzeke izinto
zonke lezi.

31 Kuzadlula izulu lomhlaba; kodwa amazwi ami awasoze adlule.

32 Kodwa lolosuku lalelohola kakho owaziyo ngakho, ngitsho lengilosi
ezisezulwini, ngitsho leNdodana, ngaphandle kukaBaba.

33 Qaphelani, lilinde likhuleke; ngoba kalazi ukuthi isikhathi sinini.

34 Njengomuntu owasuka elizweni lakibo watshiya indlu yakhe, wanika inceku
zakhe amandla, kuleyo laleyo umsebenzi wayo, walaya umlindisango ukuthi
alinde.

35 Ngakho lindani; ngoba kalazi ukuthi inkosi yendlu izafika nini, kusihlwa, loba
phakathi kobusuku, loba ekukhaleni kweqhude, loba emadabukakusa;

36 hlezi ifike ilijume, ilifice lilele.

37 Lalokhu engikutsho kini ngikutsho kubo bonke: Lindani.

NGUMARKO 14

Iqhinga lokumbulala uJesu

1Kwathi emva kwensuku ezimbili kwaba khona iphasika lomkhosi wesinkwa
esingelamvubelo; abapristi abakhulu lababhali basebedinga ukuthi
bangambamba njani ngobuqili bambulale;

2 kodwa bathi: Kungabi ngomkhosi, hlezi kube lesiphithiphithi sabantu.

UJesu uyagcotshwa eBethani

3 Kwathi eseBethani, endlini kaSimoni umlephero, ehlezi ekudleni, kwafika
owesifazana ephethe umfuma we-alibasta wamagcobo awenadi uqobo aligugu
elikhulu; wasephahlaza umfuma we-alibasta, wawathela ekhanda lakhe.

4 Kwakukhona abanye abathukuthelayo ngaphakathi kwabo, besithi:
Kwenzelwani ukumotshwa kwalamagcobo?

5 Ngoba la abengathengiswa ngemali edlula odenariyo abangamakhulu
amathathu, besekunikwa abayanga. Basebemsola.

6 Kodwa uJesu wathi: Myekeleni; limhluphelani? Wenze umsebenzi omuhle kimi.

7 Ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, futhi uba lithanda lingabenzela okuhle; kodwa
mina kalihlali lilami.

8 Yena wenzile abengakwenza; uqalile ngaphambili ukuwugcobela
ukungcwatshwa umzimba wami.

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9 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngaphi emhlabeni wonke lapho okuzatshunyayelwa khona lelivangeli, lalokhu akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa ngakho kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye.

Umvuzo wokumnikela uJesu

10 UJudasi Iskariyothi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, wasesiya kubapristi abakhulu, ukuze amnikele kubo.

11 Futhi sebezwile bathokoza, bathembisa ukumnika imali; wasedinga ukuthi angamnikela njani kuhle.

Ukumiswa kwesidlo esingcwele

12 Kwathi ngosuku lokuqala lwesinkwa esingelamvubelo, ababehlaba ngalo iphasika, abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi siyelungisa ngaphi ukuze udle iphasika?

13 Wasethuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Hambani liye emzini, njalo umuntu uzahlangana lani ethwele imbiza yamanzi; limlandele,

14 njalo loba kungaphi azangena khona, kalibokuthi kumninindlu: UMfundisi uthi: Ingaphi indlu yezihambi, lapho engingadlela khona iphasika labafundi bami?

15 Futhi yena uzalitshengisa indlu enkulu ephezulu eyendlelweyo elungisiweyo; silungiseleni khona.

16 Abafundi bakhe basebephuma, bangena emzini, bathola kunjengokutsho kwakhe kubo ; basebelungisa iphasika.

17 Kwathi sekukusihlwa wafika labalitshumi lambili.

18 Sebehlezi besidla, uJesu wathi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Omunye wenu, odla lami, uzanginikela.

19 Basebeqala ukudabuka, bathi kuye ngamunye ngamunye: Yimi yini? Lomunye: Yimi yini?

20 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Ngomunye wabalitshumi lambili, otsheba kanye lami emganwini.

21 Sibili iNdodana yomuntu ihamba, njengokulotshiweyo ngayo; kodwa maye kulowomuntu enikelwa nguye iNdodana yomuntu! Bekungakuhle kuye aluba lowomuntu wayengazalwanga.

22 Kwathi besidla, uJesu wathatha isinkwa, wasibusisa wasihlephula, wabanika, wathi: Thathani, lidle; lokhu kungumzimba wami.

23 Wasethatha inkezo, esebongile wabanika; basebenatha kuyo bonke.

24 Wasesithi kubo: Leli ligazi lami, elesivumelwano esitsha, elichithelwa abanengi.

25 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Angisayikunatha okwesithelo sevini, kuze kufike lolosuku engizasinatha ngalo sisitsha embusweni kaNkulunkulu.

26 Kwathi sebehlabele ingoma yokudumisa baphuma baya entabeni yeMihlwathi.

Ukuxwayiswa kukaPetro

27 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lonke lizakhubeka ngami ngalobubusuku; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngizatshaya umelusi, izimvu besezihlakazeka.

28 Kodwa emva kokuvuswa kwami, ngizalandulela ukuya eGalili.

29 Kodwa uPetro wathi kuye: Lanxa bonke bezakhubeka, kodwa hatshi mina.

30 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Lamuhla ngalobubusuku, lingakakhali kabili iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu.

31 Kodwa waqinisa ngamandla esithi: Loba kudingeka ngife lawe, angisoze ngikuphike. Basebesitsho njalo labo bonke.

EGetsemane

32 Basebefika endaweni ebizo layo yiGetsemane; wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Hlalani phansi lapha, ngisayakhuleka.

33 Wasethatha kanye laye uPetro loJakobe loJohane, waseqala ukudatshulwa sibili lokukhathazeka kakhulu.

34 Wasesithi kubo: Umphefumulo wami udabukile kakhulu kuze kube sekufeni; hlalani lapha lilinde.

35 Waseqhubeka ibangana, wawela emhlabathini, wakhuleka ukuthi, uba kungenzeka, kudlule kuye lelihola.

36 Wasesithi: Abha, Baba, zonke izinto ziyenzeka kuwe. Susa linkezo kimi; kodwa kungabi yikuthi ngithandani mina, kodwa kube yikuthi uthandani wena.

37 Wasesiza, wabafica belele, wathi kuPetro: Simoni, ulele yini? Ubungelinde yini ihola libe linye?

38 Lindani likhuleke, ukuze lingangeni ekulingweni. Umoya uyavuma-ke, kodwa inyama ibuthakathaka.

39 Wasebuya wahamba wayakhuleka, esitsho wona lawomazwi.

40 Wasebuya wabafica futhi belele; ngoba amehlo abo ayenzima, kodwa babengazi ukuthi bazamphendulabathini.

41 Wasesiza ngokwesithathu, wathi kubo: Qhubekani lilele-ke liphumule. Kwanele; ihola selifikile; khangelani, iNdodana yomuntu iyanikelwa ezandleni zezoni.

42 Sukumani, sihambe; khangelani, onginikelayo useduze.

Ukubotshwa kukaJesu lokuthethwa kwecala lakhe

43 Kwathi esakhuluma, wahle wafika uJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, njalo elexuku elikhulu elilezinkemba lezinduku, livela kubapristi abakhulu lababhali labadala.

44 Lomnikelayo wayebanike isiboniso, esithi: Lowo engizamanga, nguye; limbambe, limqhube limqinise.

45 Esefikile, wahle wasondela kuye wathi: Rabi, Rabi! Wasemanga.

46 Basebemdumela, bambamba.

47 Lomunye kwababemi khona wakhokha inkemba wagadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, waquma indlebe yayo.

48 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Liphume njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini lilezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba?

49 Bengilani insuku ngensuku ethempelini ngifundisa, kodwa kalingibambanga; kodwa lokhu kwenzeke ukuze kugcwaliseke imibhalo.

50 Bonke basebemtshiya babaleka.

51 Lejaha elithile lamlandela, lembethe ilembu elicolekileyo emzimbeni onqunu. Aselibamba amajaha;

52 laselitshiya ilembu elicolekileyo lababalekela linqunu.

UJesu uphambi kompristi omkhulu

53 Basebemqhuba uJesu bamusa kumpristi omkhulu; basebebuthana kuye abapristi abakhulu bonke labadala lababhali.

54 UPetro wasemlandela ekhatshana waze waba phakathi kweguma lompristi omkhulu; wayehlezi kanye lezinceku, esotha umlilo.

55 Labapristi abakhulu lomphakathi wonke badinga ubufakazi ngoJesu, ukuze bambulale; kodwa kababutholanga.

56 Ngoba abanengi bafakaza amanga ngaye, kodwa lobubufakazi kabuvumelananga.

57 Kwasekusukuma abanye bafakaza amanga amelana laye besithi:

58 Thina samuzwa esithi: Mina ngizadiliza lelithempeli elenziwe ngezandla, njalo ngakhe elinye elingenziwanga ngezandla ngensuku ezintathu.

59 Loba kunjalo ubufakazi babo kabuvumelananga.

60 Kwasekusukuma umpristi omkhulu phakathi kwabo wambuza uJesu, esithi: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? Bafakazani laba okumelana lawe?

61 Kodwa wathula, kaphendulanga lutho. Umpristi omkhulu wabuya wambuza, wathi kuye: Wena unguKristu, iNdodana yoBusisiweyo yini?

62 UJesu wasesithi: Mina nginguye. Njalo lizabona iNdodana yomuntu ihlezi
ngakwesokunene samandla, isiza ngamayezi ezulu.

63 Umpristi omkhulu wasedabula izembatho zakhe wathi: Sisaswelelani
abafakazi?

64 Liyizwile inhlamba; licabangani? Bonke basebemlahla ukuthi ulecala lokufa.

65 Abanye basebeqala ukumkhafulela amathe, lokumgubuzela ubuso,
lokumdutshuza, lokuthi kuye: Profetha! Izinceku zasezimwakala.

UPetro ulandula uJesu

66 UPetro esegumeni ngaphansi, kwafika enye yezincekukazi zompristi omkhulu;

67 isibona uPetro esotha, yamkhangela yathi: Lawe ubulomNazaretha, uJesu.

68 Kodwa waphika, wathi: Kangikwazi, futhi kangikuqedisisi okutshoyo.
Wasephuma phandle, waya entubeni; laselikhala iqhude.

69 Njalo incekukazi encane imbona yabuya yaqala ukutsho kwababemi
khona ukuthi: Lo ungomunye wabo.

70 Kodwa wabuya waphika. Kwathi emva kwesikhatshana futhi labo ababemi
khona bathi kuPetro: Ngeqiniso ungomunye wabo; ngoba lawe ungumGalili,
lolimi lwakho luyavumelana.

71 Waseqala ukuqalekisa lokufunga esithi: Kangimazi lumuntu elimtshoyo.

72 Iqhude laselikhala ngokwesibili. UPetro wasekhumbula ilizwi uJesu ayelitshilo
kuye lokuthi: Lingakakhali kabili iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu. Esenakane
ngalokhu wakhala.

NGUMARKO 15

UJesu uphambi kukaPilatu

1Kwathi khonokho ekuseni kakhulu abapristi abakhulu benza umhlangano kanye
labadala lababhali, lomphakathi wonke, bambopha uJesu bamqhuba bamnikela
kuPilatu.

2 UPilatu wasembuza wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? Wasemphendula
wathi kuye: Uyatsho wena.

3 Abapristi abakhulu basebemmangalela ngezinto ezinengi; kodwa yena
kaphendulanga lutho.

4 UPilatu wasebuya embuza, wathi: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? Khangela, zingaki
izinto abazifakazayo ezimelana lawe.

5 Kodwa uJesu kabesaphendula lutho, waze wamangala uPilatu.

6 Langomkhosi wayebakhululela isibotshwa esisodwa, loba yisiphi abasicelayo.

7 Kwakukhona umuntu othiwa nguBarabasi, owayebotshiwe lalabo ababevukele umbuso laye, ababebulele ekuvukeleni umbuso.

8 Ixuku laselimemeza laqala ukucela ukuthi alenzele njengezikhathi zonke.

9 UPilatu wasebaphendula, wathi: Lithanda ukuthi ngilikhululele iNkosi yamaJuda yini?

10 Ngoba wayekwazi ukuthi ngomona abapristi abakhulu bamnikele.

11 Kodwa abapristi abakhulu bavusa ixuku, ukuthi kungcono alikhululele uBarabasi.

12 UPilatu wasephendula wathi futhi kubo: Pho lifuna ngimenzeni lo elithi uyiNkosi yamaJuda?

13 Basebememeza futhi bathi: Mbethele!

14 Kodwa uPilatu wathi kubo: Ngoba wenze ububi bani? Kodwa bamemeza kakhulu bathi: Mbethele!

15 Khona uPilatu ethanda ukukholisa ixuku, wabakhululela uBarabasi; kodwa wamnikela uJesu, esemtshaye ngesiswepu, ukuthi abethelwe.

Abebutho bamenza uJesu inhlekisa

16 Abebutho basebemngenisa phakathi, egumeni, eliyindlu yombusi, basebebizela ibutho lonke ndawonye,

17 bamgqokisa okuyibubende, sebeluke umqhele wameva bamethesa,

18 baqala ukumbingelela besithi: Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda!

19 Batshaya ikhanda lakhe ngomhlanga, bamkhafulela amathe, baguqa ngamadolo bamkhonza.

20 Sebemklolodele, bamhlubula okuyibubende, bamgqokisa ezakhe izembatho. Basebemusa phandle ukuze bambethele.

UJesu esiphambanweni

21 Babamba ngamandla omunye owayesedlula othiwa nguSimoni umKurene, evela emaphandleni, uyise kaAleksandro loRufusi, ukuthi athwale isiphambano sakhe.

22 Basebemusa endaweni ethiwa yiGolgotha, okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, iNdawo yokhakhayi.

23 Basebemnika iwayini lixutshaniswe lenhlaka ukuthi alinathe; kodwa kalemukelanga.

24 Sebembethele, babelana izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngazo, ukuthi ngamunye uzathathani.

25 Kwakulihola lesithathu, njalo bambethela.

26 Futhi kwakulombhalo wecala lakhe elalibhalwe phezulu usithi: INKOSI YAMAJUDA.

27 Njalo babethela kanye laye abaphangi ababili, omunye ngakwesokunene lomunye ngakwesokhohlo sakhe.

28 Wasugcwaliseka umbhalo othi: Futhi wabalwa kanye lezoni.

29 Labedlulayo bamhlambaza, benikina amakhanda abo, besithi: Hiya, wena odiliza ithempeli, ulakhe ngensuku ezintathu,

30 zisindise, wehle esiphambanweni.

31 Langokunjalo abapristi abakhulu labo bakloloda kanye lababhali bathi omunye komunye: Wasindisa abanye, angezisindise yena.

32 UKristu iNkosi yakoIsrayeli kehle khathesi esiphambanweni, ukuze sibone sikholwe. Lababebethelwe kanye laye bamklolodela.

Ukufa kukaJesu

33 Kwathi sekufike ihola lesithupha, kwaba khona ubumnyama phezu komhlaba wonke kwaze kwaba liholalesificamunwemunye.

34 Ngehola lesificamunwemunye uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, wathi, "Eloyi, Eloyi, lama sabaktani?" Okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa: Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyeleni?

35 Labanye kwababemi khona besizwa bathi: Khangelani, ubiza uElija.

36 Wasegijima omunye, wagcwalisa uzipho ngeviniga, waluhloma emhlangeni, wamnika ukuthi anathe, esithi: Yekelani, sibone uba uElija uzakuza amethule.

37 UJesu wasememeza ngelizwi elikhulu waphefumula okokucina.

38 Leveyili lethempeli ladatshulwa laba zincezu ezimbili laqala phezulu lisiya phansi.

39 Kwathi induna yekhulu eyayimi maqondana laye ibona ukuthi ukhale njalo, waphefumula okokucina, yathi: Ngeqiniso lumuntu ubeyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

40 Kwakukhona labesifazana bebukele bekhatshana, okwakukhona phakathi kwabo loMariya Magadalena, loMariya unina kaJakobe omncinyane lokaJose, loSalome,

41 (labo ababemlandela, eseseGalili, bemncedisa), labanye abesifazana abanengi abenyukela eJerusalema laye.

Ukungcwatshwa kukaJesu

42 Kwathi sekuhlwile, ngoba kwakungamalungiselelo, okuyikuthi usuku phambi
kwesabatha,

43 wafika uJosefa owayevela eArimathiya, ilunga elihloniphekayo lomphakathi,
owayelindele laye umbuso kaNkulunkulu; wangena ngesibindi kuPilatu, wacela
isidumbu sikaJesu.

44 UPilatu wasemangala ngokuthi usefile; wabizela kuye induna yekhulu,
wayibuza ukuthi kambe sekuyisikhathi efile.

45 Esazisiwe yinduna yekhulu, wamnika uJosefa isidumbu.

46 Wasethenga ilembu elicolekileyo, wamethula, wamgoqela ngelembu
elicolekileyo, wambeka engcwabeni elaligujwe edwaleni; wagiqela ilitshe
emnyango wengcwaba.

47 Futhi uMariya Magadalena loMariya unina kaJose babona lapho ayebekwa
khona.

NGUMARKO 16

Ukuvuka kukaJesu

1 Isabatha selidlulile, uMariya
Magadalena loMariya unina kaJakobe loSalome bathenga amakha, ukuze
bahambe bayemgcoba.

2 Kwathi ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lokuqala lweviki beza engcwabeni,
ekuphumeni kwelanga.

3 Basebekhulumisana besithi: Ngubani ozasigiqela ilitshe lisuke emnyango
wengcwaba?

4 Futhi bathi ukukhangela babona ilitshe seligiqwe lasuswa; ngoba lalilikhulu
kakhulu.

5 Kuthe bengena engcwabeni, babona ijaha lihlezi ngakwesokunene, lembethe
isembatho eside esimhlophe; besaba.

6 Kodwa lathi kubo: Lingesabi; lidinga uJesu umNazaretha obebethelwe; uvukile,
kakho lapha; khangelani, indawo lapho abebembeke khona.

7 Kodwa hambani, litshele abafundi bakhe loPetro ukuthi uzalandulela ukuya
eGalili; lizambona khona, njengalokho ayekutshilo kini.

8 Basebephuma ngokuphangisa babaleka engcwabeni; futhi ukuqhuqha
lokwethuka kwababamba; futhi kabakhulumanga lutho emuntwini, ngoba
babesesaba.

Ukuzibonakalisa kukaJesu emva kokuvuka kwakhe

9 Kwathi uJesu esevukile ekuseni kakhulu ngolokuqala lweviki, wabonakala
kuqala kuMariya Magadalena, ayekhuphe kuye amadimoni ayisikhombisa.

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10 Yena wasuka wababikela labo ababelaye, belila bekhala.

11 Labo sebezwile ukuthi uyaphila lokuthi ubonwe nguye, kabakholwanga.

12 Njalo emva kwalezizinto wabonakala ngesinye isimo kwababili babo behamba, besiya emaphandleni.

13 Labo bahamba babikela abanye; lalabo kababakholwanga.

14 Emva kwalokhu wabonakala kwabalitshumi lanye behlezi ekudleni, wasola ukungakholwa kwabolobulukhuni benhliziyo, ngoba bengakholwanga labo abambonayo esevukile.

15 Wasesithi kubo: Hambani liye emhlabeni wonke, litshumayele ivangeli kuso sonke isidalwa.

16 Lowo okholwayo abhabhathizwe uzasindiswa; kodwa ongakholwayo uzalahlwa.

17 Lalezizibonakaliso zizabalandela abakholwayo: Ebizweni lami bazakhupha amadimoni; bakhulume ngendimi ezintsha;

18 bazadobha izinyoka; uba benatha loba yikuphi okubulalayo, kakusoze kubalimaze; bazabeka izandla phezu kwabagulayo, futhi bazaphila.

Ukwenyuka kukaJesu

19 Ngakho iNkosi, emva kokuthi isikhulumile labo, yakhutshulelwa ezulwini, yahlala ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu.

20 Bona basebephuma batshumayela endaweni zonke, iNkosi isebenza labo, iqinisa ilizwi ngezibonakaliso ezazilandela. Ameni.

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IVANGELI ELALOTSHWA

Isingeniso

1 Njengoba abanengi sebebeke izandla ukubeka ngendlela efaneleyo ukulandiswa
kwezinto eziqiniseke ngokupheleleyo phakathi kwethu,

2 njengalokhu basinika labo ababonayo ngamehlo ekuqaleni njalo
bezinceku zelizwi,

3 kukhanye kukuhle lakimi, sengizihlolisisile zonke izinto kusukela ekuqaleni,
ukuthi ngikubhalele ngokulandelana, mhlekazi Teyofilu,

4 ukuze wazi iqiniso ngalezozinto owazifundiswayo.

Ukuzalwa kukaJohane kuyabikwa

5 Ensukwini zikaHerodi inkosi yeJudiya kwakukhona umpristi othile othiwa
nguZakariya, oweqembu likaAbhiya; lomkakhe wayevela kumadodakazi kaAroni,
lebizo lakhe linguElizabethi.

6 Njalo babelungile bobabili phambi kukaNkulunkulu, behamba ngayo yonke
imilayo lezimiso zeNkosi, bengasoleki.

7 Njalo babengelamntwana, ngoba uElizabethi wayeyinyumba, basebeleminyaka
eminengi bobabili.

8 Kwasekusithi esenza inkonzo yobupristi phambi kukaNkulunkulu esesimisweni
seqembu lakibo,

9 ngomkhuba wenkonzo yobupristi, wadliwa yinkatho ukutshisa
impepha esengene ethempelini leNkosi.

10 Njalo ixuku lonke labantu lalikhuleka ngaphandle ngesikhathi sokutshisa
impepha.

11 Ingilosi yeNkosi yasibonakala kuye, imi ngakwesokunene selathi lempepha.

12 Kwathi uZakariya eyibona waqhuqha, lokwesaba kwawela phezu kwakhe.

13 Kodwa ingilosi yathi kuye: Ungesabi Zakariya; ngoba umkhuleko wakho
uzwakele, lomkakho uElizabethi uzakuzalela indodana, njalo uzakuthi ibizo layo
nguJohane.

14 Futhi uzakuba lenjabulo lentokozo, labanengi bazakujabulela ukuzalwa
kwakhe.

15 Ngoba uzakuba mkhulu phambi kweNkosi, iwayini kanye lokunathwayo
okulamandla kasoze akunathe, futhi uzagcwaliswa ngoMoya
oNgcwele kusukela esesesiswini sikanina.

16 Labanengi kubantwana bakoIsrayeli uzabaphendulela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo;

17 njalo yena uzahamba phambi kwayo emoyeni lemandleni kaElija, ukuphendulela inhliziyo zaboyise kubantwana, labangalaleliyo ekuhlakanipheni kwabalungileyo, ukulungiselela iNkosi isizwe esilungisiweyo.

18 UZakariya wasesithi kuyo ingilosi: Ngizakwazi ngani lokhu? Ngoba mina ngilixhegu, lomkami useleminyaka eminengi.

19 Ingilosi yasiphendula yathi kuye: NginguGabriyeli mina, omayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu; njalo ngithunyiwe ukukhuluma lawe, lokukubikela lezizindaba ezinhle.

20 Njalo khangela, uzakuba yisimungulu njalo wehluleke ukukhuluma, kuze kube lusuku okuzakwenzeka ngalolezizinto, ngenxa yokuthi ungakholwanga amazwi ami, azagcwaliseka ngesikhathi sawo.

21 Labantu babemlindele uZakariya; bamangala ngokuphuza kwakhe ethempelini.

22 Kuthe esephuma wehluleka ukukhuluma labo; njalo bazi ukuthi ubone umbono ethempelini; njalo yena wayesebaqhweba, wahlala eyisimungulu.

23 Kwasekusithi seziphelile insuku zokukhonza kwakhe, waya endlini yakhe.

24 Kwathi emva kwalezonsuku uElizabethi umkakhe wathatha isisu, wazifihla okwezinyanga ezinhlanu, esithi:

25 Yenze kanje kimi iNkosi ensukwini eyangikhangela ngazo ukususa ihlazo lami phakathi kwabantu.

Ukuzalwa kukaJesu kuyabikwa

26 Kwathi ngenyanga yesithupha ingilosi uGabriyeli yathunywa nguNkulunkulu emzini weGalili othiwa yiNazaretha,

27 entombini eyayigane indoda, ebizo layo lalinguJosefa, eyendlu kaDavida; lebizo lentombi linguMariya.

28 Ingilosi yasingena kuye yathi: Ekuhle, wena othandiweyo! INkosi ilawe, ubusisiwe wena phakathi kwabesifazana.

29 Kwathi eseyibonile wethuswa kakhulu yilizwi layo, wanakana ukuthi yikubingelela okunjani lokhu.

30 Ingilosi yasisithi kuye: Ungesabi, Mariya; ngoba uthole uthando kuNkulunkulu.

31 Njalo khangela, uzathatha isisu, uzale indodana, uzakuthi ibizo layo nguJesu.

32 Yena uzakuba mkhulu, uzabizwa ngokuthi yiNdodana yoPhezukonke; futhi iNkosi uNkulunkulu izamnikaisihlalo sobukhosi sikayise uDavida,

33 njalo uzabusa phezu kwendlu kaJakobe kuze kube nininini, langombuso wakhe
kawuzukuba lokuphela.

34 UMariya wasesithi kuyo ingilosi: Lokhu kungenzeka njani, njengoba ngingazi
indoda?

35 Ingilosi yasiphendula yathi kuye: UMoya oNgcwele uzakuza phezu kwakho,
lamandla oPhezukonke azakwembesa; ngakho lalokhu okungcwele okuzazalwa
nguwe kuzakuthiwa yiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

36 Njalo khangela, isinini sakho uElizabethi, laye ukhulelwe yindodana ebudaleni
bakhe; lale yinyanga yesithupha kuye obekuthiwa uyinyumba.

37 Ngoba kuNkulunkulu kakulalutho oluzakwehlula.

38 UMariya wasesithi: Khangela, incekukazi yeNkosi; kakube kimi njengelizwi
lakho. Ingilosi yasisuka kuye.

UMariya uhambela uElizabethi

39 Ngalezonsuku uMariya wasesukuma waya ezintabeni ngokuphangisa, emzini
weJuda,

40 wangena endlini kaZakariya, wabingelela uElizabethi.

41 Kwasekusithi uElizabethi ezwe ukubingelela kukaMariya, inkonyane yeqa
esiswini sakhe; loElizabethi wagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele,

42 wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, wathi: Ubusisiwe wena phakathi kwabesifazana,
njalo sibusisiwe isithelo sesizalo sakho!

43 Kanti kuvela ngaphi lokhu kimi, ukuthi unina weNkosi yami eze kimi?

44 Ngoba khangela, kuthe ilizwi lokubingelela kwakho lifika endlebeni zami,
umntwana weqa esiswini sami ngokuthokoza.

45 Futhi ubusisiwe okholiweyo, ngoba kuzagcwaliseka lezozinto ezakhulunywa
kuye yiNkosi.

46 UMariya wasesithi: Umphefumulo wami uyayikhulisa iNkosi,

47 lomoya wami uyathokoza kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami,

48 ngoba ukhangele ubuphansi bencekukazi yakhe. Ngoba khangela, kusukela
khathesi zonke izizukulwanazizakuthi ngibusisiwe.

49 Ngoba yena olamandla ungenzele izinto ezinkulu, lingcwele lebizo lakhe,

50 lesihawu sakhe sikusizukulwana ngesizukulwana kulabo abamesabayo.

51 Wenzile amandla ngengalo yakhe; uhlakazile abazigqajayo ekunakaneni
kwenhliziyo zabo.

52 Wehlisile iziphathamandla ezihlalweni zobukhosi, kodwa uphakamisile abantukazana.

53 Abalambileyo ubasuthise ngezinto ezinhle, kodwa abanothileyo wabamukisa beze.

54 Umsizile uIsrayeli inceku yakhe, ngokukhumbula isihawu,

55 njengoba watsho kubobaba bethu, kuAbrahama, lenzalweni yakhe kuze kube nininini.

56 UMariya wasehlala laye okungaba zinyanga ezintathu, wasebuyela endlini yakhe.

Ukuzalwa kukaJohane

57 Isikhathi sikaElizabethi sokuthi abelethe sesiphelele, wasebeletha indodana.

58 Abakhelene laye lezinini zakhe basebesizwa ukuthi iNkosi yenze isihawu sayo saba sikhulu kuye, basebethokoza laye.

59 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, beza ukuzasoka usane; balubiza ngebizo likayise ngokuthinguZakariya.

60 Kodwa unina waphendula wathi: Hatshi bo, kodwa luzathiwa nguJohane.

61 Basebesithi kuye: Kakho ezihlotsheni zakho obizwa ngalelibizo.

62 Basebeqhweba uyise, ukuthi angathanda ukuthi lubizwe ngokuthini.

63 Wasecela into yokubhalela, wabhala, esithi: NguJohane ibizo lalo; basebemangala bonke.

64 Njalo wahle wavulwa umlomo wakhe lolimi lwakhe lwatshwaphululwa, wasekhuluma edumisa uNkulunkulu.

65 Lokwesaba kwehlela phezu kwabo bonke abakhelene labo; njalo kwakhulunywa ngazo zonke lezizinto kulo lonke elezintabeni zeJudiya,

66 labo bonke abazizwayo bazilondoloza ezinhliziyweni zabo, besithi: Kambe lolusane luzakuba njani? Njalo isandla seNkosi sasilalo.

67 LoZakariya uyise wagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele, waprofetha, esithi:

68 Ibusisiwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ngoba ihambele yasenzela inkululeko isizwe sayo,

69 yasivusela uphondo losindiso endlini kaDavida inceku yayo,

70 njengalokho yakhuluma ngomlomo wabaprofethi bayo abangcwele kusukela ekuqaleni komhlaba,

71 isikhulula ezitheni zethu, lesandleni sabo bonke abasizondayo;

72 ukwenzela obaba bethu isihawu, lokukhumbula isivumelwano sayo esingcwele,

73 isifungo eyasifunga kubaba wethu uAbrahama,

74 ukusinika, ukuthi sesikhululiwe esandleni sezitha zethu, siyikhonze singelakwesaba

75 ngobungcwele langokulunga phambi kwayo zonke izinsuku zempilo yethu.

76 Lawe-ke, sane, uzabizwa ngokuthi ungumprofethi woPhezukonke; ngoba uzahamba phambi kobuso beNkosiukulungisa izindlela zayo;

77 lokunika isizwe sayo ulwazi losindiso ngothethelelo lwezono zabo,

78 ngesihelo sikaNkulunkulu wethu, okuthi ngaso ukusa kwaphezulu kusethekelele,

79 ukubakhanyisela abahlezi emnyameni lethunzini lokufa, ukuqondisa inyawo zethu endleleni yokuthula.

80 Wakhula-ke umntwana omncane, waqina emoyeni, waba sezinkangala kwaze kwaba lusuku lokubonakala kwakhe kuIsrayeli.

NGULUKA 2

Ukuzalwa kukaJesu Kristu

1Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku, isimiso saphuma kuKesari uAgastasi, sokuthi kubhalwe umhlaba wonke.

2 Lokhukubhalwa kwakungokokuqala ukwenziwa lapho uKwiriniya engumbusi weSiriya.

3 Bonke basebesiya ukuze bayebhalwa, ngulowo lalowo emzini wakibo.

4 LoJosefa laye wenyuka esuka eGalili, emzini iNazaretha, waya eJudiya, emzini kaDavida, othiwa yiBhethelehema, ngoba wayengowendlu lowosendo lukaDavida,

5 ukuyabhalwa kanye loMariya umkakhe ayemganile, owayezithwele.

6 Kwasekusithi belapho, zaseziphelela insuku zokubeletha kwakhe.

7 Wasebeletha indodana yakhe eyingqabutho, wayigoqela ngamalembu, wayilalisa emkolweni, ngoba kwakungelandawo yabo endlini yezihambi.

8 Njalo kwakukhona kulelolizwe abelusi ababehlala egangeni futhi belinde umhlambi wabo ebusuku.

9 Njalo khangela, ingilosi yeNkosi yema eduze kwabo, lenkazimulo yeNkosi yakhanya ibazingelezele; njalo besaba ngokwesaba okukhulu.

10 Ingilosi yasisithi kubo: Lingesabi; ngoba khangelani, ngitshumayela indaba ezinhle kini ezentokozo enkulu, ezakuba kubantu bonke;

11 ngoba lizalelwe lamuhla uMsindisi, onguKristu iNkosi, emzini kaDavida.

12 Njalo lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kini: Lizathola usane lugoqelwe ngamalembu, lulele emkolweni.

13 Njalo kwahle kwaba khona kanye lengilosi ixuku lebutho lasezulwini, lidumisa uNkulunkulu, lisithi:

14 Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu kweliphezulu, lokuthula emhlabeni; isifiso esihle ebantwini.

15 Kwasekusithi, ingilosi sezisukile kubo zisiya ezulwini, abantu, abangabelusi, bakhulumisana besithi: Ake siye eBhethelehema, sibone leyonto eyenzakeleyo, iNkosi esazise yona.

16 Basebesiza ngokuphangisa, bathola oMariya loJosefa, losane lulele emkolweni.

17 Sebebonile basebesazisa indawo ezizingelezeleyo ngelizwi ababelitshelwe mayelana lalo umntwana omncane.

18 Labo bonke abakuzwayo bamangala ngezinto ezazikhulunywe ngabelusi kubo.

19 Kodwa uMariya walondoloza wonke la amazwi, enakana ngawo enhliziyweni yakhe.

20 Basebebuyela abelusi, bemdumisa bembonga uNkulunkulu ngazo zonke izinto ababezizwile lababezibonile, njengalokho okwakukhulunywe kubo.

21 Kwathi seziphelile insuku eziyisificaminwembili zokuthi umntwana omncane asokwe, ibizo lakhe laselithiwa nguJesu, elalibizwe yingilosi engakomulwa esiswini.

USimeyoni loAna

22 Kwathi seziphelele insuku zokuhlanjululwa kwakhe ngokomlayo kaMozisi, bamletha eJerusalema, ukuze bammise phambi kweNkosi

23 (njengokulotshiweyo emlayweni weNkosi ukuthi konke okwesilisa okuvula isibeletho kuzathiwa kungcwele eNkosini)

24 lokuthi banikele umhlatshelo njengokutshiwo emlayweni weNkosi, amajuba amabili kumbe amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba.

25 Njalo khangela, kwakukhona eJerusalema umuntu, obizo lakhe linguSimeyoni, njalo lumuntu wayelungile ekhuthele ekukhonzeni, elindele induduzo kaIsrayeli, loMoya oNgcwele wayephezu kwakhe.

26 Futhi kwakubonakalisiwe kuye nguMoya oyiNgcwele, ukuthi kayikubona ukufa engakamboni uKristu weNkosi.

27 Wasengena ethempelini ngoMoya; kwathi abazali bemletha umntwana omncane uJesu, ukuze benze ngaye ngokomkhuba womlayo,

28 yena wasemthatha wamphatha engalweni zakhe, wabonga uNkulunkulu, wathi:

29 Nkosi, khathesi iyekele inceku yakho ihambe ngokuthula, njengokwelizwi lakho;

30 ngoba amehlo ami alubonile usindiso lwakho

31 olulungisileyo phambi kobuso babantu bonke;

32 ukukhanya kokwembulela abezizwe, lenkazimulo yesizwe sakho uIsrayeli.

33 UJosefa lonina basebemangala ngezinto ezatshiwo ngaye.

34 USimeyoni wasebabusisa, wathi kuMariya unina: Khangela, lo umiselwe ukuwa lokuvuka kwabanengi kuIsrayeli, lokuba yisibonakaliso esizaphikiswa;

35 futhi lawe, inkemba izadabula owakho umphefumulo; ukuze imicabango yenhliziyo ezinengi yembulwe.

36 Njalo kwakukhona uAna umprofethikazi, indodakazi kaFanuweli, owesizwe sikaAsheri; wayesekhulile kakhulu, ebehlale lendoda iminyaka eyisikhombisa kusukela ebuntombini bakhe,

37 njalo wayengumfelokazi owayengaba leminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lane, engasuki ethempelini, ekhonza ngokuzila ukudla langemikhuleko ebusuku lemini.

38 Laye efika ngalelohola wadumisa uNkulunkulu, wakhuluma ngaye kubo bonke ababelindele inkululeko eJerusalema.

39 Kwathi sebeqedile konke okungokomlayo weNkosi, babuyela eGalili, emzini wakibo iNazaretha.

40 Lomntwana omncane wakhula, waqina emoyeni, wagcwala inhlakanipho; lomusa kaNkulunkulu wawuphezu kwakhe.

Umntwana uJesu ethempelini

41 Njalo abazali bakhe babesiya eJerusalema iminyaka yonke ngomkhosi wephasika.

42 Kwathi eseleminyaka elitshumi lambili, sebenyukele eJerusalema njengomkhuba womkhosi,

43 njalo seziphelile insuku, ekubuyeleni kwabo, umntwana uJesu wasala eJerusalema; njalo uJosefa lonina bengazi;

44 kodwa becabanga ukuthi wayesexukwini endleleni, bahamba uhambo losuku,
bamdinga phakathi kwezininilabazana labo;

45 kodwa bengamtholi, babuyela eJerusalema, bemdinga.

46 Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku ezintathu, bamthola ethempelini, ehlezi
phakathi kwabafundisi, njalo ebalalela, futhi ebabuza.

47 Njalo bonke ababemuzwa bamangala kakhulu ngolwazi lempendulo zakhe.

48 Kwathi bembona bamangala; lonina wathi kuye: Mntanami, wenzeleni okunje
kithi? Khangela, uyihlo lami besikudinga sidubekile.

49 Wasesithi kubo: Kungani lingidinga? Belingakwazi yini ukuthi kumele ukuthi
ngibe sezintweni zikaBaba?

50 Kodwa bona kabaliqedisisanga ilizwi alikhuluma kibo.

51 Wasesehla labo, weza eNazaretha; wazehlisela ngaphansi kwabo. Unina
wasegcina zonke lezizinto enhliziyweni yakhe.

52 UJesu waseqhubeka enhlakanipheni lekukhuleni, lekuthandekeni
kuNkulunkulu lebantwini.

NGULUKA 3

Umsebenzi kaJohane uMbhabhathizi

1Kwathi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu wokubusa kukaTiberiyosi uKesari,
uPontiyusi Pilatu engumbusi weJudiya, loHerodi engumtetrarki weGalili,
loFiliphu umfowabo engumtetrarki weIturiya lelizweni iTrakoniti, loLisaniya
engumtetrarki weAbilene,

2 uAnasi loKayafasi bengabapristi abakhulu, ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lafika
kuJohane indodana kaZakariyaenkangala.

3 Wasesiza esigabeni sonke seJodani esizingelezeleyo, etshumayela ubhabhathizo
lokuphenduka kube yikuthethelelwa kwezono;

4 njengokulotshiweyo egwalweni lwamazwi kaIsaya umprofethi, ukuthi: Ilizwi
lomemezayo enkangala lithi: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi; qondisani indledlana
zayo.

5 Sonke isigodi sizagqitshwa, layo yonke intaba loqaqa kuzakwehliswa; njalo
kuzaqondiswa amazombazombe, lamaxhakaxhaka ezindlela azalungiswa;

6 layo yonke inyama izabona usindiso lukaNkulunkulu.

7 Ngakho wathi emaxukwini aphumela ukubhabhathizwa nguye: Nzalo
yezinyoka, ngubani olixwayise ukubalekela ulaka oluzayo?

8 Ngakho thelani izithelo ezifanele ukuphenduka; njalo lingaqali ukuthi phakathi kwenu: SiloAbrahama ongubaba wethu; ngoba ngithi kini: UNkulunkulu ulamandla okumvusela uAbrahama abantwana kulamatshe.

9 Lakhathesi lehloka selibekiwe empandeni zezihlahla; ngakho sonke isihlahla esingatheli isithelo esihle siyaganyulwa siphoselwe emlilweni.

10 Amaxuku asembuza, athi: Pho thina sizakwenzani?

11 Wasephendula wathi kubo: Olezembatho ezimbili, kamuphe ongelaso; lolokudla kenze njalo.

12 Kwasekufika labathelisi ukuze babhabhathizwe, basebesithi kuye: Mfundisi, sizakwenzani?

13 Wasesithi kubo: Lingabizi okwedlula elikumiselweyo.

14 Lamabutho lawo ambuza, athi: Thina-ke sizakwenzani? Wasesithi kuwo: Lingenzi udlakela emuntwini, njalo lingacali ngamanga; njalo yeneliswani yimivuzo yenu.

15 Kwathi abantu belindile, futhi bonke bezibuza enhliziyweni zabo ngoJohane, ukuthi kambe yena angaba enguKristu,

16 uJohane waphendula, esithi kubo bonke: Mina-ke ngilibhabhathiza ngamanzi; kodwa uyeza olamandla kulami, engingafanele ukuthukulula umchilo wamanyathela akhe; yena uzalibhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo;

17 okhomane lwakhe lokwela lusesandleni sakhe, njalo uzahlambululisisa isibuya sakhe, abesebuthela amabele esiphaleni sakhe, kodwa amakhoba uzawatshisa ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo.

18 Langokulaya ngezinye izinto ezinengi, watshumayela ivangeli ebantwini.

19 Kodwa uHerodi umtetrarki, owayesolwe nguye ngoHerodiyasi umkaFiliphu umfowabo, langakho konke okubi ayekwenzile uHerodi,

20 wengezelela lalokhu phezu kwakho konke, ukuthi wamvalela uJohane entolongweni.

Ukubhabhathizwa kukaJesu

21 Kwasekusithi sebebhabhathiziwe bonke abantu, laye uJesu esebhabhathiziwe, ekhuleka, izulu lavulwa,

22 uMoya oyiNgcwele wasesehlela phezu kwakhe elesimo somzimba onjengowejuba, lelizwi lavela ezulwini, lisithi: Wena uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo, ngithokoza ngawe.

Okhokho bakaJesu

23 Yena uJesu waseqala ukuba leminyaka engaba ngamatshumi amathathu, yena (njengokwakunakanwa) eyindodana kaJosefa, kaEli,

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24 kaMathati, kaLevi, kaMeliki, kaJanayi, kaJosefa,

25 kaMatathiya, kaAmosi, kaNahume, kaEseli, kaNagayi,

26 kaMahati, kaMatathiya, kaSemeyini, kaJosefa, kaJuda,

27 kaJohana, kaResa, kaZerubhabheli, kaSalatiyeli, kaNeri,

28 kaMeliki, kaAdi, kaKosamu, kaElimodamu, kaEri,

29 kaJose, kaEliyezeri, kaJorima, kaMathati, kaLevi,

30 kaSimeyoni, kaJuda, kaJosefa, kaJonanu, kaEliyakhimi,

31 kaMeleya, kaMena, kaMathata, kaNathani, kaDavida,

32 kaJese, kaObedi, kaBowosi, kaSalimoni, kaNashoni,

33 kaAminadaba, kaAramu, kaEsiromu, kaFaresi, kaJuda,

34 kaJakobe, kaIsaka, kaAbrahama, kaThara, kaNahori,

35 kaSarugi, kaRagawu, kaFaleki, kaEberi, kaSala,

36 kaKayinani, kaArpakishadi, kaShemu, kaNowe, kaLameki,

37 kaMethusala, kaEnoki, kaJaredi, kaMaleleyeli, kaKayinani,

38 kaEnosi, kaSeti, kaAdamu, kaNkulunkulu.

NGULUKA 4

Ukulingwa kukaJesu

1 Kwathi uJesu egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wabuya evela eJodani, wakhokhelelwa nguMoya enkangala,

2 walingwa ngudiyabhola insuku ezingamatshumi amane. Njalo kadlanga lutho ngalezonsuku; kwathi seziphelile, ekucineni walamba.

3 Udiyabhola wasesithi kuye: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, tshono kulelilitshe ukuthi libe yisinkwa.

4 UJesu wasemphendula, wathi: Kulotshiwe, ukuthi umuntu kayikuphila ngesinkwa sodwa, kodwa ngalo lonke ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.

5 Udiyabhola wasemkhokhelela entabeni ende wamtshengisa yonke imibuso yomhlaba ngesikhatshana.

6 Udiyabhola wasesithi kuye: Amandla wonke la lobukhosi bayo ngizakunika; ngoba anikwe mina, njalo ngiwanika loba ngubani engithandayo.

7 Ngakho wena uba ukhonza phambi kwami, konke kuzakuba ngokwakho.

8 UJesu wasemphendula wathi: Suka ngemva kwami, Sathane; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzakhothamela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, njalo umkhonze yena yedwa.

9 Wasemkhokhelela eJerusalema, wammisa engqongeni yethempeli, wasesithi kuye: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziwisele phansi usuka lapha;

10 ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzalaya ingilosi zakhe ngawe, ukukulondoloza;

11 lokuthi: Zizakuphatha ngezandla, hlezi loba nini ukhube unyawo lwakho elitsheni.

12 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: Kuthiwa: Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.

13 Udiyabhola eseqedile ukulinga konke, wasuka kuye kwaze kwaba ngesinye isikhathi.

UJesu uqala ukutshumayela

14 UJesu wasebuyela eGalili ngamandla kaMoya; lendumela yakhe yaphuma kuso sonke isigaba esizingelezeleyo.

15 Yena wasefundisa emasinagogeni abo, edunyiswa yibo bonke.

UJesu udelelwa ngabeNazaretha

16 Wasefika eNazaretha, lapho ayondliwe khona; njengokwejwayela kwakhe wasengena esinagogeni ngosuku lwesabatha, wasukuma ukuze afunde.

17 Wasenikwa ugwalo lomprofethi uIsaya. Waseluvula ugwalo, wayithola indawo okubhalwe kuyo ukuthi:

18 UMoya weNkosi uphezu kwami, ngakho ingigcobile ukuthi ngitshumayele ivangeli kubayanga; ingithumile ukusilisa abadabukileyo enhliziyweni; ukumemezela ukukhululwa kwabathunjiweyo, lokubona kwabayiziphofu, ukukhulula ababandezelweyo,

19 ukumemezela umnyaka womusa weNkosi.

20 Waselugoqa ugwalo, walubuyisela encekwini, wahlala phansi; lamehlo abo bonke ababesesinagogeni amjolozela.

21 Waseqala ukuthi kubo: Lamuhla lumbhalo ugcwalisekile endlebeni zenu.

22 Labo bonke bafakaza ngaye, bamangala ngamazwi omusa aphuma emlonyeni wakhe, basebesithi: Lo kayisiyo indodana kaJosefa yini?

23 Wasesithi kubo: Isibili lizakutsho kimi lesisaga: Melaphi, zelaphe wena; konke lokho esikuzwileyo okwenzeke eKapenawume, kwenze lalapha emzini wakini.

24 Wathi-ke: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakho umprofethi owemukelekayo elizweni lakibo.

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25 Kodwa ngeqiniso ngithi kini: Abafelokazi abanengi babekhona koIsrayeli
ensukwini zikaElija, lapho izulu lalivalekile iminyaka emithathu lenyanga
eziyisithupha, kwaze kwaba khona indlala enkulu emhlabeni wonke;

26 kodwa uElija kathunyelwanga lakomunye wabo, ngaphandle
kweSarepita yeSidoni kowesifazanaongumfelokazi.

27 Futhi amalephero amanengi ayekhona koIsrayeli ngesikhathi sikaElisha
umprofethi; kodwa kakuhlanjululwanga lamunye wawo, ngaphandle
kukaNamani umSiriya.

28 Kwathi bonke ababesesinagogeni bagcwala ulaka, bezizwa lezizinto,

29 basebesukuma, bamkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi, bamqhubela eliweni
lentaba umuzi wabo owawakhiwe phezu kwayo, ukuze bamphosele phansi
eliweni.

30 Kodwa yena edabula phakathi kwabo wahamba.

Ukusiliswa kwezigulane eKapenawume

31 Wasesehlela eKapenawume umuzi weGalili; njalo wayebafundisa
ngamasabatha.

32 Basebebabaza ngemfundiso yakhe, ngoba ilizwi lakhe lalilamandla.

33 Futhi kwakukhona esinagogeni umuntu owayelomoya wedimoni ongcolileyo,
wasememeza ngelizwi elikhulu

34 wathi: Yekela! Silani lawe, Jesu mNazaretha? Uze ukusibhubhisa yini?
Ngiyakwazi wena ukuthi ungubani: ONgcwele kaNkulunkulu.

35 UJesu wasemkhuza, esithi: Thula, uphume kuye! Ledimoni selimwisele
phakathi laphuma kuye, lingamlimazanga.

36 Kwasekubafikela bonke ukumangala, bakhulumisana, besithi: Yilizwi bani leli,
ukuthi ngegunya langamandla uyalaya omoya abangcolileyo, baphume?

37 Yasiphuma indumela yakhe kuyo yonke indawo yesigaba esizingelezeleyo.

Uninazala kaPetro labanye abagulayo bayasiliswa

38 Wasesukuma waphuma esinagogeni, wayangena endlini kaSimoni; njalo
uninazala kaSimoni wayebanjwe luqhuqho olukhulu; basebemcelela kuye.

39 Wasemengama, wakhuza uqhuqho, khona lwamyekela; njalo wahle wasukuma
wabasebenzela.

40 Kwathi ekutshoneni kwelanga, bonke ababelababegula izifo ezitshiyeneyo
babaletha kuye; wasebeka izandla kulowo lalowo wabo wabasilisa.

41 Kwasekuphuma lamadimoni kwabanengi, ememeza esithi: Wena unguKristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu. Wasewakhuza engawavumeli ukuthi akhulume, ngoba ayemazi ukuthi unguKristu.

UJesu usuka eKapenawume

42 Kwathi sekusile, waphuma waya endaweni eyinkangala, lamaxuku amdinga, eza kuye, amvimbela ukuthi angasuki kiwo.

43 Kodwa wathi kuwo: Ngimele ukutshumayela ivangeli lombuso kaNkulunkulu lakweminye imizi; ngoba ngithunyelwe lokho.

44 Wayesetshumayela emasinagogeni eGalili.

NGULUKA 5

Ukubizwa kukaPetro lababelaye

1Kwasekusithi ixuku selimminyezele ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, yena wasesima eceleni kwechibi leGenesaretha;

2 wabona imikhumbi emibili imi eceleni kwechibi; kodwa abagoli benhlanzi babephumile kiyo behlambulula amambule.

3 Wasengena komunye wemikhumbi, ongokaSimoni, wamcela ukuthi asuke kancinyane emhlabathini. Wasehlala phansi wafundisa amaxuku esemkhunjini.

4 Kwathi eseqedile ukukhuluma, wathi kuSimoni: Ngena enzikini, lehlise amambule enu ukuze libambe.

5 USimoni wasephendula wathi kuye: Nkosi, sitshikatshike ubusuku bonke, kasibambanga lutho; kodwa ngokutsho kwakho ngizakwehlisa imbule.

6 Kwathi sebekwenzile lokho, babamba inkithinkithi enkulu yenhlanzi. Laselidabuka imbule labo.

7 Basebeqhweba ababehlanganyele labo ababekomunye umkhumbi, ukuthi beze babasize; beza-ke bayigcwalisa imikhumbi yomibili, yaze yaqalisa ukutshona.

8 Kuthe uSimoni Petro ebona, wawela emadolweni kaJesu, esithi: Suka kimi, Nkosi, ngoba ngingumuntu oyisoni.

9 Ngoba ukumangala kwakumbambile, labo bonke ababelaye, ngokubanjwa kwenhlanzi ababezibambile;

10 ngokufananayo-ke loJakobe loJohane, amadodana kaZebediya, ababehlanganyele loSimoni. UJesu wasesithi kuSimoni: Ungesabi; kusukela khathesi uzagola abantu.

11 Kwathi sebeyifikisile imikhumbi emhlabathini, batshiya konke, bamlandela.

UJesu usilisa umlephero

12 Kwasekusithi, esekomunye wemizi, khangela-ke, indoda egcwele ubulephero;
yathi ibona uJesu, yawa ngobuso, yamncenga, isithi: Nkosi, aluba uthanda,
ungangihlambulula.

13 Waseselula isandla, wayithinta, esithi: Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka. Njalo bahle
basuka ubulephero kuyo.

14 Yena waseyilaya ukuthi ingatsheli muntu; wathi: Kodwa hamba uziveze
kumpristi, unikelele ukuhlanjululwa kwakho, njengoba uMozisi walaya, kube
yibufakazi kubo.

15 Kodwa kwayilapho ukukhuluma ngaye kwanda kakhulu; lamaxuku amanengi
abuthana ukulalela, lokusiliswa nguye ezifweni zawo.

16 Kodwa yena waphumela enkangala wakhuleka.

UJesu usilisa umuntu oyisigoga

17 Kwasekusithi ngolunye lwezinsuku, yena wayefundisa; njalo kwakuhlezi
abaFarisi labafundisi bomlayo, abavela kuyo yonke imizana yeGalili leJudiya
leJerusalema; lamandla eNkosi ayekhona ukubasilisa.

18 Njalo khangela, amadoda ethwele ngohlaka umuntu owayeyisigoga; njalo
adinga ukumngenisa ambeke phambi kwakhe;

19 kodwa engatholi indlela yokumngenisa ngenxa yexuku, akhwela ephahleni
lwendlu, amehlisa ezitineni zokufulela ngethala phambi kukaJesu phakathi
laphakathi.

20 Kwathi ebona ukholo lwawo, wathi kuye: Ndoda, izono zakho uzithethelelwe.

21 Ababhali labaFarisi basebeqala ukunakana, besithi: Ungubani lo okhuluma
inhlamba? Ngubani ongathethelela izono, ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu yedwa?

22 Kwathi uJesu esazi ukunakana kwabo waphendula wathi kubo: Linakanani
enhliziyweni zenu?

23 Yikuphi okulula, ukuthi: Izono zakho uzithethelelwe; kumbe ukuthi: Sukuma
uhambe?

24 Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono
emhlabeni (wathi koyisigoga): Ngithi kuwe: Sukuma, uthathe ithala lakho, uye
endlini yakho.

25 Njalo wahle wasukuma phambi kwabo, wathatha lokhu ayelele kukho, wasuka
waya endlini yakhe, edumisa uNkulunkulu.

26 Lokusanganiseka kwababamba bonke, basebedumisa uNkulunkulu, bagcwala
ukwesaba, besithi: Sibone izimanga lamuhla.

Ukubizwa kukaLevi

27 Njalo emva kwalezizinto waphuma, wabona umthelisi, uLevi ngebizo, ehlezi endlini yokuthelisela, wathi kuye: Ngilandela.

28 Wasetshiya konke, wasukuma wamlandela.

29 ULevi wasemenzela idili elikhulu endlini yakhe; njalo kwakukhona ixuku elikhulu labathelisi lelabanye abahlala kanye labo ekudleni.

30 Ababhali babo labaFarisi basebesola kubafundi bakhe, besithi: Kungani lisidla linatha labathelisi lezoni?

31 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Abaphilayo kabasweli melaphi, kodwa abagulayo.

32 Kangizanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni zize ekuphendukeni.

Ukuzila ukudla

33 Basebesithi kuye: Kungani abafundi bakaJohane bezila ukudla kanengi, benze imikhuleko, kunjalo lababaFarisi; kodwa abakho bayadla banathe?

34 Kodwa wathi kubo: Kambe, lingabazilisa ukudla yini abantwana bendlu yomthimba, umyeni eselabo?

35 Kodwa zizafika insuku, lapho umyeni ezasuswa kubo, khona bezazila ukudla ngalezonsuku.

36 Wasebatshela futhi umfanekiso wokuthi: Kakho obekela isichibi sesembatho esitsha esembathweni esidala; uba kungenjalo, esitsha laso siyadabula, lesichibi sesitsha asihambelani lesidala.

37 Futhi kakho ofaka iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala; uba-ke kungenjalo, iwayini elitsha lizadabula imigodla, lichitheke lona, lemigodla yonakale.

38 Kodwa iwayini elitsha limele lifakwe emigodleni emitsha, njalo kokubili kulondolozeke.

39 Njalo kakho othi esenathe iwayini elidala ahle afise elitsha; ngoba uthi: Elidala lingcono.

NGULUKA 6

UJesu uchasisa umlayo wesabatha

1Kwasekusithi ngesabatha lesibili lakuqala edabula emasimini amabele, abafundi bakhe bakha izikhwebu, badla, bezihlikihla ngezandla.

2 Kodwa abathile babaFarisi bathi kubo: Lenzelani okungavunyelwa ukwenziwa ngensuku zesabatha?

3 UJesu wasebaphendula, wathi: Alifundanga lalokho yini, uDavida akwenzayo, mhla elambile yena lababelaye,

4 ukuthi wayangena njani endlini kaNkulunkulu, wathatha izinkwa zokubukiswa,
wasesidla, wanika lalabo ababelaye; ezingavunyelwa ukudliwa ngaphandle
kwabapristi bodwa?

5 Wasesithi kubo: INdodana yomuntu iyiNkosi leyesabatha.

UJesu usilisa ngesabatha

6 Kwasekusithi langelinye isabatha wangena esinagogeni, wafundisa; njalo
kwakukhona umuntu lapho, osandla sakhe sokunene sasitshwabhene.

7 Ababhali labaFarisi basebemqaphela, ukuthi uzasilisa ngesabatha yini; ukuze
bathole okokumbeka icala.

8 Kodwa wayazi imicabango yabo, wathi kumuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo:
Sukuma, ume phakathi. Wasukuma-ke wema.

9 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngizalibuza ulutho: Kuvunyelwe yini ngamasabatha
ukwenza okulungileyo kumbe ukwenza okubi? Ukusindisa impilo kumbe
ukuchitha?

10 Wasebathalaza bonke, wathi kumuntu: Yelula isandla sakho. Wasesenza njalo.
Isandla sakhe sasesisiliswa saphila njengesinye.

11 Basebegcwala ubuhlanya; bakhulumisana omunye komunye, ukuthi
bangamenzani uJesu.

Ukukhethwa kwabaphostoli

12 Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku waphuma waya entabeni ukuyakhuleka; wahlala
ubusuku bonke ekukhulekeni kuNkulunkulu.

13 Kwathi sekusile, wabizela kuye abafundi bakhe; wakhetha kubo abalitshumi
lambili, ababiza futhi ngokuthi ngabaphostoli;

14 uSimoni laye ambiza ngokuthi nguPetro, loAndreya umfowabo, uJakobe
loJohane, uFiliphu loBartolomewu,

15 uMathewu loTomasi, uJakobe okaAlfewu, loSimoni owayethiwa ngumZelothi,

16 uJudasi kaJakobe, loJudasi Iskariyothi, laye owaba ngumnikeli.

17 Wasesehla labo, wema esigcawini, lexuku labafundi bakhe, lexuku elikhulu
labantu abavela kuyo yonke iJudiya leJerusalema, langaselwandle lweTire
leSidoni, ababezile ukumuzwa, lokusiliswa ezifweni zabo;

18 lalabo ababekhathazwa ngomoya abangcolileyo, basebesiliswa.

19 Lexuku lonke ladinga ukumthinta; ngoba kwaphuma amandla kuye, asebasilisa
bonke.

Ababusiswayo labangabusiswayo

20 Yena wasephakamisela amehlo akhe kubafundi bakhe wathi: Libusisiwe, bayanga, ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowenu.

21 Libusisiwe, lina elilambileyo khathesi, ngoba lizasuthiswa. Libusisiwe, lina elikhalayo khathesi, ngoba lizahleka.

22 Libusisiwe, nxa abantu belizonda, njalo nxa belehlukanisa, belithuka, belahla ibizo lenu ngokungathi libi, ngenxa yeNdodana yomuntu.

23 Thokozani ngalolosuku leqe ngokuthokoza; ngoba khangelani, umvuzo wenu mkhulu ezulwini; ngoba oyise benza njalo kubaprofethi.

24 Kodwa maye kini lina elinothileyo! Ngoba seliyemukele induduzo yenu.

25 Maye kini, lina elisuthiyo! Ngoba lizalamba. Maye kini, lina elihlekayo khathesi! Ngoba lizalila, likhale.

26 Maye kini, nxa abantu bonke bekhuluma kuhle ngani! Ngoba oyise babesenza njalo kubaprofethi bamanga.

Ukuthanda izitha

27 Kodwa ngithi kini elizwayo: Thandani izitha zenu, lenze okuhle kwabalizondayo,

28 libusise abaliqalekisayo, libakhulekele abaliphatha kubi.

29 Okutshaya esihlathini, mnike lesinye; lokwemuka isembatho sakho, ungali lesigqoko sakho.

30 Kodwa mnike wonke ocela kuwe; lokwemuka okwakho, ungabuyi ukubize kuye.

31 Njalo njengalokho lithanda ukuthi abantu benze kini, lani yenzani njalo kubo.

32 Njalo uba lithanda labo abalithandayo, yikubongwa bani elilakho? Ngoba lezoni zithanda labo abazithandayo.

33 Njalo uba lisenza okuhle kulabo abenza okuhle kini, yikubongwa bani elilakho? Ngoba lezoni zenza okufananayo.

34 Futhi uba liseboleka labo elithemba ukwemukela kubo, yikubongwa bani elilakho? Ngoba lezoni zeboleka izoni, ukuze zemukele izinto ezifananayo.

35 Kodwa thandani izitha zenu, lenze okuhle, leboleke, lingalindeli lutho olubuyiselwayo; lomvuzo wenu uzakuba mkhulu, njalo libe ngabantwana boPhezukonke; ngoba yena ulobubele kwabangabongiyo lababi.

36 Ngakho banini lesihawu, njengoba laye uYihlo elesihawu.

Ukwahlulela abanye

37 Lingahluleli, njalo alisoze lahlulelwe; lingalahli, njalo alisoze lilahlwe; thethelelani, njalo lizathethelelwa;

38 phanini, lani lizaphiwa; isilinganiso esihle, sigqitshiwe sahlukuzwa, siphuphuma, bazalipha esifubeni. Ngoba ngalesosilinganiso elilinganisa ngaso lizalinganiselwa ngaso futhi.

39 Wasebatshela umfanekiso wokuthi: Kambe isiphofu singakhokhela isiphofu yini? Kabayikuwela bobabili emgodini yini?

40 Umfundi kamkhulu kulomfundisi wakhe; kodwa wonke opheleleyo uzakuba njengomfundisi wakhe.

41 Njalo ukhangelelani ucezwana oluselihlweni lomfowenu, kodwa ungalunanzeleli ugodo olukwelakho ilihlo?

42 Kumbe ungatsho njani kumfowenu ukuthi: Mfowethu, kahle ngikhuphe ucezwana oluselihlweni lakho, wena ungaluboni ugodo oluselihlweni lakho? Mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe ugodo elihlweni lakho, khona-ke uzabona kuhle ukukhupha ucezwana oluselihlweni lomfowenu.

43 Ngoba kayisiso isihlahla esihle esithela isithelo esibi; futhi kayisiso isihlahla esibi esithela isithelo esihle.

44 Ngoba yileso laleso isihlahla saziwa ngesaso isithelo. Ngoba kabaseli imikhiwa emeveni, futhi kakukhiwa isithelo sevini evikaneni.

45 Umuntu olungileyo uveza okulungileyo kokuligugu elilungileyo lenhliziyo yakhe, lomuntu omubi uveza okubi kokuligugu elibi lenhliziyo yakhe; ngoba umlomo wakhe ukhuluma ngokugcwala kwenhliziyo.

Umfanekiso wezindlu ezimbili

46 Kodwa lingibizelani ngokuthi: Nkosi, Nkosi, kodwa lingazenzi izinto engizitshoyo?

47 Wonke oza kimi awezwe amazwi ami njalo awenze, ngizalitshengisa ukuthi ufanana lobani;

48 ufanana lomuntu owakha indlu, wagebha watshonisa, wabeka isisekelo phezu kwedwala; kwathi ekufikeni kwempophoma, umfula watshaya kuleyondlu, kodwa wawungelamandla okuyinyikinya; ngoba yayisekelwe phezu kwedwala.

49 Kodwa owezwayo njalo angawenzi unjengomuntu owakha indlu emhlabathini ingelasisekelo; umfula wayitshaya, njalo yahle yawa, futhi kwaba kukhulu ukudilika kwaleyondlu.

NGULUKA 7

Ukusiliswa kwenceku yenduna

1Kwathi eseqedile amazwi akhe wonke endlebeni zabantu, wangena eKapenawume.

2 Njalo inceku yenduna yekhulu ethile, eyayiligugu kuyo, yayigula isizakufa.

3 Kwathi isizwile ngoJesu, yathuma kuye abadala bamaJuda, imcela, ukuze eze asilise inceku yayo.

4 Kwathi bona, sebefikile kuJesu, bamncenga kakhulu, besithi: Yona kufanele ukuthi uyenzele lokhu;

5 ngoba iyasithanda isizwe sakithi, njalo yiyo eyasakhela isinagoge.

6 UJesu wasehamba labo. Kwathi engasekhatshana lendlu, induna yekhulu yathuma abangane kuye, isithi kuye: Nkosi, ungazikhathazi; ngoba kangifanele ukuthi ungene ngaphansi kophahla lwami;

7 yikho kangizibonanga ngifanele ukuza kuwe; kodwa khuluma ngelizwi, njalo inceku yami izasiliswa.

8 Ngoba lami ngingumuntu obekwe ngaphansi kwamandla, ngilamabutho ngaphansi kwami, njalo ngithi kuleli: Hamba, njalo lihambe; lakwelinye: Woza, njalo lize; lencekwini yami: Yenza lokhu, njalo ikwenze.

9 Kwathi uJesu ezizwa lezizinto wamangala ngayo, watshibilika, wathi exukwini elimlandelayo: Ngithi kini, angitholanga ukholo olungaka ngitsho lakoIsrayeli.

10 Kwathi ababethunyiwe sebebuyele endlini bafica inceku eyayigula isisilile.

Ukuvuswa kwendodana yomfelokazi weNayini

11 Kwasekusithi ngelanga elilandelayo, waya emzini othiwa yiNayini; abafundi bakhe abanengi basebehamba laye, lexuku elikhulu.

12 Kwathi esesondela esangweni lomuzi, njalo khangela, kwakulofileyo ethwelwe kuphunywa, indodana engeyodwa kanina, futhi yena engumfelokazi; lexuku elikhulu lomuzi lalilaye.

13 INkosi imbona, yasisiba lesihelo ngaye, yathi kuye: Ungakhali.

14 Yasondela yathinta ithala; abalithweleyo basebesima; yasisithi: Jaha, ngithi kuwe: Vuka!

15 Ofileyo wasevuka wahlala waqala ukukhuluma. Yasimnika unina.

16 Ukwesaba kwasekubabamba bonke, basebemdumisa uNkulunkulu, besithi: Umprofethi omkhulu usevukile phakathi kwethu; lokuthi: UNkulunkulu uhambele abantu bakhe.

17 Le indumela ngaye yasiphumela kuyo yonke iJudiya, lakuso sonke isigaba esizingelezeleyo.

UJesu loJohane uMbhabhathizi

18 Abafundi bakaJohane basebembikela ngazo zonke lezizinto.

19 UJohane wasebizela kuye ababili abathile kubafundi bakhe wabathuma kuJesu, esithi: Wena unguye ozayo yini, kumbe silindele omunye?

20 Lamadoda esefikile kuye athi: UJohane uMbhabhathizi usithumile kuwe, esithi:
Wena unguye ozayo yini, kumbe silindele omunye?

21 Langalelohola wasilisa abanengi ezifweni lemikhuhlaneni lakubomoya ababi,
labayiziphofu abanengi wabapha ukubona.

22 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Hambani limtshele uJohane izinto
elizibonileyo lelizizwileyo: Ukuthi iziphofu zibuye zibone, iziqhuli ziyahamba,
amalephero ayahlanjululwa, izacuthe ziyezwa, abafileyo bayavuswa, abayanga
bayatshunyayezwa ivangeli;

23 njalo ubusisiwe loba ngubani ongakhubekiyo ngami.

24 Kwathi sezihambile izithunywa zikaJohane, waqala ukukhuluma lamaxuku
ngoJohane esithi: Laphuma laya enkangala ukuyabonani? Umhlanga onyikinywa
ngumoya yini?

25 Kanti laphumela ukuyabonani? Umuntu owembethe izembatho ezicolekileyo
yini? Khangelani, abembetheezikhazimulayo baphila mnandi basezindlini
zamakhosi.

26 Pho laphumela ukuyabonani? Umprofethi yini? Yebo, ngithi kini: Loba odlula
kakhulu umprofethi.

27 Lo nguye okubhalwe ngaye ukuthi: Khangela, mina ngiyathuma isithunywa
sami phambi kobuso bakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho.

28 Ngoba ngithi kini: Phakathi kwabazelwe ngabesifazana kakho umprofethi
omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhabhathizi; kodwa omncinyane embusweni
kaNkulunkulu mkhulu kulaye.

29 Labantu bonke bekuzwa, labathelisi, bathi ulungile uNkulunkulu,
sebebhabhathiziwe ngobhabhathizo lukaJohane;

30 kodwa abaFarisi lezazumthetho balala icebo likaNkulunkulu bemelene labo,
ngoba bengabhabhathizwanga nguye.

31 Yasisithi iNkosi: Pho-ke abantu balesisizukulwana ngizabafananisa lani? Kanti
bafanana lani?

32 Banjengabantwana abancane abahlezi emakethe bememezana besithi:
Silitshayele umhlanga, kodwa kalisinanga; silililele, kodwa kalikhalanga.

33 Ngoba uJohane uMbhabhathizi wafika engadli isinkwa njalo enganathi iwayini,
laselisithi: Uledimoni;

34 iNdodana yomuntu ifikile isidla, inatha, laselisithi: Khangelani, umuntu oligovu
lesinathi sewayini, umngane wabathelisi lezoni.

35 Kodwa inhlakanipho ithiwa ilungile ngabantwana bayo bonke.

Owesifazana oyisoni endlini yomFarisi

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36 Omunye wabaFarisi wasemcela ukuthi adle laye; esengenile endlini yomFarisi wahlala ekudleni.

37 Njalo khangela, owesifazana kulowomuzi, owayeyisoni, esekwazi ukuthi uJesu uhlezi ekudleni endlini yomFarisi, waletha umfuma we-alibasta owamagcobo,

38 wasesima eceleni kwenyawo zakhe ngemva kwakhe ekhala, waqala ukuthambisa inyawo zakhe ngenyembezi, wazesula ngenwele zekhanda lakhe, wanga inyawo zakhe, wazigcoba ngamagcobo.

39 Kuthe umFarisi obemnxusile ekubona wakhulumela ngaphakathi kwakhe wathi: Lo, uba ebengumprofethi, ngabe uyamazi ukuthi ungubani lokuthi unjani lo owesifazana omthintayo, ngoba uyisoni.

40 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: Simoni, ngilengizakukhuluma lawe. Yena wasesithi: Khuluma, Mfundisi.

41 Kwakukhona ababili ababelezikwelede kumkweledisi othile; omunye wayelomlandu wabodenariyo abangamakhulu amahlanu, lomunye abangamatshumi amahlanu.

42 Kwathi bengelakho okokuhlawula ngakho, wabaxolela bobabili. Kambe nguwuphi kubo, tshono, ozamthanda okwedlulisileyo?

43 USimoni wasephendula wathi: Ngicabanga ngulowo amxolela okwedlulisileyo. Wathi kuye: Wahlulele ngokuqonda.

44 Wasetshibilikela kowesifazana, wathi kuSimoni: Uyambona lo owesifazana yini? Ngingene endlini yakho, amanzi enyaweni zami kawunginikanga; kodwa yena uzithambisile inyawo zami ngenyembezi zakhe, wazesula ngenwele zekhanda lakhe.

45 Kawunganganga; kodwa yena, lokhu ngingenile, kayekelanga ukwanga inyawo zami.

46 Ngamagcobo ikhanda lami kawuligcobanga; kodwa yena ugcobile inyawo zami ngamakha.

47 Ngenxa yalokhu, ngithi kuwe: Izono zakhe ezinengi zithethelelwe, ngoba uthandile kakhulu; kodwa lowo othethelelwa kancinyane, uthanda kancinyane.

48 Wasesithi kuye: Zithethelelwe izono zakho.

49 Ababehlezi laye ekudleni basebeqala ukukhulumisana bodwa besithi: Ngubani lo othethelela lezono?

50 Wasesithi kowesifazana: Ukholo lwakho lukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula.

NGULUKA 8

Abesifazana abasiza uJesu ngempahla zabo

1Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho, yena wadabula imizi lemizana, ememezela lokutshumayela indaba ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu; labalitshumi lambili babelaye,

2 labesifazana abathile ababesiliswe kubomoya ababi lemikhuhlaneni, uMariya othiwa nguMagadalena, okwaphuma kuye amadimoni ayisikhombisa,

3 loJowana umkaKuza induna kaHerodi, loSusana, labanye abanengi, ababemsiza ngempahla zabo.

Umfanekiso womhlanyeli

4 Kwathi sekubuthene ixuku elikhulu, njalo bevela emizini ngemizi besiza kuye, wakhuluma ngomfanekiso

5 wathi: Umhlanyeli waphuma ukuyahlanyela inhlanyelo yakhe; kwathi ekuhlanyeleni kwakhe, enye yawela eceleni kwendlela; yasinyathelwa ngenyawo, lenyoni zezulu zayidla zayiqeda.

6 Lenye yawela edwaleni, kwathi ekukhuleni yabuna, ngoba yaswela ubumanzi.

7 Lenye yawela phakathi kwameva, ameva asemila layo ayiminyanisa.

8 Lenye yawela emhlabathini omuhle, yakhula yathela ikhulu. Esetshilo lezizinto wamemeza wathi: Olendlebe zokuzwa akezwe.

Ukuchasiswa komfanekiso womhlanyeli

9 Abafundi bakhe basebembuza besithi: Ungaba yini lumfanekiso?

10 Wasesithi: Kuphiwe kini ukwazi imfihlo zombuso kaNkulunkulu; kodwa kwabanye ngemifanekiso, ukuze bebona bangaboni, njalo besizwa bangaqedisisi.

11 Lomfanekiso uyilokhu: Inhlanyelo iyilizwi likaNkulunkulu.

12 Labaseceleni kwendlela yilabo abathi sebezwile, besekufika udiyabhola alisuse ilizwi enhliziyweni zabo, ukuze bangakholwa basindiswe.

13 Labasedwaleni yilabo, abathi belizwile, balemukele ilizwi ngentokozo, kodwa laba kabalampande, abakholwa okwesikhathi, kuthi ngesikhathi sokulingwa bawe.

14 Lewele phakathi kwameva, yilabo abathi sebezwile, bahambe baminyaniswe yikukhathalela lenotho lenkanuko yempilo, njalo bangatheli izithelo ezivuthiweyo.

15 Kodwa esemhlabathini omuhle, yilabo abathi belizwile ilizwi balilondoloze enhliziyweni enhle lelungileyo, bathela izithelo ngokubekezela.

Umfanekiso wesibane

16 Njalo kakho othi eselumathise isibane, asembese ngesitsha, kumbe asibeke ngaphansi kombheda, kodwa usibeka esiqobaneni sesibane, ukuze abangenayo babone ukukhanya.

17 Ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo, okungasoze kube sobala; lokuthukuziweyo, okungayikwaziwa lokungayikulethwa obala.

18 Ngakho qaphelisani ukuthi lizwa njani; ngoba loba ngubani olakho, uzaphiwa; kodwa loba ngubani ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho acabanga ukuthi ulakho.

Izihlobo zikaJesu eziyizo

19 Kwasekufika kuye unina labafowabo, kodwa abazange bamfinyelele ngenxa yexuku.

20 Wasebikelwa ngabanye abathi: Unyoko labafowenu bemi phandle, bafuna ukukubona.

21 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Umama labafowethu yilabo, abalizwayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu balenze.

Ukuthuliswa kwesiphepho

22 Kwasekusithi ngolunye lwezinsuku, wangena emkhunjini yena labafundi bakhe, wasesithi kubo: Asichaphele ngaphetsheya kwechibi; basuka-ke.

23 Kwathi behamba ngomkhumbi, walala ubuthongo; isiphepho esikhulu somoya sasesisehlela phansi echibini, bagcwalelwa ngamanzi, babesengozini.

24 Basebesondela bamvusa, besithi: Nkosi, nkosi, siyabhubha! Wasevuka wakhuza umoya lamagagasi amakhulu amanzi; kwasekusima, kwasekusiba lokuthula.

25 Wasesithi kubo: Lungaphi ukholo lwenu? Basebesesaba bamangala, bakhulumisana besithi: Kambe ungubani lo, ukuthi alaye ngitsho imimoya lamanzi, njalo kumlalele?

Ukukhutshwa kwabomoya ababi

26 Basebesiya ngomkhumbi elizweni lamaGadarene, eliqondene leGalili.

27 Kwathi esephumele emhlabathini, yamhlangabeza indoda ethile ivela emzini, eyayilamadimoni okwesikhathi eside, njalo ingembathi isembatho, ingahlali endlini, kodwa emangcwabeni.

28 Yathi imbona uJesu, yamemeza, yawa phansi phambi kwakhe, yathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Ngilani lawe, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngiyakuncenga, ungangihluphi.

29 Ngoba walaya umoya ongcolileyo ukuthi aphume kulowomuntu; ngoba wayesembambe okwezikhathi ezinengi, walindwa ebotshiwe ngamaketane lezibopho, kodwa eseqamule izibopho waqhutshelwa enkangala lidimoni.

30 UJesu wasembuza, wathi: Ungubani ibizo lakho? Wasesithi: NguLegiyoni; ngoba amadimoni amanengi ayengene kuye.

31 Asemncenga ukuthi angawalayi ukuya emgodini ongelamkhawulo.

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32 Kwakukhona lapho umhlambi wengulube ezinengi usidla entabeni; asemncenga ukuthi awavumele angene kuzo. Wasewavumela.

33 Kwathi amadimoni esephumile kulowomuntu angena engulubeni; umhlambi wasuphaphatheka usuka eliweni usiya echibini, waminzwa.

34 Kwathi ababezelusile bebona okwenzakeleyo babaleka, basuka bayabika emzini, lemaphandleni.

35 Basebephuma ukuyabona okwenzakeleyo; bafika kuJesu, bamfica umuntu okwakuphume kuye amadimoniehlezi enyaweni zikaJesu, embethe esephelele engqondweni; basebesesaba.

36 Basebebatshela lalabo ababebonile ukuthi usindiswe njani owayengenwe ngamadimoni.

37 Ixuku lonke lesigaba samaGadarene esizingelezeleyo laselimcela ukuthi asuke kubo, ngoba babanjwa yikwesaba okukhulu; yena wasengena emkhunjini waphindela emuva.

38 Kodwa indoda okwakuphume kuyo amadimoni yamncenga ukuthi ibe laye. Kodwa uJesu wayiyekela yahamba, esithi:

39 Buyela endlini yakho, ulandise ukuthi kungakanani uNkulunkulu akwenze kuwe. Wasesuka wahamba, etshumayela phakathi komuzi wonke ukuthi kungakanani uJesu ayekwenzile kuye.

Indodakazi kaJayirosi ivuswa ekufeni. Owesifazana olomopho uyasiliswa

40 Kwasekusithi ekubuyeni kukaJesu, ixuku lamthakazelela; ngoba bonke babemlindele.

41 Njalo khangela, kwafika indoda, uJayirosi ngebizo, yona ingumphathi wesinagoge, yasisiwa phansi enyaweni zikaJesu yamncenga ukuthi angene endlini yayo;

42 ngoba yayilendodakazi eyodwa ezelweyo eyayingaba leminyaka elitshumi lambili, njalo yona yayisisifa. Kwathi esahamba amaxuku amcindezela.

43 Lowesifazana owayelomopho wegazi okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, echithe konke okwempilo yakhe kubelaphi engelakusiliswa langubani,

44 wasondela ngemva kwakhe, wathinta umphetho wesembatho sakhe; njalo wahle wakhawula umopho wegazi lakhe.

45 UJesu wasesithi: Ngubani ongithintileyo? Kwathi lapho bephika bonke, uPetro wathi lababelaye: Nkosi, ixuku likuminyanisile likucindezele, kodwa uthi: Ngubani ongithintileyo?

46 Kodwa uJesu wathi: Ukhona ongithintileyo; ngoba mina ngazile ukuthi amandla aphumile kimi.

47 Kwathi owesifazana ebona ukuthi kafihlakalanga, weza ethuthumela, wawa phambi kwakhe, walandisa phambi kwabantu bonke ukuthi umthinte ngesizatho bani, lokuthi uhle wasila njani.

48 Wasesithi kuye: Mana isibindi, ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula.

49 Esakhuluma, kwafika umuntu evela endlini yomphathi wesinagoge, wathi kuye: Indodakazi yakho isifile; ungamhluphi uMfundisi.

50 Kodwa uJesu esizwa, wamphendula, wathi: Ungesabi; kholwa kuphela, njalo izasindiswa.

51 Futhi esengenile endlini, kavumanga ukuthi kungene muntu, ngaphandle kukaPetro loJakobe loJohane, loyise wendodakazi lonina.

52 Njalo bakhala bonke, beyililela. Kodwa wathi: Lingakhali; kayifanga, kodwa ilele.

53 Basebemhleka usulu, besazi ukuthi ifile.

54 Kodwa yena esebakhuphele phandle bonke, wabamba isandla sayo, wamemeza, esithi: Ndodakazi, vuka!

55 Wasubuya umoya wayo, yasivuka khona lapho; waselaya ukuthi kayiphiwe ukudla.

56 Abazali bayo basebemangala kakhulu; kodwa wabalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu okwenzakeleyo.

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Ukuthunywa kwabaphostoli

1Wasebizela ndawonye abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili, wabanika amandla legunya phezu kwamadimoni wonke, lawokwelapha izifo.

2 Wasebathuma ukuyatshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu, lokusilisa abagulayo,

3 wasesithi kubo: Lingaphathi lutho lwendlela; lodondolo, lesikhwama, lomphako, lemali, njalo lingabi lezigqoko ezimbili ngamunye.

4 Lakuyiphi indlu elingena kuyo, hlalani lapho, lalapho lisuke.

5 Labo bonke abangalemukeliyo, nxa lisuka kulowomuzi, thintithani ngitsho uthuli enyaweni zenu kube yibufakazi obumelana labo.

6 Basuka-ke bahamba bedabula imizana, betshumayela ivangeli besilisa endaweni zonke.

Ukubulawa kukaJohane uMbhabhathizi

7 UHerodi umtetrarki wasekuzwa konke okwenziwa nguye; wasedideka, ngoba kwatshiwo ngabanye ukuthi uJohane uvukile kwabafileyo;

8 langabanye ukuthi uElija ubonakele; langabanye ukuthi kuvukile omunye
wabaprofethi abadala.

9 Kodwa uHerodi wathi: UJohane ngamquma ikhanda mina; kodwa ngubani lo,
mina engizwa ngaye izinto ezinje? Wasefunisisa ukumbona.

UJesu usuthisa amadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu

10 Abaphostoli sebebuyile bambikela konke ababekwenzile. Wasebathatha,
wahamba labo bebodwa waya endaweni eyinkangala eyomuzi othiwa
yiBhethisayida.

11 Kwathi amaxuku esekwazi, amlandela; wasewemukela, wakhuluma lawo
ngombuso kaNkulunkulu, wabasilisa labo abaswele ukusiliswa.

12 Ilanga laseliqala ukutshona; abalitshumi lambili basebesiza bathi kuye: Yekela
ixuku lihambe, ukuze baye emizaneni lezigabeni ezizingelezeleyo bangenise
khona, bathole ukudla; ngoba lapha sisendaweni eyinkangala.

13 Kodwa wathi kubo: Banikeni lina bona ukuthi badle. Bathi-ke: Asilakho
okwedlula izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, ngaphandle kokuthi thina
siyebathengela ukudla bonke lababantu.

14 Ngoba kwakukhona amadoda angaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu. Wasesithi
kubafundi bakhe: Bahlaliseni phansi ngezigaba ngamatshumi amahlanu.

15 Basebesenza njalo, babahlalisa phansi bonke.

16 Wasezithatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, wakhangela phezulu
ezulwini, wazibusisa, wazihlephula, wazinika abafundi ukuthi babeke phambi
kwexuku.

17 Basebesidla basutha bonke; kwadojwa imvuthu ezazisele kubo, izitsha
ezilitshumi lambili.

Isivumo sokholo sikaPetro. UJesu ukhuluma ngokufa lokuvuka kwakhe

18 Kwasekusithi ekhuleka yedwa, abafundi babelaye; wasebabuza, esithi:
Amaxuku athi ngingubani?

19 Basebephendula bathi: UJohane uMbhabhathizi; kodwa abanye bathi: UElija;
kodwa abanye bathi: Kuvukile umprofethi othile wabadala.

20 Wasesithi kubo: Lina-ke lithi ngingubani? UPetro wasephendula wathi:
UKristu kaNkulunkulu.

21 Esebaxwayisisile walaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu lokhu,

22 esithi: INdodana yomuntu imele ihlupheke kakhulu, ilahlwe ngabadala
labapristi abakhulu lababhali, ibulawe, ibisivuswa ngosuku lwesithathu.

Ukuhlutshwa kukaJesu lokwabamlandelayo

23 Wasesithi kubo bonke: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuza ngemva kwami, kazidele,
athathe isiphambano sakheinsuku ngensuku, angilandele.

24 Ngoba loba ngubani othanda ukusindisa impilo yakhe, izamlahlekela; kodwa
loba ngubani olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami, yena uzayisindisa.

25 Ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu, uba ezuza umhlaba wonke, kodwa yena uqobo
lwakhe azone kumbe alahleke?

26 Ngoba loba ngubani olenhloni ngami langamazwi ami, iNdodana yomuntu
izakuba lenhloni ngaye, nxa isiza enkazimulweni yayo lekaBaba leyengilosi
ezingcwele.

27 Kodwa ngilitshela ngeqiniso: Bakhona abanye kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze
bezwe ukufa, baze babone umbuso kaNkulunkulu.

Ukukhazimuliswa kukaJesu entabeni

28 Kwasekusithi emva kwalawomazwi, kungaba zinsuku eziyisificaminwembili,
wathatha uPetro loJohane loJakobe, wakhwela entabeni ukuyakhuleka.

29 Kwasekusithi ekukhulekeni kwakhe, isimo sobuso bakhe saphenduka,
lesembatho sakhe saba mhlophe, sacwazimula.

30 Njalo khangela, akhuluma laye amadoda amabili, ayengoMozisi loElija;

31 abonakala ngenkazimulo akhuluma ngokusuka kwakhe ayezakuphelelisa
eJerusalema.

32 Kodwa uPetro lababelaye babesindwe yibuthongo; kodwa sebephapheme
babona inkazimulo yakhe, lamadoda amabili ayemi laye.

33 Kwasekusithi, ekwehlukaneni kwawo laye, uPetro wathi kuJesu: Nkosi, kuhle
ukuthi sibe lapha; futhi asakhe amadumba amathathu, elinye ngelakho, lelinye
ngelikaMozisi, lelinye ngelikaElija; engakwazi akutshoyo.

34 Kwathi ekhuluma lezizinto, kwafika iyezi labasibekela; basebesesaba
ekungeneni kwabo eyezini.

35 Kwasekuphuma ilizwi eyezini, lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo;
zwanini yona.

36 Kwathi ilizwi selifikile, uJesu waficwa eyedwa. Kodwa bona bathula, kabaze
batshela muntu ngalezonsuku okunye kwalezozinto abazibonileyo.

Ukusiliswa komfana owayelesithuthwane

37 Kwasekusithi ngelanga elilandelayo, sebehlile entabeni, ixuku elikhulu
lamhlangabeza.

38 Njalo khangela, indoda exukwini yamemeza, isithi: Mfundisi, ngiyakuncenga,
bona indodana yami, ngoba yiyoyodwa ezelweyo yami;

39 njalo khangela, umoya uyayibamba, futhi ihle iklabalale, njalo uyihlukuze, ikhihlize amagwebu, uphume nzima kuyo, uyihluzule.

40 Njalo ngincenge abafundi bakho ukuthi bawukhuphe, kodwa abenelisanga.

41 UJesu wasephendula wathi: O sizukulwana esingelakholo lesonakeleyo, kuzaze kube nini ngilani, ngilibekezelela? Ilethe lapha indodana yakho.

42 Kuthe iseza, idimoni layidabula layihlukuza; kodwa uJesu wawukhuza umoya ongcolileyo, wamsilisa umntwana, wambuyisela kuyise.

UJesu uphinda akhulume ngokuhlupheka kwakhe

43 Bonke basebemangaliswa kakhulu yibukhulu bukaNkulunkulu. Kwathi bemangele bonke ngazo zonke izinto uJesu azenzileyo, wathi kubafundi bakhe:

44 Fakani lina endlebeni zenu lamazwi: Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu.

45 Kodwa kabaqedisisanga lumutsho, njalo wawufihlakele kubo, ukuze bangawuzwisisi; basebesesaba ukumbuza ngalumutsho.

UJesu ufundisa ngokuthobeka

46 Kwasekungena ukuphikisana phakathi kwabo, ukuthi ngubani ongaba mkhulu kubo.

47 Kwathi uJesu ebona ukunakana kwenhliziyo yabo, wathatha umntwana omncane, wammisa phansi kwakhe,

48 wasesithi kubo: Loba ngubani owemukela lumntwana omncane ebizweni lami wemukela mina; njalo loba ngubani owemukela mina wemukela ongithumileyo; ngoba omncinyane kini lonke nguye ozakuba mkhulu.

49 UJohane wasephendula wathi: Nkosi, sabona omunye ekhupha amadimoni ngebizo lakho, sasesimenqabela, ngoba engalandeli kanye lathi.

50 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Lingamenqabeli, ngoba ongamelani lathi ungakithi.

UJesu uyasuka aye eJerusalema

51 Kwathi seziphelelisiwe insuku zokwenyuka kwakhe, yena wasekhangelisa ubuso bakhe ukuya eJerusalema,

52 wasethuma izithunywa phambi kobuso bakhe; zasezihamba zangena emzaneni wamaSamariya, ukuze zimlungisele.

53 Kodwa kawamemukelanga, ngoba ubuso bakhe babukhangele eJerusalema.

54 Kwathi abafundi bakhe uJakobe loJohane bebona lokhu bathi: Nkosi, uyathanda yini ukuthi sitsho ukuthi umlilo wehle uvela ezulwini, ubaqothule, njengoba loElija wenza?

55 Kodwa watshibilika wabakhuza, esithi: Alazi ukuthi lina lingabomoya onjani.

56 Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu kayizanga ukuthi ibhubhise imiphefumulo yabantu, kodwa ukuyisindisa. Basebesedlulela komunye umzana.

Ukulandela uJesu

57 Kwasekusithi behamba endleleni, umuntu othile wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngizakulandela loba ngaphi lapho oya khona.

58 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Amakhanka alemilindi, lenyoni zezulu zilezidleke; kodwa iNdodana yomuntu kayilalapho engaqamelisa ikhanda khona.

59 Wasesithi komunye: Ngilandela. Kodwa yena wathi: Nkosi, ngivumela ukuthi ngiyengcwaba ubaba kuqala.

60 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Yekela abafileyo bangcwabe ababo abafileyo; kodwa wena hamba utshumayele umbuso kaNkulunkulu.

61 Lomunye wasesithi: Ngizakulandela, Nkosi; kodwa ngivumela kuqala ukuthi ngiyevalelisa abasendlini yami.

62 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Kakho othi esebeke isandla sakhe ekhubeni, akhangele kokusemuva, ofanele umbuso kaNkulunkulu.

NGULUKA 10

Ukuthunywa kwabafundi abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa

1Njalo emva kwalezizinto iNkosi yamisa njalo abanye abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yabathuma ngababili phambi kobuso bayo emizini yonke lezindaweni zonke ebizakuya kuzo yona.

2 Ngakho yathi kubo: Isibili isivuno sikhulu, kodwa izisebenzi zinlutshwana. Ngakho ncengani eNkosini yesivuno, ukuze ithume izisebenzi esivunweni sayo.

3 Hambani; khangelani, mina ngiyalithuma linjengezimvana phakathi kwezimpisi.

4 Lingaphathi umxhaka, lesikhwama, lamanyathela; njalo lingabingeleli muntu endleleni.

5 Njalo lakuyiphi indlu elingena kuyo, qalani lithi: Ukuthula kakube kulindlu.

6 Njalo uba kukhona lapho indodana yokuthula, ukuthula kwenu kuzahlala phezu kwayo; kodwa uba kungenjalo, kuzabuyela kini.

7 Hlalani-ke kuleyondlu, lidle linathe izinto ezivela kibo; ngoba isisebenzi sifanele umvuzo waso. Lingayi endlini lendlini.

8 Lakuwuphi umuzi elingena kuwo, besebelemukela, dlanini okubekwa phambi kwenu,

9 lisilise abagulayo abakuwo, njalo lithi kubo: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu usondele kini.

10 Kodwa lakuwuphi umuzi elingena kuwo, futhi bengalemukeli, phumelani endleleni zawo, lithi:

11 Lothuli lomuzi wenu olusinamatheleyo siyaluthintithela kini; kodwa-ke yazini lokhu, ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu usondele kini.

12 Njalo ngithi kini: Kuzakuba lula eSodoma ngalolosuku, kulakulowomuzi.

Ukusolwa kwemizi engaphendukanga

13 Maye kuwe, Korazini! Maye kuwe, Bhethisayida! Ngoba uba kwakwenziwe eTire leSidoni imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kini, ngabe kade baphenduka bahlala emasakeni lemlotheni.

14 Kodwa kuzakuba lula eTire leSidoni ekugwetshweni, kulakini.

15 Lawe, Kapenawume, ophakanyiselwe ezulwini, uzaphoselwa phansi esihogweni.

16 Olizwayo lina uyangizwa mina; lolalayo lina uyangala mina; longalayo mina uyamala ongithumileyo.

Ukubuya kwabangamatshumi ayisikhombisa

17 Babuya-ke abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa ngentokozo, besithi: Nkosi, lamadimoni ayazehlisela ngaphansi kwethu ebizweni lakho.

18 Wasesithi kubo: Ngabona uSathane njengombane esiwa evela ezulwini.

19 Khangelani, ngilinika amandla okunyathela phezu kwezinyoka labofezela, laphezu kwamandla wonke esitha; njalo akusoze kube lalutho olungalilimaza.

20 Kodwa lingathokozi ngalokho ukuthi omoya bayazehlisela ngaphansi kwenu; kodwa ikakhulu thokozani ukuthi amabizo enu alotshiwe emazulwini.

UJesu ubonga uYise

21 Ngalelohola uJesu wathokoza emoyeni, wathi: Ngiyakubonga, Baba, Nkosi yezulu lomhlaba, ngoba uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labaqedisisayo, kodwa wazembulela izingane; yebo, Baba, ngoba ngokunjalo kwaba kuhle phambi kwakho.

22 Konke kwanikelwa kimi nguBaba; njalo kakho owaziyo ukuthi iNdodana ingubani, ngaphandle kukaBaba, lokuthi uBaba ungubani, ngaphandle kweNdodana, njalo loba ngubani iNdodana ethanda ukumembulela.

23 Wasephendukela kubafundi bebodwa wathi: Abusisiwe amehlo abona elikubonayo.

24 Ngoba ngithi kini: Abaprofethi abanengi lamakhosi babethanda ukubona izinto elizibonayo lina, kodwa kabazibonanga; lokuzwa izinto elizizwayo, kodwa kabazizwanga.

Umlayo wokuqala

25 Njalo khangela, isazumthetho esithile sasesisukuma, simlinga, sisithi: Mfundisi,
ngenzeni ukuze ngidle ilifa lempilo elaphakade?

26 Wasesithi kuso: Kubhalweni emlayweni? Uwubala njani?

27 Sasesiphendula sathi: Wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ngenhliziyo
yakho yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langamandla akho wonke,
langengqondo yakho yonke; lomakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena.

28 Wasesithi kuso: Uphendule ngokuqonda; yenza lokhu, futhi uzaphila.

Umfanekiso womSamariya olesihawu

29 Kodwa sona sithanda ukuzilungisisa sathi kuJesu: Kanti ngubani umakhelwane
wami?

30 UJesu wasephendula wathi: Umuntu othile wehla evela eJerusalema esiya
eJeriko, watheleka phakathi kwabaphangi, njalo bamhlubula impahla bamtshaya
imivimvinya basuka bahamba, bamtshiya ephosukufa.

31 Umpristi othile waseqabuka esehla ngaleyondlela; njalo wathi embona,
wadlula eceleni.

32 Langokunjalo lomLevi nxa wayesekulindawo, wafika embona, wadlula eceleni.

33 Kodwa umSamariya othile owayehamba wafika lapho ayekhona, njalo kwathi
embona waba lesihelo,

34 waya kuye wabopha amanxeba akhe, ewathela amagcobo lewayini;
wamkhweza phezu kweyakhe inyamazana, wamusa endlini yezihambi,
wamlondoloza.

35 Kusisa esehamba, wakhupha odenariyo ababili wabanika umninindlu, wathi
kuye: Umlondoloze; njalo loba yini ozakuchitha okwedlula lokhu, mina
ngizabuyisela kuwe ekubuyeni kwami.

36 Pho, nguwuphi kulaba abathathu ocabanga ukuthi wayengumakhelwane
walowo owatheleka phakathi kwabaphangi?

37 Wasesithi: Ngulowo owamenzela isihawu. Ngakho uJesu wathi kuye: Hamba,
lawe wenze njalo.

UMarta loMariya

38 Kwasekusithi ekuhambeni kwabo, yena wangena emzaneni othile;
lowesifazana othile, uMarta ngebizo, wamemukela endlini yakhe.

39 Njalo lo wayelodadewabo othiwa nguMariya, laye owahlala enyaweni zikaJesu,
walizwa ilizwi lakhe.

40 Kodwa uMarta wayephazanyiswa yikusebenza okunengi; weza eduze
wasesithi: Nkosi, kawukhathali yini ukuthi udadewethu ungitshiye ukuthi
ngisebenze ngedwa? Ngakho umtshele ukuthi angisize.

41 Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Marta, Marta, uyaphiseka ukhathazeke ngezinto ezinengi;

42 kodwa yinye into edingekayo; kodwa uMariya ukhethile isabelo esihle, angayikwemukwa sona.

NGULUKA 11

UJesu ufundisa ngokukhuleka

1 Kwasekusithi ekhuleka endaweni ethile, eseqedile, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye: Nkosi, sifundise ukukhuleka, njengoJohane laye wafundisa abafundi bakhe.

2 Wasesithi kubo: Nxa likhuleka, libokuthi: Baba wethu osemazulwini, kalihlonitshwe ibizo lakho. Umbuso wakho kawuze. Intando yakho kayenziwe, lemhlabeni njengezulwini.

3 Siphe usuku ngosuku ukudla kwethu kwensuku zonke.

4 Njalo usithethelele amacala ethu, ngoba lathi sibathethelela bonke abalamacala kithi. Njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usikhulule ebubini.

Umfanekiso womngane ofika phakathi kobusuku

5 Wasesithi kubo: Nguwuphi kini olomngane, futhi aye kuye phakathi kobusuku, athi kuye: Mngane, ngeboleka izinkwa ezintathu,

6 ngoba kufike kimi umngane wami evela ekuhambeni, kodwa kangilalutho engingalubeka phambi kwakhe;

7 longaphakathi aphendule athi: Ungangihluphi; umnyango usuvaliwe, labantwana bami abancane balami embhedeni; kangingeke ngivuke ngikunike.

8 Ngithi kini: Loba engazukuvuka amnike, ngoba engumngane wakhe, kodwa ngenxa yokuphikelela kwakhe uzavuka amnike konke akuswelayo.

9 Mina-ke ngithi kini: Celani, lizaphiwa; dingani, lizathola; qoqodani, lizavulelwa.

10 Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyemukela; lodingayo uyathola; loqoqodayo uyavulelwa.

11 Kambe, nguwuphi kini onguyise ongathi indodana icela isinkwa, ayinike ilitshe? Loba-ke inhlanzi, ayinike inyoka endaweni yenhlanzi yini?

12 Uba-ke icela iqanda, ayinike ufezela yini?

13 Ngakho uba lina elingababi likwazi ukupha abantwana benu izipho ezinhle, kakhulu kangakanani uBaba osezulwini ezabapha uMoya oNgcwele abacela kuye.

Isono sokuhlambaza

14 Wayesekhupha idimoni, elaliyisimungulu. Kwasekusithi, seliphumile idimoni, wakhuluma oyisimungulu; amaxuku asemangala.

15 Kodwa abanye babo bathi: Ukhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule inkosi yamadimoni.

16 Labanye bemlinga badinga kuye isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini.

17 Kodwa yena eyazi imicabango yabo wathi kubo: Wonke umbuso owehlukene umelene lawo ngokwawo uyachitheka; njalo indlu emelene lendlu iyadilika.

18 Njalo uba uSathane laye ehlukene emelane laye ngokwakhe, umbuso wakhe uzakuma njani? Ngoba lithi, ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule.

19 Njalo uba mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule, amadodana enu akhupha ngobani? Ngakho wona azakuba ngabagwebi benu.

20 Kodwa uba ngikhupha amadimoni ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu, isibili umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini.

21 Uba isiqhwaga sihlomile silinda owaso umuzi, impahla yaso isekuthuleni;

22 kodwa nxa olamandla kulaso esisukela asinqobe, uyasemuka izikhali zaso ebesithembele kuzo, abesesaba impango yaso.

23 Ongelami umelene lami; longabuthi lami uyachithiza.

Ukuphenduka okungapheleliyo

24 Nxa umoya ongcolileyo esephumile emuntwini, uyahamba adabule indawo ezomileyo, edinga ukuphumula; kodwa engakutholi athi: Ngizabuyela endlini yami engaphuma kuyo;

25 njalo esefikile ayifice ithanyelwe njalo ilungisiwe.

26 Abesehamba azithathele abanye omoya abayisikhombisa ababi kulaye uqobo, bangene bahlale lapho; njalo ukucina kwalowomuntu kube kubi kulokuqala.

27 Kwasekusithi ekhuluma lezizinto, owesifazana othile exukwini waphakamisa ilizwi, wathi kuye: Sibusisiwe isisu esakuthwalayo, lamabele owawamunyayo.

28 Kodwa yena wathi: Kodwa ikakhulu babusisiwe abalizwayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu balilondoloze.

Abafuna isibonakaliso

29 Kwathi sekubuthene amaxuku eminyene, waqala ukuthi: Lesi isizukulwana sibi; sidinga isibonakaliso, kodwa kasiyikunikwa isibonakaliso, ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona umprofethi.

30 Ngoba njengalokhu uJona waba yisibonakaliso kwabeNineve, leNdodana yomuntu izakuba njalo kulesisizukulwana.

31 Indlovukazi yeningizimu izasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lamadoda alesisizukulwana, iwalahle; ngoba yavela emikhawulweni yomhlaba ukuzakuzwa inhlakanipho kaSolomoni, njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloSolomoni ulapha.

32 Amadoda eNineve azasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lalesisizukulwana, asilahle; ngoba aphenduka ngokutshumayela kukaJona, njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloJona ulapha.

Imifanekiso yezibane

33 Futhi kakho othi eselumathise isibane asibeke ekusithekeni, loba ngaphansi kwesitsha, kodwa phezu kwesiqobane sesibane, ukuze abangenayo babone ukukhanya.

34 Isibane somzimba yilihlo; ngakho nxa ilihlo lakho liphilile, lomzimba wakho wonke ugcwele ukukhanya; kodwa nxa lilibi, lomzimba wakho ulobumnyama.

35 Ngakho qaphela ukuthi ukukhanya okukuwe kungabi ngumnyama.

36 Ngakho uba umzimba wakho wonke ugcwele ukukhanya, ungelandawo emnyama, uzakhanya wonke, njengesibane sikukhanyisa ngokukhanya.

UJesu usola abaFarisi lezazumlayo

37 Kwathi esakhuluma, umFarisi othile wamcela ukuthi adle laye; wasengena wahlala ekudleni.

38 Kwathi umFarisi ebona lokhu wamangala ukuthi kazange aqale ageze phambi kokudla kwemini.

39 Yasisithi iNkosi kuye: Khathesi lina baFarisi lihlambulula ingaphandle yenkezo leyesitsha, kodwa ingaphakathi yenu igcwele ukuphanga lobubi.

40 Zithutha, yena owenza ingaphandle kayenzanga yini lengaphakathi?

41 Kodwa phanini zibe yizipho lezozinto ezingaphakathi; khangelani-ke, konke kuzahlambuluka kini.

42 Kodwa maye kini baFarisi! Ngoba lithela okwetshumi kwetshwayi leganga leruwi, lakuyo yonke imibhida, njalo liseqa ukwehlulela lothando lukaNkulunkulu; belifanele ukwenza lezizinto, lingakuyekeli lalokhu.

43 Maye kini baFarisi! Ngoba lithanda izihlalo zabahloniphekayo emasinagogeni, lokubingelelwa emidangeni.

44 Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi! Ngoba lifanana lamangcwaba angabonakaliyo, labantu abahamba phezu kwawo bengawazi.

45 Omunye wezazumthetho wasephendula wathi kuye: Mfundisi, ngokutsho lezizinto uyasithuka lathi.

46 Kodwa wathi: Maye lakini zazumthetho! Ngoba lethwesa abantu imithwalo enzima ukuthwalwa, kodwa lina uqobo lwenu kaliyithinti leyomithwalo langomunye weminwe yenu.

47 Maye kini! Ngoba lakha amangcwaba abaprofethi, njalo oyihlo bababulala.

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48 Ngalokhu-ke lifakaza ukuthi livumelana lemisebenzi yaboyihlo; ngoba bona bababulala, lina-ke liyawakha amangcwaba abo.

49 Ngalokhu-ke inhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu yathi: Ngizabathuma abaprofethi labaphostoli, labanye babo bazababulala babaxotshe;

50 ukuze kubizwe kulesisizukulwana igazi labaprofethi bonke elachithwa kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba,

51 kusukela egazini likaAbela kuze kufike egazini likaZakariya owabulawa phakathi laphakathi kwelathi lendlukaNkulunkulu; yebo, ngithi kini: Lizabizwa kulesisizukulwana.

52 Maye kini zazumthetho! Ngoba lisusile isihluthulelo solwazi; kalingenanga lina uqobo lwenu, labangenayo labavimbela.

53 Kwathi ekhuluma lezizinto kubo, ababhali labaFarisi baqala ukumngxamela kakhulukazi, lokumbuzisisa ngezinto ezinengi,

54 bemthiya, bedinga ukubamba ulutho oluphuma emlonyeni wakhe, ukuze bambeke icala.

NGULUKA 12

UJesu uxwayisa abafundi bakhe

1Kusenjalo sezibuthene izigidi zexuku, baze banyathelana, waqala ukukhuluma labafundi bakhe kuqala: Lina xwayani imvubelo yabaFarisi, eyikuzenzisa.

2 Njalo kakukho okumbomboziweyo, okungayikwembulwa, lokufihliweyo, okungayikwaziwa.

3 Ngakho loba yini eliyikhuluma emnyameni izazwakala ekukhanyeni; lelikukhulume endlebeni ezindlini zensitha kuzamenyezelwa phezu kwezindlu.

Omele ukwesatshwa

4 Njalo ngithi kini bangane bami: Lingabesabi ababulala umzimba, njalo emva kwalokho bengelakho ukwenza olunye ulutho.

5 Kodwa ngizalitshengisa elifanele ukumesaba: Mesabeni lowo othi esebulele abe lamandla okuphosela esihogweni; yebo, ngithi kini: Mesabeni yena.

6 Kazithengiswa yini intaka ezinhlanu ngendibilitshi ezimbili? Kakukhohlakali lanye yazo phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

7 Kanti lenwele zekhanda lenu zibaliwe zonke. Ngakho lingesabi; liyazedlula intaka ezinengi.

8 Njalo ngithi kini: Wonke loba ngubani ongivuma phambi kwabantu, iNdodana yomuntu layo izamvuma phambi kwengilosi zikaNkulunkulu;

9 kodwa ongiphika phambi kwabantu uzaphikwa phambi kwengilosi zikaNkulunkulu.

10 Laye wonke okhuluma ilizwi elimelana leNdodana yomuntu, uzathethelelwa; kodwa lowo ohlambaza uMoya oNgcwele kayikuthethelelwa.

11 Njalo nxa belisa emasinagogeni lakubabusi leziphathamandla, lingakhathazeki ukuthi lizaphendulani kumbe njani, kumbe lizakhulumani;

12 ngoba uMoya oNgcwele uzalifundisa ngalelohola izinto elifanele ukuzikhuluma.

Umfanekiso womlimi onothileyo

13 Futhi omunye wexuku wathi kuye: Mfundisi, akutshele umfowethu abelane lami ilifa.

14 Kodwa wathi kuye: Ndoda, ngubani ongimise ukuthi ngibe ngumahluleli loba umehlukanisi phezu kwenu?

15 Wasesithi kubo: Nanzelelani liqaphele ubuhwaba, ngoba impilo yomuntu kayikho ebunengini bezinto alazo.

16 Wasebatshela umfanekiso, esithi: Insimu yomuntu othile onothileyo yathela kakhulu;

17 wasenakana ngaphakathi kwakhe, esithi: Ngizakwenza njani, ngoba kangilandawo lapho engingabuthela khona izithelo zami?

18 Wasesithi: Ngizakwenza lokhu; ngizadiliza iziphala zami, ngakhe ezinkulu, ngibuthele khona izilimo zami zonke lempahla yami,

19 besengisithi kumphefumulo wami: Mphefumulo, ulempahla ezinengi ezibekelwe iminyaka eminengi; phumula, udle, unathe, uthokoze.

20 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuye: Siphukuphuku, ngalobubusuku umphefumulo wakho uzabizwa kuwe; pho izinto ozilungisileyo zizakuba ngezikabani?

21 Kunjalo-ke kozibekela inotho, kodwa enganothanga kuNkulunkulu.

Ukukhathazeka, lokuthemba kuNkulunkulu

22 Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Ngakho ngithi kini: Lingakhathaleli impilo yenu, ukuthi lizakudlani; loba umzimba, ukuthi lizakwembathani.

23 Impilo yedlula ukudla, lomzimba isembatho.

24 Qaphelisisani amawabayi, ukuthi kawahlanyeli, njalo kawavuni, kawalasiphala loba isilulu, kanti uNkulunkulu uyawondla; lina lizedlula kangakanani inyoni?

25 Njalo nguwuphi kini ongathi ngokuphiseka engezelele ingalo ibenye ebudeni bakhe?

26 Ngakho nxa lingelamandla okwenza into encinyane, liphisekelani ngokunye?

27 Qaphelisani imiduze ukuthi ikhula njani; kayitshikatshiki, kayiphothi, kodwa ngithi kini: LoSolomoni ebucwazicwazini bakhe bonke wayengembathiswanga njengomunye wayo.

28 Njalo uba uNkulunkulu esembathisa ngokunjalo utshani obukhona lamuhla egangeni, kuthi kusasa buphoswa eziko, uzalembathisa ngokukhulu kangakanani, lina abokholo oluncinyane?

29 Lani-ke lingadingi elizakudla lelizakunatha; njalo lingakhathazeki.

30 Ngoba konke lokhu izizwe zomhlaba ziyakudinga; kodwa uYihlo uyazi ukuthi liyaziswela lezizinto.

31 Kodwa dingani umbuso kaNkulunkulu, njalo zonke lezizinto zizakwengezelelwa kini.

32 Lingesabi, mhlambi omncinyane; ngoba kuyintokozo kaYihlo ukulinika umbuso.

33 Thengisani impahla zenu liphe izipho. Lizenzele imixhaka engagugiyo, impahla eligugu engapheliyo emazulwini, lapho okungasondeli isela khona, lenundu engoni khona;

34 ngoba lapho okukhona impahla yenu eligugu, izakuba khona lapho lenhliziyo yenu.

Umfanekiso wenceku ethembekileyo

35 Inkalo zenu kazihlale zibotshiwe, lezibane zibhebha;

36 lani libe njengabantu abalindele inkosi yabo, lapho izabuya ivela emtshadweni, ukuze, nxa ifika iqoqoda, bahle bayivulele.

37 Zibusisiwe lezozinceku, okuzakuthi inkosi nxa ifika izifice zilindile; ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Izabhinca, izihlalise ekudleni, isondele izisebenzele.

38 Njalo nxa ifika ngomlindo wesibili, kumbe ifika ngomlindo wesithathu, futhi izifice zinjalo, zibusisiwe lezozinceku.

39 Kodwa yazini lokhu, ukuthi uba umninindlu ebelazi ihola isela elizafika ngalo, ubezalinda, futhi ubengayikuvuma ukuthi indlu yakhe ifohlelwe.

40 Ngakho lani-ke hlalani lilungile; ngoba ngehola elingalicabangeliyo iNdodana yomuntu izafika.

41 UPetro wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, uwutshela thina lumfanekiso, kumbe labo bonke yini?

42 INkosi yasisithi: Pho ngubani umphathi wezinceku othembekileyo lohlakaniphileyo, inkosi ezambeka phezu kwabendlu yayo, ukuze abanike isabelo sabo sokudla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo?

43 Ibusisiwe leyonceku, okuzakuthi inkosi yayo nxa ifika iyifice isenza njalo.

44 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Izayibeka phezu kwakho konke elakho.

45 Kodwa nxa leyonceku isithi enhliziyweni yayo: Inkosi yami iphuzile ukubuya; njalo ibisiqala ukutshaya izinceku lezincekukazi, lokudla lokunatha lokudakwa,

46 inkosi yaleyonceku izafika ngosuku engayilindele ngalo, langehola engalaziyo; izayiquma phakathi, izanika isabelo sayo lalabo abangathembekanga.

47 Laleyonceku ebisazi intando yenkosi yayo, kodwa ingalungiselanga njalo ingenzanga ngokwentando yayo, izatshaywa imivimvinya eminengi.

48 Kodwa leyo ebingayazi, yenza okufanele ukutshaywa, izatshaywa imivimvinya emilutshwana. Laye wonke ophiwe okunengi, kuzadingwa okunengi kuye; lalowo ophathiswe okunengi, kuzabizwa kuye okungaphezulu.

Izibonakaliso zezikhathi

49 Ngize ukuphosela umlilo emhlabeni, futhi kuyini engikufisayo nxa usubasiwe?

50 Kodwa ngilobhabhathizo engizabhabhathizwa ngalo, futhi ngicindezelwe kangakanani luze lupheleliswe.

51 Licabanga ukuthi ngize ukunika ukuthula emhlabeni yini? Hatshi bo, ngithi kini, kodwa kulalokhu ukwehlukana.

52 Ngoba kusukela khathesi abahlanu endlini yinye bazakwehlukana, abathathu bamelane lababili, lababili bamelane labathathu,

53 bazakwehlukana, uyise amelane lendodana, lendodana imelane loyise; unina amelane lendodakazi, lendodakazi imelane lonina; uninazala amelane lomalokazana wakhe, lomalokazana amelane loninazala.

54 Wasesithi lemaxukwini: Nxa libona iyezi lisukuma entshonalanga, lihle lithi: Izulu liyabuya; futhi kube njalo.

55 Njalo nxa libona umoya weningizimu uphephetha, lithi: Lizatshisa; besekusenzakala.

56 Bazenzisi! Liyakwazi ukuhlola umumo wesibhakabhaka lowomhlaba; kodwa lesisikhathi kungani lingasihloli?

57 Pho, kungani ukuthi lingahluleli lani lina uqobo lwenu okulungileyo?

58 Ngoba nxa usiya lomangalelene laye kumantshi, endleleni yenza ubungcono ukuthi ukhululwe kuye; hlezi akudonsele kumahluleli, lomahluleli akunikele epholiseni, lepholisa likuphosele entolongweni.

59 Ngithi kuwe, kawusoze waphuma khona, uze ubhadale lenhlamvu encane yemali yokucina.

NGULUKA 13

UJesu ufundisa ngokuphenduka

1 Njalo ngalesosikhathi kwaba khona abathile abamtshela ngamaGalili, igazi lawo uPilatu alixubanisa lemihlatshelo yawo.

2 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Licabanga ukuthi amaGalili la ayeyizoni yini kulawo wonke amaGalili, ngoba ahlupheka izinto ezinje?

3 Hatshi bo, ngithi kini: Kodwa uba lingaphenduki, lizabhubha ngokunjalo lonke.

4 Lalabo abalitshumi lesificaminwembili, owawela phezu kwabo umphotshongo eSilowama wababulala, licabanga ukuthi bona babebabi yini kulabantu bonke ababehlala eJerusalema?

5 Hatshi bo, ngithi kini: Kodwa uba lingaphenduki, lizabhubha ngokunjalo lonke.

Umfanekiso womkhiwa ongatheliyo

6 Wasekhuluma lumfanekiso wathi: Umuntu othile wayelomkhiwa owawuhlanyelwe esivinini sakhe; wafika edinga isithelo kuwo, kodwa kasitholanga.

7 Wasesithi kuso isisebenzi sesivini: Khangela, sekuyiminyaka emithathu ngisiza ngidinga isithelo emkhiweni, kodwa ngingasitholi; ugamule; yini ukuthi wone ngitsho umhlabathi?

8 Sasesiphendula sathi kuye: Nkosi, ake uwuyekele langalumnyaka, ngize ngigebhe ngiwugombolozele, ngithele umquba;

9 njalo uba uthela isithelo, kuhle; kodwa uba kungenjalo, emva kwalokho uzawugamula.

Ukusiliswa kowesifazana ngesabatha

10 Futhi wayefundisa kwelinye lamasinagoge ngesabatha;

11 njalo khangela, kwakukhona owesifazana owayelomoya wobuthakathaka iminyaka elitshumi leyisificaminwembili, esegogekile, wayengalulami ngokupheleleyo.

12 Kwathi uJesu embona wambizela kuye, wathi kuye: Mama, ukhululwe ebuthakathakeni bakho.

13 Wasebeka izandla phezu kwakhe; njalo wahle welulanyiswa, wadumisa uNkulunkulu.

14 Kodwa umphathi wesinagoge, ethukuthele ngoba uJesu esilise ngesabatha, waphendula wathi exukwini: Zikhona insuku eziyisithupha okufanele

ukusetshenzwa ngazo; ngakho wozani ngazo lisiliswe, kodwa kungabi ngosuku lwesabatha.

15 Ngakho iNkosi yamphendula, yathi: Mzenzisi, ngulowo lalowo wenu kayikhululi yini inkabi yakhe kumbe ubabhemi esibayeni ngesabatha, ayikhokhele ayeyinathisa?

16 Lalo, oyindodakazi kaAbrahama, uSathane osembophile, khangela, iminyaka elitshumi leyisificaminwembili, kakufanele yini ukuthi akhululwe kulesisibopho ngosuku lwesabatha?

17 Kwathi esitsho lezizinto, bayangeka bonke ababephikisana laye; lexuku lonke lathokoza ngezinto zonke ezilodumo ezenziwe nguye.

Umfanekiso wenhlanyelo yemasitedi, lowemvubelo

18 Wasesithi: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu unjengani? Futhi ngizawufananisa lani?

19 Unjengohlamvu lwemasitedi, umuntu aluthatha waluphosa esivandeni sakhe; lwaselumila, lwaba yisihlahla esikhulu, lenyoni zezulu zakhele engatsheni zaso.

20 Wasebuya wathi: Ngizawufananisa lani umbuso kaNkulunkulu?

21 Unjengemvubelo, ayithathayo owesifazana wayifaka ezilinganisweni ezintathu zempuphu, kwaze kwabila konke.

UJesu ukhuluma ngendlela yempilo

22 Wasehamba edabula imizi lemizana efundisa, ejonge ukuya eJerusalema.

23 Omunye wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, balutshwana yini abasindiswayo? Wasesithi kubo:

24 Zamani kakhulu ukungena ngesango elincinyane; ngoba abanengi, ngithi kini, bazadinga ukungena, kodwa bazakwehluleka.

25 Emva kokuthi umninindlu esesukume wavala umnyango, beseliqala ukuma ngaphandle liqoqode emnyango, lisithi: Nkosi, Nkosi, sivulele; yena-ke aphendule athi kini: Kangilazi, lapho elivela khona;

26 lapho lizaqala ukuthi: Sadla sanatha phambi kwakho, njalo wawufundisa emigwaqweni yakithi.

27 Kodwa uzakuthi: Ngithi kini: Kangilazi lapho elivela khona; sukani kimi lina lonke benzi bokubi.

28 Lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo, nxa selibona uAbrahama loIsaka loJakobe labaprofethi bonke embusweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa lina lilahlelwe ngaphandle.

29 Futhi bazakuza bevela empumalanga lentshonalanga, njalo enyakatho leningizimu, bahlale embusweni kaNkulunkulu.

30 Njalo khangelani, bakhona abokucina abazakuba ngabokuqala, njalo bakhona abokuqala abazakuba ngabokucina.

Ukuzonda kukaHerodi

31 Ngelanga elifananayo kwafika abaFarisi abathile, bathi kuye: Phuma usuke lapha, ngoba uHerodi ufuna ukukubulala.

32 Wasesithi kubo: Hambani lilitshele lelokhanka: Khangela, ngiyakhupha amadimoni ngenza izelapho lamuhla lakusasa, langelesithathu ngiphelelisiwe.

33 Kodwa kumele ukuthi ngihambe lamuhla lakusasa langomhlomunye; ngoba kakwenzeki ukuthi umprofethi abulawelwe ngaphandle kweJerusalema.

UJesu ukhalela iJerusalema

34 Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena obulala abaprofethi, lobakhanda ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe! Bengithanda kangakanani ukubuthela ndawonye abantwana bakho, njengesikhukhukazi sibuthela amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwempiko, kodwa kalivumanga.

35 Khangelani, indlu yenu itshiywe kini ilunxiwa; njalo ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kalisoze langibona kuze kwenzeke, ukuthi lithi: Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi.

NGULUKA 14

UJesu usilisa efundisa endlini yomFarisi

1Kwasekusithi ekungeneni kwakhe ngesabatha endlini yomunye wabakhulu kubaFarisi ukuthi adle isinkwa, bona basebemqaphela.

2 Njalo khangela, kwakukhona umuntu othile phambi kwakhe owayelombizankulu.

3 UJesu wasephendula wakhuluma lezazumthetho labaFarisi, wathi: Kuvunyelwe yini ukusilisa ngesabatha?

4 Kodwa bathula. Wasembamba wamsilisa wamyekela ukuthi ahambe.

5 Wasebaphendula esithi: Nguwuphi kini ongathi elobabhemi kumbe inkabi yakhe ewele emgodini, futhi angahle ayikhuphe ngosuku lwesabatha?

6 Abasazange babuyisele impendulo kuye ngalezizinto.

7 Wasekhuluma umfanekiso kubo abanxusiweyo, ebona ukuthi bakhetha njani izihlalo zabahloniphekayo, wathi kubo:

8 Nxa unxusiwe ngumuntu emtshadweni, ungahlali esihlalweni sabahloniphekayo; hlezi kukhona omkhulu kulawe onxusiweyo nguye,

9 futhi okunxusileyo wena laye eze athi kuwe: Mxekele lo; khona uzaqala ukuhlala endaweni esekucineni usulenhloni.

10 Kodwa nxa unxusiwe, hamba uhlale endaweni esekucineni; ukuze, nxa efika okunxusileyo, athi kuwe: Mngane, yenyukela ngaphezulu; khona kuzakuba ludumo kuwe phambi kwabo abahlezi ekudleni lawe.

11 Ngoba wonke oziphakamisayo uzathotshiswa, lozithobayo uzaphakanyiswa.

12 Wasesithi lakulowo owayemnxusile: Nxa usenza ukudla kwemini loba ukudla kwantambama, unganxusi abangane bakho, loba abafowenu, loba izihlobo zakho, loba omakhelwane abanothileyo; hlezi labo babuye bakunxuse, futhi ukwenananiswa kwenziwe kuwe.

13 Kodwa nxa usenza idili, nxusa abayanga, izilima, iziqhuli, iziphofu;

14 njalo uzabusiswa, ngoba abalalutho lokukwenanisa; ngoba uzakwenaniselwa ekuvukeni kwabalungileyo.

Umfanekiso wedili lomtshado

15 Kwathi omunye kwababehlezi laye ekudleni esezwile lezizinto wathi kuye: Ubusisiwe lowo ozakudla isinkwa embusweni kaNkulunkulu.

16 Kodwa wathi kuye: Umuntu othile wenza ukudla kwantambama okukhulu, wanxusa abanengi.

17 Ngesikhathi sokudla kwantambama wasethuma inceku yakhe ukuthi ithi kwabanxusiweyo: Wozani, ngoba sekulungisiwe konke.

18 Kodwa bonke baqala omunye lomunye ukuzixolisela. Owokuqala wathi kuye: Ngithenge insimu, ngimele ukuhamba ngiyeyibona; ngiyakuncenga, akungixolisele.

19 Lomunye wathi: Sengithenge izipane ezinhlanu zenkabi, ngiya ukuzilinga; ngiyakuncenga, akungixolisele.

20 Lomunye wathi: Sengithethe umfazi, ngakho ngingeze ngeza.

21 Isibuyile leyonceku yayibikela lezizinto inkosi yayo. Wasethukuthela umninindlu wathi encekwini yakhe: Phuma ngokuphangisa uye emigwaqweni lendleleni zomuzi, ulethe abayanga lezilima leziqhuli leziphofu ubangenise lapha.

22 Inceku yasisithi: Nkosi, sekwenziwe njengokulaya kwakho, njalo indawo isesekhona.

23 Yasisithi inkosi encekwini: Phuma uye ezindleleni lezintangweni ubacindezele bangene, ukuze igcwaliswe indlu yami.

24 Ngoba ngithi kini: Kakho kulamadoda ayenxusiwe ozakuzwa ukudla kwami kwantambama.

Abafundi bakaJesu abaqotho

25 Kwakuhamba laye amaxuku amanengi; wasetshibilika wathi kuwo:

26 Uba umuntu esiza kimi, futhi engazondi uyise, lonina, lomkakhe, labantwana, labafowabo, labodadewabo, yebo ngitsho leyakhe impilo, angebe ngumfundi wami.

27 Njalo loba ngubani ongathwali isiphambano sakhe angilandele, angebe ngumfundi wami.

28 Ngoba nguwuphi kini, othi efuna ukwakha umphotshongo, ongaqali ahlale phansi, abale indleko, ukuthi ulakho yini okokuqedisa?

29 Ukuze hlezi, kuthi esebekile isisekelo kodwa angabi lamandla okuqeda, bonke abakubonayo baqale ukumhleka,

30 besithi: Lumuntu waqala ukwakha, kodwa kabanga lamandla okuqeda.

31 Loba yiyiphi inkosi ezakuya empini imelene lenye inkosi engaqali ihlale phansi inakane ngokuthi ilamandla yini ngenkulungwane ezilitshumi okuhlangabezana laleyo eza ilenkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili ukumelana layo?

32 Kodwa uba kungenjalo, ingathi isekhatshana leyo, ithume amanxusa icele okokuthula.

33 Ngakho kunjalo wonke kini ongadeli konke alakho, angeke aba ngumfundi wami.

34 Itshwayi lihle; kodwa uba itshwayi seliduma, lizavuselelwa ngani?

35 Kalifanele lamhlabathi ledundulu lomquba; kodwa liyalahlwa ngaphandle. Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe.

NGULUKA 15

Okulahlekileyo: Imvu, uhlamvu lwesiliva, lendodana

1Kwasekusondela kuye bonke abathelisi lezoni, ukumuzwa.

2 AbaFarisi lababhali basebesola besithi: Lo wemukela izoni, adle lazo.

3 Wasebatshela lumfanekiso, esithi:

4 Nguwuphi umuntu kini ongathi elezimvu ezilikhulu, abeselahlekelwa ngenye yazo, ongazitshiyi ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye egangeni, alandele elahlekileyo, aze ayithole?

5 Njalo athi eseyitholile ayetshate ethokoza.

6 Esefikile ekhaya, abizele ndawonye abangane labomakhelwane, esithi kubo: Thokozani lami, ngoba ngithole imvu yami ebilahlekile.

7 Ngithi kini: Ngokunjalo kuzakuba khona intokozo ezulwini ngesoni esisodwa esiphendukayo, kulabalungileyo abangamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye, abangasweli ukuphenduka.

8 Loba nguwuphi umfazi othi elenhlamvu zesiliva ezilitshumi, uba elahlekelwa luhlamvu olulodwa lwesiliva, angalumathisi isibane, athanyele indlu, adingisise aze aluthole?

9 Njalo nxa eselutholile ubizela ndawonye abangane labomakhelwane, athi: Thokozani lami, ngoba sengilutholile uhlamvu lwesiliva ebengilahlekelwe yilo.

10 Ngokunjalo, ngithi kini, ikhona intokozo phambi kwezingilosi zikaNkulunkulu ngesoni esisodwa esiphendukayo.

11 Wasesithi: Umuntu othile wayelamadodana amabili;

12 encinyane yawo yasisithi kuyise: Baba, nginika isabelo sempahla esiqondene lami. Wasewehlukanisela impahla.

13 Njalo kungelansuku ezinengi emva kwalokhu indodana encinyane yabutha konke yasuka yahamba yaya elizweni elikhatshana, njalo lapho yachitha khona impahla yayo, iphila okobuhlanya.

14 Yathi isichithile konke, kwavela indlala enkulu kulelolizwe, yona yasiqala ukuswela.

15 Yasisuka yazihlanganisa lesinye sezakhamizi zalelolizwe; njalo sayithuma emasimini aso ukuze yeluse izingulube.

16 Yasifisa ukugcwalisa isisu sayo ngamakhasi ingulube eziwadlayo; njalo kwakungelamuntu oyinika ulutho.

17 Kwathi ingqondo yayo isibuyile yathi: Zingaki izisebenzi zikababa eziqatshiweyo ezilezinkwa ezinengi kakhulu, kanti mina ngiyafa yindlala;

18 ngizasukuma ngiye kubaba, ngithi kuye: Baba, ngonile ezulwini, laphambi kwakho;

19 njalo kangisafanelanga ukubizwa ngithiwe ngiyindodana yakho; ngenza ngibe njengomunye wezisebenzi zakho eziqatshiweyo.

20 Yasisukuma yaya kuyise. Kodwa kuthe isesekhatshana, uyise wayibona, waba lesihelo, wagijima wawela entanyeni yayo, wayanga.

21 Indodana yasisithi kuye: Baba, ngonile ezulwini laphambi kwakho, futhi kangisafanelanga ukubizwa ngokuthingiyindodana yakho.

22 Kodwa uyise wathi ezincekwini zakhe: Khuphani lilethe isembatho esihle kakhulu liyigqokise, lifake indandatho esandleni sayo, lamanyathela enyaweni zayo;

23 lilethe ithole elinonisiweyo lilihlabe, njalo sidle sithokoze;

24 ngoba indodana yami le ibifile, isibuye yaphila; ibilahlekile, itholiwe; basebeqala ukuthokoza.

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25 Kodwa indodana yakhe endala yayisensimini; yathi isiza isondela endlini, yezwa ukuhlabelela lokusina.

26 Yasibizela kuyo omunye wezinceku, yabuza ukuthi zitshoni lezizinto.

27 Yasisithi kuyo: Umfowenu ufikile; loyihlo uhlabile ithole elinonisiweyo, ngoba ememukele ephila.

28 Kodwa yathukuthela, ayizange ifune ukungena; ngakho uyise waphuma wayincenga.

29 Kodwa yaphendula yathi kuyise: Khangela, iminyaka engaka ngikusebenzela, kangizange ngeqe umlayo wakho, kodwa kawuzange unginike lazinyane lembuzi, ukuze ngijabule kanye labangane bami.

30 Kodwa kuthe isifikile lindodana yakho eyachitha impahla yakho lezifebe, wayihlabela ithole elinonisiweyo.

31 Wasesithi kuyo: Ndodana, wena uhlezi ulami, futhi konke okungokwami kungokwakho.

32 Kodwa bekufanele ukuthi sijabule sithokoze; ngoba umfowenu lo owayefile, usebuye waphila; wayelahlekile, utholiwe.

NGULUKA 16

Umfanekiso womphathi ongalunganga

1Wasekhuluma futhi kubafundi bakhe esithi: Kwakukhona umuntu othile onothileyo, owayelomphathi; lalo wayemangalelwe kuye njengochitha impahla yakhe.

2 Wasembiza wathi kuye: Kuyini lokhu engikuzwayo ngawe? Landisa ngobuphathi bakho; ngoba ungebe usaba ngumphathi.

3 Umphathi wasesithi ngaphakathi kwakhe: Ngizakwenzani, lokhu inkosi yami isingemuka ubuphathi? Kangilamandla okugebha, ngilenhloni zokuphanza.

4 Ngiyakwazi engizakwenza, ukuze nxa sengikhutshiwe ebuphathini, bangemukele ezindlini zabo.

5 Wasebabizela kuye ngamunye abalemilandu enkosini yakhe, wathi kowokuqala: Ulomlandu ongakanani enkosini yami?

6 Wasesithi yena: Izilinganiso ezilikhulu zamagcobo. Wasesithi kuye: Thatha incwadi yakho, uhlale phansi ubhale masinya amatshumi amahlanu.

7 Wasesithi komunye: Wena-ke ulomlandu ongakanani? Wasesithi: Izilinganiso ezilikhulu zamabele. Wasesithi kuye: Thatha incwadi yakho, ubhale amatshumi ayisificaminwembili.

8 Inkosi yasimbabaza umphathi ongalunganga ngokuthi wenze ngokuhlakanipha;
ngoba abantwana balesisikhathi bahlakaniphile esizukulwaneni
sabo kulabantwana bokukhanya.

9 Lami ngithi kini: Zenzeleni lina abangane ngoMamona ongalunganga, ukuze
kuthi, nxa selehlulekile, balemukele ezindlini eziphakade.

10 Othembekileyo kokuncinyanyana uthembekile lakokukhulu,
longathembekanga kokuncinyanyana kathembekanga lakokukhulu.

11 Ngakho uba lingathembekanga kuMamona ongalunganga, ngubani
ozaliphathisa into eqotho?

12 Futhi uba lingathembekanga kokomunye, ngubani ozalinika okungokwenu?

13 Kayikho inceku engakhonza amakhosi amabili; ngoba izazonda enye,
ibisithanda enye; kumbe izabambelela kwenye, kodwa ibisidelela enye.
Lingekhonze uNkulunkulu loMamona.

Ukusolwa kwabaFarisi

14 Njalo labaFarisi ababethanda imali bazizwa zonke lezizinto, basebemklolodela.

15 Kodwa wathi kubo: Lina yini elizilungisisayo phambi kwabantu, kodwa
uNkulunkulu uyazazi inhliziyo zenu; ngoba lokho okuphakanyiswayo phakathi
kwabantu kuyisinengiso phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

16 Umlayo labaprofethi kukhona kuze kube nguJohane; kusukela lapho ivangeli
lombuso kaNkulunkulu liyatshunyayelwa, njalo wonke uyafohlela kuwo.

17 Kodwa kulula ukuthi kudlule izulu lomhlaba, kulokuthi kuwe ichatshana
elilodwa lomlayo.

18 Wonke owala umkakhe athathe omunye uyafeba; njalo wonke othatha
owaliwe yindoda uyafeba.

Umfanekiso wesinothi loLazaro

19 Kwakukhona umuntu othile onothileyo, owayegqoka eziyibubende lamalembu
acolekileyo kakhulu, ephila ngokuthokoza etamasa insuku zonke.

20 Kwakukhona futhi umuntu othile ongumyanga othiwa nguLazaro,
owayebekiwe esangweni lakhe egcwele izilonda,

21 wafisa ukusuthiswa ngemvuthuluka eziwayo etafuleni lesinothi; kanti lezinja
zazisiza zikhothe izilonda zakhe.

22 Kwasekusithi ongumyanga wafa, wathwalelwa zingilosi esifubeni
sikaAbrahama; lesinothi laso safa, sangcwatshwa.

23 Sisesihogweni saphakamisa amehlo aso, sisebuhlungwini, sabona uAbrahama
ekhatshana, loLazaro esesifubeni sakhe.

24 Sona sasesimemeza sisithi: Baba Abrahama, ngihawukela, uthume uLazaro, ukuze acwilise isihloko somunwe wakhe emanzini, apholise ulimi lwami; ngoba ngiyahlupheka kakhulu kulelilangabi.

25 Kodwa uAbrahama wathi: Ndodana, khumbula ukuthi wemukela okuhle kwakho empilweni yakho, loLazaro ngokunjalo okubi; kodwa khathesi uyaduduzwa, njalo wena uyahlupheka.

26 Langaphezu kwakho konke lokhu, kubekiwe phakathi kwethu lani igebe elikhulu, ukuze kuthi abafuna ukuchapha besuka ngapha beze ngakini bangekwenze, labangapho bangechaphele ngakithi.

27 Sasesisithi: Ngakho ngiyakuncenga, baba, ukuthi umthume endlini kababa,

28 ngoba ngilabafowethu abahlanu, ukuze abaxwayise, hlezi labo beze kulindawo yokuhlupheka.

29 UAbrahama wathi: BaloMozisi labaprofethi; kabezwe bona.

30 Sona sasesisithi: Hatshi bo, baba Abrahama; kodwa uba omunye kwabafileyo esiya kubo, bazaphenduka.

31 Kodwa wathi kuso: Uba bengalaleli uMozisi labaprofethi, bangeke bavunyiswe lakho, loba kuvuka omunye kwabafileyo.

NGULUKA 17

Izikhubekiso, ukuthethelelana, ukholo

1Wasesithi kubafundi: Kakungeke kwenzeke ukuthi kungaveli izikhubekiso; kodwa maye kulowo ezivela ngaye!

2 Kungaba ngcono kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola elikhulu ligaxwe entanyeni yakhe, abesephoselwa olwandle, kulokuthi akhubekise abe munye kulaba abancinyane.

3 Zinanzeleleni lina.

Njalo nxa umfowenu ekona, mkhuze; futhi nxa ephenduka, mthethelele.

4 Njalo loba ekona kuze kube kasikhombisa ngosuku, abesebuya kuwe kasikhombisa ngosuku, esithi: Ngiyaphenduka; uzamthethelela.

5 Abaphostoli basebesithi eNkosini: Yandisa kithi ukholo.

6 INkosi yasisithi: Uba lilokholo olungangohlamvu lwemasitedi, belingatsho kulesisihlahla somabhulosi ukuthi: Quphuka, ugxumekeke olwandle; futhi besizalilalela.

7 Kodwa nguwuphi kini olenceku elimayo kumbe eyelusayo, ohle athi kiyo ingena ivela ensimini: Sondela, uhlale ekudleni?

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8 Kodwa kazukutsho yini kuyo ukuthi: Lungisa engingakudla, uzibhince ungincedise, ngize ngidle nginathe; njalo emva kwalokhu udle unathe wena?

9 Uyayibonga yini leyonceku, ngoba yenze izinto ezilayiweyo? Angicabangi.

10 Kunjalo-ke lani, nxa selikwenzile konke elikulayiweyo, kalibokuthi: Sizinceku ezingasizi lutho, ngoba senze lokhu ebesifanele ukukwenza.

Ukusiliswa kwamalephero alitshumi

11 Kwasekusithi esahamba esiya eJerusalema, yena wadabula phakathi laphakathi kweSamariya leGalili.

12 Esangena emzaneni othile, amadoda alitshumi alobulephero amhlangabeza, ema khatshana;

13 wona asephakamisa ilizwi, esithi: Jesu, Nkosi, sihawukele!

14 Futhi kuthe ewabona wathi kuwo: Hambani liyeziveza kubapristi. Kwasekusithi ekusukeni kwawo, ahlanjululwa.

15 Futhi omunye wawo, esebonile ukuthi usilisiwe, wabuyela, edumisa uNkulunkulu ngelizwi elikhulu;

16 wasesiwa ngobuso enyaweni zakhe, embonga; njalo yena wayengumSamariya.

17 Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi: Kakuhlanjululwanga yini abalitshumi? Bangaphi pho abayisificamunwemunye?

18 Akuficakalanga ababuya ukunika uNkulunkulu udumo, ngaphandle kwalo owezizweni.

19 Wasesithi kuye: Sukuma uhambe; ukholo lwakho lukusindisile.

Umbuso kaNkulunkulu. Ukubuya kweNdodana yomuntu

20 Kwathi ebuzwa ngabaFarisi, ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu uzakuza nini, wasebaphendula wathi: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawuzi ngokukhanyayo;

21 njalo kabayikutsho ukuthi: Khangelani nanku, kumbe: Khangelani nankuya. Ngoba khangelani, umbuso kaNkulunkulu uphakathi kwenu.

22 Wasesithi kubafundi: Kuzafika insuku lapho elizafisa ukubona lube lunye lwezinsuku zeNdodana yomuntu, kodwa kaliyikulubona.

23 Njalo bazakuthi kini: Khangelani nangu, kumbe: Khangelani nanguya; lingayi, njalo lingalandeli.

24 Ngoba njengombane ophazimayo ukhanyisa kusukela kokunye ukucina ngaphansi kwezulu kusiya kokunyeukucina ngaphansi kwezulu, izakuba njalo leNdodana yomuntu osukwini lwayo.

25 Kodwa kuqala imele ihlupheke izinto ezinengi njalo ilahlwe yilesisizukulwana.

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26 Futhi njengoba kwenzeka ensukwini zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo lensukwini zeNdodana yomuntu.

27 Babesidla, benatha, bethatha, besendiswa, kwaze kwaba lusuku uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini, kwasekufika uzamcolo, wababhubhisa bonke.

28 Ngokufananayo futhi njengoba kwenzeka ensukwini zikaLothi; babesidla, benatha, bethenga, bethengisa, behlanyela, besakha;

29 kodwa ngosuku uLothi aphuma ngalo eSodoma, kwana umlilo lesibabule kuvela ezulwini, kwababhubhisa bonke;

30 kuzakuba njalo ngosuku ezakwembulwa ngalo iNdodana yomuntu.

31 Ngalolosuku, lowo ophezu kophahla lwendlu, lempahla zakhe zisendlini, angehli ukuyazithatha; losensimini ngokunjalo angabuyeli ezintweni ezisemuva.

32 Khumbulani umkaLothi.

33 Loba ngubani odinga ukusindisa impilo yakhe izamlahlekela; kodwa loba ngubani olahlekelwa yiyo uzayilondoloza.

34 Ngithi kini: Ngalobobusuku kuzakuba khona ababili embhedeni munye; omunye uzasuswa, lomunye atshiywe.

35 Kuzakuba khona abesifazana ababili bechola ndawonye; omunye uzasuswa, lomunye atshiywe.

36 Kuzakuba khona ababili ensimini; omunye uzasuswa, lomunye atshiywe.

37 Basebephendula bathi kuye: Ngaphi, Nkosi? Wasesithi kubo: Lapho okukhona isidumbu, kulapho amanqe azabuthana khona.

NGULUKA 18

Umfanekiso womfelokazi ophikelelayo

1Wasebatshela lomfanekiso esenzela ukuthi bafanele ukukhuleka isikhathi sonke, njalo bengadinwa,

2 wathi: Kwakukhona emzini othile umahluleli othile, owayengesabi uNkulunkulu, njalo engahloniphi muntu;

3 kwakukhona futhi kulowomuzi umfelokazi othile, njalo wayefika kuye, esithi: Ngiphindiselele esitheni sami.

4 Kodwa kavumanga okwesikhathi; kodwa emva kwalezizinto wathi ngaphakathi kwakhe: Lanxa ngingamesabi uNkulunkulu, ngingahloniphi muntu,

5 kodwa ngoba lumfelokazi engikhathaza, ngizamphindiselela, hlezi angaze ekucineni angidinise.

6 INkosi yasisithi: Zwanini umahluleli ongalunganga akutshoyo.

7 Kanti uNkulunkulu kayikwenza impindiselo yabakhethiweyo bakhe abakhalayo
kuye emini lebusuku, lanxa ebekezela ngabo?

8 Ngithi kini, uzahle enze impindiselo yabo. Kodwa-ke nxa iNdodana yomuntu
ifika, izathola ukholo yini emhlabeni?

UmFarisi lomthelisi ethempelini

9 Wasekhuluma lumfanekiso lakwabathile ababezithemba ukuthi balungile, futhi
bedelela abanye, wathi:

10 Abantu ababili benyukela ethempelini ukuyakhuleka; omunye engumFarisi,
lomunye engumthelisi.

11 UmFarisi wema wazikhulekela kanje wathi: Nkulunkulu, ngiyakubonga ukuthi
kanginjengabanye abantu, abaphangi, abangalunganga, izifebe, loba
lanjengalumthelisi.

12 Ngizila ukudla kabili ngeviki, nginikela okwetshumi kwakho konke engilakho.

13 Kodwa umthelisi emi khatshana wayengathandi lokuphakamisela amehlo
ezulwini, kodwa watshaya isifuba sakhe, esithi: Nkulunkulu, ngihawukele mina
soni.

14 Ngithi kini: Lo wehlela endlini yakhe elungisisiwe kulalowayana; ngoba wonke
oziphakamisayo uzathotshiswa, kodwa ozithobayo uzaphakanyiswa.

Ukubusiswa kwabantwana abancane

15 Basebeletha kuye lensane, ukuze azibambe; kodwa abafundi bekubona
babakhuza.

16 Kodwa uJesu wazibizela kuye wathi: Vumelani abantwana abancane beze kimi,
lingabenqabeli, ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowabanje.

17 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngubani ongemukeli umbuso kaNkulunkulu
njengomntwana omncane, kasoze angene kuwo.

Ijaha elinothileyo

18 Umbusi othile wasembuza, esithi: Mfundisi olungileyo, ngenzeni ukuze ngidle
ilifa lempilo elaphakade?

19 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Ungibizelani ngokuthi olungileyo? Kakho olungileyo,
ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu.

20 Uyayazi imilayo ethi: Ungafebi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga,
hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko.

21 Yena wasesithi: Konke lokhu ngikugcinile kusukela ebutsheni bami.

22 Kodwa uJesu esizwa lezizinto wathi kuye: Usaswele ulutho olulodwa; thengisa
konke olakho, wabele abayanga, njalo uzakuba lempahla eligugu ezulwini; njalo
uze lapha ungilandele.

23 Kodwa yena esizwa lezizinto wadana kakhulu; ngoba wayenothile kakhulu.

24 Kwathi uJesu ebona ukuthi usedane kakhulu wathi: Abalenotho bazangena ngokulukhuni kangakanani embusweni kaNkulunkulu.

25 Ngoba kulula ukuthi ikamela lingene ngentunja yenalithi, kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu.

26 Abakuzwayo basebesithi: Pho kungasindiswa bani?

27 Kodwa yena wathi: Izinto ezingenzekiyo ebantwini ziyenzeka kuNkulunkulu.

Umvuzo wokuzidela

28 UPetro wasesithi: Khangela, thina sitshiye konke, sakulandela.

29 Wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakho umuntu otshiye indlu, kumbe abazali, kumbe abafowabo, kumbe umkakhe, kumbe abantwana, ngenxa yombuso kaNkulunkulu,

30 ongayikwemukela okuphindwe kanengi kulesisikhathi, lesikhathini esizayo impilo elaphakade.

UJesu ukhuluma ngokuhlupheka kwakhe

31 Wasezithathela abalitshumi lambili, wathi kubo: Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalema, futhi konke okulotshiweyo ngabaprofethi ngeNdodana yomuntu kuzagcwaliseka.

32 Ngoba izanikelwa kwabezizwe, iyangiswe, ithukwe, ikhafulelwe ngamathe,

33 bayitshaye ngesiswepu bayibulale; njalo ngosuku lwesithathu izabuya ivuke.

34 Kodwa bona kabaqedisisanga lutho ngalezizinto, lalinkulumo yayifihlakele kubo, njalo kabaziqedisisanga izinto ezazitshiwo.

Ukusiliswa kwesiphofu

35 Kwasekusithi esesondela eJeriko, isiphofu esithile sasihlezi eceleni kwendlela siphanza;

36 sathi sisizwa ixuku lisedlula, sabuza ukuthi kuyini lokho.

37 Basebesitshela bathi: UJesu weNazaretha uyedlula.

38 Sasesimemeza, sisithi: Jesu, Ndodana kaDavida, ngihawukela!

39 Ababehamba phambili basebesikhuza ukuthi sithule; kodwa samemeza kakhulukazi, sisithi: Ndodana kaDavida, ngihawukele!

40 UJesu wema-ke walaya ukuthi silethwe kuye; sathi sesisondele wasibuza,

41 esithi: Ufuna ukuthi ngikwenzeleni? Sasesisithi: Nkosi, ukuthi ngibuye ngibone.

42 UJesu wasesithi kuso: Buya ubone! Ukholo lwakho lukusindisile.

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43 Njalo sahle sabuya sabona, samlandela, sidumisa uNkulunkulu; labantu bonke bekubona badumisa uNkulunkulu.

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Ukuphenduka kukaZakewu

1 Wathi uJesu engena, wadabula eJeriko.

2 Njalo khangela, kwakukhona indoda eyayithiwa nguZakewu ngebizo; owayeyinduna yabathelisi, njalo wayenothile;

3 wadinga ukubona uJesu ukuthi ungubani, kodwa kazange enelise ngenxa yexuku, ngoba wayelesithombo esifitshane.

4 Wasegijimela phambili wakhwela emkhiweni wesikhamore ukuze ambone; ngoba wayezadlula ngaleyondlela.

5 Kwathi uJesu efika kuleyondawo, wakhangela phezulu wambona, wathi kuye: Zakewu, phangisa wehle; ngoba lamuhla ngimele ukuhlala endlini yakho.

6 Wasephangisa wehla, wamemukela ethokoza.

7 Futhi bonke bekubona basola, besithi: Ungene wethekelela indoda eyisoni.

8 Kodwa uZakewu wema wathi eNkosini: Khangela, ingxenye yempahla yami, Nkosi, ngiyipha abayanga; kuthi uba ngimthathele umuntu ulutho ngobuqili, ngilubuyisela luphindwe kane.

9 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Lamuhla usindiso lufikile kulindlu, ngoba laye uyindodana kaAbrahama.

10 Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu ize ukudinga lokusindisa okulahlekileyo.

Umfanekiso wemali

11 Kwathi besizwa lezizinto, wengezelela watsho umfanekiso, ngoba wayeseduze leJerusalema, langobababecabanga ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu uzahle ubonakalisiwe.

12 Wasesithi-ke: Umuntu othile oyisikhulu waya elizweni elikhatshana, ukuzemukelela umbuso, aphinde abuye.

13 Wasebiza inceku zakhe ezilitshumi, wazinika impondo ezilitshumi, wathi kuzo: Sebenzani ngemali ngize ngibuye.

14 Kodwa izakhamizi zakhe zamzonda, zathuma amanxusa emva kwakhe, zisithi: Kasithandi ukuthi lo asibuse.

15 Kwasekusithi esebuyile esewemukele umbuso, wathi azibizelwe kuye lezozinceku, ayezinike imali, ukuze azi ukuthi yileyo laleyo izuzeni ngokuthengiselana.

16 Kweza-ke eyokuqala, yathi: Nkosi, impondo yakho izuze impondo ezilitshumi.

17 Wasesithi kuyo: Kuhle, nceku elungileyo; lokhu uthembekile kokuncinyanyana, woba lamandla phezu kwemizi elitshumi.

18 Kwasekusiza eyesibili, yathi: Nkosi, impondo yakho yenze impondo ezinhlanu.

19 Wasesithi lakuyo: Lawe woba phezu kwemizi emihlanu.

20 Kwasekusiza enye, isithi: Nkosi, khangela impondo yakho, engayibeka elenjini;

21 ngoba bengikwesaba, ngoba ungumuntu olukhuni; uthatha lokho ongakubekanga, futhi uvune lokho ongakuhlanyelanga.

22 Wasesithi kuyo: Ngizakugweba ngokuvela emlonyeni wakho, nceku embi. Ubusazi ukuthi mina ngingumuntu olukhuni, othatha lokho engingakubekanga, futhi avune lokho engingakuhlanyelanga;

23 ngakho kungani ungafakanga imali yami ebhanga, kuthi-ke mina ekufikeni kwami ngiyithathe kanye lenzuzo?

24 Wasesithi kulabo ababemi khona: Memukeni impondo, liyinike lowo olempondo ezilitshumi.

25 Kodwa bathi kuye: Nkosi, lowo ulempondo ezilitshumi.

26 Ngoba ngithi kini: Wonke olakho uzaphiwa; kodwa lowo ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho alakho.

27 Kodwa lezozitha zami, ebezingathandi ukuthi ngizibuse, zileteni lapha, lizibulale phambi kwami.

UJesu ungena eJerusalema

28 Esetshilo lezizinto, wahamba phambili, esenyukela eJerusalema.

29 Kwasekusithi esondela eBetfage leBethani entabeni okuthiwa ngeyeMihlwathi, wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe,

30 esithi: Hambani liye emzaneni okhangelene lani; lizakuthi lingena kuwo lifice ithole likababhemi libotshiwe, okungazanga kuhlale kulo muntu; lilikhulule lililethe.

31 Uba umuntu elibuza esithi: Lilikhululelani? Lizakutsho njalo kuye ukuthi: INkosi iyaliswela.

32 Ababethunyiwe bahamba-ke bafica kunjengoba ebatshelile.

33 Kuthe besalikhulula ithole, abaninilo bathi kubo: Lilikhululelani ithole?

34 Bona basebesithi: INkosi iyaliswela.

35 Basebeliletha kuJesu; baphosela izembatho zabo phezu kwethole likababhemi, bamkhweza uJesu kulo.

36 Kwathi ehamba, bendlala izembatho zabo phansi endleleni.

37 Kwathi khathesi esesondela ekwehleni kwentaba yeMihlwathi, ixuku lonke
labafundi laqala ukuthokoza lokudumisa uNkulunkulu ngelizwi elikhulu ngayo
yonke imisebenzi yamandla eliyibonileyo,

38 lisithi: Ibusisiwe inkosi ezayo ebizweni leNkosi; ukuthula ezulwini,
lenkazimulo kweliphezulu.

39 Labanye babaFarisi ababesexukwini bathi kuye: Mfundisi, khuza abafundi
bakho.

40 Wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngithi kini, uba bethula laba, amatshe azamemeza.

41 Kwathi esondela, ewubona umuzi, wawukhalela,

42 esithi: Kungathi ngabe wazi lawe, ngitsho ngalolusuku lwakho, izinto
zokuthula kwakho; kodwa-ke khathesi zifihlakele emehlweni akho.

43 Ngoba insuku zizakwehlela phezu kwakho, lapho izitha zakho zizakwakhela
umthangala zikugombolozele, zikuzingelezele, zikuvimbele inhlangothi zonke,

44 zikudilizele phansi wena labantwana bakho abaphakathi kwakho, zingatshiyi
ilitshe phezu kwelitshe phakathi kwakho; ngoba ungasazanga
isikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwakho.

Ukuhlanjululwa kwethempeli

45 Wasengena ethempelini, waqala ukuxotsha abathengisayo kulo, labathengayo,

46 esithi kubo: Kulotshiwe ukuthi: Indlu yami yindlu yomkhuleko; kodwa lina
liyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi.

47 Njalo wayefundisa ethempelini insuku zonke; kodwa abapristi abakhulu
lababhali lenduna zabantu badinga ukumbulala;

48 kodwa kabatholanga abangakwenza, ngoba abantu bonke banamathela kuye
bemlalela.

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Igunya likaJesu

1Kwasekusithi ngolunye lwalezonsuku, efundisa abantu ethempelini
etshumayela ivangeli, bamfikela abapristi abakhulu lababhali kanye labadala,

2 basebekhuluma laye, besithi: Sitshele, ukuthi izinto lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya,
kumbe ngubani okunike leligunya?

3 Wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo ube munye, njalo
lingitshele:

4 Ubhabhathizo lukaJohane lwavela ezulwini, kumbe ebantwini?

5 Basebezindlisana, besithi: Uba sisithi: Ezulwini; uzakuthi: Kungani-ke
lingamkholwanga?

6 Kodwa uba sisithi: Ebantwini; abantu bonke bazasikhanda ngamatshe; ngoba
baleqiniso lokuthi uJohane wayengumprofethi.

7 Basebephendula ngokuthi kabazi lapho olwavela khona.

8 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lami kangilitsheli ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi
igunya.

Umfanekiso wabalimi besivini

9 Waseqala ukutshela abantu lumfanekiso, esithi: Umuntu othile wahlanyela
isivini, wasiqatshisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye ilizwe okwesikhathi eside;

10 kwathi ngesikhathi esifaneleyo wathuma inceku kubalimi, ukuze bayinike
okwesithelo sesivini; kodwa abalimi bayitshaya bayithumeza ize.

11 Wasethuma njalo enye inceku; layo bayitshaya bayiyangisa, bayithumeza ize.

12 Wasephinda ethuma leyesithathu; layo leyo bayilimaza bayiphosela
ngaphandle.

13 Umninisivini wasesithi: Ngizakwenza njani? Ngizathuma indodana yami
ethandekayo; mhlawumbe bebona yona bazayihlonipha.

14 Kodwa abalimi beyibona bazindlisana, besithi: Le yindlalifa; wozani, siyibulale,
ukuze ilifa libe ngelethu.

15 Bayiphosela ngaphandle kwesivini, bayibulala. Kambe uzakwenzani kubo
umninisivini?

16 Uzakuza, ababhubhise labobalimi, anikele isivini kwabanye. Bekuzwa
basebesithi: Akungabinjalo!

17 Kodwa wabakhangela wathi: Pho kuyini lokhu okulotshiweyo, okuthi: Ilitshe
abakhi abalalayo, yilo eseliyinhloko yengonsi?

18 Wonke owela phezu kwalelolitshe, uzaphahlazwa; kodwa loba ngubani eliwela
phezu kwakhe, lizamchoboza.

Umthelo kaKesari

19 Abapristi abakhulu lababhali basebedinga ukumbamba ngezandla ngalelohola,
kodwa besaba abantu; ngoba baqedisisa ukuthi wayekhuluma lumfanekiso
emelane labo.

20 Basebemqaphela, bethuma inhloli, ezazitshaya ezilungileyo, ukuze bambambe
ekukhulumeni, ukuze bamnikele egunyeni lemandleni ombusi.

21 Bambuza-ke, besithi: Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena ukhuluma ufundise
ngokuqondileyo, kawemukeli buso, kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu
ngeqiniso.

22 Sivunyelwe yini ukuthela kuKesari, kumbe hatshi?

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23 Kodwa wabubona ubuqili babo, wathi kubo: Lingilingelani?

24 Ngitshengisani udenariyo; ulomfanekiso lombhalo kabani? Basebephendula besithi: OkaKesari.

25 Wasesithi kubo: Ngakho nikani uKesari okukaKesari, loNkulunkulu okukaNkulunkulu.

26 Basebesehluleka ukumbamba ngelizwi lakhe phambi kwabantu; basebemangaliswa yimpendulo yakhe, bathula.

Ukuvuka kwabafileyo

27 Kwasekusiza kuye abathile babaSadusi, abaphika besithi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, bambuza,

28 besithi: Mfundisi, uMozisi wasibhalela ukuthi: Uba kusifa umfowabo womuntu elomkakhe, lo abesesifa engelamntwana, umfowabo kamthathe umfazi, abesemvusela inzalo umfowabo.

29 Ngakho kwakulezelamani eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala wasethatha umfazi, wafa engelamntwana;

30 lowesibili wamthatha umfazi, laye lo wafa engelamntwana;

31 lowesithathu wamthatha. Kwaba njalo-ke lakwabayisikhombisa; abatshiyanga abantwana, bafa.

32 Ekucineni kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi.

33 Ngakho ekuvukeni kwabafileyo, uzafika abe ngumkabani kubo? Ngoba abayisikhombisa babelaye engumkabo.

34 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Abantwana balumhlaba bayathatha, bendiswe;

35 kodwa labo okuzathiwa bafanele ukuzuza lowomhlaba lokuvuka okwabafileyo kabathathani, kabendiswa;

36 ngoba bengelakuphinda bafe; ngoba banjengezingilosi, njalo bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, bengabantwana bokuvuka.

37 Kodwa ukuthi abafileyo bayavuswa, loMozisi wakutshengisa esihlahleni, lapho eyibiza iNkosi ngokuthinguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama loNkulunkulu kaIsaka loNkulunkulu kaJakobe.

38 Futhi kayisuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo; ngoba bonke baphilela yena.

39 Abathile bababhali basebephendula bathi: Mfundisi, ukhulume kuhle.

40 Njalo kababanga lesibindi sokuphinda bambuze ulutho.

UKristu losendo lwakhe

41 Wasesithi kubo: Batsho njani ukuthi uKristu uyiNdodana kaDavida?

42 Ngoba uDavida uqobo lwakhe uthi encwadini yeziHlabelelo: INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami,

43 ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho.

44 Ngakho uDavida umbiza ngokuthi yiNkosi, pho uyindodana yakhe njani?

UJesu usola ababhali

45 Kwathi besalalele abantu bonke, wathi kubafundi bakhe:

46 Xwayani ababhali abathanda ukuhamba bembethe izembatho ezinde, njalo bethanda ukubingelelwa emidangeni, lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogeni, lezihlalo zabahloniphekayo ezilayelweni;

47 abadla izindlu zabafelokazi, bekhuleka isikhathi eside ngokuzenzisa. Laba bazakwemukela ukulahlwa okukhulu.

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Umnikelo womfelokazi

1Wathi ephakamisa amehlo wabona abanothileyo bephosela iminikelo yabo esitsheni somnikelo.

2 Wabona lomfelokazi othile ongumyanga ephosela khona inhlamvana ezincane ezimbili zemali.

3 Wathi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lumfelokazi ongumyanga uphosele okwedlula okwabo bonke;

4 ngoba bonke laba baphosele kokunengi kwabo eminikelweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa yena ebuyangeni bakhe uphosele konke alakho abephila ngakho.

UJesu ukhuluma ngokuchithwa kweJerusalema langokuphela kwesikhathi

5 Abanye besakhuluma ngethempeli, ukuthi liceciswe ngamatshe amahle langezipho, wathi:

6 Lezizinto elizibonayo, kuzafika insuku okungayikutshiywa ngazo ilitshe phezu kwelitshe, elingayikudilizelwa phansi.

7 Basebembuza, besithi: Mfundisi, pho lezizinto zizakuba nini? Lesibonakaliso siyini, lapho sekuzakwenzeka lezizinto?

8 Wasesithi: Qaphelani ukuthi lingaduhiswa; ngoba abanengi bazakuza ebizweni lami, besithi: Nginguye; futhi: Isikhathi sesisondele. Ngakho lingabalandeli.

9 Njalo nxa lisizwa ngezimpi langeziphithiphithi, lingethuki; ngoba lezizinto zimele ukuthi zenzeke kuqala, kodwa ukuphela kakuhle kufike.

10 Wasesithi kubo: Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso;

11 njalo kuzakuba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu indawo ngendawo lezindlala labomatshayabhuqe bezifo; kube khona lezinto ezesabekayo lezibonakaliso ezinkulu ezivela ezulwini.

12 Kodwa ngaphambi kwakho konke lokhu bazalibamba ngezandla zabo, balizingele, balinikele emasinagogeni lezintolongweni, balise phambi kwamakhosi lababusi, ngenxa yebizo lami.

13 Njalo lokhu kuzaphenduka kini kube yibufakazi.

14 Ngakho kubekeni enhliziyweni zenu ukuthi linganakani ngaphambili ngelizakuphendula;

15 ngoba mina ngizalinika umlomo lenhlakanipho, abangekuphike, bamelane lakho, bonke abayizitha zenu.

16 Njalo lizanikelwa langabazali labafowenu lezihlobo labangane, njalo bazabulala abanye benu.

17 Njalo lizazondwa yibo bonke ngenxa yebizo lami.

18 Kodwa kakuyikulahleka ngitsho unwele lwekhanda lenu.

19 Ekubekezeleni kwenu zuzani imiphefumulo yenu.

20 Kodwa nxa libona iJerusalema ihanqwe ngamabutho, yazini-ke ukuthi sekusondele ukuchitheka kwayo.

21 Ngalesosikhathi abaseJudiya kababalekele ezintabeni; labaphakathi kwayo baphume; labasemaphandlenibangangeni kuyo.

22 Ngoba lezi zinsuku zempindiselo, ukuze kugcwaliseke zonke izinto ezilotshiweyo.

23 Kodwa maye kwabakhulelweyo labamunyisayo ngalezonsuku! Ngoba kuzakuba khona ukuhlupheka okukhulu emhlabeni, lolaka kulesisizwe.

24 Njalo bazakuwa ngobukhali benkemba, bathunjelwe ezizweni zonke; leJerusalema inyathelelwe phansi ngabezizwe, kuze kugcwaliseke izikhathi zabezizwe.

25 Kuzakuba khona izibonakaliso elangeni lenyangeni lezinkanyezini; lemhlabeni usizi lwezizwe ngokudideka; kudume ulwandle lamagagasi,

26 abantu baphele amandla ngenxa yokwesaba langokubona lokho okuzayo emhlabeni; ngoba amandla amazulu azazanyazanyiswa.

27 Khona-ke bezayibona iNdodana yomuntu isiza eyezini ilamandla lenkazimulo enkulu.

28 Njalo nxa kuqala ukwenzeka lezizinto, manini liqonde njalo liphakamise amakhanda enu; ngoba kusondele ukukhululwa kwenu.

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29 Wasebatshela umfanekiso: Khangelani umkhiwa lazo zonke izihlahla;

30 nxa sezihluma, liyazibonela lani likwazi ukuthi ihlobo selisondele.

31 Ngokunjalo lani, nxa libona lezizinto zisenzeka, yazini ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu useduze.

32 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lesisizukulwana asisoze sidlule, kuze kwenzeke zonke izinto.

33 Kuzadlula izulu lomhlaba, kodwa amazwi ami kawasoze adlule.

34 Njalo ziqapheleni, ukuthi inhliziyo zenu zingasindwa ngenxa yokuminza lokudakwa lokuphisekela izinto zalokhukusila, lalolosuku lulifikele linganzelele;

35 ngoba luzafika njengomjibila phezu kwabo bonke abahlezi ebusweni bomhlaba wonke.

36 Ngakho lindani ngezikhathi zonke likhulekele ukuthi lifanele ukuphepha zonke lezizinto ezizakwenzeka, lokuma phambi kweNdodana yomuntu.

37 Njalo wayefundisa ethempelini emini; kodwa ebusuku wayephuma ayehlala entabeni ethiwa ngeyeMihlwathi.

38 Lekuseni kakhulu abantu bonke babesiza kuye ethempelini ukumuzwa.

NGULUKA 22

Ukumnikela kukaJudasi

1Kwasekusondela umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo, othiwa liphasika.

2 Abapristi abakhulu lababhali basebedinga ukuthi bangambulala njani; ngoba babesesaba abantu.

3 USathane wasengena kuJudasi othiwa nguIskariyothi, owayengowenani labalitshumi lambili.

4 Wasesuka wayakhuluma labapristi abakhulu lezinduna ngokuthi angamnikela njani kubo.

5 Basebethokoza, basebevumelana ukumnika imali.

6 Yena wasevuma, njalo wadinga ithuba elihle lokumnikela kubo lingekho ixuku.

Ukumiswa kwesidlo esingcwele

7 Lwaselufika usuku lwesinkwa esingelamvubelo, okwakumele kuhlatshwe ngalo iphasika.

8 Wasethuma uPetro loJohane, esithi: Hambani liyesilungisela iphasika, ukuze sidle.

9 Basebesithi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi silungise ngaphi?

10 Wasesithi kubo: Khangelani, kuzakuthi selingenile emzini, umuntu uzahlangana lani ethwele imbiza yamanzi; limlandele endlini azangena kuyo.

11 Beselisithi kumninindlu: Uthi uMfundisi kuwe: Ingaphi indlu yezihambi, lapho engingadlela khona iphasika labafundi bami?

12 Yena-ke uzalitshengisa indlu enkulu ephezulu eyendlelweyo; lilungise khona.

13 Bahamba-ke bafica njengokutsho kwakhe kubo; basebelungisa iphasika.

14 Kwathi selifikile ihola, wahlala phansi, labaphostoli abalitshumi lambili belaye.

15 Wasesithi kubo: Ngokunxwanela nginxwanele ukudla lani leliphasika ngingakahlupheki;

16 ngoba ngithi kini: Kangisoze ngidle futhi kulo, lize ligcwaliseke embusweni kaNkulunkulu.

17 Wasethatha inkezo, esebongile wathi: Thathani lokhu, beselisabelana;

18 ngoba ngithi kini: Kangisoze nginathe okwesithelo sevini, kuze kufike umbuso kaNkulunkulu.

19 Wasethatha isinkwa, esebongile wasihlephuna, wabanika, esithi: Lokhu kungumzimba wami, owanikelelwa lina; lokhu kwenzeni ukungikhumbula.

20 Ngokunjalo lenkezo emva kokudla, esithi: Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini lami, elichithelwa lina.

21 Kodwa khangelani, isandla songinikelayo silami etafuleni.

22 Ngoba isibili iNdodana yomuntu ihamba njengokumisiweyo; kodwa maye kulowomuntu enikelwa nguye!

23 Bona basebeqala ukubuzana ukuthi kambe ngubani kubo ozakwenza lokho.

Ubukhulu obuqotho

24 Kwavela lokuphikisana phakathi kwabo okokuthi nguwuphi kubo ongathiwa ngomkhulu.

25 Wasesithi kubo: Amakhosi abezizwe azibusa ngobulukhuni, leziphathamandla zazo zithiwa ngabasizi.

26 Kodwa lina kakungabi njalo; kodwa omkhulu phakathi kwenu kabe njengomncinyane, longumkhokheli njengosebenzayo.

27 Ngoba nguwuphi omkhulu, lowo ohleziyo ekudleni kumbe lowo osebenzayo? Kayisilowo yini ohlezi ekudleni? Kodwa mina ngiphakathi kwenu njengaye osebenzayo.

28 Lina-ke liyibo ababehlezi lami ezilingweni zami;

29 njalo mina ngilimisele umbuso, njengoba uBaba engimisele,

30 ukuthi lidle linathe etafuleni lami embusweni wami, lihlale ezihlalweni zobukhosi, lisehlulela izizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakoIsrayeli.

Ukuxwayiswa kukaPetro

31 INkosi yasisithi: Simoni, Simoni, khangela, uSathane ulifunisisile, ukuze alihlungule njengamabele;

32 kodwa mina ngikukhulekele, ukuze ukholo lwakho lungapheli; wena-ke nxa usuphendukile uqinise abazalwane bakho.

33 Kodwa wathi kuye: Nkosi, lentolongweni lekufeni ngilungele ukuya khona lawe.

34 Kodwa yena wathi: Ngiyakutshela, Petro, iqhude kaliyikukhala lamuhla, ungakaphiki kathathu ukuthi uyangazi.

35 Wasesithi kubo: Mhla ngilithuma lingelamxhaka lesikhwama lamanyathela, laswela yini ulutho? Basebesithi: Kakulalutho.

36 Wasesithi kubo: Kodwa khathesi lowo olomxhaka kawuthathe, ngokunjalo lesikhwama; lalowo ongelakho, athengise isembatho sakhe, athenge inkemba.

37 Ngoba ngithi kini, kusamele kugcwaliseke kimi lokhu okulotshiweyo, ukuthi: Wabalwa kanye lezoni; ngoba lalezizinto eziqondane lami zilesiphetho.

38 Basebesithi: Nkosi, khangela, nanzi inkemba ezimbili. Wasesithi kubo: Kwanele.

EGetsemane

39 Wasephuma waya entabeni yeMihlwathi njengokwejwayela; labafundi bakhe bamlandela.

40 Esefikile kuleyondawo, wathi kubo: Khulekani ukuthi lingangeni ekulingweni.

41 Yena wasemonyuka kubo okungaba libanga lokuphosa ilitshe, waguqa phansi ngamadolo wakhuleka,

42 esithi: Baba, uba uthanda, susa linkezo kimi; kodwa-ke kungenziwa intando yami, kodwa eyakho.

43 Kwabonakala kuye ingilosi evela ezulwini imqinisa.

44 Esesesizini olunzima, wakhuleka kakhulu. Njalo izithukuthuku zakhe zaba njengamathonsi egazi zawela emhlabathini.

45 Esesukumile emkhulekweni, weza kubafundi bakhe, wabafica belele ngenxa yokudabuka,

46 wasesithi kubo: Lilaleleni? Vukani likhuleke, ukuze lingangeni ekulingweni.

Ukubotshwa kukaJesu

47 Kwathi esakhuluma, khangela, ixuku, lalowo okuthiwa nguJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, ehamba phambi kwabo, wasesondela kuJesu ukumanga.

48 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Judasi, uyayinikela yini iNdodana yomuntu ngokuyanga?

49 Kwathi labo ababengakuye sebebona okuzakwenzeka bathi kuye: Nkosi, sigadle yini ngenkemba?

50 Omunye wabo wasegadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, waquma indlebe yayo yokunene.

51 Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi: Yekelani kuze kube yilokhu. Wasethinta indlebe yayo, wayisilisa.

52 UJesu wasesithi kubapristi abakhulu lezinduna zethempeli labadala ababeze kuye: Liphume njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini lilezinkemba lezinduku?

53 Nxa bengilani insuku ngensuku ethempelini, kalelulanga izandla ukumelana lami; kodwa leli lihola lenu, lamandla obumnyama.

UPetro ulandula uJesu

54 Sebembambile bamqhuba, bamusa endlini yompristi omkhulu. UPetro waselandela ekhatshana.

55 Sebebasile umlilo phakathi kweguma, sebehlezi phansi ndawonye, uPetro wahlala phakathi kwabo.

56 Kodwa incekukazi ethile imbona ehlezi emlilweni, yamjolozela, yathi: Lumuntu laye ube laye.

57 Kodwa wamphika, wathi: Mama, kangimazi.

58 Emva kwesikhatshana omunye wasembona wathi: Lawe ungomunye wabo. Kodwa uPetro wathi: Ndoda, kangisuye.

59 Sekungaba kwedlule ihola elilodwa, omunye waqinisa, esithi: Isibili laye ube laye; ngoba futhi ungumGalili.

60 Kodwa uPetro wathi: Ndoda, kangazi ukuthi uthini. Njalo khonokho esakhuluma lakhala iqhude.

61 INkosi yasiphenduka yamkhangela uPetro. UPetro waselikhumbula ilizwi leNkosi, ukuthi yakhuluma njani kuye isithi: Iqhude lingakakhali, uzangiphika kathathu.

62 UPetro wasephuma phandle wakhala ngokubabayo.

UJesu uphathwa kubi

63 Lamadoda ayembambile uJesu amklolodela, amtshaya.

64 Amembesa, amtshaya ubuso, asembuza, esithi: Profetha! Ngubani okutshayileyo?

65 Akhuluma lezinye izinto ezinengi kuye ehlambaza.

UJesu uphambi kwabapristi abakhulu

66 Kwathi sekusile, abadala babantu babuthana, labapristi abakhulu lababhali, basebemusa emphakathini wabo, bathi:

67 Uba unguKristu, sitshele. Wasesithi kubo: Uba ngilitshela, kalisoze likholwe;

68 njalo uba lami ngilibuza, kalisoze lingiphendule, loba lingikhulule.

69 Kusukela khathesi iNdodana yomuntu izahlala ngakwesokunene samandla kaNkulunkulu.

70 Basebesithi bonke: Kanti uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu? Wasesithi kubo: Kutsho lina ukuthi ngiyiyo.

71 Basebesithi: Pho sisafunelani ubufakazi? Ngoba sesizizwele uqobo lwethu emlonyeni wakhe.

NGULUKA 23

UJesu uphambi kukaPilatu

1Kwasekusukuma ixuku labo lonke, lamusa kuPilatu.

2 Baqala ukummangalela, besithi: Simficile lo eduhisa isizwe, esalela ukuthela kuKesari, esithi nguye onguKristu iNkosi.

3 UPilatu wasembuza, wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? Wasemphendula wathi: Uyatsho wena.

4 Wasesithi uPilatu kubapristi abakhulu lemaxukwini: Kangitholi cala kulumuntu.

5 Kodwa baqinisa, besithi: Udunga abantu, efundisa kuyo yonke iJudiya, eqala eGalili kuze kufike lapha.

UJesu uphambi kukaHerodi

6 Lapho uPilatu esizwa kuthiwa iGalili wabuza ukuthi lumuntu ungumGalili yini.

7 Kwathi esezwile ukuthi ungowombuso kaHerodi, wamthumela kuHerodi, owayekhona laye eJerusalema ngalezonsuku.

8 Kwathi uHerodi embona uJesu wathokoza kakhulu; ngoba wayekade ethanda ukumbona, ngoba wayezwile okunengi ngaye; wayethemba ukuthi uzabona isibonakaliso esithile sisenziwa nguye.

9 Wambuza ngamazwi amanengi; kodwa yena kamphendulanga lutho.

10 Abapristi abakhulu lababhali babemi, bemmangalela ngamandla.

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11 UHerodi lamabutho akhe bamyangisa, bamklolodela, basebemgqokisa isembatho esikhazimulayo, bambuyisela kuPilatu.

12 Ngalolosuku uHerodi kanye loPilatu baba ngabangane omunye komunye; ngoba ngaphambi kwalokhu babelobutha phakathi kwabo.

Ukulahlwa kukaJesu lokukhululwa kukaBarabasi

13 UPilatu wasebizela ndawonye abapristi abakhulu lababusi labantu,

14 wathi kubo: Limlethile kimi lumuntu, ngokungathi ungoduhisa abantu; njalo khangelani, mina ngimhlolile phambi kwenu, kodwa kangitholanga cala kulumuntu ngalezozinto elimmangalela ngazo;

15 hatshi ngitsho loHerodi; ngoba ngilithumeze kuye, njalo khangelani, kakulalutho olufanele ukufa olwenziwe nguye.

16 Ngakho ngizamtshaya ngimkhulule.

17 Kwakufanele ukuthi abakhululele abe munye ngomkhosi.

18 Bamemeza bonke kanyekanye besithi: Msuse lo, usikhululele uBarabasi

19 (owayephoselwe entolongweni ngenxa yomvukela othile owenzeka phakathi komuzi langenxa yokubulala).

20 Ngakho uPilatu wabuya wakhuluma labo, efuna ukumkhulula uJesu.

21 Kodwa bamemeza, besithi: Bethela, mbethele!

22 Wasesithi kubo ngokwesithathu: Ngoba lo enze bubi bani? Kangitholanga kuye icala afanele ukufa ngalo; ngakho ngizamtshaya ngimkhulule.

23 Kodwa baqinisa ngamazwi amakhulu, befuna ukuthi abethelwe; lamazwi abo lawabapristi abakhulu aphumelela.

24 UPilatu wasequma ukuthi kwenziwe isicelo sabo.

25 Wasebakhululela lowo ababemcelile owayephoselwe entolongweni ngenxa yomvukela lokubulala; kodwa uJesu wamnikela entandweni yabo.

UJesu esiphambanweni

26 Kwathi sebemqhuba, babamba uSimoni othile umKurene owayevela emaphandleni, bamethesa isiphambano, ukuthi asithwale ngemva kukaJesu.

27 Laselimlandela ixuku elikhulu labantu, labesifazana labo ababekhala bemlilela.

28 Kodwa uJesu ephendukela kubo wathi: Madodakazi eJerusalema, lingangikhaleli mina, kodwa zikhaleleni lina labantwana benu,

29 ngoba khangelani, ziyeza insuku abazakutsho ngazo ukuthi: Zibusisiwe inyumba, lezizalo ezingazalanga, lamabele angamunyisanga.

30 Khona bezaqalisa ukuthi ezintabeni: Welani phezu kwethu; lemaqaqeni: Sisibekeleni.

31 Ngoba uba besenza lezizinto esihlahleni esimanzi, kuzakwenzakalani kwesomileyo?

32 Kwaqhutshwa labanye abenzi bobubi ababili, ukuthi babulawe kanye laye.

33 Sebefikile endaweni ethiwa luKhakhayi, bambethela khona, labenzi bobubi, omunye ngakwesokunene, lomunye ngakwesokhohlo.

34 UJesu wasesithi: Baba, bathethelele; ngoba kabakwazi abakwenzayo. Njalo babelana izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa.

35 Labantu bema babukela. Lababusi kanye labo bamklolodela, besithi: Wasindisa abanye, kazisindise yena, uba yena enguKristu, okhethiweyo kaNkulunkulu.

36 Labebutho bamklolodela, beza kuye bamnika iviniga,

37 besithi: Uba wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda, zisindise wena.

38 Kwakukhona lombhalo ngaphezu kwakhe kulotshiwe ngamabala esiGriki langesiRoma langesiHebheru othi: LO UYINKOSI YAMAJUDA.

39 Lomunye wabenzi bobubi ababelengisiwe wamthuka, esithi: Uba wena unguKristu, zisindise wena lathi.

40 Kodwa omunye waphendula emkhuza, esithi: Wena kawumesabi yini uNkulunkulu, lokhu lawe ukulokhukulahlwa?

41 Thina kambe kusilungele, ngoba semukela okulingene ukwenza kwethu; kodwa lo kenzanga lutho olungafanelanga.

42 Wasesithi kuJesu: Ungikhumbule, Nkosi, lapha ufika embusweni wakho.

43 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Lamuhla uzakuba lami eParadise.

Ukufa kukaJesu

44 Kwakungaba lihola lesithupha, kwaba khona ubumnyama phezu komhlaba wonke kwaze kwaba liholalesificamunwemunye,

45 futhi ilanga lalifiphaziwe, leveyili lethempeli ladatshulwa phakathi.

46 UJesu wasememeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Baba, ezandleni zakho ngibeka umoya wami; esetshilo lokhu waphefumula okokucina.

47 Kwathi induna yekhulu isibonile okwenzekileyo, yamdumisa uNkulunkulu, isithi: Isibili lumuntu ubelungile.

48 Lamaxuku wonke ayebuthene ukubukela lokho, sebebonile izinto ezenzekileyo, babuyela bezitshaya izifuba.

49 Bonke abazana laye, labesifazana ababemlandela bevela eGalili, bema khatshana, bebona lezizinto.

Ukungcwatshwa kukaJesu

50 Njalo khangela, indoda ethiwa nguJosefa, ilunga lomphakathi, indoda elungileyo eqotho;

51 yena wayengavumelananga lecebo lesenzo sabo; wayevela eArimathiya umuzi wamaJuda, laye ngokwakhewayelindele umbuso kaNkulunkulu;

52 lowo wasuka waya kuPilatu wacela isidumbu sikaJesu.

53 Wasesethula wasigoqela ngelembu elicolekileyo, wasibeka engcwabeni elaligujwe edwaleni, lapho okwakungazanga kubekwe khona umuntu.

54 Kwakulusuku lwamalungiselelo, lesabatha laselisondela.

55 Labesifazana, ababeze laye bevela eGalili, balandela, balibona ingcwaba, lokuthi isidumbu sibekwe njani.

56 Basebebuyela emuva balungisa amakha lamagcobo. Ngesabatha basebephumula njengokomlayo.

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Ukuvuka kukaJesu

1Kodwa ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, emadabukakusa, baya engcwabeni, bephethe amakha ababewalungisile, labanye ababelabo.

2 Bafica ilitshe ligiqiwe lasuswa engcwabeni.

3 Kuthe bengena kabasitholanga isidumbu seNkosi uJesu.

4 Kwasekusithi bedidekile kakhulu ngalokhu, futhi khangela, amadoda amabili ema labo embethe izembatho ezicwazimulayo;

5 njalo besesaba, bakhothamisa ubuso emhlabathini, athi kubo: Lidingelani ophilayo kwabafileyo?

6 Kakho lapha, kodwa uvukile; khumbulani ukuthi wakhuluma njani kini, eseseGalili,

7 esithi: INdodana yomuntu imele ukunikelwa ezandleni zabantu abayizoni, ibethelwe, ibuye ivuke ngosuku lwesithathu.

8 Basebewakhumbula amazwi akhe.

9 Sebebuyile bevela engcwabeni, babika konke lokhu kwabalitshumi lanye lakubo bonke abanye.

10 KwakunguMariya Magadalena loJowana loMariya unina kaJakobe, labanye ababekanye labo, abatshela abaphostoli lezizinto.

11 Kodwa amazwi abo akhanya kibo njengokukhuluma okuyize, futhi kabaze bawakholwa.

12 Kodwa uPetro wasukuma wagijimela engcwabeni, wakhothama walunguza wabona amalembu acolekileyo ebekiwe ewodwa; wasuka, emangele ngaphakathi kwakhe ngokwenzekileyo.

Abafundi abaya eEmawusi

13 Futhi khangela, ngalona lolosuku ababili babo babehamba besiya emzaneni, obizo lawo yiEmawusi,ongamastadiyu angamatshumi ayisithupha kusukela eJerusalema.

14 Njalo bona babekhulumisana ngazo zonke lezizinto ezenzekileyo.

15 Kwasekusithi bekhulumisana bebuzana, uJesu uqobo wasondela wahamba kanye labo,

16 kodwa amehlo abo ayebanjiwe ukuze bangamazi.

17 Wasesithi kubo: Ngamazwi bani la elikhulumisana ngawo lihamba, lidanile?

18 Omunye, obizo lakhe linguKleyopha, wasephendula wathi kuye: Wena nguwe wedwa isihambi eJerusalema, njalo esingaziyo yini izinto ezenzekileyo phakathi kwayo kulezinsuku?

19 Wasesithi kubo: Yizinto bani? Basebesithi kuye: Ezimayelana loJesu weNazaretha, obeyindoda umprofethiolamandla ngesenzo langelizwi phambi kukaNkulunkulu labantu bonke;

20 lokuthi abapristi abakhulu lababusi bethu bamnikela njani ekulahlweni kokufa, bambethela.

21 Kodwa thina besithemba ukuthi nguye obezakhulula uIsrayeli. Kodwa-ke phezu kwakho konke lokhu lamuhla lusuku lwesithathu selokhu lezizinto zenzakele.

22 Kodwa njalo abesifazana abathile abangakithi basimangalisile, ababesengcwabeni ekuseni kakhulu;

23 kuthe bengasitholi isidumbu sakhe, babuya besithi babone lombono wezingilosi, ezithe uyaphila.

24 Labathile abebelathi baya engcwabeni, bafica kunjalo njengokutsho kwabesifazana labo; kodwa yena kabambonanga.

25 Yena wasesithi kubo: O lina elingelakuqedisisa elilenhliziyo ezivilaphela ukukholwa konke lokho abaprofethi abalitshela khona!

26 UKristu ubengamele yini ukuthi ahlupheke ngalezizinto, abesengena ebukhosini bakhe?

27 Esesusela kuMozisi lakubo bonke abaprofethi, wabachasisela emibhalweni yonke izinto eziqondene laye.

28 Basebesondela emzaneni ababesiya kuwo; yena wasesenza angathi uyedlula.

29 Kodwa bamcindezela, besithi: Hlala lathi, ngoba sekuzakuhlwa, lelanga selitshonile. Wangena-ke ukuze ahlale labo.

30 Kwasekusithi ehlezi ekudleni labo, wathatha isinkwa wasibusisa, wasihlephuna wabanika.

31 Amehlo abo asevuleka, basebemazi; wasenyamalala esuka emehlweni abo.

32 Basebekhulumisana besithi: Kambe inhliziyo zethu bezingavuthi yini phakathi kwethu, lapho ekhuluma lathi endleleni, lalapho esivulela imibhalo?

33 Basebesukuma ngalelohola, babuyela eJerusalema, bafica abalitshumi lanye bebuthene ndawonye lalabo ababelabo,

34 besithi: Isibili iNkosi ivukile, ibonwe nguSimoni.

35 Basebelandisa okwenzekileyo endleleni, lokuthi yaziwa njani yibo ekuhlephuneni isinkwa.

Ukuzibonakalisa kukaJesu kubafundi bakhe

36 Besakhuluma lezizinto, uJesu uqobo wema phakathi kwabo, wathi kubo: Ukuthula kakube kini.

37 Kodwa batshaywa luvalo besaba becabanga ukuthi babona umoya.

38 Wasesithi kubo: Likhathazekelani, njalo kuvukelani imicabango enhliziyweni zenu?

39 Khangelani izandla zami lenyawo zami, ukuthi yimi uqobo; ngibambani libone, ngoba umoya kawulanyama lamathambo, njengoba lingibona ngilakho.

40 Esekutshilo lokho wabatshengisa izandla lenyawo zakhe.

41 Kodwa belokhu bengakholwa ngenxa yentokozo bemangala, wathi kubo: Lilalo ulutho lokudla lapha yini?

42 Bamnika iqatha lenhlanzi eyosiweyo, lohlanga lwenyosi.

43 Wasekuthatha wakudla phambi kwabo.

44 Wasesithi kubo: Yila amazwi, engawakhuluma kini ngiseselani okuthi, kumele ukuthi kugcwaliseke konke okwabhalwa ngami emlayweni kaMozisi labaprofethi leziHlabelelo.

45 Wasevula ingqondo yabo, ukuze baqedisise imibhalo;

46 wasesithi kubo: Kulotshiwe kanje, njalo uKristu kumele ahlupheke kanje, njalo avuke kwabafileyo ngosuku lwesithathu,

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47 njalo kutshunyayelwe ebizweni lakhe ukuphenduka lothethelelo lwezono ezizweni zonke, kuqalwa eJerusalema.

48 Lina-ke lingabafakazi balezizinto.

49 Futhi khangelani, mina ngiyathumela kini isithembiso sikaBaba; kodwa lina hlalani emzini weJerusalema, lize lembathiswe amandla avela phezulu.

Ukwenyuka kukaJesu

50 Wasebakhokhela ephuma phandle baze bafika eBethani; ephakamisa izandla zakhe wababusisa.

51 Kwasekusithi esababusisa, wehlukana labo, wenyukiselwa ezulwini.

52 Basebemkhonza, babuyela eJerusalema belentokozo enkulu;

53 baqhubeka besethempelini, bebonga bedumisa uNkulunkulu. Ameni.

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IVANGELI ELALOTSHWA

UbuNkulunkulu lobuntu lomsebenzi kaJesu Kristu

1 Ekuqaleni wayekhona uLizwi, njalo uLizwi wayeloNkulunkulu, njalo uLizwi
wayenguNkulunkulu.

2 Yena lo wayeloNkulunkulu ekuqaleni.

3 Zonke izinto zenziwa ngaye, njalo ngaphandle kwakhe kakulalutho lolulodwa
olwenziwayo lolo olwenziweyo.

4 Impilo yayikuye, njalo impilo yayiyikukhanya kwabantu,

5 lokukhanya kukhanya emnyameni, kodwa ubumnyama kabukwemukelanga.

6 Kwavela umuntu ethunywe nguNkulunkulu, obizo lakhe linguJohane;

7 yena lo wezela ubufakazi, ukuze afakaze ngokukhanya, ukuze bonke bakholwe
ngaye.

8 Yena wayengayisikho ukukhanya, kodwa ukuze afakaze ngokukhanya.

9 Kwakuyikukhanya okuqotho, okukhanyisa wonke umuntu oza emhlabeni.

10 Wayekhona emhlabeni, njalo umhlaba wenziwa ngaye, kodwa umhlaba
kawumazanga.

11 Weza kokwakhe, kodwa abakhe kabamemukelanga.

12 Kodwa bonke abamemukelayo, wabapha amandla okuthi babe ngabantwana
bakaNkulunkulu, labo abakholwa ebizweni lakhe;

13 abazalwa kungeyisikho ngegazi, langentando yenyama, langentando yendoda,
kodwa nguNkulunkulu.

14 ULizwi wasesiba yinyama, wahlala phakathi kwethu, njalo sabona inkazimulo
yakhe, inkazimulo injengeyozelwe yedwa kaYise, egcwele umusa leqiniso.

15 UJohane wafakaza ngaye, wamemeza wathi: Nguye lo ebengisitsho
ngaye ukuthi: Lowo ozayo emva kwamiuphambi kwami; ngoba
wayekhona kuqala kulami.

16 Lekugcwaleni kwakhe thina semukele sonke, futhi umusa ngomusa;

17 ngoba umlayo wanikwa ngoMozisi, umusa leqiniso kweza ngoJesu Kristu.

18 Kakho owake wabona uNkulunkulu; iNdodana ezelwe yodwa,
esesifubeni sikaYise, yiyo emvezileyo.

Ubufakazi bukaJohane

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19 Njalo lobu yibufakazi bukaJohane, mhla amaJuda ethuma abapristi lamaLevi
bevela eJerusalema ukuze bambuze ukuthi: Wena ungubani?

20 Wasevuma, kaphikanga; futhi wavuma wathi: Kangisuye uKristu mina.

21 Bambuza futhi bathi: Kuyini pho? Wena unguElija yini? Wasesithi: Kangisuye.
Wena ungulowomProfethi yini? Wasephendula wathi: Hatshi.

22 Basebesithi kuye: Ungubani? Ukuze sibaphe impendulo abasithumileyo; uthini
ngawe?

23 Wathi: Mina ngiyilizwi lomemezayo enkangala: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi,
njengoba uIsaya umprofethi watsho.

24 Lalabo ababethunyiwe babevela kubaFarisi.

25 Basebembuza, bathi kuye: Ubhabhathizelani pho, uba wena ungeyisuye
uKristu, loElija, lalowomProfethi?

26 UJohane wabaphendula, wathi: Mina ngibhabhathiza ngamanzi; kodwa
phakathi kwenu kumi, lina elingamaziyo;

27 nguye ozayo emva kwami, ophambi kwami, engingafanele mina ukuthukulula
umchilo wamanyathela akhe.

28 Lezizinto zenzeka eBethabara ngaphetsheya kweJodani, lapho uJohane
ayebhabhathiza khona.

29 Kusisa uJohane wabona uJesu esiza kuye, wathi: Khangelani iWundlu
likaNkulunkulu, elisusa lithwale isono somhlaba.

30 Nguye lo mina ebengilitshela ngaye ukuthi: Emva kwami kuza indoda,
eyayikhona phambi kwami, ngoba yayikhona kuqala kulami.

31 Lami bengingamazi; kodwa ukuze abonakaliswe kuIsrayeli, ngalokho mina
ngizile ngibhabhathiza ngamanzi.

32 UJohane wasefakaza, esithi: Ngibonile uMoya esehla ezulwini njengejuba,
wahlala phezu kwakhe.

33 Lami bengingamazi; kodwa owangithumayo ukubhabhathiza ngamanzi, yena
wathi kimi: Lowo ozabona uMoya esehlela phezu kwakhe ahlale kuye, nguye
obhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele.

34 Mina ngibonile, ngafakaza ukuthi lo uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

Abafundi bokuqala

35 Kusisa futhi uJohane wayemi, lababili kubafundi bakhe;

36 wasekhangela uJesu ehambahamba, wathi: Khangelani iWundlu
likaNkulunkulu.

37 Abafundi ababili bamuzwa ekhuluma, basebemlandela uJesu.

38 Kwathi uJesu enyemukula ebabona belandela, wathi kibo: Lidingani?
Basebesithi kuye: Rabi, (okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, Mfundisi) uhlala ngaphi?

39 Wathi kibo: Wozani libone. Beza babona lapho ayehlala khona; bahlala laye
ngalolosuku; kwakungaba liholaletshumi.

40 UAndreya umfowabo kaSimoni Petro wayengomunye wababili ababekuzwe
ngoJohane bamlandela.

41 Yena wathola kuqala umfowabo uqobo uSimoni, wathi kuye: Simtholile
uMesiya, okuphendulelwa ngokuthi, uKristu.

42 Wasemletha kuJesu. UJesu esemkhangele wathi: Wena unguSimoni indodana
kaJona; uzathiwa nguKefasi, okuphendulelwa ngokuthi uPetro.

43 Kusisa uJesu wayefuna ukusuka aye eGalili, wathola uFiliphu, wathi kuye:
Ngilandela.

44 UFiliphu-ke wayengoweBhethisayida, emzini wakibo kaAndreya loPetro.

45 UFiliphu wathola uNathaniyeli, wathi kuye: Simtholile lowo abhala ngaye
uMozisi emlayweni labaprofethi, uJesu weNazaretha, indodana kaJosefa.

46 UNathaniyeli wasesithi kuye: Kambe kungavela okuhle eNazaretha? UFiliphu
wathi kuye: Woza ubone.

47 UJesu wabona uNathaniyeli esiza kuye, wathi ngaye: Khangelani umIsrayeli
uqobo, okungekho nkohliso kuye.

48 UNathaniyeli wathi kuye: Ungazela ngaphi? UJesu waphendula wathi kuye:
UFiliphu engakakubizi, ungaphansi komkhiwa, ngakubona.

49 UNathaniyeli waphendula wathi kuye: Rabi, wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu,
wena uyiNkosi kaIsrayeli.

50 UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Uyakholwa ngoba ngithe kuwe, bengikubona
ungaphansi komkhiwa. Uzabona izinto ezinkulu kulalezi.

51 Wasesithi kuye: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Kusukela khathesi lizabona
izulu livulekile, lengilosi zikaNkulunkulu zisenyuka zisehla phezu kweNdodana
yomuntu.

NGUJOHANE 2

Isimangaliso sokuqala sikaJesu

1Kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu kwaba khona umtshado eKana yeGalili; lonina
kaJesu wayekhona lapho;

2 njalo uJesu laye wayenxusiwe labafundi bakhe emtshadweni.

3 Kwathi iwayini selisweleka, unina kaJesu wathi kuye: Kabalalo iwayini.

4 UJesu wathi kuye: Mama, ngilani lawe? Ihola lami kalikafiki.

5 Unina wathi kuzinceku: Yenzani loba yikuphi azalitshela khona.

6 Kwakukhona lapho imbiza zamanzi ezamatshe zimiswe njengokokuhlambulula kwamaJuda, inye ingena amaphoco amabili kumbe amathathu.

7 UJesu wathi kuzo: Gcwalisani imbiza zamanzi ngamanzi. Zasezizigcwalisa zathi kliki.

8 Wasesithi kuzo: Khanini khathesi, lise kumphathi wokudla. Zasezikusa.

9 Umphathi wokudla esizwa amanzi asebe liwayini, engazi ukuthi livela ngaphi (kodwa inceku ezaziwakhile amanzi zazisazi), umphathi wokudla wabiza umyeni,

10 wasesithi kuye: Wonke umuntu uletha iwayini elimnandi kuqala, kuthi lapho sebenathile kakhulu, abeselethaelibi; wena ugcinile iwayini elimnandi kwaze kwaba khathesi.

11 Lokho kuyikuqala kwezibonakaliso uJesu akwenza eKana yeGalili wabonakalisa inkazimulo yakhe; labafundi bakhe bakholwa kuye.

Abathengisi ethempelini

12 Emva kwalokho wehlela eKapenawume, yena, lonina, labafowabo, labafundi bakhe; njalo bahlala khona kungeyisikho okwensuku ezinengi.

13 Iphasika lamaJuda laselisondele, uJesu wasesenyukela eJerusalema.

14 Wafica ethempelini labo abathengisa inkabi lezimvu lamajuba, labantshintshi bemali behlezi.

15 Esenze isiswepu sezintambo wabaxotsha bonke ethempelini, izimvu kanye lenkabi; wachitha imali yabantshintshisayo, wagenqula amatafula;

16 wasesithi kwabathengisa amajuba: Susani lezizinto lapha; lingayenzi indlu kaBaba indlu yokuthengisela.

17 Abafundi bakhe basebekhumbula ukuthi kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ukutshisekela indlu yakho kungidlile.

18 Ngakho amaJuda aphendula athi kuye: Usitshengisa isibonakaliso bani, sokuthi wenze lezizinto?

19 UJesu waphendula wathi kuwo: Dilizani lelithempeli, njalo ngensuku ezintathu ngizalivusa.

20 AmaJuda asesithi: Okweminyaka engamatshumi amane lesithupha lelithempeli lakhiwa, wena-ke uzalivusa ngensuku ezintathu yini?

21 Kodwa yena wayekhuluma ngethempeli lomzimba wakhe.

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22 Ngakho, kwathi esevukile kwabafileyo, abafundi bakhe bakhumbula ukuthi wayekutshilo lokhu kubo; bakholwa umbhalo, lelizwi ayelitshilo uJesu.

23 Njalo kwathi eseJerusalema ngephasika, emkhosini, abanengi bakholwa ebizweni lakhe, bebona izibonakaliso zakhe azenzayo;

24 kodwa uJesu ngokwakhe kazinikelanga yena kubo, ngoba yena wayebazi bonke,

25 langenxa yokuthi wayengasweli ukuthi loba ngubani afakaze ngomuntu; ngoba yena wayekwazi okusemuntwini.

NGUJOHANE 3

UJesu ukhuluma loNikodima

1Kwakukhona-ke umuntu wakubaFarisi, nguNikodima ibizo lakhe, isikhulu samaJuda;

2 lo weza kuJesu ebusuku, wathi kuye: Rabi, siyazi ukuthi ungumfundisi ovela kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kakho ongenza lezizibonakaliso ozenzayo wena, uba uNkulunkulu engelaye.

3 UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Ngaphandle kokuthi umuntu azalwengokutsha, angewubone umbuso kaNkulunkulu.

4 UNikodima wathi kuye: Umuntu angazalwa njani esemdala? Angangena yini ngokwesibili esiswini sikanina azalwe?

5 UJesu waphendula wathi: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Uba umuntu engazalwanga ngamanzilangoMoya, angengene embusweni kaNkulunkulu.

6 Lokho okuzelwe yinyama kuyinyama; lalokho okuzelwe nguMoya kungumoya.

7 Ungamangali ukuthi ngithe kuwe: Kufanele ukuthi lizalwe ngokutsha.

8 Umoya uphephethela lapho othanda khona, uyawuzwa umdumo wawo, kodwa kawazi lapho ovela khona lalapho oya khona; unjalo wonke ozelwe nguMoya.

9 UNikodima waphendula wathi kuye: Lezizinto zingenzeka njani?

10 UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Wena ungumfundisi wakoIsrayeli, kodwa kawuzazi lezizinto yini?

11 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Sikhuluma esikwaziyo, sifakaze esikubonileyo; kodwa kalibemukeli ubufakazi bethu.

12 Nxa ngilitshelile izinto zomhlaba njalo lingakholwa, lizakholwa njani, uba ngilitshela izinto zezulwini?

13 Njalo kakho owake wenyukela ezulwini, ngaphandle kowehla ezulwini, iNdodana yomuntu esezulwini.

14 Futhi njengoba uMozisi waphakamisa inyoka enkangala, ngokunjalo iNdodana yomuntu imele ukuphakanyiswa;

15 ukuze wonke okholwa kuyo angabhubhi, kodwa abe lempilo elaphakade.

16 Ngoba uNkulunkulu wawuthanda umhlaba ngokunjalo, ngakho wanika iNdodana yakhe ezelwe yodwa, ukuze wonke okholwa kuyo angabhubhi, kodwa abe lempilo elaphakade.

17 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kayithumanga iNdodana yakhe emhlabeni ukuthi iwulahle umhlaba, kodwa ukuze umhlaba usindiswe ngayo.

18 Okholwa kiyo kalahlwa; kodwa ongakholwayo uselahliwe, ngoba engakholwanga ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu ezelwe yodwa.

19 Ukulahlwa kuyilokhu, ukuthi ukukhanya kufikile emhlabeni, kodwa abantu bathanda ubumnyamakulokukhanya; ngoba imisebenzi yabo yayimibi.

20 Ngoba wonke owenza okubi uzonda ukukhanya, njalo kezi ekukhanyeni, ukuze imisebenzi yakhe ingasolwa.

21 Kodwa owenza iqiniso uyeza ekukhanyeni, ukuze imisebenzi yakhe ibonakale, ukuthi yenziwe kuNkulunkulu.

Ubufakazi bokucina bukaJohane

22 Emva kwalezizinto uJesu weza elizweni leJudiya labafundi bakhe; njalo wahlala khona kanye labo njalo wabhabhathiza.

23 UJohane laye wayebhabhathiza eEnoni eduze leSalima, ngoba kwakulamanzi amanengi khona; njalo babesiza bebhabhathizwa.

24 Ngoba uJohane wayengakaphoselwa entolongweni.

25 Kwasekusiba khona ukuphikisana phakathi kwabafundi bakaJohane lamaJuda ngokuhlambulula.

26 Basebesiza kuJohane bathi kuye: Rabi, lowo owawulaye ngaphetsheya kweJodani, owamfakazelayo, khangela yena uyabhabhathiza, njalo bayeza kuye bonke.

27 UJohane waphendula wathi: Umuntu angemukele ulutho, ngaphandle kokuthi alunikwe luvela ezulwini.

28 Lina ngokwenu liyangifakazela ukuthi ngathi: Kangisuye uKristu mina, kodwa ukuthi ngithunyiwe ngaphambi kwakhe.

29 Olomakoti ungumyeni; kodwa umngane womyeni, omiyo emuzwa, uthokoza ngentokozo ngelizwi lomyeni; ngakho lintokozo yami isiphelele.

30 Umele ukukhula yena, kodwa mina nginciphe.

Ovela ezulwini

31 Ovela phezulu uphezu kwakho konke. Ovela emhlabeni, ungowomhlaba, njalo ukhuluma okomhlaba; ovelaezulwini uphezu kwakho konke.

32 Lalokho akubonileyo lakuzwileyo, ufakaza khona; kodwa kakho owemukela ubufakazi bakhe.

33 Owemukele ubufakazi bakhe uphawulile ukuthi uNkulunkulu uqinisile.

34 Ngoba lowo uNkulunkulu amthumileyo, ukhuluma amazwi kaNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu umnika uMoya kungeyisikho ngesilinganiso.

35 UYise uyayithanda iNdodana, njalo unikele izinto zonke esandleni sayo.

36 Yena okholwa eNdodaneni ulempilo elaphakade; kodwa yena ongakholwayo eNdodaneni, kayikubona impilo, kodwa ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luhlezi phezu kwakhe.

NGUJOHANE 4

UJesu ukhuluma lowesifazana weSamariya

1Kwathi-ke iNkosi isisazi ukuthi abaFarisi sebezwile ukuthi uJesu wenza wabhabhathiza abafundi abanengi kuloJohane,

2 lanxa uJesu ngokwakhe wayengabhabhathizi, kodwa abafundi bakhe,

3 wasuka eJudiya, wasuka waya futhi eGalili.

4 Kodwa kwakumele ukuthi adabule eSamariya.

5 Wafika-ke emzini weSamariya okuthiwa yiSikari, eduze lesiqinti uJakobe asinika indodana yakhe uJosefa;

6 lomthombo kaJakobe wawulapho. Ngakho uJesu ekhathele ngohambo wahlala ngokunjalo emthonjeni. Kwakungaba lihola lesithupha.

7 Kwafika owesifazana evela eSamariya ukuzakukha amanzi; uJesu wathi kuye: Nginathisa

8 (ngoba abafundi bakhe babehambile baya emzini, ukuze bathenge ukudla).

9 Ngakho owesifazana umSamariya wathi kuye: Kungani wena ungumJuda ucela ukunatha kimi, owesifazana ongumSamariya? Ngoba amaJuda awalabudlelwano lamaSamariya.

10 UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Aluba ubusazi isipho sikaNkulunkulu, lokuthi ungubani othi kuwe: Nginathisa; ubuzacela kuye, njalo ubezakunika amanzi aphilayo.

11 Owesifazana wathi kuye: Nkosi, kawulalutho lokukha, lomgodi uyatshona; uwathethe ngaphi pho amanzi aphilayo?

12 Wena umkhulu yini kulobaba wethu uJakobe, owasinika umgodi, wanatha kuwo yena, labantwana bakhe, lemihlambi yakhe?

13 UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Wonke onatha lamanzi, uzakoma futhi;

14 kodwa loba ngubani onatha amanzi mina engizamnika wona, kasoze ome kuze kube laphakade; kodwa amanzi engizamnika wona azakuba ngumthombo wamanzi phakathi kwakhe ogobhozela empilweni elaphakade.

15 Owesifazana wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngipha lawomanzi, ukuze ngingomi, ngingabe ngiseza lapha ukukha.

16 UJesu wathi kuye: Hamba, ubize umkakho, uze lapha.

17 Owesifazana waphendula wathi: Kangilandoda. UJesu wathi kuye: Utsho kuhle ukuthi: Kangilandoda;

18 ngoba usuke waba lamadoda amahlanu, le olayo khathesi kayisiyo indoda yakho; lokhu ukutsho uqinisile.

19 Owesifazana wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngiyabona ukuthi wena ungumprofethi.

20 Obaba bethu babekhonza kulintaba; kodwa lina lithi iseJerusalema indawo lapho okufanele umuntu akhonze khona.

21 UJesu wathi kuye: Mama, kholwa kimi, ukuthi ihola liyeza, lapho elizakhonza uBaba kungeyisikho kulintaba, kumbe eJerusalema.

22 Lina likhonza elingakwaziyo; thina sikhonza esikwaziyo; ngoba usindiso luvela kumaJuda.

23 Kodwa ihola liyeza njalo seliyilo, lapho abakhonzi abaqotho bazakhonza uBaba ngomoya langeqiniso; ngoba-ke uBaba udinga abanjalo abamkhonzayo.

24 UNkulunkulu unguMoya; lalabo abamkhonzayo, bafanele ukukhonza ngomoya langeqiniso.

25 Owesifazana wathi kuye: Ngiyazi ukuthi uMesiya uyeza okuthiwa nguKristu; nxa lo esefikile, uzasitshela konke.

26 UJesu wathi kuye: Mina nginguye, okhuluma lawe.

27 Kwathi ngalesosikhathi bafika abafundi bakhe, bamangala ukuthi wayekhuluma lowesifazana; kodwa kakho owathi: Udingani? Kumbe: Ukhulumani laye?

28 Ngakho owesifazana wasetshiya inkonxa yakhe, wasesuka waya emzini, wathi ebantwini:

29 Wozani, libone umuntu, ongitshele konke engakwenzayo; kambe kayisuye yini uKristu lo?

30 Ngakho baphuma emzini, beza kuye.

31 Kusenjalo abafundi bamncenga besithi: Rabi, dlana.

32 Kodwa wathi kubo: Mina ngilokudla engikudlayo lina elingakwaziyo.

33 Basebekhulumisana abafundi besithi: Kambe ukhona omlethele ukudla?

34 UJesu wathi kubo: Ukudla kwami kuyikuthi ngenze intando yongithumileyo, lokuthi ngiqede umsebenzi wakhe.

35 Kalitsho yini ukuthi: Kuseselenyanga ezine ukuthi kufike ukuvuna? Khangelani, ngithi kini: Phakamisani amehlo enu, libone amasimu, ngoba asehle emhlophe elungele isivuno.

36 Njalo ovunayo wemukela umvuzo, njalo abuthe isithelo empilweni elaphakade; ukuze bobabili ohlanyelayolovunayo bathokoze bendawonye.

37 Ngoba kulokhu ilizwi liqinisile elokuthi: Omunye ngohlanyelayo, lomunye ngovunayo.

38 Mina ngalithuma ukuvuna lokho elingakusebenzelanga; abanye basebenzile, lina-ke selingenile emsebenzini wabo.

39 Njalo amaSamariya amanengi akulowomuzi akholwa kuye ngenxa yelizwi lowesifazana, elafakaza lisithi: Ungitshele konke engikwenzileyo.

40 Kwathi esefikile kuye amaSamariya, amncenga ukuthi ahlale lawo; wasehlala khona insuku ezimbili.

41 Abanengi bengezelelwa bakholwa ngenxa yelizwi lakhe.

42 Basebesithi kowesifazana: Kasisakholwa ngenxa yokutsho kwakho; ngoba sesizizwele thina, siyazi ukuthi oqotho lo unguMsindisi womhlaba, uKristu.

Ukusiliswa kwendodana yenduna eKapenawume

43 Kwathi emva kwensuku ezimbili wasuka lapho, waya eGalili;

44 ngoba uJesu ngokwakhe wafakaza ukuthi umprofethi kaladumo elizweni lakibo.

45 Wathi esefikile eGalili, amaGalili amemukela, ebonile konke akwenzayo eJerusalema emkhosini; ngoba lawo ayeyile emkhosini.

46 UJesu wafika-ke futhi eKana yeGalili, lapho enza khona amanzi aba liwayini. Kwakukhona othile owesikhosini, ondodana yakhe yayigula eKapenawume.

47 Esezwile ukuthi uJesu usefikile eGalili evela eJudiya, waya kuye, wamncenga ukuthi ehle, asilise indodana yakhe, ngoba yayisizaphela.

48 Ngakho uJesu wathi kuye: Ngaphandle kokuthi libone izibonakaliso lezimangaliso, kalisoze likholwe.

49 Owesikhosini wathi kuye: Nkosi, yehla engakafi umntanami.

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50 UJesu wathi kuye: Hamba; indodana yakho iyaphila. Umuntu wasekholwa
ilizwi uJesu alikhuluma laye, wasuka wahamba.

51 Kwathi esesehla, inceku zakhe zamhlangabeza, zabika zathi: Umntanakho
uyaphila.

52 Wasezibuza ihola aqale ngalo ukuba ngcono. Zasezisithi kuye: Izolo ngehola
lesikhombisa uqhuqho lumyekele.

53 Ngakho uyise wazi ukuthi kwakungalelohola uJesu athi ngalo kuye: Indodana
yakho iyaphila; wasekholwa yena lendlu yakhe yonke.

54 UJesu waphinda wakwenza lokhu kwaba yisibonakaliso sesibili, efikile eGalili
evela eJudiya.

NGUJOHANE 5

UJesu usilisa isigulane eBethesda

1 Emva kwalezizinto kwaba khona umkhosi wamaJuda; uJesu wasesenyukela
eJerusalema.

2 Kwakukhona-ke lapho eJerusalema eduze lesango lezimvu ichibi, elithiwa
ngesiHebheru iBethesda, lilamakhulusi amahlanu.

3 Kwakulele kuwo ixuku elikhulu labagulayo, eleziphofu, eleziqhuli,
elabatshwabheneyo, belindele ukuzanyanzanyiswa kwamanzi.

4 Ngoba ingilosi yayisehlela echibini ngezikhathi ezithile, izamazamise amanzi;
kuthi lowo ongene kuqala emva kokuzanyazanyiswa kwamanzi, asiliswe, loba
yisiphi isifo ebesimbambile.

5 Njalo kwakukhona lapho umuntu othile owayelesifo okweminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu leyisificaminwembili.

6 Kwathi uJesu embona elele, esazi ukuthi ulesikhathi eside enjalo, wathi kuye:
Uyafuna ukuthi uphile yini?

7 Ogulayo wamphendula wathi: Nkosi, kangilamuntu wokungifaka echibini, nxa
amanzi ezanyazanyiswa; kuthi nxa ngizayo mina, kwehle omunye phambi
kwami.

8 UJesu wathi kuye: Sukuma, uthathe icansi lakho, uhambe.

9 Lowomuntu wahle waphila, wathatha icansi lakhe wahamba.

Njalo kwakulisabatha mhlalokho.

10 Ngakho amaJuda athi kosilisiweyo: Kulisabatha; ngakho kawuvunyelwa
ukuthwala icansi.

11 Wawaphendula wathi: Ongiphilisileyo, yena uthe kimi: Thatha icansi lakho
uhambe.

12 Ngakho ambuza: Ngubani umuntu othe kuwe: Thatha icansi lakho uhambe?

13 Kodwa osilisiweyo wayengamazi ukuthi ungubani; ngoba uJesu wayesesithele, ngoba kukhona ixuku kuleyondawo.

14 Emva kwalezizinto uJesu wamfica ethempelini, wasesithi kuye: Khangela usuphilile; ungabe usona futhi, hlezi kwehle kuwe okunye okukhulu kulalokhu.

15 Umuntu wasuka, watshela amaJuda ukuthi nguJesu owayemenze waphila.

16 Njalo ngenxa yalokhu amaJuda amzingela uJesu, asedinga ukumbulala, ngoba wenza lezizinto ngesabatha.

17 Kodwa uJesu wawaphendula wathi: UBaba uyasebenza kuze kube lamuhla, lami ngiyasebenza.

18 Ngenxa yalokhu-ke amaJuda adinga kakhulu ukumbulala, ngoba wayengephulanga isabatha kuphela, kodwa wabuya wathi uNkulunkulu unguYise wakhe, ezenza olingana loNkulunkulu.

UJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu

19 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: INdodana ingenze lutho ngokwayo, ngaphandle kwalokho ebona uYise ekwenza; ngoba loba yini yena ayenzayo, leNdodana iyenza lezizinto ngokunjalo.

20 Ngoba uYise uyayithanda iNdodana, uyayitshengisa konke akwenzayo yena; njalo uzayitshengisa imisebenzi emikhulu kulale, ukuze lina limangale.

21 Ngoba njengalokhu uYise evusa abafileyo abaphilise, kunjalo-ke leNdodana iyabaphilisa labo ethandaukubaphilisa.

22 Ngoba loYise kahluleli muntu, kodwa unike iNdodana konke ukwahlulela;

23 ukuze bonke badumise iNdodana, njengalokhu bedumisa uYise. Ongayidumisiyo iNdodana, kamdumisi uYise oyithumileyo.

24 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Olizwayo ilizwi lami, akholwe kuye ongithumileyo, ulempilo elaphakade; njalo kangeni ekulahlweni, kodwa usedlule ekufeni waya empilweni.

25 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ihola liyeza, njalo selikhona, lapho abafileyo bezalizwa ilizwi leNdodana kaNkulunkulu, lalabo abalizwileyo bazaphila.

26 Ngoba njengoba uYise elempilo ngokwakhe, kunjalo uyinikile layo iNdodana ukuthi ibe lempilo ngokwayo;

27 njalo uyiphile amandla lawokwahlulela, ngoba iyiNdodana yomuntu.

28 Lingamangali ngalokhu; ngoba ihola liyeza, lapho bonke abasemangcwabeni bazalizwa ilizwi layo,

29 babesebephuma, labo abenze okulungileyo, ekuvukeni kwempilo; lalabo abenze okubi, ekuvukeni kokulahlwa.

Abafakazi bakaJesu

30 Mina ngingenze lutho ngokwami; njengokuzwa kwami, ngiyahlulela; njalo ukwahlulela kwami kulungile; ngoba kangidingi intando yami, kodwa intando kaBaba ongithumileyo.

31 Aluba ngizifakazela mina, ubufakazi bami abusiloqiniso.

32 Ukhona omunye ongifakazelayo mina, njalo ngiyazi ukuthi ubufakazi abufakaza ngami buliqiniso.

33 Lina lathumela kuJohane, walifakazela iqiniso.

34 Kodwa mina kangibemukeli ubufakazi obuvela emuntwini, kodwa ngitsho lezizinto ukuze lina lisindiswe.

35 Yena wayeyisibane esivuthayo lesikhanyayo, lani lavuma ukuthokoza okwesikhatshana ekukhanyeni kwakhe.

36 Kodwa mina ngilobufakazi obukhulu kulobukaJohane; ngoba imisebenzi uBaba anginike yona ukuze ngiyiqede, yonale imisebenzi mina engiyenzayo, iyangifakazela ukuthi uBaba ungithumile.

37 Laye uBaba ongithumileyo, yena ungifakazele. Kalikaze lilizwe ilizwi lakhe lanini, lesimo sakhe kalikaze lisibone,

38 njalo kalilalizwi lakhe elihlala phakathi kwenu, ngoba amthumileyo yena, lowo lina kalimkholwa.

39 Hlolani imibhalo, ngoba lina licabanga ukuthi lilempilo elaphakade kiyo, njalo yiyo engifakazelayo;

40 kodwa kalivumi ukuza kimi, ukuze libe lempilo.

41 Angemukeli udumo ebantwini;

42 kodwa ngiyalazi lina, ukuthi kalilalo uthando lukaNkulunkulu phakathi kwenu.

43 Mina ngizile ebizweni likaBaba, kodwa kalingemukeli; uba omunye esiza ngelakhe ibizo, lizamemukela yena.

44 Lingakholwa njani lina, nxa lisemukela udumo omunye komunye, kodwa lingaludingi udumo oluvela kuNkulunkulu oyedwa?

45 Lingacabangi ukuthi mina ngizalimangalela kuBaba; ukhona olimangalelayo, uMozisi, elithemba kuye lina.

46 Ngoba uba belikholwa uMozisi, belizakholwa mina; ngoba yena wabhala ngami.

47 Kodwa uba lingakholwa imibhalo yakhe, lizakholwa njani amazwi ami?

NGUJOHANE 6

UJesu usuthisa amadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu

1Emva kwalezizinto uJesu wasuka waya ngaphetsheya kolwandle lweGalili,
lweTiberiyasi.

2 Laselimlandela ixuku elikhulu, ngoba babebone izibonakaliso zakhe azenza
kulabo abagulayo.

3 UJesu wasesenyukela entabeni, wahlala phansi khona labafundi bakhe.

4 Iphasika, umkhosi wamaJuda, laselisondele.

5 Kwathi uJesu ephakamisa amehlo, wasebona ixuku elikhulu lisiza kuye, wathi
kuFiliphu: Sizathenga ngaphi izinkwa, ukuze laba badle?

6 Njalo watsho lokhu emhlola, ngoba yena wayekwazi azakwenza.

7 UFiliphu wamphendula wathi: Izinkwa zabodenariyo abangamakhulu amabili
zingebanele, ukuthi wonke ngamunye wabo azuze ingcosana.

8 Omunye wabafundi bakhe, uAndreya umfowabo kaSimoni Petro, wathi kuye:

9 Kukhona umfanyana lapha, olezinkwa ezinhlanu zebhali lenhlanzana ezimbili;
kodwa ziyini kwabanengi kangaka?

10 Kodwa uJesu wathi: Hlalisani abantu phansi. Kwakukhona utshani obunengi
kuleyondawo. Ngakho amadoda ahlala phansi inani lawo lalingaba
zinkulungwane ezinhlanu.

11 UJesu wasezithatha izinkwa, esebongile wazinika abafundi, labafundi kulabo
ababehlezi phansi; ngokunjalo lenhlanzana ngangokufuna kwabo.

12 Bathi sebesuthi, wathi kubafundi bakhe: Buthani imvuthu eziseleyo, ukuze
kungachitheki lutho.

13 Basebebutha, bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili ngemvuthu zezinkwa
ezinhlanu zebhali, ezasalayo kulabo abadlayo.

14 Kwathi lababantu bebona isimangaliso asenzileyo uJesu, bathi: Ngeqiniso lo
nguye umProfethi omele ukuza emhlabeni.

15 Kwathi uJesu esazi ukuthi bazakuza bambambe ngamandla, ukumbeka abe
yinkosi, wamonyukela futhi entabeni yena eyedwa.

UJesu uhamba phezu kolwandle

16 Sekuhlwile, abafundi bakhe behlela elwandle,

17 sebengenile emkhunjini, beza ngaphetsheya kolwandle ukuya eKapenawume.
Kwasekumnyama, uJesu wayengafikanga kubo.

18 Lwaseluvuka ulwandle ngoba umoya olamandla wawuvunguza.

19 Sebegwedlile amastadiyu angaba ngamatshumi amabili lanhlanu kumbe amatshumi amathathu, babona uJesu ehamba phezu kolwandle, esondela emkhunjini; basebesethuka.

20 Kodwa wathi kubo: Yimi, lingesabi.

21 Basebevuma ukumemukela emkhunjini; njalo wahle wafika umkhumbi elizweni ababesiya kilo.

Abantu bacela isibonakaliso kuJesu. Isinkwa sempilo

22 Kusisa ixuku elalimi ngaphetsheya kolwandle, libona ukuthi kwakungela lamunye umkolo lapho ngaphandle kwalowo ababengene kuwo abafundi bakhe, lokuthi uJesu wayengangenanga emkolweni labafundi bakhe, kodwa abafundi bakhe babehambe bodwa,

23 kodwa imikolo evela eTiberiyasi yafika eduze lendawo lapho ababedle khona isinkwa, emva kokuthi iNkosi isibongile;

24 ngakho ixuku selibonile ukuthi uJesu wayengekho lapho loba abafundi bakhe, bangena labo emikhunjini, bafika eKapenawume, bedinga uJesu.

25 Bathi sebemtholile ngaphetsheya kolwandle, bathi kuye: Rabi, ufike nini lapha?

26 UJesu wabaphendula wathi: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Liyangidinga, kungeyisikho ukuthi labona izibonakaliso, kodwa ngoba ladla izinkwa lasutha.

27 Lingasebenzeli ukudla okuphelayo, kodwa ukudla okuhlala kuze kube yimpilo elaphakade, ezalinika khona iNdodana yomuntu; ngoba yena uNkulunkulu uYise umphawulile.

28 Basebesithi kuye: Sizakwenzani, ukuze senze imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu?

29 UJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Lo ngumsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, ukuze likholwe kulowo yena amthumileyo.

30 Ngakho bathi kuye: Pho wena wenza isibonakaliso bani, ukuze sibone sikholwe kuwe? Usebenzani?

31 Obaba bethu badla imana enkangala, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Wabanika isinkwa esivela ezulwini ukuthi badle.

32 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: UMozisi kalinikanga isinkwa esivela ezulwini; kodwa uBaba ulinika isinkwa soqobo esivela ezulwini.

33 Ngoba isinkwa sikaNkulunkulu singuye owehla evela ezulwini esinika impilo emhlabeni.

34 Basebesithi kuye: Nkosi, sinike lesosinkwa njalonjalo.

35 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Mina ngiyisinkwa sempilo; lowo oza kimi, kasoze alambe; lalowo okholwa kimi, kasoze ome lakanye.

36 Kodwa ngithe kini: Lani lingibonile, kodwa kalikholwa.

37 Bonke uBaba anginika bona bazakuza kimi; lozayo kimi angisoze ngimxotshele phandle.

38 Ngoba ngehlile ezulwini, hatshi ukuthi ngenze intando yami, kodwa intando yalowo ongithumileyo.

39 Lalokhu kuyintando kaBaba ongithumileyo, ukuze konke anginike khona, ngingalahlekelwa lutho kikho, kodwa ngikuvuse ngosuku lokucina.

40 Lalokhu kuyintando yongithumileyo, ukuthi wonke obona iNdodana njalo akholwe kuyo, abe lempilo elaphakade, njalo mina ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina.

41 Ngalokho amaJuda akhonona ngaye, ngoba wathi: Mina ngiyisinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini.

42 Athi-ke: Lo kayisuye yini uJesu indodana kaJosefa, uyise lonina thina esibaziyo? Pho yena utsho njani, ukuthi: Ngehle ngivela ezulwini?

43 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuwo: Lingakhononi phakathi kwenu.

44 Kakho ongeza kimi, ngaphandle kokuthi uBaba ongithumileyo amdonse, njalo mina ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina.

45 Kulotshiwe kubaprofethi ukuthi: Njalo bonke bazafundiswa nguNkulunkulu. Ngakho wonke ozwileyo ngoBaba wafunda, uyeza kimi.

46 Kayisikho ukuthi ukhona obone uBaba, ngaphandle kwakhe ovela kuNkulunkulu, yena umbonile uBaba.

47 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Okholwayo kimi, ulempilo elaphakade.

48 Mina ngiyisinkwa sempilo.

49 Oyihlo badla imana enkangala, futhi bafa;

50 lesi yisinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini, ukuze umuntu adle okwaso angafi.

51 Mina ngiyisinkwa esiphilayo, esehla sivela ezulwini; uba umuntu esidla lesisinkwa, uzaphila ephakadeni. Njalo lesinkwa mina engizasinika, siyinyama yami, mina engizayinikela impilo yomhlaba.

52 AmaJuda asephikisana esithi: Lo angasinika njani inyama yakhe siyidle?

53 Ngakho uJesu wathi kuwo: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi lidle inyama yeNdodana yomuntu linathe igazi layo, kalilampilo phakathi kwenu.

54 Odla inyama yami anathe igazi lami, ulempilo elaphakade, njalo mina ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina.

55 Ngoba inyama yami iyikudla oqotho, legazi lami lingokunathwayo oqotho.

56 Odla inyama yami anathe igazi lami, uhlala kimi, lami kuye.

57 Njengalokhu uBaba ophilayo engithumile, lami ngiphila ngoBaba; ngakho ongidlayo, laye uzaphila ngami.

58 Lesi yisinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini; akunjengaboyihlo abadla imana, sebafa; odla lesisinkwa, uzaphila okulaphakade.

59 Watsho lezizinto esinagogeni efundisa eKapenawume.

Abafundi abathandabuzayo

60 Kwathi abanengi kubafundi bakhe besizwa bathi: Lilukhuni lelilizwi; ngubani ongalizwa?

61 Kodwa uJesu esazi phakathi kwakhe ukuthi abafundi bakhe bayasola ngalokhu, wathi kubo: Lokhu kuyalikhuba yini?

62 Pho, lizathini uba libona iNdodana yomuntu isenyukela lapho eyayikhona kuqala?

63 KunguMoya ophilisayo, inyama kayisizi lutho; amazwi mina engiwakhuluma kini, angumoya njalo ayimpilo.

64 Kodwa bakhona abanye kini abangakholwayo. Ngoba uJesu wayekwazi kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi ngobani abangakholwayo, lokuthi ngubani ozamnikela.

65 Wasesithi: Kungenxa yalokhu ngithe kini: Kakho ongeza kimi, ngaphandle kokuthi ekunikwe nguBaba.

Isivumo sokholo sikaPetro

66 Kusukela lapho abanengi babafundi bakhe babuyela emuva, kababe besahamba laye.

67 UJesu wasesithi kwabalitshumi lambili: Lani lithanda ukuzihambela yini?

68 USimoni Petro wasemphendula wathi: Nkosi, sizakuya kubani? Amazwi empilo elaphakade akuwe,

69 njalo thina siyakholwa, sesisazi ukuthi wena unguKristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo.

70 UJesu wabaphendula wathi: Mina kangilikhethanga yini lina abalitshumi lambili, kodwa omunye wenu ungudiyabhola?

71 Wayekhuluma ngoJudasi Iskariyothi kaSimoni; ngoba nguye owayezamnikela, engomunye wabalitshumi lambili.

NGUJOHANE 7

UJesu wenyukela eJerusalema ngomkhosi wamadumba

1Njalo emva kwalezizinto uJesu wabhoda eGalili; ngoba wayengathandi
ukubhoda eJudiya, ngenxa yokuthi amaJuda ayedinga ukumbulala.

2 Wawusondele umkhosi wamaJuda wokwakha amadumba.

3 Ngakho abafowabo bathi kuye: Suka lapha, uye eJudiya, ukuze labafundi bakho
babone imisebenzi oyenzayo.

4 Ngoba kakho owenza ulutho ensitha, kodwa yena ngokwakhe edinga ukuba
sobala. Uba uzenza lezizinto, ziveze wena emhlabeni.

5 Ngoba labafowabo babengakholwa kuye.

6 Ngakho uJesu wathi kubo: Isikhathi sami kasikafiki, kodwa esenu isikhathi
sihlala silungile.

7 Ungelizonde umhlaba lina; kodwa uyangizonda, ngoba mina ngifakaza ngawo,
ukuthi imisebenzi yawo mibi.

8 Yenyukelani lina emkhosini lo; mina angikenyukeli kulumkhosi, ngoba isikhathi
sami kasikagcwaliseki.

9 Esetshilo lezizinto kubo, wahlala eGalili.

10 Kodwa sebenyukile abafowabo, laye wasesenyukela emkhosini, kungeyisikho
obala, kodwa kungathikusensitha.

11 AmaJuda asemdinga emkhosini, athi: Ungaphi yena?

12 Kwakukhona ukukhonona okukhulu ngaye phakathi kwamaxuku; abanye
bathi: Ulungile. Kodwa abanye bathi: Hatshi, kodwa uyaliduhisa ixuku.

13 Loba kunjalo kwakungekho muntu owakhuluma obala ngaye
ngokwesaba amaJuda.

Imfundiso ngoKristu

14 Kuthe sekuphakathi komkhosi, uJesu wenyukela ethempelini, wafundisa.

15 AmaJuda asemangala athi: Lo uyazi njani imibhalo, engafundanga?

16 UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Imfundiso yami kayisiyo eyami kodwa ngeyalowo
ongithumileyo.

17 Uba umuntu ethanda ukwenza intando yakhe, uzakwazi ngemfundiso, ukuthi
ivela kuNkulunkulu, kumbe ngizikhulumela mina ngokwami.

18 Ozikhulumela ngokwakhe, uzidingela udumo lwakhe; kodwa odinga udumo
lwalowo omthumileyo, lowo uqinisile, njalo kakukho ukungalungi kuye.

19 Kalinikanga yini uMozisi umlayo, kanti kakho kini ogcina umlayo? Lidingelani
ukungibulala?

20 Ixuku laphendula lathi: Uledimoni; ngubani odinga ukukubulala?

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21 UJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Ngenze umsebenzi owodwa, njalo lonke liyamangala.

22 Ngakho uMozisi walinika ukusoka (kungeyisikho ukuthi kwavela kuMozisi, kodwa kubobaba), njalo liyamsoka umuntu langesabatha.

23 Uba ngesabatha umuntu esemukela ukusoka, ukuze kungephulwa umlayo kaMozisi, lingithukuthelela ngoba ngaphilisa umuntu ngokupheleleyo ngesabatha yini?

24 Lingahluleli ngokubona, kodwa yahlulelani ukwahlulela okuqondileyo.

25 Abanye kwabeJerusalema basebesithi: Lo kayisuye yini abadinga ukumbulala?

26 Kodwa khangela ukhuluma obala, kodwa kabatsho lutho kuye. Kungaba yikuthi ababusi sebesazi oqotho ukuthi lo unguKristu uqobo yini?

27 Kodwa lo siyazi lapho avela khona; kodwa uKristu nxa efika, kakho ozakwazi lapho avela khona.

28 Ngakho uJesu efundisa ethempelini wamemeza wathi: Lami liyangazi, liyakwazi lalapho engivela khona; njalo kangizizelanga ngokwami, kodwa ongithumileyo uqinisile, elingamaziyo lina.

29 Kodwa ngiyamazi mina, ngoba ngivela kuye, njalo yena ungithumile.

30 Ngakho badinga ukumbamba, kodwa kakubanga khona owabeka isandla phezu kwakhe, ngoba ihola lakhe lalingakafiki.

31 Kodwa abanengi bexuku bakholwa kuye, bathi: Nxa uKristu esefikile, uzakwenza yini izibonakaliso ezinengi kulalezi azenzileyo lo?

32 AbaFarisi bezwa ixuku likhonona lezizinto ngaye; abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi basebethuma abancedisi ukuze bambambe.

33 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngiselani okwesikhatshana, besengihamba ngiye kongithumileyo.

34 Lizangidinga, lingangitholi, lalapho mina engikhona, lina lingeze leza.

35 Ngakho amaJuda akhulumisana athi: Uzakuya ngaphi lo ukuthi thina singayikumthola? Kayikuya yini kwabahlakazekileyo bamaGriki, afundise amaGriki?

36 Yilizwi bani leli alitshoyo elokuthi: Lizangidinga, aliyikungithola; lelokuthi: Lapho engikhona mina, lina lingeze leza?

Amanzi okuphila

37 Kwathi ngosuku lokucina olukhulu lomkhosi uJesu wema wamemeza, esithi: Uba ekhona owomileyo, keze kimi anathe.

38 Okholwa kimi, njengokutsho kombhalo, kuzageleza kuphuma esiswini sakhe imifula yamanzi aphilayo.

39 Lalokhu wakutsho ngoMoya ababezamemukela abakholwa kuye; ngoba uMoya oNgcwele wayengakafiki, lokhu uJesu wayengakadunyiswa.

40 Ngakho abanengi bexuku besizwa lelilizwi bathi: Oqotho lo ungulowomProfethi.

41 Abanye bathi: Lo unguKristu. Kodwa abanye bathi: Kambe uKristu uzavela eGalili?

42 Kawutsho yini umbhalo ukuthi uKristu uzavela enzalweni kaDavida, leBhethelehema, emzaneni lapho uDavida ayekhona?

43 Ngakho kwaba khona ukwehlukana ngaye phakathi kwexuku.

44 Abanye babo bafuna ukumbamba, kodwa kakubanga khona owambeka izandla.

Abancedisi badinga ukumbamba uJesu

45 Khona abancedisi baya kubapristi abakhulu lakubaFarisi; bona basebesithi kubo: Kungani lingamlethanga?

46 Abancedisi baphendula bathi: Kakuzange kukhulume umuntu kanje, njengalumuntu.

47 AbaFarisi basebebaphendula bathi: Lani seliduhisiwe yini?

48 Ukhona yini kubabusi kumbe kubaFarisi okholwe kuye?

49 Kodwa lelixuku elingawaziyo umlayo liqalekisiwe.

50 UNikodima, lowo oweza kuye ebusuku, owayengomunye wabo, wathi kubo:

51 Kanti umlayo wakithi uyamgweba umuntu, ngaphandle kokuthi umuzwe kuqala ukwazi akwenzayo?

52 Baphendula bathi kuye: Kanti lawe ungoweGalili? Hlolisisa ubone ukuthi kakuvukanga umprofethi eGalili.

53 Ngulowo lalowo wasesuka waya ekhaya.

NGUJOHANE 8

1 Kodwa uJesu waya entabeni yeMihlwathi.

Owesifazana obanjwe ephinga

2 Kwathi ekuseni kakhulu wabuya weza ethempelini, isizwe sonke sasesisiza kuye; wasehlala phansi wabafundisa.

3 Ababhali labaFarisi basebeletha kuye owesifazana owayebanjwe efeba, bammisa phakathi,

4 bathi kuye: Mfundisi, lo owesifazana ubanjwe eseqotsheni lokuphinga;

5 lemlayweni uMozisi wasilaya ukuthi abanje bakhandwe ngamatshe; ngakho wena uthini?

6 Kodwa batsho lokhu bemlinga, ukuze bazuze okokummangalela ngakho. Kodwa uJesu ekhothamela phansi, wabhala emhlabathini ngomunwe, wenza angathi kabezwa.

7 Kwathi bephikelela ukumbuza, walulama wathi kubo: Ongelasono phakathi kwenu, kaqale ukumjikijela ngelitshe.

8 Wasebuya ekhothamela phansi wabhala emhlabathini.

9 Kodwa bona, bekuzwa, balahlwa yisazela sabo, baphuma ngamunye ngamunye kuqala komdala kwaze kwaba kowokucina; uJesu wasesala yedwa, lowesifazana emi phakathi.

10 UJesu waseselulama, engaboni muntu ngaphandle kowesifazana, wathi kuye: Mama, bangaphi labo abakumangalelayo? Kakho okulahlayo yini?

11 Wasesithi: Kakho, Nkosi. UJesu wasesithi kuye: Lami kangikulahli; hamba ungabe usona futhi.

Ukukhanya komhlaba

12 Ngakho uJesu wakhuluma labo futhi wathi: Mina ngiyikukhanya komhlaba; ongilandelayo, kasoze ahambe emnyameni, kodwa uzakuba lokukhanya kwempilo.

13 Ngakho abaFarisi bathi kuye: Wena uyazifakazela; ubufakazi bakho kabulaqiniso.

14 UJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Lanxa ngizifakazela mina, buqinisile ubufakazi bami; ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi ngivela ngaphi, lokuthi ngiya ngaphi; kodwa lina kalazi ukuthi ngivela ngaphi, lokuthi ngiya ngaphi.

15 Lina lahlulela ngokwenyama; kodwa mina kangahluleli muntu.

16 Kodwa uba lami ngisahlulela, ukwahlulela kwami kuqinisile; ngoba kangingedwa, kodwa yimi loBaba ongithumileyo.

17 Njalo emlayweni wenu kulotshiwe ukuthi ubufakazi babantu ababili bungobuqinisileyo.

18 Mina ngingozifakazelayo, loBaba ongithumileyo ufakaza ngami.

19 Ngakho bathi kuye: Ungaphi uYihlo? UJesu waphendula wathi: Kalingazi mina, loba uBaba. Uba belingazi mina, laye uBaba belizamazi.

20 UJesu wakhuluma la amazwi endlini yomnikelo, efundisa ethempelini; futhi kakho owambambayo, ngoba ihola lakhe lalingakafiki.

UJesu ulaya amaJuda ngesikhathi esesabekayo esizayo

21 Ngakho uJesu wathi kubo futhi: Ngiyahamba mina, njalo lizangidinga, njalo
lizafela esonweni senu; lapho engiya khona mina, lingeze leza lina.

22 Ngakho amaJuda athi: Uzazibulala yini? Ngoba uthi: Lapho engiya khona mina,
lingeze leza khona lina.

23 Wasesithi kuwo: Lina livela phansi, mina ngivela phezulu; lina lingabomhlaba
lo, mina kangisuye owalumhlaba.

24 Ngakho ngithe kini, lizafela ezonweni zenu; ngoba uba lingakholwa ukuthi
nginguye, lizafela ezonweni zenu.

25 Ngakho athi kuye: Wena ungubani? UJesu wasesithi kuwo: Lokho engalitshela
khona futhi ekuqaleni.

26 Ngilezinto ezinengi engilokuzikhuluma ngani lokwahlulela ngazo; kodwa
ongithumileyo uqinisile, lezinto engizizwe kuye lezi ngizikhuluma emhlabeni.

27 Kawaqedisisanga ukuthi ukhuluma lawo ngoYise.

28 Ngakho uJesu wathi kuwo: Nxa seliyiphakamisile iNdodana yomuntu, khona
lizakwazi ukuthi nginguye, njalo kangizenzeli lutho ngokwami, kodwa
ngikhuluma lezizinto njengalokhu uBaba engifundisile;

29 njalo yena ongithumileyo ulami; uBaba kangitshiyanga ngedwa, ngoba mina
ngihlala ngisenza lezizinto ezimthokozisayo yena.

UJesu uphendulana lamaJuda ngoAbrahama

30 Esakhuluma lezizinto abanengi bakholwa kuye.

31 Ngakho uJesu wathi kumaJuda akholwe kuye: Uba lina lihlala elizwini lami,
lingabafundi bami oqotho;

32 lizalazi iqiniso, leqiniso lizalikhulula.

33 Amphendula athi: Siyinzalo kaAbrahama, kasizanga sibe yizigqili zamuntu;
wena utsho njani ukuthi: Lizakuba ngabakhululekileyo?

34 UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Wonke owenza
isono uyisigqili sesono.

35 Njalo isigqili kasihlali phakade ekhaya; indodana ihlala phakade.

36 Ngakho uba iNdodana ilikhulula, lizakuba ngabakhululekileyo oqotho.

37 Ngiyazi ukuthi liyinzalo kaAbrahama; kodwa lidinga ukungibulala, ngoba ilizwi
lami kalilandawo kini.

38 Mina ngikhuluma lokho engikubonileyo kuBaba; lani-ke lenza lokho
elikubonileyo kuyihlo.

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39 Aphendula athi kuye: Ubaba wethu nguAbrahama. UJesu wathi kuwo: Uba belingabantwana bakaAbrahama, belizakwenza imisebenzi kaAbrahama.

40 Kodwa khathesi lidinga ukungibulala, umuntu olitshele iqiniso, engilizwe kuNkulunkulu; lokho uAbrahama kakwenzanga.

41 Lina lenza imisebenzi kayihlo. Ngakho athi kuye: Kasizalwanga ngobufebe thina; silobaba munye, uNkulunkulu.

42 UJesu wathi kuwo: Uba uNkulunkulu ubenguyihlo, belizangithanda; ngoba mina ngiphume ngivela kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kangizizelanga ngokwami, kodwa yena ungithumile.

43 Kungani lingaqedisisi inkulumo yami? Ngoba lingeke lilizwe ilizwi lami.

44 Lina lingabakayihlo udiyabhola, lithanda ukwenza inkanuko zikayihlo. Yena wayengumbulali kusukela ekuqaleni, njalo kemi eqinisweni, ngoba iqiniso kalikho kuye. Nxa eqamba amanga, ukhuluma ngokwakhe; ngoba engumqambimanga loyise wawo.

45 Mina-ke ngoba ngikhuluma iqiniso, kalingikholwa.

46 Nguwuphi kini ongilahla ngesono? Njalo uba ngilitshela iqiniso, lina kalingikholwa ngani?

47 Yena ongokaNkulunkulu uyawezwa amazwi kaNkulunkulu; kungakho lina lingezwa, ngoba kalisibo abakaNkulunkulu.

48 Ngakho amaJuda aphendula athi kuye: Kasitsho kuhle yini thina ukuthi wena ungumSamariya, lokuthi uledimoni?

49 UJesu waphendula wathi: Mina kangiladimoni, kodwa ngiyadumisa uBaba; kodwa lina liyangigcona.

50 Mina-ke kangizidingeli udumo lwami; ukhona odingayo lowahlulelayo.

51 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Uba umuntu elondoloza ilizwi lami, kasoze abone ukufa laphakade.

52 Ngakho amaJuda athi kuye: Khathesi sesisazi ukuthi uledimoni; uAbrahama wafa, labaprofethi, kodwa wena uthi: Uba umuntu elondoloza ilizwi lami, kasoze ezwe ukufa laphakade.

53 Wena umkhulu yini kulobaba wethu uAbrahama, owafayo? Labaprofethi bafa; uzenza bani wena?

54 UJesu waphendula wathi: Uba ngizidumisa mina, udumo lwami luyize; nguBaba ongidumisayo, elitsho ngaye lina ukuthi unguNkulunkulu wenu,

55 njalo kalimazanga; kodwa mina ngiyamazi, njalo uba ngisithi kangimazi, ngizakuba ngumqambi wamanga njengani; kodwa ngiyamazi, ngiyalilondoloza ilizwi lakhe.

56 Uyihlo uAbrahama wajabula kakhulu ukubona usuku lwami, njalo walubona wathokoza.

57 Ngakho amaJuda athi kuye: Kawukabi leminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, njalo wena wambona uAbrahama yini?

58 UJesu wathi kuwo: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: UAbrahama engakabi khona, mina ngikhona.

59 Asedobha amatshe ukuze amjikijele; kodwa uJesu wacatsha, waphuma ethempelini, edabula phakathi kwawo; wadlula ngokunjalo.

NGUJOHANE 9

UJesu uvula amehlo esiphofu

1Wathi esedlula wabona umuntu oyisiphofu kusukela ekuzalweni.

2 Abafundi bakhe basebembuza bathi: Rabi, ngubani owonayo, lo kumbe abazali bakhe, aze azalwe eyisiphofu?

3 UJesu waphendula wathi: Konanga lo loba abazali bakhe; kodwa ukuze kubonakaliswe imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu kuye.

4 Kufanele ngisebenze imisebenzi yongithumileyo kusesemini; ubusuku buyeza, lapho okungekho olakho ukusebenza khona.

5 Ngisekhona emhlabeni, ngiyikukhanya komhlaba.

6 Esetshilo lezizinto, wakhafulela emhlabathini, wenza udaka ngamathe, waninda loludaka emehlweni esiphofu,

7 wasesithi kuso: Hamba uyegeza echibini leSilowama (okuphendulelwa ngokuthi, oThunyiweyo). Ngakho sahamba sageza, sabuya sesibona.

8 Ngakho abakhelene laso lalabo ababesibonile ngaphambili ukuthi sasiyisiphofu, bathi: Kayisuye yini lo owayehlezi ephanza?

9 Abanye bathi: Lo nguye; kodwa abanye bathi: Unjengaye. Yena wathi: Nginguye.

10 Ngakho bathi kuye: Avulwe njani amehlo akho?

11 Yena waphendula wathi: Umuntu othiwa nguJesu wenze udaka, waninda amehlo ami, wathi kimi: Hamba uye echibini leSilowama, ugeze. Njalo ngahamba ngageza, ngabuye ngabona.

12 Ngakho bathi kuye: Ungaphi yena? Wathi: Kangazi.

13 Basebemletha kubaFarisi, lowo owayekade eyisiphofu.

14 Njalo kwakulisabatha mhla uJesu esenza udaka, evula amehlo akhe.

15 AbaFarisi labo basebembuza futhi, ukuthi wemukele njani ukubona. Wasesithi kubo: Ufake udaka emehlweni ami, ngasengigeza, sengibona.

16 Ngakho abanye babaFarisi bathi: Lumuntu kaveli kuNkulunkulu, ngoba kagcini isabatha. Abanye bathi: Umuntu oyisoni angazenza njani izibonakaliso ezinje? Kwasekusiba khona ukwehlukana phakathi kwabo.

17 Baphinda bathi kuso isiphofu: Wena uthini ngaye, lokhu evule amehlo akho? Wasesithi: Ungumprofethi.

18 AmaJuda-ke kawakholwanga ngaye, ukuthi wayeyisiphofu usemukele ukubona, aze abiza abazali bakhe osebuye wabona,

19 asebabuza athi: Lo uyindodana yenu, lina elithi yazalwa iyisiphofu yini? Pho isibona njani khathesi?

20 Abazali bakhe bawaphendula bathi: Siyazi ukuthi lo uyindodana yethu, lokuthi wazalwa eyisiphofu;

21 kodwa ukuthi ubona njani khathesi, kasikwazi; kumbe ngubani ovule amehlo akhe, thina kasikwazi; yena usekhulile; mbuzeni, uzazikhulumela yena.

22 Abazali bakhe batsho lezizinto, ngoba besesaba amaJuda; ngoba amaJuda ayesevumelene ngokuthi, uba loba engubani ovuma ukuthi unguKristu, kakhutshwe esinagogeni.

23 Kungakho abazali bakhe bathi: Usekhulile, mbuzeni.

24 Ambiza-ke ngokwesibili lowomuntu owayeyisiphofu, athi kuye: Phana uNkulunkulu udumo; thina siyazi ukuthi lowomuntu uyisoni.

25 Yena wasephendula esithi: Loba eyisoni kangazi, kunye engikwaziyo, ukuthi bengiyisiphofu, khathesi sengibona.

26 Asesithi kuye futhi: Wenzeni kuwe? Uwavule njani amehlo akho?

27 Wawaphendula wathi: Sengilitshelile, kodwa kalizwanga, lifunelani ukuzwa futhi? Liyafisa lani ukuba ngabafundi bakhe yini?

28 Ngakho amthuka, esithi: Nguwe ongumfundi wakhe; kodwa thina singabafundi bakaMozisi.

29 Thina siyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wakhuluma loMozisi; kodwa lo kasimazi lapho avela khona.

30 Umuntu waphendula wathi kuwo: Ngoba kulokhu kuyisimanga ukuthi lina kalimazi lapho avela khona, kanti uvule amehlo ami.

31 Njalo siyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu kazizwa izoni; kodwa uba umuntu engokhonza uNkulunkulu, esenza intando yakhe, uyamuzwa lowo.

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32 Loba nini kakukaze kuzwakale ukuthi kukhona umuntu owavula amehlo owazalwa eyisiphofu.

33 Uba lo ubengaveli kuNkulunkulu, ubengebe lamandla okwenza ulutho.

34 Aphendula athi kuye: Wena wazalelwa esonweni ngokupheleleyo, njalo wena uyasifundisa yini? Asemxotshela phandle.

35 UJesu wezwa ukuthi amxotshele phandle; kwathi esemficile, wathi kuye: Wena uyakholwa yini eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu?

36 Yena waphendula wathi: Ingubani, Nkosi, ukuze ngikholwe kuyo?

37 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Lawe usuyibonile, njalo okhuluma lawe uyiyo.

38 Wasesithi: Nkosi, ngiyakholwa; wasemkhonza.

39 UJesu wasesithi: Mina ngizele ukwahlulela kulumhlaba, ukuze abangaboniyo babone, lalabo ababonayo babe yiziphofu.

40 Lalabo kubaFarisi ababelaye bezwa lezizinto, bathi kuye: Lathi siyiziphofu yini?

41 UJesu wathi kubo: Uba beliyiziphofu, ngabe kalilasono. Kodwa khathesi lithi: Siyabona; ngakho isono senu simi.

NGUJOHANE 10

Umelusi olungileyo

1Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ongangeni ngesango esibayeni sezimvu, kodwa akhwele kwenye indawo, lowo ulisela lomphangi;

2 kodwa ongena ngesango ungumelusi wezimvu.

3 Umlindi wesango uyamvulela, lezimvu ziyalizwa ilizwi lakhe, njalo uyazibiza ezakhe izimvu ngebizo, azikhokhelele phandle.

4 Nxa esezikhuphile ezakhe izimvu, uhamba phambi kwazo; lezimvu zimlandele, ngoba ziyalazi ilizwi lakhe.

5 Kodwa owemzini kazisoze zimlandele, kodwa zizambalekela; ngoba kazilazi ilizwi labemzini.

6 UJesu wakhuluma lumfanekiso kubo; kodwa bona kabaqedisisanga ukuthi ziyini izinto azitshoyo kubo.

7 Ngakho uJesu waphinda wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Mina ngilisango lezimvu;

8 bonke abake bafika phambi kwami bangamasela labaphangi; kodwa izimvu kazibezwanga.

9 Mina ngilisango; uba umuntu engena ngami, uzasindiswa, angene aphume, athole idlelo.

10 Isela kalizi ngaphandle kokuzakweba lokubulala lokubhubhisa; mina ngizile ukuze babe lempilo, babe layoiphuphume.

11 Mina ngingumelusi olungileyo. Umelusi olungileyo uzibekela phansi izimvu impilo yakhe.

12 Kodwa oqatshiweyo, engesuye umelusi, izimvu zingesizo ezakhe, ubona impisi isiza, atshiye izimvu, abaleke; kuthi impisi izibambe, izichithachithe izimvu.

13 Oqatshiweyo uyabaleka-ke, ngoba engoqatshiweyo, njalo engazikhathaleli izimvu.

14 Mina ngingumelusi olungileyo, ngiyazazi ezami, ngiyaziwa ngezami,

15 njengalokhu uBaba engazi, lami ngiyamazi uBaba; ngizibekela phansi izimvu impilo yami.

16 Njalo ngilezinye izimvu, ezingesizo zalesisibaya; lazo kumele ngizilethe, njalo zizakuzwa ilizwi lami; njalo kube mhlambi munye, melusi munye.

17 Ngenxa yalokhu uBaba uyangithanda, ngoba mina ngibeka phansi impilo yami, ukuze ngibuye ngiyithathe.

18 Kakho ongemuka yona, kodwa mina ngiyibeka phansi ngokwami. Ngilamandla okuyibeka phansi, njalo ngilamandla okubuya ngiyithathe. Lumlayo ngiwemukele kuBaba.

19 Ngakho kwaba khona futhi ukwehlukana phakathi kwamaJuda ngenxa yalamazwi.

20 Labanengi bawo bathi: Uledimoni futhi uyahlanya; limlalelelani?

21 Amanye athi: Lamazwi kawasiwo wongenwe lidimoni; kambe idimoni lingavula amehlo eziphofu yini?

UJesu unguKristu

22 Kwakukhona umkhosi wokuvuselela eJerusalema, kwakusebusika;

23 uJesu wasehambahamba ethempelini ekhulusini likaSolomoni.

24 AmaJuda asemhanqa, athi kuye: Koze kube nini usilibazisa? Uba wena unguKristu, sitshele ngokucacileyo.

25 UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Ngalitshela, kodwa kalikholwanga; imisebenzi mina engiyenza ebizweni likaBaba, yiyo engifakazelayo;

26 kodwa lina kalikholwa; ngoba kalisibo abezimvu zami, njengokutsho kwami kini.

27 Izimvu zami ziyalizwa ilizwi lami, lami ngiyazazi, futhi ziyangilandela;

28 njalo mina ngizinika impilo elaphakade; futhi kazisoze zabhubha laphakade, njalo kungekho ozazihluthuna esandleni sami.

29 UBaba ozinike mina, mkhulu kulabo bonke; kungekho njalo ongazihluthuna esandleni sikaBaba.

30 Mina loBaba simunye.

31 Ngakho amaJuda aphinda athatha amatshe ukuze amkhande ngawo.

32 UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Ngilitshengise imisebenzi eminengi emihle evela kuBaba; yiwuphi umsebenzi kuyo elingikhandela wona ngamatshe?

33 AmaJuda amphendula athi: Kasikukhandi ngamatshe ngenxa yomsebenzi omuhle, kodwa ngenxa yenhlamba, langokuthi wena ungumuntu uzenza uNkulunkulu.

34 UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Kakulotshiwe yini emlayweni wenu ukuthi: Mina ngathi: Lingonkulunkulu?

35 Uba wababiza bona ngokuthi ngonkulunkulu, eleza kubo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, njalo umbhalo ungephulwe,

36 lowo uBaba amehlukanisileyo wamthuma emhlabeni, kanti lina lithi: Uyahlambaza, ngoba ngithe: NgiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu?

37 Uba ngingenzi imisebenzi kaBaba, kalingakholwa kimi.

38 Kodwa uba ngiyenza, lanxa lingakholwa kimi, kholwani imisebenzi; ukuze lazi likholwe ukuthi uBaba ukimi, lami ngikuye.

39 Ngakho adinga futhi ukumbamba; kodwa waphunyuka esandleni sabo.

40 Wasebuya wasuka waya ngaphetsheya kweJodani kundawo lapho uJohane ayebhabhathiza khona kuqala; wasehlala khona.

41 Labanengi beza kuye, bathi: UJohane kenzanga sibonakaliso; kodwa konke uJohane akutsho ngalo, kwakuliqiniso.

42 Abanengi basebekholwa kuye lapho.

NGUJOHANE 11

Ukuvuswa kukaLazaro

1Kwakukhona-ke othile owayegula othiwa nguLazaro weBethani, emzaneni kaMariya loMarta udadewabo.

2 Kwakunguye uMariya owagcoba iNkosi ngamagcobo, wesula inyawo zayo ngenwele zakhe, omnewabo uLazaro wayegula.

3 Ngakho odadewabo bathumela kuye besithi: Nkosi, khangela lowo omthandayo uyagula.

4 UJesu esezwile wathi: Lokhu ukugula kakusikho okokufa, kodwa kungokodumo
lukaNkulunkulu ukuze iNdodana kaNkulunkulu idunyiswe ngakho.

5 UJesu wayebathanda-ke oMarta lodadewabo loLazaro.

6 Ngakho esezwile ukuthi uyagula, wasehlala insuku ezimbili endaweni lapho
ayekhona.

7 Emva kwalokhu wasesithi kubafundi: Asiphinde siye eJudiya.

8 Abafundi bathi kuye: Rabi, amaJuda asanda ukudinga ukukukhanda ngamatshe,
njalo uya khona futhi yini?

9 UJesu waphendula wathi: Kawakho amahola alitshumi lambili emini yini? Nxa
umuntu ehamba emini, kakhubeki, ngoba uyabona ukukhanya kwalumhlaba.

10 Kodwa uba umuntu ehamba ebusuku, uyakhubeka, ngoba ukukhanya kakukho
kuye.

11 Wakhuluma lezizinto, emva kwalokhu wasesithi kubo: Umngane wethu
uLazaro uselele; kodwa ngiyahamba ukuze ngimvuse ebuthongweni.

12 Ngakho abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: Nkosi, uba elele, uzaphila.

13 Kodwa uJesu wakhuluma ngokufa kwakhe; kodwa bona bacabanga ukuthi
wakhuluma ngokuphumula kobuthongo.

14 Ngakho uJesu wasebatshela ngokucacileyo: ULazaro ufile.

15 Njalo ngiyathokoza ngenxa yenu ukuthi bengingekho lapho, ukuze likholwe;
kodwa asiye kuye.

16 Ngakho uTomasi, othiwa nguDidimusi, wathi kubafundi kanye laye:
Asihambeni lathi, ukuze sife kanye laye.

17 Kwathi esefika uJesu, wamfica eselensuku ezine engcwabeni.

18 LeBethani yayiseduze leJerusalema, okungaba ngamastadiyu alitshumi
lanhlanu ukusuka lapho;

19 labanengi kumaJuda babefikile kuMarta loMariya, ukuze babaduduze
ngomnewabo.

20 Ngakho uMarta, esezwile ukuthi uJesu uyeza, wayakumhlangabeza; kodwa
uMariya wahlala endlini.

21 UMarta wasesithi kuJesu: Nkosi, aluba ubukhona lapha, umnewethu ngabe
kafanga;

22 kodwa lakhathesi ngiyazi ukuthi loba yini ongayicela kuNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu uzakunika yona.

23 UJesu wathi kuye: Umnewenu uzabuya avuke.

24 UMarta wathi kuye: Ngiyazi ukuthi uzabuya avuke ekuvukeni ngosuku lokucina.

25 UJesu wathi kuye: Mina ngiyikuvuka lempilo; okholwa kimi, loba esefile, uzaphila;

26 njalo wonke ophilayo ekholwa kimi, kasoze afe laphakade. Uyakukholwa lokhu yini?

27 Wathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi; mina ngiyakholwa ukuthi wena unguKristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, obezakuza emhlabeni.

28 Esetshilo lokhu uMarta wasuka, wayabiza udadewabo uMariya ensitha, wathi: UMfundisi ulapha uyakubiza.

29 Yena-ke esezwile lokhu, wahle wasukuma waya kuye.

30 Kodwa uJesu wayengakafiki emzaneni, kodwa wayesendaweni lapho uMarta amhlangabeza khona.

31 Ngakho amaJuda ayesendlini laye emduduza, ebona uMariya ukuthi wasukuma ngokuphangisa ephuma, amlandela, esithi: Uya engcwabeni, ukuze akhale khona.

32 Kwathi uMariya, esefike lapho uJesu akhona, embona, wawela enyaweni zakhe, esithi kuye: Nkosi, ngabe ubukhona lapha, umnewethu ngabe kafanga.

33 Ngakho uJesu wathi embona ekhala, lamaJuda afika laye ekhala, wabubula emoyeni, wazikhathaza,

34 wathi: Limbeke ngaphi? Bathi kuye: Nkosi, woza ubone.

35 UJesu walila.

36 Ngakho amaJuda athi: Khangelani ukuthi ubemthanda njani.

37 Kodwa amanye awo athi: Lo, owavula amehlo esiphofu, ubengekwenze yini ukuthi lalo angafi?

38 Ngakho uJesu ebubula futhi phakathi kwakhe wafika engcwabeni. Njalo lalilubhalu, lelitshe libekwe phezu kwalo.

39 UJesu wathi: Susani ilitshe. UMarta udadewabo wofileyo wathi kuye: Nkosi, usenuka; ngoba uselensuku ezine.

40 UJesu wathi kuye: Kangitshongo yini kuwe, ukuthi uba ukholwa, uzabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu?

41 Balisusa-ke ilitshe, lapho okwakulele khona ofileyo. UJesu wasephakamisela amehlo akhe phezulu, wathi: Baba, ngiyakubonga ngoba wena ungizwile.

42 Kodwa mina bengisazi ukuthi uyangizwa njalonjalo; kodwa ngenxa yexuku elingiphahlileyo ngitshilo lokhu, ukuze bakholwe ukuthi ungithumile.

43 Esetshilo lezizinto, wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi: Lazaro, phuma!

44 Wasephuma owayefile, ebotshiwe izandla lenyawo ngamalembu, lobuso bakhe bugoqelwe ngelembu. UJesu wathi kubo: Mthukululeni, limyekele ahambe.

Umphakathi uquma ukumbulala uJesu

45 Ngakho abanengi kumaJuda, ababeze kuMariya bebona izinto azenzileyo uJesu, bakholwa kuye.

46 Kodwa abanye babo baya kubaFarisi, babatshela izinto azenzileyo uJesu.

47 Ngakho abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi baqoqa umphakathi, bathi: Sizakwenzani? Ngoba umuntu lo wenza izibonakaliso ezinengi;

48 uba simyekele njalo, bonke bazakholwa kuye; amaRoma asezakuza athathe lindawo lesizwe sakithi.

49 Kodwa omunye wabo, uKayafasi, owayengumpristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka, wathi kubo: Kalazi lutho lina,

50 futhi kalinakani ukuthi kusilungele ukuthi umuntu oyedwa afele abantu, lokuthi isizwe sonke singabhubhi.

51 Kodwa kazitsholongo lokhu ngokwakhe, kodwa engumpristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka, waprofetha ukuthi uJesu uzafela isizwe,

52 njalo kungabi yisizwe kuphela, kodwa ukuze abuthele ndawonye labantwana bakaNkulunkuluabahlakazekileyo babe munye.

53 Ngakho kusukela kulolosuku benza ndawonye icebo ukuze bambulale.

54 Ngakho uJesu kabesahamba obala phakathi kwamaJuda, kodwa wasuka lapho waya elizweni eliseduze lenkangala, emzini othiwa yiEfrayimi, wasehlala khona labafundi bakhe.

55 Laselisondele iphasika lamaJuda; labanengi abavela emaphandleni benyukela eJerusalema lingakafiki iphasika, ukuze bazihlambulule.

56 Ngakho bamdinga uJesu, bekhulumisana bemi ethempelini besithi: Licabangani? Lithi isibili kayikuza emkhosini yini?

57 Kodwa bonke abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi babekhuphe umlayo wokuthi uba ekhona owaziyo lapho akhona, akubike ukuze bambambe.

NGUJOHANE 12

UJesu ugcotshwa eBethani

1Kwathi kuselensuku eziyisithupha lingakafiki iphasika, uJesu wafika eBethani, lapho okwakuloLazaro khona owayefile, ayemvuse kwabafileyo.

2 Basebemenzela ukudla kwantambama lapho, loMarta wayesebenza; njalo uLazaro wayengomunye walabo ababehlezi ekudleni laye.

3 UMariya wasethatha iphawundi yamagcobo awenadi uqobo adulayo, wagcoba
inyawo zikaJesu, wesula inyawo zakhe ngenwele zakhe; lendlu yagcwala iphunga
lamagcobo.

4 Ngakho omunye wabafundi bakhe, uJudasi Iskariyothi kaSimoni,
owayezamnikela, wathi:

5 Kungani amafutha la engathengiswanga ngabodenariyo abangamakhulu
amathathu, kwasekunikwa abayanga?

6 Wakutsho-ke lokhu, kungeyisikho ukuthi ekhathalele abayanga, kodwa ngoba
wayelisela, wayelesikhwama, ethwala okwakufakwa phakathi kwaso.

7 UJesu wasesithi: Myekeleni; uwalondolozele usuku lokungcwatshwa kwami.

8 Ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, kodwa mina kalihlali lilami.

9 Ngakho ixuku elikhulu lamaJuda lakwazi ukuthi ulapho; laselisiza kungesikuthi
ngenxa kaJesu kuphela, kodwa lokuthi babone loLazaro, ayemvuse kwabafileyo.

10 Abapristi abakhulu basebesenza icebo lokuthi babulale loLazaro;

11 ngoba ngenxa yakhe amaJuda amanengi asuka, akholwa kuJesu.

UJesu ungena eJerusalema

12 Kusisa ixuku elikhulu elalizile emkhosini, lezwa ukuthi uJesu uyeza
eJerusalema,

13 bathatha ingatsha zezihlahla zelala, baphuma ukuyamhlangabeza,
bamemeza besithi: Hosana! Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi, iNkosi kaIsrayeli.

14 UJesu wasefica ithole likababhemi, wahlala phezu kwalo,
njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi:

15 Ungesabi, ndodakazi yeSiyoni; khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza, ihlezi phezu
kwethole likababhemi.

16 Kodwa abafundi bakhe kabaqedisisanga lezizinto ekuqaleni; kodwa uJesu
esedunyisiwe, basebekhumbula ukuthi lezizinto zazilotshiwe ngaye, lokuthi
babezenzile lezizinto kuye.

17 Ngakho ixuku elalilaye lapho ebiza uLazaro ukuthi aphume engcwabeni,
emvusa kwabafileyo, lafakaza.

18 Ngenxa yalokhu ixuku laphuma futhi ukuyamhlangabeza, ngoba lezwa ukuthi
wenze lesisibonakaliso.

19 Ngakho abaFarisi bakhulumisana besithi: Liyabona ukuthi kalisizi lutho;
khangelani umhlaba uyamlandela.

UJesu ukhuluma ngokufa kwakhe

20 Kwakukhona amaGriki phakathi kwalabo ababenyukelele
ukukhonza emkhosini;

21 wona-ke eza kuFiliphu oweBhethisayida yeGalili, basebemcela besithi: Nkosi,
sithanda ukubona uJesu.

22 UFiliphu weza watshela uAndreya; uAndreya loFiliphu basebetshela uJesu
futhi.

23 UJesu wasebaphendula esithi: Ihola selifikile lokuthi iNdodana yomuntu
idunyiswe.

24 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi uhlamvu lwebele
luwele emhlabathini lufe, lona luhlala lulodwa; kodwa aluba lusifa, luthela
isithelo sande.

25 Yena othanda impilo yakhe uyalahlekelwa yiyo; lozonda impilo yakhe
kulumhlaba uzayilondoloza kuze kube yimpilo engulaphakade.

26 Uba umuntu engisebenzela, kangilandele; lalapho engikhona mina, lenceku
yami izakuba khona. Futhi uba umuntu engisebenzela, uBaba uzamhlonipha.

27 Khathesi umphefumulo wami ukhathazekile; sengizathini? Baba, ngisindise
kulelihola. Kodwa ngenxa yalokhu ngifikile kulelihola.

28 Baba, dumisa ibizo lakho. Kwasekusiza ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi:
Sengilidumisile, ngizaphinda ngilidumise.

29 Ngakho ixuku elalimi khona lisizwa lathi kube lomdumo. Abanye bathi: Ingilosi
ikhulume laye.

30 UJesu waphendula wathi: Lelilizwi kalizanga ngenxa yami, kodwa ngenxa
yenu.

31 Khathesi yisigwebo salumhlaba; khathesi umbusi walumhlaba uzaxotshelwa
phandle.

32 Mina-ke nxa ngiphakanyiswa emhlabeni, ngizadonsela bonke kimi.

33 Watsho-ke lokhu etshengisa uhlobo lokufa ayezakufa ngalo.

34 Ixuku lamphendula lathi: Thina sezwa emlayweni ukuthi uKristu uhlala
phakade; njalo ungatsho njani ukuthi: INdodana yomuntu imele
ukuphakanyiswa? Ingubani le iNdodana yomuntu?

35 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Kuseyisikhatshana ukukhanya lilakho. Hambani
liselokukhanya, hlezi umnyama ulehlule; njalo ohamba emnyameni kazi lapho
aya khona.

36 Liselokukhanya, kholwani kukho ukukhanya, ukuze libe ngabantwana
bokukhanya. UJesu wakhuluma lezizinto, wasuka, wabacatshela.

Ukulahlwa kwamaJuda ngokungakholwa kwawo

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37 Lanxa wayenze izibonakaliso ezinengi kangaka phambi kwabo,
kabakholwanga kuye;

38 ukuze ligcwaliseke ilizwi likaIsaya umprofethi, alikhulumayo elokuthi: Nkosi,
ngubani okholwe ukutshumayela kwethu? Lengalo yeNkosi yembulelwa bani?

39 Ngakho babengelakho ukukholwa, ngoba uIsaya wabuya wathi:

40 Uphumputhekisile amehlo abo, wayenza lukhuni inhliziyo yabo; ukuze
bangaboni ngamehlo abo, baqedisise ngenhliziyo, baphenduke, besengibasilisa.

41 UIsaya wakhuluma lezizinto, lapho ebona inkazimulo yakhe, wakhuluma
ngaye.

42 Loba kunjalo-ke labanengi bababusi bakholwa kuye; kodwa ngenxa yabaFarisi
kabavumanga, ukuze bangamiswa esinagogeni;

43 ngoba bathanda udumo lwabantu kulodumo lukaNkulunkulu.

UJesu weza ukuzasindisa umhlaba

44 UJesu wasememeza esithi: Okholwa kimi, kakholwa kimi, kodwa kuye
ongithumileyo;

45 njalo obona mina, ubona ongithumileyo.

46 Mina ngizile ngiyikukhanya emhlabeni, ukuze wonke okholwa kimi, angahlali
emnyameni.

47 Njalo uba ekhona owezwayo amazwi ami angakholwa, mina kangimgwebi;
ngoba kangizanga ukuthi ngigwebe umhlaba, kodwa ukuze ngisindise umhlaba.

48 Yena ongalayo engawemukeli amazwi ami, ulaye omgwebayo; ilizwi
esengilikhulumile, lona lizamgwebangosuku lokucina.

49 Ngoba mina kangizikhulumelanga ngokwami; kodwa uBaba ongithumileyo,
nguye onginike umlayo, wokuthi ngizathini lokuthi ngizakhulumani.

50 Njalo ngiyazi ukuthi umlayo wakhe uyimpilo elaphakade; ngakho izinto mina
engizikhulumayo, njengokutsho kukaBaba kimi, ngokunjalo ngiyazikhuluma.

NGUJOHANE 13

UJesu ugezisa inyawo zabafundi

1Kwathi ungakafiki umkhosi wephasika, uJesu esazi ukuthi ihola lakhe
laselifikile ukuthi asuke kulumhlaba aye kuYise, esebathandile
abakhe abasemhlabeni, wabathanda kwaze kwaba sekupheleni.

2 Ukudla kwantambama sekwenziwe, udiyabhola esekufakile enhliziyweni
kaJudasi Iskariyothi, kaSimoni, ukuthi amnikele,

3 uJesu ekwazi ukuthi uYise unikele izinto zonke ezandleni zakhe, lokuthi wavela
kuNkulunkulu njalo uya kuNkulunkulu,

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4 wasukuma ekudleni kwantambama, wakhupha izembatho zakhe, wathatha
ilembu wazithandela ngalo.

5 Emva kwalokhu wathela amanzi emganwini, waqala ukugezisa inyawo
zabafundi, lokuzesula ngelembu ayezithandele ngalo.

6 Wasefika kuSimoni Petro; yena wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, wena ugezisa inyawo
zami yini?

7 UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Engikwenzayo mina, kawukwazi khathesi,
kodwa uzakwazi emva kwalezizinto.

8 UPetro wathi kuye: Kawusoze ugezise inyawo zami kuze kube laphakade. UJesu
wamphendula wathi: Uba ngingakugezisi, kawulasabelo lami.

9 USimoni Petro wathi kuye: Nkosi, kakungabi zinyawo zami zodwa, kodwa
lezandla lekhanda.

10 UJesu wathi kuye: Ogezileyo kasweli lutho ngaphandle kokugeziswa inyawo,
kodwa uhlambulukilengokupheleleyo; lina-ke lihlambulukile, kodwa-ke
kakusini lonke.

11 Ngoba wayemazi lowo owayezamnikela; ngenxa yalokhu wathi:
Kalihlambulukanga lonke.

12 Esegezisile inyawo zabo, wathatha izembatho zakhe, wabuya wahlala phansi,
wathi kubo: Liyakwazi yini engikwenze kini?

13 Lina lingibiza lithi: Mfundisi, lokuthi Nkosi; likutsho kuhle, ngoba ngiyikho.

14 Ngakho uba mina, iNkosi loMfundisi, ngigezise inyawo zenu, lani-ke lifanele
ukugezisana inyawo.

15 Ngoba ngilinikile isibonelo, ukuze lenze lani njengoba mina ngenzile kini.

16 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Inceku kayinkulu kulenkosi yayo,
lothunyiweyo kamkhulu kulomthumileyo.

17 Uba lisazi lezizinto, libusisiwe uba lizenza.

18 Kangikhulumi ngani lonke; mina ngiyabazi engibakhethileyo; kodwa ukuze
kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: Odla lami isinkwa ungiphakamisele isithende sakhe.

19 Sengilitshela kusukela khathesi kungakenzeki, ukuze, nxa sekusenzeka,
likholwe ukuthi nginguye.

20 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Owemukela loba ngubani engimthumileyo,
wemukela mina; lowemukela mina, wemukela ongithumileyo.

UJesu ukhuluma ngokunikelwa kwakhe

21 UJesu esetshilo lezizinto wakhathazeka emoyeni, wafakaza wathi: Ngiqinisile,
ngiqinisile, ngithi kini, omunye wenu uzanginikela.

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22 Ngakho abafundi bakhangelana, bengaqondi ukuthi ukhuluma ngobani.

23 Kwakweyeme esifubeni sikaJesu omunye wabafundi bakhe, uJesu ayemthanda;

24 ngakho uSimoni Petro wamqhweba ukubuza ukuthi ngubani akhuluma ngaye.

25 Yena-ke eqamela esifubeni sikaJesu, wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngubani?

26 UJesu waphendula wathi: Ngulowo mina engizamnika ucezu sengilutshebile. Kwathi eselutshebile ucezu, walunika uJudasi Iskariyothi kaSimoni.

27 Futhi emva kocezu, uSathane wasengena kuye. UJesu wasesithi kuye: Okwenzayo, kwenze masinyane.

28 Kodwa kakho kwababehlezi ekudleni owayekwazi ukuthi ukutsholoni kuye.

29 Ngoba abanye bacabanga ukuthi, njengoba uJudasi wayelesikhwama, uJesu wathi kuye: Thenga esikuswelayo emkhosini; loba ukuthi kanike abayanga okunye.

30 Lowo wathi eselwemukele ucezu, wahle waphuma; kwakusebusuku.

UJesu unikwa udumo. Umlayo wokuthandana

31 Ngakho kwathi esephumile, uJesu wathi: Khathesi iNdodana yomuntu idunyisiwe, loNkulunkulu udunyisiwe kuyo.

32 Uba uNkulunkulu edunyiswe kuyo, loNkulunkulu uzayidumisa kuye ngokwakhe, njalo uzahle ayidumise.

33 Bantwanyana, ngiselani isikhatshana. Lizangidinga, futhi njengalokhu ngatsho kumaJuda ukuthi: Lapho mina engiya khona, lingeze leza lina; ngitsho lakini khathesi.

34 Ngilinika umlayo omutsha, ukuthi lithandane; njengalokhu ngilithandile, lani-ke lithandane.

35 Ngalokhu bonke bazakwazi ukuthi lingabafundi bami, uba lilothando omunye komunye.

Ukuxwayiswa kukaPetro

36 USimoni Petro wathi kuye: Nkosi, uya ngaphi? UJesu wamphendula wathi: Lapho engiya khona, ungengilandele khathesi, kodwa uzangilandela emva kwalokhu.

37 UPetro wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngingekulandele khathesi ngani? Impilo yami ngizayibekela wena phansi.

38 UJesu wamphendula wathi: Impilo yakho uzayibekela mina phansi yini? Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Iqhude kalisoze likhale uze ungiphike kathathu.

NGUJOHANE 14

Inkulumo yokuvalelisa kukaJesu

1 Inhliziyo yenu kayingakhathazeki; liyakholwa kuNkulunkulu, kholwani lakimi.

2 Ekhaya likaBaba kukhona izindlu ezinengi; kodwa uba kwakungenjalo, ngabe ngalitshela. Ngiyahamba ukuyalilungisela indawo.

3 Njalo nxa ngihamba ngisiyalilungisela indawo, ngizabuya futhi ngilemukele kimi; ukuze kuthi lapho mina engikhona, libe khona lani.

4 Lalapho mina engiya khona liyakwazi, lendlela liyayazi.

5 UTomasi wathi kuye: Nkosi, kasikwazi lapho oya khona; pho, singayazi njani indlela?

6 UJesu wathi kuye: Mina ngiyindlela, leqiniso, lempilo; kakho oza kuBaba, kodwa ngami.

7 Uba belingazile, belizamazi loBaba; njalo kusukela khathesi liyamazi, selimbonile.

8 UFiliphu wathi kuye: Nkosi, sitshengise uYihlo, njalo kusanele.

9 UJesu wathi kuye: Sengilani isikhathi eside kangaka, kawukangazi, Filiphu? Yena obone mina, ubone uBaba; njalo utsho njani ukuthi: Sitshengise uYihlo?

10 Kawukholwa yini ukuthi mina ngikuBaba, loBaba ukimi? Amazwi mina engiwakhuluma kini, kangizikhulumeli ngokwami; kodwa uBaba ohlezi kimi, yena wenza imisebenzi.

11 Ngikholwani ukuthi mina ngikuBaba, loBaba ukimi; njalo uba kungenjalo, ngikholwani ngenxa yemisebenzi ngokwayo.

12 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Okholwa kimi, imisebenzi engiyenzayo uzayenza laye, lemikhulu kulale uzayenza; ngoba mina ngiya kuBaba.

13 Njalo loba yini eliyicelayo ngebizo lami, le ngizayenza, ukuze uYise adunyiswe eNdodaneni.

14 Uba licela loba yini ebizweni lami, mina ngizayenza.

UMoya uyathenjiswa

15 Uba lingithanda, londolozani imilayo yami.

16 Lami ngizacela kuBaba, laye uzalinika omunye uMduduzi, ukuze ahlale lani laphakade,

17 uMoya weqiniso, ongememukele umhlaba, ngoba ungamboni, ungamazi. Kodwa lina liyamazi, ngoba uhlala lani, njalo uzakuba kini.

18 Kangiyikulitshiya lizintandane; ngizakuza kini.

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19 Kube kanti okwesikhatshana lomhlaba kawusayikungibona, kodwa lina lizangibona; ngoba mina ngiyaphila, lani lizaphila.

20 Ngalolosuku lina lizakwazi ukuthi mina ngikuBaba, lani likimi, lami ngikini.

21 Olemilayo yami ayilondoloze, nguye ongithandayo; njalo yena ongithandayo, uzathandwa nguBaba; lami ngizamthanda, ngizazibonakalisa kuye.

22 UJudasi, ongesuye uIskariyothi, wathi kuye: Nkosi, kungani uzazibonakalisa kithi, kodwa kungeyisikho kumhlaba?

23 UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Uba umuntu engithanda, uzalondoloza ilizwi lami, loBaba uzamthanda, njalo sizakuza kuye, sihlale laye.

24 Yena ongangithandiyo, kawalondolozi amazwi ami; lelizwi elilizwayo kayisilo elami, kodwa ngelikaBaba ongithumileyo.

25 Lezizinto ngizikhulumile kini ngihlezi lani.

26 Kodwa uMduduzi, uMoya oyiNgcwele, uBaba azamthuma ebizweni lami, yena uzalifundisa zonke izinto, njalo alikhumbuze konke engakutshoyo kini.

27 Ukuthula ngikutshiya kini, ukuthula kwami ngilinika khona; kungeyisikho njengoba umhlaba unika, mina ngiyalinika. Inhliziyo yenu kayingakhathazwa, ingesabi.

28 Lizwile ukuthi mina ngithe kini: Ngiyahamba njalo ngizabuya kini. Uba belingithanda, belizathokoza, ngoba ngithe: Ngiya kuBaba; ngoba uBaba mkhulu kulami.

29 Njalo khathesi ngilitshelile kungakenzeki; ukuze, lapho sekusenzeka, likholwe.

30 Kangisayikukhuluma okunengi lani; ngoba umbusi walumhlaba uyeza, kodwa kalalutho kimi;

31 kodwa ukuze umhlaba wazi ukuthi ngiyamthanda uBaba, lokuthi njengoba uBaba engilayile, ngenze njalo. Sukumani, sisuke lapha.

NGUJOHANE 15

Ivini lezingatsha

1 Mina ngilivini eliqotho, njalo uBaba ungumlimi.

2 Lonke ugatsha olukimi olungatheliyo isithelo, uyalususa; lalo lonke oluthela isithelo, uyaluthena, ukuze lwengeze ukuthela.

3 Selihlambululekile lina ngelizwi engilikhulume kini.

4 Hlalani kimi, lami kini. Njengalokhu ugatsha lungethele isithelo ngokwalo, uba lungahlali evinini, ngokunjalo lani lingeke, uba lingahlali kimi.

5 Mina ngilivini, lina lizingatsha. Lowo ohlala kimi, lami kuye, yena uyathela
isithelo sande; ngoba ngaphandle kwami lingenze lutho.

6 Uba umuntu engahlali kimi, ulahlelwa phandle njengogatsha, abe esebuna,
bazibuthe baziphose emlilweni, zitshiswe.

7 Uba lihlala kimi, lamazwi ami ehlala kini, lizacela elikuthandayo, lizakwenzelwa.

8 UBaba uyadunyiswa ngalokhu, ukuthi lithele isithelo sande; njalo lizakuba
ngabafundi bami.

9 Njengalokhu uBaba engithandile, lami ngilithandile; hlalani ethandweni lwami.

10 Uba lilondoloza imilayo yami, lizahlala ethandweni lwami; njengalokhu mina
ngilondoloze imilayo kaBaba, njalo ngihlala ethandweni lwakhe.

11 Lezizinto ngizikhulume kini, ukuze intokozo yami ihlale kini, njalo intokozo
yenu igcwale.

Umlayo wokuthandana

12 Lo ngumlayo wami, ukuthi lithandane, njengalokhu ngilithandile.

13 Kakho olothando olukhulu kulalolu, lokuthi umuntu ababekele phansi
abangane bakhe impilo yakhe.

14 Lina lingabangane bami, uba lisenza loba yini mina engililaya yona.

15 Kangisalibizi ngokuthi lizinceku, ngoba inceku kayikwazi ukuthi inkosi yayo
yenzani; kodwa sengilibize ngokuthi lingabangane, ngoba konke engikuzwileyo
kuBaba ngilazise khona.

16 Kalingikhethanga lina, kodwa mina ngilikhethile, njalo ngilimisile, ukuze lina
lihambe lithele isithelo, lesithelo senu sihlale; ukuze loba yini eliyicela kuBaba
ngebizo lami, alinike.

17 Ngililaya lezizinto, ukuze lithandane.

Inzondo yomhlaba

18 Uba umhlaba ulizonda, yazini ukuthi wangizonda mina ngaphambi kwenu.

19 Uba belingabomhlaba, umhlaba ubuzathanda abawo; kodwa ngoba lingeyisibo
abomhlaba, kodwa ngalikhetha mina emhlabeni, ngakho umhlaba uyalizonda.

20 Khumbulani ilizwi mina engalitsho kini: Inceku kayinkulu kulenkosi yayo. Uba
bengizingele mina, bazalizingela lani; uba belondoloza ilizwi lami, bazalondoloza
lelenu.

21 Kodwa bazakwenza konke lokhu ngenxa yebizo lami, ngoba bengamazi
ongithumileyo.

22 Uba bengingafikanga ngakhuluma labo, ngabe kabalasono; kodwa
khathesi kabalazaba ngesono sabo.

23 Ongizondayo, uzonda loBaba.

24 Uba bengingenzanga phakathi kwabo imisebenzi kungekho omunye owayenzayo, ngabe kabalasono; kodwa khathesi sebeyibonile sebezonde sonke mina loBaba.

25 Kodwa ukuze ligcwaliseke ilizwi elilotshiweyo emlayweni wabo elokuthi: Bangizonda kungelasizatho.

26 Kodwa nxa esefikile uMduduzi, engizamthuma mina kini evela kuBaba, uMoya weqiniso, ophuma kuBaba, lo uzangifakazela;

27 lani futhi lizafakaza, ngoba belilami kusukela ekuqaleni.

NGUJOHANE 16

Isicino senkulumo kaJesu. Ukuhlupheka okuzayo

1Lezizinto ngizikhulume kini, ukuze lingakhubeki.

2 Bazalimisa emasinagogeni; yebo isikhathi siyeza, lapho wonke olibulalayo ezacabanga ukuthi wenzela uNkulunkulu inkonzo.

3 Lalezizinto bazazenza kini, ngoba bengamazanga uBaba loba mina.

4 Kodwa ngikhulume lezizinto kini, ukuze lapho sesifikile isikhathi, lizikhumbule ukuthi mina ngalitshela. Kodwa lezizinto kangizikhulumanga ekuqaleni, ngoba bengilani.

5 Kodwa khathesi ngiyahamba ngiya kongithumileyo, kanti kakho kini ongibuza ukuthi: Uya ngaphi?

6 Kodwa ngoba ngikhulume lezizinto kini, usizi lugcwalise inhliziyo yenu.

7 Kodwa mina ngilitshela iqiniso: Kulilungele ukuthi mina ngihambe; ngoba nxa ngingahambi, uMduduzikayikuza kini; kodwa nxa ngihamba, ngizamthuma kini.

8 Nxa esefikile yena uzaqinisekisa umhlaba ngesono langokulunga langesigwebo;

9 ngesono, ngoba kabakholwa kimi;

10 langokulunga, ngoba ngiya kuBaba, kalisayikungibona;

11 langesigwebo, ngoba umbusi walumhlaba usegwetshiwe.

12 Ngiseselezinto ezinengi engingalitshela zona, kodwa lingezithwale khathesi;

13 kodwa nxa yena esefikile, uMoya weqiniso, uzalikhokhelela eqinisweni lonke; ngoba kayikuzikhulumela ngokwakhe, kodwa loba yini ayizwayo uzayikhuluma, alibikele izinto ezizayo.

14 Yena uzangidumisa, ngoba uzathatha okungokwami, alibikele khona.

15 Konke uBaba alakho, kungokwami; yikho-ke ngisithi uzathatha okungokwami, alibikele khona.

Ukuvalelisa kukaJesu

16 Okwesikhatshana futhi kaliyikungibona, kubuye kube yisikhatshana libe selingibona, ngoba mina ngiya kuBaba.

17 Ngakho abanye kubafundi bakhe bakhulumisana besithi: Kuyini lokho akutsho kithi: Okwesikhatshana, futhi kaliyikungibona, kubuye kube yisikhatshana libe selingibona; lokuthi: Ngoba mina ngiya kuBaba?

18 Basebesithi: Kuyini lokhu akutshoyo ukuthi: Okwesikhatshana? Kasazi ukuthi utshoni.

19 UJesu wayesesazi ukuthi babethanda ukumbuza, wasesithi kubo: Liyabuzana ngalokho yini, ukuthi ngithe: Okwesikhatshana futhi kaliyikungibona, kubuye kube yisikhatshana libe selingibona?

20 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Lina lizakhala lilile, kodwa umhlaba uzathokoza; futhi lizakuba losizi lina, kodwa usizi lwenu luzaphendulwa lube yintokozo.

21 Owesifazana nxa ebeletha ulobuhlungu, ngoba ihola lakhe selifikile; kodwa nxa esebelethe usane, kasakhumbuli ubuhlungu, ngenxa yentokozo yokuthi kuzelwe umuntu emhlabeni.

22 Ngakho lani-ke lilosizi khathesi; kodwa ngizabuya ngilibone, lenhliziyo yenu ithokoze, njalo kakho ongalemuka intokozo yenu.

23 Langalolosuku kaliyikungibuza lutho. Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Loba kuyini elizakucela kuBaba ebizweni lami uzalinika.

24 Kuze kube khathesi kalicelanga lutho ebizweni lami; celani, lizakwemukeliswa, ukuze intokozo yenu igcwale.

25 Ngikhulume izinto lezi kini ngemifanekiso; kodwa isikhathi siyeza lapho ngingasayikukhuluma kini ngemifanekiso, kodwa ngizalitshela ngoBaba ngokucacileyo.

26 Ngalolosuku lizacela ebizweni lami; njalo kangitsho kini ukuthi ngizalicelela mina kuBaba;

27 ngoba uBaba uqobo uyalithanda, ngoba lina lingithandile, likholiwe ukuthi mina ngiphume kuNkulunkulu.

28 Ngiphume kuBaba, njalo ngeza emhlabeni; ngiyasuka futhi emhlabeni, ngiya kuBaba.

29 Abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: Khangela khathesi ukhuluma ngokucacileyo, njalo kawukhulumi lamfanekiso.

30 Khathesi siyazi ukuthi uyazi izinto zonke, njalo kawudingi ukuthi umuntu akubuze; ngalokhu siyakholwaukuthi uphume kuNkulunkulu.

31 UJesu wabaphendula wathi: Selikholwa yini?

32 Khangelani, ihola liyeza, yebo selifikile, elokuthi lihlakazeke ngulowo lalowo aye kibo, lingitshiye ngingedwa; kanti kangingedwa, ngoba uBaba ulami.

33 Ngikhulume lezizinto kini, ukuze libe lokuthula kimi. Emhlabeni lizakuba lenhlupheko; kodwa manini isibindi, mina ngiwunqobile umhlaba.

NGUJOHANE 17

Umkhuleko kaJesu

1UJesu wakhuluma lezizinto, waphakamisela amehlo akhe ezulwini, wathi: Baba, ihola selifikile; dumisa iNdodana yakho, ukuze layo iNdodana yakho ikudumise;

2 njengoba uyinikile amandla phezu kwayo yonke inyama, ukuze bonke obanike yona, ibanike impilo elaphakade.

3 Lalokhu yimpilo elaphakade, ukuthi bazi wena uNkulunkulu wedwa weqiniso, loJesu Kristu omthumileyo.

4 Mina ngikudumisile emhlabeni; ngiwuqedile umsebenzi obunginike wona ukuthi ngiwenze;

5 khathesi-ke ngidumise wena, Baba, ngilawe uqobo ngenkazimulo engangilayo kanye lawe ungakabi khona umhlaba.

6 Ngilibonakalisile ibizo lakho ebantwini onginike bona bevela emhlabeni; babengabakho, njalo wanginika bona; balilondolozile ilizwi lakho.

7 Khathesi sebesazi ukuthi konke, loba yikuphi onginike khona, kuvela kuwe;

8 ngoba amazwi onginike wona, ngibanikile wona; bawemukela, njalo bayazi ngeqiniso ukuthi ngiphuma kuwe, bakholiwe ukuthi ungithumile wena.

9 Mina ngiyabakhulekela bona; kangikhulekeli umhlaba, kodwa labo onginike bona, ngoba bangabakho;

10 njalo konke okwami kungokwakho, lokwakho kungokwami; njalo ngidunyisiwe kubo.

11 Njalo kangisekho emhlabeni, kodwa basemhlabeni bona, njalo mina ngiyeza kuwe. Baba oNgcwele, balondoloze ebizweni lakho labo onginike bona, ukuze babe munye, njengathi.

12 Lapho ngiselabo emhlabeni, mina ngabalondoloza ebizweni lakho; labo onginike bona ngibalindile, njalo kakho kubo olahlekileyo, ngaphandle kwendodana yokulahlwa, ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo.

13 Kodwa khathesi ngiza kuwe, njalo lezizinto ngizikhuluma emhlabeni, ukuze
babe lentokozo yami igcwalisekile kubo.

14 Mina ngibanikile ilizwi lakho, lomhlaba ubazondile, ngoba bengeyisibo
abomhlaba, njengoba mina ngingesuye owomhlaba.

15 Kangiceli ukuthi ubasuse emhlabeni, kodwa ukuze ubalondoloze kokubi.

16 Kabasibo abomhlaba, njengalokhu mina ngingesuye owomhlaba.

17 Bangcwelise eqinisweni lakho; ilizwi lakho liliqiniso.

18 Njengalokhu wangithuma emhlabeni, lami ngibathumile emhlabeni.

19 Njalo mina ngizehlukanisela bona, ukuze labo behlukaniswe eqinisweni.

20 Njalo kangiceleli laba bodwa, kodwa lalabo abazakholwa kimi ngelizwi labo;

21 ukuze bonke babe munye; njengalokhu wena, Baba, ukimi, lami ngikuwe,
ukuze labo babe munye kithi; ukuze umhlaba ukholwe ukuthi wena ungithumile.

22 Lenkazimulo mina onginike yona, ngibanikile bona, ukuze babe munye,
njengathi simunye.

23 Mina ngikubo, lawe ukimi, ukuze bapheleliswe babe munye, lokuze umhlaba
wazi ukuthi wena ungithumile, lokuthi ubathandile, njengalokhu ungithandile.

24 Baba, labo onginike bona, ngithanda ukuthi lapho mina engikhona, labo babe
lami; ukuze babone inkazimulo yami, onginike yona, ngoba wangithanda
kungakasekelwa umhlaba.

25 Baba olungileyo, ngitsho umhlaba kawukwazanga, kodwa mina ngikwazile,
lalaba bayazi ukuthi wena ungithumile;

26 njalo ngibazisile ibizo lakho, njalo ngizabazisa lona; ukuze uthando ongithande
ngalo lube kubo, lami kubo.

NGUJOHANE 18

Ukubotshwa kukaJesu

1UJesu esekhulumile lezizinto waphuma kanye labafundi bakhe waya
ngaphetsheya kwesifudlana iKidroni, lapho okwakukhona isivande, angena kuso
yena labafundi bakhe.

2 Njalo uJudasi laye, owamnikelayo, wayeyazi lindawo; ngoba uJesu wayebuthana
khona labafundi bakhe kanengi.

3 Ngakho uJudasi, esethethe isigaba samabutho, labancedisi abavela kubapristi
abakhulu labaFarisi, waya khona belezibane lamalambi lezikhali.

4 Kwathi uJesu, ekwazi konke okwakuzamehlela, waphuma wathi kubo: Lidinga
bani?

5 Bamphendula bathi: UJesu weNazaretha. UJesu wathi kubo: Mina nginguye. LoJudasi owamnikelayo laye wayemi labo.

6 Ngakho kuthe esithi kubo: Mina nginguye; bahlehla nyovane, bawela phansi.

7 Wasephinda wababuza wathi: Lidinga bani? Basebesithi: UJesu weNazaretha.

8 UJesu waphendula wathi: Ngilitshelile ukuthi mina nginguye; ngakho uba lidinga mina, yekelani laba bahambe;

9 ukuze ligcwaliseke ilizwi ayelikhulumile elokuthi: Kulabo owanginika bona, angilahlekelwanga lamunye wabo.

10 Kwathi uSimoni Petro elenkemba wayihwatsha, wagadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, waquma indlebe yayo yokunene. Lebizo lenceku lalinguMalikusi.

11 UJesu wasesithi kuPetro: Faka inkemba yakho esikhwameni; inkezo uBaba anginike yona, kangiyikuyinatha yini?

12 Ngakho isigaba samabutho lenduna labancedisi bamaJuda bambamba uJesu, bambopha,

13 basebemusa kuqala kuAnasi; ngoba wayenguyisezala kaKayafasi, owayengumpristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka.

14 Kwakunguye uKayafasi owayecebise amaJuda, ukuthi kwakulungile ukuthi umuntu oyedwa afele isizwe.

UPetro ulandula uJesu. Ukuthethwa kwecala likaJesu

15 USimoni Petro wasemlandela uJesu, lomunye umfundi. Lalowomfundi wayesaziwa ngumpristi omkhulu, wangena loJesu egumeni lompristi omkhulu;

16 kodwa uPetro wayemi ngaphandle emnyango. Wasephuma lowomfundi omunye owayesaziwa ngumpristi omkhulu, wasekhuluma lomlindisangokazi, wamngenisa uPetro.

17 Incekukazi encane engumlindisango yasisithi kuPetro: Kawusuye lawe omunye wabafundi balumuntu yini? Yena wathi: Kangisuye.

18 Njalo izinceku labancedisi babemi bebase umlilo wamalahle, ngoba kwakumakhaza, njalo besotha; uPetro laye wayemi labo esotha.

19 Umpristi omkhulu wasembuza uJesu ngabafundi bakhe, langemfundiso yakhe.

20 UJesu wamphendula wathi: Mina ngikhulume obala emhlabeni; ngezikhathi zonke mina bengifundisa esinagogeni lethempelini, lapho amaJuda abuthana khona ngesikhathi sonke, njalo kangikhulumanga lutho ensitha.

21 Ubuzelani kimi? Buza labo abakuzwayo lokho engakukhuluma labo; khangela, bona bayazazi izinto mina engazitshoyo.

22 Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, omunye wabancedisi owayemi khona wamwakala uJesu, esithi: Kanti uphendula njalo umpristi omkhulu?

23 UJesu wamphendula wathi: Uba ngikhulume kubi, fakaza ngobubi; kodwa uba kuhle, ungitshayelani?

24 UAnasi wasemthuma ebotshiwe kuKayafasi umpristi omkhulu.

25 Kodwa uSimoni Petro wayemi esotha; basebesithi kuye: Kawusuye lawe omunye wabafundi bakhe yini? Waphika yena, wathi: Kangisuye.

26 Omunye wezinceku zompristi omkhulu, oyisinini somuntu uPetro aquma indlebe yakhe, wathi: Mina kangikubonanga yini esivandeni ulaye?

27 UPetro wasebuya ephika; njalo lahle lakhala iqhude.

UJesu uphambi kukaPilatu

28 Basebemkhupha uJesu kuKayafasi bamusa endlini yombusi; njalo kwakusekuseni, kodwa kabangenanga bona endlini yombusi, ukuze bangangcoli, kodwa ukuze badle iphasika.

29 Ngakho uPilatu waphumela kubo, wathi: Limbeka cala bani lumuntu?

30 Basebephendula bathi kuye: Uba lo ubengesuye owenza okubi, ngabe kasimnikelanga kuwe.

31 UPilatu wasesithi kubo: Mthatheni lina, limahlulele njengomlayo wakini. Ngakho amaJuda athi kuye: Kakuvunyelwa kithi ukubulala umuntu;

32 ukuze kugcwaliseke ilizwi uJesu alikhulumayo, ukutshengisa uhlobo lokufa ayezakufa ngalo.

33 Ngakho uPilatu wabuye wangena endlini yombusi, wambiza uJesu, wathi kuye: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini?

34 UJesu wamphendula wathi: Uyazitsholo lokhu wena yini, kumbe abanye bakutshelile ngami?

35 UPilatu waphendula wathi: Kanti ngingumJuda mina? Isizwe sakini labapristi abakhulu bakunikele kimi; wenzeni?

36 UJesu waphendula wathi: Umbuso wami kawusiwo walumhlaba; uba umbuso wami ubungowalumhlaba, inceku zami bezizakulwa, ukuze nginganikelwa kumaJuda; kodwa khathesi umbuso wami kawusiwo owalapha.

37 UPilatu wasesithi kuye: Ngakho uyinkosi yini? UJesu waphendula wathi: Uyatsho wena, ukuthi mina ngiyinkosi. Mina ngazalelwa lokhu, njalo ngizele lokhu emhlabeni, ukuze ngifakazele iqiniso. Wonke oweqiniso uyalizwa ilizwi lami.

38 UPilatu wathi kuye: Liyini iqiniso?

Kwathi esetshilo lokhu, wabuya waphumela kumaJuda, wathi kuwo: Mina kangitholi lacala kuye.

39 Kodwa lilomkhuba, wokuthi ngilikhululele omunye ngephasika; ngakho liyathanda ukuthi ngilikhululele iNkosi yamaJuda yini?

40 Wonke asememeza futhi, athi: Hatshi lo, kodwa uBarabasi; kodwa uBarabasi wayengumphangi.

NGUJOHANE 19

UJesu ugwetshelwa ukufa

1Ngakho uPilatu wamthatha uJesu, wamtshaya ngesiswepu.

2 Labebutho beluka umqhele wameva bawubeka ekhanda lakhe, bamgqokisa isembatho esiyibubende,

3 basebesithi: Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda! Basebemtshaya ngempama.

4 UPilatu wasebuya waphumela phandle, wathi kubo: Khangelani, ngiyamkhuphela phandle kini, ukuze lazi ukuthi kangitholi lacala kuye.

5 UJesu wasephumela phandle, ethwele umqhele wameva embethe isembatho esiyibubende. UPilatu wasesithi kubo: Khangelani lumuntu!

6 Kwathi abapristi abakhulu labancedisi bembona, bamemeza bathi: Bethela, bethela! UPilatu wathi kubo: Mthatheni lina, limbethele; ngoba mina kangitholi cala kuye.

7 AmaJuda amphendula athi: Silomlayo thina, langokomlayo wethu ufanele ukufa, ngoba uzenze iNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

8 Kwathi uPilatu esizwa lelolizwi, wesaba kakhulu,

9 wangena futhi endlini yombusi, wathi kuJesu: Uvela ngaphi wena? Kodwa uJesu kamnikanga mpendulo.

10 Khona uPilatu wathi kuye: Kawukhulumi lami yini? Kawazi yini ukuthi ngilamandla okukubethela, njalo ngilamandla okukukhulula?

11 UJesu wamphendula wathi: Ungeke ube lamandla phezu kwami, uba ungawanikwanga evela phezulu; ngakho onginikele kuwe ulesono esikhulu.

12 Kusukela lapho uPilatu wadinga ukumkhulula. Kodwa amaJuda amemeza athi: Uba ukhulula lo, kawusuye umngane kaKesari; wonke ozenza inkosi, uphikisana loKesari.

13 Kwathi uPilatu esizwa lelilizwi wamkhuphela phandle uJesu, wahlala phansi esihlalweni sokwahlulela, endaweni ebizwa ngokuthi Gandelwe ngaMatshe, kodwa ngesiHebheru yiGabatha;

14 njalo kwakungamalungiselelo ephasika, njalo kwakungaba lihola lesithupha;
wasesithi kumaJuda: Khangelani inkosi yenu!

15 Kodwa amemeza athi: Susa, susa, mbethele! UPilatu wathi kuwo: Ngibethele
yini inkosi yenu? Abapristi abakhulu baphendula bathi: Kasilankosi ngaphandle
kukaKesari.

16 Ngakho wasemnikela kubo, ukuze abethelwe. Basebemthatha uJesu
bamqhuba.

Ukubethelwa lokufa kukaJesu

17 Kwathi ethwele isiphambano sakhe waphuma waya endaweni
ethiwa yiNdawo yokhakhayi, ethiwa ngesiHebheru yiGolgotha;

18 lapho abambethela khona, labanye ababili kanye laye, ngapha langapha, loJesu
ephakathi.

19 UPilatu wasebhala lesaziso, wasiphanyeka esiphambanweni; njalo
kwakubhalwe ukuthi: UJESU UMNAZARETHA INKOSI YAMAJUDA.

20 Lalesisaziso abanengi bamaJuda basifunda, ngoba indawo lapho uJesu
ayebethelwe khona yayiseduze lomuzi; njalo kwakubhalwe ngesiHebheru,
ngesiGriki, ngesiRoma.

21 Abapristi abakhulu bamaJuda basebesithi kuPilatu: Ungabhali ukuthi: INkosi
yamaJuda; kodwa ukuthi lo wathi: NgiyiNkosi yamaJuda.

22 UPilatu waphendula wathi: Engikubhalileyo, ngikubhalile.

23 Kwathi abebutho, sebembethele uJesu, bathatha izembatho zakhe,
basebezenza izabelo ezine, ngulowo lalowo owebutho waba lesabelo, lesigqoko;
kodwa isigqoko sasingelamthungo, selukiwe sonke kusukela phezulu.

24 Ngakho bakhulumisana besithi: Kasingasidabuli, kodwa asisenzele inkatho,
ukuthi sizakuba ngesikabani; ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: Babelana
izembatho zami, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngesigqoko sami. Azenza-ke lezizinto
amabutho.

25 Kwakumi esiphambanweni sikaJesu unina, lodadewabo kanina,
uMariya umkaKlophasi, loMariya Magadalena.

26 Ngakho uJesu ebona unina, lomfundi amthandayo bemi khona, wathi kunina:
Mama, khangela indodana yakho.

27 Emva kwalokho wathi kumfundi: Khangela unyoko. Kusukela ngalelohola
lowomfundi wamthatha wamusa kwakhe.

28 Emva kwalokhu uJesu ekwazi ukuthi konke kwasekuphelile, ukuze
kugcwaliseke umbhalo, wathi: Ngomile.

29 Kwakubekwe isitsha sigcwele iviniga; basebegcwalisa uzipho ngeviniga, baluhloma kuhisope, balusa emlonyeni wakhe.

30 Kwathi-ke uJesu elemukele iviniga, wathi: Kuphelile; wasekhothamisa ikhanda, wanikela umoya.

31 Ngakho amaJuda, ngoba kwakungamalungiselelo, ukuze izidumbu zingahlali esiphambanweni ngesabatha(ngoba lolosuku lwesabatha lwalulukhulu), acela uPilatu ukuthi yephulwe imilenze yabo, njalo basuswe.

32 Ngakho abebutho beza, bephula imilenze yowokuqala leyomunye ababebethelwe laye;

33 kodwa sebefika kuJesu, kwathi bebona ukuthi wayesefile, kabayephulanga imilenze yakhe;

34 kodwa omunye webutho wamgwaza ngomkhonto ehlangothini, njalo kwahle kwaphuma igazi lamanzi.

35 Yena owabonayo ufakazile, njalo ubufakazi bakhe buqinisile, yena-ke uyazi ukuthi ukhuluma okuliqiniso, ukuze lina likholwe.

36 Ngoba lezizinto zenzeka ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: Kakuyikwephulwa thambo lakhe.

37 Njalo lomunye umbhalo uthi: Bazamkhangela abamgwazileyo.

Ukungcwatshwa kukaJesu

38 Kwathi emva kwalezizinto uJosefa weArimathiya, owayengumfundi kaJesu, kodwa ngasese ngenxa yokwesaba amaJuda, wacela kuPilatu ukuthi asuse isidumbu sikaJesu; futhi uPilatu wavuma. Ngakho weza wasisusa isidumbu sikaJesu.

39 Kwasekusiza loNikodima, owafika kuJesu kuqala ebusuku, ephethe inhlanganiso yemure lenhlaba engaba amaphawundi alikhulu.

40 Basebesithatha isidumbu sikaJesu, basibopha ngamalembu acolekileyo kanye lamakha, njengomkhuba wamaJuda wokungcwaba.

41 Njalo kwakukhona kuleyondawo ayebethelwe khona isivande, lesivandeni kwakulengcwaba elitsha, okwakungazange kubekwe muntu kulo.

42 Basebembeka lapho uJesu ngenxa yamalungiselelo amaJuda, ngoba ingcwaba laliseduze.

NGUJOHANE 20

Ukuvuka kukaJesu

1Kwathi ngolokuqala lweviki uMariya Magadalena wafika engcwabeni ekuseni kakhulu, kusesemnyama, wabona ilitshe lisusiwe engcwabeni.

2 Ngakho wagijima weza kuSimoni Petro lakomunye umfundi uJesu ayemthanda,
wathi kubo: Bayisusile iNkosi engcwabeni, njalo kasazi lapho abayibeke khona.

3 Ngakho uPetro waphuma lomunye umfundi, bafika engcwabeni.

4 Basebegijima bobabili kanyekanye; omunye umfundi wasegijima phambili
ngesiqubu kuloPetro, wafika kuqala engcwabeni.

5 Kwathi ekhothama elunguza wabona amalembu acolekileyo endlelwe, kodwa
kangenanga.

6 USimoni Petro wasefika emlandela, wangena engcwabeni, wabona amalembu
acolekileyo endlelwe,

7 lelembu lobuso elalisekhanda lakhe, lingabekwanga lamalembu acolekileyo,
kodwa lendluliwe lisendaweni yalolodwa.

8 Ngakho wasengena laye omunye umfundi owayefike kuqala engcwabeni,
wabona, wakholwa;

9 ngoba babengakaqedisisi umbhalo, ukuthi ubemele ukuvuka kwabafileyo.

10 Basebesuka futhi abafundi baya kibo.

Ukuzibonakalisa kukaJesu

11 Kodwa uMariya wema engcwabeni phandle ekhala; kwathi esakhala,
wakhothama walunguza engcwabeni,

12 wasebona ingilosi ezimbili zembethe ezimhlophe zihlezi, enye isemakhanda,
lenye ingasenyaweni, lapho isidumbu sikaJesu ebesilele khona.

13 Zona zasezisithi kuye: Mama, ukhalelani? Wathi kuzo: Ngoba bayithethe iNkosi
yami, njalo kangazi lapho abayibeke khona.

14 Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto watshibilika, wabona uJesu emi, kodwa wayengazi
ukuthi nguJesu.

15 UJesu wathi kuye: Mama, ukhalelani? Udinga bani? Yena ecabanga ukuthi
ngumphathi wesivande, wathi kuye: Nkosi, uba wena umsusile, ngitshele lapho
ombeke khona, mina-ke ngizamthatha.

16 UJesu wathi kuye: Mariya! Yena watshibilika wathi kuye: Raboni! okuyikuthi:
Mfundisi.

17 UJesu wathi kuye: Ungangibambi, ngoba kangikenyukeli kuBaba; kodwa yana
kubafowethu, uthi kubo: Ngiyenyukela kuBaba loYihlo, lakuNkulunkulu wami
loNkulunkulu wenu.

18 UMariya Magadalena weza wababikela abafundi ukuthi uyibonile iNkosi, njalo
imtshele lezizinto.

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19 Kwathi kusihlwa ngalolosuku, olokuqala lweviki, leminyango ivaliwe lapho abafundi ababehlangene khona, ngenxa yokwesaba amaJuda, uJesu wafika wema phakathi, wathi kubo: Ukuthula kakube kini.

20 Njalo esetshilo lokhu wabatshengisa izandla zakhe lohlangothi lwakhe. Ngakho abafundi bathokoza beyibona iNkosi.

21 UJesu wasebuya esithi kubo: Ukuthula kakube kini; njengoba uBaba engithumile, lami ngiyalithuma.

22 Kwathi esetshilo lokhu waphephetha phezu kwabo wathi kubo: Yemukelani uMoya oNgcwele.

23 Loba ngobani elithethelela izono zabo, bathethelelwe; loba ngobani elibamba ezabo, zibanjiwe.

24 Kodwa uTomasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, othiwa nguDidimusi, wayengekho labo mhla uJesu efika.

25 Ngakho abanye abafundi bathi kuye: Siyibonile iNkosi. Kodwa yena wathi kubo: Uba ngingaboni ezandleni zayo amanxeba ezipikili, njalo ngifake umunwe wami enxebeni lezipikili, njalo ngibeke izandla zami ehlangothini lwayo, kangisoze ngikholwe.

26 Njalo emva kwensuku eziyisificaminwembili abafundi bakhe babephakathi futhi, loTomasi elabo. UJesu wafika, iminyango ivaliwe, wema phakathi wathi: Ukuthula kakube kini.

27 Wasesithi kuTomasi: Letha umunwe wakho lapha, ubone izandla zami; njalo letha isandla sakho, usifake ehlangothini lwami; njalo ungabi ngongakholwayo, kodwa okholwayo.

28 UTomasi wasephendula, wathi kuye: Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami!

29 UJesu wathi kuye: Ngoba usungibonile, Tomasi, ukholiwe; babusisiwe abangabonanga, kanti bakholiwe.

Umsebenzi wevangeli

30 Njalo uJesu wazenza lezinye izibonakaliso ezinengi phambi kwabafundi bakhe, ezingalotshwanga kulolugwalo.

31 Kodwa lezi zilotshiwe, ukuze likholwe ukuthi uJesu unguKristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, njalo ukuze lithi, likholwa, libe lempilo ebizweni lakhe.

NGUJOHANE 21

UJesu uzibonakalisa kubafundi bakhe elwandle lweTiberiyasi

1Emva kwalezizinto uJesu wabuya wazibonakalisa kubafundi elwandle lweTiberiyasi; njalo wazibonakalisa ngalindlela.

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2 Babendawonye oSimoni Petro, loTomasi othiwa nguDidimusi, loNathaniyeli oweKana yeGalili, lamadodanakaZebediya, labanye ababili babafundi bakhe.

3 USimoni Petro wathi kubo: Ngiyagola inhlanzi. Bathi kuye: Lathi sizahamba lawe. Basebephuma bahle bangena emkhunjini, kodwa ngalobobusuku kababambanga lutho.

4 Kwathi sekusemadabukakusa uJesu wema ekhunjini; kodwa abafundi babengazi ukuthi nguJesu.

5 Ngakho uJesu wathi kubo: Bantwana, lilokudla yini? Bamphendula bathi: Hatshi.

6 Wasesithi kubo: Phosani imbule ehlangothini lokunene lomkhumbi, njalo lizathola. Basebephosa, njalo babengaselakho ukulidonsa ngenxa yobunengi benhlanzi.

7 Ngakho lowomfundi uJesu ayemthanda wathi kuPetro: YiNkosi. USimoni Petro, esezwile ukuthi yiNkosi, wagqoka isembatho (ngoba wayenqunu), waseziphosela olwandle.

8 Kodwa abanye abafundi beza ngomkolo, bedonsa imbule lenhlanzi, ngoba babengekhatshana lomhlabathi, kodwa kungaba zingalo ezingamakhulu amabili.

9 Kwathi sebekhuphukele emhlabathini, babona umlilo wamalahle khona, lenhlanzi zibekwe phezu kwawo, lesinkwa.

10 UJesu wathi kubo: Lethani ezinye zezinhlanzi elisanda kuzibamba.

11 USimoni Petro wasekhwela, wahudulela imbule emhlabathini, ligcwele inhlanzi ezinkulu, ikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lantathu; njalo lanxa zazinengi kangaka, imbule kalidabukanga.

12 UJesu wathi kubo: Wozani lidle. Kodwa kakho kubafundi owaba lesibindi sokumbuza ukuthi: Ungubani wena? besazi ukuthi yiNkosi.

13 UJesu wasesiza, wathatha isinkwa, wabanika, lenhlanzi ngokufananayo.

14 Lokhu sekungokwesithathu uJesu ebonakaliswa kubafundi, esevukile kwabafileyo.

Ukholo lukaPetro

15 Sebedlile, uJesu wathi kuSimoni Petro: Simoni kaJona, uyangithanda kulalaba yini? Wathi kuye: Yebo Nkosi; wena uyazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda. Wathi kuye: Phana amawundlu ami ukudla.

16 Wabuya wathi kuye ngokwesibili: Simoni kaJona, uyangithanda yini? Wathi kuye: Yebo Nkosi, wena uyazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda. Wathi kuye: Yelusa izimvu zami.

17 Wathi kuye ngokwesithathu: Simoni kaJona, uyangithanda yini? UPetro wadabuka ngoba wathi kuye ngokwesithathu: Uyangithanda yini? Wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, wena uyakwazi konke; wena uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda. UJesu wathi kuye: Phana izimvu zami ukudla.

18 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Usemutsha, wawuzibhinca, uhamba lapho othanda khona; kodwa nxa usumdala, uzakwelula izandla zakho, omunye abesekubopha, akuse lapho ongathandi khona.

19 Lalokhu wakutsho, etshengisa indlela yokufa ayezadumisa uNkulunkulu ngayo. Esetshilo lokhu wathi kuye: Ngilandela.

20 UPetro etshibilika wabona umfundi uJesu amthandayo elandela, yena futhi owayeyeme esifubeni sakhe ekudleni kwantambama wathi: Nkosi, ngubani ozakunikela?

21 Kwathi uPetro embona wathi kuJesu: Nkosi, lo-ke?

22 UJesu wathi kuye: Uba ngithanda ukuthi ahlale ngize ngifike, ulani lakho? Ngilandela wena.

23 Ngakho lelilizwi laphumela kubazalwane, ukuthi lowomfundi kayikufa; kanti uJesu katshongo kuye ukuthi kayikufa; kodwa wathi: Uba ngithanda ukuthi ahlale ngize ngifike, ulani lakho?

Isicino

24 Nguye lowomfundi ofakaza ngalezizinto, lozibhalileyo; njalo siyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bakhe buliqiniso.

25 Njalo zikhona lezinye izinto ezinengi uJesu azenzayo, uba bezilotshiwe zonke ngazinye, ngicabanga ukuthi lomhlaba lawo ubungebe lendawo yezingwalo ezilotshiweyo. Ameni.

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YABAPHOSTOLI

Isingeniso

1 Umbiko wokuqala ngawenza, Teyofilu, ngakho konke uJesu aqala kokubili
ukukwenza lokukufundisa,

2 kwaze kwaba lusuku enyuswa ngalo, esebalayile ngoMoya oNgcwele
abaphostoli ayebakhethile;

3 wazibonakalisa futhi kubo ephilile emva kokuhlupheka kwakhe ngobufakazi
obunengi obuqinisekileyo, wabonwa yibo okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane,
ekhuluma ngezinto ezimayelana lombuso kaNkulunkulu.

4 Kwathi ehlangene labo, wabalaya ukuthi bangasuki eJerusalema, kodwa
balindele isithembiso sikaBaba, elasizwa ngami;

5 ngoba ngeqiniso uJohane wabhabhathiza ngamanzi, kodwa lina
lizabhabhathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele kungakadluli insuku ezinengi.

Ukwenyuka kukaJesu

6 Kwathi sebebuthene bambuza bathi: Nkosi, uzabuyisela umbuso kuIsrayeli
kulesisikhathi yini?

7 Wasesithi kubo: Kakusikho okwenu ukwazi izikhathi kumbe
imizuzu ayimisileyo uBaba ngawakhe amandla;

8 kodwa lizakwemukela amandla, esefikile phezu kwenu uMoya oNgcwele; njalo
libe ngabafakazi bami eJerusalema kanye layo yonke iJudiya leSamariya, njalo
kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba.

9 Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, wenyuswa bekhangele, leyezi lamsusa emehlweni
abo.

10 Bathi besajolozele ezulwini, esenyuka, njalo khangela, amadoda amabili ema
labo elezembatho ezimhlophe,

11 njalo athi: Madoda maGalili, limeleni lijolozele ezulwini? UJesu lo, osuswe kini
wenyukiselwa ezulwini, uzabuya ngokunjalo ngendlela elimbone esiya ngayo
ezulwini.

12 Basebebuyela eJerusalema bevela entabeni ethiwa ngeyoMhlwathi, eseduze
leJerusalema, ummango wohambo lwesabatha.

13 Kwathi sebengenile, benyukela endlini ephezulu, lapho ababehlala khona,
uPetro loJakobe loJohane loAndreya, uFiliphu loTomasi, uBartolomewu
loMathewu, uJakobe kaAlfewu loSimoni umZelothi, loJudasikaJakobe.

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14 Bonke laba baphikelela bengqondonye emkhulekweni lekuncengeni, kanye labesifazana loMariya unina kaJesu, njalo labafowabo.

Ukukhethwa kukaMathiyasi

15 Kwathi ngalezonsuku uPetro wasukuma phakathi kwabafundi, kwakulexuku labantu ndawonye elalingaba likhulu lamatshumi amabili, wathi:

16 Madoda bazalwane, kwakumele ukuthi lumbhalo ugcwaliswe, uMoya oyiNgcwele awukhuluma ngaphambili ngomlomo kaDavida ngoJudasi, owayengumkhokheli walabo abambambayo uJesu,

17 ngoba wayebalwe kanye lathi, njalo wemukela isabelo salinkonzo.

18 Lo-ke wathenga isiqinti ngomvuzo wobubi, wawa ngekhanda waqhekezeka phakathi, lemibilini yakhe yonke yachitheka.

19 Njalo kwaziwa yibo bonke abakhileyo eJerusalema, saze sabizwa lesosiqinti ngolimi lwakibo ngokuthiiAkeldama, okuyikuthi iSiqinti segazi.

20 Ngoba kulotshiwe egwalweni lweziHlabelelo ukuthi: Umuzi wakhe kawube lunxiwa, njalo kungabi khona ohlala kuwo; lokuthi: Omunye kathathe ubuphathi bakhe.

21 Ngakho kumele ukuthi kulawomadoda ayehamba lathi kuso sonke isikhathi lapho iNkosi uJesu yayingena njalo iphuma phakathi kwethu,

22 kusukela ebhabhathizweni lukaJohane, kwaze kwaba lusuku enyuswa ngalo kithi, omunye wabo kabe ngumfakazi kanye lathi wokuvuka kwakhe.

23 Basebemisa ababili, uJosefa othiwa nguBarsaba, othiwa futhi nguJustusi, loMathiyasi.

24 Basebekhuleka besithi: Wena Nkosi, wena owaziyo inhliziyo zabo bonke, tshengisa kulaba ababili oyedwa, omkhethileyo

25 ukwemukela isabelo kulinkonzo lobuphostoli, uJudasi aphambuka kuso, ukuthi aye endaweni engeyakhe.

26 Basebebapha inkatho yabo; lenkatho yadla uMathiyasi, wasebalwa kanye labaphostoli abalitshumi lanye.

IMISEBENZI 2

Ukufika kukaMoya oNgcwele

1Kwathi selugcwalisekile usuku lwePentekoste, babendawonye bengqondonye bonke.

2 Kwahle kwezwakala-ke umdumo ovela ezulwini onjengowokuvunguza komoya olamandla, njalo wagcwalisa indlu yonke ababehlezi kuyo,

3 kwasekubonakala kubo inlimi ezehlukanisiweyo kungathi ngezomlilo,
zasezihlala phezu kwalowo lalowo wabo.

4 Basebegcwaliswa bonke ngoMoya oNgcwele, baqala ukukhuluma ngezinye
indimi, njengalokhu uMoya wabanika ukuphumisela.

5 Kwakuhlala-ke eJerusalema amaJuda, amadoda aqotho, avela kuso sonke isizwe
salezo ezingaphansi kwezulu.

6 Kwathi sekulalo umdumo, ixuku labuthana ndawonye lasanganiseka, ngoba
ngulowo lalowo wabezwa bekhuluma ngolimi lwakibo.

7 Basebemangala kakhulu bonke bababaza, bakhulumisana bathi: Khangelani,
bonke laba abakhulumayo kayisibo abeGalili yini?

8 Kungani, pho, thina sibezwa ngamunye wabo ngolimi lwakithi esazalwa lalo?

9 AmaPathiya lamaMede lamaElamu, labahlali beMesopotamiya, labeJudiya
labeKaphadosiya, abePontusilabeAsiya,

10 abeFrigiya labePamfiliya, abeGibhithe labengxenye zeLibiya eduze leKurene,
lezihambi ezingamaRoma, kokubili amaJuda labaphendukela kumaJuda,

11 amaKrete lamaArabhiya, siyabezwa bekhuluma ngendimi zakithi imisebenzi
emikhulu kaNkulunkulu.

12 Bonke basebemangala kakhulu badideka, bakhulumisana besithi: Lokhu
kungaba yini?

13 Kodwa abanye bahleka usulu bathi: Basuthi iwayini elitsha.

Intshumayelo kaPetro

14 Kodwa uPetro emi labalitshumi lanye, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe, wasesithi
kubo: Madoda maJuda, lani lonke elihlala eJerusalema, kakwaziwe kini lokhu,
njalo lilalelisise amazwi ami.

15 Ngoba laba kabadakwanga, njengoba lina licabanga; ngoba kulihola lesithathu
losuku;

16 kodwa lokhu yikho okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi uJoweli:

17 Njalo kuzakuthi ensukwini zokucina, utsho uNkulunkulu, ngizathulula
okoMoya wami phezu kwayo yonke inyama; lamadodana enu lamadodakazi enu
azaprofetha, lamajaha enu abone imibono, labadala benu baphuphe amaphupho;

18 njalo laphezu kwenceku zami laphezu kwencekukazi zami ngalezonsuku
ngizathulula okoMoya wami, njalo zizaprofetha.

19 Njalo ngizaveza izimangaliso ezulwini phezulu, lezibonakaliso emhlabeni
phansi, igazi, lomlilo, leyezi lentuthu;

20 ilanga lizaphendulwa umnyama, lenyanga igazi, lungakafiki usuku lweNkosi olukhulu loludumisekayo;

21 kuzakuthi, wonke obiza ibizo leNkosi uzasindiswa.

22 Madoda maIsrayeli, zwanini la amazwi: UJesu weNazaretha, umuntu ofakazelwe nguNkulunkulu phambi kwenu ngemisebenzi yamandla langezimangaliso langezibonakaliso, uNkulunkulu azenza ngaye phakathi kwenu, njengalokhu lisazi lani uqobo lwenu,

23 yena lo esenikelwe ngecebo elimisiweyo langokwazi okuphambili kukaNkulunkulu lamthatha, langezandla zabangelamthetho lambethela lambulala;

24 yena uNkulunkulu wamvusa, esethukulule inhlungu zokufa, ngoba kwakungelakwenzeka ukuthi abanjwe yikho.

25 Ngoba uDavida uthi ngaye: Ngangibona iNkosi phambi kwami njalonjalo; ngoba ingakwesokunene sami, ukuze nginganyikinyeki;

26 ngakho inhliziyo yami yajabula, lolimi lwami lwathokoza; ngitsho lenyama yami izahlala ethembeni;

27 ngoba kawuyikutshiya umphefumulo wami esihogweni, kawuyikunikela oNgcwele wakho ukuthi abone ukubola.

28 Wangazisa indlela zempilo; uzangigcwalisa ngenjabulo ebusweni bakho.

29 Madoda bazalwane, ake ngikhulume kini ngokusobala ngokhokho uDavida, ukuthi wafa njalo wangcwatshwa, lengcwaba lakhe likhona kithi kuze kube lamuhla.

30 Yena-ke engumprofethi, ekwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wafunga ngesifungo kuye, ukuthi esithelweni sokhalo lwakhe ngokwenyama uzavusa uKristu, ukuze ahlale esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi,

31 ebonile ngaphambili wakhuluma ngokuvuka kukaKristu, ukuthi umphefumulo wakhe kawutshiywangaesihogweni, lenyama yakhe kayikubonanga ukubola.

32 UJesu lo uNkulunkulu wamvusa, esingabafakazi balokhu thina sonke.

33 Ngakho ephakanyiswe ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, esemukele kuBaba isithembiso sikaMoya oNgcwele, uthulule lokhu elikubonayo lelikuzwayo khathesi.

34 Ngoba uDavida kenyukelanga emazulwini, kodwa yena uqobo lwakhe uthi: INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami,

35 ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho.

36 Ngakho indlu kaIsrayeli yonke kayazi isibili, ukuthi uNkulunkulu umenzile kokubili ukuba yiNkosi loKristu, uJesu lo elambethelayo.

Ukuphenduka lokubhabhathizwa kwabazinkulungwane ezintathu

37 Sebekuzwa lokhu bahlabeka enhliziyweni, basebesithi kuPetro lakwabanye abaphostoli: Madoda bazalwane, sizakwenzani?

38 UPetro wasesithi kubo: Phendukani, libhabhathizwe lonke ngamunye wenu ebizweni likaJesu Kristuethethelelweni lwezono, njalo lizakwemukela isipho sikaMoya oNgcwele.

39 Ngoba isithembiso ngesenu, lesabantwana benu, lesabo bonke abakhatshana, ngobunengi ezababizela kuyo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu.

40 Langamanye amazwi amanengi wafakaza wakhuthaza wathi: Zisindiseni kulesisizukulwana esiphambeneyo.

41 Ngakho abalemukelayo ilizwi lakhe ngokuthokoza babhabhathizwa; njalo ngalolosuku kwengezelelwa imiphefumulo engaba zinkulungwane ezintathu.

Ibandla leJerusalema

42 Basebephikelela ekufundiseni kwabaphostoli lebudlelwaneni, lekuhlephuleni isinkwa lemikhulekweni.

43 Lokwesaba kwehlela phezu kwayo yonke imiphefumulo; njalo kwenziwa ngabaphostoli izimangaliso lezibonakaliso ezinengi.

44 Njalo bonke abakholwayo babendawonye, babelezinto zonke bezihlanganyela,

45 basebethengisa izinto lempahla zabo, basebesabelana bonke, njengokuswela komunye lomunye.

46 Insuku ngensuku basebephikelela nganhliziyonye ethempelini, behlephula isinkwa izindlu ngezindlu, besidla ndawonye ngentokozo langenhliziyo emhlophe,

47 bedumisa uNkulunkulu, bethandeka ebantwini bonke. LeNkosi yengezelela ebandleni insuku ngensuku labo abasindiswayo.

IMISEBENZI 3

UPetro usilisa umuntu oyisiqhuli

1UPetro loJohane basebesenyukela bonke ethempelini ngehola lomkhuleko elesificamunwemunye.

2 Kwasekuthwalwa indoda ethile eyayiyisiqhuli kusukela esizalweni sikanina; ababeyibeka insuku ngensuku esangweni lethempeli elithiwa eLihle, ukuthi icele isipho kulabo abangenayo ethempelini.

3 Eyathi ibona uPetro loJohane sebezangena ethempelini, yacela isipho.

4 UPetro waseyijolozela eloJohane, wathi: Sikhangele!

5 Yasibananzelela, ilindele ukuthi izakwemukela ulutho kubo.

6 UPetro wasesithi: Isiliva legolide kangilakho; kodwa lokho engilakho, ngikunika khona; ebizweni likaJesu Kristu umNazaretha, sukuma uhambe.

7 Waseyibamba ngesandla sokunene wayisukumisa; njalo kwahle kwaqiniswa inyawo lenqagala zayo.

8 Yasisithi lothu yema yasihamba, yangena labo ethempelini, ihamba iseqa idumisa uNkulunkulu.

9 Njalo bonke abantu bayibona ihamba, idumisa uNkulunkulu;

10 basebeyazi ukuthi yiyo eyayihlalela isipho esangweni eLihle lethempeli; basebegcwala ukumangala lokusanganiseka ngalokho okwenzeka kuyo.

UPetro ukhuluma ngoKristu ukuthi uyiNkosi yempilo

11 Kwathi isiqhuli esasisilisiwe sibambelele kuPetro loJohane, bonke abantu bagijimela kubo ndawonye ekhulusini elithiwa elikaSolomoni, bemangala kakhulu.

12 Kwathi uPetro ekubona lokho waphendula ebantwini wathi: Madoda maIsrayeli, limangalelani ngalokhu, kumbe lisijolozelelani, ngokungathi ngawethu amandla kumbe ukulunga simenze ukuthi lo ahambe?

13 UNkulunkulu kaAbrahama lokaIsaka lokaJakobe, uNkulunkulu wabobaba bethu, uyidumisile iNdodana yakhe uJesu; elayinikelayo lina, layiphika phambi kobuso bukaPilatu, yena esequme ukuyikhulula.

14 Kodwa lina lamphika oNgcwele loLungileyo, lacela ukuthi liphiwe indoda engumbulali,

15 labulala uMqali wempilo; amvusayo uNkulunkulu kwabafileyo, esingabafakazi bakho thina.

16 Njalo ngokholo ebizweni lakhe, lo elimbonayo lelimaziyo ibizo lakhe limqinisile; lokholo olungaye lumnike lokhukusila okupheleleyo phambi kwenu lonke.

17 Njalo khathesi, bazalwane, ngiyazi ukuthi lakwenza ngokungazi, njengababusi benu futhi.

18 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wagcwalisa ngalindlela lokhu akukhuluma phambili ngomlomo wabaprofethi bakhe bonke, ukuthi uKristu uzahlupheka.

19 Ngakho phendukani libuye futhi, ukuze kwesulwe izono zenu, ukuze kufike izikhathi zokukhudumala ezivela ebusweni beNkosi,

20 njalo ithume lo owamenyezelwa kini phambili, uJesu Kristu;

21 okumele ukuthi izulu limemukele kuze kufike izikhathi zokubuyisela konke, uNkulunkulu akutshoyo ngomlomo wabo bonke abaprofethi bakhe abangcwele endulo.

22 Ngoba uMozisi wathi kubobaba: INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu izalivusela umprofethi kubazalwane benu onjengami; yena lizamlalela kukho konke azakukhuluma kini.

23 Njalo kuzakuthi, wonke umphefumulo, loba ngubani ongayikumlalela lowomprofethi, uzachithwa ebantwini.

24 Njalo labaprofethi bonke, kusukela kuSamuweli labalandelayo, bonke abakhulumayo, bamemezela phambili lezinsuku.

25 Lina lingabantwana babaprofethi, labesivumelwano uNkulunkulu asenza labobaba bethu, esithi kuAbrahama: Langenzalo yakho zizabusiswa zonke izizukulwana zomhlaba.

26 UNkulunkulu, eseyivusile iNdodana yakhe uJesu, wayithuma kini kuqala ukulibusisa, ngokuliphendula ngulowo lalowo ebubini bakhe.

IMISEBENZI 4

Ukubotshwa kukaPetro loJohane

1 Kwathi besakhuluma ebantwini, abapristi lenduna yethempeli labaSadusi babafikela,

2 benengekile ngoba babefundisa abantu, betshumayela ukuvuka okwabafileyo ngoJesu.

3 Babadumela ngezandla, babafaka esitokisini kwaze kwaba kusisa; ngoba kwasekuhlwile.

4 Kodwa abanengi abalizwayo ilizwi bakholwa; lenani lamadoda lalingaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu.

5 Kwasekusithi kusisa kwabuthana ababusi labadala lababhali babo eJerusalema,

6 loAnasi umpristi omkhulu, loKayafasi, loJohane, loAleksandro, labo bonke abendlu yompristi omkhulu.

7 Sebebamise phakathi, babuza: Lokhu lina likwenze ngawaphi amandla kumbe ngaliphi ibizo?

8 Khona uPetro egcwaliswe nguMoya oNgcwele wathi kubo: Babusi babantu labadala bakoIsrayeli,

9 nxa thina sibuzwa lamuhla ngomsebenzi omuhle emuntwini obuthakathaka emzimbeni, ukuthi yena usindiswe ngani;

10 kakwaziwe yini lonke laso sonke isizwe sakoIsrayeli, ukuthi ngebizo likaJesu Kristu umNazaretha, lina elambethelayo, uNkulunkulu owamvusayo kwabafileyo, ngaye lo umi lapha phambi kwenu esesilile.

11 Yena lo uyilitshe elaliwa yini abakhi, eseliyinhloko yengonsi.

12 Njalo kalukho usindiso komunye; ngoba kalikho lelinye ibizo ngaphansi kwezulu elinikiweyo phakathi kwabantu, esimele sisindiswe ngalo.

13 Kwathi bebona isibindi sikaPetro loJohane, njalo besazi ukuthi babengabantu abangafundanga njalo bengabantu nje, bamangala, njalo babazi ukuthi babeloJesu,

14 kodwa bebona umuntu osilisiweyo emi labo, babengelakuphika lutho.

15 Kodwa sebebalayile ukuthi baphume phandle emphakathini, bacebisana bodwa,

16 besithi: Sizabenzani lababantu? Ngoba ukuthi isibonakaliso esidumisekayo senziwa yibo, kusobala kubo bonke abahlezi eJerusalema, njalo singekuphike;

17 kodwa ukuze kungabe kusanda phakathi kwabantu, asibaqonqosele ukuthi bangabe besakhuluma lamuntu ngalelibizo.

18 Basebebabiza, babalaya ukuthi bangakhulumi lakanye njalo bangafundisi ngebizo likaJesu.

19 Kodwa uPetro loJohane babaphendula bathi: Yehlukanisani ukuthi kulungile phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukulalela lina kuloNkulunkulu.

20 Ngoba thina kasilakuyekela ukukhuluma izinto esizibonileyo lesizizwileyo.

21 Kwathi sebebaqonqosele futhi, babayekela bahamba; bengatholi lutho lokuthi bangabajezisa njani, ngenxa yabantu, ngoba bonke badumisa uNkulunkulu ngalokho okwenzakeleyo.

22 Ngoba umuntu wayeleminyaka edlula amatshumi amane esenziwa kuye lesisibonakaliso seselapho.

Ukukhuleka kwebandla

23 Kwathi sebeyekelwe basuka baya kwabakibo, bababikela konke abapristi abakhulu labadala abakutshiloyo kubo.

24 Kwathi bona sebezwile baphakamisela ilizwi nganhliziyonye kuNkulunkulu, bathi: Nkosi, wena unguNkulunkulu owenza izulu lomhlaba lolwandle lakho konke okukukho;

25 owathi ngomlomo wenceku yakho uDavida: Kungani abezizwe bexokozela, labantu banakane okuyize?

26 Amakhosi omhlaba ema, lababusi bahlangana ndawonye ukumelana leNkosi, lokumelana loGcotshiweyo wayo;

27 ngoba isibili bahlangana ndawonye bemelane leNdodana yakho engcwele uJesu, owayigcobayo, bonke uHerodi loPontiyusi Pilatu, kanye labezizwe labantu bakoIsrayeli,

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28 ukwenza konke isandla sakho lecebo lakho elakumisa phambili ukuthi kwenzeke.

29 Njalo ngalesisikhathi, Nkosi, khangela ukusonga kwabo, unike izinceku zakho ukuthi zikhulume ilizwi lakho ngesibindi sonke,

30 ngokuthi welule isandla sakho ukusilisa, lokuthi kwenziwe izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ngebizo leNdodana yakho engcwele uJesu.

31 Kwathi sebekhulekile kwazanyazanyiswa indawo ababebuthene kuyo, basebegcwaliswa bonke ngoMoya oNgcwele, basebekhuluma ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngesibindi.

Ukuhlanganyela kwebandla izinto zonke

32 Lexuku labakholwayo lalinhliziyonye lomoya munye; njalo kungekho oyedwa owathi ezintweni alazo ngezakhe, kodwa bahlanganyela izinto zonke.

33 Langamandla amakhulu abaphostoli baveza ubufakazi bokuvuka kweNkosi uJesu, lomusa omkhulu waba phezu kwabo bonke.

34 Ngoba kwakungekho futhi oswelayo phakathi kwabo; ngoba bonke ababelemihlaba kumbe izindlu, bathengisa baletha intengo zalokho okuthengisiweyo,

35 bayibeka enyaweni zabaphostoli; njalo kwabelwa ngulowo lalowo njengokuswela kwakhe.

36 Kwathi uJose owabizwa ngabaphostoli ngokuthi nguBarnabasi, okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, indodana yenduduzo, umLevi, umKuprosi ngokuzalwa,

37 elesiqinti, wasithengisa, waletha imali, wayibeka enyaweni zabaphostoli.

IMISEBENZI 5

UAnaniya loSafira

1Kodwa indoda ethile uAnaniya ngebizo, loSafira umkakhe, bathengisa impahla,

2 yagodla entengweni, lomkakhe ekwazi, yaletha ingxenye ethile yayibeka enyaweni zabaphostoli.

3 Kodwa uPetro wathi: Ananiya, kungani uSathane egcwalise inhliziyo yakho, uqambe amanga kuMoya oyiNgcwele, njalo ugodle entengweni yesiqinti?

4 Sisekhona besingesiso esakho, sesithengisiwe besingekho emandleni akho yini? Kungani ukuthi ubeke lesisenzo enhliziyweni yakho? Kawuqambanga amanga ebantwini kodwa kuNkulunkulu.

5 Kwathi uAnaniya esizwa lamazwi, wawela phansi waphela; lokwesaba okukhulu kwehlela phezu kwabo bonke abazizwayo lezizinto.

6 Lamajaha asuka amgoqela asemthwalela ngaphandle amngcwaba.

7 Kwasekusithi sekungaba ngamahola amathathu kwedlule, lomkakhe wangena
engakwazi okwenzakeleyo.

8 UPetro wasemphendula wathi: Ngitshele ukuthi isiqinti lisithengise
ngokungaka. Wasesithi: Yebo, ngokungaka.

9 UPetro wasesithi kuye: Kungani ukuthi livumelane ukulinga uMoya weNkosi?
Khangela, inyawo zabangcwabe indoda yakho zisemnyango, lawe
bazakuthwalela ngaphandle.

10 Njalo wahle wawela phansi enyaweni zakhe, wasephela; lamajaha engena
amfica esefile, asemthwalela ngaphandle amngcwaba eduze kwendoda yakhe.

11 Lokwesaba okukhulu kwehlela phezu kwebandla lonke, lakubo bonke
abazizwayo lezizinto.

Izimangaliso zabaphostoli

12 Njalo ngezandla zabaphostoli kwenziwa izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ezinengi
ebantwini; babenhliziyonye bonke ekhulusini likaSolomoni.

13 Kodwa kwabanye kwakungekho olesibindi sokuzihlanganisa labo, kodwa
abantu babebahlonipha kakhulu;

14 njalo abakholwayo bengezelelwa banda eNkosini, amaxuku womabili amadoda
labesifazana;

15 baze bathwalela phandle emigwaqweni abagulayo, basebebabeka ezinhlakeni
lemacansini, ukuze kuthi lapho uPetro esiza ngitsho isithunzi sibasibekele
abanye babo.

16 Njalo lamaxuku avela emizini ezingelezeleyo babuthana ndawonye
eJerusalema, beletha abagulayolabahlutshwa ngomoya abangcolileyo, basiliswa
bonke.

Ukubotshwa lokukhululwa kwabaphostoli

17 Kwasekusukuma umpristi omkhulu labo bonke ababelaye abangabehlelo
labaSadusi, bagcwala umona,

18 babadumela abaphostoli ngezandla zabo, basebebafaka esitokisini sabantu.

19 Kodwa ebusuku ingilosi yeNkosi yavula iminyango yentolongo yabakhupha
yathi:

20 Hambani, njalo lime likhulume ethempelini ebantwini wonke amazwi alimpilo.

21 Kwathi sebezwile, bangena ethempelini emadabukakusa, bafundisa. Kodwa
kwasekufika umpristi omkhululalabo ababelaye, babizela ndawonye
umphakathi labo bonke abadala babantwana bakoIsrayeli, bathumela
entolongweni ukubaletha.

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22 Kodwa kwathi abancedisi befika kababaficanga entolongweni; babuyela emuva babika,

23 besithi: Intolongo siyifice ivaliwe konke kuqinile, labalindi bemi phandle phambi kweminyango; kodwa sesivulile, phakathi kasificanga muntu.

24 Njalo kwathi umpristi lenduna yethempeli labapristi abakhulu bezwe lamazwi, badideka kakhulu ngabo, ukuthi lokhu kuzakuba yini.

25 Kwasekufika omunye wabatshela wathi: Khangelani, amadoda ebeliwafake entolongweni ami ethempelini afundisa abantu.

26 Yasihamba induna labancedisi babaletha, kungeyisikho ngamandla, ngoba babesesaba abantu, ukuze bangakhandwa ngamatshe.

27 Sebebalethile babamisa phambi komphakathi. Umpristi omkhulu wasebabuza,

28 esithi: Kasililayisisanga yini ukuthi lingafundisi ngalelibizo? Kodwa khangelani seligcwalise iJerusalema ngemfundiso yenu, liqonde ukwehlisela igazi lalumuntu phezu kwethu.

29 Kodwa uPetro labaphostoli baphendula bathi: Kumele ukulalela uNkulunkulu kulabantu.

30 UNkulunkulu wabobaba bethu wamvusa uJesu, elambulala lina, limphanyeka esihlahleni.

31 Yena lo, uNkulunkulu wamphakamisa ngesandla sakhe sokunene, abe nguMkhokheli loMsindisi, ukunika uIsrayeli ukuphenduka lothethelelo lwezono.

32 Njalo thina singabafakazi bakhe balezizinto, njalo loMoya oyiNgcwele, uNkulunkulu amnike labo abamlalelayo.

Iseluleko sikaGamaliyeli

33 Kwathi sebezwile lokhu bathukuthela kakhulu, benza icebo lokubabulala.

34 Kwasekusukuma umFarisi othile emphakathini, uGamaliyeli ngebizo, umfundisi womlayo, ohlonitshwa yibo bonke abantu, walaya ukuthi bakhuphele phandle abaphostoli okwesikhatshana.

35 Wasesithi kubo: Madoda maIsrayeli, ziqapheleni mayelana lalababantu, elizakwenza.

36 Ngoba ngaphambi kwalezinsuku kwasuka uTewuda, esithi yena ngokwakhe ungumuntu, lahlanganyela laye inani lamadoda angaba ngamakhulu amane; wabulawa, labo bonke ababemlalela bachitheka baphela.

37 Emva kwakhe kwasuka uJudasi umGalili ensukwini zokubalwa, wadonsela abantu abanengi ngemva kwakhe; laye wabhubha, lalabo bonke ababemlalela bachitheka.

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38 Njalo khathesi ngithi kini: Dedani kulababantu, libayekele; ngoba uba lelicebo
kumbe lumsebenzi ungowabantu, uzachitheka;

39 kodwa uba ungokaNkulunkulu, lingeke lawuchitha, hlezi lificwe ngitsho
lingabalwayo loNkulunkulu.

40 Basebemlalela; sebebabizele kubo abaphostoli babatshaya, babalaya ukuthi
bangakhulumi ngebizo likaJesu, basebebakhulula.

41 Ngakho basuka ebusweni bomphakathi, bethokoza ukuthi kwakubafanele
ukudunyazwa ngenxa yebizo lakhe.

42 Njalo insuku zonke, ethempelini lakundlu ngendlu, kabayekelanga
ukufundisa lokutshumayela uJesu Kristu.

IMISEBENZI 6

Ukukhethwa kwamadoda ayisikhombisa

1 Kwathi ngalezonsuku, abafundi sebandile, kwavela ukusola kwamaHelenisiti
ngamaHebheru, ngoba abafelokazi babo babenganangzwa ekwabelweni
kwensuku ngensuku.

2 Abalitshumi lambili basebebizela kubo ixuku labafundi, bathi: Kakulunganga
ukuthi thina sitshiye ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, sisebenze ematafuleni.

3 Ngakho, bazalwane, khangelani phakathi kwenu amadoda
ayisikhombisa alobufakazi obuhle, agcwele uMoya oNgcwele lenhlakanipho,
esingawamisa phezu kwale inswelo.

4 Kodwa thina sizaphikelela emkhulekweni lemsebenzini welizwi.

5 Lalelilizwi lalithokozisa lonke ixuku; basebekhetha uStefane, indoda egcwele
ukholo loMoya oNgcwele, loFiliphu, loProkoro, loNikanori, loTimoni, loParmena,
loNikola owaphendukela kumaJuda evela eAntiyoki,

6 ababamisa phambi kwabaphostoli; sebekhulekile babeka izandla phezu kwabo.

7 Lelizwi likaNkulunkulu landa, lenani labafundi lakhula kakhulu sibili
eJerusalema, lexuku elikhulu labapristi lalalela ukholo.

UStefane umangalelwa emphakathini

8 Kwathi uStefane egcwele ukholo lamandla wenza izimangaliso lezibonakaliso
ezinkulu phakathi kwabantu.

9 Kwasekusukuma abanye abesinagoge elithiwa ngelabaKhululwa,
labeKurene labeAleksandriya, lakulabo abavela eKilikhiya leAsiya, baphikisana
loStefane.

10 Kodwa babengelamandla okumelana lenhlakanipho loMoya ayekhuluma
ngawo.

11 Basebefumbathisa amadoda athi: Simzwile ekhuluma amazwi ayinhlamba amelana loMozisi loNkulunkulu.

12 Basebevusa abantu labadala lababhali, basebemfikela bambamba, bamletha emphakathini,

13 basebemisa abafakazi bamanga abathi: Lumuntu kayekeli ukukhuluma amazwi ayinhlamba amelene lalindawo engcwele langomlayo;

14 ngoba simzwile esithi, uJesu lo weNazaretha uzadiliza lindawo, aphendule lemikhuba uMozisi asinika yona.

15 Bonke ababehlezi emphakathini basebemjolozela, babona ubuso bakhe bungathi yibuso bengilosi.

IMISEBENZI 7

Ukuziphendulela kukaStefane

1Umpristi omkhulu wasesithi: Kambe lezizinto zinjalo?

2 Wasesithi: Madoda, bazalwane labobaba, lalelani. UNkulunkulu wenkazimulo wabonakala kubaba wethu uAbrahama eseMesopotamiya, engakahlali eHarani,

3 wasesithi kuye: Phuma elizweni lakini lezihlotsheni zakho, uze elizweni engizakutshengisa lona.

4 Wasesuka elizweni lamaKhaladiya wahlala eHarani; kwathi esuka lapho, emva kokufa kukayise, wamsusa wamhlalisa kulelilizwe elihlezi kilo lina khathesi;

5 kodwa kamnikanga ilifa kilo, hatshi lanyathela; kodwa wathembisa ukumnika lona libe ngelakhe, lelenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe, engakabi lamntwana.

6 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kanje esithi inzalo yakhe izakuba yisihambi elizweni lemzini, bazayenza isigqili bazayiphatha kubi, iminyaka engamakhulu amane;

7 kodwa lesosizwe, abazakuba yizigqili kuso, ngizasigweba mina, kutsho uNkulunkulu; njalo emva kwalezizinto bazaphuma, bangikhonze kulindawo.

8 Wasemnika isivumelwano sokusoka; ngokunjalo wazala uIsaka, wamsoka ngosuku lwesificaminwembili; loIsaka uJakobe, loJakobe okhokho abalitshumi lambili.

9 Okhokho basebesiba lomona bathengisa uJosefa eGibhithe; kodwa uNkulunkulu wayelaye,

10 wasemkhulula kuzo zonke inhlupheko zakhe, wamnika umusa lenhlakanipho phambi kukaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe; wasembeka ukuba ngumbusi phezu kweGibhithe lowendlu yakhe yonke.

11 Kwasekufika indlala elizweni lonke leGibhithe leleKhanani, lokuhlupheka okukhulu; labobaba bethu kabatholanga ukudla.

12 Kodwa uJakobe esezwile ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibhithe, wathuma obaba bethu okokuqala.

13 Kwathi ngokwesibili uJosefa waziswa kubafowabo, labakibo kaJosefa babonakaliswa kuFaro.

14 UJosefa wasethumela wabizela kuye uyise uJakobe, lalo lonke usendo lwakhe, kulemiphefumuloengamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu.

15 UJakobe wasesehlela eGibhithe, wasesifa yena labobaba bethu;

16 basebethwalelwa eShikemi, balaliswa engcwabeni uAbrahama ayelithenge ngentengo yemali kumadodana kaHamori weShikemi.

17 Kwathi sesisondele isikhathi sesithembiso uNkulunkulu ayesifunge kuAbrahama, bakhula abantu banda eGibhithe,

18 kwaze kwavela enye inkosi, eyayingamazi uJosefa.

19 Yona yasiphatha ngobuqili isizukulu sakithi, yabahlupha obaba bethu, ukubalahlisa insane zabo, ukuze zingaphili.

20 Ngalesosikhathi kwazalwa uMozisi, waba muhle kuNkulunkulu; owondliwa endlini kayise inyanga ezintathu.

21 Eselahliwe, indodakazi kaFaro yamdobha, yazondlela yena ukuthi abe yindodana.

22 Njalo uMozisi wafundiswa kuyo yonke inhlakanipho yamaGibhithe; wasesiba lamandla ngamazwi langemisebenzi.

23 Kwathi eselesikhathi seminyaka engamatshumi amane agcweleyo, kwafika enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi ahambele abafowabo abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

24 Kwathi ebona omunye ephathwa kubi, wamvikela wamlamulela ohlutshwayo, watshaya umGibhithe;

25 njalo wayethemba ukuthi abafowabo bazaqedisisa ukuthi uNkulunkulu ubanika inkululeko ngesandla sakhe; kodwa kabaqedisisanga.

26 Njalo ngosuku olulandelayo wazibonakalisa kibo ababesilwa, wabalamula ngamandla, esithi: Madoda, lingabazalwane; liphathanelani kubi?

27 Kodwa lowo owayemona umakhelwane wamsunduza, esithi: Ubekwe ngubani ukuba ngumbusi lomahluleli phezu kwethu?

28 Usufuna ukungibulala yini, njengoba ubulele umGibhithe izolo?

29 Ngalelilizwi uMozisi wasebaleka, waba ngowemzini elizweni leMadiyani, lapho azala khona amadodana amabili.

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30 Kwathi sekugcwaliseke iminyaka engamatshumi amane, kwabonakala kuye enkangala yentaba iSinayi ingilosi yeNkosi phakathi kwelangabi lomlilo esihlahleni.

31 Kwathi uMozisi esebonile wamangala ngalowombono; esasondela ukuthi akhangelisise, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuye lisithi:

32 Mina nginguNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama loNkulunkulu kaIsaka loNkulunkulu kaJakobe. UMozisi wasethuthumela, kazaba lesibindi sokukhangelisisa.

33 INkosi yasisithi kuye: Khulula amanyathela enyaweni zakho; ngoba indawo omi kiyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele.

34 Ngikubonile lokukubona ukuhlutshwa kwabantu bami abaseGibhithe, njalo ngizwile ukububula kwabo; sengehlile ukuthi ngibakhulule; khathesi-ke woza, ngizakuthuma eGibhithe.

35 UMozisi lo abamalayo besithi: Ubekwe ngubani ukuba ngumbusi lomahluleli? nguye uNkulunkulu amthumayo ukuba ngumbusi lomkhululi ngesandla sengilosi eyabonakala kuye esihlahleni.

36 Yena wabakhupha, esenze izimangaliso lezibonakaliso elizweni leGibhithe loLwandle oluBomvu, lenkangala iminyaka engamatshumi amane.

37 Nguye lowo uMozisi owathi kubantwana bakoIsrayeli: INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umprofethi kubazalwane benu onjengami; lizamuzwa yena.

38 Nguye lowo owayesebandleni enkangala, kanye lengilosi eyakhuluma laye entabeni iSinayi kanye labobaba bethu; owemukela amazwi aphilayo, ukuze asinike;

39 yena obaba bethu abangavumanga ukumlalela, kodwa bamsunduzela eceleni, basebebuyela eGibhithe ngenhliziyo zabo,

40 besithi kuAroni: Senzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu; ngoba uMozisi lo, owasikhupha elizweni iGibhithe, kasazi ukuthi wehlelwe yini.

41 Basebesenza ithole ngalezonsuku, baletha umhlatshelo esithombeni, bajabula ngemisebenzi yezandla zabo.

42 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wafulathela, wabanikela ukuthi bakhonze ibutho lezulu; njengokulotshiweyo encwadini yabaprofethi ukuthi: Laletha kimi yini imihlatshelo leminikelo iminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala, ndlu kaIsrayeli?

43 Njalo lathatha ithabhanekele likaMoloki lenkanyezi kankulunkulu wenu uRefani, imifanekiso elayenza ukuthi liyikhonze; njalo ngizalithuthela ngaphambili kweBhabhiloni.

44 Obaba bethu babelalo ithabhanekele lobufakazi enkangala, njengokulayela kwalowo owakhuluma loMozisi, ukuthi alenze ngomfanekiso ayewubonile;

45 okwathi futhi obaba bethu sebelemukele balingenisa kanye loJoshuwa empahleni yezizwe, uNkulunkulu azixotsha phambi kobuso babobaba, kwaze kwaba sensukwini zikaDavida;

46 owathola umusa phambi kukaNkulunkulu, wacela ukutholela uNkulunkulu kaJakobe ithabhanekele.

47 Kodwa uSolomoni wamakhela indlu.

48 Kodwa oPhezukonke kahlali ethempelini elenziwe ngezandla, njengokutsho komprofethi ukuthi:

49 Izulu kimi liyisihlalo sobukhosi, lomhlaba uyisenabelo senyawo zami; lizangakhela indlu enjani, kutsho iNkosi; kumbe yiyiphi indawo yami yokuphumula?

50 Isandla sami kasizenzanga yini zonke lezizinto?

51 Lina ntamo zilukhuni njalo abangasokanga enhliziyweni lendlebeni, lina limelana njalonjalo loMoya oyiNgcwele; njengaboyihlo, linjalo lani.

52 Nguwuphi owabaprofethi oyihlo abangamzingelanga? Basebebulala labo abamemezela ngaphambili ngokuza koLungileyo, yena lo lina khathesi eselabangabanikeli lababulali bakhe;

53 elemukela umlayo ngokuqoqa kwezingilosi, kodwa kaliwulondolozanga.

Ukufa kukaStefane

54 Bathi sebezwile lezizinto, bahlabeka enhliziyweni zabo, bamgedlela amazinyo.

55 Kodwa yena egcwele uMoya oNgcwele, wajolozela ezulwini, wabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu, loJesu emi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu,

56 wasesithi: Khangelani, ngibona amazulu evulekile, leNdodana yomuntu imi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu.

57 Kodwa bamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, bavala indlebe zabo, batheleka phezu kwakhe bengqondonye;

58 basebemkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi, bamkhanda ngamatshe; labafakazi babeka phansi izembatho zabo enyaweni zejaha elithiwa nguSawuli.

59 Bamkhanda ngamatshe uStefane, ebiza esithi: Nkosi Jesu, yemukela umoya wami.

60 Waseguqa ngamadolo, wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Nkosi, ungababaleli lesisono. Esetshilo lokhu walala.

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USawuli uzingela amakholwa

1 Njalo uSawuli wayevumelana lokubulawa kwakhe. Ngalolosuku kwasekusuka
ukuzingelwa okukhulu kwebandla elaliseJerusalema; bonke basebehlakazeka
emazweni eJudiya leSamariya, ngaphandle kwabaphostoli.

2 Amadoda akholwayo asembutha uStefane, amenzela isililo esikhulu.

3 Kodwa uSawuli walichitha ibandla, engena izindlu ngezindlu, ehudula amadoda
labafazi ebafaka entolongweni.

UFiliphu utshumayela eSamariya

4 Ngakho abahlakazekileyo badabula ilizwe, betshumayela ilizwi.

5 UFiliphu wasesehlela emzini weSamariya, watshumayela kubo uKristu.

6 Amaxuku aselalela nganhliziyonye okwakhulunywa nguFiliphu, esizwa njalo
ebona izibonakaliso azenzayo.

7 Ngoba kwabanengi ababelabomoya abangcolileyo, bememeza ngelizwi elikhulu
baphuma; labanengi ababeyizilima lababeyiziqhuli basiliswa.

8 Kwaba khona intokozo enkulu kulowomuzi.

USimoni oyisanuse

9 Njalo indoda ethile, uSimoni ngebizo, eyayikade isenza imilingo emzini
isanganisa isizwe samaSamariya, isithi ingumuntu omkhulu;

10 abayilalelayo bonke kusukela kwabancinyane kuze kube kwabakhulu, besithi:
Lo ungamandla amakhulu kaNkulunkulu.

11 Basebemlalela, ngoba wabasanganisa isikhathi eside ngemilingo.

12 Kodwa kwathi sebekholwe uFiliphu etshumayela indaba ezinhle zezinto
ngombuso kaNkulunkulu langebizo likaJesu Kristu, babhabhathizwa bonke
amadoda labafazi.

13 LoSimoni laye wakholwa, njalo esebhabhathiziwe wanamathela kuFiliphu;
wasanganiseka, ebona imisebenzi yamandla lezibonakaliso ezazisenziwa.

14 Kwathi abaphostoli abaseJerusalema bezwe ukuthi iSamariya ilemukele ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu, bathuma kubo uPetro loJohane;

15 abathi sebehlile babakhulekela, ukuze bamemukele uMoya oNgcwele;

16 ngoba wayengakehleli lakoyedwa wabo, kodwa babebhabhathizwe ebizweni
leNkosi uJesu kuphela.

17 Basebebeka izandla phezu kwabo, basebesemukela uMoya oNgcwele.

18 Njalo uSimoni esebonile ukuthi ngokubekwa kwezandla zabaphostoli
uyaphiwa uMoya oyiNgcwele, waletha imali kubo,

19 esithi: Ngiphani lami lawomandla, ukuze kuthi loba ngubani engibeka izandla
zami phezu kwakhe, emukele uMoya oNgcwele.

20 Kodwa uPetro wathi kuye: Isiliva sakho kanye lawe kakube sekubhubheni,
ngoba ucabanga ukuthi isipho sikaNkulunkulu singazuzwa ngemali.

21 Ngoba kawulasabelo lelifa kulelilizwi. Ngoba inhliziyo yakho kayiqondanga
phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

22 Ngakho phenduka kulobububi bakho, njalo ucele iNkosi, ukuthi uba
kungenzeka uthethelelwe umnakano wenhliziyo yakho.

23 Ngoba ngibona ukuthi usenyongweni ebabayo njalo usekubotshweni yisono.

24 USimoni wasephendula esithi: Ngikhulekelani lina eNkosini, ukuze
ngingehlelwa ngolunye lwalezizinto elizikhulumileyo.

25 Ngakho kuthe sebefakazile bekhulumile ilizwi leNkosi, babuyela eJerusalema,
njalo betshumayela ivangeli emizaneni eminengi yamaSamariya.

Ukuphenduka kwenduna yeEthiyophiya

26 Ingilosi yeNkosi yasikhuluma loFiliphu, yathi: Sukuma uye eningizimu
endleleni eyehla isuka eJerusalema isiya eGaza; yona iyinkangala.

27 Wasesukuma ehamba; njalo khangela umuntu
weEthiyophiya umthenwa induna enkulu kaKandake
indlovukazi yamaEthiyophiya, eyayiphezu kwempahla yakhe eligugu yonke,
eyayifikile eJerusalema ukukhonza,

28 yayisibuyela ihlezi enqoleni yayo, ibala kumprofethi uIsaya.

29 UMoya wasesithi kuFiliphu: Sondela uhambe lalinqola.

30 UFiliphu wasegijimela kuyo wayizwa ibala umprofethi uIsaya, wathi: Kambe
uyaqedisisa yini lezizinto ozifundayo?

31 Yasisithi: Kambe ngingakwenelisa njani, ngaphandle kokuthi omunye
angiqondise? Yasimcela uFiliphu ukuthi akhwele ahlale layo.

32 Lesehlukwana sombhalo eyayisifunda yilesi: Walethwa ekuhlatshweni
njengemvu; lanjengewundlu lithule phambi komgundi walo, ngokunjalo
kawuvuli umlomo wakhe.

33 Ekuthotshisweni kwakhe ukwahlulelwa kwakhe kwasuswa, njalo ngubani
ongalandisa ngesizukulwana sakhe? Ngoba impilo yakhe iyasuswa emhlabeni.

34 Umthenwa wasephendula uFiliphu wathi: Ngiyakubuza, umprofethi ukhuluma
lokhu ngobani? Ngaye ngokwakhe, kumbe ngomunye yini?

35 UFiliphu wasevula umlomo wakhe, eseqala kulowombhalo, watshumayela
uJesu kuye.

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36 Kwathi besahamba endleleni, bafika emanzini athile; lomthenwa wathi: Khangela, nanka amanzi; kuyini okungivimbela ukuthi ngibhabhathizwe?

37 UFiliphu wasesithi: Uba ukholwa ngenhliziyo yonke, kuvunyelwe. Wasephendula wathi: Ngiyakholwa ukuthi uJesu Kristu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

38 Waselaya ukuthi inqola ime; basebesehlela emanzini bobabili, uFiliphu lomthenwa; wasembhabhathiza.

39 Kwathi sebekhuphukile emanzini, uMoya weNkosi wamhluthuna uFiliphu; njalo umthenwa kazabe esambona; wahamba-ke ngendlela yakhe ethokoza.

40 Kodwa uFiliphu waficwa eAzotu; njalo edabula watshumayela ivangeli kuyo yonke imizi, waze wafika eKesariya.

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Ukuphenduka lokubhabhathizwa kukaSawuli

1Kwathi uSawuli, esaphefumula insongo lokubulala emelane labafundi beNkosi, waya kumpristi omkhulu,

2 wacela kuye incwadi zokuya eDamaseko kumasinagoge, ukuze kuthi uba ethola abanye baleyondlela, amadoda kanye labafazi, abalethe eJerusalema bebotshiwe.

3 Kwathi ekuhambeni, kwenzeka ukuthi esesondele eDamaseko; njalo kwahle kwamphazimela inhlangothi zonke ukukhanya okuvela ezulwini;

4 njalo ewela emhlabathini, wezwa ilizwi lisithi kuye: Sawuli, Sawuli, ungizingelelani?

5 Wasesithi: Ungubani, Nkosi? INkosi yasisithi: Mina nginguJesu omzingelayo; kulukhuni kuwe ukukhahlelana lezincijo.

6 Ethuthumela njalo emangala wathi: Nkosi, uthanda ukuthi ngenzeni? LeNkosi yathi kuye: Sukuma ungene emzini, njalo uzatshelwa lokho omele ukwenze.

7 Lamadoda ayehamba laye ayemi engelakukhuluma, esizwa ilizwi, kodwa engaboni muntu.

8 USawuli wasevuka emhlabathini; kwathi esevule amehlo akhe, kabonanga muntu. Basebembamba ngesandla, bamusa eDamaseko.

9 Wasesiba lensuku ezintathu engaboni, njalo engadli futhi enganathi.

10 Kwakukhona eDamaseko umfundi othile uAnaniya ngebizo; iNkosi yasisithi kuye ngombono: Ananiya! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha, Nkosi.

11 INkosi yasisithi kuye: Sukuma uye endleleni ethiwa iQondile, udinge endlini kaJudasi umuntu, uSawuli ngebizo, weTarsu; ngoba khangela uyakhuleka,

12 njalo ubonile ngombono umuntu, uAnaniya ngebizo, engena ebeka isandla phezu kwakhe, ukuze abuye abone.

13 Kodwa uAnaniya waphendula wathi: Nkosi, ngizwile ngabanengi ngalindoda, kungakanani okubi akwenzileyo kwabangcwele bakho eJerusalema;

14 lalapha ulamandla avela kubapristi abakhulu, okubopha bonke labo ababiza ibizo lakho.

15 Kodwa iNkosi yathi kuye: Hamba, ngoba lowo uyisitsha sami esikhethiweyo, ukuphatha ibizo lami phambi kwezizwe lamakhosi, labantwana bakoIsrayeli;

16 ngoba mina ngizamtshengisa ukuthi umele ukuhlupheka kangakanani ngenxa yebizo lami.

17 UAnaniya wasesuka wangena endlini, wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe esithi: Sawuli mzalwane, iNkosi ingithumile, uJesu obonakele kuwe endleleni oze ngayo, ukuze ubuye ubone njalo ugcwaliswe ngoMoya oNgcwele.

18 Kwahle kwawa emehlweni akhe kwangathi zinkwethu, wahle wabuye wabona, njalo esukuma wabhabhathizwa,

19 njalo esedlile wathola amandla. USawuli wasehlala labafundi ababeseDamaseko insuku ezithile.

USawuli utshumayela eDamaseko leJerusalema

20 Wahle-ke watshumayela uKristu emasinagogeni, ukuthi yena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

21 Njalo bonke abezwayo basanganiseka bathi: Lo kayisuye yini owachitha eJerusalema labo ababiza lelibizo, lalapha uzele lokho ukuthi abaqhube bebotshiwe abase kubapristi abakhulu?

22 Kodwa uSawuli waqiniswa kakhulu, waphithizelisa amaJuda akhileyo eDamaseko, eqinisa ukuthi lo unguye uKristu.

23 Kwathi sezigcwalisiwe insuku ezinengi, amaJuda enza icebo ndawonye ukuthi ambulale;

24 kodwa iqhinga lawo laziwa nguSawuli. Aselinda emasangweni emini lebusuku, ukuze ambulale;

25 kodwa abafundi bamthatha ebusuku, bamehlisela emthangaleni bemehlisa ngesilulu.

26 Kwathi uSawuli esefikile eJerusalema, wazama ukuzihlanganisa labafundi; kodwa bonke bamesaba, bengakholwa ukuthi ungumfundi.

27 Kodwa uBarnabasi wamthatha wamusa kubaphostoli, wabalandisela ukuthi uyibone njani iNkosi endleleni, lokuthi ikhulumile kuye, lokuthi eDamaseko ukhulume njani ngesibindi ebizweni likaJesu.

28 Wasehlala labo engena ephuma eJerusalema,

29 wasekhuluma ngesibindi ngebizo leNkosi uJesu, wakhuluma njalo futhi ephikisana lamaHelenisiti; kodwa bazama ukumbulala.

30 Kodwa abazalwane sebekwazi bamehlisela eKesariya, bamthuma eTarsu.

31 Ngakho amabandla kuyo yonke iJudiya leGalili leSamariya aba lokuthula, esakheka, ehamba ekwesabeni iNkosi langenduduzo kaMoya oNgcwele, anda.

UPetro usilisa uEneya

32 Kwasekusithi uPetro edabula indawo zonke wehlela lakwabangcwele abahlala eLida.

33 Wasefica khona umuntu othile uEneya ngebizo, owayeselele ecansini iminyaka eyisificaminwembili, eyisigoga.

34 UPetro wasesithi kuye: Eneya, uJesu Kristu uyakusilisa; sukuma uzendlalele icansi. Njalo wahle wasukuma.

35 Basebembona bonke abakhileyo eLida leSaroni, abaphendukela eNkosini.

UPetro uvusa uTabitha kwabafileyo

36 Kwakukhona eJopha umfundikazi othile, uTabitha ngebizo, okungokuchasiswa kuthiwa nguDorkasi; lo wayegcwele imisebenzi emihle lemisebenzi yomusa ayenzayo.

37 Kwasekusithi kulezonsuku wagula wafa; sebemgezisile bamlalisa endlini ephezulu.

38 Njalo njengoba iLida yayiseduze leJopha, abafundi sebezwile ukuthi uPetro wayekhona kuyo, bathuma amadoda amabili kuye, bemncenga ukuthi angaphuzi ukuza kubo.

39 UPetro wasesukuma wahamba labo; okwathi esefikile bamthatha bamusa endlini ephezulu, labafelokazi bonke bema laye bekhala bemtshengisa izembatho lezigqoko uDorkasi ayezenzile eselabo.

40 Kodwa uPetro esebakhuphele phandle bonke eguqa ngamadolo wakhuleka; esetshibilikela esidunjini, wathi: Tabitha, vuka! Wasevula amehlo akhe; wabona uPetro, walulama.

41 Wamelulela isandla, wamsukumisa; esebize abangcwele labafelokazi, wabanika ephila.

42 Kwasekusaziwa kuyo yonke iJopha, labanengi bakholwa eNkosini.

43 Kwenzeka ukuthi ahlale eJopha insuku ezinengi loSimoni othile umtshuki wezikhumba.

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Umbono kaKorneliyu

1Kwakukhona eKesariya indoda ethile ngebizo nguKorneliyu, induna yekhulu
yebutho elithiwa ngeleIthaliya,

2 eqotho lemesabayo uNkulunkulu kanye lendlu yayo yonke, eyenza imisebenzi
yomusa eminengi ebantwini, ikhuleka njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu;

3 yabona embonweni ngokucacileyo, ngokungaba lihola lesificamunwemunye
losuku, ingilosi kaNkulunkulu ingena kuyo, yasisithi kuyo: Korneliyu!

4 Waseyijolozela efikelwa yikwesaba wathi: Kuyini, Nkosi? Yasisithi kuye:
Imikhuleko yakho lezipho zakho kwenyuke kwaba yisikhumbuzo phambi
kukaNkulunkulu.

5 Khathesi-ke thuma amadoda eJopha, ubize uSimoni othiwa futhi nguPetro;

6 yena ungenisile kuSimoni othile umtshuki wezikhumba, ondlu yakhe
iselwandle; yena uzakutshela ofanele ukwenze.

7 Kwathi ingilosi ebikhuluma loKorneliyu isihambile, wabiza ababili kwabendlu
yakhe, lowebutho oqothokulabo ababemlinda,

8 njalo eselandisile konke kubo, wabathuma eJopha.

Ukuhlehliswa kwengqondo kaPetro

9 Njalo kusisa bona besahamba sebesondela emzini, uPetro wenyukela phezu
kophahla lwendlu ukuyakhuleka, okungaba lihola lesithupha;

10 waselamba kakhulu, wafuna ukudla; kwathi bona besamlungisela,
ukuhlehliswa kwengqondo kwamehlela,

11 wasebona izulu livulekile, lesitsha esithile sehlela kuye, njengelembu elikhulu,
libotshwe ngamasondo amane, lisehliselwa emhlabeni;

12 okwakukhona kulo izidalwa zonke ezilenyawo ezine zomhlaba lezeganga
lezihuquzelayo lenyoni zezulu.

13 Kwasekufika ilizwi kuye lathi: Sukuma, Petro, hlaba udle.

14 Kodwa uPetro wathi: Hatshi bo, Nkosi; ngoba kangizake ngidle loba
yini engahlambulukanga kumbe engcolileyo.

15 Ilizwi laphinda ngokwesibili kuye: Izinto uNkulunkulu azihlambululileyo,
wena ungatsho ukuthi zingcolile.

16 Njalo lokhu kwenzeka kwaze kwaba kathathu; lesitsha sabuya
saphakanyiselwa ezulwini.

17 Kwathi uPetro esadidekile ngaphakathi kwakhe ukuthi ngabe uyini umbono
awubonileyo, njalo khangela, amadoda ayethunywe evela kuKorneliyu, esebuzile
indlu kaSimoni, ema esangweni,

18 esememezile abuza ukuthi uSimoni, othiwa futhi nguPetro, ungenisile lapha yini.

19 Kwathi uPetro esanakana ngombono, uMoya wathi kuye: Khangela, amadoda amathathu ayakudinga.

20 Ngakho sukuma wehle, uhambe lawo, ungathandabuzi; ngoba yimi engiwathumileyo.

21 UPetro wasesehlela emadodeni avela kuKorneliyu ayethunywe kuye, wathi: Khangelani, yimi elimdingayo; yisizatho bani elize ngaso?

22 Basebesithi: UKorneliyu induna yekhulu, indoda elungileyo lemesabayo uNkulunkulu, efakazelwa yisizwe sonke samaJuda, walayelwa nguNkulunkulu ngengilosi engcwele ukuthi akubizele endlini yakhe, njalo ezwe amazwi kuwe.

23 Ngakho esebabizele phakathi wabangenisa. Njalo kusisa uPetro waphuma wahamba labo, labanyebabazalwane ababeseJopha bahamba laye.

Ukufika kukaPetro endlini kaKorneliyu

24 Ngosuku olulandelayo basebengena eKesariya. LoKorneliyu wayebalindele, esebizele ndawonye izihlobo zakhe labangane abazwana laye.

25 Kwathi sekwenzakele ukuthi uPetro angene, uKorneliyu wamhlangabeza, ewela enyaweni zakhe, wamkhonza.

26 Kodwa uPetro emphakamisa, wathi: Sukuma; lami ngokwami ngingumuntu.

27 Njalo esakhuluma layo wangena, wafica abanengi bebuthene,

28 wasesithi kubo: Lina liyazi ukuthi kakuvunyelwa emuntwini ongumJuda ukuhlangana kumbe ukuya emuntwini wesinye isizwe; kodwa uNkulunkulu ungitshengisile ukuthi ngingabizi muntu ngokuthi kahlambulukanga kumbe ungcolile;

29 ngakho-ke ngizile ngingaphikisanga nxa ngibizwa. Ngakho ngiyabuza, ukuthi ungibizele sizatho bani?

30 UKorneliyu wasesithi: Ngensuku ezine ezidlulileyo kuze kube yilelihola ngangizila ukudla, ngehola lesificamunwemunye ngangikhuleka endlini yami; njalo khangela, indoda yema phambi kwami yembethe isembatho esikhazimulayo,

31 yasisithi: Korneliyu, umkhuleko wakho uzwakele, lemisebenzi yakho yomusa ikhunjulwe phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

32 Ngakho thumela eJopha, ubusubiza uSimoni othiwa futhi nguPetro; yena ungenisile endlini kaSimoni umtshuki wezikhumba ngaselwandle; ozakuthi angabuya akutshele.

33 Ngakho ngahle ngathumela kuwe; njalo wena wenze kuhle ukuthi ufike. Ngakho khathesi sesikhona sonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuze sizwe konke okulayelwe nguNkulunkulu.

Intshumayelo kaPetro

34 Kwathi uPetro evula umlomo, wathi: Ngeqiniso ngiyaqedisisa ukuthi uNkulunkulu kayisuye umkhangeli wobuso bomuntu;

35 kodwa kuso sonke isizwe yena omesabayo lowenza ukulunga, uyemukeleka kuye.

36 Ilizwi alithumela kubantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngevangeli etshumayela ukuthula ngoJesu Kristu (yena uyiNkosi yabo bonke).

37 Lina liyalazi ilizwi elamenyezelwa eJudiya yonke, kusukela eGalili, emva kobhabhathizo uJohane alutshumayelayo;

38 uJesu weNazaretha, ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamgcoba njani ngoMoya oNgcwele langamandla, owabhoda esenza okulungileyo njalo esilisa bonke labo abacindezelwe ngudiyabhola, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayelaye.

39 Lathi singabafakazi bezinto zonke azenzayo elizweni lamaJuda leJerusalema; abambulala ngokumphanyeka esihlahleni.

40 Yena uNkulunkulu wamvusa ngosuku lwesithathu, wasemnika ukuze abonakale,

41 kungeyisikho kubo bonke abantu, kodwa kubafakazi ababekhethwe ngaphambili nguNkulunkulu, thina, esadla sanatha kanye laye emva kokuvuka kwakhe kwabafileyo.

42 Wasesilaya ukuthi sitshumayele ebantwini, sifakaze ukuthi nguye omiswe nguNkulunkulu ukuba nguMehluli wabaphilayo labafileyo.

43 Ngaye bonke abaprofethi bafakaza, ukuthi wonke okholwa kuye uzakwemukela uthethelelo lwezono ngebizo lakhe.

Ukubhabhathizwa kukaKorneliyu labendlu yakhe

44 Kwathi uPetro esakhuluma lawomazwi, uMoya oyiNgcwele wehlela phezu kwabo bonke abalizwayo ilizwi.

45 Labokusoka abakholwayo basanganiseka, bonke ababefike loPetro, ukuthi isipho sikaMoya oNgcwelesathululelwa laphezu kwabezizwe;

46 ngoba babezwa bekhuluma ngendimi, bekhulisa uNkulunkulu. Khona uPetro waphendula wathi:

47 Ukhona yini ongala lamanzi, ukuthi laba bangabhabhathizwa, abemukele uMoya oyiNgcwele lanjengathi?

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48 Waselaya ukuthi babhabhathizwe ebizweni leNkosi. Basebemcela ukuthi ahlale insuku ezithile.

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UPetro ulandisa eJerusalema indaba kaKorneliyu

1 Abaphostoli labazalwane ababeseJudiya basebesizwa ukuthi abezizwe labo balemukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.

2 Kwathi uPetro esenyukele eJerusalema, abokusoka baphikisana laye,

3 besithi: Ungene emadodeni angasokanga, wadla lawo.

4 Kodwa uPetro eqala wabalandisela ngokulandelana esithi:

5 Mina ngangisemzini weJopha ngikhuleka, ngasengibona ekuhlehlisweni kwengqondo umbono, kwehla isitsha esithile, sinjengelembu elikhulu sisehliswa ngamasondo amane sivela ezulwini, sasesifika kimi;

6 okwathi sengilikhangelisisile ngaqaphelisa, ngasengibona inyamazana ezilenyawo ezine zomhlaba lezeganga lezihuquzelayo lenyoni zezulu.

7 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lisithi kimi: Sukuma, Petro, hlaba udle.

8 Kodwa ngathi: Hatshi bo Nkosi; ngoba loba yini engahlambulukanga kumbe engcolileyo kayizake ingene emlonyeni wami.

9 Kodwa ilizwi langiphendula ngokwesibili livela ezulwini lathi: Izinto uNkulunkulu azihlambululileyo, wena ungatsho ukuthi zingcolile.

10 Lokhu-ke kwenzeka kathathu, njalo konke kwabuye kwadonselwa phezulu ezulwini.

11 Njalo khangela, ngasona lesosikhathi amadoda amathathu ema phambi kwendlu engangikuyo, ethunyiwe kimi evela eKesariya.

12 UMoya wasesithi kimi ngihambe lawo, ngingathandabuzi; lalababazalwane abayisithupha labo bahamba lami, sasesingena endlini yendoda;

13 yasisibikela ukuthi yayibone njani ingilosi imi endlini yayo, isithi kuyo: Thumela amadoda eJopha, ubize uSimoni, othiwa nguPetro,

14 ozakutshela amazwi, ozasindiswa ngawo wena lendlu yakho yonke.

15 Kwathi ngisaqala ukukhuluma, uMoya oyiNgcwele wehlela phezu kwabo, lanjengakithi ekuqaleni.

16 Ngakhumbula ilizwi leNkosi, ukuthi yakhuluma njani isithi: Isibili uJohane wabhabhathiza ngamanzi, kodwa lina lizabhabhathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele.

17 Ngakho nxa uNkulunkulu ebanikile isipho esifananayo lanjengakithi,
esakholwa eNkosini uJesu Kristu, mina bengingubani ebengingavimbela
uNkulunkulu?

18 Njalo bathi sebezizwile lezizinto bathula, bamdumisa uNkulunkulu, besithi:
Ngakho-ke uNkulunkulu unikile abezizwe labo ukuphendukela empilweni.

Amakholwa eAntiyoki abizwa ngokuthi ngamaKristu

19 Labo-ke abahlakazeka ngokuhlupheka okwenzeka mayelana loStefane
badabula baze bafika eFenekiyaleKuprosi leAntiyoki, bengalikhulumi ilizwi
lakoyedwa ngaphandle kumaJuda kuphela.

20 Kodwa kwakukhona abanye kubo, amadoda amaKuprosi lamaKurene, abathi
sebefike eAntiyoki, bakhulumalamaHelenisiti, betshumayela indaba ezinhle
zeNkosi uJesu.

21 Lesandla seNkosi sasilabo; njalo inani elikhulu lakholwa laphendukela
eNkosini.

22 Zasezizwakala indaba ngabo endlebeni zebandla elaliseJerusalema;
basebethuma uBarnabasi ukuthi adabule kuze kube seAntiyoki;

23 kwathi esefikile esebona umusa kaNkulunkulu wathokoza, wasebakhuthaza
bonke ukuthi babambelele eNkosini ngokuzimisela kwenhliziyo;

24 ngoba wayeyindoda elungileyo egcwele uMoya oNgcwele lokholo;
kwengezelelwa eNkosini ixuku elikhulu.

25 UBarnabasi wasesiya eTarsu ukuze adinge uSawuli,

26 kwathi esemtholile wamletha eAntiyoki. Kwasekusithi umnyaka wonke
behlangana ebandleni bafundisa ixuku elikhulu; njalo abafundi baqala ukubizwa
ngokuthi ngamaKristu eAntiyoki.

AmaKristu athumela izipho kubazalwane beJudiya

27 Kwathi ngalezonsuku kwafika eAntiyoki abaprofethi bevela eJerusalema.

28 Kwasekusukuma omunye wabo othiwa nguAgabusi, watshengisa ngoMoya
ukuthi kuzakuba khona indlala enkulu emhlabeni wonke; eyaba khona futhi
ensukwini zikaKlawudiyosi Kesari.

29 Labafundi bazimisela ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wabo athumele njengamandla
alowo lalowo okokusizaabazalwane abahlala eJudiya;

30 abakwenzayo-ke, bakuthumela kubadala ngesandla sikaBarnabasi loSawuli.

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Ukubotshwa lokukhululwa kukaPetro

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1Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi inkosi waseselula izandla ukuthi ahluphe abanye
bebandla.

2 Wasebulala uJakobe umfowabo kaJohane ngenkemba.

3 Esebonile ukuthi lokhu kuyawathokozisa amaJuda, waqhubeka wabamba
uPetro laye; njalo kwakuzinsuku zesinkwa esingelamvubelo;

4 esembambile laye wamfaka entolongweni, wamnikela kumaviyo amane
alamabutho amane ukuze amlinde, eqonde ukumusa ebantwini emva
kwephasika.

5 Ngakho uPetro wagcinwa entolongweni; kodwa umkhuleko oqhubekayo
wenziwa libandla ngaye kuNkulunkulu.

6 Kwathi uHerodi esezamkhupha, ngalobobusuku uPetro wayelele phakathi
kwabebutho ababili, ebotshwe ngamaketane amabili; labalindi phambi
komnyango babegcine intolongo.

7 Njalo khangela, ingilosi yeNkosi yema, lokukhanya kwakhanyisa ekamelweni;
yasitshaya uPetro ehlangothini, yamvusa isithi: Sukuma ngokuphangisa. Asesiwa
amaketane akhe ezandleni zakhe.

8 Ingilosi yasisithi kuye: Bhinca, ubophe amanyathela akho. Wasesenza njalo.
Yasisithi kuye: Yembatha isembatho sakho, ungilandele.

9 Wasephuma wayilandela; njalo wayengazi ukuthi kuliqiniso okwenziwa
yingilosi, kodwa wayecabanga ukuthiubona umbono.

10 Njalo sebedlulile abalindi bokuqala labesibili, bafika esangweni lensimbi,
elokuya emzini, elabavulekela ngokwalo; basebephuma bahamba umgwaqo
waba munye; njalo ingilosi yahle yamtshiya.

11 Kwathi uPetro, eseqaqabukile, wathi: Khathesi sengisazi ngeqiniso ukuthi
iNkosi ithumile ingilosi yayo, yangikhulula esandleni sikaHerodi lakukho konke
okulindelwe yisizwe samaJuda.

12 Kwathi esenanzelele waya endlini kaMariya unina kaJohane othiwa futhi
nguMarko, lapho okwakuhlangene khona abanengi bekhuleka.

13 Kwathi uPetro eseqoqodile esivalweni sesango, incekukazi encane yeza
ukulalela, uRoda ngebizo,

14 kwathi isilazi ilizwi likaPetro, kayivulanga isango ngenxa yentokozo, kodwa
yagijima yangena yabika ukuthi uPetro umi phambi kwesango.

15 Kodwa bathi kuyo: Uyahlanya. Kodwa yaqinisisa ukuthi kunjalo. Basebesithi:
Yingilosi yakhe.

16 Kodwa uPetro waqhubeka eqoqoda; sebevulile bambona, basanganiseka.

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17 Wasebaqhweba ngesandla ukuze bathule, wabalandisela ukuthi iNkosi imkhuphe njani entolongweni, wathi: Bikelani uJakobe labazalwane lezizinto. Wasephuma waya kwenye indawo.

18 Sekusile, kwaba khona isiphithiphithi esingesincinyane phakathi kwebutho, ukuthi wayesehlelwe yini uPetro.

19 Kwathi uHerodi esemdingile engamtholi, wabuzisisa abalindi, walaya ukuthi basuswe. Wasesuka eJudiya wehlela eKesariya wahlala khona.

Ukufa kukaHerodi

20 Njalo uHerodi wayebathukuthelele abeTire labeSidoni; basebesiza kuye bengqondonye; sebevumelene loBlastusi induna yekamelo lokulala lenkosi, bacela ukuthula, ngoba ilizwe labo lalifunzwa ngelenkosi.

21 Njalo ngosuku olumisiweyo uHerodi wembatha isembatho sobukhosi, wasehlala esihlalweni sokwahlulela, wenza inkulumo kubo.

22 Abantu basebememeza besithi: Yilizwi likaNkulunkulu njalo kayisilo elomuntu.

23 Njalo yahle yamtshaya ingilosi yeNkosi, ngoba kanikanga udumo kuNkulunkulu; wasedliwa zimpethu, waphela.

24 Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lakhula landa.

25 UBarnabasi loSawuli basebebuya bevela eJerusalema, sebeqedile inkonzo, babuya beloJohane laye othiwa futhi nguMarko.

IMISEBENZI 13

Uhambo lokuqala lukaSawuli. Ukuthunywa kukaSawuli loBarnabasi

1Kwakukhona eAntiyoki ebandleni lapho abaprofethi labafundisi abathile, uBarnabasi kanye loSimeyoni othiwa nguNigeri, loLukiyu umKurene, loManayeni owayondliwe kanye loHerodi umtetrarki, loSawuli.

2 Kwathi bekhonza iNkosi bezila ukudla, uMoya oyiNgcwele wathi: Ngehlukaniselani oBarnabasi kanye loSawuli emsebenzini engibabizele wona.

3 Sebezile ukudla bakhuleka babeka izandla phezu kwabo, babathuma.

USawuli utshumayela eKuprosi

4 Bona-ke sebethunyiwe nguMoya oyiNgcwele, behlela eSelukiya, basuka lapho baya eKuprosi ngomkhumbi.

5 Kwathi sebefikile eSalamisi, batshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu emasinagogeni amaJuda; njalo babeloJohane umsizi.

6 Kwathi sebedabule isihlenge bafika ePhafosi, bafica isanuse esithile, umprofethi wamanga, umJuda, obizo lakhe nguBarjesu,

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7 owayelombusi uSergiyu Pawuli, indoda ehlakaniphileyo. Lo wabizela kuye
uBarnabasi loSawuli edinga ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.

8 Kodwa isanuse, uElimasi, ngoba liphendulelwa njalo ibizo lakhe, waphikisana
labo, edinga ukuphambula umbusi ekholweni.

9 Kodwa uSawuli, onguPawuli futhi, egcwele uMoya oNgcwele, njalo emjolozela

10 wathi: O wena ogcwele inkohliso yonke lobuqili bonke, ndodana kadiyabhola,
sitha sakho konke ukulunga, kawuyekeli ukuphambula indlela eziqondileyo
zeNkosi yini?

11 Njalo khathesi khangela, isandla seNkosi siphezu kwakho, njalo uzakuba
yisiphofu, ungaliboni ilanga okwesikhathi. Kwahle kwamehlela ukufiphala
lobumnyama, wahamba ebhoda edinga abazamdonsa ngesandla.

12 Ngalesosikhathi umbusi wabona okwenziweyo wakholwa, edidwa yimfundiso
yeNkosi.

UPawuli utshumayela eAntiyoki lePisidiya

13 UPawuli lababelaye basebesuka ngomkhumbi ePhafosi bafika
ePerga esePamfiliya. Kodwa uJohanewehlukana labo wabuyela eJerusalema.

14 Kodwa bona bedabula besuka ePerga, bafika eAntiyoki esePisidiya; ngosuku
lwesabatha basebengena esinagogeni, bahlala phansi.

15 Kwathi sekufundwe umlayo labaprofethi, abaphathi besinagoge bathumela
kubo, besithi: Madoda bazalwane, uba kulelizwi phakathi kwenu lenkuthazo
ebantwini, khulumani.

16 Kwathi uPawuli esukuma, njalo eqhweba ngesandla, wathi: Madoda
maIsrayeli, lani elesaba uNkulunkulu, lalelani.

17 UNkulunkulu walesisizwe sakoIsrayeli wakhetha obaba bethu,
wabaphakamisa abantu bengabemzini elizweni leGibhithe, wabakhupha kulo
ngengalo ephakemeyo.

18 Wasebekezelela isimilo sabo okungaba yisikhathi seminyaka engamatshumi
amane enkangala.

19 Njalo esechithile izizwe eziyisikhombisa elizweni leKhanani, wabehlukanisela
ilizwe labo ngenkatho.

20 Lemva kwalezizinto, okungaba ngokweminyaka engamakhulu amane
lamatshumi amahlanu, wabanika abahluleli kwaze kwaba nguSamuweli
umprofethi.

21 Njalo kusukela lapho bacela inkosi; uNkulunkulu wasebanika uSawuli
indodana kaKishi, indoda yesizwe sakoBhenjamini, okweminyaka engamatshumi
amane.

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22 Njalo esemkhuphile, wabavusela uDavida waba yinkosi, afakaza langaye
ngokuthi: Ngimtholile uDavida kaJese, indoda efuze inhliziyo yami, ezakwenza
intando yami yonke.

23 Enzalweni yalumuntu njengesithembiso, uNkulunkulu uvusele uIsrayeli
uMsindisi uJesu;

24 engakafiki yena uJohane wayesetshumayele kuqala ubhabhathizo
lokuphenduka kubo bonke abantu bakoIsrayeli.

25 UJohane esegcwalise uhambo lwakhe, wathi: Licabanga ukuthi ngingubani?
Kangisuye mina; kodwa khangelani, emva kwami uyeza, engingafanelanga
ukukhulula amanyathela enyawo zakhe.

26 Madoda bazalwane, bantwana bohlanga lukaAbrahama, lalabo phakathi
kwenu abesaba uNkulunkulu, lithunyelwe kini ilizwi lalolusindiso.

27 Ngoba labo abahlala eJerusalema lababusi babo kabamazanga lo,
bawagcwalisa lamazwi abaprofethiafundwayo isabatha ngesabatha,
ngokumlahla;

28 njalo bengatholi lacala lokufa, bacela kuPilatu ukuthi abulawe.

29 Kwathi sebeqedile konke okulotshiweyo ngaye, bamethula esihlahleni,
bamlalisa engcwabeni.

30 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo;

31 owabonwa insuku ezinengi yilabo ababenyukele laye ukuya
eJerusalema besuka eGalili, abangabafakazi bakhe ebantwini.

32 Lathi sitshumayela indaba ezinhle kini zesithembiso esenziwa kubobaba,

33 ukuthi uNkulunkulu usigcwalisile sona kithi, abantwana babo, emvusile uJesu,
njengoba kulotshiwe futhi kusihlabelelo sesibili ukuthi: Wena uyiNdodana yami,
lamuhla mina ngikuzele.

34 Njalo ngokuthi wamvusa kwabafileyo, engasayikubuyela ekuboleni,
wakhuluma kanje wathi: Ngizalinika izibusiso ezingcwele lezithembekileyo
zikaDavida.

35 Ngakho njalo kwenye indawo uthi: Kawuyikunikela ongcwele wakho abone
ukubola;

36 ngoba uDavida, esekhonze esakhe isizukulwana ngecebo likaNkulunkulu
walala, njalo walaliswa laboyise, wabona ukubola;

37 kodwa lowo uNkulunkulu amvusayo, kakubonanga ukubola.

38 Ngakho kakwaziwe yini, madoda bazalwane, ukuthi ngalowo kutshunyayelwa
kini uthethelelo lwezono;

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39 njalo kulo wonke okholwayo uyalungisiswa kukho konke ebelingelungisiswe kukho ngomlayo kaMozisi.

40 Ngakho bonani ukuthi kalehlelwa yilokhu okwakhulunywa kubaprofethi, okokuthi:

41 Khangelani, zideleli, njalo limangale, litshabalale; ngoba mina ngenza umsebenzi ensukwini zenu, umsebenzi elingayikuwukholwa, nxa umuntu elilandisela.

Ilizwi lemukelwa ngabezizwe liphikwa ngamaJuda

42 Kwathi ekuphumeni kwamaJuda esinagogeni, abezizwe bacela ukuthi lamazwi akhulunywe kubo ngesabatha elilandelayo.

43 Kwathi abesinagoge sebephumile, abanengi kumaJuda labakhonzayo abaphendukela kumaJuda balandela uPawuli loBarnabasi; abakhuluma labo, bebancenga ukuthi bahlale emuseni kaNkulunkulu.

44 Kwathi ngesabatha elilandelayo babuthana kwaphose kwaba ngumuzi wonke ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.

45 Kodwa amaJuda ebona amaxuku agcwaliswa ngomona, aphikisa izinto ezakhulunywa nguPawuli, ephikisa njalo ehlambaza.

46 Kodwa uPawuli loBarnabasi bekhuluma ngesibindi bathi: Kwakudingeka ukuthi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu likhulunywe kini kuqala; kodwa njengoba lilinina, njalo lizigweba ukuthi alifanelanga impilo elaphakade, khangelani, siphendukela kwabezizwe.

47 Ngoba iNkosi isilayile ngokunjalo yathi: Ngikumisile ube yikukhanya kwabezizwe, ube ngowosindiso kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba.

48 Kwathi abezizwe bekuzwa bathokoza, basebelidumisa ilizwi leNkosi, basebekholwa ngobunengi obungangobalabo ababemiselwe impilo elaphakade;

49 lelizwi leNkosi lasatshalaliswa elizweni lonke.

50 Kodwa amaJuda avusa abesifazana abakhonzayo abadumileyo lezikhulu zomuzi, avusela uPawuli loBarnabasi ukuzingelwa, abaxotsha emikhawulweni yawo.

51 Kodwa babathintithela uthuli lwenyawo zabo, bafika eIkoniyuma.

52 Njalo abafundi bagcwaliswa ngentokozo loMoya oNgcwele.

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UPawuli utshumayela eIkoniyuma

1Kwasekusithi eIkoniyuma, bangena ndawonye esinagogeni lamaJuda, basebekhuluma njalo kwaze kwakholwa ixuku elikhulu lamaJuda kanye lamaGriki.

2 Kodwa amaJuda angakholwayo avusa athela umoya omubi emiphefumulweni
yabezizwe ngabazalwane.

3 Ngakho bahlala isikhathi eside bekhuluma ngesibindi
beseNkosini eyafakazela ilizwi lomusa wayo, njalo ibanika ukuthi kwenziwe
izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ngezandla zabo.

4 Kodwa ixuku lomuzi lehlukaniswa phakathi; abanye basebesiba lamaJuda,
labanye baba labaphostoli.

5 Kwathi sekulokuhlasela kwabezizwe lamaJuda kanye lababusi babo,
okokubaphatha kubi lokubakhanda ngamatshe,

6 sebekwazi, babalekela emizini yeLikawoniya, eListra leDerbe, lelizweni
elizingelezeleyo;

7 lakhona batshumayela ivangeli.

UPawuli utshumayela eListra

8 Njalo eListra kwakuhlezi indoda ethile engelamandla enyaweni zayo, eyisiqhuli
kusukela esizalweni sikanina, engazange ihambe.

9 Yona yamuzwa uPawuli ekhuluma; yena eyijolozela, ebona ukuthi
ilokholo lokuthi isindisiwe,

10 wathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Sukuma, ume ngenyawo zakho uqonde. Yasisukuma
yathi lothu yahamba.

11 Kwathi amaxuku, ebona uPawuli akwenzileyo, aphakamisa amazwi awo esithi
ngesiLikawoniya: Onkulunkulu behlele kithi befanana labantu.

12 UBarnabasi basebembiza ngokuthi nguZewusi, loPawuli ngokuthi nguHermesi,
ngoba yena wayengumkhokheli wokukhuluma.

13 Njalo umpristi kaZewusi owayephambi komuzi wabo, waletha izinkabi
lemigaxo emasangweni, wafuna ukuhlaba umnikelo ekanye lamaxuku.

14 Kodwa abaphostoli uBarnabasi loPawuli besizwa, badabula izembatho zabo,
baphoseka exukwini, bememeza

15 besithi: Madoda, lizenzelani lezizinto? Lathi singabantu abalemizwa efanana
leyenu, sitshumayela indaba ezinhle kini ukuthi liphenduke kulezozinto
eziyize liphendukele kuNkulunkulu ophilayo, owenza izulu lomhlaba lolwandle
lakho konke okukukho;

16 owathi ezizukulwaneni ezidlulileyo wayekela izizwe zonke zahamba ngendlela
zazo.

17 Loba kunjalo kayekelanga yena ukuthi angabi lobufakazi, ukwenza okuhle
esinika izulu livela ezulwini lezikhathi zenala, egcwalisa inhliziyo zenu
ngokudla langenjabulo.

18 Njalo bekhuluma lezizinto, bawayekelisa kalukhuni amaxuku ukuthi angabahlabeli.

UPawuli utshumayela eAntiyoki

19 Kodwa kwafika amaJuda avela eAntiyoki leIkoniyuma, encenga amaxuku, amkhanda uPawuli ngamatshe, amhudulela ngaphandle komuzi, ecabanga ukuthi ufile.

20 Kodwa kwathi abafundi bembuthanela, wasukuma wangena emzini; kusisa wasuka loBarnabasi baya eDerbe.

21 Njalo sebetshumayele ivangeli kulowomuzi, sebezuzile abafundi abanengi, babuyela eListra leIkoniyumaleAntiyoki,

22 beqinisa imiphefumulo yabafundi, bebakhuthaza ukuthi bahlale ekholweni, lokuthi simele ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu ngezinhlupheko ezinengi.

23 Kwathi sebebabekele abadala kulo lonke ibandla, bakhuleka kanye lokuzila ukudla, babanikela eNkosini, asebekholwe kiyo.

24 Basebedabula iPisidiya baya ePamfiliya.

25 Sebekhulumile ilizwi ePerga, behlela eAtaliya;

26 basuka lapho ngomkhumbi baya eAntiyoki, besuka lapho ababenikelwe khona emuseni kaNkulunkulu emsebenzini abasebewuqedile.

27 Kwathi sebefikile bahlanganisa ibandla, balandisa konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile labo, lokuthi uvulele abezizwe umnyango wokholo.

28 Basebehlala lapho okwesikhathi esingesifitshane labafundi.

IMISEBENZI 15

Umhlangano wabaphostoli eJerusalema

1Kwasekusehla abathile bevela eJudiya, bafundisa abazalwane ukuthi: Nxa lingasokwanga ngokwesiko likaMozisi, lingesindiswe.

2 Ngakho kwathi sekulokuphambana lokuphikisana okungekuncinyane ngoPawuli loBarnabasi bemelane labo, bamisa ukuthi uPawuli loBarnabasi labanye abathile kubo benyukele kubaphostoli labadala eJerusalema, ngaloludaba lwempikisano.

3 Ngakho, kwathi sebephelekezelwe libandla, badabula iFenekiya leSamariya, balandisa ngokuphenduka kwabezizwe; benzela bonke abazalwane intokozo enkulu.

4 Kwathi sebefikile eJerusalema, bemukelwa libandla labaphostoli labadala, njalo balandisa ukuthi zingakanani izinto uNkulunkulu ayezenze labo.

5 Kodwa kwasukuma abanye abakholwayo abangabehlelo labaFarisi, besithi:
Kufanele ukubasoka, lokubalaya bagcine umlayo kaMozisi.

6 Kwasekubuthana abaphostoli labadala ndawonye ukuze baluhlole loludaba.

7 Kwathi sebephikisene kakhulu, uPetro wasukuma wathi kubo: Madoda
bazalwane, lina liyazi ukuthi ensukwini zakuqala uNkulunkulu wakhetha
phakathi kwethu, ukuthi ngomlomo wami abezizwe balizwe ilizwi levangeli,
bakholwe.

8 Njalo uNkulunkulu umazi wenhliziyo wabafakazela, ebanika uMoya
oyiNgcwele, lanjengathi;

9 futhi kehlukanisanga phakathi kwethu labo, ehlambulula inhliziyo
zabo ngokholo.

10 Pho-ke limlingelani uNkulunkulu, ngokubeka ijogwe entanyeni yabafundi,
obaba bethu kanye lathi esingabanga lamandla okulithwala?

11 Kodwa sikholwa ukuthi sisindiswa ngomusa weNkosi uJesu Kristu,
ngandlelanye labo.

12 Ixuku lonke laselithula; laselisizwa uBarnabasi loPawuli belandisa
ukuthi zingakanani izibonakaliso lezimangaliso uNkulunkulu ayezenze ngabo
phakathi kwabezizwe.

13 Kwathi bona sebeqedile ukukhuluma, uJakobe waphendula wathi: Madoda
bazalwane, ngilalelani:

14 USimeyoni uselandisile ukuthi uNkulunkulu wahambela njani abezizwe
ekuqaleni ukuze azuzele ibizo lakhe abantu kubo.

15 Njalo amazwi abaprofethi ayavumelana lalokhu, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:

16 Emva kwalezizinto ngizabuya, ngilakhe futhi ithabhanekele likaDavida
eliwileyo; njalo ngizakwakha okudilikileyo kwalo, njalo ngilimise;

17 ukuze abaseleyo babantu bayidinge iNkosi, labezizwe bonke ibizo lami
elibizwa phezu kwabo, itsho iNkosi eyenza lezizinto zonke.

18 Kwaziwa kuNkulunkulu imisebenzi yonke yakhe kusukela ephakadeni.

19 Ngakho mina ngiquma ukuthi singabakhathazi labo kwabezizwe
abaphendukela kuNkulunkulu;

20 kodwa sibabhalele ukuthi bazile amanyala ezithombe, lokufeba,
lokukhanyiweyo, legazi.

21 Ngoba uMozisi ulabo kusukela ezizukulwaneni zendulo abamtshumayelayo
umuzi ngomuzi, efundwa emasinagogeni isabatha ngesabatha.

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22 Kwasekubonakala kukuhle kubaphostoli lakubadala kanye lebandla lonke, ukuthuma amadoda akhethiweyo phakathi kwabo eAntiyoki loPawuli loBarnabasi; babe ngoJudasi othiwa futhi nguBarsaba, loSilasi, amadoda angabakhokheli phakathi kwabazalwane,

23 basebebhala lokhu ngesandla sabo ukuthi: Abaphostoli labadala labazalwane kubazalwane abangabezizwe eAntiyoki leSiriya leKilikhiya, bayabingelela;

24 njengoba sizwile ukuthi abathile abaphume kithi balikhathazile ngamazwi, bedunga imiphefumulo yenu, besithi lisokwe lilonde umthetho, bona singabalayanga;

25 kwabonakala kukuhle kithi singqondonye, ukuthi siwakhethe amadoda siwathume kini, kanye labathandekayo bethu uBarnabasi loPawuli,

26 abantu abanikele impilo yabo ngenxa yebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu.

27 Ngakho sithumile uJudasi loSilasi, abazakuthi langomlomo balandise ngokufananayo.

28 Ngoba kwabonakala kukuhle kuMoya oNgcwele, lakithi, ukuthi singalethesi umthwalo omkhulu, ngaphandle kwalezizinto ezifunekayo:

29 Ukuthi lizile okuhlatshelwe izithombe, legazi, lokukhanyiweyo, lokufeba; lezizinto nxa lizazizila, lizabe lenze kuhle. Salani kuhle.

30 Ngakho sebebakhululile beza eAntiyoki; futhi sebelihlanganisile ixuku, balinika incwadi.

31 Kwathi sebefundile, bathokoza ngenduduzo.

32 UJudasi kanye loSilasi, njengoba labo babengabaprofethi, balaya abazalwane ngamazwi amanengi, babaqinisa.

33 Sebehlale isikhathi, bayekelwa bahamba ngokuthula ngabazalwane baya kubaphostoli,

34 kodwa kwabonakala kukuhle kuSilasi ukuthi asale khona.

35 UPawuli loBarnabasi basebesala eAntiyoki, befundisa betshumayela indaba ezinhle zelizwi leNkosi, kanye labanye abanengi.

Ukwehlukana kukaPawuli loBarnabasi

36 Emva kwensuku ezithile uPawuli wasesithi kuBarnabasi: Ake sibuye sihambele abazalwane bethu emizini yonke, lapho esatshumayela khona ilizwi leNkosi, ukuthi bahlezi njani.

37 UBarnabasi wasehlosa ukuthatha uJohane, othiwa nguMarko, ahambe labo.

38 Kodwa uPawuli wacabanga ukuthi kufanele ukuthi bangamthathi ahambe labo lowo owabatshiya ePamfiliya, kaze aya labo emsebenzini.

39 Kwasekuvela ukuphikisana okukhulu, baze behlukana phakathi; uBarnabasi wasethatha uMarko wahamba laye ngomkhumbi, baya eKuprosi.

Uhambo lwesibili lukaPawuli

40 Kodwa uPawuli wakhetha uSilasi wasuka wahamba, esenikelwe emuseni kaNkulunkulu ngabazalwane.

41 Wasedabula iSiriya leKilikhiya, eqinisa amabandla.

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UPawuli useAsiya

1Wasefika eDerbe leListra; njalo khangela, kwakukhona lapho umfundi othile, uTimothi ngebizo, indodana yowesifazana othile ongumJudakazi okholwayo, kodwa uyise wayengumGriki;

2 owayenconywa ngabazalwane eListra leIkoniyuma.

3 Lo uPawuli wathanda ukuthi aphume laye, wasemthatha wamsoka, ngenxa yamaJuda ayekhona kulezondawo; ngoba wonke ayemazi uyise, ukuthi wayengumGriki.

4 Njalo bedabula imizi, babanika izimiso ukuzilondoloza ezamiswa ngabaphostoli labadala ababeseJerusalema.

5 Ngakho amabandla aqiniswa ekholweni, njalo anda ngenani insuku ngensuku.

UPawuli uchaphela eMakedoniya

6 Sebedabule eFrigiya lelizwe leGalathiya, balelwa nguMoya oNgcwele ukukhuluma ilizwi eAsiya,

7 sebefikile maqondana leMisiya bazama ukuya eBithiniya; kodwa uMoya kabavumelanga;

8 basebeyiceza iMisiya behlela eTrowasi.

9 Kwasekubonakala umbono kuPawuli ebusuku; indoda ethile umMakedoniya yayimi, imncenga isithi: Chaphela eMakedoniya, usisize.

10 Kwathi esewubonile umbono, sahle sazama ukusuka siye eMakedoniya, siphetha sisithi iNkosi isibizele ukutshumayela ivangeli kibo.

UPawuli utshumayela eFiliphi

11 Ngakho sasuka eTrowasi ngomkhumbi, saqonda eSamotrake, langolulandelayo eNeyapholi,

12 sasuka lapho saya eFiliphi, engumuzi wokuqala wesigaba seMakedoniya, esibuswa ngelinye ilizwe; kulowomuzi sasesihlala insuku ezithile.

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13 Njalo ngosuku lwesabatha saphumela ngaphandle komuzi eceleni komfula,
lapho okwakufanele kwenzelwe umkhuleko khona; sasesihlala phansi
sakhuluma labesifazana ababebuthene ndawonye.

14 Lowesifazana othile uLidiya ngebizo, ongumthengisikazi wamalembu
ayibubende owemzini weTiyathira, ekhonza uNkulunkulu, wezwa, onhliziyo
yakhe iNkosi yayivula, ukuthi alalele okwakhulunywa nguPawuli.

15 Kuthe esebhabhathiziwe, lendlu yakhe, wasincenga esithi: Uba libonile ukuthi
ngithembekile eNkosini, wozani endlini yami, lihlale khona. Wasesicindezela.

Ukubotshwa kukaPawuli

16 Kwasekusithi sisiya emkhulekweni, intombazana eyisigqili
elomoya wokuhlahlula yahlangana lathi, eyayizuzela amakhosi ayo inzuzo enengi
ngokuvumisa.

17 Lo walandela uPawuli lathi, ememeza esithi: Lababantu
bazinceku zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, ezisitshumayeza indlela yosindiso.

18 Lalokhu yakwenza insuku ezinengi. Kwathi uPawuli esenengiwe, watshibilika,
wathi kumoya: Ngiyakulaya ngebizo likaJesu Kristu ukuthi uphume kuyo.
Wasephuma ngalesosikhathi.

19 Amakhosi akhe esebonile ukuthi ithemba lenzuzo yabo seliphumile, abamba
uPawuli loSilasi, abadonsela emdangeni phambi kwababusi,

20 esebalethile ezinduneni athi: Lababantu badunga umuzi wethu, bengamaJuda,

21 batshumayela imikhuba esingavunyelwa ukuyemukela siyenze, singamaRoma.

22 Lexuku labelekelela, lenduna zabadabulela izembatho zabo zalaya ukuthi
babatshaye ngenduku.

23 Sebebatshayile imivimvinya eminengi babaphosela entolongweni, balaya
umlindintolongo ukuthi abalondoloze abaqinise;

24 yena, emukele umlayo onjalo, wabaphosela entolongweni ephakathi,
waseqinisa inyawo zabo esigodweni.

Ukuphenduka komlindintolongo

25 Kwathi sekungaba phakathi kobusuku uPawuli loSilasi babekhuleka behlabela
amahubo endumiso kuNkulunkulu, lezibotshwa zazibezwa;

26 njalo kwahle kwaba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu, kwaze
kwanyikinyeka izisekelo zentolongo; kwahle kwavulwa iminyango yonke,
kwathukululwa izibopho zabo bonke.

27 Kwathi umlindintolongo ephaphama, esebona iminyango yentolongo ivulekile,
wakhokha inkemba, ezimisele ukuzibulala, ecabanga ukuthi izibotshwa
zibalekile.

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28 Kodwa uPawuli wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Ungazilimazi; ngoba silapha sonke.

29 Wasecela isibane waphoseka phakathi, njalo wasethuthumela wawela phansi phambi kukaPawuli loSilasi,

30 njalo esebakhuphela phandle wathi: Makhosi, kumele ngenzeni ukuze ngisindiswe?

31 Basebesithi: Kholwa eNkosini uJesu Kristu, njalo uzasindiswa wena lendlu yakho.

32 Basebekhuluma kuye ilizwi leNkosi, lakulabo bonke ababesendlini yakhe.

33 Wasebathatha ngalelohola lobusuku wabagezisa amanxeba, njalo wahle wabhabhathizwa yena labakhe bonke.

34 Wasebasa endlini yakhe wabeka itafula lokudla phambi kwabo, wasethokoza lendlu yakhe yonke bekholwa kuNkulunkulu.

35 Kwathi sekusile, induna zathuma amapholisa zisithi: Khulula labobantu.

36 Umlindintolongo wasebikela uPawuli lamazwi esithi: Induna zithumele, ukuthi likhululwe; ngakho phumani khathesi lihambe ngokuthula.

37 Kodwa uPawuli wathi kuwo: Basitshayile obala singalahlwanga licala, singamaRoma, basebesiphosela entolongweni, njalo khathesi ngensitha sebesiphosela phandle yini? Hatshi bo! Kodwa kumele beze bona basikhuphe.

38 Amapholisa azibikela izinduna lamazwi; zasezisesaba zisizwa ukuthi bangamaRoma,

39 njalo zeza zabancenga, njalo zabakhupha zabacela ukuthi baphume emzini.

40 Basebephuma entolongweni bangena koLidiya; kwathi sebebabonile abazalwane, babaduduza, basuka bahamba.

IMISEBENZI 17

UPawuli utshumayela eThesalonika

1 Kwathi sebedabule iAmfipholi leApoloniya, bafika eThesalonika, lapho okwakukhona isinagoge lamaJuda;

2 njalo njengomkhuba kaPawuli wangena kuwo, wakhulumisana lawo ngokuvela emibhalweni okwamasabatha amathathu,

3 evula etshengisa ukuthi kwakufanele uKristu ahlupheke avuke kwabafileyo, lokuthi: UJesu lo, mina engimtshumayela kini, unguKristu.

4 Labanye babo bakholwa, bazihlanganisa loPawuli loSilasi, njalo ixuku elikhulu lamaGriki akhonzayo, lakwabesifazana abadumileyo abangabalutshwana.

5 Kodwa amaJuda angakholwayo aba lomona, athatha amanye amadoda amabi angamavila emdangeni, enza ixuku, adunga umuzi; ahlasela indlu kaJasoni, edinga ukubakhuphela ebantwini;

6 kwathi engabatholi, adonsela uJasoni labazalwane abathile kubaphathi bomuzi, ememeza esithi: Labaabayaluzelisa umhlaba, bona sebefikile lalapha,

7 uJasoni abemukeleyo; lalaba bonke benza okuphambene lemithetho kaKesari, besithi kukhona enye inkosi,enguJesu.

8 Asedunga ixuku labaphathi bomuzi besizwa lezizinto.

9 Kwathi sebethethe isibambiso kuJasoni lakwabanye, abakhulula.

UPawuli utshumayela eBeriya

10 Njalo abazalwane bahle basusa uPawuli loSilasi babathuma eBeriya ebusuku; okwathi sebefikile khona basuka baya esinagogeni lamaJuda.

11 Lawo ayekhaliphile kulalawo aweThesalonika, emukela ilizwi ngokuvuma konke, ehlolisisa imibhalo insuku ngensuku, ukuthi zinjalo yini lezizinto.

12 Ngakho amanengi kuwo akholwa, lakwabesifazana abahloniphekayo abangamaGriki lakwabesilisa abangabalutshwana.

13 Kodwa kwathi amaJuda eThesalonika esekwazi ukuthi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liyatshunyayelwa nguPawuli leBeriya, eza lakhona enyakazelisa amaxuku.

14 Njalo ngalesosikhathi abazalwane bahle bamthuma uPawuli kungathi uya elwandle; kodwa uSilasi loTimothibasala khona.

15 Lalabo ababephelekezela uPawuli, bamfikisa eAtene; sebemukele umlayezelo oya kuSilasi loTimothi, ukuthi beze kuye ngokuphangisa okukhulu, basuka bahamba.

UPawuli utshumayela eAtene

16 Kwathi uPawuli esabalindele eAtene, umoya wakhe wakhathazeka phakathi kwakhe, ebona umuzi ugcwele izithombe.

17 Ngakho waphikisana lamaJuda esinagogeni labanye abakhonzayo, lasemdangeni insuku zonke lalabo ahlangana labo.

18 Labathile kuzo izazi zamaEpikuri lamaStoyiki baphikisana laye. Labanye bathi: Uwumane lolu lufuna ukuthini? Kodwa abanye bathi: Kungathi ungotshumayela onkulunkulu bezizweni; ngoba ngevangeli watshumayela kibo uJesu lokuvuka kwabafileyo.

19 Basebemthatha, bamusa eAreyopagu besithi: Singazi yini ukuthi iyini limfundiso entsha oyifundisayo?

20 Ngoba uletha indaba ezimangalisayo ezithile endlebeni zethu; ngakho sifisa ukwazi ukuthi lezizinto ziyini.

21 Ngoba bonke abeAtene lezethekeli ezihlala khona babechitha isikhathi kungeyisikho ngolutho olunye, ngaphandle kokutshela lokuzwa into entsha.

22 Kwathi uPawuli esima phakathi kweAreyopagu, wathi: Madoda maAtene, ngiyabona ukuthi ezintweni zonke kungathi lilenkolelo enkulu.

23 Ngoba ngithe ngidabula ngikhangela izinto zenu elizikhonzayo, ngasengifica ilathi elilotshwe ukuthi: KUNKULUNKULU ONGAZIWAYO. Lokho-ke elikukhonza lingakwazi, yikho mina engikutshumayela kini.

24 UNkulunkulu owenza umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo, yena, oyiNkosi yezulu lomhlaba, kahlali emathempelini enziwe ngezandla,

25 futhi kakhonzwa ngezandla zabantu, njengoswela ulutho, ngoba yena uqobo lwakhe uyabapha bonke impilo lokuphefumula lazo zonke izinto;

26 njalo wazenza zonke izizwe zabantu zivela egazini linye, ukuthi zihlale ebusweni bonke bomhlaba, wazimisela izikhathi eziqunyiweyo ngaphambili lemingcele yokuhlala kwazo;

27 ukuze zidinge iNkosi, ukuthi mhlawumbe sibili zimuzwe zimthole, njalo kanti kakhatshana kulowo lalowo wethu.

28 Ngoba kuye siphila njalo sihamba futhi sikhona; njengoba lembongi ezithile zakini zithe: Ngoba futhi siyinzalo yakhe.

29 Ngakho lokhu siyinzalo kaNkulunkulu, kakufanele ukuthi sinakane ukuthi ubuNkulunkulu bunjengegolide kumbe isiliva loba ilitshe, okubazwe ngeminwe langokunakana kwabantu.

30 Ngakho izikhathi zokungazi uNkulunkulu kazinanzanga, kodwa khathesi uyalaya bonke abantu endaweni zonke ukuthi baphenduke;

31 ngoba umisile usuku, azakwahlulela ngalo umhlaba ngokulunga, ngendoda ayimisileyo, waqinisa kubo bonke, ngokuyivusa kwabafileyo.

32 Kwathi besizwa ngokuvuka okwabafileyo, abanye bahleka usulu; kodwa abanye bathi: Sizaphinda sikuzwe ngalokhu.

33 Langokunjalo uPawuli waphuma phakathi kwabo.

34 Kodwa amadoda athile anamathela kuye, akholwa; phakathi kwawo kwakukhona loDiyonisiyu umAreyopagu, lowesifazana obizo lakhe nguDamari, labanye kanye labo.

IMISEBENZI 18

UPawuli useKorinte leEfesu

1 Emva kwalezizinto uPawuli wasuka eAtene weza eKorinte.

2 Wasefica umJuda othile uAkwila ngebizo, owePontusi ngokuzalwa, owayesanda ukufika evela eIthaliya, loPrisila umkakhe, ngenxa yokulaya kukaKlawudiyosi kokuthi wonke amaJuda kawasuke eRoma, waya kubo;

3 njalo ngoba babelomsebenzi ofananayo, wahlala kibo wasebenza; ngoba babengabenzi bamathente ngomsebenzi.

4 Wasetshumayela esinagogeni amasabatha wonke, wancenga amaJuda lamaGriki.

5 Kwathi uSilasi loTimothi sebehlile bevela eMakedoniya, uPawuli wacindezelwa nguMoya, efakaza kumaJudaukuthi uJesu unguKristu.

6 Kwathi emelana laye ehlambaza, wathintitha izembatho, wathi kuwo: Igazi lenu kalibe phezu kwekhanda lenu; mina ngimsulwa; kusukela khathesi ngizakuya kwabezizwe.

7 Wasesuka lapho waya endlini yomunye obizo lakhe nguJustusi, okhonza uNkulunkulu, ondlu yakhe yayiseduze lesinagoge.

8 Kodwa uKrispusi umphathi wesinagoge wakholwa eNkosini lendlu yakhe yonke; labanengi kwabeKorinte balalela bakholwa babhabhathizwa.

9 INkosi yasisithi kuPawuli ebusuku ngombono: Ungesabi, kodwa khuluma njalo ungathuli;

10 ngoba mina ngilawe, njalo kakho ozakuhlasela ukukwenzela okubi; ngoba ngilabantu abanengi kulumuzi.

11 Njalo wahlala umnyaka lenyanga eziyisithupha, efundisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu phakathi kwabo.

12 Kwathi uGaliyo engumbusi weAkaya, amaJuda amvukela uPawuli nganhliziyonye, amusa phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela,

13 esithi: Lo uncenga abantu ukuthi bakhonze uNkulunkulu ngokuphambene lomlayo.

14 Kodwa kwathi uPawuli esezavula umlomo, uGaliyo wathi kumaJuda: Ngakho uba bekulento engalunganga kumbe inkohliso embi, maJuda, ngesizatho bengizalibekezelela;

15 kodwa uba kuyikuphikisana ngelizwi lamabizo, lomlayo phakathi kwenu, ziboneleni lina; ngoba mina kangithandi ukuba ngumahluleli walezizinto.

16 Wasewaxotsha esihlalweni sokwahlulela.

17 Wonke amaGriki asebamba uSostenesi umphathi wesinagoge, amtshaya phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela. Njalo uGaliyo kaze azinanza lezizinto.

18 Kwathi uPawuli esahlezi insuku ezinengi, wavalelisa abazalwane, wasuka
ngomkhumbi waya eSiriya, loPrisila loAkwila kanye laye, esephuce
ikhanda eKenikreya, ngoba wayelesifungo.

19 Sebefikile eEfesu, wasebatshiya khona; kodwa yena engena
esinagogeni wakhulumisana lamaJuda.

20 Sebemcelile ukuthi ahlale isikhathi esidanyana labo, kavumanga;

21 kodwa wabavalelisa esithi: Kufanele isibili ukuthi ngigcine eJerusalema
umkhosi ozayo; kodwa ngizabuyela kini njalo, uba uNkulunkulu evuma. Wasuka
eEfesu ngomkhumbi,

22 njalo esefikile eKesariya, wenyuka wabingelela ibandla, wehlela eAntiyoki.

Uhambo lwesithathu lukaPawuli. UApolo eEfesu

23 Njalo esechithe isikhathi esithile, wasuka, wadabula ngokulandelana ilizwe
leGalathiya leFrigiya, eqinisa bonke abafundi.

24 Kwathi umJuda othile uApolosi ngebizo, umAleksandriya ngokuzalwa,
eyindoda eyisikhulumi, wafika eEfesu, elamandla emibhalweni.

25 Lo wayefundisiwe indlela yeNkosi, njalo evutha emoyeni wakhuluma
wafundisa ngokukhuthala izinto ezimayelana leNkosi, esazi ubhabhathizo
lukaJohane kuphela;

26 lo waseqala ukukhuluma ngesibindi esinagogeni. Kwathi sebemzwile uPrisila
loAkwila, bamthatha, bamchasisela indlela kaNkulunkulu ngokuqonda okukhulu.

27 Kwathi esethanda ukuchaphela eAkaya, abazalwane bemkhuthaza babhalela
abafundi ukuthi bamemukele; okwathi esefikile wabasiza kakhulu abakholwa
ngomusa;

28 ngoba waphikisa ngamandla wawehlula ngokupheleleyo obala amaJuda,
etshengisa ngemibhalo ukuthi uKristu unguJesu.

IMISEBENZI 19

UPawuli eEfesu

1Kwasekusithi, uApolosi eseseKorinte, uPawuli wafika eEfesu esedabule indawo
eziphakemeyo; wasefica abafundi abathile

2 wathi kubo: Lamemukela yini uMoya oNgcwele mhla likholwayo? Basebesithi
kuye: Kodwa kasizanga sizwe ngitsho ukuthi kukhona uMoya oNgcwele.

3 Wasesithi kubo: Pho labhabhathizelwa kukuphi? Basebesithi: Kubhabhathizo
lukaJohane.

4 Kodwa uPawuli wathi: UJohane wabhabhathiza ubhabhathizo lokuphenduka,
etshela abantu ukuze bakholwe kulowo oweza emva kwakhe, okuyikuthi,
kuKristu Jesu.

5 Lalabo abezwayo babhabhathizwa ebizweni leNkosi uJesu.

6 Wathi uPawuli esebeke izandla phezu kwabo, uMoya oyiNgcwele weza phezu kwabo; basebekhuluma ngendimi, baprofetha.

7 Njalo wonke amadoda ayengaba litshumi lambili.

8 Wasengena esinagogeni wakhuluma ngesibindi, inyanga ezintathu etshumayela eqinisekisa izinto ngombuso kaNkulunkulu.

9 Kodwa kwathi abanye besiba lukhuni bengakholwa, bekhuluma kubi ngaleyondlela phambi kwabantu, wasuka kubo wehlukanisa abafundi, insuku ngensuku etshumayela esikolo sothile uTiranu.

10 Lalokhu kwenzeka okweminyaka emibili, baze balizwa ilizwi leNkosi uJesu bonke abakhileyo eAsiya, amaJuda kanye lamaGriki.

11 UNkulunkulu wasesenza imisebenzi yamandla engejwayelekanga ngezandla zikaPawuli,

12 kwaze kwathi lakwabagulayo kwasiwa izifinyo kumbe amafasikoti okuvela emzimbeni wakhe, lezifo zasuka kubo, labomoya ababi baphuma kubo.

13 Kwathi abanye kumihambuma yamaJuda, izanuse, bazama ukubiza ibizo leNkosi uJesu kulabo ababelabomoya ababi, besithi: Siyalifungisa ngoJesu amtshumayelayo uPawuli.

14 Njalo kwakukhona amadodana ayisikhombisa athile kaSikeva umJuda umpristi omkhulu akwenzayo lokho.

15 Kodwa umoya omubi waphendula wathi: UJesu ngiyamazi, loPawuli ngiyazi ngaye; kodwa lina lingobani?

16 Lowomuntu okwakukuye umoya omubi waseseqela phezu kwabo, njalo wabehlula, wabanqoba, baze babaleka kuleyondlu benqunu belimele.

17 Lokhu kwasekusaziwa yibo bonke abakhileyo eEfesu amaJuda kanye lamaGriki; lokwesaba kwasekubehlela bonke; njalo lakhuliswa ibizo leNkosi uJesu.

18 Labanengi balabo abakholwayo beza, bevuma, bememezela izenzo zabo.

19 Labanengi balabo ababesenza amasalamusi baletha ingwalo ndawonye bazitshisa phambi kwabo bonke; basebebala intengo yazo, bathola izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu zesiliva.

20 Ngokunjalo ilizwi leNkosi lakhula ngamandla lanqoba.

21 Kwathi lezizinto seziphelile, uPawuli wazimisela emoyeni, esedabule eMakedoniya leAkaya, ukuya eJerusalema, esithi: Emva kokuba kwami lapho, ngimele ukubona iRoma layo.

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22 Esethume eMakedoniya ababili balabo ababemsiza, uTimothi loErastu, yena wahlala eAsiya okwesikhathi.

Isiphithiphithi sikaDemetriyu

23 Kodwa ngalesosikhathi kwasuka isiphithiphithi esingesincinyane mayelana laleyondlela.

24 Ngoba umuntu othile onguDemetriyu ngebizo, umkhandi wesiliva, owenza amathempelana esiliva kaDiyana, waletha kuzingcwethi inzuzo engencinyane;

25 owabaqoqayo bona, lezisebenzi zezinto ezifananayo, wathi: Madoda, liyazi ukuthi inotho yethu ivela kulumsebenzi.

26 Njalo liyabona liyezwa ukuthi kungeyisikho eEfesu kuphela, kodwa phose kulo lonke iAsiya, uPawuli lo uncengile njalo uphambule ixuku elikhulu, esithi kayisibo onkulunkulu abenziwe ngezandla.

27 Njalo kayisikho lokhu kuphela ukuthi sisengozini yokuthi le ingxenye ifike ekutheni ingahlonitshwa, kodwa lethempeli likankulunkulukazi omkhulu uDiyana lizathiwa liyinto engesilutho, njalo lobukhulukazi bakhe buzakwehliswa, elimkhonzayo yonke iAsiya lomhlaba wonke.

28 Kwathi bekuzwa bagcwala intukuthelo, bamemeza besithi: Mkhulu uDiyana wamaEfesu!

29 Njalo umuzi wonke wagcwala isiphithiphithi; basebetheleka kanyekanye endaweni yokudlalela, bahudulauGayusi loAristako amaMakedoniya, abaphelekezeli bakaPawuli.

30 Kwathi uPawuli efuna ukungena exukwini, abafundi kabamvumelanga.

31 Njalo labanye bababusi beAsiya, ababengabangane bakhe, bathuma kuye, bemncenga ukuthi angazinikeli endaweni yokudlalela.

32 Ngakho abanye bamemeza okunye labanye okunye; ngoba umhlangano wawusanganisekile, njalo inengi labo lalingazi ukuthi libuthene lapho ngenxa yani.

33 Basebemusa phambili uAleksandro esuka exukwini, ngoba amaJuda amqhubela phambili. UAleksandrowaseqhweba ngesandla, efuna ukuzivikela ebantwini.

34 Kodwa bathi sebekwazi ukuthi ungumJuda, kwaba lelizwi elilodwa livela kubo bonke okungaba ngamahola amabili limemeza lisithi: Mkhulu uDiyana wamaEfesu!

35 Njalo kwathi umabhalane eselithulisile ixuku wathi: Madoda eEfesu, kanti kukhona yini umuntu ongaziyo ukuthi umuzi weEfesu ungumlondolozi wethempeli likankulunkulukazi omkhulu uDiyana lowento eyawa ivela kuZewusi?

36 Ngakho njengoba lezizinto zingephikwe, kufanele lithule, lingenzi lutho ngamawala.

37 Ngoba lilethe lamadoda, angeyisibo abaphangi bamathempeli langahlambazi unkulunkulukazi wenu.

38 Ngakho uba uDemetriyu lezingcwethi kanye laye belodaba ngomuntu, amalanga okuthonisa amacala ayagcinwa, bakhona lababusi; kabamangalelane.

39 Kodwa uba lidinga ulutho ngezinye izinto, kuzalungiswa emhlanganweni osemthethweni.

40 Ngoba futhi sisengozini yokumangalelwa ngomvukela ngenxa yalamuhla, kungelambangela esingalandisa ngayo ngalesisiphithiphithi.

41 Njalo esetshilo lokho, wawuchitha umhlangano.

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UPawuli eMakedoniya

1Kwathi sesiphelile isiyaluyalu, uPawuli wabizela kuye abafundi, esebagonile, waphuma ukuthi aye eMakedoniya.

2 Kwathi esedabule lezongxenye, esebakhuthazile ngamazwi amanengi, wafika eGriki,

3 kwathi esehlale khona inyanga ezintathu, selenziwe iqhinga ngaye ngamaJuda esezasuka ngomkhumbi ukuya eSiriya, wazimisela ukubuyela adabule eMakedoniya.

4 Wasemphelekezela kwaze kwaba seAsiya uSopatheri weBeriya; lowamaThesalonika, uAristako loSekhundu, loGayusi weDerbe, loTimothi; lamaAsiya, uTikiko loTrofimu.

5 Laba sebehambe phambili basilindela eTrowasi.

6 Kodwa thina sasuka ngomkhumbi eFiliphi emva kwensuku zesinkwa esingelamvubelo, safika kubo eTrowasi ngensuku ezinhlanu, lapho esahlala khona insuku eziyisikhombisa.

UPawuli uvusa uYutikusi ekufeni

7 Kwathi ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, abafundi bebuthene ukuhlephula isinkwa, uPawuli watshumayela kubo, elungele ukusuka kusisa, waseselula ilizwi kwaze kwaba phakathi kobusuku.

8 Njalo kwakukhona izibane ezinengi endlini ephezulu ababebuthene kiyo.

9 Kwakuhlezi ewindini ijaha elithile ngebizo linguYutikusi, elajunywa yibuthongo obukhulu, uPawuli esetshumayele isikhathi eside, selehlulwe yibuthongo lawela phansi lisuka esitezi sesithathu, laselidojwa lifile.

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10 Kodwa uPawuli wehla waziphosela phezu kwalo, elisingatha wathi: Lingakhathazeki; ngoba umphefumulo walo ukhona kilo.

11 Esenyukile njalo esehlephule isinkwa wadla, waxoxa labo isikhathi eside kwaze kwasa, ngokunjalo wahamba.

12 Basebemletha umfana ephila, basebeduduzwa hatshi lakancane.

UPawuli eMilethu; uvalelisa abeEfesu

13 Kodwa thina, sesihambe phambili ukuya emkhunjini, sasuka ngomkhumbi saya eAsosi, lapho siqonde ukumkhweza uPawuli; ngoba wayemisile ngokunjalo, yena ebezahamba ngenyawo.

14 Njalo esehlangene lathi eAsosi, samkhweza safika eMithilene,

15 sasuka lapho ngomkhumbi, kusisa safika maqondana leKiyosi; langomhlomunye sasondela eSamosi; sasesihlala eTrogiliumu, ngolulandelayo safika eMilethu.

16 Ngoba uPawuli wayezimisele ukuyiceza iEfesu ngomkhumbi, ukuze angalibali eAsiya; ngoba wayephanga, nxa kwakungenzeka kuye, ukuba seJerusalema ngosuku lwePentekoste.

17 Kwathi eseMilethu wathumela eEfesu wabizela kuye abadala bebandla.

18 Kwathi sebefikile kuye, wathi kubo: Liyazi lina, ukuthi kusukela osukwini lokuqala lokufika kwami eAsiya, ngangihlezi njani isikhathi sonke phakathi kwenu,

19 ngakhonza iNkosi ngokuthobeka konke langezinyembezi ezinengi langezilingo ezangehlela ngamaqhinga amaJuda;

20 ukuthi angigodlanga lutho ngayo olusizayo, ukungatshumayeli kini lokungalifundisi obala, lakuzindlu ngezindlu,

21 ngifakaza kumaJuda kanye lakumaGriki ukuphendukela kuNkulunkulu, lokholo eNkosini yethu uJesu Kristu.

22 Lakhathesi khangelani, mina ngiya eJerusalema ngibotshwe nguMoya, ngingakwazi okuzangehlela phakathi kwayo,

23 ngaphandle kokuthi uMoya oyiNgcwele uyangifakazela emizini yonke esithi izibopho lezinhlupheko zingilindele.

24 Kodwa angikhathaleli lutho lwalezizinto, lempilo yami angiyenzi into eligugu kimi, ukuze ngiphelelise uhambo lwami ngentokozo, lenkonzo engayemukela eNkosini uJesu, eyokufakaza ivangeli elomusa kaNkulunkulu.

25 Njalo khathesi khangelani, mina ngiyazi ukuthi kalisayikubona ubuso bami lina lonke, engihamba phakathi kwenu ngitshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu.

26 Ngakho ngiyafakaza kini ngalolusuku lwalamuhla, ukuthi mina ngimsulwa egazini labo bonke;

27 ngoba kangigodlanga ukuthi ngilitshumayeze lonke icebo likaNkulunkulu.

28 Ziqapheleni-ke lina lomhlambi wonke, alibeke phakathi kwawo uMoya oyiNgcwele ukuthi libe ngababonisi, bokwelusa ibandla likaNkulunkulu, azithengele lona ngegazi lakhe uqobo.

29 Ngoba mina ngiyazi lokhu, ukuthi emva kokuhamba kwami kuzangena impisi eziphangayo phakathi kwenu, zingawuyekeli umhlambi;

30 laphakathi kwenu kuzavela amadoda ekhuluma izinto eziduhisayo, ukuhugela abafundi ngemva kwawo.

31 Ngakho lindani, likhumbule ukuthi okweminyaka emithathu ebusuku lemini kangimanga ukuleluleka omunyelomunye ngenyembezi.

32 Lakhathesi, bazalwane, ngilinikela kuNkulunkulu laselizwini lomusa wakhe, elilamandla okulakha, lokulipha ilifa phakathi kwabo bonke abangcwelisiweyo.

33 Kangihawukelanga isiliva kumbe igolide loba isembatho somuntu.

34 Lina-ke uqobo lwenu liyazi ukuthi lezizandla zasebenzela inswelo zami lezalabo ababelami.

35 Kukho konke ngilitshengisile, ukuthi kumele ukuthi sisize ababuthakathaka sisebenza ngokunjalo, sikhumbule amazwi eNkosi uJesu, ukuthi yena wathi: Kubusisekile kakhulu ukupha kulokwemukela.

36 Njalo esetshilo lezizinto, waguqa ngamadolo akhe, wakhuleka labo bonke.

37 Kwaba khona ukukhala kakhulu kwabo bonke; basebewela entanyeni kaPawuli bamanga,

38 belosizi kakhulu ngelizwi alitshoyo, elokuthi kabasayikubona ubuso bakhe. Basebemphelekezela baya laye emkhunjini.

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UPawuli eKesariya

1 Kwasekusithi sisuka ngomkhumbi sesehlukene labo, sahamba ngendlela eqondileyo safika eKosi, langosuku olulandelayo eRodesi, sasuka lapho saya ePathara;

2 sasesithola lapho umkhumbi ochaphela eFenekiya, sangena sahamba ngomkhumbi.

3 Kwathi sesiqhamuka eKuprosi, sasesiyitshiyela ngakwesokhohlo, saya ngomkhumbi eSiriya, sehlikela eTire; ngoba umkhumbi wawuzakwethulela khona impahla.

4 Sesibatholile abafundi, sahlala khona insuku eziyisikhombisa; bona bamtshela
uPawuli ngoMoya, ukuthi angenyukeli eJerusalema.

5 Kwathi sekwenzakele ukuthi siqede insuku, sasuka sahamba, njalo bonke
basiphelekezela kanye labomkabo labantwana kwaze kwaba ngaphandle
komuzi; njalo saguqa ngamadolo ekhunjini sakhuleka,

6 sesivalelisene, sangena emkhunjini, kodwa bona babuyela kibo.

7 Kodwa thina, sesiqedile uhambo ngomkhumbi sisuka eTire, safika ePetolemayi,
sesibingelele abazalwanesahlala labo usuku lwaba lunye.

8 Kusisa thina esasiloPawuli sasuka safika eKesariya; sesingene endlini
kaFiliphu umvangeli, owayengomunyewabayisikhombisa, sahlala laye.

9 Yena-ke wayelamadodakazi amane, intombi, eziprofethayo.

10 Kwathi sesihlezi insuku ezinengi, kwehla umprofethi othile uAgabusi ngebizo
evela eJudiya,

11 wasefika kithi, wathatha uzwezwe lukaPawuli, wazibopha izandla kanye
lenyawo esithi: Utsho lokho uMoya oyiNgcwele: Indoda olungolwayo
loluzwezwe, amaJuda eJerusalema azayibopha kanje, njalo ayinikele ezandleni
zabezizwe.

12 Sesizizwile lezizinto, samncenga thina kanye lalabo ababelapho, ukuthi
angenyukeli eJerusalema.

13 Kodwa uPawuli waphendula esithi: Lenzani likhala lidabula inhliziyo yami?
Ngoba mina sengilungele, kungeyisikho ukubotshwa kuphela, kodwa lokufa
eJerusalema ngenxa yebizo leNkosi uJesu.

14 Kwathi engancengeki, sathula sathi: Kayenziwe intando yeNkosi.

UPawuli eJerusalema

15 Emva kwalezinsuku sasesilungiselela, senyukela eJerusalema.

16 Labathile babafundi beKesariya basebehamba lathi, babuya lothile uMnasoni
umKuprosi, umfundi omdala, ebesizangenisa kuye.

17 Njalo sesifikile eJerusalema, abazalwane basemukela ngokuthokoza.

18 Kusisa uPawuli wangena lathi kuJakobe, labadala bonke babekhona.

19 Kwathi esebabingelele, wabalandisela ngakunye ngakunye izinto uNkulunkulu
azenzileyo phakathi kwabezizwe ngenkonzo yakhe.

20 Kwathi sebekuzwile, bayidumisa iNkosi; bathi kuye: Uyabona, mzalwane,
ukuthi zinengi kangakanani izigidi zamaJuda akholwayo; futhi bonke
batshisekela umlayo;

21 njalo sebetsheliwe ngawe, ukuthi ufundisa wonke amaJuda aphakathi kwabezizwe ukuthi adele uMozisi, usithi angasoki abantwana, lokuthi angahambi ngamasiko.

22 Pho-ke kuyini? Isibili kufanele ukuthi ixuku libuthane; ngoba bazakuzwa ukuthi usufikile.

23 Ngakho yenza lokhu esikutsho kuwe; silamadoda amane abalesifungo phezu kwawo;

24 athathe kanye lawe, uzihlambulule kanye lawo, njalo uhlawule indleko zawo, ukuze aphuce amakhanda, njalo ukuze bakwazi bonke ukuthi kakulalutho kulokho abakutshelwe ngawe, kodwa ukuthi lawe uhamba ngokulondoloza umlayo.

25 Kodwa mayelana labezizwe abakholwayo thina sesibhalile, saquma sathi bangagcini lutho olunjalo, ngaphandle kokuthi kabazile okuhlatshelwe izithombe, legazi, lokukhanyiweyo, lokufeba.

26 UPawuli wasewathatha amadoda, kusisa wahlanjululwa kanye lawo wangena ethempelini, ukubika ukuphela kwensuku zokuhlanjululwa, kwaze kwalethwa umnikelo walowo lalowo.

AmaJuda avusa umsindo; uPawuli uyabotshwa

27 Kwathi sezizaphela insuku eziyisikhombisa, amaJuda avela eAsiya ayembonile ethempelini, avusa ixuku lonke, amdumela ngezandla,

28 amemeza athi: Madoda maIsrayeli, sizani! Nguye lumuntu ofundisa bonke endaweni zonke okuphambene lesizwe, lomlayo, lalindawo; futhi ungenisile lamaGriki ethempelini, useyingcolisile lindawo engcwele.

29 Ngoba ayebonile ngaphambili uTrofimu umEfesu emzini elaye, amkhumbulela ukuthi uPawuli umngenisile ethempelini.

30 Lomuzi wonke wanyakazela, labantu bagijimela ndawonye, bamdumela uPawuli bamhudulela ngaphandle kwethempeli; leminyango yahle yavalwa.

31 Kuthe besafuna ukumbulala, ilizwi lafika enduneni enkulu yesigaba, ukuthi iJerusalema yonke iyaphithizela;

32 eyahle yathatha amabutho lezinduna zekhulu, yagijimela kubo; kwathi sebebona induna enkulu lamabutho, bayekela ukumtshaya uPawuli.

33 Induna enkulu yasisondela, yambamba, yalaya ukuthi kabotshwe ngamaketane amabili, yabuza ukuthi ungubani, lokuthi wenzeni.

34 Abanye exukwini bememeza okunye labanye okunye; kodwa ingelakulazi iqiniso ngenxa yomsindo, yalaya ukuthi asiwe enkambeni yamabutho.

35 Kwathi esefikile ezikhwelweni, kwenzeka ukuthi athwalwe ngamabutho ngenxa yokufutheka kwexuku;

36 ngoba ixuku labantu lalandela limemeza lisithi: Msuseni!

37 Kwathi uPawuli esezangeniswa enkambeni yamabutho wathi enduneni enkulu: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthi ngikhulume ulutho kuwe? Yona yasisithi: Uyasazi isiGriki yini?

38 Kanti kawusuye yini lowomGibhithe okwathi kungakafiki lezinsuku wenza umvukela, wakhokhelela enkangala amadoda azinkulungwane ezine angababulali?

39 Kodwa uPawuli wathi: Mina ngingumuntu ongumJuda, weTarsu yeKilikhiya, isakhamuzi somuzi ongadelelekanga; ngiyakuncenga, ngivumela ngikhulume ebantwini.

40 Kwathi esemvumele, uPawuli wema ezikhwelweni waqhweba abantu ngesandla; sekuthe cwaka, wasekhuluma labo ngolimi lwamaHebheru wathi:

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UPawuli ulandisela amaJuda ngokuphenduka kwakhe

1 Madoda, bazalwane, labobaba, zwanini ukuziphendulela kwami khathesi kini.

2 Sebezwile ukuthi ukhuluma labo ngolimi lwamaHebheru, bathula kakhulu, wasesithi:

3 Mina ngiyindoda engumJuda, eyazalelwa eTarsu yeKilikhiya, ngakhuliselwa kulumuzi enyaweni zikaGamaliyeli, ngafundiswa ngokuqinileyo umlayo wabobaba, ngitshisekela uNkulunkulu, njengani lonke lamuhla;

4 eyazingela leyondlela kwaze kwaba sekufeni, ngibabopha ngibanikela entolongweni amadoda kanye labafazi,

5 njengoba lompristi omkhulu engifakazela, lomphakathi wonke wabadala; engazuza kubo incwadi eziya kubazalwane, ngaya eDamaseko, ukuthi lababekhona lapho ngibalethe eJerusalema bebotshiwe, ukuze bajeziswe.

6 Kwasekusithi ngisahamba sengisondela eDamaseko, sekungaba yimini enkulu, kwahle kwakhanya ukukhanya okukhulu okuvela ezulwini kungizingelezela.

7 Ngasengiwela phansi, ngasengisizwa ilizwi lisithi kimi: Sawuli, Sawuli, ungizingelelani?

8 Mina ngasengiphendula ngathi: Ungubani, Nkosi? Wasesithi kimi: NginguJesu weNazaretha wena omzingelayo.

9 Lalabo ababelami bakubona ukukhanya, njalo basebesesaba, kodwa kabalizwanga ilizwi elakhuluma lami.

10 Ngasengisithi: Ngenzeni, Nkosi? INkosi yasisithi kimi: Sukuma uye eDamaseko; njalo uzatshelwa khona ngazo zonke izinto ozimiselwe ukuthi uzenze.

11 Njengoba ngangingaboni ngenxa yenkazimulo yalokhokukhanya, ngakhokhelwa ngesandla yilabo ababelami, ngafika eDamaseko.

12 Njalo uAnaniya othile, indoda ekhuthele ekukhonzeni ngokomlayo, owayefakazelwa yiwo wonke amaJuda ahlala khona,

13 weza kimi wasesima phansi kwami wathi kimi: Sawuli mzalwane, buya ubone. Njalo mina ngalesosikhathi ngasengimbona.

14 Wasesithi: UNkulunkulu wabobaba bethu ukumisile ngaphambili ukuthi wazi intando yakhe, lokuthi uboneoLungileyo, njalo uzwe ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni wakhe,

15 ngoba uzakuba ngumfakazi wakhe kubo bonke abantu, walokho okubonileyo lokuzwileyo.

16 Khathesi-ke, usalindeleni? Sukuma ubhabhathizwe uhlanjululwe ezonweni zakho, ubize ibizo leNkosi.

17 Kwasekusithi kimi sengibuyele eJerusalema, njalo ngikhuleka ethempelini, ngaba lokuhlehla kwengqondo,

18 ngasengimbona wathi kimi: Phangisa uphume ngesiqubu eJerusalema; ngoba kabasoze bemukele ubufakazi bakho ngami.

19 Ngasengisithi: Nkosi, bayazi bona ukuthi mina ngangibafaka entolongweni ngibatshaya emasinagogeni wonke labo abakholwa kuwe;

20 njalo mhla kuchithwa igazi likaStefane umfakazi wakho, mina uqobo ngangimi khona ngivumelana lokufa kwakhe, njalo ngilondoloza izembatho zalabo abambulalayo.

21 Wasesithi kimi: Hamba, ngoba mina ngizakuthuma khatshana kwabezizwe.

AmaJuda afuna ukubulala uPawuli

22 Bamlalela kwaze kwafika kulelolizwi, baphakamisa ilizwi labo besithi: Msuseni onje emhlabeni, ngoba kakufanele ukuthi aphile!

23 Kwathi besamemeza, baphosa izembatho, baphosa uthuli emoyeni,

24 induna enkulu yalaya ukuthi angeniswe enkambeni yamabutho, yathi kahlolisiswe ngeziswepu, ukuze yazi ukuthi kungasizatho bani bememeza ngokunjalo ngaye.

25 Kwathi sebemelulele phambili ngemichilo, uPawuli wathi enduneni yekhulu eyayimi lapho: Kuvunyelwe kini yini ukutshaya ngesiswepu umuntu ongumRoma engalahlwanga licala?

26 Induna yekhulu isizwile yasondela yatshela induna enkulu isithi: Nanzelela osuzakwenza; ngoba lumuntu ungumRoma.

27 Induna enkulu yasifika yathi kuye: Ngitshele, wena ungumRoma yini? Yena wathi: Yebo.

28 Induna enkulu yasiphendula yathi: Mina lelilungelo lokuba yisakhamuzi ngalizuza ngemali enkulu. UPawuli wasesithi: Kodwa lami ngazalwa lalo.

29 Ngakho labo abasebezamhlola bahle basuka kuye. Lenduna enkulu layo yesaba, isisazi ukuthi ungumRoma, lokuthi ibimbophile.

30 Kwathi kusisa ifuna ukwazi iqiniso, ukuthi kungani emangalelwa ngamaJuda, yamkhulula kuzibopho, yalaya ukuthi abapristi abakhulu lomphakathi wabo wonke babuye, yamehlisa uPawuli yammisa phambi kwabo.

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UPawuli ephambi komphakathi

1UPawuli wasewujolozela umphakathi wathi: Madoda bazalwane, mina ngihambile phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngesazela sonke esihle, kuze kube lamuhla.

2 Kodwa uAnaniya umpristi omkhulu walaya labo ababemi phansi kwakhe ukuthi bamtshaye umlomo.

3 UPawuli wasesithi kuye: UNkulunkulu uzakutshaya, mduli oconjwe waba mhlophe; ngoba wena uhlalele ukungahlulela ngomlayo, kanti ngokuphambene lomlayo ulaya ukuthi ngitshaywe?

4 Lababemi lapho bathi: Uyamthuka umpristi omkhulu kaNkulunkulu yini?

5 UPawuli wasesithi: Bengingazi, bazalwane, ukuthi ungumpristi omkhulu; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ungakhulumi kubi ngombusi wesizwe sakini.

6 Kwathi uPawuli esekwazi ukuthi enye ingxenye yabo ingabaSadusi, lenye ingabaFarisi, wamemeza emphakathini wathi: Madoda bazalwane, mina ngingumFarisi, indodana yomFarisi; ngethemba langokuvuka okwabafileyo mina ngiyahlulelwa.

7 Kwathi esetshilo lokhu, kwavela ukuphikisana kwabaFarisi labaSadusi, lexuku ladabuka phakathi;

8 ngoba abaSadusi bathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, loba ingilosi, loba umoya; kodwa abaFarisi bayakuvuma kokubili.

9 Kwasekuvela ukumemeza okukhulu; kwathi ababhali behlelo labaFarisi basukuma baphika kakhulu besithi: Kasitholi bubi kulumuntu; kodwa nxa umoya kumbe ingilosi kukhulume laye, kasingalwi simelene loNkulunkulu.

10 Kwathi sekuvele ukuphikisana okukhulu, induna enkulu yesaba ukuthi uPawuli uzadatshulwa yibo, yalaya amabutho ukuthi ahle amhluthule phakathi kwabo, njalo abuyele laye enkambeni yamabutho.

11 Njalo ngobusuku obulandelayo iNkosi yema phansi kwakhe yathi: Mana isibindi Pawuli; ngoba njengalokhu ufakaze izinto ngami eJerusalema, kunjalo-ke umele ufakaze leRoma.

Iqhinga lamaJuda lokubulala uPawuli

12 Kwathi sekusile, abanye bamaJuda benza iqhinga, bazibopha ngesiqalekiso, besithi kabayikudla lokunatha baze bambulale uPawuli.

13 Njalo babengaphezu kwamatshumi amane abenza lesisifungo ndawonye;

14 abaya kubapristi abakhulu labadala bathi: Sizibophe ngesiqalekiso esikhulu, sokuthi kasiyikudla lutho size simbulale uPawuli.

15 Ngakho khathesi lina kanye lomphakathi yazisani induna enkulu, ukuze imthume kini kusasa, ngokungathi lizazwisisa okunengi ngendaba zakhe; thina-ke, engakasondeli, sesilungele ukumbulala.

16 Kodwa indodana kadadewabo kaPawuli yezwa ngokumcathamela, yeza yangena enkambeni yamabutho, yamtshela uPawuli.

17 UPawuli wasebizela kuye enye yezinduna zekhulu wathi: Sana lelijaha enduneni enkulu; ngoba lilento elizayitshela yona.

18 Yasilithatha-ke yalisa enduneni enkulu, yasisithi: UPawuli isibotshwa ungibizele kuye wacela ukuthi ngilethe lelijaha kuwe, lilento elizakutshela yona.

19 Induna enkulu yasilithatha ngesandla, yasibuyela eceleni bebodwa, yabuza: Kuyini ozongitshela khona?

20 Laselisithi: AmaJuda avumelene ukucela kuwe, ukuze wehlisele uPawuli emphakathini kusasa, kungathi azahlolisisa ngcono ulutho ngaye.

21 Ngakho wena ungavunyiswa yiwo; ngoba amadoda adlula amatshumi amane kuwo amcathamele, azibophe ngesiqalekiso ngokuthi angadli anganathi aze ambulale; lakhathesi alungile elindele isithembiso sakho.

22 Ngakho induna enkulu yasiliyekela ijaha lahamba, ililaya isithi: Ungatsheli muntu ukuthi ungibikele lezizinto.

UPawuli usiwa eKesariya

23 Yasibizela kuyo induna zekhulu ezithile ezimbili, yathi: Lungisani abebutho abangamakhulu amabili ukuze bahambe baze bayefika eKesariya, labagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, labemikhonto abangamakhulu amabili, kusukela ngehola lesithathu lobusuku;

24 lungisani lezinyamazana, ukuze ligadise uPawuli limfikise ephephile kumbusi uFelike;

25 wabhala incwadi imumethe lokhu:

26 Klawudiyosi Lisiya kumhlekazi umbusi uFelike ngiyabingelela.

27 Lindoda ibibanjwe ngamaJuda, njalo ibisizabulawa yiwo, ngafika lamabutho ngayophula, sengizwile ukuthi ungumRoma.

28 Ngathi ngifuna ukuthi ngazi isizatho ayimangalela ngaso, ngayehlisela emphakathini wawo;

29 engathi ngithola ukuthi imangalelwe ngemibuzo yomlayo wawo, kodwa ingamangalelwanga ngalutho olufanele ukufa loba izibopho.

30 Kwathi sekuvelile kimi ukuthi kwasekuzakuba khona iqhinga ngalindoda ngamaJuda, ngahle ngayithuma kuwe, ngibalayile futhi abamangaleli ukuthi bakhulume izinto ngayo phambi kwakho. Sala kuhle.

31 Abebutho-ke, njengokulaywa kwabo, bamthatha uPawuli, bamusa eAntipatri ngobusuku.

32 Njalo kusisa, batshiya abagadi bamabhiza ukuthi bahambe laye, babuyela enkambeni yamabutho;

33 okwathi sebefikile eKesariya, bamnika umbusi incwadi, bammisa loPawuli phambi kwakhe.

34 Kwathi umbusi eseyifundile incwadi, wasebuza ukuthi ungowawuphi umkhono; esezwile ukuthi ungoweKilikhiya,

35 wathi: Ngizakuzwa, sebefikile labamangaleli bakho. Waselaya ukuthi alondolozwe endlini kaHerodiyokwahlulela.

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UPawuli eyisibotshwa umangalelwa kuFelike eKesariya

1Kwathi emva kwensuku ezinhlanu uAnaniya wehla labadala lomkhulumeli othile uTertulo, abamangalela uPawuli kumbusi.

2 Kwathi esebiziwe, uTertulo waqala ukumcala esithi: Ukuthula okukhulu sikuzuzile ngawe, lemisebenzi emihle yenzakele kulesisizwe ngokunakekela kwakho,

3 ngazo zonke indlela lakuzo zonke indawo siyakwemukela, mhlekazi Felike, ngakho konke ukubonga.

4 Kodwa ukuze ngingakubambeleli kakhulu, ngiyakuncenga ukuthi ngomusa wakho usizwe ngokufitshane.

5 Ngoba lindoda siyifice iyinkathazo, njalo ingeyenza umvukela phakathi kwamaJuda wonke emhlabeni jikelele, lomkhokheliqembu wobubhazuka bamaNazaretha;

6 eyake yazama lokungcolisa ithempeli; esike sayibamba sithanda ukuyehlulela ngokomlayo wethu,

7 kodwa kwafika uLisiya induna enkulu wamthatha ngodlakela olukhulu ezandleni zethu,

8 elaya abamangaleli bakhe ukuthi beze kuwe; ongathi, ngokumbuzisisa wena uqobo, ungaba lakho ukwazi kuye ngazo zonke izinto thina esimmangalela ngazo.

9 LamaJuda lawo avuma, esithi lezizinto zinjalo.

10 UPawuli wasephendula, umbusi esemqhwebile ukuthi akhulume wathi: Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi sekuyiminyaka eminengi ungumahluleli phezu kwalesisizwe, ngiyaziphendulela ngesibindi esikhulu ngezinto zami,

11 njengoba ungakubona ukuthi kakukadluli insuku ezilitshumi lambili, lokhu ngenyukele eJerusalemaukukhuleka;

12 njalo kabangificanga ethempelini ngiphikisana lomuntu loba ngivusa isiphithiphithi exukwini, loba emasinagogeni, loba emzini.

13 Futhi bangeke baqinise ngezinto abangimangalela ngazo khathesi.

14 Kodwa ngiyavuma kuwe lokhu, ukuthi ngendlela abayibiza ngokuthi yibubhazuka, ngokunjalo ngiyamkhonza uNkulunkulu wabobaba, ngikholwa konke okulotshiweyo emlayweni lakubaprofethi;

15 ngilethemba kuNkulunkulu, abalilindeleyo labo uqobo lwabo, elokuthi kuzakuba khona ukuvuka okwabafileyo, okwabalungileyo kanye labangalunganga.

16 Njalo kulokho mina ngiyazama, ukuthi ngibe lesazela esingelacala phambi kukaNkulunkulu labantu isikhathi sonke.

17 Kwathi emva kweminyaka eminengi ngafika ukuletha izipho zomusa esizweni sakithi leminikelo;

18 ngikulezizinto amaJuda athile avela eAsiya angifica ethempelini ngihlanjululwe, kungekho ixuku loba isiphithiphithi;

19 afanele ukuba khona lapha phambi kwakho angicale uba elolutho ngami;

20 kumbe bona ngokwabo kabatsho, ukuthi baficani okungalunganga kimi, mhla ngimi phambi komphakathi,

21 ngaphandle kwalelolizwi elilodwa, engalimemeza ngimi phakathi kwabo ngisithi: Ngokuvuka okwabafileyo mina ngiyehlulelwa yini lamuhla.

22 Kwathi uFelike wabadlulisela phambili, esezwile lezizinto esazi ngokupheleleyo izinto ngaleyondlela, esithi: Nxa uLisiya induna enkulu isiyehlile, ngizayihlolisisa indaba yenu;

23 waselaya induna yekhulu ukuthi agcinwe uPawuli, lokuthi abe lenkululeko, njalo kungalelwa muntu wakibo ukumncedisa kumbe ukuza kuye.

UPawuli utshumayela kuFelike ngoKristu

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24 Kwathi emva kwensuku ezithile, uFelike weza loDrusila umkakhe engumJudakazi, wathumela ukubiza uPawuli, wamuzwa mayelana lokholo kuKristu.

25 Kwathi esakhuluma ngokulunga langokuzithiba langokwahlulela okuzayo, uFelike watshaywa luvalo waphendula wathi: Hamba okwakhathesi; nxa sengizuze ithuba elihle ngizakubizela kimi;

26 njalo ngesikhathi esifananayo wayethemba futhi ukuthi uzanikwa imali nguPawuli, ukuze amkhulule; ngakho wayehlezi embizela kuye ekhuluma laye.

27 Kodwa sekugcwaliseke iminyaka emibili, uFelike wemukela omlandelayo uPorkiyu uFestusi; uFelike efisa ukuthokozisa amaJuda wamtshiya uPawuli ebotshiwe.

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UPawuli umangalelwa phambi kukaFestusi

1 Ngakho kwathi uFestusi esengenile emkhonweni, emva kwensuku ezintathu wenyukela eJerusalema esuka eKesariya,

2 labapristi abakhulu lezikhulu zamaJuda bammangalela uPawuli kuye, bemncenga,

3 bacela ukwenzelwa umusa omelane laye, ukuthi amthume eJerusalema, becathamela ukumbulala endleleni.

4 Kodwa uFestusi waphendula ngokuthi uPawuli ugciniwe eKesariya, lokuthi laye ngokwakhe uzakuya khonangokuphangisa.

5 Wathi: Ngakho labo abenelisayo phakathi kwenu kabehle kanye lami; uba kukhona ulutho olubi ngaleyondoda, bayimangalele.

6 Kwathi esehlale phakathi kwabo insuku ezedlula itshumi, wehlela eKesariya; kusisa wahlala esihlalweni sokwahlulela walaya ukuthi uPawuli alethwe.

7 Kwathi esefikile, amaJuda ayehlile evela eJerusalema ema emhanqile, embeka amacala amanengi lanzima uPawuli, ayengelakuwaqinisa,

8 yena eziphendulela wathi: Lemlayweni wamaJuda, lethempelini, lakuKesari kangonanga lutho.

9 Kodwa uFestusi ethanda ukuthabisa amaJuda, waphendula uPawuli wathi: Uyathanda yini ukwenyukela eJerusalema, wahlulelwe khona ngalezizinto phambi kwami?

10 Kodwa uPawuli wathi: Ngimi phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKesari, lapho okufanele ngahlulelwe khona; kangonanga lutho kumaJuda, njengoba lawe usazi kuhle kakhulu.

11 Ngoba uba ngonile ngenze ulutho olufanele ukufa, kangali ukufa; kodwa uba kungekho lutho lwezinto abangimangalela ngazo, kakulamuntu onganginikela kubo ngesihle. Ngilidlulisela kuKesari.

12 Khona uFestusi esekhulume lomphakathi waphendula wathi: Ulidlulisele kuKesari? Uzakuya kuKesari.

UAgripha ubikelwa udaba lukaPawuli

13 Kwathi sekudlule insuku ezithile, uAgripha inkosi loBernike bafika eKesariya, ukuze babingelele uFestusi.

14 Kwathi sebehlezi khona insuku ezinengi, uFestusi wayilandisela inkosi izindaba zikaPawuli, esithi: Kukhona indoda ethile eyatshiywa nguFelike iyisibotshwa,

15 kwathi ngiseJerusalema, abapristi abakhulu labadala bamaJuda bammangalela, becela isigwebo esimelene laye.

16 Engabaphendula ngathi: Kakusiwo umkhuba wamaRoma ukumnikela umuntu ekufeni, omangalelweyo labammangalelayo bengalethwanga ubuso ngobuso, njalo azuze indawo yokuziphendulela ngecala.

17 Ngakho sebebuthene lapha, kangizange ngiphuze; ngosuku olulandelayo ngahlala esihlalweni sokwahlulela, ngalaya ukuthi indoda ilethwe;

18 leyo abayimangalelayo sebemi kabavezanga cala ngayo ngezinto mina ebengizicabangela,

19 kodwa babelokuphikisana okuthile laye ngenkolo yakibo, langothile uJesu owafayo, uPawuli othi ngaye uyaphila.

20 Kuthe mina ngisadidekile ngombuzo onje, ngathi, angathanda yini ukuya eJerusalema, ayekwahlulelwa khona ngalezozinto.

21 Kodwa kwathi uPawuli eselidlulisele phambili ukuthi agcinelwe ukuhlolwa yinkosi enkulu, ngalaya ukuthi agcinwe, ngize ngimthume kuKesari.

22 UAgripha wasesithi kuFestusi: Lami bengithanda ukuthi ngimuzwe lumuntu. Yena wathi: Kusasa uzamuzwa.

23 Ngakho kusisa, kwathi uAgripha loBernike befika ngokuzibonakalisa okukhulu, basebengena endlini yokwahlulela kanye lezinduna ezinkulu lamadoda ayizikhulu zomuzi, uFestusi waselaya ukuthi uPawuli alethwe.

24 UFestusi wasesithi: Nkosi Agripha, lani lonke madoda elikhona lapha kanye lathi, liyambona lo elangicela ngaye lonke ixuku lamaJuda eJerusalema kanye lalapha, limemeza lisithi kasafanele ukuphila.

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25 Kodwa mina ngathola ukuthi kenzanga lutho olufanele ukufa, lokuthi yena ngokwakhe eselidlulisele enkosini enkulu, ngaquma ukumthuma.

26 Okungaye kangilalutho oluqinileyo engingalubhalela inkosi. Ngakho ngimlethile phambi kwenu, ikakhulu phambi kwakho, nkosi Agripha, ukuze kuthi esehloliwe ngibe lakho engingakubhala.

27 Ngoba ngibona kungaqondanga ukuthuma isibotshwa, kungatshengiswanga lamacala amelene laso.

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UPawuli uziphendulela phambi kukaFestusi loAgripha

1UAgripha wasesithi kuPawuli: Uvunyelwe ukuzikhulumela. UPawuli waseselula isandla, waziphendulelawathi:

2 Kukho konke engimangalelwa ngakho ngamaJuda, nkosi Agripha, ngizizwa ngithokoza ukuthi sengingaziphendulela phambi kwakho lamuhla;

3 ikakhulu ngoba uyawazi wonke amasiko lokuphikisana phakathi kwamaJuda; ngakho ngiyakuncenga, ukuthi ungizwe ngesineke.

4 Ngakho ukuhamba kwami konke kusukela ebutsheni, okwakuqala esizweni sakithi eJerusalema, wonke amaJuda ayakwazi,

5 ayangazi phambili kusukela ekuqaleni, uba bethanda ukufakaza, ukuthi ngendlela eqinileyo yehlelo lokukhonza kwakithi ngaphila ngingumFarisi.

6 Lakhathesi ngimi ngithonisiswa ngenxa yethemba lesithembiso esenziwa nguNkulunkulu kubobaba,

7 ezithemba ukufinyelela kuso izizwe zakithi ezilitshumi lambili, zikhonza ngesineke ebusuku lemini; engimangalelwe ngalelithemba, nkosi Agripha, ngamaJuda.

8 Kungani kukhunjulwa ukuthi kuyinto engakholekiyo kini, nxa uNkulunkulu evusa abafileyo?

9 Ngakho lami ngokwami ngangicabanga ukuthi ngangifanele ukwenza izinto ezinengi eziphambene lebizo likaJesu weNazaretha;

10 lami engakwenza eJerusalema, njalo mina ngavalela abanengi kwabangcwele entolongweni, sengemukele amandla avela kubapristi abakhulu; lalapho bebulawa ngakukhetha.

11 Lemasinagogeni wonke ngabajezisa kanengi, ngababamba ngamandla ukuthi bahlambaze; njalo ngahlanya kakhulu ngabo, ngabazingela baze bafika emizini yabezizwe.

12 Okungazo lami ngisiya eDamaseko ngamandla langokuthunywa ngabapristi abakhulu,

13 emini enkulu, nkosi, ngabona endleleni ukukhanya kuvela ezulwini, kudlula
ukukhanya kwelanga, kwakhanya kwangizingelezela lalabo ababehamba lami.

14 Kwathi sonke sesiwele phansi emhlabathini, ngezwa ilizwi likhuluma lami
lisithi ngolimi lwesiHebheru: Sawuli, Sawuli, ungizingelelani? Kulukhuni kuwe
ukukhahlelana lezincijo.

15 Mina ngasengisithi: Ungubani, Nkosi? Wasesithi: Mina nginguJesu
omzingelayo.

16 Kodwa sukuma, njalo ume ngenyawo zakho; ngoba ngibonakelele lokho kuwe,
ukuthi ngikumise ube yisikhonzi lomfakazi wezinto ozibonileyo, kanye
lengizazibonakalisa ngazo kuwe,

17 ngikophula ebantwini lakwabezizwe, engikuthuma kubo khathesi,

18 ukuvula amehlo abo, lokubaphendula emnyameni baye ekukhanyeni,
lemandleni kaSathane baye kuNkulunkulu, ukuze bemukeliswe uthethelelo
lwezono, lelifa phakathi kwabangcwelisiweyo ngokholo olukimi.

19 Ngakho, nkosi Agripha, kangalanga ukulalela umbono wezulwini;

20 kodwa ngatshumayela kuqala kwabaseDamaseko labeJerusalema, lakulo lonke
ilizwe leJudiya, lakwabezizwe, ukuze baphenduke, babuyele kuNkulunkulu,
benze imisebenzi efanele ukuphenduka.

21 Ngenxa yalezizinto amaJuda angibamba ethempelini, azama ukungibulala.

22 Ngakho ngizuzile usizo oluvela kuNkulunkulu, kuze kube lamuhla ngimi
ngifakaza kubo bonke abancinyane labakhulu, ngingakhulumi lutho ngaphandle
kwalezozinto abazikhulumayo abaprofethi loMozisi ukuthi zizakwenzeka,

23 ukuthi uKristu umele ukuhlupheka, lokuthi engowokuqala ekuvukeni
kwabafileyo uzatshumayela ukukhanya kulababantu lakwabezizwe.

24 Kwathi esaziphendulela lezizinto, uFestusi wathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Uyahlanya,
Pawuli; ukufunda okunengi kuyakuhlanyisa.

25 Kodwa wathi: Kangihlanyi, mhlekazi Festusi, kodwa ngimemezela amazwi
aliqiniso laqondileyo.

26 Ngoba inkosi iyazi ngalezizinto, engikhuluma ngesibindi lakuyo; ngoba
ngileqiniso lokuthi akukho okunye kwalezizinto okufihlakeleyo kuyo; ngoba
lokhu kakwenziwanga engonsini.

27 Nkosi Agripha, uyakholwa abaprofethi yini? Ngiyazi ukuthi uyakholwa.

28 UAgripha wasesithi kuPawuli: Usuphose wangiqinisekisa ukuthi ngibe
ngumKristu.

29 UPawuli wasesithi: Bengingafisa kuNkulunkulu ukuthi, loba ngokulutshwana loba ngokunengi kungabi nguwe wedwa, kodwa labo bonke abangizwayo lamuhla, babe ngabanje njengoba nginjalo lami, ngaphandle kwalezizibopho.

30 Kwathi esekhulume lezizinto, yasukuma inkosi, lombusi, loBernike, lalabo ababehlezi labo;

31 kwathi sebephumile bakhulumisana, besithi: Lumuntu kenzi lutho olufanele ukufa kumbe ukubotshwa.

32 UAgripha wasesithi kuFestusi: Lumuntu ubengakhululwa, uba ebengalidluliselanga kuKesari.

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UPawuli uya eRoma eyisibotshwa

1Kwathi sekuqunyiwe ukuthi siye eIthaliya ngomkhumbi, banikela uPawuli lezinye izibotshwa ezithile enduneni yekhulu, nguJuliyu ngebizo, eyesigaba senkosi enkulu.

2 Sasesingena emkhunjini weAdramithiyu, obusuzakuya endaweni zeAsiya, saqala ukuhamba, uAristako umMakedoniya weThesalonika wayelathi.

3 Lakusisa safika eSidoni; uJuliyu wasemphatha kuhle uPawuli, wamvumela ukuthi aye kubangane ukuze asizwe.

4 Sasesisuka lapho ngomkhumbi sehla sagudla iKuprosi, ngoba imimoya yayiphambene lathi,

5 kwathi sesidabule ulwandle olungaseKilikhiya lePamfiliya, safika eMira yeLikhiya.

6 Lapho-ke induna yekhulu yathola umkhumbi weAleksandriya oya eIthaliya, yasikhweza kuwo.

7 Sasesihamba kancinyane okwensuku ezinengi, safika nzima maqondana leKinidu, umoya ungasivumeli, sehla sagudla iKrete maqondana leSalamone;

8 sasesiyigudla kanzima safika endaweni ethile ethiwa yiMathekwamahle; okwakuseduze layo umuzi iLaseya.

9 Kwathi sekudlule isikhathi esikhulu, njalo sekuyingozi ukuhamba ngomkhumbi, ngoba lezilo lokudla laseledlule, uPawuli wabeluleka

10 esithi kubo: Madoda, ngiyabona ukuthi uhambo luzakuba lengozi lomonakalo omkhulu, kungeyisiwo owempahla lomkhumbi kuphela kodwa lowempilo zethu.

11 Kodwa induna yekhulu yakholwa induna yomkhumbi lomnikazi wawo kulezinto ezazitshiwo nguPawuli.

12 Kwathi njengoba itheku lalingalungelanga ukuhlalwa ebusika, inengi labo
lacebisa ukuthi kusukwe lalapho, mhlawumbe kwenzeke ukuthi bafike eFenikisi
bahlale khona ebusika, itheku leKrete elikhangele eningizimuntshonalanga
lenyakathontshonalanga.

13 Njalo kuthe umoya weningizimu usuphephetha buthakathaka, banakana
ukuthi sebekuzuzile lokho ababekuqondile, sebephakamise ingwegwe sagudla
eKrete.

14 Kodwa kungabanga yisikhathi eside umoya oyisivunguzane, othiwa
iYurakilidoni, wawutshaya;

15 umkhumbi wasubanjwa, wehluleka ukukhangelana lomoya, sasesiwuyekela
undenda.

16 Sathi sesigudla phansi kwesihlengana esithile esithiwa yiKlawuda, senelisa
kalukhuni ukuwubamba umkolo;

17 abasebewuphanyekile, basebenzisa izincediso, sabopha ngamagoda
sizingelezela umkhumbi; basebesesaba ukuthi
bazaphoseka emhlabathini weSirti, behlisa iseyili, ngokunjalo basebendenda.

18 Kuthe ukuthi siphoswe kakhulu yisiphepho, ngolulandelayo baphosa impahla;

19 kwathi ngolwesithathu salahla izikhali zomkhumbi ngezandla zethu uqobo.

20 Kwathi kungelalanga njalo kungelankanyezi ezibonakalayo insuku ezinengi,
lesiphepho esingesincinyanesiqinisa, kusukela lapho laseliphela ithemba lonke
lokuthi sizasinda.

21 Kwathi sekuyisikhathi eside bengasadli, uPawuli wasesukuma phakathi
kwabo, wathi: Madoda, ngabe lalalela mina kalaze lasuka eKrete, njalo laphepha
kulobubunzima lakulumonakalo.

22 Khathesi-ke sengileluleka ukuthi lime isibindi; ngoba kakusoze kulahleke
impilo leyodwa kini, ngaphandle komkhumbi.

23 Ngoba ngalobubusuku bekumi kimi ingilosi kaNkulunkulu, engingowakhe,
lengimkhonzayo,

24 yathi: Ungesabi Pawuli; ngoba umele ukuma phambi kukaKesari; njalo
khangela, uNkulunkulu ukuphile bonke labo abahamba ngomkhumbi lawe.

25 Ngakho manini isibindi madoda; ngoba ngiyakholwa kuNkulunkulu ukuthi
kuzakuba njengalokho engikutsheliweyo.

26 Kodwa kumele sitshayeke esihlengeni esithile.

27 Kwathi sekufike ubusuku betshumi lane, sasindenda sizula olwandle
lweAdriya, phakathi kobusuku, abomkhumbi bakhumbula ukuthi umhlabathi
othile ususondela kibo;

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28 basebephosa intambo yokulinganisa bathola amafathome angamatshumi amabili; sebeqhubekile kancinyane baphosa intambo yokulinganisa futhi, bathola amafathome alitshumi lanhlanu;

29 njalo sesaba ukuthi mhlawumbe singatshayeka emadwaleni, basebephosela ingwegwe ezine ngemva komkhumbi, bafisa ukuthi kuse.

30 Abomkhumbi sebezama ukubaleka emkhunjini, basebesehlisela olwandle umkolo ngokungathi basebezakwehlisela ingwegwe ngaphambi komkhumbi,

31 uPawuli wathi enduneni yekhulu lakwabebutho: Uba laba bengahlali emkhunjini, lingesindiswe lina.

32 Abebutho basebequma amagoda omkolo, bawuyekela wawa.

33 Kwasekusithi sekuzakusa, uPawuli wabancenga bonke ukuthi bathathe ukudla, esithi: Lamuhla kulusuku lwetshumi lane lilindile lihlezi lingadli, lingathathi lutho.

34 Ngakho ngiyalincenga ukuthi lithathe ukudla; ngoba lokhu ngokosindiso lwenu; ngoba kakuyikuwa komunye unwele lwekhanda lenu.

35 Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, esethethe isinkwa, wabonga uNkulunkulu phambi kwabo bonke; wasihlephula waqala ukudla.

36 Basebesima isibindi bonke njalo bona bathatha ukudla.

37 Njalo thina sonke esasisemkhunjini sasiyimiphefumulo engamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesithupha.

38 Njalo sebesuthi ukudla baphungula umkhumbi, baphosela amabele olwandle.

39 Kwathi sekusile, kabalazanga ilizwe; kodwa babona itheku elithile lilokhumbi, abamisa ukuthi baqhubele umkhumbi kulo, uba kungenzeka.

40 Basebequma ingwegwe baziyekela olwandle, ngesikhathi esifananayo bathukulula amagoda abophe amaphini okuqondisa, baphakamisela emoyeni iseyili yaphambili baqonda ekhunjini.

41 Basebefika bengananzelele endaweni lapho ulwandle olwaluhlangana khona bawuqhubela umkhumbi esihlabathini; njalo isihloko somkhumbi sagxumekeka sahlala singanyikinyeki, kodwa ingemuva yomkhumbi yephulwa ngamandla amagagasi.

42 Labebutho babeqonde ukubulala izibotshwa, hlezi ezinye zibaleke ngokuntshezela khatshana.

43 Kodwa induna yekhulu, ifisa ukusindisa uPawuli, yabavimbela kunjongo yabo, yasilaya ukuthi labo abakwaziyo ukuntsheza baziphosele olwandle kuqala, baye emhlabathini;

44 labaseleyo, abanye ngamapulanka, labanye ngezinye zezinto zomkhumbi. Ngokunjalo-ke kwenzeka ukuthi bonke bafike emhlabathini besindile.

IMISEBENZI 28

UPawuli labanye bemukelwa kuhle ngamaMelitha

1 Kwathi sebesindile, basebesizwa ukuthi isihlenge sithiwa yiMelitha.

2 Labalelolizwe basiphatha ngomusa ongandanga; ngoba babasa umlilo, basemukela sonke, ngenxa yezulu elaseliqalisile, langenxa yomqando.

3 UPawuli wasetheza umnyaba wenkuni, wazibeka emlilweni, kwaphuma inyoka ngenxa yokutshisa, yanamathela esandleni sakhe.

4 Kwathi abalelolizwe bebona isilo silenga esandleni sakhe, bakhulumisana besithi: Isibili lumuntu ungumbulali, othi esindile olwandle, ukulunga kakuvumi ukuthi aphile.

5 Yena-ke wasithintithela emlilweni isilo, akaze aba lengozi.

6 Basebelindela ukuthi uzavuvuka lokuthi awele phansi ahle afe; kwathi sebelinde isikhathi eside, basebebona ukuthi kakulalutho olubi olwenzakala kuye, baphendula imicabango yabo bathi ungunkulunkulu.

UPawuli usilisa isigulane

7 Kubomakhelwane baleyondawo kwakulamasimu esikhulu sesihlenge, uPubliyo ngebizo; owasemukela wasingenisa kuhle insuku ezintathu.

8 Kwasekusithi uyise kaPubliyo wayelele ebanjwe luqhuqho lesisu segazi; angena kuye uPawuli, wakhuleka, wabeka izandla phezu kwakhe, wamsilisa.

9 Ngakho lokho sekwenzakele, beza labanye ababesesihlengeni ababelezifo basebesiliswa;

10 abasidumisa langodumo olukhulu, njalo mhla sisukayo ngomkhumbi, basethesa izinto ezidingekayo.

UPawuli ufika eRoma

11 Kwathi emva kwenyanga ezintathu sasuka ngomkhumbi weAleksandriya, owawuhlezi ebusika esihlengeni, ulophawu oluthiwa ngoDiyosikuroyi.

12 Sasesifika eSirakhuse sahlala insuku ezintathu;

13 sasuka lapho sahamba ngokubhoda sayafika eRegiyuma, sekudlule usuku olulodwa kwafika umoya weningizimu, safika ePuthiyoli ngosuku lwesibili;

14 lapho esafica khona abazalwane, sacelwa ukuhlala labo insuku eziyisikhombisa; ngokunjalo saya-ke eRoma.

15 Njalo besuka lapho abazalwane sebezwile izinto ngathi, beza ukusihlangabeza baze bafika eApiyi Foruma leNdlini zeZihambi eziNtathu; okwathi uPawuli ebabona, wabonga uNkulunkulu, wema isibindi.

16 Sathi sesifike eRoma, induna yekhulu yanikela izibotshwa enduneni yabalindi; kodwa uPawuli wavunyelwa ukuhlala yedwa, lowebutho omlindayo.

17 Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku ezintathu uPawuli wabizela ndawonye labo abangabakhulu bamaJuda; sebebuthene, wathi kubo: Madoda bazalwane, mina kangenzanga lutho oluphambene lesizwe kumbe lamasiko abobaba, ngiyisibotshwa ngivela eJerusalema nganikelwa ezandleni zamaRoma;

18 wona esengihlolile afuna ukungikhulula, ngoba kungekho kimi cala elifanele ukufa.

19 Kodwa amaJuda ala, ngacindezeleka ukulidlulisela kuKesari, kungeyisikho ukuthi ngilolutho olokumangalela isizwe sakithi.

20 Ngakho ngenxa yalesisizatho ngilibizele lapha ukuthi ngilibone ngikhulume lani; ngoba ngenxa yethembalikaIsrayeli ngizingelezelwe ngaleliketane.

21 Basebesithi kuye: Thina kasemukelanga izincwadi ngawe ezivela eJudiya, futhi loba ngubani wabazalwane, esefikile, kabikanga kumbe akhulume lutho olubi ngawe.

22 Kodwa sifisa ukuzwa izinto ozinakanayo wena; ngoba mayelana lalobububhazuka siyazi ukuthi buyaphikiswa endaweni zonke.

23 Njalo kwathi sebemmisele usuku, abanengi beza kuye endlini yezihambi; owabachasisela wafakaza umbuso kaNkulunkulu, ebancenga ngezinto zikaJesu, ethathela emlayweni kaMozisi kanye labaprofethi, kusukela ekuseni kakhulu kwaze kwaba kusihlwa.

24 Abanye basebekholwa izinto azitshoyo, kodwa abanye kabakholwanga.

25 Kwasekusithi bengezwanani bodwa basuka bahamba, uPawuli esekhulume ilizwi laba linye lokuthi: Wayekhulume kuhle uMoya oyiNgcwele ngoIsaya umprofethi kubobaba bethu,

26 esithi: Hamba uye kulesisizwe ubususithi: Ngokuzwa lizakuzwa, njalo kalisoze liqedisise; lokubona lizabona, njalo kalisoze libonisise;

27 ngoba inhliziyo yalesisizwe seyaba buthundu, njalo bezwa kanzima ngendlebe, lamehlo abo bawacimezile; hlezi babone ngamehlo, njalo bezwe ngendlebe, futhi baqedisise ngenhliziyo, njalo baphenduke, besengibasilisa.

28 Ngakho kakwaziwe kini, ukuthi usindiso lukaNkulunkulu luyathunyelwa kwabezizwe, bona-ke bazakuzwa.

29 Njalo kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, amaJuda asuka, elokuphikisana okukhulu phakathi kwawo.

30 UPawuli wasehlala iminyaka emibili egcweleyo endlini yakhe uqobo ayeyiqatshile, wemukela bonke abangena kuye,

31 watshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu, njalo wafundisa ngeNkosi uJesu Kristu, ngaso sonke isibindi, engelakuvinjelwa.

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KWABASEROMA

KWABASEROMA 1

INCWADI KAPAWULI UMPHOSTOLI

Isibingelelo

1 UPawuli, inceku kaJesu Kristu, ebizelwe ukuba ngumphostoli, ehlukaniselwe
ivangeli likaNkulunkulu

2 (alithembisa ngaphambili ngabaprofethi bakhe emibhalweni engcwele),

3 mayelana leNdodana yakhe, eyavela enzalweni kaDavida ngokwenyama,

4 eyabonakaliswa ukuba yiNdodana kaNkulunkulu ngamandla, ngokukaMoya
wobungcwele, ngokuvuka okwabafileyo, uJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu;

5 esemukela ngaye umusa lobuphostoli ukuthi kube yikulalela kokholo phakathi
kwezizwe zonke, ngenxa yebizo lakhe,

6 elikuzo lani, babiziweyo bakaJesu Kristu:

7 Kibo bonke abaseRoma, abathandiweyo bakaNkulunkulu,
ababizelwe ukuba ngabangcwele: Kakube kini umusa lokuthula okuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu.

Isifiso sikaPawuli sokutshumayela ivangeli eRoma

8 Kuqala-ke ngibonga uNkulunkulu wami ngoJesu Kristu ngani lonke, ukuthi
ukholo lwenu lumenyezelwa emhlabeni wonke.

9 Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi wami, engimkhonza emoyeni wami
ngevangeli leNdodana yakhe, ukuthi kangiyekeli ukulikhumbula,

10 ngesikhathi sonke emikhulekweni yami ngicela, ukuthi nxa kusenzeka
ngentando kaNkulunkulu, ngiphumelele ukuza kini ekucineni.

11 Ngoba ngilangatha ukulibona, ukuze ngiliphe isipho esithile somoya, ukuze
liqiniswe,

12 okuyikuthi, siduduzeke ndawonye phakathi kwenu ngokholo olukomunye
lomunye, olwenu kanye lolwami.

13 Kanti angithandi ukuthi kungaziwa kini, bazalwane, ukuthi ngazimisela
kanengi ukuza kini (ngasengibambeka kuze kube khathesi), ukuze ngizuze esinye
isithelo laphakathi kwenu, lanjengaphakathi kwezinye izizwe.

14 Ngilomlandu kumaGriki kanye lakwabezizwe, kwabahlakaniphileyo kanye
lakwabangahlakaniphanga;

15 ngokunjalo njengokukimi ngilungele ukutshumayela ivangeli lakini
abaseRoma.

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16 Ngoba kangilanhloni ngevangeli likaKristu; ngoba lingamandla kaNkulunkulu
kube lusindiso kuye wonke okholwayo, kumJuda kuqala lakumGriki.

17 Ngoba ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu kwembulwa kilo kusukela kukholo kusiya
kukholo; njengokulotshiweyoukuthi: Kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo.

Intukuthelo kaNkulunkulu ngezono zabezizwe

18 Ngoba ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyabonakaliswa luvela ezulwini phezu kwakho
konke ukungakhonzi uNkulunkulu lokungalungi kwabantu abavimbela iqiniso
ngokungalungi;

19 ngoba lokho okwaziwayo ngoNkulunkulu kusobala phakathi kwabo; ngoba
uNkulunkulu ukubonakalisile kibo.

20 Ngoba okungabonwayo kwakhe, selokhu kwadatshulwa umhlaba, kuzwisiseka
ngezinto ezenziweyo, kubonakaliswa obala, amandla akhe aphakade kanye
lobuNkulunkulu bakhe, kuze kuthi kabalakuzivikela;

21 ngoba kuthe bemazi uNkulunkulu, kabamdumisanga njengoNkulunkulu
kabambonga, kodwa baba yize kumicabango yabo, lenhliziyo yabo
engaqondiyo yenziwa yaba mnyama.

22 Bezitshaya abahlakaniphileyo baba yizithutha,

23 lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ongabhubhiyo bayiphendulela ekufananeni
lomfanekiso womuntu obhubhayo, lowezinyoni, lowezidalwa ezilenyawo ezine,
lowokuhuquzelayo.

24 Ngalokho-ke uNkulunkulu wabanikela emanyaleni, enkanukweni zenhliziyo
zabo, ukuthi badumaze imizimba yabo phakathi kwabo;

25 abaphendulela iqiniso likaNkulunkulu emangeni, basebedumisa bekhonza
okudaliweyo kuloMdali, ongobongekayo kuze kube phakade. Ameni.

26 Ngenxa yalokho uNkulunkulu wabanikela enkanukweni ezilihlazo; ngoba
labesifazana babo baphendula ukwenza kwemvelo kwaba ngokuphambene
lemvelo;

27 langokunjalo labesilisa bayekela ukwenza kwemvelo kowesifazana, batsha
ngokukhanukana kwabo, abesilisa labesilisa benza okulihlazo, bemukeliswa
phakathi kwabo umvuzo ofanele ukuduha kwabo.

28 Njalo njengalokhu bengavumanga ukuba lolwazi ngoNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu
wabanikela ukuthi babe lengqondo ebolileyo, eyokwenza izinto ezingafanelanga;

29 begcwaliswe konke ukungalungi, ukuphinga, ububi, umhawu, inzondo;
begcwele umona, ukubulala, inkani, inkohliso, ulunya; abahlebayo,

30 abanyeyayo, abazonda uNkulunkulu, abangelamakhanda, abazigqajayo,
abazikhukhumezayo, abaqambi bezinto ezimbi, abangalaleli abazali,

31 abangelangqondo, abephula izithembiso, abalolunya, abangelakuxoliswa, abangelasihawu;

32 abathi besazi umlayo wokulunga kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi abenza izinto ezinjalo bafanele ukufa, kungesikuthi bayazenza kuphela, kodwa futhi bevumelana labazenzayo.

KWABASEROMA 2

Bonke amaJuda labezizwe bazakwahlulelwa nguNkulunkulu

1Ngakho kawulakuzilandulela, wena muntu, loba ungubani owahlulelayo; ngoba ngalokho owahlulela ngakho omunye, uyazilahla wena, ngoba wena owahlulelayo wenza izinto ezifananayo.

2 Njalo siyazi ukuthi ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu kungokweqiniso phezu kwalabo abenza izinto ezinjalo.

3 Njalo ucabanga lokho yini, O muntu owahlulela abenza izinto ezinjalo, lawe uzenza lezozinto, ukuthi wena uzaphepha ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu?

4 Kumbe uyayeyisa yini inotho yomusa wakhe leyokubekezela lesineke, ungazi ukuthi umusa kaNkulunkulu ukukhokhelela ekuphendukeni?

5 Kodwa ngobulukhuni bakho lenhliziyo yakho engaphendukiyo uzibekela ulaka ngosuku lolaka lolwesembulo sokwahlulelwa okulungileyo kukaNkulunkulu,

6 ozavuza lowo lalowo ngokwemisebenzi yakhe;

7 impilo elaphakade kubo abalesineke ngokwenza imisebenzi elungileyo bedinga inkazimulo lodumolokungabhubhi;

8 kodwa intukuthelo lolaka kulabo abalenkani, njalo bengalaleli iqiniso kodwa belalela ukungalungi,

9 usizi lokubandezeleka, phezu kwawo wonke umphefumulo womuntu owenza ububi, owomJuda kuqalalowomGriki;

10 kodwa inkazimulo lodumo lokuthula kuye wonke owenza okuhle, kumJuda kuqala lakumGriki;

11 ngoba kakukho ukubandlulula umuntu kuNkulunkulu.

12 Ngoba bonke abonileyo bengelamlayo, bazabhubha labo bengelamlayo; njalo bonke abonileyo emlayweni, bazagwetshwa ngomlayo;

13 ngoba kakusibo abezwayo umlayo abalungileyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu, kodwa abenzayo umlayo bazalungisiswa.

14 Ngoba nxa abezizwe abangelawo umlayo besenza ngokwemvelo okungokomlayo, bona, bengelawo umlayo, bangumlayo wabo ngokwabo;

15 ababonakalisa ukuthi umsebenzi womlayo ulotshiwe enhliziyweni zabo;
isazela sabo siyafakaza laso, lemicabango yabo ibasole omunye komunye kumbe
njalo ibavikele omunye komunye,

16 ngosuku uNkulunkulu azakwahlulela ngalo imfihlo zabantu, ngoJesu Kristu,
ngokwevangeli lami.

Ukwehluleka komlayo lokokusoka

17 Khangela wena ubizwa ngokuthi ungumJuda, weyeme emlayweni, uzincoma
ngoNkulunkulu,

18 usazi intando yakhe, usemukela izinto ezingcono, ufundiswe emlayweni,

19 njalo uzithembile wena ukuthi ungumholi weziphofu, ukukhanya
kwabasemnyameni,

20 umeluleki wezithutha, umfundisi wensane, ulesimo solwazi lolweqiniso
emlayweni.

21 Ngakho wena ofundisa omunye, kawuzifundisi yini? Wena otshumayela ukuthi
ungebi, uyeba yini?

22 Wena othi ungafebi, uyafeba yini? Wena onengwa yizithombe, uphanga
amathempeli yini?

23 Wena ozincoma ngomlayo, udumaza uNkulunkulu ngokweqa umlayo yini?

24 Ngoba ibizo likaNkulunkulu liyahlanjazwa phakathi kwabezizwe ngenxa yenu,
njengoba kulotshiwe.

25 Ngoba isibili ukusoka kuyasiza, uba usenza umlayo; kodwa uba ungumeqi
womlayo, ukusoka kwakho sekuyikungasoki.

26 Ngakho uba ukungasoki kugcina izimiso zomlayo, ukungasoki kwakhe
kakuyikubalwa yini ukuthi kuyikusoka?

27 Lokungasoki ngemvelo, egcwalisa umlayo, kungekugwebe yini wena ongumeqi
womlayo ngombhalo langokusoka?

28 Ngoba kayisuye umJuda onguye ngokusobala, njalo kakusikho ukusoka
okusobala enyameni;

29 kodwa yena ungumJuda onguye ngasese, lokusoka kungokwenhliziyo,
emoyeni, kungeyisikho ngombhalo; ondumiso yakhe kayiveli ebantwini kodwa
kuNkulunkulu.

KWABASEROMA 3

AmaJuda alelungelo kulabanye ngoba anikiwe umlayo

1 Pho-ke yibuphi ubungcono bomJuda, kumbe luyini usizo lokusoka?

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2 Kukhulu ngendlela yonke; ngoba kuqala-ke ukuthi baphathiswe amazwi
kaNkulunkulu.

3 Ngoba kuyini uba abanye bengakholwanga? Ukungakholwa kwabo kuzakwenza
ize ukholo lukaNkulunkulu yini?

4 Phinde! Kodwa uNkulunkulu kabe leqiniso, kodwa wonke umuntu
umqambimanga, njengokulotshiweyoukuthi: Ukuze uthiwe ulungile emazwini
akho, unqobe ekwahlulelweni kwakho.

5 Kodwa uba ukungalungi kwethu kubonakalisa ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu,
sizakuthini? Kambe uNkulunkulu kalunganga yini owehlisela ulaka?
(Ngikhuluma njengomuntu.)

6 Phinde! Uba kungenjalo uNkulunkulu uzawahlulela njani umhlaba?

7 Ngoba uba iqiniso likaNkulunkulu landisile kakhulu edumeni lwakhe ngamanga
ami, ngisagwetshelwani lami njengesoni?

8 Njalo kungenjengalokhu sigconwa, lanjengoba abanye bathi thina sithi: Kasenze
izinto ezimbi ukuze kuvele okuhle? Abakulahlwa kwabo kuba ngokokulunga.

AmaJuda alesono njengabanye

9 Pho-ke? Singcono yini? Hatshi bo! Ngoba sesiwacalile mandulo amaJuda kanye
lamaGriki ukuthi wonke angaphansi kwesono,

10 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Kakho olungileyo, kakho loyedwa;

11 kakho oqedisisayo, kakho odinga uNkulunkulu;

12 bonke baphambukile, kabasizi lutho bonkana; kakho owenza okuhle, kakho
ngitsho loyedwa;

13 umphimbo wabo ulingcwaba elivulekileyo; bakhohlisa ngenlimi zabo;
ubuhlungu bephimpi bungaphansi kwendebe zabo;

14 omlomo wabo ugcwele ukuqalekisa lokubaba;

15 inyawo zabo ziphangisela ukuchitha igazi;

16 incithakalo losizi kusendleleni zabo,

17 njalo indlela yokuthula kabayazanga;

18 ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kakukho phambi kwamehlo abo.

19 Njalo siyazi ukuthi konke okutshoyo umlayo, ukukhuluma kibo abangaphansi
komlayo, ukuze yonke imilomo ivinjwe, lokuthi umhlaba wonke ube lecala
kuNkulunkulu;

20 ngoba emisebenzini yomlayo kakulanyama ezalungisiswa phambi kwakhe;
ngoba ngomlayo kulokwazi isono.

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Umuntu ulungisiswa ngoJesu Kristu

21 Kodwa khathesi-ke sekubonakalisiwe ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu ngaphandle komlayo, okufakazelwa ngumlayo labaprofethi;

22 ngitsho ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu ngokholo lukaJesu Kristu kibo bonke laphezu kwabo bonke abakholwayo; ngoba kawukho umehluko;

23 ngoba bonke bonile basilele enkazimulweni kaNkulunkulu,

24 balungisiswa ngesihle ngomusa wakhe ngohlengo olukuKristu Jesu;

25 uNkulunkulu ammisayo ukuthi abe yinhlawulo yokuthula, ngokholo egazini lakhe, ukuze kube yisibonakaliso sokulunga kwakhe, ngokuyekelwa kwezono ezenziwa ngaphambili, ekubekezeleni kukaNkulunkulu;

26 ukuze kube yisibonakaliso sokulunga kwakhe kulesisikhathi, ukuze abe ngolungileyo lokuthi uyamlungisisa ongowokholo lukaJesu.

27 Ngakho kungaphi ukuzincoma? Kuvalelwe phandle. Ngomthetho bani? Wemisebenzi yini? Hatshi bo, kodwa ngomthetho wokholo.

28 Ngakho siphetha ngokuthi umuntu ulungisiswe ngokholo, ngaphandle kwemisebenzi yomlayo.

29 Kambe unguNkulunkulu wamaJuda kuphela? Njalo kayisuye lowabezizwe yini? Yebo lowabezizwe;

30 lokhu uNkulunkulu emunye, ozalungisisa ukusoka ekholweni, lokungasoki ngokholo.

31 Ngakho siyawenza umlayo ube yize ngokholo yini? Phinde! Kodwa siyawuqinisa umlayo.

KWABASEROMA 4

UAbrahama walungisiswa ngokholo

1 Pho-ke sizakuthi uAbrahama ubaba wethu wazuzani ngokwenyama?

2 Ngoba uba uAbrahama walungisiswa ngemisebenzi, ulokuzincoma, kodwa kungekho phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

3 Ngoba umbhalo uthini? Uthi: Kodwa uAbrahama wakholwa kuNkulunkulu, kwasekubalelwa kuye ukuthi yikulunga.

4 Kodwa kulowo osebenzayo kabalelwa iholo ngokomusa, kodwa ngokomlandu.

5 Kodwa kulowo ongasebenziyo, kodwa ekholwa kuye olungisisa oweyisa uNkulunkulu, ukholo lwakhelubalelwa ukuthi yikulunga.

6 Njengoba laye uDavida ekhuluma ngokubusiswa komuntu, uNkulunkulu ambalela ukulunga ngaphandle kwemisebenzi esithi:

7 Babusisiwe abaziphambeko zabo zithethelelwe labazono zabo zisitshekelwe.

8 Ubusisiwe umuntu iNkosi engasoze yambalela isono.

9 Ngakho lokhukubusiswa kuphezu kokusoka yini, kumbe laphezu kokungasoki? Ngoba sithi: Ukholo lwabalelwa kuAbrahama ukuthi luyikulunga.

10 Pho lwabalelwa njani? Lapho esekusokeni yini, kumbe ekungasokini? Kungekho ekusokeni, kodwa ekungasokini.

11 Wasesemukela isibonakaliso sokusoka, uphawu lokulunga kokholo ayelakho ekungasokini; ukuze abe nguyise wabo bonke abakholwayo lanxa bengasokanga, ukuze ukulunga kubalelwe lakibo;

12 loyise wokusoka kulabo abangeyisibo bokusoka kuphela, kodwa futhi abahamba ezinyathelweni zokholo lukababa wethu uAbrahama ayelalo engakasokwa.

13 Ngoba kasingomlayo isithembiso kuAbrahama kumbe kunzalo yakhe, ukuthi uzakuba yindlalifa yomhlaba, kodwa ngokulunga kokholo.

14 Ngoba uba labo abomlayo beyizindlalifa, ukholo lwenziwe ize, lesithembiso senziwa ize;

15 ngoba umlayo ubanga ulaka; ngoba lapho okungekho khona umlayo, kakukho lokweqa.

16 Ngakho kungokholo, ukuze kube ngokomusa; ukuze isithembiso siqiniseke kuyo yonke inzalo; kungeyisiyo engeyomlayo kuphela kodwa lakuyo engeyokholo lukaAbrahama, ongubaba wethu sonke,

17 (njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngikumisile ukuthi ube nguyise wezizwe ezinengi) phambi kwakhe akholwa kuye, uNkulunkulu, ophilisa abafileyo, lobiza izinto ezingekho ngokungathi zikhona.

18 Owathi emelane lethemba wakholwa ngethemba, ukuze abe nguyise wezizwe ezinengi, njengalokho okwatshiwoyo ukuthi: Izakuba njalo inzalo yakho.

19 Njalo kabanga buthakathaka ekholweni, kanakananga umzimba wakhe uqobo owawusufile, ngoba wayesengaba leminyaka elikhulu, lokufa kwesizalo sikaSara;

20 njalo kathandabuzanga ngesithembiso sikaNkulunkulu ngokungakholwa, kodwa waqiniswa ekholweni, enika uNkulunkulu udumo,

21 njalo eqinisekile ngokupheleleyo ukuthi lokho ayekuthembisile, ulamandla ngitsho okukwenza.

22 Ngalokho-ke kwabalelwa kuye ukuthi yikulunga.

23 Kakubhalwanga-ke ngenxa yakhe yedwa, ukuthi kwabalelwa kuye;

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24 kodwa langenxa yethu, esizabalelwa khona, thina esikholwa kuye owavusa
uJesu iNkosi yethu kwabafileyo,

25 owanikelwa ngenxa yeziphambeko zethu, wavuswa ngenxa yokulungisiswa
kwethu.

KWABASEROMA 5

Izithelo zokulunga

1 Ngakho sesilungisisiwe ngokholo, silokuthula kuNkulunkulu ngeNkosi yethu
uJesu Kristu,

2 okungaye njalo silokungena ngokholo kulumusa esimi kuwo, sizincoma
ethembeni lobukhosi bukaNkulunkulu.

3 Kakusikho lokhu-ke kuphela, kodwa sizincoma langezinhlupheko, sisazi ukuthi
ukuhlupheka kuveza ukubekezela,

4 lokubekezela ukuqina, lokuqina ithemba;

5 lethemba kalidanisi, ngoba uthando lukaNkulunkulu lutheliwe enhliziyweni
zethu ngoMoya oNgcwele esimuphiweyo.

6 Ngoba sisebuthakathaka, ngesikhathi esifaneleyo uKristu wafela abeyisa
uNkulunkulu.

7 Ngoba kunzima ukuthi umuntu afele olungileyo; kodwa mhlawumbe kungaba
khona ngitsho olesibindi sokufela olungileyo.

8 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uqinisa uthando lwakhe uqobo kithi, ukuthi uKristu
wasifela siseyizoni.

9 Ngakho kakhulu-ke, lokhu sesilungisisiwe khathesi ngegazi lakhe, sizasindiswa
ngaye elakeni.

10 Ngoba uba, lapho siseyizitha, sesibuyisene loNkulunkulu ngokufa kweNdodana
yakhe, ikakhulu lokhu sesibuyisene sizasindiswa ngempilo yayo;

11 njalo kakusikho lokhu kuphela, kodwa sizincoma futhi kuNkulunkulu ngeNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu, esesemukele ngaye ukubuyisana.

Ukufa kweza ngoAdamu; impilo yeza ngoJesu

12 Ngakho, njengalokhu ngamuntu munye isono sangena emhlabeni, langesono
ukufa, ngokunjalo ukufa kwedlulela kubo bonke abantu, ngoba bonke bonile;

13 ngoba kuze kufike umlayo isono sasikhona emhlabeni; kodwa isono
kasibalelwa, ungekho umlayo,

14 kanti ukufa kwabusa kusukela kuAdamu kusiya kuMozisi, laphezu kwalabo
ababengonanga okufanana lokweqa kukaAdamu, ongumfanekiso wakhe
obezakuza.

15 Kodwa kungenjengesiphambeko, sinjalo lesipho somusa. Ngoba uba ngesiphambeko soyedwa abanengi bafa, ikakhulu kwanda kwabanengi umusa kaNkulunkulu, lesipho ngomusa womuntu munye, uJesu Kristu.

16 Futhi isipho kasinjengoyedwa owonayo; ngoba isigwebo sasingesisodwa ngasekulahlweni, kodwa isipho somusa ngeseziphambeko ezinengi ngasekulungisisweni.

17 Ngoba uba ngesiphambeko somuntu oyedwa ukufa kwabusa ngalowo oyedwa, ikakhulu bona abemukela ubunengi bomusa lobesipho sokulunga bazabusa empilweni ngalowo oyedwa, uJesu Kristu.

18 Ngakho njengoba ngesiphambeko sinye isigwebo saba kubo bonke abantu ukuya ekulahlweni, ngokunjalolangokulunga koyedwa umusa weza kubo bonke abantu ukuya ekulungisisweni kwempilo.

19 Ngoba njengoba ngokungalaleli komuntu munye abanengi benziwa izoni, ngokunjalo langokulalela koyedwa abanengi bazakwenziwa abalungileyo.

20 Kodwa umlayo wangena wengeza, ukuze isiphambeko sande; kodwa lapho okwanda isono khona, umusa wanda kakhulukazi;

21 ukuze njengoba isono sabusa ekufeni, ngokunjalo lomusa ubuse ngokulunga kuze kube sempilweni elaphakade, ngoJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu.

KWABASEROMA 6

Impilo entsha engoKristu

1 Ngakho sizakuthini? Sizahlala yini esonweni, ukuze kwande umusa?

2 Phinde! Thina esafa mayelana lesono, sizaphila njani kuso futhi?

3 Kalazi yini ukuthi thina sonke esabhabhathizelwa kuKristu Jesu, sabhabhathizelwa ekufeni kwakhe?

4 Ngakho sangcwatshwa kanye laye ngobhabhathizo ekufeni; ukuze, njengoba uKristu wavuswa kwabafileyongobukhosi bukaYise, ngokunjalo lathi sihambe ebutsheni bempilo.

5 Ngoba uba sihlanyelwe kanye laye ekufananeni kokufa kwakhe, sizakuba njalo ekufananeni kokuvuka kwakhe;

6 sisazi lokhu, ukuthi umuntu wethu omdala ubethelwe laye, ukuze umzimba wesono ubhujiswe, ukuze singabe sisakhonza isono;

7 ngoba ofileyo ukhululiwe esonweni.

8 Njalo uba sifile kanye loKristu, siyakholwa ukuthi sizaphila futhi kanye laye;

9 sisazi ukuthi uKristu esevusiwe kwabafileyo kasafi futhi; ukufa kungeke kusabusa phezu kwakhe.

10 Ngoba lokhu wafa, wafela isono kanye; kodwa lokhu ephila, uphilela
uNkulunkulu.

11 Ngokunjalo lani zinakaneni sibili lifile esonweni, kodwa liphilele uNkulunkulu
ngoKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu.

12 Ngakho kakumelanga isono sibuse emzimbeni wenu ofayo, lize lilalele
inkanuko zawo;

13 njalo linganikeli izitho zenu zibe yizikhali zokungalungi esonweni; kodwa
zinikeleni lina kuNkulunkulu njengabaphilayo kwabafileyo, lezitho zenu
kuNkulunkulu zibe yizikhali zokulunga;

14 ngoba isono kasiyikubusa phezu kwenu; ngoba kalikho ngaphansi komlayo,
kodwa ngaphansi komusa.

Umfanekiso wobugqili

15 Pho-ke? Sizakona yini, ngoba singekho ngaphansi komlayo, kodwa ngaphansi
komusa? Phinde!

16 Kalazi yini ukuthi lowo elizinikela kuye ukuze libe yizigqili zokumlalela,
liyizigqili zakhe elimlalelayo, loba ezesono kube yikufa, loba ezokulalela kube
yikulunga?

17 Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu, ukuthi lina lake laba yizigqili zesono,
kodwa selilalela enhliziyweni isimo semfundiso elanikelwa kuso;

18 njalo likhululiwe esonweni, lenziwe izigqili zokulunga.

19 Ngikhuluma ngokwabantu ngenxa yobuthakathaka benyama yenu; ngoba
njengalokho lanikela izitho zenunjengezigqili zamanyala lokubi kube ngokubi,
ngokunjalo zinikeleni izitho zenu khathesi njengezigqili zokulunga, kube
yibungcwele.

20 Ngoba lapho liyizigqili zesono, lalikhululekile ekulungeni.

21 Ngakho sithelobani elilaso ezintweni ngalesosikhathi eselilenhloni ngazo?
Ngoba ukucina kwalezizinto yikufa.

22 Kodwa khathesi-ke selikhululiwe esonweni, njalo selenziwe izigqili
kuNkulunkulu, lilesithelo senu kube yibungcwele, lokucina kuyimpilo
elaphakade.

23 Ngoba inkokhelo yesono iyikufa, kodwa isipho somusa sikaNkulunkulu
siyimpilo elaphakade ngoKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu.

KWABASEROMA 7

Ukukhululeka emlayweni

1Kalazi yini, bazalwane (ngoba ngikhuluma lalabo abawaziyo umlayo), ukuthi
umlayo ubusa umuntu selokhu esaphila?

2 Ngoba umfazi owendileyo ubotshelwe ngomlayo endodeni ephilayo; kodwa uba indoda isifile, ukhululiwe emlayweni wendoda.

3 Ngakho uba indoda isaphila, uzathiwa yisifebe uba esiba ngowenye indoda; kodwa uba indoda isifile, ukhululekile emlayweni, ukuze angabi yisifebe uba esiba ngowenye indoda.

4 Ngakho, bazalwane bami, selenziwe lafa lani emlayweni ngomzimba kaKristu, ukuze libe ngabomunye, ngabalowo owavuswa kwabafileyo, ukuze sithelele uNkulunkulu izithelo.

5 Ngoba sathi sisenyameni, inkanuko zesono ezingomlayo zasebenza ezithweni zethu ukuthelela ukufa izithelo.

6 Kodwa khathesi-ke sesikhululiwe emthethweni, sifile mayelana lalokho esasibanjwe yikho, ukuze sikhonze ngobutsha bomoya, njalo kungeyisikho ngobudala bokulotshiweyo.

Umthetho lesono

7 Pho-ke sizakuthini? Umthetho uyisono yini? Phinde! Kodwa bengingasazi isono, ngaphandle ngomthetho; ngoba bengingawazi umhawu futhi, uba umthetho ubungatshongo ukuthi: Ungabi lomhawu.

8 Kodwa isono, sizuze ithuba ngomthetho, sasebenza kimi umhawu wonke; ngoba ngaphandle komlayo isono sifile.

9 Mina-ke ngake ngaphila ngaphandle komlayo; kodwa kwathi sekufike umthetho, isono savuka, njalo ngafa mina;

10 njalo umthetho ongowempilo, wona waficwa yimi ungowokufa;

11 ngoba isono, sizuze ithuba ngomthetho, sangikhohlisa, sangibulala ngawo.

12 Ngakho umthetho ungcwele, lomlayo ungcwele njalo ulungile, futhi muhle.

13 Ngakho okulungileyo kwaba yikufa kimi yini? Phinde! Kodwa isono, ukuze sibonakaliswe ukuthi siyisono, sisebenza ukufa kimi ngokulungileyo; ukuze isono ngomthetho sibe yikonakala okukhulu kakhulu.

14 Ngoba siyazi ukuthi umthetho ungowomoya; kanti mina ngingowenyama, ngithengisiwe ngaphansi kwesono.

15 Ngoba lokhu engikwenzayo, angivumelani lakho; ngoba kakusikho engikuthandayo, lokho engikwenzayo; kodwa lokho engikuzondayo, yikho engikwenzayo.

16 Uba ngisenza lokho engingakuthandiyo, ngiyawuvumela umthetho ukuthi ulungile.

17 Kodwa khathesi-ke kakuseyimi engikwenzayo, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi.

18 Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi kimi, lokhu kuyikuthi enyameni yami, kakuhlali okuhle;
ngoba kukhona ukuthanda kimi, kodwa ukwenza okuhle kangikutholi.

19 Ngoba okuhle engikuthandayo, kangikwenzi; kodwa okubi engingakuthandiyo,
yikho engikwenzayo.

20 Kodwa uba ngisenza lokho mina engingakuthandiyo, kakuseyimi
engikwenzayo, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi.

21 Ngakho ngithola umthetho wokuthi lapho ngithanda ukwenza okuhle, okubi
kukhona kimi.

22 Ngoba ngiyathokoza emthethweni kaNkulunkulu ngomuntu ophakathi;

23 kodwa ngibona ezithweni zami omunye umthetho olwa lomthetho wengqondo
yami, longithumbela emthethweni wesono osezithweni zami.

24 Mina muntu olusizi! Ngubani ozangikhulula kulumzimba walokhukufa?

25 Ngiyabonga uNkulunkulu ngoJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu. Ngalokho-ke mina
ngokwami ngikhonza umthetho kaNkulunkulu ngengqondo, kodwa ngenyama
umthetho wesono.

KWABASEROMA 8

Impilo engoMoya

1Ngakho khathesi kakukho ukulahlwa kibo abakuKristu Jesu, abangahambi
ngokwenyama, kodwa ngokoMoya.

2 Ngoba umthetho woMoya wempilo kuKristu Jesu ungikhulule emthethweni
wesono lowokufa.

3 Ngoba lokho umthetho owawungekwenze, ngoba ubuthakathaka ngenyama,
uNkulunkulu ethuma eyakhe iNdodana ekufananeni kwenyama elesono, njalo
kusenzelwa isono, walahla isono enyameni;

4 ukuze ukulunga komthetho kugcwaliswe kithi, esingahambi ngokwenyama
kodwa ngokukaMoya.

5 Ngoba bona abangokwenyama banakana izinto zenyama; kodwa
abangokoMoya izinto zikaMoya.

6 Ngoba ukuzindla kwenyama kuyikufa; kodwa ukuzindla kukaMoya kuyimpilo
lokuthula;

7 ngoba ukuzindla kwenyama kuyibutha kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kakuzehliseli
ngaphansi komthetho kaNkulunkulu, ngoba kungekwenze;

8 lalabo abasenyameni kabalakumthokozisa uNkulunkulu.

9 Lina-ke alisenyameni, kodwa likuMoya, uba phela uMoya kaNkulunkulu ehlala
kini. Uba-ke umuntu engelaye uMoya kaKristu, lowo kayisuye owakhe.

10 Uba-ke uKristu ekini, umzimba ufile ngenxa yesono, kodwa umoya uyimpilo ngenxa yokulunga.

11 Njalo uba uMoya walowo owavusa uJesu kwabafileyo ehlala kini, yena owavusa uKristu kwabafileyouzaphilisa lemizimba yenu efayo, ngoMoya wakhe ohlala kini.

12 Ngakho, bazalwane, silomlandu, kungeyisikho enyameni, ukuthi siphile ngokwenyama;

13 ngoba uba liphila ngokwenyama, lizakufa; kodwa uba libulala imisebenzi yomzimba ngoMoya, lizaphila.

14 Ngoba bonke abakhokhelwa nguMoya kaNkulunkulu, bona bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu.

15 Ngoba kalemukelanga umoya wobugqili ukuze libuye lesabe, kodwa lemukele umoya wokuma kwabantwana, esimemeza ngawo sisithi: Abha, Baba!

16 UMoya uqobo ufakazelana kanye lomoya wethu, ukuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu;

17 njalo uba singabantwana, siyizindlalifa futhi; izindlalifa zikaNkulunkulu, lezindlalifa kanye loKristu; uba phela sihlupheka kanye laye, ukuze lathi sidunyiswe kanye laye.

Ukungena enkazimulweni emva kwezinhlupheko

18 Ngoba ngithi inhlupheko zalesisikhathi kazilakulinganiswa lenkazimulo ezakwembulwa kithi.

19 Ngoba ukulangatha kokudaliweyo kulindele ukwembulwa kwabantwana bakaNkulunkulu.

20 Ngoba okudaliweyo kwehliselwa ngaphansi kobuze, kungeyisikho ngokuthanda, kodwa ngenxa yalowo owakwehliselayo; ethembeni

21 lokuthi lalokho okudaliweyo kuzakhululwa ebugqilini bokubhubha kuze kube senkululekweni yenkazimulo yabantwana bakaNkulunkulu.

22 Ngoba siyazi ukuthi konke okudaliweyo kuyabubula kanyekanye kuyahelelwa kuze kube khathesi.

23 Kakusikho lokhu kuphela, kodwa lathi uqobo lwethu esilengqabutho yesithelo sikaMoya, lathi uqobo siyabubula ngaphakathi kwethu, silindele ukuma kwabantwana, uhlengo lomzimba wethu.

24 Ngoba sisindiswa ngethemba; kodwa ithemba elibonwayo kayisilo ithemba; ngoba lokho umuntu akubonayo, ukuthembelani futhi?

25 Kodwa uba sithemba lokho esingakuboniyo, sikulindela ngokubekezela.

26 Ngokunjalo loMoya uyasiza ubuthakathaka bethu; ngoba kasikwazi esikukhulekelayo njengokufaneleyo, kodwa uMoya uqobo usincengela ngokububula okungelakuphumisela;

27 yena-ke ohlola izinhliziyo uyakwazi lokho okuyingqondo kaMoya, ngoba uncengela abangcwelengokwentando kaNkulunkulu.

28 Njalo siyazi ukuthi izinto zonke zisebenziselana okuhle kulabo abamthandayo uNkulunkulu, ababiziweyongokwecebo lakhe.

29 Ngoba labo abazi ngaphambili, wabamisa labo ngaphambili ukuthi bafanane lesimo seNdodana yakhe, ukuze yona ibe lizibulo phakathi kwezelamani ezinengi;

30 lalabo abamisayo ngaphambili, bona labo wababiza; lalabo ababizayo, bona labo wabalungisisa; lalabo abalungisisayo, bona labo wabapha inkazimulo.

Ukuqiniswa kothando lukaNkulunkulu

31 Pho-ke sizakuthini kulezizinto? Uba uNkulunkulu engowethu, ngubani omelana lathi?

32 Yena ongazange ayigodle eyakhe iNdodana, kodwa wayinikelela thina sonke, uzayekela njani ukusinika ngesihle konke kanye layo?

33 Ngubani ozababeka icala abakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu? NguNkulunkulu olungisisayo;

34 ngubani olahlayo? NguKristu owafayo, njalo ikakhulu owavuswayo, ongakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, losikhulekelayo.

35 Ngubani ozasehlukanisa lothando lukaKristu? Ukuhlupheka, kumbe usizi, kumbe ukuzingelwa, kumbe indlala, kumbe ubuze, kumbe ingozi, kumbe inkemba yini?

36 Njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngenxa yakho siyabulawa usuku lonke; kuthiwa sinjengezimvu zokuhlatshwa.

37 Kanti kulezizinto zonke sedlula abanqobi ngaye owasithandayo.

38 Ngoba ngileqiniso ukuthi kayisikho ukufa lempilo lezingilosi lababusi lamandla lezinto ezikhona lezinto ezizayo

39 lobude lokutshona laloba yisiphi isidalwa okuzakuba lamandla okusehlukanisa lothando lukaNkulunkulu olukuKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu.

KWABASEROMA 9

Ukungakholwa kwamaIsrayeli kuyadabula

1Ngikhuluma iqiniso kuKristu, kangiqambi manga, isazela sami sifakazelana lami ngoMoya oNgcwele,

2 ukuthi ngilokudabuka okukhulu, lobuhlungu obungapheliyo enhliziyweni yami.

3 Ngoba ngingafisa ukuthi mina uqobo ngiqalekiswe kuKristu ngenxa yabazalwane bami, izihlobo zami ngokwenyama;

4 abangamaIsrayeli, okungokwabo ukuma kwabantwana, lenkazimulo, lezivumelwano, lokunikwa komlayo, lenkonzo kaNkulunkulu, lezithembiso,

5 abangababo obaba, njalo avela kubo uKristu ngokwenyama, ophezu kwakho konke, uNkulunkuluobongekayo kuze kube nininini. Ameni.

Ukukhethwa kwamaIsrayeli nguNkulunkulu

6 Kodwa kakunjengokuthi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lehlulekile. Ngoba kakusibo bonke abavela kuIsrayeli, abanguIsrayeli;

7 njalo kungesikuthi ngoba bayinzalo kaAbrahama, bonke bangabantwana; kodwa: NgoIsaka inzalo izabizelwa kuwe.

8 Lokhu kutsho ukuthi, kakusibo abantwana benyama, bona bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu; kodwa abantwana besithembiso bathiwa yinzalo.

9 Ngoba ilizwi lesithembiso yileli elokuthi: Ngalesisikhathi ngizafika, njalo uSara uzakuba lendodana.

10 Kakusikho lokhu kuphela, kodwa loRebeka esekhulelwe ngomunye, ubaba wethu uIsaka;

11 ngoba abantwana bengakazalwa, bengakenzi okuhle loba okubi, ukuze icebo likaNkulunkulu elingokokukhetha lime, kungaveli emisebenzini, kodwa kuvele kobizayo,

12 kwatshiwo kuye ukuthi: Omkhulu uzakhonza omncinyane,

13 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: UJakobe ngamthanda, kodwa uEsawu ngamzonda.

UNkulunkulu ulesihawu; ulokubusa konke

14 Pho-ke sizakuthini? Kukhona ukungalungi kuNkulunkulu yini? Phinde!

15 Ngoba uthi kuMozisi: Ngizakuba lomusa kwengilomusa kuye, njalo ngimhawukele engimhawukelayo.

16 Ngakho kakusikho kothandayo, njalo kakusikho kogijimayo, kodwa ngokukaNkulunkulu olesihawu.

17 Ngoba umbhalo uthi kuFaro: Ngakuphakamisela khona lokho, ukuze ngibonakalise amandla ami ngawe, njalo ukuze ibizo lami litshunyayelwe emhlabeni wonke.

18 Ngakho uhawukela lowo athanda ukumhawukela; njalo amenze abe lukhuni lowo athanda ukumenza lukhuni.

19 Ngakho uzakuthi kimi: Usasolelani? Ngoba ngubani ongamelana lentando yakhe?

20 Hatshi bo, muntu, ungubani wena ophikisana loNkulunkulu? Okubunjiweyo kungatsho yini kowakubumbayo ukuthi: Wangenzelani ngabanje?

21 Kumbe umbumbi kalagunya yini phezu kwebumba, ukuthi ngesigaqa sisinye enze isitsha esinye esihloniphekayo, lesinye esingahloniphekiyo?

22 Njalo uba uNkulunkulu ethanda ukubonakalisa ulaka lwakhe, lokwazisa amandla akhe, wathwala ngokubekezela okukhulu izitsha zolaka ezilungiselwe ukubhujiswa;

23 njalo ukuze azise inotho yenkazimulo yakhe phezu kwezitsha zomusa, ayezilungisele ngaphambili inkazimulo,

24 azibizileyo lazo, esiyizo thina, kungeyisikho kumaJuda kuphela, kodwa lakwabezizwe?

25 Njengalokhu akutsho lakuHoseya: Abangeyisibo abantu bami ngizababiza ngokuthi ngabantu bami; lowayengathandwa ngokuthi ngothandekayo;

26 njalo kuzakuthi, endaweni lapho okwathiwa khona kibo: Kalisibo abantu bami, khona lapho bazabizwangokuthi ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo.

27 LoIsaya umemeza ngoIsrayeli esithi: Lanxa inani labantwana bakoIsrayeli lingangetshebetshebe lolwandle, insali izasindiswa;

28 ngoba uzaqeda isenzo asiqume ngokulunga; ngoba iNkosi izakwenza isenzo siqunywe ngokuphangisa emhlabeni.

29 Njalo njengoba uIsaya watsho ngaphambili ukuthi: Uba iNkosi yamabandla ibingasitshiyelanga inzalo, besizakuba njengeSodoma, njalo besizakwenziwa sifanane leGomora.

AmaIsrayeli ehluleka ukugcina umlayo

30 Pho sizakuthini? Ukuthi abezizwe abangadingisisi ukulunga, bakubambile ukulunga, ukulunga-ke okungokholo;

31 kodwa uIsrayeli, edingisisa umlayo wokulunga, kawufinyelelanga umlayo wokulunga.

32 Ngani? Ngoba kabadingisisanga ngokholo, kodwa ngokungathi ngemisebenzi yomlayo; ngoba bakhubekaelitsheni lokukhubekisa,

33 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Khangela ngibeka eSiyoni ilitshe lokukhubekisa ledwala lokuwisa; laye wonke okholwa kuye kayikuyangeka.

KWABASEROMA 10

1Bazalwane, isifiso senhliziyo yami, lomkhuleko kuNkulunkulu ngenxa kaIsrayeli yikuthi basindiswe.

2 Ngoba ngiyabafakazela ukuthi balokutshisekela uNkulunkulu, kodwa kungenjengolwazi;

3 ngoba bengakwazi ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu, njalo bedinga ukumisa okwabo ukulunga, kabazehliselanga ngaphansi kokulunga kukaNkulunkulu.

4 Ngoba uKristu uyisiphetho somlayo ekulungeni kuye wonke okholwayo.

Ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu kungokwabo bonke abantu

5 Ngoba uMozisi ubhala ngokulunga okungokomlayo, ukuthi umuntu owenza lezizinto uzaphila ngazo.

6 Kodwa ukulunga okungokholo kukhuluma kanje: Ungatsho enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi: Ngubani ozakwenyukela ezulwini? Lokhu kuyikuthi ukumehlisa uKristu;

7 kumbe ukuthi: Ngubani ozakwehlela ekujuleni? Lokhu kuyikuthi ukumkhuphula uKristu kwabafileyo.

8 Kodwa kuthini? Ilizwi liseduze lawe, emlonyeni wakho lenhliziyweni yakho; leli yilizwi lokholo esilitshumayelayo;

9 ukuthi uba uvuma ngomlomo wakho iNkosi uJesu, njalo ukholwa enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, uzasindiswa;

10 ngoba ngenhliziyo omunye uyakholwa kube yikulunga, langomlomo uyavuma kube lusindiso.

11 Ngoba umbhalo uthi: Wonke okholwa kuye kayikuyangeka.

12 Ngoba kakukho umehluko phakathi komJuda lomGriki; ngoba yinye iNkosi yabo bonke, inothele bonke abakhuleka kuyo.

13 Ngoba wonke loba ngubani ozabiza ibizo leNkosi uzasindiswa.

14 Ngakho bazayibiza njani abangakholwanga kuyo? Futhi bazakholwa njani kuyo abangezwanga ngayo? Futhi bazakuzwa njani bengelamtshumayeli?

15 Njalo bazatshumayela njani uba bengathunywanga? Njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Zinhle kangakanani inyawo zabatshumayela ivangeli lokuthula, zabatshumayela ivangeli ngezinto ezinhle!

16 Kodwa kabalilalelanga bonke ivangeli. Ngoba uIsaya uthi: Nkosi, ngubani owakholwa umbiko wethu?

17 Ngakho ukholo luvela ekuzweni, lokuzwa ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu.

18 Kodwa ngithi: Kabezwanga yini? Yebo sibili, ilizwi labo liphumele emhlabeni wonke, lamazwi abo emikhawulweni yomhlaba.

19 Kodwa ngithi: UIsrayeli kaqedisisanga yini? Kuqala uMozisi uthi: Mina ngizalivusela umona ngabo abangesiso isizwe, ngilithukuthelise ngesizwe esingelangqondo.

20 LoIsaya ulesibindi uthi: Ngaficwa yilabo abangangidinganga, ngabonakala kibo abangabuzanga ngami.

21 Kodwa kuIsrayeli uthi: Usuku lonke ngelulela izandla zami kubantu abangalaleliyo labalenkani.

KWABASEROMA 11

AmaIsrayeli akhethiweyo nguNkulunkulu ayasindiswa

1Ngakho ngithi: UNkulunkulu ubalahlile yini abantu bakhe? Phinde! Ngoba lami ngingumIsrayeli, owenzalo kaAbrahama, wesizwe sikaBhenjamini.

2 UNkulunkulu kabalahlanga abantu bakhe abazi ngaphambili. Kumbe kalazi yini kuElija ukuthi umbhalo uthini? Ukuthi walabhela njani kuNkulunkulu emelene loIsrayeli, esithi:

3 Nkosi, babulele abaprofethi bakho, badilizile amalathi akho; mina-ke ngisele ngedwa, sebedinga umphefumulo wami.

4 Kodwa impendulo kaNkulunkulu yathini kuye? Yathi: Ngizitshiyele amadoda azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, angaguqanga ngedolo kuBhali.

5 Kunjalo-ke kukhona langalesisikhathi insali ngokukhetha komusa.

6 Kodwa uba kungomusa, kakusayi ngemisebenzi; uba kungenjalo umusa kawuseyiwo umusa. Kodwa aluba kusiya ngemisebenzi, akusengumusa; uba kungenjalo umsebenzi kawusengumsebenzi.

7 Pho-ke? Lokhu uIsrayeli ayekudinga, lokho kakutholanga, kodwa abakhethiweyo bakuthola, labanye benziwa baba lukhuni;

8 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: UNkulunkulu wabanika umoya wobuthongo obukhulu, amehlo ukuze bangaboni, lendlebe ukuze bangezwa, kuze kube lusuku lwalamuhla.

9 LoDavida uthi: Itafula labo libe ngumjibila lesifu, lesikhubekiso, lempindiselo kibo;

10 amehlo abo kafiphazwe ukuze bangaboni, njalo ugobise umhlana wabo njalonjalo.

11 Ngakho ngithi: Bakhubeka ukuze bawe yini? Phinde! Kodwa ngesiphambeko sabo usindiso lufikilekwabezizwe, ukubavusela umona.

12 Kodwa uba isiphambeko sabo siyinotho yomhlaba, lokwehluleka kwabo kuyinotho yabezizwe, kakhulu kangakanani ukugcwala kwabo?

Usindiso lwafika kwabezizwe

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13 Ngoba ngikhuluma lani bezizwe, njengalokho mina ngingumphostoli wabezizwe; ngikhulisa inkonzo yami;

14 ukuthi mhlawumbe ngibavusele umona abenyama yami, ngisindise abanye babo.

15 Ngoba uba ukulahlwa kwabo kuyikubuyiswa komhlaba, kungaba yini ukwemukelwa, ngaphandle kokuthi kuyimpilo kwabafileyo?

16 Njalo uba izithelo zokuqala zingcwele, lenhlama injalo; uba-ke impande ingcwele, lengatsha zinjalo.

17 Kodwa uba kwephulwe ezinye ingatsha, lawe ongumhlwathi weganga waxhunyelelwa phakathi kwazo, uhlanganyele lazo impande lamafutha omhlwathi,

18 ungazincomi phezu kwengatsha; kodwa uba uzincoma phezu kwazo, kayisuwe othwele impande, kodwa impande wena.

19 Uzakuthi-ke: Ingatsha zephulwa, ukuze mina ngixhunyelwe.

20 Kulungile; zephulwa ngokungakholwa, wena-ke umi ngokholo. Ungazikhukhumezi, kodwa yesaba;

21 ngoba uba uNkulunkulu engayekelanga ingatsha zemvelo, hlezi lawe kayikukuyekela.

22 Khangela-ke ububele lobukhali bukaNkulunkulu; ubukhali, kulabo abawayo; kodwa kuwe, ububele, uba uhlala ebubeleni; uba kungenjalo uzaqunywa lawe.

23 Lalabo futhi, uba bengahlali ekungakholweni, bazaxhunyelwa, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulamandla okubuya abaxhume.

24 Ngoba uba wena waqunywa emhlwathini weganga ngemvelo, wasuxhunyelelwa ngokuphambene lemvelo emhlwathini ohlanyelweyo, kakhulu kangakanani labo, abazingatsha ngemvelo, bazaxhunyelelwa esihlahleni sakibo somhlwathi?

UNkulunkulu ulesihawu kubantu bonke

25 Ngoba ngithanda ukuthi lingabi ngabangaziyo, bazalwane, ngalimfihlo, hlezi lizitshaye abahlakaniphileyo, ukuthi ubulukhuni sebehlele uIsrayeli nganxanye, kuze kungene ukugcwala kwabezizwe;

26 ngokunjalo-ke uIsrayeli wonke uzasindiswa; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Kuzavela eSiyoni uMkhululi, asuse ukungabi loNkulunkulu kuJakobe;

27 njalo yilesi isivumelwano sami kibo, lapho ngizasusa izono zabo.

28 Ngokwevangeli bayizitha ngenxa yenu; kodwa ngokukhetha bangabathandiweyo ngenxa yabobaba;

29 ngoba izipho zomusa lokubiza kukaNkulunkulu kakulakuphenduka.

30 Ngoba njengalokhu lani kade lingamlaleli uNkulunkulu, kodwa khathesi selihawukelwe ngenxa yokungalaleli kwabo;

31 ngokunjalo lalabo khathesi kabalalelanga, ukuze ngesihawu senu bahawukelwe labo;

32 ngoba uNkulunkulu ubavalele bonke ekungalalelini, ukuze abe lesihawu kibo bonke.

33 Yeka ukujula kwenotho, kokubili yenhlakanipho leyolwazi lukaNkulunkulu! Kakuphenyeki kangakanani ukwahlulela kwakhe, lendlela zakhe kazilandeleki!

34 Ngoba ngubani owazi ingqondo yeNkosi? Kumbe ngubani owaba ngumeluleki wayo?

35 Kumbe ngubani owamnika kuqala, njalo kubuyiselwe kuye?

36 Ngoba konke kuvela kuye, kungaye, kuya kuye; kabube kuye ubukhosi kuze kube nininini. Ameni.

KWABASEROMA 13

Ukuhamba okungcwele

1Ngakho, bazalwane, ngiyalincenga ukuthi, ngezihawu zikaNkulunkulu, linikele imizimba yenu ibe ngumhlatshelo ophilileyo, ongcwele, owemukelekayo kuNkulunkulu, kube yinkonzo yenuyokuqedisisa.

2 Njalo lingalingisi lumhlaba, kodwa liguqulwe ngokwenziwa zibentsha ingqondo zenu, ukuze lihlolisiseokuyintando kaNkulunkulu elungileyo leyemukelekayo lepheleleyo.

Ukuthobeka lempilo yamaKristu

3 Ngoba ngomusa engiwuphiweyo, ngithi kuye wonke ophakathi kwenu ukuthi angacabangi ukuthi mkhulu kulalokho afanele ukukucabanga, kodwa acabange ngokuqonda, njengalokhu uNkulunkulu abele ngulowo lalowo isilinganiso sokholo.

4 Ngoba njengoba silezitho ezinengi emzimbeni munye, kodwa izitho zonke kazilamsebenzi ofananayo;

5 kunjalo thina esibanengi singumzimba munye kuKristu, njalo siyizitho omunye komunye.

6 Njalo silezipho ezehlukeneyo ngokomusa esiwuphiweyo; zingaba yikuprofetha, asiprofethengokwesilinganiso sokholo;

7 kumbe yikukhonza, asisebenze enkonzweni; kumbe ofundisayo, ekufundiseni;

8 kumbe olayayo, ekulayeni; ophanayo, kanike ngobuqotho; obusayo, ngokukhuthala; olesihawu, ngentokozo.

9 Uthando kalube qotho. Yenyanyani okubi, libambelele kokulungileyo.

10 Thandanani kakhulu ngothando lobuzalwane; ekuhloniphaneni phathani abanye ngcono kulani;

11 lingabi ngamavila ekukhuthaleni; livuthe emoyeni; likhonza iNkosi;

12 lithokoza ethembeni; libekezela ekuhluphekeni; liphikelela emkhulekweni;

13 yabelani kunswelo zabangcwele; likhuthalele ukuphana kuzihambi.

14 Babusiseni abalizingelayo; busisani, lingaqalekisi.

15 Thokozani labathokozayo, likhale labakhalayo.

16 Kalibe lenhliziyonye komunye lomunye. Lingakhumbuli ngezinto eziphakemeyo, kodwa lihlangane labathobekileyo. Lingazitshayi abahlakaniphileyo.

17 Lingaphindiseli muntu okubi ngokubi. Linakane okudumisekayo phambi kwabantu bonke.

18 Uba kungenzeka, ngokukini, hlalani ngokuthula labantu bonke.

19 Bathandiweyo, lingaziphindiseli, kodwa nikani ulaka indawo; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngeyami impindiselo, mina ngizabuyisela, kutsho iNkosi.

20 Ngakho nxa isitha sakho silambile, siphe ukudla; nxa somile, sinathise; ngoba ngokwenza lokho, usibekela amalahle avuthayo phezu kwekhanda laso.

21 Unganqotshwa ngokubi, kodwa nqoba okubi ngokuhle.

KWABASEROMA 13

Mayelana lokulalela amakhosi

1Wonke umphefumulo awuzehlisele ngaphansi kwamandla aphezulu; ngoba kakukho amandla ngaphandle kwavela kuNkulunkulu; lamandla akhona amiswe nguNkulunkulu.

2 Ngakho omelana lamandla, umelana lesimiso sikaNkulunkulu; lalabo abamelana lawo bazazithathela ukulahlwa.

3 Ngoba ababusi kabesabeki emisebenzini emihle, kodwa kwemibi. Njalo uyathanda yini ukungesabi amandla? Yenza okuhle, njalo uzakuba lodumo kuwo;

4 ngoba uyinceku kaNkulunkulu ukuze kube kuhle kuwe. Kodwa nxa usenza okubi, yesaba; ngoba inkemba kayiphatheli ize. Ngoba uyinceku kaNkulunkulu, ungumphindiseli wolaka kulowo owenza okubi.

5 Ngakho kumele ukuthi uzehlise, kungabi ngenxa yolaka kuphela, kodwa langenxa yesazela.

6 Ngoba ngenxa yalokho lithela lomthelo; ngoba bayizinceku zikaNkulunkulu, ezikhuthalela khona lokho.

7 Ngakho phanini bonke okufaneleyo; umthelo kofanele umthelo; inkokhelo kofanele inkokhelo; ukwesatshwa kofanele ukwesatshwa; udumo kofanele udumo.

Ukuthanda abazalwane

8 Lingabi lamlandu kumuntu, ngaphandle kowokuthandana; ngoba othanda omunye, ugcwalisile umlayo.

9 Ngoba lokhu ukuthi: Ungafebi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga, ungabi lomhawu; loba-ke kukhona lawuphi umlayo, kuhlanganiswa kulelilizwi, kulokhu: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena.

10 Uthando kalwenzi okubi kumakhelwane; ngakho uthando luyikugcwaliseka komlayo.

Ukuhamba ekukhanyeni

11 Njalo lokhu, lisazi isikhathi, ukuthi sekulihola lokuthi sivuke ebuthongweni; ngoba usindiso selusondele kithi kulesikhathi esakholwa ngaso.

12 Ubusuku budlulile, usuku selusondele; ngakho asikhuphe imisebenzi yobumnyama, sihlome izikhali zokukhanya.

13 Asihambe ngokufaneleyo, njengasemini, kungabi ngokuminza langokudakwa, kungabi semacansinilokungcola, kungabi ngokuxabana langomona.

14 Kodwa yembathani iNkosi uJesu Kristu, linganakekeli inyama, ngezinkanuko.

KWABASEROMA 14

Indlela yokuphatha ababuthakathaka ekholweni

1Lowo obuthakathaka ekholweni memukeleni, kungabi ngokokuphikisana kwemibono.

2 Omunye ukholwa ukuthi angadla konke, kodwa obuthakathaka udla imibhida.

3 Lowo odlayo kangamdeleli ongadliyo, longadliyo kangamgwebi odlayo; ngoba uNkulunkulu umemukele.

4 Ungubani wena ogweba inceku yomunye? Enkosini yayo iyema kumbe iwe. Yebo, izamiswa; ngoba uNkulunkulu ulamandla okuyimisa.

5 Omunye wazisa usuku kulolunye usuku, omunye wazisa insuku zonke. Kakube ngulowo lalowo aqiniseke kweyakhe ingqondo.

6 Owazisa usuku, ulwazisa eNkosini; longalwazisiyo usuku, kalwazisi eNkosini. Lodlayo udla eNkosini, ngoba ebonga uNkulunkulu; longadliyo akadli eNkosini, njalo ebonga uNkulunkulu.

7 Ngoba kakho phakathi kwethu oziphilelayo, njalo kakho ozifelayo.

8 Ngoba uba siphila, siphilela iNkosi; uba-ke sisifa, sifela iNkosi; ngakho loba siphila, loba sisifa, singabeNkosi.

9 Ngoba kulokhu uKristu laye wafa, wavuka, wabuya waphila, ukuze abe yiNkosi yabafileyo kanye labaphilayo.

10 Wena-ke umgwebelani umzalwane wakho? Kumbe lawe umdelelelani umzalwane wakho? Ngoba sonke sizakuma phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKristu.

11 Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Mina ngiyaphila, itsho iNkosi; lonke idolo lizaguqa phambi kwami, lalo lonke ulimi luzamvuma uNkulunkulu.

12 Ngakho ngulowo lalowo wethu uzaziphendulela ngokwakhe kuNkulunkulu.

13 Ngakho kasingabe sisahlulelana; kodwa ahlulelani lokho ikakhulu, ukuthi singambekeli umzalwane isikhubekiso loba ulutho lokumwisa.

14 Ngiyazi njalo ngiqinisekisile eNkosini uJesu, ukuthi kakulalutho olungcolileyo ngokwalo; ngaphandle kwalowo ocabangela ulutho ukuthi lungcolile, kuye lungcolile.

15 Kodwa uba umzalwane wakho ekhutshwa yikudla, kawusahambi ngokothando. Ungambhubhisi ngokudla kwakho lowo, amfelayo uKristu.

16 Ngakho okuhle kini kakungahlanjazwa;

17 ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawusikho ukudla lokunatha, kodwa ukulunga lokuthula lentokozo kuMoya oNgcwele.

18 Ngoba okhonza uKristu kulezizinto uyemukeleka kuNkulunkulu, njalo ukholekile ebantwini.

19 Ngakho asidingisise izinto zokuthula, lezinto zokwakhisana.

20 Ungawuchithi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yokudla. Konke kuhlambulukile, kanti kubi kumuntu odlangokukhubekisa.

21 Kuhle ukungadli inyama, lokunganathi iwayini, lokunye umzalwane wakho akhubeka ngakho kumbe acunulwe kumbe abebuthakathaka.

22 Ulokholo yini? Woba lalo ngokwakho phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Ubusisiwe lowo ongazigwebiyo ngalokhoakuvumelayo!

23 Kodwa othandabuzayo, uba esidla, ulahliwe, ngoba akuveli ekholweni; njalo konke okungaveli ekholweni, kuyisono.

KWABASEROMA 15

1Kodwa thina esilamandla sifanele ukuthwala ubuthakathaka babangelamandla, njalo singazithokozisi thina.

2 Ngoba ngulowo lalowo wethu kathokozise umakhelwane ebuhleni ekumakheni.

3 Ngoba laye uKristu kazithokozisanga yena, kodwa, kunjengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ukuthuka kwabakuthukayo kwawela phezu kwami.

4 Ngoba konke okwabhalwa ngaphambili, kwabhalelwa ukufundiswa kwethu, ukuze ngokubekezela langenduduzo yemibhalo sibe lethemba.

5 Njalo uNkulunkulu wokubekezela lenduduzo kaliphe ukuthi libe nhliziyonye phakathi kwenu njengokukaKristu Jesu;

6 ukuze nganhliziyonye ngomlomo munye limdumise uNkulunkulu, ngitsho uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu.

7 Ngakho yemukelanani, njengalokhu loKristu wasemukela, kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu.

8 Njalo ngithi, uJesu Kristu waba yinceku yokusoka ngenxa yeqiniso likaNkulunkulu, ukuthi aqinise izithembiso zabobaba;

9 lezizwe zimdumise uNkulunkulu ngenxa yesihawu; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngakho ngizakuvuma phakathi kwezizwe, ngihubele ibizo lakho izibongo.

10 Njalo futhi uthi: Thokozani, bezizwe, kanye labantu bakhe.

11 Futhi-ke: Dumisani iNkosi lina bezizwe lonke; idumiseni-ke lina bantu bonke.

12 Njalo futhi uIsaya uthi: Kuzakuba khona impande kaJese, lophakamela ukubusa abezizwe; abezizwe bazathembela kuye.

13 Kungathi-ke uNkulunkulu wethemba angaligcwalisa ngentokozo yonke langokuthula ekukholweni, ukuze lengezwe ethembeni, ngamandla kaMoya oNgcwele.

UPawuli uchasisa umsebenzi wakhe

14 Lami-ke ngokwami nganelisiwe ngani, bazalwane bami, ukuthi lani ngokwenu ligcwele okuhle, ligcwaliswe yikwazi konke, lilamandla-ke okwelulekana.

15 Kodwa, bazalwane, ngilibhalele ngesibindi esikhulu, nganxanye, njengolikhumbuzayo, ngenxa yomusa engiwuphiweyo nguNkulunkulu,

16 ukuze ngibe yisikhonzi sikaJesu Kristu kwabezizwe, ngikhonze ivangeli likaNkulunkulu, ukuze iminikelo yabezizwe yemukeleke, kwenziwe kube ngcwele ngoMoya oNgcwele.

17 Ngakho ngilokuzincoma kuKristu Jesu ezintweni eziqondane loNkulunkulu;

18 ngoba kangiyikuba lesibindi sokukhuluma ulutho lwezinto uKristu angazenzanga ngami, ukuze kube khona ukulalela kwabezizwe, ngelizwi langesenzo,

19 ngamandla ezibonakaliso lezimangaliso, ngamandla kaMoya kaNkulunkulu;
ngakho kusukela eJerusalema lendawo ezizingelezeleyo kuze kufike eIliriku
ngitshumayele ivangeli likaKristu ngokupheleleyo;

20 ngokunjalo ngazama kakhulu ukutshumayela ivangeli, kungeyisikho lapho
uKristu abizwe khona, ukuze ngingakhi phezu kwesisekelo somunye;

21 kodwa, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Abangatshelwanga ngaye, bazabona,
labangezwanga, bazaqedisisa.

UPawuli ukhuluma ngokuya eRoma

22 Ngenxa yalokho futhi ngavinjelwa kanengi ukuza kini;

23 kodwa khathesi-ke lokhu ngingaselandawo kulezizabelo, futhi sekuyiminyaka
eminengi ngilesifiso esikhulu sokuza kini,

24 ngokunjalo nxa ngizakuya eSpaniya, ngizakuza kini; ngoba ngithemba ukuthi
ngizalibona ekudluleni, njalo ngiphelekezelwe yini khona, uba kuqala
sengisuthisekile nganxanye ngilani.

25 Kodwa khathesi-ke ngiya eJerusalema, ngikhonze abangcwele.

26 Ngoba kwaba kuhle eMakedoniya leAkaya ukwenzela umnikelo othile
abayanga kwabangcwele abaseJerusalema.

27 Ngoba kwaba kuhle kibo, njalo balomlandu kibo. Ngoba uba abezizwe
behlanganyela labo ezintweni zabo zomoya, balomlandu futhi wokubasebenzela
ezintweni zenyama.

28 Ngakho nxa sengiqede lokhu, sengibaphawulele lesisithelo, ngizasuka ngiye
eSpaniya ngidlule ngakini.

29 Ngiyazi-ke ukuthi nxa ngisiza kini ngizafika ekugcwaleni kwesibusiso
sevangeli likaKristu.

30 Ngiyalincenga-ke, bazalwane, ngayo iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, langothando
lukaMoya, ukuthi lilwise kanye lami emikhulekweni kuNkulunkulu ngami;

31 ukuze ngophulwe kwabangakholwayo eJudiya, njalo ukuze umsebenzi wami
ongoweJerusalema wemukeleke kibo abangcwele;

32 ukuze ngentando kaNkulunkulu ngize kini ngentokozo, ngivuseleleke kanye
lani.

33 Ngakho uNkulunkulu wokuthula kabe lani lonke. Ameni.

KWABASEROMA 16

UPawuli ubingelela abazalwane

1Ngiyamncoma-ke kini udadewethu uFebe, oyisikhonzikazi sebandla
eliseKenikreya;

2 ukuze limemukele eNkosini njengokufanele abangcwele, ukuthi limsize loba
kuluphi udaba aluswelayo kini; ngoba laye ubengummeli wabanengi, lowami
uqobo.

3 Bingelelani uPrisila loAkwila izisebenzi kanye lami kuKristu Jesu,

4 ababeka phansi intamo yabo esikhundleni sempilo yami; engibabongayo
kungeyisimi ngedwa, kodwa lamabandla wonke abezizwe;

5 bingelelani lebandla elisendlini yabo. Bingelelani uEpenetu, othandiweyo wami,
oyisithelo sokuqala seAkaya kuKristu.

6 Bingelelani uMariya, owasisebenzela kakhulu.

7 Bingelelani uAnderoniku loJuniya, abayizihlobo zami lezibotshwa kanye lami,
abangabadumileyo phakathi kwabaphostoli, ababekuKristu labo ngaphambi
kwami.

8 Bingelelani uAmpiliyasi, othandiweyo wami eNkosini.

9 Bingelelani uOrbanu isisebenzi kanye lathi kuKristu, loSitaku othandiweyo
wami.

10 Bingelelani uApele othembekileyo kuKristu. Bingelelani labo abakaAristobulu.

11 Bingelelani uHerodiyoni isihlobo sami. Bingelelani abakaNarkisu, labo
abaseNkosini.

12 Bingelelani uTrifina loTrifosa, abesifazana abasebenza eNkosini. Bingelelani
uPersisi owesifazanaothandekayo, owasebenza kakhulu eNkosini.

13 Bingelelani uRufusi okhethiweyo eNkosini, lonina njalo ongowami.

14 Bingelelani uAsinkiritu, uFileko, uHermasi, uPatroba, uHermesi, labazalwane
abalabo.

15 Bingelelani uFilologu loJuliya, uNerusi lodadewabo, loOlimpa, labangcwele
bonke abalabo.

16 Bingelelanani ngokwanga okungcwele. Amabandla kaKristu ayalibingelela.

17 Njalo ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, ukuthi liqaphele ababanga
ukuxabana lezikhubekiso, okuphambene lemfundiso elayifundiswayo;
baxwayeni bona.

18 Ngoba abanjalo kabasebenzeli iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, kodwa isisu sabo;
njalo ngelizwi elimnandilendumiso bakhohlisa inhliziyo zabangelacala.

19 Ngoba ukulalela kwenu sekufikile kibo bonke. Ngakho ngiyathokoza ngani;
kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lihlakaniphe kokuhle, kodwa libe msulwa kokubi.

20 Njalo uNkulunkulu wokuthula uzahle amchoboze uSathane ngaphansi
kwenyawo zenu. Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani. Ameni.

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21 UTimothi isisebenzi kanye lami, loLukiyu loJasoni loSosipatro, izihlobo zami, bayalibingelela.

22 Mina Tertiyo, engibhale incwadi, ngiyalibingelela eNkosini.

23 UGayusi umngenisi wami, lebandla lonke, uyalibingelela. UErastu umphathisikhwama somuzi uyalibingelela, loKwartu umzalwane.

24 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Ameni.

Isicino

25 Kuye olamandla okuliqinisa ngokwevangeli lami lokutshunyayelwa kukaJesu Kristu, ngokwembulwa kwemfihlo eyayigcinwe ifihlakele ngezikhathi zendulo,

26 kodwa isibonakalisiwe khathesi, langemibhalo yabaprofethi, njengomlayo kaNkulunkulu olaphakade, yaziswa ezizweni zonke ekulaleleni kokholo,

27 kuNkulunkulu ololwazi yena yedwa kakube ubukhosi, ngoJesu Kristu, kuze kube nininini. Ameni.

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I KWABASEKORINTE

I KWABASEKORINTE 1

INCWADI YOKUQALA KAPAWULI UMPHOSTOLI

Isibingelelo

1 UPawuli obizelwe ukuba ngumphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu,
loSostenesi umzalwane,

2 kubandla likaNkulunkulu eliseKorinte, kubo abangcwelisiweyo kuKristu Jesu,
ababizelwe ukubangabangcwele, kanye labo bonke ababiza ibizo leNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu kuyo yonke indawo, eyabo kanye leyethu:

3 Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini
uJesu Kristu.

4 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami ngesikhathi sonke ngani, ngenxa yomusa
kaNkulunkulu eliwuphiweyo kuKristu Jesu;

5 ukuthi kuyo yonke into linothisiwe kuye, ekukhulumeni konke lelwazini lonke,

6 njengoba ubufakazi bukaKristu buqinisiwe kini;

7 ngakho kalisileli lakwesinye isipho, lilindele ukwembulwa kweNkosi yethu
uJesu Kristu,

8 ozaliqinisa futhi kuze kube sekupheleni, ukuze lingabi lacala ngosuku lweNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu.

9 UNkulunkulu uthembekile, elabizelwa ngaye ebudlelwaneni kweNdodana
yakhe uJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu.

Ukuphikisana ebandleni leKorinte

10 Ngiyalincenga-ke, bazalwane, ngebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuthi lonke
likhulume into ibenye, njalo kungabi khona ukwehlukana phakathi kwenu,
kodwa lipheleliswe emqondweni munye lekuboneni kunye.

11 Ngoba ngitsheliwe ngani, bazalwane bami, ngabakoKlowe, ukuthi kukhona
izingxabano phakathi kwenu.

12 Njalo ngitsho lokhu, kokuthi ngulowo lalowo wenu uthi: Mina ngingokaPawuli;
kodwa mina okaApolosi; kodwa mina okaKefasi; kodwa mina okaKristu.

13 UKristu wehlukanisiwe yini? Kanti uPawuli wabethelelwa lina, kumbe
labhabhathizwa yini ebizweni likaPawuli?

14 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu ukuthi kangibhabhathizanga lamunye wenu,
ngaphandle kukaKrispusi loGayusi;

15 ukuze kungabi khona othi ngabhabhathiza ebizweni lami uqobo.

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16 Futhi ngabhabhathiza lendlu kaStefana; ngaphandle kwalokho kangazi ukuthi ngabhabhathiza omunye umuntu.

17 Ngoba uKristu kangithumanga ukuthi ngibhabhathize, kodwa ukuthi ngitshumayele ivangeli; kungeyisikho ngenhlakanipho yelizwi, hlezi isiphambano sikaKristu senziwe ize.

Ukuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu lokomhlaba

18 Ngoba ilizwi lesiphambano liyibuthutha kulabo ababhubhayo, kodwa kithi abasindiswayo lingamandla kaNkulunkulu.

19 Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngizachitha inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo, lokuqedisisa kwabaqedisisayo ngizakwenza ize.

20 Singaphi isihlakaniphi? Ungaphi umbhali? Ungaphi umphikisi walumhlaba? Angithi uNkulunkulu wayenza yaba yibuthutha inhlakanipho yalumhlaba yini?

21 Ngoba kuthe enhlakanipheni kaNkulunkulu umhlaba kawumazanga uNkulunkulu ngenhlakanipho, kwaba kuhle kuNkulunkulu ngobuthutha bentshumayelo ukusindisa abakholwayo.

22 Ngoba lamaJuda acela isibonakaliso, lamaGriki adinga inhlakanipho;

23 kodwa thina sitshumayela uKristu obethelweyo, isikhubekiso kumaJuda, lobuthutha kumaGriki;

24 kodwa kulabo ababiziweyo, kumaJuda kanye lakumaGriki, uKristu amandla kaNkulunkulu lenhlakaniphokaNkulunkulu;

25 ngoba ubuthutha bukaNkulunkulu buhlakaniphile kulabantu, lobuthakathaka bukaNkulunkulu bulamandla kulabantu.

26 Ngoba khangelani ubizo lwenu, bazalwane, ukuthi kababanengi abahlakaniphileyo ngokwenyama, kababanengi abalamandla, kababanengi abayizikhulu;

27 kodwa uNkulunkulu ukhethile izinto zobuthutha zomhlaba, ukuze ayangise abahlakaniphileyo; njalo uNkulunkulu ukhethile okubuthakathaka komhlaba, ukuze ayangise okulamandla;

28 lezinto eziphansi zomhlaba lezinto ezidelelekayo uNkulunkulu uzikhethile, lezinto ezingekho, ukuze enze zibe yize izinto ezikhona;

29 ukuze kungabikho inyama ezincomayo phambi kwakhe.

30 Kodwa ngaye lina likuKristu Jesu, owenzelwa thina inhlakanipho evela kuNkulunkulu, lokulunga, lokungcweliswa, lohlengo,

31 ukuze, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ozincomayo, kazincome eNkosini.

I KWABASEKORINTE 2

Intshumayelo kaPawuli eKorinte

1Lami, bazalwane, ekufikeni kwami kini, kangifikanga ngobugabazi belizwi
kumbe benhlakanipho, ngitshumayela kini ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu.

2 Ngoba ngamisa ukuthi ngingazi lutho phakathi kwenu, ngaphandle kukaJesu
Kristu, laye ebethelwe.

3 Njalo mina ngangilani ebuthakathakeni lekwesabeni lekuthuthumeleni
okukhulu.

4 Lokukhuluma kwami lokutshumayela kwami kakubanga ngamazwi
enhlakanipho yabantu ahugayo, kodwa ngokubonakalisa kukaMoya
lokwamandla;

5 ukuze ukholo lwenu lungabi enhlakanipheni yabantu, kodwa
emandleni kaNkulunkulu.

6 Kodwa inhlakanipho siyikhuluma phakathi kwabapheleleyo, kodwa
inhlakanipho engayisiyo yalelilizwe, kumbe eyababusi balelilizwe,
abazakwenziwa ize;

7 kodwa sikhuluma inhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu eyimfihlo, eyayifihliwe,
uNkulunkulu ayimisa ngaphambili kungakabi lomhlaba kube yinkazimulo yethu;

8 kungekho loyedwa wababusi balelilizwe owayekwazi; ngoba uba babekwazi,
babengayikuyibethela iNkosi yenkazimulo.

9 Kodwa njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Izinto ilihlo elingazibonanga, lendlebe
engazizwanga, lezingangenanga enhliziyweni yomuntu, uNkulunkulu
azilungisele abamthandayo;

10 uNkulunkulu-ke usembulele thina lokhu ngoMoya wakhe; ngoba uMoya
uhlolisisa zonke izinto, ngitsho izinto ezijulileyo zikaNkulunkulu.

11 Ngoba ngubani ebantwini owazi okomuntu, ngaphandle komoya womuntu
okuye? Ngokunjalo okukaNkulunkulu kakwaziwa muntu, ngaphandle koMoya
kaNkulunkulu.

12 Thina-ke kasemukelanga umoya womhlaba, kodwa uMoya ovela
kuNkulunkulu, ukuze sazi izinto esiziphiwa ngesihle nguNkulunkulu;

13 futhi esizitshoyo, kungeyisikho ngamazwi inhlakanipho yabantu
ewafundisayo, kodwa ngamazwi afundiswa nguMoya oNgcwele,
sichasisa okomoya ngokomoya.

14 Kodwa umuntu wemvelo kazemukeli izinto zikaMoya kaNkulunkulu; ngoba
ziyibuthutha kuye, njalo kalawo amandla okuqedisisa, ngoba zihlolisiswa
ngokomoya;

15 kodwa owomoya uyahlola zonke izinto, kodwa yena kahlolwa muntu.

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16 Ngoba ngubani owazi ingqondo yeNkosi, ukuthi ayifundise? Kodwa thina silengqondo kaKristu.

I KWABASEKORINTE 3

Indlela yokulandela abafundisi

1 Lami-ke, bazalwane, bengingelakukhuluma lani njengabakomoya, kodwa njengakwabakwenyama, njengakwabayizingane kuKristu.

2 Ngalinathisa uchago, kungeyisikho ukudla okuqinileyo; ngoba belingakenelisi, kodwa lakhathesi kalikenelisi;

3 ngoba lisengabenyama; ngoba lokhu kukhona phakathi kwenu umhawu lokuphikisana lokwehlukana, kalisibo abenyama, lihamba ngokwabantu yini?

4 Ngoba nxa omunye esithi: Mina ngingokaPawuli, lomunye athi: Mina okaApolosi, kalisibo yini abenyama?

5 Kanti uPawuli uyini, loApolosi uyini, kodwa izisebenzi elakholwa ngazo, lanjengoba iNkosi yanika kulowo lalowo?

6 Mina ngahlanyela, uApolosi wathelela, kodwa uNkulunkulu wakhulisa.

7 Ngakho ohlanyelayo kasilutho, loba othelelayo, kodwa uNkulunkulu okhulisayo.

8 Ohlanyelayo kanye lothelelayo banye; kodwa ngulowo lalowo uzakwemukela owakhe umvuzo njengowakhe umsebenzi.

9 Ngoba siyizisebenzi zikaNkulunkulu kanye laye; liyinsimu kaNkulunkulu, liyisakhiwo sikaNkulunkulu.

Ukwakhela phezu kwesisekelo esiqotho

10 Ngokomusa kaNkulunkulu engiwuphiweyo, njengomakhi omkhulu ohlakaniphileyo ngabeka isisekelo, lomunye wakha phezu kwaso. Kodwa kakube ngulowo lalowo abone ukuthi wakha njani phezu kwaso.

11 Ngoba akulamuntu ongabeka esinye isisekelo ngaphandle kwaleso esibekiweyo, esinguJesu Kristu.

12 Kodwa uba umuntu esakhela phezu kwalesisisekelo igolide, isiliva, amatshe aligugu, izigodo, utshani, inhlanga,

13 umsebenzi walowo lalowo uzavela obala; ngoba usuku luzawudalula, ngoba luzavezwa emlilweni; umlilouzahlola umsebenzi walowo lalowo ukuthi unjani.

14 Uba umsebenzi womuntu awakhe phezulu usima, uzakwemukela umvuzo.

15 Uba umsebenzi womuntu uzatshiswa, uzalahlekelwa; kodwa yena uqobo ezasindiswa, kodwa ngokunjalo njengangomlilo.

16 Kalazi yini ukuthi lina lilithempeli likaNkulunkulu, lokuthi uMoya
kaNkulunkulu uhlala kini?

17 Uba umuntu echitha ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uzamchitha yena;
ngoba ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lingcwele, eliyilo lina.

18 Kakungabi khona ozikhohlisayo; uba umuntu phakathi kwenu ecabanga ukuthi
uhlakaniphile kulumhlaba, kumele abe yisithutha, ukuze ahlakaniphe.

19 Ngoba inhlakanipho yalumhlaba iyibuthutha kuNkulunkulu. Ngoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ubambaabahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo;

20 njalo lokuthi: INkosi iyayazi imicabango yabahlakaniphileyo, ukuthi iyize.

21 Ngakho kakungabi khona ozincoma ngabantu; ngoba zonke izinto ngezenu,

22 loba uPawuli, loba uApolosi, loba uKefasi, loba umhlaba, loba impilo, loba
ukufa, loba izinto ezikhona, loba izinto ezizayo; konke ngokwenu,

23 lina-ke lingabakaKristu, loKristu ungokaNkulunkulu.

I KWABASEKORINTE 4

Abaphathi bemfihlo zikaNkulunkulu

1 Umuntu kanakane ngathi ngokunje, njengezisebenzi zikaKristu
labaphathi bezimfihlo zikaNkulunkulu.

2 Futhi-ke, kuyadingeka ebaphathini, ukuthi umuntu aficwe ethembekile.

3 Kodwa kimi kuyinto encinyane kakhulu ukuthi ngithonisiswe yini, kumbe
ngokwahlulela kwabantu; kodwa lami kangizithonisisi.

4 Ngoba kanginanzeleli lutho kimi, kanti kangilungisiswanga ngalokho; kodwa
ongahlulelayo yiNkosi.

5 Ngakho lingahluleli lutho isikhathi singakafiki, ize ifike iNkosi, ezaveza futhi
ekukhanyeni izinto ezifihlakeleyo emnyameni, njalo iveze obala amacebo
ezinhliziyo; njalo khona ngulowo lalowo ezakuba lokubongwa okuvela
kuNkulunkulu.

Ukuzikhukhumeza kwabeKorinte lokuhlupheka kwabaphostoli

6 Njalo lezizinto, bazalwane, ngiziqondanise lami loApolosi ngenxa yenu, ukuze
lifunde kithi ukuthi lingakhumbuli phezu kokulotshiweyo, ukuze
lingakhukhunyezwa omunye ngomunye limelane lomunye.

7 Ngoba ngubani okwenza ukuthi wehluke? Njalo kuyini
olakho ongakwemukelanga? Njalo uba lawe wemukele, uzincomelani
ngokungathi kawemukelanga yini?

8 Selisuthi, selinothile, libusile ngaphandle kwethu; yebo-ke kungathi ngabe
liyabusa, ukuze lathi sibuse kanye lani.

9 Ngoba ngithi uNkulunkulu usimisile thina abaphostoli bokucina, sibe njengabamiselwe ukufa; ngoba senziwe umbukiso emhlabeni, lakuzo ingilosi, lebantwini.

10 Thina siyizithutha ngenxa kaKristu, kodwa lina lihlakaniphile kuKristu; thina sibuthakathaka, kodwa lina lilamandla; lina liyahlonitshwa, kodwa thina siyadelelwa.

11 Kuze kube lihola lakhathesi silambile, somile, sihambaze, siyatshaywa ngenqindi, siyimihambuma,

12 siyatshikatshika sisebenza ngezethu izandla; sithi sithukwa sibusise; sithi sizingelwa sibekezele;

13 sithi sinyeywa sincenge; senziwa njengamanyala omhlaba, imfucuza yezinto zonke, kuze kube khathesi.

14 Kangilibhaleli lezizinto ukuthi ngilithele inhloni, kodwa ngileluleka njengabantwana bami abathandekayo.

15 Ngoba lanxa lilabeluleki abayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi kuKristu, kodwa kalilaboyihlo abanengi; ngoba mina ngalizala kuKristu Jesu ngevangeli.

16 Ngakho ngiyalincenga: Banini ngabalingisi bami.

17 Ngalokho ngithume kini uTimothi, ongumntanami othandekayo lothembekileyo eNkosini, ozalikhumbuzangenhambo zami ezikuKristu, njengoba ngifundisa endaweni zonke kulo lonke ibandla.

18 Kodwa abanye bazikhukhumezile ngokungathi kangiyikuza kini.

19 Kanti ngizakuza kini masinyane, uba iNkosi ivuma, njalo ngizakwazi, hatshi ilizwi lalabo abazikhukhumezayo, kodwa amandla.

20 Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawungelizwi kodwa ngamandla.

21 Lifunani? Ngize kini ngenduku yini, kumbe ngothando lomoya ochumileyo?

I KWABASEKORINTE 5

Ukuphinga kwabeKorinte. Ukuphathwa kwezoni

1 Isibili kuzwakele ukuthi kukhona ukuphinga phakathi kwenu, futhi ukuphinga kohlobo olungaqanjwayo laphakathi kwabezizwe, kuze kuthi omunye abe lomkayise.

2 Kodwa lina liyazikhukhumeza, njalo endaweni yalokho alizange lilile, ukuze owenze lesisenzo asuswe phakathi kwenu.

3 Ngoba mina-ke, njengongekho ngomzimba kodwa okhona ngomoya, senginqumile owenze lokhu okunjalo, ngokungathi ngikhona,

4 ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, selihlangene lomoya wami kanye
lamandla eNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu,

5 ukunikela onjalo kuSathane ekubhubheni kwenyama, ukuze umoya usindiswe
osukwini lweNkosi uJesu.

6 Kakukuhle ukuzincoma kwenu. Kalazi yini ukuthi imvubelo encinyane ibilisa
inhlama yonke?

7 Ngakho khuphani imvubelo endala, ukuze libe yinhlama entsha,
njengabangelamvubelo. Ngoba lephasika lethu lihlatshelwe thina, elinguKristu;

8 ngakho asigcine umkhosi, kungabi ngemvubelo endala, njalo kungabi
ngemvubelo yenzondo lobubi, kodwa ngesinkwa esingelamvubelo sobuqotho
leseqiniso.

9 Ngalibhalela encwadini ukuthi lingahlanganyeli leziphingi;

10 kodwa kungeyisikho ngokupheleleyo leziphingi zalumhlaba kumbe lezihwaba,
kumbe labaphangi, kumbe labakhonza izithombe; ngoba phela ngokunjalo
kungafanela ukuthi liphume emhlabeni.

11 Kodwa khathesi-ke ngalibhalela ukuthi lingahlanganyeli, nxa umuntu ebizwa
ngokuthi ungumzalwaneeyisiphingi, kumbe isihwaba, kumbe okhonza izithombe,
kumbe isithuki, kumbe isidakwa, kumbe umphangi; lingaze ladla lonjalo lakanye.

12 Ngoba ngilani lokwahlulela abangaphandle? Lina kalahluleli yini
abangaphakathi?

13 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wahlulela abangaphandle. Njalo lina mxotsheni omubi
asuke phakathi kwenu.

I KWABASEKORINTE 6

Ukukhuzwa kwabeKorinte abamangalelanayo

1Kukhona yini umuntu wakini, othi elecala lomunye, abe lesibindi
sokuyakwahlulelwa phambi kwabangalunganga, kungabi phambi
kwabangcwele?

2 Kalazi yini ukuthi abangcwele bazakwahlulela umhlaba? Uba-ke umhlaba
uzakwahlulelwa yini, kalifanele yiniukwahlulela amacala amancinyane?

3 Kalazi yini ukuthi sizazahlulela ingilosi? Kangakanani indaba zalokhukuphila?

4 Ngakho uba lilamacala alokhukuphila, babekeni phezu kwawo labo
abadelelekayo ebandleni.

5 Ngikhuluma kini ukuthi libe lenhloni. Ngokunjalo kakho ohlakaniphileyo
phakathi kwenu yini, ngitsho loyedwa, ongahlulela phakathi kwabazalwane
bakhe?

6 Kodwa umzalwane umangalela umzalwane, lalokho phambi kwabangakholwayo.

7 Ngakho kusekhona isibili ukwehluleka phakathi kwenu, ukuthi lilokumangalelana. Kungani kulalokhu lingavumi ukoniwa? Kungani kulalokhu lingavumi ukuqilibezelwa?

8 Kodwa lina liyona liqilibezele, lalokhu kubazalwane.

9 Kumbe alazi yini ukuthi abangalunganga kabayikulidla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu? Lingakhohliswa; kakulaziphingi, loba abakhonza izithombe, loba izifebe, loba ababuthakathaka ekulalaneni kwabesilisa, loba abesilisa abalalanayo,

10 loba amasela, loba izihwaba, loba izidakwa, loba izithuki, loba abaphangi, abayikulidla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu.

11 Abanye benu babeyilezizinto; kodwa ligezisiwe, kodwa langcweliswa, kodwa lalungisiswa ebizwenileNkosi uJesu Kristu, langoMoya kaNkulunkulu wethu.

Umzimba wethu ulithempeli likaNkulunkulu

12 Zonke izinto zivumelekile kimi, kodwa kayisizo zonke izinto ezisizayo; zonke izinto zivumelekile kimi, kodwa mina kangiyikubuswa lutho.

13 Ukudla ngokwesisu, lesisu ngesokudla; kanti uNkulunkulu uzakuchitha kokubili, sona lakho. Kodwa umzimba kayisiwo wokuphinga, kodwa ungoweNkosi, njalo iNkosi ingeyomzimba;

14 njalo uNkulunkulu owavusa iNkosi uzasivusa lathi ngamandla akhe.

15 Kalazi yini ukuthi imizimba yenu iyizitho zikaKristu? Pho ngizathatha izitho zikaKristu ngizenze izitho zesifebe yini? Phinde!

16 Kumbe kalazi yini ukuthi onamathelana lesifebe ungumzimba munye laso? Ngoba labo ababili, uthi, bazakuba nyamanye.

17 Kodwa onamathelene leNkosi ungumoya munye layo.

18 Balekelani ukuphinga. Sonke isono umuntu asenzayo singaphandle komzimba; kodwa ophingayo wona owakhe umzimba.

19 Kumbe kalazi yini ukuthi umzimba wenu ulithempeli likaMoya oNgcwele okini, elilawo uvela kuNkulunkulu, njalo kalisibo abenu?

20 Ngoba lathengwa ngentengo; ngakho dumisani uNkulunkulu emzimbeni wenu, langomoya wenu, okungokukaNkulunkulu.

I KWABASEKORINTE 7

Izeluleko lemithetho yokuthathana

1Mayelana-ke lezinto elangibhalela ngazo, kuhle emuntwini ukuthi angamthinti owesifazana.

2 Kodwa ngenxa yokuphinga, ngulowo lalowo kumele abe lowakhe umfazi, njalo ngulowo lalowomfazi abe leyakhe indoda.

3 Indoda kayenanise kumfazi isifiso esihle esifaneleyo; langokunjalo lomfazi endodeni.

4 Umfazi kalamandla phezu kowakhe umzimba, kodwa indoda; langokunjalo lendoda kayilamandla phezu kowayo umzimba, kodwa umfazi.

5 Lingagodlelani, ngaphandle kokuvumelana okwesikhathi, ukuthi lizinikele ekuzileni ukudla lekukhulekeni, libuye lihlangane futhi, ukuze uSathane angalilingi ngokungazithibi kwenu.

6 Kodwa lokhu ngikutsho ngemvumo, kungeyisikho ngomlayo.

7 Ngoba ngithanda ukuthi abantu bonke babe njengami; kodwa ngulowo lalowo ulesakhe isiphiwo esivela kuNkulunkulu, omunye ngokunjalo, lomunye ngokunjalo.

8 Kodwa kwabangendanga labafelokazi ngithi: Kuhle kibo uba behlala njengami.

9 Kodwa uba bengelakuzithiba kabende; ngoba kungcono ukwenda kulokutsha.

10 Kodwa kwabendileyo ngiyabalaya, kungeyisimi kodwa yiNkosi, ukuthi umfazi kangehlukani lendoda;

11 kodwa uba laye esehlukana, kahlale engendanga, kumbe abuyisane lendoda; lendoda kayingamlahli umfazi.

12 Kodwa kwabanye kutsho mina, kungeyisiyo iNkosi, ukuthi: Uba loba nguwuphi umzalwane elomfazi ongakholwayo, njalo yena evuma ukuhlala laye, angamlahli.

13 Lomfazi olendoda engakholwayo, njalo ivuma ukuhlala laye, angayitshiyi.

14 Ngoba indoda engakholwayo yenziwa ibe ngcwele ngomfazi, lomfazi ongakholwayo wenziwa abe ngcwele ngendoda. Uba kungenjalo abantwana benu ngabangcolileyo, kodwa khathesi bangcwele.

15 Uba-ke ongakholwayo ezehlukanisa, kazehlukanise; kwezinjalo umzalwane kumbe umzalwanekazi kabotshwanga; kodwa uNkulunkulu usibizele ekuthuleni.

16 Ngoba wazi ngani, mfazi, ukuthi uzayisindisa indoda? Kumbe wazi ngani, ndoda, ukuthi uzamsindisaumfazi?

17 Kuphela nje njengokuthi uNkulunkulu ababele ngulowo lalowo, njengoba iNkosi ibizile ngulowo lalowo, akahambe ngokunjalo. Langokunjalo ngiyalaya emabandleni wonke.

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18 Ukhona yini owabizwa esokile? Kangabi ngongasokwanga. Ukhona yini owabizwa engasokanga? Kangasokwa.

19 Ukusoka kakusilutho, lokungasoki kakusilutho, kodwa ukulondolozwa kwemilayo kaNkulunkulu.

20 Ngulowo lalowo kahlale kubizo abizwe kulo.

21 Wabizwa uyisigqili yini? Ungakhathazeki ngakho. Kodwa uba lawe ungakhululeka, kungcono ukusebenzise.

22 Ngoba lo obizwa eNkosini eyisigqili ungokhululekileyo weNkosi; ngokunjalo lalowo owabizwa ekhululekile, uyisigqili sikaKristu.

23 Lathengwa ngentengo; lingabi yizigqili zabantu.

24 Ngulowo lalowo abizelwe kukho, bazalwane, kahlale kukho loNkulunkulu.

25 Kodwa mayelana lentombi kangilawo umlayo weNkosi; kodwa ngiyeluleka njengowemukele isihawueNkosini ukuba athembeke.

26 Ngakho ngikhumbula ukuthi lokhu kuhle ngenxa yenkathazo ezikhona, ukuthi kuhle emuntwini ukubanje.

27 Ubotshelwe emfazini yini? Ungadingi ukukhululwa. Ukhululwe emfazini yini? Ungadingi umfazi.

28 Kodwa uba lawe uthatha, kawoni; lentombi uba isenda, kayoni. Kanti abanjalo bazakuba lenkathazo enyameni; mina-ke ngiyaliphephisa.

29 Kodwa ngitsho lokhu, bazalwane, ukuthi isikhathi sifitshane; kusukela khathesi labalabafazi kababe njengabangelabo;

30 labakhalayo, njengabangakhaliyo; labathokozayo, njengabangathokoziyo; labathengayo, njengabangelalutho;

31 labasebenzisa lumhlaba, njengabangawusebenzisisiyo; ngoba isimo salumhlaba siyedlula.

32 Kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lingabi lakukhathazeka. Ongathathanga ukhathalela izinto zeNkosi, ukuthi uzayithokozisa njani iNkosi;

33 kodwa othetheyo ukhathalela izinto zomhlaba, ukuthi uzamthokozisa njani umfazi.

34 Wehlukene umfazi lentombi. Ongathathwanga ukhathalela okweNkosi, ukuze abe ngcwele emzimbeni kanye lemoyeni; kodwa othethweyo ukhathalela okomhlaba, ukuthi uzayithokozisa njani indoda.

35 Lalokhu ngikutsho ukuthi kube ngolwenu usizo; kungesikuthi ngiliphosele umchilo wokulikhina, kodwa ukuze lihambe ngokufaneleyo lokubambelela eNkosini kungelakuphazamiseka.

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36 Kodwa uba umuntu ebona ukuthi uziphatha ngokungafanelanga entombini yakhe, yona isikhulile, futhi kumele kwenzeke kanje, kenze akufunayo; koni; kabatshade.

37 Kodwa omiyo eqinile enhliziyweni yakhe, engacindezelwa lutho, futhi elamandla ngesakhe isifiso, esekumisile lokhu enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi uzagcina eyakhe intombi, wenza kuhle;

38 ngakho lowo owendisayo wenza kuhle; kodwa ongendisiyo wenza ngcono.

39 Umfazi ubotshiwe ngomthetho selokhu indoda yakhe iphila; kodwa uba indoda yakhe isifile, ukhululekile ukuthi endele kulowo amthandayo, kuphela eNkosini.

40 Kodwa uyathaba kakhulu uba ehlala enjalo, ngokubona kwami; ngikhumbula-ke ukuthi lami ngiloMoya kaNkulunkulu.

I KWABASEKORINTE 8

Ingcazelo ngenyama ehlatshelwe izithombe

1 Mayelana-ke lezinto ezihlatshelwe izithombe, siyazi ukuthi sonke silolwazi. Ulwazi luyakhukhumeza, kodwa uthando luyakha.

2 Uba-ke umuntu esithi uyazi ulutho, kakazi lutho njengoba kufanele ukuthi azi;

3 kodwa uba umuntu ethanda uNkulunkulu, yena uyaziwa nguye.

4 Ngakho mayelana lokudla izinto ezihlatshelwe izithombe, siyazi ukuthi isithombe kasilutho emhlabeni, lokuthi kakho omunye unkulunkulu ngaphandle koyedwa;

5 ngoba lanxa kukhona okuthiwa ngonkulunkulu, loba kusezulwini loba kusemhlabeni (njengoba kukhona onkulunkulu abanengi, lamakhosi amanengi),

6 kanti kithi kuloNkulunkulu munye, uBaba, okuvela kuye izinto zonke, lathi sikuye; leNkosi inye, uJesu Kristu, okwavela ngaye konke, lathi sikhona ngaye.

7 Kodwa ulwazi kalukho kubo bonke; kanti abanye belesazela sesithombe kuze kube khathesi bayakudla njengokuhlatshelwe isithombe, lesazela sabo esibuthakathaka singcoliswa.

8 Kodwa ukudla kakusisondezi kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kungesikuthi nxa sisidla, silenzuzo; njalo kungesikuthi nxa singadli, silokulahlekelwa.

9 Qaphelani-ke, hlezi amandla enu la abe yisikhubekiso kwababuthakathaka.

10 Ngoba uba umuntu ekubona wena ololwazi uhlezi ekudleni ethempelini lesithombe, isazela salowo obuthakathaka kasiyikuqiniswa yini ukuthi adle izinto ezihlatshelwe izithombe?

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11 Ngenxa yolwazi lwakho lomzalwane obuthakathaka uzabhubha yini, amfelayo uKristu?

12 Kodwa uba lisona ngokunjalo kubazalwane, lilimaza isazela sabo esibuthakathaka, liyona kuKristu.

13 Ngakho-ke uba ukudla kumkhubekisa umzalwane wami, kangisoze ngidle inyama loba nininini, ukuze ngingamkhubekisi umzalwane wami.

I KWABASEKORINTE 9

Inkululeko lelungelo likaPawuli

1Kangisuye umphostoli yini? Kangikhululekanga yini? Angimbonanga yini uJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu? Lina kalisiwo yini umsebenzi wami eNkosini?

2 Uba ngingesuye umphostoli kwabanye, kodwa nginguye sibili kini; ngoba lina liluphawu lobuphostoli bamieNkosini.

3 Ukuziphendulela kwami kwabangihlolayo yilokhu.

4 Kasilamandla yini okudla lokunatha?

5 Kasilamandla yini okuhambahamba lomzalwanekazi ongumkethu, njengabanye abaphostoli labo, labafowabobeNkosi, loKefasi?

6 Kumbe yimi ngedwa loBarnabasi yini esingelamandla okungasebenzi?

7 Ngubani owake waphuma impi ngezakhe indleko? Ngubani ohlanyela isivini, angadli okwesithelo saso? Kumbe ngubani owelusa umhlambi, angadli okochago lomhlambi?

8 Kambe lezizinto ngizitsho ngokomuntu? Kumbe lomlayo kawutsho lezizinto yini?

9 Ngoba kulotshiwe emlayweni kaMozisi ukuthi: Ungayifaki isayeke inkabi ebhula amabele. Kambe uNkulunkulu ukhathalela inkabi?

10 Kumbe utsho ngenxa yethu isibili? Ngoba kubhalwe ngenxa yethu, ukuze kuthi olimayo kufanele alime ethembeni, lobhulayo esethembeni uhlanganyela ethembeni lakhe.

11 Uba thina sahlanyela kini okomoya, kuyinto enkulu yini uba sivuna okwenu okwenyama?

12 Uba abanye behlanganyela lamandla phezu kwenu, kakhulu kangakanani thina? Kodwa kasiwasebenzisangalawomandla, kodwa sibekezelela konke, ukuze singabeki isikhubekiso evangelini likaKristu.

13 Kalazi yini ukuthi labo abasebenza ezintweni ezingcwele badla okwethempeli, labo abalinda ilathi bahlanganyela lelathi?

14 Ngokunjalo iNkosi layo ilayile ukuthi labo abatshumayela ivangeli
baphile ngevangeli.

15 Kodwa mina angisebenzisanga lalunye lwalezizinto; futhi kangibhalanga
lezizinto ukuze kwenziwe njalo kimi, ngoba kungaba ngcono kimi ukuthi ngife,
kulokuthi umuntu akwenze ize ukuzincoma kwami.

16 Ngoba loba ngitshumayela ivangeli, kangilakuzincoma; ngoba imfanelo
yetheswe mina; kodwa maye kimi, uba ngingatshumayeli ivangeli!

17 Ngoba uba ngisenza lokhu ngokuzithandela, ngilomvuzo; kodwa nxa
kungeyisikho ngokuzithandela, ubuphathi bunikelwe kimi.

18 Pho umvuzo wami uyini? Uyikuthi nxa ngitshumayela ivangeli ngenze ukuthi
ivangeli likaKristu lingabizi lutho, ukuze ngingasebenzisi kakhulu amandla ami
evangelini.

UPawuli uyisigqili sabo bonke

19 Ngoba ngikhululekile kibo bonke, ngizenze isigqili sabo bonke, ukuze ngizuze
abanengi kakhulu.

20 LakumaJuda ngaba njengomJuda, ukuze ngizuze amaJuda; kwabangaphansi
komlayo njengongaphansi komlayo, ukuze ngizuze abangaphansi komlayo;

21 kwabangelamlayo njengongelamlayo (ngingesuye ongelamlayo kuNkulunkulu
kodwa ngiphakathi komlayo kuKristu), ukuze ngizuze abangelamlayo;

22 kwababuthakathaka ngaba njengobuthakathaka, ukuze ngizuze
ababuthakathaka; ngaba yikho konke kubo bonke, ukuze ngakho konke
ngisindise abanye.

23 Lalokho ngikwenza ngenxa yevangeli, ukuze lami ngibe ngohlanganyela kulo.

Umfanekiso wesigijimi

24 Kalazi yini ukuthi abagijima emjahweni bagijima bonke, kodwa munye
owemukela umvuzo? Ngokunjalo gijimani, ukuze liwuzuze.

25 Labo bonke abancintisanayo bayazithiba ezintweni zonke; labo-ke ukuze
bemukele umqhele ophelayo, kodwa thina ongapheliyo.

26 Mina-ke ngigijima ngokunjalo njengongaqondanga lutho; ngilwa ngokunjalo
kungenjengodabula umoya;

27 kodwa ngiyawudinda umzimba wami ngiwenze isigqili, hlezi kuthi,
sengitshumayeze abanye ngilahlwe mina uqobo.

I KWABASEKORINTE 10

Lingalwi loNkulunkulu njengamaIsrayeli

1Kangithandi-ke ukuthi lingazi, bazalwane, ukuthi bonke obaba bethu babengaphansi kweyezi, njalo bonke badabula ulwandle,

2 futhi bonke babhabhathizwa kuMozisi eyezini lolwandle,

3 labo bonke badla ukudla kunye komoya,

4 futhi bonke banatha okunathwayo kunye komoya; ngoba banatha edwaleni lomoya elabalandelayo; lalelodwala lalinguKristu.

5 Kodwa ubunengi babo uNkulunkulu wayengathokozi ngabo; ngoba bachithwa enkangala.

6 Lalezizinto zaba yizibonelo kithi, ukuze singaloyisi okubi, njengalokhu labo baloyisa.

7 Njalo lingabi ngabakhonza izithombe, njengabanye babo; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Abantu bahlala phansi ukudla lokunatha, basebesukuma ukudlala.

8 Njalo kasingaphingi, njengabanye babo abaphingayo, basebesiwa ngasuku lunye inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu.

9 Njalo asingamlingi uKristu, njengabanye babo futhi bamlinga, basebebhujiswa zinyoka.

10 Lingasoli-ke, njengabanye babo labo basola, babhujiswa ngumbhubhisi.

11 Lalezizinto zonke zabehlela labo kube yizibonelo, njalo zabhalelwa ukuba yisixwayiso sethu, osekufike ukucina kwezikhathi.

12 Ngakho lowo ocabanga ukuthi umi, kabone ukuthi kawi.

13 Kakulakulingwa okulibambileyo ngaphandle kokusebantwini; kodwa uNkulunkulu uthembekile, ongayikuvuma ukuthi lilingwe ngokungaphezu kwamandla enu, kanti kanye lesilingo uzakwenza lendlela yokuphepha, ukuze libe lamandla okusithwala.

Lingakhonzi izithombe

14 Ngakho-ke, bathandiweyo bami, balekelani ukukhonza izithombe.

15 Ngikhuluma njengakwabahlakaniphileyo; lina yehlukanisani engikutshoyo.

16 Inkezo yesibusiso esiyibusisayo, kayisiyo yini eyokuhlanganyela kwegazi likaKristu? Isinkwaesisihlephunayo, kayisiso yini esokuhlanganyela komzimba kaKristu?

17 Ngoba thina abanengi siyisinkwa sinye, simzimba munye; ngoba thina sonke sihlanganyela lesosinkwa sinye.

18 Khangelani uIsrayeli ngokwenyama; abadlayo imihlatshelo kabasibo yini abahlanganyela lelathi?

19 Ngithini pho? Ukuthi isithombe siyilutho yini? Kumbe ukuthi okuhlatshelwe izithombe kuyilutho?

20 Kodwa ukuthi izinto abezizwe abazihlabayo, bazihlabela amadimoni, njalo kungeyisikho kuNkulunkulu; kodwa kangithandi ukuthi libe lenhlanganyelo lamadimoni.

21 Lingenathe inkezo yeNkosi lenkezo yamadimoni; lingehlanganyele itafula leNkosi letafula lamadimoni.

22 Kumbe sizayivusela ubukhwele iNkosi? Kambe silamandla kulayo?

23 Zonke izinto zivunyelwe kimi, kodwa kayisizo zonke izinto ezisizayo. Zonke izinto zivunyelwe kimi, kodwa kayisizo zonke izinto ezakhayo.

24 Kakungabi khona ozidingela okwakhe, kodwa ngulowo lalowo okomunye.

25 Konke okuthengiswa esilaheni kudleni, lingabuzi lutho ngenxa yesazela;

26 ngoba umhlaba ungoweNkosi lokugcwala kwawo.

27 Njalo uba omunye kwabangakholwayo elinxusa, njalo lithanda ukuya, dlanini konke okubekwa phambi kwenu, lingabuzi lutho ngenxa yesazela.

28 Kodwa uba umuntu esithi kini: Lokhu kuhlatshelwe isithombe; lingadli ngenxa yalowo olitshelileyo, langenxa yesazela; ngoba umhlaba ungoweNkosi lokugcwala kwawo.

29 Kodwa isazela ngithi, esingeyisiso esakho, kodwa esomunye; ngoba kungani inkululeko yami yahlulelwe yisazela somunye?

30 Njalo uba mina ngomusa ngihlanganyela, ngikhulunyelwani kubi ngalokho mina engikubongayo?

31 Ngakho uba lisidla, loba linatha, loba lisenzani, konke kwenzeleni udumo lukaNkulunkulu.

32 Lingabi ngabakhubekisi lakumaJuda lakumaGriki lebandleni likaNkulunkulu;

33 njengami futhi ezintweni zonke ngithokozisa bonke, ngingadingi olwami usizo, kodwa olwabanengi, ukuze basindiswe.

I KWABASEKORINTE 11

1 Banini ngabalandeli bami, njengoba lami okaKristu.

Isembatho sowesifazana enkonzweni

2 Ngiyalibabaza-ke, bazalwane, ukuthi liyangikhumbula ezintweni zonke, lokuthi libambelele ezimisweninjengoba ngalinika.

3 Kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lazi, ukuthi inhloko yawo wonke amadoda nguKristu; lenhloko yowesifazana yindoda; lenhloko kaKristu nguNkulunkulu.

4 Yonke indoda ekhulekayo loba eprofethayo, ikhanda limboziwe, ilithela ihlazo
ikhanda layo.

5 Kodwa wonke owesifazana okhuleka kumbe aprofethe ikhanda
lingambombozwanga, ulithela ihlazo elakhe ikhanda; ngoba lokhu kufanana-ke
lophuciweyo.

6 Ngoba uba owesifazana engagubuzeli, futhi kagele; kodwa uba
kukubi kowesifazana ukugela kumbe ukuphucwa, kagutshuzelwe.

7 Ngoba indoda kayifanele ukumbomboza ikhanda, ngoba ingumfanekiso lodumo
lukaNkulunkulu; kodwa owesifazana uludumo lwendoda.

8 Ngoba indoda kayivelanga kowesifazana, kodwa owesifazana endodeni;

9 ngoba futhi indoda kayidalelwanga owesifazana, kodwa owesifazana indoda;

10 ngenxa yalokhu owesifazana kufanele abe lamandla phezu kwekhanda ngenxa
yezingilosi.

11 Kodwa indoda kayingaphandle kowesifazana, lowesifazana kangaphandle
kwendoda, eNkosini.

12 Ngoba njengoba owesifazana evela endodeni, ngokunjalo lendoda ivela
ngowesifazana, kodwa konke kuvela kuNkulunkulu.

13 Ziboneleni lina; kufanele yini ukuthi owesifazana akhuleke kuNkulunkulu
engambombozanga?

14 Imvelo uqobo lwayo kayilifundisi yini, ukuthi uba indoda ilenwele ezinde,
kulihlazo kuyo?

15 Kodwa uba owesifazana elenwele ezinde, kuludumo kuye. Ngoba inwele
uziphiwe ukuthi zibe yisimbombozo.

16 Kodwa uba umuntu ebonakala elenkani, thina kasilawo umkhuba onjalo,
ngitsho lamabandla kaNkulunkulu.

17 Kodwa ngokulaya lokhu kangilibabazi, ngoba libuthana ngokungekuhle kodwa
ngokubi.

18 Okokuqala ngoba nxa libuthana ebandleni, ngizwa ukuthi kukhona
ukwehlukana phakathi kwenu; njalo nganxanye ngiyakukholwa.

19 Ngoba kufanele ukuba lobubhazuka futhi phakathi kwenu, ukuze
labo abaqinisileyo babonakale phakathi kwenu.

20 Ngakho nxa libuthana ndawonye, lokhu kakusikho ukudla isidlo seNkosi;

21 ngoba ngulowo lalowo uthatha kuqala esakhe isidlo ekudleni, lomunye
ulambile, lomunye udakiwe.

22 Kanti kalilazo izindlu zokudlela lezokunathela? Kumbe lidelela ibandla likaNkulunkulu, liyangise yini abangelakho? Ngingathini kini? Ngingalibabaza kulokhu yini? Kangilibabazi.

Indlela yokuphatha isidlo seNkosi

23 Ngoba mina ngakwemukela eNkosini, lokho lami engalinika khona, ukuthi iNkosi uJesu ngobusuku eyanikelwa ngabo yathatha isinkwa,

24 isibongile yasihlephuna, yathi: Thathani, lidle, lokhu kungumzimba wami owahletshunelwa lina; lokhu kwenzeni ukungikhumbula.

25 Ngokunjalo lenkezo, sebedlile, yathi: Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini lami; lokhu kwenzeni, loba nini liyinatha, ukungikhumbula.

26 Ngoba loba nini nxa lisidla lesisinkwa, linatha linkezo, litshumayela ukufa kweNkosi ize ifike.

27 Ngakho loba ngubani odla lesisinkwa kumbe anathe inkezo yeNkosi ngokungafanelanga, uzakuba lecalalomzimba legazi leNkosi.

28 Kodwa umuntu kumele azihlole, ngokunjalo-ke adle okwesinkwa anathe okwenkezo;

29 ngoba odlayo anathe ngokungafanelanga, uzidlela azinathele isigwebo, engawehlukanisi umzimba weNkosi.

30 Ngenxa yalokhu banengi kini ababuthakathaka labagulayo, lenengi lilele.

31 Kodwa uba besizihlolile thina, besingayikwahlulelwa;

32 kodwa nxa sisahlulelwa, sikhuzwa yiNkosi, ukuze singalahlwa kanye lomhlaba.

33 Ngakho, bazalwane bami, nxa libuthana ukuthi lidle, kalibomelelana.

34 Njalo uba omunye elambile, kabokudla ekhaya; ukuze lingabuthaneli ukugwetshwa. Okuseleyo-ke, ngizakulungisa mhla ngifikayo.

I KWABASEKORINTE 12

Izipho zikaMoya ezehlukeneyo

1 Maqondana-ke lezipho zomoya, bazalwane, kangithandi ukuthi lingazi.

2 Lazi ukuthi lalingabezizwe ladonselwa ezithombeni eziyizimungulu, njengelikhokhelwayo.

3 Ngakho ngiyalazisa, ukuthi kakho umuntu okhuluma ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu othi: UJesu uyisiqalekiso; futhi kakho umuntu ongathi: UJesu uyiNkosi, kuphela ngoMoya oNgcwele.

4 Kukhona-ke izipho ezehlukeneyo, kodwa uMoya munye.

5 Njalo kukhona inkonzo ezehlukeneyo, kodwa iNkosi yinye.

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6 Kukhona-ke imisebenzi eyehlukeneyo, kodwa nguNkulunkulu munye, osebenza konke kibo bonke.

7 Kodwa ngulowo lalowo uphiwa ukubonakalisa kukaMoya kulokho okulusizo.

8 Ngoba omunye uphiwa ngoMoya ilizwi lenhlakanipho, lakomunye ilizwi lolwazi, ngoMoya munye;

9 lakomunye ukholo, ngoMoya munye; lakomunye izipho zokusilisa, ngoMoya munye;

10 lakomunye ukusebenza imisebenzi yamandla, lakomunye isiprofetho, lakomunye ukwehlukanisa imimoya, lakomunye inhlobo yendimi, lakomunye ukuchasisa indimi;

11 kodwa konke lokho lowoMoya munye uyakusebenza, ebabela ngulowo lalowo ngamunye njengokuthanda kwakhe.

12 Ngoba njengoba umzimba umunye, njalo ulezitho ezinengi, kodwa zonke izitho zalowomzimba munye, zizinengi, zingumzimba munye; kunjalo-ke loKristu;

13 ngoba ngoMoya munye lathi sonke sabhabhathizelwa emzimbeni munye, loba amaJuda loba amaGriki, loba izigqili loba abakhululekileyo; futhi thina sonke sanathiswa kuMoya munye.

14 Ngoba umzimba lawo kawusiso isitho sinye kodwa ezinengi.

15 Uba unyawo lungathi: Lokhu ngingesisandla, kangisikho okomzimba; kungeyisikho ngalokho kakusilo olomzimba;

16 uba-ke indlebe ingathi: Lokhu ngingesilo ilihlo, kangisikho okomzimba; ngenxa yalokho kayisiyo yini eyomzimba?

17 Uba umzimba wonke ubuyilihlo, ngabe kungaphi ukuzwa? Uba wonke ubuyikuzwa, ngabe kungaphi ukunuka?

18 Kodwa khathesi-ke uNkulunkulu umisile izitho, yileso laleso sazo, emzimbeni, njengokuthanda kwakhe.

19 Kodwa uba zonke beziyisitho sinye, umzimba ngabe ungaphi?

20 Kodwa khathesi izitho zinengi, kodwa umzimba munye.

21 Ilihlo-ke lingeke latsho esandleni ukuthi: Kangikusweli. Kumbe futhi ikhanda ezinyaweni ukuthi: Kangilisweli;

22 kodwa kakhulukazi izitho zomzimba ezikhangeleka zibuthakathaka kakhulu, ziyadingeka;

23 lalezo ezomzimba esicabanga ukuthi zidelelekile kakhulu, yizo esizihlonipha ngokwengezelelwe kakhulu; lalezo ezethu ezingezinhle zilobuhle obengezelelwe kakhulu;

24 kanti ezinhle zethu kazikusweli; kodwa uNkulunkulu wawuhlanganisa umzimba, enika udumo olwengezelelwe kakhulu kwesikuswelayo,

25 ukuze kungabi khona ukwehlukana emzimbeni, kodwa izitho zinanzelelane ngokufananayo.

26 Uba-ke kuhlupheka isitho sinye, izitho zonke zihlupheka kanye laso; uba kudunyiswa isitho sinye, izitho zonke ziyajabula kanye laso.

27 Lina-ke lingumzimba kaKristu, lezitho ngamunye ngamunye.

28 Njalo uNkulunkulu umisile abathile ebandleni, kuqala abaphostoli, okwesibili abaprofethi, okwesithathu abafundisi, besekusiba imisebenzi yamandla, besekusiba izipho zokusilisa, izenzo ezisizayo, ubukhokheli, indimi ezehlukeneyo.

29 Bonke bangabaphostoli yini? Bonke bangabaprofethi yini? Bonke bangabafundisi yini? Bonke benzaimisebenzi yamandla yini?

30 Bonke balezipho zokusilisa yini? Bonke bakhuluma ngendimi yini? Bonke bayachasisa yini?

31 Kodwa fisani kakhulu izipho ezingcono. Njalo ngisalitshengisa indlela engcono kakhulukazi.

I KWABASEKORINTE 13

Isipho esikhulu kulazo zonke siluthando

1Nxa ngingakhuluma ngendimi zabantu lezezingilosi, kodwa ngingelathando, ngizakuba lithusi elikhalayo kumbe insimbi encencethayo.

2 Njalo loba ngingaba lesiprofetho, ngisazi imfihlo zonke lokwazi konke, njalo uba ngilokholo lonke, ukuze ngisuse izintaba, kodwa ngingelathando, angisilutho.

3 Njalo loba ngingabela abayanga konke engilakho, njalo uba nginganikela umzimba wami ukuthi ngitshiswe, kodwa ngingelathando, kakungisizi ngalutho.

4 Uthando luyabekezela, lulobubele; uthando kalulamona; uthando kaluzincomi, kalukhukhunyezwa,

5 kaluziphathi ngokungafanelanga, kaluzidingeli okwalo, kalucunuki, kalunakani okubi,

6 kaluthokozi ngokungalunganga, kodwa luthokoza eqinisweni;

7 lusibekela izinto zonke, lukholwa izinto zonke, luthemba izinto zonke, lubekezelela izinto zonke.

8 Uthando kalungeke lwehluleke. Kumbe-ke iziprofetho, zizakwenziwa ziphele; kumbe indimi, zizakhawula; kumbe ulwazi, luzakwenziwa luphele.

9 Ngoba sazi nganxanye, siprofetha nganxanye;

10 kodwa lapho sekufikile okupheleleyo, khona okuyingxenye kuzakwenziwa ize.

11 Lapho ngilusane, ngakhuluma njengosane, ngaqedisisa njengosane, nganakana njengosane; kodwa kuthe sengiyindoda, ngazenza ize izinto zosane.

12 Ngoba khathesi sibona esibukweni kaluvivi, kodwa ngalesosikhathi ubuso ngobuso; khathesi ngazi nganxanye, kodwa ngalesosikhathi ngizakwazi njengoba-ke ngangisaziwa.

13 Njalo khathesi-ke kumi ukholo, ithemba, uthando, lokhu kokuthathu; kodwa okukhulu kulokhu luthando.

I KWABASEKORINTE 14

Isipho sokuprofetha sidlula esokukhuluma ngendimi

1Landelani uthando; lifise kakhulu izipho zomoya, kodwa ikakhulu ukuthi liprofethe.

2 Ngoba okhuluma ngendimi kakhulumi ebantwini, kodwa kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kakho ozwayo, kanti ukhuluma izimfihlo ngomoya.

3 Kodwa oprofethayo ukhuluma ebantwini ukwakha lenkuthazo lenduduzo.

4 Okhuluma ngendimi uyazakha yena, kodwa oprofethayo wakha ibandla.

5 Njalo ngiyathanda ukuthi lonke likhulume ngendimi, kodwa kakhulu ukuthi liprofethe; ngoba oprofethayo mkhulu kulokhuluma ngendimi, ngaphandle kokuthi atolike, ukuze ibandla lemukele ukwakhiwa.

6 Khathesi-ke, bazalwane, uba ngifika kini ngikhuluma ngendimi, ngizalisiza ngani, nxa ngingakhulumi kini kumbe ekwembulelweni, loba ekwazini, loba kusiprofetho, kumbe emfundisweni?

7 Ngokunjalo izinto ezingelampilo ezikhalayo, loba umhlanga, loba ichacho, uba zinganiki umehluko ngokukhala, kuzakwaziwa njani okuvuthelwayo ngomhlanga kumbe okutshaywayo ngomqangala?

8 Ngoba-ke nxa uphondo lunika ukukhala okungaqondakaliyo, ngubani ozazilungisela impi?

9 Kunjalo lani, uba linganiki inkulumo ecacileyo ngolimi, kuzakwaziwa njani okukhulunywayo? Ngoba lizakuba likhuluma emoyeni.

10 Kukhona, nxa kungenzakala, imihlobo eminengi kangaka yemisindo emhlabeni kodwa kawukho ongatsho lutho;

11 ngakho uba ngingawazi umqondo welizwi, ngizakuba ngowezizweni kulowo okhulumayo, lalowo okhulumayo uzakuba ngowezizweni kimi.

12 Kunjalo lani, lokhu litshisekela izipho zomoya, dingani ukuthi livame ekwakhiweni kwebandla.

13 Ngakho-ke okhulumayo ngendimi kakhuleke ukuthi atolike.

14 Ngoba uba ngikhuleka ngendimi, umoya wami uyakhuleka, kodwa ingqondo yami kayilasithelo.

15 Ngakho kuyini? Ngizakhuleka ngomoya, njalo ngizakhuleka langengqondo; ngizahlabelela indumisongomoya, njalo ngizahlabelela indumiso langengqondo.

16 Uba kungenjalo, nxa ubonga ngomoya, lowo ogcwalisa indawo yongafundanga uzamutsho njani uAmeniekubongeni kwakho, lokhu engakwazi okutshoyo?

17 Ngoba isibili wena ubonga kuhle, kodwa omunye kakhiwa.

18 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami ukuthi ngikhuluma ngendimi kakhulu kulani lonke;

19 kodwa ebandleni ngithanda ukukhuluma amazwi amahlanu ngengqondo yami, ukuze ngifundise labanye, kulamazwi ayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngendimi.

20 Bazalwane, lingabi ngabantwana engqondweni; kodwa ebubini banini zingane, lekunakaneni libe ngabakhulileyo.

21 Emlayweni kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngezinye indimi langezinye indebe ngizakhuluma lalesisizwe, langokunjalo labo kabayikungizwa, itsho iNkosi.

22 Ngakho indimi zingezesibonakaliso, kungeyisikho kwabakholwayo, kodwa kwabangakholwayo; kanti isiprofetho, kungayisiso sabangakholwayo, kodwa sabakholwayo.

23 Ngakho uba ibandla lonke libuthene ndawonye, labo bonke bakhulume ngendimi, besekungena abangafundanga loba abangakholwayo, kabazukuthi liyahlanya yini?

24 Kodwa uba bonke beprofetha, njalo kungene othile ongakholwayo loba ongafundanga, uyakhuzwa yibo bonke, ahlolwe yibo bonke,

25 langokunjalo izinto ezifihliweyo zenhliziyo yakhe ziyadalulwa; ngokunjalo uzakuwa ngobuso akhonze uNkulunkulu, ebika ukuthi uNkulunkulu ngoqotho uphakathi kwenu.

Indlela yokukhonza kwebandla

26 Ngakho kuyini, bazalwane? Loba nini libuthana, ngulowo lalowo wenu elesihlabelelo, elemfundiso, elolimi, elesambulelo, elokutolika. Konke kakwenzelwe ekwakheni.

27 Uba umuntu ekhuluma ngendimi, kakube ngababili, kumbe bangadluli kwabathathu, njalo badedelane, lomunye kumele atolike;

28 kodwa uba kungekho umtoliki, kumele athule ebandleni; akhulume kuye ngokwakhe lakuNkulunkulu.

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29 Abaprofethi-ke ababili loba abathathu kabakhulume, labanye kabahlolisise.

30 Kodwa uba kusembulwa komunye ohleziyo, kathule owokuqala.

31 Ngoba lonke lingaprofetha munye ngamunye, ukuze bonke bafunde, njalo bonke bakhuthazwe;

32 lemimoya yabaprofethi iyathotshiselwa abaprofethi.

33 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kayisuye owesiphithiphithi, kodwa ngowokuthula, njengemabandleni wonke abangcwele.

34 Abesifazana benu kabathule emabandleni; ngoba kabavunyelwa ukukhuluma, kodwa ukuzithoba, njengoba lawo umlayo usitsho.

35 Uba-ke bethanda ukufunda ulutho, kababuze kubomkabo ekhaya; ngoba kulihlazo kowesifazana ukukhuluma ebandleni.

36 Kumbe ilizwi likaNkulunkulu laphuma kini? Kumbe lafika kini lodwa yini?

37 Uba umuntu ecabanga ukuthi ungumprofethi loba ungowomoya, umele ukwemukela izinto engilibhalela zona, ukuthi ziyimilayo yeNkosi;

38 uba umuntu engazi, kumele engazi.

39 Ngakho, bazalwane, tshisekelani ukuprofetha, njalo lingakuvimbeli ukukhuluma ngendimi;

40 konke kakwenziwe ngemfanelo langokulandelana.

I KWABASEKORINTE 15

Ukuvuka kwabafileyo

1Ngakho, bazalwane, ngilazisa ivangeli engalitshumayeza lona, lani elalemukelayo, njalo elimi kulo,

2 njalo elisindiswa ngalo; uba libambelela elizwini levangeli engalitshumayela kini, ngaphandle kokuthi lakholwa ize.

3 Ngoba ngalinika okokuqala lokho engakwemukelayo lami, ukuthi uKristu wafa ngenxa yezono zethu, njengokwemibhalo;

4 lokuthi wangcwatshwa; lokuthi wavuswa kwabafileyo ngosuku lwesithathu, njengokwemibhalo;

5 lokuthi wabonakala kuKefasi, emva kwalokho kwabalitshumi lambili;

6 emva kwalokho wabonakala ngesikhathi sinye kubazalwane abedlula amakhulu amahlanu, ubunengi babo basekhona kuze kube lamuhla, kodwa labanye sebalala;

7 emva kwalokho wabonakala kuJakobe, emva kwalokho wabonakala kubaphostoli bonke;

8 lekucineni kwabo bonke wabonakala lakimi njengozelwe ngesikhathi esingaqondanga.

9 Ngoba mina ngingomncinyane kubaphostoli, engingafanele ukuthiwa ngumphostoli, ngoba ngazingela ibandla likaNkulunkulu.

10 Kodwa ngomusa kaNkulunkulu ngiyikho lokho engiyikho khona, lomusa wakhe okimi kawubanga yize; kodwa ngitshikatshike okwengezelelwe kulabo bonke, kanti kungesimi, kodwa ngumusa kaNkulunkulu olami.

11 Ngakho loba kuyimi, loba kuyibo, ngokunjalo siyatshumayela langokunjalo lakholwa.

12 Kodwa uba uKristu etshunyayelwa ukuthi uvusiwe kwabafileyo, batsho njani abanye phakathi kwenu ukuthi kakukho ukuvuka okwabafileyo?

13 Kodwa uba kungekho ukuvuka okwabafileyo, kavuswanga laye uKristu;

14 uba-ke uKristu engavuswanga, ngakho ukutshumayela kwethu kuyize, lokholo lwenu lalo luyize,

15 lathi futhi sificwa singabafakazi bamanga bakaNkulunkulu, ngoba safakaza ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi wamvusauKristu, angamvusanga, uba-ke abafileyo bengavuswa.

16 Ngoba uba abafileyo bengavuswa, kavuswanga laye uKristu;

17 njalo uba uKristu engavuswanga, ukholo lwenu luyize; lisesezonweni zenu.

18 Ngakho lalabo abalele bekuKristu sebabhubha.

19 Uba singabathembela kuKristu kule impilo kuphela, singabalosizi kulabo bonke abantu.

20 Kodwa khathesi-ke uKristu uvusiwe kwabafileyo, waba yisithelo sokuqala sabaleleyo.

21 Ngoba lokhu ngomuntu ukufa kweza, langomuntu ukuvuka okwabafileyo kweza.

22 Ngoba njengalokhu kuAdamu bonke bayafa, ngokunjalo futhi kuKristu bonke bazakwenziwa baphile.

23 Kodwa ngulowo lalowo ngesakhe isigaba; isithelo sokuqala uKristu, besekusiba ngabakaKristu ekufikeni kwakhe,

24 besekusiba yikuphela, lapho esenikela umbuso kuNkulunkulu, uYise, lalapho esechithile konke ukubusa labo bonke ubukhosi lamandla.

25 Ngoba umele yena ukubusa, aze abeke zonke izitha zakhe ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe.

26 Isitha sokucina esizachithwa yikufa.

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27 Ngoba izinto zonke uzehlisele ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. Kodwa nxa esithi izinto zonke zehlisiwe, kusobala ukuthi ungaphandle kwazo ozehlisileyo izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe.

28 Nxa izinto zonke sezehlisiwe ngaphansi kwakhe, lapho-ke layo iNdodana ngokwayo izazehlisa ngaphansi kwalowo owehlisela zonke izinto ngaphansi kwayo, ukuze uNkulunkulu abe yikho konke kukho konke.

29 Pho, bazakwenzani ababhabhathizelwa abafileyo uba abafileyo bengavuki isibili? Babhabhathizelwa labo abafileyo njani?

30 Kungani lathi sisengozini ihola ngehola?

31 Ngiyafa usuku ngosuku, ngiyaqinisa ngokuzincoma ngani engilakho kuKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu.

32 Uba ngokwabantu ngalwa lezilo eEfesu, nzuzo bani kimi, uba abafileyo bengavuki? Asidle sinathe, ngoba kusasa siyafa.

33 Lingakhohliswa; ukwejwayelana lababi kuyonakalisa izimilo ezinhle.

34 Vusani ingqondo ngokulunga njalo lingoni; ngoba abanye balokungamazi uNkulunkulu; ngikhulumela ukuthi libe lenhloni.

35 Kodwa omunye uzakuthi: Abafileyo bavuswa njani? Njalo beza lomzimba onjani?

36 Siphukuphuku, lokho okuhlanyelayo wena, kakwenziwa kuphile ngaphandle kokuthi kufe;

37 lalokho okuhlanyelayo, kawuhlanyeli umzimba ozakuba khona, kodwa uhlamvu oluze, mhlawumbe, olwebele kumbe olokunye nje;

38 kodwa uNkulunkulu uyinika umzimba njengokuthanda kwakhe, lakuleyo laleyo yenhlanyelo owayo umzimba.

39 Inyama yonke kayisinyamanye; kodwa enye yinyama yabantu, lenye yinyama yenyamazana, lenye eyenhlanzi, lenye eyezinyoni.

40 Ikhona lemizimba yezulwini, lemizimba yemhlabeni; kodwa inkazimulo yezulu ingenye, leyemhlabeni ingenye.

41 Enye yinkazimulo yelanga, lenye yinkazimulo yenyanga, lenye yinkazimulo yezinkanyezi; ngoba inkanyezi yehlukile kwenye inkanyezi enkazimulweni.

42 Kunjalo-ke ukuvuka okwabafileyo. Kuhlanyelwa ekuboleni, kuyavuswa kungekho ekuboleni;

43 kuhlanyelwa ekudelweni, kuvuswe enkazimulweni; kuhlanyelwa ebuthakathakeni, kuvuswe emandleni;

44 kuhlanyelwa umzimba wemvelo, kuvuswe umzimba womoya. Kukhona umzimba wemvelo, njalo kukhona umzimba womoya.

45 Langokunjalo kulotshiwe ukuthi: Umuntu wokuqala uAdamu waba ngumphefumulo ophilayo; uAdamu wokucina ngumoya ophilisayo.

46 Kodwa okokuqala kakusikho okomoya, kodwa okwemvelo, besekusiza okomoya.

47 Umuntu wokuqala wavela emhlabeni, ungowomhlabathi; umuntu wesibili uyiNkosi evela ezulwini.

48 Njengoba enjalo owomhlabathi, banjalo labo abomhlabathi; lanjengoba enjalo owezulwini, banjalo labo abezulwini;

49 futhi njengoba silesimo sowomhlabathi, lathi sizakuba lesimo sowezulwini.

50 Kodwa ngitsho lokhu, bazalwane, ukuthi inyama legazi kungelidle ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu; lokubolakakulidli ilifa lokungaboli.

51 Khangelani, ngilitshela imfihlo: Kasiyikulala sonke, kodwa sizaphendulwa sonke,

52 ngesikhatshana, ngokucwayiza kwelihlo, ekukhaleni kophondo lokucina; ngoba uphondo luzakhala, labafileyo bazavuswa bengelakubola, lathi sizaphendulwa.

53 Ngoba lokhu okubolayo kumele ukwembatha ukungaboli, lalokho okufayo kwembathe ukungafi.

54 Nxa-ke lokho okubolayo sekwembethe ukungaboli, lalokho okufayo sekwembethe ukungafi, kuzakwenzeka ngalesosikhathi ilizwi elilotshiweyo lokuthi: Ukufa kuginyiwe ekunqobeni.

55 Lungaphi, kufa, udonsi lwakho? Kungaphi, ngcwaba, ukunqoba kwakho?

56 Lodonsi lokufa yisono; lamandla esono ngumlayo.

57 Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu osinika ukunqoba ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu.

58 Ngakho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo, manini, linganyikinyeki, lengezelelwe emsebenzini weNkosikokuphela, lazi ukuthi ukutshikatshika kwenu kakusilo ize eNkosini.

I KWABASEKORINTE 16

Ukunikelelwa kwamakholwa

1Mayelana-ke lokuqoqelwa okwabangcwele, njengoba ngalaya amabandla eGalathiya, yenzani ngokunjalo lani.

2 Ngalo lonke usuku lokuqala lweviki kakube ngulowo lalowo wenu azibekele
aqogelele loba yini aphumelela ngayo, ukuze kungabi ng'khona kuzaqoqwa nxa
ngifikayo.

3 Njalo loba nini ekufikeni kwami, loba ngobani elibakhethileyo, ngezincwadi,
laba ngizabathuma ukuze base isipho senu somusa eJerusalema;

4 njalo uba kufanele ukuthi lami ngihambe, bazahamba lami.

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5 Kodwa ngizakuza kini, nxa sengidabule eMakedoniya; ngoba ngizadabula
eMakedoniya;

6 futhi ngingahle ngihlale lani, loba ngiqede lobusika, ukuze lina lingidlulisele
loba ngaphi lapho engiya khona.

7 Ngoba kangifisi ukulibona khathesinje ekwedluleni; kodwa ngithemba ukuhlala
lani isikhathi esithile, uba iNkosi ivuma.

8 Kodwa ngizahlala eEfesu kuze kufike iPentekoste;

9 ngoba ngivulelwe umnyango omkhulu lolamandla, labaphikisayo banengi.

10 Nxa-ke uTimothi engafika, bonani ukuthi ulani engelakwesaba; ngoba
usebenza umsebenzi weNkosinjengami futhi.

11 Ngakho kakungabi khona omdelelayo; kodwa mdluliseni ngokuthula, ukuze
eze kimi; ngoba ngimlindele kanye labazalwane.

12 Njalo mayelana lomzalwane uApolosi, ngamkhuthaza kakhulu ukuze eze kini
kanye labazalwane; kodwa kwakungeyisiyo intando yakhe lakanye ukuthi eze
khathesi, kodwa uzakuza nxa eselethuba.

13 Lindani, lime ekholweni, liziphathe njengamadoda, libe lamandla.

14 Izinto zenu zonke kazenziwe ngothando.

15 Futhi ngiyalincenga bazalwane, liyayazi indlu kaStefana, ukuthi iyisithelo
sokuqala seAkaya, lokuthibazimisele ukusebenzela abangcwele;

16 ukuze lani lehliselwe ngaphansi kwabanjalo, labo bonke abasebenza
kanye lathi, betshikatshika.

17 Sengithokoza ngokufika kukaStefana loFortunatu loAkayiko, ngoba bona
bagcwalisile ukusilela kwenu;

18 ngoba bawuvuselele umoya wami lowenu. Ngakho bananzeleleni abanjalo.

Isicino

19 Amabandla eAsiya ayalibingelela; bayalibingelela kakhulu eNkosini oAkwila
loPrisila, kanye lebandlaelisemzini wabo.

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20 Bonke abazalwane bayalibingelela. Bingelelanani ngokwanga okungcwele.

21 Isibingelelo ngesami isandla esikaPawuli.

22 Uba umuntu engayithandi iNkosi uJesu Kristu, kabe yisithuko. Woza Nkosi!

23 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani.

24 Uthando lwami kalube lani lonke kuKristu Jesu. Ameni.

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II KWABASEKORINTE

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INCWADI YESIBILI KAPAWULI UMPHOSTOLI

Isibingelelo

1 UPawuli umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu,
loTimothi umzalwane, kubandla likaNkulunkulu eliseKorinte, labo bonke
abangcwele abakuyo yonke iAkaya:

2 Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu
lakuyo iNkosi uJesu Kristu.

UPawuli ubonga uNkulunkulu ngenduduzo langokusindiswa kwakhe engozini

3 Kabongwe uNkulunkulu, ngitsho uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, uYise
wobubele loNkulunkulu wenduduzo yonke,

4 osiduduza ekuhluphekeni kwethu konke, ukuze sibe lamandla
okududuza abasekuhluphekeni loba yikuphi, ngenduduzo esiduduzwa ngayo
thina ngokwethu nguNkulunkulu;

5 ngoba njengalokhu inhlupheko zikaKristu zengezelelekile kithi, ngokunjalo
lenduduzo yethu yengezelelekile ngoKristu.

6 Njalo loba sihlutshwa, kungokwenduduzo losindiso lwenu,
okusetshenzwa ekubekezeleni kulezizinhlupheko ezifananayo esihlupheka ngazo
lathi; loba siduduzwa, kungokwenduduzo losindiso lwenu;

7 njalo ithemba lethu ngani liqinile, sisazi ukuthi njengalokhu lihlanganyela
ezinhluphekweni ngokunjalo lenduduzweni.

8 Ngoba kasithandi ukuthi lingazi, bazalwane, ngokuhlupheka
kwethu okwasehlela eAsiya, ukuthi sasindwa kakhulukazi ngokungaphezu
kwamandla, saze saphelelwa lithemba lelempilo.

9 Kodwa thina ngokwethu sasilaso kithi isigwebo sokufa, ukuze singazithembi
thina kodwa kuNkulunkuluovusa abafileyo;

10 owasophula ekufeni okungaka, losophulayo; esithemba kuye ukuthi
uzasophula futhi.

11 Lani lisebenzela thina ndawonye ngomkhuleko, ukuze isipho somusa kithi
esivela ebantwini abanengi singasibongelwa ngabanengi.

12 Ngoba ukuzincoma kwethu yilokhu, ubufakazi besazela sethu, ukuthi
ngokungelankohliso langobuqothobukaNkulunkulu, kungeyisikho
ngenhlakanipho yenyama kodwa emuseni kaNkulunkulu, saziphatha emhlabeni,
njalo ngokukhethekileyo maqondana lani.

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13 Ngoba kasilibhaleli okunye, kodwa loba izinto elizifundayo kumbe njalo lizivume; ngithemba futhi ukuthi lizazivuma kuze kube sekupheleni;

14 njengalokhu lathi selisivumile nganxanye, ukuthi siyikuzincoma kwenu njengalokhu lani lingabethu, osukwini lweNkosi uJesu.

UPawuli uchasisa isizatho sokungafiki kwakhe eKorinte

15 Langalelithemba ngafisa ukuza kini kuqala, ukuze libe lomusa wesibili;

16 njalo ukudlula kini ngisiya eMakedoniya, ngibuye kini futhi ngivela eMakedoniya, njalo ngidluliselwe yini eJudiya.

17 Ngakho ngiqonde lokho, besengisebenzisa yini ubulula? Kumbe izinto engizimisayo, ngimisa ngokwenyamayini, ukuze kube khona kimi uyebo, yebo; lohatshi, hatshi?

18 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uthembekile, ukuthi ilizwi lethu elikini kalisuye uyebo lohatshi.

19 Ngoba iNdodana kaNkulunkulu uJesu Kristu owatshunyayelwa yithi phakathi kwenu, yimi loSilivanuloTimothi, wayengeyisuye uyebo lohatshi, kodwa kuye kwakunguyebo.

20 Ngoba zonke izithembiso zikaNkulunkulu, kuye zinguyebo, lakuye zinguAmeni, kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu ngathi.

21 Njalo osiqinisayo kanye lani kuKristu, owasigcobayo, nguNkulunkulu,

22 owasiphawulayo lathi, wasenika isibambiso sikaMoya enhliziyweni zethu.

23 Kodwa mina ngibiza uNkulunkulu ukuthi abe ngumfakazi phezu komphefumulo wami, ukuze ngiliyekeleangikezi eKorinte.

24 Kungesikuthi sibusa ukholo lwenu, kodwa siyizisebenzi ndawonye zentokozo yenu; ngoba limi ngokholo.

II KWABASEKORINTE 2

1Ngasengizimisela lokhu, ukungaphindi ngize kini esizini.

2 Ngoba uba mina ngilibangela usizi, ngubani-ke ongithokozisayo, ngaphandle kobangelwe yimi usizi?

3 Njalo ngalibhalela into le efananayo ukuze ekufikeni kwami ngingabi losizi kulabo abamele bangithokozise, ngileqiniso ngani lonke, ukuthi intokozo yami ingeyenu lonke.

4 Ngoba esizini olukhulu lekudabukeni kwenhliziyo ngalibhalela ngezinyembezi ezinengi, kungeyisikho ukuthi libangelwe usizi, kodwa ukuze lazi uthando olwengezelelweyo engilalo kini.

Ngokubuyiselwa kwezoni eziphendukayo

5 Kodwa uba ekhona obange usizi, kabanganga usizi kimi, kodwa nganxanye (ukuze ngingathwalisi nzima) kini lonke.

6 Kumanele onjalo lokhukukhuza okungokwabanengi;

7 ukuze endaweni yalokho kungcono lithethelele liduduze, hlezi onjalo aginywe lusizi olwengezelelweyo.

8 Ngakho ngiyalincenga ukuthi liqinise uthando lwenu kuye.

9 Ngoba ngenxa yalokhu futhi ngabhala, ukuze ngazi ukuhlolwa kwenu, uba lingabalalelayo ezintweni zonke.

10 Lalowo elimthethelela ulutho, lami ngiyamthethelela; ngoba mina uba ngithethelele ulutho, lowo engimthethelelayo, ngikwenza ngenxa yenu phambi kobuso bukaKristu,

11 ukuze singasetshenziswa nguSathane; ngoba kasisibo abangazi ngamaqhinga akhe.

UPawuli ubonga uNkulunkulu ngokunqoba kwevangeli

12 Lekufikeni kwami eTrowasi ngevangeli likaKristu, kwathi sengivulelwe umnyango eNkosini,

13 kangibanga lokuphumula emoyeni wami, ngoba angimtholanga uTitosi umzalwane wami; kodwa ngasengivalelisa kibo ngasuka ngaya eMakedoniya.

14 Njalo kabongwe uNkulunkulu osikhokhelayo ngesikhathi sonke ekunqobeni kuKristu, njalo ebonakalisa ngathi iphunga lolwazi lwakhe endaweni zonke.

15 Ngoba siliphunga elimnandi likaKristu kuNkulunkulu kulabo abasindiswayo lakulabo ababhubhayo;

16 kulaba iphunga lokufa ekufeni, lakwabanye iphunga elimnandi lempilo empilweni. Njalo ngubani olingene lezizinto?

17 Ngoba kasinjengabanengi, abalonayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. Kodwa njengebuqothweni, njalo njengokuvela kuNkulunkulu phambi kukaNkulunkulu, sikhuluma sikuKristu.

II KWABASEKORINTE 3

UPawuli uyaziveza ebandleni

1Siqala siphinde ukuziveza yini? Kumbe siyadinga yini, njengabanye, izincwadi zokusiveza kini, loba zokuvezwa okuvela kini?

2 Lina liyincwadi yethu, ebhalwe enhliziyweni zethu, eyaziwa ifundwe ngabantu bonke;

3 libonakalisa ukuthi liyincwadi kaKristu esetshenziswa yithi, ebhalwe hatshi
ngeyinki, kodwa ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, kungeyisikho ezibhebheni
zamatshe, kodwa ezibhebheni zenyama yenhliziyo.

4 Lethemba elinjalo silalo ngoKristu kuNkulunkulu;

5 kungesikuthi siyenelisa thina ngokwethu ukucabanga ulutho njengoluvela kithi,
kodwa ukwenelisa kwethu kuvela kuNkulunkulu;

6 owasenza futhi senelisa ukuba yizikhonzi zesivumelwano esitsha, esingeyisiso
sokulotshiweyo kodwa esikaMoya; ngoba okulotshiweyo kuyabulala, kodwa
uMoya uyaphilisa.

Inkazimulo yevangeli iyayidlula eyomlayo omdala

7 Kodwa uba inkonzo yokufa, emabaleni, abazwe ematsheni, yafikela
enkazimulweni, kwaze kwathi abantwana bakoIsrayeli behluleka
ukujolozela ubuso bukaMozisi ngenxa yenkazimulo yobuso bakhe, eyenziwa
yaphela,

8 pho ingebe nkulu kangakanani inkonzo kaMoya enkazimulweni?

9 Ngoba uba inkonzo yokulahlwa iyinkazimulo, kangakanani inkonzo yokulunga
yengeziwe enkazimulweni.

10 Ngoba lalokho okwake kwaba yinkazimulo, akuzange ngitsho
kukhazimule ngalindlela, ngenxa yalinkazimulo eyidlulayo kakhulu.

11 Ngoba uba lokho okwenziwa kwaphela kulenkazimulo, kangakanani lokho
okumiyo, kusenkazimulweni.

12 Ngakho silethemba elinje, sisebenzisa isibindi esikhulu ekukhulumeni;

13 njalo kasinjengoMozisi owafaka isimbombozo ebusweni bakhe, ukuze
abantwana bakoIsrayeli bangajolozeliisiphetho sento eyenziwa yaphela;

14 kodwa ingqondo zabo zenziwa lukhuni; ngoba kuze kube lamuhla
isimbombozo esifananayo sihlezi ekufundeni isivumelwano
esidala singambombozwanga, esenziwa saphela kuKristu.

15 Kodwa kuze kube lamuhla, nxa kufundwa uMozisi, isimbombozo siphezu
kwenhliziyo yabo.

16 Loba nini nxa ebuyela eNkosini, isimbombozo siyasuswa.

17 LeNkosi inguMoya; lalapho akhona uMoya weNkosi, lapho kukhona
inkululeko.

18 Thina-ke, sonke esilobuso obembuliweyo sibona inkazimulo yeNkosi
esibukweni, siyaguqulelwa esimeni esifananayo sisuka enkazimulweni sisiya
enkazimulweni, njengokuvela kuMoya weNkosi.

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II KWABASEKORINTE 4

UPawuli utshumayela ivangeli ngesibindi

1 Ngakho-ke, lokhu silenkonzo le, njengoba senzelwa umusa, kasidinwa;

2 kodwa sizilahlile izinto ezifihliweyo zehlazo, singahambi ebuqilini, singaphambanisi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngokwenza obala iqiniso siyazibuka kusazela sabo bonke abantu phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

3 Kodwa uba futhi ivangeli lethu lembesiwe, lembesiwe kulabo ababhubhayo;

4 okubo unkulunkulu walelilizwe uphumputhekisile ingqondo zabangakholwayo, ukuze kungakhanyi kibo ukukhanya kwevangeli lenkazimulo kaKristu, ongumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu.

5 Ngoba kasizitshumayeli, kodwa uKristu Jesu iNkosi; njalo thina sizinceku zenu ngenxa kaJesu.

6 Ngoba uNkulunkulu owathi ukukhanya kukhanya kuvela ebumnyameni, ukhanyisile ezinhliziyweni zethu, ukupha ukukhanya kolwazi lwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ebusweni bukaJesu Kristu.

Amandla avela kuNkulunkulu ayaqinisa ezinhluphekweni

7 Kodwa silalo leligugu ezitsheni zebumba, ukuze ubuhlekazi bamandla bube ngobukaNkulunkulu, njalo bungaveli kithi;

8 siyaminyezelwa inhlangothi zonke, kodwa kasibandezeleki; siyadideka, kodwa kasilahli ithemba;

9 siyazingelwa, kodwa kasihlanyukwa; siwiselwa phansi, kodwa kasibhujiswa;

10 sithwele njalonjalo ukufa kweNkosi uJesu emzimbeni, ukuze lempilo kaJesu ibonakaliswe emzimbeni wethu.

11 Ngoba thina esiphilayo sinikelwa njalonjalo ekufeni ngenxa kaJesu, ukuze lempilo kaJesu ibonakaliswe enyameni yethu efayo.

12 Ngakho ukufa kusebenza kithi, kodwa impilo kini.

13 Ngakho silalowomoya wokholo, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngakholwa, ngakho ngakhuluma; lathi siyakholwa, ngakho lathi siyakhuluma;

14 sisazi ukuthi lowo owayivusayo iNkosi uJesu uzasivusa lathi ngoJesu, asiveze kanye lani.

15 Ngoba zonke izinto zingenxa yenu, ukuze umusa ovamileyo, ngokubonga kwabanengi, wengezelelwe kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu.

Ukulangathela ikhaya lezulwini

16 Ngakho-ke kasidinwa, kodwa lanxa umuntu wethu wangaphandle ebhujiswa, kube kanti owangaphakathiwenziwa abe mutsha insuku ngensuku.

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17 Ngoba inhlupheko yethu elula engeyomzuzwana iyasisebenzela isisindo sobukhosi esilaphakade esingelakulinganiswa isibili,

18 singakhangeli okubonwayo kodwa okungabonwayo; ngoba okubonwayo kungokwesikhathi; kodwa okungabonwayo ngokulaphakade.

II KWABASEKORINTE 5

1 Ngoba siyazi ukuthi uba indlu yethu yemhlabeni yedumba idilizwa, silesakhiwo esivela kuNkulunkulu, indlu engenziwanga ngezandla, ephakade emazulwini.

2 Ngoba lakule siyabubula, silangatha ukwembeswa ngendlu yethu evela ezulwini;

3 uba lathi sesembathisiwe singaficwa size.

4 Ngoba lathi esikhona kulelidumba siyabubula, sisindwa; ngoba kasifisi ukwembulwa kodwa ukwembeswa, ukuze okufayo kuginywe yimpilo.

5 Owasilungisela-ke khona lokhu nguNkulunkulu, futhi owasipha isibambiso sikaMoya.

6 Ngakho silesibindi ngesikhathi sonke, sisazi ukuthi sisekhona ekhaya emzimbeni sikhatshana leNkosi,

7 ngoba sihamba ngokholo, kungeyisikho ngokubona;

8 ngakho silesibindi, njalo siyathaba kakhulu ukuba singabikho emzimbeni, lokuba sekhaya leNkosi.

9 Ngalokho-ke siyazama kakhulu, loba sisekhaya, kumbe singekho ekhaya, ukuthi sibe ngabemukelekayo kuye.

10 Ngoba sonke simele ukubonakala phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKristu, ukuze ngulowo lalowoazamukelele izinto ezenziwe ngomzimba, njengalokhu akwenzileyo, loba kuhle kumbe kubi.

Impilo entsha ekuKristu. Inkonzo yokubuyisana

11 Ngakho sisazi ukwesabeka kweNkosi siyabancenga abantu, kodwa sibonakalisiwe kuNkulunkulu; njalo ngithemba ukuthi sibonakalisiwe lezazeleni zenu.

12 Ngoba kasizivezi futhi kini, kodwa silinika ithuba lokuzincoma ngathi, ukuze libe lakho ukumelana labo abazincomayo ebusweni, kungeyisikho enhliziyweni.

13 Ngoba uba sihlanya, kukuNkulunkulu; uba siqondile, kukini.

14 Ngoba uthando lukaKristu luyasiqhubezela, sibona lokhu, ukuthi uba omunye wafela bonke, ngakho bonke bafa;

15 njalo wafela bonke ukuze abaphilayo bangabe besaziphilela bona, kodwa lowo owabafelayo wabuye wavuka.

16 Ngakho kusukela khathesi thina kasazi muntu ngokwenyama; lanxa lathi samazi uKristu ngokwenyama, kodwa khathesi kasisamazi.

17 Ukuze kuthi uba umuntu ekuKristu, uyisidalwa esitsha; okudala sekudlule, khangela konke sekukutsha.

18 Konke lokhu-ke kuvela kuNkulunkulu, owabuyisana lathi ngoJesu Kristu kuye, wasinika inkonzoyokubuyisana;

19 okunjengokuthi uNkulunkulu wayekuKristu ebuyisana lomhlaba kuye, engababaleli iziphambeko zabo, ebeka kithi ilizwi lokubuyisana.

20 Ngakho siyizithunywa esikhundleni sikaKristu, njengokungathi uNkulunkulu uyancenga ngathi; siyancenga esikhundleni sikaKristu sithi: Buyisanani loNkulunkulu.

21 Ngoba lowo ongasazanga isono wamenza isono esikhundleni sethu, ukuze thina sibe yikulungakukaNkulunkulu kuye.

II KWABASEKORINTE 6

1Sisebenza-ke kanye laye, lathi siyalincenga ukuthi lingawemukeli ngeze umusa kaNkulunkulu;

2 ngoba uthi: Ngesikhathi esihle ngikuzwile, langosuku losindiso ngakusiza; khangelani, khathesi yisikhathi esihle isibili; khangelani khathesi lusuku losindiso.

3 Kasikhubekisi ngalutho ngitsho, ukuze inkonzo ingasolwa;

4 kodwa kukho konke sizibonakalisa njengezikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu, ekubekezeleni okukhulu, ezinhluphekweni, ebunzimeni, encindezelweni,

5 ekutshayweni, ekubotshweni, eziphithiphithini, ekusebenzeni nzima, ekungalalini, ekuzileni ukudla,

6 ekuhlambulukeni, elwazini, ekubekezeleni, ebubeleni, kuMoya oNgcwele, ethandweni olungazenzisiyo,

7 elizwini leqiniso, emandleni kaNkulunkulu; ngezikhali zokulunga kwesokunene lakwesokhohlo,

8 ngodumo langehlazo, ngokuthukwa langokudunyiswa; njengabakhohlisi, kanti abaqinisileyo;

9 njengabangaziwayo, kanti abaziwayo kakhulu; njengabafayo, kanti khangelani siyaphila; njengabalaywayo, kanti abangabulawayo;

10 njengabalosizi, kodwa abathokoza njalonjalo; njengabayanga, kodwa abanothisa abanengi; njengabangelalutho, kanti abalakho konke.

11 Umlomo wethu uvulekele lina, beKorinte, inhliziyo yethu yenziwe banzi.

12 Kalivinjelwanga yithi, kodwa livinjelwe emibilini yenu.

13 Njalo ngokwenanana okufananayo (ngikhuluma njengebantwaneni), lani yenziwani banzi.

UPawuli uxwayisa abakholwayo ukuthi bangahlangani labangakholwayo

14 Lingabotshwa ngokungalingani ejogweni labangakholwayo; ngoba kulokuhlanganyela bani ukulunga lokungalungi? Kulokuhlanganyela bani ukukhanya lobumnyama?

15 Njalo uKristu ulokuzwana bani loBheliyali? Kumbe ulesabelo bani okholwayo longakholwayo?

16 Njalo kulokuvumelana bani ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lezithombe? Ngoba lina lilithempeli likaNkulunkulu ophilayo, njengokutsho kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi: Ngizahlala kibo, ngizahamba phakathi kwabo; sengizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo, bona-ke bazakuba ngabantu bami.

17 Ngakho phumani phakathi kwabo lehlukaniswe, itsho iNkosi, lingathinti okungcolileyo; mina-ke ngizalemukela,

18 futhi ngizakuba nguBaba kini, lina selizakuba kimi ngamadodana lamadodakazi, itsho iNkosi uSomandla.

II KWABASEKORINTE 7

1 Lokhu silalezizithembiso, bathandekayo, asizihlambululeni kukho konke ukungcola kwenyama lokomoya, siphelelise ubungcwele ekwesabeni uNkulunkulu.

UPawuli ujabuliswa yikufika kukaTitosi

2 Semukeleni; kasonanga muntu, kasonakalisanga muntu, kasidlelezelanga muntu.

3 Kangikhulumeli ukulisola; ngoba ngatsho phambili, ukuthi lisenhliziyweni zethu ukuthi sife ndawonye siphile ndawonye.

4 Sikhulu isibindi sami senkulumo kini, ngilokuziqhenya okukhulu ngani; ngigcwele induduzo; ngengezelelwekakhulu intokozo kuyo yonke inhlupheko yethu.

5 Ngoba lekufikeni kwethu eMakedoniya, inyama yethu kayibanga lokuphumula, kodwa sabandezelwa ezintweni zonke; ngaphandle ingxabano, ngaphakathi ukwesaba.

6 Kodwa uNkulunkulu, oduduza abadanileyo, wasiduduza ekufikeni kukaTitosi;

7 njalo kungeyisikho ekufikeni kwakhe kuphela, kodwa langenduduzo aduduzeka ngayo ngani, lapho esilandisela ukulangatha kwenu, ukudabuka kwenu, ukungitshisekela kwenu, ngaze ngathokoza kakhulu.

8 Ngoba lanxa ngalidabukisa ngencwadi, kangizisoli; lanxa ngazisola; ngoba ngibona ukuthi leyoncwadi yalidabula, loba kungokwesikhathi.

9 Khathesi ngiyathokoza, kungeyisikho ukuthi ladatshulwa, kodwa ukuthi ladatshulelwa ekuphendukeni; ngoba ladatshulwa ngokukaNkulunkulu, ukuze lingalahlekelwa lutho ngenxa yethu.

10 Ngoba ukudabuka ngokukaNkulunkulu kuletha ukuphenduka kube lusindiso ongezisole ngalo; kodwa ukudabuka komhlaba kuletha ukufa.

11 Ngoba khangelani, leyo into, ukuthi ladatshulwa ngokukaNkulunkulu, ukuthi kuveze kini ukukhuthalaokungakanani, yebo, ukuziphendulela, yebo, ukuthukuthela, yebo, ukwesaba, yebo, ukulangatha, yebo, ukutshiseka, yebo, impindiselo. Kukho konke lazibonakalisa ukuthi limsulwa kule indaba.

12 Uba-ke lami ngalibhalela, kungeyisikho ngenxa yalowo owonayo, njalo kungeyisikho ngenxa yalowo owoniweyo, kodwa ukuze ukulikhuthalela kwethu kubonakaliswe kini phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

13 Ngalokho siduduzekile ngenduduzo yenu; yebo sathokoza ngokwengezelelweyo kakhulu ngentokozo kaTitosi, ngoba umoya wakhe uvuselelwe ngokuvela kini lonke;

14 ngoba uba ngazincomela lina ngolutho kuye kangiyangekanga; kodwa njengoba sakukhuluma konke kini ngeqiniso, ngokunjalo lokuzincoma kwethu okwakukuTitosi kwaba liqiniso.

15 Isihelo sakhe sesengezelelwe kakhulu kini, lapho ekhumbula ukulalela kwenu lonke, ukuthi lamemukela njani ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela.

16 Ngakho ngiyathokoza ukuthi ngiyalithemba kukho konke.

II KWABASEKORINTE 8

Ngeminikelo yokusiza amaKristu angabayanga

1 Sesilazisa, bazalwane, umusa kaNkulunkulu ophiwe emabandleni eMakedoniya;

2 ukuthi ekulingweni okukhulu kwenhlupho, ukwengezelelwa kwentokozo yabo lobuyanga babo obujulileyo bengezelela enothweni yokuphana kwabo.

3 Ngoba babekhululekile njengokwamandla abo, ngiyafakaza, langaphezu kwamandla abo,

4 ngesicelo esikhulu basincenga, ukuthi semukele isipho, lokuhlanganyela koncedo olungolwabangcwele;

5 njalo kakubanga njengoba sathemba, kodwa bazinikela kuqala eNkosini, lakithi ngentando kaNkulunkulu.

6 Kwaze kwathi sakhuthaza uTitosi ukuthi, njengalokhu wayeseqalile phambili, ngokunjalo awuqede futhi kini lumusa.

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7 Kodwa njengalokhu lisengezelela kukho konke, ekholweni, lelizwini, lelwazini, lekukhuthaleni konke, lethandweni lwenu kithi, ukuze lakulumusa lengezelele.

8 Kangikhulumi njengokulawula, kodwa ngokutshiseka kwabanye, njalo ngihlola ubuqotho bothando lwenu.

9 Ngoba liyawazi umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuthi lanxa wayenothile, waba ngumyanga ngenxa yenu, ukuze ngobuyanga bakhe lina linothe.

10 Lakulokhu ngipha umbono; ngoba lokhu kuluncedo kini, abaqala phambili nyakenye, kungeyisikwenza kuphela, kodwa lokufisa;

11 kodwa khathesi-ke qedani futhi ukwenza, ukuze, njengalokhu kukhona ukukhuthalela ukufisa, ngokunjalokukhona lokuqedisa ngalokho elilakho.

12 Ngoba uba kukhona ukufisa, umuntu uyemukeleka ngalokho alakho, kungeyisikho ngalokho angelakho.

13 Ngoba kungeyisikuthi abanye babe lenkululeko, lina-ke libe lohlupho; kodwa ngokulingana, okwalesisikhathi isengezo senu sibe ngesenswelo yabo,

14 ukuze kuthi lesengezo sabo sibe ngesenswelo yenu, ukuze kube khona ukulingana,

15 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Owabutha okunengi, kabanga lokusalayo; lowabutha okuncinyane kasilelanga.

16 Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu ofaka inkuthalo efananayo ngani enhliziyweni kaTitosi,

17 ukuthi isibili wemukela isikhuthazo, kodwa etshiseka kakhulu, wasuka waya kini ngesifiso sakhe.

18 Njalo sithuma kanye laye umzalwane, odumo lwakhe evangelini ludabule emabandleni wonke;

19 kungeyisilokhu kuphela, kodwa ukhethiwe futhi ngamabandla ukuthi asiphelekezele lalo umusaowasetshenzwa yithi kube ludumo lwale iNkosi, lekubonakalisweni kokukhuthala kwenu;

20 sivikela lokhu, hlezi umuntu asisole kulesisengezo esisetshenzwe yithi;

21 sinakekela okuhle kungekho phambi kweNkosi kuphela kodwa laphambi kwabantu.

22 Sasesithuma kanye labo umzalwane wethu, esimfice ezintweni ezinengi kanengi ekhuthele, kodwa khathesi ukhuthele kakhulukazi ngenxa yokulithemba okukhulu.

23 Kumbe ngoTitosi, ungumhlanganyeli lesisebenzi kanye lami kini; loba abazalwane bethu, bayizithunywazamabandla, bayinkazimulo kaKristu.

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24 Ngakho bonakalisani kubo ubufakazi bothando lwenu labokuzincomela kwethu lina, laphambi kwamabandla.

II KWABASEKORINTE 9

Mayelana lokunikela langesibusiso esivela ngokunikela

1 Ngoba mayelana lokuncedisa okungokwabangcwele kakusweleki kimi ukulibhalela;

2 ngoba ngiyazi ukukhuthala kwenu, engizincoma ngakho ngani kwabeMakedoniya, ukuthi iAkayayayisizilungisele kusukela nyakenye; lokutshiseka okuvela kini kubavusile abanengi.

3 Kodwa ngithume abazalwane, ukuze ukuzincoma kwethu ngani kungenziwa ize maqondana lalokhu; ukuze, njengokutsho kwami, libe lilungile;

4 hlezi mhlawumbe, nxa abeMakedoniya befika lami belifica lingalungiselanga, siyangeke thina (ukuze singatsho, lina) ngalesisibindi sokuzincoma.

5 Ngakho ngibona kufanele ukuthi ngikhuthaze abazalwane, ukuze baqale ukuza kini, njalo balungisele ngaphambili ukupha kwenu ngesihle okwakhulunywa ngakho mandulo, ukuthi lesi silungile, ngokunjalo njengesibusiso futhi kungenjengokuncitshana.

6 Lalokhu ukuthi, ohlanyela ingcosana, laye uzavuna ingcosana; lohlanyela ngokunengi, laye uzavuna ngokunengi.

7 Ngulowo lalowo njengalokhu azikhethela khona enhliziyweni; kungabi ngokokudonda kumbe ngokokubanjwa ngamandla; ngoba uNkulunkulu uyamthanda onikela ngentokozo.

8 Njalo uNkulunkulu ulamandla okulengezelela wonke umusa, ukuze, lilokwenela konke ezintweni zonke ngesikhathi sonke, lengezwe emisebenzini yonke emihle;

9 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Uchithachithile, wanika abayanga; ukulunga kwakhe kuhlala kuze kube phakade.

10 Njalo yena onika inhlanyelo kumhlanyeli, lesinkwa sokudla, kwangathi anganika akhulise inhlanyelo yenu, andise izithelo zokulunga kwenu;

11 linothiswe ezintweni zonke kukho konke ukuphana, okusebenza ngathi ukubongwa kuNkulunkulu;

12 ngoba umsebenzi walinkonzo kawugcwalisi kuphela inswelo zabangcwele, kodwa futhi wengeza ngokubongwa okunengi kuNkulunkulu;

13 ngobufakazi balinkonzo badumisa uNkulunkulu ngokulalela kovumo lwenu ivangeli likaKristu, langokupha kwenu okukhulu kubo, lakubo bonke;

14 langomkhuleko wabo ngani, belilangatha ngomusa kaNkulunkulu ongelakulinganiswa phezu kwenu.

15 Njalo kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngenxa yesipho sakhe esingakhulumekiyo.

II KWABASEKORINTE 10

UPawuli uyazivikela kwabamhlebayo

1Mina-ke uPawuli ngokwami ngiyalincenga ngobumnene langesisa sikaKristu, othobekileyo phakathi kwenu nxa ngikhona, kodwa nxa ngingekho ngilesibindi kini;

2 ngiyalincenga-ke ukuthi, nxa ngikhona, ngingabi lesibindi ngalokhukuzimisela ebengikhunjulelwa ngakho ukuthi ngilesibindi sokumelana labanye abacabanga ngathi njengabahamba ngokwenyama.

3 Ngoba lanxa sihamba enyameni kasilwi ngokwenyama;

4 ngoba izikhali zempi yethu kayisizo zasenyameni, kodwa zilamandla ngoNkulunkulu ekubhidlizeniizinqaba,

5 sehlisa iminakano lakho konke okuziphakamisela ukumelana lolwazi lukaNkulunkulu, lemicabango yonke siyithumbela ekumlaleleni uKristu;

6 futhi silokulungela ukuphindisela ukungalaleli konke, nxa ukulalela kwenu sekuphelele.

7 Likhangela izinto njengokubonakala kwazo yini? Uba umuntu ezithemba yena ukuthi ungokaKristu, kabuye anakane lokhu ngaye, ukuthi njengoba yena engokaKristu, ngokunjalo lathi singabakaKristu.

8 Ngoba loba ngolutho olwengezelelweyo kakhulu ngingaze ngizincome futhi ngamandla ethu, eyasinika wona iNkosi ekwakheni, njalo kungabi ngokulichitha, kangiyikuyangeka;

9 ukuze ngingabonakali njengolethusa ngezincwadi.

10 Ngoba kuthiwa: Incwadi zakhe zinzima zilamandla; kodwa ubukhona bomzimba wakhe bubuthakathaka, lokukhuluma kwakhe kudelelekile.

11 Onjalo kanakane lokhu, ukuthi njengoba sinjalo ngelizwi ngezincwadi nxa singekho, lathi sinjalo ngesenzo nxa sikhona.

12 Ngoba kasilasibindi sokuzibalela kumbe ukuzifananisa labathile babo abaziqhenyayo; kodwa bona bayalinganisana bodwa, njalo bayafananisana bodwa, kabaqedisisi.

13 Kodwa thina kasisoze sizincome okwedlula amalawulo; kodwa ngesilinganiso sesigaba uNkulunkulu asabele sona, isilinganiso sokufika lakini.

14 Ngoba kasizeluli ngokweqileyo ngokungathi kasifinyelelanga kini, ngoba sifikile lakini evangelini likaKristu;

15 kasizincomi okwedlula amalawulo emsebenzini wabanye, kodwa silethemba lokuthi, nxa lwandile ukholo lwenu, sizakhuliswa ngokwengezelelelweyo phakathi kwenu ngesigaba sethu,

16 ukutshumayela ivangeli endaweni ezingaphetsheya kwenu, singazincomi ngesigaba somunye ezintweni ezilungisiweyo.

17 Kodwa ozincomayo, kazincome eNkosini.

18 Ngoba kayisuye ozincomayo, kodwa lowo iNkosi emncomayo, nguye ovunywayo.

II KWABASEKORINTE 11

Ukuziphendulela kukaPawuli ngomsebenzi wakhe

1Kungathi lingangibekezelela kancane ebuthutheni bami; yebo lani lingibekezelele.

2 Ngoba ngilobukhwele ngani ngobukhwele bukaNkulunkulu; ngoba ngaliganela endodeni yinye ukuthi ngilise kuKristu liyintombi emsulwa.

3 Kodwa ngiyesaba ukuthi hlezi njengalokhu inyoka yakhohlisa uEva ngobuqili bayo, ngokunjalo imicabango yenu ingaduhiswa ebuqothweni obukuKristu.

4 Ngoba uba ofikayo etshumayela omunye uJesu esingamtshumayelanga, loba lisemukela omunye umoya elingamemukelanga, loba elinye ivangeli elingalemukelanga, kuhle ukuthi limbekezelele.

5 Ngoba ngithi kangisileli ngalutho kulabobaphostoli abaqakathekileyo sibili.

6 Njalo uba lami ngingafundanga ekukhulumeni, kanti kungeyisikho elwazini; kodwa entweni yonke sibonakalisiwe kini ezintweni zonke.

7 Kumbe ngenze isono yini ngokuzithoba ukuze liphakanyiswe lina, lokhu ngilitshumayeze ivangeli likaNkulunkulu ngesihle?

8 Ngaphanga amanye amabandla, ngithatha iholo ukuze ngilisize;

9 lalapho ngangikhona kini ngiswele kangibanga ngumthwalo ngitsho emuntwini; ngoba abazalwane, abavela eMakedoniya, bagcwalisa inswelo yami; njalo kukho konke ngizigcinile ukuthi ngingabi ngumthwalo kini, futhi ngizazigcina.

10 Njengoba iqiniso likaKristu likimi, ukuthi lokhukuzincoma kakuyikumiswa ngami ezabelweni zeAkaya.

11 Ngenxa yani? Ngoba ngingalithandi yini? UNkulunkulu uyazi.

12 Kodwa engikwenzayo, ngizakwenza futhi, ukuze ngiqume ithuba kwabafuna ithuba, ukuze kulokho abazincoma ngakho, baficwe benjengathi labo.

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13 Ngoba abanje bangabaphostoli bamanga, izisebenzi ezikhohlisayo, beziphendula babe ngabaphostoli bakaKristu.

14 Kakumangalisi-ke; ngoba uSathane uqobo uziphendula abe yingilosi yokukhanya.

15 Ngakho kakusinto enkulu uba lazo inceku zakhe ziziphendula zisiba njengenceku zokulunga, okuphela kwazo kuzakuba njengokwemisebenzi yazo.

16 Ngiyaphinda ngithi: Kakungabi lomuntu ocabanga ukuthi ngiyisithutha; kodwa uba kungenjalo ngemukelanilanjengesithutha, ukuze lami ngizincome kancinyane.

17 Lokho engikutshoyo, kangikutsho ngokweNkosi, kodwa njengebuthutheni, kulesisibindi sokuzincoma.

18 Lokhu abanengi bezincoma ngokwenyama, lami ngizazincoma.

19 Ngoba libekezelela abayizithutha ngentokozo, lina lingabahlakaniphileyo.

20 Ngoba liyabekezela, uba umuntu elenza izigqili, uba umuntu elidla aliqede, uba umuntu elemuka, uba umuntu eziphakamisa, uba umuntu elitshaya ebusweni.

21 Ngitsho ngenhloni, kuze kungathi thina besibuthakathaka; kodwa lakukuphi umuntu alesibindi ngakho(ngikhulumela ebuthutheni) lami ngilesibindi ngakho.

22 BangamaHebheru yini? Lami. BangamaIsrayeli yini? Lami. Bayinzalo kaAbrahama yini? Lami.

23 Bayizikhonzi zikaKristu yini? (Ngikhuluma njengohlanya) ngiyiso kulabo; emisebenzini enzima okwengezelelweyo kakhulu, emivimvinyeni okwedlula amalawulo, ezintolongweni okungezelelweyo kakhulu, ezimfeni kanengi;

24 kumaJuda ngemukela kahlanu imivimvinya engamatshumi amane kusala owodwa.

25 Ngatshaywa kathathu ngezinduku, ngakhandwa ngamatshe kanye, kathathu ngachithekelwa ngumkhumbi, ubusuku lemini ngisekujuleni kolwandle;

26 ekuhambeni kanengi; engozini zemifula, engozini zabaphangi, ezingozini kwabakithi, ezingozini kwabezizwe, ezingozini emzini, ezingozini enkangala, engozini olwandle, ezingozini kubazalwane bamanga,

27 ekutshikatshikeni lebunzimeni, ekungalalini kanengi, ekulambeni lekomeni, ekuzileni ukudla kanengi, ekugodoleni lekuhambenize.

28 Ngaphandle kwezinto ezingaphandle, okungicindezelayo insuku zonke yikukhathalela wonke amabandla.

29 Ngubani obuthakathaka, ngingabi buthakathaka lami? Ngubani okhutshekiswayo, lami ngingatshiseki?

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30 Uba kumele ukuzincoma, ngizazincoma ngezinto zobuthakathaka bami.

31 UNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, obongekayo kuze kube nini lanini, uyazi ukuthi kangiqambi manga.

32 EDamaseko induna yenkosi uAretha yalinda umuzi wabeDamaseko, efuna ukungibamba;

33 njalo ngehliswa ngewindi esilulwini ngomduli, ngasengiphepha ezandleni zayo.

II KWABASEKORINTE 12

UPawuli wemukela izembulo kuJesu

1 Qiniso ukuzincoma kakusizi lutho kimi; ngoba ngizakuya kumibono lezembulo zeNkosi.

2 Ngiyamazi umuntu ekuKristu sekudlule iminyaka elitshumi lane (loba emzimbeni kangazi, loba ngaphandle komzimba kangazi, uNkulunkulu uyazi), ukuthi lonje wahluthulelwa ezulwini lesithathu.

3 Ngiyamazi-ke umuntu onjalo (loba emzimbeni, loba ngaphandle komzimba, kangazi; uNkulunkulu uyazi),

4 ukuthi wahluthulwa wasiwa eParadise, wezwa amazwi angakhulumekiyo, angavunyelwa muntu ukuwakhuluma.

5 Ngizazincoma ngonjalo, kodwa ngami uqobo kangiyikuzincoma, ngaphandle kobuthakathaka bami.

6 Ngoba uba bengingathanda ukuzincoma, bengingazukuba yisithutha; ngoba ngizakhuluma iqiniso, kodwa ngiyayekela, hlezi umuntu acabange ngami okungaphezu kwalokho angibona ngiyikho, kumbe akuzwa kimi,

7 futhi ukuze ngingaphakanyiswa kakhulukazi ngobukhulukazi bezembulo, nganikwa ameva enyameni, isithunywa sikaSathane, ukungidutshuza, ukuze ngingaziphakamisi kakhulukazi.

8 Ngalokho nganxusa iNkosi kathathu ukuze kusuke kimi.

9 Yasisithi kimi: Umusa wami ukwanele; ngoba amandla ami apheleliswa ebuthakathakeni. Ngakho ngizazincoma ngentokozo enkulu ebuthakathakeni bami, ukuze amandla kaKristu ahlale phezu kwami.

10 Ngakho ngiyathokoza ebuthakathakeni, ekuthukweni, ekubanjweni ngamandla, ekuzingelweni, ekukhathazekeni, ngenxa kaKristu; ngoba nxa ngibuthakathaka, khona ngilamandla.

Ukusolwa kwakhe libandla kakukho eqinisweni

11 Sengize ngaba yisithutha, ngizincoma; yini elingicindezeleyo; ngoba bekufanele ukuthi mina ngivezwe yini; ngoba kangisilelanga ngalutho kulabo abaphostoli abaqakathekileyo sibili, lanxa ngingesilutho.

12 Isibili impawu zomphostoli zenziwa phakathi kwenu ekubekezeleni konke, ngezibonakaliso lezimangalisolemisebenzi yamandla.

13 Ngoba kuyini elaba ngaphansi ngakho kwamanye amabandla, ngaphandle kokuthi mina uqobo kangibanga ngumthwalo kini? Ngithethelelani lokhukungalungi.

14 Khangelani, sengilungele ukuza kini ngokwesithathu, njalo kangizukuba ngumthwalo kini; ngoba kangifuni okwenu, kodwa lina; ngoba abantwana kabafanele ukudlinzekelela abazali, kodwa abazali abantwana.

15 Mina-ke ngizachitha ngentokozo njalo ngizachithelwa imiphefumulo yenu, lanxa ngilithanda okwengezelelweyo kakhulu, ngithandwa kancinyane.

16 Kodwa kunjalo, mina kangibanga ngumthwalo kini; kodwa ngingumhugi, ngalibamba ngobuqili.

17 Ngaliqilibezela yini ngomunye walabo engabathuma kini?

18 Ngacela uTitosi, ngasengithuma kanye laye umzalwane; uTitosi waliqilibezela yini? Kasihambanga yini ngomoya munye? Ngitsho ngezinyathelo zinye yini?

Izeluleko zokucina zikaPawuli kwabeKorinte

19 Licabanga futhi ukuthi siyaziphendulela yini kini? Sikhuluma phambi kukaNkulunkulu sikuKristu; kodwa konke lokhu, bathandekayo, kungokokwakhiwa kwenu.

20 Ngoba ngilovalo hlezi mhlawumbe ekufikeni kwami ngizalifica lingenjengalokho engikuthandayo, lami ngificwe yini ngingenjengalokho elikuthandayo; hlezi mhlawumbe kube khona ukuxabana, umona, ulaka, umbango, ukuhleba, ukunyeya, ukuzikhukhumeza, iziphithiphithi;

21 hlezi ekufikeni kwami futhi uNkulunkulu wami angithobise phakathi kwenu, njalo ngililele abanengi abonileyo ngaphambili, njalo abangaphendukanga kukho ukungcola lobufebe lamanyala abakwenzileyo.

II KWABASEKORINTE 13

UPawuli ubaxwayisa engakafiki kubo

1Ngalesisikhathi sesithathu ngiza kini; ngomlomo wabafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu wonke umutsho uzaqiniswa.

2 Sengitshilo ngaphambili njalo ngiyandulela ukutsho, njengalokhu ngikhona ngokwesibili, njalo ngingekho khathesi ngibhalela labo abona ngaphambili, lakwabanye bonke, ukuthi nxa ngingabuya futhi, kangisozengibayekele;

3 njengoba lidinga ubufakazi bukaKristu okhuluma kimi, ongebuthakathaka
kini kodwa elamandla phakathi kwenu;

4 ngoba lanxa wabethelwa ngobuthakathaka, kanti uyaphila ngamandla
kaNkulunkulu. Ngoba lathi sibuthakathaka kuye, kodwa sizaphila kanye laye
ngamandla kaNkulunkulu kini.

5 Zihloleni ukuthi lisekholweni; lizilinge. Kanti kalazi lina ukuthi uJesu Kristu
ukini, ngaphandle kokuthi ngeqiniso lingabalahliweyo?

6 Ngithemba-ke ukuthi lizakwazi ukuthi thina kasisibo abalahliweyo.

7 Njalo ngiyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu, ukuthi lingenzi lutho olubi, kungesikuthi
sibonakale thina singabathembekileyo, kodwa ukuze lina lenze ukulunga, kodwa
thina sibe njengabalahliweyo.

8 Ngoba kasilamandla okwenza ulutho olumelana leqiniso, kodwa okweqiniso.

9 Ngoba siyajabula nxa sibuthakathaka thina, lani lilamandla; njalo lalokho
siyakukhulekela, ukupheleliswakwenu.

10 Ngakho ngibhala lezizinto ngingekho, ukuze kuthi nxa
ngikhona ngingasebenzisi ubukhali, njengamandlaiNkosi eyanginika wona,
ekwakheni, njalo angabi ngawokubhidliza.

Isicino

11 Elokucina, bazalwane, thokozani, lipheleliswe, liduduzwe, libe ngqondonye,
lihlale ngokuthula; njalo uNkulunkulu wothando lowokuthula uzakuba lani.

12 Bingelelanani ngokwanga okungcwele.

13 Bonke abangcwele bayalibingelela.

14 Umusa weNkosi uJesu Kristu, lothando lukaNkulunkulu,
lobudlelwano bukaMoya oNgcwele kakube lani lonke. Ameni.

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KWABASEGALATHIYA

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INCWADI KAPAWULI UMPHOSTOLI

Isibingelelo

1 UPawuli umphostoli ongaveli ebantwini, njalo kungekho ngomuntu, kodwa
ngoJesu Kristu, langoNkulunkulu uYise owamvusa kwabafileyo,

2 labazalwane bonke abalami, kumabandla eGalathiya:

3 Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, leNkosini yethu
uJesu Kristu,

4 owazinikela ngenxa yezono zethu, ukuze asophule kulo umhlaba omubi
wakhathesi, ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu loBaba wethu;

5 obukuye ubukhosi kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.

AbeGalathiya bahlamukela ivangeli likaKristu

6 Ngiyamangala ukuthi limhlamuke masinyane kangaka lowo owalibizela
emuseni kaKristu, laya kwelinye ivangeli;

7 elingeyisilo elinye; kodwa bakhona abanye abalididayo bethanda ukuhlanekela
ivangeli likaKristu.

8 Kodwa lanxa kungaba yithi kumbe ingilosi evela ezulwini engalitshumayeza
ivangeli elehlukene lalelo esalitshumayeza lona, kayibe yisiqalekiso.

9 Njengoba sesitshilo, lakhathesi ngiyaphinda ngithi: Uba umuntu elitshumayeza
ivangeli elehlukene lalelo elalemukelayo, kabe yisiqalekiso.

UPawuli walizuza kuKristu ivangeli

10 Ngoba ngincenga abantu loba uNkulunkulu khathesi yini? Kumbe ngidinga
ukuthokozisa abantu yini? Ngoba uba ngisathokozisa abantu, ngingebe yinceku
kaKristu.

11 Kodwa ngiyalazisa, bazalwane, ivangeli elatshunyayelwa yimi, ukuthi
alinjengokomuntu.

12 Ngoba lami kangilemukelanga emuntwini, futhi kangilifundiswanga, kodwa
ngokwembulelwa kukaJesu Kristu.

13 Ngoba selizwile ukuhamba kwami kwakuqala kobuJuda, ukuthi ngalizingela
kakhulukazi sibili ibandla likaNkulunkulu, njalo ngangilichitha;

14 njalo ngangiphumelela kubuJuda ngaphezu kwabanengi abayintanga yami
esizweni sami, ngatshisekela ngokwengeziweyo amasiko abobaba.

15 Kodwa nxa kwaba kuhle kuNkulunkulu, owangehlukanisa kusukela esizalweni
sikamama, wangibiza ngomusa wakhe,

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16 ukwembula iNdodana yakhe kimi, ukuze ngiyitshumayele phakathi kwabezizwe, khona lapho kangelulekananga lenyama legazi;

17 futhi kangenyukelanga eJerusalema kubo ababengabaphostoli ngaphambi kwami, kodwa ngasuka ngaya eArabhiya, ngasengiphinda ngibuyela eDamaseko.

18 Emva kwalokho sekwedlule iminyaka emithathu ngenyukela eJerusalema ukuyabonana loPetro, ngasengihlala laye insuku ezilitshumi lanhlanu.

19 Kodwa kangibonanga lamunye wabaphostoli, ngaphandle kukaJakobe umfowabo weNkosi.

20 Lezinto engilibhalela zona, khangelani, phambi kukaNkulunkulu, kangiqambi manga.

21 Emva kwalokho ngaya ezabelweni zeSiriya lezeKilikhiya.

22 Njalo ngangingakaziwa ngobuso emabandleni eJudiya ayekuKristu;

23 kodwa ayesizwa nje ukuthi: Owake wasizingela, usetshumayela ukholo owake waluchitha,

24 asedumisa uNkulunkulu kimi.

KWABASEGALATHIYA 2

Umsebenzi kaPawuli wavunyelwa ngabaphostoli beJerusalema

1Emva kwalokho sekwedlule iminyaka elitshumi lane ngenyukela futhi eJerusalema kanye loBarnabasi, ngathatha loTitosi futhi;

2 ngasengisenyuka ngesambulelo, ngasengibalandisela ivangeli engilitshumayela phakathi kwabezizwe, kodwa ngasese kulabo ababelodumo, hlezi mhlawumbe ngigijimele kumbe ngagijimela ize.

3 Kodwa ngitsho uTitosi owayelami, engumGriki, kacindezelwanga ukuthi asokwe;

4 njalo ngenxa yabazalwane bamanga abangeniswa ngensitha, abangena ngokunyenya ukuze bahloleukukhululeka kwethu esilakho kuKristu Jesu, ukuze basenze izigqili;

5 esingabathobelanga ngokuzehlisa ngitsho okwehola, ukuze iqiniso levangeli lime njalo kini.

6 Kodwa kulabo okuthiwa bayilutho (loba babeyini kakutsho lutho kimi; uNkulunkulu kemukeli isimo somuntu) ngoba labo ababedunyisiwe kabangelekelelanga ngalutho;

7 kodwa kokuphambeneyo, bebona ukuthi ngaphiwa ivangeli lokungasoki, njengoPetro elokusoka,

8 ngoba owenza ngamandla kuPetro kubuphostoli bokusoka, wenza ngamandla
lakimi kwabezizwe,

9 bathi besazi umusa engiwuphiweyo, oJakobe loKefasi loJohane,
abadume bezinsika, banika mina loBarnabasi isandla sokunene sobudlelwano,
ukuze thina siye kwabezizwe, bona-ke ekusokweni;

10 kuphela ukuze sikhumbule abayanga, into le lami engangikhuthalele ukuyenza.

UPawuli umelana loPetro. Imisebenzi yomlayo kayilungisisi muntu

11 Kodwa kwathi uPetro efika eAntiyoki, ngamelana laye ebusweni, ngoba
wayefanele asolwe.

12 Ngoba bengakafiki abathile abavela kuJakobe, wayesidla labezizwe; kodwa
kuthe sebefikile, wamonyuka wazehlukanisa, esesaba abokusoka.

13 Lamanye futhi amaJuda azenzisa kanye laye, kwaze kwathi loBarnabasi
wathatheka ngokuzenzisa kwawo.

14 Kodwa kuthe sengibonile ukuthi kabahambi ngokuqonda eqinisweni levangeli,
ngathi kuPetro phambi kwabo bonke: Uba wena ungumJuda, uphila
ngokwabezizwe njalo kungeyisikho ngokwamaJuda, ubacindezelelani
abezizwe ukuthi baphile ngokwamaJuda?

15 Thina singamaJuda ngemvelo, njalo kasisizo izoni ezivela kwabezizwe,

16 sisazi ukuthi umuntu kalungisiswa ngemisebenzi yomlayo, kodwa
ngokholo lukaJesu Kristu, lathi sakholwa kuKristu Jesu, ukuze
silungisiswe ngokholo lukaKristu, njalo kungeyisikho ngemisebenzi yomlayo;
ngoba ngemisebenzi yomlayo kakuyikulungisiswa nyama.

17 Kodwa uba thina, esidinga ukulungisiswa kuKristu, lathi uqobo sificwe
siyizoni, ngakho uKristu uyisisebenzi sesono yini? Phinde!

18 Ngoba uba ngibuye ngakhe izinto engizidilizileyo, ngitshengisa ukuthi
ngingophambekayo.

19 Ngoba ngomlayo mina ngafa kuwo umlayo, ukuze ngiphile kuNkulunkulu.

20 Ngibethelwe kanye loKristu, kodwa ngiyaphila; kakuseyimi-ke, kodwa uKristu
uphila kimi; kodwa lokhu engikuphila khathesi enyameni ngikuphila ekholweni
lweNdodana kaNkulunkulu eyangithandayo njalo yazinikelela mina.

21 Kangiwutshayi ize umusa kaNkulunkulu; ngoba uba ukulunga
kusiya ngomlayo, ngakho uKristu wafela ize.

KWABASEGALATHIYA 3

Umuntu uyalungisiswa ngokholo

1Hawu maGalathiya ayizithutha, ngubani oliloyileyo ukuze lingalaleli iqiniso, lina
abekwa obala phambi kwamehlo enu uJesu Kristu, ebethelwe phakathi kwenu?

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2 Yilokhu kuphela engithanda ukukufunda kini ukuthi: Lemukela uMoya
ngemisebenzi yomlayo yini, loba ngokuzwa kokholo?

3 Kanti liyizithutha kangaka? Liqale ngoMoya seliphelelisiwa ngenyama yini?

4 Lahlupheka izinto ezinengi kangaka ngeze yini? Uba-ke ngitsho ngeze.

5 Ngakho yena olinika uMoya losebenza imisebenzi yamandla phakathi
kwenu, kungaba ngemisebenzi yomlayo yini, kumbe ngokuzwa kokholo?

6 NjengoAbrahama wakholwa kuNkulunkulu, kwabalelwa-ke kuye ukuthi
yikulunga.

7 Ngakho liyazi ukuthi labo abangabokholo, bona bangabantwana
bakaAbrahama.

8 Lombhalo, ubona ngaphambili ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulungisisa abezizwe
ngokholo, watshumayela ivangeli ngaphambili kuAbrahama wathi: Izizwe zonke
zizabusiswa kuwe.

9 Ngakho abangabokholo babusiswa kanye loAbrahama okholwayo.

10 Ngoba bonke abemisebenzi yomlayo bangaphansi kwesiqalekiso; ngoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uqalekisiwe wonke ongaqhubeki kukho konke okulotshiweyo
encwadini yomlayo ukukwenza.

11 Kodwa kusobala ukuthi ngomlayo kakulamuntu olungisiswayo phambi
kukaNkulunkulu; ngoba: Olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo;

12 kodwa umlayo kawusiwo wokholo, kodwa kuthiwa: Umuntu owenza lezizinto
uzaphila kuzo.

13 UKristu wasihlenga kusiqalekiso somlayo, esenziwe waba yisiqalekiso
esikhundleni sethu; ngoba kulotshiweukuthi: Uqalekisiwe wonke olenga
esihlahleni;

14 ukuze kuthi isibusiso sikaAbrahama sifike kwabezizwe ngoKristu Jesu, ukuze
semukele isithembiso sikaMoya ngokholo.

15 Bazalwane, ngikhuluma njengokomuntu; ngitsho isivumelwano
somuntu esiqinisiweyo, kakho osichithayo loba osengezelelayo.

16 Njalo izithembiso zakhulunywa kuAbrahama lenzalweni yakhe. Katsho ukuthi:
Lezinzalweni, njengokungathi zinengi, kodwa njengokungathi ngeyodwa ukuthi:
Lenzalweni yakho, enguKristu.

17 Lalokho ngiyakutsho: Umlayo oweza emva kweminyaka engamakhulu amane
lamatshumi amathathu kawusesuli isivumelwano esaqiniswa nguNkulunkulu
kuKristu ngaphambili, ukuze usenze isithembiso sibe yize.

18 Ngoba uba ilifa livela emlayweni, alisaveli esithembisweni; kodwa
uNkulunkulu walinika uAbrahama ngesithembiso.

Umsebenzi womlayo

19 Pho, umlayo uyini? Wengezwa ngenxa yeziphambeko, kuze kufike inzalo
eyanikwa isithembiso; wamiswa ngezingilosi esandleni somlamuli.

20 Kodwa umlamuli kayisuye woyedwa, kodwa uNkulunkulu munye.

21 Pho umlayo uphambene lezithembiso zikaNkulunkulu yini? Phinde! Ngoba uba
wawunikiwe umlayo olamandla okuphilisa, isibili ukulunga ngabe kuvela
ngomlayo.

22 Kodwa umbhalo uvalele konke ngaphansi kwesono, ukuze
isithembiso ngokholo lukaJesu Kristu siphiwe abakholwayo.

23 Kodwa kungakafiki ukholo, sasilondolozwe ngaphansi komlayo, sivalelwe kuze
kube sekholweni obeluzakwembulwa.

24 Ngakho umlayo wawungumeluleki wethu kuKristu, ukuze silungisiswe
ngokholo;

25 kodwa selufikile ukholo, kasisekho ngaphansi kukameluleki.

26 Ngoba lonke lingabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngokholo kuKristu Jesu.

27 Ngoba lonke elabhabhathizelwa kuKristu, lembethe uKristu;

28 kakukho umJuda lomGriki, kakukho obotshiweyo lokhululekileyo, kakukho
owesilisa lowesifazana; ngoba lina lonke limunye kuKristu Jesu.

29 Uba-ke lingabakaKristu, ngakho liyinzalo kaAbrahama, njalo liyizindlalifa
njengokwesithembiso.

KWABASEGALATHIYA 4

Singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngoJesu Kristu

1Kodwa ngithi, ngaso sonke isikhathi indlalifa iseyingane, kayehlukananga
ngalutho esigqilini lanxa ingumnikazi wakho konke;

2 kodwa ingaphansi kwabaphathi lababonisi, kuze kufike isikhathi esamiswa
nguyise.

3 Ngokunjalo lathi, lapho siseyizingane, sasiyizigqili ngaphansi kwemfundiso
zakuqala zomhlaba;

4 kodwa kwathi ukuphelela kwesikhathi sekufikile, uNkulunkulu wathuma
iNdodana yakhe, yenziwangowesifazana, yenziwa ngaphansi komthetho,

5 ukuze ihlenge abangaphansi komlayo, ukuze semukele ukuma kwabantwana.

6 Njengoba lingamadodana, uNkulunkulu wathuma uMoya weNdodana yakhe
enhliziyweni zenu, ememezaesithi: Abha, Baba!

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7 Ngakho kawuseyiso isigqili, kodwa indodana; njalo uba uyindodana, futhi uyindlalifa kaNkulunkulu ngoKristu.

8 Kodwa ngalesosikhathi, lingamazi uNkulunkulu, laliyizigqili kulabo abangeyisibo onkulunkulu ngemvelo;

9 kodwa khathesi lokhu selimazi uNkulunkulu, yebo kangithi lisaziwa nguNkulunkulu, libuyela njani futhi kumfundiso zakuqala ezibuthakathaka leziyibuyanga, elifuna ukuba yizigqili zazo futhi kakutsha?

10 Ligcina izinsuku, lezinyanga lezikhathi, leminyaka.

11 Ngilovalo ngani, hlezi ngitshikatshikele ize kini.

12 Banini njengami, ngoba lami nginjengani, bazalwane, ngiyalincenga; kalingonanga ngalutho;

13 liyazi-ke ukuthi ngobuthakathaka benyama ngatshumayela ivangeli kini ngokokuqala,

14 lokulingwa kwami okwakusenyameni yami kalikudelelanga njalo kalikwenyanyanga, kodwa langemukela njengengilosi kaNkulunkulu, njengoKristu Jesu.

15 Ngakho sasiyini isibusiso senu? Ngoba ngiyalifakazela ukuthi, uba kungenzeka, lalingakhupha amehlo enu linginike.

16 Ngakho sengibeyisitha senu ngokulitshela iqiniso yini?

17 Bayalitshisekela ngokungekuhle; kodwa bafuna ukulivalela ngaphandle, ukuze litshisekele bona.

18 Kodwa kuhle ukuthi litshisekelelwe kokuhle isikhathi sonke, njalo kungabi sebukhoneni bami lani kuphela.

19 Bantwana bami abancane, engilomhelo futhi wokulizala aze uKristu abunjwe kini,

20 kodwa bengingathanda ukuba khona lani khathesi, ngiphendule ilizwi lami, ngoba ngididekile ngani.

USara loHagari bayimifanekiso yezivumelwano ezimbili

21 Ngitshelani, lina elithanda ukuba ngaphansi komlayo, kaliwuzwa yini umlayo?

22 Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi uAbrahama wayelamadodana amabili; enye ingeyesigqilikazi, lenye ingeyokhululekileyo.

23 Kodwa eyesigqilikazi yazalwa ngokwenyama, kodwa eyokhululekileyo ngesithembiso.

24 Okuyizinto ezingumzekeliso; ngoba laba bayizivumelwano ezimbili; esinye esentabeni iSinayi, esizalela ebugqilini, esinguAgari.

25 Ngoba lokhu, uAgari, kuyintaba iSinayi eseArabhiya, njalo imele iJerusalema yalamuhla, futhi iyisigqili kanye labantwana bayo.

26 Kodwa iJerusalema ephezulu ikhululekile, engumama wethu sonke;

27 ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Thokoza, wena nyumba engazaliyo; kekela umemeze, wena ongawuzwanga umhelo; ngoba abantwana botshiyiweyo banengi okwedlula kakhulu kulaye olendoda.

28 Kodwa thina, bazalwane, njengoIsaka singabantwana besithembiso.

29 Kodwa njengakulesosikhathi owazalwa ngokwenyama wamzingela yena ongowakoMoya, kunjalo lakhathesi.

30 Kodwa umbhalo uthini? Uthi: Xotsha isigqilikazi lendodana yaso; ngoba indodana yesigqilikazi kayisoze idle ilifa kanye lendodana yokhululekileyo.

31 Ngakho, bazalwane, kasisibo abantwana besigqilikazi, kodwa bokhululekileyo.

KWABASEGALATHIYA 5

1Ngakho manini liqine enkululekweni uKristu asikhulula ngayo, lingabuyi libotshelwe futhi ejogwenilobugqili.

Inkululeko engoKristu

2 Khangelani, mina Pawuli ngithi kini, uba lisokwa, uKristu kayikulisiza ngalutho.

3 Ngiyafakaza-ke futhi kumuntu wonke osokwayo, ukuthi ulomlandu wokwenza umlayo wonke.

4 Likhutshiwe kuKristu, lina elilungisiswa ngomlayo; liwile emuseni.

5 Ngoba thina ngoMoya silindele ngokholo ithemba lokulunga.

6 Ngoba kuKristu Jesu ukusoka kumbe ukungasoki kakusizi lutho, kodwa ukholo olusebenza ngothando.

7 Beligijima kuhle; ngubani olivimbele ukuthi lingalaleli iqiniso?

8 Lokhukuhuga kakuveli kolibizayo.

9 Imvubelo eyingcosana ibilisa inhlama yonke.

10 Mina ngilethemba ngani eNkosini, ukuthi kaliyikunakana okwehlukeneyo; kodwa lowo olihluphayo uzathwala isigwebo, loba engubani.

11 Kodwa mina, bazalwane, uba ngisatshumayela ukusoka, ngisazingelelwani? Ngakho isikhubekiso sesiphambano sisusiwe.

12 Sengathi abalihluphayo bangazithena labo.

Imisebenzi yomzimba lezithelo zikaMoya

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13 Ngoba lina labizelwa enkululekweni, bazalwane; kuphela lingenzi inkululeko ibe lithuba enyameni, kodwa ngothando sizanani.

14 Ngoba umlayo wonke ugcwaliseka elizwini linye, kulokhu ukuthi: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena.

15 Kodwa uba lilumana lidlana, qaphelani ukuthi lingaqedwa omunye ngomunye.

16 Kodwa ngithi: Hambani ngoMoya, lingagcwalisi lakanye inkanuko zenyama.

17 Ngoba inyama ikhanuka okuphambene loMoya, loMoya okuphambene lenyama; njalo lezizinto ziphambene, ukuze lingenzi izinto elizifunayo.

18 Kodwa uba likhokhelwa nguMoya, kalikho ngaphansi komlayo.

19 Imisebenzi yenyama-ke isobala, eyile: Ukufeba, ukuphinga, ukungcola, amanyala,

20 ukukhonza izithombe, ukuthakatha, ubutha, inkani, umona, ulaka, ukubanga, ukuxabana, ukubhazuka,

21 umhawu, ukubulala, ukudakwa, ukuminza, lezinye izinto ezinjalo; engilitshela ngakho ngaphambili, njengoba ngatsho futhi ngaphambili, ukuthi abenza izinto ezinje kabayikulidla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu.

22 Kodwa isithelo sikaMoya luthando, intokozo, ukuthula, ukubekezela, ububele, ukulunga, ukholo,

23 ubumnene, ukuzithiba; kokunje kakulamlayo.

24 Kodwa abakaKristu babethele inyama kanye lokuhugeka lezinkanuko.

25 Uba siphila ngoMoya, njalo asihambe ngoMoya.

26 Kasingazikhukhumezi, siqalane, sifelane umona.

KWABASEGALATHIYA 6

Imilayezelo yokusizana

1Bazalwane, uba-ke umuntu esehlelwa yisiphambeko esithile, lina abakaMoya mlungiseni onjalo ngomoya wobumnene, uziqaphele, hlezi lawe ulingwe.

2 Thwalisanani imithwalo yenu, langokunjalo gcwalisani umlayo kaKristu.

3 Ngoba uba umuntu ezitsho ukuthi uyilutho, engesilutho, uyazikhohlisa;

4 kodwa ngulowo lalowo kahlole owakhe umsebenzi, khona-ke ezakuba lokuzincoma ngokungokwakhe yedwa, njalo kungabi ngokomunye.

5 Ngoba ngulowo lalowo uzathwala owakhe umthwalo.

6 Lofundiswa ilizwi kahlanganyele ezintweni zonke ezinhle lalowo ofundisayo.

7 Lingakhohliswa, uNkulunkulu kahlekwa usulu; ngoba loba yini ayihlanyelayo umuntu yiyo leyo azayivuna.

8 Ngoba ohlanyela kweyakhe inyama, uzavuna ukubhubha kuvela enyameni; kodwa ohlanyela kuMoya uzavuna impilo elaphakade ivela kuMoya.

9 Kodwa kasingadinwa ekwenzeni okuhle; ngoba ngesikhathi esifaneleyo sizavuna, uba singadinwanga.

10 Ngakho-ke njengoba silethuba, asenze okuhle kibo bonke, kodwa ikakhulu kwabendlu yokholo.

Isicino

11 Bonani amabala amakhulu kangaka engilibhalela ngawo ngesami isandla.

12 Bonke abafuna ukubukeka enyameni, yibo abalicindezela ukuthi lisokwe, kuphela ukuze bangazingelwa ngenxa yesiphambano sikaKristu.

13 Ngoba ngitsho lalabo abasokwayo kabawugcini umlayo, kodwa bafuna ukuthi lisokwe, ukuze bazincome enyameni yenu.

14 Kodwa kimi kakungabi khona ukuzincoma ngaphandle kwesiphambanweni seNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, okubethelwe ngaso umhlaba kimi, lami kuwo umhlaba.

15 Ngoba kuKristu Jesu ukusoka kakusizi lutho, kumbe ukungasoki, kodwa isidalwa esitsha.

16 Njalo bonke abazahamba ngalesisimiso, ukuthula kakube phezu kwabo, lesihawu, laphezu kukaIsrayeli kaNkulunkulu.

17 Kusukela khathesi, kakungabi lamuntu ongihluphayo; ngoba mina ngithwele emzimbeni wami impawu zeNkosi uJesu.

18 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lomoya wenu, bazalwane. Ameni.

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KWABASE-EFESU

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INCWADI KAPAWULI UMPHOSTOLI

Isibingelelo

1 UPawuli, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, kubo abangcwele
abaseEfesu, labathembekileyo kuKristu Jesu:

2 Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu laseNkosini
uJesu Kristu.

UPawuli udumisa uNkulunkulu ngenxa yokusindiswa okungoKristu

3 Ubusisiwe uNkulunkulu loYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, osibusisileyo ngaso
sonke isibusiso somoya ezintweni zezulwini kuKristu;

4 njengoba wasikhetha kuye ngaphambi kokusekelwa komhlaba, ukuthi sibe
ngcwele, njalo singasoleki phambi kwakhe ethandweni,

5 esesimisele ngaphambili ukuma kwabantwana kuye ngoJesu Kristu,
njengokufisa okuhle kwentando yakhe,

6 kube ludumo lobukhosi bomusa wakhe, asiphe wona ngesihle ngaye
oThandiweyo;

7 esilohlengo kuye ngegazi lakhe, uthethelelo lweziphambeko, njengokwenotho
yomusa wakhe,

8 awengezelele kithi kuyo yonke inhlakanipho lokuqonda,

9 esesazisile imfihlo yentando yakhe, njengokufisa kwakhe okuhle, akumisa kuye
ngokwakhe,

10 ukuze, ekuphatheni kokugcwaliseka kwezikhathi, ahlanganise
ndawonye izinto zonke kuKristu, zombili ezisemazulwini lezisemhlabeni;

11 ngitsho kuye, lathi esabelwa ilifa kuye, esamiselwa ngaphambili
njengokwesimiso sakhe owenzayo izinto zonke njengokwecebo lentando yakhe,

12 ukuze sibe ngabodumo lobukhosi bakhe, esathemba kuKristu kuqala;

13 eselithemba kuye lani, selizwile ilizwi leqiniso, ivangeli losindiso lwenu; kuye
selikholiwe lani laphawulwa nguMoya oNgcwele wesithembiso,

14 oyisibambiso selifa lethu, kube yikuhlengwa okuzuziweyo, kudumo lobukhosi
bakhe.

UPawuli ucelela ibandla ukuze lazi izibusiso ezivela ngoKristu

15 Ngenxa yalokho lami sengizwile ngokholo lwenu eNkosini uJesu lothando
kubo bonke abangcwele,

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16 kangiyekeli ukulibongela, ngiliphatha emikhulekweni yami;

17 ukuze uNkulunkulu weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, uYise wodumo, alinike umoya wenhlakanipholowesembulo elwazini lwakhe;

18 amehlo engqondo yenu akhanyiswe, ukuze lazi ukuthi liyini ithemba lobizo lwakhe, lokuthi iyini inotho yodumo lwelifa lakhe kwabangcwele,

19 lokuthi buyini ubukhulu bamandla akhe obudlula amalawulo kithi esikholwa njengokusebenza kobuninimandla bamandla akhe,

20 awasebenzisa kuKristu, emvusa kwabafileyo, njalo emhlalisa ngakwesokunene sakhe endaweni zezulu,

21 phezulu kakhulu kwakho konke ukubusa lobukhulu lamandla lobukhosi, lebizo lonke elibizwayo, kungeyisikho kulesisikhathi kuphela, kodwa lakwesizayo;

22 wasebeka konke ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe, wamnikela ukuba yinhloko phezu kwakho konke kulo ibandla,

23 elingumzimba wakhe, ukugcwala kwalowo ogcwalisa konke kukho konke.

KWABASE-EFESU 2

Usindiso luyisipho somusa kaNkulunkulu

1 Lina-ke walivusa elalifile ngeziphambeko langezono,

2 elalikade lihamba kuzo njengokwendlela yalumhlaba, njengokombusi wamandla omkhathi, awomoya osebenzayo khathesi phakathi kwabantwana bokungalaleli;

3 lathi sonke sake sahamba phakathi kwabo enkanukweni zenyama yethu, sisenza intando zenyama lezemicabango, njalo ngokwemvelo sasingabantwana bolaka, njengabanye labo;

4 kodwa uNkulunkulu, enothile esihawini, ngenxa yothando lwakhe olukhulu asithanda ngalo,

5 lanxa sasifile ngeziphambeko, wasiphilisa kanye loKristu (ngomusa lisindisiwe)

6 njalo wasivusa kanye laye, wasesihlalisa kanye laye endaweni zezulwini kuKristu Jesu;

7 ukuze abonakalise ezikhathini ezizayo inotho yomusa wakhe edlula amalawulo ngobubele kithi kuKristu Jesu;

8 ngoba ngomusa lisindisiwe ngokholo, lalokhu kakuveli kini; yisipho sikaNkulunkulu;

9 kakuveli emisebenzini, ukuze kungabi khona ozincomayo.

10 Ngoba singumsebenzi wakhe, kuKristu Jesu sadalelwa imisebenzi emihle, uNkulunkulu ayilungisela ngaphambili, ukuze sihambe kiyo.

UKristu wenza amaJuda labezizwe babe munye

11 Ngakho khumbulani ukuthi lina lake laba ngabezizwe enyameni, ababizwa ngokuthi yikungasoki ngalokhu okuthiwa yikusoka enyameni okwenziwe ngezandla,

12 ukuthi ngalesosikhathi lalingelaye uKristu, abemzini kubusakhamuzi bakoIsrayeli, njalo abezizwekuzivumelwano zesithembiso, lalingelathemba, njalo lingelaye uNkulunkulu emhlabeni.

13 Kodwa khathesi-ke kuKristu Jesu lina elalikade likhatshana, seliseduze ngegazi likaKristu.

14 Ngoba yena uyikuthula kwethu, owenza kokubili kwaba kunye, lowabhidliza umduli ophakathi owesehlukaniso,

15 echithile ubutha enyameni yakhe, umlayo wemithetho ezimisweni, ukuze kuye labo ababili abadale babe ngumuntu munye omutsha, enze ukuthula,

16 njalo enze ukuthi bobabili babuyisane loNkulunkulu emzimbeni munye ngesiphambano, esebulele ubuthangaso;

17 njalo weza watshumayela ukuthula kini elalikhatshana, lakulabo ababeseduze;

18 ngoba ngaye sobabili silokungena ngoMoya munye kuBaba.

19 Ngakho-ke kaliseyibo abemzini lezihambi, kodwa izakhamizi kanye labangcwele njalo abendlu kaNkulunkulu,

20 lakhiwe phezu kwesisekelo sabaphostoli labaprofethi, uJesu Kristu uqobo eyilitshe eliyinhloko yengonsi,

21 okuhlanganiselwe kuye isakhiwo sonke sikhule sibe lithempeli elingcwele eNkosini,

22 elakhiwa kuye lani kanye labanye libe yindlu yokuhlala kaNkulunkulu kuMoya.

KWABASE-EFESU 3

UPawuli umiselwe ukwembula imfihlo kaKristu

1Ngenxa yalokhu mina Pawuli, isibotshwa sikaKristu Jesu ngani abezizwe,

2 uba kambe selizwile ngokuphathwa komusa kaNkulunkulu engawuphiwelwa lina,

3 ukuthi njengesambulelo wangazisa imfihlo (njengalokhu ngabhala ngaphambili ngamafitshane,

4 okungalokhu, nxa lifunda, lingazi ulwazi lwami emfihlweni kaKristu);

5 yona engaziswanga ezizukulwaneni ezinye ebantwaneni babantu, njengalokhu
isiyembuliwe khathesi kubaphostoli bakhe abangcwele labaprofethi ngoMoya;

6 ukuthi abezizwe babe yizindlalifa abahlanganyeli lomzimba
ofananayo labahlanganyeli besithembiso sakhe kuKristu, ngevangeli,

7 engenziwa ngalo isikhonzi njengokwesipho somusa
kaNkulunkulu engiwuphiwe ngokusebenza kwamandla akhe.

8 Kimi, engimncinyane kulomncinyane wabo bonke abangcwele, lowomusa
ngawuphiwa, ukuthi ngitshumayele kwabezizwe ivangeli lenotho kaKristu
engelakulinganiswa,

9 lokukhanyisela bonke ukuthi buyini ubudlelwano bemfihlo, ebifihliwe kusukela
endulo kuNkulunkuluowadala izinto zonke ngoJesu Kristu,

10 ukuze khathesi emibusweni lemandleni endaweni zezulu yaziswe libandla
inhlakanipho kaNkulunkuluezinhlobonhlobo,

11 njengokwecebo laphakade alenza ngoKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu;

12 esilesibindi kuye lokungena ngethemba, ngokholo lwakhe.

13 Ngakho ngiyacela ukuthi lingalahli ithemba enhluphekweni zami ngani,
eziludumo lwenu.

UPawuli ukhulekela ibandla ukuthi likhule ekwazini uthando lukaNkulunkulu

14 Ngenxa yalokhu ngiguqa ngamadolo kuYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu,

15 okubizwa ngaye usendo lonke olusemazulwini lolusemhlabeni,

16 ukuze alinike, njengokwenotho yobukhosi bakhe, liqiniswe ngamandla
ngoMoya wakhe emuntwini ongaphakathi,

17 ukuze uKristu ahlale ngokholo enhliziyweni zenu; ligxilile lisekelwe
ethandweni,

18 ukuze libe lamandla sibili okuqedisisa kanye labo bonke abangcwele, ukuthi
kuyini ububanzi lobude lokutshona lokuphakama,

19 lokwazi uthando lukaKristu olwedlula ulwazi, ukuze ligcwaliswe ngokugcwala
konke kukaNkulunkulu.

20 Njalo kuye, olamandla phezu kwakho konke okwenza okwedlula
ngokwengezelelweyo kwesikucelayo kumbe esikunakanayo, njengamandla
asebenza kithi,

21 kuye kakube udumo ebandleni kuKristu Jesu, ezizukulwaneni zonke
zaphakade laphakade. Ameni.

KWABASE-EFESU 4

Ukwehlukana kwezipho zikaMoya lobunye bokholo

1Ngakho ngiyalincenga, mina isibotshwa eNkosini, ukuthi lihambe
ngokufanele ubizo elabizwa ngalo,

2 kanye lokuthobeka konke lobumnene, lokubekezela, libekezelelane
ethandweni,

3 likhuthale ukugcina ukuhlangana koMoya ngesibopho sokuthula.

4 Munye umzimba njalo munye uMoya, njengalokhu lani labizwa ethembeni linye
lobizo lwenu;

5 yinye iNkosi, lunye ukholo, lunye ubhabhathizo,

6 munye uNkulunkulu loYise wabo bonke, ophezu kwabo bonke, langabo bonke,
lakini lonke.

7 Kodwa ngulowo lalowo wethu waphiwa umusa njengokwesilinganiso sesipho
sikaKristu.

8 Ngakho uthi: Ekwenyukeleni kwakhe phezulu wathumba ukuthunjwa, wanika
abantu izipho.

9 Lokhu-ke ukuthi: Wenyuka, kuyini ngaphandle kokuthi laye wehlela kuqala
kungxenye ezingaphansi zomhlaba?

10 Owehlayo, nguye owenyukela futhi khatshana ngaphezulu kwamazulu wonke,
ukuze agcwalise izinto zonke.

11 Yena wasenika abanye babe ngabaphostoli, labanye babe ngabaprofethi,
labanye babe ngabavangeli, labanye babe ngabelusi labafundisi,

12 ekupheleliswen kwabangcwele, emsebenzini wenkonzo,
ekwakhiweni komzimba kaKristu;

13 size sifike sonke ebunyeni bokholo, lobolwazi lweNdodana kaNkulunkulu,
endodeni epheleleyo, esilinganisweni sesimo sokugcwala kukaKristu;

14 ukuze singabe sisaba zinsane, ezizuliswa ngamagagasi njalo ezithwalelwa le
lale yiwo wonke umoya wemfundiso, ngenkohliso yabantu, ngobuqili becebo
lokuphambuka;

15 kodwa sikhulume iqiniso ethandweni sikhule kukho konke kuye, oyinhloko,
uKristu,

16 okuvela kuye umzimba wonke, ohlanganiswe kuhle njalo ubambene,
ngokwelekelelana kwalo lonke ilunga, njengokusebenza esilinganisweni saleso
laleso isitho, wenza ukukhula komzimba ekuzakheni kwawo ethandweni.

Isimo esidala lesimo esitsha

17 Ngakho ngitsho lokho ngifakaza eNkosini, ukuthi lingabe lisahamba
lanjengabanye abezizwe behamba ebuzeni bengqondo yabo,

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18 befiphaziwe engqondweni, benziwe abemzini empilweni kaNkulunkulu
ngokungazi okukibo, ngobulukhuni benhliziyo yabo;

19 abathi sebentunyile, bazinikela emanyaleni, ekwenzeni kokungcola konke
ngomhawu.

20 Kodwa lina kalimfundanga ngokunjalo uKristu,

21 uba-ke limzwile lafundiswa kuye, njengoba iqiniso likuJesu;

22 ukuthi lilahle mayelana lohambo lokuqala, umuntu omdala,
owonakala mayelana lezifiso zenkohliso;

23 njalo lenziwe batsha emoyeni wengqondo yenu,

24 njalo lembathe umuntu omutsha, odalwe
njengokukaNkulunkulu ekulungeni lebungcweleni beqiniso.

25 Ngakho lilahla amanga, khulumani iqiniso ngulowo lalowo lomakhelwane
wakhe; ngoba siyizitho omunye komunye.

26 Thukuthelani lingoni; ilanga kalingatshoni phezu kolaka lwenu;

27 futhi lingamniki indawo udiyabhola.

28 Owebayo kangabe eseba; kodwa kulalokhu kakhuthale, asebenze okuhle
ngezandla zakhe, ukuze abe lakho ukwabela olenswelo.

29 Kakungaphumi emlonyeni wenu lalinye ilizwi elibolileyo, kodwa kuphela
okuhle okulungele ukwakhanjengokufaneleyo, ukuze kunike umusa kubo
abezwayo.

30 Njalo lingamdabukisi uMoya oyiNgcwele kaNkulunkulu, elaphawulwa
ngaye kuze kube lusuku lohlengo.

31 Konke ukubaba lentukuthelo lolaka lomsindo lokunyeya kakususwe kini,
kanye layo yonke inzondo;

32 kodwa libe mnene omunye komunye, lilesihawu, lithethelelane, njengalokhu
uNkulunkulu laye walithethelela kuKristu.

KWABASE-EFESU 5

Ukuxwayisa ngemisebenzi yobumnyama; ukuhamba ekukhanyeni

1 Ngakho banini ngabalandeli bakaNkulunkulu, njengabantwana abathandekayo;

2 njalo lihambe ethandweni, njengalokhu uKristu laye wasithanda, wazinikelela
thina abe ngumnikelo lomhlatshelo kuNkulunkulu ukuba luqhatshi olumnandi.

3 Kodwa ubufebe lakho konke ukungcola kumbe umhawu kakungaphathwa
lakanye phakathi kwenu, njengoba kufanele abangcwele;

4 lamanyala, lokukhuluma okuyize, kumbe ukusoma okulenhlamba, okuyizinto
ezingafanelanga; kodwa kulalokhu, ukubonga.

5 Ngoba lokhu liyakwazi, ukuthi sonke isifebe, kumbe ongcolileyo, kumbe
olomhawu, ongumkhonzi wezithombe, kalalifa embusweni kaKristu
lokaNkulunkulu.

6 Kakungabi lamuntu olikhohlisayo ngamazwi ayize; ngoba ngenxa
yalezizinto ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyehlela phezu kwabantwana bokungalaleli.

7 Ngakho lingabi ngabahlanganyeli labo.

8 Ngoba lake laba ngumnyama, kodwa khathesi liyikukhanya eNkosini;
hambani njengabantwana bokukhanya,

9 ngoba isithelo sikaMoya sikubo bonke ubuhle lokulunga leqiniso,

10 lihlolisise okuthokozisayo eNkosini;

11 njalo lingahlanganyeli lemisebenzi yobumnyama engelazithelo, kodwa-ke
kulalokho solani;

12 ngoba izinto ezenziwa yibo ekusithekeni, kuthelela inhloni ngitsho
ukukhuluma ngazo.

13 Kodwa konke okusolwayo yikukhanya kuyabonakaliswa; ngoba konke
okubonakaliswayo kuyikukhanya,

14 ngakho uthi: Phaphama wena oleleyo uvuke kwabafileyo, njalo uKristu
uzakukhanyisela.

15 Ngakho qaphelani ukuthi lihamba njani ngonanzelelo, kungabi njengezithutha,
kodwa njengabahlakaniphileyo,

16 lihlenga isikhathi, ngoba insuku zimbi.

17 Ngakho lingabi yizithutha, kodwa liqedisisa okuyintando yeNkosi.

18 Njalo lingadakwa liwayini, okukulo umsindo, kodwa gcwaliswani nguMoya,

19 likhulumisana ngezihlabelelo langamahubo okudumisa langezingoma zomoya,
lihlabelele licule eNkosini enhliziyweni yenu,

20 limbonga njalo uNkulunkulu loBaba ngazo zonke izinto ebizweni leNkosi yethu
uJesu Kristu,

21 lizehlisela ngaphansi omunye komunye ekumesabeni uNkulunkulu.

Ukuphathana kwabathatheneyo

22 Bafazi, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwawenu amadoda, njengeNkosini,

23 ngoba indoda iyinhloko yomfazi, njengoba uKristu laye eyinhloko yebandla,
njalo yena unguMsindisi womzimba.

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24 Kodwa njengoba-ke ibandla lehliselwe ngaphansi kukaKristu, ngokunjalo labafazi kwawabo amadoda kuyo yonke into.

25 Madoda, thandani abenu abafazi, njengoKristu laye walithanda ibandla, wasezinikelela lona;

26 ukuze azingcwelisele lona, eselihlambulule ngesihlambo samanzi ngelizwi,

27 ukuze azimisele lona, ibandla elilenkazimulo, elingelachatha, kumbe umxhele kumbe okunye nje, kodwa ukuze libe ngcwele lingelacala.

28 Ngokunjalo amadoda afanele ukuthanda abawo abafazi njengeyawo imizimba. Othanda owakhe umfazi, uyazithanda yena;

29 ngoba kakho owake wazonda eyakhe inyama, kodwa uyayondla ayiphathe kuhle, njengalokhu leNkosi isenzakubandla;

30 ngoba siyizitho zomzimba wakhe, okwenyama yakhe lokwamathambo akhe.

31 Ngenxa yalokhu umuntu uzatshiya uyise lonina anamathele kumkakhe, njalo laba ababili bazakuba nyamanye.

32 Inkulu le imfihlo; kodwa mina ngikhuluma ngoKristu lebandla.

33 Ngalokho lonke ngokukhethekileyo lani-ke, ngulowo lalowo kathande ngokunjalo owakhe umfazi njengaye; lomfazi ukuze ahloniphe indoda.

KWABASE-EFESU 6

Izeluleko kubantwana labazali

1Bantwana, lalelani abazali benu eNkosini; ngoba lokhu kulungile.

2 Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko, okungumlayo wokuqala olesithembiso,

3 ukuze kube kuhle kuwe, njalo uphile isikhathi eside emhlabeni.

4 Lani bobaba, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu, kodwa libondle emlayweni lemfundisweni yeNkosi.

Izeluleko kuzigqili lamakhosi

5 Zisebenzi, lalelani amakhosi enu ngokwenyama, ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela, ebuqothweni benhliziyo zenu, njengakuKristu;

6 kungeyisikho ngenkonzo yamehlo njengabathokozisa abantu, kodwa njengezisebenzi zikaKristu, zisenza intando kaNkulunkulu ngenhliziyo,

7 lisebenza ngenhliziyo enhle kungathi kuseNkosini njalo kungeyisikho ebantwini;

8 lisazi ukuthi loba yini enhle ngulowo lalowo angayenza, enjalo uzayemukela eNkosini, loba eyisigqili, loba engokhululekileyo.

9 Lani makhosi, yenzani izinto ezifananayo kuzo, liyekele ukuzisongela; lisazi
ukuthi leyenu iNkosi isemazulwini, njalo ukubandlulula umuntu kakukho kuyo.

Izikhali zamaKristu

10 Elokucina, bazalwane bami, qinani eNkosini, lebuninimandleni bamandla ayo.

11 Hlomani izikhali zonke zikaNkulunkulu, ukuze libe lamandla okumelana
lobuqili bukadiyabhola;

12 ngoba kasibindani legazi lenyama, kodwa lemibuso, lamandla, lababusi
balumhlaba wobumnyamabalesisikhathi, lemimoya yamabutho obubi
ezindaweni zamazulu.

13 Ngakho hlomani izikhali zonke zikaNkulunkulu, ukuze libe lamandla okugxila
osukwini olubi, lokuze kuthi lapho seliqede konke, lime.

14 Ngakho manini, inkalo zenu zibotshiwe ngeqiniso, lifake isivikelo sesifuba
sokulunga,

15 njalo ligqokise inyawo zenu ngokulunga kwevangeli lokuthula;

16 phezu kwakho konke selithethe isihlangu sokholo, elizakuba lamandla
okucitsha ngaso yonke imitshoko evuthayo yomubi.

17 Njalo thathani ikhowa losindiso, lenkemba kaMoya, eyilizwi likaNkulunkulu,

18 ngawo wonke umkhuleko lonxuso likhuleka isikhathi sonke kuMoya,
lakulokhu lilinde ngesineke sonke lonxuso ngabangcwele bonke,

19 langami, ukuze ngiphiwe ilizwi ekuvuleni umlomo wami ngesibindi ukuze
ngazise imfihlo yevangeli,

20 engiyisithunywa ngalo esisemaketaneni, ukuze ngikhulume ngesibindi kulo,
njengoba kungifanele ukuthi ngikhulume.

Isicino

21 Kodwa ukuze lani lazi izinto eziqondana lami, engikwenzayo, uzalitshela
konke uTikiko umzalwane othandekayo lesikhonzi esithembekileyo eNkosini;

22 engimthuma kini ngakhona lokhu, ukuze lazi izinto eziqondana lathi, lokuthi
aduduze inhliziyo zenu.

23 Ukuthula kakube kubazalwane, lothando kanye lokholo oluvela kuNkulunkulu
uBaba leNkosini uJesu Kristu.

24 Umusa kawube kubo bonke abathanda iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu
ngokungonakaliyo. Ameni.

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KWABASEFILIPHI

KWABASEFILIPHI 1

INCWADI KAPAWULI UMPHOSTOLI

Isibingelelo

1 UPawuli loTimothi, izinceku zikaJesu Kristu, kubo bonke abangcwele kuKristu
Jesu abaseFiliphi, kanye lababonisi labadikoni:

2 Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini
uJesu Kristu.

UPawuli ubonga uNkulunkulu ngabo; uyabakhulekela

3 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami ekulikhumbuleni konke,

4 ngezikhathi zonke kuwo wonke umkhuleko wami ngani lonke ngincenga
ngentokozo,

5 ngokuhlanganyela kwenu evangelini, kusukela osukwini lokuqala kuze kube
khathesi;

6 ngilethemba lakhona lokho, ukuthi owaqalisa umsebenzi omuhle
kini uzawuphelelisa kuze kube sosukwini lukaJesu Kristu;

7 njengoba kulungile kimi ukuthi ngikhumbule lokhu ngani lonke, ngoba ngilani
enhliziyweni, ukuthilekubotshweni kwami, lekuvikeleni lekuqiniseleni ivangeli,
lina lonke lingabahlanganyeli bomusa wami.

8 Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi wami, wokuthi ngililangatha kangakanani
lonke emibilini kaJesu Kristu.

9 Njalo ngikhuleka lokhu, ukuthi uthando lwenu luvame-ke lusanda ngokwanda
elwazini lekuqedisiseni konke,

10 ukuze lizivume izinto ezinhle kakhulu, ukuze lihlambuluke lingasoleki kuze
kube sosukwini lukaKristu,

11 ligcwaliswe ngezithelo zokulunga ezingoJesu Kristu, ebukhosini
lodumo lukaNkulunkulu.

UPawuli ulandisa ngokuhlala kwakhe eyisibotshwa eRoma

12 Kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lazi, bazalwane, ukuthi izinto ezangehlelayo zenza
kakhulu ukuqhutshelwa phambilikwevangeli;

13 zize izibopho zami kuKristu zibonakale esigodlweni sonke lakwabanye bonke,

14 labazalwane abanengi eNkosini, beqiniswe ngezibopho zami, sebelesibindi
esikhulu sokukhuluma ilizwi ngokungesabi.

15 Abanye kambe batshumayela uKristu ngomona langombango, labanye kambe
ngenhliziyo enhle;

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16 laba batshumayela uKristu ngokuphikisana, bengelaqiniso, besithi baletha
ukuhlupheka ekubotshweni kwami;

17 kodwa labo ngothando, besazi ukuthi ngimiselwe ukuvikela ivangeli.

18 Kuyini pho? Loba kunjalo kuyo yonke indlela, loba ekuzenziseni, kumbe
eqinisweni, uKristu uyatshunyayelwa; kulokhu-ke ngiyathokoza, yebo
ngizathokoza futhi.

19 Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kuzaphendukela kimi esindisweni ngomkhuleko
wenu, langokwelekelela kukaMoya kaJesu Kristu,

20 njengokulindela okukhulu lethemba lami, ukuthi kangiyikuyangiswa ngalutho,
kodwa ngesibindi sonke, njengesikhathi sonke, lakhathesi uKristu uzakhuliswa
emzimbeni wami, loba ngempilo, kumbe ngokufa.

21 Ngoba kimi ukuphila kunguKristu, lokufa kuyinzuzo.

22 Kodwa uba ukuphila enyameni kuyisithelo somsebenzi kimi, lengizakukhetha
kangikwazi.

23 Ngoba ngiminyezelwe ngokubili; ngilesifiso sokusuka lokuba loKristu,
okungcono kakhulukazi;

24 kodwa ukuhlala enyameni kuyasweleka kakhulu ngenxa yenu.

25 Njalo ngilalelithemba ngiyazi ukuthi ngizakuba khona, ngihlale lani lonke,
ekuqhubekeni kwenulentokozweni yokholo,

26 ukuze ukuzincoma kwenu ngami kwengezwe kuKristu Jesu kimi, ngobukhona
bami kini futhi.

UPawuli ubalaya ukuze bahambe ngokwevangeli

27 Kuphela hambani ngokufanele ivangeli likaKristu, kuze kuthi, loba ngifika
ngilibona, loba ngingekho, ngizwe indaba zenu, zokuthi limi emoyeni munye,
ngangqondonye lilwela ukholo lwevangeli ndawonye,

28 njalo lingethuswa ngalutho ngabaphikisayo; okuyisibonakaliso kibo
sokubhubha, kodwa kini esosindiso, njalo lokhu kuvela kuNkulunkulu;

29 ngoba lanikwa ngesihle esikhundleni sikaKristu, kungeyisikho ukukholwa
kuye kuphela, kodwa lokumhluphekela;

30 lilokulwa okufananayo njengalokho elakubona kimi, lelikuzwa kimi khathesi.

KWABASEFILIPHI 2

Ukuzithoba kukaKristu lokuphakanyiswa kwakhe

1Ngakho uba kukhona inkuthazo kuKristu, uba kukhona induduzo yothando, uba
kukhona ubudlelwanobukaMoya, uba kukhona imihelo lesihawu,

2 gcwalisani intokozo yami, ukuze libe ngqondonye, libe lothando olufananayo, libe lenhliziyonye, ukuqonda kunye;

3 lingenzi lutho ngokubangisana kumbe ngokuziqhenya, kodwa ngokuthobeka liphakamise omunye komunye ngcono kulani;

4 ngulowo lalowo angakhathaleli okwakhe, kodwa ngulowo lalowo lokwabanye.

5 Ngoba kawube kini lowomqondo owawukhona lakuKristu Jesu;

6 owathi esesimeni sikaNkulunkulu, kanakananga ukuthi kuyikuphanga ukulingana loNkulunkulu,

7 kodwa wazidela, ethatha isimo senceku, enziwe esimeni sabantu;

8 njalo eficwe elesimo njengomuntu, wazithoba, waba ngolalelayo kwaze kwaba sekufeni, yebo ukufa kwesiphambano.

9 Ngakho laye uNkulunkulu wamphakamisa kakhulu, wamnika ibizo eliphezu kwalo lonke ibizo;

10 ukuze kuthi ebizweni likaJesu lonke idolo liguqe, elabezulwini, lelabemhlabeni, lelabangaphansi komhlaba,

11 lenlimi zonke zivume ukuthi uJesu Kristu uyiNkosi, kube ludumo kuNkulunkulu uYise.

Ukupheleliswa komsebenzi wosindiso

12 Ngakho, bathandiweyo bami, njengalokho lilalela ngezikhathi zonke, kungenjengebukhoneni bami kuphela, kodwa khathesi ikakhulukazi ngingekho, fezani usindiso lwenu ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela;

13 ngoba kunguNkulunkulu osebenza kini kokubili ukuthanda lokwenza njengentando yakhe enhle.

14 Yenzani zonke izinto kungelakusola lokuphikisana,

15 ukuze lingasoleki libe msulwa, abantwana bakaNkulunkulu abangelasici phakathi kwesizukulwana esigobileyo lesiphambeneyo, elikhanya phakathi kwaso njengokukhanya emhlabeni,

16 libonakalise ilizwi lempilo, ekuzincomeni kwami osukwini lukaKristu, ukuthi kangigijimelanga ize, njalo kangitshikatshikelanga ize.

17 Yebo, uba lami ngithululwa njengomnikelo wokunathwayo phezu komhlatshelo lenkonzo yokholo lwenu, ngiyathokoza njalo ngithokoza kanye lani lonke;

18 ngenxa yalokho-ke thokozani lani njalo lithokoze kanye lami.

UPawuli uzathuma uTimothi loEpafrodithu

19 Ngiyathemba-ke eNkosini uJesu ukuthuma uTimothi kini masinyane, ukuze lami ngithokoze lapho ngisazi izindaba zenu.

20 Ngoba kangilaye olengqondo enjengeyakhe, ozananzelela indaba zenu ngobuqotho,

21 ngoba bonke bazidingela okwabo, kungeyisikho okukaKristu Jesu.

22 Kodwa liyazi ukuqinisa kwakhe, ukuthi njengomntwana kuyise, usebenzile lami evangelini.

23 Ngiyathemba-ke ukuhle ngimthume yena, nxa sengibonisisile okuqondene lami;

24 kodwa ngiyathemba eNkosini, ukuthi lami ngizakuza kini masinyane.

25 Kodwa ngibone kufanele ukuthi ngithume kini uEpafrodithu, umzalwane lesisebenzi lolibutho kanye lami, kodwa isithunywa senu, lesisebenzi sokuswela kwami;

26 njengoba wayelilangatha lonke, njalo ekhathazekile kakhulu, ngoba lezwa ukuthi wayegula;

27 ngoba njalo wagula waphosa wafa, kodwa uNkulunkulu wamhawukela, njalo kungeyisuye yena yedwa, kodwa lami, ukuze ngingabi losizi phezu kosizi.

28 Ngakho ngitshisekela kakhulu ukumthuma, ukuze kuthi, nxa limbona, lithokoze futhi, losizi lwami lunciphe.

29 Memukeleni-ke eNkosini ngentokozo yonke, libahloniphe abanjalo-ke;

30 ngoba ngenxa yomsebenzi kaKristu waphose wafa, edela impilo, ukuze aphelelise okusileleyo komsebenzi wenu kimi.

KWABASEFILIPHI 3

UPawuli ubaxwayisa ngokulunga okungokwabantu

1 Elokucina, bazalwane bami, thokozani eNkosini. Ukulibhalela izinto ezifananayo, mina kakungidinisi, kodwa lina kuyaliqinisa.

2 Nanzelelani izinja, linanzelele izisebenzi ezimbi, linanzelele ukusika;

3 ngoba thina siyikusoka, esikhonza uNkulunkulu ngoMoya, siziqhenya kuKristu Jesu, njalo singathembeli enyameni;

4 lanxa mina ngilethemba futhi enyameni; uba omunye ecabanga ukuthemba enyameni, mina kakhulu;

5 ngasokwa ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, ngingowohlanga lukaIsrayeli, owesizwe sakoBhenjamini, umHebheru wamaHebheru, ngokomlayo umFarisi,

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6 ngokokukhuthala ngazingela ibandla, ngokokulunga okusemlayweni ngingasoleki.

Ukulunga okukuKristu kuyinzuzo

7 Kodwa izinto ezaziyinzuzo kimi, lezo ngazibala njengencithakalo ngenxa kaKristu.

8 Yebo isibili, futhi ngikubala konke njengencithakalo ngenxa yobuhlekazi bolwazi lukaKristu Jesu iNkosi yami; okungenxa yakhe ngilahlekelwe yikho konke, njalo ngakuthatha njengezibi, ukuze ngizuze uKristu,

9 njalo ngificwe kuye, ngingelakho okwami ukulunga okuvela emlayweni, kodwa lokho okungokholo lukaKristu, ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu ngokholo;

10 ukuze ngimazi yena lamandla okuvuka kwakhe, lokuhlanganyela kwenhlupheko zakhe, ngenziwe ngifuzeukufa kwakhe,

11 uba kungenzeka ngifinyelele ekuvukeni okwabafileyo.

12 Kangitsho ukuthi sengikubambile, kumbe ukuthi sengiphelelisiwe; kodwa ngixotshana lakho, ukuthi futhi ngingakubambisisa lokho engabanjisiselwa khona nguKristu Jesu.

13 Bazalwane, mina kangibali ukuthi mina uqobo sengikubambisisile; kodwa kunye engikwenzayo, ngikhohlwa okungemuva, ngizelulela kokungaphambili,

14 ngigijimela isifezo ngokunxwanela emvuzweni wobizo lwaphezulu lukaNkulunkulu kuKristu Jesu.

15 Ngakho sonke esesiphelele, kasikhumbule lokhu; njalo uba licabanga ulutho olwehlukeneyo, lalokhu uNkulunkulu uzalembulela khona;

16 kodwa kulokhu esesifike kukho, kasihambeni ngesimiso sinye, sikhumbule intonye.

UPawuli ubeluleka ngokumlandela

17 Banini ngabahlanganyeli abangabalingiseli bami, bazalwane, njalo baqaphelisiseni abahamba ngokunjalo, njengoba lilathi njengesibonelo.

18 Ngoba abanengi bahamba, engalitshela kanengi ngabo, lakhathesi ngitsho ngezinyembezi ngithi, bayizithazesiphambano sikaKristu;

19 abakuphela kwabo kuyikubhujiswa, abankulunkulu wabo uyisisu, lodumo lwabo lusehlazweni labo, abacabanga izinto zomhlaba.

20 Ngoba ikithi isemazulwini, lalapho esilindele ukuthi uMsindisi avele khona, iNkosi uJesu Kristu;

21 ozaphendula umzimba wethu wobuphansi, ukuze ufanane lomzimba wakhe wenkazimulo, njengokusebenza elamandla ngitsho okwehlisela ngaphansi kwakhe zonke izinto.

KWABASEFILIPHI 4

UPawuli ubeluleka ngokuqina langokuzwana ekholweni

1 Ngakho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo labalangathwayo,
intokozo lomqhele wami, manini liqinengokunjalo eNkosini, bathandekayo.

2 Ngiyamncenga uYuwodiya, njalo ngiyamncenga uSintike, ukuthi babe
lomqondo munye eNkosini.

3 Ngiyakucela-ke lawe, mnakwethu oqotho, siza labo abesifazana, abasebenza
kakhulu kanye lami evangelini, kanye loKlementi, lezinye izisebenzi kanye lami,
amabizo azo asencwadini yempilo.

4 Thokozani eNkosini njalonjalo; ngiyaphinda ngithi: Thokozani.

5 Ukubekezela kwenu kakwaziwe yibo bonke abantu. INkosi iseduze.

6 Lingakhathazeki ngalutho, kodwa ezintweni zonke, izicelo zenu kazaziwe
kuNkulunkulu ngomkhulekolangonxuso kanye lokubonga,

7 lokuthula kukaNkulunkulu, okudlula ukuqedisisa konke, kuzalondoloza
inhliziyo zenu lemicabango yenukuKristu Jesu.

8 Elokucina, bazalwane, konke okuliqiniso, konke okuhloniphekayo, konke
okulungileyo, konke okuhlambulukileyo, konke okuhle, konke okulodumo oluhle,
uba kukhona okuhle njalo uba kukhona okudumisekayo, nakanani ngakho lokhu;

9 lelakufundayo njalo lakwemukela futhi lakuzwa laselikubona kimi, zenzeni
lezizinto; loNkulunkulu wokuthula uzakuba lani.

UPawuli ubonga isipho abasithumezela kuye eRoma

10 Kodwa ngiyathokoza kakhulu eNkosini, ukuthi khathesi selize lavuselela
ukunginanzelela, ebelinanzelela kambe, kodwa laswela ithuba.

11 Kakusikho ukuthi ngitsho mayelana lenswelo; ngoba mina sengifundile ukuthi
ngeneliswe ezintweni engikuzo.

12 Ngiyakwazi konke ukuthotshiswa, futhi ngiyakwazi ukuba lokunengi kakhulu;
kukho konke lezintweni zonke sengifundisiwe futhi ukusutha lokulamba, lokuba
lokunengi kakhulu lokuswela.

13 Ngingakwenza konke ngoKristu engiqinisa.

14 Kodwa lenze kuhle ngokuhlanganyela ekuhluphekeni kwami.

15 Liyazi futhi lani, beFiliphi, ukuthi ekuqaleni kwevangeli, ekusukeni kwami
eMakedoniya, kwakungekho bandla elahlanganyela lami endabeni yokupha
lokwemukela, ngaphandle kwenu lodwa;

16 ngoba laseThesalonika lathumela ekusweleni kwami kanye njalo laphinda.

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17 Kungesikuthi ngidinga isipho, kodwa ngidinga isithelo esengeza isikhwama senu.

18 Kodwa ngemukele konke njalo ngengezelelwe; ngigcwele, ngengikwemukele kuEpafrodithu izinto ezivela kini, uqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owemukelekayo, othabisayo kuNkulunkulu.

19 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wami uzagcwalisa yonke inswelo yenu njengokwenotho yakhe ebukhosini, kuKristu Jesu.

20 Akube-ke kuNkulunkulu loBaba wethu udumo kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.

Isicino

21 Bingelelani wonke ongcwele okuKristu Jesu. Abazalwane abalami bayalibingelela.

22 Bonke abangcwele bayalibingelela, kodwa ikakhulu labo abendlu kaKesari.

23 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Ameni.

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KWABASEKOLOSE

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INCWADI KAPAWULI UMPHOSTOLI

Isibingelelo

1 UPawuli umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loTimothi umzalwane,

2 kibo abangcwele labazalwane abathembekileyo kuKristu abaseKolose: Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu.

UPawuli ubonga ukholo lothando lwabeKolose

3 Siyambonga uNkulunkulu loYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, sikhuleka ngani njalonjalo,

4 sesizwile ngokholo lwenu kuKristu Jesu, langothando olukwabangcwele bonke,

5 ngethemba elibekelwe lona emazulwini, elezwa ngalo ngaphambili ngelizwi leqiniso levangeli,

6 eselifikile kini, njengalokhu lemhlabeni wonke, njalo lithela izithelo, njengoba kunjalo laphakathi kwenu, kusukela ngosuku elezwa laseliwazi umusa kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso;

7 njengalokhu lani lafunda kuEpafra othandekayo wethu inceku kanye lathi, oyisikhonzi esithembekileyo sikaKristu ngani,

8 ositshele futhi ngothando lwenu kuMoya.

UPawuli uyabakhulekela

9 Ngakho lathi, kusukela ngosuku esezwa ngalo, kasiyekeli ukulikhulekela, lokucela ukuthi ligcwaliswengolwazi lwentando yakhe ngenhlakanipho yonke lokuqedisisa okungomoya,

10 ukuze lihambe ngokufanele iNkosi kukho konke okuthokozisayo, lithela izithelo kuwo wonke umsebenzi olungileyo njalo likhule elwazini lukaNkulunkulu;

11 liqiniswe ngamandla wonke njengokwamandla obukhosi bakhe, ekubekezeleni konke lesineke, lenjabulo;

12 sibonge uBaba owasenza safanela ekuhlanganyeleni kwelifa labangcwele ekukhanyeni,

13 owasikhulula emandleni obumnyama, wasesisa embusweni weNdodana yothando lwakhe,

14 esilohlengo kuyo ngegazi layo, uthethelelo lwezono.

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Ubuntu lomsebenzi kaKristu

15 Engumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu ongabonwayo, izibulo lesidalwa sonke;

16 ngoba kuyo zonke izinto zadalwa, ezisemazulwini lezisemhlabeni, ezibonwayo lezingabonwayo, loba izihlalo zobukhosi, loba ubuphathamandla, loba imibuso, loba amandla; zonke izinto zidalwa ngayo zadalelwayona;

17 yona-ke ingaphambi kwazo zonke izinto, njalo ngayo zonke izinto zibambene.

18 Njalo yona yinhloko yomzimba, olibandla; eyikuqala, izibulo kwabafileyo, ukuze yona ibe ngeyokuqala ezintweni zonke;

19 ngoba kwamthokozisa uBaba ukuthi ukugcwala konke kuhlale kiyo,

20 njalo ngayo enze izinto zonke zibuyisane laye oqobo, esenze ukuthula ngegazi lesiphambano sayo, ngayo, loba yizinto ezisemhlabeni loba ezisemazulwini.

21 Lani elalikade lingabemzini lezitha ngengqondo emisebenzini emibi, kodwa khathesi usebuyisene lani

22 emzimbeni wenyama yayo ngokufa ukuthi alimise phambi kwakhe lingcwele njalo lingelacala njalo lingasoleki,

23 uba-ke lihlala ekholweni lisekelwe liqinile, lingasuswa ethembeni levangeli elalizwayo, elatshunyayelwakuso sonke isidalwa esingaphansi kwezulu, engenziwe isikhonzi salo mina Pawuli.

Ukuhlanganyela kukaPawuli emsebenzini kaKristu

24 Khathesi-ke ngiyathokoza ekulihluphekeleni kwami, njalo okusileleyo kwenhlupheko zikaKristu ngiyakugcwalisa enyameni yami esikhundleni somzimba wakhe, olibandla;

25 mina engenziwa isikhonzi salo, njengokwesimiso sikaNkulunkulu enganikwa sona maqondana lani, ukugcwalisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu,

26 imfihlo ebifihliwe kusukela ezikhathini zendulo njalo kusukela kuzizukulwana; kodwa khathesi ibonakaliswe kwabangcwele bakhe,

27 kubo uNkulunkulu wathanda ukubazisa ukuthi iyini inotho yobukhosi balimfihlo phakathi kwabezizwe, enguKristu phakathi kwenu, ithemba lenkazimulo;

28 esimtshumayelayo thina, sixwayisa wonke umuntu, sifundisa wonke umuntu ngayo yonke inhlakanipho, ukuze silethe wonke umuntu ephelele kuKristu Jesu;

29 engikutshikatshikelayo lami, ngisilwa njengokusebenza kwakhe, okusebenza kimi ngamandla.

KWABASEKOLOSE 2

1Ngoba ngithanda ukuthi lazi ukuthi kukhulu kangakanani ukulwa engilakho
ngani labaseLawodikeya, njalo ngobunengi balabo abangabonanga ubuso bami
enyameni,

2 ukuze inhliziyo zabo ziduduzwe, behlanganiswe ethandweni, lenothweni
yonke yokuqinisekiswa okupheleleyo kokuqedisisa,
elwazini lwemfihlo kaNkulunkulu loBaba, lekaKristu,

3 okufihlwe kuye izinto zonke eziligugu zenhlakanipho lezolwazi.

4 Ngitsho lokhu-ke, ukuze kungabi lamuntu olikhohlisayo ngamazwi ayengayo.

5 Ngoba lanxa ngingekho ngenyama, kanti ngilani ngomoya, ngithokoza ngibona
ukuhlela kwenu, lokuqina kokholo lwenu kuKristu.

Ukuhlala kuKristu

6 Ngakho njengalokho limemukele uKristu Jesu iNkosi, hambani kuye,

7 ligxilise impande lakhiwe kuye, njalo liqiniswe ekholweni, njengokufundiswa
kwenu, lengeze kulo ekubongeni.

8 Nanzelelani hlezi kube khona olithumbayo ngolwazi lwenhlakanipho
langenkohliso eyize, njengokomkhuba wabantu, njengokwemfundiso zakuqala
zomhlaba, njalo hatshi njengokukaKristu;

9 ngoba kuhlala kuye ukugcwala konke kobuNkulunkulu ngomzimba,

10 njalo liphelelisiwe kuye, oyinhloko yakho konke ukubusa lamandla;

11 elasokelwa kuye lani ngokusoka okungenziwanga ngezandla,
ngokuhlubula umzimba wezono zenyama, ekusokeni kukaKristu,

12 lingcwatshwe kanye laye ebhabhathizweni, elavuswa lani kanye laye kulo
ngokholo lokusebenza kukaNkulunkulu, owamvusa kwabafileyo.

13 Lani lifile eziphambekweni lokungasoki kwenyama yenu, ulenze laphila kanye
laye, eselithethelele zonke iziphambeko,

14 esesule incwadi yezimiso emelana lathi, ephambene lathi, wayisusa phakathi,
eseyibethele esiphambanweni;

15 ebahlubule ababusi lamandla, wabaveza obala, wathakazelela
ukubanqoba ngaso.

16 Ngakho kakungabi khona olilahla ekudleni kumbe ekunatheni, loba endabeni
yomkhosi loba eyokuthwasa kwenyanga kumbe eyamasabatha;

17 eziyisithunzi sezinto ezizayo, kodwa umzimba ungokaKristu.

Ukuxwayisa ngemfundiso zamanga

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18 Kakungabi lamuntu olemuka umvuzo wenu ngobuqili, ethanda ukuzenza
othobekileyo lokukhonza izingilosi, engena ezintweni angazibonanga,
ezikhukhumeza ngeze ngengqondo yenyama yakhe,

19 njalo engabambi iNhloko, umzimba wonke ngamalunga lemisipha usondliwa
njalo uhlanganiswa ngayo, ukhula ngokukhula kukaNkulunkulu.

20 Ngakho uba lafa kanye loKristu emfundisweni zakuqala zomhlaba,
libophekeleni ngemikhuba ngokungathi liphila elizweni,

21 (ungabambi, unganambithi, ungathinti,

22 ezizaphela zonke ngokusetshenziswa)
njengokwemilayo lezimfundiso zabantu?

23 Ezilesimo senhlakanipho ekukhonzeni kokuzenzela
lekuzithobeni lekuphatheni nzima umzimba, kakusizi lutho ukumelana
lokusuthisa inyama.

KWABASEKOLOSE 3

Ukunakana ngokwaphezulu lokubulala inkanuko zemhlabeni

1Ngakho uba livuswe loKristu, dingani okwaphezulu, lapho akhona uKristu ehlezi
ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu.

2 Nakanani ngezinto eziphezulu, kungeyisikho ngezinto ezisemhlabeni.

3 Ngoba lifile, lempilo yenu ifihlwe loKristu kuNkulunkulu.

4 Nxa ebonakaliswa uKristu, oyimpilo yethu, ngalesosikhathi lani
lizabonakaliswa laye enkazimulweni.

5 Ngakho bulalani amalunga enu asemhlabeni, ukuphinga, ukungcola, inkanuko
embi, ukufisa okubi, lomhawu, oyikukhonza izithombe,

6 okwehla ngalezizinto ulaka lukaNkulunkulu phezu kwabantwana bokungalaleli;

7 elake lahamba kuzo lani, lapho lalihlezi phakathi kwazo.

8 Kodwa khathesi lani khuphani konke lokhu, ulaka, ukuthukuthela, inzondo,
inhlamba, ukukhuluma amanyala emlonyeni wenu;

9 lingaqambelani amanga, lokhu selimhlubule umuntu omdala lezenzo zakhe,

10 selembethe omutsha, owenziwa kutsha elwazini njengomfanekiso walowo
owamdalayo;

11 okungekho umGriki lomJuda, ukusoka lokungasoki, owezizweni, umSikethiya,
isigqili, okhululekileyo; kodwa uKristu uyikho konke lakukho konke.

12 Ngakho yembathani, njengabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu, abangcwele labathandekayo, imihelo yesihawu, ububele, ukuzithoba, ubumnene, ukubekezela;

13 libekezelelane, lithethelelane uba umuntu elensolo komunye; njengoba loKristu walithethelela, ngokunjalo lani;

14 phezu kwakho konke-ke yembathani uthando, oluyisibopho sokuphelela.

15 Lokuthula kukaNkulunkulu kakubuse enhliziyweni zenu, elibizelwa kukho lani emzimbeni munye; futhi banini ngababongayo.

16 Ilizwi likaKristu kalihlale phakathi kwenu ngokwenotho enhlakanipheni yonke; lifundisane lilayane, ngezihlabelelo, lamahubo odumo, lengoma zomoya, lihlabelela lilomusa enhliziyweni zenu eNkosini.

17 Njalo konke loba yini eliyenzayo, elizwini loba esenzweni, konke kwenzeni ebizweni leNkosi uJesu, libongeuNkulunkulu loBaba ngaye.

Ukuphathana kwabomuzi

18 Bafazi, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwawenu amadoda, njengokufanele eNkosini.

19 Madoda, thandani omkenu, lingabi lokubaba kibo.

20 Bantwana, lalelani abazali ezintweni zonke; ngoba lokhu kuyayithokozisa iNkosi.

21 Bobaba, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu, ukuze bangadani.

22 Zisebenzi, lalelani ezintweni zonke labo abangamakhosi njengokwenyama, kungeyisikho ngenkonzo yamehlo njengabathokozisa abantu, kodwa ngobuqotho benhliziyo, lisesaba uNkulunkulu;

23 njalo yonke loba yini eliyenzayo, yenzeni ngenhliziyo, njengeNkosini, njalo kungeyisikho ebantwini;

24 lisazi ukuthi eNkosini lizakwemukela umvuzo welifa; ngoba likhonza iNkosi uKristu.

25 Kodwa owenza okubi uzazemukelela okubi akwenzileyo; njalo kakukho ukubandlulula umuntu.

KWABASEKOLOSE 4

1Makhosi, nikani izisebenzi okulungileyo lokulingeneyo, lisazi ukuthi lani lileNkosi emazulwini.

2 Khuthalani emkhulekweni, lilinde kuwo ngokubonga;

3 likhuleke ngesikhathi esifananayo ngathi futhi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu asivulele umnyango welizwi, ukukhuluma imfihlo kaKristu, lami engibotshwe ngenxa yayo;

4 ukuthi ngiyibonakalise, njengalokhu ngifanele ukukhuluma.

5 Hambani ngenhlakanipho mayelana labangaphandle, lihlenga isikhathi.

6 Ilizwi lenu kalihlale emuseni, linambitheke ngetshwayi, ukuze lazi ukuthi kulifanele njani ukuphendula lowo lalowo.

Ukubingelela kwabazalwane. Isicino

7 Konke okumaqondana lami uzalitshela uTikiko, umzalwane othandekayo lesikhonzi esithembekileyolesisebenzi kanye lathi eNkosini;

8 engimthume kini kukho lokhu, ukuze azi indaba zenu lokuthi aduduze inhliziyo zenu;

9 kanye loOnesimo umzalwane othembekileyo lothandekayo, owakini. Bazalazisa konke okulapha.

10 Uyalibingelela uAristako oyisibotshwa kanye lami, loMarko umzawakhe kaBarnabasi, elemukela imilayo ngaye; uba efika kini, memukeleni,

11 loJesu othiwa nguJustusi, owabokusoka; laba bodwa yizisebenzi kanye lami embusweni kaNkulunkulu, ababa yinduduzo kimi.

12 Uyalibingelela uEpafra owakini, inceku kaKristu, elilwela emikhulekweni ngezikhathi zonke, ukuze lime liphelele ligcwaliswe entandweni yonke kaNkulunkulu.

13 Ngoba ngiyafakaza kuye ukuthi uyalitshisekela kakhulu labaseLawodikeya labaseHiyerapoli.

14 Uyalibingelela uLuka umelaphi othandekayo, loDema.

15 Bingelelani abazalwane abaseLawodikeya, loNimfa, lebandla elisemzini wakhe.

16 Njalo nxa isifundiwe lincwadi phakathi kwenu, bonani ukuthi ifundwe lebandleni labeLawodikeya, njalo ukuthi lani liyifunde leyo evela eLawodikeya.

17 Limtshele uArkipho lithi: Qaphela inkonzo oyemukele eNkosini, ukuthi uyiphelelise.

18 Isibingelelo ngesami isandla esikaPawuli. Khumbulani izibopho zami. Umusa kawube lani. Ameni.

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I KWABASETHESALONIKA

I KWABASETHESALONIKA 1

INCWADI YOKUQALA KAPAWULI UMPHOSTOLI

UPawuli uyababingelela. Uyabonga ngokholo lwabo

1 UPawuli loSilivanu loTimothi, kubandla labeThesalonika kuNkulunkulu uBaba,
leNkosi uJesu Kristu: Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba
wethu, leNkosi uJesu Kristu.

2 Sibonga uNkulunkulu ngezikhathi zonke ngani lonke, siliphatha emikhulekweni
yethu,

3 sikhumbula ngokungaphezi isenzo senu sokholo, lomsebenzi onzima wothando,
lokuqina kwethembaeNkosini yethu uJesu Kristu, phambi kukaNkulunkulu
loBaba wethu;

4 sisazi, bazalwane abathandiweyo nguNkulunkulu, ukukhethwa kwenu;

5 ngoba ivangeli lethu kalifikanga kini ngelizwi kuphela, kodwa langamandla,
langoMoya oNgcwele, langokuqiniswa okukhulu, njengoba lisazi ukuthi sasinjani
phakathi kwenu ngenxa yenu.

6 Lani laba ngabalingisi bethu labeNkosi, selilemukele ilizwi ekuhluphekeni
okukhulu lilentokozo kaMoya oNgcwele,

7 laze laba yizibonelo kubo bonke abakholwayo eMakedoniya leAkaya.

8 Ngoba kini kwezwakala ilizwi leNkosi, kungeyisikho
eMakedoniya leAkaya kuphela, kodwa ukholo lwenu kuNkulunkulu lwaphumela
lakuyo yonke indawo, okokuthi kwakungasadingeki ukuthi sikhulume ulutho.

9 Ngoba bona uqobo lwabo balandisa ngathi ukuthi saba lokungena okunjani kini,
lokuthi laphendukela njani kuNkulunkulu livela ezithombeni, ukuthi likhonze
uNkulunkulu ophilayo loweqiniso,

10 lilindele iNdodana yakhe ivela emazulwini, ayivusa kwabafileyo, uJesu
osihlangula elakeni oluzayo.

I KWABASETHESALONIKA 2

UPawuli ubakhumbuza ngomsebenzi wakhe phakathi kwabo

1 Ngoba liyazi lina, bazalwane, ukungena kwethu kini, ukuthi kakubanga yize;

2 kodwa lanxa sasihluphekile kuqala saphathwa kubi, njengoba lisazi, eFiliphi,
saba lesibindi kuNkulunkulu wethu sokukhuluma kini ivangeli likaNkulunkulu
phakathi kokulwa okukhulu.

3 Ngoba inkuthazo yethu yayingayisiyo yokuduha njalo ingaveli ekungcoleni,
njalo ingengobugqili;

4 kodwa njengoba sivunywe nguNkulunkulu ukuthi siphathiswe ivangeli,
sikhuluma ngokunjalo, kungenjengokuthokozisa abantu, kodwa uNkulunkulu
ohlola inhliziyo zethu.

5 Ngoba kasizange size ngamazwi ayengayo, njengoba lisazi, futhi kungeyisikho
ngokufihla ubuhwaba; uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi;

6 singadingi udumo ebantwini, futhi olungaveli kini kumbe kwabanye, loba
sasingaba ngumthwalonjengabaphostoli bakaKristu,

7 kodwa saba mnene phakathi kwenu njengomdlezane esingatha abakhe
abantwana.

8 Njengoba besilithanda kangaka, sathokoza ukulinika kungeyisilo ivangeli
likaNkulunkulu kuphela, kodwa lemiphefumulo yethu uqobo, ngoba
laselingabathandekayo kithi.

9 Ngoba liyakhumbula, bazalwane, ukutshikatshika lokulwisa kwethu; ngoba
ubusuku lemini sisebenza ukuze singabi ngumthwalo lakomunye wenu,
silitshumayeza ivangeli likaNkulunkulu.

10 Lina lingabafakazi, loNkulunkulu, ukuthi sasingcwele njani njalo silungile futhi
singasoleki kini elikholwayo;

11 njengoba-ke lisazi ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wenu, njengoyise kwabakhe
abantwana, salikhuthaza njani saliduduza safakaza

12 ukuthi lihambe ngokufanele uNkulunkulu olibizela embusweni lebukhosini
bakhe.

UPawuli ulandisa ngenhlupheko zabo

13 Ngenxa yalokhu njalo thina kasiyekeli ukumbonga uNkulunkulu, ukuthi
selemukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu elalizwa kithi, lemukela kungeyisilo ilizwi
labantu, kodwa linjengeqiniso ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, osebenza lakini
elikholwayo.

14 Ngoba lina, bazalwane, laba ngabalingiseli bamabandla
kaNkulunkulu aseJudiya kuKristu Jesu; ngoba lani lahlupheka lezizinto
kwabesizwe sakini uqobo, njengoba lawo kumaJuda,

15 abulala leNkosi uJesu labaprofethi bawo uqobo, asizingela lathi,
kawamthokozisi uNkulunkulu, amelana labantu bonke,

16 esivimbela ukutshumayeza abezizwe ukuze basindiswe, ukuze agcwalise izono
zawo njalonjalo; kodwa ulakaselwehlele phezu kwawo kuze kube sekupheleni.

Uthando lukaPawuli kwabeThesalonika

17 Kodwa thina, bazalwane, lokhu sehlukaniswe lani okwesikhatshana, ngobuso,
kungeyisikho ngenhliziyo, sazama kakhulukazi ukuthi sibone ubuso benu
ngokulangatha okukhulu.

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18 Ngakho besifisa ukufika kini, ikakhulu mina Pawuli, lakanye lokuphinda, kodwa uSathane wasivimbela;

19 ngoba liyini ithemba lethu, kumbe intokozo, kumbe umqhele wokuzincoma? Angithi yini futhi, phambi kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu ekufikeni kwayo?

20 Ngoba lina liludumo lentokozo yethu.

I KWABASETHESALONIKA 3

UPawuli wathuma uTimothi kubo

1 Kwathi-ke singaselakubekezela, sathi kuhle ukuthi sitshiywe sodwa eAtene,

2 sasesithuma uTimothi umzalwane wethu lesikhonzi sikaNkulunkulu lesisebenzi kanye lathi evangelini likaKristu, ukuze aliqinise lokuthi alikhuthaze ngokholo lwenu,

3 ukuze kunganyikinywa lamunye kulezizinhlupheko; ngoba liyazi lina ukuthi simiselwe lokhu.

4 Ngoba lathi siselani, salitshela ngaphambili ukuthi sesizahlupheka, njengoba futhi kwenzeka, lani liyakwazi.

5 Ngenxa yalokhu futhi ngingaselakubekezela, ngathumela ukuthi ngazi ukholo lwenu, hlezi mhlawumbe umlingi ulilingile, lokuthi umtshikatshika wethu ube yize.

UPawuli uyathokoza, uyabakhulekela

6 Kodwa khathesi uTimothi usefikile kithi evela kini, usibikele indaba ezinhle zokholo lothando lwenu, lokuthi lihlala lilomkhumbulo omuhle ngathi, lifisa kakhulu ukusibona, njengoba-ke lathi lina;

7 ngenxa yalokhu saduduzeka, bazalwane, ngani, kukho konke ukuhlupheka losizi lwethu ngokholo lwenu;

8 ngoba khathesi siyaphila, uba lina limi liqinile eNkosini.

9 Ngoba sibongobani esingenanisa kuNkulunkulu ngani, ngentokozo yonke esithokoza ngayo ngenxa yenu phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu?

10 Ebusuku lemini siyakhuleka kakhulu sidlulisa amalawulo ukuze sibone ubuso benu, siphelelise-keokusileleyo kokholo lwenu.

11 Njalo kungathi uNkulunkulu uqobo loBaba wethu, leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu angaqondisa indlela yethu kini;

12 njalo kungathi iNkosi ingalandisa njalo ilenze lengezeleleke ethandweni omunye komunye lakubo bonke, njengoba sinjalo lathi kini,

13 ukuze iqinise inhliziyo zenu zingasoleki ebungcweleni, phambi
kukaNkulunkulu loBaba wethu, ekufikenikweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kanye
labangcwele bakhe bonke.

I KWABASETHESALONIKA 4

UPawuli ubalaya ngokuhamba kwabo

1Okunye-ke, bazalwane, siyalincenga silikhuthaza eNkosini uJesu, njengalokhu
lakwemukela kithi ukuthi kulifanele njani ukuhamba lokumthokozisa
uNkulunkulu, ukuze lengezelele kukho kakhulu.

2 Ngoba liyazi ukuthi milayo bani esalinika yona ngeNkosi uJesu.

3 Ngoba le yintando kaNkulunkulu, ukungcweliswa kwenu, ukuthi lizithinte
ekuphingeni;

4 ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wenu kakwazi ukugcina esakhe
isitsha ekungcweliseni lekuhlonipheni,

5 kungeyisikho enkanukweni yesifiso, njengabezizwe lazo ezingamaziyo
uNkulunkulu.

6 Kakungabi khona oweqayo aqile umfowabo endabeni; ngoba iNkosi
ingumphindiseli ngazo zonke lezizinto, njengoba lathi salitshela ngaphambili
safakaza.

7 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasibizelanga emanyaleni, kodwa ebungcweleni.

8 Ngakho lowo odelelayo, kadeleli muntu, kodwa uNkulunkulu owasinika futhi
uMoya wakhe oyiNgcwele.

9 Kodwa mayelana lothando lobuzalwane kalidingi ukuthi ngilibhalele; ngoba
lina uqobo lifundisiwe nguNkulunkulu ukuthi lithandane;

10 ngoba lani lenza lokhu kubo bonke abazalwane abaseMakedoniya yonke;
kodwa siyalikhuthaza, bazalwane, ukuthi lengezelele kakhulu,

11 njalo likhuthalele ukuba lokuthula lokwenza okwenu, lokusebenza ngezenu
izandla, njengoba salilaya;

12 ukuze lihambe ngokuhlonitshwa ngabangaphandle, lingasweli lutho.

Ukuvuka kwabafileyo

13 Kodwa kangithandi ukuthi lingabi lalwazi, bazalwane, ngalabo abaleleyo,
ukuze lingadabuki, njengabanyelabo abangelathemba.

14 Ngoba uba sikholwa ukuthi uJesu wafa wavuka, ngokunjalo-ke labo abalele
kuJesu, uNkulunkulu uzabaletha kanye laye.

15 Ngoba lokhu sikutsho kini ngelizwi leNkosi, ukuthi thina esiphilayo esitshiywe
kuze kube sekufikeni kweNkosi, isibili kasiyikubaqalela labo asebelele;

16 ngoba iNkosi uqobo izakwehla ivela ezulwini ngesimemezelo sokulawula,
ngelizwi lengilosi eyinduna, langokukhala kophondo lukaNkulunkulu, labafileyo
kuKristu bazavuka kuqala;

17 kulandele thina esiphilayo esitshiyiweyo, sizahluthunelwa kanye labo
emayezini siyehlangabeza iNkosi emoyeni; ngokunjalo besesihlala leNkosi
njalonjalo.

18 Ngakho duduzanani ngalamazwi.

I KWABASETHESALONIKA 5

Ukufika kweNkosi

1 Kodwa ngezikhathi langemizuzu, bazalwane, kalisweli ukuthi libhalelwe,

2 ngoba lina uqobo liyazi kuhle kakhulu ukuthi usuku lweNkosi luzafika
ngokunjalo njengesela ebusuku;

3 ngoba nxa besithi: Ukuthula lokuhlala kuhle, khona ukubhujiswa
okujumayo kuzabehlela, njengomhelo kowesifazana okhulelweyo, njalo kabasoze
baphunyuke.

4 Kodwa lina, bazalwane, kalikho emnyameni, ukuze lolosuku luliphuthume
njengesela;

5 lina lonke lingabantwana bokukhanya labantwana bemini; kasisibo abobusuku
loba abobumnyama;

6 ngakho-ke asingalali njengabanye labo, kodwa asilinde siqonde.

7 Ngoba abalalayo balala ebusuku; labadakwayo badakwa ebusuku.

8 Kodwa thina esingabemini, asiqonde, sifake isivikelo sesifuba sokholo lothando,
lethemba losindiso libelikhowa,

9 ngoba uNkulunkulu kasimiselanga ulaka, kodwa ukuzuza usindiso ngeNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu,

10 owasifelayo, ukuze loba siphapheme loba silele, siphile kanye laye.

11 Ngakho khuthazanani, lakhane, njengoba lani likwenza.

UPawuli ubalaya ngokuphathana kwabo

12 Kodwa siyalincenga, bazalwane, ukuthi libazi labo abasebenza nzima phakathi
kwenu, labaliphathayo eNkosini, labalelulekayo,

13 njalo libahlonipha kakhulu okwedlula amalawulo ethandweni ngenxa
yomsebenzi wabo. Hlalisanani ngokuthula.

14 Kodwa siyalikhuthaza, bazalwane, yelulekani abangelamthetho, liduduze
abadanileyo, lisekele ababuthakathaka, libekezelele bonke.

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15 Qaphelani ukuthi kungabi khona ophindisela omunye okubi ngokubi; kodwa dingisisani ngesikhathi sonke okuhle lomunye komunye lakibo bonke.

16 Thokozani njalonjalo;

17 khulekani lingaphezi;

18 bongani kukho konke; ngoba lokhu kuyintando kaNkulunkulu kuKristu Jesu ngani.

19 Lingamcitshi uMoya;

20 lingadeleli iziprofetho;

21 hlolisisani konke; libambelele kokuhle;

22 dedani kukho konke ukubonakala kobubi.

Isicino

23 Kungathi uNkulunkulu wokuthula uqobo angalenza libe ngcwele ngokupheleleyo; njalo kungathi umoyawenu wonke lomphefumulo lomzimba kungalondolozwa kungasoleki ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu.

24 Uthembekile yena olibizayo; laye ozakwenza lokhu.

25 Bazalwane, sikhulekeleni.

26 Bingelelani abazalwane bonke ngokwanga okungcwele.

27 Ngiyalifungisa ngeNkosi, ukuthi lincwadi ifundwe kubo bonke abazalwane abangcwele.

28 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani. Ameni.

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II KWABASETHESALONIKA

II KWABASETHESALONIKA 1

INCWADI YESIBILI KAPAWULI UMPHOSTOLI

UPawuli uyababingelela. Uyabonga ngokuthuthuka kwabo evangelini

1 UPawuli loSilivanu loTimothi kubandla labeThesalonika elikuNkulunkulu uBaba
wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu:

2 Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini
uJesu Kristu.

3 Simele ukumbonga uNkulunkulu njalonjalo ngani, bazalwane, njengoba
kufanele, ngoba ukholo lwenu luyanda ngokungelakulinganiswa,
lothando lwalowo lalowo wenu lonke luyengezeleleka komunye lomunye;

4 ngakho thina ngokwethu siyazincoma ngani emabandleni
kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yokubekezela kwenu lokholo phakathi kokuzingelwa
kwenu konke lezinhlupheko elibekezela kuzo;

5 okuyisibonakaliso sokwahlulelwa okulungileyo kukaNkulunkulu, ukuze
kuthiwe lingabafanele umbuso kaNkulunkulu, lani eliwuhluphekelayo;

6 njengoba kuyinto elungileyo kuNkulunkulu ukuthi abuyisele ukuhlupheka
kwabalihluphayo,

7 njalo kini elihluphekayo, ukuphumula kanye lathi, ekwembulweni kweNkosi
uJesu evela ezulwini lengilosizamandla akhe,

8 emalangabini omlilo, esenza impindiselo kwabangamaziyo uNkulunkulu,
lakwabangalaleli ivangeli leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu;

9 abazahlupheka ngesijeziso sokubhujiswa okulaphakade, basuswe ebusweni
beNkosi lenkazimulweni yamandla akhe,

10 mhla efika ukuthi adunyiswe kubangcwele bakhe, njalo abatshazwe ekubo
bonke abakholwayo (ngoba ubufakazi bethu bakholeka phakathi kwenu)
ngalolosuku.

11 Ngenxa yalokho sihlala silikhulekela lani, ukuze uNkulunkulu wethu
alibone lingabafanele ubizo, lokuze aphelelise yonke intando
enhle yobuhle bakhe lomsebenzi wokholo ngamandla;

12 ukuze ibizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu lidunyiswe kini, lani kuye, njengomusa
kaNkulunkulu wethu loweNkosi uJesu Kristu.

II KWABASETHESALONIKA 2

Ukufika kweNkosi lokufika kukaNgelamthetho

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1Siyalincenga-ke, bazalwane, mayelana lokufika kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu,
lokubuthana kwethu kuyo,

2 ukuthi lingaphangisi liqhuqhiswe engqondweni, kumbe lethuswe, loba
ngumoya, loba yilizwi, loba yincwadi ngokungathi ivela kithi, ngokungathi usuku
lukaKristu selufikile.

3 Kakungabi lamuntu olikhohlisayo langayiphi indlela;
ngoba aluyikufika ngaphandle kokuthi ukuhlubuka kufike kuqala, lomuntu
wesono embulwe, indodana yokubhujiswa,

4 emelana izikhukhumeze phezu kwakho konke okuthiwa nguNkulunkulu loba
yinto ekhonzwayo, ize ihlale ethempelini likaNkulunkulu njengoNkulunkulu,
izitshengisa ukuthi inguNkulunkulu.

5 Kalikhumbuli yini ukuthi ngiseselani ngalitshela lezizinto?

6 Selikwazi khathesi okuvimbelayo, ukuze embulwe ngesakhe isikhathi.

7 Ngoba imfihlo yokungabi lomthetho isasebenza;
kuphela kukhona ovimbelayo okwalesisikhathi, aze asuswe phakathi,

8 khona-ke ezakwembulwa oNgelamthetho, iNkosi ezamqeda ngokuphefumula
komlomo wayo, izambhubhisa ngokubonakala kokufika kwayo;

9 lowo okufika kwakhe kunjengokusebenza kukaSathane emandleni
wonke lezibonakaliswenilezimangalisweni zamanga,

10 lenkohlisweni yonke yokungalungi kulabo ababhubhayo, ngoba
kabemukelanga uthando lweqiniso ukuze basindiswe.

11 Ngenxa yalokhu-ke uNkulunkulu uzabathumezela amandla enkohliso, ukuze
bakholwe amanga;

12 ukuze balahlwe bonke abangakholwanga iqiniso, kodwa bathokoza kukho
ukungalungi.

Ukubonga lokunxusa kukaPawuli

13 Kodwa thina simele ukubonga uNkulunkulu njalonjalo ngani, bazalwane
abathandwa beNkosi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu walikhethela usindiso kusukela
ekuqaleni, ekungcwelisweni koMoya, lokholo lweqiniso;

14 owalibizela kulokhu ngevangeli lethu, ekuzuzeni inkazimulo yeNkosi yethu
uJesu Kristu.

15 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, manini liqine, libambelele
ezimfundisweni elazifundiswayo, loba ngelizwi, kumbe ngencwadi yethu.

16 Kakuthi-ke iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu uqobo, loNkulunkulu, ngitsho uBaba
wethu owasithandayo, lowasinika induduzo elaphakade lethemba
elihle ngomusa,

17 aduduze inhliziyo zenu, aliqinise emazwini lemisebenzini yonke emihle.

II KWABASETHESALONIKA 3

Izicelo lezifiso lezeluleko zikaPawuli

1 Elokucina, bazalwane, sikhulekeleni, ukuze ilizwi leNkosi ligijime, lidunyiswe, njengalokhu kwaba njalolakini,

2 lokuthi sikhululwe ebantwini abangaqondanga lababi; ngoba ukholo kayisilo lwabo bonke.

3 Kodwa iNkosi ithembekile, ezaliqinisa ilivikele komubi.

4 Silethemba-ke eNkosini ngani, ukuthi izinto esililaya zona, lani liyazenza njalo lizazenza.

5 Kodwa iNkosi sengathi ingaqondisa inhliziyo zenu ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu, lekubekezeleni kukaKristu.

6 Siyalilaya-ke, bazalwane, ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuthi lizehlukanise laye wonke umzalwaneohamba ngokungafanelanga, njalo kungenjengomlayo elawemukela kithi.

7 Ngoba liyazi ngokwenu ukuthi lifanele lisilingise njani; ngoba kasihambanga ngokungafanelanga phakathi kwenu,

8 njalo kasidlanga kudla komuntu ngesihle, kodwa ekutshikatshikeni lekusebenzeni nzima, ubusuku leminisisebenza, ukuze singabi ngumthwalo lakomunye wenu;

9 kungesikuthi sasingelalungelo, kodwa ukuze sizinikele kini njengesibonelo sokusilingisela.

10 Ngoba lalapho silani, salilaya lokhu ukuthi: Uba umuntu engafuni ukusebenza, akumelanga adle.

11 Ngoba sizwa ukuthi abanye phakathi kwenu bahambahamba ngokungafanelanga, kabasebenzi lutho, kodwa besenza izinto ezingelamsebenzi.

12 Abanjalo-ke siyabalaya sibakhuthaze ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuze basebenze ngokuthula badle okwabo ukudla.

13 Lani, bazalwane, lingadinwa yikwenza okuhle.

14 Kodwa uba umuntu engalaleli ilizwi lethu ngencwadi, mqapheliseni lowo, njalo lingahlangani laye, ukuze abe lenhloni;

15 njalo lingamphathi njengesitha, kodwa melulekeni njengomzalwane.

16 Sengathi-ke iNkosi yokuthula uqobo ingalinika ukuthula ngesikhathi sonke ngendlela zonke. INkosi kayibelani lonke.

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17 Isibingelelo ngesami isandla esikaPawuli, okuluphawu kuyo yonke incwadi;
ngibhala ngokunjalo.

18 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Ameni.

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I KUTIMOTHI

I KUTIMOTHI 1

INCWADI YOKUQALA KAPAWULI UMPHOSTOLI

Isibingelelo

1UPawuli, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu njengokomlayo kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi
wethu, loweNkosi uJesu Kristu ithemba lethu,

2 kuTimothi umntanami weqiniso ekholweni: Umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu loJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu.

UPawuli uxwayisa uTimothi ngokufundisa okungamanga

3 Njengoba ngakukhuthaza ukuthi uhlale eEfesu, ngisiya eMakedoniya, ukuze
ulaye abathile ukuthi bangafundisi imfundiso eyehlukileyo,

4 futhi bangananzeleli izinganekwane lendaba zosendo
olokuzalana ezingapheliyo, ezibanga ukuphikisanakulokwakha kukaNkulunkulu
okusekholweni.

5 Kodwa injongo yomlayo luthando oluvela enhliziyweni emhlophe lakusazela
esihle lekholweniolungelakuzenzisa;

6 kulokhu abathile abaduhe kukho baphambukela ekukhulumeni okuyize,

7 befuna ukuthi babe ngabafundisi bomlayo, bengaqedisisi lezinto abazitshoyo,
kumbe langezinto abaziqinisayo.

8 Kodwa siyazi ukuthi umlayo ulungile, uba umuntu ewusebenzisa ngokomlayo,

9 esazi lokhu, ukuthi umlayo kawubekelwa olungileyo, kodwa abangelamlayo
labangalaleliyo, abeyisa uNkulunkulu labayizoni,
abangangcwele labangakholwayo, ababulala oyise lababulala onina, ababulala
abantu,

10 izifebe, abesilisa abalalanayo, abathumba abantu, abaqambimanga, abephula
izifungo, njalo nxa kukhona okunye okuphambene lemfundiso ephilileyo,

11 njengokwevangeli lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu obusisiweyo, engaphathiswa
lona.

UPawuli ubonga uNkulunkulu owamhawukelayo

12 Ngiyambonga-ke owanginika amandla, uKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu, ukuthi
wangibona ngithembekile, wangimisa enkonzweni,

13 owayekade engumhlambazi lomzingeli lomthuki; kodwa ngahawukelwa,
ngoba ngangikwenza ngokungazi ekungakholweni;

14 kodwa umusa weNkosi yethu wengezelelwa kakhulu kanye lokholo lothando
olukuKristu Jesu.

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15 Lithembekile lelilizwi njalo lifanele ukwemukelwa konke, ukuthi uKristu Jesu weza emhlabeni ukusindisa izoni, engiyinduna yazo mina;

16 kodwa ngenxa yalokhu ngahawukelwa, ukuze kimi engiyinduna uJesu Kristu abonakalise konke ukubekezela, ngibe yisibonelo kwabazakholwa kuye empilweni ephakade.

17 Kuyo-ke iNkosi eyisimakade, engabhubhiyo, engelakubonwa, uNkulunkulu yedwa ohlakaniphileyo,kakube udumo lobukhosi kuze kube nini lanininini. Ameni.

18 Lumlayo ngiwunika wena, mntanami Timothi, njengeziprofetho ezenzakala kuqala ngawe, ukuze ngazo ulwe ukulwa okuhle,

19 ubamba ukholo lesazela esihle, abanye abasininayo, bachithekelwa ngumkhumbi mayelana lokholo;

20 okukubo uHimeneyo loAleksandro, engibanikele kuSathane, ukuze bafunde ukuthi bangahlambazi.

I KUTIMOTHI 2

Imithetho yenkonzo yebandla

1Ngakho kuqala kukho konke ngikhuthaza ukuthi ukunxusa, imikhuleko, ukulabhela, ukubongakwenzelwe abantu bonke;

2 amakhosi, labo bonke abayiziphathamandla, ukuze sichithe impilo elokuthula lepholileyo kukho konke ukukhonza uNkulunkulu lenhlonipho;

3 ngoba lokhu kuhle kuyemukeleka phambi kukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu,

4 ofuna ukuthi bonke abantu basindiswe njalo beze elwazini lweqiniso.

5 Ngoba munye uNkulunkulu, njalo munye umlamuli phakathi kukaNkulunkulu labantu, umuntu uKristu Jesu,

6 owazinikela yena ukuba lihlawulo labo bonke, ubufakazi ngezikhathi ezifaneleyo,

7 mina engamiselwa khona ukuba ngumtshumayeli lomphostoli (ngikhuluma iqiniso kuKristu, kangiqambi manga) umfundisi wabezizwe ekholweni leqinisweni.

8 Ngakho ngifisa ukuthi amadoda akhuleke kuyo yonke indawo, ephakamisa izandla ezingcwele, engelalaka lokuxabana.

9 Ngokunjalo labesifazana bazicecise ngezigqoko ezifaneleyo, lenhlonipho lokuqonda, kungabi ngenwele ezelukiweyo, kumbe igolide, kumbe amapharele, kumbe izembatho ezidulayo,

10 kodwa, okufanele abesifazana abathi bakhonza uNkulunkulu, ngemisebenzi emihle.

11 Owesifazana kafunde ngokuthula ekuzithobeni konke.

12 Kodwa kangivumeli owesifazana ukuthi afundise, kumbe abe lamandla phezu kowesilisa, kodwa abe ekuthuleni.

13 Ngoba uAdamu wabunjwa kuqala, emva kwalokho uEva;

14 futhi uAdamu kakhohliswanga, kodwa owesifazana esekhohlisiwe waba sesiphambekweni,

15 kodwa uzasindiswa ngokuzala abantwana, uba behlala ekholweni lethandweni lebungcweleni kanye lokuqonda.

I KUTIMOTHI 3

Mayelana labaphathi bebandla

1 Lithembekile ilizwi elithi: Uba umuntu efisa isikhundla sombonisi, ufisa umsebenzi omuhle;

2 ngakho kumele ukuthi umbonisi abe ngongasolekiyo, indoda yomfazi munye, ozithintayo, oqondileyo, oziphatha ngokufaneleyo, ophatha kuhle izihambi, olelisu lokufundisa;

3 angabi yisidakwa, angabi ngothanda ukulwa, anganxwaneli inzuzo embi, kodwa abe mnene, angabi ngothanda ukuxabana, angabi ngothanda imali;

4 ephatha kuhle owakhe umuzi, elabantwana abalalela ngenhlonipho yonke,

5 ngoba uba umuntu engakwazi ukuphatha owakhe umuzi, angaligcina njani ibandla likaNkulunkulu?

6 Kangabi ngosanda ukukholwa, hlezi ngokukhukhunyezwa awele ekulahlweni kukadiyabhola.

7 Kumele futhi ukuthi abe lobufakazi obuhle kwabangaphandle, hlezi awele ekuthukweni lemjibilenikadiyabhola.

8 Ngokunjalo abadikoni bahlonipheke, bangabi ndimimbili, bangananzi iwayini elinengi, bangafisi inzuzo embi,

9 babambe imfihlo yokholo esazeleni esimhlophe.

10 Laba-ke kabaqale bahlolwe, okulandelayo kabakhonze uba bengasoleki.

11 Ngokunjalo omkabo babe ngabahloniphekayo, abanganyeyiyo, abazithintayo, bethembekile ezintweni zonke.

12 Abadikoni kababe ngamadoda amfazi munye, aphatha kuhle abantwana leyawo imizi.

13 Ngoba abakhonze kuhle bazizuzela isimilo esihle, lesibindi esikhulu ekholweni olukuKristu Jesu.

14 Lezizinto ngikubhalela zona, ngithemba ukuza kuwe masinyane;

15 kodwa uba ngibambeka, ukuze wazi ukuthi kufanele uziphathe njani endlini kaNkulunkulu, elibandlalikaNkulunkulu ophilayo, insika lesisekelo seqiniso.

16 Kuyavunywa-ke ukuthi yinkulu imfihlo yokukhonza uNkulunkulu: UNkulunkulu wabonakaliswa enyameni, wathiwa ulungile kuMoya, wabonwa zingilosi, watshunyayelwa ezizweni, wakholeka emhlabeni, wenyuselwa ebukhosini.

I KUTIMOTHI 4

UPawuli uxwayisa uTimothi ngabafundisi bamanga

1UMoya-ke utsho ngokucacileyo ukuthi ngezikhathi zokucina abanye bazahlehlela nyovane ekholweni, balalele omoya abaduhisayo lemfundiso zamadimoni,

2 ekuzenziseni kwabaqambimanga, betshiswe kwezabo izazela ngensimbi etshisayo,

3 besalela ukuthathana, bezila ukudla uNkulunkulu akudalileyo ekwemukelweni lokubonga ngabakholwayolabazi iqiniso;

4 ngoba sonke isidalwa sikaNkulunkulu sihle, kakulahlwa lutho, uba lwemukelwa kanye lokubonga;

5 ngoba luyangcweliswa ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu langomkhuleko.

6 Uba ubeluleka lezizinto abazalwane uzakuba yisikhonzi esihle sikaJesu Kristu, wondliwe emazwini okholo, lawemfundiso enhle oyilandelayo ngokunanzelela.

7 Kodwa wale inganekwane ezimbi lezezalukazi. Uzejwayeze ukukhonza uNkulunkulu;

8 ngoba ukwejwayeza umzimba kulokusiza okuncinyane; kodwa ukukhonza uNkulunkulu kusiza ezintweni zonke, kulesithembiso sempilo yalamuhla lezayo.

9 Lithembekile ilizwi njalo lifanele konke ukwemukelwa.

10 Ngoba ngalokho lathi siyasebenza nzima futhi siyathukwa ngoba sithembele kuNkulunkulu ophilayoonguMsindisi wabo bonke abantu, ikakhulu wabakholwayo.

UTimothi welulekwa ngokuhamba langokufundisa

11 Laya ngalezizinto ufundise.

12 Kungabi lamuntu odelela ubutsha bakho, kodwa woba yisibonelo kwabakholwayo elizwini, ekuhambeni, ethandweni, emoyeni, ekholweni, ekuhlambulukeni.

13 Ngize ngifike, nanzelela ekubaleni, ekulayeni, ekufundiseni.

14 Ungadeleli isiphiwo esikuwe, owasiphiwa ngesiprofetho kanye lokubekwa izandla zobudala.

15 Nakana ngalezizinto, ube kulezizinto, ukuze ukuqhubeka kwakho kubonakale phakathi kwabo bonke.

16 Zinanzelele wena lemfundiso. Hlala kulezizinto; ngoba ngokwenza lokho uzazisindisa wena kanye lalabo abakuzwayo.

I KUTIMOTHI 5

1 Ungamkhalimeli omdala, kodwa meluleke njengoyihlo; abatsha njengabafowenu;

2 abesifazana abadala njengonyoko; abesifazana abatsha njengabodadewenu, ekuhlambulukeni konke.

UTimothi welulekwa ngokuphatha abafelokazi ebandleni

3 Hlonipha abafelokazi abangabafelokazi isibili.

4 Kodwa uba umfelokazi othile elabantwana loba abazukulu, kabafunde kuqala ukuhlonipha indlu yakwabo, kabenanise umkhondo kubazali; ngoba lokhu kuhle kuyemukeleka phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

5 Lowo-ke ongumfelokazi isibili osele yedwa uthembele kuNkulunkulu, uhlala ekunxuseni lemikhulekweniebusuku lemini.

6 Kanti lowo ozinikela ekuzithokoziseni, ufile ephila.

7 Laya-ke ngalezizinto, ukuze bangasoleki.

8 Kodwa uba umuntu engondli abakibo, ikakhulu abendlu yakhe, uluphikile ukholo, futhi mubi kulongakholwayo.

9 Kangabalwa umfelokazi ongaphansi kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha, umfazi owake wenda endodeni kanye,

10 onconywa ngemisebenzi emihle, uba ondle abantwana, uba engenise izihambi, uba egezise inyawo zabangcwele, uba esize abahluphekayo, uba ekhuthalele wonke umsebenzi omuhle.

11 Kodwa abafelokazi abatsha ubale; ngoba nxa sebelenkanuko ezimelana loKristu, bafuna ukwenda;

12 balokulahlwa, ngoba bachithile ukholo lwabo lokuqala.

13 Futhi-ke ngesikhathi esifananayo bafunda ukuvilapha bezula lezindlu, futhi bengavilaphi kuphela, kodwa babuye bahlebe bengena kokungeyisikho okwabo, bekhuluma okungafanelanga.

14 Ngakho ngifisa ukuthi abafelokazi abatsha bende, bazale abantwana, baphathe umuzi wabo, banganiki isitha lathuba lokuthuka.

15 Ngoba lakhathesi abanye sebephambuke balandela uSathane.

16 Uba okholwayo owesilisa kumbe okholwayo owesifazana elabafelokazi, kabasize, njalo ibandla lingathwaliswa nzima, ukuze lisize abangabafelokazi isibili.

Mayelana labadala bebandla

17 Abadala abaphatha kuhle bafanele ukuhlonitshwa ngokuphindiweyo, ikakhulu labo abasebenza nzima elizwini lekufundiseni;

18 ngoba umbhalo uthi: Ungayifaki isayeke inkabi ebhulayo; futhi uthi: Isisebenzi sifanele iholo laso.

19 Ungalemukeli icala elimelana lomdala, ngaphandle phambi kwabafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu.

20 Abonayo basole phambi kwabo bonke, ukuze abanye labo babe lokwesaba.

21 Ngiyakulayisisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu leNkosi uJesu Kristu lengilosi ezikhethiweyo, ukuze uzigcine lezizinto ngokungaqumi ngaphambili, ungenzi lutho ngokubandlulula.

22 Ungaphangisi ukubeka izandla phezu komuntu, futhi ungahlanganyeli ezonweni zabanye; uzigcine wena umsulwa.

23 Ungabe usanatha amanzi wodwa, kodwa sebenzisa iwayini elilutshwana, ngenxa yesisu sakho lemikhuhlane yakho futhifuthi.

24 Izono zabanye abantu zisobala, zibaqalela ukuya ekugwetshweni; kanti ezabanye ziyalandela.

25 Ngokunjalo lemisebenzi emihle isobala; laleyo eyehlukileyo ingeke ifihlakale.

I KUTIMOTHI 6

Mayelana lezigqili

1Bonke abangaphansi kwejogwe, izigqili, kabathi amakhosi abo afanele konke ukuhlonitshwa, ukuze ibizo likaNkulunkulu lemfundiso kungahlanjazwa;

2 labalamakhosi akholwayo bangawadeleli, ngoba engabazalwane; kodwa kulalokhu kabawasebenzele, ngoba ekholwa njalo ethandeka, abahlanganyeli benzuzo. Fundisa njalo ukhuthaze lezizinto.

Imfundiso yamanga ibanga okubi

3 Uba kukhona ofundisa okwehlukileyo, njalo engavumelani lamazwi aphilileyo, aweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, lemfundiso evumelana lokukhonza uNkulunkulu,

4 uyazikhukhumeza, kazi lutho, kodwa ubulawa yinkani lemibuzo lokuphikisana ngamazwi, okuvela kukho umona, umbango, ukuthuka, imicabango emibi,

5 ukuxabaxabana kwabantu abangqondo yabo yonakele, labalahlekelwe liqiniso, besithi ukukhonza uNkulunkulu kuyindlela yenzuzo. Zehlukanise labanjalo.

6 Kodwa ukukhonza uNkulunkulu lokwenela kuyinzuzo enkulu;

7 ngoba kasizanga lalutho emhlabeni; kusobala ukuthi kasiyikusuka lalutho;

8 kodwa uba silokudla lezembatho sizakweneliswa yikho.

9 Kodwa abafisa ukunotha bawela ekulingweni lemjibileni, lenkanukweni ezinengi zobuphukuphuku ezilimazayo, ezicwilisela abantu encithakalweni lekubhujisweni;

10 ngoba uthando lwemali luyimpande yakho konke okubi; abanye beyifisa, baduhile ekholweni, bazigwaza ngenhlungu ezinengi.

Ezinye izeluleko zikaPawuli

11 Kodwa wena, O muntu kaNkulunkulu, balekela lezizinto; njalo udingisise ukulunga, ukwesaba uNkulunkulu, ukholo, uthando, ukubekezela, ubumnene.

12 Lwana ukulwa okuhle kokholo, ubambelele empilweni ephakade, owabizelwa kuyo, wavuma uvumo oluhle phambi kwabafakazi abanengi.

13 Ngiyakulaya phambi kukaNkulunkulu ophilisa konke, loKristu Jesu owafakaza uvumo oluhle phambi kukaPontiyusi Pilatu,

14 ukuthi ugcine umthetho ungelasici, ungasoleki, kuze kube sekubonakaleni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu,

15 ozakubonakalisa ngezakhe izikhathi obusisiweyo loSomandla oyedwa, iNkosi yamakhosi, loMbusi wababusi,

16 yena yedwa olokungafi, ohlala ekukhanyeni okungelakusondelelwa, akulamuntu ebantwini owambonayo, kumbe ongambona; okukuye udumo lamandla aphakade. Ameni.

17 Laya abanothileyo emhlabeni wakhathesi ukuthi bangazigqaji, bangathembeli ekungaqondini kwenotho, kodwa kuNkulunkulu ophilayo osipha ngokunotha zonke izinto ukuze sithokoze,

18 benze okuhle, banothe emisebenzini emihle, balungele ukupha, ukwabelana ngesihle,

19 bazibekele isisekelo esihle sibekelwa okuzayo, ukuze babambe impilo elaphakade.

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20 O Timothi, londoloza kuhle okubekwe kuwe, uxwaye ukukhuluma okuyize okungcolileyo lokuphikisana kwalokho okuthiwa lulwazi kungeyisilo,

21 okuthe abanye ngokukuvuma baduha ekholweni.

Umusa kawube lani. Ameni.

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II KUTIMOTHI

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INCWADI YESIBILI KAPAWULI UMPHOSTOLI

Isibingelelo

1UPawuli umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, njengokwesithembiso sempilo ekuKristu Jesu,

2 kuTimothi, umntanami othandekayo: Umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, loKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu.

UTimothi welulekwa ukuthi azivuselele

3 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu, engimkhonzayo kusukela kubokhokho esazeleni esimhlophe, njengalokhu ngikukhumbula ngokungaphezi emikhulekweni yami ebusuku lemini,

4 ngilangatha ukukubona, ngikhumbula inyembezi zakho, ukuze ngigcwaliswe ngentokozo,

5 nxa ngibeka emkhumbulweni ukholo olungelakuzenzisa olukuwe, olwaluhlezi kugogo wakho uLoyisi kuqala lakunyoko uYunike, njalo ngithemba ukuthi lukhona lakuwe.

6 Ngenxa yalesisizatho ngiyakukhumbuza ukuthi uvuselele isipho sikaNkulunkulu, esikuwe ngokubekwa kwezandla zami.

7 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasinikanga umoya wobugwala, kodwa owamandla lowothando lowokuqonda.

8 Ngakho ungabi lanhloni ngobufakazi beNkosi yethu, loba ngami isibotshwa sayo; kodwa kumele uhluphekekanye levangeli njengamandla kaNkulunkulu,

9 owasisindisayo, njalo wasibiza ngobizo olungcwele, kungeyisikho njengemisebenzi yethu kodwa ngokwelakhe icebo langomusa, asinika wona kuKristu Jesu kungakafiki izibanga zezikhathi,

10 kodwa oselubonakaliswe khathesi ngokubonakala koMsindisi wethu uJesu Kristu, owachitha ukufa, waseletha ekukhanyeni impilo lokungabhubhi ngevangeli,

11 engamiselwa lona mina ukuba ngumtshumayeli lomphostoli lomfundisi wezizwe.

12 Ngenxa yalesisizatho lami ngiyahlupheka lezizinto, kodwa kangilanhloni; ngoba ngiyamazi engikholwekuye, njalo ngileqiniso ukuthi ulamandla okulondoloza lokho engikubeke kuye kuze kufike lolosuku.

13 Bambelela kusibonelo samazwi aphilileyo owawezwayo kimi, ekholweni lethandweni olukuKristu Jesu.

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14 Lokhu okuhle okuphathisiweyo kulondoloze ngoMoya oNgcwele ohlezi kithi.

15 Uyakwazi lokhu, ukuthi bonke abaseAsiya bangihlamuka, okukubo uFigelo loHermogene.

16 Sengathi iNkosi inganika umusa indlu kaOnesiforo; ngoba wangivuselela kanengi, njalo wayengelanhloningeketane lami,

17 kodwa ekufikeni kwakhe eRoma, wangidingisisa kakhulu wasengithola;

18 sengathi iNkosi ingamnika ukuthi athole isihawu eNkosini ngalolosuku; lokuthi zingaki izinto angenzela zona eEfesu, uyakwazi wena kuhle kakhulu.

II KUTIMOTHI 2

UTimothi welulekwa ukuthi abe lesibindi

1 Ngakho wena, mntanami, qiniswa emuseni okuKristu Jesu.

2 Lezinto owazizwa kimi phakathi kwabafakazi abanengi, zinikele ebantwini abathembekileyo, abazakuba lamandla okufundisa labanye.

3 Ngakho wena hlupheka ngobunzima, njengebutho elihle likaJesu Kristu.

4 Kakho osebenza njengebutho okhanywa zindaba zempilo, ukuze amkholise lowo ombuthileyo.

5 Futhi nxa umuntu laye encintisana, kanikwa umqhele ngaphandle kokuthi encintisana ngokomthetho.

6 Kufanele umlimi osebenza kakhulu emukele kuqala izithelo.

7 Nakana ngezinto engizitshoyo; njalo sengathi iNkosi ingakunika ukuqedisisa ezintweni zonke.

8 Khumbula ukuthi uJesu Kristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, owenzalo kaDavida, njengokwevangeli lami;

9 engihlupheka kulo okubi kuze kube kuzibopho, njengomenzi wobubi; kanti ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kalibotshwanga.

10 Ngakho ngikubekezelele konke ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, ukuze labo bazuze usindiso olukuKristu Jesu, kanye lobukhosi obuphakade.

11 Lithembekile ilizwi elithi: Ngoba uba safa kanye laye, sizaphila kanye laye futhi;

12 uba sibekezela, lathi sizabusa kanye laye; uba simphika, laye uzasiphika;

13 uba singathembeki, yena uhlala ethembekile; angeziphike yena.

UTimothi uxwayiswa ngokuphikisana

14 Bakhumbuze lezizinto, ulayisise phambi kweNkosi ukungaphikisi ngamazwi kokungasizi lutho, kodwaekuduhisweni kwabezwayo.

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15 Khuthalela ukuthi uziveze kuNkulunkulu uthembekile, isisebenzi esingelambangela yokuba lenhloni, esiqondisa kuhle ilizwi leqiniso.

16 Kodwa xwaya ukukhuluma okungcolileyo okuyize; ngoba bazaqhubeka ekungamesabini uNkulunkulu okukhulu,

17 lelizwi labo lizabhibhidla okwemvukuzane; okukubo uHimeneyo loFileto;

18 abaduhileyo eqinisweni, besithi ukuvuka kwabafileyo sekudlule, begenqula ukholo lwabanye.

19 Loba kunjalo isisekelo sikaNkulunkulu simi siqinile, silaloluphawu lokuthi: INkosi iyabazi abangabayo, lokuthi: Wonke obiza ibizo likaKristu kehlukane lokungalungi.

20 Kodwa endlini enkulu kakukho izitsha zegolide lezesiliva kuphela, kodwa lezesihlahla lezebumba, njalo ezinye ngezenhlonipho, kodwa ezinye ngezokungahlonitshwa.

21 Ngakho uba umuntu ezihlambulula kulezizinto, uzakuba yisitsha senhlonipho, esingcwelisiweyo, njalo esilosizo kumninindlu, sesilungiselwe wonke umsebenzi omuhle.

22 Balekela-ke inkanuko yobutsha, kodwa udingisise ukulunga, ukholo, uthando, ukuthula kanye labo ababiza iNkosi kuvela enhliziyweni emhlophe.

23 Kodwa yala ukuphikisana okobuthutha lokokungafundi, usazi ukuthi kubanga ukulwa.

24 Inceku yeNkosi-ke kayifanele ukulwisa, kodwa ukuba mnene kibo bonke, ibe lelisu lokufundisa, ibekezele,

25 ibeluleke ngobumnene abalenkani; mhlawumbe uNkulunkulu angabanika ukuphenduka baye kulwazi lweqiniso,

26 njalo basanguluke kumjibila kadiyabhola, ababanjwe nguye entandweni yakhe.

II KUTIMOTHI 3

Izinto ezimbi zezinsuku zokucina

1 Kodwa yazi lokhu, ukuthi ensukwini zokucina kuzafika izikhathi ezinzima.

2 Ngoba abantu bazakuba ngabazithandayo, abathanda imali, abazikhukhumezayo, abazigqajayo, abahlambazayo, abangalaleli abazali, abangabongiyo, abangangcwele,

3 abangelathando ngemvelo, abangelakuxoliswa, abahlebayo, abangazikhuziyo, abalolaka, abangathandi okuhle,

4 abanikela abanye, abalamawala, abazikhukhumezayo, abathanda intokozo kulokuthanda uNkulunkulu,

5 abalesimo sokukhonza uNkulunkulu, kodwa amandla alo bewaphika; labanjalo baxwaye.

6 Ngoba okuvela kubo labo ngabanyenyela ezindlini, njalo bathumbe abesifazana ababuthakathaka abasindwa yizono, bebuswa zinkanuko eziyinhlobonhlobo,

7 befunda njalonjalo, futhi bengasoze babelakho ukufika elwazini lweqiniso.

8 Njengoba-ke uJanesi loJambere bamelana loMozisi, ngokunjalo lalaba bamelana leqiniso, abantu abalengqondo eyonakeleyo, abangasizi lutho mayelana lokholo.

9 Kodwa kabayikuqhubekela phambili; ngoba ubuthutha babo buzakuba sobala kibo bonke, njengoba kwaba njalo lakobabo.

Ukubambelela emfundisweni elungileyo

10 Kodwa wena ulandele ngokunanzelela imfundiso yami, ukuziphatha, injongo, ukholo, ukubekezela, uthando, ukuqinisela,

11 ukuzingelwa, izinhlupheko, njengalokhu okwangehlela eAntiyoki, eIkoniyuma, eListra, ukuzingelwa okunjani engakuthwalayo; njalo kukho konke iNkosi yangophula.

12 Isibili labo bonke abathanda ukuphila ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu kuKristu Jesu bazazingelwa;

13 kodwa abantu ababi labakhohlisi bazaqhubekela phambili bedlulisa ebubini, bekhohlisa njalo bekhohliswa.

14 Kodwa wena mana kulezozinto ozifundileyo lowaqiniseka kuzo, usazi ukuthi uzifunde kubani,

15 lokuthi kusukela ebuntwaneni wayazi imibhalo engcwele, elamandla okukuhlakaniphisa kube sesindisweni ngokholo olukuKristu Jesu.

16 Wonke umbhalo waphefumulelwa nguNkulunkulu, njalo ulungele imfundiso, ukukhalimela, ukuqondisa, ukufundisa okusekulungeni;

17 ukuze umuntu kaNkulunkulu aphelele, alungisiselwe wonke umsebenzi omuhle.

II KUTIMOTHI 4

UTimothi ulaywa ukuthi aqine

1Ngakho mina ngiyalayisisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu, leNkosi uJesu Kristu, ozakwahlulela abaphilayo labafileyo, ekubonakaleni kwakhe lembusweni wakhe,

2 tshumayela ilizwi, ulunge ngesikhathi esilungileyo, ngesikhathi esingalunganga, sola, ukhuze, weluleke, ekubekezeleni konke lemfundisweni.

3 Ngoba kuzakuba lesikhathi lapho bengayikuvuma imfundiso ephilileyo, kodwa ngokowabo umhawu bazazibuthelelela abafundisi, belunywa zindlebe;

4 njalo bazafulathelisa indlebe zabo eqinisweni,
bazaphambukela ezinganekwaneni.

5 Kodwa wena qonda ezintweni zonke, ubekezelele inhlupheko, wenze
umsebenzi womvangeli, ugcwalise inkonzo yakho.

6 Ngoba mina sengithululwe njengomnikelo wokunathwayo, lesikhathi sokusuka
kwami sesifikile.

7 Ngilwile ukulwa okuhle, ngiqedile uhambo, ngilondolozile ukholo;

8 kusukela khathesi, ngibekelwe umqhele wokulunga, ezanginika wona
ngalolosuku iNkosi, umahluleli olungileyo; kodwa kungeyisimi ngedwa, kodwa
labo bonke abathanda ukubonakala kwayo.

UTimothi ucelwa ukuthi afike kuPawuli

9 Khuthala ukuza kimi masinyane;

10 ngoba uDema ungihlamukile, ethande umhlaba wakhathesi, waya
eThesalonika; uKresena eGalathiya, uTitosi eDalmathiya.

11 ULuka yedwa ulami. Thatha uMarko ubuye laye; ngoba uloncedo kakhulu kimi
enkonzweni.

12 Kodwa uTikiko ngimthume eEfesu.

13 Ulethe isembatho engasitshiya kuKarpo eTrowasi, nxa ubuya, lezingwalo,
ikakhulu incwadi zesikhumba.

14 UAleksandro umkhandi wethusi wangitshengisa okubi okunengi; sengathi
iNkosi ingambuyisela njengokwemisebenzi yakhe;

15 umxwaye lawe, ngoba wamelana kakhulukazi lamazwi ethu.

16 Ekuziphenduleleni kwami kwakuqala kwakungekho muntu owangimelayo,
kodwa bonke bangihlamuka; sengathi kungebalelwe kibo.

17 Kodwa iNkosi yangimela, yangipha amandla, ukuze ngami
ukutshumayela kupheleliswe, lezizwe zonke zizwe; ngasengikhululwa emlonyeni
wesilwane,

18 njalo iNkosi izangikhulula kuwo wonke umsebenzi omubi, njalo izangisindisela
umbuso wayo wezulu; kakubekuyo ubukhosi kuze kube phakade laphakade.
Ameni.

Isicino

19 Bingelela uPriska loAkwila, lendlu kaOnesiforo.

20 UErastu wasala eKorinte; kodwa uTrofimu ngamtshiya eMilethu egula.

21 Khuthala ufike ubusika bungakafiki. UYubulu uyakubingelela, loPudeni, loLino,
loKlawudiya, labo bonke abazalwane.

22 INkosi uJesu Kristu kayibe lomoya wakho. Umusa kawube lani. Ameni.

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KUTITOSI

KUTITOSI 1

INCWADI KAPAWULI

Isibingelelo

1 UPawuli, inceku kaNkulunkulu, lomphostoli kaJesu Kristu, njengokokholo
lwabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu lolwazi
lweqiniso olunjengokukhonza uNkulunkulu,

2 ethembeni lempilo elaphakade, uNkulunkulu ongaqambi
manga alithembisa zingakafiki izibanga zesikhathi,

3 kodwa wabonakalisa ngezikhathi ezifaneleyo ilizwi
lakhe ngokutshumayela mina engakuphathiswayonjengokulaya kukaNkulunkulu
uMsindisi wethu,

4 kuTitosi umntanami isibili njengokholo esiluhlanganyele sonke: Umusa,
isihawu, ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, leNkosini uJesu Kristu
uMsindisi wethu.

Ukubekwa kwabadala bebandla. Abafundisi bamanga

5 Ngenxa yalokhu ngakutshiya eKrete, ukuze ulungise lezozinto eziseleyo, njalo
ubeke abadala kuwo wonke umuzi, njengoba mina ngakulaya;

6 uba kukhona ongasolekiyo, indoda elomfazi munye, elabantwana abakholwayo,
abangasolwa ngokuganga, loba ngokungalaleli.

7 Ngoba kufanele umbonisi abe ngongasolekiyo, njengomphathindlu
kaNkulunkulu; ongayisiso siqholo, ongathukutheli masinyane, ongesiso sidakwa,
ongathandi ukulwa, ongafisi inzuzo embi,

8 kodwa ophatha kuhle izihambi, othanda okuhle, oziphathayo, oqondileyo,
ongcwele, ozithintayo,

9 ebambelela elizwini elithembekileyo njengokwemfundiso, ukuze laye
abe lamandla okukhuthaza ngemfundiso ephilileyo, lokwehlula labo abalenkani.

10 Ngoba kulabanengi labo abangalaleliyo, abakhuluma okuyize labakhohlisayo,
ikakhulu labo abokusoka,

11 imilomo yabo imele ukufakwa isayeke, abagenqula imizi yonke, befundisa
izinto ezingafanelanga, ngenxa yenzuzo embi.

12 Omunye kibo, owabo umprofethi, wathi: AmaKrete ahlezi engabaqambimanga,
izilo ezimbi, iziminzi ezivilaphayo.

13 Lobubufakazi buqinisile. Ngalesosizatho balayisise ngobukhali, ukuze baphile
ekholweni,

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14 bangalaleli inganekwane zamaJuda, lemithetho yabantu abafulathela iqiniso.

15 Kwabahlambulukileyo konke kuhlambulukile; kodwa kwabangcolileyo labangakholwayo kakulalutho oluhlanzekileyo; kodwa lengqondo lezazela zabo kungcolile.

16 Bavuma ukuthi bayamazi uNkulunkulu, kodwa bemphika ngezenzo, besenyanyeka, labangalaleliyo, lakuwo wonke umsebenzi omuhle kabasizi lutho.

KUTITOSI 2

Ukuhamba okuqotho

1Kodwa wena khuluma izinto ezifanele imfundiso ephilileyo.

2 Amadoda amadala ukuthi azithinte, ahlonipheke, engaqondileyo, ephilile ekholweni, ethandweni, ekubekezeleni;

3 abesifazana abadala ngokunjalo ukuthi baziphathe ngokufanele abangcwele, bangabi ngabahlebayo, bangafuywa liwayini elinengi, abafundisi bokuhle,

4 ukuze bafundise abesifazana abatsha ukuthi baqonde, babengabathandi babomkabo, bathande abantwana babo,

5 abaqondileyo, bemhlophe, begcina amakhaya, belungile, bezehlisela ngaphansi kwawabo amadoda, ukuze ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lingadunyazwa.

6 Abesilisa abatsha ngokunjalo ubakhuthaze ukuthi babe ngabaqondileyo;

7 mayelana lazo zonke izinto zitshengise uyisibonelo sezenzo ezinhle: Ekufundiseni okungabolanga, ubunzulu, ukuqonda,

8 ilizwi eliphilileyo, elingasolekiyo; ukuze omelana lani abe lenhloni, aswele ulutho olubi angalukhuluma ngani.

9 Khuthaza izigqili ukuthi zizehlisele ngaphansi kwawazo amakhosi, zikholeke ezintweni zonke, zingaphikisi,

10 zingantshontshi, kodwa zitshengise konke ukuthembeka okuhle, ukuze zicecise imfundiso kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu ezintweni zonke.

11 Ngoba ubonakele umusa kaNkulunkulu osindisayo ebantwini bonke,

12 usifundisa ukuthi, sidele ukungakhonzi uNkulunkulu lenkanuko zomhlaba, siphile ngokuqonda langokulunga langokwesaba uNkulunkulu emhlabeni wakhathesi,

13 silindele ithemba elibusisiweyo lokubonakala kwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu omkhulu loMsindisi wethu uJesu Kristu,

14 owazinikelela thina, ukuze asihlenge ebubini bonke, azihlambululele isizwe esikhethekileyo, esitshisekela imisebenzi emihle.

15 Khuluma lezizinto, ukhuthaze, ukhuze ulamandla wonke. Kungabi khona umuntu okudelelayo.

KUTITOSI 3

1 Bakhumbuze ukuthi bazehlisele ngaphansi kwababusi leziphathamandla, babalalele, balungele wonke umsebenzi omuhle,

2 bangahlebi muntu, bangabi yizilwi, babekezele, batshengise bonke ubumnene ebantwini bonke.

3 Ngoba lathi kade sasiyiziphukuphuku, singalaleli, sikhohliswa, sisebenzela inkanuko lentokozo ezinenginengi, siphila ebubini lemoneni, sizondeka, sizondana.

4 Kodwa lapho sekubonakele umusa lothando lukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu kubantu,

5 kungeyisikho okuvela ezenzweni zokulunga esazenzayo thina, kodwa njengokwesihawu sakhe wasisindisa, ngokugeziswa kokuzalwa kutsha lokuvuselelwa koMoya oNgcwele,

6 owamthulula ngokwengezelelweyo phezu kwethu, ngoJesu Kristu uMsindisi wethu,

7 ukuze silungisiswe ngomusa wakhe, sibe yizindlalifa ngokwethemba lempilo elaphakade.

8 Lithembekile ilizwi, njalo ngithanda ukuthi uqinise isibili ngalezizinto, ukuze abakholwa kuNkulunkulu bakhuthalele ukuma emisebenzini emihle. Lezi yizinto ezinhle ezilosizo ebantwini;

9 kodwa xwaya imibuzo yobuthutha lendaba zosendo olokuzalana lombango lokuphikisana ngomlayo; ngoba kazisizi futhi ziyize.

10 Umuntu obhazukayo emva kwesilayo sokuqala lesesibili, mdele,

11 usazi ukuthi onjalo uphambukile, uyona, uyazilahla yena.

Isicino

12 Nxa ngizathuma uArtema kuwe loba uTikiko, khuthala uze kimi eNikapoli; ngoba ngizimisele ukuhlala khona ebusika.

13 Khuthala uncedise uZena isazumthetho loApolosi ekuhambeni kwabo, ukuze kungabi lalutho oluswelakalayo kubo.

14 Abakithi-ke labo kabafunde ukuma emisebenzini emihle yokudingekayo kusweleka, ukuze bangabi ngabangelazithelo.

15 Bonke abalami bayakubingelela. Bingelela abasithandayo ekholweni.

Umusa kawube lani lonke. Ameni.

KUFILIMONI

KUFILIMONI 1

INCWADI KAPAWULI
Isibingelelo

1 UPawuli isibotshwa sikaKristu Jesu loTimothi umzalwane, kuFilimoni
othandekayo lesisebenzi kanye lathi,

2 lakuApifiya othandekayo, lakuArkipho owebutho kanye lathi, lakubandla
elisendlini yakho:

3 Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini
uJesu Kristu.

UPawuli ubabaza ukholo lukaFilimoni

4 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami, ngikuphatha ngezikhathi zonke
emikhulekweni yami,

5 ngisizwa ngothando lwakho langokholo olalo eNkosini uJesu lakubo bonke
abangcwele,

6 ukuze ukuhlanganyela kokholo lwakho kube lamandla elwazini lwento yonke
enhle ekini kuKristu Jesu.

7 Ngoba silentokozo enkulu lenduduzo ethandweni lwakho, ngoba imibilini
yabangcwele yavuselelwa ngawe, mzalwane.

UPawuli ukhuluma ngoOnesimo

8 Ngalokho, lanxa ngilesibindi esikhulu kuKristu sokuthi ngikulaye into
efaneleyo,

9 kanti ngenxa yothando kungcono ukuthi ngincenge, nginjengonje, uPawuli
omdala, esengiyisibotshwa futhi sikaJesu Kristu.

10 Ngiyakuncenga ngomntanami, engimzeleyo kuzibopho zami, uOnesimo,

11 okade engelasizo kuwe, kodwa khathesi-ke ulosizo kuwe lakimi,

12 engimbuyisela kuwe; kodwa wena, memukele, okuyikuthi imibilini yami;

13 ebengifisa mina ukumbamba abe lami, ukuze angisebenzele esikhundleni
sakho kuzibopho zevangeli;

14 kodwa kangithandanga ukwenza ulutho ngaphandle kwemvumo yakho, ukuze
okuhle kwakho kungabi ngokokubanjwa ngamandla, kodwa njengokwesihle.

15 Ngoba mhlawumbe wehlukaniswa lawe okwesikhatshana ngenxa yalokhu,
ukuze ubuye umemukele phakade;

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16 angabe esaba njengesigqili, kodwa ngaphezu kwesigqili, umzalwane
othandekayo, ikakhulu kimi, kodwa kakhulu kangakanani kuwe konke enyameni
leNkosini.

17 Ngakho uba usithi ngingumhlanganyeli lawe, memukele njengami.

18 Kodwa uba ekone ngolutho kumbe elomlandu, lokho kubalele kimi;

19 mina Pawuli ngibhale ngesandla sami, mina ngizahlawula; ukuze ngingatsho
kuwe ukuthi lawe uqoboulomlandu oseleyo kimi.

20 Yebo, mzalwane, sengathi ngingaba lentokozo ngawe eNkosini; uvuselele
imibilini yami eNkosini.

Isicino

21 Ngikubhalele ngithemba ukulalela kwakho, ngisazi ukuthi lawe uzakwenza
okungaphezu kwalokho engikutshoyo.

22 Futhi ngesikhathi esifananayo ungilungisele lami indawo yokuhlala; ngoba
ngiyathemba ukuthi ngemikhuleko yenu ngizanikwa kini.

23 Uyakubingelela uEpafra oyisibotshwa kanye lami kuKristu Jesu,

24 uMarko, uAristako, uDema, uLuka, izisebenzi kanye lami.

25 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lomoya wenu. Ameni.

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KUMAHEBHERU

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INCWADI KAPAWULI UMPHOSTOLI

UKristu mkhulu kulengilosi zonke

1UNkulunkulu owakhuluma endulo kubobaba ngabaprofethi ngezigaba
ngezigaba langendlela ezinengi,

2 kulezinsuku zokucina ukhulume kithi ngeNdodana, ayimise ibe yindlalifa
yezinto zonke, owadala ngayofuthi imihlaba,

3 yona eyikubenyezela kwenkazimulo, lomfuziselo uqobo wobukhona bakhe,
njalo ithwele izinto zonkengelizwi lamandla ayo, lapho isiyenzile ngokwayo
ukuhlanjululwa kwezono zethu, yahlala phansingakwesokunene soBukhulu
obuphezulu,

4 isiyenziwe yaphakama kakhulu kulezingilosi, njengalokhu izuze ilifa lebizo
elikhulu kulalezo.

5 Ngoba kukuyiphi yezingilosi ake watsho kuyo ukuthi: Wena uyiNdodana yami,
mina lamuhla ngikuzele? Lokuthi futhi: Mina ngizakuba nguYise kiyo, yona-ke ibe
yiNdodana kimi?

6 Futhi mhla ephinda eletha olizibulo emhlabeni, uthi: Lengilosi zonke
zikaNkulunkulu kazimkhonze.

7 Lakuzingilosi uthi: Owenza ingilosi zakhe imimoya, lenceku zakhe ilangabi
lomlilo;

8 kodwa eNdodaneni uthi: Isihlalo sakho sobukhosi, Nkulunkulu, singesaphakade
laphakade; intonga yombuso wakho yintonga yokulunga.

9 Uthandile ukulunga, wazonda ububi; ngenxa yalokhu, uNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu wakho ukugcobilengamagcobo entokozo kulabanakwenu.

10 Lokuthi: Wena Nkosi, ekuqaleni wasekela umhlaba, lamazulu ayimisebenzi
yezandla zakho;

11 kuzabhubha lokho, kodwa wena umi njalonjalo; futhi kuzaguga konke
njengesigqoko,

12 lanjengesembatho uzakugoqa, kuzaphendulwa-ke; kodwa wena unguwe
unjalo, leminyaka yakho kayiyikuphela.

13 Kukuyiphi-ke yezingilosi ake atsho kuyo ukuthi: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami,
ngize ngibeke izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho?

14 Kazisibo yini zonke omoya abasebenzayo abathunyelwe ukukhonza ngenxa
yalabo abazakudla ilifa losindiso?

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KUMAHEBHERU 2

UKristu waba mncinyane kulezingilosi okwesikhatshana

1Ngenxa yalokhu kufanele siqaphelisise izinto esizizwileyo, hlezi mhlawumbe sikhukhulwe.

2 Ngoba uba ilizwi elakhulunywa zingilosi laqiniseka, lakho konke ukuphambuka lokungalaleli kwemukela ukuphindisela ngokufaneleyo,

3 thina sizaphepha njani uba sidelela usindiso olungaka? Olwaqala ukukhulunywa yiNkosi, lwaqiniswa kithiyilabo abayizwayo,

4 uNkulunkulu efakaza kanye labo ngezibonakaliso lezimangaliso, lemisebenzi yamandla eyizinhlobonhlobo, lokwabelwa kukaMoya oNgcwele, njengokwentando yakhe.

5 Ngoba kehliselanga ngaphansi kwezingilosi ilizwe elizayo, esikhuluma ngalo.

6 Kodwa omunye ufakazile endaweni ethile esithi: Umuntu uyini, ukuthi umkhumbule? kumbe indodana yomuntu, ukuthi uyinanze?

7 Wamenza waba phansi kancinyane kulezingilosi; wamethwesa umqhele wenkazimulo lodumo; wammisa phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho;

8 izinto zonke wazehlisela ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. Ngoba ekwehliseni izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe, katshiyanga lutho olungehliselwanga kuye. Kodwa khathesi kasikaziboni izinto zonke zehliselwe kuye.

9 Kodwa siyambona uJesu, owenziwa waba phansi kancinyane kulezingilosi, ngenxa yenhlupheko yokufa, etheswe umqhele wobukhosi lodumo, ukuze ngomusa kaNkulunkulu azwele wonke ukufa.

10 Ngoba kwakumfanele, ezikhona zonke izinto ngenxa yakhe, lezikhona zonke ngaye, ukuthi, lapho eletha abantwana abanengi enkazimulweni, amphelelise umkhokheli wosindiso lwabo ngezinhlupheko.

11 Ngoba lalowo ongcwelisayo labangcwelisiweyo, bonke bavela koyedwa; ngalesosizatho kalanhloniukubabiza ngokuthi ngabafowabo,

12 esithi: Ngizatshumayela ibizo lakho kubafowethu, ngizakuhlabelela indumiso phakathi kwebandla.

13 Futhi-ke: Mina ngizathemba kuye. Futhi-ke: Khangela mina labantwana uNkulunkulu anginike bona.

14 Ngakho njengoba abantwana behlanganyele inyama legazi, laye uqobo wahlanganyela khona lokho, ukuze ngokufa amchithe yena obelamandla okufa, ongudiyabhola,

15 abakhulule labo bonke abathi ngokwesaba ukufa impilo yabo yonke babebanjwe ebugqilini.

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16 Ngoba isibili kazithatheli izingilosi, kodwa uzithathela inzalo kaAbrahama.

17 Ngenxa yalokho kwamfanela ukuthi abe njengabafowabo kuzo zonke izinto, ukuze abe ngumpristi omkhulu olesihawu lothembekileyo ezintweni ezimayelana loNkulunkulu, ukuze enze inhlawulo yokuthula ngezono zabantu.

18 Ngoba kulokhu ahlupheke kukho yena uqobo elingwa, ulamandla okusiza abalingwayo.

KUMAHEBHERU 3

UKristu mkhulu kuloMozisi

1Ngakho, bazalwane abangcwele, bahlanganyeli bobizo lwasezulwini, qaphelani umphostoli lompristi omkhulu wovumo lwethu, uKristu Jesu,

2 othembeke kulowo owammisayo, njengoMozisi laye wayenjalo endlini yakhe yonke.

3 Ngoba kwathiwa lo ufanele udumo olukhulu kuloMozisi, njengoba ulodumo olukhulu kulendlu ayakhileyo.

4 Ngoba yonke indlu yakhiwa ngothile; kodwa owakha izinto zonke nguNkulunkulu.

5 UMozisi kambe wayethembekile endlini yonke yakhe njengenceku, kuze kube yibufakazi bezinto ebezizakhulunywa;

6 kodwa uKristu njengendodana phezu kwendlu yakhe; esiyindlu yakhe thina, uba-ke sibambelela ngokuqina isibindi lokuziqhenya kwethemba kuze kube sekupheleni.

Abakholwayo kabangadeleli ilizwi lakhe

7 Ngakho njengoba uMoya oyiNgcwele esithi: Lamuhla uba lilizwa ilizwi lakhe,

8 lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu, njengekucunuleni, ngosuku lokulingwa enkangala,

9 lapho oyihlo bangilinga, bengihlola, basebebona imisebenzi yami okweminyaka engamatshumi amane;

10 ngakho ngasithukuthelela lesosizukulwana, ngathi: Bayaduha kokuphela enhliziyweni; lalaba kabazazanga indlela zami;

11 ngaze ngafunga ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi: Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.

12 Nanzelelani, bazalwane, hlezi kuzakuba khona loba nini phakathi komunye wenu inhliziyo embi yokungakholwa, ekuduheni kuNkulunkulu ophilayo;

13 kodwa khuthazanani insuku ngensuku, kusathiwa lamuhla, ukuze kungabi khona kini owenziwa lukhuni ngenkohliso yesono;

14 ngoba sesibe ngabahlanganyeli bakaKristu, uba-ke sibambisisa isiqalo
sokuqiniseka kuze kube sekupheleni;

15 kusathiwa: Lamuhla uba lilizwa ilizwi lakhe, lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyo
zenu, njengekucunuleni.

16 Ngoba abanye sebezwile bathukuthelisa, kodwa kakusibo bonke labo
abaphuma eGibhithe ngoMozisi.

17 Kodwa ngobani athukutheliswa yibo okweminyaka engamatshumi amane?
Kakusibo labo abonayo yini, abazidumbu zabo zawela enkangala?

18 Ngobani-ke afunga kibo ukuthi kabazukungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe,
ngaphandle kwalabo abangalalelanga?

19 Ngakho siyabona ukuthi babengelakungena ngenxa yokungakholwa.

KUMAHEBHERU 4

Ukungena ekuphumuleni kukaNkulunkulu

1Ngakho, kasesabe, hlezi, lapho sisekhona isithembiso sokungena ekuphumuleni
kwakhe, kube khona omunye wenu obonakala esehluleka ukufinyelela kukho;

2 ngoba lathi satshunyayezwa ivangeli, njengabo; kodwa ilizwi
abalizwayo kalibasizanga bona, lokhu lingahlanganananga lokholo kulabo
abalizwayo;

3 ngoba thina esikholwayo siyangena ekuphumuleni, njengoba watsho ukuthi:
Njengoba ngifungileekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi: Kabayikungena
ekuphumuleni kwami; lanxa imisebenzi yayiqediwe kusukela ekusekelweni
komhlaba.

4 Ngoba utshilo kwenye indawo ngosuku lwesikhombisa kanje: UNkulunkulu
wasephumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa emisebenzini yakhe yonke;

5 lakulindawo uthi futhi: Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.

6 Ngakho lokhu kusalele ukuthi abanye bangene kukho, lalabo abatshunyayezwa
ivangeli kuqala kabangenangangokungalaleli,

7 ubuye aqume usuku oluthile athi: Lamuhla, utsho ngoDavida, emva kwesikhathi
esingaka, njengokwatshiwoukuthi: Lamuhla uba lizalizwa ilizwi lakhe, lingazenzi
zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu.

8 Ngoba uba uJoshuwa wayebaphumuzile, wayengayikukhuluma emva kwalokhu
ngolunye usuku.

9 Ngakho kubasalele abantu bakaNkulunkulu ukuphumula kwesabatha.

10 Ngoba ongenileyo ekuphumuleni kwakhe laye usephumule emisebenzini
yakhe, njengoNkulunkulu kweyakhe.

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11 Ngakho asikhuthalele ukungena kulokhokuphumula, ukuze kungabi lowela
kulesisibonelo sokungalaleli.

12 Ngoba ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liphilile, lilamandla, libukhali kulaloba yiyiphi
inkemba esika nhlangothi zombili, lihlaba kuze kube sekwehlukanisweni
komphefumulo lomoya, lamalunga lomnkantsho, njalo lingumhloli okhaliphileyo
wemicabango lezizindlo zenhliziyo.

13 Futhi kakulalutho oludaliweyo olungabonakaliyo phambi kwakhe; kodwa
zonke izinto zembuliwe zisobala emehlweni akhe esilokuzilanda kuye.

UKristu ungumpristi omkhulu kakhulu

14 Ngakho lokhu silompristi omkhulu kakhulu, odlulele emazulwini, uJesu
iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, asibambelele kusivumo sethu.

15 Ngoba kasilaye umpristi omkhulu ongelakuzwelana lobuthakathaka bethu,
kodwa owalingwa kukho konke njengathi, engelasono.

16 Ngakho kasisondele ngesibindi esihlalweni sobukhosi somusa, ukuze
semukele isihawu, sithole umusa wosizo ngesikhathi esifaneleyo.

KUMAHEBHERU 5

1 Ngoba wonke umpristi omkhulu, othathwa ebantwini, umiselwa abantu
ezintweni ezimayelana loNkulunkulu, ukuze anikele izipho lemihlatshelo ngenxa
yezono;

2 ongababekezelela abangaziyo labaduhayo, lokhu laye egonjolozelwe
yibuthakathaka;

3 njalo ngenxa yalokhu kufanele ukuthi anikelele izono, njengokwabantu, kunjalo
langokwakhe.

4 Futhi kakulamuntu ozithathela le inhlonipho, kodwa obizwa nguNkulunkulu,
lanjengoAroni.

5 Ngokunjalo loKristu kazidumisanga yena ukuba ngumpristi omkhulu, kodwa
lowo owathi kuye: Wena uyiNdodana yami, lamuhla mina ngikuzele.

6 Njengoba esitsho futhi kwenye indawo ukuthi: Wena ungumpristi kuze kube
phakade ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki.

7 Owathi ensukwini zenyama yakhe, esenikele imikhuleko kanye
lokunxusa elokukhala okukhululangezinyembezi kuye olamandla
okumsindisa ekufeni, futhi wezwiwa ngenxa yokwesaba kwakhe uNkulunkulu,

8 loba eyiNdodana, wafunda ukulalela ezintweni ahlupheka ngazo,

9 esephelelisiwe waba yisisusa sosindiso olulaphakade kibo bonke abamlalelayo;

10 ebizwa nguNkulunkulu ngokuthi ungumpristi omkhulu ngokohlobo
lukaMelkizedeki.

11 Esilokunengi esingakutsho ngaye futhi okulukhuni ukulichasisela, lokhu selaba
buthundu ekuzweni.

12 Ngoba lapho ebelifanele ukuba ngabafundisi, ngenxa yesikhathi, liswela futhi
ukuthi kube khona olifundisayo, ukuthi ziyini izimiso zakuqala zamazwi
kaNkulunkulu; selingabafanele uchago, kungeyisikho-ke ukudla okuqinileyo.

13 Ngoba wonke odla uchago kalalwazi olupheleleyo elizwini lokulunga; ngoba
uyingane.

14 Kodwa ukudla okuqinileyo kungokwabakhulileyo, asebesebenzise izingqondo
ngokwejwayelaekwehlukaniseni konke okuhle lokubi.

KUMAHEBHERU 6

Kuhle ukuqhubekela kokupheleleyo

1Ngakho, sitshiya izinto zakuqala zemfundiso kaKristu, kasiqhubekele
kokupheleleyo, singabeki futhi isisekelo sokuphenduka emisebenzini efileyo,
lesokholo kuNkulunkulu,

2 esemfundiso yenhlobo zobhabhathizo, lesokubeka izandla, lesokuvuka
okwabafileyo, lesokwahlulelwa okulaphakade.

3 Lalokhu sizakwenza, nxa uNkulunkulu evuma.

4 Ngoba kakulakwenzeka ukuthi labo asebake bakhanyiswa, banambitha isipho
sezulwini, baba ngabahlanganyeli bakaMoya oNgcwele,

5 banambitha ilizwi elihle likaNkulunkulu, lamandla elizwe elizayo,

6 basebehlamuka, labo-ke ukuthi babuye bavuselwe ekuphendukeni, lokhu
bephinda bezibethelela iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, beyithela ihlazo obala;

7 ngoba umhlabathi onatha izulu elifika kanengi phezu kwawo, ubusumilisa
imibhida ebasizayo labo olinywa yibo, wemukela isibusiso esivela kuNkulunkulu;

8 kodwa lowo oveza ameva lokhula oluhlabayo, uyaliwa useduze lokuqalekiswa,
okuphela kwakho kusekutshisweni.

9 Kodwa siqiniseka ngani izinto ezingcono, bathandekayo, leziqondene losindiso,
lanxa sikhuluma njalo;

10 ngoba uNkulunkulu kayisuye ongalunganga ukuthi akhohlwe umsebenzi
wenu lomsebenzi onzima wothando elalubonakalisa ebizweni lakhe,
ngokusebenzela abangcwele lisabasebenzela.

11 Kodwa sifisa ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wenu akubonakalise lokhukukhuthala ekuqinisekeni okupheleleyokwethemba ekupheleni;

12 ukuze lingabi ngabavilaphayo, kodwa abalingisi babo abathi ngokholo langokubekezela badla ilifa lezithembiso.

Izithembiso zikaNkulunkulu ziyavusa ithemba

13 Ngoba lapho uNkulunkulu ethembisa kuAbrahama, ngoba wayengelaye omkhulu kulaye angafunga ngaye, wazifunga ngaye uqobo,

14 esithi: Isibili ngizakubusisa lokukubusisa, lokwandisa ngizakwandisa.

15 Langokunjalo esebekezele wazuza isithembiso.

16 Ngoba isibili abantu bayafunga ngomkhulu kulabo, lesifungo sokuqinisa siyisiphetho sakho konke ukuphikisana kibo.

17 Okwathi uNkulunkulu kukho, ethanda ukubonisa ngokwengezelelweyo kakhulu kuzindlalifa zesithembisoukungaphenduki kwecebo lakhe, walamula ngesifungo,

18 ukuze, ngezinto ezimbili ezingaphendukiyo, okukuzo okungelakwenzeka ukuthi uNkulunkulu aqambe amanga ngazo, sibe lenduduzo elamandla, thina esibalekele ukuthi sibambelela ethembeni elibekwe phambikwethu;

19 esilalo njengengwegwe yomphefumulo eqinileyo legxilileyo, lingena kokuphakathi kweveyili;

20 lapho isigijimi esingumanduleli sasingenela khona, uJesu, esaba ngumpristi omkhulu ephakadeni ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki.

KUMAHEBHERU 7

UKristu ungumpristi omkhulu njengoMelkizedeki

1Ngoba uMelkizedeki lo, inkosi yeSalema, umpristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, owahlangabeza uAbrahama mhla ebuya ekubulaleni amakhosi, wasembusisa,

2 uAbrahama laye wamabela okwetshumi kwakho konke; kuqala uphendulelwa ngokuthi inkosi yokulunga, emva kwalokhu besekuthiwa futhi inkosi yeSalema, okuyikuthi inkosi yokuthula;

3 kalayise, kalanina, kalasendo, kalakuqala kwensuku kumbe ukuphela kwempilo, kodwa esenziwe wafanana leNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uhlala engumpristi laphakade.

4 Bonani-ke ukuthi mkhulu kangakanani lo, ngitsho uAbrahama ukhokho amnika okwetshumi kwezimpango.

5 Lalabo abavela emadodaneni kaLevi abemukela ubupristi balomlayo
wokwemukela okwetshumi ebantwini ngokomthetho, okuyikuthi kubafowabo,
lanxa bevela ekhalweni lukaAbrahama;

6 kodwa yena ongabalelwa osendweni lwabo, wemukela
okwetshumi kuAbrahama, wasembusisa lowo owayelezithembiso.

7 Njalo kungelakuphikwa ngitsho ukuthi: Omncinyane ubusiswa ngomkhulu.

8 Lapha-ke abantu abafayo bemukela okwetshumi; kodwa lapho esemukela
lowo okufakazwa ngaye ukuthi uyaphila.

9 Kungatshiwo-ke, uLevi laye owemukela okwetshumi wanikela okwetshumi
ngoAbrahama;

10 ngoba wayesesekhalweni lukayise, mhla uMelkizedeki emhlangabeza.

11 Ngakho-ke uba kwakukhona ukuphelela ngobupristi bukaLevi (ngoba isizwe
sanikwa umlayo ngaphansi kwabo), kwakusaswelekelani ukuthi kuvele omunye
umpristi ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki, lokungatshiwo ngokwendlela kaAroni?

12 Ngoba uba ubupristi buphendulwa, kuyadingeka ukuthi kube khona
lokuphendulwa komlayo.

13 Ngoba lowo okukhulunywa ngaye lezizinto ungowesinye isizwe, okungabanga
khona kuso owanakekela ilathi.

14 Ngoba kusobala ukuthi iNkosi yethu yavela koJuda, isizwe uMozisi
angakhulumanga lutho ngaso mayelana lobupristi.

15 Njalo kusesobala ngokwengezelelwe kakhulu, uba sekusima omunye umpristi
njengokofuzo lukaMelkizedeki,

16 ongenziwanga ngokomthetho wesimiso senyama, kodwa ngokwamandla
empilo engelakuphela;

17 ngoba ufakaza esithi: Wena ungumpristi kuze kube nininini ngokohlobo
lukaMelkizedeki.

18 Ngoba ukubekwa eceleni komthetho wokuqala kwenziwa
ngenxa yobuthakathaka lokungasizi lutho kwawo;

19 ngoba umlayo kawuzanga wenze ulutho luphelele, kodwa uyisingeniso
sethemba elingcono, esisondelangalo kuNkulunkulu.

20 Njalo okungangokuthi kenziwanga ngaphandle kwesifungo,

21 (ngoba bona baba ngabapristi ngaphandle kwesifungo, kodwa yena
ngesifungo, ngalowo owathi kuye: INkosi yafunga njalo kayiyikuzisola yathi:
Wena ungumpristi kuze kube nininini ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki)

22 ngalokho uJesu waba yisibambiso sesivumelwano esingcono.

23 Lalabo babebanengi ababa ngabapristi, ngoba bavinjelwa yikufa ukuthi bahlale njalo;

24 kodwa lo, ngenxa yokuthi uhlala kuze kube phakade, ulobupristi obungadluliyo.

25 Ngenxa yalokho laye ulamandla okusindisa ngokupheleleyo abeza kuNkulunkulu ngaye, lokhu ephilela njalo ukubanxusela.

26 Ngoba umpristi omkhulu onjalo usifanele, ongcwele, ongelacala, ongelasici, owehlukaniswe lezoni, lowenziwa waphakama kulamazulu;

27 ongadingi insuku ngensuku, njengabapristi abakhulu, ukunikela imihlatshelo esenzela ezakhe izono kuqala, emva kwalokho ezabantu; ngoba lokho wakwenza kanye mhla ezinikela yena.

28 Ngoba umlayo uyamisa abantu babe ngabapristi abakhulu, abalobuthakathaka; kodwa ilizwi lesifungoelalandela umlayo lamisa iNdodana ephelelisiweyo kuze kube nininini.

KUMAHEBHERU 8

Ubupristi bukaKristu bukhulu kulalobo obamaJuda

1Ngakho isiqokoqela sezinto esazikhulumayo yikuthi: Silompristi omkhulu onje, owahlala ngakwesokunenesesihlalo sobukhosi soMkhulu emazulwini,

2 isikhonzi sendawo ezingcwele lesethabhanekele eliqotho, iNkosi eyalimisayo, njalo kungesimuntu;

3 ngoba wonke umpristi omkhulu umiselwe ukunikela iminikelo lemihlatshelo; ngakho kuyadingeka ukuthi laye abe lakho okuthile angakunikela.

4 Ngoba uba ubesemhlabeni, ubengeyikuba ngumpristi lakanye, ngoba bakhona abapristi abanikela iminikelo ngokomlayo,

5 abakhonza isibonelo lesithunzi sezinto zezulwini, njengoMozisi elaywe nguNkulunkulu esezakwenza ithabhanekele, ngoba wathi: Qaphela ukuthi wenze zonke izinto njengomfanekiso owaboniswa wona entabeni.

6 Kodwa khathesi-ke uzuze inkonzo enhle kakhulu, njengalokhu laye engumlamuli wesivumelwanoesingcono, esimiswe phezu kwezithembiso ezingcono.

7 Ngoba uba lesosivumelwano esakuqala besingasoleki, bekungayikudingwa indawo yesesibili.

8 Ngoba ebasola uthi: Khangela insuku ziyeza, kutsho iNkosi, njalo ngizakwenza isivumelwano esitsha lendlu kaIsrayeli lendlu kaJuda;

9 esingenjengesivumelwano engasenza laboyise mhla ngibabamba ngesandla
ukubakhupha elizweni leGibhithe; ngoba bona kabahlalanga esivumelwaneni
sami, lami kangibananzanga, itsho iNkosi.

10 Ngoba yilesi isivumelwano engizavumelana ngaso lendlu kaIsrayeli emva
kwalezonsuku, itsho iNkosi, ngizafaka imilayo yami engqondweni yabo,
lenhliziyweni zabo ngiyibhale; ngibe nguNkulunkulu kibo, bona-ke bazakuba
ngabantu kimi.

11 Njalo kabayikufundisa ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe, njalo ngulowo
lalowo umfowabo, esithi: Yazi iNkosi; ngoba bonke bazangazi, kusukela
komncinyane wabo kuze kufike komkhulu wabo.

12 Ngoba ngizakuba lesihawu ekungalungini kwabo, lezono zabo lobubi babo
kangisayikukukhumbula.

13 Ngokuthi: Isivumelwano esitsha, senze esokuqala saba ngesigugileyo. Njalo
osekugugile lokudala sekuseduze lokunyamalala.

KUMAHEBHERU 9

Umsebenzi wobupristi wesivumelwano esidala

1Ngakho isibili lesosivumelwano sakuqala sasilezimiso zenkonzo kaNkulunkulu,
lendawo engcwele yemhlabeni.

2 Ngoba kwakhiwa ithabhanekele; elokuqala okwakukhona kulo uluthi
lwesibane letafula lezinkwa zokubukiswa, elibizwa ngokuthi yindawo engcwele.

3 Langemva kweveyili lesibili kwakukhona ithabhanekele elibizwa ngokuthi
yingcwele yezingcwele,

4 lilesitsha segolide sokutshisela impepha,
lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano ohuqwe ngegolide inhlangothi zonke,
okwakukhona kuwo inqayi yegolide elemana, lenduku kaAroni eyahlumayo,
lezibhebhe zesivumelwano;

5 laphezu kwawo amakherubhi enkazimulo asibekele isihlalo somusa;
esingekhulume ngalezizinto khathesi ngokukhethekileyo.

6 Sezilungisiwe lezizinto ngokunjalo, abapristi bangena
njalonjalo ethabhanekeleni lokuqala bephelelisa imisebenzi yokukhonza
uNkulunkulu;

7 kodwa kwelesibili kwakungena kanye ngomnyaka umpristi omkhulu yedwa,
kungeyisikho ngaphandle kwegazi, azinikelela yena leziphambeko zabantu;

8 uMoya oyiNgcwele utshengisa lokhu, ukuthi indlela eya endaweni
engcwele kayikembulwa, lapho lisemi ithabhanekele lokuqala;

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9 okwakungumfanekiso walesosikhathi, okwanikelwa kulo konke iminikelo
lemihlatshelo, engelakhoukuphelelisa okhonzayo maqondana lesazela,

10 kuphela kokudliwayo, lokunathwayo, lokugeza okuzinhlobonhlobo lezimiso
zenyama, ezibekwe phezu kwabo kuze kufike isikhathi sokulungisiswa.

Igazi likaKristu lilamandla okuhlambulula

11 Kodwa uKristu esefikile, engumpristi omkhulu wezinto ezinhle ezizayo,
ngethabhanekele elikhulu leliphelelelyo kulelinye, elingenziwanga ngezandla,
okuyikuthi, elingeyisilo lalokhukudalwa,

12 futhi kungeyisikho ngegazi lezimbuzi lelamathole, kodwa ngelakhe
igazi wangena kanye endaweni engcwele, esezuze ukuhlengwa okulaphakade.

13 Ngoba uba igazi lezimbuzi lelezinkunzi, lomlotha wethokazi, kufafaza
abangcolileyo, kungcwelisa kuze kube sekuhlambulukeni kwenyama,

14 kakhulu kangakanani igazi likaKristu, owathi ngoMoya
ophakade wazinikela kuNkulunkulu engelasici, lizahlambulula isazela
senu emisebenzini efileyo, ukukhonza uNkulunkulu ophilayo?

UKristu ungumlamuli wesivumelwano esitsha

15 Langenxa yalokhu ungumlamuli wesivumelwano esitsha, ukuze, lokhu
ukufa sekufikile ekuhlengeni kweziphambeko ngesikhathi sesivumelwano
sokuqala, ababiziweyo bemukele isithembiso selifa laphakade.

16 Ngoba lapho okukhona incwadi yelifa, kufuneka ukuthi kubikwe ukufa
komenzi wencwadi yelifa.

17 Ngoba incwadi yelifa isebenza kwabafileyo, lokhu kayikabi lamandla lapho
ephila umenzi wencwadi yelifa.

18 Ngakho laso esokuqala kasimiswanga ngaphandle kwegazi.

19 Ngoba lapho usumenyezelwe umthetho wonke ngokomlayo nguMozisi
ebantwini bonke, wathatha igazilamathole lelembuzi, kanye lamanzi loboya
bezimvu obubomvu lehisope, wafafaza kokubili ugwalo uqobo labantu bonke,

20 esithi: Leli ligazi lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu alilaya ngaso.

21 Ngokunjalo wasefafaza ngegazi lethabhanekele lezitsha zonke zenkonzo.

22 Njalo phose zonke izinto zihlanjululwa ngegazi ngokomthetho, langaphandle
kokuchitheka kwegazi kakubi khona uthethelelo.

23 Ngokunjalo kwakudingeka ukuthi imifanekiso yezinto zemazulwini
ihlanjululwe ngalezizinto, kodwa izinto zezulwini uqobo ngemihlatshelo engcono
kulale.

24 Ngoba uKristu kangenanga endaweni ezingcwele ezenziwe ngezandla,
ezingumfanekiso weziqotho, kodwa ezulwini uqobo, ukuthi khathesi abonakalele
thina phambi kobuso bukaNkulunkulu;

25 kungeyisikuthi futhi ukuze azinikele kanengi, njengalokhu umpristi
omkhulu engena endaweni engcweleumnyaka ngomnyaka legazi lokunye;

26 uba kwakunjalo wayemele ukuhlupheka kanengi selokhu kwasekelwa
umhlaba; kodwa khathesi ubonakaliswe kanye ekupheleni kwesikhathi ukuze
asuse izono ngomhlatshelo wakhe uqobo.

27 Njalo njengalokhu kumiselwe abantu ukuthi bafe kanye, kodwa emva
kwalokhu ukwahlulelwa;

28 ngokunjalo uKristu, esenikelwe kanye ukuze athwale izono zabanengi,
ngokwesibili uzabonakala ngaphandle kwesono kwabamlindeleyo, kube
lusindiso.

KUMAHEBHERU 10

Umhlatshelo kaKristu mkhulu kulemihlatshelo yamaJuda

1Ngoba umlayo ulesithunzi sezinto ezinhle ezizayo, ungeyisiwo umfanekiso
oqotho wezinto, ungeze waba lamandla ngaleyomihlatshelo enikelwa
njalonjalo iminyaka ngeminyaka ukubenza baphelele labo abasondelayo.

2 Uba kwakunjalo nga kayimanga yini ukunikelwa, ngoba abakhonzayo
babengasayikuba lasazela sezono, sebehlanjululwe kanye?

3 Kodwa kuleyomihlatshelo kukhona ukukhunjulwa kwezono umnyaka
ngomnyaka;

4 ngoba kakulakwenzeka ukuthi igazi lezinkunzi lelezimbuzi lisuse izono;

5 ngakho esefika emhlabeni uthi: Umhlatshelo lomnikelo kawuwuthandanga,
kodwa ungilungisele umzimba;

6 iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo yesono kawuyithokozelanga;

7 ngasengisithi: Khangela, ngiza (kumqulu wogwalo kulotshwe ngami) ukwenza
intando yakho, Nkulunkulu.

8 Kuqala esithi: Umhlatshelo lomnikelo leminikelo
yokutshiswa leminikelo yezono kawuyithandanga njalo kawuyithokozelanga,
yona enikelwa ngokomlayo,

9 wasesithi: Khangela, ngiza ukwenza intando yakho, Nkulunkulu. Ususa
okokuqala, ukuze amise okwesibili.

10 Kuleyontando singcwelisiwe, ngokunikelwa komzimba kaJesu Kristu kanye.

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11 Laye wonke umpristi kambe uyema insuku ngensuku ekhonza, njalo enikela
kanengi leyomihlatshelo, engasoze yaba lamandla okususa izono;

12 kodwa yena, esenikele umhlatshelo waba munye ngenxa yezono
ephakadeni wahlala phansi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu,

13 kusukela khathesi ulindele zize zenziwe izitha zakhe isenabelo senyawo zakhe.

14 Ngoba ngomnikelo munye uphelelisile ephakadeni labo abangcwelisiweyo.

15 LoMoya oyiNgcwele laye uyafakaza kithi; ngoba emva kokuthi esetshilo
kuqala uthi:

16 Lesi yisivumelwano engizavumelana labo ngaso emva kwalezonsuku, kutsho
iNkosi: Ngizafaka imilayo yami enhliziyweni zabo, njalo ngizayibhala
engqondweni zabo;

17 lezono zabo lobubi babo kangisoze ngikukhumbule futhi.

18 Lapho-ke okukhona uthethelelo lwalokhu, kakuselamnikelo ngesono.

Ukuthokoziswa, lokuxwayiswa kwabakholwayo

19 Ngakho, bazalwane, silesibindi sokungena kwezingcwele ngegazi likaJesu,

20 ngendlela entsha lephilayo, asivulele yona ngeveyili, eliyinyama yakhe,

21 futhi silaye umpristi omkhulu phezu kwendlu kaNkulunkulu,

22 kasisondele ngenhliziyo eqinisileyo ekuqinisekeni okupheleleyo kokholo,
inhliziyo zifafazwe esazeleni sokubi, lomzimba ugeziswe ngamanzi acwebileyo;

23 kasibambisise isivumo sethemba lethu singanyikinyeki, ngoba uthembekile
owathembisayo;

24 njalo kasiqaphelisisane ekuvuseleni uthando lemisebenzi emihle,

25 singayekeli ukuhlangana kwethu, njengomkhuba wabanye, kodwa
kasikhuthale, futhi ikakhulu, njengoba libona usuku lusondela.

26 Ngoba uba sisona ngabomo emva kokuthi semukele ulwazi lweqiniso,
kakusekho umhlatshelo ngezono,

27 kodwa ukulindela okuthile okwesabekayo kokulahlwa, lolaka lomlilo ozaqeda
izitha.

28 Umuntu odelela umlayo kaMozisi ufa ngaphandle kwesihawu ngabafakazi
ababili loba abathathu;

29 pho, licabanga ukuthi uzathiwa ufanele ukujeziswa kabuhlungu kanganani
onyathelela phansi iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, njalo othi igazi lesivumelwano,
angcweliswa ngalo, liyiluthonje, njalo odelela uMoya womusa?

30 Ngoba siyamazi owathi: Impindiselo ngeyami, mina ngizabuyisela, itsho iNkosi; futhi uphinde athi: INkosiizakwahlulela abantu bayo.

31 Kuyesabeka ukuwela ezandleni zikaNkulunkulu ophilayo.

32 Kodwa khumbulani insuku zamandulo, okwathi ngazo selikhanyisiwe lakhuthazela empini enkulu yezinhlupho;

33 kokunye, lapho lenziwa umbukiso ngenhlamba langezinhlupheko; kokunye, lapho laba ngabahlanganyelibalabo ababephathwa ngokunjalo.

34 Ngoba lani lazwelana lezibopho zami, lavuma ngentokozo ukuphangwa kwempahla zenu, lisazi ukuthi ngaphakathi kwenu lilempahla engcono lemiyo emazulwini.

35 Ngakho lingalahli isibindi senu, esilomvuzo omkhulu.

36 Ngoba kumele libe lokubekezela, ukuze kuthi, seliyenzile intando kaNkulunkulu, lemukele isithembiso.

37 Ngoba kuseyisikhatshana nje, ozayo uzafika, njalo kazukulibala;

38 kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo; njalo uba ehlehlela nyovane, umphefumulo wami kawuthokozi ngaye.

39 Kodwa thina kasisibo balabo abahlehlela nyovane ekubhujisweni, kodwa balabo abakholwa ekusindisweni komphefumulo.

KUMAHEBHERU 11

Amaqhawe okholo

1Ngakho ukholo luyikuqiniseka kwezinto ezithenjwayo, ubufakazi bezinto ezingabonwayo.

2 Ngoba ngalo abadala bafakazelwa.

3 Ngokholo sibona ukuthi imihlaba yadalwa ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu, kuze kuthi izinto ezibonwayo kazivelanga ezintweni ezibonakalayo.

4 Ngokholo uAbela wanikela kuNkulunkulu umhlatshelo ongcono kuloKhayini, owazuza ngawo ubufakazi bokuthi ulungile, uNkulunkulu efakazela izipho zakhe; langalo efile usakhuluma.

5 Ngokholo uEnoki wasuswa ukuze angaboni ukufa, njalo katholwanga, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayesemsusile; ngoba engakasuswa wafakazelwa ngokuthi umthokozisile uNkulunkulu;

6 kodwa ngaphandle kokholo kakwenzeki ukumthokozisa; ngoba ozayo kuNkulunkulu umele akholwe ukuthi ukhona, lokuthi ungumvuzi walabo abamdingisisayo.

7 Ngokholo uNowa exwayisiwe nguNkulunkulu ngezinto ebezingakabonwa,
esesaba, wakha umkhumbiwosindiso lwendlu yakhe; alahla umhlaba ngawo,
wasesiba yindlalifa yokulunga ngokokholo.

8 Ngokholo uAbrahama walalela ebizwa ukuthi aphume aye endaweni
ayezayemukela ibe yilifa; waphuma, engazi lapho aya khona.

9 Ngokholo wahlala njengomuntu wezizweni elizweni lesithembiso,
njengelemzini, ehlala emathenteni loIsaka loJakobe, ababeyizindlalifa kanye laye
zalesosithembiso;

10 ngoba wayelindele umuzi olezisekelo, omqambi wesimo lomakhi wawo
nguNkulunkulu.

11 Ngokholo laye uSara uqobo wazuza amandla okwemukela inhlanyelo,
esedlulelwe yisikhathi sobudala wabeletha, ngoba wathi uthembekile lowo
owathembisayo.

12 Ngakho-ke bazalwa ngoyedwa, lalezizinto zivela kosefile, abangangenkanyezi
zezulu ngobunengi, langangetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle
elingelakubalwa.

13 Bonke laba bafela ekholweni, bengemukelanga izithembiso, kodwa bazibonela
khatshana, baqiniseka, bazigona, njalo bavuma ukuthi
bangabezizwe lezihambi emhlabeni.

14 Ngoba abatsho izinto ezinje batshengisa ukuthi badinga ilizwe lakibo.

15 Uba-ke kambe babecabanga ngalelo ababesuke kulo, babengaba lethuba
lokubuyela;

16 kodwa khathesi-ke balangatha elingcono, elingelezulwini; ngakho
uNkulunkulu kalanhloni ngabo, ukuthiwa nguNkulunkulu wabo; ngoba
ubalungisele umuzi.

17 Ngokholo uAbrahama wanikela uIsaka lapho ehlolwa, lalowo owemukela
izithembiso wayenikela ozelwe yedwa wakhe,

18 okwakuthiwe kuye: KuIsaka inzalo yakho izabizwa;

19 wathi uNkulunkulu ulamandla okuvusa lakwabafileyo; lapho laye amzuze
evela khona ngokulinganisa.

20 Ngokholo uIsaka wabusisa uJakobe loEsawu ngezinto ezizayo.

21 Ngokholo uJakobe esesifa wabusisa lowo lalowo wamadodana kaJosefa,
wasekhonza ebambelele phezu kodondolo lwakhe.

22 Ngokholo uJosefa esesifa wakhuluma ngokuphuma kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli,
waselayezela ngamathambo akhe.

23 Ngokholo uMozisi esezelwe wafihlwa ngabazali bakhe inyanga ezintathu, ngoba babona ukuthi ngumntwana omuhle; njalo bengawesabi umthetho wenkosi.

24 Ngokholo uMozisi esekhulile wala ukuthiwa uyindodana yendodakazi kaFaro,

25 kulalokho wakhetha ukuphathwa kubi kanye labantu bakaNkulunkulu kulokuthi abe lentokozo yesono isikhatshana;

26 wathi ukuthukwa kukaKristu kuyinotho enkulu kulamagugu eGibhithe; ngoba wayekhangele umvuzo.

27 Ngokholo watshiya iGibhithe, engalwesabi ulaka lwenkosi; ngoba waqinisela kungathi uyambonaoNgabonwayo.

28 Ngokholo wagcina iphasika lokufafazwa kwegazi, ukuze lowo obhubhisa amazibulo angabathinti.

29 Ngokholo badabula uLwandle oluBomvu njengemhlabathini owomileyo; okwathi amaGibhithe bekulinga lokho baminzwa.

30 Ngokholo imiduli yeJeriko yadilika, isibhodiwe insuku eziyisikhombisa.

31 Ngokholo uRahabi isifebe kabhubhanga kanye labangakholwanga, esezemukele izinhloli ngokuthula.

32 Ngisezathini? Ngoba ngingaphelelwa yisikhathi ngilandisa ngoGidiyoni loBaraki loSamsoni loJefithaloDavida loSamuweli labaprofethi;

33 abathi ngokholo banqoba imibuso, benza ukulunga, bazuza izithembiso, bavala imilomo yezilwane,

34 bacitsha amandla omlilo, baphepha ubukhali benkemba, bazuza amandla ebuthakathakeni, baqina empini, baxotsha amabutho awezizwe.

35 Abesifazana bemukela abafileyo babo bevela ekuvukeni; labanye bazwiswa ubuhlungu, bengemukeli ukukhululwa, ukuze bazuze ukuvuka okungcono;

36 abanye balingwa ngokwenziwa inhlekisa lokutshaywa, futhi langezibopho langentolongo;

37 bakhandwa ngamatshe, basahwa phakathi, balingwa, bafa ekubulaweni ngenkemba; bazula bembethe izigogo zezimvu lezigogo zezimbuzi, baswela, bazwiswa ubuhlungu, baphathwa kubi,

38 (umhlaba ongabafanelanga bona) bazula ezinkangala lezintabeni lezimbalwini lemihomeni yomhlaba.

39 Labo bonke laba, befakazelwe ngokholo kabazuzanga isithembiso,

40 lokhu uNkulunkulu wayesinakekele ngaphambili okungcono, ukuze kuthi ngaphandle kwethubangapheleliswa.

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Ukubekezela ezinhluphekweni

1Ngakho-ke lathi sigonjolozelwe liyezi elikhulu kangaka labafakazi, asilahle konke okusindayo lesonoesisithandele lula, asigijime ngokubekezela umjaho esiwumiselweyo,

2 sikhangele kuJesu umqalisi lomphelelisi wokholo lwethu, owathi ngenxa yentokozo ayimiselweyo, waqinisela esiphambanweni, edelela ihlazo, wahlala ngakwesokunene sesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu.

3 Ngakho mqapheliseni yena owaqinisela kuyo impikisano engaka lezoni emelane laye, ukuze lingadinwa, liphelelwe ngamandla emiphefumulweni yenu.

4 Kalikamelani lakho kuze kube segazini lisilwa lesono;

5 njalo selikhohliwe inkuthazo, ekhuluma kini njengemadodaneni eyokuthi: Ndodana yami, ungadeleli ukulaya kweNkosi, njalo ungapheli amandla, nxa usolwa yiyo;

6 ngoba iNkosi iyalaya emthandayo; njalo itshaye ngesiswepu yonke indodana eyemukelayo.

7 Uba likhuthazela ekulayweni, uNkulunkulu uyaliphatha njengamadodana; ngoba yiyiphi indodana uyise angayilayiyo?

8 Kodwa uba lingelakulaywa, okuthi bonke bangabahlanganyeli bakho, ngakho lingabokufetshwa njalo kalisiwo amadodana.

9 Futhi-ke sasilabo obaba benyama yethu abasilayayo njalo sabahlonipha; pho, kasiyikuzehlisela ngaphansi kukaYise wemimoya kakhulu kulalokho, siphile?

10 Ngoba bona kambe basilaya okwensuku ezinlutshwana, njengokubona kwabo; kodwa yena kube yikusizakalakwethu, ukuze sihlanganyele ubungcwele bakhe.

11 Lakho konke ukulaywa okukhona kakubonakali angathi ngokwentokozo, kodwa ngokosizi; emva kwalokho-ke kuyabalethela isithelo sokuthula sokulunga abajeziswa ngakho.

12 Ngakho qinisani izandla ezibuthakathaka lamadolo axegayo;

13 njalo lenzele inyawo zenu indlela eziqondileyo, ukuze okuqhulayo kungenyeli, kodwa kulalokho kusiliswe.

14 Nxwanelani ukuthula labo bonke, lobungcwele, ngaphandle kwalokho kakulamuntu ozayibona iNkosi;

15 liqaphelisa ukuze kungabi khona osilelayo emuseni kaNkulunkulu; kungamili lampande yokubaba ikhathaze, njalo ngayo abanengi bangcoliswe;

16 kakungabi lamuntu oyisifebe kumbe ongakhonzi uNkulunkulu, njengoEsawu, owathengisa ubuzibulo bakhengokudla okukodwa.

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17 Ngoba liyazi ukuthi lemva kwalokho, esethanda ukudla ilifa lesibusiso, waliwa;
ngoba kayitholanga indawo yokuphenduka, lanxa wayidingisisa ngezinyembezi.

Intaba yeSinayi leyeZiyoni

18 Ngoba kalizanga entabeni engathintwa, lemlilweni ovuthayo, lekufiphaleni,
lemnyameni, lesivunguvungwini,

19 lekukhaleni kophondo, lelizwini lamazwi, okwathi labo abezwayo bancenga
ukuthi kungabe kusakhulunywailizwi kibo;

20 ngoba babengelakukumela lokho okwalaywayo ukuthi: Ngitsho lenyamazana
uba ithinta intaba, izakhandwa ngamatshe, kumbe itshokwe ngomtshoko;

21 njalo, kwakusesabeka kangaka lokho okwabonwayo, uMozisi wathi: Ngilovalo,
ngiyathuthumela.

22 Kodwa lize entabeni iSiyoni, lemzini kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, eJerusalema
yasezulwini, lakuzigidi zengilosi ezingelakubalwa,

23 lemhlanganweni omkhulu lebandleni lamazibulo abhalwe emazulwini,
lakuNkulunkulu umahluleli wabo bonke, lakumimoya
yabalungileyo abaphelelisiweyo,

24 lakuJesu umlamuli wesivumelwano esitsha, legazini lokufafaza elikhuluma
izinto ezingconokulelikaAbela.

25 Qaphelani ukuthi lingamali okhulumayo. Ngoba uba bengaphephanga labo
abala lowo owakhuluma okuvela kuNkulunkulu emhlabeni, kakhulu kangakanani
thina esimfulathelayo lowo okhuluma evela emazulwini;

26 olizwi lakhe ngalesosikhathi lanyikinya umhlaba, kodwa khathesi uthembisile,
wathi: Ngizaphinda kanyeukunyikinya kungeyisiwo umhlaba wodwa, kodwa
lezulu.

27 Lalokhu ukuthi: Ngizaphinda kanye, kutshengisa ukususwa kwezinto
ezinyikinywayo, kungathi ezenziweyo, ukuze kusale izinto ezinganyikinywayo.

28 Ngakho njengoba sisemukela umbuso ongelakunyikinyekiswa, asibe lomusa
esingamkhonza uNkulunkulungawo ngokwemukelekayo kanye lokuthobeka
lokwesaba uNkulunkulu;

29 ngoba-ke uNkulunkulu wethu ungumlilo oqothulayo.

KUMAHEBHERU 13

Izeluleko eziyinhlobonhlobo

1 Kalume njalo uthando lobuzalwane.

2 Lingakhohlwa ukungenisa izihambi; ngoba ngalokho abanye bangenisa
izingilosi bengazi.

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3 Khumbulani izibotshwa, ngokungathi libotshwe kanye lazo; abaphethwe kubi, ngokungathi lani liphethwe kubi emzimbeni.

4 Umtshado uhlonitshwa kubo bonke, lombheda ungangcoliswa; kodwa uNkulunkulu uzagweba iziphingilezifebe.

5 Indlela yempilo kayingabi ngeyokuthanda imali, yeneliswani yizinto elilazo; ngoba yena utshilo ukuthi: Kangisoze ngakulahla, njalo kangisoze ngakutshiya.

6 Ngakho singatsho ngesibindi sithi: INkosi ingumsizi wami, njalo kangiyikwesaba umuntu azakwenza kimi.

7 Khumbulani abakhokheli benu, abakhulume kini ilizwi likaNkulunkulu; liqaphelise ukuphela kokuhambakwabo, lilingisele ukholo lwabo.

8 UJesu Kristu unguye izolo lalamuhla lephakadeni.

9 Lingaduhiswa yizimfundiso eziyinhlobonhlobo lezingaziwayo; ngoba kuhle ukuthi inhliziyo iqiniswe ngomusa, kungabi ngokudla, abangasizwanga yikho ababebambelela kukho.

10 Silalo ilathi, abangelalungelo lokudla kulo abakhonza ithabhanekele.

11 Ngoba lezozinyamazana, ogazi lazo langeniswa ngumpristi omkhulu endaweni ezingcwele ngenxa yesono, izidumbu zazo zitshiswa ngaphandle kwenkamba.

12 Ngakho laye uJesu, ukuze angcwelise abantu ngelakhe igazi, wahlupheka ngaphandle kwesango.

13 Ngakho-ke asiphumele kuye ngaphandle kwenkamba, sithwele ihlazo lakhe.

14 Ngoba kasilawo umuzi omiyo lapha, kodwa sidinga ozayo.

15 Ngakho asinikele njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu ngaye umnikelo wendumiso, okutsho isithelo sendebe sivuma ibizo lakhe.

16 Kodwa lingakhohlwa ukwenza okuhle lokuphana; ngoba uNkulunkulu uyathokoza ngeminikelo enjalo.

17 Lalelani abakhokheli benu, lizehlisele ngaphansi kwabo; ngoba laba balinda imiphefumulo yenu, njengabazalandisa; ukuze bakwenze lokhu ngenjabulo, njalo bengabubuli; ngoba kungalisizi lokhu.

Isicino

18 Sikhulekeleni; ngoba siyathemba ukuthi silesazela esihle, sifisa ukuhamba kuhle ezintweni zonke;

19 njalo ngiyalincenga ngokwengezelelwe kakhulu ukuthi likwenze lokhu, ukuze ngibuyiselwe kini ngokuphangisa.

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20 Kungathi uNkulunkulu wokuthula owamkhuphula kwabafileyo
uMelusi omkhulu wezimvu ngegazilesivumelwano saphakade, iNkosi yethu
uJesu,

21 angaliphelelisa kuwo wonke umsebenzi omuhle ukuze lenze intando yakhe,
esebenza kini lokho okumthokozisayo phambi kwakhe, ngoJesu
Kristu, kakube kuye ubukhosi kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.

22 Kodwa ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, lemukeleni ngesineke ilizwi lenkuthazo;
ngoba ngilibhalele ngamafitshane.

23 Yazini ukuthi umzalwane uTimothi ukhululwe, uba efika masinyane,
ngizalibona ngilaye.

24 Bingelelani bonke abakhokheli benu, labo bonke abangcwele. Abavela
eIthaliya bayalibingelela.

25 Umusa kawube lani lonke. Ameni.

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KAJAKOBE

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INCWADI
KUBO BONKE
Isibingelelo

1UJakobe, inceku kaNkulunkulu leyeNkosi uJesu Kristu, kuzo izizwe ezilitshumi lambiliezisekuhlakazekeni, ngiyabingelela.

Ukulaya ngezilingo

2 Kubaleni njengentokozo yonke, bazalwane bami, nxa liwela ezilingweni ezizinhlobonhlobo,

3 lisazi ukuthi ukuhlolwa kokholo lwenu kuveza ukubekezela;

4 kodwa ukubekezela kakube lomsebenzi opheleleyo, ukuze libe ngabapheleleyo liphelelisiwe, lingasileli ngalutho.

5 Njalo uba kukhona kini oswele inhlakanipho, kacele kuNkulunkulu ophanayo ngesihle kibo bonke, futhi engasoli, njalo uzayinikwa.

6 Kodwa kacele ekholweni engathandabuzi ngalutho; ngoba othandabuzayo unjengegagasi lolwandleeliqhutshwa ngumoya lizuliswe.

7 Ngoba lowomuntu kangacabangi ukuthi uzazuza ulutho eNkosini.

8 Indoda enhliziyombili iyaphendukaphenduka endleleni zayo zonke.

9 Lomzalwane ophansi kazincome ekuphakameni kwakhe;

10 kodwa onothileyo ekuthotshisweni kwakhe; ngoba njengeluba lotshani uzadlula.

11 Ngoba ilanga liphuma lilokutshisa, libunise utshani, leluba labo liwohloke, lobuhle bokubonakala kwalo bunyamalale; ngokunjalo lesinothi sizanyamalala ezindleleni zaso.

12 Ubusisiwe umuntu obekezelela isilingo; ngoba esehloliwe uzakwemukela umqhele wempilo, iNkosi eyawuthembisa kwabayithandayo.

13 Kakulamuntu olingwayo omele athi: Ngilingwa nguNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu kalasilingo sokubi, laye uqobo kalingi muntu.

14 Kodwa ngulowo lalowo uyalingwa, lapho ehudulwa ngezakhe inkanuko, ehugwa;

15 kuthi lapho inkanuko isikhulelwe ibelethe isono; lesono lapho sesiphelele sizala ukufa.

16 Lingakhohliswa, bazalwane bami abathandekayo.

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17 Sonke isipho esihle laso sonke isipho esipheleleyo sivela phezulu, sehla sivela kuYise wezibane, okungekho kuye ukuguquka, kumbe isithunzi sokuphenduka.

18 Ngokuthanda kwakhe wasizala ngelizwi leqiniso, ukuze sibe njengezithelo zokuqala zezidalwa zakhe.

Ukulaya ngokholo olulezenzo

19 Ngakho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo, wonke umuntu umele aphangise ukuzwa, aphuze ukukhuluma, aphuze ukuthukuthela;

20 ngoba ukuthukuthela kwendoda kakwenzi ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu.

21 Ngakho selihlubule amanyala wonke lokwanda kakhulu kobubi, lemukele ngobumnene ilizwi eligxunyekiweyo, elilamandla okusindisa imiphefumulo yenu.

22 Kodwa banini ngabenzi belizwi, lingabi ngabezwayo kuphela, lizikhohlisa lina ngokwenu.

23 Ngoba uba umuntu engumuzwi welizwi futhi engesimenzi, yena ufanana lendoda ebuka ubuso bayo bemvelo esibukweni;

24 ngoba iyazibuka, ibisisuka, ibisihle ikhohlwa ukuthi ibinjani.

25 Kodwa lowo okhangelisisa emlayweni opheleleyo, lowo owenkululeko, abesebambelela kuwo, yena engesimuzwi okhohlwayo kodwa engumenzi womsebenzi, lo uzakuba ngobusisiweyo ekwenzeni kwakhe.

26 Uba umuntu phakathi kwenu esithi uyakholwa, uba engalufaki itomu ulimi lwakhe, kodwa akhohlise inhliziyo yakhe, ukukholwa kwalowo kuyize.

27 Ukukholwa okuhlanzekileyo lokungangcoliswanga phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngitsho uBaba yilokhu, ukuhambela izintandane labafelokazi ekuhluphekeni kwabo, lokuzilondoloza engelasici kokomhlaba.

KAJAKOBE 2

Abazalwane balaywa ukuthi bangabandlululi abantu

1Bazalwane bami, kungeyisikho ngokubandlulula abantu libe lokholo lweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, iNkosiyenkazimulo.

2 Ngoba uba kungena emhlanganweni wenu indoda elendandatho yegolide lesembatho esikhazimulayo, besekungena longumyanga olesembatho esingcolileyo,

3 beselinanzelela ogqoke isembatho esikhazimulayo beselisithi kuye: Wena hlala lapha kuhle, beselisithi kongumyanga: Wena mana lapho; loba: Hlala lapha ngaphansi kwesenabelo senyawo zami;

4 pho, kalibandlululi phakathi kwenu, njalo laba ngabahluleli abalemicabango emibi yini?

5 Zwanini, bazalwane bami abathandekayo. UNkulunkulu kabakhethanga yini abayanga balumhlaba, benothile ekholweni, njalo bezindlalifa zombuso awuthembisayo kwabamthandayo?

6 Kodwa lina libadumazile abayanga. Abanothileyo kabalicindezeli yini, njalo bona balidonsele ekwahlulelweni yini?

7 Bona kabalihlambazi yini ibizo elihle elibizwa ngalo?

8 Uba liphelelisa umlayo wobukhosi, ngokombhalo othi: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena, lenza kuhle;

9 kodwa uba libandlulula abantu, lenza isono, lilahlwa ngumlayo njengabaweqayo.

10 Ngoba loba ngubani ogcina umlayo wonke, kodwa akhubeke kokukodwa, uba lecala kuyo yonke.

11 Ngoba owathi: Ungafebi; wathi futhi: Ungabulali; uba-ke ungafebi, kodwa ubulala, usungumeqi womlayo.

12 Khulumani ngokunjalo lenze njalo, njengabazakwahlulelwa ngomlayo wenkululeko.

13 Ngoba ukwahlulelwa okungelasihawu kungokwalowo ongenzanga isihawu; njalo isihawu sizincoma kukho ukwahlulela.

Ukholo lufanele lube lezenzo

14 Kusizani, bazalwane bami, uba umuntu esithi ulokholo, kodwa engelamisebenzi? Lolokholo lungamsindisa yini?

15 Uba-ke umzalwane loba umzalwanekazi behambaze njalo beswela ukudla kwensuku ngensuku,

16 omunye wenu abesesithi kibo: Hambani ngokuthula, likhudumale lisuthe; kodwa engabaniki izinto ezidingwa ngumzimba, lokho kusizani?

17 Kunjalo lokholo, uba lungelamisebenzi, lufile ngokwalo.

18 Kodwa omunye uzakuthi: Wena ulokholo, mina-ke ngilemisebenzi: Ngitshengisa ukholo lwakho ngaphandle kwemisebenzi yakho, lami emisebenzini yami ngizakutshengisa ukholo lwami.

19 Wena uyakholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu munye; wenza kuhle; lamadimoni ayakholwa, njalo athuthumele.

20 Kodwa uyathanda ukwazi yini, O siphukuphuku, ukuthi ukholo olungelamisebenzi lufile?

21 UAbrahama ubaba wethu kalungisiswanga yini ngemisebenzi, esenikele indodana yakhe uIsaka phezu kwelathi?

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22 Uyabona ukuthi ukholo lwalusebenza kanye lemisebenzi yakhe, lokuthi ukholo lwapheleliswa ngemisebenzi,

23 kwasekugcwaliswa umbhalo othi: LoAbrahama wakholwa uNkulunkulu, kwasekubalelwa kuye ukuthi kuyikulunga, wasebizwa ngokuthi ngumngane kaNkulunkulu.

24 Ngakho-ke liyabona ukuthi umuntu uyalungisiswa ngemisebenzi, futhi kungesikuthi ngokholo kuphela.

25 Ngokunjalo-ke loRahabi isifebe kalungisiswanga ngemisebenzi yini, esezemukele izithunywa, eseziphumise ngenye indlela?

26 Ngoba njengalokhu umzimba ngaphandle komoya ufile, ngokunjalo lokholo ngaphandle kwemisebenzi lufile.

KAJAKOBE 3

Izono zolimi

1 Lingabi ngabafundisi abanengi, bazalwane bami, lisazi ukuthi sizakwemukela isigwebo esikhulu.

2 Ngoba sonke siyakhubeka ezintweni ezinengi. Uba umuntu engakhubeki elizwini, lowo uyindoda epheleleyo, elamandla okukhina lomzimba wonke.

3 Khangela, sifaka amatomu emilonyeni yamabhiza ukuze asilalele, sibe sesiqondisa umzimba wonke wawo kwenye indlela.

4 Khangela, lemikhumbi, lanxa imikhulu kangaka njalo iqhutshwa yimimoya elamandla, iyaqondiswa kwenye indlela ngephinyana nje, lapho isifiso somtshayeli esifuna khona.

5 Lunjalo lolimi luyisitho esincinyane, kanti luzincoma kakhulu. Khangela, umlilo omncinyane uyatshisa izigodo ezingakanani!

6 Ulimi lalo lungumlilo, umhlaba wobubi; lunjalo ulimi lubekwe phakathi kwezitho zethu, lungcolisa umzimba wonke, luthungele indlela yempilo, njalo luthungelwa yisihogo.

7 Ngoba yonke imvelo yokubili izinyamazana lezinyoni, kokubili ezihuquzelayo lezidalwa zolwandle, iyathanjiswa njalo isithanjisiwe ngemvelo yabantu;

8 kodwa ulimi kakulamuntu ongaluthambisa; luyibubi obungelakunqotshwa, lugcwele ubuhlungu obubulalayo.

9 Ngalo siyabonga uNkulunkulu ngitsho uBaba, langalo siqalekisa abantu abenziwe ngesimo sikaNkulunkulu;

10 emlonyeni munye kuyaphuma ukubonga lenhlamba. Lezizinto kazifanelanga, bazalwane bami, zenzeke njalo.

11 Kambe umthombo emgodini munye ungagobhoza yini okumnandi lokubabayo?

12 Kambe, bazalwane bami, umkhiwa ungathela imihlwathi yini, loba ivini umkhiwa? Ngokunjalo kakulamthombo oveza amanzi alitshwayi lamnandi.

Ukuhlakanipha okuvela phezulu

13 Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo loqedisisayo phakathi kwenu? Katshengise imisebenzi yakhe ekuziphatheni kuhlengobumnene benhlakanipho.

14 Kodwa uba lilomhawu obabayo lombango enhliziyweni yenu, lingazincomi liqambele amanga iqiniso.

15 Lokhu kayisiyo inhlakanipho eyehla ivela phezulu, kodwa ingeyomhlaba, ngeyemvelo, eyamadimoni.

16 Ngoba lapho okukhona umhawu lombango, lapho kukhona isiphithiphithi lazo zonke izenzo ezimbi.

17 Kodwa inhlakanipho evela phezulu eyokuqala ihlanzekile, emva kwalokho ibe lokuthula, ibe mnene, ilalele, igcwele isihawu lezithelo ezinhle, kayilakubandlulula futhi ingelakuzenzisa.

18 Lesithelo sokulunga sihlanyelwa ekuthuleni kulabo abenza ukuthula.

KAJAKOBE 4

UJakobe uxwayisa ngokulwa phakathi kwabazalwane

1Zivela ngaphi izimpi lokulwa phakathi kwenu? Kakuveli lapha yini, enkanukweni zenu ezilwayo ezithweni zenu?

2 Liyafisa, kodwa kalilalutho; liyabulala njalo lilomhawu, kodwa lingeke lazuza; liyalwa futhi lenza impi, kodwa kalilalutho, ngoba kaliceli;

3 liyacela njalo kalemukeli, ngoba licela kubi, ukuze likuchithele enkanukweni zenu.

4 Zifebe lezifebekazi, kalazi yini ukuthi uthando lomhlaba luyibutha kuNkulunkulu? Ngakho loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngumngane womhlaba, wenziwa isitha sikaNkulunkulu.

5 Kumbe licabanga yini ukuthi umbhalo utsho ize: Umoya ohlala kithi ufisela kumona?

6 Kodwa uyanika umusa omkhulu; ngakho uthi: UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo, kodwa abathobekileyo uyabapha umusa.

7 Ngakho zehliseleni kuNkulunkulu, melanani lodiyabhola, njalo uzalibalekela.

8 Sondelani kuNkulunkulu, laye uzasondela kini; gezani izandla, zoni, njalo lihlanze izinhliziyo, lina banhliziyombili.

9 Danani lilile likhale; ukuhleka kwenu kakuphendulwe ukulila, lentokozo ukudana.

10 Zithobeni phambi kweNkosi, njalo izaliphakamisa.

11 Lingahlebani, bazalwane. Lowo ohleba umzalwane, amehlulele umzalwane wakhe, uhleba umlayo, ehlulele umlayo; kodwa uba esehlulela umlayo, kawusumenzi womlayo, kodwa umahluleli.

12 Munye ummisumlayo, olamandla okusindisa lokubhubhisa; wena ungubani owahlulela omunye?

UJakobe usola abathanda inzuzo labanothileyo

13 Minani-ke lina elithi: Lamuhla loba kusasa sizakuya emzini othile, sihlale khona umnyaka owodwa sithengiselane sizuze;

14 elingakwaziyo okwakusasa. Ngoba iyini impilo yenu? Ngoba iyinkungu ebonakala okwesikhatshana, emva kwalokho ibisinyamalala;

15 endaweni yalokho ngabe lithi: Uba iNkosi ivuma, njalo sizaphila, sibe sesisenza lokhu kumbe lokhuyana.

16 Kodwa khathesi liyazincoma ekuzigqajeni kwenu; konke ukuzincoma okunje kubi.

17 Ngakho lowo okwaziyo ukwenza okuhle kodwa engakwenzi, kuyisono kuye.

KAJAKOBE 5

1Minani-ke lina abanothileyo, khalani lilile ngenxa yenhlupheko zenu ezilehlelayo.

2 Inotho yenu ibolile, lezembatho zenu zidliwe yinundu;

3 igolide lenu lesiliva kuthombile, lokuthomba kwakho kuzakuba yibufakazi kini, njalo kuzakudla inyama yenu njengomlilo. Lizibekela inotho ensukwini zokuphela.

4 Khangela, umvuzo wezisebenzi ezigunde amasimu enu, ogodlwe yini ngokuqilibezela, uyakhala; lokukhala kwabavuni kungene endlebeni zeNkosi yamabandla.

5 Libusile ngokuzithokozisa emhlabeni, latamasa; linonise inhliziyo zenu njengosukwini lokuhlatshwa,

6 limlahlile, lambulala olungileyo; kamelananga lani.

Mayelana lokubekezela

7 Ngakho bekezelani, bazalwane, kuze kube sekufikeni kweNkosi. Khangela, umlimi uyalindela isithelo somhlabathi esiligugu, asibekezelele, size sizuze izulu elokuqala lelokucina.

8 Lani bekezelani, liqinise inhliziyo zenu, ngoba ukufika kweNkosi kuyasondela.

9 Lingasolani, bazalwane, ukuze lingalahlwa; khangela, uMahluleli umi emnyango.

10 Thathani isibonelo sokuhlupheka, bazalwane bami, lesokubekezela, abaprofethi abakhuluma ebizweni leNkosi.

11 Khangela, sithi babusisiwe ababekezelayo; lizwile ukubekezela kukaJobe, laselibona ukucina kweNkosi, ukuthi iNkosi ilesihawu esikhulu lobubele.

Mayelana lokufunga, langokukhuleka, langokusiza abaduhileyo

12 Kodwa phambi kwakho konke, bazalwane bami, lingafungi, loba ngezulu, loba ngomhlaba, loba ngasiphi esinye isifungo; kodwa kakuthi uyebo wenu abe nguyebo, lohatshi nguhatshi; ukuze lingaweli ekulahlweni.

13 Kukhona ohluphekayo yini phakathi kwenu? Kakhuleke. Kukhona othokozayo yini? Kahlabele indumiso.

14 Kukhona ogulayo phakathi kwenu yini? Kabizele kuye abadala bebandla, babesebekhuleka phezu kwakhe, bamgcobe ngamafutha ebizweni leNkosi;

15 lomkhuleko wokholo uzamsindisa ogulayo, leNkosi izamlulamisa; uba-ke enzile izono, uzazithethelelwa.

16 Vumani iziphambeko omunye komunye, likhulekelane, ukuze lisiliswe. Umkhuleko oqinileyo wolungileyo ulamandla kakhulu.

17 UElija wayengumuntu olemizwa efanana leyethu, wasekhuleka lokukhuleka ukuthi lingani; njalo kalinangaemhlabeni okweminyaka emithathu lenyanga eziyisithupha;

18 wasebuya ekhuleka, lezulu lanika izulu, lomhlaba wathela isithelo sawo.

19 Bazalwane, uba omunye kini ephambuka eqinisweni, lomunye angambuyisa,

20 yazi ukuthi obuyise isoni ekuduheni kwendlela yaso uzasindisa umphefumulo ekufeni, asibekele inkithinkithi yezono.

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I KAPETRO

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INCWADI YOKUQALA
KUBO BONKE
Isibingelelo

1UPetro, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu, kwabemzini abakhethiweyo bokuhlakazeka kwePontusi, iGalathiya, iKaphadosiya, iAsiya, leBithiniya,

2 njengokolwazi ngaphambili lukaNkulunkulu uBaba, ekungcwelisweni koMoya, ekulaleleni lekufafazweni kwegazi likaJesu Kristu: Umusa lokuthula kakwandiswa kini.

UPetro ubonga uNkulunkulu ngethemba eliphilileyo

3 Ubusisiwe uNkulunkulu, ngitsho uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, owasizala kutsha ngesihawu sakhe esikhulu ethembeni eliphilileyo ngokuvuka kukaJesu Kristu kwabafileyo,

4 elifeni elingaboliyo lelingangcolanga lelingabuniyo, elilondolozelwe lona emazulwini,

5 lina elilondolozwe ngamandla kaNkulunkulu ngokholo kusindiso olulungiselwe ukwembulwa esikhathini sokucina.

6 Elithokoza kuso, lanxa okwesikhatshana khathesi, uba kudingeka, lisezahlupheka ezilingweni eziyizinhlobonhlobo,

7 ukuze ubuqotho bokholo lwenu, oluligugu kakhulu okwedlula igolide elibhubhayo, selihlolwe ngomlilo, buficwe bulendumiso lenhlonipho lodumo, ekwembulweni kukaJesu Kristu;

8 elingambonanga limthanda, elithi khathesi lingamboni kodwa likholwe kuye, liyathokoza ngentokozo engakhulumekiyo ledumisekayo,

9 lizuze isiphetho sokholo lwenu, usindiso lwemiphefumulo yenu.

10 Ngalolusindiso abaprofethi babuzisisa njalo bahlolisisa, abaprofetha ngomusa oza kini;

11 babuza ukuthi yisiphi loba sinjani isikhathi uMoya kaKristu owayekibo osikhombayo, efakaza ngaphambilingenhlupheko eziqondene loKristu, langobukhosi emva kwalezo;

12 okwembulwa kubo ukuthi kungeyisikho kibo, kodwa kithi babesebenza lezizinto, eselizitshunyayezwa yilabo abalitshumayeza ivangeli ngoMoya oNgcwele othunywe evela ezulwini, izinto ingilosi ezilangathaukuzihlolisisa.

UPetro ukhuthaza abakholwayo ukuthi bahambe ngobungcwele

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13 Ngakho libopha inkalo zengqondo yenu, liqonde, lithembe ngokupheleleyo
emuseni olethwe kini ekwembulweni kukaJesu Kristu;

14 njengabantwana abalalelayo, lingazibumbi ngokwesimo sezinkanuko
ezazikhona mandulo kokungazi kwenu,

15 kodwa njengoba owalibizayo engcwele, lani banini ngcwele kukho konke
ukuziphatha;

16 ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Banini ngcwele, ngoba mina ngingcwele.

17 Njalo uba libiza lithi: Baba, owahlulela ngulowo lalowo ngokomsebenzi wakhe
engabandlululi, chithani isikhathi sokuba yizihambi kwenu ekwesabeni;

18 lisazi ukuthi kalihlengwanga ngezinto ezingabhubha, isiliva kumbe igolide,
ekuhambeni kwenu okuyizeelakwemukela kubobaba,

19 kodwa ngegazi likaKristu eliligugu kungathi ngelewundlu elingelasici
lelingelabala.

20 Isibili owamiswa ngaphambili phambi kwesisekelo somhlaba, kodwa
wabonakaliswa esikhathini sokucina ngenxa yenu,

21 elikholwa ngaye kuNkulunkulu, owamvusa kwabafileyo, wasemnika ubukhosi,
ukuze ukholo lethemba lenu kube kuNkulunkulu.

22 Selihlanze imiphefumulo yenu ekulaleleni kweqiniso ngoMoya ethandweni
lwabazalwane ngokungazenzisi, thandanani ngokutshiseka okuvela enhliziyweni
emhlophe;

23 selizelwe ngokutsha okungeyisikho okuvela enhlanyelweni engabola, kodwa
engaboliyo, ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu eliphilayo lelimiyo ephakadeni.

24 Ngoba yonke inyama injengotshani, labo bonke ubukhosi bomuntu
bunjengeluba lotshani. Utshani buyabuna, leluba labo liwohloke;

25 kodwa ilizwi leNkosi limi kuze kube sephakadeni. Laleli yilizwi
elatshunyayelwa kini ngevangeli.

I KAPETRO 2

1Ngakho lahlani ububi bonke lobuqili bonke lokuzenzisa lomhawu lokuhleba
konke,

2 njengezingane ezisanda ukuzalwa, fisani uchago olungaqungwanga lwelizwi,
ukuze likhuliswe ngalo,

3 uba-ke selinambithile ukuthi iNkosi ilomusa.

Ukwakhiwa kwendlu yomoya

4 Elizayo kuyo, ilitshe eliphilayo, elaliwa ngabantu, kodwa kuNkulunkulu
likhethiwe, liligugu,

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5 lani njengamatshe aphilayo lakhiwe indlu yokomoya, ubupristi obungcwele,
ukuze linikele imihlatshelo yokomoya eyemukelekayo kuNkulunkulu ngoJesu
Kristu.

6 Ngakho kukhona lembhalweni ukuthi: Khangela ngiyabeka eSiyoni ilitshe
lengonsi, elikhethiweyo eliligugu; lokholwa kuye kasoze ayangeke.

7 Ngakho kini elikholwayo uligugu; kodwa kwabangalaleliyo, ilitshe abakhi
abalalayo, leli selibe yinhloko yengonsi,

8 lelitshe lokukhubekisa, ledwala lokuwisa; abakhubeka elizwini, bengalaleli;
okuyikho labo ababekumiselwe;

9 kodwa lina liluhlanga olukhethiweyo, ubupristi bobukhosi, isizwe esingcwele,
abantu abatholiweyo, ukuze litshumayele jikelele ukulunga kwalowo
owalibiza livela emnyameni laya ekukhanyeni kwakhe okumangalisayo;

10 elalikade lingeyisibo abantu, kodwa khathesi lingabantu bakaNkulunkulu;
elalingahawukelwanga, kodwa khathesi selihawukelwe.

11 Bathandekayo, ngiyalincenga njengabemzini lezihambi ukuthi
lizithinte enkanukweni zenyama, ezilwa lomphefumulo;

12 lilokuhamba okuhle phakathi kwabezizwe, ukuze kuthi,
ekulihlebeni njengabenzi bobubi, ezenzweni ezinhle abazibonileyo bangadumisa
uNkulunkulu osukwini lokuhanjelwa.

Ukuzehlisela ngaphansi kwezimiso zabantu ngenxa yeNkosi

13 Ngakho zehliseleni ngaphansi kwaso sonke isimiso sabantu ngenxa yeNkosi;
loba kuyinkosi, njengebusayo;

14 loba kubabusi, njengabathunywe yiyo ekujezisweni kwabenzi bobubi, kodwa
kube lodumo lwabenzi bokuhle.

15 Ngoba injalo intando kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi ngokwenza okuhle lifake isayeke
emlonyeni wokungazi kwabantu abayizithutha;

16 njengabakhululekileyo, kodwa lingabi lenkululeko njengesigubuzelo sobubi,
kodwa njengezigqili zikaNkulunkulu.

17 Hloniphani bonke. Thandani ubuzalwane. Mesabeni uNkulunkulu. Hloniphani
inkosi.

18 Zinceku, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwamakhosi ngokwesaba konke, kungeyisikho
kulawo alungileyo lamnene kuphela, kodwa lakulawo angaqondanga.

19 Ngoba lokhu kungumusa, uba umuntu ethwala izinhlupheko ngenxa yesazela
kuNkulunkulu, ehlupheka ngokungafanelanga.

20 Ngoba kulenzuzo bani, uba lisona beselitshaywa libekezela? Kodwa uba
lisenza okuhle njalo lihlupheke libekezela, lokhu kungumusa kuNkulunkulu.

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21 Ngoba labizelwa lokho, ngoba uKristu laye wasihluphekela, esitshiyela isibonelo, ukuze lilandele izinyathelo zakhe;

22 ongenzanga isono, lenkohliso kayificwanga emlonyeni wakhe;

23 owathi ethukwa kazaphindisela ngokuthuka, ehlupheka kazasongela, kodwa wazinikela kulowo owahlulela ngokulunga;

24 yena ngokwakhe owathwala izono zethu emzimbeni wakhe esihlahleni, ukuze kuthi, sesifile esonweni, siphile ekulungeni; okungemivimvinya yakhe lisilisiwe.

25 Ngoba lalinjengezimvu ezilahlekayo; kodwa khathesi selibuyele kuMelusi loMbonisi wemiphefumulo yenu.

I KAPETRO 3

Ukuphathana kwabathatheneyo

1 Ngokunjalo bafazi, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwawenu amadoda, ukuze kuthi, uba-ke bekhona abangalaleli ilizwi, bazuzwe ngaphandle kwelizwi ngokuziphatha kwabafazi,

2 enanzelela ukuhamba kwenu okuhlambulukileyo ekwesabeni.

3 Okuceca kwenu kakungabi ngokwangaphandle okokweluka inwele, lokokugqiza igolide, kumbe okokugqoka izembatho;

4 kodwa umuntu osithekileyo wenhliziyo, entweni engagugiyo yomoya omnene lokuthula, oligugu elikhulu phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

5 Ngoba kudala bazicecisa ngokunjalo labesifazana abangcwele ababethemba uNkulunkulu, bezehlisela ngaphansi kwawabo amadoda;

6 njengoSara owamlalela uAbrahama, wambiza ngokuthi nkosi, eselingamadodakazi akhe, uba lisenza okuhle njalo lingesatshiswa langokukodwa okwesabekayo.

7 Ngokunjalo madoda, hlalisanani ngokolwazi, limhloniphe owesifazana njengesitsha esibuthakathaka, njengoba labo beyizindlalifa zomusa wempilo kanye lani, ukuze imikhuleko yenu ingavinjelwa.

Ukuhamba ngokubekezela ekuhluphekeni

8 Okokucina-ke, banini nhliziyonye lonke, lizwelane, lithande abazalwane, libe lobubele, lilomusa;

9 lingaphindiseli okubi ngokubi, kumbe ukuthuka ngokuthuka; kodwa esikhundleni salokhu busisani, lisazi ukuthi labizelwa lokho, ukuze lidle ilifa lesibusiso.

10 Ngoba lowo ofuna ukuthanda impilo, lokubona insuku ezinhle, kanqande ulimi lwakhe kokubi, lendebe zakhe ukuze zingakhulumi inkohliso;

11 kaphambuke kokubi, abesesenza okuhle; adinge ukuthula, njalo akunxwanele.

12 Ngoba amehlo eNkosi aphezu kwabalungileyo, lendlebe zayo zingasemkhulekweni wabo; kodwa ubuso beNkosi bumelana labenza okubi.

13 Pho ngubani ongalilimaza, uba lingabalingisi bokuhle?

14 Kodwa uba lani lihlupheka ngenxa yokulunga, libusisiwe; njalo lingesabi ukwethusa kwabolingakhathazeki;

15 kodwa ngcwelisani iNkosi uNkulunkulu enhliziyweni zenu; beselihlala lizilungisele ukuphendula wonke olibuza isizatho ngethemba elikini, kanye lobumnene lokwesaba,

16 lilesazela esihle, ukuze kuthi kulokho abalihleba ngakho njengabenzi bobubi bayangeke, labo abathukaukuziphatha kwenu okuhle kuKristu.

17 Ngoba kungcono ukuhlupheka lisenza okuhle, uba intando kaNkulunkulu ikuthanda, kulokuhlupheka lisenza okubi.

18 Ngoba loKristu wahlupheka kanye ngenxa yezono, olungileyo esikhundleni sabangalunganga, ukuze asise kuNkulunkulu; owabulawa enyameni, kodwa wenziwa waphila ngoMoya,

19 ayesehambe ngawo laye watshumayela kumimoya esentolongweni,

20 eyababekade bengalaleli, lapho ukubekezela kukaNkulunkulu kwakukade kulindele, ensukwini zikaNowa lapho umkhumbi wawusakhiwa, okwasindiswa kuwo abalutshwana, okuyikuthi imiphefumulo eyisificaminwembili, ngamanzi.

21 Umfuziselo wawo lubhabhathizo olusisindisayo lathi khathesi, kungeyisikho ukususwa kwengcekeza yenyama, kodwa ukucela kwesazela esihle kuNkulunkulu, ngokuvuka kukaJesu Kristu,

22 oseye ezulwini, ekhona ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, izingilosi leziphathamandla lamandlasekwehliselwe ngaphansi kwakhe.

I KAPETRO 4

Abakholwayo balaywa ukuthi bayekele ukona

1 Njengoba uKristu wasihluphekela enyameni, hlomani lani ngengqondo efananayo, ngoba ohlupheke enyameni, useyekele isono,

2 ukuze isikhathi esiseleyo enyameni lingabe lisaphilela inkanuko zabantu, kodwa intando kaNkulunkulu.

3 Ngoba kwanele kithi ukuthi isikhathi sempilo esedlulileyo siqhube intando yabezizwe, sesihambe emanyaleni, ezinkanukweni, ekudakweni, ekuminzeni, ekunatheni, lekukhonzeni izithombe okuyangisayo;

4 abamangala kukho, nxa lingagijimi ndawonye kulokhukuthululeka kwamanyala, belihlambaza;

5 abazaziphendulela kulowo olungele ukwahlulela abaphilayo labafileyo.

6 Ngoba ngenxa yalokhu ivangeli latshunyayelwa lakwabafileyo, ukuze bahlulelwe ngokwabantu enyameni, kodwa baphile ngokukaNkulunkulu emoyeni.

7 Kodwa ukuphela kwezinto zonke sekusondele; ngakho qondani lilinde lisemikhulekweni;

8 kodwa phambi kwakho konke banini lothando oluvuthayo omunye komunye, ngoba uthando luzasibekela inkithinkithi yezono;

9 phathanani kuhle ekwethekelaneni, ngaphandle kokusola;

10 ngulowo lalowo njengesiphiwo asemukeleyo, kasisebenze omunye komunye, njengabaphathi abalungileyobomusa kaNkulunkulu ozinhlobonhlobo;

11 uba umuntu ekhuluma, kakhulume njengamazwi kaNkulunkulu; uba umuntu esebenza, kasebenzenjengokuvela emandleni uNkulunkulu awanikayo; ukuze uNkulunkulu adunyiswe kuzo zonke izinto ngoJesu Kristu, okukuye ubukhosi lamandla kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.

Ukuhlanganyela inhlupheko zikaKristu

12 Bathandekayo, lingamangali ngesilingo esitshisayo esiphezu kwenu esilihlolayo, ngokungathi lehlelwe yinto engaziwayo;

13 kodwa njengoba lihlanganyela inhlupheko zikaKristu, thokozani, ukuze kuthi lekwembulweni kwenkazimulo yakhe lithokoze lijabule kakhulu.

14 Uba lithukwa ngenxa yebizo likaKristu, libusisiwe; ngoba uMoya wenkazimulo lokaNkulunkulu uhlezi phezu kwenu; ngabo-ke uyathukwa, kodwa ngani uyadunyiswa.

15 Kodwa kakungabi khona owakini ohlupheka njengombulali, loba isela, loba umenzi wokubi, loba njengozigaxa endabeni zabanye;

16 kodwa uba ehlupheka njengomKristu, kangabi lanhloni, kodwa kadumise uNkulunkulu ngenxa yalokhu.

17 Ngoba sekuyisikhathi sokuthi ukwahlulela kuqale endlini kaNkulunkulu; njalo uba kuqala kithi, kuzakuba yini ukuphela kwalabo abangalalelanga ivangeli likaNkulunkulu?

18 Uba-ke olungileyo esindiswa ngobulukhuni, oweyisa uNkulunkulu lesoni uzabonakala ngaphi?

19 Ngakho-ke labo abahluphekayo ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu, njengakuMdali othembekileyo kabanikele eyabo imiphefumulo ekwenzeni okuhle.

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I KAPETRO 5

Ukulaywa kwabadala bebandla lokwabatsha

1 Abadala abaphakathi kwenu ngiyabakhuthaza engingomdala kanye
labo lomfakazi wenhlupheko zikaKristu, lomhlanganyeli wenkazimulo
ezakwembulwa:

2 Yelusani umhlambi kaNkulunkulu ophakathi kwenu, liwubonise kungabi
ngokubanjwa ngamandla, kodwa ngesihle; njalo kungabi ngenxa yenzuzo
elihlazo, kodwa ngokuvuma,

3 futhi lingabi njengamakhosi kulabo elabelwa bona, kodwa libe yizibonelo
zomhlambi.

4 Kuzakuthi lapho uMelusi omkhulu esebonakele lizakwemukela umqhele
wobukhosi ongabuniyo.

5 Ngokunjalo, batsha, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwabadala; njalo lonke zehliseni
omunye komunye, zembathiseni ukuthobeka; ngoba uNkulunkulu umelana
labazigqajayo, kodwa abathobekileyo uyabapha umusa.

6 Ngakho zehliseleni ngaphansi kwesandla sikaNkulunkulu esilamandla, ukuze
aliphakamise ngesikhathi esifaneleyo,

7 liphosela phezu kwakhe inkathazo zenu zonke, ngoba yena uyalikhathalela.

8 Qondani, lilinde, ngoba isitha senu, udiyabhola, siyabhoda njengesilwane
esibhongayo sidinga esingamginya;

9 limelane laye liqinile ekholweni, lisazi ukuthi zona
lezonhlupho zapheleliswa kubazalwane benu abasemhlabeni.

10 Kodwa uNkulunkulu womusa wonke, owasibizela ebukhosini bakhe
obuphakade kuKristu Jesu, sesihlupheke okwesikhatshana, sengathi yena
angaliphelelisa, aliqinise, alinike amandla, alisekele.

11 Kakube kuye inkazimulo lamandla kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.

Isicino

12 NgoSilivanu ongumzalwane othembekileyo kini, ngokumazi kwami, ngibhale
ngokufitshane, ngikhuthazanjalo ngifakaza ukuthi lo ngumusa oqotho
kaNkulunkulu, elimi kuwo.

13 Ibandla eliseBhabhiloni elikhethiweyo kanye lani liyalibingelela, loMarko
indodana yami.

14 Bingelelanani ngokwanga kothando.

Ukuthula kakube kini lonke elikuKristu Jesu. Ameni.

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II KAPETRO

II KAPETRO 1

INCWADI YESIBILI
KUBO BONKE
Isibingelelo

1USimoni Petro, inceku lomphostoli kaJesu Kristu, kulabo abazuze ukholo oluligugu njengathi ngokulunga kukaNkulunkulu wethu loMsindisi wethu uJesu Kristu:

2 Kakwandiswe kini umusa lokuthula elwazini lukaNkulunkulu loJesu iNkosi yethu.

Abakholwayo bafanele ukuzithinta ngoba baphiwe okunengi nguNkulunkulu

3 Njengamandla akhe obuNkulunkulu asinike zonke izinto ezimayelana lempilo lokukhonza uNkulunkulu, ngokolwazi lwalowo owasibiza ngobukhosi langobuhle;

4 okungakho siphiwe izithembiso ezinkulu kakhulu leziligugu, ukuze ngalezi libe ngabahlanganyeli bemvelo yobuNkulunkulu, seliphephe ekuboleni okusemhlabeni ngenxa yenkanuko.

5 Njalo ngenxa yalokhu-ke selenze yonke inkuthalo, yengezelelani ukulunga ekholweni lwenu, lekulungeni ulwazi,

6 lelwazini ukuzithiba, lekuzithibeni ukubekezela, lekubekezeleni ukwesaba uNkulunkulu,

7 lekwesabeni uNkulunkulu uthando lwabazalwane, lethandweni lwabazalwane uthando.

8 Ngoba uba lezizinto zikhona kini, njalo zisanda, kaziyikulenza livilaphe njalo lingabi lezithelo elwazini lweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu;

9 ngoba ongelazo lezizinto, uyisiphofu ubonela eduze, esekhohlwe ukuthi wahlanjululwa ezonweni zakhe ezindala.

10 Ngakho, bazalwane, tshisekelani kakhulu ukuqinisa ubizo lokhetho lwenu; ngoba uba lisenza lezizinto, kalisoze likhubeke loba nini.

11 Ngoba ngokunjalo lizakwengezelelwa ngokukhulu ukungena embusweni ophakade weNkosi yethu loMsindisi uJesu Kristu.

Ubufakazi bukaPetro lobabaprofethi

12 Ngakho kangisoze ngiyekele ukulikhumbuza njalonjalo ngalezizinto, lanxa lisazi, njalo liqinisiwe eqinisweni elikhona.

13 Njalo ngibona kulungile ukuthi, nxa ngisesekhona kulelithabhanekele, ngilivuse ngesikhumbuzo;

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14 ngisazi ukuthi kuyaphangisa ukususwa kwethabhanekele lami, njengalokhu leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu ingitshengisile.

15 Kodwa lami ngizakhuthala ukuthi ngezikhathi zonke emva kokusuka kwami libe lesikhumbuzo salezizinto.

16 Ngoba sasingalandeli izinganekwane zobuqili, lapho silazisa amandla lokuza kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, kodwa sasingabazibonelayo ubukhulu bayo.

17 Ngoba wemukela udumo lobukhosi okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, lapho ilizwi elinje lafikiswa kuye ngenkazimulo yobukhosi lisithi: Le yiNdodana yami ethandekayo mina engithokoza kuyo;

18 lalelilizwi thina salizwa livela ezulwini, lapho sasilaye entabeni engcwele.

19 Njalo silelizwi eliqinileyo kakhulu lesiprofetho, elenza kuhle ukuliqaphelisa njengesibane esikhanyayo endaweni emnyama, luze lukhanye usuku, lekhwezi liphumele enhliziyweni zenu;

20 lisazi lokhu kuqala, ukuthi kasikho isiprofetho sombhalo esivela kungcazelo engeyakhe.

21 Ngoba kakuzanga kulethwe isiprofetho ngentando yomuntu, kodwa abantu abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu bakhuluma beqhutshwa nguMoya oNgcwele.

II KAPETRO 2

UPetro uxwayisa ngabafundisi bamanga

1Kodwa kwakukhona labaprofethi bamanga phakathi kwabantu, njengoba lakini kuzakuba khona abafundisi bamanga, abazangenisa ngensitha imfundiso ezehlukanisayo ezichithayo, bephika leNkosi eyabathengayo, bezehlisela ukuchitheka okuphangisayo,

2 labanengi bazalandela incithakalo zabo; okungabo indlela yeqiniso izahlanjazwa,

3 njalo emhawini ngamazwi alungisiweyo bazakwenza inzuzo ngani; okulahlwa kwabo kwakudala kakulibalanga, lencithakalo yabo kayiwozeli.

4 Ngoba uba uNkulunkulu engaziyekelanga ingilosi ezonayo, kodwa eziphosela esihogweni ezinikela emaketaneni obumnyama ukuze zigcinelwe isigwebo;

5 njalo kaliyekelanga ilizwe lendulo, kodwa walondoloza owesificaminwembili uNowa umtshumayeli wokulunga, mhla eletha uzamcolo emhlabeni wabeyisa uNkulunkulu;

6 ngokuyichitha eyitshisa imizi yeSodoma leGomora waseyilahla, waseyenza isibonelo kulabo abazakweyisa uNkulunkulu;

7 wasemophula uLothi olungileyo, owahlutshwa yikuhamba ngamanyala kwabangalunganga;

8 ngoba lowo olungileyo, ehlala phakathi kwabo, ngokubona lokuzwa insuku
ngensuku wazwisa ubuhlungu umphefumulo wakhe olungileyo
ngemisebenzi yabo engelamthetho;

9 iNkosi iyakwazi ukubophula ekulingweni labo abamkhonzayo uNkulunkulu,
lokubagcina abangalungangakuze kube lusuku lwesigwebo, bajeziswe;

10 kodwa ikakhulu bona abalandela inyama enkanukweni engcolileyo, labadelela
ubukhosi. Abangakhathaliyo, abalenkani, kabesabi ukuhlambaza ubukhosi;

11 kanti ingilosi, ezinkulu ngamandla langengalo, kazilethi isigwebo senhlamba
ukumelana labo phambi kweNkosi.

12 Kodwa laba, njengezinyamazana ngemvelo ezingelangqondo ezazalelwa
ukubanjwa lokubulawa, bahlambaza izinto abangazaziyo,
bazabhujiswa ekuboleni kwazo,

13 bazakwemukela umvuzo wokungalungi, abathi kuyintokozo ukuminza emini;
bayisici loyangiso, bejabula enkohlisweni zabo, besidla idili lani,

14 balamehlo agcwele ubufebe, labangayekeli isono, bayenga imiphefumulo
ebuthakathaka, belenhliziyo ezejwayele ubuhwaba, abantwana besiqalekiso;

15 batshiye indlela eqondileyo baduha, balandela indlela kaBalami kaBosori,
owathanda inzuzo yokungalungi,

16 kodwa waba lokusolwa kwesakhe isiphambeko; ubabhemi oyisimungulu,
ekhuluma ngelizwi lomuntu, wanqanda ubuhlanya bomprofethi.

17 Laba bayimithombo engelamanzi, amayezi aqhutshwa yisiphepho,
okugcinelwe bona ubumnyama bomnyama kuze kube phakade.

18 Ngoba bakhuluma okokuziqakisa okweze, babayenga ngenkanuko
zenyama langobufebe labo abaphunyuke sibili kibo abahamba ekuduheni,

19 bebathembisa inkululeko, bona uqobo beyizigqili zokubola; ngoba lowo
umuntu ehlulwe ngaye, lakuye wenziwa isigqili.

20 Ngoba uba sebephunyukile ekungcoleni komhlaba ngolwazi lweNkosi
loMsindisi uJesu Kristu, besebebuya behilelwa behlulwa yikho, izinto zokucina
sezibe zimbi kibo kulezokuqala.

21 Ngoba ngabe kwaba ngcono kibo uba babengayazanga indlela yokulunga,
kulokuthi sebeyazile bafulatheleumlayo ongcwele onikelwe kibo.

22 Kodwa kubehlele lokhu okwesaga esiqinisileyo esithi: Inja ibuyela kwawayo
amahlanzo; lengulube egezileyo ekugiqikeni edakeni.

II KAPETRO 3

Ukufika kosuku lweNkosi

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1Incwadi le eyesibili, bathandekayo, ngilibhalela yona khathesi; okungazo zombili ngivuse ingqondo yenu eqotho ngokulikhumbuza,

2 ukuze likhumbule amazwi akhulunywa ngaphambili ngabaprofethi abangcwele, lomlayo wethu esingabaphostoli beNkosi loMsindisi;

3 kuqala yazini lokhu, ukuthi ekucineni kwensuku kuzafika abahleka usulu, behamba ngokwezabo inkanuko,

4 njalo besithi: Singaphi isithembiso sokuza kwakhe? Ngoba selokhu obaba balala, konke kumi kunjalo kusukela ekuqaleni kokudalwa.

5 Ngoba lokhu kabakwazi ngabomo, ukuthi amazulu ayekhona kusukela endulo, lomhlaba, ukhona uvela emanzini njalo ukhona ngamanzi, ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu,

6 okungalo ilizwe elalikhona labhujiswa ngokugcwaliswa ngamanzi;

7 kodwa amazulu lomhlaba okukhona khathesi kubekiwe ngalona lelolizwi, kugcinelwe umlilo osukwini lokwahlulelwa lokubhujiswa kwabantu abeyisa uNkulunkulu.

8 Kodwa lintonye kakumelanga ingaziwa kini, bathandekayo, ukuthi usuku olulodwa eNkosini lunjengeminyaka eyinkulungwane, leminyaka eyinkulungwane njengosuku olulodwa.

9 INkosi yesithembiso kayidondi, njengalokhu abanye besithi yikudonda; kodwa iyasibekezelela, ingathandi ukuthi lamunye abhubhe kodwa ukuthi bonke bafinyelele ekuphendukeni.

10 Kodwa usuku lweNkosi luzafika njengesela ebusuku, okuzakuthi ngalo amazulu adlule ngokuhlokoma, lokokuqala kuzadilizwa ngokutshisa okukhulu, lomhlaba lemisebenzi ekuwo kuzatshiswa.

11 Njengoba zonke lezizinto zidilizwa, kumele libe ngabanjani ekuhambeni okungcwele lekukhonzeni uNkulunkulu,

12 lilindele lilangazelela ukufika kosuku lukaNkulunkulu, okungalo amazulu azakutsha adilizwe, lokokuqalakuncibilike ngokutshisa okukhulu.

13 Kodwa ngokwesithembiso sakhe silindele amazulu amatsha lomhlaba omutsha, okuhlala kukho ukulunga.

14 Ngakho, bathandekayo, lilindele lezizinto, tshisekelani ukuthi lificwe nguye ekuthuleni lingelacwatshananjalo lingasoleki.

15 Beselisithi ukubekezela kweNkosi yethu kulusindiso, njengalokhu lomzalwane wethu othandekayo uPawuli walibhalela, ngokwenhlakanipho eyaphiwa yena;

16 njengoba kunjalo lencwadini zakhe zonke, ekhuluma kuzo ngalezizinto, okukuzo kukhona izinto ezithile ezilukhuni ukuzwisiseka, okuthi abangaziyo

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labangaqinanga bazihlanekele, lanjengakweminye imibhalo, kube kokwabo ukubhujiswa.

17 Ngakho lina, bathandekayo, lisazi mandulo, nanzelelani, ukuze lingaduhiswa yinkohliso yabangelamlayo, liwe kokwenu ukuqina.

18 Kodwa khulani emuseni lelwazini lweNkosi yethu loMsindisi uJesu Kristu. Ubukhosi kabube kuye lakhathesi njalo kuze kube lusuku lwaphakade. Ameni.

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I KAJOHANE

I KAJOHANE 1

INCWADI YOKUQALA
KUBO BONKE

Ilizwi lempilo labonakaliswa ngoKristu

1 Lokho okwakukhona kusukela ekuqaleni, esakuzwayo, esakubonayo ngamehlo
ethu, esakukhangelayo, lezandla zethu zakuphatha, mayelana leLizwi leMpilo;

2 leMpilo yabonakaliswa, sasesiyibona, njalo siyafakaza silitshumayeza leyoMpilo
elaphakade, eyayiloYise, yasibonakaliswa kithi;

3 lokho esikubonileyo sasesikuzwa, silitshumayeza khona, ukuze lani libe
lobudlelwano lathi; njalo ngeqiniso le inhlanganyelo eyethu ikanye loYise njalo
kanye leNdodana yakhe uJesu Kristu;

4 lalezizinto silibhalela zona, ukuze intokozo yenu igcwaliswe.

Ukuhamba ekukhanyeni

5 Lokhu-ke ngumbiko esiwuzwe kuye sesiwutshumayela kini, ukuthi
uNkulunkulu uyikukhanya, njalo kabukho kuye ubumnyama lakanye.

6 Uba sisithi silobudlelwano laye, kube kanti sihamba ebumnyameni, siqamba
amanga, njalo kasenzi iqiniso;

7 kodwa uba sihamba ekukhanyeni, njengalokhu yena esekukhanyeni,
silobudlelwano omunye lomunye, legazilikaJesu Kristu iNdodana
yakhe liyasihlambulula kuso sonke isono.

8 Uba sisithi kasilasono, siyazikhohlisa, leqiniso kalikho kithi.

9 Uba sivuma izono zethu, uthembekile futhi ulungile ukuthi asithethelele
izono zethu, njalo asihlambulule kukho konke ukungalungi.

10 Uba sisithi kasonanga, simenza umqambimanga, lelizwi lakhe kalikho kithi.

I KAJOHANE 2

UJesu Kristu unguMmeli

1 Bantwanyana bami, ngilibhalela lezizinto, ukuze lingoni. Njalo uba umuntu
esona, siloMmeli kuYise, uJesu Kristu olungileyo;

2 njalo yena uyinhlawulo yokuthula yezono zethu; futhi kungeyisizo ezethu
zodwa, kodwa lezomhlaba wonke.

3 Langalokho siyakwazi ukuthi siyamazi, uba sigcina imilayo yakhe.

4 Lowo othi: Ngiyamazi, futhi engagcini imilayo yakhe, ungumqambimanga,
leqiniso kalikho kuye;

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5 kodwa lowo ogcina ilizwi lakhe, ngeqiniso uthando lukaNkulunkulu luphelelisiwe kuye. Ngalokho siyazi ukuthi sikuye.

6 Lowo othi uhlala kuye ufanele laye uqobo ahambe kanje, njengoba laye wahamba.

Umlayo omutsha

7 Bazalwane, kangilibhaleli umlayo omutsha, kodwa umlayo omdala, elalilawo kusukela ekuqaleni; umlayo omdala uyilizwi elalizwayo kusukela ekuqaleni.

8 Ngiphinda ngilibhalele umlayo omutsha, into eliqiniso kuye, lakini; ngoba ubumnyama buyadlula, lokukhanya kweqiniso sekukhanya.

9 Lowo othi usekukhanyeni, futhi ezonda umzalwane wakhe, usemnyameni kuze kube lakhathesi.

10 Othanda umzalwane wakhe, uhlala ekukhanyeni, njalo kakulasikhubo kuye.

11 Kodwa ozonda umzalwane wakhe usebumnyameni, njalo uhamba ebumnyameni, futhi kakwazi lapho aya khona, ngoba ubumnyama buwaphumputhekisile amehlo akhe.

12 Ngiyalibhalela, bantwanyana, ngoba izono zenu lizithethelelwe ngenxa yebizo lakhe.

13 Ngiyalibhalela, bobaba, ngoba limazile yena okhona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngiyalibhalela lina, majaha, ngoba limnqobile omubi. Ngiyalibhalela lina, bantwanyana, ngoba limazile uYise.

14 Ngilibhalele, bobaba, ngoba limazile okhona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngilibhalele, majaha, ngoba lilamandlalelizwi likaNkulunkulu lihlala kini njalo limnqobile omubi.

15 Lingawuthandi umhlaba loba izinto ezisemhlabeni. Uba umuntu ethanda umhlaba, uthando lukaYise kalukho kuye;

16 ngoba konke okusemhlabeni, inkanuko yenyama, lenkanuko yamehlo, lokuzigqaja kwempilo, kakuveli kuYise kodwa kuvela emhlabeni.

17 Lomhlaba uyedlula, lenkanuko zawo; kodwa owenza intando kaNkulunkulu uhlala kuze kube nininini.

Ukufika komphikuKristu

18 Bantwanyana, kuyisikhathi sokucina; njalo njengalokhu lezwa ukuthi umphikuKristu uyeza, lakhathesi abanengi sebengabaphikuKristu; ngalokhu siyazi ukuthi kuyisikhathi sokucina.

19 Baphuma kithi, kodwa babengesibo abakithi; ngoba uba babengabakithi, ngabe bahlala lathi; kodwa baphumaukuze babonakalise ukuthi kabasibo bonke abakithi.

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20 Kodwa lina lilokugcotshwa okuvela koNgcwele, njalo liyazi izinto zonke.

21 Kangilibhalelanga ngoba lingalazi iqiniso, kodwa ngoba liyalazi, njalo ngoba kakulamanga lakanye avela eqinisweni.

22 Ngubani ongumqambimanga ngaphandle kwalowo ophikayo ukuthi uJesu unguKristu? Yena ungumphikuKristu, ophika uYise leNdodana.

23 Wonke ophika iNdodana laye kalaye uYise; ovuma iNdodana uloYise laye.

24 Lina-ke elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni kakuhlale kini. Uba kuhlala kini elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni, lani lizahlala eNdodaneni lakuBaba.

25 Njalo yilesi isithembiso yena asithembisa sona, impilo elaphakade.

26 Lezizinto ngalibhalela ngalabo abalikhohlisayo.

27 Lina-ke ukugcotshwa elakwemukela kuye kuhlala kini, njalo kalisweli ukuthi umuntu alifundise; kodwa njengoba lokhu ukugcotshwa kuyalifundisa ngakho konke, futhi kuqinisile, njalo kayisiwomanga, futhi njengoba kwalifundisa, lizahlala kuye.

28 Khathesi-ke, bantwanyana, hlalani kuye; ukuze kuthi lapho ebonakala sibe lesibindi, singabi lenhloni phambi kwakhe ekufikeni kwakhe.

29 Uba lisazi ukuthi ulungile, liyazi ukuthi wonke owenza ukulunga uzelwe nguye.

I KAJOHANE 3

Uphawu lwabantwana bakaNkulunkulu

1Khangelani uthando olungaka asinika lona uYise ukuthi sithiwe singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. Ngenxa yalokho umhlaba kawusazi, ngoba ungamazanga yena.

2 Bathandekayo, khathesi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, njalo kakukabonakali esizakuba yikho. Kodwa siyazi ukuthi uba ebonakala, sizakuba njengaye, ngoba sizambona njengoba enjalo.

3 Laye wonke olalelithemba kuye uyazihlambulula, njengoba yena ehlambulukile.

4 Wonke owenza isono weqa lomlayo; ngoba isono siyikweqa umlayo.

5 Njalo liyazi ukuthi yena wabonakaliswa, ukuze asuse izono zethu; lesono kasikho kuye.

6 Wonke ohlala kuye koni; wonke owonayo kambonanga, futhi kamazanga.

7 Bantwanyana, kungabi khona olikhohlisayo; owenza ukulunga ulungile, njengoba yena elungile;

8 owenza isono uvela kudiyabhola, ngoba udiyabhola wona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngalokhu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu yabonakaliswa, ukuze ichithe imisebenzi kadiyabhola.

9 Wonke ozelwe nguNkulunkulu kenzi isono, ngoba inhlanyelo yakhe ihlala kuye;
futhi angone, ngoba ezelwe nguNkulunkulu.

10 Ngalokhu kuyabonakala abantwana bakaNkulunkulu labantwana
bakadiyabhola; wonke ongenzi okulungileyo kaveli kuNkulunkulu, laye
ongamthandiyo umzalwane wakhe.

11 Ngoba yilo umbiko elawuzwa kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi asithandane;

12 kungenjengoKhayini owavela komubi, wasebulala umfowabo. Njalo kungani
wambulala? Ngoba imisebenzi yakhe yayimibi, kodwa eyomfowabo yayilungile.

Uthando lwabazalwane

13 Lingamangali bazalwane bami, uba umhlaba ulizonda.

14 Thina siyazi ukuthi sesidlule ekufeni saya empilweni, ngoba siyabathanda
abazalwane. Ongamthandiyo umzalwane uhlezi ekufeni.

15 Wonke ozonda umzalwane wakhe ungumbulali; liyazi ukuthi kakho umbulali
lakanye olempilo elaphakade ehlezi kuye.

16 Ngalokhu siyalwazi uthando lukaNkulunkulu, ngoba yena wasibekela phansi
impilo yakhe; lathi sifanele ukubabekela phansi impilo abazalwane.

17 Kodwa loba ngubani olempahla yomhlaba, njalo ebona umzalwane wakhe
eswele, abesemvalela imibilini yakhe, uthando lukaNkulunkulu luhlala njani
kuye?

18 Bantwanyana bami, kasingathandi ngelizwi kumbe ngolimi, kodwa ngezenzo
langeqiniso.

19 Futhi ngalokho siyazi ukuthi singabeqiniso, njalo sizaqinisa inhliziyo zethu
phambi kwakhe,

20 ngoba uba inhliziyo zethu zisilahla, uNkulunkulu mkhulu kulenhliziyo yethu,
futhi uyazi zonke izinto.

21 Bathandekayo, uba inhliziyo zethu zingasilahli, silesibindi kuNkulunkulu,

22 njalo loba yini esiyicelayo, siyayemukela ivela kuye, ngoba sigcina imilayo
yakhe, njalo senza izinto ezithandekayo phambi kwakhe.

23 Njalo yilo umlayo wakhe, ukuthi sikholwe ebizweni leNdodana yakhe uJesu
Kristu, njalo sithandane, njengoba wasipha umlayo.

24 Logcina imilayo yakhe, uhlala kuye, laye kuye. Ngalokhu-ke siyazi ukuthi
uhlala kithi, ngoMoya asiphe wona.

I KAJOHANE 4

Hlolani omoya

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1Bathandekayo, lingakholwa wonke umoya, kodwa hlolani omoya, ukuthi bavela
kuNkulunkulu yini; ngoba banengi abaprofethi bamanga abaphumele emhlabeni.

2 Ngalokhu liyamazi uMoya kaNkulunkulu: Wonke umoya ovumayo ukuthi uJesu
Kristu uzile enyameni, uvela kuNkulunkulu;

3 futhi wonke umoya ongavumiyo ukuthi uJesu Kristu usezile enyameni, kaveli
kuNkulunkulu; lalo ungowomphikuKristu, eselizwile ukuthi uyeza, lakhathesi
usekhona emhlabeni.

4 Lina lingabakaNkulunkulu, bantwanyana, futhi libanqobile; ngoba mkhulu
okini kulalowo osemhlabeni.

5 Bona bangabomhlaba; ngenxa yalokho bakhuluma okuvela emhlabeni, njalo
umhlaba uyabezwa.

6 Thina singabakaNkulunkulu; omaziyo uNkulunkulu, uyasizwa; ongeyisuye
kaNkulunkulu, kasizwa. Ngalokhu siyamazi umoya weqiniso lomoya wokuduha.

Ukuthanda uNkulunkulu lokuthanda abantu

7 Bathandekayo, asithandaneni; ngoba uthando luvela kuNkulunkulu, laye wonke
othandayo, uzelwe nguNkulunkulu, futhi uyamazi uNkulunkulu.

8 Ongathandiyo, kamazi uNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu uluthando.

9 Ngalokhu uthando lukaNkulunkulu lwabonakaliswa kithi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu
wathuma iNdodana yakhe ezelwe yodwa emhlabeni, ukuze siphile ngayo.

10 Uthando lukulokhu, kungesikuthi thina samthanda uNkulunkulu, kodwa
ukuthi yena wasithanda, wasethuma iNdodana yakhe ukuthi ibe yinhlawulo
yokuthula ngezono zethu.

11 Bathandekayo, uba uNkulunkulu wasithanda ngokunje, lathi sifanele
ukuthandana.

12 Kakulamuntu owake wabona uNkulunkulu; uba sithandana, uNkulunkulu
uhlala kithi, lothando lwakhe luphelelisiwe kithi.

13 Ngalokhu siyazi ukuthi sihlala kuye, laye kithi, ngoba usinikile okukaMoya
wakhe.

14 Thina sesibonile siyafakaza ukuthi uYise uyithumile iNdodana ibe nguMsindisi
womhlaba.

15 Loba ngubani ovumayo ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu
uhlala kuye, laye kuNkulunkulu.

16 Thina sesisazi sakholwa uthando uNkulunkulu alalo kithi. UNkulunkulu
uluthando, njalo ohlala ethandweni uhlala kuNkulunkulu, loNkulunkulu kuye.

17 Ngalokhu uthando luphelelisiwe lathi, ukuze sibe lesibindi osukwini
lokwahlulelwa, ngoba njengalokhu enjalo yena, sinjalo lathi kulumhlaba.

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18 Kakukho ukwesaba ethandweni, kodwa uthando oluphelelelyo luyaxotsha ukwesaba, ngoba ukwesaba kulobuhlungu; lowesabayo kapheleliswanga ethandweni.

19 Thina siyamthanda, ngoba yena wasithanda kuqala.

20 Uba umuntu esithi: Ngiyamthanda uNkulunkulu, njalo ezonda umzalwane wakhe, ungumqambimanga; ngoba ongamthandiyo umzalwane wakhe ambonileyo, angamthanda njani uNkulunkulu angambonanga?

21 Njalo silalumlayo ovela kuye, ukuthi othanda uNkulunkulu, kamthande lomzalwane wakhe.

I KAJOHANE 5

Ukholo lamandla alo okunqoba

1Wonke okholwa ukuthi uJesu unguKristu uzelwe nguNkulunkulu; laye wonke othanda umzali uthanda lozelwe nguye.

2 Ngalokho siyazi ukuthi siyabathanda abantwana bakaNkulunkulu, nxa sithanda uNkulunkulu, njalo sigcina imilayo yakhe;

3 ngoba lolu luthando lukaNkulunkulu, ukuthi sigcine imilayo yakhe; lemilayo yakhe kayinzima.

4 Ngoba konke okuzelwe nguNkulunkulu kuyawunqoba umhlaba; lalokho yikunqoba okunqoba umhlaba, ukholo lwethu.

5 Ngubani onqoba umhlaba, ngaphandle kokholwa ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu?

6 Lo nguye oweza ngamanzi legazi, uJesu Kristu; kungeyisikho ngamanzi kuphela, kodwa ngamanzi legazi. LoMoya nguye ofakazayo, ngoba uMoya uliqiniso.

7 Ngoba bathathu abafakazayo ezulwini, uYise, uLizwi, loMoya oNgcwele; laba abathathu banye.

8 Njalo bathathu abafakazayo emhlabeni, uMoya, lamanzi, legazi; laba abathathu bahlanganyela intonye.

9 Uba sisemukela ubufakazi babantu, ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu bukhulu; ngoba lobu yibufakazi bukaNkulunkulu, abufakazileyo ngeNdodana yakhe.

10 Okholwa eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu ulobufakazi phakathi kwakhe ngokwakhe; ongakholwa uNkulunkulu, umenze abe ngumqambimanga, ngoba engakholwanga ubufakazi uNkulunkulu abufakazileyo ngeNdodana yakhe.

11 Yilobu-ke ubufakazi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu usinikile impilo elaphakade, lale impilo iseNdodaneni yakhe.

12 Olayo iNdodana ulempilo; ongelayo iNdodana kaNkulunkulu kalampilo.

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13 Lezizinto ngizibhalela lina elikholwa ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ukuze lazi ukuthi lilempilo elaphakade, lokuze likholwe ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

14 Njalo yilesi isibindi esilaso kuye, ukuthi uba sicela ulutho ngokwentando yakhe, uyasizwa;

15 uba-ke sisazi ukuthi uyasizwa, loba yini esiyicelayo, siyazi ukuthi sesilezicelo esizicela kuye.

16 Uba umuntu ebona umzalwane wakhe esona isono esingasi ekufeni, uzacela, njalo uzamnika impilo labo abangonelanga ekufeni. Sikhona isono esisa ekufeni; kangitsho ukuthi ancenge ngaleso;

17 konke ukungalungi kuyisono; njalo kukhona isono esingasi ekufeni.

18 Siyazi ukuthi wonke ozelwe nguNkulunkulu koni; kodwa ozelwe nguNkulunkulu uyazigcina, lomubi kamthinti.

19 Siyazi ukuthi singabakaNkulunkulu, lokuthi umhlaba wonke ulele ebubini.

20 Njalo siyazi ukuthi iNdodana kaNkulunkulu isifikile, yasinika ukuqedisisa ukuze simazi oweqiniso; njalo sikuye oweqiniso, eNdodaneni yakhe uJesu Kristu. Yena unguNkulunkulu weqiniso, lempilo elaphakade.

21 Bantwanyana, zilondolozeni ezithombeni. Ameni.

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II KAJOHANE

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INCWADI YESIBILI

Isibingelelo

1 Umdala kunkosikazi ekhethiweyo lakubantwana bayo, mina engibathanda
ngeqiniso, njalo kungeyisimi ngedwa kodwa labo bonke asebelazi iqiniso,

2 ngenxa yeqiniso elihlala kithi, lelizakuba lathi kuze kube nininini:

3 Kakube lani umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uYise, leNkosini
uJesu Kristu iNdodana kaBaba, eqinisweni lethandweni.

Iqiniso lothando

4 Ngathokoza kakhulukazi ukuthi ngithole ebantwaneni bakho abahamba
eqinisweni, njengoba semukela umlayo kuYise.

5 Khathesi-ke ngiyakuncenga, nkosikazi, kungenjengokuthi ngikubhalela umlayo
omutsha, kodwa lowo esasilawo kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuze sithandane.

6 Njalo yilolu uthando, ukuthi sihambe ngokwemilayo yakhe. Yilo umlayo,
njengoba lezwa kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi lihambe kiwo.

7 Ngoba abakhohlisi abanengi sebengene emhlabeni abangavumiyo ukuthi uJesu
Kristu weza enyameni. Longumkhohlisi lomphikuKristu.

8 Ziqapheleni ukuthi singalahlekelwa yizinto esesizisebenzile, kodwa semukele
umvuzo opheleleyo.

9 Wonke oweqayo njalo angemi emfundisweni kaKristu, kalaNkulunkulu; ohlala
emfundisweni kaKristu, lowo ulabo bobabili uYise leNdodana.

10 Uba kufika umuntu kini, njalo engalethi le imfundiso, lingamemukeli endlini,
futhi lingambingeleli;

11 ngoba lowo ombingelelayo, uhlanganyela lemisebenzi yakhe emibi.

Isicino

12 Ngilezinto ezinengi zokulibhalela, kangithandanga ukubhala ngephepha
leyinki; kodwa ngithemba ukuza kini, ngikhulume lani umlomo ngomlomo, ukuze
intokozo yethu igcwale.

13 Abantwana bakadadewenu okhethiweyo bayakubingelela. Ameni.

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INCWADI YESITHATHU

Isibingelelo

1 Umdala, kuye uGayusi othandekayo, mina engimthanda ngeqiniso.

2 Sithandwa, kuzo zonke izinto jikelele ngifisa ukuthi uphumelele njalo uphile, njengalokhu umphefumulo wakho uphumelela.

3 Ngoba ngathokoza kakhulukazi, lapho kufika abazalwane, befakazela iqiniso lakho, njengoba wena uhamba eqinisweni.

4 Kangilantokozo enkulu edlula lezizinto, ukuthi ngizwe ukuthi abantwana bami bahamba eqinisweni.

Inkathazo ebandleni

5 Sithandwa, wenza ngokuthembeka loba ngakuphi okwenza kubazalwane lakwabemzini,

6 abafakazele uthando lwakho phambi kwebandla; uzakwenza kuhle uba ubaphelekezela ngokufanele uNkulunkulu.

7 Ngoba ngenxa yebizo lakhe baphumile bengemukeli lutho kwabezizwe.

8 Ngakho thina sifanele ukubemukela abanjalo, ukuze sibe yizisebenzi kanye leqiniso.

9 Ngabhalela ibandla; kodwa uDiyotrefe othanda ukuba ngowokuqala kibo kasemukeli.

10 Ngakho, uba ngifika, ngizakhumbuza imisebenzi yakhe ayenzayo, uyasihleba ngamazwi amabi; futhi kakholiswa yilezizinto, yena uqobo kemukeli abazalwane, uyabalela lalabo abathanda ukukwenza, njalo uyabaxotsha ebandleni.

11 Sithandwa, ungakulingiseli okubi, kodwa okuhle. Owenza okuhle ungokaNkulunkulu; kodwa owenza okubi kambonanga uNkulunkulu.

12 NgoDemetriyu kufakazwe yibo bonke, langeqiniso uqobo; lathi futhi siyafakaza, lani liyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bethu buqinisile.

Isicino

13 Bengilezinto ezinengi zokubhala, kodwa kangithandi ukukubhalela ngeyinki losiba;

14 kodwa ngithemba ukukubona masinyane, sibe sesikhuluma umlomo ngomlomo.

Ukuthula kakube kuwe. Abangane bayakubingelela. Bingelela abangane ngamabizo.

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KAJUDA

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INCWADI
KUBO BONKE
Isibingelelo

1 UJuda inceku kaJesu Kristu, lomfowabo kaJakobe, kwabangcweliswe
nguNkulunkulu uBaba, labagcinwe nguJesu Kristu, ababiziweyo:

2 Kakwandiswe kini isihawu lokuthula lothando.

Mayelana labakhohlisi

3 Bathandekayo, lapho ngisenza yonke inkuthalo yokulibhalela ngosindiso
oluhlanganyelwayo, ngaswela ukulibhalela ngilikhuthaze ukuthi lilwele
ngoqotho ukholo olwanikwa kanye abangcwele.

4 Ngoba sekungenile ngokunyenya abantu abathile, ababhalelwa
ngaphambili lokhukulahlwa kudala, abeyisa uNkulunkulu, abaphendula umusa
kaNkulunkulu wethu ube ngamanyala, njalo bephika uMbusi oyedwa
uNkulunkulu, leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu.

5 Kodwa ngithanda ukulikhumbuza, loba belikwazi lokhu kanye, ukuthi iNkosi,
isisindise isizwe elizweni iGibhithe, yabuye yababhubhisa labo
abangakholwanga.

6 Lengilosi ezingagcinanga ubukhosi bazo bakuqala, kodwa zatshiya eyazo
indawo yokuhlala, uzigcinele isigwebo sosuku olukhulu, ngezibopho ezaphakade
ngaphansi kobumnyama.

7 NjengeSodoma leGomora lemizi eyizingelezeleyo, ezinikele ekuphingeni
ngendlela efanana lalezo, isilandeleenye inyama, yenziwa isibonelo obala,
yahlupheka isijeziso somlilo ophakade.

8 Ngokunjalo lalaba bephupha bayona inyama, njalo badelela ukubusa,
bahlambaze ubukhosi.

9 Kanti uMikayeli ingilosi eyinduna, lapho ebanga lodiyabhola ephikisa
ngesidumbu sikaMozisi, kabanga lesibindi sokumlethela isigwebo senhlamba,
kodwa wathi: INkosi kayikukhalimele.

10 Kodwa laba bathuka konke abangakwaziyo; lakho konke abakwaziyo
ngemvelo njengezinyamazana ezingelangqondo, bazonakalisa kulezizinto.

11 Maye kibo! Ngoba bahambe ngendlela kaKhayini, futhi baziwisele ekuduheni
kukaBalami ngenxa yenzuzo, lenkanini kaKora babhubhile.

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12 Laba bayizici emadilini enu othando, nxa beledili lani, ngokungesabi bayazondla; amayezi angelamanzi, bephetshulwa yimimoya; izihlahla zamaphethelo ekwindla, ezingelazithelo, ezife kabili, sezisitshulwe;

13 amagagasi olwandle aphosekayo, abhubhudla awazo amahlazo; inkanyezi eziduhayo, okugcinelwe bona ubumnyama bomnyama kuze kube phakade.

14 Njalo uEnoki laye owesikhombisa kusukela kuAdamu waprofetha ngabo esithi: Khangela, iNkosi yafikalabangcwele bayo abayizigidi,

15 ukwenza isigwebo esimelana labo bonke, lokubalahla bonke abeyisa uNkulunkulu phakathi kwabo ngenxa yezenzo zabo zonke zokungesabi uNkulunkulu abazenzayo beseyisa uNkulunkulu, langawo wonke amazwianzima izoni ezeyisa uNkulunkulu eziwakhulume emelene laye.

16 Laba ngabangungunayo, abasolayo, behamba ngokwenkanuko zabo, lomlomo wabo ukhuluma izinto zokuzikhukhumeza, bebuka abantu ngenxa yenzuzo.

17 Kodwa lina bathandekayo, khumbulani amazwi akhulunywa ngaphambili ngabaphostoli beNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu;

18 ukuthi bathi kini, kuzakuba khona abahleka usulu ngesikhathi sokucina, behamba ngokwenkanuko zabo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu.

19 Yibo laba abenza izehlukaniso, bangabemvelo, kabalaMoya.

20 Kodwa lina, bathandekayo, lizakhe ekholweni lwenu olungcwele kakhulu, likhuleke likuMoya oNgcwele,

21 zigcineni ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu, lilindele isihawu seNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kuze kube sempilweni elaphakade.

22 Beselibahawukela abanye lehlukanise;

23 kodwa lisindise abanye ngokwesaba libahluthuna emlilweni, lizonda lesembatho esoniwe ngokuvela enyameni.

Isicino

24 Kuye-ke olamandla okulilinda ekukhubekeni, lokulimisa phambi kwenkazimulo yakhe lingelasici entokozweni enkulu,

25 kuye uNkulunkulu yedwa ohlakaniphileyo uMsindisi wethu, kakube inkazimulo lobukhulu, ubukhosi lamandla, lakhathesi lakulo lonke iphakade. Ameni.

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ISAMBULELO

ISAMBULELO 1

KUJOHANE

UJohane unikwa isambulelo sikaJesu Kristu

1 Isambulelo sikaJesu Kristu, amnika sona uNkulunkulu, ukuze abonise inceku
zakhe izinto ezimele ukwenzeka ngokuphangisa, esethume ngengilosi
yakhe wazibonakalisa kunceku yakhe uJohane,

2 owafakaza ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, lobufakazi bukaJesu Kristu, lakho konke
akubonayo.

3 Ubusisiwe ofunda, lalabo abezwa amazwi alesisiprofetho, besebegcina izinto
ezilotshiweyo kuso; ngobaisikhathi siseduze.

Ukubingelela kukaJohane

4 UJohane kumabandla ayisikhombisa aseAsiya: Umusa kawube kini lokuthula
okuvela kuye okhonalowayekhona lozakuza; lakubomoya abayisikhombisa
abaphambi kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi;

5 lakuJesu Kristu, umfakazi othembekileyo, olizibulo kwabafileyo lombusi
wamakhosi omhlaba. Kuye owasithandayo, wasigezisa ezonweni zethu egazini
lakhe;

6 owasenza saba ngamakhosi labapristi kuNkulunkulu uYise; kakube kuye
ubukhosi lamandla kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.

7 Khangela uyeza kanye lamayezi, futhi lonke ilihlo lizambona, labo
abamgwazayo; lezizwe zonke zomhlaba zizalila ngenxa yakhe. Yebo. Ameni.

8 Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, ukuqala lokucina, kutsho iNkosi, ekhona leyayikhona
lezakuza, uSomandla.

UKristu uzibonakalisa kuJohane

9 Mina uJohane, longumzalwane wenu, lohlanganyela kanye lani
ekuhluphekeni lembusweni lekubekezelenikukaJesu Kristu, ngangisesihlengeni
esithiwa yiPatmosi, ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu langenxa yobufakazi
bukaJesu Kristu.

10 NgangikuMoya ngosuku lweNkosi; futhi ngezwa ngemva kwami ilizwi elikhulu
kungathi ngelophondo,

11 lisithi: Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, ukuqala lokucina; lokuthi:
Okubonayo kubhale encwadini, ukuthumeleemabandleni ayisikhombisa
aseAsiya, eEfesu, leSemerna, lePergamo, leTiyathira, leSardisi, leFiladelfiya,
leLawodikeya.

12 Ngasengitshibilika ukuze ngibone ilizwi elikhuluma lami. Sengitshibilikile ngabona iziqobane zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa,

13 laphakathi kweziqobane zezibane eziyisikhombisa onjengeNdodana yomuntu, embethe isembatho esifika ezinyaweni futhi ezibophe ezithandele ngeqhele legolide emabeleni;

14 njalo ikhanda lakhe lenwele zakhe kwakumhlophe njengoboya bezimvu, njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo; lamehlo akhe enjengelangabi lomlilo,

15 lenyawo zakhe zazinjengethusi elikhazimulayo, njengelivutha esithandweni; lelizwi lakhe lalinjengenhlokomo yamanzi amanengi;

16 futhi elenkanyezi eziyisikhombisa esandleni sakhe sokunene, lemlonyeni wakhe kwaphuma inkemba ebukhali inhlangothi zombili; lobuso bakhe bunjengelanga elikhanya emandleni alo.

17 Njalo ngathi ngimbona, ngawela enyaweni zakhe njengofileyo; wasebeka isandla sakhe sokunene phezu kwami esithi kimi: Ungesabi; mina ngingowokuqala lowokucina,

18 lophilayo; njalo ngangifile futhi khangela, ngiyaphila kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. Njalo ngilezihluthulelozesihogo lezokufa.

19 Bhala izinto ozibonileyo, lezinto ezikhona, lezinto ezizakuba khona emva kwalezi:

20 Imfihlo yenkanyezi eziyisikhombisa ozibonileyo esandleni sami sokunene, leziqobane zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa. Inkanyezi eziyisikhombisa ziyizithunywa zamabandla ayisikhombisa; leziqobane zezibane eziyisikhombisa ozibonileyo zingamabandla ayisikhombisa.

ISAMBULELO 2

Incwadi ezabhalelwa amabandla ayisikhombisa

1Kuso isithunywa sebandla leEfesu bhala uthi: Lezizinto uyazitsho lowo ophethe inkanyezi eziyisikhombisaesandleni sakhe sokunene, ohamba phakathi kweziqobane zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa,

2 uthi: Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, lomsebenzi wakho onzima, lokubekezela kwakho, lokuthi ungebamele ababi, lokuthi ubahlolile labo abazithi bangabaphostoli kodwa bengeyisibo, wasubathola bengabaqambimanga,

3 wasuthwala, ulokubekezela, wakhuthala ngenxa yebizo lami, kawudinwanga.

4 Kodwa ngilokumelene lawe ukuthi udelile uthando lwakho lwakuqala.

5 Ngakho khumbula lapho owe khona, ubusuphenduka wenze imisebenzi yakuqala; uba kungenjalo, ngizakuza kuwe ngokuphangisa, ngizasusa isiqobane sesibane sakho endaweni yaso, uba ungaphenduki;

6 kanti ulalokhu ukuthi uyayizonda imisebenzi yamaNikolayitha, engiyizondayo lami.

7 Lowo olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni. Onqobayo ngizamnika ukuthi adle okwesihlahla sempilo esiphakathi kweParadise likaNkulunkulu.

8 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla leSemerna bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho owokuqala lowokucina, owayefile njalo uyaphila:

9 Ngiyayazi imisebenzi lokuhlupheka lobuyanga bakho (kanti unothile) lenhlamba yalabo abathi bangamaJuda, kanti bengeyisiwo, kodwa belisinagoge likaSathane.

10 Ungesabi lutho lwalezozinto ozahlupheka ngazo; khangela udiyabhola uzaphosela abanye kini entolongweni, ukuze lilingwe; futhi lizakuba lenhlupheko insuku ezilitshumi. Thembeka kuze kube sekufeni, njalo ngizakunika umqhele wempilo.

11 Olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni. Onqobayo kasoze alinyazwa yikufa kwesibili.

12 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla elisePergamo bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho lowo olenkemba ebukhali inhlangothi zombili:

13 Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, lalapho ohlala khona, lapho okukhona isihlalo sobukhosi sikaSathane; njalo ugcinile ibizo lami, kawuphikanga ukholo lwami, ngitsho ensukwini zikaAntipasi, umfakazi wamiothembekileyo, owabulawelwa phakathi kwenu, lapho uSathane ahlala khona;

14 kodwa ngilezinto ezinlutshwana ezimelene lawe, ukuthi ulabo lapho ababambelela emfundisweni kaBalami, owafundisa uBalaki ukuphosa isikhubekiso phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, sokuthi badle okuhlatshelwe izithombe lokuthi baphinge.

15 Ngokunjalo lawe ulabo ababambelela emfundisweni yamaNikolayitha, into engiyizondayo.

16 Phenduka; uba kungenjalo, ngizakuza kuwe ngokuphangisa, ngizakulwa ngimelene labo ngenkemba yomlomo wami.

17 Olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni. Onqobayo ngizamnika ukuthi adle okwemana efihliweyo, njalo ngizamnika ilitshe elimhlophe, laphezu kwelitshe ibizo elitsha elilotshiweyo, okungelamuntu olaziyo ngaphandle kolemukelayo.

18 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla eliseTiyathira bhala uthi: Lezizinto itsho iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, elamehlo ayo anjengelangabi lomlilo, lenyawo zayo zifanana lethusi elikhazimulayo:

19 Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, lothando, lokukhonza, lokholo, lokubekezela kwakho, lemisebenzi yakho, ukuthi eyokucina minengi kuleyokuqala.

20 Kodwa ngilezinto ezinlutshwana ezimelene lawe, ukuthi uvumele owesifazana uJezebeli, ozibiza ngokuthiungumprofethikazi, ukufundisa aduhise inceku zami, ukuthi ziphinge lokuthi zidle okuhlatshelwe izithombe.

21 Futhi ngamnika ithuba lokuthi aphenduke ekufebeni kwakhe, njalo kaphendukanga.

22 Khangela mina ngizamphosela embhedeni, labaphingayo laye ekuhluphekeni okukhulu, uba bengaphenduki emisebenzini yabo.

23 Njalo ngizabulala abantwana bakhe ngokufa; lamabandla wonke azakwazi ukuthi nginguye ohlola izinsolezinhliziyo; futhi ngizalinika, ngulowo lalowo, ngokwemisebenzi yenu.

24 Kodwa ngikhuluma lani labanye abaseTiyathira, bonke abangelayo le imfundiso, labangakwaziyo okujulileyo kukaSathane, njengokutsho kwabo: Kangiyikulethesa omunye umthwalo.

25 Kodwa lokho elilakho kubambisiseni, ngize ngifike.

26 Lonqobayo logcina imisebenzi yami kuze kube sekupheleni, ngizamnika amandla phezu kwezizwe;

27 njalo uzazibusa ngentonga yensimbi; zizaphahlazwa njengezimbiza zebumba; njengalokhu lami ngikwemukele kuBaba.

28 Futhi ngizamnika indonsakusa.

29 Olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni.

ISAMBULELO 3

1Lakuso isithunywa sebandla eliseSardisi bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho lowo olabomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu, lenkanyezi eziyisikhombisa: Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, ukuthi ulebizo lokuthi uyaphila, kanti ufile.

2 Linda, uqinise izinto eziseleyo esezizakufa; ngoba kangitholanga imisebenzi yakho iphelelisiwe phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

3 Khumbula-ke ukuthi ukwemukele wakuzwa njani, ubusukugcina, uphenduke. Uba-ke ungalindi, ngizakuza phezu kwakho njengesela, njalo kawusoze walazi ihola engizakuza ngalo phezu kwakho.

4 Ulamabizo amalutshwana ngitsho eSardisi, angangcolisanga izembatho zawo; njalo bazahamba lami bekwezimhlophe, ngoba bafanele.

5 Onqobayo, lowo uzagqokiswa izembatho ezimhlophe; futhi kangisoze ngilesule ibizo lakhe egwalweni lwempilo, njalo ngizalivuma ibizo lakhe phambi kukaBaba, laphambi kwengilosi zakhe.

6 Olendlebe kezwe lokho uMoya akutshoyo emabandleni.

7 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla eliseFiladelfiya bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho oNgcwele, oQotho, olesihluthulelo sikaDavida, ovula njalo kungavali muntu, avale futhi kungavuli muntu:

8 Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho; khangela, ngimise phambi kwakho umnyango ovuliweyo, njalo kakulamuntu ongawuvala, ngoba ulamandla amancinyane, njalo uligcinile ilizwi lami, futhi kawuliphikanga ibizo lami.

9 Khangela ngizakunika abavela esinagogeni likaSathane, abathi bangamaJuda, bengeyisiwo, kodwa beqamba amanga; khangela ngizabenza ukuthi beze baguqe phambi kwenyawo zakho, njalo bazi ukuthi mina ngikuthandile.

10 Ngoba ugcinile ilizwi lokubekezela kwami, lami ngizakulondoloza kuhola lokulingwa okuzafika emhlabeni wonke, ukulinga abakhileyo phezu komhlabathi.

11 Khangela, ngiyeza ngokuphangisa; bambisisa olakho, ukuze kungabi khona okwemuka umqhele wakho.

12 Onqobayo, ngizamenza insika ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wami; njalo kasoze aphinde aphume phandle, futhi ngizabhala ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami phezu kwakhe, lebizo lomuzi kaNkulunkulu wami, iJerusalema entsha, eyehla ivela ezulwini kuNkulunkulu wami, lebizo lami elitsha.

13 Olendlebe kezwe lokho uMoya akutshoyo emabandleni.

14 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla lamaLawodikeya bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho uAmeni, umfakazi othembekileyoloqotho, owokuqala kokudaliweyo kukaNkulunkulu:

15 Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, ukuthi njalo kawuqandi futhi kawutshisi. Kungathi ngabe uyaqanda kumbe utshise!

16 Ngokunjalo, ngoba ubuthukuthuku, njalo ungaqandi futhi ungatshisi, ngizakukhafula emlonyeni wami.

17 Ngoba uthi: Nginothile, senginothile njalo kangisweli lutho, kanti kawazi ukuthi wena ungohluphekayo lohawulayo longumyanga loyisiphofu lonqunu;

18 ngiyakweluleka ukuthi uthenge kimi igolide elicengwe ngomlilo, ukuze unothe; lezembatho ezimhlophe, ukuze wembathe, lehlazo lobuze bakho lingembulwa; njalo ugcobe amehlo akho ngamagcobo amehlo, ukuze ubone.

19 Mina bonke engibathandayo, ngiyabasola ngibatshaye. Ngakho tshiseka uphenduke.

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20 Khangela, ngimi emnyango ngiqoqoda; uba umuntu esizwa ilizwi lami, abesevula umnyango, ngizangena kuye, ngidle laye, laye lami.

21 Onqobayo, ngizamnika ukuthi ahlale lami esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, njengalokhu lami nganqoba, ngasengihlala loBaba esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi.

22 Olendlebe kezwe lokho uMoya akutshoyo emabandleni.

ISAMBULELO 4

UJohane ubona embonweni ubukhosi bukaNkulunkulu ezulwini

1Emva kwalezizinto ngabona, futhi khangela, umnyango uvulekile ezulwini, lelizwi lokuqala engalizwayo linjengelophondo likhuluma lami, lisithi: Yenyukela lapha, njalo ngizakutshengisa izinto ezimele zenzeke emva kwalezizinto.

2 Njalo ngahle ngaba kuMoya; khangela-ke, isihlalo sobukhosi samiswa ezulwini, laphezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi ohleziyo;

3 njalo ohleziyo wayebonakala efanana lelitshe ijaspi lesardiyusi, lomchilowamakhosikazi wawuzingelezele isihlalo sobukhosi ubonakala njenge-emeraldi.

4 Lezihlalo zobukhosi ezingamatshumi amabili lane zazihanqe isihlalo sobukhosi; laphezu kwezihlalo zobukhosi ngabona abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane behlezi, bembethe izembatho ezimhlophe, njalo belemiqhele yegolide emakhanda abo.

5 Lesihlalweni sobukhosi kwaphuma imibane lemidumo lamazwi; lezibane zomlilo eziyisikhombisa zazibhebha phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, ezingomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu;

6 laphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi kwakukhona ulwandle lwengilazi, lufanana lekristali. Laphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi lekuzingelezeleni kwesihlalo sobukhosi kwakukhona izidalwa ezine eziphilayo zigcwele amehlo ngemuva laphambili.

7 Lesidalwa esiphilayo sokuqala sasifanana lesilwane, lesidalwa esiphilayo sesibili sasifanana lethole, lesidalwa esiphilayo sesithathu sasilobuso bomuntu, lesidalwa esiphilayo sesine sasifanana lokhozi oluphaphayo;

8 lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo zilempiko eziyisithupha ileso laleso ngokukhethekileyo emaceleni wonke, langaphakathi zigcwele amehlo, njalo kazilakuphumula emini lebusuku, zisithi: Ingcwele, ingcwele, ingcwele, iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla, owayekhona lokhona lozakuza.

9 Kuthi lapho izidalwa eziphilayo zimnika ubukhosi lodumo lokubongwa lowo ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini,

10 abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane baziwisela phansi phambi kohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, basebemkhonza ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, bephosela imiqhele yabo phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, besithi:

11 Ufanele, Nkosi, ukwemukela ubukhosi, lodumo lamandla; ngoba wena wadala izinto zonke, langentando yakho zikhona, zadalwa.

ISAMBULELO 5

UJohane ubona embonweni iWundlu likaNkulunkulu

1Ngasengibona esandleni sokunene sowayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi ugwalo olubhalwe ngaphakathilangemuva, lunanyekiwe ngempawu eziyisikhombisa.

2 Ngasengibona ingilosi elamandla imemeza ngelizwi elikhulu isithi: Ngubani ofanele ukuvula ugwalo, lokuqhaqha impawu zalo?

3 Njalo kwakungelamuntu ezulwini, kumbe emhlabeni, kumbe ngaphansi komhlaba, owayelamandla okuvula ugwalo, kumbe ukulukhangela.

4 Mina ngasengikhala kakhulu, ngoba kungatholwanga loyedwa ofanele ukuluvula lokulufunda ugwalo, kumbe ukulukhangela.

5 Omunye wabadala wasesithi kimi: Ungakhali; khangela, inqobile iNgonyama evela esizweni sakoJuda, iMpande kaDavida, ukuthi ivule ugwalo lokuthi iqhaqhe impawu zalo eziyisikhombisa.

6 Ngasengibona, futhi khangela, phakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo langaphakathi kwabadala, iWundlu limi kungathi lihlatshiwe, lilempondo eziyisikhombisa lamehlo ayisikhombisa, okungomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu abathunyelwe emhlabeni wonke.

7 Laselisiza, laluthatha ugwalo esandleni sokunene sohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi.

8 Kuthe seliluthethe ugwalo, izidalwa ezine eziphilayo labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane bawela phansi phambi kweWundlu, ngulowo lalowo elamachacho lemiganu yegolide igcwele impepha eyimikhuleko yabangcwele.

9 Basebehlabelela ingoma entsha, besithi: Ukufanele ukuluthatha ugwalo, lokuvula impawu zalo, ngoba wahlatshwa, wasusihlengela uNkulunkulu ngegazi lakho sivela kuyo yonke imihlobo lezinlimi labantu lezizwe,

10 wasusenza saba ngamakhosi labapristi kuNkulunkulu wethu; njalo sizabusa emhlabeni.

11 Ngasengibona, ngezwa ilizwi lengilosi ezinengi zihanqe isihlalo sobukhosi lezidalwa eziphilayo labadala; lenani lazo laliyizigidi zezigidi, lenkulungwane zezinkulungwane,

12 zisithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Lifanele iWundlu elahlatshwayo ukwemukela amandla lenotho lenhlakanipholengalo lodumo lobukhosi lokudunyiswa.

13 Laso sonke isidalwa esisezulwini, lemhlabeni, langaphansi komhlaba, lezinto eziselwandle, lakho konke okukikho, ngakuzwa kusithi: Kuye ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi lakulo iWundlu kakube ukudunyiswa lodumolobukhosi lamandla kuze kube nini lanini.

14 Lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo zathi: Ameni. Labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane baziwisela phansi, basebekhonza ophilayo kuze kube phakade laphakade.

ISAMBULELO 6

Ukuvulwa kwezimpawu

1Ngasengibona lapho iWundlu selivule olunye lwezimpawu, ngezwa esinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sisithi, njengelizwi lomdumo: Woza ubone!

2 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, ibhiza elimhlophe, loligadileyo eledandili; kwasekunikelwa kuye umqhele, wasephuma enqoba, lokuze anqobe.

3 Lalapho selivule uphawu lwesibili, ngezwa isidalwa esiphilayo sesibili sisithi: Woza ubone!

4 Kwasekuphuma elinye ibhiza elibomvu; loligadileyo kwanikwa kuye ukususa ukuthula emhlabeni, lokuthi babulalane; kwasekunikelwa kuye inkemba enkulu.

5 Lalapho selivule uphawu lwesithathu, ngezwa isidalwa esiphilayo sesithathu sisithi: Woza ubone! Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, ibhiza elimnyama, loligadileyo elesikali esandleni sakhe.

6 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi phakathi kwezidalwa ezine eziphilayo lisithi: Ingcebethu yamabele ngodenariyo, lengcebethu ezintathu zebhali ngodenariyo; lamafutha lewayini ungakoni.

7 Lalapho selivule uphawu lwesine, ngezwa ilizwi lesidalwa sesine lisithi: Woza ubone!

8 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, ibhiza eliliganu, loligadileyo, ibizo lakhe linguKufa, lesihogo salandelana laye. Kwasekunikelwa kukho amandla okubulala kuze kube yingxenye yesine yomhlaba, ngenkemba langendlalalangokufa, langezilo zomhlaba.

9 Lalapho selivule uphawu lwesihlanu, ngabona ngaphansi kwelathi imiphefumulo yalabo ababebulewe ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu, langenxa yobufakazi ababelabo.

10 Basebememeza ngelizwi elikhulu besithi: Koze kube nini, Nkosi, engcwele leqotho, ungagwebi uphindisele igazi lethu kulabo abakhileyo emhlabeni?

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11 Kwasekunikwa kulowo lalowo izembatho ezimhlophe, kwasekuthiwa kubo,
bake baphumule okwesikhatshana, baze bapheleliswe abayizinceku kanye labo
labazalwane babo ababezabulawa lanjengabo.

12 Ngasengibona lapho selivule uphawu lwesithupha, khangela-ke, kwaba khona
ukuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba, lelanga laba mnyama njengesaka eliloboya,
lenyanga yaba njengegazi,

13 lenkanyezi zezulu zawohlokela emhlabeni, njengesihlahla
somkhiwa siwohloza izithelo zaso eziluhlaza, sinyikinywa ngumoya omkhulu.

14 Lezulu lamuka njengogwalo olugoqwayo, layo yonke intaba lesihlenge
kwasuswa endaweni zakho,

15 lamakhosi omhlaba, lezikhulu, labanothileyo, lenduna ezinkulu, labalamandla,
laso sonke isigqili, laye wonke okhululekileyo, bacatsha ezimbalwini
lemadwaleni ezintaba,

16 besithi ezintabeni lemadwaleni: Welani phezu kwethu, lisifihle ebusweni
bakhe ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, lelakeni lweWundlu;

17 ngoba usuku olukhulu lolaka lwakhe selufikile; njalo ngubani
olamandla okuma?

ISAMBULELO 7

Amalsrayeli abekwa uphawu

1Emva kwalezizinto-ke ngabona ingilosi ezine zimi emagumbini womane
omhlaba zibambe imimoya emine yomhlaba, ukuze kungavunguzi moya
emhlabeni, kumbe olwandle, loba kwesisodwa isihlahla.

2 Ngasengibona enye ingilosi isenyuka isuka lapho eliphuma khona ilanga,
ilophawu lukaNkulunkulu ophilayo; yasimemeza ngelizwi elikhulu kungilosi
ezine, okwakunikwe kuzo ukona umhlaba lolwandle,

3 isithi: Lingoni umhlaba, kumbe ulwandle, kumbe izihlahla, size siphawule
izinceku zikaNkulunkulu wethuemabunzini azo.

4 Ngasengisizwa inani elababephawulwa: Zinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi
amane lane abaphawulwayo ezizweni zonke zabantwana bakoIsrayeli;

5 esizweni sakoJuda kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;
esizweni sakoRubeni kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;
esizweni sakoGadi kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;

6 esizweni sakoAsheri kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;
esizweni sakoNafithali kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;
esizweni sakoManase kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;

7 esizweni sakoSimeyoni kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;
esizweni sakoLevi kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;
esizweni sakoIsakari kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;

8 esizweni sakoZebuloni kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;
esizweni sakoJosefakwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;
esizweni sakoBhenjamini kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili.

UJohane ubona embonweni abahlengiweyo ezulwini

9 Emva kwalezizinto ngabona, khangela-ke, ixuku elikhulu, okungelamuntu
ongalibala, elivela kuzo zonke izizwe lemihlobo labantu lezindimi, limi phambi
kwesihlalo sobukhosi laphambi kweWundlu, lembethe izembatho ezimhlophe,
lengatsha zezihlahla zamalala ezandleni zabo;

10 njalo limemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, lisithi: Usindiso kuNkulunkulu wethu ohlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosi, lakulo iWundlu.

11 Lengilosi zonke zazimi zihanqe isihlalo sobukhosi labadala lezidalwa ezine
eziphilayo, zasezisiwa ngobuso bazo phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, zasezikhonza
uNkulunkulu,

12 zisithi: Ameni.
Ukudunyiswa lobukhosi lenhlakanipho lokubonga lodumo lamandla lengalo kaku
bekuNkulunkulu wethu kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.

13 Omunye wabadala wasephendula, esithi kimi: Laba abembethe izembatho
ezimhlophe, ngobani, futhi bavela ngaphi?

14 Ngasengisithi kuye: Nkosi, nguwe owaziyo. Wasesithi kimi: Laba yibo
abaphuma ekuhluphekeni okukhulu, basebewatsha izembatho zabo benza
izembatho zabo zaba mhlophe egazini leWundlu.

15 Ngakho baphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu, bamkhonza emini
lebusuku ethempelini lakhe; lohleziyo esihlalweni sobukhosi uzabasibekela.

16 Kabasayikulamba, njalo kabasayikoma, lelanga kaliyikuwela phezu kwabo,
kumbe lokutshisa;

17 ngoba iWundlu elingaphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi lizabondla,
libakhokhelele emithonjeni ephilayo yamanzi; loNkulunkulu uzakwesula zonke
inyembezi emehlweni abo.

ISAMBULELO 8

Ukukhaliswa kwempondo eziyisikhombisa

1Lapho selivule uphawu lwesikhombisa, kwaba khona ukuthula ezulwini
okungaba yingxenye yehola.

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2 Ngasengibona ingilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazimi phambi kukaNkulunkulu, njalo kwanikelwa kizo impondoeziyisikhombisa.

3 Kwasekufika enye ingilosi, yasisima elathini, ilomganu wegolide wokutshisela impepha, yasiphiwa impepha enengi, ukuze iyinikele lemikhuleko yabo bonke abangcwele phezu kwelathi legolide eliphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi.

4 Lentuthu yempepha yenyuka lemikhuleko yabangcwele esandleni sengilosi phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

5 Ingilosi yasithatha umganu wokutshisela impepha, yasiwugcwalisa ngomlilo welathi, yasiwuphosela emhlabeni; kwasekusiba khona amazwi lemidumo lemibane lokuzamazama komhlaba.

6 Kwathi ingilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazilempondo eziyisikhombisa zazilungiselela ukuze zizikhalise.

7 Ingilosi yokuqala yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekusiba khona isiqhotho lomlilo kuhlanganiswe legazi, kwasekuphoselwa emhlabeni; lengxenye yesithathu yezihlahla yatshiswa, labo bonke utshani obuluhlaza batshiswa.

8 Ingilosi yesibili yasilukhalisa uphondo; kwasekuphoselwa olwandle okunjengentaba enkulu evutha umlilo. Lengxenye yesithathu yolwandle yaba ligazi;

9 kwasekusifa ingxenye yesithathu yezidalwa eziselwandle ezilempilo, lengxenye yesithathu yemikhumbi yachithwa.

10 Ingilosi yesithathu yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekusiwa ezulwini inkanyezi enkulu ibhebha njengesibane, yasiwela phezu kwengxenye yesithathu yemifula, laphezu kwemithombo yamanzi.

11 Lebizo lenkanyezi lalithiwa nguMhlonyane; lengxenye yesithathu yamanzi yaba ngumhlonyane, labantu abanengi bafa ngamanzi, ngoba ayenziwe ababa.

12 Ingilosi yesine yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekutshaywa ingxenye yesithathu yelanga lengxenye yesithathu yenyanga lengxenye yesithathu yezinkanyezi, ukuze kufiphazwe ingxenye yesithathu yazo, lengxenye yesithathu yemini ingakhanyi, lobusuku ngokunjalo.

13 Ngasengibona, ngasengisizwa ingilosi eyodwa iphapha phakathi laphakathi kwezulu, isithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Maye, maye, maye kulabo abakhileyo emhlabeni, kumazwi aseleyo empondo zengilosi ezintathu esezizakhala!

ISAMBULELO 9

1Ingilosi yesihlanu yasilukhalisa uphondo, ngasengibona inkanyezi ivela ezulwini isiwele emhlabeni, kwasekunikelwa kuyo isihluthulelo segodi lomgodi ongelamkhawulo.

2 Yasivula igodi lomgodi ongelamkhawulo, kwasekusenyuka intuthu emgodini njengentuthu yesithando esikhulu, kwasekufiphazwa ilanga lomoya ngentuthu yomgodi.

3 Kwasekuphuma isikhonyane entuthwini seza emhlabeni, kwasekunikwa kuso amandla, njengabofezela bomhlaba belamandla.

4 Kwasekuthiwa kuso singoni utshani bomhlaba, loba yini eluhlaza, loba yisiphi isihlahla, ngaphandle kwabantu kuphela abangelaphawu lukaNkulunkulu emabunzini abo.

5 Kwasekunikwa kuso ukuthi singababulali, kodwa bahlutshwe inyanga ezinhlanu; lobuhlungu baso babunjengobuhlungu bukafezela, lapho eluma umuntu.

6 Langalezonsuku abantu bazadinga ukufa, kodwa bangakutholi; bazafisa ukufa, kodwa ukufa kuzababalekela.

7 Lezimo zesikhonyane zazinjengamabhiza alungiselwe impi, lemakhanda aso kwakukhona okunjengemiqhele enjengegolide, lobuso baso babunjengobuso babantu.

8 Njalo sasilenwele ezinjengenwele zabesifazana, lamazinyo aso ayenjengawezilwane.

9 Futhi sasilezivikelo zesifuba ezinjengezivikelo zesifuba zensimbi, lomdumo wempiko zaso wawunjengomdumo wezinqola zamabhiza amanengi egijimela empini.

10 Njalo sasilemisila efanana leyabofezela, njalo kwakulendonsi emisileni yaso; lamandla aso ayengawokona abantu inyanga ezinhlanu;

11 futhi sasilenkosi phezu kwaso, ingilosi yomgodi ongelamkhawulo; ibizo layo ngesiHebheru linguAbadoni, langesiGriki ilebizo elithiwa nguApoliyoni.

12 Umaye oyedwa usedlulile; khangela kuseza omaye ababili emva kwalezizinto.

13 Ingilosi yesithupha yasilukhalisa uphondo; ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela empondweni ezine zelathi legolide eliphambi kukaNkulunkulu,

14 lisithi kungilosi yesithupha eyayilophondo: Khulula ingilosi ezine ezibotshiweyo emfuleni omkhulu iYufrathi.

15 Zasezikhululwa ingilosi ezine ezazilungiselwe ihola losuku lenyanga lomnyaka, ukuze zibulale ingxenye yesithathu yabantu.

16 Lenani lamabutho agade amabhiza laliyizigidi ezimbili zezigidi; ngasengisizwa inani lawo.

17 Ngasengiwabona ngokunje amabhiza embonweni, labagadi bawo, belezivikelo zesifuba zomlilo lezehiyakintelezesibabule; lamakhanda amabhiza

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ayenjengamakhanda ezilwane, lemilonyeni yawo kwaphuma umlilo lentuthu lesibabule.

18 Ngalezi ezintathu kwabulawa ingxenye yesithathu yabantu, ngomlilo langentuthu langesibabule okwaphuma emilonyeni yawo.

19 Ngoba amandla awo asemlonyeni wawo, lemisileni yawo; ngoba imisila yawo injengezinyoka ilamakhanda, langawo ayalimaza.

20 Labaseleyo babantu, abangabulawanga kulezinhlupheko, kabaphendukanga emisebenzini yezandla zabo, ukuthi bangakhonzi amadimoni, lezithombe zegolide lezesiliva lezethusi lezelitshe lezesihlahla, njalo ezingaboniyo, lezingezwayo, lezingahambiyo;

21 futhi kabaphendukanga ekubulaleni kwabo, kumbe ekuthakatheni kwabo, loba ekuphingeni kwabo, kumbe ekwebeni kwabo.

ISAMBULELO 10

Ingilosi elogwalo oluncinyane oluvulekileyo

1Ngasengibona enye ingilosi elamandla isehla ivela ezulwini; yembethe iyezi, lomchilowamakhosikazi usekhanda layo, lobuso bayo babunjengelanga, lenyawo zayo zinjengensika zomlilo;

2 njalo yayilogwalo oluncinyane oluvulekileyo esandleni sayo; yasimisa unyawo lwayo lokunene phezu kolwandle, lolwekhohlo phezu komhlabathi,

3 yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu njengesilwane sibhonga; kwathi isimemezile, imidumo eyisikhombisa yakhuluma amazwi ayo,

4 kwathi imidumo eyisikhombisa isikhulume amazwi ayo, ngasengizabhala; ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela ezulwini, lisithi kimi: Namathisela ngophawu izinto imidumo eyisikhombisa ezikhulumileyo, ungazibhali lezizinto.

5 Lengilosi engayibona imi phezu kolwandle laphezu komhlabathi yaphakamisela isandla sayo ezulwini,

6 yafunga ngaye ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, owadala izulu lezinto ezikulo, lomhlaba lezinto ezikuwo, lolwandle lezinto ezikulo, ukuthi kakusayikuba lesikhathi;

7 kodwa ensukwini zelizwi lengilosi yesikhombisa, isizakhalisa uphondo, kuzabe sekuphelelisiwe imfihlo kaNkulunkulu, njengoba watshumayela kwezakhe inceku abaprofethi.

8 Lelizwi engalizwa livela ezulwini, lakhuluma lami futhi, lathi: Hamba uyethatha ugwalo oluncinyane oluvulekileyo olusesandleni sengilosi emi phezu kolwandle laphezu komhlabathi.

9 Ngasengisiya engilosini, ngisithi kuyo: Nginika ugwalo oluncinyane. Yasisithi kimi: Luthathe uludle uluqede; futhi luzababisa isisu sakho, kodwa emlonyeni wakho luzaba mnandi njengoluju.

10 Ngasengiluthatha ugwalo oluncinyane esandleni sengilosi, ngaludla ngaluqeda, lwaselusiba emlonyeni wami njengoluju, ubunandi; kwathi sengiludlile, isisu sami sababa.

11 Yasisithi kimi: Kumele ukuthi uphinde uprofethe ebantwini lezizweni lezindimini lemakhosini amanengi.

ISAMBULELO 11

Abafakazi ababili bakaNkulunkulu

1Kwasekunikelwa kimi umhlanga ofanana lodondolo, njalo ingilosi yema isithi: Sukuma, ulinganise ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, lelathi, labakhonzayo kulo.

2 Kodwa iguma elingaphandle kwethempeli ulitshiye ngaphandle, futhi ungalilinganisi; ngoba linikelwe ezizweni; njalo zizanyathelela phansi umuzi ongcwele inyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili.

3 Njalo ngizanika amandla kubafakazi bami ababili, njalo bazaprofetha insuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha, begqoke amasaka.

4 Laba bayizihlahla ezimbili zemihlwathi, leziqobane zezibane ezimbili ezimi phambi kukaNkulunkulu womhlaba.

5 Uba kukhona othanda ukubalimaza, umlilo uphuma emlonyeni wabo, uqothule izitha zabo; njalo uba umuntu efisa ukubalimaza, ngokunjalo kumele abulawe.

6 Laba balamandla okuvala izulu, ukuze izulu lingani ngensuku zokuprofetha kwabo, futhi balamandla phezu kwamanzi, okuthi bawaphendule abe ligazi, lokutshaya umhlaba ngayo yonke inhlupheko, ngaso sonke isikhathi abathanda ngaso.

7 Kuzakuthi sebebuqedile ubufakazi babo, isilo esiphuma emgodini ongelamkhawulo sizakulwa impi labo, besesibanqoba, sibabulale.

8 Lezidumbu zabo zizakuba semgwaqweni womuzi omkhulu, othiwa ngokomoya iSodoma leGibhithe, lapho leNkosi yethu eyabethelelwa khona.

9 Labavela ebantwini lemihlotsheni lendimini lezizweni bazakhangela izidumbu zabo okwensuku ezintathu lengxenye yosuku, bengavumeli ukuthi izidumbu zabo zibekwe emangcwabeni.

10 Labakhileyo emhlabeni bazathokoza ngabo bathabe, bathumezelane izipho, ngoba lababaprofethi ababilibabahlupha abakhileyo emhlabeni.

11 Kwathi emva kwalezonsuku ezintathu lengxenye yosuku, uMoya wempilo wavela kuNkulunkulu wangena kibo, basebesima ngenyawo zabo, lokwesaba okukhulu kwehlela kwabababonayo.

12 Basebesizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini, lisithi kibo: Yenyukelani lapha. Basebesenyukela ezulwinibeseyezini. Lezitha zabo zibabona.

13 Langalelohola kwaba khona ukuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba, lokwetshumi komuzi kwawa, kwasekusifa amabizo abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa ekuzamazameni komhlaba; labaseleyo batshaywa luvalo, banika udumo kuNkulunkulu wezulu.

14 Umaye wesibili usedlule; khangela-ke, umaye wesithathu uyeza ngokuphangisa.

15 Ingilosi yesikhombisa yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekusiba lamazwi amakhulu ezulwini, esithi: Imibuso yomhlaba isingeyeNkosi yethu, lekaKristu wayo, njalo izabusa kuze kube nini lanini.

16 Labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane, abahlezi ezihlalweni zabo zobukhosi phambi kukaNkulunkulu, bathi mbo ngobuso babo phansi, basebekhonza uNkulunkulu,

17 besithi: Siyakubonga, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, okhona lowayekhona lozakuza, ngoba uthethe amandla akho amakhulu, ubusile.

18 Lezizwe sezithukuthele, lolaka lwakho selufikile, lesikhathi sabafileyo ukuthi bahlulelwe, lesokunika umvuzo ezincekwini zakho abaprofethi labangcwele labesaba ibizo lakho, abancinyane labakhulu, lesokubhubhisa ababhubhisa umhlaba.

19 Kwasekuvulwa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu ezulwini, kwasekubonakala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sakhe ethempelini lakhe; kwasekusiba lemibane lamazwi lemidumo lokuzamazama komhlaba lesiqhotho esikhulu.

ISAMBULELO 12

Owesifazana lomgobho

1Kwasekubonakala isibonakaliso esikhulu ezulwini, owesifazana embethe ilanga, lenyanga ingaphansi kwenyawo zakhe, njalo kukhona ekhanda lakhe umqhele wenkanyezi ezilitshumi lambili;

2 njalo ekhulelwe, wakhala ngobuhlungu bomhelo, futhi wayesebuhlungwini bokubeletha.

3 Kwasekubonakala esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini, khangela-ke umgobho omkhulu obomvu, olamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi, lemiqhele eyisikhombisa emakhanda awo.

4 Lomsila wawo wadonsa ingxenye yesithathu yenkanyezi zezulu, waziphosela emhlabeni; njalo umgobho wema phambi kowesifazana obesezabeletha, ukuze kuthi, esebelethile, umimilize umntwana wakhe.

5 Wasebeletha indodana, isilisa, ezabusa izizwe zonke ngentonga yensimbi; lomntanakhe wahluthulelwa kuNkulunkulu lesihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi.

6 Lowesifazana wabalekela enkangala, lapho ayelendawo eyayilungiswe nguNkulunkulu, ukuze bamondle khona insuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha.

7 Kwasekusiba lempi ezulwini; uMikayeli lengilosi zakhe balwa bemelene lomgobho; lomgobho walwa ulengilosi zawo,

8 njalo babengelakunqoba, lendawo yawo kayabe isatholakala ezulwini.

9 Umgobho omkhulu wasuphoswa, inyoka endala, ebizwa ngokuthi nguDiyabhola njalo uSathane, okhohlisaumhlaba wonke; waphoselwa emhlabeni, lengilosi zakhe zaphoswa kanye laye.

10 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu lisithi ezulwini: Khathesi sekufike usindiso lamandla lombuso kaNkulunkulu wethu, lamandla kaKristu wakhe; ngoba uphoselwe phansi ummangaleli wabazalwane bethu, obamangalelayoemini lebusuku phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

11 Njalo bona bamnqobile ngegazi leWundlu langelizwi lobufakazi babo, njalo kabathandanga impilo yabo kwaze kwaba sekufeni.

12 Ngalokho thokozani, mazulu lani elihlala kuwo. Maye kulabo abakhileyo emhlabeni lolwandle, ngoba udiyabhola wehlele kini elolaka olukhulu, esazi ukuthi ulesikhathi esifitshane.

13 Kwathi umgobho usubonile ukuthi uphoselwe emhlabeni, wazingela owesifazana owayezele umntwanawesilisa.

14 Kwasekunikwa owesifazana impiko ezimbili zokhozi olukhulu, ukuze aphaphele enkangala endaweni yakhe, lapho ondliwa khona okwesikhathi, lezikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi, asuke ebusweni benyoka.

15 Lenyoka yakhafula amanzi emlonyeni wayo ngemva kowesifazana kungathi ngumfula, ukuze immukise ngalumfula.

16 Lomhlaba wamsiza owesifazana, umhlaba wasukhamisa umlomo wawo, waginya umfula umgobho owawuwukhafule emlonyeni wawo.

17 Umgobho wasumthukuthelela owesifazana, wasusuka wayakulwa impi labaseleyo benzalo yakhe, labo abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu abalobufakazi bukaJesu Kristu.

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Izilo ezimbili

1 Ngasengisima etshebetshebeni lolwandle; ngasengibona isilo
sikhuphuka olwandle, silamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi,
laphezu kwempondo zaso imiqhele elitshumi, laphezu kwamakhanda
aso kulebizo lenhlamba.

2 Lesilo engasibonayo sasinjengengwe, lenyawo zaso zazinjengezebhere,
lomlomo waso unjengomlomo wesilwane. Njalo umgobho wasinika amandla
awo, lesihlalo sawo sobukhosi, legunya elikhulu.

3 Ngasengibona elinye lamakhanda aso kungathi lilimele okokufa; lenxeba laso
lokufa selapholiswa; umhlaba wonke wasumangala ngemva kwesilo;

4 basebewukhonza umgobho owasinika isilo amandla, basebesikhonza isilo,
besithi: Ngubani ofanana lesilo? Ngubani ongalwa laso?

5 Kwasekunikelwa kuso umlomo wokukhuluma izinto ezinkulu lezinhlamba,
kwasekunikelwa kuso amandlaokusebenza inyanga ezingamatshumi amane
lambili.

6 Sasesivula umlomo waso ukuhlambaza okumelane loNkulunkulu,
lokuhlambaza ibizo lakhe, lethabhanekele lakhe, lalabo abahlezi ezulwini.

7 Kwasekunikelwa kuso ukuthi silawule impi labangcwele, lokubanqoba;
kwasekunikelwa kuso amandla phezu kwawo wonke umhlobo lolimi lesizwe.

8 Labo bonke abakhileyo emhlabeni bazasikhonza, labo amabizo abo
angabhalwanga egwalweni lwempilolweWundlu elahlatshwayo selokhu
kwasekelwa umhlaba.

9 Uba umuntu elendlebe, kezwe.

10 Uba umuntu ethumba, uya ekuthunjweni; uba umuntu ebulala ngenkemba,
yena kumele abulawe ngenkemba. Lapha kulokubekezela lokholo lwabangcwele.

11 Ngasengibona esinye isilo sisenyuka emhlabeni, sasilempondo ezimbili
njengewundlu, sasesikhuluma njengomgobho.

12 Njalo sasebenzisa wonke amandla esilo sokuqala phambi kwaso, futhi senza
ukuthi umhlaba labakhileyo kuwo bakhonze isilo sokuqala, esinxeba laso lokufa
lapholiswa.

13 Sasesisenza izibonakaliso ezinkulu, saze senza ukuthi lomlilo wehle uvela
ezulwini uze emhlabeni, phambi kwabantu.

14 Sasesiduhisa abakhileyo emhlabeni ngalezozibonakaliso ezanikelwa kuso
ukuzenza phambi kwesilo, sisithi kwabakhileyo emhlabeni, kabasenzele
umfanekiso isilo ebesilenxeba lenkemba, sasesiphila.

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15 Sanikwa futhi ukupha umfanekiso wesilo umoya, ukuze umfanekiso wesilo lawo ukhulume, besesisenza ukuthi bonke abangakhonziyo umfanekiso wesilo babulawe.

16 Sasesisenza bonke, abancinyane labakhulu, labanothileyo labayanga, labakhululekileyo lezigqili, ukuthi baphiwe uphawu esandleni sabo sokunene, loba emabunzini abo,

17 ukuze kungabi khona olakho ukuthenga loba ukuthengisa, ngaphandle kwalowo olophawu, loba ibizo lesiloloba inombolo yebizo laso.

18 Nansi inhlakanipho. Olokuqedisisa kabale inombolo yesilo; ngoba iyinombolo yomuntu, lenombolo yaso ingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha.

ISAMBULELO 14

IWundlu kanye labahlengiweyo

1 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, iWundlu limi entabeni iSiyoni, njalo lilezinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane, belebizo likaYise libhalwe emabunzini abo.

2 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela ezulwini, njengelizwi lamanzi amanengi, lanjengelizwi lomdumo omkhulu; ngasengisizwa ilizwi labatshayichacho betshaya amachacho abo,

3 basebehlabela kungathi yingoma entsha phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, laphambi kwezidalwa ezine eziphilayo labadala; njalo kakho owayengayifunda ingoma, ngaphandle kwabayizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane, abahlengiweyo emhlabeni.

4 Labo yibo abangangcoliswanga ngabesifazana; ngoba bazintombi. Yibo abalandela iWundlu loba lisiya ngaphi; laba bathengwa ebantwini, izithelo zokuqala kuNkulunkulu leWundlwini.

5 Lemlonyeni wabo kakuficwanga nkohliso; ngoba bengelasici phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu.

Ingilosi ezintathu ezimemezela isigwebo

6 Ngasengibona enye ingilosi iphapha phakathi laphakathi kwezulu, ilevangeli laphakade, ukulitshumayela kwabakhileyo emhlabeni, lakuso sonke isizwe, lomhlobo, lolimi labantu,

7 isithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Mesabeni uNkulunkulu, beselimupha udumo, ngoba isikhathi sesigwebo sakhe sesifikile, njalo limkhonze owenza izulu lomhlaba lolwandle lemithombo yamanzi.

8 Yasilandela enye ingilosi isithi: Iwile, iwile iBhabhiloni, umuzi omkhulu, ngoba unathise izizwe zonke okwewayini lolaka lokufeba kwawo.

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9 Lengilosi yesithathu yazilandela, isithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Uba kukhona okhonza
isilo lomfanekiso waso, njalo wemukela uphawu ebunzini lakhe, kumbe
esandleni sakhe,

10 laye uzanatha okwewayini lolaka lukaNkulunkulu, elithululelwe enkezweni
yolaka lwakhe, lingaxutshaniswanga, njalo uzahlutshwa kakhulu
ngomlilo langesibabule phambi kwengilosi ezingcwele, laphambi kweWundlu;

11 lentuthu yokuhlutshwa kwabo ithunqa kuze kube nini lanini; njalo
kabalakuphumula emini lebusuku laba abakhonza isilo lomfanekiso waso, njalo
uba ekhona owemukela uphawu lwebizo laso.

12 Nanku ukubekezela kwabangcwele; nampa abagcina imilayo
kaNkulunkulu lokholo lukaJesu.

13 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elivela ezulwini lisithi kimi: Bhala uthi: Babusisiwe
abafileyo befela eNkosini kusukela khathesi. Yebo, kutsho uMoya, ukuze
baphumule ekutshikatshikeni kwabo; lemisebenzi yabo ilandela kanye labo.

Ingilosi ezimbili zokuvuna

14 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, iyezi elimhlophe, laphezu kweyezi kuhlezi
onjengeNdodana yomuntu, elomqhele wegolide ekhanda lakhe, njalo elesikela
ebukhali esandleni sakhe.

15 Lenye ingilosi yaphuma ethempelini, imemeza ngelizwi elikhulu kuye ohlezi
eyezini isithi: Ngenisa isikela yakho uvune, ngoba sekufikile kuwe isikhathi
sokuvuna, ngoba sesivuthiwe isivuno somhlaba.

16 Ohlezi phezu kweyezi waseyiphosa isikela yakhe emhlabeni, wasuvunwa
umhlaba.

17 Enye ingilosi yasiphuma ethempelini elisezulwini, layo ilesikela ebukhali.

18 Lenye ingilosi yaphuma elathini, ilamandla phezu komlilo, yasimemeza
ngesimemezo esikhulu kuyo elesikela ebukhali, isithi: Ngenisa isikela yakho
ebukhali, ubusubuthelela iziswenya zevini lomhlaba, ngoba izithelo zalo
sezivuthiwe.

19 Ingilosi yasiphosa isikela yayo emhlabeni, yasivuna ivini lomhlaba, yasiphosela
esikhamelweni sewayini esikhulu solaka lukaNkulunkulu.

20 Lesikhamelo sewayini sanyathelwa ngaphandle komuzi, kwasekuphuma igazi
esikhamelweni sewayini laze lafika ematomini amabhiza,
laba ngamastadiyu azinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisithupha.

ISAMBULELO 15

Imiganu eyisikhombisa lezinhlupheko eziyisikhombisa

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1Ngasengibona esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini esikhulu lesimangalisayo, ingilosi eziyisikhombisa zilezinhlupheko eziyisikhombisa zokucina, ngoba lwapheleliswa kulezo ulaka lukaNkulunkulu.

2 Ngasengibona okungathi lulwandle lwengilazi luxubene lomlilo, lalabo abanqobe isilo lomfanekiso wasolophawu lwaso, lenombolo yebizo laso, bemi phezu kolwandle lwengilazi, belamachacho kaNkulunkulu,

3 basebehlabela ingoma kaMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu lengoma yeWundlu, besithi: Mikhulu njalo iyamangalisa imisebenzi yakho, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, zilungile ziqotho indlela zakho, Nkosi yabangcwele.

4 Ngubani ongayikukwesaba, Nkosi, abesedumisa ibizo lakho? ngoba nguwe wedwa ongcwele; ngoba izizwe zonke zizakuza zidumise phambi kwakho; ngoba izenzo zakho zokulunga zibonakalisiwe.

5 Emva kwalezizinto ngasengibona, khangela-ke, sekuvulwe ithempeli lethabhanekele lobufakazi ezulwini;

6 kwasekuphuma ethempelini lezi ingilosi eziyisikhombisa zilezinhlupheko eziyisikhombisa, zembethe ilembu elihlanzekileyo elikhazimulayo, njalo zibotshwe izifuba ngamaqhele egolide;

7 lesinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sanika ingilosi eziyisikhombisa imiganu yegolide eyisikhombisa, igcwele ulaka lukaNkulunkulu, ophila kuze kube nini lanini.

8 Lethempeli lagcwaliswa intuthu evela ebukhosini bukaNkulunkulu, lemandleni akhe; njalo kwakungekho owayengangena ethempelini, kuze kuphele izinhlupheko eziyisikhombisa zengilosi eziyisikhombisa.

ISAMBULELO 16

1Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ethempelini, lisithi kulezo ingilosi eziyisikhombisa: Hambani, lithululele emhlabeni imiganu yolaka lukaNkulunkulu.

2 Eyokuqala yasihamba, yathululela umganu wayo emhlabeni; kwasekuvela isilonda esibi esibuhlunguebantwini abalophawu lwesilo, labakhonza umfanekiso waso.

3 Ingilosi yesibili yasithululela umganu wayo olwandle; lwaselusiba ligazi njengelofileyo, lawo wonke umphefumulo ophilayo wafa olwandle.

4 Ingilosi yesithathu yasithululela umganu wayo emifuleni lemithonjeni yamanzi; yasisiba ligazi.

5 Ngasengisizwa ingilosi yamanzi isithi: Ulungile, Nkosi, okhona lowayekhona lozakuba khona, ngoba wagweba lezizinto;

6 ngoba bachitha igazi labangcwele lelabaprofethi, ubanike labo igazi ukulinatha;
ngoba bafanele.

7 Ngasengisizwa enye elathini isithi: Yebo, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla,
ziqotho zilungile izigwebo zakho.

8 Ingilosi yesine yasithululela umganu wayo elangeni; kwasekunikelwa
kulo ukuchochombisa abantu ngomlilo.

9 Abantu basebetshiswa yikutshisa okukhulu, basebehlambaza ibizo
likaNkulunkulu olamandla phezu kwalezo izinhlupheko, njalo
kabaphendukanga ukumnika udumo.

10 Ingilosi yesihlanu yasithululela umganu wayo phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi
sesilo; lombuso waso wafiphazwa; basebexhanxatha inlimi zabo ngenxa
yobuhlungu,

11 basebemhlambaza uNkulunkulu wezulu ngenxa yobuhlungu babo langenxa
yezilonda zabo, njalo kabaphendukanga emisebenzini yabo.

12 Ingilosi yesithupha yasithululela umganu wayo emfuleni omkhulu iYufrathi;
lamanzi awo atsha, ukuze ilungiswe indlela yamakhosi avela lapho eliphuma
khona ilanga.

13 Ngasengibona kuphuma emlonyeni womgobho lemlonyeni wesilo lemlonyeni
womprofethi wamanga, imimoya engcolileyo emithathu efanana lamaxoxo;

14 ngoba iyimimoya yamadimoni eyenza izibonakaliso, ephumela emakhosini
omhlabathi lawomhlaba wonke, ukuwaqoqela ndawonye empini kwalolosuku
olukhulu lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla.

15 Khangela, ngiyeza njengesela. Ubusisiwe olindayo, alondoloze izembatho
zakhe, ukuze angahambize, njalo babone ihlazo lakhe.

16 Basebewaqoqela ndawonye endaweni ethiwa ngesiHebheru iArmagedoni.

17 Ingilosi yesikhombisa yasithululela umganu wayo emoyeni; kwasekuphuma
ilizwi elikhulu livela ethempelini lezulu, esihlalweni sobukhosi lisithi:
Sekwenzakele!

18 Kwasekusiba khona amazwi lemidumo lemibane, kwasekusiba lokuzamazama
komhlaba okukhulu, okunje okungazanga kube khona selokhu kwaba khona
abantu emhlabeni, ukuzamazama komhlaba okulamandla kangaka, okukhulu
kangaka.

19 Umuzi omkhulu wasusiba yiziqamu ezintathu, lemizi yabezizwe yawa;
leBhabhiloni elikhulu lakhunjulwa phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ukulinika inkezo
yewayini lentukuthelo yolaka lwakhe.

20 Sonke isihlenge sasesibaleka, lentaba azaze zatholakala.

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21 Lesiqhotho esikhulu esilesisindo esinjengesethalenta, sawela phezu kwabantu sivela ezulwini; labantu bamhlambaza uNkulunkulu ngenxa yenhlupheko yesiqhotho; ngoba inhlupheko yaso yayinkulu kakhulukazi.

ISAMBULELO 17

Isifebe esikhulu lesilo

1 Kwasekusiza enye yengilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazilemiganu eyisikhombisa, yasikhuluma lami, isithi kimi: Woza lapha, ngizakutshengisa isigwebo sesifebe esikhulu, esihlezi phezu kwamanzi amanengi,

2 afeba laso amakhosi omhlaba, labakhileyo emhlabeni badakwe liwayini lobufebe baso.

3 Yasingithwalela enkangala ngikuMoya; ngasengibona owesifazana ehlezi phezu kwesilo esibomvu, sigcwele amabizo enhlamba, silamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi.

4 Njalo owesifazana wayembethe okuyibubende lokubomvu, futhi ececiswe ngegolide langamatshe aligugulangamapharele, elenkezo yegolide esandleni sakhe, igcwele amanyala lokungcola kobufebe bakhe,

5 njalo ebunzini lakhe kwakulotshiwe ibizo lokuthi: IMFIHLO, IBHABHILONI ELIKHULU, UNINA WEZIFEBE LOWAMANYALA OMHLABA.

6 Ngasengibona owesifazana edakwe ligazi labangcwele, legazi labafakazi bakaJesu. Sengimbonile ngamangala ngokumangala okukhulu.

7 Ingilosi yasisithi kimi: Umangalelani? Mina ngizakutshela imfihlo yowesifazana, leyesilo esimthweleyo, esilamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi.

8 Isilo, osibonileyo, sasikhona, njalo kasisekho, futhi sizakwenyuka sivela emgodini ongelamkhawulo, sibe sesisiya ekubhujisweni; labakhileyo emhlabeni bazamangala, abamabizo abo ayengabhalwanga egwalweni lwempilo, kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba, bebona isilo esasikhona, njalo singasekho, lanxa sikhona.

9 Nanku ukuqedisisa okulenhlakanipho. Amakhanda ayisikhombisa azintaba eziyisikhombisa owesifazana ahlezi khona phezu kwazo;

10 futhi angamakhosi ayisikhombisa, amahlanu asewile, lenye ikhona, lenye kayikafiki, njalo nxa isifikile imele ukuhlala isikhatshana.

11 Lesilo esasikhona, njalo singasekho, yona-ke ingeyesificaminwembili, njalo ivela kwayisikhombisa, ibisisiya ekubhujisweni.

12 Lempondo ezilitshumi, ozibonileyo, zingamakhosi alitshumi, angakemukeli umbuso, kodwa emukele amandla njengamakhosi ngehola linye kanye lesilo.

13 Wona angqondonye, njalo abela isilo awawo amandla lokubusa.

14 La azakulwa leWundlu, njalo iWundlu lizawanqoba, ngoba liyiNkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi, labakanye lalo ngababiziweyo labakhethiweyo labathembekileyo.

15 Yasisithi kimi: Amanzi owabonileyo, lapho esihlezi khona isifebe, angabantu lamaxuku lezizwe lendimi.

16 Lempondo ezilitshumi, ozibonileyo esilweni, zona zizasizonda isifebe, besezisichitha zisinqunule, zidle inyama yaso, zisitshise ngomlilo.

17 Ngoba uNkulunkulu ufakile enhliziyweni zazo ukuthi zenze ingqondo yakhe, lokwenza ngqondonye, lokunika isilo umbuso wazo, kuze kupheleliswe amazwi kaNkulunkulu.

18 Lowesifazana ombonileyo ungumuzi omkhulu olombuso phezu kwamakhosi omhlaba.

ISAMBULELO 18

Ukuwa kweBhabhiloni

1Emva kwalezizinto-ke ngabona enye ingilosi isehla ivela ezulwini, ilamandla amakhulu; lomhlaba wakhanyiswa yikukhazimula kwayo.

2 Yasimemeza ngamandla, ngelizwi elikhulu isithi: Iwile, iwile iBhabhiloni enkulu, isiyindawo yokuhlala amadimoni, lentolongo yawo wonke umoya ongcolileyo, lezongo layo yonke inyoni engcolileyo lezondekayo.

3 Ngoba izizwe zonke zinathe okwewayini lolaka lobufebe bayo, lamakhosi omhlaba aphingile layo, labathengisi bomhlaba banothile ngamandla okuzitika ngenotho yayo.

4 Ngasengisizwa elinye ilizwi livela ezulwini, lisithi: Phumani kuyo, bantu bami, ukuze lingahlanganyeli kanye lezono zayo, lokuze lingemukeli okwezinhlupheko zayo;

5 ngoba izono zayo zixhumene zize zifike ezulwini, loNkulunkulu ukhumbule ukungalungi kwayo.

6 Phindiselani kuyo njengokuphindisela kwayo kini, liphinde kabili kuyo njengokwemisebenzi yayo; enkezweni eyixubanisileyo, xubanisani kiyo kabili.

7 Njengokuzidumisa kwayo okungaka, izitika enothweni, ngokunjalo kupheni yona ubuhlungu lokulila okungaka; ngoba ithi enhliziyweni yayo: Ngihlezi ngiyindlovukazi, njalo kangisuye umfelokazi, futhi kangisoze ngabona ukulila.

8 Ngakho zizafika ngosuku lunye izinhlupheko zayo, ukufa lokulila lendlala, futhi izatshiswa ngomlilo; ngoba ilamandla iNkosi uNkulunkulu eyigwebayo.

9 Lamakhosi omhlaba aphinga layo ezitika enothweni azayikhalela alile ngenxa yayo, lapho ebona intuthu yokutsha kwayo,

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10 esima khatshana ngokwesaba kobuhlungu bayo, esithi: Maye, maye, umuzi omkhulu, iBhabhiloni, umuzi olamandla, ngoba ngehola elilodwa isigwebo sakho sifikile!

11 Labathengisi bomhlaba bazayikhalela bayililele, ngoba kakulamuntu othenga impahla yabo futhi;

12 impahla yegolide, leyesiliva, leyelitshe eliligugu, leyepharele, leyelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, leyibubende, leyesilika, leyokubomvu; laso sonke isihlahla esilephunga, laso sonke isitsha sempondo zendlovu, laso sonke isitsha sesihlahla esiligugu elikhulukazi, leyethusi, leyensimbi, leyelitshe elimhlophe;

13 lekinamoni, lokulephunga elimnandi, lenhlaka, lempepha, lewayini, lamafutha, lempuphu ecolekileyo, lengqoloyi, lezifuyo, lezimvu, lamabhiza, lezinqola, lemizimba, lemiphefumulo yabantu.

14 Lezithelo zesifiso somphefumulo wakho zisukile kuwe, lazo zonke izinto ezinonileyo lezikhazimulayo zisukile kuwe, kawusoze ubuye uzithole.

15 Abathengisi balezizinto, abanothe ngayo, bazakuma khatshana ngokwesabeka kobuhlungu bayo, bekhala belila,

16 njalo besithi: Maye, maye, lo umuzi omkhulu, owawembathiswe ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhululokuyibubende lokubomvu, uceciswe ngegolide lelitshe eliligugu lamapharele!

17 Ngoba ngehola elilodwa inotho engaka ichithiwe. Layo yonke induna yomkhumbi, lalo lonke ixuku emikhunjini, labomkhumbi, labo bonke abasebenza olwandle bema khatshana,

18 basebekhala bebona intuthu yokutsha kwayo, besithi: Yiwuphi ofanana lawo umuzi omkhulu?

19 Basebethela uthuli emakhanda abo, bememeza bekhala belila, besithi: Maye, maye, umuzi omkhulu, khona lapho bonke ababelemikhumbi olwandle banothe ngawo ngenotho yawo; ngoba ngehola elilodwa uchithiwe!

20 Thokoza ngawo, zulu, lani baphostoli abangcwele labaprofethi; ngoba uNkulunkulu ugwebe isigwebo senu kuwo.

21 Lengilosi eyamandla yaphakamisa ilitshe elinjengelitshe lokuchola elikhulu, yasiliphosela olwandle, isithi: Ngokunjalo ngodlakela iBhabhiloni umuzi omkhulu izaphoswa, njalo ingabe isaficwa lakanye.

22 Lomsindo
wabatshayichacho lowabahlabeleli lowabatshayimhlanga lowabatshayimpondo,
kawusoze uphinde uzwakale phakathi kwakho, layo yonke ingcwethi loba eyawuphi umunwe kayisayikuficwa phakathi kwakho lakanye, lomsindo welitshe lokuchola kawusoze uphinde uzwakale phakathi kwakho,

23 lokukhanya kwesibane kakusoze kusakhanya phakathi kwakho, lelizwi
lomyeni lomakoti kalisayikuzwakala phakathi kwakho lakanye; ngoba
abathengisi bakho bebeyizikhulu zomhlaba; ngoba ngokuthakatha kwakhoizizwe
zonke zikhohlisiwe,

24 futhi kuyo kwaficwa igazi labaprofethi lelabangcwele, lelabo bonke
ababebulewe emhlabeni.

ISAMBULELO 19

Ezulwini kukhona injabulo ngomtshado weWundlu

1 Emva kwalezizinto ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu elexuku elikhulu ezulwini,
lisithi: Haleluya! Usindiso lobukhosi lodumo lamandla kungokweNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu;

2 ngoba izigwebo zakhe ziqotho zilungile; ngoba usilahlile isifebe esikhulu,
esonakalise umhlaba ngobufebe baso, usephindisele igazi lenceku zakhe
esandleni saso.

3 Basebesithi ngokwesibili: Haleluya! Lentuthu yaso ithunqa kuze kube nini
lanini.

4 Labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo zawela
phansi zakhonza uNkulunkulu ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi zisithi: Ameni!
Haleluya!

5 Ilizwi laseliphuma livela esihlalweni sobukhosi, lisithi: Mdumiseni uNkulunkulu
wethu, lina lonke zinceku zakhe, labamesabayo, labancinyane, labakhulu.

6 Ngasengisizwa kungathi yilizwi lexuku elikhulu, njalo kungathi ngumdumo
wamanzi amanengi, njalo kungathi ngumsindo wemidumo elamandla, kusithi:
Haleluya! Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla uyabusa.

7 Asithokoze sithabe kakhulu, besesisipha udumo kuye; ngoba umtshado
weWundlu usufikile, lomkalo usezilungisele.

8 Kwasekuphiwa kuye ukuthi embathe ilembu elicolekileyo
kakhulu elihlanzekileyo lelikhazimulayo; ngoba ilembu elicolekileyo
kakhulu liyikulunga kwabangcwele.

9 Yasisithi kimi: Bhala uthi: Babusisiwe labo ababizelwe ekudleni kwantambama
komtshado weWundlu. Yasisithi kimi: La ngamazwi aqotho kaNkulunkulu.

10 Ngasengiwela phansi enyaweni zayo ukuyikhonza; yasisithi kimi: Qaphela
ungakwenzi; ngiyinceku kanye lawe labazalwane bakho abalobufakazi bukaJesu;
khonza uNkulunkulu; ngoba ubufakazi bukaJesu bungumoya wesiprofetho.

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11 Ngasengibona izulu livuliwe, khangela-ke ibhiza elimhlophe, loligadileyo ubizwa ngokuthi oThembekileyo loQotho, njalo ngokulunga uyahlulela alwe.

12 Lamehlo akhe afanana lelangabi lomlilo, lekhanda lakhe kulemiqhele eminengi; njalo ulebizo elilotshiweyo, okungelamuntu olaziyo ngaphandle kwakhe,

13 wasesembatha isembatho esicwiliswe egazini; lebizo lakhe libizwa ngokuthi, nguLizwi likaNkulunkulu.

14 Lamabutho ayesezulwini amlandela egade amabhiza amhlophe, embethe ilembu elicolekileyo kakhuluelimhlophe lelihlanzekileyo.

15 Emlonyeni wakhe kwasekuphuma inkemba ebukhali, ukuze atshaye izizwe ngayo; njalo yena uzazibusa ngentonga yensimbi; yena-ke uzanyathela isikhamelo sevini sewayini lentukuthelo yolaka lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla.

16 Njalo esembathweni lethangazini lakhe ulebizo elibhalwe ukuthi: INKOSI YAMAKHOSI LOMBUSI WABABUSI.

17 Ngasengibona ingilosi eyodwa imi elangeni; yasimemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, isithi enyonini zonke eziphaphayo phakathi laphakathi kwezulu: Wozani libuthaniswe ekudleni kwantambama kukaNkulunkulu omkhulu,

18 ukuze lidle inyama yamakhosi, lenyama yenduna ezinkulu, lenyama yabalamandla, lenyama yamabhiza leyabagadi bawo, lenyama yabo bonke, abakhululekileyo kanye labayizigqili, labancinyane labakhulu.

19 Ngasengibona isilo, lamakhosi omhlaba lamabutho awo ebuthanele ukulwa impi laye ogade ibhiza, kanye lebutho lakhe.

20 Isilo sasesibanjwa, njalo kanye laso umprofethi wamanga owenza izibonakaliso phambi kwaso, aduhisangazo labo ababelophawu lwesilo, lalabo abakhonza umfanekiso waso; labo bobabili baphoselwa bephila echibini lomlilo elivutha isibabule;

21 labaseleyo babulawa ngenkemba yogade ibhiza, ephuma emlonyeni wakhe; lenyoni zonke zasutha inyama yabo.

ISAMBULELO 20

Ukubotshwa kukaSathane

1Ngasengibona ingilosi isehla ivela ezulwini, ilesihluthulelo somgodi ongelamkhawulo, leketane elikhulu esandleni sayo.

2 Yasiwubamba umgobho, inyoka endala, enguDiyabhola loSathane, yasiwubopha okweminyaka eyinkulungwane,

3 yasiwuphosela emgodini ongelamkhawulo, yawuvalela, yasibeka uphawu phezu kwawo, ukuze ungabe usaduhisa izizwe, ize iphele iminyaka eyinkulungwane; lemva kwalokhu kumele ukuthi ukhululwe okwesikhatshana.

Ukuvuka kokuqala

4 Ngasengibona izihlalo zobukhosi, basebehlala kuzo, lokwahlulela kwanikelwa kubo; ngabonalemiphefumulo yalabo ababequnywe amakhanda ngenxa yobufakazi bukaJesu langenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu, lababengakhonzanga isilo, loba umfanekiso waso, njalo bengemukelanga uphawu lwaso ebunzini labo, lesandleni sabo; basebephila babusa kanye loKristu iminyaka eyinkulungwane.

5 Kodwa abaseleyo kwabafileyo kabaphindanga baphila ize iphele iminyaka eyinkulungwane. Lokhu kuyikuvuka kokuqala.

6 Ubusisiwe njalo ungcwele olesabelo ekuvukeni kokuqala; phezu kwalaba ukufa kwesibili kakulamandla, kodwa bazakuba ngabapristi bakaNkulunkulu, labakaKristu, njalo bazabusa kanye laye iminyaka eyinkulungwane.

Ukukhululwa kukaSathane

7 Lalapho isiphelile iminyaka eyinkulungwane, uSathane uzakhululwa entolongweni yakhe,

8 njalo uzaphumela ukuduhisa izizwe ezisemagumbini amane omhlaba, uGogi loMagogi, ukubabuthelaempini; onani labo lingangetshebetshebe lolwandle.

9 Basebesenyukela ebubanzini bomhlaba, bazingelezela inkamba yabangcwele lomuzi othandekayo; kwasekusehla umlilo kuNkulunkulu ovela ezulwini, wasubaqothula;

10 lodiyabhola owayebaduhisile waphoselwa echibini lomlilo lesibabule, lapho okukhona isilo lomprofethi wamanga; njalo bazahlutshwa emini lebusuku kuze kube nini lanini.

Ukwahlulela kokucina

11 Ngasengibona isihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu lesimhlophe lohlezi kuso, omhlaba lezulu kwabalekela ubuso bakhe, njalo kakutholelwanga ndawo.

12 Ngasengibona abafileyo abancinyane labakhulu, bemi phambi kukaNkulunkulu, lengwalo zavulwa; njalo olunye ugwalo lwavulwa, olungolwempilo; abafileyo basebesahlulelwa ngezinto ezibhalwe ezingwalweni, ngokwemisebenzi yabo.

13 Lolwandle lwabakhupha abafileyo ababekilo, njalo ukufa lesihogo kwakhupha abafileyo ababekikho; basebesahlulelwa, ngulowo lalowo, ngokwemisebenzi yabo.

14 Ukufa lesihogo kwasekuphoselwa echibini lomlilo; lokhu kuyikufa kwesibili.

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15 Uba-ke ekhona ongatholwanga elotshiwe egwalweni lwempilo, waphoselwa echibini lomlilo.

ISAMBULELO 21

Izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha

1 Ngasengibona izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha; ngoba izulu lokuqala lomhlaba wokuqala kwasekudlulile, lolwandle lungasekho.

2 Mina Johane ngasengibona umuzi ongcwele, iJerusalema entsha, usehla uvela kuNkulunkulu ezulwini, ulungisiwe njengomakoti ececiselwe umkakhe.

3 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini, lisithi: Khangela, ithabhanekele likaNkulunkulu lisebantwini, njalo uzahlala labo, futhi bona bazakuba ngabantu bakhe, loNkulunkulu uqobo uzakuba labo, enguNkulunkulu wabo;

4 njalo uNkulunkulu uzakwesula zonke izinyembezi emehlweni abo, lokufa kakusayikuba khona; kumbe ukulila, kumbe ukukhala, loba ubuhlungu abusayikuba khona; ngoba izinto zakuqala sezidlulile.

5 Wasesithi ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi: Khangela, ngenza zonke izinto zibentsha. Wasesithi kimi: Bhala; ngoba lamazwi aqinisile athembekile.

6 Wasesithi kimi: Sekwenzakele. Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, ukuqala lokucina. Mina ngizamnika owomileyo okuvela emthonjeni wamanzi empilo ngesihle.

7 Onqobayo uzakudla ilifa lazo zonke izinto; njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wakhe, laye abe yindodana yami.

8 Kodwa amagwala labangakholwayo labanengekayo lababulali leziphingi labathakathi labakhonza izithombe labo bonke abaqambimanga, bazakuba lesabelo sabo echibini elivutha umlilo lesibabule, okuyikufa kwesibili.

IJerusalema yezulwini

9 Kwasekusiza kimi enye yengilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazilemiganu eyisikhombisa egcwele izinhlupheko zokucina eziyisikhombisa, yasikhuluma lami, isithi: Woza lapha, ngizakutshengisa umakoti, umkaWundlu.

10 Yasingithwala ngikuMoya yaya entabeni enkulu lende, yasingitshengisa umuzi omkhulu, iJerusalema engcwele, usehla uvela ezulwini kuNkulunkulu,

11 ulenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu; ukukhanya kwawo kwakunjengelitshe eliligugu elikhulukazi njengelitsheijaspi, likhanyisa njengekristali;

12 njalo ulomduli omkhulu lophakemeyo, ulamasango alitshumi lambili, lemasangweni ingilosi ezilitshumi lambili, lamabizo ebhalwe kiwo, angawezizwe ezilitshumi lambili zabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

13 Empumalanga kwakulamasango amathathu; enyakatho, amasango amathathu; eningizimu, amasango amathathu; lentshonalanga, amasango amathathu.

14 Lomduli womuzi wawulezisekelo ezilitshumi lambili, lakuzo amabizo abaphostoli abalitshumi lambili beWundlu.

15 Lowayekhuluma lami wayelomhlanga wegolide, ukuze alinganise umuzi, lamasango awo, lomduli wawo.

16 Umuzi wawumiswe walingana inhlangothi zozine, lobude bawo babungangobubanzi. Waselinganisa umuzi ngomhlanga waba ngamastadiyu azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; ubude lobubanzi lokuphakama kwawokuyalingana.

17 Waselinganisa umduli wawo, ingalo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane, isilinganiso somuntu, esingesengilosi.

18 Njalo kwakulesakhiwo somduli wawo phakathi, ijaspi; lomuzi uligolide elicwengekileyo, njengengilazi ehlanzekileyo.

19 Lezisekelo zomduli womuzi zazicediswe ngalo lonke ilitshe eliligugu. Isisekelo sokuqala, ijaspi; esesibili,isafire; esesithathu, ikalkedoni; esesine, i-emeraldi;

20 esesihlanu, isaridonikisi; esesithupha, isardiyusi; esesikhombisa, ikrisolite; esesificaminwembili,ibherule; esesificamunwemunye, itopazi; esetshumi, ikrisoprase; esetshumi lanye, ihiyakinte; esetshumi lambili, i-ametiste.

21 Lamasango alitshumi lambili angamapharele alitshumi lambili; yilelo ngalinye ngalinye lamasango lilipharele linye; njalo isitalada somuzi sasiligolide elicwengekileyo, njengengilazi ekhanyelayo.

22 Njalo kangibonanga ithempeli phakathi kwawo; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla ulithempeli lawo, leWundlu.

23 Lomuzi kawusweli langa, kumbe inyanga, ukuthi kukhanyise kuwo; ngoba inkazimulo kaNkulunkuluiyawukhanyisa, lesibane sawo liWundlu;

24 lezizwe zabasindisiweyo zizahamba ekukhanyeni kwawo; lamakhosi omhlaba aletha ubukhosi lodumo lwawo kuwo;

25 lamasango awo kawasoze avalwe emini, ngoba kakuyikuba khona ubusuku lapho;

26 njalo bazaletha kuwo ubukhosi lodumo lwezizwe;

27 njalo kakusoze kwangena lolulodwa ulutho olungcolileyo kuwo, njalo lokwenza okunengekayo lamanga; ngaphandle kwabalotshiweyo egwalweni lwempilo lweWundlu.

ISAMBULELO 22

1Wasengitshengisa umfula ocengekileyo wamanzi empilo, ukhazimula njengekristali, uphuma esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu, leseWundlu.

2 Laphakathi kwesitalada sawo, njalo ngapha langapha komfula kwakulesihlahla sempilo, sithela izithelo ezilitshumi lambili, ileyo laleyo inyanga sithela isithelo saso; lamahlamvu esihlahla ngawokwelatshwa kwezizwe.

3 Kakusayikuba khona lakanye isiqalekiso; kodwa isihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu leseWundlu sizakuba kuwo; lenceku zakhe zizamkhonza,

4 zizabona ubuso bakhe; lebizo lakhe lizakuba semabunzini azo.

5 Lobusuku kabuyikuba khona lapho, njalo kazisweli isibane lokukhanya kwelanga, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu iyazikhanyisela; njalo zizabusa kuze kube nini lanini.

Iqiniso lombono

6 Wasesithi kimi: Lamazwi athembekile aqotho; njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wabaprofethi abangcwele, ithumele ingilosi yayo ukutshengisa inceku zayo izinto okumele zenzeke ngokuphangisa.

7 Khangela, ngiyeza masinyane. Ubusisiwe owagcinayo amazwi esiprofetho salolugwalo.

8 Futhi mina Johane nginguye owazibonayo lezizinto lowazizwayo. Kuthe sengizizwile ngazibona, ngawela phansi ukukhonza phambi kwenyawo zengilosi eyangitshengisa lezizinto.

9 Yasisithi kimi: Qaphela ungakwenzi; ngoba ngiyinceku kanye lawe, labazalwane bakho abaprofethi, lalabo abagcina amazwi alolugwalo; khonza uNkulunkulu.

10 Yasisithi kimi: Unganamathiseli ngophawu amazwi esiprofetho salolugwalo; ngoba isikhathi siseduze.

11 Owenza okungalunganga kahlale esenza okungalunganga; longcolileyo ahlale engcolile; lolungileyo ahlale elungisisiwe; longcwele ahlale engcwelisiwe.

12 Khangela-ke, ngiyeza masinyane, lomvuzo wami ukimi, ukuvuza ngulowo lalowo njengokuzakuba ngumsebenzi wakhe.

13 Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, isiqalo lesicino, owokuqala lowokucina.

14 Babusisiwe labo abenza imilayo yakhe, ukuze babe lelungelo esihlahleni sempilo, babe sebengena emzini ngamasango;

15 kodwa ngaphandle kukhona izinja labathakathi leziphingi lababulali labakhonza izithombe laye wonke othanda njalo esenza amanga.

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16 Mina Jesu ngithume ingilosi yami ukufakaza lezizinto kini emabandleni. Mina ngiyimpande lenzalo kaDavida, indonsakusa ekhazimulayo.

17 UMoya-ke lomakoti bathi: Woza! Lozwayo kathi: Woza! Lowomileyo keze; lothandayo kathathe amanzi empilo ngesihle.

18 Ngoba ngiyafakaza kuye wonke ozwa amazwi esiprofetho salolugwalo: Uba umuntu esengeza kulezizinto, uNkulunkulu uzakwengezelela kuye izinhlupheko ezilotshwe kulolugwalo;

19 njalo uba umuntu esusa okwamazwi ogwalo lwalesisiprofetho, uNkulunkulu uzasusa isabelo sakhe egwalweni lwempilo, lemzini ongcwele, lezintweni ezilotshiweyo kulolugwalo.

20 Ofakaza lezizinto uthi: Yebo, ngiyeza masinyane. Ameni. Yebo, woza, Nkosi Jesu!

21 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Ameni.

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